

Virtual GPU Software

User Guide

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Chapter 1. Introduction to NVIDIA vGPU Software

NVIDIA vGPU software is a graphics virtualization platform that provides virtual machines (VMs) access to NVIDIA GPU technology.

How NVIDIA vGPU Software Is Used

NVIDIA vGPU software can be used in several ways.

1 1 1 NVIDIA vGPU

NVIDIA Virtual GPU (vGPU) enables multiple virtual machines (VMs) to have simultaneous, direct access to a single physical GPU, using the same NVIDIA graphics drivers that are deployed on non-virtualized operating systems. By doing this, NVIDIA vGPU provides VMs with unparalleled graphics performance, compute performance, and application compatibility, together with the cost-effectiveness and scalability brought about by sharing a GPU among multiple workloads.

For more information, see Installing and Configuring NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager.

1.1.2. GPU Pass-Through

In GPU pass-through mode, an entire physical GPU is directly assigned to one VM, bypassing the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager. In this mode of operation, the GPU is accessed exclusively by the NVIDIA driver running in the VM to which it is assigned. The GPU is not shared among VMs.

For more information, see Using GPU Pass-Through.

1.1.3. Bare-Metal Deployment

In a bare-metal deployment, you can use NVIDIA vGPU software graphics drivers with vWS and vApps licenses to deliver remote virtual desktops and applications. If you intend to use Tesla boards without a hypervisor for this purpose, use NVIDIA vGPU software graphics drivers, not other NVIDIA drivers.

To use NVIDIA vGPU software drivers for a bare-metal deployment, complete these tasks:

1. Install the driver on the physical host.

For instructions, see Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics Driver.

- 2. License any NVIDIA vGPU software that you are using.
 - For instructions, see <u>Virtual GPU Client Licensing User Guide</u>.
- 3. Configure the platform for remote access.
 - To use graphics features with Tesla GPUs, you must use a supported remoting solution, for example, RemoteFX, Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops, VNC, or similar technology.
- 4. Use the display settings feature of the host OS to configure the Tesla GPU as the primary display.
 - NVIDIA Tesla generally operates as a secondary device on bare-metal platforms.
- 5. If the system has multiple display adapters, disable display devices connected through adapters that are not from NVIDIA.
 - You can use the display settings feature of the host OS or the remoting solution for this purpose. On NVIDIA GPUs, including Tesla GPUs, a default display device is enabled.
 - Users can launch applications that require NVIDIA GPU technology for enhanced user experience only after displays that are driven by NVIDIA adapters are enabled.

1.2. Primary Display Adapter Requirements for NVIDIA vGPU Software Deployments

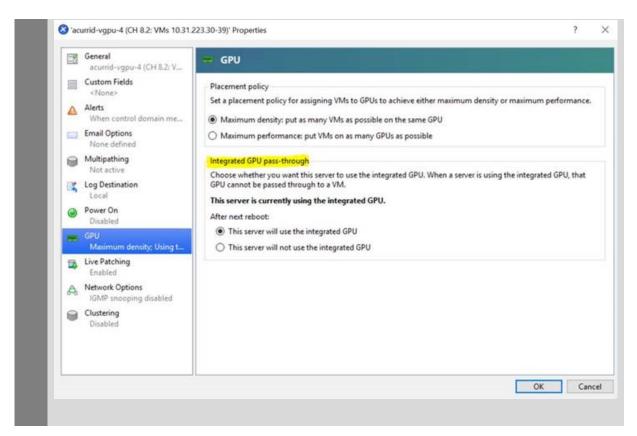
The GPU that is set as the primary display adapter cannot be used for NVIDIA vGPU deployments or GPU pass through deployments. The primary display is the boot display of the hypervisor host, which displays SBIOS console messages and then boot of the OS or hypervisor.

Any GPU that is being used for NVIDIA vGPU deployments or GPU pass through deployments must be set as a **secondary** display adapter.



Note:

Citrix Hypervisor provides a specific setting to allow the primary display adapter to be used for GPU pass through deployments.



Only the following GPUs are supported as the primary display adapter:

- Tesla M6
- Quadro RTX 6000
- Quadro RTX 8000

All other GPUs that support NVIDIA vGPU software cannot function as the primary display adapter because they are 3D controllers, not VGA devices.

If the hypervisor host does not have an extra graphics adapter, consider installing a lowend display adapter to be used as the primary display adapter. If necessary, ensure that the primary display adapter is set correctly in the BIOS options of the hypervisor host.

NVIDIA vGPU Software Features

NVIDIA vGPU software includes vWS, vCS, vPC, and vApps.

GPU Instance Support on NVIDIA vGPU 1.3.1. Software

NVIDIA vGPU software supports GPU instances on GPUs that support the Multi-Instance GPU (MIG) feature in NVIDIA vGPU and GPU pass through deployments. MIG enables a physical GPU to be securely partitioned into multiple separate GPU instances, providing multiple users with separate GPU resources to accelerate their applications.

In addition to providing all the benefits of MIG, NVIDIA vGPU software adds virtual machine security and management for workloads. Single Root I/O Virtualization (SR-IOV) virtual functions enable full IOMMU protection for the virtual machines that are configured with vGPUs.

Figure 1 shows a GPU that is split into three GPU instances of different sizes, with each instance mapped to one vGPU. Although each GPU instance is managed by the hypervisor host and is mapped to one vGPU, each virtual machine can further subdivide the compute resources into smaller compute instances and run multiple containers on top of them in parallel, even within each vGPU.

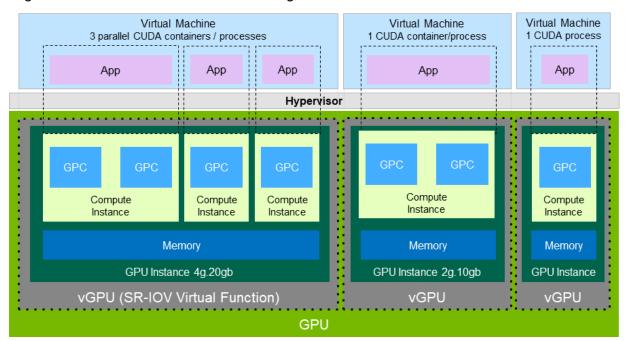


Figure 1. GPU Instances Configured with NVIDIA vGPU

NVIDIA vGPU software supports a single-slice MIG-backed vGPU with DEC, JPG, and OFA support. Only one MIG-backed vGPU with DEC, JPG, and OFA support can reside on a GPU. The instance can be placed identically to a single-slice instance without DEC, JPG, and OFA support.

Not all hypervisors support GPU instances in NVIDIA vGPU deployments. To determine if your chosen hypervisor supports GPU instances in NVIDIA vGPU deployments, consult the release notes for your hypervisor at NVIDIA Virtual GPU Software Documentation.

NVIDIA vGPU software supports GPU instances only with NVIDIA Virtual Compute Server and Linux quest operating systems.

To support GPU instances with NVIDIA vGPU, a GPU must be configured with MIG mode enabled and GPU instances must be created and configured on the physical GPU. For more information, see Configuring a GPU for MIG-Backed vGPUs. For general information about the MIG feature, see: NVIDIA Multi-Instance GPU User Guide.

1.3.2. API Support on NVIDIA vGPU

NVIDIA vGPU includes support for the following APIs:

- Open Computing Language (OpenCL[™] software) 3.0
- ► OpenGL[®] 4.6
- ▶ Vulkan® 1.3
- DirectX 11
- DirectX 12 (Windows 10)
- Direct2D
- DirectX Video Acceleration (DXVA)
- ► NVIDIA® CUDA® 12.0
- NVIDIA vGPU software SDK (remote graphics acceleration)
- NVIDIA RTX (on GPUs based on the NVIDIA Volta graphic architecture and later architectures)



Note: These APIs are backwards compatible. Older versions of the API are also supported.

1.3.3. NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit and OpenCL Support on NVIDIA vGPU Software

NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit and OpenCL are supported with NVIDIA vGPU only on a subset of vGPU types and supported GPUs.

For more information about NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit, see CUDA Toolkit 12.0 Documentation.



Note:

If you are using NVIDIA vGPU software with CUDA on Linux, avoid conflicting installation methods by installing CUDA from a distribution-independent runfile package. Do not install CUDA from a distribution-specific RPM or Deb package.

To ensure that the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver is not overwritten when CUDA is installed, deselect the CUDA driver when selecting the CUDA components to install.

For more information, see NVIDIA CUDA Installation Guide for Linux.

OpenCL and CUDA Application Support

OpenCL and CUDA applications are supported on the following NVIDIA vGPU types:

- ► The 8Q vGPU type on Tesla M6, Tesla M10, and Tesla M60 GPUs
- All Q-series vGPU types on the following GPUs:
 - Since 15.1: NVIDIA L40

- Since 15.1: NVIDIA RTX 6000 Ada
- ► NVIDIA A2
- NVIDIA A10
- ► NVIDIA A16
- NVIDIA A40
- NVIDIA RTX A5000
- NVIDIA RTX A5500
- NVIDIA RTX A6000
- ► Tesla P4
- ► Tesla P6
- Tesla P40
- Tesla P100 SXM2 16 GB
- ► Tesla P100 PCIe 16 GB
- ► Tesla P100 PCIe 12 GB
- Tesla V100 SXM2
- Tesla V100 SXM2 32GB
- Tesla V100 PCIe
- Tesla V100 PCIe 32GB
- Tesla V100S PCIe 32GB
- ► Tesla V100 FHHL
- ► Tesla T4
- Quadro RTX 6000
- Quadro RTX 6000 passive
- Quadro RTX 8000
- Quadro RTX 8000 passive
- ► All C-series vGPU types

NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit Development Tool Support

NVIDIA vGPU supports the following NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit development tools on some GPUs:

- Debuggers:
 - ► CUDA-GDB
 - Compute Sanitizer
- Profilers:
 - ► The Activity, Callback, and Profiling APIs of the CUDA Profiling Tools Interface (CUPTI) Other CUPTI APIs, such as the Event and Metric APIs, are not supported.

- NVIDIA Nsight[™] Compute
- NVIDIA Nsight Systems
- NVIDIA Nsight plugin
- NVIDIA Nsight Visual Studio plugin

Other CUDA profilers, such as nvprof and NVIDIA Visual Profiler, are not supported.

These tools are supported **only** in Linux guest VMs.

NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit profilers are supported and can be enabled on a VM for which unified memory is enabled.



Note: By default, NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit development tools are disabled on NVIDIA vGPU. If used, you must enable NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit development tools individually for each VM that requires them by setting vGPU plugin parameters. For instructions, see **Enabling NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit** Development Tools for NVIDIA vGPU.

The following table lists the GPUs on which NVIDIA vGPU supports these debuggers and profilers.

GPU	vGPU Mode	Debuggers	Profilers
Since 15.1: NVIDIA L40	Time-sliced	#	#
Since 15.1: NVIDIA RTX 6000 Ada	Time-sliced	#	#
NVIDIA A2	Time-sliced	#	#
NVIDIA A10	Time-sliced	#	#
NVIDIA A16	Time-sliced	#	#
NVIDIA A30	Time-sliced	#	#
	MIG-backed	#	#
NVIDIA A30X	Time-sliced	#	#
	MIG-backed	#	#
NVIDIA A40	Time-sliced	#	#
NVIDIA A100 HGX 40GB	Time-sliced	#	#
	MIG-backed	#	#
NVIDIA A100 PCIe 40GB	Time-sliced	#	#
	MIG-backed	#	#
NVIDIA A100 HGX 80GB	Time-sliced	#	#
	MIG-backed	#	#
NVIDIA A100 PCIe 80GB	Time-sliced	#	#

GPU	vGPU Mode	Debuggers	Profilers
	MIG-backed	#	#
NVIDIA A100 PCIe 80GB	Time-sliced	#	#
liquid cooled	MIG-backed	#	#
NVIDIA A100X	Time-sliced	#	#
	MIG-backed	#	#
NVIDIA A800 PCIe 80GB	Time-sliced	#	#
	MIG-backed	#	#
NVIDIA A800 PCIe 80GB	Time-sliced	#	#
liquid cooled	MIG-backed	#	#
NVIDIA A800 HGX 80GB	Time-sliced	#	#
	MIG-backed	#	#
NVIDIA H100 PCIe 80GB	Time-sliced	#	#
	MIG-backed	#	#
NVIDIA RTX A5000	Time-sliced	#	#
NVIDIA RTX A5500	Time-sliced	#	#
NVIDIA RTX A6000	Time-sliced	#	#
Tesla T4	Time-sliced	#	#
Quadro RTX 6000	Time-sliced	#	#
Quadro RTX 6000 passive	Time-sliced	#	#
Quadro RTX 8000	Time-sliced	#	#
Quadro RTX 8000 passive	Time-sliced	#	#
Tesla V100 SXM2	Time-sliced	#	#
Tesla V100 SXM2 32GB	Time-sliced	#	#
Tesla V100 PCIe	Time-sliced	#	#
Tesla V100 PCIe 32GB	Time-sliced	#	#
Tesla V100S PCIe 32GB	Time-sliced	#	#
Tesla V100 FHHL	Time-sliced	#	#

Feature is supported

- Feature is not supported

Supported NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit Features

NVIDIA vGPU supports the following NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit features if the vGPU type, physical GPU, and the hypervisor software version support the feature:

- Error-correcting code (ECC) memory
- Peer-to-peer CUDA transfers over NVLink



Note: To determine the NVLink topology between physical GPUs in a host or vGPUs assigned to a VM, run the following command from the host or VM:

\$ nvidia-smi topo -m

- NVIDIA GPUDirect® Remote Direct Memory Access (RDMA) technology
- GPUDirect Storage technology
- Unified Memory



Note: Unified memory is disabled by default. If used, you must enable unified memory individually for each vGPU that requires it by setting a vGPU plugin parameter. For instructions, see Enabling Unified Memory for a vGPU.

NVIDIA Nsight Systems GPU context switch trace

Dynamic page retirement is supported for all vGPU types on physical GPUs that support ECC memory, even if ECC memory is disabled on the physical GPU.

NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit Features Not Supported by NVIDIA vGPU

NVIDIA vGPU does not support the NVIDIA Nsight Graphics feature of NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit.



Note: The NVIDIA Nsight Graphics feature is supported in GPU pass-through mode and in baremetal deployments.

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In addition to the features of vPC and vApps, vWS provides the following features:

- Workstation-specific graphics features and accelerations
- Certified drivers for professional applications
- ▶ GPU pass through for workstation or professional 3D graphics
 - In pass-through mode, vWS supports multiple virtual display heads at resolutions up to 8K and flexible virtual display resolutions based on the number of available pixels. For details, see Display Resolutions for Physical GPUs.
- ▶ 10-bit color for Windows users. (HDR/10-bit color is not currently supported on Linux, NvFBC capture is supported but deprecated.)

1.3.5. NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC) Containers Support on NVIDIA vGPU Software

NVIDIA vGPU software supports NGC containers in NVIDIA vGPU and GPU pass-through deployments on all supported hypervisors.

In NVIDIA vGPU deployments, the following vGPU types are supported only on GPUs based on NVIDIA GPU architectures **after** the Maxwell architecture:

- All Q-series vGPU types
- All C-series vGPU types

In GPU pass-through deployments, all GPUs based on NVIDIA GPU architectures **after** the NVIDIA Maxwell[™] architecture that support NVIDIA vGPU software are supported.

The Ubuntu guest operating system is supported.

For more information about setting up NVIDIA vGPU software for use with NGC containers, see Using NGC with NVIDIA Virtual GPU Software Setup Guide.

NVIDIA GPU Operator Support 1.3.6.

NVIDIA GPU Operator simplifies the deployment of NVIDIA vGPU software on software container platforms that are managed by the Kubernetes container orchestration engine. It automates the installation and update of NVIDIA vGPU software graphics drivers for container platforms running in guest VMs that are configured with NVIDIA vGPU.

NVIDIA GPU Operator uses a driver catalog published with the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics drivers to determine automatically the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver version that is compatible with a platform's Virtual GPU Manager.

Any drivers to be installed by NVIDIA GPU Operator must be downloaded from the NVIDIA Licensing Portal to a local computer. Automated access to the NVIDIA Licensing Portal by NVIDIA GPU Operator is not supported.

NVIDIA GPU Operator supports automated configuration of NVIDIA vGPU software and provides telemetry support through DCGM Exporter running in a guest VM.

NVIDIA GPU Operator is supported only on specific combinations of hypervisor software release, container platform, vGPU type, and guest OS release. To determine if your configuration supports NVIDIA GPU Operator with NVIDIA vGPU deployments, consult the release notes for your chosen hypervisor at NVIDIA Virtual GPU Software Documentation.

For more information, see <u>NVIDIA GPU Operator Overview</u> on the NVIDIA documentation portal.

How this Guide Is Organized

Virtual GPU Software User Guide is organized as follows:

▶ This chapter introduces the capabilities and features of NVIDIA vGPU software.

- ▶ Installing and Configuring NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager provides a step-by-step guide to installing and configuring vGPU on supported hypervisors.
- ▶ Using GPU Pass-Through explains how to configure a GPU for pass-through on supported hypervisors.
- Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics Driver explains how to install NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver on Windows and Linux operating systems.
- Licensing an NVIDIA vGPU explains how to license NVIDIA vGPU licensed products on Windows and Linux operating systems.
- ▶ Modifying a VM's NVIDIA vGPU Configuration explains how to remove a VM's vGPU configuration and modify GPU assignments for vGPU-enabled VMs.
- Monitoring GPU Performance covers performance monitoring of physical GPUs and virtual GPUs from the hypervisor and from within individual guest VMs.
- ▶ Changing Scheduling Behavior for Time-Sliced vGPUs describes the scheduling behavior of NVIDIA vGPUs and how to change it.
- ▶ <u>Troubleshooting</u> provides guidance on troubleshooting.
- ▶ <u>Virtual GPU Types Reference</u> provides details of each vGPU available from each supported GPU and provides examples of mixed virtual display configurations for B-series and Qseries vGPUs.
- ► Configuring x11vnc for Checking the GPU in a Linux Server explains how to use x11vnc to confirm that the NVIDIA GPU in a Linux server to which no display devices are directly connected is working as expected.
- ▶ <u>Disabling NVIDIA Notification Icon for Citrix Published Application User Sessions</u> explains how to ensure that the **NVIDIA Notification Icon** application does not prevent the Citrix Published Application user session from being logged off even after the user has guit all ot
- Citrix Hypervisor Basics explains how to perform basic operations on Citrix Hypervisor to install and configure NVIDIA vGPU software and optimize Citrix Hypervisor operation with vGPU.
- ▶ <u>Citrix Hypervisor vGPU Management</u> covers vGPU management on Citrix Hypervisor.
- ► Citrix Hypervisor Performance Tuning covers vGPU performance optimization on Citrix Hypervisor.

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The process for installing and configuring NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager depends on the hypervisor that you are using. After you complete this process, you can install the display drivers for your guest OS and license any NVIDIA vGPU software licensed products that you are using.

2.1. About NVIDIA Virtual GPUs

2.1.1. NVIDIA vGPU Architecture

The high-level architecture of NVIDIA vGPU is illustrated in Figure 2. Under the control of the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager running under the hypervisor, NVIDIA physical GPUs are capable of supporting multiple virtual GPU devices (vGPUs) that can be assigned directly to guest VMs.

Guest VMs use NVIDIA vGPUs in the same manner as a physical GPU that has been passed through by the hypervisor: an NVIDIA driver loaded in the guest VM provides direct access to the GPU for performance-critical fast paths, and a paravirtualized interface to the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager is used for non-performant management operations.

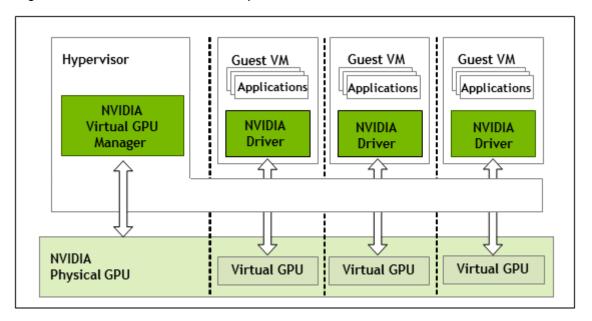


Figure 2. NVIDIA vGPU System Architecture

Each NVIDIA vGPU is analogous to a conventional GPU, having a fixed amount of GPU framebuffer, and one or more virtual display outputs or "heads". The vGPU's framebuffer is allocated out of the physical GPU's framebuffer at the time the vGPU is created, and the vGPU retains exclusive use of that framebuffer until it is destroyed.

Depending on the physical GPU, different types of vGPU can be created on the vGPU:

- On all GPUs that support NVIDIA vGPU software, time-sliced vGPUs can be created.
- Additionally, on GPUs that support the Multi-Instance GPU (MIG) feature, MIG-backed vGPUs can be created. The MIG feature is introduced on GPUs that are based on the NVIDIA Ampere GPU architecture.

2.1.1.1 Time-Sliced NVIDIA vGPU Internal Architecture

A time-sliced vGPU is a vGPU that resides on a physical GPU that is not partitioned into multiple GPU instances. All time-sliced vGPUs resident on a GPU share access to the GPU's engines including the graphics (3D), video decode, and video encode engines.

In a time-sliced vGPU, processes that run on the vGPU are scheduled to run in series. Each vGPU waits while other processes run on other vGPUs. While processes are running on a vGPU, the vGPU has exclusive use of the GPU's engines. You can change the default scheduling behavior as explained in Changing Scheduling Behavior for Time-Sliced vGPUs.

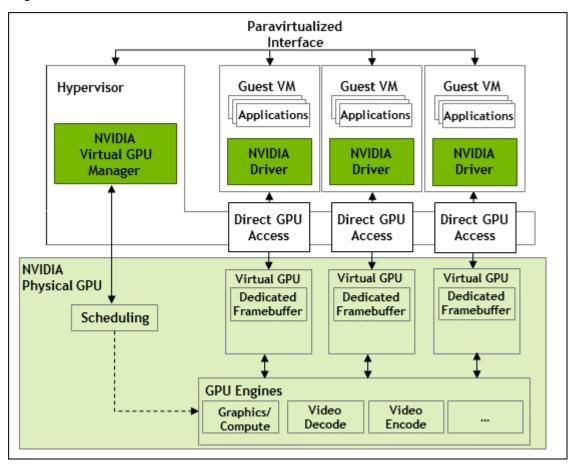


Figure 3. Time-Sliced NVIDIA vGPU Internal Architecture

2.1.1.2. MIG-Backed NVIDIA vGPU Internal Architecture

A MIG-backed vGPU is a vGPU that resides on a GPU instance in a MIG-capable physical GPU. Each MIG-backed vGPU resident on a GPU has exclusive access to the GPU instance's engines, including the compute and video decode engines.

In a MIG-backed vGPU, processes that run on the vGPU run in parallel with processes running on other vGPUs on the GPU. Process run on all vGPUs resident on a physical GPU simultaneously.

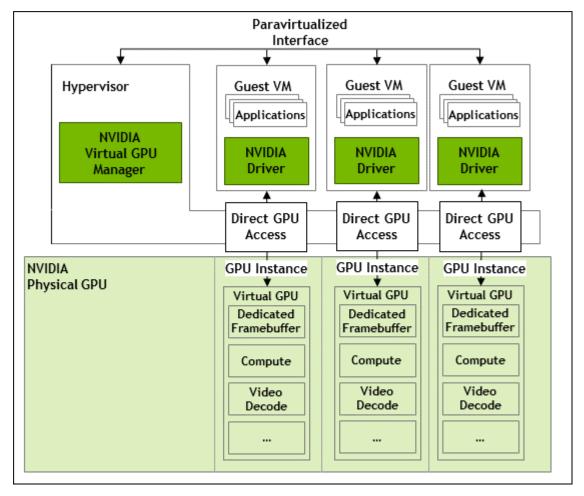


Figure 4. MIG-Backed NVIDIA vGPU Internal Architecture

2.1.2. About Virtual GPU Types

The number of physical GPUs that a board has depends on the board. Each physical GPU can support several different types of virtual GPU (vGPU), vGPU types have a fixed amount of frame buffer, number of supported display heads, and maximum resolutions¹. They are grouped into different series according to the different classes of workload for which they are optimized. Each series is identified by the last letter of the vGPU type name.

Series	Optimal Workload
Q-series	Virtual workstations for creative and technical professionals who require the performance and features of Quadro technology
C-series	Compute-intensive server workloads, such as artificial intelligence (AI), deep learning, or high-performance computing (HPC) 2,3

NVIDIA vGPUs with less than 1 Gbyte of frame buffer support only 1 virtual display head on a Windows 10 guest OS.

² C-series vGPU types are NVIDIA Virtual Compute Server vGPU types, which are optimized for compute-intensive workloads. As a result, they support only a single display head and do not provide Quadro graphics acceleration.

The maximum number of NVIDIA Virtual Compute Server vGPUs is limited to **eight** vGPUs per physical GPU, irrespective of the available hardware resources of the physical GPU.

Series	Optimal Workload
B-series	Virtual desktops for business professionals and knowledge workers
A-series	App streaming or session-based solutions for virtual applications users $^{\underline{\delta}}$

The number after the board type in the vGPU type name denotes the amount of frame buffer that is allocated to a vGPU of that type. For example, a vGPU of type A16-4C is allocated 4096 Mbytes of frame buffer on an NVIDIA A16 board.

Due to their differing resource requirements, the maximum number of vGPUs that can be created simultaneously on a physical GPU varies according to the vGPU type. For example, an NVDIA A16 board can support up to 4 A16-4C vGPUs on each of its two physical GPUs, for a total of 16 vGPUs, but only 2 A16-8C vGPUs, for a total of 8 vGPUs.

When enabled, the frame-rate limiter (FRL) limits the maximum frame rate in frames per second (FPS) for a vGPU as follows:

- ▶ For B-series vGPUs, the maximum frame rate is 45 FPS.
- For Q-series, C-series, and A-series vGPUs, the maximum frame rate is 60 FPS.

By default, the FRL is enabled for all GPUs. The FRL is disabled when the vGPU scheduling behavior is changed from the default best-effort scheduler on GPUs that support alternative vGPU schedulers. For details, see Changing Scheduling Behavior for Time-Sliced vGPUs. On vGPUs that use the best-effort scheduler, the FRL can be disabled as explained in the release notes for your chosen hypervisor at NVIDIA Virtual GPU Software Documentation.



Note:

NVIDIA vGPU is a licensed product on all supported GPU boards. A software license is required to enable all vGPU features within the quest VM. The type of license required depends on the vGPU type.

- Q-series vGPU types require a vWS license.
- C-series vGPU types require an NVIDIA Virtual Compute Server (vCS) license but can also be used with a vWS license.
- B-series vGPU types require a vPC license but can also be used with a vWS license.
- A-series vGPU types require a vApps license.

The -1B4 and -2B4 vGPU types are deprecated in this release, and may be removed in a future release. In preparation for the possible removal of these vGPU types, use the following vGPU types, which provide equivalent functionality:

Instead of -1B4 vGPU types, use -1B vGPU types.

Instead of -2B4 vGPU types, use -2B vGPU types.

⁵ With many workloads, -1B and -1B4 vGPUs perform adequately with only 2 2560×1600 virtual displays per vGPU. If you want to use more than 2 2560×1600 virtual displays per vGPU, use a vGPU with more frame buffer, such as a -2B or -2B4 vGPU. For more information, see NVIDIA GRID vPC Sizing Guide (PDF).

⁶ A-series NVIDIA vGPUs support a single display at low resolution to be used as the console display in remote application environments such as RDSH and Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops. The maximum resolution and number of virtual display heads for the A-series NVIDIA vGPUs applies only to the console display. The maximum resolution of each RDSH or Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops session is determined by the remoting solution and is **not** restricted by the maximum resolution of the vGPU. Similarly, the number of virtual display heads supported by each session is determined by the remoting solution and is **not** restricted by the vGPU.

For details of the virtual GPU types available from each supported GPU, see Virtual GPU Types for Supported GPUs.

2.1.3. Virtual Display Resolutions for Q-series and B-series vGPUs

Instead of a fixed maximum resolution per display, Q-series and B-series vGPUs support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by their frame buffer size. You can choose between using a small number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these vGPUs.

The number of virtual displays that you can use depends on a combination of the following factors:

- Virtual GPU series
- ▶ GPU architecture
- vGPU frame buffer size
- Display resolution



Note: You cannot use more than the maximum number of displays that a vGPU supports even if the combined resolution of the displays is less than the number of available pixels from the vGPU. For example, because -0Q and -0B vGPUs support a maximum of only two displays, you cannot use four 1280×1024 displays with these vGPUs even though the combined resolution of the displays (6220800) is less than the number of available pixels from these vGPUs (8192000).

Various factors affect the consumption of the GPU frame buffer, which can impact the user experience. These factors include and are not limited to the number of displays, display resolution, workload and applications deployed, remoting solution, and quest OS. The ability of a vGPU to drive a certain combination of displays does not guarantee that enough frame buffer remains free for all applications to run. If applications run out of frame buffer, consider changing your setup in one of the following ways:

- Switching to a vGPU type with more frame buffer
- Using fewer displays
- Using lower resolution displays

The maximum number of displays per vGPU listed in Virtual GPU Types for Supported GPUs is based on a configuration in which all displays have the same resolution. For examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions, see Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs.

2.1.4. Valid Virtual GPU Configurations on a Single **GPU**

Valid vGPU configurations on a single GPU depend on whether the vGPUs are time sliced or, on GPUs that support MIG, are MIG-backed.

2.1.4.1. Valid Time-Sliced Virtual GPU Configurations on a Single GPU

This release of NVIDIA vGPU supports time-sliced vGPUs with the same amount of frame buffer from different virtual GPU series on the same physical GPU. For example, A-series, Bseries, C-series, and Q-series vGPUs with the same amount of frame buffer can reside on the same physical GPU simultaneously.

However, the requirement that all vGPUs have the same amount of frame buffer doesn't extend across physical GPUs on the same card. Different physical GPUs on the same card may host virtual GPUs with different amounts of frame buffer at the same time, provided that the vGPU types on any one physical GPU all have the same amount of frame buffer.

For example, an NVIDIA A16 card has four physical GPUs, and can support several types of virtual GPU.

- ▶ A configuration with a mixture of A16-4C vGPUs and A16-4Q vGPUs on GPU0 is valid.
- A configuration with A16-16C vGPUs on GPU 0 and GPU 1, A16-8C vGPUs on GPU 2, and A16-4C vGPUs on GPU3 is valid.
- ▶ A configuration with a mixture of A16-8C vGPUs and A16-4C vGPUs on GPU0 is invalid.

Not all hypervisors support time-sliced vGPUs with the same amount of frame buffer from different virtual GPU series on the same physical GPU. To determine if your chosen hypervisor supports this feature, consult the release notes for your hypervisor at NVIDIA Virtual GPU Software Documentation.

2.1.4.2. Valid MIG-Backed Virtual GPU Configurations on a Single GPU

This release of NVIDIA vGPU supports both homogeneous and mixed MIG-backed virtual GPUs based on the underlying GPU instance configuration.

For example, an NVIDIA A100 PCIe 40GB card has one physical GPU, and can support several types of virtual GPU. Figure 5 shows the following examples of valid homogeneous and mixed MIG-backed virtual GPU configurations on NVIDIA A100 PCIe 40GB.

- ▶ A valid homogeneous configuration with 3 A100-2-10C vGPUs on 3 MIG.2g.10b GPU instances
- A valid homogeneous configuration with 2 A100-3-20C vGPUs on 3 MIG.3q.20b GPU instances
- ▶ A valid mixed configuration with 1 A100-4-20C vGPU on a MIG.4q.20b GPU instance, 1 A100-2-10C vGPU on a MIG.2.10b GPU instance, and 1 A100-1-5C vGPU on a MIG.1q.5b instance

Figure 5. Example MIG-Backed vGPU Configurations on NVIDIA A100 PCIe 40GB

NVIDIA A100 PCIe 40GB Physical GPU 0

Valid homogeneous configuration with 3 A100-2-10C vGPUs on 3 MIG.2g.10b GPU instances

A100-2-10C on	A100-2-10C on	A100-2-10C on
MIG.2g.10b	MIG.2g.10b	MIG.2g.10b

Valid homogeneous configuration with 2 A100-3-20C vGPUs on 3 MIG.3g.20b GPU instances

A100-3-20C on	A100-3-20C on
MIG.3g.20b	MIG.3g.20b

Valid mixed configuration with 1 A100-4-20C vGPU on a MIG.4g.20b GPU instance, 1 A100-2-10C vGPU on a MIG.2.10b GPU instance, and 1 A100-1-5C vGPU on a MIG.1g.5b instance

A100-4-20C on	A100-2-10C on	A100-1-5C on
MIG.4g.20b	MIG.2g.10b	MIG.1g.5b

2.1.5. **Guest VM Support**

NVIDIA vGPU supports Windows and Linux guest VM operating systems. The supported vGPU types depend on the guest VM OS.

For details of the supported releases of Windows and Linux, and for further information on supported configurations, see the driver release notes for your hypervisor at NVIDIA Virtual GPU Software Documentation.

Windows Guest VM Support

Windows quest VMs are supported on all NVIDIA vGPU types, namely: Q-series, C-series, Bseries, and A-series NVIDIA vGPU types.

2.1.5.2. Linux Guest VM support

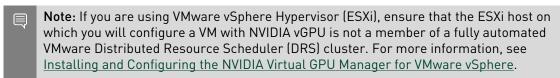
Since 15.1: Linux quest VMs are supported on all NVIDIA vGPU types, namely: Q-series, Cseries, B-series, and A-series NVIDIA vGPU types. 15.0 only: Linux guest VMs are supported only on Q-series, C-series, and B-series NVIDIA vGPU types. They are **not** supported on Aseries NVIDIA vGPU types.

Prerequisites for Using NVIDIA vGPU

Before proceeding, ensure that these prerequisites are met:

- You have a server platform that is capable of hosting your chosen hypervisor and NVIDIA GPUs that support NVIDIA vGPU software.
- One or more NVIDIA GPUs that support NVIDIA vGPU software is installed in your server. platform.

- ▶ If you are using GPUs based on the NVIDIA Ampere architecture, the following BIOS settings are enabled on your server platform:
 - VT-D/IOMMU
 - ▶ SR-I0V
- You have downloaded the NVIDIA vGPU software package for your chosen hypervisor, which consists of the following software:
 - NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for your hypervisor
 - NVIDIA vGPU software graphics drivers for supported guest operating systems
- The following software is installed according to the instructions in the software vendor's documentation:
 - Your chosen hypervisor, for example, Citrix Hypervisor, Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM. Red Hat Virtualization (RHV), or VMware vSphere Hypervisor (ESXi)
 - ▶ The software for managing your chosen hypervisor, for example, Citrix XenCenter management GUI, or VMware vCenter Server
 - The virtual desktop software that you will use with virtual machines (VMs) running NVIDIA Virtual GPU, for example, Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops, or VMware Horizon



- A VM to be enabled with vGPU is created.
 - **Note:** All hypervisors covered in this guide support multiple vGPUs in a VM.
- Your chosen guest OS is installed in the VM.

For information about supported hardware and software, and any known issues for this release of NVIDIA vGPU software, refer to the *Release Notes* for your chosen hypervisor:

- Virtual GPU Software for Citrix Hypervisor Release Notes
- <u>Virtual GPU Software for Microsoft Azure</u> Stack HCI Release Notes
- Virtual GPU Software for Red Hat Enterprise Linux with KVM Release Notes
- Virtual GPU Software for Ubuntu Release Notes
- ▶ Virtual GPU Software for VMware vSphere Release Notes

2.3. Switching the Mode of a GPU that Supports Multiple Display Modes

Some GPUs support displayless and display-enabled modes but must be used in NVIDIA vGPU software deployments in displayless mode.

The GPUs listed in the following table support multiple display modes. As shown in the table, some GPUs are supplied from the factory in displayless mode, but other GPUs are supplied in a display-enabled mode.

GPU	Mode as Supplied from the Factory
NVIDIA A40	Displayless
NVIDIA RTX A5000	Display enabled
NVIDIA RTX A5500	Display enabled
NVIDIA RTX A6000	Display enabled

A GPU that is supplied from the factory in displayless mode, such as the NVIDIA A40 GPU, might be in a display-enabled mode if its mode has previously been changed.

To change the mode of a GPU that supports multiple display modes, use the displaymodeselector tool, which you can request from the NVIDIA Display Mode Selector Tool page on the NVIDIA Developer website.



Note:

Only the following GPUs support the displaymodeselector tool:

- **NVIDIA A40**
- **NVIDIA RTX A5000**
- **NVIDIA RTX A5500**
- **NVIDIA RTX A6000**

Other GPUs that support NVIDIA vGPU software do not support the displaymodeselector tool and, unless otherwise stated, do not require display mode switching.

2.4. Switching the Mode of a Tesla M60 or M6 GPU

Tesla M60 and M6 GPUs support compute mode and graphics mode. NVIDIA vGPU requires GPUs that support both modes to operate in graphics mode.

Recent Tesla M60 GPUs and M6 GPUs are supplied in graphics mode. However, your GPU might be in compute mode if it is an older Tesla M60 GPU or M6 GPU or if its mode has previously been changed.

To configure the mode of Tesla M60 and M6 GPUs, use the gpumodeswitch tool provided with NVIDIA vGPU software releases. If you are unsure which mode your GPU is in, use the gpumodeswitch tool to find out the mode.



Note:

Only Tesla M60 and M6 GPUs support the <code>gpumodeswitch</code> tool. Other GPUs that support NVIDIA vGPU do not support the gpumodeswitch tool and, except as stated in Switching the Mode of a GPU that Supports Multiple Display Modes, do not require mode switching.

Even in compute mode, Tesla M60 and M6 GPUs do not support NVIDIA Virtual Compute Server vGPU types. Furthermore, vCS is not supported on any GPU on Citrix Hypervisor.

For more information, refer to gpumodeswitch User Guide.

2.5. Installing and Configuring the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for Citrix Hypervisor

The following topics step you through the process of setting up a single Citrix Hypervisor VM to use NVIDIA vGPU. After the process is complete, you can install the graphics driver for your quest OS and license any NVIDIA vGPU software licensed products that you are using.

These setup steps assume familiarity with the Citrix Hypervisor skills covered in Citrix Hypervisor Basics.

2.5.1. Installing and Updating the NVIDIA Virtual **GPU Manager for Citrix Hypervisor**

The NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager runs in the Citrix Hypervisor dom0 domain. The NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for Citrix Hypervisor is supplied as an RPM file and as a Supplemental Pack.



CAUTION: NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager and quest VM drivers must be compatible. If you update vGPU Manager to a release that is incompatible with the guest VM drivers, guest VMs will boot with vGPU disabled until their quest vGPU driver is updated to a compatible version. Consult Virtual GPU Software for Citrix Hypervisor Release Notes for further details.

Installing the RPM package for Citrix Hypervisor 2.5.1.1.

The RPM file must be copied to the Citrix Hypervisor dom0 domain prior to installation (see Copying files to dom0).

1. Use the rpm command to install the package:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # rpm -iv NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-
CitrixHypervisor-8.2-525.85.07.x86_64.rpm
Preparing packages for installation...
NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-CitrixHypervisor-8.2-525.85.07
```

```
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

2. Reboot the Citrix Hypervisor platform:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # shutdown -r now
Broadcast message from root (pts/1) (Fri Jan 27 14:24:11 2023):
The system is going down for reboot NOW!
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

Updating the RPM Package for Citrix Hypervisor 2.5.1.2.

If an existing NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager is already installed on the system and you want to upgrade, follow these steps:

- 1. Shut down any VMs that are using NVIDIA vGPU.
- 2. Install the new package using the -v option to the rpm command, to upgrade from the previously installed package:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # rpm -Uv NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-
CitrixHypervisor-8.2-525.85.07.x86 64.rpm
Preparing packages for installation...
NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-CitrixHypervisor-8.2-525.85.07
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

Note:

You can query the version of the current NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager package using the rpm -q command:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # rpm -q NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-
CitrixHypervisor-8.2-525.85.07
[root@xenserver ~]#
If an existing NVIDIA GRID package is already installed and you don't
select the upgrade (-U) option when installing a newer GRID package, the
rpm command will return many conflict errors.
Preparing packages for installation...
        file /usr/bin/nvidia-smi from install of NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-
vGPU-CitrixHypervisor-8.2-525.85.07.x86 64 conflicts with file from
package NVIDIA-vGPU-xenserver-8.2-525.60.12.x86 64
        file /usr/lib/libnvidia-ml.so from install of NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-
vGPU-CitrixHypervisor-8.2-525.85.07.x86 64 conflicts with file from
package NVIDIA-vGPU-xenserver-8.2-525.60.12.x86 64
```

3. Reboot the Citrix Hypervisor platform:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # shutdown -r now
Broadcast message from root (pts/1) (Fri Jan 27 14:24:11 2023):
The system is going down for reboot NOW!
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

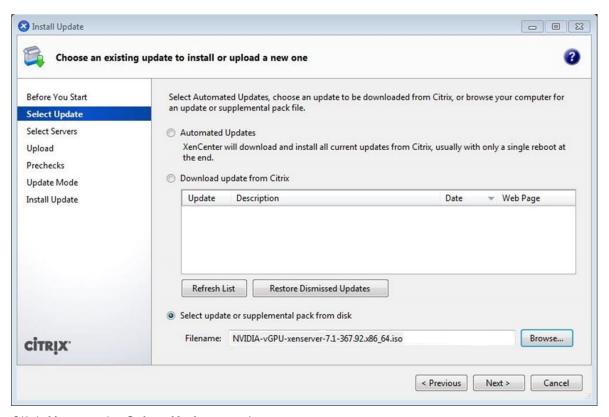
Installing or Updating the Supplemental Pack for 2.5.1.3. Citrix Hypervisor

XenCenter can be used to install or update Supplemental Packs on Citrix Hypervisor hosts. The NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager supplemental pack is provided as an ISO.

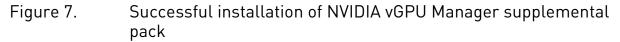
- 1. Select **Install Update** from the **Tools** menu.
- 2. Click **Next** after going through the instructions on the **Before You Start** section.

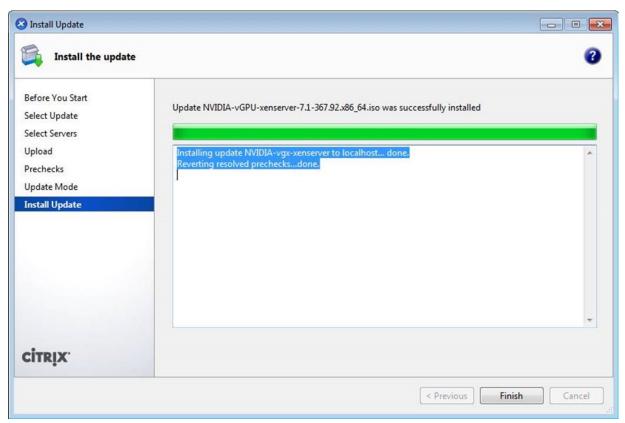
3. Click Select update or supplemental pack from disk on the Select Update section and open NVIDIA's Citrix Hypervisor Supplemental Pack ISO.

Figure 6. NVIDIA vGPU Manager supplemental pack selected in XenCenter



- 4. Click **Next** on the **Select Update** section.
- 5. In the **Select Servers** section select all the Citrix Hypervisor hosts on which the Supplemental Pack should be installed on and click Next.
- 6. Click **Next** on the **Upload** section once the Supplemental Pack has been uploaded to all the Citrix Hypervisor hosts.
- 7. Click **Next** on the **Prechecks** section.
- 8. Click Install Update on the Update Mode section.
- 9. Click Finish on the Install Update section.





2.5.1.4. Verifying the Installation of the NVIDIA vGPU Software for Citrix Hypervisor Package

After the Citrix Hypervisor platform has rebooted, verify the installation of the NVIDIA vGPU software package for Citrix Hypervisor.

1. Verify that the NVIDIA vGPU software package is installed and loaded correctly by checking for the NVIDIA kernel driver in the list of kernel loaded modules.

```
[root@xenserver ~] # lsmod | grep nvidia
          9522927 0
20294 2 nvidia,i2c_i801
nvidia
i2c core
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

2. Verify that the NVIDIA kernel driver can successfully communicate with the NVIDIA physical GPUs in your system by running the nvidia-smi command.

The nvidia-smi command is described in more detail in NVIDIA System Management Interface nvidia-smi.

Running the nvidia-smi command should produce a listing of the GPUs in your platform.

```
[root@xenserver ~] # nvidia-smi
Fri Jan 27 18:46:50 2023
NVIDIA-SMI 525.85.07 Driver Version: 525.85.07
```

Compute M.	GPU-Util	Bus-Id Disp.A Memory-Usage	Pwr:Usage/Cap	Perf	Temp	GPU Fan
Off Default	 0%	00000000:05:00.0 Off 13MiB / 8191MiB	On	M60	Tesla	0
Off Default	 0용	00000000:06:00.0 Off 13MiB / 8191MiB		P8	24C	
Off	 0%	00000000:86:00.0 Off 13MiB / 8191MiB	On	M60	Tesla	
Off Default	 0%	00000000:87:00.0 off 13MiB / 8191MiB	24W / 150W	P8	28C	N/A
+ GPU Memory Usage			Type Process			GPU
======== 			esses found			

If nvidia-smi fails to run or doesn't produce the expected output for all the NVIDIA GPUs in your system, see <u>Troubleshooting</u> for troubleshooting steps.

2.5.2. Configuring a Citrix Hypervisor VM with Virtual GPU

To support applications and workloads that are compute or graphics intensive, you can add multiple vGPUs to a single VM.

For details about which Citrix Hypervisor versions and NVIDIA vGPUs support the assignment of multiple vGPUs to a VM, see Virtual GPU Software for Citrix Hypervisor Release Notes.

Citrix Hypervisor supports configuration and management of virtual GPUs using XenCenter, or the xe command line tool that is run in a Citrix Hypervisor dom0 shell. Basic configuration using XenCenter is described in the following sections. Command line management using xe is described in Citrix Hypervisor vGPU Management.



Note: If you are using Citrix Hypervisor 8.1 or later and need to assign plugin configuration parameters, create vGPUs using the xe command as explained in Creating a vGPU Using xe.

- 1. Ensure the VM is powered off.
- 2. Right-click the VM in XenCenter, select **Properties** to open the VM's properties, and select the GPU property.

The available GPU types are listed in the GPU type drop-down list:

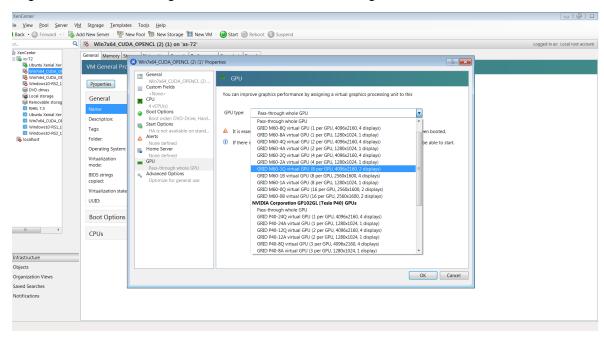


Figure 8. Using Citrix XenCenter to configure a VM with a vGPU

After you have configured a Citrix Hypervisor VM with a vGPU, start the VM, either from XenCenter or by using xe vm-start in a dom0 shell. You can view the VM's console in XenCenter.

After the VM has booted, install the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver as explained in Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics Driver.

Setting vGPU Plugin Parameters on Citrix 2.5.3. **Hypervisor**

Plugin parameters for a vGPU control the behavior of the vGPU, such as the frame rate limiter (FRL) configuration in frames per second or whether console virtual network computing (VNC) for the vGPU is enabled. The VM to which the vGPU is assigned is started with these parameters. If parameters are set for multiple vGPUs assigned to the same VM, the VM is started with the parameters assigned to each vGPU.

For each vGPU for which you want to set plugin parameters, perform this task in a command shell in the Citrix Hypervisor dom0 domain.

1. Get the UUIDs of all VMs on the hypervisor host and use the output from the command to identify the VM to which the vGPU is assigned.

```
[root@xenserver ~] xe vm-list
                     : 7f6c855d-5635-2d57-9fbc-b1200172162f
uuid (RO)
   name-label ( RW): RHEL8.3
   power-state (RO): running
```

2. Get the UUIDs of all vGPUs on the hypervisor host and from the UUID of the VM to which the vGPU is assigned, determine the UUID of the vGPU.

```
[root@xenserver ~] xe vgpu-list
uuid (RO)
                        : d15083f8-5c59-7474-d0cb-fbc3f7284f1b
          vm-uuid (RO): 7f6c855d-5635-2d57-9fbc-b1200172162f
           device (RO): 0
    gpu-group-uuid (RO): 3a2fbc36-827d-a078-0b2f-9e869ae6fd93
```

3. Use the xe command to set each vGPU plugin parameter that you want to set.

```
[root@xenserver ~] xe vgpu-param-set uuid=vgpu-uuid extra_args='parameter=value'
```

vgpu-uuid

The UUID of the vGPU, which you obtained in the previous step.

parameter

The name of the vGPU plugin parameter that you want to set.

value

The value to which you want to set the vGPU plugin parameter.

This example sets the **enable_uvm** vGPU plugin parameter to 1 for the vGPU that has the UUID d15083f8-5c59-7474-d0cb-fbc3f7284f1b. This parameter setting enables unified memory for the vGPU.

```
[root@xenserver ~] xe vgpu-param-set uuid=d15083f8-5c59-7474-d0cb-fbc3f7284f1b
extra_args='enable_uvm=1'
```

2.6. Installing the Virtual GPU Manager Package for Linux KVM

NVIDIA vGPU software for Linux Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM) (Linux KVM) is intended only for use with supported versions of Linux KVM hypervisors. For details about which Linux KVM hypervisor versions are supported, see Virtual GPU Software for Generic Linux with KVM Release Notes.



Note: If you are using Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM, follow the instructions in <u>Installing and</u> Configuring the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV.

Before installing the Virtual GPU Manager package for Linux KVM, ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

- The following packages are installed on the Linux KVM server:
 - The x86 64 build of the GNU Compiler Collection (GCC)
 - Linux kernel headers
- The package file is copied to a directory in the file system of the Linux KVM server.

If the Nouveau driver for NVIDIA graphics cards is present, disable it before installing the package.

1. Change to the directory on the Linux KVM server that contains the package file.

cd package-file-directory

package-file-directory

The path to the directory that contains the package file.

2. Make the package file executable.

chmod +x package-file-name

package-file-name

The name of the file that contains the Virtual GPU Manager package for Linux KVM, for example NVIDIA-Linux-x86 64-390.42-vgpu-kvm.run.

3. Run the package file as the root user.

sudo sh./package-file-name

The package file should launch and display the license agreement.

- 4. Accept the license agreement to continue with the installation.
- 5. When installation has completed, select **OK** to exit the installer.
- 6. Reboot the Linux KVM server.
 - # systemctl reboot

2.7. Installing and Configuring the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for Microsoft Azure Stack HCI

Before you begin, ensure that the prerequisites in Prerequisites for Using NVIDIA vGPU are met and the Microsoft Azure Stack HCI host is configured as follows:

- The Microsoft Azure Stack HCI OS is installed as explained in Deploy the Azure Stack HCI operating system on the Microsoft documentation site.
- ▶ The following BIOS settings are enabled:
 - Virtualization support, for example, Intel Virtualization Technology (VT-D) or AMD Virtualization (AMD-V)
 - ▶ SR-IOV
 - Above 4G Decoding
 - ► For Supermicro servers: ASPM Support
 - For servers that have an AMD CPU:
 - Alternative Routing ID Interpretation (ARI)
 - Access Control Service (ACS)
 - Advanced Error Reporting (AER)

Follow this sequence of instructions to set up a single Microsoft Azure Stack HCI VM to use NVIDIA vGPU.

- 1. Installing the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for Microsoft Azure Stack HCI
- 2. Setting the vGPU Series Allowed on a GPU

3. Adding a vGPU to a Microsoft Azure Stack HCI VM

These instructions assume familiarity with the Microsoft Windows PowerShell commands covered in Manage VMs on Azure Stack HCI using Windows PowerShell on the Microsoft documentation site.

After the set up is complete, you can install the graphics driver for your quest OS and license any NVIDIA vGPU software licensed products that you are using.

2.7.1. Installing the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for Microsoft Azure Stack HCI

The driver package for the Virtual GPU Manager is distributed as an archive file. You must extract the contents of this archive file to enable the package to be added to the driver store from a setup information file.

Perform this task in a Windows PowerShell window as the Administrator user.

- 1. Download the archive file in which the driver package for the Virtual GPU Manager is distributed.
- 2. Extract the contents of the archive file to a directory that is accessible from the Microsoft Azure Stack HCI host.
- 3. Change to the GridSW-Azure-Stack-HCI directory that you extracted from the archive file.
- 4. Use the PnPUtil tool to add the driver package for the Virtual GPU Manager to the driver store from the nvgridswhci.inf setup information file.
 - In the command for adding the driver package, also set the options to traverse subdirectories for driver packages and reboot the Microsoft Azure Stack HCI host if necessary to complete the operation.
 - PS C:> pnputil /add-driver nvgridswhci.inf /subdirs /install /reboot
- 5. After the host has rebooted, verify that the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager can successfully communicate with the NVIDIA physical GPUs in your system.
 - Run the nvidia-smi command with no arguments for this purpose.
 - Running the nvidia-smi command should produce a listing of the GPUs in your platform.
- 6. Confirm that the Microsoft Azure Stack HCI host has GPU adapters that can be partitioned by listing the GPUs that support GPU-P.
 - PS C:> Get-VMHostPartitionableGpu
 - If the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager is correctly installed, each GPU in the host GPU is listed. The numbers of partitions that each GPU supports and the unique name for referencing each GPU are also listed.
- 7. For each GPU, set the number of partitions that the GPU should support to the maximum number of vGPUs that can be added to the GPU.
 - PS C:> Set-VMHostPartitionableGpu -Name "gpu-name" -PartitionCount partitions qpu-name

The unique name for referencing the GPU that you obtained in the previous step.

partitions

The maximum number of vGPUs that can be added to the GPU. This number depends on the virtual GPU type. For example, the maximum number of each type of vGPU that can be added to the NVIDIA A16 GPU is as follows:

Virtual GPU Type	Maximum vGPUs per GPU
A16-16Q	1
A16-16A	
A16-8Q	2
A16-8A	
A16-4Q	4
A16-4A	
A16-2Q	8
A16-2B	
A16-2A	
A16-1Q	16
A16-1B	
A16-1A	

Setting the vGPU Series Allowed on a GPU 2.7.2.

The Virtual GPU Manager allows virtual GPUs (vGPUs) to be created on a GPU from only one vGPU series. By default, only Q-series vGPUs may be created on a GPU. You can change the vGPU series allowed on a GPU by setting the GridGpupProfileType value for the GPU in the Windows registry.

This task requires administrator user privileges.

1. Use Windows PowerShell to get the driver key of the GPU on which you want to set the allowed vGPU series.

You will need this information in the next step to identify the Windows registry key in which information about the GPU is stored.

a). Get the InstanceID property of the GPU on which you want to set the allowed vGPU series.

```
PS C:\> Get-PnpDevice -PresentOnly |
>> Where-Object {$_.InstanceId -like "PCI\VEN_10DE*" } |
>> Select-Object -Property FriendlyName, InstanceId |
>> Format-List
FriendlyName : NVIDIA A100
InstanceId : PCI
\VEN 10DE&DEV 2236&SUBSYS 148210DE&REV A1\6&17F903&0&00400000
```

b). Get the DEVPKEY Device Driver property of the GPU from the InstanceID property that you got in the previous step.

```
PS C: \> Get-PnpDeviceProperty -InstanceId "instance-id" |
```

```
>> where {$ .KeyName -eq "DEVPKEY Device Driver"} |
>> Select-Object -Property Data
Data
{4d36e968-e325-11ce-bfc1-08002be10318}\0001
```

instance-id

The InstanceID property of the GPU that you got in the previous step, for example, PCI\VEN 10DE&DEV 2236&SUBSYS 148210DE&REV A1\6&17F903&0&00400000.

2. Set the GridGpupProfileType DWord (REG DWORD) registry value in the Windows registry key HKEY LOCAL MACHINE\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Control\Class\driver-key.

driver-kev

The driver key for the GPU that you got in the previous step, for example, {4d36e968e325-11ce-bfc1-08002be10318}\0001.

The value to set depends on the vGPU series that you want to be allowed on the GPU.

vGPU Series	Value
Q-series	1
A-series	2
B-series	3

Adding a vGPU to a Microsoft Azure Stack HCI 2.7.3. VM

You add a vGPU to a Microsoft Azure Stack HCI VM by adding a GPU-P adapter to a VM.

Perform this task in a Windows PowerShell window as the Administrator user.

1. Set the variable \$vm to the name of the virtual machine to which you are adding a vGPU.

```
PS C:> $vm = "vm-name"
```

vm-name

The name of the virtual machine to which you are adding a vGPU.

2. Allow the VM to control cache types for MMIO access.

```
PS C:> Set-VM -GuestControlledCacheTypes $true -VMName $vm
```

3. Set the lower MMIO space to 1 GB to allow sufficient MMIO space to be mapped.

```
PS C:> Set-VM -LowMemoryMappedIoSpace 1Gb -VMName $vm
```

This amount is twice the amount that the device must allow for alignment. Lower MMIO space is the address space below 4 GB and is required for any device that has 32-bit BAR

4. Set the upper MMIO space to 32 GB to allow sufficient MMIO space to be mapped.

```
PS C:> Set-VM -HighMemoryMappedIoSpace 32GB -VMName $vm
```

This amount is twice the amount that the device must allow for alignment. Upper MMIO space is the address space above approximately 64 GB.

5. Confirm that the Microsoft Azure Stack HCI host has a GPU that supports the GPU-P adapter that you want to create.

```
PS C:> get-VMHostPartitionableGpu
```

The maximum and minimum values that you can specify for the properties of the GPU that you want to create are also listed.

6. Add a GPU-P adapter to the VM.

```
PS C:> Add-VMGpuPartitionAdapter -VMName $vm
-MinPartitionVRAM min-ram
-MaxPartitionVRAM max-ram
-OptimalPartitionVRAM opt-ram
-MinPartitionEncode min-enc
-MaxPartitionEncode max-enc
-OptimalPartitionEncode opt-enc
-MinPartitionDecode min-dec
-MaxPartitionDecode max-dec
-OptimalPartitionDecode opt-dec
-MinPartitionCompute min-compute
-MaxPartitionCompute max-compute
-OptimalPartitionCompute opt-compute
```



Note: Because partitions are resolved only when the VM is started, this command cannot validate that the Microsoft Azure Stack HCI host has a GPU that supports the GPU-P adapter that you want to create. The values that you specify must be within the maximum and minimum values that were listed in the previous step.

7. List the adapters assigned to the VM to confirm that the GPU-P adapter has been added to

```
PS C:> Get-VMGpuPartitionAdapter -VMName $vm
```

This command also returns the adapter ID to use for reconfiguring or deleting a GPU partition.

8. Connect to and start the VM.

2.7.4. Uninstalling the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for Microsoft Azure Stack HCI

If you no longer require the Virtual GPU Manager on your Microsoft Azure Stack HCI server, you can uninstall the driver package for the Virtual GPU Manager.

Perform this task in a Windows PowerShell window as the Administrator user.

1. Determine the published name of the driver package for the Virtual GPU Manager by enumerating all third-party driver packages in the driver store.

```
PS C:> pnputil /enum-drivers
```

Information similar to the following example is displayed. In this example, the published name of the driver package for the Virtual GPU Manager is oem5.inf.

```
Microsoft PnP Utility
. . .
                        oem5.inf
Published name :
Driver package provider : NVIDIA
                       Display adapters
Driver date and version : 01/01/2023 31.0.15.2807
Signer name : Microsoft Windows Hardware Compatibility Publisher
```

2. Delete and uninstall the driver package for the Virtual GPU Manager.

PS C:> pnputil /delete-driver vgpu-manager-package-published-name /uninstall /reboot

vgpu-manager-package-published-name

The published name of the driver package for the Virtual GPU Manager that you obtained in the previous step, for example, oem5.inf.

This example deletes and uninstalls the driver package for which the published name is oem5.inf.

PS C:> pnputil.exe /delete-driver oem5.inf /uninstall /reboot Microsoft PnP Utility

Driver package uninstalled. Driver package deleted successfully.

If necessary, the Microsoft Azure Stack HCl server is rebooted.

2.8. Installing and Configuring the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV

The following topics step you through the process of setting up a single Red Hat Enterprise Linux Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM) or Red Hat Virtualization (RHV) VM to use NVIDIA vGPU.

Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM and RHV use the same Virtual GPU Manager package, but are configured with NVIDIA vGPU in different ways.



CAUTION: Output from the VM console is not available for VMs that are running vGPU. Make sure that you have installed an alternate means of accessing the VM (such as a VNC server) before you configure vGPU.

For RHV, follow this sequence of instructions:

- 1. Installing the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV
- 2. MIG-backed vGPUs only: Configuring a GPU for MIG-Backed vGPUs
- 3. Adding a vGPU to a Red Hat Virtualization (RHV) VM

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM, follow this sequence of instructions:

Follow this sequence of instructions:

- 1. Installing the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV
- 2. MIG-backed vGPUs only: Configuring a GPU for MIG-Backed vGPUs
- 3. Getting the BDF and Domain of a GPU on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor
- 4. Creating an NVIDIA vGPU on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor
- 5. Adding One or More vGPUs to a Linux with KVM Hypervisor VM
- 6. Setting vGPU Plugin Parameters on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor

After the process is complete, you can install the graphics driver for your quest OS and license any NVIDIA vGPU software licensed products that you are using.



Note: If you are using a generic Linux KVM hypervisor, follow the instructions in Installing the Virtual GPU Manager Package for Linux KVM.

Installing the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager 2.8.1. for Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV

The NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM and Red Hat Virtualization (RHV) is provided as a .rpm file.



CAUTION: NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager and guest VM drivers must be compatible. If you update vGPU Manager to a release that is incompatible with the guest VM drivers, guest VMs will boot with vGPU disabled until their guest vGPU driver is updated to a compatible version. Consult Virtual GPU Software for Red Hat Enterprise Linux with KVM Release Notes for further details.

Installing the Virtual GPU Manager Package for 2.8.1.1. Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV

Before installing the RPM package for Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV, ensure that the sshd service on the Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV server is configured to permit root login. If the Nouveau driver for NVIDIA graphics cards is present, disable it before installing the package. For instructions, see <u>How to disable the Nouveau driver and install the Nvidia</u> driver in RHEL 7 (Red Hat subscription required).

Some versions of Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM have z-stream updates that break Kernel Application Binary Interface (kABI) compatibility with the previous kernel or the GA kernel. For these versions of Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM, the following Virtual GPU Manager RPM packages are supplied:

- A package for the GA Linux KVM kernel
- A package for the updated z-stream kernel

To differentiate these packages, the name of each RPM package includes the kernel version. Ensure that you install the RPM package that is compatible with your Linux KVM kernel version.

- 1. Securely copy the RPM file from the system where you downloaded the file to the Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV server.
 - From a Windows system, use a secure copy client such as WinSCP.
 - From a Linux system, use the scp command.
- 2. Use secure shell (SSH) to log in as root to the Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV server.

ssh root@kvm-server

kvm-server

The host name or IP address of the Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV server.

3. Change to the directory on the Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV server to which you copied the RPM file.

```
# cd rpm-file-directory
rpm-file-directory
```

The path to the directory to which you copied the RPM file.

4. Use the rpm command to install the package.

```
# rpm -iv NVIDIA-vGPU-rhel-8.4-525.85.07.x86 64.rpm
Preparing packages for installation...
NVIDIA-vGPU-rhel-8.4-525.85.07
```

5. Reboot the Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV server.

systemctl reboot

2.8.1.2. Verifying the Installation of the NVIDIA vGPU Software for Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV

After the Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV server has rebooted, verify the installation of the NVIDIA vGPU software package for Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV.

1. Verify that the NVIDIA vGPU software package is installed and loaded correctly by checking for the VFIO drivers in the list of kernel loaded modules.

```
# lsmod | grep vfio
                       27099 0
nvidia_vgpu_vfio
                   12316924 1 nvidia_vgpu_vfio
nvidia
                    12841 0
20414 2 vfio_mdev,nvidia_vgpu_vfio
22342 0
vfio mdev
mdev
vfio iommu type1
                       32331 3 vfio_mdev,nvidia_vgpu_vfio,vfio_iommu_type1
vfio
```

2. Verify that the libvirtd service is active and running.

service libvirtd status

3. Verify that the NVIDIA kernel driver can successfully communicate with the NVIDIA physical GPUs in your system by running the nvidia-smi command.

The nvidia-smi command is described in more detail in NVIDIA System Management Interface nvidia-smi.

Running the nvidia-smi command should produce a listing of the GPUs in your platform.

# nvid : Fri Ja	ia-smi .n 27 18	B:46:5				L	
•			5.07 Driver	Version: 525.8	35.07		
GPU Fan	Name Temp	Perf	Persistence-M Pwr:Usage/Cap	Bus-Id Memor	Disp.A ry-Usage	Volatile GPU-Util	Uncorr. ECC Compute M.
0 N/A	Tesla 23C	M60 P8	On 23W / 150W	0000:85:00.0 13MiB /	Off 8191MiB	 0%	Off Default
1 N/A	Tesla 29C	M60 P8	On 23W / 150W	0000:86:00.0 13MiB /	Off 8191MiB	 0%	Off Default
. 2	Tesla	P40	On 18W / 250W	0000:87:00.0	Off		Off

```
GPU Memory |
| Processes:
 GPU PID Type Process name
                                  Usage
|------
No running processes found
```

If nvidia-smi fails to run or doesn't produce the expected output for all the NVIDIA GPUs in your system, see <u>Troubleshooting</u> for troubleshooting steps.

Adding a vGPU to a Red Hat Virtualization (RHV) VM

Ensure that the VM to which you want to add the vGPU is shut down.

1. Determine the mediated device type (mdev type) identifiers of the vGPU types available on the RHV host.

```
# vdsm-client Host hostdevListByCaps
 "mdev": {
                "nvidia-155": {
                    "name": "GRID M10-2B",
                    "available instances": "4"
                "nvidia-36": {
    "name": "GRID M10-0Q",
                     "available instances": "16"
```

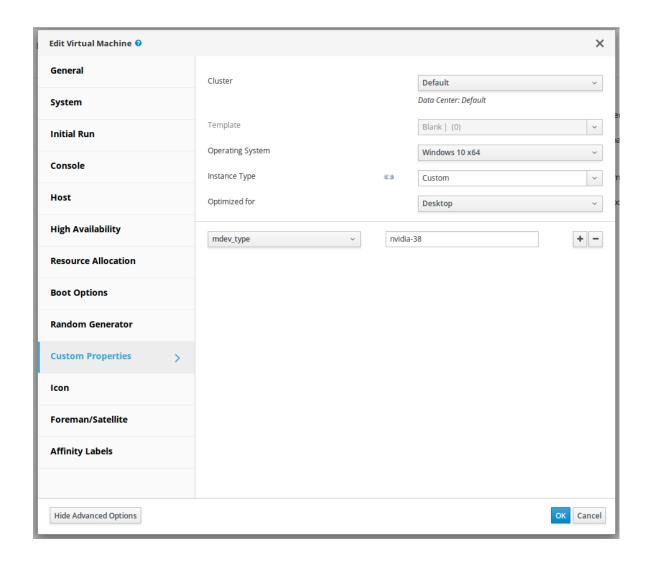
The preceding example shows the mdev type identifiers of the following vGPU types:

- For the GRID M10-2B vGPU type, the mdev type identifier is nvidia-155.
- ► For the GRID M10-0Q vGPU type, the mdev type identifier is nvidia-36.
- 2. Note the mdev type identifier of the vGPU type that you want to add.
- 3. Log in to the RHV Administration Portal.
- 4. From the Main Navigation Menu, choose Compute > Virtual Machines > virtual-machinename.

virtual-machine-name

The name of the virtual machine to which you want to add the vGPU.

- 5. Click Edit.
- 6. In the Edit Virtual Machine window that opens, click Show Advanced Options and in the list of options, select Custom Properties.
- 7. From the drop-down list, select **mdev_type**.
- 8. In the text field, type the mdev type identifier of the vGPU type that you want to add and click **OK**.



After adding a vGPU to an RHV VM, start the VM.

After the VM has booted, install the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver as explained in Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics Driver.

2.9. Installing and Configuring the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for Ubuntu

Follow this sequence of instructions to set up a single Ubuntu VM to use NVIDIA vGPU.

- 1. Installing the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for Ubuntu
- 2. MIG-backed vGPUs only: Configuring a GPU for MIG-Backed vGPUs
- 3. Getting the BDF and Domain of a GPU on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor
- 4. Creating an NVIDIA vGPU on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor
- 5. Adding One or More vGPUs to a Linux with KVM Hypervisor VM

6. Setting vGPU Plugin Parameters on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor



CAUTION: Output from the VM console is not available for VMs that are running vGPU. Make sure that you have installed an alternate means of accessing the VM (such as a VNC server) before you configure vGPU.

After the process is complete, you can install the graphics driver for your quest OS and license any NVIDIA vGPU software licensed products that you are using.

Installing the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager 2.9.1. for Ubuntu

The NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for Ubuntu is provided as a Debian package (.deb) file.



CAUTION: NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager and quest VM drivers must be compatible. If you update vGPU Manager to a release that is incompatible with the guest VM drivers, guest VMs will boot with vGPU disabled until their quest vGPU driver is updated to a compatible version. Consult Virtual GPU Software for Ubuntu Release Notes for further details.

2.9.1.1. Installing the Virtual GPU Manager Package for Uhuntu

Before installing the Debian package for Ubuntu, ensure that the sshd service on the Ubuntu server is configured to permit root login. If the Nouveau driver for NVIDIA graphics cards is present, disable it before installing the package.

- 1. Securely copy the Debian package file from the system where you downloaded the file to the Ubuntu server.
 - From a Windows system, use a secure copy client such as WinSCP.
 - From a Linux system, use the scp command.
- 2. Use secure shell (SSH) to log in as root to the Ubuntu server.

ssh root@ubuntu-server

ubuntu-server

The host name or IP address of the Ubuntu server.

3. Change to the directory on the Ubuntu server to which you copied the Debian package file.

cd deb-file-directory

deb-file-directory

The path to the directory to which you copied the Debian package file.

- 4. Use the apt command to install the package.
 - # apt install ./nvidia-vgpu-ubuntu-525.60.12 amd64.deb
- 5. Reboot the Ubuntu server.
 - # systemctl reboot

2.9.1.2. Verifying the Installation of the NVIDIA vGPU Software for Ubuntu

After the Ubuntu server has rebooted, verify the installation of the NVIDIA vGPU software package for Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV.

1. Verify that the NVIDIA vGPU software package is installed and loaded correctly by checking for the VFIO drivers in the list of kernel loaded modules.

```
# lsmod | grep vfio
```

2. Verify that the libvirtd service is active and running.

service libvirtd status

3. Verify that the NVIDIA kernel driver can successfully communicate with the NVIDIA physical GPUs in your system by running the nvidia-smi command.

The nvidia-smi command is described in more detail in NVIDIA System Management Interface nvidia-smi.

Running the nvidia-smi command should produce a listing of the GPUs in your platform.

```
# nvidia-smi
Fri Jan 27 18:46:50 2023
| GPU Name | Persistence-M| Bus-Id | Disp.A | Volatile Uncorr. ECC |
| Fan Temp Perf Pwr:Usage/Cap| Memory-Usage | GPU-Util Compute M. |
|======++===++===++====++===++===++===++==++==++==++===+|
GPU Memory I
 GPU PID Type Process name
                               Usage
| No running processes found
```

If nvidia-smi fails to run or doesn't produce the expected output for all the NVIDIA GPUs in your system, see <u>Troubleshooting</u> for troubleshooting steps.

2.10. Installing and Configuring the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for VMware vSphere

You can use the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for VMware vSphere to set up a VMware vSphere VM to use NVIDIA vGPU or VMware vSGA. The vGPU Manager vSphere software components provide vSGA and vGPU functionality in a single component.



Note:

Some servers, for example, the Dell R740, do not configure SR-IOV capability if the SR-IOV SBIOS setting is disabled on the server. If you are using the Tesla T4 GPU with VMware vSphere on such a server, you must ensure that the SR-IOV SBIOS setting is enabled on the server.

However, with any server hardware, do not enable SR-IOV in VMware vCenter Server for the Tesla T4 GPU. If SR-IOV is enabled in VMware vCenter Server for T4, VMware vCenter Server lists the status of the GPU as needing a reboot. You can ignore this status message.

NVIDIA vGPU Instructions



Note: The Xorg service is not required for graphics devices in NVIDIA vGPU mode. For more information, see Installing and Updating the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for VMware vSphere.

For NVIDIA vGPU, follow this sequence of instructions:

- 1. Installing and Updating the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for VMware vSphere
- 2. Configuring VMware vMotion with vGPU for VMware vSphere
- 3. Changing the Default Graphics Type in VMware vSphere
- 4. MIG-backed vGPUs only: Configuring a GPU for MIG-Backed vGPUs
- 5. Configuring a vSphere VM with NVIDIA vGPU
- 6. Optional: Setting vGPU Plugin Parameters on VMware vSphere

After configuring a vSphere VM to use NVIDIA vGPU, you can install the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver for your quest OS and license any NVIDIA vGPU software licensed products that you are using.

VMware vSGA Instructions

For VMware vSGA, follow this sequence of instructions:

- 1. Installing and Updating the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for VMware vSphere
- 2. Configuring a vSphere VM with VMware vSGA

Installation of the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver for the guest OS is not required for vSGA.

Requirements for Configuring NVIDIA vGPU in a DRS Cluster

You can configure a VM with NVIDIA vGPU on an ESXi host in a VMware Distributed Resource Scheduler (DRS) cluster. However, to ensure that the automation level of the cluster supports VMs configured with NVIDIA vGPU, you must set the automation level to Partially Automated or Manual.

For more information about these settings, see Edit Cluster Settings in the VMware documentation.

2.10.1. Installing and Updating the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for VMware vSphere

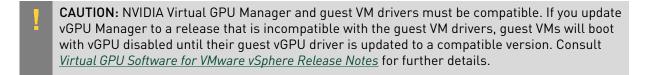
The NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager runs on the ESXi host. It is distributed as a number of software components in a ZIP archive.

The NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager software components are as follows:

- A software component for the NVIDIA vGPU hypervisor host driver
- A software component for the NVIDIA GPU Management daemon

You can install these software components in one of the following ways:

- By copying the software components to the ESXi host and then installing them as explained in Installing the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager on VMware vSphere
- By importing the software components manually as explained in Import Patches Manually in the VMware vSphere documentation



2.10.1.1. Installing the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager on VMware vSphere

To install the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager you need to access the ESXi host via the ESXi Shell or SSH. Refer to VMware's documentation on how to enable ESXi Shell or SSH for an ESXi

Before you begin, ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

- ▶ The ZIP archive that contains NVIDIA vGPU software has been downloaded from the NVIDIA Licensing Portal.
- ▶ The software components for the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager have been extracted from the downloaded ZIP archive.

- 1. Copy the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager component files to the ESXi host.
- 2. Put the ESXi host into maintenance mode.
 - \$ esxcli system maintenanceMode set --enable true
- 3. Install the NVIDIA vGPU hypervisor host driver and the NVIDIA GPU Management daemon from their software component files.
 - a). Run the esxcli command to install the NVIDIA vGPU hypervisor host driver from its software component file.
 - \$ esxcli software vib install -d /vmfs/volumes/datastore/host-driver-component.zip
 - b). Run the esxcli command to install the NVIDIA GPU Management daemon from its software component file.
 - \$ esxcli software vib install -d /vmfs/volumes/datastore/qpu-management-daemoncomponent.zip

datastore

The name of the VMFS datastore to which you copied the software components.

host-driver-component

The name of the file that contains the NVIDIA vGPU hypervisor host driver in the form of a software component. Ensure that you specify the file that was extracted from the downloaded ZIP archive. For example, for VMware vSphere 7.0.2, host-driver-component IS NVD-VMware-x86 64-525.85.07-10EM.702.0.0.17630552-bundle-buildnumber.

gpu-management-daemon-component

The name of the file that contains the NVIDIA GPU Management daemon in the form of a software component. Ensure that you specify the file that was extracted from the downloaded ZIP archive. For example, for VMware vSphere 7.0.2, gpu-managementdaemon-component is VMW-esx-7.0.2-nvd-gpu-mgmt-daemon-1.0-0.0.0001.

- 4. Exit maintenance mode.
 - \$ esxcli system maintenanceMode set --enable false
- 5. Reboot the ESXi host.
 - \$ reboot

2.10.1.2. Updating the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for VMware vSphere

Update the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager if you want to install a new version of NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager on a system where an existing version is already installed.

To update the vGPU Manager VIB you need to access the ESXi host via the ESXi Shell or SSH. Refer to VMware's documentation on how to enable ESXi Shell or SSH for an ESXi host.



Note: Before proceeding with the vGPU Manager update, make sure that all VMs are powered off and the ESXi host is placed in maintenance mode. Refer to VMware's documentation on how to place an ESXi host in maintenance mode

- 1. Update the NVIDIA vGPU hypervisor host driver and the NVIDIA GPU Management daemon.
 - a). Run the <code>esxcli</code> command to update the NVIDIA vGPU hypervisor host driver from its software component file.
 - \$ esxcli software vib update -d /vmfs/volumes/datastore/host-driver-component.zip

b). Run the esxcli command to update the NVIDIA GPU Management daemon from its software component file.

\$ esxcli software vib update -d /vmfs/volumes/datastore/gpu-management-daemoncomponent.zip

datastore

The name of the VMFS datastore to which you copied the software components.

host-driver-component

The name of the file that contains the NVIDIA vGPU hypervisor host driver in the form of a software component. Ensure that you specify the file that was extracted from the downloaded ZIP archive. For example, for VMware vSphere 7.0.2, host-driver-component IS NVD-VMware-x86_64-525.85.07-10EM.702.0.0.17630552-bundle-buildnumber.

gpu-management-daemon-component

The name of the file that contains the NVIDIA GPU Management daemon in the form of a software component. Ensure that you specify the file that was extracted from the downloaded ZIP archive. For example, for VMware vSphere 7.0.2, gpu-managementdaemon-component is VMW-esx-7.0.2-nvd-gpu-mgmt-daemon-1.0-0.0.0001.

2. Reboot the ESXi host and remove it from maintenance mode.

2.10.1.3. Verifying the Installation of the NVIDIA vGPU Software Package for vSphere

After the ESXi host has rebooted, verify the installation of the NVIDIA vGPU software package for vSphere.

1. Verify that the NVIDIA vGPU software package installed and loaded correctly by checking for the NVIDIA kernel driver in the list of kernel loaded modules.

```
[root@esxi:~] vmkload mod -1 | grep nvidia
nvidia
                                8420
```

- 2. If the NVIDIA driver is not listed in the output, check dmesg for any load-time errors reported by the driver.
- 3. Verify that the NVIDIA GPU Management daemon has started.
 - \$ /etc/init.d/nvdGpuMgmtDaemon status
- 4. Verify that the NVIDIA kernel driver can successfully communicate with the NVIDIA physical GPUs in your system by running the nvidia-smi command.

The nvidia-smi command is described in more detail in NVIDIA System Management Interface nvidia-smi.

Running the nvidia-smi command should produce a listing of the GPUs in your platform.

-	esxi:~ an 27 1	-					ī	
1			5.07 Driver				+ 	
GPU Fan	Name Temp	Perf	Persistence-M Pwr:Usage/Cap	Bus-Id	Memo	Disp.A ry-Usage	Volatile GPU-Util	Uncorr. ECC Compute M.
0	Tesla	M60 P8	'	0000000 13M:	0:05: iB /	00.0 Off 8191MiB	 0%	Off Default
1	Tesla		'	0000000				Off

N/A 24C	P8 24W	/ 150W	13MiB /	8191MiB	0%	Default
2 Tesla M N/A 25C		On / 150W	00000000:86: 13MiB /		 0%	Off Default
,	P8 24W	/ 150W	00000000:87: 13MiB /	8191MiB	 0%	Off Default
Processes:					· 	GPU Memory
	ID Type	Process	name			Usage

If nvidia-smi fails to report the expected output for all the NVIDIA GPUs in your system, see <u>Troubleshooting</u> for troubleshooting steps.

2.10.1.4. Managing the NVIDIA GPU Management Daemon for VMware vSphere

The NVIDIA GPU Management Daemon for VMware vSphere is a service that is controlled through scripts in the /etc/init.d directory. You can use these scripts to start the daemon, stop the daemon, and get its status.

- # To start the NVIDIA GPU Management Daemon, enter the following command:
 - \$ /etc/init.d/nvdGpuMgmtDaemon start
- # To stop the NVIDIA GPU Management Daemon, enter the following command:
 - \$ /etc/init.d/nvdGpuMgmtDaemon stop
- # To get the status of the NVIDIA GPU Management Daemon, enter the following command:
 - \$ /etc/init.d/nvdGpuMgmtDaemon status

2.10.2. Configuring VMware vMotion with vGPU for VMware vSphere

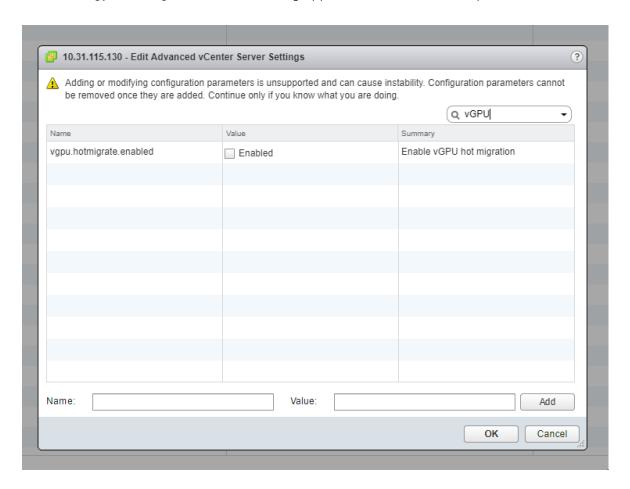
NVIDIA vGPU software supports vGPU migration, which includes VMware vMotion and suspend-resume, for VMs that are configured with vGPU. To enable VMware vMotion with vGPU, an advanced **vCenter Server** setting must be enabled. However, suspend-resume for VMs that are configured with vGPU is enabled by default.

For details about which VMware vSphere versions, NVIDIA GPUs, and quest OS releases support vGPU migration, see <u>Virtual GPU Software for VMware vSphere Release Notes</u>.

Before configuring VMware vMotion with vGPU for an ESXi host, ensure that the current NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for VMware vSphere package is installed on the host.

- 1. Log in to **vCenter Server** by using the **vSphere Web Client**.
- 2. In the **Hosts and Clusters** view, select the **vCenter Server** instance.
 - Note: Ensure that you select the vCenter Server instance, not the vCenter Server VM.
- 3. Click the **Configure** tab.

- 4. In the Settings section, select Advanced Settings and click Edit.
- 5. In the Edit Advanced vCenter Server Settings window that opens, type vGPU in the search field.
- 6. When the vgpu.hotmigrate.enabled setting appears, set the Enabled option and click OK.



2.10.3. Changing the Default Graphics Type in VMware vSphere

The vGPU Manager VIB for VMware vSphere provides vSGA and vGPU functionality in a single VIB. After this VIB is installed, the default graphics type is Shared, which provides vSGA functionality. To enable vGPU support for VMs in VMware vSphere, you must change the default graphics type to Shared Direct.

If you do not change the default graphics type, VMs to which a vGPU is assigned fail to start and the following error message is displayed:

The amount of graphics resource available in the parent resource pool is insufficient for the operation.

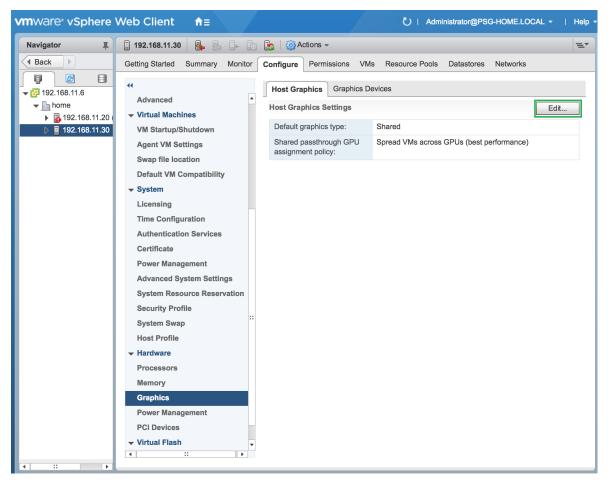


Note: Change the default graphics type before configuring vGPU. Output from the VM console in the VMware vSphere Web Client is not available for VMs that are running vGPU.

Before changing the default graphics type, ensure that the ESXi host is running and that all VMs on the host are powered off.

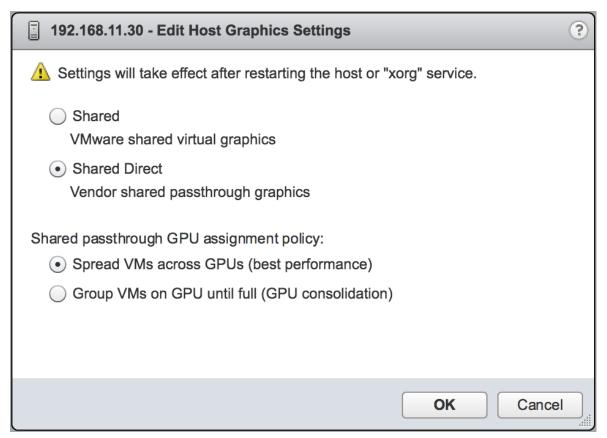
- 1. Log in to vCenter Server by using the vSphere Web Client.
- 2. In the navigation tree, select your ESXi host and click the **Configure** tab.
- 3. From the menu, choose **Graphics** and then click the **Host Graphics** tab.
- 4. On the Host Graphics tab, click Edit.

Figure 9. Shared default graphics type



5. In the Edit Host Graphics Settings dialog box that opens, select Shared Direct and click OK.

Figure 10. Host graphics settings for vGPU



Note: In this dialog box, you can also change the allocation scheme for vGPU-enabled VMs. For more information, see Modifying GPU Allocation Policy on VMware vSphere.

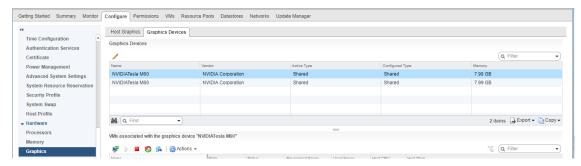
After you click OK, the default graphics type changes to Shared Direct.

6. Click the **Graphics Devices** tab to verify the configured type of each physical GPU on which you want to configure vGPU.

The configured type of each physical GPU must be Shared Direct. For any physical GPU for which the configured type is Shared, change the configured type as follows:

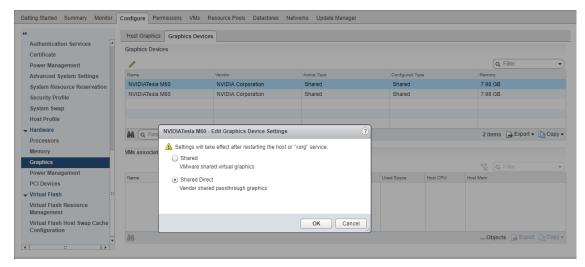
a). On the **Graphics Devices** tab, select the physical GPU and click the **Edit icon**.

Figure 11. Shared graphics type



b). In the Edit Graphics Device Settings dialog box that opens, select Shared Direct and click OK.

Figure 12. Graphics device settings for a physical GPU



7. Restart the ESXi host or stop and restart the Xorg service if necessary and nv-hostengine on the ESXi host.

To stop and restart the Xorg service and nv-hostengine, perform these steps:

a). VMware vSphere releases before 7.0 Update 1 only: Stop the Xorg service.

The Xorg service is not required for graphics devices in NVIDIA vGPU mode.

b). Stop nv-hostengine.

[root@esxi:~] nv-hostengine -t

- c). Wait for 1 second to allow nv-hostengine to stop.
- d). Start nv-hostengine.

[root@esxi:~] nv-hostengine -d

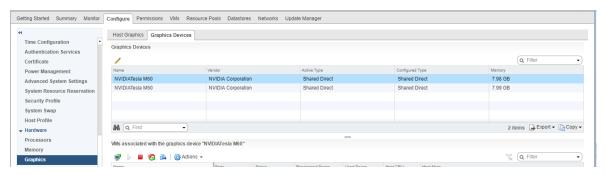
e). VMware vSphere releases before 7.0 Update 1 only: Start the Xorg service.

The Xorg service is not required for graphics devices in NVIDIA vGPU mode.

[root@esxi:~] /etc/init.d/xorg start

8. In the **Graphics Devices** tab of the VMware vCenter Web UI, confirm that the active type and the configured type of each physical GPU are Shared Direct.

Figure 13. Shared direct graphics type



After changing the default graphics type, configure vGPU as explained in Configuring a vSphere VM with NVIDIA vGPU.

See also the following topics in the VMware vSphere documentation:

- Log in to vCenter Server by Using the vSphere Web Client
- **Configuring Host Graphics**

Configuring a vSphere VM with NVIDIA vGPU

To support applications and workloads that are compute or graphics intensive, you can add multiple vGPUs to a single VM.

For details about which VMware vSphere versions and NVIDIA vGPUs support the assignment of multiple vGPUs to a VM, see Virtual GPU Software for VMware vSphere Release Notes.

CAUTION: Output from the VM console in the VMware vSphere Web Client is not available for VMs that are running vGPU. Make sure that you have installed an alternate means of accessing the VM (such as VMware Horizon or a VNC server) before you configure vGPU.

VM console in vSphere Web Client will become active again once the vGPU parameters are removed from the VM's configuration.



Note: If you are configuring a VM to use VMware vSGA, omit this task.

How to configure a vSphere VM with a vGPU depends on your VMware vSphere version as explained in the following topics:

- Configuring a vSphere 8 VM with NVIDIA vGPU
- Configuring a vSphere 7 VM with NVIDIA vGPU

After you have configured a vSphere VM with a vGPU, start the VM. VM console in vSphere Web Client is not supported in this vGPU release. Therefore, use VMware Horizon or VNC to access the VM's desktop.

After the VM has booted, install the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver as explained in Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics Driver.

2.10.4.1. Configuring a vSphere 8 VM with NVIDIA vGPU

- 1. Open the vCenter Web UI.
- 2. In the vCenter Web UI, right-click the VM and choose Edit Settings.
- 3. In the Edit Settings window that opens, configure the vGPUs that you want to add to the

Add each vGPU that you want to add to the VM as follows:

a). From the ADD NEW DEVICE menu, choose PCI Device.

Edit Settings | RHEL9.1_base X VM Options Virtual Hardware Advanced Parameters ADD NEW DEVICE V Disks, Drives and Storage > CPU 2 v (i) Hard Disk > Memory ✓ GB ✓ Existing Hard Disk RDM Disk > Hard disk 1 50 GB V Host USB Device > SCSI controller 0 VMware Paravirtual NVDIMM > Network adapter 1 Connected VM Network v CD/DVD Drive Controllers > CD/DVD drive 1 Datastore ISO File Connected NVMe Controller > Video card Specify custom settings > SATA Controller SCSI Controller > SATA controller 0 AHCI USB Controller > Security Devices Not Configured Other Devices > Other Additional Hardware PCI Device Trusted Platform Module Watchdog Timer Precision Clock Serial Port Network Network Adapter

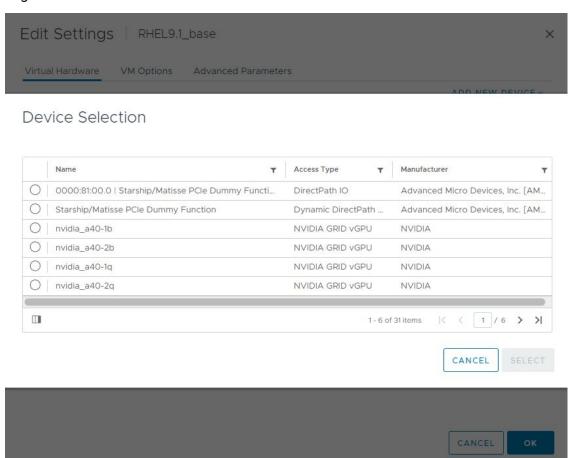
Command for Adding a PCI Device Figure 14.

b). In the **Device Selection** window that opens, select the type of vGPU you want to configure and click **SELECT**.



Note: NVIDIA vGPU software does not support vCS on VMware vSphere. Therefore, Cseries vGPU types are not available for selection in the **Device Selection** window.

VM Device Selections for vGPIJ Figure 15.



4. Back in the Edit Settings window, click OK.

2.10.4.2. Configuring a vSphere 7 VM with NVIDIA vGPU

If you are adding multiple vGPUs to a single VM, perform this task for each vGPU that you want to add to the VM.

- 1. Open the vCenter Web UI.
- 2. In the vCenter Web UI, right-click the VM and choose **Edit Settings**.
- 3. Click the **Virtual Hardware** tab.
- 4. In the New device list, select Shared PCI Device and click Add. The **PCI device** field should be auto-populated with **NVIDIA GRID VGPU**.

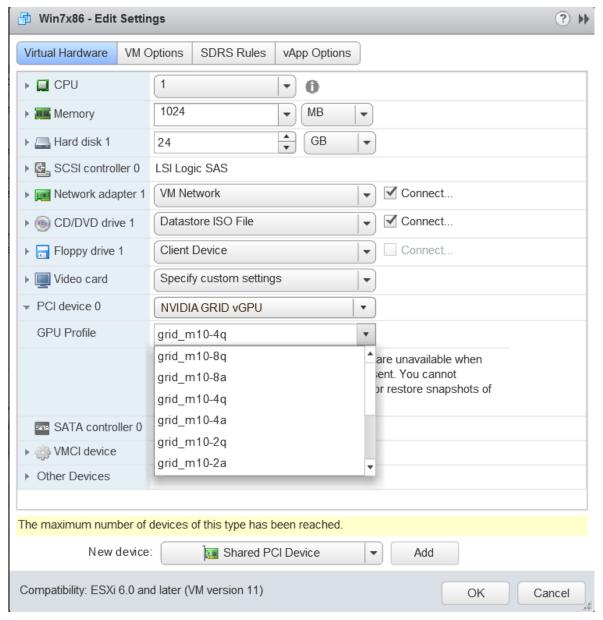


Figure 16. VM settings for vGPU

- 5. From the GPU Profile drop-down menu, choose the type of vGPU you want to configure and click **OK**.
 - Note: NVIDIA vGPU software does not support vCS on VMware vSphere. Therefore, Cseries vGPU types are not available for selection from the GPU Profile drop-down menu.
- 6. Ensure that VMs running vGPU have all their memory reserved:
 - a). Select **Edit virtual machine settings** from the vCenter Web UI.
 - b). Expand the **Memory** section and click **Reserve all guest memory (All locked)**.

2.10.5. Setting vGPU Plugin Parameters on VMware vSphere

Plugin parameters for a vGPU control the behavior of the vGPU, such as the frame rate limiter (FRL) configuration in frames per second or whether console virtual network computing (VNC) for the vGPU is enabled. The VM to which the vGPU is assigned is started with these parameters. If parameters are set for multiple vGPUs assigned to the same VM, the VM is started with the parameters assigned to each vGPU.

Ensure that the VM to which the vGPU is assigned is powered off.

For each vGPU for which you want to set plugin parameters, perform this task in the vSphere **Client.** vGPU plugin parameters are PCI pass through configuration parameters in advanced VM attributes.

- 1. In the **vSphere Client**, browse to the VM to which the vGPU is assigned.
- 2. Context-click the VM and choose **Edit Settings**.
- 3. In the Edit Settings window, click the VM Options tab.
- 4. From the **Advanced** drop-down list, select **Edit Configuration**.
- 5. In the **Configuration Parameters** dialog box, click **Add Row**.
- 6. In the Name field, type the parameter name pciPassthruvgpu-id.cfg.parameter, in the **Value** field type the parameter value, and click **OK**.

vqpu-id

A positive integer that identifies the vGPU assigned to a VM. For the first vGPU assigned to a VM, vapu-id is **o**. For example, if two vGPUs are assigned to a VM and you are setting a plugin parameter for both vGPUs, set the following parameters:

- pciPassthru0.cfg.parameter
- pciPassthru1.cfg.parameter

parameter

The name of the vGPU plugin parameter that you want to set. For example, the name of the vGPU plugin parameter for enabling unified memory is **enable uvm**.

To enable unified memory for two vGPUs that are assigned to a VM, set pciPassthru0.cfg.enable uvm and pciPassthru1.cfg.enable uvm to 1.

2.10.6. Configuring a vSphere VM with VMware vSGA

Virtual Shared Graphics Acceleration (vSGA) is a feature of VMware vSphere that enables multiple virtual machines to share the physical GPUs on ESXi hosts.



Note: If you are configuring a VM to use NVIDIA vGPU, omit this task.

Before configuring a vSphere VM with vSGA, ensure that these prerequisites are met:

- VMware tools are installed on the VM.
- ► The VM is powered off.

- ► The NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager package for vSphere is installed.
- 1. Open the vCenter Web UI.
- 2. In the vCenter Web UI, right-click the VM and choose Edit Settings.
- 3. Click the Virtual Hardware tab.
- 4. In the device list, expand the **Video card** node and set the following options:
 - a). Select the **Enable 3D support** option.
 - b). Set the **3D Renderer** to **Hardware**.

For more information, see Configure 3D Graphics and Video Cards in the VMware Horizon documentation.

- 5. Start the VM.
- 6. After the VM has booted, verify that the VM has been configured correctly with vSGA.
 - a). Under the Display Adapter section of Device Manager, confirm that VMware SVGA 3D is listed.
 - b). Verify that the virtual machine is using the GPU card.

The output from the command is similar to the following example for a VM named

```
Xserver unix:0, GPU maximum memory 4173824KB
pid 21859, VM samplevm1, reserved 131072KB of GPU memory. GPU memory left 4042752KB.
```

The memory reserved for the VM and the GPU maximum memory depend on the GPU installed in the host and the 3D memory allocated to the virtual machine.

Installation of the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver for the guest OS is not required for vSGA.

Configuring the vGPU Manager for a Linux with KVM Hypervisor

NVIDIA vGPU software supports the following Linux with KVM hypervisors: Red Hat Enterprise Linux with KVM and Ubuntu.

Getting the BDF and Domain of a GPU on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor

Sometimes when configuring a physical GPU for use with NVIDIA vGPU software, you must find out which directory in the sysfs file system represents the GPU. This directory is identified by the domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU.

For more information about the directory in the sysfs file system that represents a physical GPU, see NVIDIA vGPU Information in the sysfs File System.

1. Obtain the PCI device bus/device/function (BDF) of the physical GPU.

lspci | grep NVIDIA

The NVIDIA GPUs listed in this example have the PCI device BDFs 06:00.0 and 07:00.0.

```
# lspci | grep NVIDIA
06:00.0 VGA compatible controller: NVIDIA Corporation GM204GL [Tesla M10] (rev
07:00.0 VGA compatible controller: NVIDIA Corporation GM204GL [Tesla M10] (rev
a1)
```

2. Obtain the full identifier of the GPU from its PCI device BDF.

virsh nodedev-list --cap pci| grep transformed-bdf transformed-bdf

The PCI device BDF of the GPU with the colon and the period replaced with underscores, for example, 06 00 0.

This example obtains the full identifier of the GPU with the PCI device BDF 06:00.0.

```
# virsh nodedev-list --cap pci| grep 06_00_0
pci 0000 06 00 0
```

3. Obtain the domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU from the full identifier of the GPU.

virsh nodedev-dumpxml full-identifier| egrep 'domain|bus|slot|function' full-identifier

The full identifier of the GPU that you obtained in the previous step, for example, pci 0000 06 00 0.

This example obtains the domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU with the PCI device BDF 06:00.0.

```
virsh nodedev-dumpxml pci_0000_06_00_0| egrep 'domain|bus|slot|function'
   <domain>0x0000</domain>
   <bus>0x06</bus>
   <slot>0x00</slot>
   <function>0x0</function>
     <address domain='0x0000' bus='0x06' slot='0x00' function='0x0'/>
```

2.11.2. Creating an NVIDIA vGPU on a Linux with **KVM** Hypervisor

For each vGPU that you want to create, perform this task in a Linux command shell on the a Linux with KVM hypervisor host.

Before you begin, ensure that you have the domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU on which you are creating the vGPU. For instructions, see Getting the BDF and Domain of a GPU on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor.

How to create an NVIDIA vGPU on a Linux with KVM hypervisor depends on whether the NVIDIA vGPU supports single root I/O virtualization (SR-IOV). For details, refer to:

- Creating a Legacy NVIDIA vGPU on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor
- Creating an NVIDIA vGPU that Supports SR-IOV on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor

2.11.2.1. Creating a Legacy NVIDIA vGPU on a Linux with **KVM** Hypervisor

A legacy NVIDIA vGPU does not support SR-IOV.

1. Change to the mdev supported types directory for the physical GPU.

cd /sys/class/mdev bus/domain\:bus\:slot.function/mdev supported types/

domain

bus

slot

function

The domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU, without the 0x prefix.

This example changes to the mdev supported types directory for the GPU with the domain 0000 and PCI device BDF 06:00.0.

- # cd /sys/bus/pci/devices/0000\:06\:00.0/mdev supported types/
- 2. Find out which subdirectory of mdev supported types contains registration information for the vGPU type that you want to create.

```
# grep -1 "vgpu-type" nvidia-*/name
```

vgpu-type

The vGPU type, for example, M10-2Q.

This example shows that the registration information for the M10-2Q vGPU type is contained in the nvidia-41 subdirectory of mdev supported types.

```
# grep -1 "M10-2Q" nvidia-*/name
nvidia-41/name
```

Confirm that you can create an instance of the vGPU type on the physical GPU.

cat subdirectory/available instances

subdirectory

The subdirectory that you found in the previous step, for example, nvidia-41.

The number of available instances must be at least 1. If the number is 0, either an instance of another vGPU type already exists on the physical GPU, or the maximum number of allowed instances has already been created.

This example shows that four more instances of the M10-2Q vGPU type can be created on the physical GPU.

```
# cat nvidia-41/available instances
```

4. Generate a correctly formatted universally unique identifier (UUID) for the vGPU.

```
aa618089-8b16-4d01-a136-25a0f3c73123
```

5. Write the UUID that you obtained in the previous step to the create file in the registration information directory for the vGPU type that you want to create.

```
# echo "uuid"> subdirectory/create
uuid
```

The UUID that you generated in the previous step, which will become the UUID of the vGPU that you want to create.

subdirectory

The registration information directory for the vGPU type that you want to create, for example, nvidia-41.

This example creates an instance of the M10-2Q vGPU type with the UUID aa618089-8b16-4d01-a136-25a0f3c73123.

echo "aa618089-8b16-4d01-a136-25a0f3c73123" > nvidia-41/create

An mdev device file for the vGPU is added to the parent physical device directory of the vGPU. The vGPU is identified by its UUID.

The /sys/bus/mdev/devices/ directory contains a symbolic link to the mdev device file.

6. Make the mdev device file that you created to represent the vGPU persistent.

mdevctl define --auto --uuid uuid uuid

The UUID that you specified in the previous step for the vGPU that you are creating.



Note: Not all Linux with KVM hypervisor releases include the mdevctl command. If your release does not include the mdevctl command, you can use standard features of the operating system to automate the re-creation of this device file when the host is booted. For example, you can write a custom script that is executed when the host is rebooted.

- 7. Confirm that the vGPU was created.
 - a). Confirm that the /sys/bus/mdev/devices/ directory contains the mdev device file for the vGPU.

```
# ls -1 /sys/bus/mdev/devices/
total 0
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 0 Nov 24 13:33 aa618089-8b16-4d01-a136-25a0f3c73123 -
> ../../../devices/
pci0000:00/0000:00:03.0/0000:03:00.0/0000:04:09.0/0000:06:00.0/
aa618089-8b16-4d01-a136-25a0f3c73123
```

b). If your release includes the mdevctl command, list the active mediated devices on the hypervisor host.

```
# mdevctl list
aa618089-8b16-4d01-a136-25a0f3c73123 0000:06:00.0 nvidia-41
```

2.11.2.2. Creating an NVIDIA vGPU that Supports SR-IOV on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor

An NVIDIA vGPU that supports SR-IOV resides on a physical GPU that supports SR-IOV, such as a GPU based on the NVIDIA Ampere architecture.

1. Enable the virtual functions for the physical GPU in the sysfs file system.



Note:

- Before performing this step, ensure that the GPU is not being used by any other processes, such as CUDA applications, monitoring applications, or the nvidia-smi command.
- The virtual functions for the physical GPU in the sysfs file system are disabled after the hypervisor host is rebooted or if the driver is reloaded or upgraded.

Use **only** the custom script sriov-manage provided by NVIDIA vGPU software for this purpose. Do **not** try to enable the virtual function for the GPU by any other means.

```
# /usr/lib/nvidia/sriov-manage -e domain:bus:slot.function
```

domain

bus

slot

function

The domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU, without the 0x prefix.



Note: Only one mdev device file can be created on a virtual function.

This example enables the virtual functions for the GPU with the domain 00, bus 41, slot 0000, and function 0.

- # /usr/lib/nvidia/sriov-manage -e 00:41:0000.0
- 2. Obtain the domain, bus, slot, and function of the available virtual functions on the GPU.

```
# 1s -1 /sys/bus/pci/devices/domain\:bus\:slot.function/ | grep virtfn
```

domain

bus

slot

function

The domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU, without the 0x prefix.

This example shows the output of this command for a physical GPU with slot 00, bus 41, domain 0000, and function 0.

```
# ls -l /sys/bus/pci/devices/0000:41:00.0/ | grep virtfn
```

- 3. Choose the available virtual function on which you want to create the vGPU and note its domain, bus, slot, and function.
- 4. Change to the mdev supported types directory for the virtual function on which you want to create the vGPU.

cd /sys/class/mdev bus/domain\:bus\:vf-slot.v-function/mdev supported types/ domain

bus

The domain and bus of the GPU, without the 0x prefix.

vf-slot

v-function

The slot and function of the virtual function.

This example changes to the mdev supported types directory for the first virtual function (virting) for the GPU with the domain 0000 and bus 41. The first virtual function (virt.fn0) has slot 00 and function 4.

cd /sys/class/mdev bus/0000\:41\:00.4/mdev supported types

5. Find out which subdirectory of mdev supported types contains registration information for the vGPU type that you want to create.

```
# grep -1 "vgpu-type" nvidia-*/name
vgpu-type
```

The vGPU type, for example, A40-2Q.

This example shows that the registration information for the A40-2Q vGPU type is contained in the nvidia-558 subdirectory of mdev supported types.

```
# grep -1 "A40-2Q" nvidia-*/name
nvidia-558/name
```

6. Confirm that you can create an instance of the vGPU type on the virtual function.

cat subdirectory/available_instances

subdirectory

The subdirectory that you found in the previous step, for example, nvidia-558.

The number of available instances must be 1. If the number is 0, a vGPU has already been created on the virtual function. Only one instance of any vGPU type can be created on a virtual function.

This example shows that an instance of the A40-2Q vGPU type can be created on the virtual function.

```
# cat nvidia-558/available_instances
```

7. Generate a correctly formatted universally unique identifier (UUID) for the vGPU.

```
# uuidgen
aa618089-8b16-4d01-a136-25a0f3c73123
```

8. Write the UUID that you obtained in the previous step to the create file in the registration information directory for the vGPU type that you want to create.

```
# echo "uuid"> subdirectory/create
uuid
```

The UUID that you generated in the previous step, which will become the UUID of the vGPU that you want to create.

subdirectory

The registration information directory for the vGPU type that you want to create, for example, nvidia-558.

This example creates an instance of the A40-2Q vGPU type with the UUID aa618089-8b16-4d01-a136-25a0f3c73123.

echo "aa618089-8b16-4d01-a136-25a0f3c73123" > nvidia-558/create

An mdev device file for the vGPU is added to the parent virtual function directory of the vGPU. The vGPU is identified by its UUID.

9. Time-sliced vGPUs only: Make the mdev device file that you created to represent the vGPU persistent.

```
# mdevctl define --auto --uuid uuid
uuid
```

The UUID that you specified in the previous step for the vGPU that you are creating.



Note:

- If you are using a GPU that supports SR-IOV, the mdev device file persists after a host reboot only if you perform Step 1 before rebooting any VM that is configured with a vGPU on the GPU.
- You cannot use the mdevctl command to make the mdev device file for a MIG-backed vGPU persistent. The mdev device file for a MIG-backed vGPU is not retained after the host is rebooted because MIG instances are no longer available.
- Not all Linux with KVM hypervisor releases include the mdevctl command. If your release does not include the mdevctl command, you can use standard features of the operating system to automate the re-creation of this device file when the host is booted. For example, you can write a custom script that is executed when the host is rebooted.
- 10. Confirm that the vGPU was created.
 - a). Confirm that the /sys/bus/mdev/devices/ directory contains a symbolic link to the mdev device file.

```
# ls -1 /sys/bus/mdev/devices/
total 0
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 0 Jul 16 05:57 aa618089-8b16-4d01-a136-25a0f3c73123
-> ../../devices/pci0000:40/0000:40:01.1/0000:41:00.4/aa618089-8b16-4d01-
a136-25a0f3c73123
```

b). If your release includes the mdevctl command, list the active mediated devices on the hypervisor host.

```
# mdevctl list
aa618089-8b16-4d01-a136-25a0f3c73123 0000:06:00.0 nvidia-558
```

2.11.3. Adding One or More vGPUs to a Linux with KVM Hypervisor VM

To support applications and workloads that are compute or graphics intensive, you can add multiple vGPUs to a single VM.

For details about which hypervisor versions and NVIDIA vGPUs support the assignment of multiple vGPUs to a VM, see Virtual GPU Software for Red Hat Enterprise Linux with KVM Release Notes and Virtual GPU Software for Ubuntu Release Notes.

Ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

- ▶ The VM to which you want to add the vGPUs is shut down.
- The vGPUs that you want to add have been created as explained in Creating an NVIDIA vGPU on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor.

You can add vGPUs to a Linux with KVM hypervisor VM by using any of the following tools:

- The virsh command
- The QEMU command line

After adding vGPUs to a Linux with KVM hypervisor VM, start the VM.

```
# virsh start vm-name
```

vm-name

The name of the VM that you added the vGPUs to.

After the VM has booted, install the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver as explained in Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics Driver.

2.11.3.1. Adding One or More vGPUs to a Linux with KVM Hypervisor VM by Using virsh

1. In virsh, open for editing the XML file of the VM that you want to add the vGPU to.

virsh edit vm-name

vm-name

The name of the VM to that you want to add the vGPUs to.

2. For each vGPU that you want to add to the VM, add a device entry in the form of an address element inside the source element to add the vGPU to the guest VM.

```
<device>
 <hostdev mode='subsystem' type='mdev' model='vfio-pci'>
     <address uuid='uuid'/>
   </source>
 </hostdev>
</device>
```

uuid

The UUID that was assigned to the vGPU when the vGPU was created.

This example adds a device entry for the vGPU with the UUID a618089-8b16-4d01a136-25a0f3c73123.

```
<device>
 <hostdev mode='subsystem' type='mdev' model='vfio-pci'>
     <address uuid='a618089-8b16-4d01-a136-25a0f3c73123'/>
 </hostdev>
</device>
```

This example adds device entries for two vGPUs with the following UUIDs:

- c73f1fa6-489e-4834-9476-d70dabd98c40
- 3b356d38-854e-48be-b376-00c72c7d119c

<device>

```
<hostdev mode='subsystem' type='mdev' model='vfio-pci'>
     <address uuid='c73f1fa6-489e-4834-9476-d70dabd98c40'/>
   </source>
 </hostdev>
 <hostdev mode='subsystem' type='mdev' model='vfio-pci'>
      <address uuid='3b356d38-854e-48be-b376-00c72c7d119c'/>
    </source>
 </hostdev>
</device>
```

3. **Optional:** Add a video element that contains a model element in which the type attribute is set to none.

```
<video>
<model type='none'/>
</video>
```

Adding this video element prevents the default video device that libvirt adds from being loaded into the VM. If you don't add this video element, you must configure the Xorg server or your remoting solution to load only the vGPU devices you added and not the default video device.

2.11.3.2. Adding One or More vGPUs to a Linux with KVM Hypervisor VM by Using the QEMU Command Line

Add the following options to the QEMU command line:

For each vGPU that you want to add to the VM, add one -device option in the following format:

```
-device vfio-pci, sysfsdev=/sys/bus/mdev/devices/vgpu-uuid
```

vqpu-uuid

The UUID that was assigned to the vGPU when the vGPU was created.

Add a -uuid option to specify the VM as follows:

```
-uuid vm-uuid
```

vm-uuid

The UUID that was assigned to the VM when the VM was created.

This example adds the vGPU with the UUID aa618089-8b16-4d01-a136-25a0f3c73123 to the VM with the UUID ebb10a6e-7ac9-49aa-af92-f56bb8c65893.

```
-device vfio-pci, sysfsdev=/sys/bus/mdev/devices/aa618089-8b16-4d01-
a136-25a0f3c73123 \
-uuid ebb10a6e-7ac9-49aa-af92-f56bb8c65893
```

This example adds device entries for two vGPUs with the following UUIDs:

- 676428a0-2445-499f-9bfd-65cd4a9bd18f
- 6c5954b8-5bc1-4769-b820-8099fe50aaba

The entries are added to the VM with the UUID ec5e8ee0-657c-4db6-8775da70e332c67e.

```
-device vfio-pci, sysfsdev=/sys/bus/mdev/
devices/676428a0-2445-499f-9bfd-65cd4a9bd18f \
-device vfio-pci, sysfsdev=/sys/bus/mdev/devices/6c5954b8-5bc1-4769-
b820-8099fe50aaba \
-uuid ec5e8ee0-657c-4db6-8775-da70e332c67e
```

2.11.4. Setting vGPU Plugin Parameters on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor

Plugin parameters for a vGPU control the behavior of the vGPU, such as the frame rate limiter (FRL) configuration in frames per second or whether console virtual network computing (VNC) for the vGPU is enabled. The VM to which the vGPU is assigned is started with these parameters. If parameters are set for multiple vGPUs assigned to the same VM, the VM is started with the parameters assigned to each vGPU.

For each vGPU for which you want to set plugin parameters, perform this task in a Linux command shell on the Linux with KVM hypervisor host.

1. Change to the nvidia subdirectory of the maev device directory that represents the vGPU.

cd /sys/bus/mdev/devices/uuid/nvidia uuid

The UUID of the vGPU, for example, aa618089-8b16-4d01-a136-25a0f3c73123.

2. Write the plugin parameters that you want to set to the vgpu params file in the directory that you changed to in the previous step.

```
# echo "plugin-config-params" > vgpu params
```

plugin-config-params

A comma-separated list of parameter-value pairs, where each pair is of the form parameter-name=value.

This example disables frame rate limiting and console VNC for a vGPU.

```
# echo "frame_rate_limiter=0, disable_vnc=1" > vgpu_params
```

This example enables unified memory for a vGPU.

```
# echo "enable_uvm=1" > vgpu_params
```

This example enables NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit debuggers for a vGPU.

```
# echo "enable_debugging=1" > vgpu_params
```

This example enables NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit profilers for a vGPU.

```
# echo "enable profiling=1" > vgpu params
```

To clear any vGPU plugin parameters that were set previously, write a space to the vgpu params file for the vGPU.

```
# echo " " > vgpu params
```

2.11.5. Deleting a vGPU on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor

For each vGPU that you want to delete, perform this task in a Linux command shell on the Linux with KVM hypervisor host.

Before you begin, ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

You have the domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU where the vGPU that you want to delete resides. For instructions, see Getting the BDF and Domain of a GPU on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor.

- ► The VM to which the vGPU is assigned is shut down.
- 1. Change to the mdev supported types directory for the physical GPU.

cd /sys/class/mdev bus/domain\:bus\:slot.function/mdev supported types/

domain

bus

slot

function

The domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU, without the 0x prefix.

This example changes to the mdev supported types directory for the GPU with the PCI device BDF 06:00.0.

- # cd /sys/bus/pci/devices/0000\:06\:00.0/mdev supported types/
- 2. Change to the subdirectory of mdev supported types that contains registration information for the vGPU.

```
# cd `find . -type d -name uuid`
uuid
```

The UUID of the vGPU, for example, aa618089-8b16-4d01-a136-25a0f3c73123.

3. Write the value 1 to the remove file in the registration information directory for the vGPU that you want to delete.

```
# echo "1" > remove
```



Note: On the Red Hat Virtualization (RHV) kernel, if you try to remove a vGPU device while its VM is running, the vGPU device might not be removed even if the remove file has been written to successfully. To confirm that the vGPU device is removed, confirm that the UUID of the vGPU is not found in the sysfs file system.

2.11.6. Preparing a GPU Configured for Pass-Through for Use with vGPU

The mode in which a physical GPU is being used determines the Linux kernel module to which the GPU is bound. If you want to switch the mode in which a GPU is being used, you must unbind the GPU from its current kernel module and bind it to the kernel module for the new mode. After binding the GPU to the correct kernel module, you can then configure it for vGPU.

A physical GPU that is passed through to a VM is bound to the vfio-pci kernel module. A physical GPU that is bound to the vfio-pci kernel module can be used only for pass-through. To enable the GPU to be used for vGPU, the GPU must be unbound from vfio-pci kernel module and bound to the nvidia kernel module.

Before you begin, ensure that you have the domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU that you are preparing for use with vGPU. For instructions, see Getting the BDF and Domain of a GPU on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor.

1. Determine the kernel module to which the GPU is bound by running the lspci command with the -k option on the NVIDIA GPUs on your host.

```
# lspci -d 10de: -k
```

The Kernel driver in use: field indicates the kernel module to which the GPU is bound.

The following example shows that the NVIDIA Tesla M60 GPU with BDF 06:00.0 is bound to the vfio-pci kernel module and is being used for GPU pass through.

```
06:00.0 VGA compatible controller: NVIDIA Corporation GM204GL [Tesla M60] (rev
a1)
        Subsystem: NVIDIA Corporation Device 115e
        Kernel driver in use: vfio-pci
```

- 2. Unbind the GPU from vfio-pci kernel module.
 - a). Change to the sysfs directory that represents the vfio-pci kernel module.
 - # cd /sys/bus/pci/drivers/vfio-pci
 - b). Write the domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU to the unbind file in this directory.

```
# echo domain:bus:slot.function > unbind
```

domain

bus

slot

function

The domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU, without a 0x prefix.

This example writes the domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU with the domain 0000 and PCI device BDF 06:00.0.

- # echo 0000:06:00.0 > unbind
- 3. Bind the GPU to the nvidia kernel module.
 - a). Change to the <code>sysfs</code> directory that contains the PCI device information for the physical GPU.

```
# cd /sys/bus/pci/devices/domain\:bus\:slot.function
```

domain

bus

slot

function

The domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU, without a 0x prefix.

This example changes to the sysfs directory that contains the PCI device information for the GPU with the domain 0000 and PCI device BDF 06:00.0.

- # cd /sys/bus/pci/devices/0000\:06\:00.0
- b). Write the kernel module name nvidia to the driver override file in this directory.
 - # echo nvidia > driver override
- c). Change to the sysfs directory that represents the nvidia kernel module.
 - # cd /sys/bus/pci/drivers/nvidia
- d). Write the domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU to the bind file in this directory.
 - # echo domain:bus:slot.function > bind

domain

bus

slot

function

The domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU, without a 0x prefix.

This example writes the domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU with the domain 0000 and PCI device BDF 06:00.0.

```
# echo 0000:06:00.0 > bind
```

You can now configure the GPU with vGPU as explained in Installing and Configuring the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV.

2.11.7. NVIDIA vGPU Information in the sysfs File System

Information about the NVIDIA vGPU types supported by each physical GPU in a Linux with KVM hypervisor host is stored in the sysfs file system.

All physical GPUs on the host are registered with the mdev kernel module. Information about the physical GPUs and the vGPU types that can be created on each physical GPU is stored in directories and files under the /sys/class/mdev bus/ directory.

The sysfs directory for each physical GPU is at the following locations:

- /sys/bus/pci/devices/
- /sys/class/mdev bus/

Both directories are a symbolic link to the real directory for PCI devices in the sysfs file

The organization the sysfs directory for each physical GPU is as follows:

```
/sys/class/mdev bus/
           |-parent-physical-device
             |-mdev supported types
               |-nvidia-vgputype-id
                 |-available instances
                 |-create
                 |-description
                 |-device api
                  I-devices
                 |-name
```

parent-physical-device

Each physical GPU on the host is represented by a subdirectory of the /sys/class/ mdev bus/directory.

The name of each subdirectory is as follows:

domain\:bus\:slot.function

domain, bus, slot, function are the domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU, for example, 0000\:06\:00.0.

Each directory is a symbolic link to the real directory for PCI devices in the sysfs file system. For example:

```
# 11 /sys/class/mdev_bus/
total 0
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 0 Dec 12 03:20 0000:05:00.0 -> ../../devices/
pci0000:00/0000:00:03.0/0000:03:00.0/0000:04:08.0/0000:05:00.0
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 0 Dec 12 03:20 0000:06:00.0 -> ../../devices/
pci0000:00/0000:00:03.0/0000:03:00.0/0000:04:09.0/0000:06:00.0
```

```
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 0 Dec 12 03:20 0000:07:00.0 -> ../../devices/
pci0000:00/0000:00:03.0/0000:03:00.0/0000:04:10.0/0000:07:00.0
lrwxrwxrwx. 1 root root 0 Dec 12 03:20 0000:08:00.0 -> ../../devices/pci0000:00/0000:03.0/0000:03:00.0/0000:04:11.0/0000:08:00.0
```

mdev supported_types

A directory named mdev supported types is required under the sysfs directory for each physical GPU that will be configured with NVIDIA vGPU. How this directory is created for a GPU depends on whether the GPU supports SR-IOV.

- ▶ For a GPU that does not support SR-IOV, this directory is created automatically after the Virtual GPU Manager is installed on the host and the host has been rebooted.
- For a GPU that supports SR-IOV, such as a GPU based on the NVIDIA Ampere architecture, you must create this directory by enabling the virtual function for the GPU as explained in Creating an NVIDIA vGPU on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor. The mdev supported types directory itself is never visible on the physical function.

The mdev supported types directory contains a subdirectory for each vGPU type that the physical GPU supports. The name of each subdirectory is nvidia-vgputype-id, where vgputype-id is an unsigned integer serial number. For example:

```
# 11 mdev supported types/
 total 0
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Dec 6 01:37 nvidia-35 drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Dec 5 10:43 nvidia-36 drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Dec 5 10:43 nvidia-37 drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Dec 5 10:43 nvidia-38
drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Dec 5 10:43 nvidia-38 drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Dec 5 10:43 nvidia-39 drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Dec 5 10:43 nvidia-40 drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Dec 5 10:43 nvidia-41 drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Dec 5 10:43 nvidia-42 drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Dec 5 10:43 nvidia-43 drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Dec 5 10:43 nvidia-44 drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Dec 5 10:43 nvidia-44
 drwxr-xr-x 3 root root 0 Dec 5 10:43 nvidia-45
```

nvidia-vgputype-id

Each directory represents an individual vGPU type and contains the following files and directories:

available instances

This file contains the number of instances of this vGPU type that can still be created. This file is updated any time a vGPU of this type is created on or removed from the physical GPU.



Note: When a time-sliced vGPU is created, the content of the available instances for all other time-sliced vGPU types on the physical GPU is set to 0. This behavior enforces the requirement that all time-sliced vGPUs on a physical GPU must be of the same type. However, this requirement does not apply to MIG-backed vGPUs. Therefore, when a MIGbacked vGPU is created, available instances for all other MIG-backed vGPU types on the physical GPU is not set to 0

create

This file is used for creating a vGPU instance. A vGPU instance is created by writing the UUID of the vGPU to this file. The file is write only.

description

This file contains the following details of the vGPU type:

The maximum number of virtual display heads that the vGPU type supports

- ▶ The frame rate limiter (FRL) configuration in frames per second
- ► The frame buffer size in Mbytes
- The maximum resolution per display head
- The maximum number of vGPU instances per physical GPU

For example:

```
# cat description
num heads=4, frl config=60, framebuffer=2048M, max resolution=4096x2160,
max instance=4
```

device api

This file contains the string vfio pci to indicate that a vGPU is a PCI device.

This directory contains all the mdev devices that are created for the vGPU type. For example:

```
# 11 devices
total 0
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root root 0 Dec 6 01:52 aa618089-8b16-4d01-a136-25a0f3c73123
> ../../aa618089-8b16-4d01-a136-25a0f3c73123
```

This file contains the name of the vGPU type. For example:

```
GRID M10-20
```

2.12. Configuring a GPU for MIG-Backed **v**GPUs

To support GPU instances with NVIDIA vGPU, a GPU must be configured with MIG mode enabled and GPU instances must be created and configured on the physical GPU. Optionally, you can create compute instances within the GPU instances. If you don't create compute instances within the GPU instances, they can be added later for individual vGPUs from within the guest VMs.

Ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

- The NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager is installed on the hypervisor host.
- You have root user privileges on your hypervisor host machine.
- You have determined which GPU instances correspond to the vGPU types of the MIGbacked vGPUs that you will create.

To get this information, consult the table of MIG-backed vGPUs for your GPU in Virtual GPU Types for Supported GPUs.

The GPU is not being used by any other processes, such as CUDA applications, monitoring applications, or the nvidia-smi command.

To configure a GPU for MIG-backed vGPUs, follow these instructions:

1. Enabling MIG Mode for a GPU



Note: For VMware vSphere, only enabling MIG mode is required because VMware vSphere creates the GPU instances and, after the VM is booted and quest driver is installed, one compute instance is automatically created in the VM.

- 2. Creating GPU Instances on a MIG-Enabled GPU
- 3. Optional: Creating Compute Instances in a GPU instance

After configuring a GPU for MIG-backed vGPUs, create the vGPUs that you need and add them to their VMs.

2.12.1. Enabling MIG Mode for a GPU

Perform this task in your hypervisor command shell.

- 1. Open a command shell as the root user on your hypervisor host machine. On all supported hypervisors, you can use secure shell (SSH) for this purpose. Individual hypervisors may provide additional means for logging in. For details, refer to the documentation for your hypervisor.
- 2. Determine whether MIG mode is enabled.

Use the nvidia-smi command for this purpose. By default, MIG mode is disabled.

This example shows that MIG mode is disabled on GPU 0.



Note: In the output from nvidia-smi, the NVIDIA A100 HGX 40GB GPU is referred to as A100-SXM4-40GB.

nvidi	ia-smi	-i 0							
NVID								DA Version	
	Name Temp	Perf	Persi Pwr:U	stence-M sage/Cap 	Bus-Id	Di Memory-U	sp.A sage	Volatile GPU-Util	Uncorr. ECC Compute M MIG M
0	A100-	SXM4-4	0GB	On	0000000	00:36:00.0 11B / 4053	Off		Defaul Disable

3. If MIG mode is disabled, enable it.

\$ nvidia-smi -i [gpu-ids] -mig 1 qpu-ids

A comma-separated list of GPU indexes, PCI bus IDs or UUIDs that specifies the GPUs on which you want to enable MIG mode. If *qpu-ids* is omitted, MIG mode is enabled on all GPUs on the system.

This example enables MIG mode on GPU 0.

```
$ nvidia-smi -i 0 -mig 1
Enabled MIG Mode for GPU 00000000:36:00.0
```

All done.



Note: If the GPU is being used by another process, this command fails and displays a warning message that MIG mode for the GPU is in the pending enable state. In this situation, stop all processes that are using the GPU and retry the command.

- 4. VMware vSphere ESXi only: Reboot the hypervisor host.
- 5. Query the GPUs on which you enabled MIG mode to confirm that MIG mode is enabled.

This example queries GPU 0 for the PCI bus ID and MIG mode in comma-separated values (CSV) format.

```
$ nvidia-smi -i 0 --query-gpu=pci.bus_id,mig.mode.current --format=csv
pci.bus_id, mig.mode.current 000000000:36:00.0, Enabled
```

2.12.2. Creating GPU Instances on a MIG-Enabled GPU



Note: If you are using VMware vSphere, omit this task. VMware vSphere creates the GPU instances automatically.

Perform this task in your hypervisor command shell.

- 1. If necessary, open a command shell as the root user on your hypervisor host machine.
- 2. List the GPU instance profiles that are available on your GPU.

You will need to specify the profiles by their IDs, not their names, when you create them.

\$ nvid	nvidia-smi mig -lgip								
GPU GPU 	instance profi	lles: ID	Instances Free/Total			SM CE	DEC JPEG	ENC OFA	
0	MIG 1g.5gb	19	7/7	4.95	No	14 1	0	0 0	
0	MIG 2g.10gb	14	3/3	9.90	No	28 2	1 0	0	
0	MIG 3g.20gb	9	2/2	19.79	No	42 3	2	0	
0	MIG 4g.20gb	5	1/1	19.79	No	56 4	2	0	
0	MIG 7g.40gb	0	1/1	39.59	No	98 7	5 1	0 1	
'									

3. Create the GPU instances that correspond to the vGPU types of the MIG-backed vGPUs that you will create.

\$ nvidia-smi mig -cgi gpu-instance-profile-ids gpu-instance-profile-ids

A comma-separated list of GPU instance profile IDs that specifies the GPU instances that you want to create.

This example creates two GPU instances of type 2q.10qb, which has profile ID 14.

```
$ nvidia-smi mig -cgi 14,14
Successfully created GPU instance ID 5 on GPU 2 using profile MIG 2g.10gb (ID
Successfully created GPU instance ID 3 on GPU 2 using profile MIG 2g.10gb (ID
```

2.12.3. Optional: Creating Compute Instances in a **GPU** instance

Creating compute instances within GPU instances is optional. If you don't create compute instances within the GPU instances, they can be added later for individual vGPUs from within the quest VMs.



Note: If you are using VMware vSphere, omit this task. After the VM is booted and guest driver is installed, one compute instance is automatically created in the VM.

Perform this task in your hypervisor command shell.

- 1. If necessary, open a command shell as the root user on your hypervisor host machine.
- 2. List the available GPU instances.

\$ nvidia-smi mig -lgi		
GPU instances: GPU Name Prof	File Instance	Placement Start:Size
2 MIG 2g.10gb 14	3	0:2
2 MIG 2g.10gb 14	5	4:2

3. Create the compute instances that you need within each GPU instance.

```
$ nvidia-smi mig -cci -gi gpu-instance-ids
gpu-instance-ids
```

A comma-separated list of GPU instance IDs that specifies the GPU instances within which you want to create the compute instances.



CAUTION: To avoid an inconsistent state between a quest VM and the hypervisor host, do not create compute instances from the hypervisor on a GPU instance on which an active quest VM is running. Instead, create the compute instances from within the quest VM as explained in Modifying a MIG-Backed vGPU's Configuration.

This example creates a compute instance on each of GPU instances 3 and 5.

```
$ nvidia-smi mig -cci -gi 3,5
Successfully created compute instance on GPU 0 GPU instance ID 1 using profile
Successfully created compute instance on GPU 0 GPU instance ID 2 using profile
```

4. Verify that the compute instances were created within each GPU instance.

```
$ nvidia-smi
| MIG devices:
```

GPU	J GI ID	CI	MIG Dev	Memory-Usage BAR1-Usage		ECC		ENC	Share DEC		JPG
2	3	0	0	OMIB / 9984MIB OMIB / 16383MIB	į	+ 0 	2	0	1	0	==== 0
2	5	0	1	'	28	0 +	2	0	1	0	0
+ Pro GI 		I	CI ID =====	PID Type Proce	ss name					 U Mem age =====	+



Note: Additional compute instances that have been created in a VM are destroyed when the VM is shut down or rebooted. After the shutdown or reboot, only one compute instance remains in the VM. This compute instance is created automatically after the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver is installed.

2.13. Disabling MIG Mode for One or More **GPUs**

If a GPU that you want to use for time-sliced vGPUs or GPU pass through has previously been configured for MIG-backed vGPUs, disable MIG mode on the GPU.

Ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

- The NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager is installed on the hypervisor host.
- You have root user privileges on your hypervisor host machine.
- ▶ The GPU is not being used by any other processes, such as CUDA applications, monitoring applications, or the nvidia-smi command.

Perform this task in your hypervisor command shell.

- 1. Open a command shell as the root user on your hypervisor host machine. You can use secure shell (SSH) for this purpose.
- 2. Determine whether MIG mode is disabled.

Use the nvidia-smi command for this purpose. By default, MIG mode is disabled, but might have previously been enabled.

This example shows that MIG mode is enabled on GPU 0.



Note: In the output from nvidia-smi, the NVIDIA A100 HGX 40GB GPU is referred to as A100-SXM4-40GB.

```
$ nvidia-smi -i 0
| NVIDIA-SMI 525.85.07 | Driver Version: 525.85.07 | CUDA Version: 12.0
```

GPU Name Fan Temp Perf 	Persistence-M Bus-Id Pwr:Usage/Cap	Disp.A Vola Memory-Usage GPU-	tile Uncorr. ECC -Util Compute M. MIG M.
0 A100-SXM4-4 N/A 29C P0			0 6% Default Enabled

3. If MIG mode is enabled, disable it.

```
$ nvidia-smi -i [qpu-ids] -mig 0
qpu-ids
```

A comma-separated list of GPU indexes, PCI bus IDs or UUIDs that specifies the GPUs on which you want to disable MIG mode. If qpu-ids is omitted, MIG mode is disabled on all GPUs on the system.

This example disables MIG mode on GPU 0.

```
$ sudo nvidia-smi -i 0 -mig 0
Disabled MIG Mode for GPU 00000000:36:00.0
All done.
```

4. Confirm that MIG mode was disabled.

Use the nvidia-smi command for this purpose.

This example shows that MIG mode is disabled on GPU 0.

nvidia-smi	-i 0							
NVIDIA-SMI	525.85	.07			525.85.07			
GPU Name Fan Temp	Perf	Pwr:Usa	cence-M age/Cap	Bus-Id	Disp.	. A	Volatile	Uncorr. ECC Compute M. MIG M.
0 A100- N/A 29C	SXM4-40	GB		0000000	0:36:00.0 Of iB / 40537Mi		6%	0 Default Disabled

Disabling and Enabling ECC Memory 2.14.

Some GPUs that support NVIDIA vGPU software support error correcting code (ECC) memory with NVIDIA vGPU. ECC memory improves data integrity by detecting and handling doublebit errors. However, not all GPUs, vGPU types, and hypervisor software versions support ECC memory with NVIDIA vGPU.

On GPUs that support ECC memory with NVIDIA vGPU, ECC memory is supported with Cseries and Q-series vGPUs, but not with A-series and B-series vGPUs. Although A-series and B-series vGPUs start on physical GPUs on which ECC memory is enabled, enabling ECC with vGPUs that do not support it might incur some costs.

On physical GPUs that do not have HBM2 memory, the amount of frame buffer that is usable by vGPUs is reduced. All types of vGPU are affected, not just vGPUs that support ECC memory.

The effects of enabling ECC memory on a physical GPU are as follows:

▶ ECC memory is exposed as a feature on all supported vGPUs on the physical GPU.

- ▶ In VMs that support ECC memory, ECC memory is enabled, with the option to disable ECC in the VM.
- ▶ ECC memory can be enabled or disabled for individual VMs. Enabling or disabling ECC memory in a VM does not affect the amount of frame buffer that is usable by vGPUs.

GPUs based on the Pascal GPU architecture and later GPU architectures support ECC memory with NVIDIA vGPU. To determine whether ECC memory is enabled for a GPU, run nvidia-smi -q for the GPU.

Tesla M60 and M6 GPUs support ECC memory when used without GPU virtualization, but NVIDIA vGPU does not support ECC memory with these GPUs. In graphics mode, these GPUs are supplied with ECC memory disabled by default.

Some hypervisor software versions do not support ECC memory with NVIDIA vGPU.

If you are using a hypervisor software version or GPU that does not support ECC memory with NVIDIA vGPU and ECC memory is enabled, NVIDIA vGPU fails to start. In this situation, you must ensure that ECC memory is disabled on all GPUs if you are using NVIDIA vGPU.

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If ECC memory is unsuitable for your workloads but is enabled on your GPUs, disable it. You must also ensure that ECC memory is disabled on all GPUs if you are using NVIDIA vGPU with a hypervisor software version or a GPU that does not support ECC memory with NVIDIA vGPU. If your hypervisor software version or GPU does not support ECC memory and ECC memory is enabled, NVIDIA vGPU fails to start.

Where to perform this task depends on whether you are changing ECC memory settings for a physical GPU or a vGPU.

- For a physical GPU, perform this task from the hypervisor host.
- For a vGPU, perform this task from the VM to which the vGPU is assigned.



Note: ECC memory must be enabled on the physical GPU on which the vGPUs reside.

Before you begin, ensure that NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager is installed on your hypervisor. If you are changing ECC memory settings for a vGPU, also ensure that the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver is installed in the VM to which the vGPU is assigned.

1. Use nvidia-smi to list the status of all physical GPUs or vGPUs, and check for ECC noted as enabled.

```
# nvidia-smi -q
========NVSMI LOG========
                                 : Mon Jan 30 18:36:45 2023
Timestamp
Driver Version
                                 : 525.85.07
Attached GPUs
                                 : 1
GPU 0000:02:00.0
[...]
   Ecc Mode
```

```
Current
                             : Enabled
 Pending
                             : Enabled
```

- 2. Change the ECC status to off for each GPU for which ECC is enabled.
 - ▶ If you want to change the ECC status to off for all GPUs on your host machine or vGPUs assigned to the VM, run this command:

```
# nvidia-smi -e 0
```

If you want to change the ECC status to off for a specific GPU or vGPU, run this command:

```
# nvidia-smi -i id -e 0
```

id is the index of the GPU or vGPU as reported by nvidia-smi.

This example disables ECC for the GPU with index 0000:02:00.0.

```
# nvidia-smi -i 0000:02:00.0 -e 0
```

- 3. Reboot the host or restart the VM.
- 4. Confirm that ECC is now disabled for the GPU or vGPU.

```
# nvidia-smi -q
========NVSMI LOG========
                                 : Mon Jan 30 18:37:53 2023
Timestamp
Driver Version
                                 : 525.85.07
Attached GPUs
GPU 0000:02:00.0
[...]
   Ecc Mode
                                : Disabled
       Current
       Pending
                                : Disabled
[...]
```

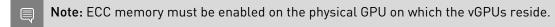
If you later need to enable ECC on your GPUs or vGPUs, follow the instructions in Enabling ECC Memory.

2.14.2. Enabling ECC Memory

If ECC memory is suitable for your workloads and is supported by your hypervisor software and GPUs, but is disabled on your GPUs or vGPUs, enable it.

Where to perform this task depends on whether you are changing ECC memory settings for a physical GPU or a vGPU.

- For a physical GPU, perform this task from the hypervisor host.
- For a vGPU, perform this task from the VM to which the vGPU is assigned.



Before you begin, ensure that NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager is installed on your hypervisor. If you are changing ECC memory settings for a vGPU, also ensure that the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver is installed in the VM to which the vGPU is assigned.

1. Use nvidia-smi to list the status of all physical GPUs or vGPUs, and check for ECC noted as disabled.

```
# nvidia-smi -q
========NVSMI LOG=========
                              : Mon Jan 30 18:36:45 2023
Timestamp
Driver Version
                              : 525.85.07
Attached GPUs
                           : 1
GPU 0000:02:00.0
[...]
   Ecc Mode
                             : Disabled
      Current
      Pending
                             : Disabled
[...]
```

- 2. Change the ECC status to on for each GPU or vGPU for which ECC is enabled.
 - ▶ If you want to change the ECC status to on for all GPUs on your host machine or vGPUs assigned to the VM, run this command:

```
# nvidia-smi -e 1
```

If you want to change the ECC status to on for a specific GPU or vGPU, run this command:

```
# nvidia-smi -i id -e 1
```

id is the index of the GPU or vGPU as reported by nvidia-smi.

This example enables ECC for the GPU with index 0000:02:00.0.

```
# nvidia-smi -i 0000:02:00.0 -e 1
```

- 3. Reboot the host or restart the VM.
- 4. Confirm that ECC is now enabled for the GPU or vGPU.

```
# nvidia-smi -q
========NVSMI LOG========
Timestamp
                                : Mon Jan 30 18:37:53 2023
Driver Version
                               : 525.85.07
Attached GPUs
                               : 1
GPU 0000:02:00.0
[...]
   Ecc Mode
                              : Enabled
      Current
       Pending
                               : Enabled
```

If you later need to disable ECC on your GPUs or vGPUs, follow the instructions in Disabling ECC Memory.

2.15. Configuring a vGPU VM for Use with NVIDIA GPUDirect Storage **Technology**

To use NVIDIA® GPUDirect Storage® technology with NVIDIA vGPU, you must install all the required software in the VM that is configured with NVIDIA vGPU. Ensure that the prerequisites in Prerequisites for Using NVIDIA vGPU are met.

- 1. Install and configure the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager as explained in Installing and Configuring the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager for Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or RHV.
- 2. As root, log in to the VM that you configured with NVIDIA vGPU in the previous step.
- 3. Install the Mellanox OpenFabrics Enterprise Distribution for Linux (MLNX_OFED) in the VM as explained in Installation Procedure in Installing Mellanox OFED.

In the command to run the installation script, specify the following options:

- --with-nymf
- --with-nfsrdma
- --enable-qds
- --add-kernel-support
- 4. Install the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver for Linux in the VM from a distributionspecific package.



Note: GPUDirect Storage technology does not support installation of the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver for Linux from a .run file.

Follow the instructions for the Linux distribution that is installed in the VM:

- Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics Driver on Ubuntu from a Debian Package
- Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics Driver on Red Hat Distributions from an RPM Package
- 5. Install NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit from a .run file, deselecting the CUDA driver when selecting the CUDA components to install.



Note: To avoid overwriting the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver that you installed in the previous step, do not install NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit from a distribution-specific package.

For instructions, refer to <u>Runfile Installation</u> in *NVIDIA CUDA Installation Guide for Linux*.

6. Use the package manager of the Linux distribution that is installed in the VM to install the GPUDirect Storage technology packages, omitting the installation of the NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit packages.

Follow the instructions in NVIDIA CUDA Installation Guide for Linux for the Linux distribution that is installed in the VM:

► RHEL8/CentOS8

In the step to install CUDA, execute only the command to include all GPUDirect Storage technology packages:

sudo dnf install nvidia-gds

Ubuntu

In the step to install CUDA, execute **only** the command to include all GPUDirect Storage technology packages:

sudo apt-get install nvidia-gds

After you configure a vGPU VM for use with NVIDIA GPUDirect Storage technology, you can license the NVIDIA vGPU software licensed products that you are using. For instructions, refer to Virtual GPU Client Licensing User Guide.

Chapter 3. Using GPU Pass-Through

GPU pass-through is used to directly assign an entire physical GPU to one VM, bypassing the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager. In this mode of operation, the GPU is accessed exclusively by the NVIDIA driver running in the VM to which it is assigned; the GPU is not shared among VMs.

In pass-through mode, GPUs based on NVIDIA GPU architectures after the Maxwell architecture support error-correcting code (ECC).

GPU pass-through can be used in a server platform alongside NVIDIA vGPU, with some restrictions:

- A physical GPU can host NVIDIA vGPUs, or can be used for pass-through, but cannot do both at the same time. Some hypervisors, for example VMware vSphere ESXi, require a host reboot to change a GPU from pass-through mode to vGPU mode.
- A single VM cannot be configured for both vGPU and GPU pass-through at the same time.
- ▶ The performance of a physical GPU passed through to a VM can be monitored only from within the VM itself. Such a GPU cannot be monitored by tools that operate through the hypervisor, such as XenCenter or nvidia-smi (see Monitoring GPU Performance).
- ▶ The following BIOS settings must be enabled on your server platform:
 - VT-D/IOMMU
 - SR-IOV in Advanced Options
- ▶ All GPUs directly connected to each other through NVLink must be assigned to the same VM.



Note: If you intend to configure all GPUs in your server platform for pass-through, you do not need to install the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager.

3.1. Display Resolutions for Physical **GPUs**

The display resolutions supported by a physical GPU depend on the NVIDIA GPU architecture and the NVIDIA vGPU software license that is applied to the GPU.

vWS Physical GPU Resolutions

GPUs that are licensed with a vWS license support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by the NVIDIA GPU architecture. You can choose between using a small number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these GPUs.

The following table lists the maximum number of displays per GPU at each supported display resolution for configurations in which all displays have the same resolution.

NVIDIA GPU Architecture	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Displays per GPU		
Pascal and later	66355200	7680×4320	2		
Pascat and tater	00333200	5120×2880 or lower	4		
MII	25200//0	5120×2880	2		
Maxwell	35389440	4096×2160 or lower	4		

The following table provides examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions.

NVIDIA GPU Architecture	Available Pixels	Available Pixel Basis	Maximum Displays	Sample Mixed Display Configurations
Pascal and later	66355200	2 7680×4320 displays	4	1 7680×4320 display plus 2 5120×2880 displays
				1 7680×4320 display plus 3 4096×2160 displays
Maxwell	35389440	4 4096×2160 displays	4	1 5120×2880 display plus 2 4096×2160 displays



Note: You cannot use more than four displays even if the combined resolution of the displays is less than the number of available pixels from the GPU. For example, you cannot use five 4096×2160 displays with a GPU based on the NVIDIA Pascal architecture even though the combined resolution of the displays (44236800) is less than the number of available pixels from the GPU (66355200).

vApps or vCS Physical GPU Resolutions

GPUs that are licensed with a vApps or a vCS license support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution. The maximum resolution depends on the following factors:

- NVIDIA GPU architecture
- The NVIDIA vGPU Software license that is applied to the GPU
- The operating system that is running in the on the system to which the GPU is assigned

License	NVIDIA GPU Architecture	Operating System	Maximum Display Resolution	Displays per GPU
vApps	Pascal or later	Linux	2560×1600	1
	Pascal or later	Windows	1280×1024	1
	Maxwell	Windows and Linux	2560×1600	1
vCS	Pascal or later	Linux	4096×2160	1

3.2. Using GPU Pass-Through on Citrix Hypervisor

You can configure a GPU for pass-through on Citrix Hypervisor by using XenCenter or by using the xe command.

The following additional restrictions apply when GPU pass-through is used in a server platform alongside NVIDIA vGPU:

- ▶ The performance of a physical GPU passed through to a VM cannot be monitored through XenCenter.
- ▶ nvidia-smi in dom0 no longer has access to the GPU.
- Pass-through GPUs do not provide console output through XenCenter's VM Console tab. Use a remote graphics connection directly into the VM to access the VM's OS.

Configuring a VM for GPU Pass Through by 3.2.1. Using XenCenter

Select the **Pass-through whole GPU** option as the GPU type in the VM's Properties:

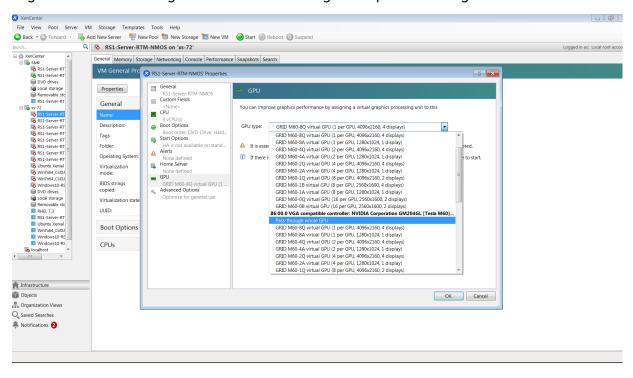


Figure 17. Using XenCenter to configure a pass-through GPU

After configuring a Citrix Hypervisor VM for GPU pass through, install the NVIDIA graphics driver in the quest OS on the VM as explained in Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics Driver.

Configuring a VM for GPU Pass Through by Using xe

Create a vgpu object with the passthrough vGPU type:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe vgpu-type-list model-name="passthrough"
                           : fa50b0f0-9705-6c59-689e-ea62a3d35237
uuid (RO)
         vendor-name (RO):
          model-name ( RO): passthrough
    framebuffer-size ( RO): 0
[root@xenserver ~] # xe vgpu-create vm-uuid=753e77a9-e10d-7679-f674-65c078abb2eb vgpu-type-
uuid=fa50b0f0-9705-6c59-689e-ea62a3d35237 gpu-group-uuid=585877ef-5a6c-66af-fc56-7bd525bdc2f6
6aa530ec-8f27-86bd-b8e4-fe4fde8f08f9
[root@xenserver ~]#
```



CAUTION: Do not assign pass-through GPUs using the legacy other-config:pci parameter setting. This mechanism is not supported alongside the XenCenter UI and xe vgpu mechanisms, and attempts to use it may lead to undefined results.

After configuring a Citrix Hypervisor VM for GPU pass through, install the NVIDIA graphics driver in the guest OS on the VM as explained in <u>Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics</u> Driver.

Using GPU Pass-Through on Red Hat 3.3. Enterprise Linux KVM or Ubuntu

You can configure a GPU for pass-through on Red Hat Enterprise Linux Kernel-based Virtual Machine (KVM) or Ubuntu by using any of the following tools:

- The Virtual Machine Manager (virt-manager) graphical tool
- The virsh command
- The QEMU command line

Before configuring a GPU for pass-through on Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or Ubuntu, ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

- Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or Ubuntu is installed.
- A virtual disk has been created.
 - Note: Do not create any virtual disks in /root.
- A virtual machine has been created.

Configuring a VM for GPU Pass-Through 3.3.1. by Using Virtual Machine Manager (virtmanager)

For more information about using Virtual Machine Manager, see the following topics in the documentation for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7:

- Managing Guests with the Virtual Machine Manager (virt-manager)
- Starting virt-manager
- Assigning a PCI Device with virt-manager
- 1. Start virt-manager.
- 2. In the virt-manager main window, select the VM that you want to configure for passthrough.
- 3. From the Edit menu, choose Virtual Machine Details.
- 4. In the virtual machine hardware information window that opens, click Add Hardware.
- 5. In the Add New Virtual Hardware dialog box that opens, in the hardware list on the left, select PCI Host Device.
- 6. From the **Host Device** list that appears, select the GPU that you want to assign to the VM and click Finish.

If you want to remove a GPU from the VM to which it is assigned, in the virtual machine hardware information window, select the GPU and click Remove.

After configuring the VM for GPU pass through, install the NVIDIA graphics driver in the guest OS on the VM as explained in Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics Driver.

Configuring a VM for GPU Pass-Through by 3.3.2. Using virsh

For more information about using virsh, see the following topics in the documentation for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7:

- Managing Guest Virtual Machines with virsh
- Assigning a PCI Device with virsh
- 1. Verify that the vfio-pci module is loaded.

```
# lsmod | grep vfio-pci
```

2. Obtain the PCI device bus/device/function (BDF) of the GPU that you want to assign in pass-through mode to a VM.

```
# lspci | grep NVIDIA
```

The NVIDIA GPUs listed in this example have the PCI device BDFs 85:00.0 and 86:00.0.

```
# lspci | grep NVIDIA
85:00.0 VGA compatible controller: NVIDIA Corporation GM204GL [Tesla M60] (rev
a1)
86:00.0 VGA compatible controller: NVIDIA Corporation GM204GL [Tesla M60] (rev
```

3. Obtain the full identifier of the GPU from its PCI device BDF.

```
# virsh nodedev-list --cap pci| grep transformed-bdf
```

transformed-bdf

The PCI device BDF of the GPU with the colon and the period replaced with underscores, for example, 85 00 0.

This example obtains the full identifier of the GPU with the PCI device BDF 85:00.0.

```
# virsh nodedev-list --cap pci| grep 85_00_0
pci_0000_85_00_0
```

4. Obtain the domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU.

```
virsh nodedev-dumpxml full-identifier| egrep 'domain|bus|slot|function'
full-identifier
```

The full identifier of the GPU that you obtained in the previous step, for example, pci 0000 85 00 0.

This example obtains the domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU with the PCI device BDF 85:00.0.

```
# virsh nodedev-dumpxml pci 0000_85_00_0| egrep 'domain|bus|slot|function'
   <domain>0x0000</domain>
   <bus>0x85</bus>
   <slot>0x00</slot>
   <function>0x0</function>
      <address domain='0x0000' bus='0x85' slot='0x00' function='0x0'/>
```

5. In virsh, open for editing the XML file of the VM that you want to assign the GPU to.

```
# virsh edit vm-name
```

vm-name

The name of the VM to that you want to assign the GPU to.

6. Add a device entry in the form of an address element inside the source element to assign the GPU to the guest VM.

You can optionally add a second address element after the source element to set a fixed PCI device BDF for the GPU in the guest operating system.

```
<hostdev mode='subsystem' type='pci' managed='yes'>
 <source>
   <address domain='domain' bus='bus' slot='slot' function='function'/>
   <address type='pci' domain='0x0000' bus='0x00' slot='0x05' function='0x0'/>
</hostdev>
```

domain

bus

slot

function

The domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU, which you obtained in the previous step.

This example adds a device entry for the GPU with the PCI device BDF 85:00.0 and fixes the BDF for the GPU in the guest operating system.

```
<hostdev mode='subsystem' type='pci' managed='yes'>
   <address domain='0x0000' bus='0x85' slot='0x00' function='0x0'/>  
   <address type='pci' domain='0x0000' bus='0x00' slot='0x05' function='0x0'/>
```

7. Start the VM that you assigned the GPU to.

```
# virsh start vm-name
```

vm-name

The name of the VM that you assigned the GPU to.

After configuring the VM for GPU pass through, install the NVIDIA graphics driver in the guest OS on the VM as explained in Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics Driver.

Configuring a VM for GPU Pass-Through by 3.3.3. Using the QEMU Command Line

1. Obtain the PCI device bus/device/function (BDF) of the GPU that you want to assign in pass-through mode to a VM.

lspci | grep NVIDIA

The NVIDIA GPUs listed in this example have the PCI device BDFs 85:00.0 and 86:00.0.

```
# lspci | grep NVIDIA
85:00.0 VGA compatible controller: NVIDIA Corporation GM204GL [Tesla M60] (rev
86:00.0 VGA compatible controller: NVIDIA Corporation GM204GL [Tesla M60] (rev
```

2. Add the following option to the QEMU command line:

```
-device vfio-pci, host=bdf
```

bdf

The PCI device BDF of the GPU that you want to assign in pass-through mode to a VM, for example, 85:00.0.

This example assigns the GPU with the PCI device BDF 85:00.0 in pass-through mode to a VM.

-device vfio-pci, host=85:00.0

After configuring the VM for GPU pass through, install the NVIDIA graphics driver in the guest OS on the VM as explained in Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics Driver.

3.3.4. Preparing a GPU Configured for vGPU for Use in Pass-Through Mode

The mode in which a physical GPU is being used determines the Linux kernel module to which the GPU is bound. If you want to switch the mode in which a GPU is being used, you must unbind the GPU from its current kernel module and bind it to the kernel module for the new mode. After binding the GPU to the correct kernel module, you can then configure it for passthrough.

When the Virtual GPU Manager is installed on a Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or Ubuntu host, the physical GPUs on the host are bound to the nvidia kernel module. A physical GPU that is bound to the nvidia kernel module can be used only for vGPU. To enable the GPU to be passed through to a VM, the GPU must be unbound from nvidia kernel module and bound to the vfio-pci kernel module.

Before you begin, ensure that you have the domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU that you are preparing for use in pass-through mode. For instructions, see Getting the BDF and Domain of a GPU on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor.

1. If you are using a GPU that supports SR-IOV, such as a GPU based on the NVIDIA Ampere architecture, disable the virtual function for the GPU in the sysfs file system.

If your GPU does not support SR-IOV, omit this step.



Note: Before performing this step, ensure that the GPU is not being used by any other processes, such as CUDA applications, monitoring applications, or the nvidia-smi command.

Use the custom script sriov-manage provided by NVIDIA vGPU software for this purpose.

/usr/lib/nvidia/sriov-manage -d domain:bus:slot.function

domain

bus

slot

function

The domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU, without the 0x prefix.

This example disables the virtual function for the GPU with the domain 00, bus 06, slot 0000, and function 0.

- # /usr/lib/nvidia/sriov-manage -d 00:06:0000.0
- 2. Determine the kernel module to which the GPU is bound by running the 1spci command with the -k option on the NVIDIA GPUs on your host.
 - # lspci -d 10de: -k

The Kernel driver in use: field indicates the kernel module to which the GPU is bound.

The following example shows that the NVIDIA Tesla M60 GPU with BDF 06:00.0 is bound to the nvidia kernel module and is being used for vGPU.

```
06:00.0 VGA compatible controller: NVIDIA Corporation GM204GL [Tesla M60] (rev
a1)
        Subsystem: NVIDIA Corporation Device 115e
        Kernel driver in use: nvidia
```

- 3. To ensure that no clients are using the GPU, acquire the unbind lock of the GPU.
 - a). Ensure that no VM is running to which a vGPU on the physical GPU is assigned and that no process running on the host is using that GPU.

Processes on the host that use the GPU include the nvidia-smi command and all processes based on the NVIDIA Management Library (NVML).

b). Change to the directory in the proc file system that represents the GPU.

```
# cd /proc/driver/nvidia/gpus/domain\:bus\:slot.function
```

domain

bus

slot

function

The domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU, without a 0x prefix.

This example changes to the directory in the proc file system that represents the GPU with the domain 0000 and PCI device BDF 06:00.0.

- # cd /proc/driver/nvidia/gpus/0000\:06\:00.0
- c). Write the value 1 to the unbindLock file in this directory.
 - # echo 1 > unbindLock
- d). Confirm that the unbindLock file now contains the value 1.

```
# cat unbindLock
```

If the unbindLock file contains the value 0, the unbind lock could not be acquired because a process or client is using the GPU.

- 4. Unbind the GPU from nvidia kernel module.
 - a). Change to the sysfs directory that represents the nvidia kernel module.
 - # cd /sys/bus/pci/drivers/nvidia
 - b). Write the domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU to the unbind file in this directory.

```
# echo domain:bus:slot.function > unbind
```

domain

bus

slot

function

The domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU, without a 0x prefix.

This example writes the domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU with the domain 0000 and PCI device BDF 06:00.0.

- # echo 0000:06:00.0 > unbind
- 5. Bind the GPU to the vfio-pci kernel module.

a). Change to the sysfs directory that contains the PCI device information for the physical GPU.

cd /sys/bus/pci/devices/domain\:bus\:slot.function

domain

bus

slot

function

The domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU, without a 0x prefix.

This example changes to the sysfs directory that contains the PCI device information for the GPU with the domain 0000 and PCI device BDF 06:00.0.

- # cd /sys/bus/pci/devices/0000\:06\:00.0
- b). Write the kernel module name vfio-pci to the driver override file in this directory.
 - # echo vfio-pci > driver_override
- c). Change to the sysfs directory that represents the nvidia kernel module.
 - # cd /sys/bus/pci/drivers/vfio-pci
- d). Write the domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU to the bind file in this directory.
 - # echo domain:bus:slot.function > bind

domain

bus

slot

function

The domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU, without a 0x prefix.

This example writes the domain, bus, slot, and function of the GPU with the domain 0000 and PCI device BDF 06:00.0.

- # echo 0000:06:00.0 > bind
- e). Change back to the sysfs directory that contains the PCI device information for the physical GPU.
 - # cd /sys/bus/pci/devices/domain\:bus\:slot.function
- f). Clear the content of the driver override file in this directory.
 - # echo > driver override

You can now configure the GPU for use in pass-through mode as explained in Using GPU Pass-Through on Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM or Ubuntu.

Using GPU Pass-Through on 3.4. Microsoft Windows Server

On supported versons of Microsoft Windows Server with Hyper-V role, you can use Discrete Device Assignment (DDA) to enable a VM to access a GPU directly.

3.4.1. Assigning a GPU to a VM on Microsoft Windows Server with Hyper-V

Perform this task in Windows PowerShell. If you do not know the location path of the GPU that you want to assign to a VM, use **Device Manager** to obtain it.

If you are using an actively cooled NVIDIA Quadro graphics card such as the RTX 8000 or RTX 6000, you must also pass through the audio device on the graphics card.

Ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

Windows Server with Desktop Experience and the Hyper-V role are installed and configured on your server platform, and a VM is created.

For instructions, refer to the following articles on the Microsoft technical documentation site:

- Install Server with Desktop Experience
- ► Install the Hyper-V role on Windows Server
- Create a virtual switch for Hyper-V virtual machines
- Create a virtual machine in Hyper-V
- The guest OS is installed in the VM.
- ► The VM is powered off.
- 1. Obtain the location path of the GPU that you want to assign to a VM.
 - a). In the device manager, context-click the GPU and from the menu that pops up, choose Properties.
 - b). In the Properties window that opens, click the Details tab and in the Properties dropdown list, select Location paths.

An example location path is as follows:

PCIROOT(80) #PCI(0200) #PCI(0000) #PCI(1000) #PCI(0000)

- 2. If you are using an actively cooled NVIDIA Quadro graphics card, obtain the location path of the audio device on the graphics card and disable the device.
 - a). In the device manager, from the **View** menu, choose **Devices by connection**.
 - b). Navigate to ACPI x64-based PC > Microsoft ACPI-Compliant System > PCI Express Root Complex > PCI-to-PCI Bridge .
 - c). Context-click **High Definition Audio Controller** and from the menu that pops up, choose **Properties**.
 - d). In the Properties window that opens, click the Details tab and in the Properties dropdown list, select Location paths.
 - e). Context-click High Definition Audio Controller again and from the menu that pops up, choose **Disable device**.
- 3. Dismount the GPU and, if present, the audio device from host to make them unavailable to the host so that they can be used solely by the VM.

For each device that you are dismounting, type the following command:

Dismount-VMHostAssignableDevice -LocationPath gpu-device-location -force gpu-device-location

The location path of the GPU or the audio device that you obtained previously.

This example dismounts the GPU at the location path PCIROOT(80) #PCI(0200) #PCI(0000) #PCI(1000) #PCI(0000).

Dismount-VMHostAssignableDevice -LocationPath "PCIROOT(80) #PCI(0200) #PCI(0000) #PCI(1000) #PCI(0000) " -force

4. Assign the GPU and, if present, the audio device that you dismounted in the previous step to the VM.

For each device that you are assigning, type the following command:

Add-VMAssignableDevice -LocationPath qpu-device-location -VMName vm-name gpu-device-location

The location path of the GPU or the audio device that you dismounted in the previous step.

vm-name

The name of the VM to which you are attaching the GPU or the audio device.



Note: You can assign a pass-through GPU and, if present, its audio device to only one virtual machine at a time.

This example assigns the GPU at the location path PCIROOT(80) #PCI(0200) #PCI(0000) #PCI(1000) #PCI(0000) to the VM VM1.

Add-VMAssignableDevice -LocationPath "PCIROOT(80) #PCI(0200) #PCI(0000) #PCI(1000) #PCI(0000) " -VMName VM1

5. Power on the VM.

The quest OS should now be able to use the GPU and, if present, the audio device.

After assigning a GPU to a VM, install the NVIDIA graphics driver in the guest OS on the VM as explained in Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics Driver.

Returning a GPU to the Host OS from a VM on 3.4.2. Windows Server with Hyper-V

Perform this task in the Windows PowerShell.

If you are using an actively cooled NVIDIA Quadro graphics card such as the RTX 8000 or RTX 6000, you must also return the audio device on the graphics card.

1. List the GPUs and, if present, the audio devices that are currently assigned to the virtual machine (VM).

Get-VMAssignableDevice -VMName vm-name vm-name

The name of the VM whose assigned GPUs and audio devices you want to list.

- 2. Shut down the VM to which the GPU and any audio devices are assigned.
- 3. Remove the GPU and, if present, the audio device from the VM to which they are assigned.

For each device that you are removing, type the following command:

Remove-VMAssignableDevice -LocationPath gpu-device-location -VMName vm-name gpu-device-location

The location path of the GPU or the audio device that you are removing, which you obtained previously.

vm-name

The name of the VM from which you are removing the GPU or the audio device.

This example removes the GPU at the location path PCIROOT (80) #PCI (0200) #PCI (0000) #PCI (1000) #PCI (0000) from the VM vM1.

Remove-VMAssignableDevice -LocationPath

"PCIROOT(80) #PCI(0200) #PCI(0000) #PCI(1000) #PCI(0000) " -VMName VM1

After the GPU and, if present, its audio device are removed from the VM, they are unavailable to the host operating system (OS) until you remount them on the host OS.

4. Remount the GPU and, if present, its audio device on the host OS.

For each device that you are remounting, type the following command:

Mount-VMHostAssignableDevice -LocationPath gpu-device-location gpu-device-location

The location path of the GPU or the audio device that you are remounting, which you specified in the previous step to remove the GPU or the audio device from the VM.

This example remounts the GPU at the location path PCIROOT(80) #PCI(0200) #PCI(0000) #PCI(1000) #PCI(0000) on the host OS.

Mount-VMHostAssignableDevice -LocationPath "PCIROOT(80) #PCI(0200) #PCI(0000) #PCI(1000) #PCI(0000) "

The host OS should now be able to use the GPU and, if present, its audio device.

3.5. Using GPU Pass-Through on VMware vSphere

On VMware vSphere, you can use Virtual Dedicated Graphics Acceleration (vDGA) to enable a VM to access a GPU directly. vDGA is a feature of VMware vSphere that dedicates a single physical GPU on an ESXi host to a single virtual machine.

Before configuring a vSphere VM with vDGA, ensure that these prerequisites are met

- ▶ The VM and the ESXi host are configured as explained in Preparing for vDGA Capabilities in the VMware Horizon documentation.
- ► The VM is powered off.
- 1. Open the vCenter Web UI.
- 2. In the vCenter Web UI, right-click the ESXi host and choose **Settings**.
- 3. From the **Hardware** menu, choose **PCI Devices** and click the **Edit** icon.
- 4. Select all NVIDIA GPUs and click **OK**.
- 5. Reboot the ESXi host.
- 6. After the ESXi host has booted, right-click the VM and choose **Edit Settings**.

- 7. From the **New Device** menu, choose **PCI Device** and click **Add**.
- 8. On the page that opens, from the **New Device** drop-down list, select the GPU.
- 9. Click Reserve all memory and click OK.
- 10. Start the VM.

For more information about vDGA, see the following topics in the VMware Horizon documentation:

- Configuring 3D Rendering for Desktops
- Configure RHEL 6 for vDGA

After configuring a vSphere VM with vDGA, install the NVIDIA graphics driver in the guest OS on the VM as explained in Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics Driver.

Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Chapter 4. Software Graphics Driver

The process for installing the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver depends on the OS that you are using. However, for any OS, the process for installing the driver is the same in a VM configured with vGPU, in a VM that is running pass-through GPU, or on a physical host in a bare-metal deployment.

After you install the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver, you can license any NVIDIA vGPU software licensed products that you are using.

4.1. Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software **Graphics Driver on Windows**

Installation in a VM: After you create a Windows VM on the hypervisor and boot the VM, the VM should boot to a standard Windows desktop in VGA mode at 800×600 resolution. You can use the Windows screen resolution control panel to increase the resolution to other standard resolutions, but to fully enable GPU operation, the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver must be installed. Windows quest VMs are supported on all NVIDIA vGPU types, namely: Q-series, C-series, B-series, and A-series NVIDIA vGPU types.

Installation on bare metal: When the physical host is booted before the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver is installed, boot and the primary display are handled by an on-board graphics adapter. To install the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver, access the Windows desktop on the host by using a display connected through the on-board graphics adapter.

The procedure for installing the driver is the same in a VM and on bare metal.

- 1. Copy the NVIDIA Windows driver package to the guest VM or physical host where you are installing the driver.
- 2. Execute the package to unpack and run the driver installer.

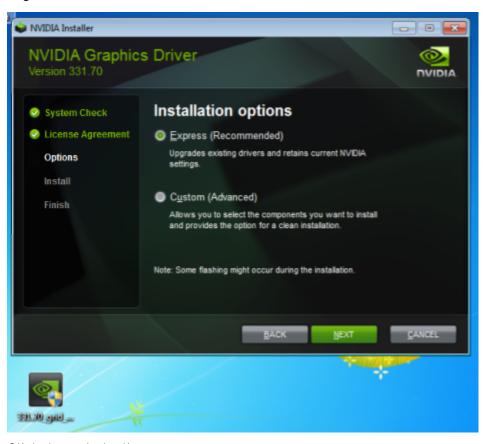


Figure 18. NVIDIA driver installation

- 3. Click through the license agreement.
- 4. Select Express Installation and click NEXT. After the driver installation is complete, the installer may prompt you to restart the platform.
- 5. If prompted to restart the platform, do one of the following:
 - Select Restart Now to reboot the VM or physical host.
 - Exit the installer and reboot the VM or physical host when you are ready.

After the VM or physical host restarts, it boots to a Windows desktop.

- 6. Verify that the NVIDIA driver is running.
 - a). Right-click on the desktop.
 - b). From the menu that opens, choose NVIDIA Control Panel.
 - c). In the NVIDIA Control Panel, from the Help menu, choose System Information.

NVIDIA Control Panel reports the vGPU or physical GPU that is being used, its capabilities, and the NVIDIA driver version that is loaded.

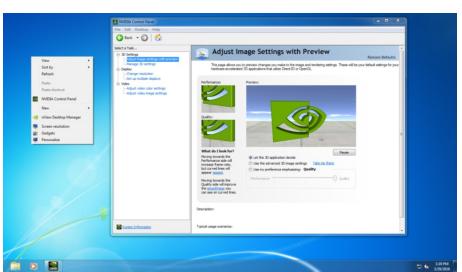


Figure 19. Verifying NVIDIA driver operation using NVIDIA Control Panel

Installation in a VM: After you install the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver, you can license any NVIDIA vGPU software licensed products that you are using. For instructions, refer to Virtual GPU Client Licensing User Guide.



Note: The graphics driver for Windows in this release of NVIDIA vGPU software is distributed in a DCH-compliant package. The Windows registry key for license settings for a DCH-compliant package is different than the key for a driver package that is not DCH compliant. If you are upgrading from a driver package that is not DCH compliant in a VM that was previously licensed, you must reconfigure the license settings for the VM. Existing license settings are not propagated to the new Windows registry key for a DCH-compliant package.

Installation on bare metal: After you install the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver, complete the bare-metal deployment as explained in Bare-Metal Deployment.

4.2. Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software **Graphics Driver on Linux**

The NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver for Linux is distributed as a .run file that can be installed on all supported Linux distributions. The driver is also distributed as a Debian package for Ubuntu distributions and as an RPM package for Red Hat distributions.

Installation in a VM: After you create a Linux VM on the hypervisor and boot the VM, install the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver in the VM to fully enable GPU operation. Since 15.1: Linux guest VMs are supported on all NVIDIA vGPU types, namely: Q-series, C-series, Bseries, and A-series NVIDIA vGPU types. 15.0 only: Linux guest VMs are supported only on Q-

series, C-series, and B-series NVIDIA vGPU types. They are **not** supported on A-series NVIDIA vGPU types.

Installation on bare metal: When the physical host is booted before the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver is installed, the vesa Xorg driver starts the X server. If a primary display device is connected to the host, use the device to access the desktop. Otherwise, use secure shell (SSH) to log in to the host from a remote host. If the Nouveau driver for NVIDIA graphics cards is present, disable it before installing the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver. For instructions, refer to Disabling the Nouveau Driver for NVIDIA Graphics Cards.

The procedure for installing the driver is the same in a VM and on bare metal.

If you are using a Linux OS for which the Wayland display server protocol is enabled by default, disable it as explained in Disabling the Wayland Display Server Protocol for Red Hat Enterprise Linux.

How to install the NVIDIA vGPU softwaregraphics driver on Linux depends on the distribution format from which you are installing the driver. For detailed instructions, refer to:

- Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics Driver on Linux from a .run File
- Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics Driver on Ubuntu from a Debian Package
- Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics Driver on Red Hat Distributions from an RPM Package

Installation in a VM: After you install the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver, you can license any NVIDIA vGPU software licensed products that you are using. For instructions, refer to Virtual GPU Client Licensing User Guide.

Installation on bare metal: After you install the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver, complete the bare-metal deployment as explained in <u>Bare-Metal Deployment</u>.

Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics 4.2.1. Driver on Linux from a arun File

You can use the .run file to install the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver on any supported Linux distribution.

Installation of the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver for Linux from a .run file requires:

- Compiler toolchain
- Kernel headers

If a driver has previously been installed on the quest VM or physical host from a Debian package or RPM package, uninstall that driver before installing the driver from a .run file.

If Dynamic Kernel Module Support (DKMS) is enabled, ensure that the dkms package is installed

- 1. Copy the NVIDIA vGPU software Linux driver package, for example NVIDIA-Linux x86 64-525.85.05-grid.run, to the quest VM or physical host where you are installing the driver.
- 2. Before attempting to run the driver installer, exit the X server and terminate all OpenGL applications.
 - ▶ On Red Hat Enterprise Linux and CentOS systems, exit the X server by transitioning to runlevel 3:

```
[nvidia@localhost ~]$ sudo init 3
```

- On Ubuntu platforms, do the following:
 - a). Use CTRL-ALT-F1 to switch to a console login prompt.
 - b). Log in and shut down the display manager:
 - For Ubuntu 18 and later releases, stop the gdm service.

```
[nvidia@localhost ~]$ sudo service gdm stop
```

▶ For releases earlier than Ubuntu 18, stop the lightdm service.

```
[nvidia@localhost ~]$ sudo service lightdm stop
```

3. From a console shell, run the driver installer as the root user.

```
sudo sh ./NVIDIA-Linux_x86_64-525.85.05-grid.run
```

If DKMS is enabled, set the -dkms option. This option requires the dkms package to be installed.

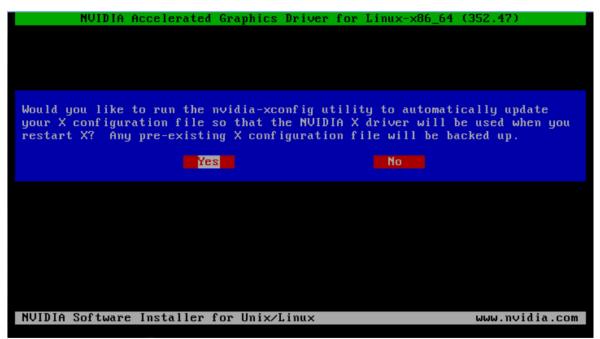
```
sudo sh ./NVIDIA-Linux x86 64-525.85.05-grid.run -dkms
```

In some instances, the installer may fail to detect the installed kernel headers and sources. In this situation, rerun the installer, specifying the kernel source path with the -kernel-source-path option.

```
sudo sh ./NVIDIA-Linux_x86_64-525.85.05-grid.run \
-kernel-source-path=/usr/src/kernels/3.10.0-229.11.1.el7.x86 64
```

4. When prompted, accept the option to update the X configuration file (xorg.conf).

Figure 20. Update xorg.conf settings



- 5. After the installation is complete, select **OK** to exit the installer.
- 6. Verify that the NVIDIA driver is operational.
 - a). Reboot the system and log in.
 - b). Run nvidia-settings.

[nvidia@localhost ~]\$ nvidia-settings

The **NVIDIA X Server Settings** dialog box opens to show that the NVIDIA driver is operational.

4.2.2. Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics Driver on Ubuntu from a Debian Package

The NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver for Ubuntu is distributed as a Debian package file. This task requires sudo privileges.

- 1. Copy the NVIDIA vGPU software Linux driver package, for example nvidia-linuxgrid-525 525.85.05 amd64.deb, to the quest VM where you are installing the driver.
- 2. Log in to the guest VM as a user with sudo privileges.
- 3. Open a command shell and change to the directory that contains the NVIDIA vGPU software Linux driver package.
- 4. From the command shell, run the command to install the package.
 - \$ sudo apt-get install ./nvidia-linux-grid-525_525.85.05_amd64.deb
- 5. Verify that the NVIDIA driver is operational.
 - a). Reboot the system and log in.

b). After the system has rebooted, confirm that you can see your NVIDIA vGPU device in the output from the nvidia-smi command.

\$ nvidia-smi

Installing the NVIDIA vGPU Software Graphics 4.2.3. Driver on Red Hat Distributions from an RPM Package

The NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver for Red Hat Distributions is distributed as an RPM package file.

This task requires root user privileges.

- 1. Copy the NVIDIA vGPU software Linux driver package, for example nvidia-linuxgrid-525_525.85.05_amd64.rpm, to the guest VM where you are installing the driver.
- 2. Log in to the guest VM as a user with root user privileges.
- Open a command shell and change to the directory that contains the NVIDIA vGPU software Linux driver package.
- 4. From the command shell, run the command to install the package.
 - \$ rpm -iv ./nvidia-linux-grid-525 525.85.05 amd64.rpm
- 5. Verify that the NVIDIA driver is operational.
 - a). Reboot the system and log in.
 - b). After the system has rebooted, confirm that you can see your NVIDIA vGPU device in the output from the nvidia-smi command.

\$ nvidia-smi

4.2.4. Disabling the Nouveau Driver for NVIDIA **Graphics Cards**

If the Nouveau driver for NVIDIA graphics cards is present, disable it before installing the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver.



Note: If you are using SUSE Linux Enterprise Server, you can skip this task because the Nouveau driver is not present in SUSE Linux Enterprise Server.

Run the following command and if the command prints any output, the Nouveau driver is present and must be disabled.

\$ 1smod | grep nouveau

- 1. Create the file /etc/modprobe.d/blacklist-nouveau.conf with the following contents: blacklist nouveau options nouveau modeset=0
- 2. Regenerate the kernel initial RAM file system (initramfs). The command to run to regenerate the kernel initramfs depends on the Linux distribution that you are using.

Linux Distribution	Command
CentOS	\$ sudo dracutforce
Debian	\$ sudo update-initramfs -u
Red Hat Enterprise Linux	\$ sudo dracutforce
Ubuntu	\$ sudo update-initramfs -u

3. Reboot the host or quest VM.

4.2.5. Disabling the Wayland Display Server Protocol for Red Hat Enterprise Linux

Starting with Red Hat Enterprise Linux Desktop 8.0, the Wayland display server protocol is used by default on supported GPU and graphics driver configurations. However, the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver for Linux requires the X Window System. Before installing the driver, you must disable the Wayland display server protocol to revert to the X Window System. Perform this task from the host or quest VM that is running Red Hat Enterprise Linux Desktop. This task requires administrative access.

- 1. In a plain text editor, edit the file /etc/gdm/custom.conf and remove the comment from the option WaylandEnable=false.
- 2. Save your changes to /etc/gdm/custom.conf.
- 3. Reboot the host or quest VM.

4.2.6. Disabling GSP Firmware

Some GPUs include a GPU System Processor (GSP), which may be used to offload GPU initialization and management tasks. In GPU pass through and bare-metal deployments on Linux, GSP is supported only for vCS. If you are using any other product in a GPU pass through or bare-metal deployment on Linux, you must disable the GSP firmware.



Note:

For NVIDIA vGPU deployments on Linux and all NVIDIA vGPU software deployments on Windows, omit this task.

Since 15.1: GSP firmware is supported with NVIDIA vGPU deployments on GPUs that are based on the NVIDIA Ada Lovelace GPU architecture. For NVIDIA vGPU deployments on Linux and all NVIDIA vGPU software deployments on Windows on GPUs based on earlier GPU architectures, GSP is also not supported but GSP firmware is already disabled.

15.0 only: For these deployments, GSP is also not supported but GSP firmware is already disabled.

For each NVIDIA vGPU software product, the following table lists whether GSP is supported in deployments in which GSP firmware can be enabled. The table also summarizes the behavior of NVIDIA vGPU software if a VM or host requests a license when GSP firmware is enabled. The deployments in which GSP firmware can be enabled are GPU pass through and baremetal deployments on Linux.

Product	GSP	License Request	Error Message
vCS	Supported	Allowed	Not applicable
vApps	Not supported	Blocked	Printed
vWS	Not supported	Blocked	Printed

When a license request is blocked, the following error message is written to the licensing event log file at the location given in Virtual GPU Client Licensing User Guide:

Invalid feature requested for the underlying GSP firmware configuration. Disable GSP firmware to use this feature.

Perform this task on the VM to which the GPU is passed through or on the bare-metal host. Ensure that the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver for Linux is installed on the VM or baremetal host.

- 1. Log in to the VM or bare-metal host and open a command shell.
- 2. Determine whether GSP firmware is enabled.

\$ nvidia-smi -q

▶ If GSP firmware is enabled, the command displays the GSP firmware version, for example:

GSP Firmware Version : 525.85.05

- ▶ Otherwise, the command displays N/A as the GSP firmware version.
- 3. If GSP firmware is enabled, disable it by setting the NVIDIA module parameter NVreg EnableGpuFirmware to 0.

Set this parameter by adding the following entry to the /etc/modprobe.d/nvidia.conf

options nvidia NVreg EnableGpuFirmware=0

If the /etc/modprobe.d/nvidia.conf file does not already exist, create it.

4. Reboot the VM or bare-metal host.

If you later need to enable GSP firmware, set the NVIDIA module parameter NVreg EnableGpuFirmware to 1.

Chapter 5. Licensing an NVIDIA vGPU

NVIDIA vGPU is a licensed product. When booted on a supported GPU, a vGPU initially operates at full capability but its performance is degraded over time if the VM fails to obtain a license. If the performance of a vGPU has been degraded, the full capability of the vGPU is restored when a license is acquired. For information about how the performance of an unlicensed vGPU is degraded, see *Virtual GPU Client Licensing User Guide*.

After you license NVIDIA vGPU, the VM that is set up to use NVIDIA vGPU is capable of running the full range of DirectX and OpenGL graphics applications.

If licensing is configured, the virtual machine (VM) obtains a license from the license server when a vGPU is booted on these GPUs. The VM retains the license until it is shut down. It then releases the license back to the license server. Licensing settings persist across reboots and need only be modified if the license server address changes, or the VM is switched to running GPU pass through.



Note: For complete information about configuring and using NVIDIA vGPU software licensed features, including vGPU, refer to Virtual GPU Client Licensing User Guide.

5.1. Prerequisites for Configuring a Licensed Client of NVIDIA License System

A client with a network connection obtains a license by leasing it from a NVIDIA License System service instance. The service instance serves the license to the client over the network from a pool of floating licenses obtained from the NVIDIA Licensing Portal. The license is returned to the service instance when the licensed client is shut down.

Before configuring a licensed client, ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

- The NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver is installed on the client.
- The client configuration token that you want to deploy on the client has been created from the NVIDIA Licensing Portal or the DLS as explained in NVIDIA License System User Guide.

▶ Ports 443 and 80 in your firewall or proxy must be open to allow HTTPS traffic between a service instance and its the licensed clients. These ports must be open for both CLS instances and DLS instances.



Note: For DLS releases before DLS 1.1, ports 8081 and 8082 were also required to be open to allow HTTPS traffic between a DLS instance and its licensed clients. Although these ports are no longer required, they remain supported for backward compatibility.

The graphics driver creates a default location in which to store the client configuration token on the client.

The process for configuring a licensed client is the same for CLS and DLS instances but depends on the OS that is running on the client.

5.2. Configuring a Licensed Client on Windows

Perform this task from the client.

1. Physical GPUs only: Add the FeatureType DWord (REG DWORD) registry value to the Windows registry key HKEY LOCAL MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services \nvlddmkm\Global\GridLicensing.



Note:

- ▶ If you're licensing an NVIDIA vGPU, the FeatureType DWord (REG DWORD) registry value is **not** required. NVIDIA vGPU software automatically selects the correct type of license based on the vGPU type.
- If you are upgrading an existing driver, this value is already set.

Set this value to the feature type of a GPU in pass-through mode or a bare-metal deployment:

- 0: NVIDIA Virtual Applications
- 2: NVIDIA RTX Virtual Workstation
- ▶ 4: NVIDIA Virtual Compute Server
- 2. Optional: If you want store the client configuration token in a custom location, add the ClientConfigTokenPath String (REG SZ) registry value to the Windows registry key HKEY LOCAL MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\nvlddmkm\Global \GridLicensing.

Set the value to the full path to the folder in which you want to store the client configuration token for the client. You can use the syntax \\fully-qualified-domainname\share-name for the path to the folder. By default, the client searches for the client configuration token in the %SystemDrive%:\Program Files\NVIDIA Corporation\vGPU Licensing\ClientConfigToken folder.

By specifying a shared network drive mapped on the client, you can simplify the deployment of the same client configuration token on multiple clients. Instead of copying the client configuration token to each client individually, you can keep only one copy in the shared network drive.

3. If a non-transparent proxy server is configured between your licensed client and a CLS instance, provide the address and port number of the proxy server.



Note: Authenticated non-transparent proxy servers are **not** supported.

Provide this information by adding the following registry values to the Windows registry key HKEY LOCAL MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\nvlddmkm\Global \GridLicensing.

ProxyServerAddress String (REG SZ)

The address of the proxy server. The address can be a fully qualified domain name such as iproxy1.example.com, or an IP address such as 10.31.20.45.

ProxyServerPort String (REG SZ)

The port number of the proxy server.

4. If you are storing the client configuration token in a custom location, create the folder in which you want to store the client configuration token.

If the folder is a shared network drive, ensure that the following conditions are met:

- ▶ The folder is mapped locally on the client to the path specified in the ClientConfigTokenPath registry value.
- ▶ The COMPUTER object has the rights to access the folder on the shared network drive. The COMPUTER object requires these rights because the license service runs before any user logs in.

If you are storing the client configuration token in the default location, omit this step. The default folder in which the client configuration token is stored is created automatically after the graphics driver is installed.

5. Copy the client configuration token to the folder in which you want to store the client configuration token.

Ensure that this folder contains only the client configuration token that you want to deploy on the client and no other files or folders. If the folder contains more than one client configuration token, the client uses the newest client configuration token in the folder.

- If you want to store the client configuration token in the default location, copy the client configuration token to the %SystemDrive%:\Program Files\NVIDIA Corporation \vGPU Licensing\ClientConfigToken folder.
- If you want to store the client configuration token in a custom location, copy the token to the folder that you created in the previous step.
- 6. Restart the NvDisplayContainer service.

The NVIDIA service on the client should now automatically obtain a license from the CLS or DLS instance.

After a Windows licensed client has been configured, options for configuring licensing for a network-based license server are no longer available in NVIDIA Control Panel.

5.3. Configuring a Licensed Client on Linux

Perform this task from the client.

1. As root, open the file /etc/nvidia/gridd.conf in a plain-text editor, such as vi.

\$ sudo vi /etc/nvidia/gridd.conf



Note: You can create the /etc/nvidia/gridd.conf file by copying the supplied template file /etc/nvidia/gridd.conf.template.

2. Add the FeatureType configuration parameter to the file /etc/nvidia/gridd.conf on a new line as FeatureType="value".

value depends on the type of the GPU assigned to the licensed client that you are configuring.

GPU Type	Value
NVIDIA vGPU	1. NVIDIA vGPU software automatically selects the correct type of license based on the vGPU type.
Physical GPU	The feature type of a GPU in pass-through mode or a baremetal deployment:
	▶ 0: NVIDIA Virtual Applications
	▶ 2: NVIDIA RTX Virtual Workstation
	▶ 4: NVIDIA Virtual Compute Server

This example shows how to configure a licensed Linux client for NVIDIA Virtual Compute Server.

```
# /etc/nvidia/gridd.conf.template - Configuration file for NVIDIA Grid Daemon
# Description: Set Feature to be enabled
# Data type: integer
# Possible values:
# 0 => for unlicensed state
# 1 => for NVIDIA vGPU
# 2 => for NVIDIA RTX Virtual Workstation
# 4 => for NVIDIA Virtual Compute Server
FeatureType=4
```

3. If a non-transparent proxy server is configured between your licensed client and a CLS instance, provide the address and port number of the proxy server.



Note: Authenticated non-transparent proxy servers are **not** supported.

Provide this information by adding the following configuration parameters to the file /etc/ nvidia/gridd.conf on separate lines.

```
ProxyServerAddress=address
ProxyServerPort=port
```

address

The address of the proxy server. The address can be a fully qualified domain name such as iproxy1.example.com, or an IP address such as 10.31.20.45.

The port number of the proxy server.

This example sets the address of a proxy server to 10.31.20.45 and the port number to 3128.

```
# /etc/nvidia/gridd.conf.template - Configuration file for NVIDIA Grid Daemon
ProxyServerAddress=10.31.20.45
ProxyServerPort=3128
```

4. Optional: If you want store the client configuration token in a custom location, add the ClientConfigTokenPath configuration parameter to the file /etc/nvidia/gridd.conf on a new line as ClientConfigTokenPath="path"

path

The full path to the directory in which you want to store the client configuration token for the client. By default, the client searches for the client configuration token in the / etc/nvidia/ClientConfigToken/directory.

By specifying a shared network directory that is mounted locally on the client, you can simplify the deployment of the same client configuration token on multiple clients. Instead of copying the client configuration token to each client individually, you can keep only one copy in the shared network directory.

This example shows how to configure a licensed Linux client to search for the client configuration token in the /mnt/nvidia/ClientConfigToken/ directory. This directory is a mount point on the client for a shared network directory.

```
# /etc/nvidia/gridd.conf.template - Configuration file for NVIDIA Grid Daemon
ClientConfigTokenPath=/mnt/nvidia/ClientConfigToken/
```

- 5. Save your changes to the /etc/nvidia/gridd.conf file and close the file.
- 6. If you are storing the client configuration token in a custom location, create the directory in which you want to store the client configuration token.

If the directory is a shared network directory, ensure that it is mounted locally on the client at the path specified in the ClientConfigTokenPath configuration parameter.

If you are storing the client configuration token in the default location, omit this step. The default directory in which the client configuration token is stored is created automatically after the graphics driver is installed.

7. Copy the client configuration token to the directory in which you want to store the client configuration token.

Ensure that this directory contains only the client configuration token that you want to deploy on the client and no other files or directories. If the directory contains more than one client configuration token, the client uses the newest client configuration token in the directory.

- If you want to store the client configuration token in the default location, copy the client configuration token to the /etc/nvidia/ClientConfigToken directory.
- If you want to store the client configuration token in a custom location, copy the token to the directory that you created in the previous step.
- 8. Ensure that the file access modes of the client configuration token allow the owner to read, write, and execute the token, and the group and others only to read the token.
 - a). Determine the current file access modes of the client configuration token.
 - # 1s -1 client-configuration-token-directory
 - b). If necessary, change the mode of the client configuration token to 744.
 - # chmod 744 client-configuration-token-directory/client_configuration_token_*.tok

client-configuration-token-directory

The directory to which you copied the client configuration token in the previous step.

9. Restart the nvidia-gridd service.

The NVIDIA service on the client should now automatically obtain a license from the CLS or DLS instance.

After a Linux licensed client has been configured, options for configuring licensing for a network-based license server are no longer available in NVIDIA X Server Settings.

5.4. Verifying the NVIDIA vGPU Software License Status of a Licensed Client

After configuring a client with an NVIDIA vGPU software license, verify the license status by displaying the licensed product name and status.

To verify the license status of a licensed client, run nvidia-smi with the -q or --query option. If the product is licensed, the expiration date is shown in the license status.

```
nvidia-smi -q
=======NVSMI LOG======
Timestamp
                                      : Wed Nov 23 10:52:59 2022
Driver Version
                                      : 525.60.06
CUDA Version
                                      : 12.0
                                      : 2
Attached GPUs
GPU 00000000:02:03.0
                                     : NVIDIA A2-80
   Product Name
                                     : NVIDIA RTX Virtual Workstation
   Product Brand
   Product Architecture
                                      : Ampere
: Enabled
   Display Mode
                                     : Disabled
  Display Active
  Persistence Mode
                                     : Enabled
   MIG Mode
       Current
                                      : Disabled
      Pending
                                      : Disabled
   Accounting Mode
                                      : Disabled
   Accounting Mode Buffer Size : 4000
   Driver Model
```

```
Current
                                      : N/A
                                       : N/A
      Pending
                                       : N/A
: GPU-ba5b1e9b-1dd3-11b2-be4f-98ef552f4216
   Serial Number
  GPU UUID
                                       : 0
  Minor Number
  VBIOS Version
                                       : 00.00.00.00.00
  MultiGPU Board
                                       : No
                                       : 0x203
: N/A
: 25B6-890-A1
  Board ID
  Board Part Number
  GPU Part Number
  Module ID
                                       : N/A
  Inforom Version
                                      : N/A
      Image Version
      OEM Object
                                        : N/A
      ECC Object
                                       : N/A
      Power Management Object
                                       : N/A
   GPU Operation Mode
                                       : N/A
      Current
                                       : N/A
: N/A
      Pending
  GSP Firmware Version
  GPU Virtualization Mode
Virtualization Mode
Host VGPU Mode
                                      : VGPU
      Host VGPU Mode
                                       : N/A
   vGPU Software Licensed Product
      Product Name
                                       : NVIDIA RTX Virtual Workstation
                                       : Licensed (Expiry: 2022-11-23 10:41:16
      License Status
GMT)
```

Chapter 6. Modifying a VM's NVIDIA vGPU Configuration

You can modify a VM's NVIDIA vGPU configuration by removing the NVIDIA vGPU configuration from a VM or by modifying GPU allocation policy.

Removing a VM's NVIDIA vGPU 6.1. Configuration

Remove a VM's NVIDIA vGPU configuration when you no longer require the VM to use a virtual GPU.

6.1.1. Removing a Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops VM's vGPU configuration

You can remove a virtual GPU assignment from a VM, such that it no longer uses a virtual GPU, by using either XenCenter or the xe command.



Note: The VM must be in the powered-off state in order for its vGPU configuration to be modified or removed.

Removing a VM's vGPU configuration by using 6.1.1.1. XenCenter

1. Set the **GPU type** to **None** in the VM's **GPU Properties**, as shown in Figure 21.

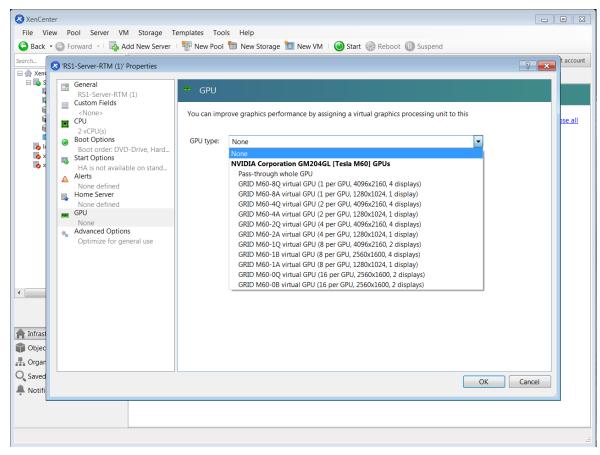


Figure 21. Using XenCenter to remove a vGPU configuration from a VM

2. Click OK.

6.1.1.2. Removing a VM's vGPU configuration by using xe

1. Use vgpu-list to discover the vGPU object UUID associated with a given VM:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe vgpu-list vm-uuid=e71afda4-53f4-3a1b-6c92-a364a7f619c2
                        : c1c7c43d-4c99-af76-5051-119f1c2b4188
uuid (RO)
           vm-uuid (RO): e71afda4-53f4-3a1b-6c92-a364a7f619c2
    gpu-group-uuid (RO): d53526a9-3656-5c88-890b-5b24144c3d96
```

Use vgpu-destroy to delete the virtual GPU object associated with the VM:

```
[root@xenserver ~]# xe vgpu-destroy uuid=c1c7c43d-4c99-af76-5051-119f1c2b4188
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

6.1.2. Removing a vSphere VM's vGPU Configuration

To remove a vSphere vGPU configuration from a VM:

- 1. Select **Edit settings** after right-clicking on the VM in the vCenter Web UI.
- 2. Select the Virtual Hardware tab.

- 3. Mouse over the PCI Device entry showing NVIDIA GRID vGPU and click on the (X) icon to mark the device for removal.
- 4. Click **OK** to remove the device and update the VM settings.

Modifying GPU Allocation Policy 6.2.

Citrix Hypervisor and VMware vSphere both support the breadth first and depth-first GPU allocation policies for vGPU-enabled VMs.

breadth-first

The breadth-first allocation policy attempts to minimize the number of vGPUs running on each physical GPU. Newly created vGPUs are placed on the physical GPU that can support the new vGPU and that has the **fewest** vGPUs already resident on it. This policy generally leads to higher performance because it attempts to minimize sharing of physical GPUs, but it may artificially limit the total number of vGPUs that can run.

depth-first

The depth-first allocation policy attempts to maximize the number of vGPUs running on each physical GPU. Newly created vGPUs are placed on the physical GPU that can support the new vGPU and that has the **most** vGPUs already resident on it. This policy generally leads to higher density of vGPUs, particularly when different types of vGPUs are being run, but may result in lower performance because it attempts to maximize sharing of physical GPUs.

Each hypervisor uses a different GPU allocation policy by default.

- Citrix Hypervisor uses the depth-first allocation policy.
- VMware vSphere ESXi uses the breadth-first allocation policy.

If the default GPU allocation policy does not meet your requirements for performance or density of vGPUs, you can change it.

6.2.1. Modifying GPU Allocation Policy on Citrix Hypervisor

You can modify GPU allocation policy on Citrix Hypervisor by using XenCenter or the xe command.

Modifying GPU Allocation Policy by Using xe 6.2.1.1.

The allocation policy of a GPU group is stored in the allocation-algorithm parameter of the gpu-group object.

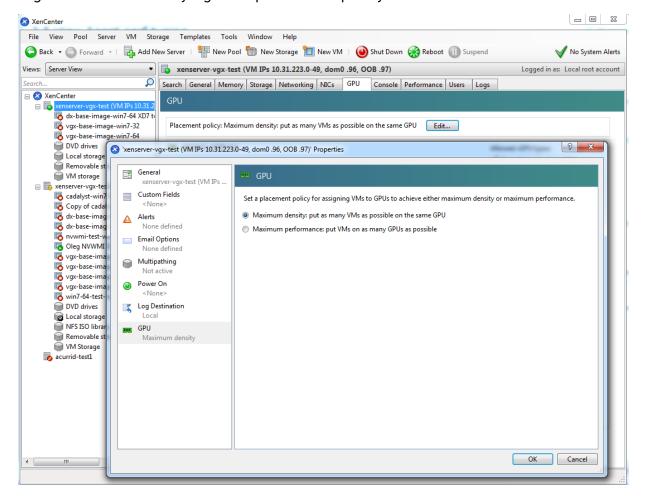
To change the allocation policy of a GPU group, use gpu-group-param-set:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe gpu-group-param-get uuid=be825ba2-01d7-8d51-9780-f82cfaa64924 param-
name=allocation-algorithmdepth-first
[root@xenserver ~] # xe gpu-group-param-set uuid=be825ba2-01d7-8d51-9780-f82cfaa64924
allocation-algorithm=breadth-first
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

6.2.1.2. Modifying GPU Allocation Policy GPU by Using XenCenter

You can modify GPU allocation policy from the GPU tab in XenCenter.

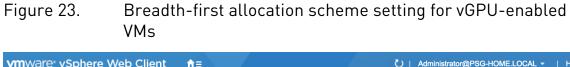


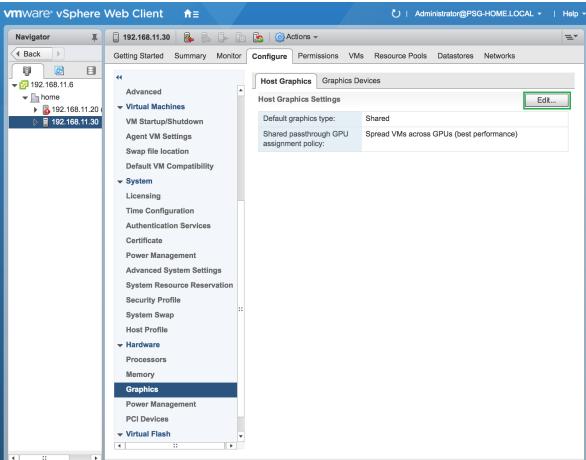


6.2.2. Modifying GPU Allocation Policy on VMware vSphere

Before using the vSphere Web Client to change the allocation scheme, ensure that the ESXi host is running and that all VMs on the host are powered off.

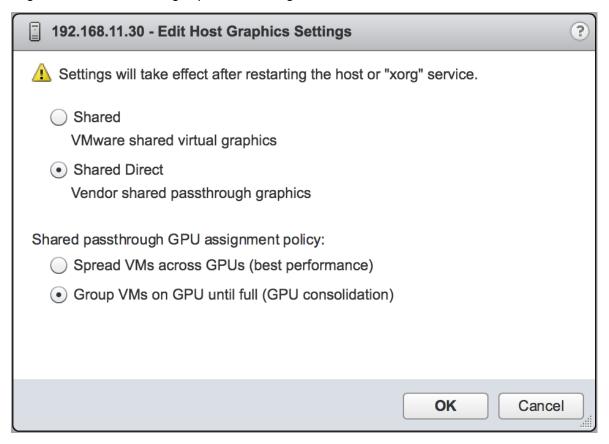
- 1. Log in to vCenter Server by using the vSphere Web Client.
- 2. In the navigation tree, select your ESXi host and click the **Configure** tab.
- 3. From the menu, choose **Graphics** and then click the **Host Graphics** tab.
- 4. On the Host Graphics tab, click Edit.





- 5. In the Edit Host Graphics Settings dialog box that opens, select these options and click OK.
 - a). If not already selected, select Shared Direct.
 - b). Select Group VMs on GPU until full.

Figure 24. Host graphics settings for vGPU



After you click OK, the default graphics type changes to Shared Direct and the allocation scheme for vGPU-enabled VMs is breadth-first.

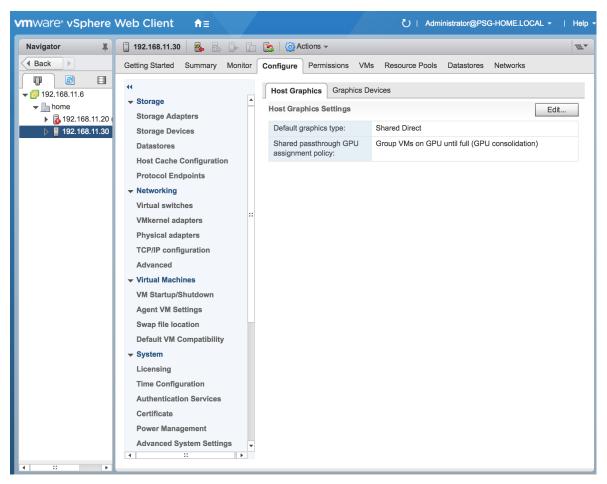


Figure 25. Depth-first allocation scheme setting for vGPU-enabled VMs

6. Restart the ESXi host or the Xorg service on the host.

See also the following topics in the VMware vSphere documentation:

- Log in to vCenter Server by Using the vSphere Web Client
- **Configuring Host Graphics**

Migrating a VM Configured with vGPU

On some hypervisors, NVIDIA vGPU software supports migration of VMs that are configured with vGPU.

Before migrating a VM configured with vGPU, ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

- The VM is configured with vGPU.
- The VM is running.
- The VM obtained a suitable vGPU license when it was booted.

- The destination host has a physical GPU of the same type as the GPU where the vGPU currently resides.
- ECC memory configuration (enabled or disabled) on both the source and destination hosts must be identical.
- ► The GPU topologies (including NVLink widths) on both the source and destination hosts must be identical.



Note: vGPU migration is disabled for a VM for which any of the following NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit features is enabled:

- Unified memory
- Debuggers
- Profilers

How to migrate a VM configured with vGPU depends on the hypervisor that you are using.

After migration, the vGPU type of the vGPU remains unchanged.

The time required for migration depends on the amount of frame buffer that the vGPU has. Migration for a vGPU with a large amount of frame buffer is slower than for a vGPU with a small amount of frame buffer.

Migrating a VM Configured with vGPU on 6.3.1. Citrix Hypervisor

NVIDIA vGPU software supports XenMotion for VMs that are configured with vGPU. XenMotion enables you to move a running virtual machine from one physical host machine to another host with very little disruption or downtime. For a VM that is configured with vGPU, the vGPU is migrated with the VM to an NVIDIA GPU on the other host. The NVIDIA GPUs on both host machines must be of the same type.

For details about which Citrix Hypervisor versions, NVIDIA GPUs, and quest OS releases support XenMotion with vGPU, see Virtual GPU Software for Citrix Hypervisor Release Notes.

For best performance, the physical hosts should be configured to use the following:

- Shared storage, such as NFS, iSCSI, or Fiberchannel If shared storage is not used, migration can take a very long time because vDISK must also be migrated.
- ▶ 10 GB networking.
- 1. In Citrix XenCenter, context-click the VM and from the menu that opens, choose Migrate.
- 2. From the list of available hosts, select the destination host to which you want to migrate the VM.

The destination host must have a physical GPU of the same type as the GPU where the vGPU currently resides. Furthermore, the physical GPU must be capable of hosting the vGPU. If these requirements are not met, no available hosts are listed.

Migrating a VM Configured with vGPU on 6.3.2. VMware vSphere

NVIDIA vGPU software supports VMware vMotion for VMs that are configured with vGPU. VMware vMotion enables you to move a running virtual machine from one physical host machine to another host with very little disruption or downtime. For a VM that is configured with vGPU, the vGPU is migrated with the VM to an NVIDIA GPU on the other host. The NVIDIA GPUs on both host machines must be of the same type.

For details about which VMware vSphere versions, NVIDIA GPUs, and quest OS releases support suspend and resume, see <u>Virtual GPU Software for VMware vSphere Release Notes</u>.

Perform this task in the VMware vSphere web client by using the Migration wizard. Before migrating a VM configured with vGPU on VMware vSphere, ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

- Your hosts are correctly configured for VMware vMotion. See Host Configuration for vMotion in the VMware documentation.
- ► The prerequisites listed for all supported hypervisors in Migrating a VM Configured with vGPU are met.
- NVIDIA vGPU migration is configured. See <u>Configuring VMware vMotion with vGPU for</u> VMware vSphere.
- 1. Context-click the VM and from the menu that opens, choose Migrate.
- 2. For the type of migration, select **Change compute resource only** and click **Next**. If you select **Change both compute resource and storage**, the time required for the migration increases.
- 3. Select the destination host and click **Next**.
 - The destination host must have a physical GPU of the same type as the GPU where the vGPU currently resides. Furthermore, the physical GPU must be capable of hosting the vGPU. If these requirements are not met, no available hosts are listed.
- 4. Select the destination network and click **Next**.
- 5. Select the migration priority level and click **Next**.
- 6. Review your selections and click **Finish**.

For more information, see the following topics in the VMware documentation:

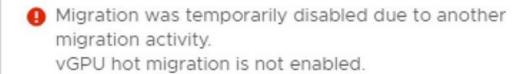
- Migrate a Virtual Machine to a New Compute Resource
- <u>Using vMotion to Migrate vGPU Virtual Machines</u>

If NVIDIA vGPU migration is not configured, any attempt to migrate a VM with an NVIDIA vGPU fails and a window containing the following error message is displayed:

Compatibility Issue/Host Migration was temporarily disabled due to another migration activity. vGPU hot migration is not enabled.

The window appears as follows:

Compatibility Issue / Host

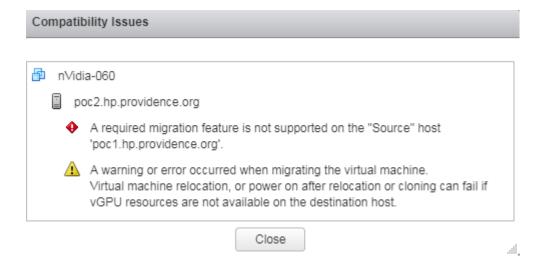


If you see this error, configure NVIDIA vGPU migration as explained in Configuring VMware vMotion with vGPU for VMware vSphere.

If your version of VMware vSpehere ESXi does not support vMotion for VMs configured with NVIDIA vGPU, any attempt to migrate a VM with an NVIDIA vGPU fails and a window containing the following error message is displayed:

Compatibility Issues A required migration feature is not supported on the "Source" host 'host-name'. A warning or error occurred when migrating the virtual machine. Virtual machine relocation, or power on after relocation or cloning can fail if vGPU resources are not available on the destination host.

The window appears as follows:



For details about which VMware vSphere versions, NVIDIA GPUs, and guest OS releases support suspend and resume, see <u>Virtual GPU Software for VMware vSphere Release Notes</u>.

6.3.3. Suspending and Resuming a VM Configured with vGPU on VMware vSphere

NVIDIA vGPU software supports suspend and resume for VMs that are configured with vGPU.

For details about which VMware vSphere versions, NVIDIA GPUs, and quest OS releases support suspend and resume, see Virtual GPU Software for VMware vSphere Release Notes.

Perform this task in the VMware vSphere web client.

- To suspend a VM, context-click the VM that you want to suspend, and from the context menu that pops up, choose Power > Suspend.
- To resume a VM, context-click the VM that you want to resume, and from the context menu that pops up, choose Power > Power On .

6.4. Modifying a MIG-Backed vGPU's Configuration

If compute instances weren't created within the GPU instances when the GPU was configured for MIG-backed vGPUs, you can add the compute instances for an individual vGPU from within the guest VM. If you want to replace the compute instances that were created when the GPU was configured for MIG-backed vGPUs, you can delete them before adding the compute instances from within the guest VM.

Ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

- You have root user privileges in the guest VM.
- The GPU instance is not being used by any other processes, such as CUDA applications, monitoring applications, or the nvidia-smi command.

Perform this task in a guest VM command shell.

- 1. Open a command shell as the root user in the guest VM. You can use secure shell (SSH) for this purpose.
- 2. List the available GPU instance.

```
$ nvidia-smi mig -lgi
0 MIG 2g.10gb 0 0:8
```

3. Optional: If compute instances were created when the GPU was configured for MIGbacked vGPUs that you no longer require, delete them.

```
$ nvidia-smi mig -dci -ci compute-instance-id -gi gpu-instance-id
```

compute-instance-id

The ID of the compute instance that you want to delete.

gpu-instance-id

The ID of the GPU instance from which you want to delete the compute instance.



Note: If the GPU instance is being used by another process, this command fails. In this situation, stop all processes that are using the GPU instance and retry the command.

This example deletes compute instance 0 from GPU instance 0 on GPU 0.

- \$ nvidia-smi mig -dci -ci 0 -gi 0 Successfully destroyed compute instance ID 0 from GPU 0 GPU instance ID 0
- 4. List the compute instance profiles that are available for your GPU instance.

\$ nvidia-smi mig -lcip

This example shows that one MIG 2g.10gb compute instance or two MIG 1c.2g.10gb compute instances can be created within the GPU instance.

\$ nvidi	.a-smi mig -:	lcip						+
Comp	ute instanc GPU Instance ID	e profiles: Name	Profile ID	Instances Free/Total	Exclusive SM	DEC CE	Shared ENC JPEG	 OFA
0	0	MIG 1c.2g.10gl	o 0	2/2	14	1 2	0	0
0	0	MIG 2g.10gb	1*	1/1	28	1 2	0	0

5. Create the compute instances that you need within the available GPU instance.

Create each compute instance individually by running the following command.

\$ nvidia-smi mig -cci compute-instance-profile-id -gi gpu-instance-id compute-instance-profile-id

The compute instance profile ID that specifies the compute instance.

qpu-instance-id

The GPU instance ID that specifies the GPU instance within which you want to create the compute instance.



Note: If the GPU instance is being used by another process, this command fails. In this situation, stop all processes that are using the GPU and retry the command.

This example creates a MIG 2g.10gb compute instance on GPU instance 0.

\$ nvidia-smi mig -cci 1 -gi 0 Successfully created compute instance ID 0 on GPU 0 GPU instance ID 0 using profile MIG 2g.10gb (ID 1)

This example creates two MIG 1c.2g.10gb compute instances on GPU instance 0 by running the same command twice.

\$ nvidia-smi mig -cci 0 -gi 0 Successfully created compute instance ID 0 on GPU 0 GPU instance ID profile MIG 1c.2g.10gb (ID 0) \$ nvidia-smi mig -cci 0 -gi 0 Successfully created compute instance ID $\,$ 1 on GPU $\,$ 0 GPU instance ID $\,$ 0 using profile MIG 1c.2g.10gb (ID $\,$ 0)

Verify that the compute instances were created within the GPU instance.

Use the nvidia-smi command for this purpose.

This example confirms that a MIG 2g.10gb compute instance was created on GPU instance 0.

vidia-smi Ion Jan 30 19:01:24	1 2023			
NVIDIA-SMI 525.85	5.07 Driver Version:	525.85.07 C	UDA Version	n: 12.0
		Disp.A Memory-Usage	GPU-Util	MIG M.
	2-10C On 00000000 N/A / N/A 1058M:	0:00:08.0 Off iB / 10235MiB	 N/A	On Default Enabled
MIG devices:				i
GPU GI CI MIG ID ID Dev	Memory-Usage	Vol SM Unc ECC	SP CE ENC I	nared DEC OFA JPG
0 0 0 0	1058MiB / 10235MiB 0MiB / 4096MiB	·		1 0 0
Processes: GPU GI CI ID ID	PID Type Proce			+ GPU Memory Usage
No running proce				+

This example confirms that two MIG 1c.2g.10gb compute instances were created on GPU instance 0.

\$ nvid Mon Ja		_	01:24	2023									
NVII	OIA-S	MI 5	25.85	.07	Driver	Version:	525.85	.07	UDA	Versi	on:	12.0	į
 GPU Fan 	Tem	p P	erf	Pwr:Us	age/Cap	 Bus-Id 	Memory	-Usage	GP	U-Uti	l Co	mpute MIG	M. M.
0 N/A 	GRI	D A1 A	00X-2 P0	-10C N/A	On / N/A	00000000 1058Mi 	:00:08 B / 10	.0 Off 235MiB		N/A		Defa Enab	On ult
+ MIG	devi	 ces:		+									+ +
GPU	GI	CI	MIG	İ	Memo	ory-Usage	İ	Vol			Share	d	i
			Dev	İ	Bi	AR1-Usage 	İ	Unc ECC					JPG
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Processes: GPU GI ID	CI ID	PID	Туре	Process	name		GPU Memory Usage
No running	processes	found					 +

Enabling Unified Memory for a vGPU 6.5.

Unified memory is disabled by default. If used, you must enable unified memory individually for each vGPU that requires it by setting a vGPU plugin parameter. How to enable unified memory for a vGPU depends on the hypervisor that you are using.

Enabling Unified Memory for a vGPU on Citrix 6.5.1. Hypervisor

On Citrix Hypervisor, enable unified memory by setting the enable uvm vGPU plugin parameter.

Perform this task for each vGPU that requires unified memory by using the xe command.

Set the **enable uvm** vGPU plugin parameter for the vGPU to 1 as explained in <u>Setting vGPU</u> Plugin Parameters on Citrix Hypervisor.

This example enables unified memory for the vGPU that has the UUID d15083f8-5c59-7474d0cb-fbc3f7284f1b.

```
[root@xenserver ~] xe vgpu-param-set uuid=d15083f8-5c59-7474-d0cb-fbc3f7284f1b
extra args='enable uvm=1'
```

Enabling Unified Memory for a vGPU on Red 6.5.2. Hat Enterprise Linux KVM

On Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM, enable unified memory by setting the enable uvm vGPU plugin parameter.

Ensure that the mdev device file that represents the vGPU has been created as explained in Creating an NVIDIA vGPU on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor.

Perform this task for each vGPU that requires unified memory.

Set the enable uvm vGPU plugin parameter for the mdev device file that represents the vGPU to 1 as explained in Setting vGPU Plugin Parameters on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor.

Enabling Unified Memory for a vGPU on 6.5.3. VMware vSphere

On VMware vSphere, enable unified memory by setting the pciPassthruvgpuid.cfg.enable uvm configuration parameter in advanced VM attributes. Ensure that the VM to which the vGPU is assigned is powered off.

Perform this task in the **vSphere Client** for each vGPU that requires unified memory.

In advanced VM attributes, set the pciPassthruvgpu-id.cfg.enable uvm vGPU plugin parameter for the vGPU to 1 as explained in Setting vGPU Plugin Parameters on VMware vSphere.

vgpu-id

A positive integer that identifies the vGPU assigned to a VM. For the first vGPU assigned to a VM, vapu-id is 0. For example, if two vGPUs are assigned to a VM and you are enabling unified memory for both vGPUs, set pciPassthru0.cfg.enable_uvm and pciPassthrul.cfg.enable uvm to 1.

Enabling NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit 6.6. Development Tools for NVIDIA vGPU

By default, NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit development tools are disabled on NVIDIA vGPU. If used, you must enable NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit development tools individually for each VM that requires them by setting vGPU plugin parameters. One parameter must be set for enabling NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit debuggers and a different parameter must be set for enabling NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit profilers.

Enabling NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit Debuggers for 6.6.1. NVIDIA vGPU

By default, NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit debuggers are disabled. If used, you must enable them for each vGPU VM that requires them by setting a vGPU plugin parameter. How to set the parameter to enable NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit debuggers for a vGPU VM depends on the hypervisor that you are using.

You can enable NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit debuggers for any number of VMs configured with vGPUs on the same GPU. When NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit debuggers are enabled for a VM, the VM cannot be migrated.

Perform this task for each VM for which you want to enable NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit debuggers.

Enabling NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit Debuggers for NVIDIA vGPU on Citrix Hypervisor

Set the **enable debugging** vGPU plugin parameter for the vGPU that is assigned to the VM to 1 as explained in <u>Setting vGPU Plugin Parameters on Citrix Hypervisor</u>.

This example enables NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit debuggers for the vGPU that has the UUID d15083f8-5c59-7474-d0cb-fbc3f7284f1b.

[root@xenserver ~] xe vgpu-param-set uuid=d15083f8-5c59-7474-d0cb-fbc3f7284f1b extra args='enable debugging=1'

The setting of this parameter is preserved after a guest VM is restarted and after the hypervisor host is restarted.

Enabling NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit Debuggers for NVIDIA vGPU on Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM

Set the **enable debugging** vGPU plugin parameter for the mdev device file that represents the vGPU that is assigned to the VM to 1 as explained in Setting vGPU Plugin Parameters on a Linux with KVM Hypervisor.

The setting of this parameter is preserved after a quest VM is restarted. However, this parameter is reset to its default value after the hypervisor host is restarted.

Enabling NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit Debuggers for NVIDIA vGPU on on VMware vSphere

Ensure that the VM for which you want to enable NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit debuggers is powered off.

In advanced VM attributes, set the pciPassthruvgpu-id.cfg.enable debugging vGPU plugin parameter for the vGPU that is assigned to the VM to 1 as explained in <u>Setting vGPU</u> Plugin Parameters on VMware vSphere.

vqpu-id

A positive integer that identifies the vGPU assigned to the VM. For the first vGPU assigned to a VM, vgpu-id is **o**. For example, if two vGPUs are assigned to a VM and you are enabling debuggers for both vGPUs, set pciPassthru0.cfg.enable debugging and pciPassthrul.cfg.enable debugging to 1.

The setting of this parameter is preserved after a guest VM is restarted. However, this parameter is reset to its default value after the hypervisor host is restarted.

6.6.2. Enabling NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit Profilers for NVIDIA vGPU

By default, only GPU workload trace is enabled. If you want to use all NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit profiler features that NVIDIA vGPU supports, you must enable them for each vGPU VM that requires them.



Note: Enabling profiling for a VM gives the VM access to the GPU's global performance counters, which may include activity from other VMs executing on the same GPU. Enabling profiling for a VM also allows the VM to lock clocks on the GPU, which impacts all other VMs executing on the same GPU.

6.6.2.1. Supported NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit Profiler Features

You can enable the following NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit profiler features for a vGPU VM:

- NVIDIA Nsight[™] Compute
- NVIDIA Nsight Systems

CUDA Profiling Tools Interface (CUPTI)

Clock Management for a vGPU VM for Which 6.6.2.2. NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit Profilers Are Enabled

Clocks are not locked for periodic sampling use cases such as NVIDIA Nsight Systems profiling.

Clocks are locked for multipass profiling such as:

- NVIDIA Nsight Compute kernel profiling
- CUPTI range profiling

Clocks are locked automatically when profiling starts and are unlocked automatically when profiling ends.

6.6.2.3. Limitations on the Use of NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit Profilers with NVIDIA vGPU

The following limitations apply when NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit profilers are enabled for NVIDIA vGPU:

- NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit profilers can be used on only one VM at a time.
- Multiple CUDA contexts cannot be profiled simultaneously.
- Profiling data is collected separately for each context.
- A VM for which NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit profilers are enabled cannot be migrated.

Because NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit profilers can be used on only one VM at a time, you should enable them for only one VM assigned a vGPU on a GPU. However, NVIDIA vGPU software cannot enforce this requirement. If NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit profilers are enabled on more than one VM assigned a vGPU on a GPU, profiling data is collected only for the first VM to start the profiler.

Enabling NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit Profilers for a vGPU 6.6.2.4. VM

You enable NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit profilers for a vGPU VM by setting a vGPU plugin parameter. How to set the parameter to enable NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit profilers for a vGPU VM depends on the hypervisor that you are using.

Perform this task for the VM for which you want to enable NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit profilers.

Enabling NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit Profilers for NVIDIA vGPU on Citrix Hypervisor

Set the **enable profiling** vGPU plugin parameter for the vGPU that is assigned to the VM to 1 as explained in Setting vGPU Plugin Parameters on Citrix Hypervisor.

This example enables NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit profilers for the vGPU that has the UUID d15083f8-5c59-7474-d0cb-fbc3f7284f1b.

[root@xenserver ~] xe vgpu-param-set uuid=d15083f8-5c59-7474-d0cb-fbc3f7284f1b extra_args='enable_profiling=1'

The setting of this parameter is preserved after a guest VM is restarted and after the hypervisor host is restarted.

Enabling NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit Profilers for NVIDIA vGPU on Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM

Set the **enable profiling** vGPU plugin parameter for the mdev device file that represents the vGPU that is assigned to the VM to 1 as explained in <u>Setting vGPU Plugin Parameters on a</u> Linux with KVM Hypervisor.

The setting of this parameter is preserved after a quest VM is restarted. However, this parameter is reset to its default value after the hypervisor host is restarted.

Enabling NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit Profilers for NVIDIA vGPU on on VMware vSphere

Ensure that the VM for which you want to enable NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit profilers is powered off.

In advanced VM attributes, set the pciPassthruvgpu-id.cfg.enable profiling vGPU plugin parameter for the vGPU that is assigned to the VM to 1 as explained in <u>Setting vGPU</u> Plugin Parameters on VMware vSphere.

vqpu-id

A positive integer that identifies the vGPU assigned to the VM. For the first vGPU assigned to a VM, vapu-id is o. For example, if two vGPUs are assigned to a VM and you are enabling profilers for the second vGPU, set pciPassthrul.cfg.enable profiling to 1.

The setting of this parameter is preserved after a quest VM is restarted. However, this parameter is reset to its default value after the hypervisor host is restarted.

6.7. Enabling the TCC Driver Model for a **vGPU**

The Tesla Compute Cluster (TCC) driver model supports CUDA C/C++ applications. This model is optimized for compute applications and reduces kernel launch times on Windows. By default, the driver model of a vGPU that is assigned to a Windows VM is Windows Display Driver Model (WDDM). If you want to use the TCC driver model, you must enable it explicitly. This task requires administrator privileges.

Perform this task from the VM to which the vGPU is assigned.



Note: Only Q-series vGPUs support the TCC driver model.

- 1. Log on to the VM to which the vGPU is assigned.
- 2. Set the driver model of the vGPU to the TCC driver model.

nvidia-smi -g *vgpu-id* -dm 1

vgpu-id

The ID of the vGPU for which you want to enable the TCC driver model. If the -g is omitted, the TCC driver model is enabled for all vGPUs that are assigned to the VM.

3. Reboot the VM.

Chapter 7. Monitoring GPU Performance

NVIDIA vGPU software enables you to monitor the performance of physical GPUs and virtual GPUs from the hypervisor and from within individual quest VMs.

You can use several tools for monitoring GPU performance:

- From any supported hypervisor, and from a quest VM that is running a 64-bit edition of Windows or Linux, you can use NVIDIA System Management Interface, nvidia-smi.
- From Citrix Hypervisor, you can use Citrix XenCenter.
- From a Windows quest VM, you can use these tools:
 - Windows Performance Monitor
 - Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI)

7.1. **NVIDIA System Management** Interface nvidia-smi

NVIDIA System Management Interface, nvidia-smi, is a command-line tool that reports management information for NVIDIA GPUs.

The nvidia-smi tool is included in the following packages:

- NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager package for each supported hypervisor
- NVIDIA driver package for each supported guest OS

The scope of the reported management information depends on where you run nvidia-smi

► From a hypervisor command shell, such as the Citrix Hypervisor dom0 shell or VMware ESXi host shell, nvidia-smi reports management information for NVIDIA physical GPUs and virtual GPUs present in the system.



Note: When run from a hypervisor command shell, nvidia-smi will not list any GPU that is currently allocated for GPU pass-through.

▶ From a guest VM, nvidia-smi retrieves usage statistics for vGPUs or pass-through GPUs that are assigned to the VM.

In a Windows guest VM, nvidia-smi is installed in a folder that is in the default executable path. Therefore, you can run nvidia-smi from a command prompt from any folder by running the nvidia-smi.exe command.

7.2. Monitoring GPU Performance from a Hypervisor

You can monitor GPU performance from any supported hypervisor by using the NVIDIA System Management Interface nvidia-smi command-line utility. On Citrix Hypervisor platforms, you can also use Citrix XenCenter to monitor GPU performance.



Note: You cannot monitor from the hypervisor the performance of GPUs that are being used for GPU pass-through. You can monitor the performance of pass-through GPUs only from within the guest VM that is using them.

7.2.1. Using nvidia-smi to Monitor GPU Performance from a Hypervisor

You can get management information for the NVIDIA physical GPUs and virtual GPUs present in the system by running nvidia-smi from a hypervisor command shell such as the Citrix Hypervisor dom0 shell or the VMware ESXi host shell.

Without a subcommand, nvidia-smi provides management information for physical GPUs. To examine virtual GPUs in more detail, use nvidia-smi with the vgpu subcommand.

From the command line, you can get help information about the nvidia-smi tool and the vapu subcommand.

Help Information	Command
A list of subcommands supported by the nvidia-smi tool. Note that not all subcommands apply to GPUs that support NVIDIA vGPU software.	nvidia-smi -h
A list of all options supported by the vgpu subcommand.	nvidia-smi vgpu -h

7.2.1.1. Getting a Summary of all Physical GPUs in the System

To get a summary of all physical GPUs in the system, along with PCI bus IDs, power state, temperature, current memory usage, and so on, run nvidia-smi without additional arguments.

Each vGPU instance is reported in the Compute processes section, together with its physical GPU index and the amount of frame-buffer memory assigned to it.

In the example that follows, three vGPUs are running in the system: One vGPU is running on each of the physical GPUs 0, 1, and 2.

+ NVIDIA-SMI 525.85.07 Driver Version: 525.85.07									
GPU Fan	Name Temp	Perf	Persi Pwr:U	ste saq	nce-M	Bus-Id Memo:	Disp.A ry-Usage	Volatile GPU-Util	Uncorr. ECC Compute M.
0	Tesla	M60			On	0000:83:00.0 1889MiB /	Off	 7%	Off
					- '	0000:84:00.0 926MiB /	8191MiB	9%	Off
N/A		P8	10W			0000:8A:00.0 1882MiB /	Off 8191MiB	 12%	N/A
3	Tesla	M10				0000:8B:00.0 10MiB /	Off	Ì	N/A Default
				/	53W	0000:8C:00.0 10MiB /	8191MiB	0%	N/A Default
N/A		Р8	10W	/	On 53W	0000:8D:00.0	Off 8191MiB	 0%	N/A Default
+									
() 1 L 1	1924 1903	C+G C+G	/us /us	r/lib6 r/lib6	54/xen/bin/vgp 54/xen/bin/vgp 54/xen/bin/vgp	1 1		1856MiB 896MiB 1856MiB

7.2.1.2. Getting a Summary of all vGPUs in the System

To get a summary of the vGPUs currently that are currently running on each physical GPU in the system, run nvidia-smi vgpu without additional arguments.

[root@vgpu ~]# nvidia-smi vgpu Fri Jan 27 09:27:06 2023								
NVID	IA-SMI 525.	85.07	Driver Version: 525.85.	 07 +				
GPU	Name vGPU ID		Bus-Id VM ID VM Name	GPU-Util vGPU-Util				
0	Tesla M60 11924		0000:83:00.0 3 Win7-64 GRID test	7%				
1 1	Tesla M60 11903	GRID M60-1B	0000:84:00.0 1 Win8.1-64 GRID tes	9% t 3 8%				
2	Tesla M10 11908	GRID M10-2Q	0000:8A:00.0 2 Win7-64 GRID test	12% 1 10%				
3	Tesla M10		0000:8B:00.0	0%				
4	Tesla M10		0000:8C:00.0	0%				
5	Tesla M10		0000:8D:00.0	0%				

```
+----+
[root@vgpu ~]#
```

Getting Physical GPU Details

To get detailed information about all the physical GPUs on the platform, run nvidia-smi with the -q or --query option.

```
[root@vgpu ~]# nvidia-smi -q
=========NVSMI LOG=========
                                        : Tue Nov 22 10:33:26 2022
Timestamp
                                        : 525.60.06
Driver Version
CUDA Version
                                        : Not Found
vGPU Driver Capability
       Heterogenous Multi-vGPU
                                       : Supported
Attached GPUs
                                       : 3
GPU 00000000:C1:00.0
                                       : Tesla T4
   Product Name
                                       : NVIDIA
   Product Brand
   Product Architecture
                                        : Turing
   Display Mode
                                       : Enabled
   Display Active
                                       : Disabled
   Persistence Mode
                                       : Enabled
   vGPU Device Capability
       Fractional Multi-vGPU
       Heterogeneous Time-Slice Profiles: Supported
       Heterogeneous Time-Slice Sizes : Not Supported
   MIG Mode
       Current
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       Pending
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   Accounting Mode Buffer Size
                                       : 4000
   Driver Model
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       Pending
   Serial Number
                                        : 1321120031291
   GPU UUID
                                       : GPU-9084c1b2-624f-2267-4b66-345583fbd981
   Minor Number
                                       : 1
                                       : 90.04.38.00.03
   VBIOS Version
   MultiGPU Board
                                        : No
   Board ID
                                        : 0xc100
   Board Part Number
                                       : 900-2G183-0000-001
   GPU Part Number
                                       : 1EB8-895-A1
   Module ID
   Inforom Version
       Image Version
                                       : G183.0200.00.02
       OEM Object
                                       : 1.1
       ECC Object
                                       : 5.0
       Power Management Object
                                       : N/A
   GPU Operation Mode
       Current
                                        : N/A
       Pending
                                        : N/A
    GSP Firmware Version
                                        : N/A
    GPU Virtualization Mode
       Virtualization Mode
                                        : Host VGPU
       Host VGPU Mode
                                        : Non SR-IOV
   IBMNPU
       Relaxed Ordering Mode
                                        : N/A
                                        : 0xC1
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                                        : 0x0000
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       Device Id
                                        : 0x1EB810DE
                                       : 00000000:C1:00.0
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Sub System Id : 0x12A210DE
                GPU Link Info
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Clocks Throttle Reasons

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  Fan Speed
               Total
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               Free
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               Free
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  Compute Mode
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  Utilization
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              Average FPS
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  FBC Stats
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DRAM Correctable : 0
DRAM Uncorrectable : 0
      Retired Pages
         Single Bit ECC : 0
Double Bit ECC : 0
Pending Page Blacklist : No
emapped Rows : N/I
      Remapped Rows
       Temperature
           GPU Current Temp : 35 C
GPU Shutdown Temp : 96 C
GPU Slowdown Temp : 93 C
GPU Max Operating Temp : 85 C
GPU Target Temperature : N/A
Memory Current Temp : N/A
Memory Max Operating Temp : N/A
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Power Management : Supported
Power Draw : 16.57 W
Power Limit : 70.00 W
Default Power Limit : 70.00 W
Enforced Power Limit : 70.00 W
Min Power Limit : 60.00 W
Max Power Limit : 70.00 W
Ocks
       Power Readings
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     2 300 MHz
Video : 405 MHz
Video : 540 MHz
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Graphics : 585 MHz
Memory : 5001 MHz
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Graphics : 585 MHz
Memory : 5001 MHz
Deferred Clocks
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           Memory
      Max Clocks
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      Max Customer Boost Clocks
            Graphics
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      Clock Policy
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            Auto Boost
             Auto Boost Default
                                                                           : N/A
      Voltage
             Graphics
                                                                         : N/A
      Fabric
             State
                                                                         : N/A
            Status
                                                                           : N/A
       Processes
             GPU instance ID : N/A
Compute instance ID : N/A
Process ID : 2103065
Type : C+G
Name : Win11SV2
Used GPU Memory : 3810 Min
                                                                        : Win11SV2_View87
                                                                        : 3810 MiB
[root@vgpu ~]#
```

7.2.1.4. Getting vGPU Details

To get detailed information about all the vGPUs on the platform, run nvidia-smi vgpu with the -q or --query option.

To limit the information retrieved to a subset of the GPUs on the platform, use the -i or --id option to select one or more vGPUs.

```
[root@vgpu ~] # nvidia-smi vgpu -q -i 1
GPU 00000000:C1:00.0
         Active vGPUs
                                                                                                                  : 1
                                                                                                                : 3251634327
: 2103066
          vGPU ID
                     VM TD
                                                                                                                : Win11SV2 View87
                    VM Name
                    vGPU Name
                                                                                                               : GRID T4-\overline{4}Q

      VGPU Name
      . GRID
      . GRID</td
                   License Status
                   Accounting Mode
ECC Mode
Accounting Puff
                                                                                                              : N/A
                                                                                                              : Disabled
                                                                                                                : Enabled : 4000
                    Accounting Buffer Size : 4000
Frame Rate Limit : 60 FPS
                                                                                                               : 00000000:02:04.0
                               Bus Id
                     FB Memory Usage
                               Total
                                                                                                                 : 4096 MiB
                               Used
                                                                                                                : 641 MiB
                                                                                                                : 3455 MiB
                                Free
                     Utilization
                               Gpu
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                                Memory
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                                                                                                                  : 0 %
                                Encoder
                                                                                                                : 0 %
                               Decoder
                     Encoder Stats
                              Active Sessions
                               Average FPS
Average Latency
                                                                                                                  : 0
                                                                                                                  : 0
                     FBC Stats
                              Active Sessions : 0
Average FPS : 0
Average Latency : 0
[root@vgpu ~]#
```

Monitoring vGPU engine usage 7.2.1.5.

To monitor vGPU engine usage across multiple vGPUs, run nvidia-smi vgpu with the -u or --utilization option.

For each vGPU, the usage statistics in the following table are reported once every second. The table also shows the name of the column in the command output under which each statistic is reported.

Statistic	Column
3D/Compute	sm
Memory controller bandwidth	mem
Video encoder	enc
Video decoder	dec

Each reported percentage is the percentage of the physical GPU's capacity that a vGPU is using. For example, a vGPU that uses 20% of the GPU's graphics engine's capacity will report 20%.

To modify the reporting frequency, use the -1 or --loop option.

To limit monitoring to a subset of the GPUs on the platform, use the -i or --id option to select one or more vGPUs.

[root@v	/gpu ~]#	nvidia	-smi vo	pu -u	
# gpu	vgpu	sm	mem	enc	dec
# Idx	Id	용	용	용	용
0	11924	6	3	0	0
1	11903	8	3	0	0
2	11908	10	4	0	0
3	_	_	_	_	_
4	_	_	_	_	_
5	_	_	_	_	_
0	11924	6	3	0	0
1	11903	9	3	0	Ö
2	11908	10	4	0	0
3	_	_	_	_	_
4	_	_	_	_	_
5	_	_	_	_	_
0	11924	6	3	0	0
1	11903	8	3	0	0
2	11908	10	4	0	0
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^C[root	:@vgpu ~]	1 #			
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7.2.1.6. Monitoring vGPU engine usage by applications

To monitor vGPU engine usage by applications across multiple vGPUs, run nvidia-smi vgpu with the -p option.

For each application on each vGPU, the usage statistics in the following table are reported once every second. Each application is identified by its process ID and process name. The table also shows the name of the column in the command output under which each statistic is reported.

Statistic	Column
3D/Compute	sm
Memory controller bandwidth	mem
Video encoder	enc
Video decoder	dec

Each reported percentage is the percentage of the physical GPU's capacity used by an application running on a vGPU that resides on the physical GPU. For example, an application that uses 20% of the GPU's graphics engine's capacity will report 20%.

To modify the reporting frequency, use the -1 or --loop option.

To limit monitoring to a subset of the GPUs on the platform, use the -i or --id option to select one or more vGPUs.

[root	@vgpu ~]#	nvidia-s	smi vgpu -p				
# GPU	vGPU	process	process	sm	mem	enc	dec
# Idx	Id	Id	name	용	용	용	용
0	38127	1528	dwm.exe	0	0	0	0
1	37408	4232	DolphinVS.exe	32	25	0	0
1	257869	4432	FurMark.exe	16	12	0	0
1	257969	4552	FurMark.exe	48	37	0	0
0	38127	1528	dwm.exe	0	0	0	0
1	37408	4232	DolphinVS.exe	16	12	0	0
1	257911	656	DolphinVS.exe	32	24	0	0
1	257969	4552	FurMark.exe	48	37	0	0
0	38127	1528	dwm.exe	0	0	0	0
1	257869	4432	FurMark.exe	38	30	0	0
1	257911	656	DolphinVS.exe	19	14	0	0
1	257969	4552	FurMark.exe	38	30	0	0
0	38127	1528	dwm.exe	0	0	0	0
1	257848	3220	Balls64.exe	16	12	0	0
1	257869	4432	FurMark.exe	16	12	0	0
1	257911	656	DolphinVS.exe	16	12	0	0
1	257969	4552	FurMark.exe	48	37	0	0
0	38127	1528	dwm.exe	0	0	0	0
1	257911	656	DolphinVS.exe	32	25	0	0
1	257969	4552	FurMark.exe	64	50	0	0
0	38127	1528	dwm.exe	0	0	0	0
1	37408	4232	DolphinVS.exe	16	12	0	0
1	257911	656	DolphinVS.exe	16	12	0	0
1	257969	4552	FurMark.exe	64	49	0	0
0	38127	1528	dwm.exe	0	0	0	0
1	37408	4232	DolphinVS.exe	16	12	0	0
1	257869	4432	FurMark.exe	16	12	0	0
1	257969	4552	FurMark.exe	64	49	0	0
[root	@vgpu ~]#	‡					

7.2.1.7. Monitoring Encoder Sessions



Note: Encoder sessions can be monitored only for vGPUs assigned to Windows VMs. No encoder session statistics are reported for vGPUs assigned to Linux VMs.

To monitor the encoder sessions for processes running on multiple vGPUs, run nvidia-smi vgpu with the -es or --encodersessions option.

For each encoder session, the following statistics are reported once every second:

- ► GPU ID
- ▶ vGPU ID
- ► Encoder session ID
- ▶ PID of the process in the VM that created the encoder session
- Codec type, for example, H.264 or H.265
- Encode horizontal resolution.
- Encode vertical resolution
- One-second trailing average encoded FPS
- One-second trailing average encode latency in microseconds

To modify the reporting frequency, use the -1 or --loop option.

To limit monitoring to a subset of the GPUs on the platform, use the -i or --id option to select one or more vGPUs.

[root@	vgpu ~]#	nwidia-o	mi wanu -	.05				
# GPU		Session I		Codec	Н	7.7	Average	Average
# Idx	Id.	Id	Id	Type	Res	Res		Latency (us)
# 1dx	21211	2	2308	н.264	1920	1080	424	1977
1	21211	3	2424	H.264	1920	1080	0	0
1	22011	1	3676	H.264	1920	1080	374	1589
1	21211	2	2308	H.264	1920	1080	360	807
1	21206	3	2424	H.264	1920	1080	325	1474
1	22011	1	3676	H.264	1920	1080	313	1005
1	21211	2	2308	H.264	1920	1080	329	1732
1	21211	3	2424	H.264	1920	1080	352	1415
1	22011	1	3676	H.264	1920	1080	434	1894
1	21211	2	2308	H.264	1920	1080	362	1818
1	21206	3	2424	H.264	1920	1080	296	1072
1	22011	1	3676	H.264	1920	1080	416	1994
1	21211	2	2308	H.264	1920	1080	444	1912
1	21206	3	2424	H.264	1920	1080	330	1261
1	22011	1	3676	H.264	1920	1080	436	1644
1	21211	2	2308	н.264	1920	1080	344	1500
1	21206	3	2424	н.264	1920	1080	393	1727
1	22011	1	3676	H.264	1920	1080	364	1945
1	21211	2	2308	н.264	1920	1080	555	1653
1	21206	3	2424	н.264	1920	1080	295	925
1	22011	1	3676	н.264	1920	1080	372	1869
1	21211	2	2308	н.264	1920	1080	326	2206
1	21206	3	2424	н.264	1920	1080	318	1366
1	22011	1	3676	н.264	1920	1080	464	2015
1	21211	2	2308	н.264	1920	1080	305	1167
1	21206	3	2424	H.264	1920	1080	445	1892
1	22011	1	3676	H.264	1920	1080	361	906
1	21211	2	2308	H.264	1920	1080	353	1436
1	21206	3	2424	H.264	1920	1080	354	1798
1	22011	1	3676	H.264	1920	1080	373	1310
^C[roo	t@vgpu ~] #						

Monitoring Frame Buffer Capture (FBC) Sessions 7.2.1.8.

To monitor the FBC sessions for processes running on multiple vGPUs, run nvidia-smi vgpu with the -fs or --fbcsessions option.

For each FBC session, the following statistics are reported once every second:

- ▶ GPU ID
- ▶ vGPU ID
- ► FBC session ID
- ▶ PID of the process in the VM that created the FBC session
- Display ordinal associated with the FBC session.
- ► FBC session type
- ► FBC session flags
- Capture mode
- Maximum horizontal resolution supported by the session
- Maximum vertical resolution supported by the session

- ▶ Horizontal resolution requested by the caller in the capture call
- Vertical resolution requested by the caller in the capture call
- Moving average of new frames captured per second by the session
- Moving average new frame capture latency in microseconds for the session

To modify the reporting frequency, use the -1 or --loop option.

To limit monitoring to a subset of the GPUs on the platform, use the -i or --id option to select one or more vGPUs.

[root@vgpu	~l# nvi	dia-smi voo	u -fs						
# GPU	vGPU	Session		cess	Display	Session 1	Diff. Map	Class. Map	
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# Idx	Id	Id		Id	Ordinal	Type	State	State	
Mode	Res	Res	Res	Res	FPS	Latency(us)		
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Listing Supported vGPU Types 7.2.1.9.

To list the virtual GPU types that the GPUs in the system support, run nvidia-smi vgpu with the -s or --supported option.

To limit the retrieved information to a subset of the GPUs on the platform, use the -i or --id option to select one or more vGPUs.

[root@vgpu ~] # nvidia-smi vgpu -s -i 0

```
GPU 0000:83:00.0
   GRID M60-0B
   GRID M60-00
   GRID M60-1A
   GRID M60-1B
   GRID M60-10
   GRID M60-2A
   GRID M60-2Q
   GRID M60-4A
   GRID M60-40
    GRID M60-8A
    GRID M60-8Q
[root@vgpu ~]#
```

To view detailed information about the supported vGPU types, add the -v or --verbose option:

```
[root@vgpu ~] # nvidia-smi vgpu -s -i 0 -v | less
GPU 00000000:40:00.0
    vGPU Type ID
                                                        : GRID M60-0Q
          Name
          Class
                                                      : Ouadro
          GPU Instance Profile ID
                                                     : N/A
                                           : 16
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: False
: 0x13f210de
: 0x13f2114c
: 512 MiB
: 2
: 2560
: 1600
: 60 FPS
                                                     : 16
          Max Instances
          Max Instances Per VM
         Multi vGPU Exclusive
vGPU Exclusive Type
vGPU Exclusive Size
          Device ID
          Sub System ID
         Display Heads
          Maximum X Resolution
Maximum Y Resolution
          Frame Rate Limit
                                                      : 60 FPS
          GRID License
                                                      : Quadro-Virtual-DWS, 5.0; GRID-Virtual-
WS,2.0;GRID-Virtual-WS-Ext,2.0
     vGPU Type ID
                                                      : 0xf
                                                      : GRID M60-1Q
         Name
                                                     : Quadro
: N/A
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          GPU Instance Profile ID
         Max Instances
         Max Instances Per VM
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         Max Instances Per VM

Multi vGPU Exclusive : False

vGPU Exclusive Type : False

vGPU Exclusive Size : False

Device ID : 0x13f210de

Sub System ID : 0x13f2114d

FB Memory : 1024 MiB

Display Heads : 4
         Multi vGPU Exclusive
         Device ID
Sub System ID
          Display Heads : 4
Maximum X Resolution : 5120
Maximum Y Resolution : 2880
Frame Rate Limit : 60 FPS
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          GRID License
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                                                       : GRID M60-2Q
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          Class
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          GPU Instance Profile ID
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          Max Instances Per VM
          Multi vGPU Exclusive
vGPU Exclusive Type
vGPU Exclusive Size
[root@vgpu ~]#
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7.2.1.10. Listing the vGPU Types that Can Currently Be Created

To list the virtual GPU types that can currently be created on GPUs in the system, run nvidiasmi vgpu with the -c or --creatable option.

This property is a dynamic property that varies for each GPU depending on whether MIG mode is enabled for the GPU.

- If MIG mode is **not** enabled for the GPU, or if the GPU does not support MIG, this property reflects the number and type of vGPUs that are already running on the GPU.
 - If no vGPUs are running on the GPU, all vGPU types that the GPU supports are listed.
 - If one or more vGPUs are running on the GPU, but the GPU is not fully loaded, only the type of the vGPUs that are already running is listed.
 - If the GPU is fully loaded, no vGPU types are listed.
- If MIG mode is enabled for the GPU, the result reflects the number and type of GPU instances on which no vGPUs are already running.
 - If no GPU instances have been created, no vGPU types are listed.
 - If GPU instances have been created, only the vGPU types that correspond to GPU instances on which no vGPU is running are listed.
 - If a vGPU is running on every GPU instance, no vGPU types are listed.

To limit the retrieved information to a subset of the GPUs on the platform, use the -i or --id option to select one or more vGPUs.

```
[root@vgpu ~] # nvidia-smi vgpu -c -i 0
GPU 0000:83:00.0
    GRID M60-2Q
```

To view detailed information about the vGPU types that can currently be created, add the -v or --verbose option.

7.2.2. Using Citrix XenCenter to monitor GPU performance

If you are using Citrix Hypervisor as your hypervisor, you can monitor GPU performance in XenCenter.

- 1. Click on a server's **Performance** tab.
- 2. Right-click on the graph window, then select **Actions** and **New Graph**.
- 3. Provide a name for the graph.
- 4. In the list of available counter resources, select one or more GPU counters.

Counters are listed for each physical GPU not currently being used for GPU pass-through.

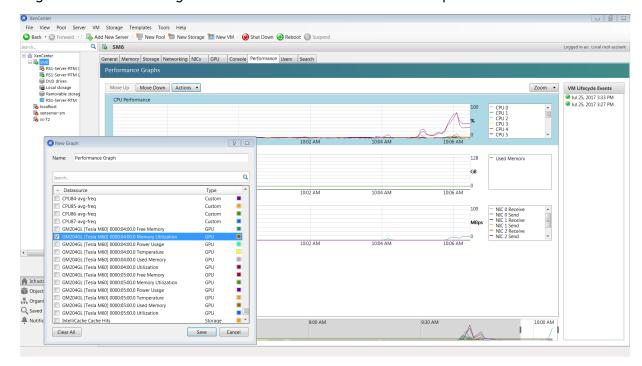


Figure 26. Using Citrix XenCenter to monitor GPU performance

7.3. Monitoring GPU Performance from a **Guest VM**

You can use monitoring tools within an individual guest VM to monitor the performance of vGPUs or pass-through GPUs that are assigned to the VM. The scope of these tools is limited to the guest VM within which you use them. You cannot use monitoring tools within an individual guest VM to monitor any other GPUs in the platform.

For a vGPU, only these metrics are reported in a guest VM:

- 3D/Compute
- Memory controller
- Video encoder
- Video decoder
- Frame buffer usage

Other metrics normally present in a GPU are not applicable to a vGPU and are reported as zero or N/A, depending on the tool that you are using.

Using nvidia-smi to Monitor GPU 7.3.1. Performance from a Guest VM

In guest VMs, you can use the nvidia-smi command to retrieve statistics for the total usage by all applications running in the VM and usage by individual applications of the following resources:

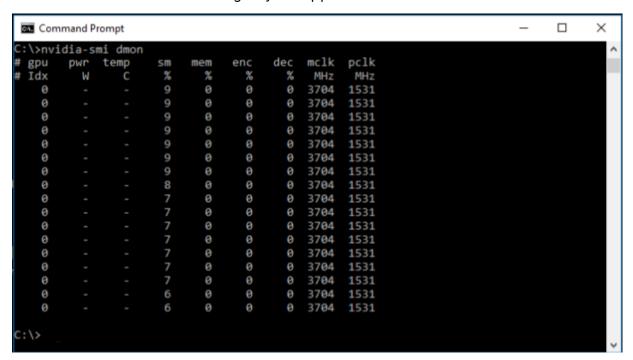
- ► GPU
- Video encoder
- Video decoder
- Frame buffer

To use nvidia-smi to retrieve statistics for the total resource usage by all applications running in the VM, run the following command:

nvidia-smi dmon

The following example shows the result of running nvidia-smi dmon from within a Windows quest VM.

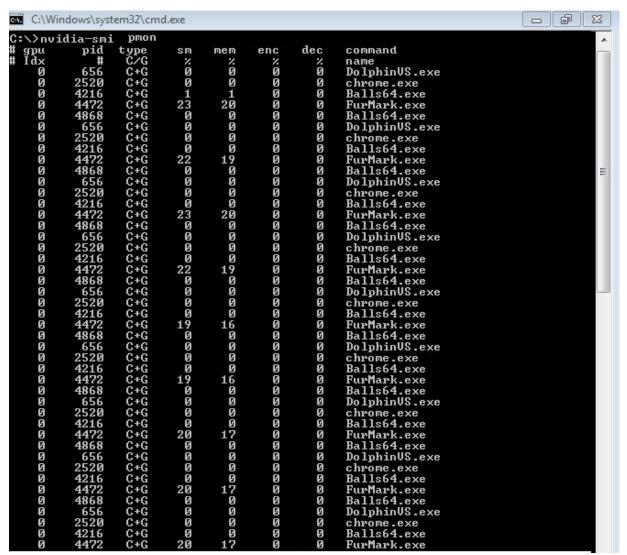
Figure 27. Using nvidia-smi from a Windows guest VM to get total resource usage by all applications



To use nvidia-smi to retrieve statistics for resource usage by individual applications running in the VM, run the following command:

nvidia-smi pmon

Figure 28. Using nvidia-smi from a Windows guest VM to get resource usage by individual applications



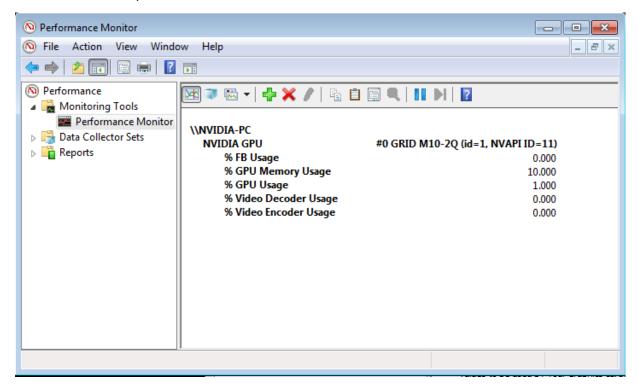
Using Windows Performance Counters to 7.3.2. monitor GPU performance

In Windows VMs, GPU metrics are available as Windows Performance Counters through the NVIDIA GPU object.

Any application that is enabled to read performance counters can access these metrics. You can access these metrics directly through the Windows Performance Monitor application that is included with the Windows OS.

The following example shows GPU metrics in the **Performance Monitor** application.

Using Windows Performance Monitor to monitor GPU Figure 29. performance



On vGPUs, the following GPU performance counters read as 0 because they are not applicable to vGPUs:

- % Bus Usage
- % Cooler rate
- Core Clock MHz
- Fan Speed
- Memory Clock MHz
- PCI-E current speed to GPU Mbps
- PCI-E current width to GPU
- PCI-E downstream width to GPU
- Power Consumption mW
- Temperature C

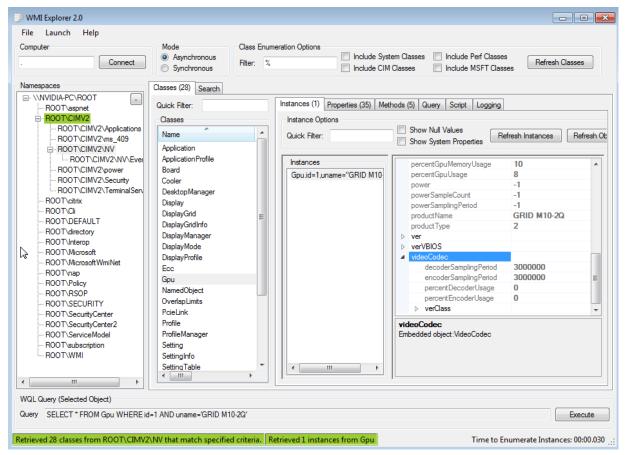
Using NVWMI to monitor GPU performance 7.3.3.

In Windows VMs, Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) exposes GPU metrics in the ROOT\CIMV2\NV namespace through NVWMI. NVWMI is included with the NVIDIA driver package. After the driver is installed, NVWMI help information in Windows Help format is available as follows:

C:\Program Files\NVIDIA Corporation\NVIDIA WMI Provider>nvwmi.chm

Any WMI-enabled application can access these metrics. The following example shows GPU metrics in the third-party application WMI Explorer, which is available for download from the from the CodePlex WMI Explorer page.

Figure 30. Using WMI Explorer to monitor GPU performance



On vGPUs, some instance properties of the following classes do not apply to vGPUs:

- Gpu
- PcieLink

Gpu instance properties that do not apply to vGPUs

Gpu Instance Property	Value reported on vGPU
gpuCoreClockCurrent	-1
memoryClockCurrent	-1
pciDownstreamWidth	0
pcieGpu.curGen	0
pcieGpu.curSpeed	0

Gpu Instance Property	Value reported on vGPU
pcieGpu.curWidth	0
pcieGpu.maxGen	1
pcieGpu.maxSpeed	2500
pcieGpu.maxWidth	0
power	-1
powerSampleCount	-1
powerSamplingPeriod	-1
verVBIOS.orderedValue	0
verVBIOS.strValue	-
verVBIOS.value	0

${\tt PcieLink} \ instance \ properties \ that \ do \ not \ apply \ to \ vGPUs$

No instances of PcieLink are reported for vGPU.

Changing Scheduling Chapter 8. Behavior for Time-Sliced **v**GPUs

NVIDIA GPUs based on the NVIDIA Maxwell™ graphic architecture implement a best effort vGPU scheduler that aims to balance performance across vGPUs. The best effort scheduler allows a vGPU to use GPU processing cycles that are not being used by other vGPUs. Under some circumstances, a VM running a graphics-intensive application may adversely affect the performance of graphics-light applications running in other VMs.

GPUs based on NVIDIA GPU architectures after the Maxwell architecture additionally support equal share and fixed share vGPU schedulers. These schedulers impose a limit on GPU processing cycles used by a vGPU, which prevents graphics-intensive applications running in one VM from affecting the performance of graphics-light applications running in other VMs. On GPUs that support multiple vGPU schedulers, you can select the vGPU scheduler to use. You can also set the length of the time slice for the equal share and fixed share vGPU schedulers.



Note: If you use the equal share or fixed share vGPU scheduler, the frame-rate limiter (FRL) is disabled.

The best effort scheduler is the default scheduler for all supported GPU architectures.

If you are unsure of the NVIDIA GPU architecture of your GPU, consult the release notes for your hypervisor at NVIDIA Virtual GPU Software Documentation.

8.1. Scheduling Policies for Time-Sliced **vGPUs**

In addition to the default best effort scheduler, GPUs based on NVIDIA GPU architectures after the Maxwell architecture support equal share and fixed share vGPU schedulers.

Equal share scheduler

The physical GPU is shared equally amongst the running vGPUs that reside on it. As vGPUs are added to or removed from a GPU, the share of the GPU's processing cycles allocated to each vGPU changes accordingly. As a result, the performance of a vGPU may increase as other vGPUs on the same GPU are stopped, or decrease as other vGPUs are started on the same GPU.

Fixed share scheduler

Each vGPU is given a fixed share of the physical GPU's processing cycles, the amount of which depends on the vGPU type, which in turn determines the maximum number of vGPUs per physical GPU. For example, the maximum number of T4-4C vGPUs per physical GPU is 4. When the scheduling policy is fixed share, each T4-4C vGPU is given one quarter, or 25%, the physical GPU's processing cycles. As vGPUs are added to or removed from a GPU, the share of the GPU's processing cycles allocated to each vGPU remains constant. As a result, the performance of a vGPU remains unchanged as other vGPUs are stopped or started on the same GPU.

By default, these schedulers impose a strict round-robin scheduling policy. When this policy is enforced, the schedulers maintain scheduling fairness by adjusting the time slice for each VM that is configured with NVIDIA vGPU. The strict round-robin scheduling policy ensures more consistent scheduling of the work for VMs that are configured with NVIDIA vGPU and restricts the impact of GPU-intensive applications running in one VM on applications running in other VMs.

Instead of a strict round-robin scheduling policy, you can ensure scheduling fairness by scheduling the work for the vGPU that has spent the least amount of time in the scheduled state. This behavior was the default scheduling behavior in NVIDIA vGPU software releases before 15.0. To control whether the schedulers impose a strict round-robin scheduling policy, use the RMPVMRL registry key.

When a strict round-robin scheduling policy is enforced, the adjustment to the time slice is based on the **scheduling frequency** and an **averaging factor**.

Scheduling frequency

The number of times per second that work for a specific vGPU is scheduled. The default scheduling frequency depends on the number of vGPUs that reside on the physical GPU:

- If fewer than eight vGPUs reside on the physical GPU, the default is 480 Hz.
- ▶ If eight or more vGPUs reside on the physical GPU, the default is 960 Hz.

Averaging factor

A number that determines the moving average of time-slice overshoots accrued for each vGPU. This average controls the strictness with which the scheduling frequency is enforced. A high value for the averaging factor enforces the scheduling frequency less strictly than a low value.

Deviations from the specified scheduling frequency occur because the actual amount of time that a scheduler allocates to a VM might exceed, or overshoot, the time slice specified for the VM. A scheduler enforces the scheduling frequency by shortening the next time slice for each vGPU VM to compensate for the accrued overshoot time of the VM.

To calculate the amount by which to shorten the next time slice for a vGPU VM, the scheduler maintains a running total of the accrued overshoot time for each vGPU VM. This amount is equal to the running total divided by the averaging factor that you specify. The calculated amount is also subtracted from the accrued overshoot time. A high value for the averaging factor enforces the scheduling frequency less strictly by spreading the compensation for the accrued overshoot time over a longer period.

To set the scheduling frequency and averaging factor, use the RMPVMRL registry key.

8.2. Scheduler Time Slice for Time-Sliced **vGPUs**

When multiple VMs access the vGPUs on a single GPU, the GPU performs the work for each VM serially. The vGPU scheduler time slice represents the amount of time that the work of a VM is allowed to run on the GPU before it is preempted and the work of the next VM is performed.

For the equal share and fixed share vGPU schedulers, you can set the length of the time slice. The length of the time slice affects latency and throughput. The optimal length of the time slice depends the workload that the GPU is handling.

- For workloads that require low latency, a shorter time slice is optimal. Typically, these workloads are applications that must generate output at a fixed interval, such as graphics applications that generate output at a frame rate of 60 FPS. These workloads are sensitive to latency and should be allowed to run at least once per interval. A shorter time slice reduces latency and improves responsiveness by causing the scheduler to switch more frequently between VMs.
- For workloads that require maximum throughput, a longer time slice is optimal. Typically, these workloads are applications that must complete their work as quickly as possible and do not require responsiveness, such as CUDA applications. A longer time slice increases throughput by preventing frequent switching between VMs.

8.3. RmPVMRL Registry Key

The RMPVMRL registry key controls the scheduling behavior for NVIDIA vGPUs by setting the scheduling policy and the length of the time slice.



Note: You can change the vGPU scheduling behavior only on GPUs that support multiple vGPU schedulers, that is, GPUs based on NVIDIA GPU architectures after the Maxwell architecture.

Type

Dword

Contents

Value	Meaning
0x00 (default)	Best effort scheduler
0x01	Equal share scheduler with a strict round-robin scheduling policy and the default time slice length, scheduling frequency, and averaging factor

Value	Meaning
0x03	Equal share scheduler without a strict round-robin scheduling policy and the default time slice length
0x <i>AAFFF</i> 0001	Equal share scheduler with a strict round-robin scheduling policy and a user-defined averaging factor AA and a user-defined scheduling frequency FFF
0×00 <i>TT</i> 0003	Equal share scheduler without a strict round-robin scheduling policy and with a user-defined time slice length <i>TT</i>
0x11	Fixed share scheduler with a strict round-robin scheduling policy and the default time slice length, scheduling frequency, and averaging factor
0x13	Fixed share scheduler without a strict round-robin scheduling policy and with the default time slice length
0×00 <i>TT</i> 0011	Fixed share scheduler with a strict round-robin scheduling policy and a user-defined averaging factor AA and a user-defined scheduling frequency FFF
0x <i>AAFFF</i> 0013	Fixed share scheduler without a strict round-robin scheduling policy and with a user-defined time slice length <i>TT</i>

The default time slice length depends on the maximum number of vGPUs per physical GPU allowed for the vGPU type.

Maximum Number of vGPUs	Default Time Slice Length
Less than or equal to 8	2 ms
Greater than 8	1 ms

AA

Two hexadecimal digits in the range 0x01 to 0x3C that set the averaging factor for the equal share and fixed share schedulers with a strict round-robin scheduling policy.

If AA is 0x01, the compensation for the accrued overshoot time is applied in a single time slice.

If AA is 0x3C, the compensation for the accrued overshoot time is spread over 60 (0x3C) time slices.

If AA is outside the range 0x01 to 0x3C, the default value of 33 is used.

FFF

Three hexadecimal digits in the range 0x3F to 0x3C0 that set the scheduling frequency for the equal share and fixed share schedulers with a strict round-robin scheduling policy. The time slice is inverse of scheduling frequency.

If FFF is 000 or outside the range 0x3F to 0x3C0, the scheduling frequency is set to the default scheduling frequency for the vGPU type.

TT

Two hexadecimal digits in the range 01 to 1E that set the length of the time slice in milliseconds (ms) for the equal share and fixed share schedulers. The minimum length is 1 ms and the maximum length is 30 ms.

If TT is 00, the length is set to the default length for the vGPU type.

If TT is greater than 1E, the length is set to 30 ms.

Examples

This example sets the vGPU scheduler to equal share scheduler with a strict round-robin scheduling policy and the default time slice length, scheduling frequency, and averaging factor.

RmPVMRL=0x01

This example sets the vGPU scheduler to equal share scheduler without a strict round-robin scheduling policy and with a time slice that is 3 ms long.

RmPVMRL=0x00030003

This example sets the vGPU scheduler to fixed share scheduler with a strict round-robin scheduling policy and the default time slice length, scheduling frequency, and averaging factor.

RmPVMRL=0x11

This example sets the vGPU scheduler to fixed share scheduler without a strict round-robin scheduling policy and with a time slice that is 24 (0x18) ms long.

RmPVMRL=0×00180011

This example sets the vGPU scheduler to equal share scheduler with a strict round-robin scheduling policy, an averaging factor of 60 (0x3C), and a scheduling frequency of 960 (0x3C0) Hz.

 $RmPVMRL=0\times3c3c0001$

This example sets the vGPU scheduler to fixed share scheduler with a strict round-robin scheduling policy, an averaging factor of 60 (0x3C), and a scheduling frequency of 960 (0x3C0) Hz.

RmPVMRL=0x3c3c0011

8.4. Getting Information about the Scheduling Behavior of Time-Sliced **vGPUs**

The nvidia-smi command provides options for getting detailed information about the scheduling behavior of time-sliced vGPUs. You can also use the hypervisor's dmesg command to get the current time-sliced vGPU scheduling policy for all GPUs.

Since 15.1: Getting Time-Sliced vGPU 8.4.1. Scheduler Capabilities

The scheduler capabilities of a time-sliced vGPU are a set of values that define how you can configure the vGPU to allocate the work for each VM that is configured with NVIDIA vGPU. These capability values depend on the vGPU engine type and, for vGPUs that support multiple scheduling policies, whether the vGPU supports and enforces a strict round-robin scheduling policy.

- If the vGPU engine type is graphics, the vGPU scheduler capability values consist of the supported scheduling policies and other values that affect how the work for each VM that is configured with NVIDIA vGPU is allocated. The capability values that are applicable depend on whether the vGPU supports and enforces a strict round-robin scheduling policy.
 - If the vGPU supports and enforces a strict round-robin scheduling policy, the values for the scheduling frequency and averaging factor are applicable.
 - Otherwise, the values for the supported time slice range applicable.
- If the vGPU engine type is any type other than graphics, the only vGPU scheduler capability value indicates support for the best effort scheduling policy. All other capability values are zero.

To get the scheduler capabilities of all time-sliced vGPUs on the platform, run nvidia-smi vgpu with the -sc or --schedulercaps option.

To limit the information retrieved to a subset of the GPUs on the platform, use the -i or --id option to select one or more GPUs.

```
[root@vgpu ~] # nvidia-smi vgpu -sc
vGPU scheduler capabilities
       Supported Policies
                                      : Best Effort
                                      Equal Share
                                       Fixed Share
       ARR Mode
                                     : Supported
       Supported Timeslice Range
                                    : 30000000 ns
              Maximum Timeslice
              Minimum Timeslice : 1000000 ns
       Supported Scheduling Frequency
                                   : 960
              Maximum Frequency
              Minimum Frequency
                                      : 63
       Supported ARR Averaging Factor
```

```
Maximum Avg Factor : 60
Minimum Avg Factor
```

8.4.2. Since 15.1: Getting Time-Sliced vGPU Scheduler State Information

The scheduler state information for a time-sliced vGPU consists of the scheduling policy set for the vGPU and the values of properties that control how the work for the VM that is configured with the vGPU is allocated. The properties available depend on the scheduling policy that is set for the vGPU.

The scheduler state information that can be retrieved for a vGPU depends on whether the VM that is configured with the vGPU is running.

To get scheduler state information for all time-sliced vGPUs on the platform, run nvidia-smi vgpu with the -ss or --schedulerstate option.

To limit the information retrieved to a subset of the GPUs on the platform, use the -i or --id option to select one or more GPUs.

The following examples show the scheduler state information that is retrieved for a vGPU when the VM that is configured with the vGPU is not running and is running. In these examples, the scheduling policy is equal share scheduler with a strict round-robin scheduling policy and the default time slice length, scheduling frequency, and averaging factor.

vGPU Scheduler State Information for a VM that Is Not Running

```
[root@vqpu ~] # nvidia-smi vqpu -ss
GPU 00000000:65:00.0
   Active vGPUs
                                           : 0
    Scheduler Policy
                                           : Equal Share
   ARR Mode
                                           : Enabled
   Average Factor
                                           : Not Available
   Time Slice(ns)
                                            : Not Available
```

vGPU Scheduler State Information for a Running VM

```
[root@vgpu ~] # nvidia-smi vgpu -ss
GPU 00000000:65:00.0
   Active vGPUs
   Scheduler Policy
                                            : Equal Share
   ARR Mode
                                            : Enabled
                                            : 33
   Average Factor
   Time Slice(ns)
                                            : 2083333
```

8.4.3. Getting Time-Sliced vGPU Scheduler Work Logs

The scheduler work logs for a time-sliced vGPU provide information about the allocation at runtime of the work for the VM that is configured with the vGPU.

The information in the scheduler work logs that can be retrieved for a vGPU depends on whether the VM that is configured with the vGPU is running.

To get scheduler work logs for all time-sliced vGPUs on the platform, run nvidia-smi vgpu with the -sl or --schedulerlogs option.

To limit the information retrieved to a subset of the GPUs on the platform, use the -i or --id option to select one or more GPUs.

vGPU Scheduler Work Logs for a VM that Is Not Running

```
[root@vgpu ~]# nvidia-smi vgpu -sl
Engine Id
Scheduler Policy Equal Share
GPU at deviceIndex 0 has no active VM runlist.
```

vGPU Scheduler Work Logs for a Running VM

```
[root@vqpu ~] # nvidia-smi vgpu -sl
GPU Id 0
Engine Id 1
Scheduler Policy Equal Share
ARR Mode Enabled
Avg Factor 33
Time Slice 2083333
 GPU SW Runlist
Target Time Cumulative
Idx Id
Slice Preempt Time
0 0 16733626877297
                                                       Time Cumulative Prev Timeslice
                                                                            Run Time
                                     Stamp
                                                                                                                Runtime
 Treempt Time
0 0 1673362687729708384 2619237216
2005425 2493060
0 0 1673362687731793472 2621322304
2005372 2494762
0 0 1673362687733877664 2623406496
2005346 2495595
                                                                                                                 2083840
                                                                                                                2085088
                                                                                                               2084192
```

Getting the Current Time-Sliced vGPU 8.4.4. Scheduling Policy for All GPUs

You can use the hypervisor's dmesq command to get the current time-sliced vGPU scheduling policy for all GPUs. Get this information before changing the scheduling behavior of one or more GPUs to determine if you need to change it or after changing it to confirm the change.

Perform this task in your hypervisor command shell.

1. Open a command shell on your hypervisor host machine. On all supported hypervisors, you can use secure shell (SSH) for this purpose. Individual hypervisors may provide additional means for logging in. For details, refer to the documentation for your hypervisor.

2. Use the dmesq command to display messages from the kernel that contain the strings NVRM and scheduler.

\$ dmesg | grep NVRM | grep scheduler

The scheduling policy is indicated in these messages by the following strings:

- BEST EFFORT
- EQUAL SHARE
- FIXED SHARE

If the scheduling policy is equal share or fixed share, the scheduler time slice in ms is also displayed.

This example gets the scheduling policy of the GPUs in a system in which the policy of one GPU is set to best effort, one GPU is set to equal share, and one GPU is set to fixed share.

```
$ dmesg | grep NVRM | grep scheduler
2020-10-05T02:58:08.928Z cpu79:2100753)NVRM: GPU at 0000:3d:00.0 has software
scheduler DISABLED with policy BEST EFFORT.
2020-10-05T02:58:09.818Z cpu79:21007\overline{5}3) NVRM: GPU at 0000:5e:00.0 has software
scheduler ENABLED with policy EQUAL_SHARE.
NVRM: Software scheduler timeslice set to 1 ms.
2020-10-05T02:58:12.115Z cpu79:2100753)NVRM: GPU at 0000:88:00.0 has software
scheduler ENABLED with policy FIXED SHARE.
NVRM: Software scheduler timeslice set to 1 ms.
```

Changing the Time-Sliced vGPU 8.5. Scheduling Behavior for All GPUs



Note: You can change the vGPU scheduling behavior only on GPUs that support multiple vGPU schedulers, that is, GPUs based on NVIDIA GPU architectures after the Maxwell architecture.

Perform this task in your hypervisor command shell.

- 1. Open a command shell on your hypervisor host machine. On all supported hypervisors, you can use secure shell (SSH) for this purpose. Individual hypervisors may provide additional means for logging in. For details, refer to the documentation for your hypervisor.
- 2. Set the RmPVMRL registry key to the value that sets the GPU scheduling policy and the length of the time slice that you want.
 - On Citrix Hypervisor, Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM, or Red Hat Virtualization (RHV), add the following entry to the /etc/modprobe.d/nvidia.conf file.

```
options nvidia NVreg RegistryDwords="RmPVMRL=value"
```

If the /etc/modprobe.d/nvidia.conf file does not already exist, create it.

On VMware vSphere, use the esxcli set command.

```
# esxcli system module parameters set -m nvidia -p
"NVreg_RegistryDwords=RmPVMRL=value"
```

value

The value that sets the GPU scheduling policy and the length of the time slice that you want, for example:

Sets the vGPU scheduling policy to equal share scheduler with the default time slice length.

0x00030001

Sets the GPU scheduling policy to equal share scheduler with a time slice that is 3 ms long.

Sets the vGPU scheduling policy to fixed share scheduler with the default time slice length.

0x00180011

Sets the GPU scheduling policy to fixed share scheduler with a time slice that is 24 (0x18) ms long.

For all supported values, see <u>RmPVMRL Registry Key</u>.

3. Reboot your hypervisor host machine.

Confirm that the scheduling behavior was changed as required as explained in Getting the Current Time-Sliced vGPU Scheduling Policy for All GPUs.

8.6. Changing the Time-Sliced vGPU Scheduling Behavior for Select GPUs



Note: You can change the vGPU scheduling behavior only on GPUs that support multiple vGPU schedulers, that is, GPUs based on NVIDIA GPU architectures after the Maxwell architecture.

Perform this task in your hypervisor command shell.

- 1. Open a command shell on your hypervisor host machine.
 - On all supported hypervisors, you can use secure shell (SSH) for this purpose. Individual hypervisors may provide additional means for logging in. For details, refer to the documentation for your hypervisor.
- 2. Use the 1spci command to obtain the PCI domain and bus/device/function (BDF) of each GPU for which you want to change the scheduling behavior.
 - On Citrix Hypervisor, Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM, or Red Hat Virtualization (RHV), add the -D option to display the PCI domain and the -d 10de: option to display information only for NVIDIA GPUs.

lspci -D -d 10de:

On VMware vSphere, pipe the output of 1spci to the grep command to display information only for NVIDIA GPUs.

lspci | grep NVIDIA

The NVIDIA GPU listed in this example has the PCI domain 0000 and BDF 86:00.0. 0000:86:00.0 3D controller: NVIDIA Corporation GP104GL [Tesla P4] (rev a1)

- 3. Use the module parameter NVreg RegistryDwordsPerDevice to set the pci and RmPVMRL registry keys for each GPU.
 - On Citrix Hypervisor, Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM, or Red Hat Virtualization (RHV), add the following entry to the /etc/modprobe.d/nvidia.conf file.

```
options nvidia NVreg RegistryDwordsPerDevice="pci=pci-domain:pci-
bdf; RmPVMRL=value
[;pci=pci-domain:pci-bdf;RmPVMRL=value...]"
```

If the /etc/modprobe.d/nvidia.conf file does not already exist, create it.

On VMware vSphere, use the esxcli set command.

```
# esxcli system module parameters set -m nvidia \
-p "NVreg RegistryDwordsPerDevice=pci=pci-domain:pci-bdf;RmPVMRL=value\
[;pci=pci-domain:pci-bdf;RmPVMRL=value...]"
```

For each GPU, provide the following information:

pci-domain

The PCI domain of the GPU.

pci-bdf

The PCI device BDF of the GPU.

value

The value that sets the GPU scheduling policy and the length of the time slice that you want, for example:

0x01

Sets the GPU scheduling policy to equal share scheduler with the default time slice length.

0x00030001

Sets the GPU scheduling policy to equal share scheduler with a time slice that is 3

0x11

Sets the GPU scheduling policy to fixed share scheduler with the default time slice length.

0x00180011

Sets the GPU scheduling policy to fixed share scheduler with a time slice that is 24 (0x18) ms long.

For all supported values, see RmPVMRL Registry Key.

This example adds an entry to the /etc/modprobe.d/nvidia.conf file to change the scheduling behavior of a single GPU. The entry sets the GPU scheduling policy of the GPU at PCI domain 0000 and BDF 86:00.0 to fixed share scheduler with the default time slice length.

```
options nvidia NVreg_RegistryDwordsPerDevice=
"pci=0000:86:00.0; RmPVMRL=0x11"
```

This example adds an entry to the /etc/modprobe.d/nvidia.conf file to change the scheduling behavior of a single GPU. The entry sets the scheduling policy of the GPU at PCI domain 0000 and BDF 86:00.0 to fixed share scheduler with a time slice that is 24 (0x18) ms long.

```
options nvidia NVreg RegistryDwordsPerDevice=
"pci=0000:86:00.0; RmPVMRL=0x00180011"
```

This example changes the scheduling behavior of a single GPU on a hypervisor host that is running VMware vSphere. The command sets the scheduling policy of the GPU at PCI domain 0000 and BDF 15:00.0 to fixed share scheduler with the default time slice length.

```
# esxcli system module parameters set -m nvidia -p \
"NVreg RegistryDwordsPerDevice=pci=0000:15:00.0;RmPVMRL=0x11[;pci=0000:15:00.0;RmPVMRL=0x11]"
```

This example changes the scheduling behavior of a single GPU on a hypervisor host that is running VMware vSphere. The command sets the scheduling policy of the GPU at PCI domain 0000 and BDF 15:00.0 to fixed share scheduler with a time slice that is 24 (0x18) ms long.

```
# esxcli system module parameters set -m nvidia -p \
"NVreg RegistryDwordsPerDevice=pci=0000:15:00.0;RmPVMRL=0x11[;pci=0000:15:00.0;RmPVMRL=0x00180011]"
```

4. Reboot your hypervisor host machine.

Confirm that the scheduling behavior was changed as required as explained in Getting the Current Time-Sliced vGPU Scheduling Policy for All GPUs.

Restoring Default Time-Sliced vGPU 8.7. Scheduler Settings

Perform this task in your hypervisor command shell.

- 1. Open a command shell on your hypervisor host machine. On all supported hypervisors, you can use secure shell (SSH) for this purpose. Individual hypervisors may provide additional means for logging in. For details, refer to the documentation for your hypervisor.
- 2. Unset the RmPVMRL registry key.
 - On Citrix Hypervisor, Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM, or Red Hat Virtualization (RHV), comment out the entries in the /etc/modprobe.d/nvidia.conf file that set RmPVMRL by prefixing each entry with the # character.
 - On VMware vSphere, set the module parameter to an empty string.

```
# esxcli system module parameters set -m nvidia -p "module-parameter="
module-parameter
```

The module parameter to set, which depends on whether the scheduling behavior was changed for all GPUs or select GPUs:

- ► For all GPUs, set the NVreg RegistryDwords module parameter.
- ► For select GPUs, set the NVreg RegistryDwordsPerDevice module parameter.

For example, to restore default vGPU scheduler settings after they were changed for all GPUs, enter this command:

esxcli system module parameters set -m nvidia -p "NVreg_RegistryDwords="

3. Reboot your hypervisor host machine.

Chapter 9. Troubleshooting

This chapter describes basic troubleshooting steps for NVIDIA vGPU on Citrix Hypervisor, Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM, Red Hat Virtualization (RHV), and VMware vSphere, and how to collect debug information when filing a bug report.

Known issues

Before troubleshooting or filing a bug report, review the release notes that accompany each driver release, for information about known issues with the current release, and potential workarounds

Troubleshooting steps

If a vGPU-enabled VM fails to start, or doesn't display any output when it does start, follow these steps to narrow down the probable cause.

Verifying the NVIDIA Kernel Driver Is Loaded

- 1. Use the command that your hypervisor provides to verify that the kernel driver is loaded:
 - On Citrix Hypervisor, Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM, and RHV, use 1smod:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # lsmod|grep nvidia
nvidia
                     9604895 84
                       20294 2 nvidia, i2c i801
i2c core
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

On VMware vSphere, use vmkload mod:

```
[root@esxi:~] vmkload_mod -1 | grep nvidia
```

- 2. If the nvidia driver is not listed in the output, check dmesq for any load-time errors reported by the driver (see Examining NVIDIA kernel driver output).
- 3. On Citrix Hypervisor, Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM, and RHV, also use the rpm -q command to verify that the NVIDIA GPU Manager package is correctly installed.

```
rpm -q vgpu-manager-rpm-package-name
vgpu-manager-rpm-package-name
```

The RPM package name of the NVIDIA GPU Manager package, for example NVIDIAvGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-CitrixHypervisor-8.2-525.85.07 for Citrix Hypervisor.

This example verifies that the NVIDIA GPU Manager package for Citrix Hypervisor is correctly installed.

```
[root@xenserver ~] # rpm -q NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-CitrixHypervisor-8.2-525.85.07
 [root@xenserver ~]#
If an existing NVIDIA GRID package is already installed and you don't select the
 upgrade (-U) option when installing a newer GRID package, the rpm command will
  return many conflict errors.
Preparing packages for installation...
                               file /usr/bin/nvidia-smi from install of NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-
CitrixHypervisor-8.2-525.85.07.x86 64 conflicts with file from package NVIDIA-
vGPU-xenserver-8.2-525.60.12.x86 6\overline{4}
                                \label{file_file_file_file} file_{\tt /usr/lib/libnvidia-ml.so} \ from_{\tt install} \ of_{\tt NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGP
CitrixHypervisor-8.2-525.85.07.x86_64 conflicts with file from package NVIDIA-
vGPU-xenserver-8.2-525.60.12.x86 6\overline{4}
```

9.2.2. Verifying that nvidia-smi works

If the NVIDIA kernel driver is correctly loaded on the physical GPU, run nvidia-smi and verify that all physical GPUs not currently being used for GPU pass-through are listed in the output. For details on expected output, see NVIDIA System Management Interface nvidia-smi.

If nvidia-smi fails to report the expected output, check dmesg for NVIDIA kernel driver messages.

Examining NVIDIA kernel driver output

Information and debug messages from the NVIDIA kernel driver are logged in kernel logs, prefixed with NVRM or nvidia.

Run dmesq on Citrix Hypervisor, Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM, RHV, and VMware vSphere and check for the NVRM and nvidia prefixes:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # dmesq | grep -E "NVRM|nvidia"
    22.054928] nvidia: module license 'NVIDIA' taints kernel.
    22.390414] NVRM: loading
   22.829226] nvidia 0000:04:00.0: enabling device (0000 -> 0003)
   22.829236] nvidia 0000:04:00.0: PCI INT A -> GSI 32 (level, low) -> IRQ 32
    22.829240] NVRM: This PCI I/O region assigned to your NVIDIA device is invalid: 22.829241] NVRM: BARO is 0M @ 0x0 (PCI:0000:04.0)
[ 22.829243] NVRM: The system BIOS may have misconfigured your GPU.
```

9.2.4. Examining NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager Messages

Information and debug messages from the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager are logged to the hypervisor's log files, prefixed with vmiop.

9.2.4.1. Examining Citrix Hypervisor vGPU Manager Messages

For Citrix Hypervisor, NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager messages are written to /var/log/ messages.

Look in the /var/log/messages file for the vmiop prefix:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # grep vmiop /var/log/messages
Jan 30 10:34:03 localhost vgpu-l1[25698]: notice: vmiop_log: gpu-pci-id:
 0000:05:00.0
Jan 30 10:34:03 localhost vgpu-ll[25698]: notice: vmiop_log: vgpu_type : quadro
Jan 30 10:34:03 localhost vgpu-l1[25698]: notice: vmiop_log: Framebuffer: 0x74000000 Jan 30 10:34:03 localhost vgpu-l1[25698]: notice: vmiop_log: Virtual Device Id:
0x13F2:0x114E
Jan 30 10:34:03 localhost vgpu-l1[25698]: notice: vmiop log: ####### vGPU Manager
Information: #######
Jan 30 10:34:03 localhost vgpu-l1[25698]: notice: vmiop loq: Driver
Version: 525.85.07
Jan 30 10:34:03 localhost vgpu-l1[25698]: notice: vmiop log: Init frame copy engine:
Jan 30 10:35:31 localhost vgpu-11[25698]: notice: vmiop log: ######## Guest NVIDIA
Driver Information: #######
Jan 30 10:35:31 localhost vgpu-ll[25698]: notice: vmiop log: Driver Version: 528.24
Jan 30 10:35:36 localhost vgpu-l1[25698]: notice: vmiop log: Current max guest pfn =
Jan 30 10:35:40 localhost vgpu-l1[25698]: notice: vmiop log: Current max guest pfn =
0xlleff0!
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

Examining Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM vGPU 9.2.4.2. Manager Messages

For Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM and RHV, NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager messages are written to /var/log/messages.

Look in these files for the vmiop log: prefix:

```
# grep vmiop_log: /var/log/messages
[2023-01-27 04:46:12] vmiop log: [2023-01-27 04:46:12] notice: vmiop-env:
guest max gpfn:0x11f7ff
[2023-\overline{0}1-27\ 04:46:12] vmiop_log: [2023-01-27\ 04:46:12] notice: pluginconfig: /usr/
share/nvidia/vgx/grid_m60-1q.conf,gpu-pci-id=0000:06:00.0
[2023-01-27 04:46:12] vmiop log: [2023-01-27 04:46:12] notice: Loading Plugin0:
libnvidia-vgpu
[2023-01-27 04:46:12] vmiop log: [2023-01-27 04:46:12] notice: Successfully update
the env symbols!
[2023-01-27 04:46:12] vmiop log: [2023-01-27 04:46:12] notice: vmiop log: gpu-pci-
id: 0000:06:00.0
[2023-01-27 04:46:12] vmiop log: [2023-01-27 04:46:12] notice: vmiop log:
vgpu type : quadro
[2023-01-27 04:46:12] vmiop log: [2023-01-27 04:46:12] notice: vmiop log:
Framebuffer: 0x38000000
[2023-01-27 04:46:12] vmiop log: [2023-01-27 04:46:12] notice: vmiop log: Virtual
Device Id: 0x13F2:0x114D
[2023-01-27 04:46:12] vmiop log: [2023-01-27 04:46:12] notice: vmiop log: ########
vGPU Manager Information: #######
[2023-01-27 04:46:12] vmiop log: [2023-01-27 04:46:12] notice: vmiop log: Driver
Version: 525.85.07
[2023-01-27 04:46:12] vmiop_log: [2023-01-27 04:46:12] notice: vmiop_log: Init frame
copy engine: syncing...
[2023-01-27 05:09:14] vmiop log: [2023-01-27 05:09:14] notice: vmiop log: ########
Guest NVIDIA Driver Information: #######
[2023-01-27 05:09:14] vmiop log: [2023-01-27 05:09:14] notice: vmiop log: Driver
Version: 528.24
[2023-01-27 05:09:14] vmiop_log: [2023-01-27 05:09:14] notice: vmiop_log: Current
max guest pfn = 0x11a71f!
[2023-01-27 05:12:09] vmiop_log: [2023-01-27 05:12:09] notice: vmiop_log: vGPU
license state: (0 \times 000000001)
```

9.2.4.3. Examining VMware vSphere vGPU Manager Messages

For VMware vSphere, NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager messages are written to the vmware.log file in the guest VM's storage directory.

Look in the vmware.log file for the vmiop prefix:

```
[root@esxi:~] grep vmiop /vmfs/volumes/datastorel/win7-vgpu-test1/vmware.log
2023-01-27T14:02:21.275Z| vmx| I120: DICT pciPassthru0.virtualDev = "vmiop"
libvmx-vmiop.so
2023-01-27T14:02:21.344Z| vmx| I120: PluginLdr_LoadShared: Loaded shared plugin libvmx-vmiop.so from /usr/lib64/vmware/plugin/libvmx-vmiop.so
2023-01-27T14:02:21.344Z| vmx| I120: VMIOP: Loaded plugin libvmx-
vmiop.so:VMIOP InitModule
2023-01-27T14:\overline{0}2:21.359Z| vmx| I120: VMIOP: Initializing plugin vmiop-display
2023-01-27T14:02:21.365Z| vmx| I120: vmiop_log: gpu-pci-id: 0000:04:00.0 2023-01-27T14:02:21.365Z| vmx| I120: vmiop_log: vgpu_type: quadro
2023-01-27T14:02:21.365Z| vmx| I120: vmiop log: Framebuffer: 0x74000000
2023-01-27T14:02:21.365Z| vmx| I120: vmiop log: Virtual Device Id: 0x11B0:0x101B
2023-01-27T14:02:21.365Z| vmx| I120: vmiop log: ######## vGPU Manager Information:
2023-01-27T14:02:21.365Z| vmx| I120: vmiop log: Driver Version: 525.85.07
2023-01-27T14:02:21.365Z| vmx| I120: vmiop log: VGX Version: 15.1
2023-01-27T14:02:21.445Z| vmx| I120: vmiop log: Init frame copy engine: syncing...
2023-01-27T14:02:37.031Z| vthread-12| I120: vmiop log: ####### Guest NVIDIA Driver
Information: #######
2023-01-27T14:02:37.031Z| vthread-12| I120: vmiop_log: Driver Version: 528.24 2023-01-27T14:02:37.031Z| vthread-12| I120: vmiop_log: VGX Version: 15.1
2023-01-27T14:02:37.093Z| vthread-12| I120: vmiop log: Clearing BAR1 mapping
2022-01-30T23:39:55.726Z| vmx| I120: VMIOP: Shutting down plugin vmiop-display
[root@esxi:~]
```

9.3. Capturing configuration data for filing a bug report

When filing a bug report with NVIDIA, capture relevant configuration data from the platform exhibiting the bug in one of the following ways:

- ▶ On any supported hypervisor, run nvidia-bug-report.sh.
- On Citrix Citrix Hypervisor, create a Citrix Hypervisor server status report.

Capturing configuration data by running 9.3.1. nvidia-bug-report.sh

The nvidia-bug-report.sh script captures debug information into a gzip-compressed log file on the server.

Run nvidia-bug-report.sh from the Citrix Hypervisor dom0 shell, the Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM host shell, the Red Hat Virtualization (RHV) host shell, or the VMware ESXi host shell.

This example runs nvidia-bug-report.sh on Citrix Hypervisor, but the procedure is the same on Red Hat Enterprise Linux KVM, RHV, or VMware vSphere ESXi.

```
[root@xenserver ~] # nvidia-bug-report.sh
nvidia-bug-report.sh will now collect information about your
system and create the file 'nvidia-bug-report.log.gz' in the current
directory. It may take several seconds to run. In some
cases, it may hang trying to capture data generated dynamically
by the Linux kernel and/or the NVIDIA kernel module. While
the bug report log file will be incomplete if this happens, it
may still contain enough data to diagnose your problem.
For Xen open source/XCP users, if you are reporting a domain issue,
please run: nvidia-bug-report.sh --domain-name <"domain name">
Please include the 'nvidia-bug-report.log.gz' log file when reporting
your bug via the NVIDIA Linux forum (see devtalk.nvidia.com)
or by sending email to 'linux-bugs@nvidia.com'.
Running nvidia-bug-report.sh...
If the bug report script hangs after this point consider running with
--safe-mode command line argument.
complete
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

Capturing Configuration Data by Creating a 9.3.2. Citrix Hypervisor Status Report

- 1. In XenCenter, from the **Tools** menu, choose **Server Status Report**.
- 2. Select the Citrix Hypervisor instance from which you want to collect a status report.
- 3. Select the data to include in the report.
- 4. To include NVIDIA vGPU debug information, select NVIDIA-logs in the Report Content Item
- 5. Generate the report.

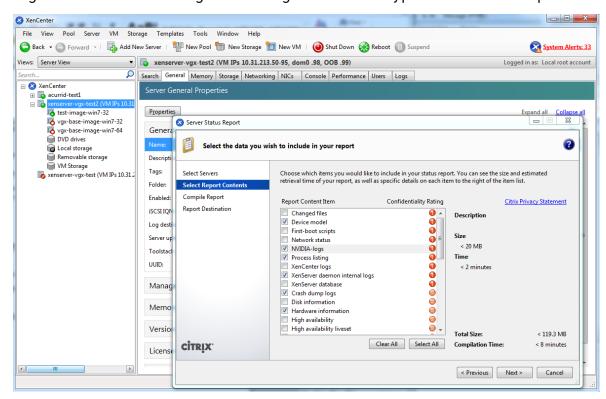


Figure 31. Including NVIDIA logs in a Citrix Hypervisor status report

Appendix A. Virtual GPU Types Reference

A.1. Virtual GPU Types for Supported **GPUs**

NVIDIA vGPU is available as a licensed product on supported NVIDIA GPUs. For a list of recommended server platforms and supported GPUs, consult the release notes for supported hypervisors at NVIDIA Virtual GPU Software Documentation.

NVIDIA A800 PCIe 80GB and NVIDIA A800 A.1.1. PCIe 80GB Liquid Cooled Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

This GPU supports MIG-backed virtual GPUs and time-sliced virtual GPUs.

The virtual GPU types for the NVIDIA A800 PCIe 80GB and NVIDIA A800 PCIe 80GB liquid cooled are identical.

MIG-Backed C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A800 PCIe 80GB and NVIDIA A800 PCIe 80GB Liquid Cooled

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

For details of GPU instance profiles, see NVIDIA Multi-Instance GPU User Guide.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Slices per vGPU	Compute Instances per vGPU	Corresponding GPU Instance Profile
A800D-7-80C	Training Workloads	81920	1	7	7	MIG 7g.80gb
A800D-4-40C	Training Workloads	40960	1	4	4	MIG 4g.40gb

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Slices per vGPU	Compute Instances per vGPU	Corresponding GPU Instance Profile
A800D-3-40C	Training Workloads	40960	2	3	3	MIG 3g.40gb
A800D-2-20C	Training Workloads	20480	3	2	2	MIG 2g.20gb
A800D-1-10C	Training Workloads	10240	7	1	1	MIG 1g.10gb
A800D-1-10CME	Training Workloads	10240	1	1	1	MIG 1g.10gb+me

Time-Sliced C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A800 PCIe 80GB and NVIDIA A800 PCIe 80GB Liquid Cooled

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A800D-80C	Training Workloads	81920	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
A800D-40C	Training Workloads	40960	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
A800D-20C	Training Workloads	20480	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
A800D-16C	Inference Workloads	16384	5	5	4096×2160 ²	1
A800D-10C	Training Workloads	10240	8	8	4096×2160 ²	1
A800D-8C	Training Workloads	8192	10	10	4096×2160 ²	1
A800D-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	20	20	4096×2160 ²	1

A.1.2. NVIDIA A800 HGX Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

This GPU supports MIG-backed virtual GPUs and time-sliced virtual GPUs.

MIG-Backed C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A800 HGX 80GB

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

For details of GPU instance profiles, see <u>NVIDIA Multi-Instance GPU User Guide</u>.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Slices per vGPU	Compute Instances per vGPU	Corresponding GPU Instance Profile
A800DX-7-80C	Training Workloads	81920	1	7	7	MIG 7g.80gb
A800DX-4-40C	Training Workloads	40960	1	4	4	MIG 4g.40gb
A800DX-3-40C	Training Workloads	40960	2	3	3	MIG 3g.40gb
A800DX-2-20C	Training Workloads	20480	3	2	2	MIG 2g.20gb
A800DX-1-10C	Training Workloads	10240	7	1	1	MIG 1g.10gb
A800DX-1-10CME	Training Workloads	10240	1	1	1	MIG 1g.10gb+me

Time-Sliced C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A800 HGX 80GB

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A800DX-80C	Training Workloads	81920	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
A800DX-40C	Training Workloads	40960	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
A800DX-20C	Training Workloads	20480	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
A800DX-16C	Inference Workloads	16384	5	5	4096×2160 ²	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A800DX-10C	Training Workloads	10240	8	8	4096×2160 ²	1
A800DX-8C	Training Workloads	8192	10	10	4096×2160 ²	1
A800DX-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	20	20	4096×2160 ²	1

NVIDIA A100 PCIe 40GB Virtual GPU Types A.1.3.

Physical GPUs per board: 1

This GPU supports MIG-backed virtual GPUs and time-sliced virtual GPUs.

MIG-Backed C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A100 PCIe 40GB

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

For details of GPU instance profiles, see <u>NVIDIA Multi-Instance GPU User Guide</u>.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Slices per vGPU	Compute Instances per vGPU	Corresponding GPU Instance Profile
A100-7-40C	Training Workloads	40960	1	7	7	MIG 7g.40gb
A100-4-20C	Training Workloads	20480	1	4	4	MIG 4g.20gb
A100-3-20C	Training Workloads	20480	2	3	3	MIG 3g.20gb
A100-2-10C	Training Workloads	10240	3	2	2	MIG 2g.10gb
A100-1-5C	Inference Workloads	5120	7	1	1	MIG 1g.5gb
A100-1-5CME	Inference Workloads	5120	1	1	1	MIG 1g.5gb+me

Time-Sliced C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A100 PCIe 40GB

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A100-40C	Training Workloads	40960	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
A100-20C	Training Workloads	20480	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
A100-10C	Training Workloads	10240	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
A100-8C	Training Workloads	8192	5	5	4096×2160 ²	1
A100-5C	Inference Workloads	5120	8	8	4096×2160 ²	1
A100-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	10	10	4096×2160 ²	1

A.1.4. NVIDIA A100 HGX 40GB Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

This GPU supports MIG-backed virtual GPUs and time-sliced virtual GPUs.

MIG-Backed C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A100 HGX 40GB

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

For details of GPU instance profiles, see <u>NVIDIA Multi-Instance GPU User Guide</u>.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Slices per vGPU	Compute Instances per vGPU	Corresponding GPU Instance Profile
A100X-7-40C	Training Workloads	40960	1	7	7	MIG 7g.40gb
A100X-4-20C	Training Workloads	20480	1	4	4	MIG 4g.20gb
A100X-3-20C	Training Workloads	20480	2	3	3	MIG 3g.20gb
A100X-2-10C	Training Workloads	10240	3	2	2	MIG 2g.10gb
A100X-1-5C	Inference Workloads	5120	7	1	1	MIG 1g.5gb

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Slices per vGPU	Compute Instances per vGPU	Corresponding GPU Instance Profile
A100X-1-5CME	Inference Workloads	5120	1	1	1	MIG 1g.5gb+me

Time-Sliced C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A100 HGX 40GB

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A100X-40C	Training Workloads	40960	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
A100X-20C	Training Workloads	20480	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
A100X-10C	Training Workloads	10240	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
A100X-8C	Training Workloads	8192	5	5	4096×2160 ²	1
A100X-5C	Inference Workloads	5120	8	8	4096×2160 ²	1
A100X-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	10	10	4096×2160 ²	1

A.1.5. NVIDIA A100 PCIe 80GB, NVIDIA A100 PCIe 80GB Liquid Cooled and NVIDIA A100X Virtual **GPU Types**

Physical GPUs per board: 1

This GPU supports MIG-backed virtual GPUs and time-sliced virtual GPUs.

The virtual GPU types for the NVIDIA A100 PCIe 80GB, NVIDIA A100 PCIe 80GB liquid cooled and NVIDIA A100X GPUs are identical.

MIG-Backed C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A100 PCIe 80GB, NVIDIA A100 PCIe 80GB Liquid Cooled and NVIDIA A100X

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

For details of GPU instance profiles, see <u>NVIDIA Multi-Instance GPU User Guide</u>.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Slices per vGPU	Compute Instances per vGPU	Corresponding GPU Instance Profile
A100D-7-80C	Training Workloads	81920	1	7	7	MIG 7g.80gb
A100D-4-40C	Training Workloads	40960	1	4	4	MIG 4g.40gb
A100D-3-40C	Training Workloads	40960	2	3	3	MIG 3g.40gb
A100D-2-20C	Training Workloads	20480	3	2	2	MIG 2g.20gb
A100D-1-10C	Training Workloads	10240	7	1	1	MIG 1g.10gb
A100D-1-10CME	Training Workloads	10240	1	1	1	MIG 1g.10gb+me

Time-Sliced C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A100 PCIe 80GB, NVIDIA A100 PCIe 80GB Liquid Cooled and NVIDIA A100X

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A100D-80C	Training Workloads	81920	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
A100D-40C	Training Workloads	40960	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
A100D-20C	Training Workloads	20480	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
A100D-16C	Inference Workloads	16384	5	5	4096×2160 ²	1
A100D-10C	Training Workloads	10240	8	8	4096×2160 ²	1
A100D-8C	Training Workloads	8192	10	10	4096×2160 ²	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A100D-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	20	20	4096×2160 ²	1

A.1.6. NVIDIA A100 HGX 80GB Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

This GPU supports MIG-backed virtual GPUs and time-sliced virtual GPUs.

MIG-Backed C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A100 HGX 80GB

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

For details of GPU instance profiles, see <u>NVIDIA Multi-Instance GPU User Guide</u>.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Slices per vGPU	Compute Instances per vGPU	Corresponding GPU Instance Profile
A100DX-7-80C	Training Workloads	81920	1	7	7	MIG 7g.80gb
A100DX-4-40C	Training Workloads	40960	1	4	4	MIG 4g.40gb
A100DX-3-40C	Training Workloads	40960	2	3	3	MIG 3g.40gb
A100DX-2-20C	Training Workloads	20480	3	2	2	MIG 2g.20gb
A100DX-1-10C	Training Workloads	10240	7	1	1	MIG 1g.10gb
A100DX-1-10CME	Training Workloads	10240	1	1	1	MIG 1g.10gb+me

Time-Sliced C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A100 HGX 80GB

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A100DX-80C	Training Workloads	81920	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
A100DX-40C	Training Workloads	40960	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
A100DX-20C	Training Workloads	20480	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
A100DX-16C	Inference Workloads	16384	5	5	4096×2160 ²	1
A100DX-10C	Training Workloads	10240	8	8	4096×2160 ²	1
A100DX-8C	Training Workloads	8192	10	10	4096×2160 ²	1
A100DX-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	20	20	4096×2160 ²	1

A.1.7. NVIDIA A40 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A40

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
A40-48Q	Workstations	49152	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A40-24Q	Virtual Workstations	24576	2	2	66355200	7680×4320 5120×2880 or lower	2
A40-16Q	Virtual Workstations	16384	3	3	66355200	7680×4320 5120×2880 or	2
A40-12Q	Virtual Workstations	12288	4	4	66355200	10wer 7680×4320 5120×2880 or	2
A40-8Q	Virtual Workstations	8192	6	6	66355200	7680×4320 5120×2880 or lower	2
A40-6Q	Virtual Workstations	6144	8	8	58982400	7680×4320 5120×2880 or lower	1 4
A40-4Q	Virtual Workstations	4096	12	12	58982400	7680×4320 5120×2880 or lower	1 4
A40-3Q	Virtual Workstations	3072	16	16	35389440	7680×4320 5120×2880	1 2
	Workstations					4096×2160 or lower 7680×4320	1
A40-2Q	Virtual Workstations	2048	24	24	35389440	5120×2880 4096×2160 or lower	2
A40-1Q	Virtual Workstations	1024	32 ⁷	32	17694720	5120×2880 4096×2160 3840×2160	1 2 2
	THO REGIONS					2560×1600 or lower	4

The maximum vGPUs per GPU is limited to 32.

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A40

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

These vGPU types support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by their frame buffer size. You can choose between using a small number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these vGPU types. The maximum number of displays per vGPU is based on a configuration in which all displays have the same resolution. For examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions, see Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
				24	17694720	5120×2880	1
	A40-2B Virtual Desktops	2048	24			4096×2160	2
A40-2B						3840×2160	2
	·					2560×1600 or lower	4
					16384000	5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	1
A40-1B	A40-1B Virtual Desktops	1024	32	32		3840×2160	1
	•					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A40

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A40-48C	Training Workloads	49152	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
A40-24C	Training Workloads	24576	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
A40-16C	Training Workloads	16384	3	3	4096×2160 ²	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A40-12C	Training Workloads	12288	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
A40-8C	Training Workloads	8192	6	6	4096×2160 ²	1
A40-6C	Training Workloads	6144	8	8	4096×2160 ²	1
A40-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	8 ^{<u>3</u>}	12	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A40

Required license edition: vApps

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A40-48A	Virtual Applications	49152	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A40-24A	Virtual Applications	24576	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A40-16A	Virtual Applications	16384	3	3	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A40-12A	Virtual Applications	12288	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A40-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	6	6	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A40-6A	Virtual Applications	6144	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A40-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	12	12	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A40-3A	Virtual Applications	3072	16	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A40-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	24	24	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A40-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	32 ^{<u>7</u>}	32	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.8. NVIDIA A30 and NVIDIA A30X Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

This GPU supports MIG-backed virtual GPUs and time-sliced virtual GPUs.

The virtual GPU types for the NVIDIA A30 and NVIDIA A30X GPUs are identical.

MIG-Backed C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A30 and NVIDIA A30X

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

For details of GPU instance profiles, see <u>NVIDIA Multi-Instance GPU User Guide</u>.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Slices per vGPU	Compute Instances per vGPU	Corresponding GPU Instance Profile
A30-4-24C	Training Workloads	24576	1	4	4	MIG 4g.24gb
A30-2-12C	Training Workloads	12288	2	2	2	MIG 2g.12gb
A30-1-6C	Inference Workloads	6144	4	1	1	MIG 1g.6gb
A30-1-6CME	Inference Workloads	6144	1	1	1	MIG 1g.6gb+me

Time-Sliced C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A30 and NVIDIA A30X

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A30-24C	Training Workloads	24576	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A30-12C	Training Workloads	12288	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
A30-8C	Training Workloads	8192	3	3	4096×2160 ²	1
A30-6C	Inference Workloads	6144	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
A30-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	6	6	4096×2160 ²	1

NVIDIA A16 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 4

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A16

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
Vi ato a l					7680×4320	2	
A16-16Q	A16-16Q Virtual Workstations	16384	1	4	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	\ <i>I</i> :t1	8192	2	8	66355200	7680×4320	2
A16-8Q	Virtual Workstations					5120×2880 or lower	4
	\ <i>I</i> :t1					7680×4320	1
A16-4Q	Virtual Workstations	4096	4	16	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A16-2Q Virtual						7680×4320	1
	2048	8	32	35389440	5120×2880	2	
ATO ZQ	Workstations	2040	o o	02	00007110	4096×2160 or lower	4
					17694720	5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
A16-1Q	Desktops, Virtual	1024	16	64		3840×2160	2
	Workstations					2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A16

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A16-2B Virtual					17694720	5120×2880	1
	Vintual		8	32		4096×2160	2
	Desktops	2048				3840×2160	2
	'					2560×1600 or lower	4
					16384000	5120×2880	1
	Vintual					4096×2160	1
A16-1B	Virtual Desktops	1024	16	64		3840×2160	1
	Desktops					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A16

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A16-16C	Training Workloads	16384	1	4	4096×2160 ²	1
A16-8C	Training Workloads	8192	2	8	4096×2160 ²	1
A16-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	4	16	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A16

Required license edition: vApps

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A16-16A	Virtual Applications	16384	1	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A16-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	2	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A16-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	4	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A16-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	8	32	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A16-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	16	64	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.10. NVIDIA A10 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A10

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual			1		7680×4320	2
A10-24Q	Workstations	24576	1		66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
A10-12Q	Workstations	12288	2	2	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	\/'					7680×4320	2
A10-8Q	Virtual Workstations	8192	3	3	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	\ <i>I</i> '	6144	4	4		7680×4320	1
A10-6Q	Virtual Workstations				58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual		6	6	58982400	7680×4320	1
A10-4Q	Workstations	4096				5120×2880 or lower	4
						7680×4320	1
A10-3Q	Virtual	3072	8	8	35389440	5120×2880	2
ATO OQ	Workstations	0072	Ü	O O	00007440	4096×2160 or lower	4
						7680×4320	1
A10-2Q	Virtual	2048	12	12	35389440	5120×2880	2
, 110 ZX	Workstations	2040	1 4	1.2	33007440	4096×2160 or lower	4

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
			24	24	17694720	5120×2880	1
	\ /:-t1					4096×2160	2
A10-1Q	Virtual Workstations	1024				3840×2160	2
Workstati						2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A10

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

These vGPU types support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by their frame buffer size. You can choose between using a small number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these vGPU types. The maximum number of displays per vGPU is based on a configuration in which all displays have the same resolution. For examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions, see Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A10-2B Virtual Desktops						5120×2880	1
	Virtual		12	12	17694720	4096×2160	2
	Desktops	2048				3840×2160	2
	·					2560×1600 or lower	4
			24		16384000	5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	1
A10-1B	Desktops	1024		24		3840×2160	1
	,					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A10

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A10-24C	Training Workloads	24576	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
A10-12C	Training Workloads	12288	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
A10-8C	Training Workloads	8192	3	3	4096×2160 ²	1
A10-6C	Training Workloads	6144	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
A10-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	6	6	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A10

Required license edition: vApps

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A10-24A	Virtual Applications	24576	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A10-12A	Virtual Applications	12288	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A10-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	3	3	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A10-6A	Virtual Applications	6144	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A10-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	6	6	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A10-3A	Virtual Applications	3072	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A10-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	12	12	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A10-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	24	24	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.11. NVIDIA A2 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A2

Required license edition: vWS

These vGPU types support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by their frame buffer size. You can choose between using a small number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these vGPU types. The maximum number of displays per vGPU is based on a configuration in which all displays have the same resolution. For examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions, see Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
A2-16Q	Workstations	16384	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
A2-8Q	Virtual Workstations 8192	2	2	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4	
V	Virtual	4096	4	4	58982400	7680×4320	1
A2-4Q	Workstations					5120×2880 or lower	4
			8	8	35389440	7680×4320	1
A2-2Q	Virtual	2048				5120×2880	2
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						5120×2880	1
	Virtual Desktops,				17694720	4096×2160	2
A2-1Q	Virtual	1024	16	16		3840×2160	2
	Workstations					2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A2

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

These vGPU types support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by their frame buffer size. You can choose between using a small number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these vGPU types. The maximum number of displays per vGPU is based on a configuration in which all displays have the same resolution. For examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions, see Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880	1
Virtual Desktops					4096×2160	2	
	Desktops	2048	8	8	17694720	3840×2160	2
	·					2560×1600 or lower	4
					16384000	5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	1
A2-1B	Desktops	1024	16	16		3840×2160	1
						2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A2

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A2-16C	Training Workloads	16384	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
A2-8C	Training Workloads	8192	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
A2-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA A2

Required license edition: vApps

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Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
A2-16A	Virtual Applications	16384	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A2-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A2-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A2-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
A2-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	16	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.12. NVIDIA H100 PCIe 80GB Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

This GPU supports MIG-backed virtual GPUs and time-sliced virtual GPUs.

MIG-Backed C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA H100 PCIe 80GB

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

For details of GPU instance profiles, see <u>NVIDIA Multi-Instance GPU User Guide</u>.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Slices per vGPU	Compute Instances per vGPU	Corresponding GPU Instance Profile
H100-7-80C	Training Workloads	81920	1	7	7	MIG 7g.80gb
H100-4-40C	Training Workloads	40960	1	4	4	MIG 4g.40gb
H100-3-40C	Training Workloads	40960	2	3	3	MIG 3g.40gb
H100-2-20C	Training Workloads	20480	3	2	2	MIG 2g.20gb
H100-1-10C	Training Workloads	10240	7	1	1	MIG 1g.10gb

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Slices per vGPU	Compute Instances per vGPU	Corresponding GPU Instance Profile
H100-1-10CME	Training Workloads	10240	1	1	1	MIG 1g.10gb+me

Time-Sliced C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA H100 PCle 80GB

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
H100-80C	Training Workloads	81920	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
H100-40C	Training Workloads	40960	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
H100-20C	Training Workloads	20480	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
H100-16C	Inference Workloads	16384	5	5	4096×2160 ²	1
H100-10C	Training Workloads	10240	8	8	4096×2160 ²	1
H100-8C	Training Workloads	8192	10	10	4096×2160 ²	1
H100-5C	Inference Workloads	5120	16	16	4096×2160 ²	1
H100-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	20	20	4096×2160 ²	1

A.1.13. Since 15.1: NVIDIA L40 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA L40

Required license edition: vWS

These vGPU types support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by their frame buffer size. You can choose between using a small number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these

vGPU types. The maximum number of displays per vGPU is based on a configuration in which all displays have the same resolution. For examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions, see Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
L40-48Q	Workstations	49152	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
L40-24Q	Workstations	24576	2	2	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
L40-16Q	Workstations	16384	3	3	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
L40-12Q	Workstations	12288	4	4 4 66355200	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual	8192				7680×4320	2
L40-8Q	Workstations		6	6	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	\/:_tl					7680×4320	1
L40-6Q	Virtual Workstations	6144	8	8	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	1
L40-4Q	Workstations	4096	12	12	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
						7680×4320	1
L40-3Q	Virtual	3072	16	16	35389440	5120×2880	2
	Workstations	33,2			33337440	4096×2160 or lower	4
						7680×4320	1
L40-2Q Virt	Virtual	2048	24	24	35389440	5120×2880	2
	Workstations	_5.5			23337110	4096×2160 or lower	4

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
		1024 S	32 ⁸	32	17694720	5120×2880	1
	\ /:-t1					4096×2160	2
L40-1Q	Virtual Workstations					3840×2160	2
W	WOLKSTATIONS					2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA L40

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

These vGPU types support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by their frame buffer size. You can choose between using a small number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these vGPU types. The maximum number of displays per vGPU is based on a configuration in which all displays have the same resolution. For examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions, see Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
L40-2B Virtual Desktops						5120×2880	1
	Virtual		24	24	17694720	4096×2160	2
	Desktops	2048				3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4
			32		16384000	5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	1
L40-1B	Desktops	1024		32		3840×2160	1
	,					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA L40

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

The maximum vGPUs per GPU is limited to 32.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
L40-48C	Training Workloads	49152	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
L40-24C	Training Workloads	24576	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
L40-16C	Training Workloads	16384	3	3	4096×2160 ²	1
L40-12C	Training Workloads	12288	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
L40-8C	Training Workloads	8192	6	6	4096×2160 ²	1
L40-6C	Training Workloads	6144	8	8	4096×2160 ²	1
L40-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	8 ³	12	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA L40

Required license edition: vApps

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
L40-48A	Virtual Applications	49152	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
L40-24A	Virtual Applications	24576	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
L40-16A	Virtual Applications	16384	3	3	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
L40-12A	Virtual Applications	12288	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
L40-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	6	6	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
L40-6A	Virtual Applications	6144	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
L40-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	12	12	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
L40-3A	Virtual Applications	3072	16	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
L40-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	24	24	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
L40-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	32 ^{<u>8</u>}	32	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.14. Since 15.1: NVIDIA RTX 6000 Ada Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA RTX 6000 Ada

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTX 6000	Virtual					7680×4320	2
Ada-48Q	Workstations	49152	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
DTV /000	\/:t1					7680×4320	2
RTX 6000 Ada-24Q	Virtual Workstations	24576	2	2	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
DTV /000	Vintual					7680×4320	2
RTX 6000 Ada-16Q	Virtual Workstations	16384	3	3	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTX 6000	Virtual					7680×4320	2
Ada-12Q	Workstations	12288	4	4	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
RTX 6000	Virtual					7680×4320	2
Ada-8Q	Workstations	8192	6	6	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
RTX 6000	Virtual					7680×4320	1
Ada-6Q	Workstations	6144	8	8	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
DTV /000	\/:_tl					7680×4320	1
RTX 6000 Ada-4Q	Virtual Workstations	4096	12	12	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
			16	16	35389440	7680×4320	1
RTX 6000	Virtual	3072				5120×2880	2
Ada-3Q	Workstations	0072				4096×2160 or lower	4
						7680×4320	1
RTX 6000	Virtual	2048	24	24	35389440	5120×2880	2
Ada-2Q	Workstations	2040	24	24	03007440	4096×2160 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
RTX 6000	Virtual					4096×2160	2
Ada-1Q	Workstations	1024	32 9	32	17694720	3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA RTX 6000 Ada

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

These vGPU types support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by their frame buffer size. You can choose between using a small number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these

The maximum vGPUs per GPU is limited to 32.

vGPU types. The maximum number of displays per vGPU is based on a configuration in which all displays have the same resolution. For examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions, see Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880	1
DTV 4000 Vietual					4096×2160	2	
Ada-2B	RTX 6000 Virtual Ada-2B Desktops	2048	24	24	17694720	3840×2160	2
	·					2560×1600 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
DTV 4000	Virtual					4096×2160	1
	Desktops	1024	32	32	16384000	3840×2160	1
						2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA RTX 6000 Ada

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTX 6000 Ada-48C	Training Workloads	49152	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX 6000 Ada-24C	Training Workloads	24576	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX 6000 Ada-16C	Training Workloads	16384	3	3	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX 6000 Ada-12C	Training Workloads	12288	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX 6000 Ada-8C	Training Workloads	8192	6	6	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX 6000 Ada-6C	Training Workloads	6144	8	8	4096×2160 ²	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTX 6000 Ada-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	8 ³	12	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA RTX 6000 Ada

Required license edition: vApps

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTX 6000 Ada-48A	Virtual Applications	49152	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX 6000 Ada-24A	Virtual Applications	24576	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX 6000 Ada-16A	Virtual Applications	16384	3	3	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX 6000 Ada-12A	Virtual Applications	12288	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX 6000 Ada-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	6	6	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX 6000 Ada-6A	Virtual Applications	6144	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX 6000 Ada-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	12	12	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX 6000 Ada-3A	Virtual Applications	3072	16	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX 6000 Ada-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	24	24	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX 6000 Ada-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	32 ⁹	32	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.15. NVIDIA RTX A6000 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA RTX A6000

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
RTXA6000-48Q	Workstations	49152	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
RTXA6000-24Q	Workstations	24576	2	2	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
RTXA6000-16Q	Workstations	16384	3	3	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Vintual					7680×4320	2
RTXA6000-12Q	Virtual Workstations	12288	4	4	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
RTXA6000-8Q	Workstations	8192	6	6	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	1
RTXA6000-6Q	Workstations	6144	8	8	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
	\ <i>!</i> ; -t 1					7680×4320	1
RTXA6000-4Q	Virtual Workstations	4096	12	12	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
RTXA6000-3Q	Virtual	3072	16	4.	05000770	7680×4320	1
NIVAOUUU-3M	Workstations	3072	10	16	35389440	5120×2880	2

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						4096×2160 or lower	4
						7680×4320	1
RTXA6000-2Q	Virtual	2048	24	24	35389440	5120×2880	2
	Workstations					4096×2160 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
RTXA6000-1Q	Workstations	1024	32 ¹⁰	32	17694720	3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA RTX A6000

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					5120×2880	1
			24	24	17694720	4096×2160	2
RTXA6000-2B	Desktops	2048				3840×2160	2
	1					2560×1600 or	4
						lower	4
			32	32	16384000	5120×2880	1
RTXA6000-1B Virtual Desktops		1024				4096×2160	1
	Везікорз					3840×2160	1

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Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA RTX A6000

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTXA6000-48C	Training Workloads	49152	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
RTXA6000-24C	Training Workloads	24576	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
RTXA6000-16C	Training Workloads	16384	3	3	4096×2160 ²	1
RTXA6000-12C	Training Workloads	12288	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
RTXA6000-8C	Training Workloads	8192	6	6	4096×2160 ²	1
RTXA6000-6C	Training Workloads	6144	8	8	4096×2160 ²	1
RTXA6000-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	8 ³	12	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA RTX A6000

Required license edition: vApps

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTXA6000-48A	Virtual Applications	49152	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA6000-24A	Virtual Applications	24576	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA6000-16A	Virtual Applications	16384	3	3	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA6000-12A	Virtual Applications	12288	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA6000-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	6	6	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA6000-6A	Virtual Applications	6144	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA6000-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	12	12	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA6000-3A	Virtual Applications	3072	16	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA6000-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	24	24	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA6000-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	32 ¹⁰	32	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.16. NVIDIA RTX A5500 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA RTX A5500

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTXA5500-24Q	Virtual Workstations	24576	1	1	66355200	7680×4320	2
						5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual Workstations	12288	2	2	66355200	7680×4320	2
RTXA5500-12Q						5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual Workstations	8192	3	3	66355200	7680×4320	2
RTXA5500-8Q						5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual Workstations		4	4	58982400	7680×4320	1
RTXA5500-6Q		6144				5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual Workstations	4096	6	6	58982400	7680×4320	1
RTXA5500-4Q						5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual Workstations	3072	8	8	35389440	7680×4320	1
RTXA5500-3Q						5120×2880	2
						4096×2160 or lower	4
	Virtual Workstations	2048	12	12	35389440	7680×4320	1
RTXA5500-2Q						5120×2880	2
						4096×2160 or lower	4
	Virtual Workstations	1024	24	24	17694720	5120×2880	1
RTXA5500-1Q						4096×2160	2
						3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA RTX A5500

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

These vGPU types support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by their frame buffer size. You can choose between using a small number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these vGPU types. The maximum number of displays per vGPU is based on a configuration in which all displays have the same resolution. For examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions, see Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880	1
RTXA5500-2B Virtual Desktops					4096×2160	2	
	Desktops	2048	12	12	17694720	3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4
					16384000	5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	1
RTXA5500-1B	Desktops	1024	24	24		3840×2160	1
	•					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA RTX A5500

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTXA5500-24C	Training Workloads	24576	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
RTXA5500-12C	Training Workloads	12288	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
RTXA5500-8C	Training Workloads	8192	3	3	4096×2160 ²	1
RTXA5500-6C	Training Workloads	6144	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTXA5500-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	6	6	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA RTX A5500

Required license edition: vApps

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTXA5500-24A	Virtual Applications	24576	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA5500-12A	Virtual Applications	12288	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA5500-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	3	3	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA5500-6A	Virtual Applications	6144	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA5500-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	6	6	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA5500-3A	Virtual Applications	3072	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA5500-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	12	12	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA5500-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	24	24	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.17. NVIDIA RTX A5000 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA RTX A5000

Required license edition: vWS

These vGPU types support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by their frame buffer size. You can choose between using a small

number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these vGPU types. The maximum number of displays per vGPU is based on a configuration in which all displays have the same resolution. For examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions, see Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
RTXA5000-24Q	Workstations	24576	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
RTXA5000-12Q	Workstations	12288	2	2	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
RTXA5000-8Q	Workstations	8192	3	3	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
Vintual	Vintual	6144	4	4	58982400	7680×4320	1
RTXA5000-6Q	RTXA5000-6Q Virtual Workstation					5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	1
RTXA5000-4Q	Workstations	4096	6	6	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
			8	8	35389440	7680×4320	1
RTXA5000-3Q	Virtual	3072				5120×2880	2
	Workstations		-	-		4096×2160 or lower	4
						7680×4320	1
RTXA5000-2Q	Virtual	2048	12	12	35389440	5120×2880	2
,	Workstations	20.0	. =	. =	00007.10	4096×2160 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual	1024				4096×2160	2
RTXA5000-1Q	Workstations		24	24	17694720	3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA RTX A5000

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

These vGPU types support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by their frame buffer size. You can choose between using a small number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these vGPU types. The maximum number of displays per vGPU is based on a configuration in which all displays have the same resolution. For examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions, see Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880	1
RTXA5000-2B Virtual Desktops					4096×2160	2	
	Desktops	2048	12	12	17694720	3840×2160	2
	Besitops					2560×1600 or lower	4
					16384000	5120×2880	1
	Virtual		24	24		4096×2160	1
RTXA5000-1B	Desktops	1024				3840×2160	1
	'					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA RTX A5000

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTXA5000-24C	Training Workloads	24576	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
RTXA5000-12C	Training Workloads	12288	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
RTXA5000-8C	Training Workloads	8192	3	3	4096×2160 ²	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTXA5000-6C	Training Workloads	6144	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
RTXA5000-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	6	6	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for NVIDIA RTX A5000

Required license edition: vApps

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTXA5000-24A	Virtual Applications	24576	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA5000-12A	Virtual Applications	12288	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA5000-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	3	3	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA5000-6A	Virtual Applications	6144	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA5000-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	6	6	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA5000-3A	Virtual Applications	3072	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA5000-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	12	12	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTXA5000-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	24	24	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.18. Tesla M60 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 2

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla M60

Required license edition: vWS

These vGPU types support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by their frame buffer size. You can choose between using a small number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these vGPU types. The maximum number of displays per vGPU is based on a configuration in which all displays have the same resolution. For examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions, see Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					5120×2880	2
M60-8Q	Workstations	8192	1	2	35389440	4096×2160 or lower	4
	Vietual					5120×2880	2
M60-4Q Virtual Workstation:	4096	2	4	35389440	4096×2160 or lower	4	
	Virtual	2048	4	8	35389440	5120×2880	2
M60-2Q	Workstations					4096×2160 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
M60-1Q	Desktops, Virtual	1024	8	16	17694720	3840×2160	2
	Workstations					2560×1600 or lower	4
M60-0Q	Virtual Desktops, Virtual Workstations	512	16	32	8192000	2560×1600	2 ¹

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla M60

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
M60-2B	Desktops	2048	4	8	17694720	3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4
		2048		8	17694720	5120×2880	1
	Virtual Desktops					4096×2160	2
M40-2R/4			4			3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4
		1024	8	16	16384000	5120×2880	1
	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \					4096×2160	1
M60-1B	Virtual Desktops					3840×2160	1
						2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵
						5120×2880	1
	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \					4096×2160	1
M60-1B4 ^{<u>4</u>}	Virtual Desktops	1024	8	16	16384000	3840×2160	1
WI00-1D4	Desktops					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵
M60-0B	Virtual Desktops	512	16	32	8192000	2560×1600	2 ¹

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla M60

Required license edition: vApps

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
M60-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	1	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
M60-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	2	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
M60-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	4	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
M60-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	8	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.19. Tesla M10 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 4

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla M10

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					5120×2880	2
M10-8Q	Workstations	8192	1	4	35389440	4096×2160 or lower	4
	Virtual		2	8	35389440	5120×2880	2
M10-4Q	Workstations	4096				4096×2160 or lower	4
	Virtual		4	16	35389440	5120×2880	2
M10-2Q	Workstations	2048				4096×2160 or lower	4
M10-1Q Virtual						5120×2880	1
	Virtual Desktops,	1024	8	32	17694720	4096×2160	2
	Desitops,					3840×2160	2

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual Workstations					2560×1600 or lower	4
M10-0Q	Virtual Desktops, Virtual Workstations	512	16	64	8192000	2560×1600	2 ¹

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla M10

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
M10-2B	Desktops	2048	4	16	17694720	3840×2160	2
Desktops					2560×1600 or lower	4	
			4	16	17694720	5120×2880	1
	Minter I					4096×2160	2
M10-2B4 ⁴	Virtual Desktops	2048				3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
M10-1B	Virtual Desktops	1024	8	32	16384000	4096×2160	1
	Deskiops					3840×2160	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵
			8	32	16384000	5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	1
M10-1B4 ^{<u>4</u>}	Desktops	1024				3840×2160	1
Besittops	'					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵
M10-0B	Virtual Desktops	512	16	64	8192000	2560×1600	2 ¹

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla M10

Required license edition: vApps

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
M10-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	1	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
M10-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	2	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
M10-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	4	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
M10-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	8	32	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.20. Tesla M6 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla M6

Required license edition: vWS

These vGPU types support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by their frame buffer size. You can choose between using a small

number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these vGPU types. The maximum number of displays per vGPU is based on a configuration in which all displays have the same resolution. For examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions, see Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					5120×2880	2
M6-8Q	Workstations	8192	1	1	35389440	4096×2160 or lower	4
	Virtual					5120×2880	2
M6-4Q	Workstations	4096	2	2	35389440	4096×2160 or lower	4
	Virtual					5120×2880	2
M6-2Q	Workstations	2048	4	4	35389440	4096×2160 or lower	4
					17694720	5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
M6-1Q	Desktops, Virtual	1024	8	8		3840×2160	2
	Workstations					2560×1600 or lower	4
M6-0Q	Virtual Desktops, Virtual Workstations	512	16	16	8192000	2560×1600	2 ¹

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla M6

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
M6-2B	Desktops	2048	4	4	17694720	3840×2160	2
	1					2560×1600 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Minter I			4	17694720	4096×2160	2
M6-2B4 ^{<u>4</u>}	Virtual Desktops	2048	4			3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4
	\ <i>T</i>		8	8	16384000	5120×2880	1
						4096×2160	1
M6-1B	Virtual Desktops	1024				3840×2160	1
	1					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵
						5120×2880	1
	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\					4096×2160	1
M6-1B4 ^{<u>4</u>}	Virtual Desktops	1024	8	8	16384000	3840×2160	1
	Desktops					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵
M6-0B	Virtual Desktops	512	16	16	8192000	2560×1600	2 ¹

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla M6

Required license edition: vApps

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
M6-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
M6-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
M6-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
M6-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.21. Tesla P100 PCIe 12GB Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P100 PCIe 12GB

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
P100C-12Q	Workstations	12288	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	\ <i>r</i>					7680×4320	1
P100C-6Q	Virtual Workstations	6144	2	2	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	1
P100C-4Q	Workstations	4096	3	3	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
P100C-2Q	Virtual	2048	,	,	25200770	7680×4320	1
F100C-2Q	Workstations	2040	6	6	35389440	5120×2880	2

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						4096×2160 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual		12	12	17694720	4096×2160	2
P100C-1Q Virtual	Desktops, Virtual	1024				3840×2160	2
	Workstations					2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P100 PCIe 12GB

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880	1
P100C-2B Virtual Desktops					4096×2160	2	
	2048	6	6	17694720	3840×2160	2	
					2560×1600 or lower	4	
			6	6	17694720	5120×2880	1
	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \					4096×2160	2
P100C-2B4 ⁴	Virtual Desktops	2048				3840×2160	2
Desk						2560×1600 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
P100C-1B	Virtual Desktops	1024	12	12	16384000	4096×2160	1
	Безкюрэ					3840×2160	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵
			12		16384000	5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	1
P100C-1B4 ⁴	Desktops	1024		12		3840×2160	1
Desi	'	Klops				2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P100 PCIe 12GB

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P100C-12C	Training Workloads	12288	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
P100C-6C	Training Workloads	6144	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
P100C-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	3	3	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P100 PCIe 12GB

Required license edition: vApps

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P100C-12A	Virtual Applications	12288	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P100C-6A	Virtual Applications	6144	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P100C-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	3	3	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P100C-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	6	6	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P100C-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	12	12	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.22. Tesla P100 PCIe 16GB Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P100 PCIe 16GB

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P100-16Q Virtual Workstation:					7680×4320	2	
	16384	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4	
	\ <i>P</i> . 1 1	8192	2	2	66355200	7680×4320	2
P100-8Q	Virtual Workstations					5120×2880 or lower	4
	Vintual			4	58982400	7680×4320	1
P100-4Q	P100-4Q Virtual Workstations	4096	4			5120×2880 or lower	4
P100-2Q	Virtual	2070	8	0	25200772	7680×4320	1
F100-2W	Workstations	2048	O	8	35389440	5120×2880	2

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						4096×2160 or lower	4
			16	16	17694720	5120×2880	1
	Virtual Desktops,					4096×2160	2
P100-1Q	Virtual	1024				3840×2160	2
	Workstations	ns				2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P100 PCIe 16GB

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880	1
P100-2B Virtual Desktops					4096×2160	2	
	2048	8	8	17694720	3840×2160	2	
					2560×1600 or lower	4	
			8	8	17694720	5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
P100-2B4 ^{<u>4</u>}	Desktops	2048				3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
P100-1B	Virtual Desktops	1024	16	16	16384000	4096×2160	1
	Desktops					3840×2160	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵
			16	16	16384000	5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	1
P100_1R/4	Desktops	1024				3840×2160	1
	Desktops					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P100 PCIe 16GB

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P100-16C	Training Workloads	16384	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
P100-8C	Training Workloads	8192	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
P100-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P100 PCIe 16GB

Required license edition: vApps

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P100-16A	Virtual Applications	16384	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P100-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P100-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P100-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P100-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	16	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.23. Tesla P100 SXM2 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P100 SXM2

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
P100X-16Q	Workstations	16384	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	\ <i>r</i>	8192	2	2	66355200	7680×4320	2
P100X-8Q	Virtual Workstations					5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	1
P100X-4Q	Workstations	4096	4	4	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
P100X-2Q	Virtual	2048	0	0	25200772	7680×4320	1
FIUUX-ZQ	Workstations	2040	8	8	35389440	5120×2880	2

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						4096×2160 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual		16	16	17694720	4096×2160	2
P100X-1Q Desktops, Virtual Workstations		1024				3840×2160	2
					2560×1600 or lower	4	

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P100 SXM2

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
P100X-2B	Desktops	2048	8	8	17694720	3840×2160	2
Везморз					2560×1600 or lower	4	
			8	8	17694720	5120×2880	1
	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \					4096×2160	2
P100X-2B4 ⁴	Virtual Desktops	2048				3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
P100X-1B	Virtual Desktops	1024	16	16	16384000	4096×2160	1
	Безкюрэ					3840×2160	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵
						5120×2880	1
	Vietual		16	16	16384000	4096×2160	1
P100X-1B4 ⁴ Virtual Desktops		1024				3840×2160	1
	'					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P100 SXM2

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P100X-16C	Training Workloads	16384	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
P100X-8C	Training Workloads	8192	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
P100X-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P100 SXM2

Required license edition: vApps

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P100X-16A	Virtual Applications	16384	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P100X-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P100X-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P100X-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P100X-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	16	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.24. Tesla P40 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P40

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
P40-24Q	Workstations	24576	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual	12288	2	2	66355200	7680×4320	2
P40-12Q	Workstations					5120×2880 or lower	4
	Vintual					7680×4320	2
P40-8Q	Virtual Workstations	8192	3	3	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Vietual					7680×4320	1
P40-6Q	Virtual Workstations	6144	4	4	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					7680×4320	1
P40-4Q	Workstations	4096	6	6	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
						7680×4320	1
P40-3Q	Virtual	3072	8	8	35389440	5120×2880	2
1 40 00	Workstations	5072				4096×2160 or lower	4
			12	12	35389440	7680×4320	1
P40-2Q	Virtual	2048				5120×2880	2
1 40 20	Workstations	2040				4096×2160 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
P40-1Q	Desktops, Virtual	1024	24	24	17694720	3840×2160	2
	Workstations					2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P40

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P40-2B Virtual Desktops						5120×2880	1
	2048	12	12	17694720	4096×2160	2	
					3840×2160	2	

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						2560×1600 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual			12		4096×2160	2
P40-2B4 ⁴	Desktops	2048	12		17694720	3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4
			24	24	16384000	5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	1
P40-1B	Desktops	1024				3840×2160	1
						2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵
						5120×2880	1
	Minter I					4096×2160	1
P40-1B4 ⁴	Virtual Desktops	1024	24	24	16384000	3840×2160	1
	ı					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P40

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P40-24C	Training Workloads	24576	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
P40-12C	Training Workloads	12288	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
P40-8C	Training Workloads	8192	3	3	4096×2160 ²	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P40-6C	Training Workloads	6144	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
P40-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	6	6	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P40

Required license edition: vApps

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P40-24A	Virtual Applications	24576	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P40-12A	Virtual Applications	12288	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P40-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	3	3	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P40-6A	Virtual Applications	6144	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P40-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	6	6	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P40-3A	Virtual Applications	3072	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P40-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	12	12	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P40-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	24	24	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.25. Tesla P6 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P6

Required license edition: vWS

These vGPU types support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by their frame buffer size. You can choose between using a small number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these vGPU types. The maximum number of displays per vGPU is based on a configuration in which all displays have the same resolution. For examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions, see Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
P6-16Q	Workstations	16384	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Vintual					7680×4320	2
P6-8Q	P6-8Q Virtual Workstations	8192	2	2	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	\V. 1	4096	4	4	58982400	7680×4320	1
P6-4Q	Virtual Workstations					5120×2880 or lower	4
			8	8	35389440	7680×4320	1
P6-2Q	Virtual	2048				5120×2880	2
1024	Workstations	2040		, o		4096×2160 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
P6-1Q	Desktops, Virtual	1024	16	16	17694720	3840×2160	2
	Workstations					2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P6

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
P6-2B	Desktops	2048	8	8	17694720	3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4
P6-2B4 ⁴ Virtua						5120×2880	1
	Minter I	2048	8	8	17694720	4096×2160	2
	Desktops					3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	1
P6-1B	Desktops	1024	16	16	16384000	3840×2160	1
	'					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	1
P6-1B4 ^{<u>4</u>}	Desktops	1024	16	16	16384000	3840×2160	1
	Desktops					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P6

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P6-16C	Training Workloads	16384	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
P6-8C	Training Workloads	8192	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P6-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P6

Required license edition: vApps

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P6-16A	Virtual Applications	16384	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P6-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P6-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P6-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P6-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	16	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.26. Tesla P4 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P4

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
P4-8Q Workstations	8192	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4	
Vietus					7680×4320	1	
P4-4Q	P4-4Q Virtual Workstations	4096	2	2	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
		2048	4	4	35389440	7680×4320	1
P4-2Q	Virtual					5120×2880	2
1 4 20	Workstations	2040				4096×2160 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
P4-1Q	Desktops, Virtual	1024	8	8	17694720	3840×2160	2
	Workstations					2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P4

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
		2048	4	4	17694720	5120×2880	1
	\/:t1					4096×2160	2
P4-2B	Virtual Desktops					3840×2160	2
Desktop						2560×1600 or lower	4

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P4-2B4 ⁴ Virtual Desktops						5120×2880	1
	Vietual					4096×2160	2
	2048	4	4	17694720	3840×2160	2	
					2560×1600 or lower	4	
		1024	8	8	16384000	5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	1
P4-1B	Desktops					3840×2160	1
						2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵
						5120×2880	1
	\/'					4096×2160	1
P4-1B4 ^{<u>4</u>}	Virtual Desktops	1024	8	8	16384000	3840×2160	1
						2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P4

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P4-8C	Training Workloads	8192	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
P4-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla P4

Required license edition: vApps

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
P4-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P4-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P4-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
P4-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.27. Tesla T4 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla T4

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
Vi i i	Virtual			1	66355200	7680×4320	2
T4-16Q	T4-16Q Virtual Workstations	16384 1	1			5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual	8192		2	66355200	7680×4320	2
T4-8Q	Workstations		2			5120×2880 or lower	4
	\ <i>I</i> :t1					7680×4320	1
T4-4Q	Virtual Workstations	4096	4	4	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
T4-2Q Virtua				8	35389440	7680×4320	1
	Virtual	2048	8			5120×2880	2
14 20	Workstations	2040	Ü			4096×2160 or lower	4
					17694720	5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
T4-1Q	Desktops, Virtual	1024	16	16		3840×2160	2
	Workstations					2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla T4

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
			8	8	17694720	5120×2880	1
	No. 1	2048				4096×2160	2
T4-2B Virtual Desktops	Desktops					3840×2160	2
	·					2560×1600 or lower	4
					17694720	5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
T4-2B4 ^{<u>4</u>}	Desktops	2048	8	8		3840×2160	2
	'					2560×1600 or lower	4

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
			16	16	16384000	5120×2880	1
		1024				4096×2160	1
T4-1B Virtual Desktops	Desktops					3840×2160	1
						2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	1
T4-1B4 ^{<u>4</u>}	Desktops	1024	16	16	16384000	3840×2160	1
Desktops	,					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla T4

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
T4-16C	Training Workloads	16384	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
T4-8C	Training Workloads	8192	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
T4-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla T4

Required license edition: vApps

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
T4-16A	Virtual Applications	16384	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
T4-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
T4-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
T4-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
T4-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	16	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.28. Tesla V100 SXM2 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 SXM2

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
V	Virtual			1	66355200	7680×4320	2
V100X-16Q	Workstations	16384	1			5120×2880 or	4
						lower	7
	Virtual			2	66355200	7680×4320	2
V100X-8Q	Workstations	8192	2			5120×2880 or	4
						lower	4
V100X-4Q	Virtual Workstations	4096	4	4	58982400	7680×4320	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880 or lower	4
		2048	8	8	35389440	7680×4320	1
V100X-2Q	Virtual					5120×2880	2
.,,,,,,,	Workstations					4096×2160 or lower	4
				16	17694720	5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
V100X-1Q	Desktops, Virtual		16			3840×2160	2
	Workstations					2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 SXM2

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
				8	17694720	5120×2880	1
	V	2048	8			4096×2160	2
V100X-2B	Virtual Desktops					3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4
		2048	8	8	17694720	5120×2880	1
\/100X 2B/4	Virtual Desktops					4096×2160	2
	Безкюрз					3840×2160	2

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						2560×1600 or lower	4
			16	16	16384000	5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	1
V100X-1B	Desktops	1024				3840×2160	1
						2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵
						5120×2880	1
	Vistual				16384000	4096×2160	1
V100X-1B4 ⁴	Desktops	/irtual Desktops 1024	16	16		3840×2160	1
Des	•					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 SXM2

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
V100X-16C	Training Workloads	16384	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
V100X-8C	Training Workloads	8192	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
V100X-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 SXM2

Required license edition: vApps

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
V100X-16A	Virtual Applications	16384	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100X-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100X-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100X-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100X-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	16	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.29. Tesla V100 SXM2 32GB Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 SXM2 32GB

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Vietual					7680×4320	2
V100DX-32Q	V100DX-32Q Virtual Workstations	32768	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or	4
						lower	
	Vintual					7680×4320	2
V100DX-16Q	V100DX-16Q Virtual Workstations	16384	2	2	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
V100DX-8Q	Virtual Workstations	8192	4	4	66355200	7680×4320	2

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	1
V100DX-4Q	Workstations	4096	8	8	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
						7680×4320	1
V100DX-2Q	Virtual	2048	16	16	35389440	5120×2880	2
.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Workstations					4096×2160 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
V100DX-1Q	Desktops, Virtual	1024	32	32	17694720	3840×2160	2
	Workstations					2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 SXM2 32GB

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual	2048	16	16	17694720	4096×2160	2
V100DX-2B	Desktops					3840×2160	2
Besittops	'					2560×1600 or lower	4
V100DX-2B4 ⁴		2048	16	16	17694720	5120×2880	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						4096×2160	2
	Virtual					3840×2160	2
	Desktops					2560×1600 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Vintual					4096×2160	1
V100DX-1B	Virtual Desktops	1024	32	32	16384000	3840×2160	1
	1					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵
						5120×2880	1
	Vintual					4096×2160	1
V100DX-1B4 ⁴ Virtua	Desktops	1024	32	32	16384000	3840×2160	1
	1					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 SXM2 32GB

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
V100DX-32C	Training Workloads	32768	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
V100DX-16C	Training Workloads	16384	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
V100DX-8C	Training Workloads	8192	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
V100DX-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	8	8	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 SXM2 32GB

Required license edition: vApps

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Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
V100DX-32A	Virtual Applications	32768	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100DX-16A	Virtual Applications	16384	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100DX-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100DX-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100DX-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	16	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100DX-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	32	32	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.30. Tesla V100 PCIe Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 PCIe

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
V100-16Q	V100-16Q Workstations	16384	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
V100-8Q	Virtual Workstations	8192	2	2	66355200	7680×4320	2

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	1
V100-4Q	Workstations	4096	4	4	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
						7680×4320	1
V100-2Q	Virtual	2048	8	8	35389440	5120×2880	2
7100 24	Workstations					4096×2160 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
V100-1Q	Desktops, Virtual	1024	16	16	17694720	3840×2160	2
	Workstations					2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 PCIe

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual	2048	8	8	17694720	4096×2160	2
V100-2B	Desktops					3840×2160	2
Везморз					2560×1600 or lower	4	
V100-2B4 ⁴		2048	8	8	17694720	5120×2880	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						4096×2160	2
	Virtual					3840×2160	2
	Desktops					2560×1600 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	1
V100-1B	Desktops	1024	16	16	16384000	3840×2160	1
	1					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵
						5120×2880	1
	Vintual					4096×2160	1
V100-1B4 ⁴ Virtual Deskto	Desktops	1024	16	16	16384000	3840×2160	1
	1					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 PCle

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
V100-16C	Training Workloads	16384	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
V100-8C	Training Workloads	8192	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
V100-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 PCIe

Required license edition: vApps

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
V100-16A	Virtual Applications	16384	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	16	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.31. Tesla V100 PCIe 32GB Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 PCIe 32GB

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
V100D-32Q	V100D-32Q Workstations	32768	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or	4
						lower	·
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
V100D-16Q	Workstations	16384	2	2	66355200	5120×2880 or	4
Workstations					lower	4	
V100D-8Q	Virtual Workstations	8192	4	4	66355200	7680×4320	2

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	1
V100D-4Q	Workstations	4096	8	8	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
			16	16	35389440	7680×4320	1
V100D-2Q	Virtual	2048				5120×2880	2
	Workstations					4096×2160 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
V100D-1Q	Desktops, Virtual	1024	32	32	17694720	3840×2160	2
	Workstations					2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 PCIe 32GB

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
					5120×2880	1	
	Virtual	2048	16	16	17694720	4096×2160	2
V100D-2B	Desktops					3840×2160	2
Возморо	'					2560×1600 or lower	4
V100D-2B4 ⁴		2048	16	16	17694720	5120×2880	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						4096×2160	2
	Virtual					3840×2160	2
Desktops					2560×1600 or lower	4	
					5120×2880	1	
	Viet I	1024	32	32	16384000	4096×2160	1
V100D-1B	Virtual Desktops					3840×2160	1
	1					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵
						5120×2880	1
	Viet I					4096×2160	1
V100D-1B4 ^{<u>4</u>}	Virtual Desktops	1024	32	32	16384000	3840×2160	1
	1					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 PCIe 32GB

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
V100D-32C	Training Workloads	32768	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
V100D-16C	Training Workloads	16384	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
V100D-8C	Training Workloads	8192	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
V100D-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	8	8	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 PCIe 32GB

Required license edition: vApps

These vGPU	types supi	port a single	e display w	ith a fixed	maximum	resolution.
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Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
V100D-32A	Virtual Applications	32768	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100D-16A	Virtual Applications	16384	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100D-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100D-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100D-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	16	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100D-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	32	32	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.32. Tesla V100S PCIe 32GB Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100S PCIe 32GB

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
V100S-32Q	Virtual Workstations	32768	1	1	66355200	7680×4320 5120×2880 or lower	2 4
V100S-16Q	Virtual Workstations	16384	2	2	66355200	7680×4320	2

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
V100S-8Q	Workstations	8192	4	4	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	\/:t1		8	8	58982400	7680×4320	1
V100S-4Q	Virtual Workstations	4096				5120×2880 or lower	4
			16	16	35389440	7680×4320	1
V100S-2Q	Virtual	2048				5120×2880	2
V1005 24	Workstations	2040				4096×2160 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
V100S-1Q	V100S-1Q Desktops, Virtual	1024	32	32	17694720	3840×2160	2
	Workstations					2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100S PCIe 32GB

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880	1
V100S-2B	Virtual Desktops	2048	16	16	17694720	4096×2160	2
	Безкюрз					3840×2160	2

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						2560×1600 or lower	4
				32	16384000	5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	1
V100S-1B	Desktops	1024	32			3840×2160	1
Deskt	'					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100S PCIe 32GB

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
V100S-32C	Training Workloads	32768	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
V100S-16C	Training Workloads	16384	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
V100S-8C	Training Workloads	8192	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
V100S-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	8	8	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100S PCIe 32GB

Required license edition: vApps

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
V100S-32A	Virtual Applications	32768	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
V100S-16A	Virtual Applications	16384	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100S-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100S-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100S-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	16	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100S-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	32	32	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.33. Tesla V100 FHHL Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 FHHL

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
Viet					7680×4320	2	
V100L-16Q	Virtual Workstations	16384	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or	4
						lower	
	Virtual		2	2		7680×4320	2
V100L-8Q	Workstations	8192			66355200	5120×2880 or	4
						lower	4
V100L-4Q	Virtual Workstations	4096	4	4	58982400	7680×4320	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880 or lower	4
		2048	8	8	35389440	7680×4320	1
V100L-2Q	Virtual					5120×2880	2
71002 24	Workstations					4096×2160 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
V100L-1Q	Desktops, Virtual	1024	16	16	17694720	3840×2160	2
	Workstations					2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 FHHL

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\				8	17694720	5120×2880	1
	Virtual	2048	8			4096×2160	2
V100L-2B	Desktops					3840×2160	2
	'					2560×1600 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
V/100L_2R/4	Virtual Desktops	2048	8	8	17694720	4096×2160	2
	Безкюрз					3840×2160	2

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						2560×1600 or lower	4
					5120×2880	1	
	Virtual	1024	16	16	16384000	4096×2160	1
V100L-1B	Desktops					3840×2160	1
						2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵
					16384000	5120×2880	1
	Vistual					4096×2160	1
V100L-1B4 ^{<u>4</u>}	Virtual Desktops	1024	16	16		3840×2160	1
	·					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 FHHL

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
V100L-16C	Training Workloads	16384	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
V100L-8C	Training Workloads	8192	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
V100L-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Tesla V100 FHHL

Required license edition: vApps

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
V100L-16A	Virtual Applications	16384	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100L-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100L-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100L-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
V100L-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	16	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.34. Quadro RTX 8000 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Quadro RTX 8000

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
RTX8000-48Q	RTX8000-48Q Virtual Workstations	49152	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or	4
						lower	,
	Virtual		2	2		7680×4320	2
RTX8000-24Q	Workstations	24576			66355200	5120×2880 or	4
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,						lower	4
RTX8000-16Q	Virtual Workstations	16384	3	3	66355200	7680×4320	2

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
RTX8000-12Q	Workstations	12288	4	4	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
RTX8000-8Q	Workstations	8192	6	6	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	1
RTX8000-6Q	Workstations	6144	8	8	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	1
RTX8000-4Q	Workstations	4096	12	12	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
			16	16	35389440	7680×4320	1
RTX8000-3Q	Virtual	3072				5120×2880	2
	Workstations	0072				4096×2160 or lower	4
						7680×4320	1
RTX8000-2Q	Virtual	2048	24	24	35389440	5120×2880	2
	Workstations					4096×2160 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual	1024				4096×2160	2
RTX8000-1Q	Virtual Workstations		32 ¹¹	32	17694720	3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Quadro RTX 8000

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

The maximum vGPUs per GPU is limited to 32.

These vGPU types support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by their frame buffer size. You can choose between using a small number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these vGPU types. The maximum number of displays per vGPU is based on a configuration in which all displays have the same resolution. For examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions, see Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTX8000-2B Virtual Desktops			24	17694720	5120×2880	1	
					4096×2160	2	
	2048	24			3840×2160	2	
						2560×1600 or lower	4
					16384000	5120×2880	1
	Virtual			32		4096×2160	1
RTX8000-1B Virtua	Desktops	1024	32			3840×2160	1
						2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for Quadro RTX 8000

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTX8000-48C	Training Workloads	49152	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX8000-24C	Training Workloads	24576	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX8000-16C	Training Workloads	16384	3	3	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX8000-12C	Training Workloads	12288	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTX8000-8C	Training Workloads	8192	6	6	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX8000-6C	Training Workloads	6144	8	8	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX8000-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	8 ³	8	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Quadro RTX 8000

Required license edition: vApps

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTX8000-48A	Virtual Applications	49152	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX8000-24A	Virtual Applications	24576	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX8000-16A	Virtual Applications	16384	3	3	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX8000-12A	Virtual Applications	12288	4	4	1280×1024 ^{<u>6</u>}	1 ⁶
RTX8000-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	6	6	1280×1024 ^{<u>6</u>}	1 ⁶
RTX8000-6A	Virtual Applications	6144	8	8	1280×1024 ^{<u>6</u>}	1 ⁶
RTX8000-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	12	12	1280×1024 ^{<u>6</u>}	1 ⁶
RTX8000-3A	Virtual Applications	3072	16	16	1280×1024 ^{<u>6</u>}	1 ⁶
RTX8000-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	24	24	1280×1024 ^{<u>6</u>}	1 ⁶
RTX8000-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	32 ¹¹	32	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.35. Quadro RTX 8000 Passive Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Quadro RTX 8000 Passive

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
RTX8000P-48Q	Workstations	49152	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
RTX8000P-24Q	Workstations	24576	2	2	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
RTX8000P-16Q	Workstations	16384	3	3	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
RTX8000P-12Q	Workstations	12288	4	4	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
RTX8000P-8Q	Workstations	8192	6	6	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Vintual					7680×4320	1
RTX8000P-6Q	Virtual Workstations	6144	8	8	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	1
RTX8000P-4Q	Workstations	4096	12	12	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
					7680×4320	1	
RTX8000P-3Q	Virtual	3072	16	16	35389440	5120×2880	2
1117100001 00	Workstations	0072	10	10	33307440	4096×2160 or	4
					lower	-	
		2048	24	24	35389440	7680×4320	1
RTX8000P-2Q	Virtual					5120×2880	2
111700001 20	Workstations					4096×2160 or	4
						lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual					4096×2160	2
RTX8000P-1Q	Workstations	1024	32 12	32	17694720	3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Quadro RTX 8000 Passive

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	<i>V</i>	2048	24	24	17694720	5120×2880	1
						4096×2160	2
RTX8000P-2B	Virtual Desktops					3840×2160	2
	Desktops					2560×1600 or lower	4

¹² The maximum vGPUs per GPU is limited to 32.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
			32	32	16384000	5120×2880	1
	\/:-t1					4096×2160	1
RTX8000P-1B	Virtual Desktops	1024				3840×2160	1
Des	'					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for Quadro RTX 8000 Passive

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTX8000P-48C	Training Workloads	49152	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX8000P-24C	Training Workloads	24576	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX8000P-16C	Training Workloads	16384	3	3	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX8000P-12C	Training Workloads	12288	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX8000P-8C	Training Workloads	8192	6	6	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX8000P-6C	Training Workloads	6144	8	8	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX8000P-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	8 ³	8	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Quadro RTX 8000 Passive

Required license edition: vApps

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTX8000P-48A	Virtual Applications	49152	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX8000P-24A	Virtual Applications	24576	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX8000P-16A	Virtual Applications	16384	3	3	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX8000P-12A	Virtual Applications	12288	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX8000P-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	6	6	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX8000P-6A	Virtual Applications	6144	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX8000P-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	12	12	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX8000P-3A	Virtual Applications	3072	16	16	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX8000P-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	24	24	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX8000P-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	32 ¹²	32	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.1.36. Quadro RTX 6000 Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Quadro RTX 6000

Required license edition: vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
RTX6000-24Q	Workstations	24576	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
RTX6000-12Q	Workstations	12288	2	2	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	2
RTX6000-8Q	Workstations	8192	3	3	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	1
RTX6000-6Q	Workstations	6144	4	4	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
	Virtual					7680×4320	1
RTX6000-4Q	Workstations	4096	6	6	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4
			8		35389440	7680×4320	1
RTX6000-3Q	Virtual	3072		8		5120×2880	2
THINGS SQ	Workstations	0072	G	G	00007110	4096×2160 or lower	4
						7680×4320	1
RTX6000-2Q	Virtual	2048	12	12	35389440	5120×2880	2
111110000 ZQ	Workstations	2010			00007110	4096×2160 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual	1024				4096×2160	2
RTX6000-1Q	Workstations		24	24	17694720	3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Quadro RTX 6000

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

These vGPU types support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by their frame buffer size. You can choose between using a small number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these vGPU types. The maximum number of displays per vGPU is based on a configuration in which all displays have the same resolution. For examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions, see Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTX6000-2B Virtual Desktops			12	17694720	5120×2880	1	
					4096×2160	2	
	2048	12			3840×2160	2	
						2560×1600 or lower	4
					16384000	5120×2880	1
	Virtual			24		4096×2160	1
RTX6000-1B Virtua	Desktops	1024	24			3840×2160	1
	•					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for Quadro RTX 6000

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTX6000-24C	Training Workloads	24576	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX6000-12C	Training Workloads	12288	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX6000-8C	Training Workloads	8192	3	3	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX6000-6C	Training Workloads	6144	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTX6000-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	6	6	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Quadro RTX 6000

Required license edition: vApps

These vGPU types support a single display with a fixed maximum resolution.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTX6000-24A	Virtual Applications	24576	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX6000-12A	Virtual Applications	12288	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX6000-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	3	3	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX6000-6A	Virtual Applications	6144	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX6000-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	6	6	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX6000-3A	Virtual Applications	3072	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX6000-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	12	12	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX6000-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	24	24	1280×1024 ^{<u>6</u>}	1 ⁶

A.1.37. Quadro RTX 6000 Passive Virtual GPU Types

Physical GPUs per board: 1

Q-Series Virtual GPU Types for Quadro RTX 6000 Passive

Required license edition: vWS

These vGPU types support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by their frame buffer size. You can choose between using a small

number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these vGPU types. The maximum number of displays per vGPU is based on a configuration in which all displays have the same resolution. For examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions, see Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU			
	Virtual					7680×4320	2			
RTX6000P-24Q	Workstations	24576	1	1	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4			
	Virtual					7680×4320	2			
RTX6000P-12Q	Workstations	12288	2	2	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4			
	Virtual					7680×4320	2			
RTX6000P-8Q	Workstations	8192	3	3	66355200	5120×2880 or lower	4			
	\ <i>I</i> ; -t 1	Virtual	Virtual	Vistual					7680×4320	1
RTX6000P-6Q	Workstations	6144	4	4	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4			
	Virtual					7680×4320	1			
RTX6000P-4Q	Workstations	4096	6	6	58982400	5120×2880 or lower	4			
						7680×4320	1			
RTX6000P-3Q		Virtual			3072	8	8	35389440	5120×2880	2
	Workstations		-	-		4096×2160 or lower	4			
						7680×4320	1			
RTX6000P-2Q	Virtual	2048	12	12	35389440	5120×2880	2			
	Workstations	20.0	. =	. =	00007.10	4096×2160 or lower	4			
						5120×2880	1			
	Virtual					4096×2160	2			
RTX6000P-1Q	Workstations	1024	24	24	17694720	3840×2160	2			
						2560×1600 or lower	4			

B-Series Virtual GPU Types for Quadro RTX 6000 Passive

Required license edition: vPC or vWS

These vGPU types support a maximum combined resolution based on the number of available pixels, which is determined by their frame buffer size. You can choose between using a small number of high resolution displays or a larger number of lower resolution displays with these vGPU types. The maximum number of displays per vGPU is based on a configuration in which all displays have the same resolution. For examples of configurations with a mixture of display resolutions, see Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs.

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Available Pixels	Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual			12	17694720	4096×2160	2
RTX6000P-2B	Desktops	2048	12			3840×2160	2
						2560×1600 or lower	4
						5120×2880	1
	Virtual				16384000	4096×2160	1
RTX6000P-1B	RTX6000P-1B Desktops	1024	24	24		3840×2160	1
	'					2560×1600 or lower	4 ⁵

C-Series Virtual GPU Types for Quadro RTX 6000 Passive

Required license edition: vCS or vWS

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTX6000P-24C	Training Workloads	24576	1	1	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX6000P-12C	Training Workloads	12288	2	2	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX6000P-8C	Training Workloads	8192	3	3	4096×2160 ²	1

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTX6000P-6C	Training Workloads	6144	4	4	4096×2160 ²	1
RTX6000P-4C	Inference Workloads	4096	6	6	4096×2160 ²	1

A-Series Virtual GPU Types for Quadro RTX 6000 Passive

Required license edition: vApps

Virtual GPU Type	Intended Use Case	Frame Buffer (MB)	Maximum vGPUs per GPU	Maximum vGPUs per Board	Maximum Display Resolution	Virtual Displays per vGPU
RTX6000P-24A	Virtual Applications	24576	1	1	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX6000P-12A	Virtual Applications	12288	2	2	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX6000P-8A	Virtual Applications	8192	3	3	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX6000P-6A	Virtual Applications	6144	4	4	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX6000P-4A	Virtual Applications	4096	6	6	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX6000P-3A	Virtual Applications	3072	8	8	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX6000P-2A	Virtual Applications	2048	12	12	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶
RTX6000P-1A	Virtual Applications	1024	24	24	1280×1024 ⁶	1 ⁶

A.2. Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series and Q-Series vGPUs

A.2.1. Mixed Display Configurations for B-Series **v**GPUs

Virtual GPU Type	Available Pixels	Available Pixel Basis	Maximum Displays	Sample Mixed Display Configurations
-2B	17694720	2 4096×2160 displays	4	1 4096×2160 display plus 2 2560×1600 displays
-2B4	17694720	2 4096×2160 displays	4	1 4096×2160 display plus 2 2560×1600 displays
-1B	16384000	4 2560×1600 displays	4	1 4096×2160 display plus 1 2560×1600 display
-1B4	16384000	4 2560×1600 displays	4	1 4096×2160 display plus 1 2560×1600 display
-0B	8192000	2 2560×1600 displays	2	1 2560×1600 display plus 1 1280×1024 display

A.2.2. Mixed Display Configurations for Q-Series vGPUs Based on the NVIDIA Maxwell Architecture

Virtual GPU Type	Available Pixels	Available Pixel Basis	Maximum Displays	Sample Mixed Display Configurations
-8Q	35389440	4 4096×2160 displays	4	1 5120×2880 display plus 2 4096×2160 displays
-4Q	35389440	4 4096×2160 displays	4	1 5120×2880 display plus 2 4096×2160 displays
-2Q	35389440	4 4096×2160 displays	4	1 5120×2880 display plus 2 4096×2160 displays
-1Q	17694720	2 4096×2160 displays	4	1 4096×2160 display plus 2 2560×1600 displays
-0Q	8192000	2 2560×1600 displays	2	1 2560×1600 display plus 1 1280×1024 display

A.2.3. Mixed Display Configurations for Q-Series vGPUs Based on Architectures after NVIDIA Maxwell

Virtual GPU Type	Available Pixels	Available Pixel Basis	Maximum Displays	Sample Mixed Display Configurations
-8Q and above	66355200	2 7680×4320 displays	4	1 7680×4320 display plus 2 5120×2880 displays
				1 7680×4320 display plus 3 4096×2160 displays
-6Q	58982400	4 5120×2880 displays	4	1 7680×4320 display plus 1 5120×2880 display
-4Q	58982400	4 5120×2880 displays	4	1 7680×4320 display plus 1 5120×2880 display
-3Q	35389440	4 4096×2160 displays	4	1 5120×2880 display plus 2 4096×2160 displays
-2Q	35389440	4 4096×2160 displays	4	1 5120×2880 display plus 2 4096×2160 displays
-1Q	17694720	2 4096×2160 displays	4	1 4096×2160 display plus 2 2560×1600 displays

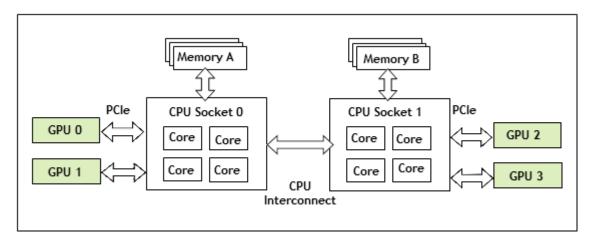
Appendix B. Allocation Strategies

Strategies for allocating physical hardware resources to VMs and vGPUs can improve the performance of VMs running with NVIDIA vGPU. They include strategies for pinning VM CPU cores to physical cores on Non-Uniform Memory Access (NUMA) platforms, allocating VMs to CPUs, and allocating vGPUs to physical GPUs. These allocation strategies are supported by Citrix Hypervisor and VMware vSphere.

NUMA Considerations

Server platforms typically implement multiple CPU sockets, with system memory and PCI Express expansion slots local to each CPU socket, as illustrated in Figure 32:

Figure 32. A NUMA Server Platform



These platforms are typically configured to operate in Non-Uniform Memory Access (NUMA) mode; physical memory is arranged sequentially in the address space, with all the memory attached to each socket appearing in a single contiguous block of addresses. The cost of accessing a range of memory from a CPU or GPU varies; memory attached to the same socket as the CPU or GPU is accessible at lower latency than memory on another CPU socket, because accesses to remote memory must additionally traverse the interconnect between CPU sockets.

B.1.1. Obtaining Best Performance on a NUMA Platform with Citrix Hypervisor

To obtain best performance on a NUMA platform, NVIDIA recommends pinning VM vCPU cores to physical cores on the same CPU socket to which the physical GPU hosting the VM's vGPU is attached. For example, using as a reference, a VM with a vGPU allocated on physical GPU 0 or 1 should have its vCPUs pinned to CPU cores on CPU socket 0. Similarly, a VM with a vGPU allocated on physical GPU 2 or 3 should have its vCPUs pinned to CPU cores on socket 1.

See Pinning VMs to a specific CPU socket and cores for guidance on pinning vCPUs, and How GPU locality is determined for guidance on determining which CPU socket a GPU is connected to. Controlling the vGPU types enabled on specific physical GPUs describes how to precisely control which physical GPU is used to host a vGPU, by creating GPU groups for specific physical GPUs.

Obtaining Best Performance on a NUMA B.1.2. Platform with VMware vSphere ESXi

For some types of workloads or system configurations, you can optimize performance by specifying the placement of VMs explicitly. For best performance, pin each VM to the NUMA node to which the physical GPU hosting the VM's vGPU is attached.

The following types of workloads and system configurations benefit from explicit placement of VMs:

- Memory-intensive workloads, such as an in-memory database or an HPC application with a large data set
- ▶ A hypervisor host configured with a small number of virtual machines

VMware vSphere ESXi provides the **NUMA Node Affinity** option for specifying the placement of VMs explicitly. For general information about the options in VMware vSphere ESXi for NUMA placement, see Specifying NUMA Controls in the VMware documentation.

Before setting the NUMA Node Affinity option, run the nvidia-smi topo -m command in the ESXi host shell to determine the NUMA affinity of the GPU device.

After determining the NUMA affinity of the GPU device, set the **NUMA Node Affinity** option as explained in Associate Virtual Machines with Specified NUMA Nodes in the VMware documentation.

Maximizing Performance B.2.

To maximize performance as the number of vGPU-enabled VMs on the platform increases, NVIDIA recommends adopting a breadth-first allocation: allocate new VMs on the leastloaded CPU socket, and allocate the VM's vGPU on an available, least-loaded, physical GPU connected via that socket.

Citrix Hypervisor and VMware vSphere ESXi use a different GPU allocation policy by default.

- Citrix Hypervisor creates GPU groups with a default allocation policy of depth-first. See Modifying GPU Allocation Policy on Citrix Hypervisor for details on switching the allocation policy to breadth-first.
- ▶ VMware vSphere ESXi creates GPU groups with a default allocation policy of *breadth-first*. See Modifying GPU Allocation Policy on VMware vSphere for details on switching the allocation policy to depth-first.



Note: Due to vGPU's requirement that only one type of vGPU can run on a physical GPU at any given time, not all physical GPUs may be available to host the vGPU type required by the new VM.

Appendix C. Configuring x11vnc for Checking the GPU in a Linux Server

x11vnc is a virtual network computing (VNC) server that provides remote access to an existing X session with any VNC viewer. You can use x11vnc to confirm that the NVIDIA GPU in a Linux server to which no display devices are directly connected is working as expected. Examples of servers to which no display devices are directly connected include a VM that is configured with NVIDIA vGPU, a VM that is configured with a pass-through GPU, and a headless physical host in a bare-metal deployment.

Before you begin, ensure that the following prerequisites are met:

- The NVIDIA vGPU software software graphics driver for Linux is installed on the server.
- A secure shell (SSH) client is installed on your local system:
 - On Windows, you must use a third-party SSH client such as PuTTY.
 - On Linux, you can run the SSH client that is included with the OS from a shell or terminal window.

Configuring x11vnc involves following the sequence of instructions in these sections:

- 1. Configuring the Xorg Server on the Linux Server
- 2. Installing and Configuring x11vnc on the Linux Server
- 3. Using a VNC Client to Connect to the Linux Server

After connecting to the server, you can use NVIDIA X Server Settings to confirm that the NVIDIA GPU is working as expected.

C.1. Configuring the Xorg Server on the Linux Server

You must configure the Xorg server to specify which GPU or vGPU is to be used by the Xorg server if multiple GPUs are installed in your server and to allow the Xorg server to start even if no connected display devices can be detected.

- 1. Log in to the Linux server.
- 2. Determine the PCI bus identifier of the GPUs or vGPUs on the server.

```
# nvidia-xconfig --query-gpu-info
Number of GPUs: 1
GPU #0:
 Name : GRID T4-2Q
           : GPU-ea80de2d-1dd8-11b2-8305-c955f034e718
 UUID
 PCI BusID : PCI:2:2:0
 Number of Display Devices: 0
```

- 3. In a plain text editor, edit the /etc/X11/xorg.conf file to specify the GPU is to be used by the Xorg server and allow the Xorg server to start even if no connected display devices can be detected.
 - a). In the Device section, add the PCI bus identifier of GPU to be used by the Xorg server.

```
Section "Device"
    Identifier "Device0"
Driver "nvidia"
VendorName "NVIDIA Corporation"
                      "PCI:2:2:0"
    BusID
EndSection
```



Note: The three numbers in the PCI BusID obtained by nvidia-xconfig in the previous step are hexadecimal numbers. They must be converted to decimal numbers in the PCI bus identifier in the Device section. For example, if the PCI bus identifier obtained in the previous step is PCI:A:10:0, it must be specified as PCI:10:16:0 in the PCI bus identifier in the Device section.

b). In the Screen section, ensure that the AllowEmptyInitialConfiguration option is set to True.

```
Section "Screen"
    Identifier "Screen0"
Device "Device0"
Option "AllowEmptyInitialConfiguration" "True"
EndSection
```

- 4. Restart the Xorg server in one of the following ways:
 - Restart the server.
 - Run the startx command.
 - ▶ If the Linux server is in run level 3, run the init 5 command to run the server in graphical mode.
- 5. Confirm that the Xorg server is running.

```
# ps -ef | grep X
```

On Ubuntu, this command displays output similar to the following example.

```
16500 16499 2 03:01 tty2 00:00:00 /usr/lib/xorg/Xorg -nolisten
tcp :0 -auth /tmp/serverauth.s7CE4mMeIz
        1140 1126 0 18:46 tty1 00:00:00 /usr/lib/xorg/Xorg vt1 -displayfd
3 -auth /run/user/121/gdm/Xauthority -background none -noreset -keeptty -verbose
3
    17011 17108 0 18:50 pts/0 00:00:00 grep --color=auto X
root
```

On Red Hat Enterprise Linux, this command displays output similar to the following example.

```
root 5285 5181 0 16:29 pts/0 00:00:00 grep --color=auto X root 5880 1 0 Jun13 ? 00:00:00 /usr/bin/abrt-watch-log -F
Backtrace /var/log/Xorg.0.log -- /usr/bin/abrt-dump-xorg -xD
root 7039 6289 0 Jun13 tty1 00:00:03 /usr/bin/X :0 -background none -
noreset -audit 4 -verbose -auth /run/gdm/auth-for-gdm-vr4MFC/database -seat seat0
```

Installing and Configuring x11vnc on the Linux Server

Unlike other VNC servers, such as TigerVNC or Vino, x11vnc does not create an extra X session for remote access. Instead, x11vnc provides remote access to the existing X session on the Linux server.

- 1. Install the required x11vnc package and any dependent packages.
 - For distributions based on Red Hat, use the yum package manager to install the x11vnc package.
 - # yum install x11vnc
 - For distributions based on Debian, use the apt package manager to install the x11vnc package.
 - # sudo apt install x11vnc
 - For SuSE Linux distributions, install x11vnc from the x11vnc openSUSE Software page.
- 2. Get the display numbers of the servers for the Xorg server.

```
# cat /proc/*/environ 2>/dev/null | tr '\0' '\n' | grep '^DISPLAY=:' | uniq
DISPLAY=: 0
DISPLAY=:100
```

3. Start the x11vnc server, specifying the display number to use.

The following example starts the x11vnc server on display 0 on a Linux server that is running the Gnome desktop.

```
# x11vnc -display :0 -auth /run/user/121/gdm/Xauthority -forever \
-shared -ncache -bg
```



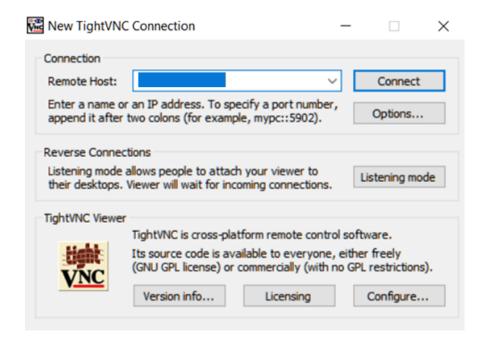
Note: If you are using a C-series vGPU, omit the -ncache option.

The x11vnc server starts on display hostname:0, for example, my-linux-host:0.

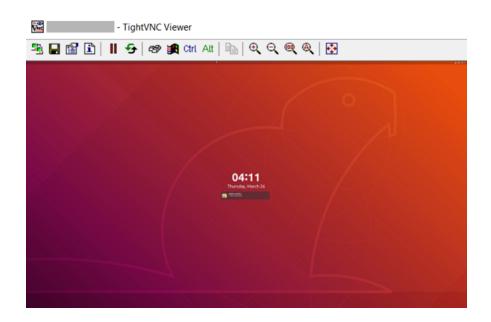
```
26/03/20200 04:23:13
The VNC desktop is:
                        mv-linux-host:0
PORT=5900
```

C.3. Using a VNC Client to Connect to the Linux Server

- 1. On your client computer, install a VNC client such as TightVNC.
- 2. Start the VNC client and connect to the Linux server.



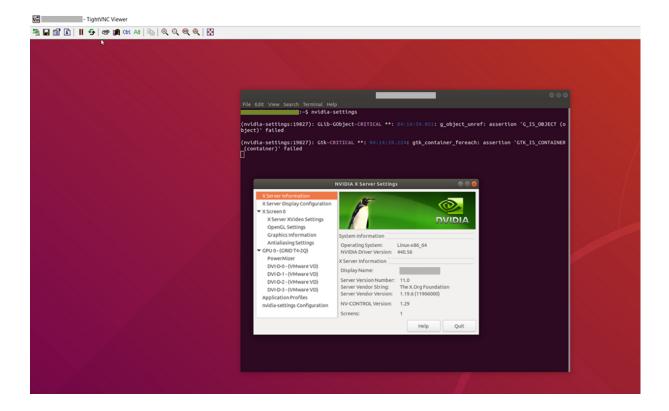
The X session on the server opens in the VNC client.



Troubleshooting: If your VNC client cannot connect to the server, change permissions on the Linux server as follows:

- 1. Allow the VNC client to connect to the server by making one of the following changes:
 - Disable the firewall and the iptables service.
 - Open the VNC port in the firewall.
- 2. Ensure that permissive mode is enabled for Security Enhanced Linux (SELinux).

After connecting to the server, you can use NVIDIA X Server Settings to confirm that the NVIDIA GPU is working as expected.

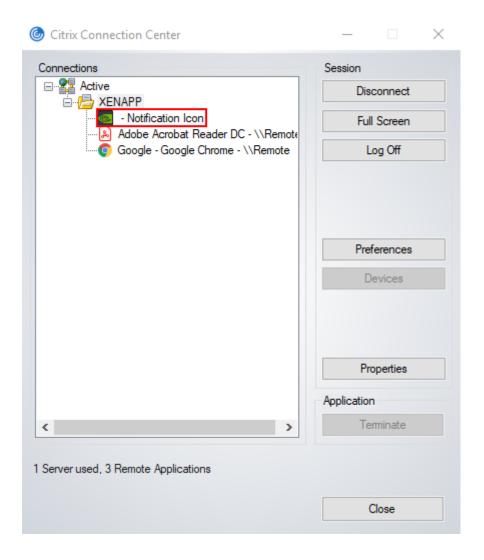


Appendix D. Disabling NVIDIA **Notification Icon** for Citrix Published Application User Sessions

By default on Windows Server operating systems, the NVIDIA Notification Icon application is started with every Citrix Published Application user session. This application might prevent the Citrix Published Application user session from being logged off even after the user has quit all other applications.

The NVIDIA Notification Icon application appears in Citrix Connection Center on the endpoint client that is running Citrix Receiver or Citrix Workspace.

The following image shows the NVIDIA Notification Icon in Citrix Connection Center for a user session in which the Adobe Acrobat Reader DC and Google Chrome applications are published.



Administrators can disable the **NVIDIA Notification Icon** application for all users' sessions as explained in <u>Disabling NVIDIA Notification Icon for All Users' Citrix Published Application</u> Sessions.

Individual users can disable the NVIDIA Notification Icon application for their own sessions as explained in Disabling NVIDIA Notification Icon for your Citrix Published Application User Sessions.



Note: If an administrator has enabled the NVIDIA Notification Icon application for the administrator's own session, the application is enabled for all users' sessions, even the sessions of users who have previously disabled the application.

D.1. Disabling NVIDIA Notification Icon for All Users' Citrix Published **Application Sessions**

Administrators can set a registry key to disable the **NVIDIA Notification Icon** application for all users' Citrix Published Application sessions on a VM. To ensure that the NVIDIA Notification Icon application is disabled on any virtual delivery agent (VDA) that is created from a master image, set this key in the master image.

Perform this task from the VM on which the Citrix Published Application sessions will be created.

Before you begin, ensure that the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver is installed in the VM.

1. Set the system-level StartOnLogin Windows registry key to 0.

[HKEY LOCAL MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\nvlddmkm\NvTray]

Value: "StartOnLogin"
Type: DWORD

Data: 00000000

The data value 0 disables the NVIDIA Notification Icon, and the data value 1 enables it.

2. Restart the VM.

You must restart the VM to ensure that the registry key is set before the NVIDIA service in the user session starts.

Disabling NVIDIA Notification Icon D.2. for your Citrix Published Application **User Sessions**

Individual users can disable the NVIDIA Notification Icon for their own Citrix Published Application sessions.

Before you begin, ensure that you are logged on to a Citrix Published Application session.

1. Set the current user's StartOnLogin Windows registry key to 0.

[HKEY CURRENT USER\SOFTWARE\NVIDIA Corporation\NvTray\]

Value: "StartOnLogin"

Type: DWORD Data: 00000000

The data value 0 disables the **NVIDIA Notification Icon**, and the data value 1 enables it.

2. Log off and log on again or restart the VM.

You must log on and log off again or restart the VM to ensure that the registry key is set before the NVIDIA service in the user session starts.

Appendix E. Citrix Hypervisor Basics

To install and configure NVIDIA vGPU software and optimize Citrix Hypervisor operation with vGPU, some basic operations on Citrix Hypervisor are needed.

Opening a dom0 shell

Most configuration commands must be run in a command shell in the Citrix Hypervisor dom0 domain. You can open a shell in the Citrix Hypervisor dom0 domain in any of the following ways:

- Using the console window in XenCenter
- Using a standalone secure shell (SSH) client

F 1 1 Accessing the dom0 shell through XenCenter

- 1. In the left pane of the **XenCenter** window, select the Citrix Hypervisor host that you want to connect to.
- 2. Click on the **Console** tab to open the Citrix Hypervisor console.
- 3. Press **Enter** to start a shell prompt.

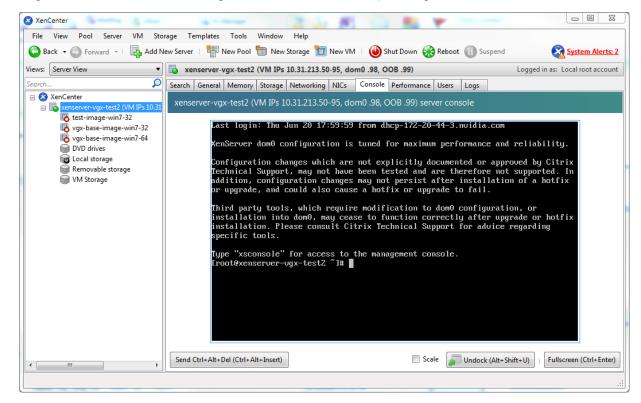


Figure 33. Connecting to the dom0 shell by using XenCenter

Accessing the dom0 shell through an SSH E.1.2. client

- 1. Ensure that you have an SSH client suite such as PuTTY on Windows, or the SSH client from OpenSSH on Linux.
- 2. Connect your SSH client to the management IP address of the Citrix Hypervisor host.
- 3. Log in as the root user.

Copying files to dom0

You can easily copy files to and from Citrix Hypervisor dom0 in any of the following ways:

- Using a Secure Copy Protocol (SCP) client
- Using a network-mounted file system

Copying files by using an SCP client

The SCP client to use for copying files to dom0 depends on where you are running the client from.

If you are running the client from dom0, use the secure copy command scp.

The scp command is part of the SSH suite of applications. It is implemented in dom0 and can be used to copy from a remote SSH-enabled server:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # scp root@10.31.213.96:/tmp/somefile
The authenticity of host '10.31.213.96 (10.31.213.96)' can't be established.
RSA key fingerprint is 26:2d:9b:b9:bf:6c:81:70:36:76:13:02:c1:82:3d:3c.
Are you sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no)? yes
Warning: Permanently added '10.31.213.96' (RSA) to the list of known hosts.
root@10.31.213.96's password:
                                             100% 532
somefile
                                                           0.5KB/s
                                                                     00:00
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

If you are running the client from Windows, use the pscp program.

The pscp program is part of the PuTTY suite and can be used to copy files from a remote Windows system to Citrix Hypervisor:

```
C:\Users\nvidia>pscp somefile root@10.31.213.98:/tmp
root@10.31.213.98's password:
                     | 80 kB | 80.1 kB/s | ETA: 00:00:00 | 100%
somefile
C:\Users\nvidia>
```

Copying files by using a CIFS-mounted file E.2.2. system

You can copy files to and from a CIFS/SMB file share by mounting the share from dom0.

The following example shows how to mount a network share \myserver.example.com \myshare at /mnt/myshare on dom0 and how to copy files to and from the share. The example assumes that the file share is part of an Active Directory domain called example.com and that user myuser has permissions to access the share.

1. Create the directory /mnt/myshare on dom0.

```
[root@xenserver ~] # mkdir /mnt/myshare
```

Mount the network share \\myserver.example.com\myshare at /mnt/myshare on dom0.

```
[root@xenserver ~] # mount -t cifs -o username=myuser,workgroup=example.com //
myserver.example.com/myshare /mnt/myshare
Password:
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

- 3. When prompted for a password, enter the password for myuser in the example.com
- 4. After the share has been mounted, copy files to and from the file share by using the cp command to copy them to and from /mnt/myshare:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # cp /mnt/myshare/NVIDIA-vGPU-NVIDIA-vGPU-
CitrixHypervisor-8.2-525.85.07.x86 64.rpm .
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

Determining a VM's UUID

You can determine a virtual machine's UUID in any of the following ways:

▶ Using the xe vm-list command in a dom0 shell

Using XenCenter

Determining a VM's UUID by using xe vm-E.3.1. list

Use the xe vm-list command to list all VMs and their associated UUIDs or to find the UUID of a specific named VM.

To list all VMs and their associated UUIDs, use xe vm-list without any parameters:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe vm-list
                : 6b5585f6-bd74-2e3e-0e11-03b9281c3ade
uuid ( RO)
    name-label ( RW): vgx-base-image-win7-64
   power-state ( RO): halted
uuid (RO)
                : fa3d15c7-7e88-4886-c36a-cdb23ed8e275
    name-label ( RW): test-image-win7-32
   power-state ( RO): halted
uuid (RO)
                   : 501bb598-a9b3-4afc-9143-ff85635d5dc3
   name-label ( RW): Control domain on host: xenserver
   power-state (RO): running
uuid (RO) : 8495adf7-be9d-eee1-327f-02e4f40714fc
    name-label ( RW): vgx-base-image-win7-32
   power-state (RO): halted
```

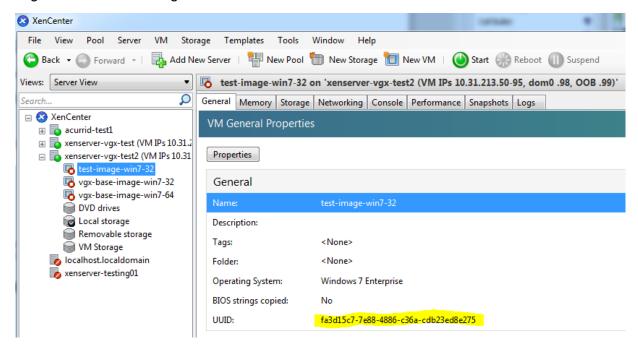
To find the UUID of a specific named VM, use the name-label parameter to xe vm-list:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe vm-list name-label=test-image-win7-32
                    : fa3d15c7-7e88-4886-c36a-cdb23ed8e275
uuid (RO)
   name-label (RW): test-image-win7-32
  power-state ( RO): halted
```

Determining a VM's UUID by using XenCenter F.3.2.

- 1. In the left pane of the **XenCenter** window, select the VM whose UUID you want to determine.
- 2. In the right pane of the **XenCenter** window, click the **General** tab.

The UUID is listed in the VM's General Properties.



Using XenCenter to determine a VM's UUID Figure 34.

E.4. Using more than two vCPUs with Windows client VMs

Windows client operating systems support a maximum of two CPU sockets. When allocating vCPUs to virtual sockets within a guest VM, Citrix Hypervisor defaults to allocating one vCPU per socket. Any more than two vCPUs allocated to the VM won't be recognized by the Windows client OS.

To ensure that all allocated vCPUs are recognized, set platform:cores-per-socket to the number of vCPUs that are allocated to the VM:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe vm-param-set uuid=vm-uuid platform:cores-per-socket=4 VCPUs-max=4
VCPUs-at-startup=4
```

vm-uuid is the VM's UUID, which you can obtain as explained in Determining a VM's UUID.

E.5. Pinning VMs to a specific CPU socket and cores

1. Use xe host-cpu-info to determine the number of CPU sockets and logical CPU cores in the server platform.

In this example the server implements 32 logical CPU cores across two sockets:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe host-cpu-info
                           : 32
cpu count
              socket count: 2
```

```
vendor: GenuineIntel
                  speed: 2600.064
              modelname: Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2670 0 @ 2.60GHz
                 family: 6
                  model: 45
                stepping: 7
                   flags: fpu de tsc msr pae mce cx8 apic sep mtrr mca cmov pat
clflush acpi mmx fxsr sse sse2 ss ht nx constant_tsc nonstop_tsc aperfmperf
pni pclmulqdq vmx est ssse3 sse4 1 sse4 2 x2apic popcnt aes hypervisor ida arat
tpr shadow vnmi flexpriority ept vpid
               features: 17bee3ff-bfebfbff-0000001-2c100800
   features_after_reboot: 17bee3ff-bfebfbff-00000001-2c100800
      physical_features: 17bee3ff-bfebfbff-00000001-2c100800
               maskable: full
```

2. Set VCPUs-params: mask to pin a VM's vCPUs to a specific socket or to specific cores within a socket.

This setting persists over VM reboots and shutdowns. In a dual socket platform with 32 total cores, cores 0-15 are on socket 0, and cores 16-31 are on socket 1.

In the examples that follow, vm-uuid is the VM's UUID, which you can obtain as explained in Determining a VM's UUID.

To restrict a VM to only run on socket 0, set the mask to specify cores 0-15:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe vm-param-set uuid=vm-uuid VCPUs-
params:mask=0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15
```

To restrict a VM to only run on socket 1, set the mask to specify cores 16-31:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe vm-param-set uuid=vm-uuid VCPUs-
params:mask=16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31
```

To pin vCPUs to specific cores within a socket, set the mask to specify the cores directly:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe vm-param-set uuid=vm-uuid VCPUs-params:mask=16,17,18,19
```

3. Use x1 vcpu-list to list the current assignment of vCPUs to physical CPUs:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xl vcpu-list
                                                                       CPU State Time(s) CPU Affinity
                                                        ID VCPU
Name
                                                                        25 -b-
Domain-0
                                                         0
                                                                                          9188.4
                                                                                                       any cpu
                                                                                                     any cpu
                                                                 1 19 r-- 8908.4
Domain-0
                                                       0 1 19 r-- 8908.4 any cpu
0 2 30 -b- 6815.1 any cpu
0 3 17 -b- 4881.4 any cpu
0 4 22 -b- 4956.9 any cpu
0 5 20 -b- 4319.2 any cpu
0 6 28 -b- 5720.0 any cpu
0 7 26 -b- 5736.0 any cpu
34 0 9 -b- 17.0 4-15
Domain-0
Domain-0
Domain-0
Domain-0
Domain-0
Domain-0
test-image-win7-32
test-image-win7-32
```

E.6. Changing dom0 vCPU Default configuration

By default, dom0 vCPUs are configured as follows:

- ▶ The number of vCPUs assigned to dom0 is 8.
- ▶ The dom0 shell's vCPUs are unpinned and able to run on any physical CPU in the system.

E.6.1. Changing the number of dom0 vCPUs

The default number of vCPUs assigned to dom0 is 8.

1. Modify the dom0 max vcpus parameter in the Xen boot line.

For example:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # /opt/xensource/libexec/xen-cmdline --set-xen dom0_max_vcpus=4
```

- 2. After applying this setting, reboot the system for the setting to take effect by doing one of the following:
 - Run the following command:

```
shutdown -r
```

Reboot the system from XenCenter.

Pinning dom0 vCPUs E.6.2.

By default, dom0's vCPUs are unpinned, and able to run on any physical CPU in the system.

1. To pin dom0 vCPUs to specific physical CPUs, use xl vcpu-pin.

For example, to pin dom0's vCPU 0 to physical CPU 18, use the following command:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xl vcpu-pin Domain-0 0 18
```

CPU pinnings applied this way take effect immediately but do not persist over reboots.

2. To make settings persistent, add xl vcpu-pin commands into /etc/rc.local.

For example:

```
xl vcpu-pin 0 0 0-15
xl vcpu-pin 0 1 0-15
xl vcpu-pin 0 2 0-15
xl vcpu-pin 0 3 0-15
xl vcpu-pin 0 4 16-31
xl vcpu-pin 0 5 16-31
xl vcpu-pin 0 6 16-31
xl vcpu-pin 0 7 16-31
```

How GPU locality is determined

As noted in NUMA Considerations, current multi-socket servers typically implement PCIe expansion slots local to each CPU socket and it is advantageous to pin VMs to the same socket that their associated physical GPU is connected to.

For current Intel platforms, CPU socket 0 typically has its PCIe root ports located on bus 0, so any GPU below a root port located on bus 0 is connected to socket 0. CPU socket 1 has its root ports on a higher bus number, typically bus 0x20 or bus 0x80 depending on the specific server platform.

Appendix F. Citrix Hypervisor vGPU Management

You can perform Citrix Hypervisor advanced vGPU management techniques by using XenCenter and by using xe command line operations.

Management objects for GPUs

Citrix Hypervisor uses four underlying management objects for GPUs: physical GPUs, vGPU types, GPU groups, and vGPUs. These objects are used directly when managing vGPU by using xe, and indirectly when managing vGPU by using XenCenter.

pgpu - Physical GPU

A pgpu object represents a physical GPU, such as one of the multiple GPUs present on a Tesla M60 or M10 card. Citrix Hypervisor automatically creates pgpu objects at startup to represent each physical GPU present on the platform.

Listing the papu Objects Present on a Platform

To list the physical GPU objects present on a platform, use xe pgpu-list.

For example, this platform contains a Tesla P40 card with a single physical GPU and a Tesla M60 card with two physical GPUs:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe pgpu-list
                        : f76d1c90-e443-4bfc-8f26-7959a7c85c68
uuid (RO)
       vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       device-name ( RO): GP102GL [Tesla P40]
   gpu-group-uuid ( RW): 134a7b71-5ceb-8066-ef1b-3b319fb2bef3
uuid (RO)
                        : 4c5e05d9-60fa-4fe5-9cfc-c641e95c8e85
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
      device-name (RO): GM204GL [Tesla M60]
   gpu-group-uuid ( RW): 3df80574-c303-f020-efb3-342f969da5de
                        : 4960e63c-c9fe-4a25-add4-ee697263e04c
uuid (RO)
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
      device-name ( RO): GM204GL [Tesla M60]
   gpu-group-uuid (RW): d32560f2-2158-42f9-d201-511691e1cb2b
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

F.1.1.2. Viewing Detailed Information About a pgpu Object

To view detailed information about a pgpu, use xe pgpu-param-list:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe pgpu-param-list uuid=4960e63c-c9fe-4a25-add4-ee697263e04c
uuid (RO)
                                    : 4960e63c-c9fe-4a25-add4-ee697263e04c
                  vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
                  device-name (RO): GM204GL [Tesla M60]
                  dom0-access ( RO): enabled
    is-system-display-device (RO): false
              gpu-group-uuid ( RW): d32560f2-2158-42f9-d201-511691e1cb2b
        gpu-group-name-label ( RO): 86:00.0 VGA compatible controller: NVIDIA
 Corporation GM204GL [Tesla M60] (rev a1)
                   host-uuid (RO): b55452df-1ee4-4e4e-bd97-3aee97b2123a
             host-name-label (RO): xs7.1
                      pci-id (RO): 0000:86:00.0
                 dependencies (SRO):
                other-config (MRW):
        supported-VGPU-types (RO): 5b9acd25-06fa-43e1-8b53-c35bceb8515c;
 16326fcb-543f-4473-a4ae-2d30516a2779; 0f9fc39a-0758-43c8-88cc-54c8491aa4d4; cecb2033-3b4a-437c-a0c0-c9dfdb692d9b; 095d8939-5f84-405d-a39a-684738f9b957;
 56c335be-4036-4a38-816c-c246a60556ac; ef0a94fd-2230-4fd4-aee0-d6d3f6ced4ef;
 11615f73-47b8-4494-806e-2a7b5e1d7bea; dbd8f2ac-f548-4c40-804b-9133cfda8090;
 a33189f1-1417-4593-aa7d-978c4f25b953; 3f437337-3682-4897-a7ba-6334519f4c19;
 99900aab-42b0-4cc4-8832-560ff6b60231
          enabled-VGPU-types (SRW): 5b9acd25-06fa-43e1-8b53-c35bceb8515c;
 16326fcb-543f-4473-a4ae-2d30516a2779; 0f9fc39a-0758-43c8-88cc-54c8491aa4d4;
 cecb2033-3b4a-437c-a0c0-c9dfdb692d9b; 095d8939-5f84-405d-a39a-684738f9b957;
 56c335be-4036-4a38-816c-c246a60556ac; ef0a94fd-2230-4fd4-aee0-d6d3f6ced4ef;
 11615f73-47b8-4494-806e-2a7b5eld7bea; dbd8f2ac-f548-4c40-804b-9133cfda8090;
 a33189f1-1417-4593-aa7d-978c4f25b953; 3f437337-3682-4897-a7ba-6334519f4c19;
 99900aab-42b0-4cc4-8832-560ff6b60231
              resident-VGPUs (RO):
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

Viewing physical GPUs in XenCenter F.1.1.3.

To view physical GPUs in XenCenter, click on the server's **GPU** tab:

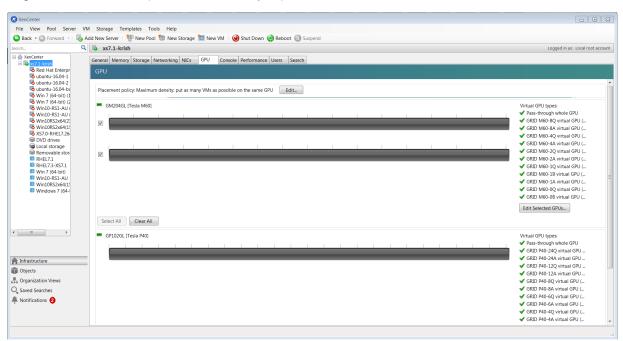


Figure 35. Physical GPU display in XenCenter

F.1.2. vgpu-type - Virtual GPU Type

A vgpu-type represents a type of virtual GPU, such as M60-0B, P40-8A, and P100-16Q. An additional, pass-through vGPU type is defined to represent a physical GPU that is directly assignable to a single guest VM.

Citrix Hypervisor automatically creates vgpu-type objects at startup to represent each virtual type supported by the physical GPUs present on the platform.

F.1.2.1. Listing the vgpu-type Objects Present on a **Platform**

To list the vgpu-type objects present on a platform, use xe vgpu-type-list.

For example, as this platform contains Tesla P100, Tesla P40, and Tesla M60 cards, the vGPU types reported are the types supported by these cards:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe vgpu-type-list
                       : d27f84a2-53f8-4430-ad15-0eca225cd974
uuid (RO)
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID P40-12A
        max-heads (RO): 1
   max-resolution (RO): 1280x1024
uuid (RO)
                       : 57bb231f-f61b-408e-a0c0-106bddd91019
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID P40-30
       max-heads (RO): 4
   max-resolution (RO): 4096x2160
```

```
uuid (RO) : 9b2eaba5-565f-4cb4-ad9b-6347cfb03e93
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID P40-20
        max-heads (RO): 4
   max-resolution (RO): 4096x2160
                       : af593219-0800-42da-a51d-d13b35f589e1
uuid (RO)
       vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name ( RO): GRID P40-4A
       max-heads (RO): 1
   max-resolution (RO): 1280x1024
                       : 5b9acd25-06fa-43e1-8b53-c35bceb8515c
uuid (RO)
      vendor-name ( RO):
       model-name ( RO): passthrough
        max-heads (RO): 0
   max-resolution (RO): 0x0
uuid (RO)
                      : af121387-0b58-498a-8d04-fe0305e4308f
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name ( RO): GRID P40-3A
        max-heads (RO): 1
   max-resolution (RO): 1280x1024
uuid (RO)
               : 3b28a628-fd6c-4cda-b0fb-80165699229e
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID P100-4Q
       max-heads (RO): 4
   max-resolution (RO): 4096x2160
uuid (RO)
                       : 99900aab-42b0-4cc4-8832-560ff6b60231
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name ( RO): GRID M60-1Q
   max-heads ( RO): 2
max-resolution ( RO): 4096x2160
                      : 0f9fc39a-0758-43c8-88cc-54c8491aa4d4
uuid (RO)
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name ( RO): GRID M60-4A
        max-heads (RO): 1
   max-resolution (RO): 1280x1024
uuid (RO)
                       : 4017c9dd-373f-431a-b36f-50e4e5c9f0c0
       vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID P40-6A
       max-heads (RO): 1
   max-resolution (RO): 1280x1024
                       : 125fbbdf-406e-4d7c-9de8-a7536aa1a838
uuid (RO)
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name ( RO): GRID P40-24A
   max-heads ( RO): 1
max-resolution ( RO): 1280x1024
                      : 88162a34-1151-49d3-98ae-afcd963f3105
uuid (RO)
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name ( RO): GRID P40-2A
       max-heads (RO): 1
```

```
max-resolution (RO): 1280x1024
uuid (RO)
                       : ad00a95c-d066-4158-b361-487abf57dd30
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
      model-name (RO): GRID P40-1A
       max-heads ( RO): 1
   max-resolution (RO): 1280x1024
uuid (RO)
                      : 11615f73-47b8-4494-806e-2a7b5e1d7bea
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID M60-0Q
        max-heads (RO): 2
   max-resolution (RO): 2560x1600
                      : 6ea0cd56-526c-4966-8f53-7e1721b95a5c
uuid (RO)
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID P40-4Q
       max-heads (RO): 4
   max-resolution (RO): 4096x2160
uuid (RO)
                       : 095d8939-5f84-405d-a39a-684738f9b957
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID M60-4Q
       max-heads (RO): 4
   max-resolution (RO): 4096x2160
uuid (RO)
                      : 9626e649-6802-4396-976d-94c0ead1f835
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID P40-12Q
        max-heads (RO): 4
   max-resolution (RO): 4096x2160
uuid (RO)
                       : a33189f1-1417-4593-aa7d-978c4f25b953
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID M60-0B
       max-heads (RO): 2
   max-resolution (RO): 2560x1600
                       : dbd8f2ac-f548-4c40-804b-9133cfda8090
uuid (RO)
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name ( RO): GRID M60-1A
       max-heads ( RO): 1
   max-resolution (RO): 1280x1024
uuid (RO)
                      : ef0a94fd-2230-4fd4-aee0-d6d3f6ced4ef
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID M60-8Q
       max-heads (RO): 4
   max-resolution (RO): 4096x2160
uuid (RO)
                       : 67fa06ab-554e-452b-a66e-a4048a5bfdf7
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID P40-6Q
       max-heads (RO): 4
   max-resolution (RO): 4096x2160
uuid (RO) : 739d7b8e-50e2-48a1-ae0d-5047aa490f0e
```

```
vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID P40-8A
        max-heads (RO): 1
   max-resolution (RO): 1280x1024
                     : 9fb62f31-7dfb-46f8-a4a9-cca8db48147e
uuid (RO)
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID P100-8Q
       max-heads (RO): 4
   max-resolution (RO): 4096x2160
uuid (RO)
                       : 56c335be-4036-4a38-816c-c246a60556ac
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID M60-1B
        max-heads (RO): 4
   max-resolution (RO): 2560x1600
uuid (RO)
                      : 3f437337-3682-4897-a7ba-6334519f4c19
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name ( RO): GRID M60-8A
        max-heads (RO): 1
   max-resolution (RO): 1280x1024
                       : 25dbb2d3-a074-4f9f-92ce-b42d8b3d1de2
uuid (RO)
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name ( RO): GRID P40-1B
       max-heads (RO): 4
   max-resolution (RO): 2560x1600
uuid (RO)
                       : cecb2033-3b4a-437c-a0c0-c9dfdb692d9b
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID M60-2Q
        max-heads (RO): 4
   max-resolution (RO): 4096x2160
uuid (RO)
                     : 16326fcb-543f-4473-a4ae-2d30516a2779
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID M60-2A
        max-heads (RO): 1
   max-resolution (RO): 1280x1024
uuid (RO)
                   : 7ca2399f-89ab-49dd-bf96-75071ced28fc
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID P40-24Q
       max-heads (RO): 4
   max-resolution (RO): 4096x2160
uuid (RO)
                       : 9611a3f4-d130-4a66-a61b-21d4a2ca4663
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID P40-8Q
        max-heads (RO): 4
   max-resolution (RO): 4096x2160
                      : d0e4a116-a944-42ef-a8dc-62a54c4d2d77
      vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       model-name (RO): GRID P40-1Q
        max-heads (RO): 2
   max-resolution (RO): 4096x2160
```

```
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

Viewing Detailed Information About a vgpu-type Object

To see detailed information about a vgpu-type, use xe vgpu-type-param-list:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe xe vgpu-type-param-list uuid=7ca2399f-89ab-49dd-bf96-75071ced28fc
uuid (RO)
                                : 7ca2399f-89ab-49dd-bf96-75071ced28fc
                vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
                model-name (RO): GRID P40-24Q
           framebuffer-size (RO): 24092082176
                 max-heads (RO): 4
            max-resolution (RO): 4096x2160
         supported-on-PGPUs ( RO): f76d1c90-e443-4bfc-8f26-7959a7c85c68
          enabled-on-PGPUs (RO): f76d1c90-e443-4bfc-8f26-7959a7c85c68
    supported-on-GPU-groups (RO): 134a7b71-5ceb-8066-ef1b-3b319fb2bef3
      enabled-on-GPU-groups (RO): 134a7b71-5ceb-8066-ef1b-3b319fb2bef3
                VGPU-uuids ( RO):
               experimental (RO): false
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

F.1.3. gpu-group - collection of physical GPUs

A gpu-group is a collection of physical GPUs, all of the same type. Citrix Hypervisor automatically creates gpu-group objects at startup to represent the distinct types of physical GPU present on the platform.

F.1.3.1. Listing the gpu-group Objects Present on a **Platform**

To list the gpu-group objects present on a platform, use xe gpu-group-list.

For example, a system with a single Tesla P100 card, a single Tesla P40 card, and two Tesla M60 cards contains a single GPU group of type Tesla P100, a single GPU group of type Tesla P40, and two GPU groups of type Tesla M60:

```
[root@xenserver ~]# xe gpu-group-list
                          : 3d652a59-beaf-ddb3-3b19-c8c77ef60605
uuid (RO)
         name-label ( RW): Group of NVIDIA Corporation GP100GL [Tesla P100 PCIe
 16GB] GPUs
   name-description ( RW):
                          : 3df80574-c303-f020-efb3-342f969da5de
uuid (RO)
         name-label ( RW): 85:00.0 VGA compatible controller: NVIDIA Corporation
 GM204GL [Tesla M60] (rev a1)
    {\tt name-description (RW): 85:00.0\ VGA\ compatible\ controller:\ NVIDIA\ Corporation}
 GM204GL [Tesla M60] (rev a1)
                          : 134a7b71-5ceb-8066-ef1b-3b319fb2bef3
         name-label (RW): 87:00.0 3D controller: NVIDIA Corporation GP102GL [TESLA
 P40] (rev a1)
   name-description ( RW): 87:00.0 3D controller: NVIDIA Corporation GP102GL [TESLA
 P40] (rev a1)
                          : d32560f2-2158-42f9-d201-511691e1cb2b
uuid (RO)
         name-label ( RW): 86:00.0 VGA compatible controller: NVIDIA Corporation
 GM204GL [Tesla M60] (rev a1)
```

```
name-description ( RW): 86:00.0 VGA compatible controller: NVIDIA Corporation
GM204GL [Tesla M60] (rev a1)
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

F.1.3.2. Viewing Detailed Information About a gpu-group Object

To view detailed information about a gpu-group, use xe gpu-group-param-list:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe gpu-group-param-list uuid=134a7b71-5ceb-8066-ef1b-3b319fb2bef3
uuid (RO)
                                    : 134a7b71-5ceb-8066-ef1b-3b319fb2bef3
                name-label (RW): 87:00.0 3D controller: NVIDIA Corporation GP102GL
 [TESLA P40] (rev a1)
         name-description ( RW): 87:00.0 3D controller: NVIDIA Corporation GP102GL
 [TESLA P40] (rev a1)
                VGPU-uuids (SRO): 101fb062-427f-1999-9e90-5a914075e9ca
                PGPU-uuids (SRO): f76d1c90-e443-4bfc-8f26-7959a7c85c68
              other-config (MRW):
      enabled-VGPU-types (RO): d0e4a116-a944-42ef-a8dc-62a54c4d2d77;
9611a3f4-d130-4a66-a61b-21d4a2ca4663; 7ca2399f-89ab-49dd-bf96-75071ced28fc; 25dbb2d3-a074-4f9f-92ce-b42d8b3d1de2; 739d7b8e-50e2-48a1-ae0d-5047aa490f0e; 67fa06ab-554e-452b-a66e-a4048a5bfdf7; 9626e649-6802-4396-976d-94c0ead1f835;
 6ea0cd56-526c-4966-8f53-7e1721b95a5c; ad00a95c-d066-4158-b361-487abf57dd30;
 88162a34-1151-49d3-98ae-afcd963f3105; 125fbbdf-406e-4d7c-9de8-a7536aa1a838;
 4017c9dd-373f-431a-b36f-50e4e5c9f0c0; af121387-0b58-498a-8d04-fe0305e4308f;
 5b9acd25-06fa-43e1-8b53-c35bceb8515c; af593219-0800-42da-a51d-d13b35f589e1;
 9b2eaba5-565f-4cb4-ad9b-6347cfb03e93; 57bb231f-f61b-408e-a0c0-106bddd91019;
 d27f84a2-53f8-4430-ad15-0eca225cd974
    supported-VGPU-types (RO): d0e4a116-a944-42ef-a8dc-62a54c4d2d77;
9611a3f4-d130-4a66-a61b-21d4a2ca4663; 7ca2399f-89ab-49dd-bf96-75071ced28fc; 25dbb2d3-a074-4f9f-92ce-b42d8b3d1de2; 739d7b8e-50e2-48a1-ae0d-5047aa490f0e; 67fa06ab-554e-452b-a66e-a4048a5bfdf7; 9626e649-6802-4396-976d-94c0ead1f835;
 6ea0cd56-526c-4966-8f53-7e1721b95a5c; ad00a95c-d066-4158-b361-487abf57dd30;
 88162a34-1151-49d3-98ae-afcd963f3105; 125fbbdf-406e-4d7c-9de8-a7536aa1a838;
 4017c9dd-373f-431a-b36f-50e4e5c9f0c0; af121387-0b58-498a-8d04-fe0305e4308f;
 5b9acd25-06fa-43e1-8b53-c35bceb8515c; af593219-0800-42da-a51d-d13b35f589e1;
 9b2eaba5-565f-4cb4-ad9b-6347cfb03e93; 57bb231f-f61b-408e-a0c0-106bddd91019;
 d27f84a2-53f8-4430-ad15-0eca225cd974
    allocation-algorithm ( RW): depth-first
[root@xenserver ~]
```

vgpu - Virtual GPU

A vapu object represents a virtual GPU. Unlike the other GPU management objects, vapu objects are not created automatically by Citrix Hypervisor. Instead, they are created as follows:

- ▶ When a VM is configured through XenCenter or through xe to use a vGPU
- By cloning a VM that is configured to use vGPU, as explained in <u>Cloning vGPU-Enabled VMs</u>

Creating a vGPU Using xe

Use xe vgpu-create to create a vgpu object, specifying the type of vGPU required, the GPU group it will be allocated from, and the VM it is associated with:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe vgpu-create vm-uuid=e71afda4-53f4-3alb-6c92-a364a7f619c2
gpu-group-uuid=be825ba2-01d7-8d51-9780-f82cfaa64924 vgpu-type-uuid=3f318889-7508-
c9fd-7134-003d4d05ae56b73cbd30-096f-8a9a-523e-a800062f4ca7
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

Creating the vgpu object for a VM does not immediately cause a virtual GPU to be created on a physical GPU. Instead, the vgpu object is created whenever its associated VM is started. For more details on how vGPUs are created at VM startup, see Controlling vGPU allocation.



Note:

The owning VM must be in the powered-off state in order for the vgpu-create command to succeed.

A vgpu object's owning VM, associated GPU group, and vGPU type are fixed at creation and cannot be subsequently changed. To change the type of vGPU allocated to a VM, delete the existing vgpu object and create another one.

F.3. Controlling vGPU allocation

Configuring a VM to use a vGPU in XenCenter, or creating a vgpu object for a VM using xe, does not immediately cause a virtual GPU to be created; rather, the virtual GPU is created at the time the VM is next booted, using the following steps:

- ▶ The GPU group that the vapu object is associated with is checked for a physical GPU that can host a vGPU of the required type (i.e. the vgpu object's associated vgpu-type). Because vGPU types cannot be mixed on a single physical GPU, the new vGPU can only be created on a physical GPU that has no vGPUs resident on it, or only vGPUs of the same type, and less than the limit of vGPUs of that type that the physical GPU can support.
- If no such physical GPUs exist in the group, the vgpu creation fails and the VM startup is aborted.
- Otherwise, if more than one such physical GPU exists in the group, a physical GPU is selected according to the GPU group's allocation policy, as described in Modifying GPU Allocation Policy.

Determining the Physical GPU on Which a F.3.1. Virtual GPU is Resident

The vgpu object's resident-on parameter returns the UUID of the pgpu object for the physical GPU the vGPU is resident on.

To determine the physical GPU that a virtual GPU is resident on, use vgpu-param-get:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe vgpu-param-get uuid=101fb062-427f-1999-9e90-5a914075e9ca param-
name=resident-on
f76d1c90-e443-4bfc-8f26-7959a7c85c68
[root@xenserver ~] # xe pgpu-param-list uuid=f76d1c90-e443-4bfc-8f26-7959a7c85c68
                                 : f76d1c90-e443-4bfc-8f26-7959a7c85c68
uuid (RO)
                 vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
                 device-name ( RO): GP102GL [Tesla P40]
             gpu-group-uuid ( RW): 134a7b71-5ceb-8066-ef1b-3b319fb2bef3
       gpu-group-name-label ( RO): 87:00.0 3D controller: NVIDIA Corporation
 GP102GL [TESLA P40] (rev a1)
                   host-uuid (RO): b55452df-1ee4-4e4e-bd97-3aee97b2123a
             host-name-label (RO): xs7.1-krish
```

```
pci-id (RO): 0000:87:00.0
               dependencies (SRO):
               other-config (MRW):
       supported-VGPU-types (RO): 5b9acd25-06fa-43e1-8b53-c35bceb8515c;
88162a34-1151-49d3-98ae-afcd963f3105; 9b2eaba5-565f-4cb4-ad9b-6347cfb03e93;
739d7b8e-50e2-48a1-ae0d-5047aa490f0e; d0e4a116-a944-42ef-a8dc-62a54c4d2d77;
7ca2399f-89ab-49dd-bf96-75071ced28fc; 67fa06ab-554e-452b-a66e-a4048a5bfdf7;
9611a3f4-d130-4a66-a61b-21d4a2ca4663; d27f84a2-53f8-4430-ad15-0eca225cd974;
125fbbdf-406e-4d7c-9de8-a7536aa1a838; 4017c9dd-373f-431a-b36f-50e4e5c9f0c0;
6ea0cd56-526c-4966-8f53-7e1721b95a5c; af121387-0b58-498a-8d04-fe0305e4308f;
9626e649-6802-4396-976d-94c0ead1f835; ad00a95c-d066-4158-b361-487abf57dd30;
af593219-0800-42da-a51d-d13b35f589e1; 25dbb2d3-a074-4f9f-92ce-b42d8b3d1de2;
57bb231f-f61b-408e-a0c0-106bddd91019
         enabled-VGPU-types (SRW): 5b9acd25-06fa-43e1-8b53-c35bceb8515c;
88162a34-1151-49d3-98ae-afcd963f3105; 9b2eaba5-565f-4cb4-ad9b-6347cfb03e93;
739d7b8e-50e2-48a1-ae0d-5047aa490f0e; d0e4a116-a944-42ef-a8dc-62a54c4d2d77;
7ca2399f-89ab-49dd-bf96-75071ced28fc; 67fa06ab-554e-452b-a66e-a4048a5bfdf7;
9611a3f4-d130-4a66-a61b-21d4a2ca4663; d27f84a2-53f8-4430-ad15-0eca225cd974;
125fbbdf-406e-4d7c-9de8-a7536aa1a838; 4017c9dd-373f-431a-b36f-50e4e5c9f0c0;
6ea0cd56-526c-4966-8f53-7e1721b95a5c; af121387-0b58-498a-8d04-fe0305e4308f;
9626e649-6802-4396-976d-94c0ead1f835; ad00a95c-d066-4158-b361-487abf57dd30;
af593219-0800-42da-a51d-d13b35f589e1; 25dbb2d3-a074-4f9f-92ce-b42d8b3d1de2;
57bb231f-f61b-408e-a0c0-106bddd91019
             resident-VGPUs (RO): 101fb062-427f-1999-9e90-5a914075e9ca
[root@xenserver ~]#
```



Note: If the vGPU is not currently running, the resident-on parameter is not instantiated for the vGPU, and the vgpu-param-get operation returns:

<not in database>

F.3.2. Controlling the vGPU types enabled on specific physical GPUs

Physical GPUs support several vGPU types, as defined in Virtual GPU Types for Supported GPUs and the "pass-through" type that is used to assign an entire physical GPU to a VM (see Using GPU Pass-Through on Citrix Hypervisor).

Controlling vGPU types enabled on specific F.3.2.1. physical GPUs by using XenCenter

To limit the types of vGPU that may be created on a specific physical GPU:

- 1. Open the server's **GPU** tab in XenCenter.
- 2. Select the box beside one or more GPUs on which you want to limit the types of vGPU.
- 3. Select Edit Selected GPUs.

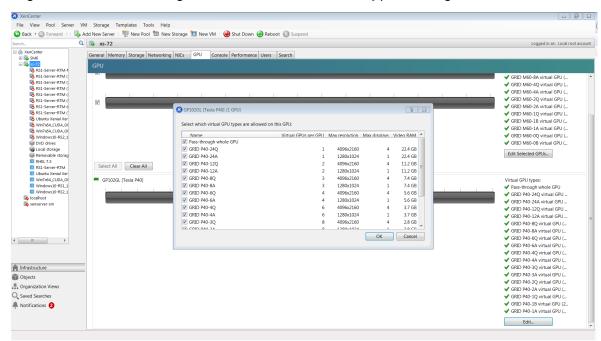


Figure 36. Editing a GPU's enabled vGPU types using XenCenter

F.3.2.2. Controlling vGPU Types Enabled on Specific Physical GPUs by Using xe

The physical GPU's pgpu object's enabled-vGPU-types parameter controls the vGPU types enabled on specific physical GPUs.

To modify the pgpu object's enabled-vGPU-types parameter, use xe pgpu-param-set:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe pgpu-param-list uuid=cb08aaae-8e5a-47cb-888e-60dcc73c01d3
uuid (RO)
                           : cb08aaae-8e5a-47cb-888e-60dcc73c01d3
             vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
    device-name ( RO): GP102GL [Tesla P40]
            domO-access ( RO): enabled
is-system-display-device (RO): false
          gpu-group-uuid ( RW): bfel603d-c526-05f3-e64f-951485ef3b49
gpu-group-name-label (RO): 87:00.0 3D controller: NVIDIA Corporation GP102GL
 [Tesla P40] (rev al)
           host-uuid (RO): fdeb6bbb-e460-4cfl-ad43-49ac81c20540
  host-name-label (RO): xs-72
                  pci-id ( RO): 0000:87:00.0
  dependencies (SRO):
  other-config (MRW):
    supported-VGPU-types (RO): 23e6b80b-le5e-4c33-bedb-e6dlae472fec;
f5583e39-2540-440d-a0ee-dde9f0783abf; a18e46ff-4d05-4322-b040-667ce77d78a8;
adel19a9-84e1-435f-b0e9-14c162e212fb; 2560d066-054a-48a9-a44d-3f3f90493a00;
47858f38-045d-4a05-9blc-9128fee6b0ab; Ifb527f6-493f-442b-abe2-94a6fafd49ce;
78b8e044-09ae-4a4c-8a96-b20c7a585842; 18ed7e7e-f8b7-496e-9784-8ba4e35acaa3;
48681d88-c4e5-4e39-85ff-c9bal2e8e484 ; cc3dbbfb-4b83-400d-8c52-811948b7f8c4;
8elad75a-ed5f-4609-83ff-5f9bca9aaca2; 840389a0-f511-4f90-8153-8a749d85b09e;
a2042742-da67-4613-a538-ld17d30dccb9; 299e47c2-8fcl-4edf-aa31-e29db84168c6;
e95c636e-06e6-4 47e-8b49-14b37d308922; 0524a5d0-7160-48c5-a9el-cc33e76dc0de;
09043fb2-6d67-4443-b312-25688f13e012
```

```
enabled-VGPU-types (SRW): 23e6b80b-le5e-4c33-bedb-e6dlae472fec;
f5583e39-2540-440d-a0ee-dde9f0783abf; a18e46ff-4d05-4322-b040-667ce77d78a8;
adel19a9-84el-435f-b0e9-14cl62e212fb; 2560d066-054a-48a9-a44d-3f3f90493a00; 47858f38-045d-4a05-9blc-9128fee6b0ab; Ifb527f6-493f-442b-abe2-94a6fafd49ce;
78b8e044-09ae-4a4c-8a96-b20c7a585842; 18ed7e7e-f8b7-496e-9784-8ba4e35acaa3;
48681d88-c4e5-4e39-85ff-c9bal2e8e484; cc3dbbfb-4b83-400d-8c52-811948b7f8c4;
8elad75a-ed5f-4609-83ff-5f9bca9aaca2; 840389a0-f511-4f90-8153-8a749d85b09e;
a2042742-da67-4613-a538-ldl7d30dccb9; 299e47c2-8fcl-4edf-aa31-e29db84168c6;
e95c636e-06e6-4 47e-8b49-14b37d308922; 0524a5d0-7160-48c5-a9el-cc33e76dc0de;
09043fb2-6d67-4443-b312-25688f13e012
       resident-VGPUs ( RO):
[root@xenserver-vgx-test ~] # xe pgpu-param-set uuid=cb08aaae-8e5a-47cb-888e-60dcc73c01d3
enabled-VGPU-types=23e6b80b-le5e-4c33-bedb-e6dlae472fec
```

F.3.3. Creating vGPUs on Specific Physical GPUs

To precisely control allocation of vGPUs on specific physical GPUs, create separate GPU groups for the physical GPUs you wish to allocate vGPUs on. When creating a virtual GPU, create it on the GPU group containing the physical GPU you want it to be allocated on.

For example, to create a new GPU group for the physical GPU at PCI bus ID 0000:87:00.0, follow these steps:

1. Create the new GPU group with an appropriate name:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe gpu-group-create name-label="GRID P40 87:0.0"
3f870244-41da-469f-71f3-22bc6d700e71
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

2. Find the UUID of the physical GPU at 0000:87:0.0 that you want to assign to the new GPU

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe pgpu-list pci-id=0000:87:00.0
                        : f76d1c90-e443-4bfc-8f26-7959a7c85c68
uuid (RO)
       vendor-name ( RO): NVIDIA Corporation
       device-name ( RO): GP102GL [Tesla P40]
    gpu-group-uuid ( RW): 134a7b71-5ceb-8066-ef1b-3b319fb2bef3
[root@xenserver ~]
```



Note: The pci-id parameter passed to the pgpu-list command must be in the exact format shown, with the PCI domain fully specified (for example, 0000) and the PCI bus and devices numbers each being two digits (for example, 87:00.0).

Ensure that no vGPUs are currently operating on the physical GPU by checking the resident-VGPUs parameter:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe pgpu-param-get uuid=f76d1c90-e443-4bfc-8f26-7959a7c85c68 param-
name=resident-VGPUs
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

- 4. If any vGPUs are listed, shut down the VMs associated with them.
- 5. Change the gpu-group-uuid parameter of the physical GPU to the UUID of the newlycreated GPU group:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe pqpu-param-set uuid=7c1e3cff-1429-0544-df3d-bf8a086fb70a qpu-
group-uuid=585877ef-5a6c-66af-fc56-7bd525bdc2f6
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

Any vgpu object now created that specifies this GPU group UUID will always have its vGPUs created on the GPU at PCI bus ID 0000:05:0.0.



Note: You can add more than one physical GPU to a manually-created GPU group - for example, to represent all the GPUs attached to the same CPU socket in a multi-socket server platform - but as for automatically-created GPU groups, all the physical GPUs in the group must be of the same type.

In XenCenter, manually-created GPU groups appear in the GPU type listing in a VM's GPU Properties. Select a GPU type within the group from which you wish the vGPU to be allocated:

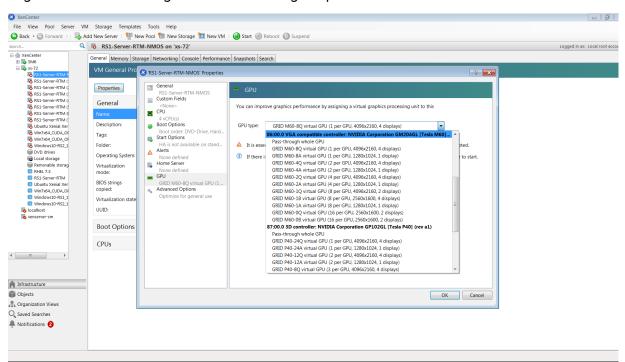


Figure 37. Using a custom GPU group within XenCenter

Cloning vGPU-Enabled VMs

The fast-clone or copying feature of Citrix Hypervisor can be used to rapidly create new VMs from a "golden" base VM image that has been configured with NVIDIA vGPU, the NVIDIA driver, applications, and remote graphics software.

When a VM is cloned, any vGPU configuration associated with the base VM is copied to the cloned VM. Starting the cloned VM will create a vGPU instance of the same type as the original VM, from the same GPU group as the original vGPU.

F.4.1. Cloning a vGPU-enabled VM by using xe

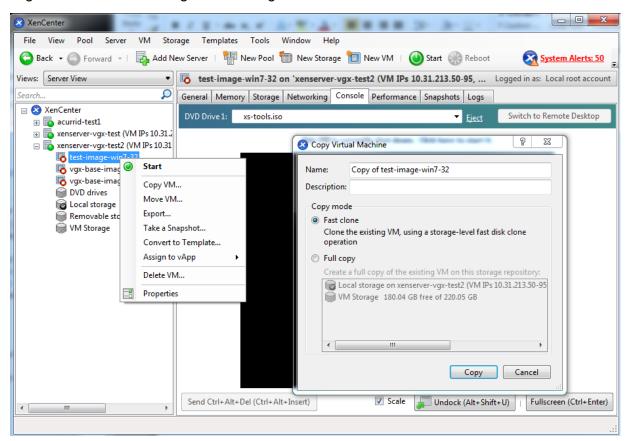
To clone a vGPU-enabled VM from the dom0 shell, use vm-clone:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe vm-clone new-name-label="new-vm" vm="base-vm-name"
7f7035cb-388d-1537-1465-1857fb6498e7
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

Cloning a vGPU-enabled VM by using XenCenter

To clone a vGPU-enabled VM by using XenCenter, use the VM's Copy VM command as shown in Figure 38.

Figure 38. Cloning a VM using XenCenter



Appendix G. Citrix Hypervisor Performance Tuning

This chapter provides recommendations on optimizing performance for VMs running with NVIDIA vGPU on Citrix Hypervisor.

G.1. Citrix Hypervisor Tools

To get maximum performance out of a VM running on Citrix Hypervisor, regardless of whether you are using NVIDIA vGPU, you must install Citrix Hypervisor tools within the VM. Without the optimized networking and storage drivers that the Citrix Hypervisor tools provide, remote graphics applications running on NVIDIA vGPU will not deliver maximum performance.

Using Remote Graphics

NVIDIA vGPU implements a console VGA interface that permits the VM's graphics output to be viewed through XenCenter's **console** tab. This feature allows the desktop of a vGPUenabled VM to be visible in XenCenter before any NVIDIA graphics driver is loaded in the virtual machine, but it is intended solely as a management convenience; it only supports output of vGPU's primary display and isn't designed or optimized to deliver high frame rates.

To deliver high frames from multiple heads on vGPU, NVIDIA recommends that you install a high-performance remote graphics stack such as Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops with HDX 3D Pro remote graphics and, after the stack is installed, disable vGPU's console VGA.

G.2.1. Disabling Console VGA

The console VGA interface in vGPU is optimized to consume minimal resources, but when a system is loaded with a high number of VMs, disabling the console VGA interface entirely may yield some performance benefit.

Once you have installed an alternate means of accessing a VM (such as Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops or a VNC server), its vGPU console VGA interface can be disabled as follows, depending on the version of Citrix Hypervisor that you are using:

- Citrix Hypervisor 8.1 or later: Create the vGPU by using the xe command, and specify plugin parameters for the group to which the vGPU belongs:
 - 1. Create the vGPU.

[root@xenserver ~] # xe vgpu-create gpu-group-uuid=gpu-group-uuid vgpu-typeuuid=vgpu-type-uuid vm-uuid=vm-uuid

This command returns vapu-uuid as stored in XAPI.

2. Specify plugin parameters for the group to which the vGPU belongs. [root@xenserver ~] # xe vgpu-param-set uuid=vgpu-uuid extra_args=disable_vnc=1

Citrix Hypervisor earlier than 8.1: Specify disable vnc=1 in the VM's

```
platform:vgpu extra args parameter:
```

[root@xenserver ~] # xe vm-param-set uuid=vm-uuid platform:vgpu extra args="disable vnc=1"

The new console VGA setting takes effect the next time the VM is started or rebooted. With console VGA disabled, the Citrix Hypervisor console will display the Windows boot splash screen for the VM, but nothing beyond that.



CAUTION:

If you disable console VGA before you have installed or enabled an alternate mechanism to access the VM (such as Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops), you will not be able to interact with the VM once it has booted.

You can recover console VGA access by making one of the following changes:

- Removing the vGPU plugin's parameters:
 - Citrix Hypervisor 8.1 or later: Removing the extra args key the from group to which the vGPU belongs
 - Citrix Hypervisor earlier than 8.1: Removing the vgpu extra args key from the platform parameter
- Removing disable vnc=1 from the extra args or vgpu extra args key
- Setting disable vnc=0, for example:
 - Citrix Hypervisor 8.1 or later:

[root@xenserver ~] # xe vgpu-param-set uuid=vgpu-uuid extra_args=disable_vnc=0

Citrix Hypervisor earlier than 8.1:

```
[root@xenserver ~] # xe vm-param-set uuid=vm-uuid
platform:vgpu extra args="disable vnc=0"
```

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