

## Sizing LLM inference systems

Measuring NIM performance with GenAI-Perf



In this notebook, you will learn how to use the GenAI-Perf tool to measure the latency and throughput of various inference workloads. Let's cover some basics before you start working on the notebook.

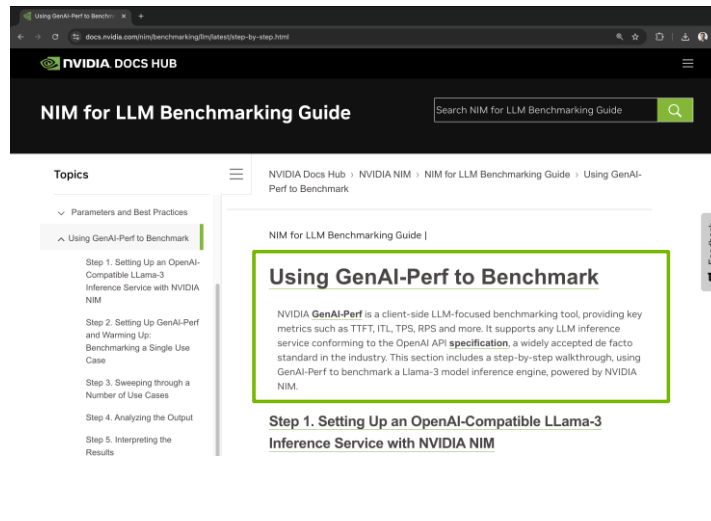
## NIM for LLM Benchmarking Guide

<https://docs.nvidia.com/nim/benchmarking/llm/latest/index.html>

The screenshot displays the NVIDIA Docs Hub interface for the 'NIM for LLM Benchmarking Guide'. The sidebar on the left lists various topics, with 'GenAI-Perf to benchmark LLMs' highlighted in a green box and an arrow pointing to 'Using GenAI-Perf to Benchmark'. The main content area shows the 'Benchmarking Guide' with sub-sections like 'Overview', 'Metrics', and 'Parameters and Best Practices'. A circular video feed of a man is visible in the bottom right corner.

The GenAI-Perf tool has been developed by the Triton team at NVIDIA, and it's the recommended tool to measure inference performance no matter the inference endpoint. In our NIM for LLM Benchmarking Guide, we make use of GenAI-Perf to measure the performance of NIM. I recommend you that you check out the guide, it covers many of the concepts that you learned in previous notebooks.

## GenAI-Perf to Benchmark



The GenAI-Perf tool is a client-side LLM-focused benchmarking tool. It provides metrics like time to first token, inter token latency, tokens per second, requests per second and more. You can use it to measure performance for any LLM inference endpoint that satisfies the OpenAI specification. So you can compare the performance of NIMs versus your favourite Generative AI managed services.

## GenAI-Perf command

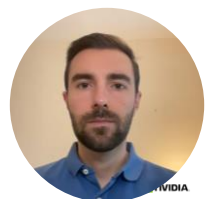
Sample output generated by GenAI-Perf

```
export INPUT_SEQUENCE_LENGTH=200
export INPUT_SEQUENCE_STD=10
export OUTPUT_SEQUENCE_LENGTH=200
export CONCURRENCY=10
export MODEL=meta/llama3-8b-instruct
```

```
cd /workdir
genai-perf \
  -m $MODEL \
  --endpoint-type chat \
  --service-kind openai \
  --streaming \
  -u localhost:8000 \
  --synthetic-input-tokens-mean $INPUT_SEQUENCE_LENGTH \
  --synthetic-input-tokens-stddev $INPUT_SEQUENCE_STD \
  --concurrency $CONCURRENCY \
  --output-tokens-mean $OUTPUT_SEQUENCE_LENGTH \
  --extra-inputs max_tokens:$OUTPUT_SEQUENCE_LENGTH \
  --extra-inputs min_tokens:$OUTPUT_SEQUENCE_LENGTH \
  --extra-inputs ignore_eos:true \
  --tokenizer meta-llama/Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct \
  -- \
  --v \
  --max-threads=256
```

LLM Metrics				
Statistic	avg	min	max	p99
Time to first token (ns)	85,485,242	27,402,273	152,621,817	138,194,943
Inter token latency (ns)	8,847,758	2,113,830	74,794,303	9,477,464
Request latency (ns)	1,848,822,497	1,844,511,394	1,924,017,143	1,905,132,459
Num output token	184	177	190	189
Num input token	208	198	201	200

Output token throughput (per sec): 995.61  
Request throughput (per sec): 5.41



Here you can inspect a typical command of GenAI-Perf. Check for example that I'm passing the number of input and output tokens, in addition to other flags that you can read about in the documentation.

The output of the command is displayed at the right. It contains statistics of important metrics like time to first token, inter token latency and request latency (which is equivalent to end to end latency). It also counts the number of input and output tokens, so that you can compute the throughput from them based on the latencies.

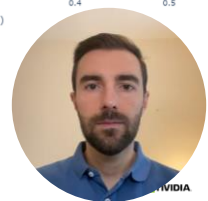
## Sweeping across concurrencies

Running multiple GenAI-Perf calls

```
for concurrency in 1 2 5 10 50 100 250; do

    local INPUT_SEQUENCE_LENGTH=$inputLength
    local INPUT_SEQUENCE_STD=0
    local OUTPUT_SEQUENCE_LENGTH=$outputLength
    local CONCURRENCY=$concurrency
    local MODEL=meta/llama3-8b-instruct

    genai-perf \
        -m $MODEL \
        --endpoint-type chat \
        --service-kind openai \
        --streaming \
        -u localhost:8000 \
        --synthetic-input-tokens-mean $INPUT_SEQUENCE_LENGTH \
        --synthetic-input-tokens-stddev $INPUT_SEQUENCE_STD \
        --concurrency $CONCURRENCY \
        --output-tokens-mean $OUTPUT_SEQUENCE_LENGTH \
        --extra-inputs max_tokens:$OUTPUT_SEQUENCE_LENGTH \
        --extra-inputs min_tokens:$OUTPUT_SEQUENCE_LENGTH \
        --extra-inputs ignore_eos:true \
        --tokenizer meta-llama/Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct \
        --measurement-interval 10000 \
```



To produce the latency versus throughput plots that you explored in the previous notebook, you can set up a sweep across concurrencies. From the measurements, you can produce the plot that I display at the right. Then you can use all the analysis that you studied in the previous notebook with Dmitry about selecting the most optimal dot in the plot.

## Objectives of this notebook

1. First performance measurement with NVIDIA GenAI-Perf
2. Loop over concurrencies with NVIDIA GenAI-Perf
3. Plot the Latency-Throughput curves from the measurements
4. Calculate the necessary number of GPUs



That's all from my side. Let me conclude by summarizing what you are going to learn in this notebook.

You will start by completing your first performance measurement with NVIDIA GenAI-Perf. Next you will set a sweep of concurrencies to get various measurements of performance.

From those measurements, you will be able to produce plots like the ones showed in the previous notebook.

And finally, you will be able to select the most optimal dot in that plot and compute the number of required GPUs from it.

Now it is your chance to start experimenting with GenAI-Perf!

