

**NVIDIA Jetson Orin NX Comprehensive Guide**

**1. Overview**

**NVIDIA Jetson Orin NX** is a compact, high-performance embedded system designed for AI and edge computing. Key features include:

* **NVIDIA Ampere Architecture**: 1024 CUDA cores, 32 Tensor Cores
* **Heterogeneous Compute**: 8-core NVIDIA Carmel ARM v8.2 CPU + GPU
* **Power Efficiency**: 10-25W configurable TDP
* **Memory**: 8GB/16GB LPDDR5 (51.2GB/s bandwidth)
* **Storage**: 64GB eMMC + NVMe SSD support
* **I/O**: 2x USB 3.2, 2x MIPI CSI-2 (4-lane), 1x GbE, 40-pin GPIO

**2. Flashing & Initial Setup**

**Prerequisites**

* Host machine running Ubuntu 20.04/22.04
* JetPack SDK 5.1.2+
* USB-C cable for Force Recovery Mode

**Flashing Steps**

1. Enter Recovery Mode:

sudo ./flash.sh -r jetson-orin-nx-devkit mmcblk0p1

1. Automated flashing with SDK Manager:

sudo ./nvsdkmanager\_flash.sh --storage nvme0n1p1

1. Verify flash:

sha1sum –c /etc/nv\_tegra\_release

**3. Multimedia & Vision**

**Supported Features**

* **HW Accelerated Codecs**:
  + **Decode**: H.265 8K@60, AV1 4K@60
  + **Encode**: H.264 4K@60, HEVC 4K@60
* **Camera Interfaces**: 12x MIPI CSI-2 (4x4L + 2x2L)

**GStreamer Pipelines**

**4K H.265 Decode → Display**:

gst-launch-1.0 filesrc location=4k.hevc ! h265parse ! nvv4l2decoder ! nv3dsink

**Multi-Camera Capture**:

gst-launch-1.0 nvarguscamerasrc sensor-id=0 ! 'video/x-raw(memory:NVMM),width=3840,height=2160' ! queue ! nvv4l2h265enc ! matroskamux ! filesink location=cam0.mkv

**4. Power & Thermal Management**

**Power Modes**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mode | TDP | CPU Cores | GPU Freq |
| 10W | 10W | 4x A78AE | 625 MHz |
| 15W | 15W | 6x A78AE | 900 MHz |
| 25W | 25W | 8x A78AE | 1.3 GHz |

**Configure via**:

sudo jetson\_clocks --set <mode> # 10W/15W/25W

**Thermal Monitoring**

tegrastats --interval 1000

**Output**:

RAM 15% CPU [50%] GPU 40% C2:45C C3:50C PMIC:60C

**5. Clock Management**

**Key Clocks**

* **GPU**: 625 MHz - 1.3 GHz
* **CPU**: 1.2 GHz - 2.2 GHz
* **EMC**: 3.2 GHz LPDDR5

**Override EMC Clock**:

echo 1 > /sys/kernel/debug/bpmp/debug/clk/emc/mrq\_rate\_locked  
echo 3200000000 > /sys/kernel/debug/bpmp/debug/clk/emc/rate

**6. Security Features**

**Secure Boot**

1. Generate SBK/KEK2 keys via HSM
2. Flash fused devices:

sudo ./flash.sh -S <size> -k PKC jetson-orin-nx mmcblk0p1

**OP-TEE Integration**

**Trusted Application Workflow**:

TEE\_Result TA\_CreateEntryPoint(void) {  
 return TEE\_SUCCESS;   
}

**7. Hardware Specifications**

**Compute**

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| Component | Specification |
| CPU | 8-core NVIDIA Carmel ARM v8.2 (2MB L2) |
| GPU | 1024-core Ampere (24 Tensor Cores) |
| DL Accelerator | 2x NVDLA v2.0 |
| Vision Accelerator | 2x PVA v2 |

**I/O & Expansion**

* **PCIe Gen4**: 1x8 + 1x4
* **CAN Bus**: 2x FD-CAN
* **Display**: 2x DP1.4a (8K60)

**8. Troubleshooting**

**Common Issues**

1. **Boot Failure**:

dmesg | grep -i tegra  
journalctl -xe | grep nvpmodel

1. **Thermal Throttling**:

sudo systemctl stop nvthermal-watchdog

**9. References**

1. [Jetson Linux R34.1 Developer Guide](https://docs.nvidia.com/jetson/archives/r34.1/DeveloperGuide)
2. [Orin NX Technical Reference Manual](https://developer.nvidia.com/embedded/jetson-orin-nx-trm)
3. [NVIDIA Forums](https://forums.developer.nvidia.com/c/agx-jetson-platforms/jetson-orin/251)

*This document consolidates official NVIDIA documentation, community resources, and technical specifications for Jetson Orin NX. Always verify configurations against the latest SDK release.*

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