



# CUDA-Q Onboarding

# Installation Guide & Quick Start

Start your CUDA-Q journey

- **Installation by Using PyPI:**

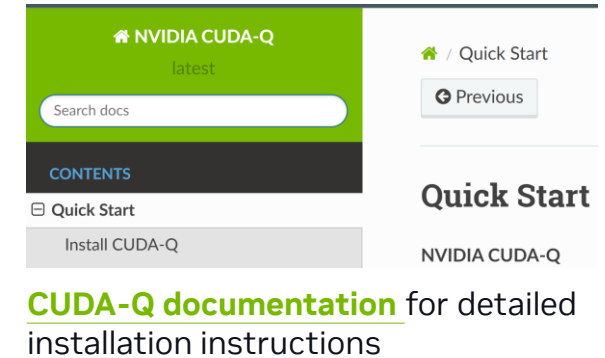
- Required GPU architect: *Volta, Turing, Ampere, Ada, Hopper*
- Ensure that the [CUDA Toolkit](#) is installed (version  $\geq 11.x$ )  
(Note: Support for CUDA 11 will be removed in future releases. Please update to CUDA 12)
- [Driver](#) version is updated (version  $\geq 470.57.02$ )
- Install CUDA-Q directly [via PyPI](#) (pip version  $\geq 24.0$ )

- **Installation by Using Container [Recommended]:**

- If you are using Windows, WSL (Windows Subsystem for Linux) is needed, and it should be WSL2. Follow [WSL Installation Guide](#)
- Install Docker by visiting [Docker's website](#)
- [Pull/Run the container image](#)
- Note that CUDA-Q currently has [2 branches](#) based on the version of the CUDA Toolkit:
  - 1) For CUDA 11 – nvcr.io/nvidia/quantum/cuda-quantum:cu11-0.11.0
  - 2) For CUDA 12 – nvcr.io/nvidia/quantum/cuda-quantum:cu12-0.11.0

- **Get Started:**

- Learn [CUDA-Q basics](#) for easy hands-on
- [Official GitHub repository](#) for full understanding



# Open-source Tutorials & CUDA-Q APIs

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- **More Tutorials**

- By Example: <https://nvidia.github.io/cuda-quantum/latest/using/examples/examples.html>
- By Application: <https://nvidia.github.io/cuda-quantum/latest/using/applications.html>

- **Advanced Tutorials:**

- [Multi-GPU Workflows](#)
- [CUDA-Q Academic](#)

- **All CUDA-Q APIs:**

- [https://nvidia.github.io/cuda-quantum/latest/api/languages/python\\_api](https://nvidia.github.io/cuda-quantum/latest/api/languages/python_api)

## CUDA-Q Applications

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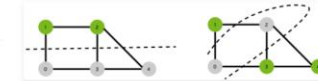
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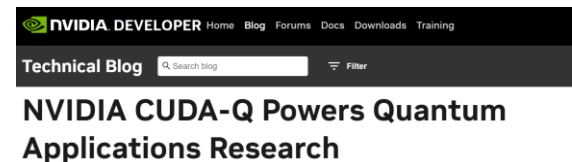
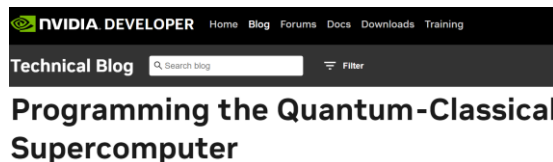
### QAOA for Max Cut Problem

Learn the theory behind the Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm (QAOA) and how it can be used to solve the Max Cut problem.

#optimization #noiseless #gpu



- **Blogs:**



# Appendix

## Install CUDA-Q in Conda environment with pip

- For Windows OS, use WSL terminal to run the following commands and install Miniconda:

```
# Download Miniconda
wget https://repo.anaconda.com/miniconda/Miniconda3-latest-Linux-x86_64.sh

# Make the installer executable
chmod +x Miniconda3-latest-Linux-x86_64.sh

# Run the installer
./Miniconda3-latest-Linux-x86_64.sh
```

- Create and activate Conda environment, then install CUDA-Q:

```
# Run this command to initialize Conda:
source ~/miniconda3/etc/profile.d/conda.sh

# Check Conda version to verify installation.
conda --version

# Install CUDA-Q with the necessary components for specified CUDA version (e.g., 12.4.0)
cuda_version=12.4.0
conda create -y -n cudaq-env python=3.11 pip
conda install -y -n cudaq-env -c "nvidia/label/cuda-${cuda_version}" cuda
conda env config vars set -n cudaq-env LD_LIBRARY_PATH="$CONDA_PREFIX/envs/cudaq-env/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH"
conda activate cudaq-env
pip install cudaq
```