

The Open Computing Language (OpenCL)



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- OpenCL consists of two parts: a C/C++-callable API and a C-ish programming language.
- The OpenCL programming language can run on **NVIDIA GPUs, AMD GPUs, Intel CPUs, Intel GPUs, mobile devices, and (supposedly) FPGAs (Field-Programmable Gate Arrays)**.
- But, OpenCL is at its best on compute devices with large amounts of **data parallelism**, which usually implies GPU usage.
- You break your computational problem up into lots and lots of small pieces. Each piece gets farmed out to threads on the GPU.
- Each thread wakes up and is able to ask questions about where it lives in the entire collection of (thousands of) threads. From that, it can tell what it is supposed to be working on.
- OpenCL can share data, and interoperate, with OpenGL
- There is a JavaScript implementation of OpenCL, called WebCL
- There is a JavaScript implementation of OpenGL, called WebGL
- WebCL can share data, and interoperate, with WebGL
- GPUs do not have a stack, and so the OpenCL C-ish programming language cannot do recursion and cannot make function calls. It also can't use pointers.

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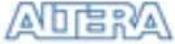
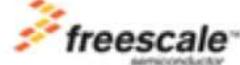
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<http://www.khronos.org/opencl/>
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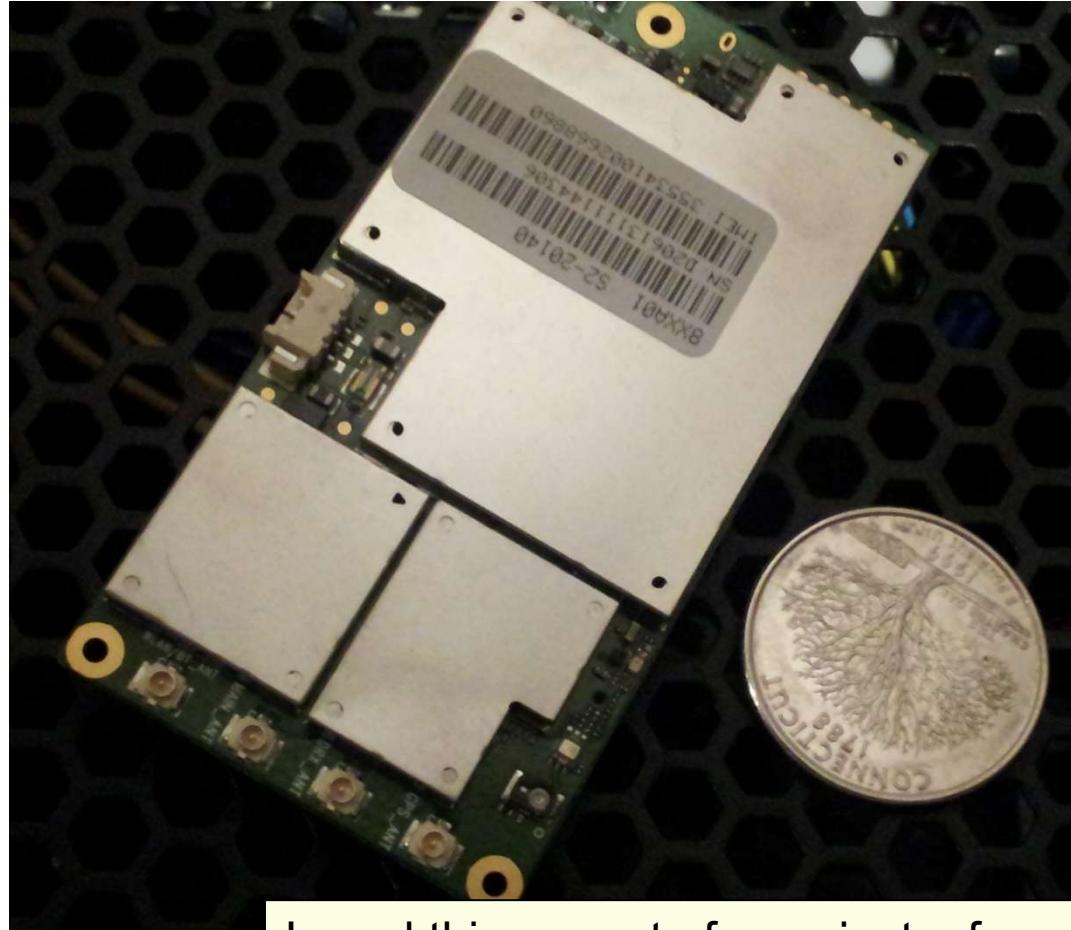


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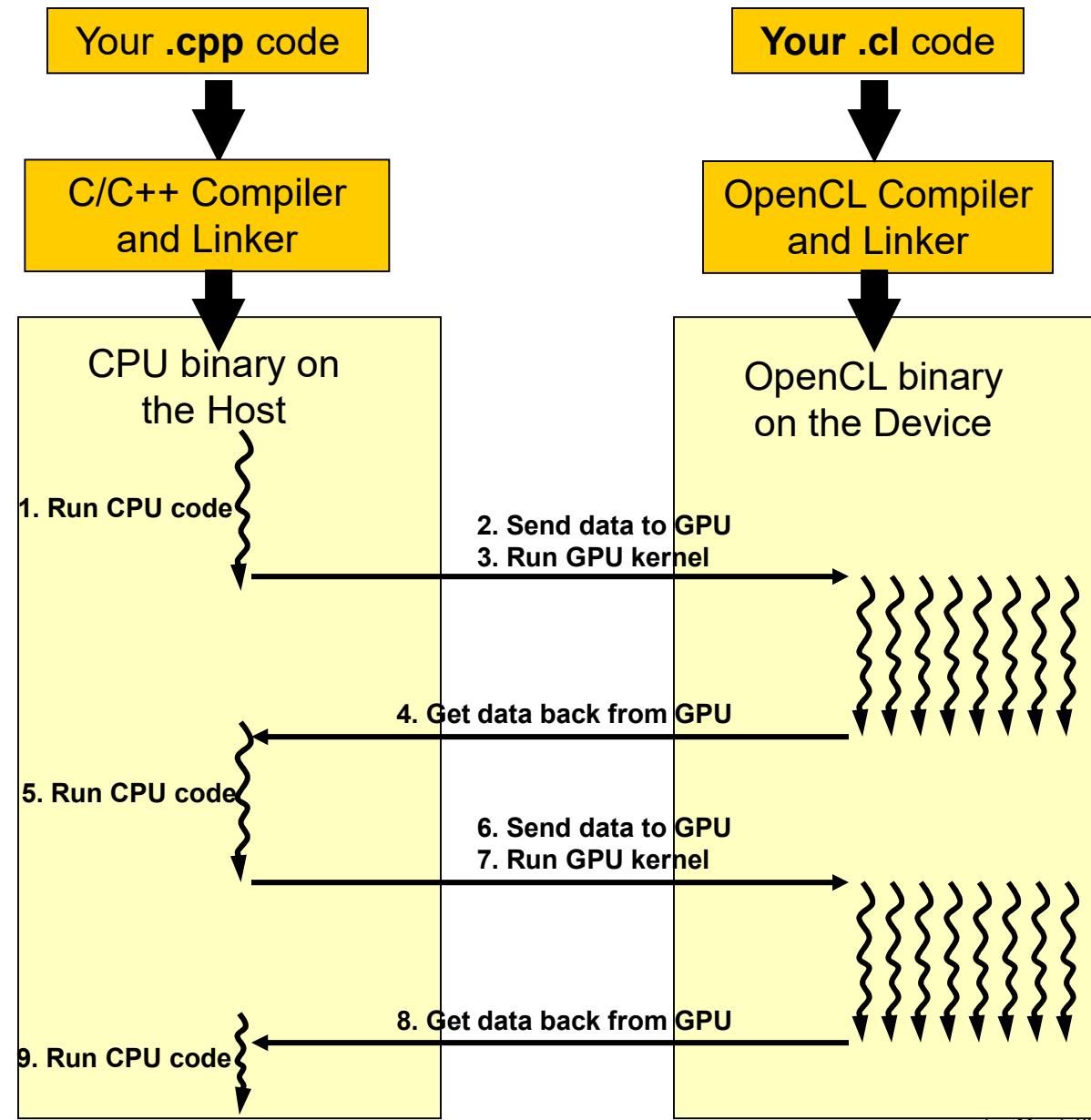


An example of using OpenCL in a System-on-a-Chip: Qualcomm Snapdragon – Full Linux and OpenCL



I used this as part of a project a few years ago. When I needed to take it from place-to-place, I put it in a very large Ziploc bag so I wouldn't accidentally lose it! ☺

The OpenCL Paradigm



OpenCL wants you to break the problem up into Pieces

If you were writing in **C/C++**, you would say:

```
void
ArrayMult( int n, float *a, float *b, float *c)
{
    for ( int i = 0; i < n; i++ )
        c[ i ] = a[ i ] * b[ i ];
}
```

If you were writing in **OpenCL**, you would say:

```
kernel
void
ArrayMult( global float *dA, global float *dB, global float *dC)
{
    int gid = get_global_id ( 0 );
    dC[gid] = dA[gid] * dB[gid];
}
```

Think of this as having an implied for-loop around it, looping through all possible values of *gid*

The OpenCL Language also supports Vector Parallelism

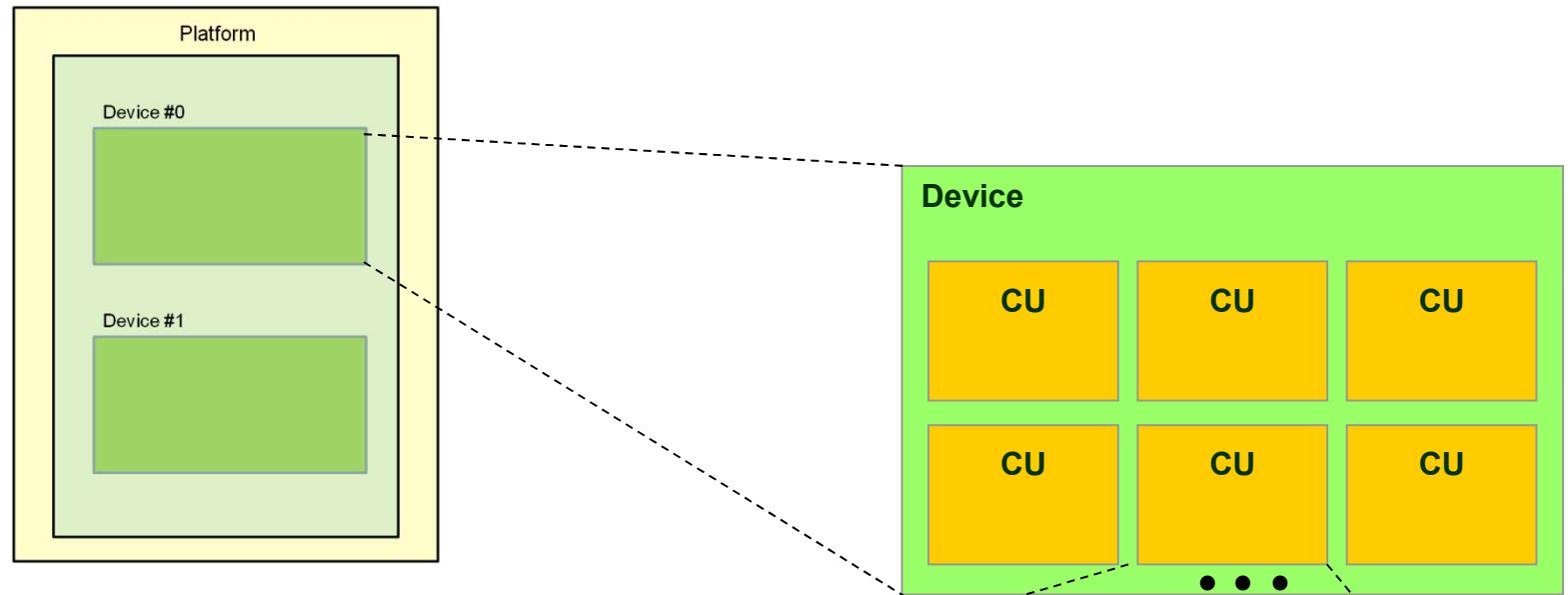
OpenCL code can be vector-oriented, meaning that it can perform a single instruction on multiple data values at the same time (SIMD).

Vector data types are: char_n , int_n , float_n , where $n = 2, 4, 8$, or 16 .

```
float4 f, g;  
f = (float4)( 1.f, 2.f, 3.f, 4.f );  
  
float16 a16, x16, y16, z16;  
  
f.x = 0.;  
f.xy = g.zw;  
x16.s89ab = f;  
  
float16 a16 = x16 * y16 + z16;
```



Compute Units and Processing Elements are Arranged in Grids



A GPU **Device** is organized as a grid of **Compute Units**.

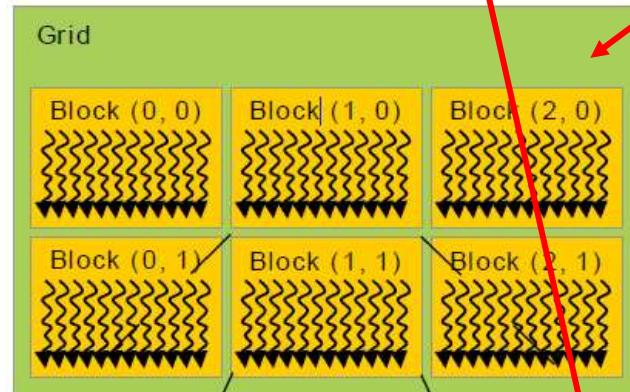
Each Compute Unit is organized as a grid of **Processing Elements**.

So in NVIDIA terms, their Blackwell 5090 has 170 Compute Units, each of which has 128 Processing Elements, for a grand total of 21,760 Processing Elements.

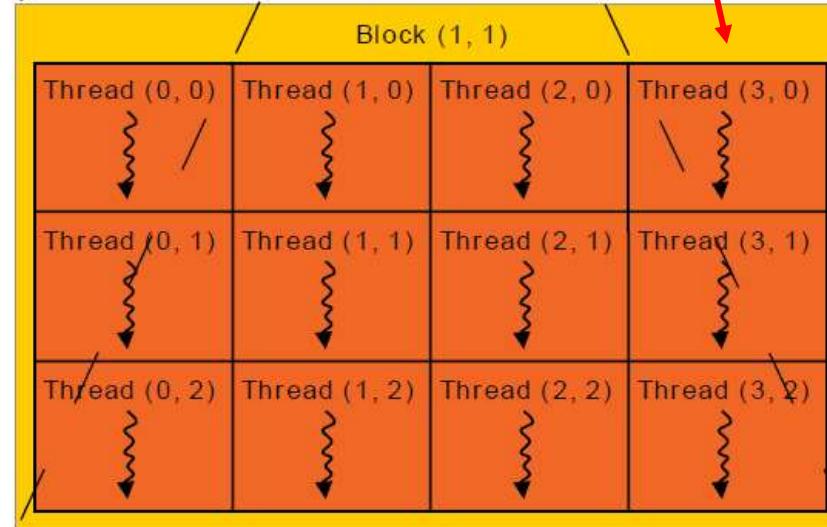
Work-Groups are Arranged in Grids

- The GPU's workload is divided into a **Grid of Work-Groups**
- Each Block's workload is divided into a **Grid of Work-Items**

Grid of Work-Groups



Grid of Work-Items



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OpenCL Software Terminology: Work-Groups and Work-Items are Arranged in Grids

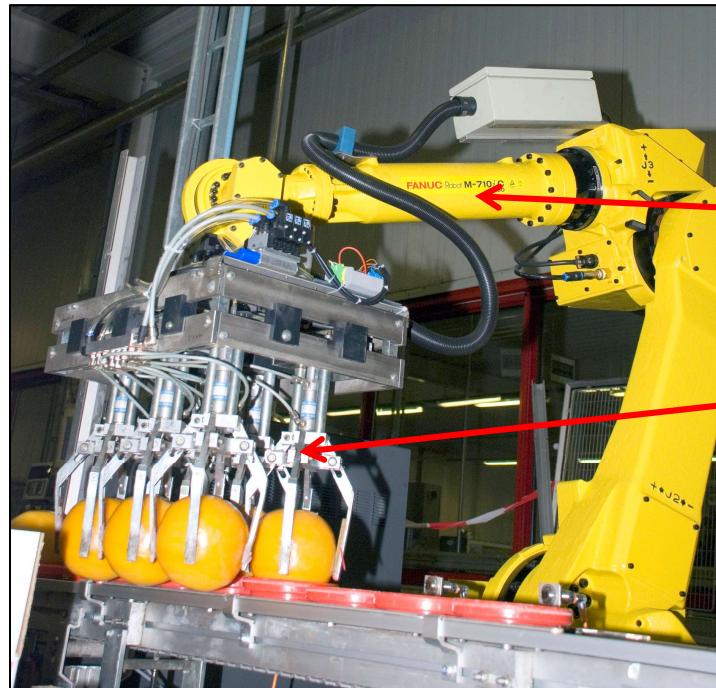
An OpenCL program is organized as a grid of **Work-Groups**.

Each Work-Group is organized as a grid of **Work-Items**.

In terms of hardware, a Work-Group runs on a Compute Unit and a Work-Item runs on a Processing Element (PE).

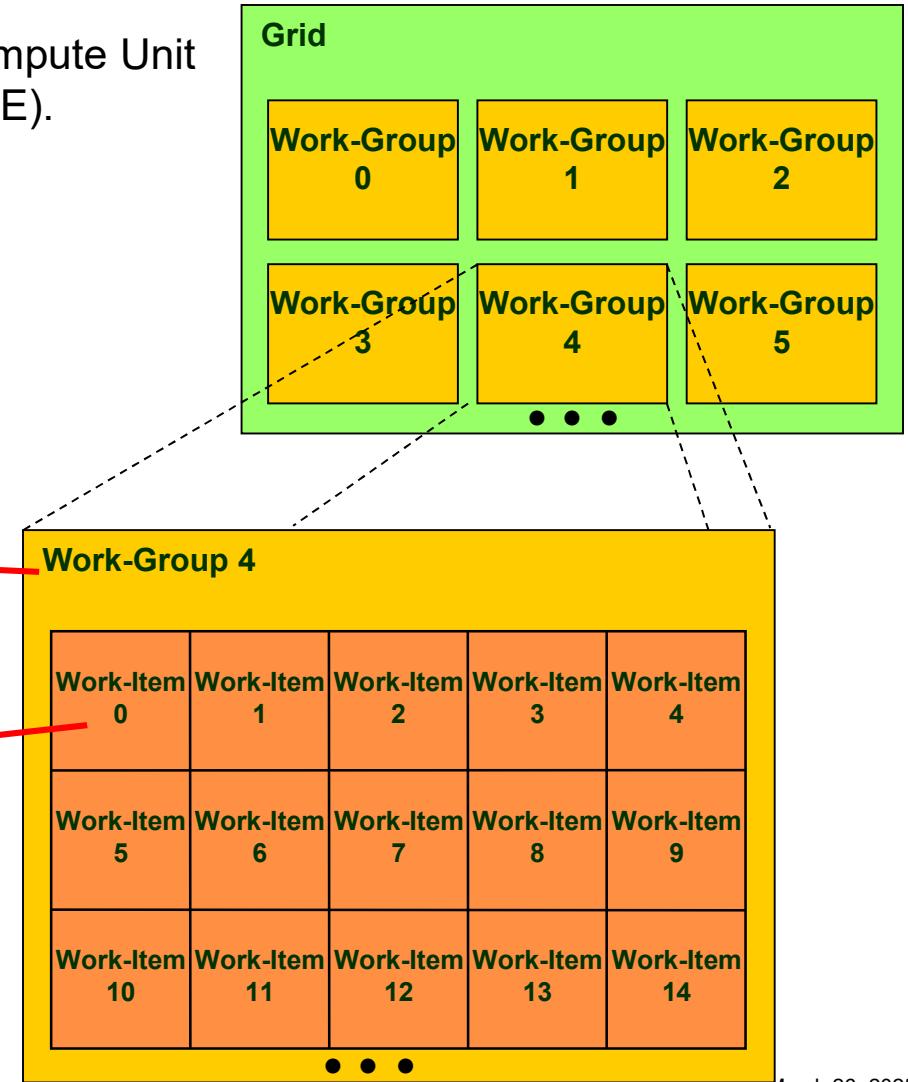
One thread is assigned to each Work-Item.

Threads are swapped on and off the PEs.

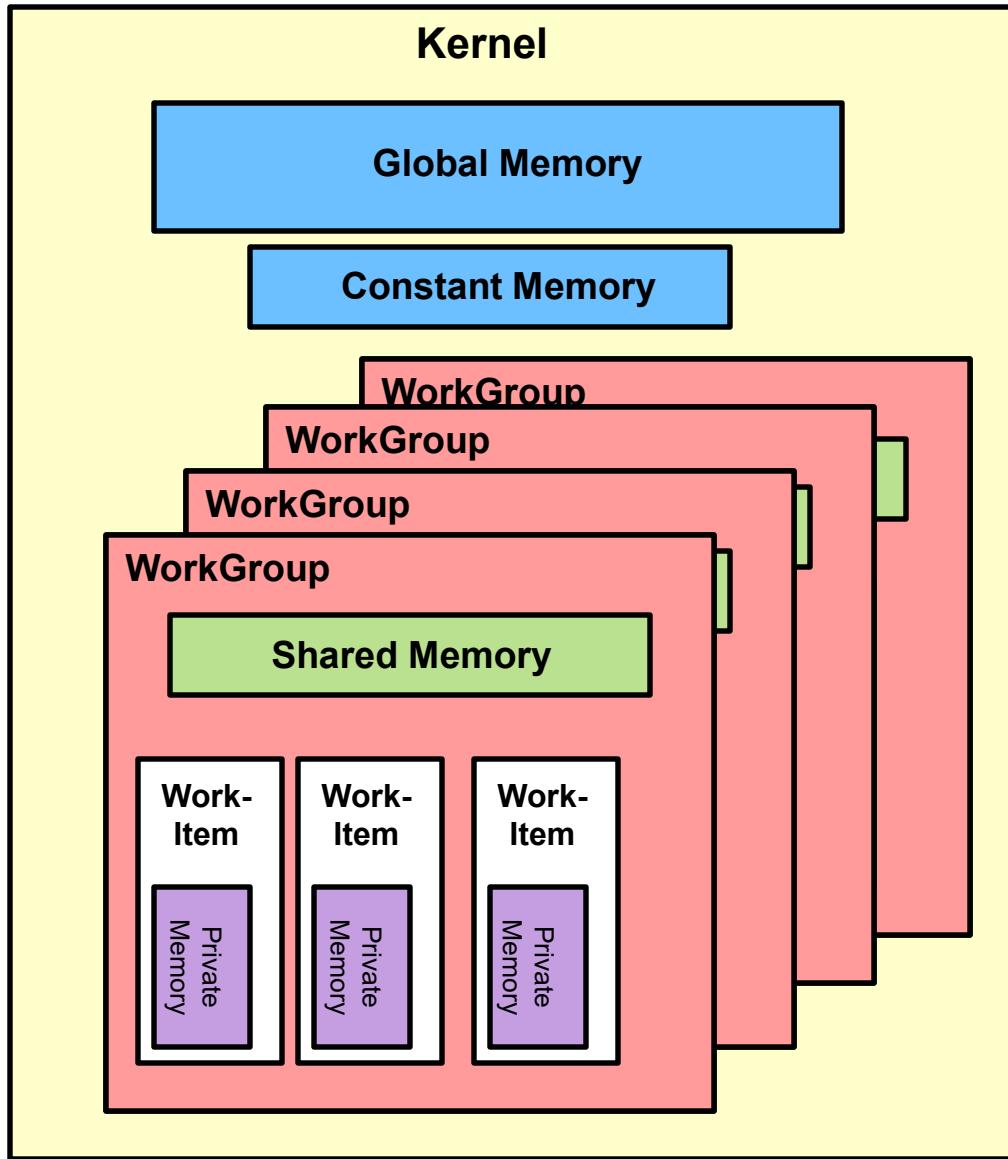


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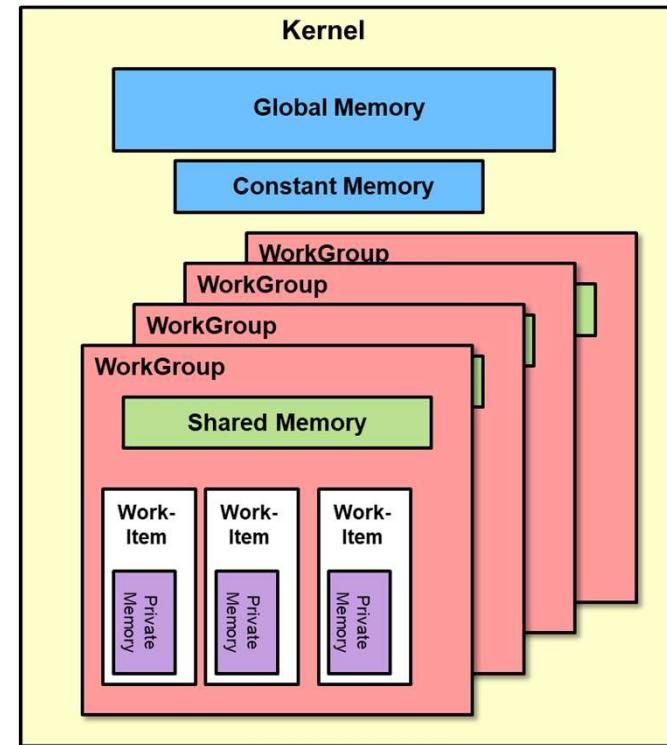


OpenCL Memory Model



Rules

- Threads can share memory with the other Threads in the same Work-Group
- Threads can synchronize with other Threads in the same Work-Group
- Global and Constant memory is accessible by all Threads in all Work-Groups
- Global and Constant memory is often cached inside a Work-Group
- Each Thread has registers and private memory
- Each Work-Group has a maximum number of registers it can use. These are divided equally among all its Threads



Querying the Number of Platforms (usually one)

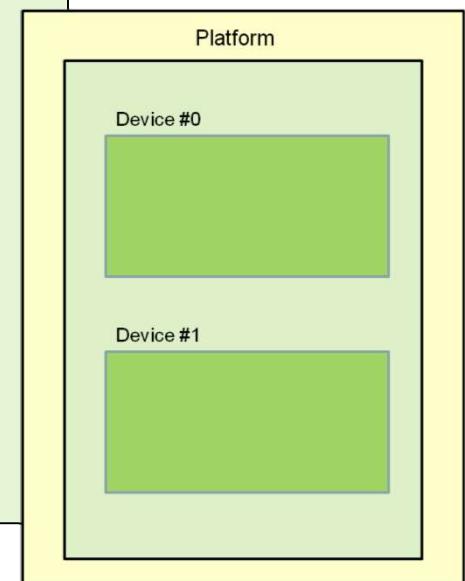
```

cl_uint numPlatforms;
status = clGetPlatformIDs( 0, NULL, &numPlatforms );
if( status != CL_SUCCESS )
    fprintf( stderr, "clGetPlatformIDs failed (1)\n" );

fprintf( stderr, "Number of Platforms = %d\n", numPlatforms );

cl_platform_id * platforms = new cl_platform_id[ numPlatforms ];
status = clGetPlatformIDs( numPlatforms, platforms, NULL );
if( status != CL_SUCCESS )
    fprintf( stderr, "clGetPlatformIDs failed (2)\n" );

```



This way of querying information is a recurring OpenCL pattern (get used to it):

How many to get	Where to put them	How many total there are
status = clGetPlatformIDs (0,	NULL,	&numPlatforms);
status = clGetPlatformIDs (numPlatforms, platforms,		NULL);

OpenCL Error Codes

This one is #define'd as zero.
All the others are negative.

CL_SUCCESS
CL_DEVICE_NOT_FOUND
CL_DEVICE_NOT_AVAILABLE
CL_COMPILER_NOT_AVAILABLE
CL_MEM_OBJECT_ALLOCATION_FAILURE
CL_OUT_OF_RESOURCES
CL_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY
CL_PROFILING_INFO_NOT_AVAILABLE
CL_MEM_COPY_OVERLAP
CL_IMAGE_FORMAT_MISMATCH
CL_IMAGE_FORMAT_NOT_SUPPORTED
CL_BUILD_PROGRAM_FAILURE
CL_MAP_FAILURE
CL_INVALID_VALUE
CL_INVALID_DEVICE_TYPE
CL_INVALID_PLATFORM
CL_INVALID_DEVICE
CL_INVALID_CONTEXT

CL_INVALID_QUEUE_PROPERTIES
CL_INVALID_COMMAND_QUEUE
CL_INVALID_HOST_PTR
CL_INVALID_MEM_OBJECT
CL_INVALID_IMAGE_FORMAT_DESCRIPTOR
CL_INVALID_IMAGE_SIZE
CL_INVALID_SAMPLER
CL_INVALID_BINARY
CL_INVALID_BUILD_OPTIONS
CL_INVALID_PROGRAM
CL_INVALID_PROGRAM_EXECUTABLE
CL_INVALID_KERNEL_NAME
CL_INVALID_KERNEL_DEFINITION
CL_INVALID_KERNEL
CL_INVALID_ARG_INDEX
CL_INVALID_ARG_VALUE
CL_INVALID_ARG_SIZE
CL_INVALID_KERNEL_ARGS
CL_INVALID_WORK_DIMENSION



A Way to Print OpenCL Error Codes – get this from our Class Resources Page¹⁷

```
struct errorcode
{
    cl_int      statusCode;
    char *      meaning;
}
ErrorCodes[ ] =
{
    { CL_SUCCESS,           " "                      },
    { CL_DEVICE_NOT_FOUND, "Device Not Found"       },
    { CL_DEVICE_NOT_AVAILABLE, "Device Not Available" },
    ...
    { CL_INVALID_MIP_LEVEL, "Invalid MIP Level"     },
    { CL_INVALID_GLOBAL_WORK_SIZE, "Invalid Global Work Size" },
};

void
PrintCLError( cl_int errorCode, char * prefix, FILE *fp )
{
    if( errorCode == CL_SUCCESS )
        return;

    const int numErrorCodes = sizeof( ErrorCodes ) / sizeof( struct errorcode );
    char * meaning = " ";
    for( int i = 0; i < numErrorCodes; i++ )
    {
        if( errorCode == ErrorCodes[i].statusCode )
        {
            meaning = ErrorCodes[i].meaning;
            break;
        }
    }
    fprintf( fp, "%s %s\n", prefix, meaning );
}
```

```
// find out how many devices are attached to each platform and get their ids:  
  
status = clGetDeviceIDs( platform, CL_DEVICE_TYPE_ALL, 0, NULL, &numDevices );  
  
devices = new cl_device_id[ numDevices ];  
  
status = clGetDeviceIDs( platform, CL_DEVICE_TYPE_ALL, numDevices, devices, NULL );
```

Getting Just the GPU Device(s)

```
cl_device_id device;  
  
status = clGetDeviceIDs( platform, CL_DEVICE_TYPE_GPU, 1, &device, NULL );
```



Querying the Device (this is *really* useful!), I

```
// find out how many platforms are attached here and get their ids:

cl_uint numPlatforms;
status = clGetPlatformIDs( 0, NULL, &numPlatforms );
if( status != CL_SUCCESS )
    fprintf( stderr, "clGetPlatformIDs failed (1)\n" );

fprintf( OUTPUT, "Number of Platforms = %d\n", numPlatforms );

cl_platform_id *platforms = new cl_platform_id[ numPlatforms ];
status = clGetPlatformIDs( numPlatforms, platforms, NULL );
if( status != CL_SUCCESS )
    fprintf( stderr, "clGetPlatformIDs failed (2)\n" );

cl_uint numDevices;
cl_device_id *devices;

for( int i = 0; i < (int)numPlatforms; i++ )
{
    fprintf( OUTPUT, "Platform #%-d:\n", i );
    size_t size;
    char *str;

    clGetPlatformInfo( platforms[i], CL_PLATFORM_NAME, 0, NULL, &size );
    str = new char [ size ];
    clGetPlatformInfo( platforms[i], CL_PLATFORM_NAME, size, str, NULL );
    fprintf( OUTPUT, "\tName = '%s'\n", str );
    delete[ ] str;

    clGetPlatformInfo( platforms[i], CL_PLATFORM_VENDOR, 0, NULL, &size );
    str = new char [ size ];
    clGetPlatformInfo( platforms[i], CL_PLATFORM_VENDOR, size, str, NULL );
    fprintf( OUTPUT, "\tVendor = '%s'\n", str );
    delete[ ] str;
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Querying the Device, II

```

clGetPlatformInfo( platforms[i], CL_PLATFORM_VERSION, 0, NULL, &size );
str = new char [ size ];
clGetPlatformInfo( platforms[i], CL_PLATFORM_VERSION, size, str, NULL );
fprintf( OUTPUT, "\tVersion = \"%s\"\n", str );
delete[ ] str;

clGetPlatformInfo( platforms[i], CL_PLATFORM_PROFILE, 0, NULL, &size );
str = new char [ size ];
clGetPlatformInfo( platforms[i], CL_PLATFORM_PROFILE, size, str, NULL );
fprintf( OUTPUT, "\tProfile = \"%s\"\n", str );
delete[ ] str;

// find out how many devices are attached to each platform and get their ids:

status = clGetDeviceIDs( platforms[i], CL_DEVICE_TYPE_ALL, 0, NULL, &numDevices );
if( status != CL_SUCCESS )
    fprintf( stderr, "clGetDeviceIDs failed (2)\n" );

devices = new cl_device_id[ numDevices ];
status = clGetDeviceIDs( platforms[i], CL_DEVICE_TYPE_ALL, numDevices, devices, NULL );
if( status != CL_SUCCESS )
    fprintf( stderr, "clGetDeviceIDs failed (2)\n" );

for( int j = 0; j < (int)numDevices; j++ )
{
    fprintf( OUTPUT, "\tDevice #%-d:\n", j );
    size_t size;
    cl_device_type type;
    cl_uint ui;
    size_t sizes[3] = { 0, 0, 0 };

    clGetDeviceInfo( devices[j], CL_DEVICE_TYPE, sizeof(type), &type, NULL );
    fprintf( OUTPUT, "\t\tType = 0x%04x = ", type );
}

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Querying the Device, III

```

switch( type )
{
    case CL_DEVICE_TYPE_CPU:
        fprintf( OUTPUT, "CL_DEVICE_TYPE_CPU\n" );
        break;
    case CL_DEVICE_TYPE_GPU:
        fprintf( OUTPUT, "CL_DEVICE_TYPE_GPU\n" );
        break;
    case CL_DEVICE_TYPE_ACCELERATOR:
        fprintf( OUTPUT, "CL_DEVICE_TYPE_ACCELERATOR\n" );
        break;
    default:
        fprintf( OUTPUT, "Other...\n" );
        break;
}
clGetDeviceInfo( devices[j], CL_DEVICE_VENDOR_ID, sizeof(ui), &ui, NULL );
fprintf( OUTPUT, "\t\tDevice Vendor ID = 0x%04x\n", ui );

clGetDeviceInfo( devices[j], CL_DEVICE_MAX_COMPUTE_UNITS, sizeof(ui), &ui, NULL );
fprintf( OUTPUT, "\t\tDevice Maximum Compute Units = %d\n", ui );

clGetDeviceInfo( devices[j], CL_DEVICE_MAX_WORK_ITEM_DIMENSIONS, sizeof(ui), &ui, NULL );
fprintf( OUTPUT, "\t\tDevice Maximum Work Item Dimensions = %d\n", ui );

clGetDeviceInfo( devices[j], CL_DEVICE_MAX_WORK_ITEM_SIZES, sizeof(sizes), sizes, NULL );
fprintf( OUTPUT, "\t\tDevice Maximum Work Item Sizes = %d x %d x %d\n", sizes[0], sizes[1], sizes[2] );

clGetDeviceInfo( devices[j], CL_DEVICE_MAX_WORK_GROUP_SIZE, sizeof(size), &size, NULL );
fprintf( OUTPUT, "\t\tDevice Maximum Work Group Size = %d\n", size );

clGetDeviceInfo( devices[j], CL_DEVICE_MAX_CLOCK_FREQUENCY, sizeof(ui), &ui, NULL );
fprintf( OUTPUT, "\t\tDevice Maximum Clock Frequency = %d MHz\n", ui );

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Number of Platforms = 1

Platform #0:

Name = 'NVIDIA CUDA'

Vendor = 'NVIDIA Corporation'

Version = 'OpenCL 1.1 CUDA 4.1.1'

Profile = 'FULL_PROFILE'

Device #0:

Type = 0x0004 = CL_DEVICE_TYPE_GPU

Device Vendor ID = 0x10de

Device Maximum Compute Units = 15

Device Maximum Work Item Dimensions = 3

Device Maximum Work Item Sizes = 1024 x 1024 x 64

Device Maximum Work Group Size = 1024

Device Maximum Clock Frequency = 1401 MHz

Kernel Maximum Work Group Size = 1024

Kernel Compile Work Group Size = 0 x 0 x 0

Kernel Local Memory Size = 0



```
size_t extensionSize;  
  
clGetDeviceInfo( device, CL_DEVICE_EXTENSIONS, 0, NULL, &extensionSize );  
char *extensions = new char [extensionSize];  
clGetDeviceInfo( devices, CL_DEVICE_EXTENSIONS, extensionSize, extensions, NULL );  
  
fprintf( stderr, "\nDevice Extensions:\n" );  
for( int i = 0; i < (int)strlen(extensions); i++ )  
{  
    if( extensions[ i ] == ' ' )  
        extensions[ i ] = '\n';  
}  
fprintf( stderr, "%s\n", extensions );  
delete [ ] extensions;
```



This is important. It shows that this OpenCL system can interoperate with OpenGL.

Device Extensions:

cl_khr_byte_addressable_store
cl_khr_icd
cl_khr_gl_sharing
cl_nv_d3d9_sharing
cl_nv_d3d10_sharing
cl_khr_d3d10_sharing
cl_nv_d3d11_sharing
cl_nv_compiler_options
cl_nv_device_attribute_query
cl_nv_pragma_unroll

This one is handy too. It shows that this OpenCL system can support 64-bit floating point (i.e., double precision). This is important in simulation.

cl_khr_global_int32_base_atomics
cl_khr_global_int32_extended_atomics
cl_khr_local_int32_base_atomics
cl_khr_local_int32_extended_atomics
cl_khr_fp64



1. Program header
2. Create the host memory buffers
3. Create an OpenCL context
4. Create an OpenCL command queue
5. Allocate the device memory buffers
6. Write the data from the host buffers to the device buffers
7. Read the kernel code from a file
8. Compile and link the kernel code
9. Create the kernel object
10. Setup the arguments to the kernel object
11. Enqueue the kernel object for execution
12. Read the results buffer back from the device to the host
13. Clean everything up



1. .cpp Program Header

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```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <omp.h> // for timing

#include "cl.h"
```

2. Create the Host Memory Buffers

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```
// global variables:
```

```
float hA[ NUM_ELEMENTS ];  
float hB[ NUM_ELEMENTS ];  
float hC[ NUM_ELEMENTS ];
```

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```

```
// in the main program, fill the host memory buffers:
```

```
for( int i = 0; i < NUM_ELEMENTS; i++ )  
{  
    hA[ i ] = hB[ i ] = sqrtf( (float) i );  
}
```

```
// array size in bytes (will need this later):
```

```
size_t dataSize = NUM_ELEMENTS * sizeof( float );
```

```
// opencl function return status:
```

```
cl_int status; // test against CL_SUCCESS
```

Global memory and the heap typically have *lots* more memory available than the stack does. So, typically, you do not want to allocate large arrays like this as *local* variables.



3. Create an OpenCL Context

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```
cl_context context = clCreateContext( NULL, 1, &device, NULL, NULL, &status );
```

```
// create a context:  
cl_context context = clCreateContext( NULL, 1, &device, NULL, NULL, &status );
```

properties
the device
Pass in user data
one device Callback returned status



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4. Create an OpenCL Command Queue

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```
// create a command queue:
```

```
cl_command_queue cmdQueue = clCreateCommandQueue( context, device, 0, &status );
```

```
cl_command_queue cmdQueue = clCreateCommandQueue( context, device, 0, &status );
```

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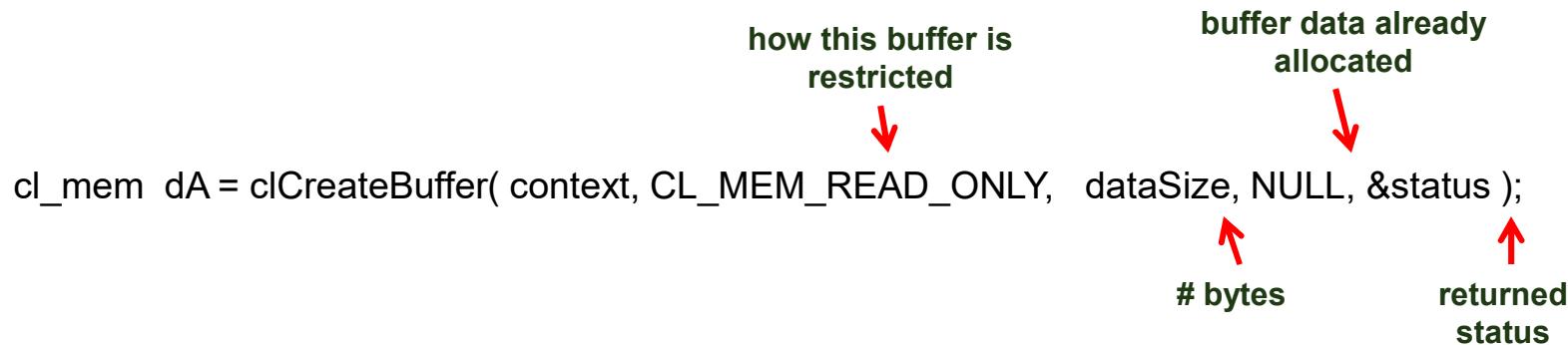
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5. Allocate the Device Memory Buffers

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```
// allocate memory buffers on the device:
```

```
cl_mem dA = clCreateBuffer( context, CL_MEM_READ_ONLY, dataSize, NULL, &status );
cl_mem dB = clCreateBuffer( context, CL_MEM_READ_ONLY, dataSize, NULL, &status );
cl_mem dC = clCreateBuffer( context, CL_MEM_WRITE_ONLY, dataSize, NULL, &status );
```



The read and write terminology is *with respect to the OpenCL device*.

So, `CL_MEM_READ_ONLY` means that the OpenCL device can only get this data – it can't send it back to the host CPU. Other options are `CL_MEM_WRITE_ONLY` and

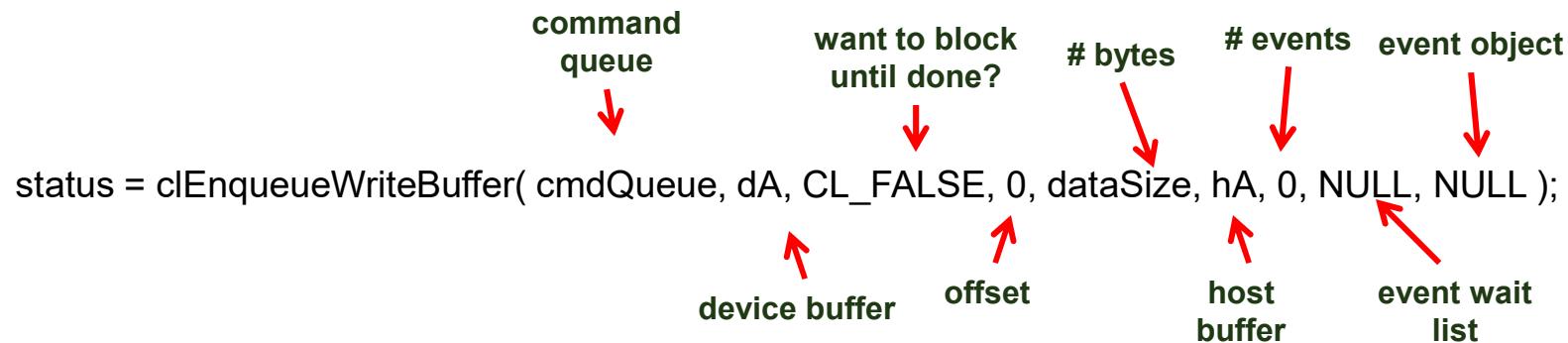
0 `CL_MEM_READ_WRITE`.

6. Write the Data from the Host Buffers to the Device Buffers

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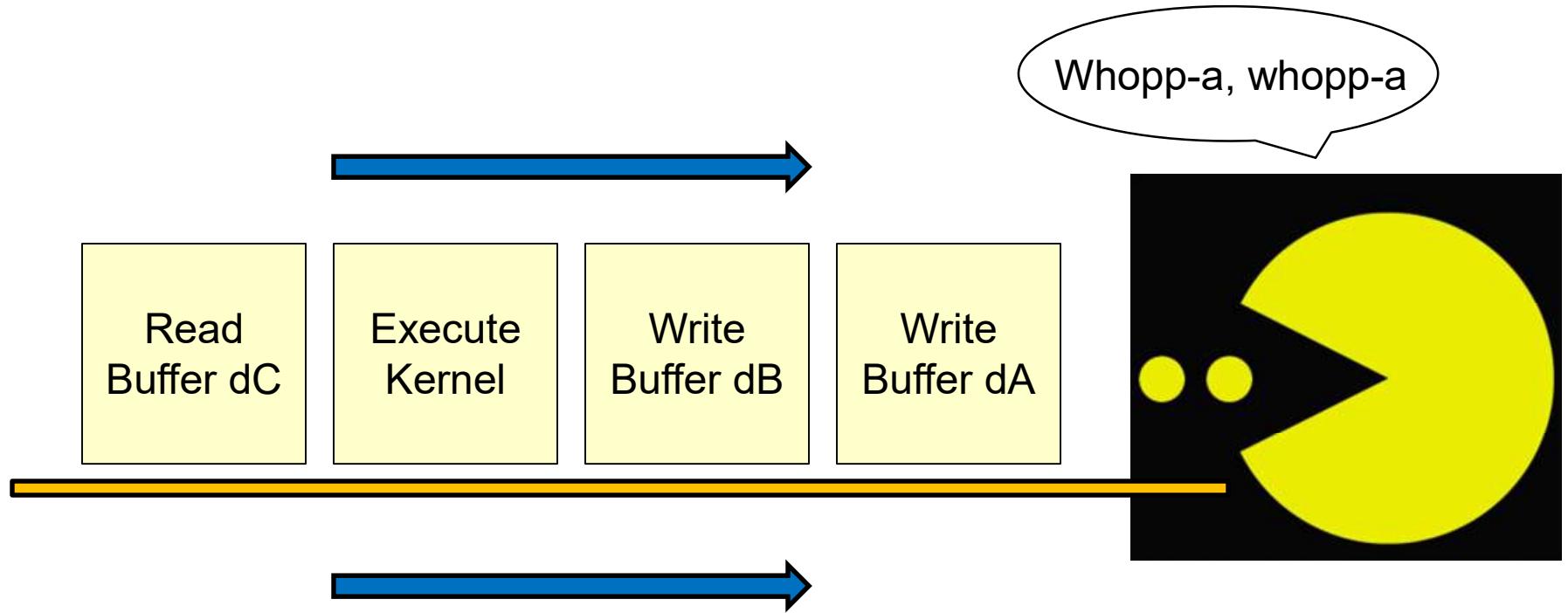
```
// enqueue the 2 commands to write data into the device buffers:
```

```
status = clEnqueueWriteBuffer( cmdQueue, dA, CL_FALSE, 0, dataSize, hA, 0, NULL, NULL );
status = clEnqueueWriteBuffer( cmdQueue, dB, CL_FALSE, 0, dataSize, hB, 0, NULL, NULL );
```

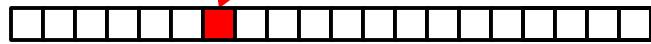


Enqueuing Works Like a Conveyer Belt

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```
kernel
void
ArrayMult( global const float *dA, global const float *dB, global float *dC )
{
    int gid = get_global_id( 0 );
    dC[gid] = dA[gid] * dB[gid];
}
```



Which dimension's index are we fetching?

0 = X, 1 = Y, 2 = Z

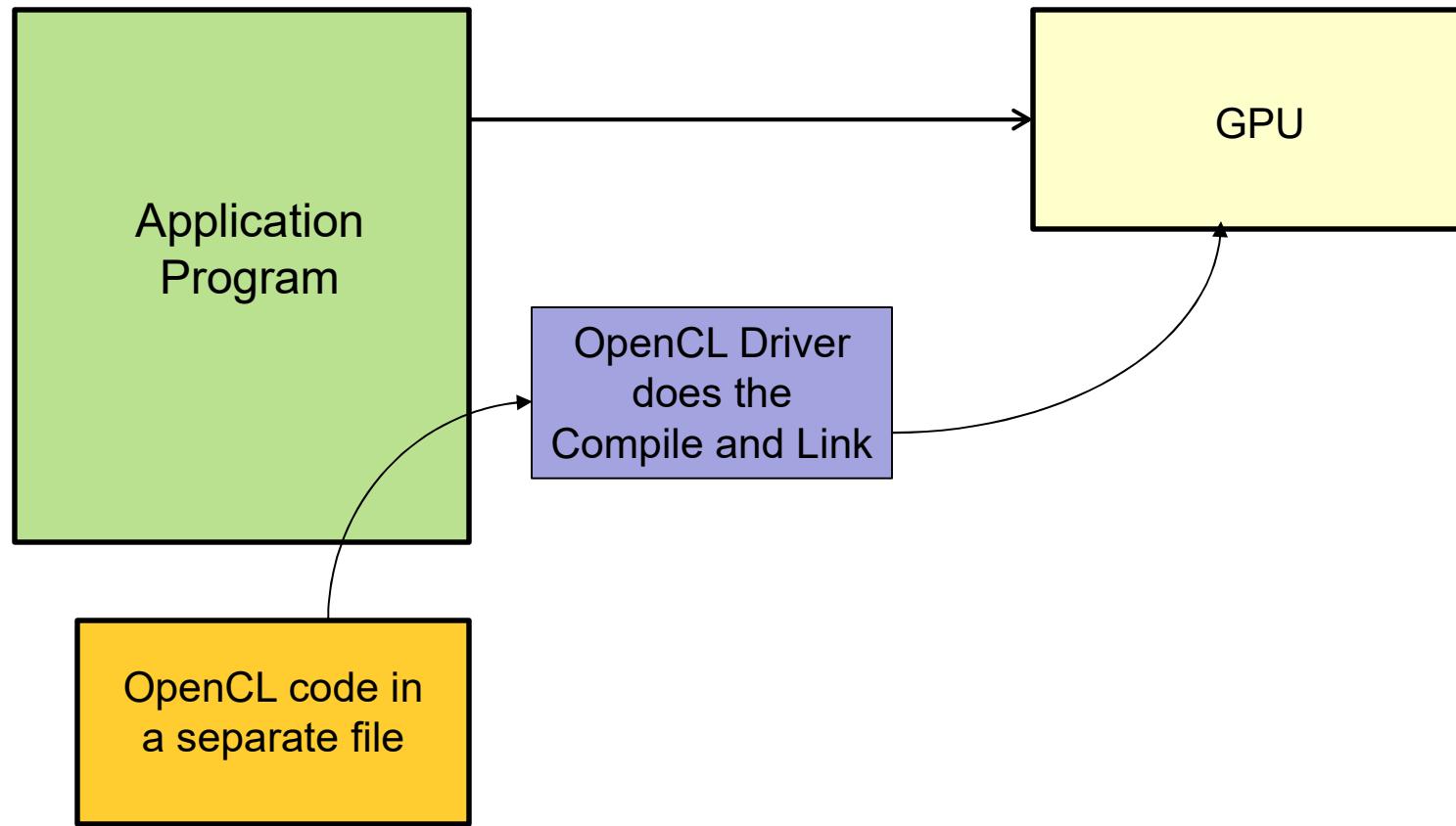
gid = which element we
are dealing with right now.

Since this is a 1D problem, X is the only index we need to get.

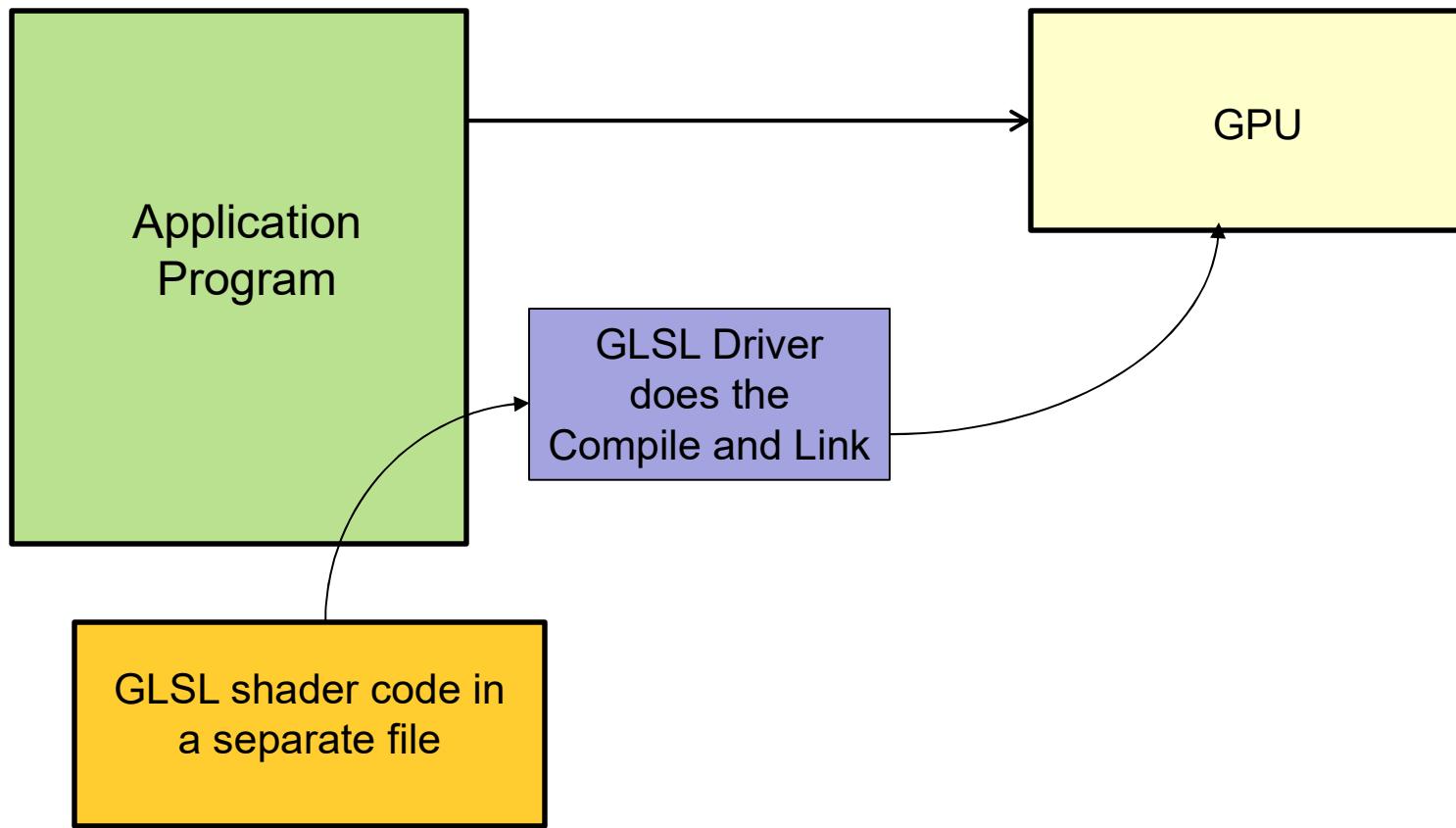


OpenCL code is compiled in the Driver . . .

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```
kernel void  
ArrayMult( global float *A, global float *B, global float *C )  
{  
    int gid = get_global_id ( 0 );  
  
    C[gid] = A[gid] * B[gid];  
}
```



```
void main()
{
    vec3 newcolor = texture( uTexUnit, vST ).rgb;
    newcolor = mix( newcolor, uColor.rgb, uBlend );
    gl_FragColor = vec4( vLightIntensity*newcolor, 1. );
}
```

7. Read the Kernel Code from a File into a Character Array

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```
const char *CL_FILE_NAME = { "arraymult.cl" };
...
FILE *fp = fopen( CL_FILE_NAME, "r" );
if( fp == NULL )
{
    fprintf( stderr, "Cannot open OpenCL source file '%s'\n", CL_FILE_NAME );
    return 1;
}

// read the characters from the opencl kernel program:

fseek( fp, 0, SEEK_END );
size_t fileSize = ftell( fp );
fseek( fp, 0, SEEK_SET );
char *clProgramText = new char[ fileSize+1 ];
size_t n = fread( clProgramText, 1, fileSize, fp );
clProgramText[fileSize] = '\0';
fclose( fp );
```

“r” should work, since the .cl file is pure ASCII text, but some people report that it doesn’t work unless you use “rb”

Watch out for the ‘r’ + ‘\n’ problem!
(See the next slide.)

Some of you will end up having strange, unexplainable problems with your csh scripts, .cpp programs, or .cl programs. This could be because you are typing your code in on Windows (using Notepad or Wordpad or Word) and then running it on Linux. Windows likes to insert an extra carriage return ('\r') at the end of each line, which Linux interprets as a garbage character.

You can test this by typing the Linux command:

od -c loop.csh

which will show you all the characters, even the '\r' (which you don't want) and the '\n' (newlines, which you do want).

To get rid of the carriage returns, enter the Linux command:

tr -d '\r' < loop.csh > loop1.csh

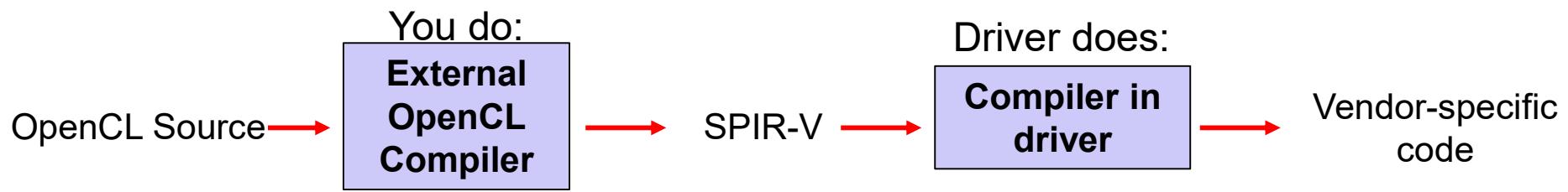
Then run loop1.csh

Or, on some systems, there is a utility called *dos2unix* which does this for you:

dos2unix < loop.csh > loop1.csh

Sorry about this. Unfortunately, this is a fact of life when you mix Windows and Linux.

- You pre-compile your OpenCL code with an external compiler
- Your OpenCL code gets turned into an intermediate form known as SPIR-V
- SPIR-V gets turned into fully-compiled code at runtime



Advantages:

1. Software vendors don't need to ship their OpenCL source
2. Syntax errors appear during the SPIR-V step, not during runtime
3. Software can launch faster because half of the compilation has already taken place
4. This guarantees a common front-end syntax
5. This allows for other language front-ends

8. Compile and Link the Kernel Code

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```
// create the kernel program on the device:  
  
char * strings [ 1 ];           // an array of strings  
strings[0] = clProgramText;  
cl_program program = clCreateProgramWithSource( context, 1, (const char **)strings, NULL, &status );  
delete [] clProgramText;  
  
// build the kernel program on the device:  
  
char *options = { "" };  
status = clBuildProgram( program, 1, &device, options, NULL, NULL );  
if( status != CL_SUCCESS )  
{  
    // retrieve and print the error messages:  
    size_t size;  
    clGetProgramBuildInfo( program, devices[0], CL_PROGRAM_BUILD_LOG, 0, NULL, &size );  
    cl_char *log = new cl_char[ size ];  
    clGetProgramBuildInfo( program, devices[0], CL_PROGRAM_BUILD_LOG, size, log, NULL );  
    fprintf( stderr, "clBuildProgram failed:\n%s\n", log );  
    delete [] log;  
}
```

How does that array-of-strings thing actually work?

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```
char *ArrayOfStrings[3];
ArrayOfStrings[0] = ...one commonly-used function...";
ArrayOfStrings[1] = "... another commonly-used function... ";
ArrayOfStrings[2] = "... the real OpenCL code ... ";
cl_program program = clCreateProgramWithSource( context, 1, (const char **) ArrayOfStrings, NULL, &status );
```

These are two ways to provide a *single* character buffer:

```
char *buffer[1];
buffer[0] = "... the entire OpenCL code ... ";
cl_program program = clCreateProgramWithSource( context, 1, (const char **) buffer, NULL, &status );
```

```
char *buffer = "... the entire OpenCL code ... ";
cl_program program = clCreateProgramWithSource( context, 1, (const char **) &buffer, NULL, &status );
```

Why use an array of strings to hold the OpenCL program, instead of just a single string?

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1. You can use the same OpenCL source and insert the appropriate “#defines” at the beginning
2. You can insert a common header file (\approx a .h file)
3. You can simulate a “#include” to re-use common pieces of code

9. Create the Kernel Object

```
cl_kernel kernel = clCreateKernel( program, "ArrayMult", &status );
```



10. Setup the Arguments to the Kernel Object

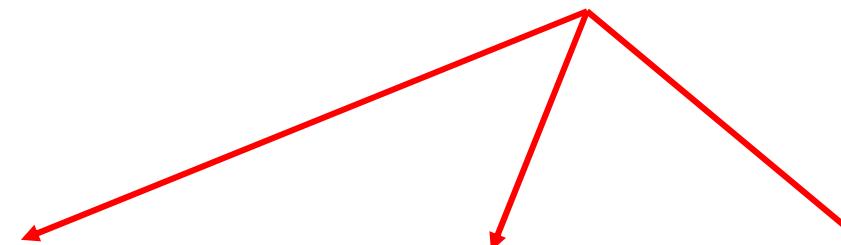
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```
status = clSetKernelArg( kernel, 0, sizeof(cl_mem), &dA );
status = clSetKernelArg( kernel, 1, sizeof(cl_mem), &dB )
status = clSetKernelArg( kernel, 2, sizeof(cl_mem), &dC );
```

kernel

void

ArrayMult(global const float *dA, global const float *dB, global float *dC)



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11. Enqueue the Kernel Object for Execution

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```
size_t globalWorkSize[ 3 ] = { NUM_ELEMENT, 1, 1 };
size_t localWorkSize[ 3 ] = { LOCAL_SIZE, 1, 1 };

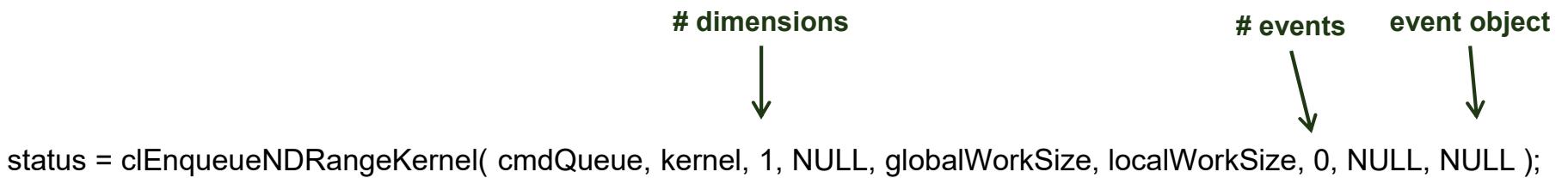
Wait( cmdQueue ); // will be covered in the OpenCL event notes

double time0 = omp_get_wtime( );

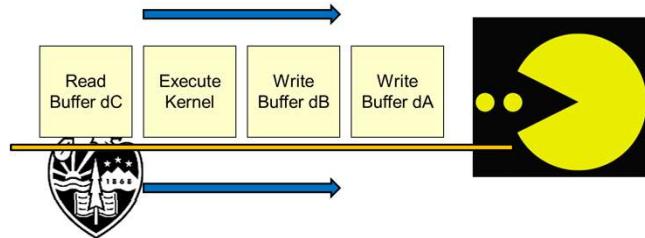
status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernel, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 0, NULL, NULL );

Wait( cmdQueue ); // will be covered in the OpenCL event notes

double time1 = omp_get_wtime( );
```

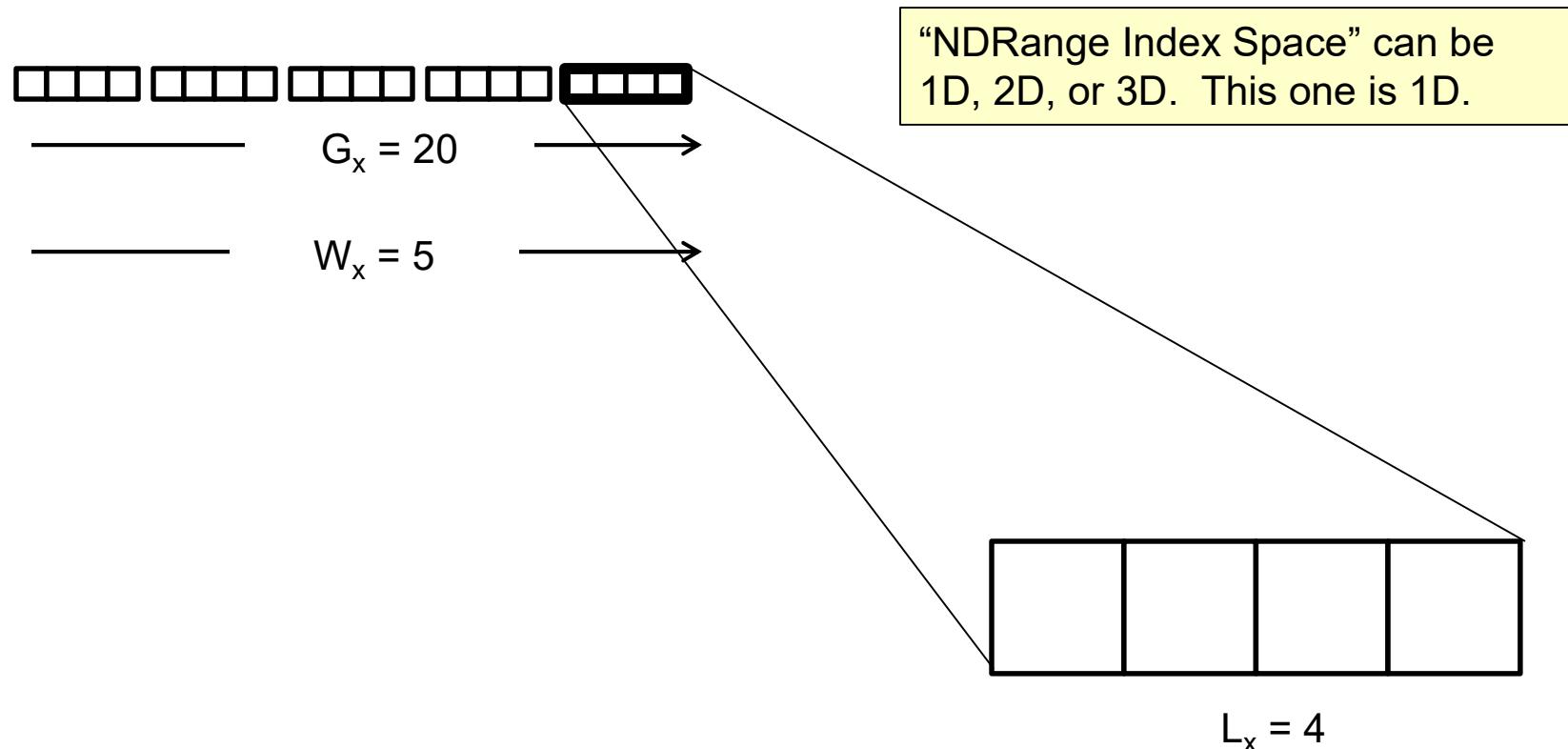


```
status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernel, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 0, NULL, NULL );
```



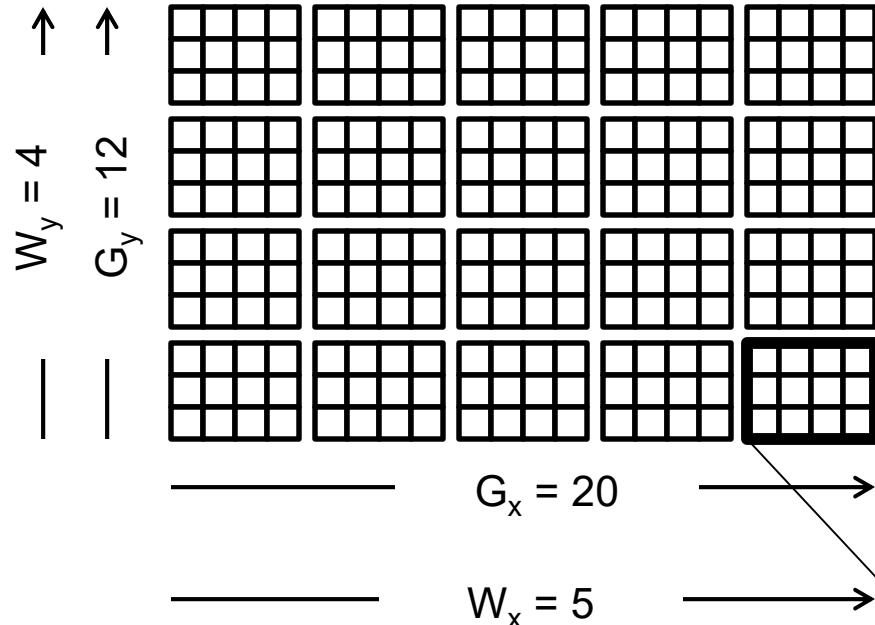
Work-Groups, Local IDs, and Global IDs

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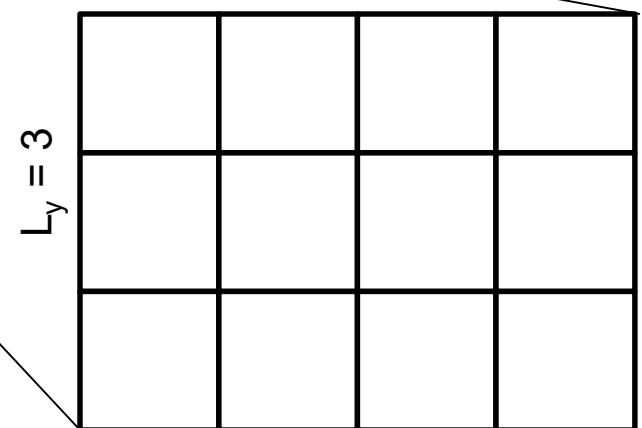


$$\#WorkGroups = \frac{GlobalIndexSpaceSize}{WorkGroupSize}$$

$$5 = \frac{20}{4}$$



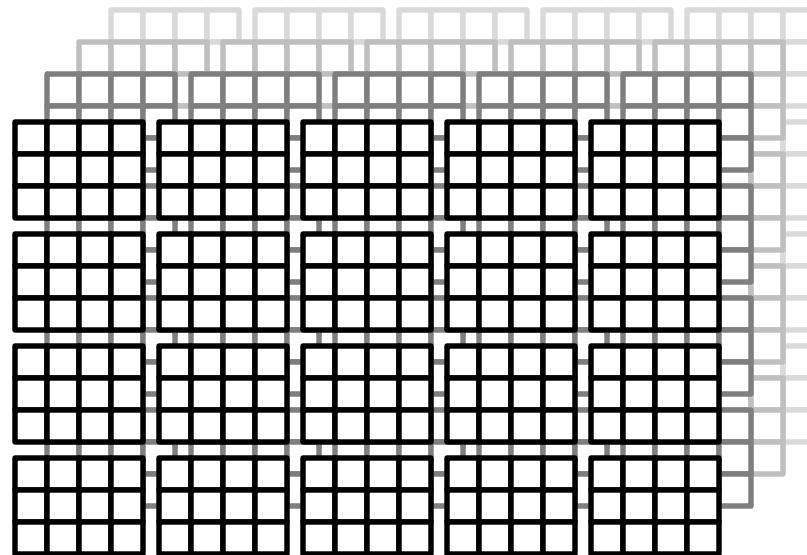
“NDRRange Index Space” can be 1D, 2D, or 3D. This one is 2D.



$$\#WorkGroups = \frac{GlobalIndexSpaceSize}{WorkGroupSize}$$

$$5 \times 4 = \frac{20 \times 12}{4 \times 3}$$

“NDRange Index Space” can be 1D, 2D, or 3D. This one is 3D.



Figuring Out What Thread You Are and What Your Thread Environment is Like

```
uint      get_work_dim( ) ;  
  
size_t    get_global_size( uint dimindx ) ;  
  
size_t    get_global_id( uint dimindx ) ;  
  
  
size_t    get_local_size( uint dimindx ) ;  
  
size_t    get_local_id( uint dimindx ) ;  
  
size_t    get_num_groups( uint dimindx ) ;  
  
size_t    get_group_id( uint dimindx ) ;  
  
size_t    get_global_offset( uint dimindx ) ;
```



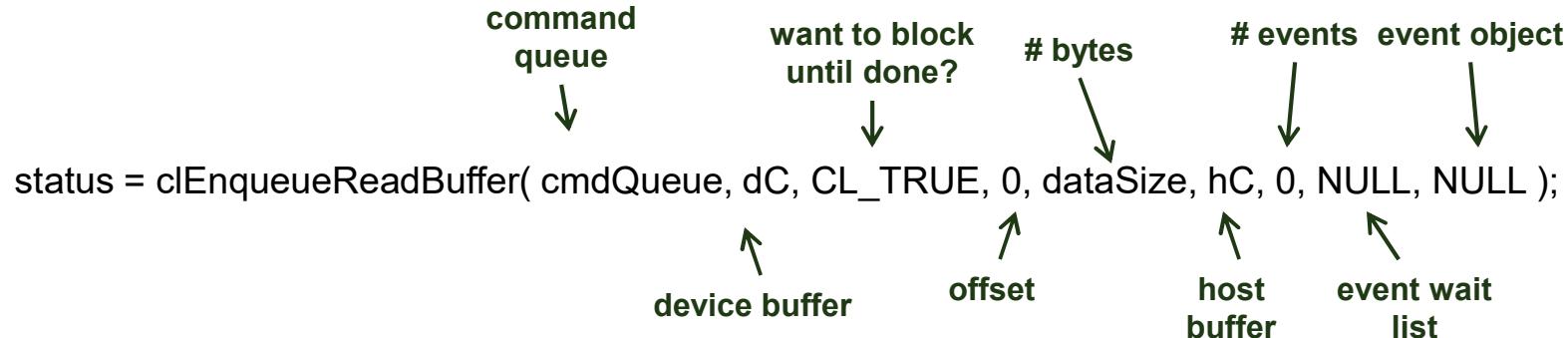
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$$0 \leq dimindx \leq 2$$

12. Read the Results Buffer Back from the Device to the Host

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```
status = clEnqueueReadBuffer( cmdQueue, dC, CL_TRUE, 0, dataSize, hC, 0, NULL, NULL );
```

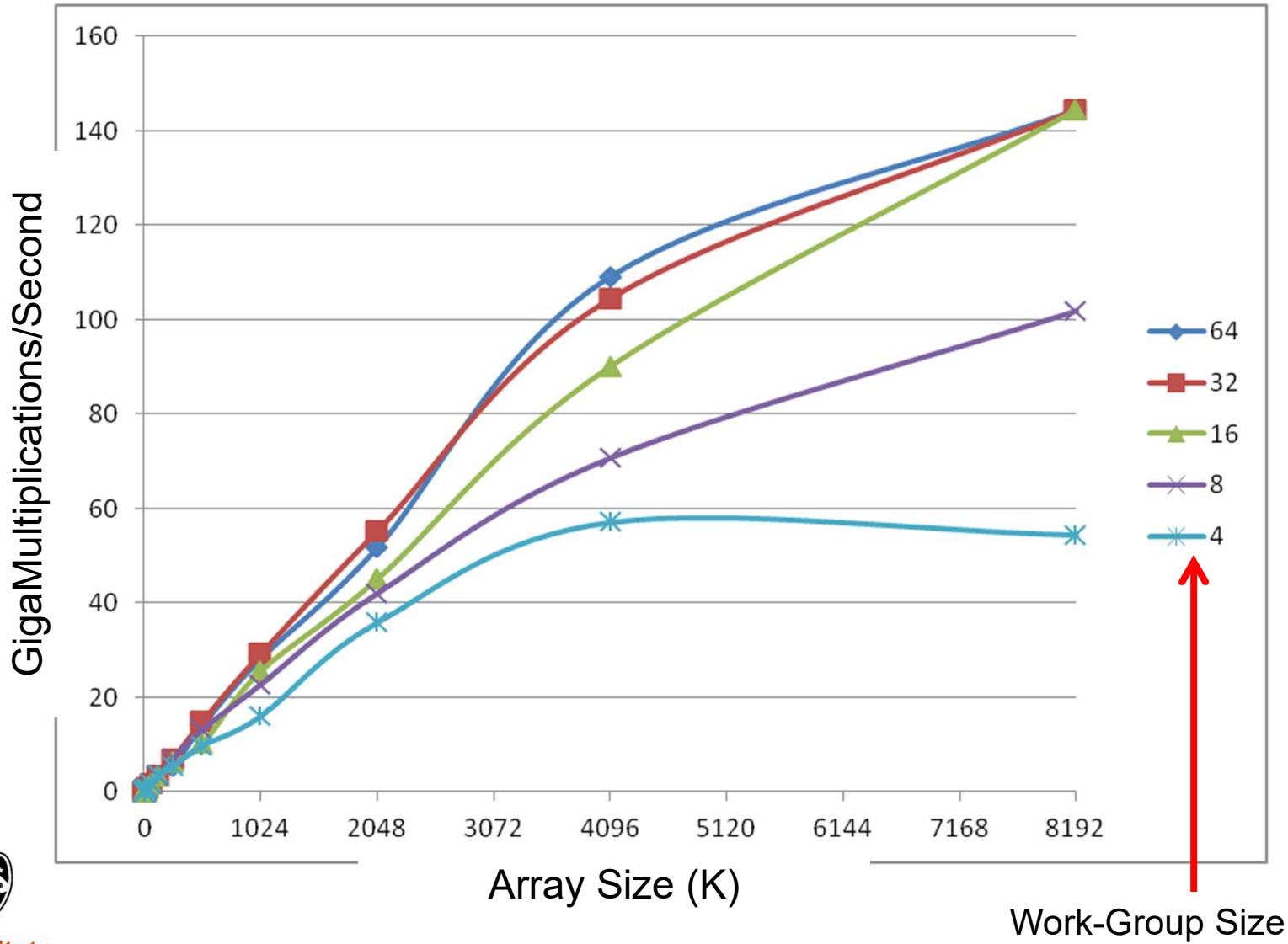


13. Clean Everything Up

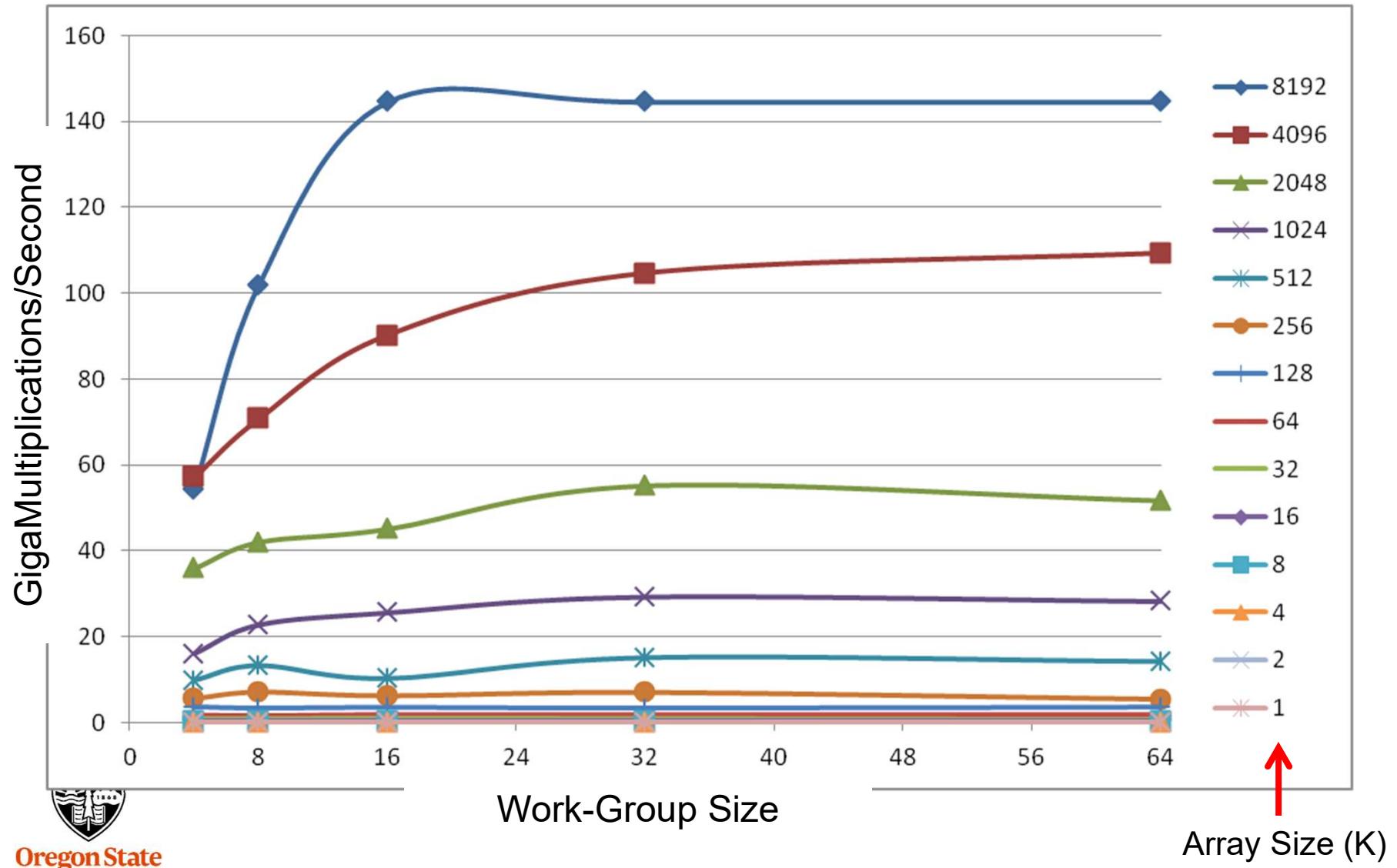
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```
// clean everything up:  
  
clReleaseKernel(      kernel  );  
clReleaseProgram(     program  );  
clReleaseCommandQueue( cmdQueue );  
clReleaseMemObject(   dA  );  
clReleaseMemObject(   dB  );  
clReleaseMemObject(   dC  );
```

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Writing out the .cl Program's Binary Code

```
size_t binary_sizes;
status = clGetProgramInfo( Program, CL_PROGRAM_BINARY_SIZES, 0, NULL, &binary_sizes );

size_t size;
status = clGetProgramInfo( Program, CL_PROGRAM_BINARY_SIZES, sizeof(size_t), &size, NULL );

unsigned char *binary = new unsigned char [ size ];
status = clGetProgramInfo( Program, CL_PROGRAM_BINARIES, size, &binary, NULL );

FILE *fpbin = fopen( "particles.nv", "wb" );
if( fpbin == NULL )
{
    fprintf( stderr, "Cannot create 'particles.bin'\n" );
}
else
{
    fwrite( binary, 1, size, fpbin );
    fclose( fpbin );
}
delete [ ] binary;
```



Importing that Binary Code back In:

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Instead of doing this:

```
char * strings [ 1 ];
strings[0] = clProgramText;
cl_program program = clCreateProgramWithSource( context, 1, (const char **)strings, NULL, &status );
delete [ ] clProgramText;
```

You would do this:

```
unsigned char byteArray[ numBytes ];
cl_program program = clCreateProgramWithBinary( context, 1, &device, &numBytes, &byteArray, &binaryStatus, &status );
delete [ ] byteArray;
```

And you still have to do this:

```
char *options = { "" };
status = clBuildProgram( program, 1, &device, options, NULL, NULL );
if( status != CL_SUCCESS )
{
    size_t size;
    clGetProgramBuildInfo( program, device, CL_PROGRAM_BUILD_LOG, 0, NULL, &size );
    cl_char *log = new cl_char[ size ];
    clGetProgramBuildInfo( program, device, CL_PROGRAM_BUILD_LOG, size, log, NULL );
    fprintf( stderr, "clBuildProgram failed:\n%s\n", log );
    delete [ ] log;
}
```

