



# Programming with OpenCL™

Introduction, Architecture and Programming



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#### **Lecture Outline**

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## Objectives of this lecture

- Introduces essential basics of OpenCL
- Introduces important programming aspects
- Establishes mapping between hardware and software
- Provides an well-known example



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- Standard of Apple Inc. and the Khronos Group [1]
- Specification versions:
  - v1.0 (December 9, 2008), revision 48 (October 6, 2009)
  - v1.1 (June 14, 2010), revision 44 (June 1, 2011)
  - v1.2 (November 15, 2011), revision 19 (November 14, 2012)
  - v2.0 (November 18, 2013), revision 26 (October 17, 2014)
  - v2.1 provisional revision 8 (January 29, 2015)
- Royalty free
- Open industry standard for programming a heterogeneous collection of CPUs, GPUs and other discrete computing devices
- Framework for parallel programming: Language, API, libraries and a runtime system
- Provides a low-level hardware abstraction



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#### OpenCL (Open Computing Language):

- Supports both data- and task-based parallel programming models
- Based on ISO C99
- Restrictions: C99 headers, function pointers, recursion, variable length arrays, ...
- Additions: vector types, work-items and -groups, address space qualifiers, synchronization, ...
- Defines consistent numerical requirements based on IEEE 754





#### OpenCL uses a hierarchy of models:

- Platform Model
- Execution Model
- Memory Model
- Programming Model



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## Implementations I

- Altera SDK for OpenCL
- AMD APP SDK
- Apple OS X OpenCL
- (†) NVIDIA OpenCL
- Intel OpenCL Code Builder (Intel SDK for OpenCL Applications)
- Intel Beignet Project<sup>1</sup>
- † PGI OpenCL Compiler for ARM
- IBM OpenCL Development Kit/Common Runtime
- Motorola, Mozilla, Nokia, Samsung WebCL<sup>2</sup> for browsers
- Portable Computing Language<sup>3</sup>



## Implementations II

- ICDs (Installable Client Drivers): One or more OpenCL implementations
- ICD registry: /etc/OpenCL/vendors/\*.icd
- ICD loader: libOpenCL.so

<sup>1</sup>http://www.freedesktop.org/wiki/Software/Beignet/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>WebCL v1.0 March 14, 2014: http://www.khronos.org/webcl/

http://www.portablecl.org/



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## Platform Model I

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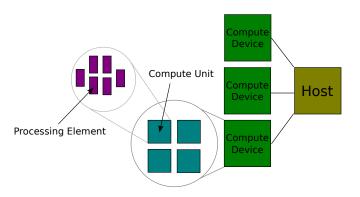


Figure: OpenCL Platform Model





One host =

• e.g. PC, embedded system or super computer

is connected to one or more compute devices =

• e.g. CPU, GPU device, DSP

with multiple compute units (CUs) =

e.g. Streaming Multiprocessors (NVIDIA).

The compute units are comprised of several processing elements (PEs) =

 e.g. Scalar Processors (NVIDIA), Stream Cores with PEs (ATI/AMD).



## Platform Model III

- Host OpenCL application submits commands on the PEs
- PEs execute code as SIMD or SPMD (i.e. own program counter) units



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#### **Execution Model I**

- There are two different execution parts:
  - 1 Host program: Executes on the host
  - Wernel: Executes on one or more compute devices
- Kernel execution creates an N-dimensional (N = 1,2,3) index space: *NDRange* (NVIDIA: grid of thread blocks)
- Work-groups (NVIDIA: thread block, ATI/AMD: group of wavefronts) are a coarse-grained decomposition if the index space
- An instance (work-item) (NVIDIA: thread, ATI/AMD: compute shader instance) of the kernel executes on each point of the index space
- Work-items of a work-group execute concurrently on the PEs of a CU
- Identifier of a work-item are the *global ID* or the *local ID* with the *group ID*



#### **Execution Model II**

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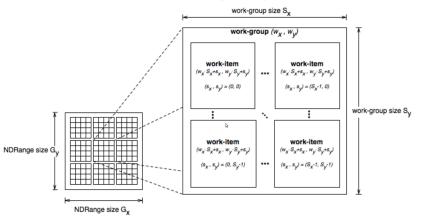


Figure: OpenCL Execution Model - NDRange mapping (Source: [1])



#### **Execution Model – Context**

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Host defines a context for the execution of the kernels:

- Devices: The collection of OpenCL devices to be used by the host
- Kernels: The OpenCL functions that run on OpenCL devices
- *Program Objects*: The program sources and executables that implement the kernels
- Memory Objects: A set of memory objects visible to the host and the OpenCL devices. Memory objects contain values that can be operated on by instances of a kernel.

OpenCL API functions are used to create and manipulate contexts.



## **Execution Model – Command Queue**

- Command queue is a data-structure for the coordination of kernel execution
- Host places commands into it within the context:
  - Mernel execution commands
  - Memory commands
  - Synchronization commands
- Commands are scheduled and executed asynchronously between host and device with two modes:
  - In-order: Serializes the execution order
  - Out-of-order: Order constraints are enforced by the programmer through explicit synchronization



# **Execution Model – Kernel Categories**

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#### Two categories of kernels are supported:

- OpenCL kernels:
  - Written with the OpenCL C programming language
  - Compiled with the OpenCL compiler
- Native kernels:
  - · Accessed through a host function pointer
  - Ability to execute is an optional functionality
  - OpenCL API includes functions to query capability
  - E.g. an export of a library



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## Memory Model I

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#### Work-items have access to four distinct memory regions:

- Global Memory:
  - Read/write access to all work-items in all work-groups
  - Work-items can read from or write to any element of a memory object
  - May be cached depending on the capabilities of the device
- Constant Memory:
  - Region of global memory that remains constant during the execution of a kernel
  - Host allocates and initializes memory objects placed into constant memory



## Memory Model II

- Secondary Local Memory:
  - Local to a work-group
  - Allocation of variables that are shared by all work-items in that work-group
  - May be implemented as a dedicated regions of memory
  - Alternatively, may be mapped onto sections of the global memory
- Private Memory:
  - Accessed through a host function pointer
  - Private to a work-item
  - Variables are not visible to another work-item



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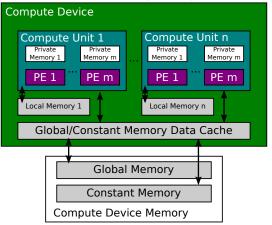


Figure: OpenCL Memory Model (Source: [1])





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## **Programming Models I**

- 1 Data Parallel Programming Model:
  - Primary model of OpenCL
  - Defines a computation in terms of a sequence of instructions applied to multiple elements of a memory object
  - Index space defines the work-items and the data maps
  - OpenCL implements a relaxed version where a strict one-to-one mapping is not a requirement for the work-items
  - Support of explicit model (programmer defines number and the distribution of work-items to work-groups) and the implicit model (OpenCL implementation distributes the defined number of work-items)



# **Programming Models II**

- 2 Task Parallel Programming Model:
  - Single instance of a kernel is executed independent of any index space
  - Logically equivalent to executing a kernel with a work-group containing a single work-item
  - Parallelism e.g. with vector data types or enqueuing multiple tasks



# **Synchronization**

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#### Two domains of synchronization in OpenCL:

- Work-items in a single work-group (with work-group barriers)
- Ommands enqueued to command-queue(s) in a single context:
  - Command-queue barriers: Ensure that all previously queued commands have finished execution; Can only be used in a single command-queue
  - Event waits: All OpenCL API functions that enqueue commands return an event that identifies the command and memory objects it updates





- OpenCL Platform layer: Allows the host program to discover
   OpenCL devices and their capabilities and to create contexts
- OpenCL Runtime: Allows the host program to manipulate contexts
- OpenCL Compiler: Creates program executables that contain OpenCL kernels

OpenCL C programming language implemented by the compiler supports a subset of the ISO C99 language with extensions for parallelism



# **OpenCL Program Flow**

- Enumerate platforms
- 2 Enumerate devices
- Create context
- Create device-specific command queues
- Create program
- Allocate and initialize memory on host or device
- Transfer data to the device
- Set arguments and enqueue kernel
- Sync
- Read results back to the host
- Clean up



## Simple Buffer Write

- Example of the AMD OpenCL Programming Guide ([3])
- Step-by-step of the above program flow
- Additionally, background information of the API and the OpenCL models
- C language, C++ bindings are available
- No error checks for simplicity;)



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## **Recall: Platform Model**

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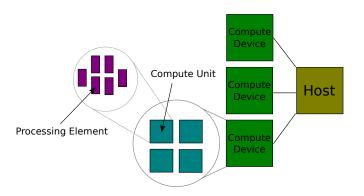


Figure: OpenCL Platform Model



#### **Enumerate Platforms I**

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#### Chapter 4.1 Querying Platform Info of OpenCL specification

- num\_entries: Provides number of possible elements in platforms
- platforms: Returns list of found OpenCL platforms
- num\_platforms: Returns number of found OpenCL platforms (optional)



## **Enumerate Platforms II**

```
Example:
int main(int argc, char ** argv)
{
    // 1. Get a platform.
    cl_platform_id platform;
    clGetPlatformIDs( 1, &platform, NULL );
    //...
```



## **Enumerate Platforms III**

- platform: Platform to query
- param\_name: Platform information being queried (e.g. CL\_PLATFORM\_NAME, CL\_PLATFORM\_VENDOR, CL\_PLATFORM\_VERSION, ...)
- param\_value\_size: Size of the buffer to hold information
- param\_value: Pointer to memory location of the buffer
- param\_value\_size\_ret: Actual number of bytes of the information



#### **Enumerate Platforms IV**

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#### Examples:

```
char pbuff[100];
clGetPlatformInfo( platform,
                   CL PLATFORM NAME.
                   sizeof(pbuff), pbuff, NULL);
printf("CL_PLATFORM_NAME: \", pbuff);
clGetPlatformInfo( platform,
                   CL PLATFORM VENDOR.
                   sizeof(pbuff), pbuff, NULL);
printf("CL_PLATFORM_VENDOR: "%s\n", pbuff);
Example output:
```

CL\_PLATFORM\_NAME: ATI Stream

CL\_PLATFORM\_VENDOR: Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.



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#### **Enumerate Devices I**

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#### Chapter 4.2 Querying Devices of OpenCL specification

- platform: Platform to query
- device\_type: Type of OpenCL devices to query (e.g. CL\_DEVICE\_TYPE\_GPU,
   CL\_DEVICE\_TYPE\_ACCELERATOR,
   CL\_DEVICE\_TYPE\_ALL, ...)
- num entries: Size of the device buffer
- devices: Pointer to memory location of the device buffer
- num\_devices: Actual number of devices of device\_type



### **Enumerate Devices II**

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#### Example:



### **Enumerate Devices III**

- device: Device to guery
- param\_name: Device information being queried (e.g. CL\_DEVICE\_TYPE, CL\_DEVICE\_NAME, CL\_DEVICE\_MAX\_CLOCK\_FREQUENCY, CL\_DEVICE\_GLOBAL\_MEM\_SIZE, ...)
- param\_value\_size: Size of the buffer to hold information
- param\_value: Pointer to memory location of the buffer
- param\_value\_size\_ret: Actual number of bytes of the information



### **Enumerate Devices IV**

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```
// ...
char dbuff[100]:
clGetDeviceInfo(device, CL_DEVICE_NAME,
                sizeof(dbuff). dbuff. NULL):
printf("CL_DEVICE_NAME: \", dbuff);
cl_ulong global_mem;
clGetDeviceInfo(device. CL DEVICE GLOBAL MEM SIZE.
                sizeof(global_mem), &global_mem, NULL);
printf("CL_DEVICE_GLOBAL_MEM_SIZE: | %11u\n",
       (long long unsigned int)global_mem);
```

Example output:

CL\_DEVICE\_NAME: Tesla K20c

CL\_DEVICE\_GLOBAL\_MEM\_SIZE: 5368512512



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```
cl_context clCreateContext (
        const cl_context_properties *properties,
        cl uint num devices.
        const cl_device_id *devices,
        void (*pfn_notify)(const char *errinfo,
                            const void *private_info, size_t cb,
                            void *user_data),
        void *user data.
        cl_int *errcode_ret)
```

- properties: Platform to use, NULL for auto-select
- num devices: Number of devices
- devices: List of unique devices of clGetDeviceIDs
- pfn\_notify: Pointer of callback function for error notifications
- user data: Data for callback function
- errcode ret: Returned error code



### Create Context II

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## **Create Command Queue I**

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#### Chapter 5.1 Command Queues of OpenCL specification

- context: Valid OpenCL context
- device: Device associated with the context.
- properties: Properties of the command queue (e.g. out-of-order execution and profiling)
- errcode\_ret: Returned error code



## **Create Command Queue II**

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#### Example:



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## Create Program I

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#### Chapter 5.4.1 Creating Program Objects of OpenCL specification

- context: Valid OpenCL context
- count: Number of strings
- strings: Null-terminated source code string
- lengths: Length of source code if not null-terminated
- errcode\_ret: Returned error code



## Create Program II

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#### Example:



## **Build Program I**

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## Chapter 5.4.2 Building Program Executables of OpenCL specification

- program: Resulting program object
- num\_devices: Number of devices in device\_list
- device list: List of devices
- options: Pointer to string of build options
- pfn\_notify: Pointer of callback function called after build
- user data: Data for callback function



## **Build Program II**

```
Example:
// ...
clBuildProgram( program, 1, &device, NULL, NULL, NULL );
// ...
```





#### Chapter 5.5.1 Creating Kernel Objects of OpenCL specification

- program: Valid program object of clBuildProgram
- kernel\_name: Kernel function (declared with \_\_kernel)
- errcode\_ret: Appropriate error code

Returns a valid non-zero kernel object.





### Example:

```
// ...
cl_kernel kernel = clCreateKernel( program, "memset", NULL );
// ...
```



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#### Chapter 5.2.1 Creating Buffer Objects of OpenCL specification

- context: Valid OpenCL context
- flags: Usage and region flags (e.g. CL\_MEM\_READ\_ONLY, CL\_MEM\_COPY\_HOST\_PTR)
- size: Size in bytes of the memory object
- host\_ptr: Pointer to preallocated host memory buffer
- errcode\_ret: Returned error code



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#### Example 1: Creating the result buffer

```
// ...
// 5. Create a data buffer.
cl mem buffer = clCreateBuffer( context.
                                 CL_MEM_WRITE_ONLY,
                                 NWITEMS * sizeof(cl_uint),
                                 NULL, NULL);
// ...
```

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## Example 2: Use host buffer to allocate device memory (binary search example of AMD APP SDK v2.4)

CL\_MEM\_USE\_HOST\_PTR vs. CL\_MEM\_ALLOC\_HOST\_PTR vs. CL\_MEM\_COPY\_HOST\_PTR



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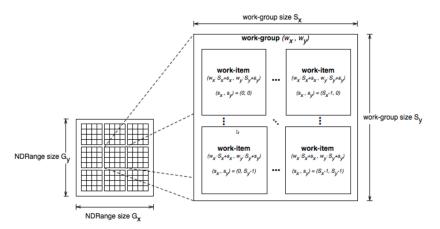


Figure: OpenCL Execution Model - NDRange mapping (Source: [1])



## Kernel Enqueuing I

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#### Chapter 5.5.2 Setting Kernel Arguments of OpenCL specification

- kernel: Valid kernel object
- arg\_index: Parameter index of argument
- arg\_size: Size in bytes of the argument
- arg\_value: Value of argument

clSetKernelArg must be repeated for all arguments separately!



## Kernel Enqueuing II

```
Example:
// ...
clSetKernelArg(kernel, 0, sizeof(buffer), (void*) &buffer);
// ...
```



## Kernel Enqueuing III

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#### Chapter 5.6 Executing Kernels of OpenCL specification

- command\_queue: Valid command-queue
- kernel: Valid kernel object
- work\_dim: Number of dimensions to specify work-items and -groups
- global\_work\_offset: Currently NULL



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- global\_work\_size: Array with work\_dim entries with the number of work-items per dimension
- local\_work\_size: Array with values for work-group size or NULL for auto-select
- num\_events\_in\_wait\_list: Number of events
- event\_wait\_list: Events that need to complete before this particular command can be executed
- event: Unique event object for the execution instance



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Chapter 5.10 Flush and Finish of OpenCL specification cl\_int clFinish (cl\_command\_queue command\_queue)

• command\_queue: Valid command queue

clFinish does not return until all queued commands in command\_queue have been processed and completed!



## Synchronizing II

```
Example:
// ...
clFinish( queue );
// ...
```



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## Gathering Results I

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## Chapter 5.2.8 Mapping and Unmapping Memory Objects of OpenCL specification

- command\_queue: Valid command queue
- buffer: Valid OpenCL buffer object
- blocking\_map: Mode of the map operation (non-/blocking)
- map\_flags: Type of mapping (read and/or write)



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- offset/cb: Offset and size in bytes of the region
- num\_events\_in\_wait\_list: Number of events
- event\_wait\_list: Events that need to complete before this particular command can be executed
- event: Unique event object for the execution instance
- errcode\_ret: Returned error code

Returns a pointer to the mapped region.



## **Gathering Results III**

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#### Example:

```
// ...
// 7. Look at the results via synchronous buffer map.
cl_uint *ptr;
ptr = (cl_uint *) clEnqueueMapBuffer(
                                       queue,
                                       buffer,
                                       CL_TRUE,
                                       CL_MAP_READ,
                                       0.
                                       NWITEMS * sizeof(cl_uint),
                                       O, NULL, NULL, NULL);
// ...
```



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#### Chapters of the creation functions

```
cl_int clReleaseKernel (cl_kernel kernel)
cl_int clReleaseProgram (cl_program program)
cl_int clReleaseMemObject (cl_mem memobj)
```

- kernel: Valid OpenCL kernel object
- program: Valid OpenCL program object
- memobj: Valid OpenCL memory object

Usage necessary if used in loops, else the memory management of the operating system will free memory after the **whole** program has finished!



#### Cleaning up II

```
Example:
// ...
clReleaseKernel(kernel);
clReleaseProgram(program);
clReleaseMemObject(buffer);
// ...
```



#### Matrix Multiplication I

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#### Simple version of the NVIDIA OpenCL Programming Guide ([4]) Host code:

```
// Matrices are stored in row-major order:
// M(row, col) = *(M.elements + row * M.width + col)
typedef struct {
    int width;
    int height;
    cl mem elements:
} Matrix;
// Thread block size
#define BLOCK_SIZE 16
// Matrix multiplication - Host code
// Matrix dimensions are assumed to be multiples of BLOCK_SIZE
void MatMulHost(const Matrix A, const Matrix B, Matrix C,
                const cl context context.
                const cl_kernel matMulKernel,
                const cl_command_queue queue)
  // Load A and B to device memory
  Matrix d_A;
  d_A.width = A.width; d_A.height = A.height;
```



#### Matrix Multiplication II

```
size_t size = A.width * A.height * sizeof(float);
d A.elements = clCreateBuffer(context.
                      CL_MEM_READ_ONLY | CL_MEM_COPY_HOST_PTR,
                      size, A.elements, 0);
Matrix d B:
d_B.width = B.width; d_B.height = B.height;
size = B.width * B.height * sizeof(float);
d_B.elements = clCreateBuffer(context,
                      CL_MEM_READ_ONLY | CL_MEM_COPY_HOST_PTR,
                      size, B.elements, 0);
// Allocate C in device memory
Matrix d C:
d_C.width = C.width; d_C.height = C.height;
size = C.width * C.height * sizeof(float);
d C.elements = clCreateBuffer(context.
                      CL_MEM_WRITE_ONLY, size, 0, 0);
// Invoke kernel
cl uint i = 0:
clSetKernelArg(matMulKernel, i++,
               sizeof(d A.width).
                                       (void*)&d A.width):
clSetKernelArg(matMulKernel, i++,
               sizeof(d_A.height),
                                       (void *) & d_A. height);
```



### **Matrix Multiplication III**

```
clSetKernelArg(matMulKernel, i++,
               sizeof(d_A.elements), (void*)&d_A.elements);
clSetKernelArg(matMulKernel, i++,
               sizeof(d B.width).
                                       (void*)&d B.width):
clSetKernelArg(matMulKernel, i++,
               sizeof(d_B.height),
                                       (void *) & d_B. height);
clSetKernelArg(matMulKernel, i++,
               sizeof(d_B.elements), (void*)&d_B.elements);
clSetKernelArg(matMulKernel, i++,
               sizeof(d C.width).
                                       (void*)&d C.width):
clSetKernelArg(matMulKernel, i++,
               sizeof(d C.height).
                                       (void *) &d C.height):
clSetKernelArg(matMulKernel, i++,
               sizeof(d_C.elements), (void*)&d_C.elements);
size_t localWorkSize[] = { BLOCK_SIZE, BLOCK_SIZE };
size_t globalWorkSize[] =
             { B.width / dimBlock.x, A.height / dimBlock.y };
clEnqueueNDRangeKernel(queue, matMulKernel, 2, 0,
                        globalWorkSize, localWorkSize,
                        0.0.0:
// Read C from device memory
clEnqueueReadBuffer(queue, d_C.elements, CL_TRUE, 0, size,
```



### Matrix Multiplication IV

Introduction • Architecture • Programming Workflow • Examples • References C.elements, 0, 0, 0); // Free device memory clReleaseMemObject(d\_A.elements); clReleaseMemObject(d\_C.elements); clReleaseMemObject(d\_B.elements); Kernel code: // Matrices are stored in row-major order: // M(row, col) = \*(M.elements + row \* M.width + col) typedef struct { int width; int height; \_\_global float \* elements; } Matrix; // Thread block size #define BLOCK\_SIZE 16 // Matrix multiplication function called by MatMulKernel() void MatMul(Matrix A, Matrix B, Matrix C) float Cvalue = 0:

int row = get\_global\_id(1);



### Matrix Multiplication V

```
int col = get_global_id(0);
    for (int e = 0; e < A.width; ++e)</pre>
        Cvalue += A.elements[row * A.width + e]
                 * B.elements[e * B.width + col]:
   C.elements[row * C.width + col] = Cvalue;
}
// Matrix multiplication kernel called by MatMulHost()
__kernel void MatMulKernel(
       int Awidth, int Aheight, __global float* Aelements,
       int Bwidth, int Bheight, __global float * Belements,
       int Cwidth, int Cheight, __global float* Celements)
{
    Matrix A = { Awidth, Aheight, Aelements };
    Matrix B = { Bwidth, Bheight, Belements };
    Matrix C = { Cwidth, Cheight, Celements };
    MatMul(A, B, C); // << Error in old NVIDIA documentation
}
```



# **Security Considerations**

- Paper: You Can Type, but You Can't Hide: A Stealthy GPU-based Keylogger<sup>4</sup>
- GPU rootkit Jellyfish Proof-of-Concept<sup>5</sup>
- GPU keylogger Demon PoC<sup>6</sup>
- . . .

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<sup>//</sup>www.cs.columbia.edu/~mikepo/papers/gpukeylogger.eurosec13.pdf

<sup>5</sup>https://github.com/x0r1/jellyfish

<sup>6</sup>https://github.com/x0r1/Demon





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Thank you! Questions?