

Open-source Tools For GPU Programming in Large Classrooms

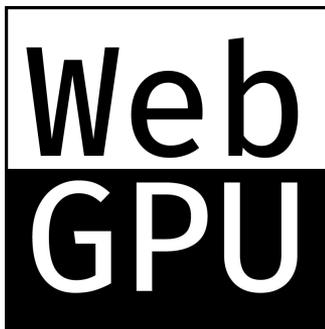
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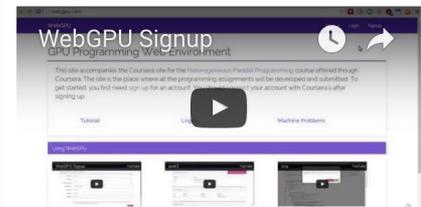
WebGPU - The Online

Welcome to the Algorithmic Techniques for Scan

This site serves as the development
students develop their assignment

Tutorial

Screencasts



Description Code Questions Attempts History

Machine Problem Code (Past Deadline)

Compile & Run ▾

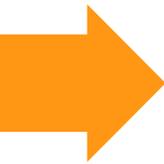
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1 #include <wb.h>
2
3 #define wbCheck(stmt) \
4 do { \
5     cudaError_t err = stmt; \
6     if (err != cudaSuccess) { \
7         wbLog(ERROR, "Failed to run stmt ", #stmt); \
8         wbLog(ERROR, "Got CUDA error ... ", cudaGetErrorString(err)); \
9         return -1; \
10    } \
11 } while (0)
12
13 // For simplicity, fix #bins=1024 so scan can use a single block and no padding
14 #define NUM_BINS 1024
15
16 /*****
17 GPU main computation kernels
18 *****/
19
20 __global__ void gpu_normal_kernel(float *in_val, float *in_pos, float *out,
21                                 int grid_size, int num_in) {
22
23     ///@@ INSERT CODE HERE
24
25     int outIdx = blockIdx.x * blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
26
27     if (outIdx < grid_size) { // Boundary check
28
29         // Local accumulator
30         float out_reg = 0.0f;
31
32         // Loop over input elements and compute
33         for (int inIdx = 0; inIdx < num_in; ++inIdx) {
34             const float in_val_reg = in_val[inIdx];
35             const float dist = in_pos[inIdx] - (float)outIdx;
36             out_reg += (in_val_reg * in_val_reg) / (dist * dist);
37         }
38
39         // Commit final result
40         out[outIdx] += out_reg;
41     }

```

Originally Designed for MOOC

- Around 100k students registered for Coursera's Heterogeneous Parallel Programming course
- Targeted weekly labs
- Labs auto-graded based with dataset



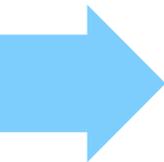
Intro to CUDA

Around 200 students from UIUC



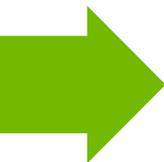
Advanced CUDA

Around 100 students for UIUC and collaborating institutions



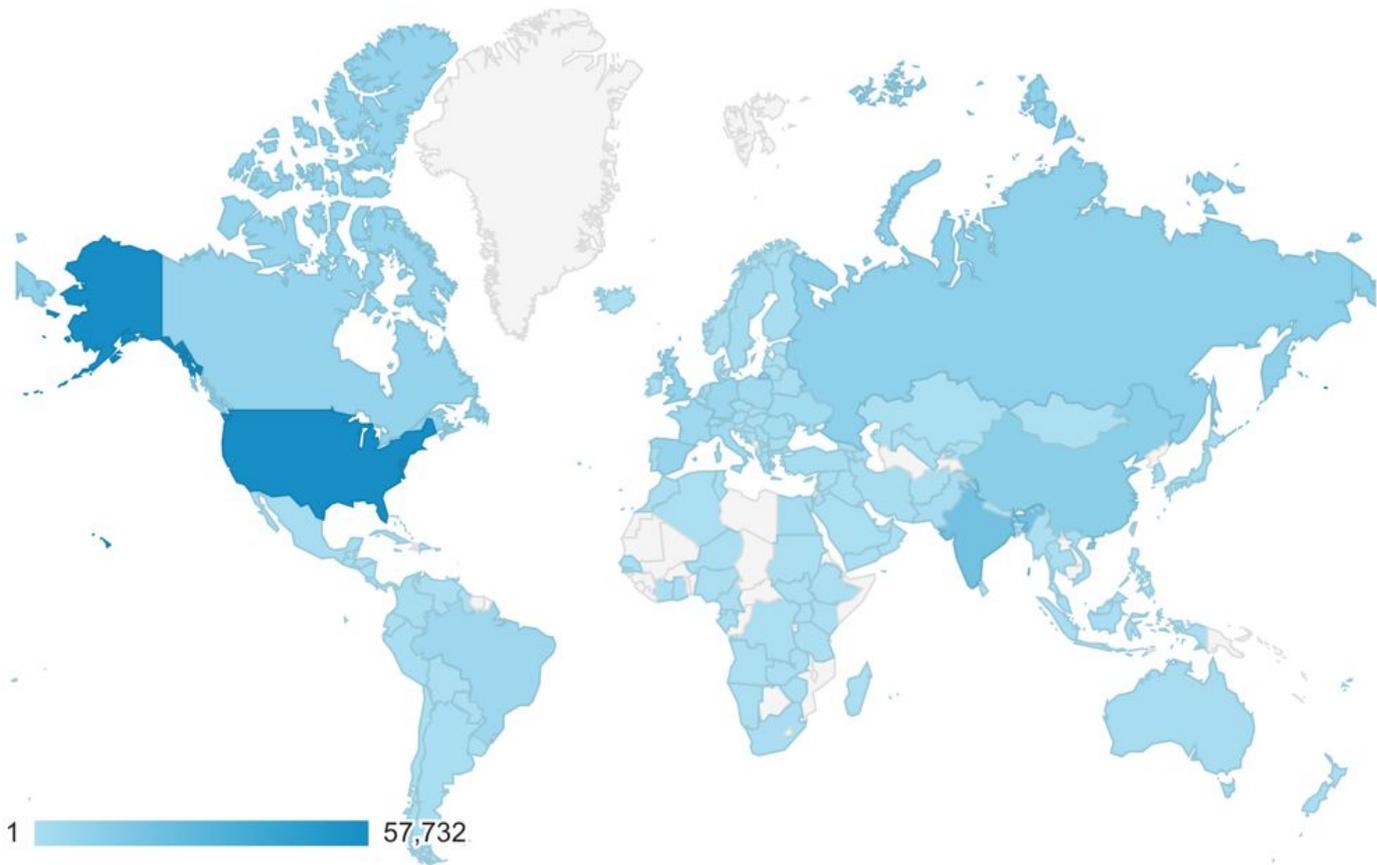
Summer School

Around 100 students from all over the world



Coursera HPP

Around 20,000 students worldwide





Problem

Restrictions with WebGPU

- Cannot modify programming environment
 - ◆ Build scripts / libraries / dataset / ...
 - ◆ Cannot use profilers and debuggers
- User restricted within a sandboxed environment

Intro and Advanced CUDA Project

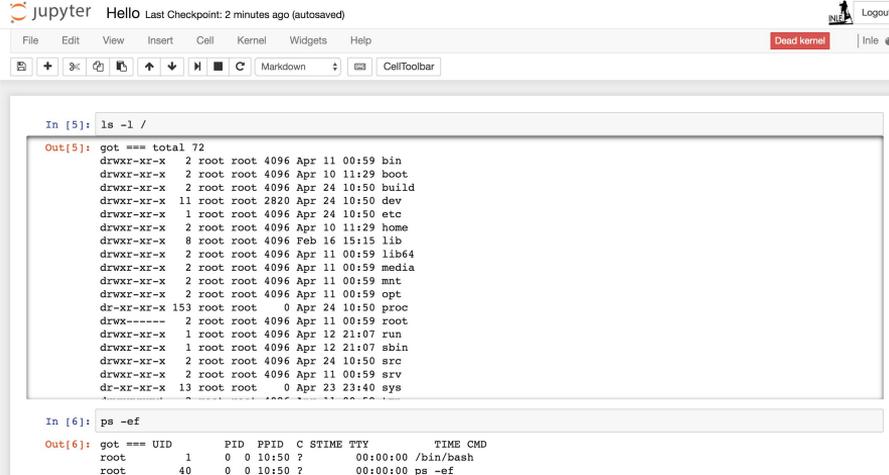
- Develop a CUDA version of a CNN
- Given unoptimized sequential code
- Significant part of the total grade
- Around 4-6 weeks to complete
- Users should be "*root*"
- github.com/webgpu/ece408project
- github.com/webgpu/ece508-convlayer



Pipeline

Jupyter Notebook Interface to RAI

- Make it easy to develop interactive labs
- Built on top of Jupyter
- Implements a client/server that speaks the IPython protocol



The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook interface with the following elements:

- Header: "jupyter Hello Last Checkpoint: 2 minutes ago (autosaved)" with a "Logout" button.
- Menu: "File Edit View Insert Cell Kernel Widgets Help".
- Toolbar: Includes a "Dead kernel" indicator and a "CellToolbar".
- Input Cell [5]: `ls -l /`
- Output Cell [5]:

```
got == total 72
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Apr 11 00:59 bin
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Apr 10 11:29 boot
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Apr 24 10:50 build
drwxr-xr-x 11 root root 2820 Apr 24 10:50 dev
drwxr-xr-x  1 root root 4096 Apr 24 10:50 etc
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Apr 10 11:29 home
drwxr-xr-x  8 root root 4096 Feb 16 15:15 lib
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Apr 11 00:59 lib64
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Apr 11 00:59 media
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Apr 11 00:59 mnt
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Apr 11 00:59 opt
dr-xr-xr-x 153 root root  0 Apr 24 10:50 proc
drwx----- 2 root root 4096 Apr 11 00:59 root
drwxr-xr-x  1 root root 4096 Apr 12 21:07 run
drwxr-xr-x  1 root root 4096 Apr 12 21:07/sbin
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Apr 24 10:50 src
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root 4096 Apr 11 00:59 srv
dr-xr-xr-x 13 root root  0 Apr 23 23:40 sys
```
- Input Cell [6]: `ps -ef`
- Output Cell [6]:

```
got == UID      PID  PPID  C  STIME TTY      TIME CMD
root      1    0  0 10:50 ?        00:00:00 /bin/bash
root     40    0  0 10:50 ?        00:00:00 ps -ef
```

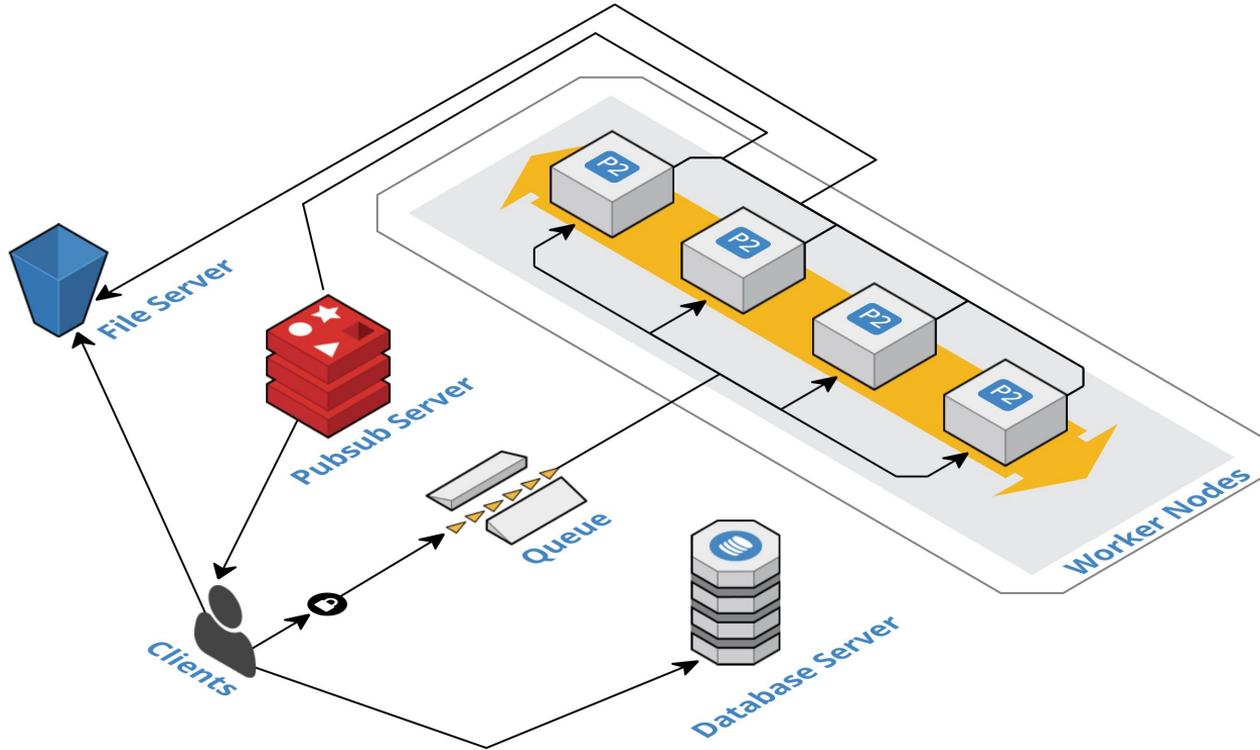

Demo



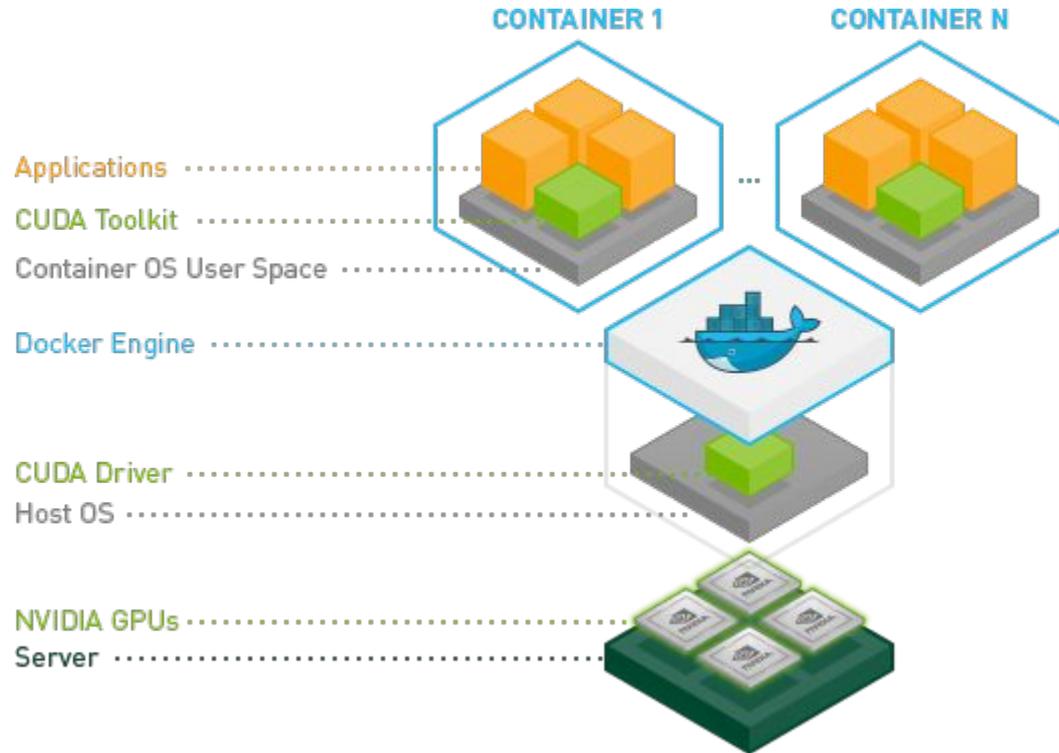


Architecture

Current Deployment Setup



Docker Layer



Wrote our own docker volume plugin

Not Just Project Submission

- ▷ A set of reusable components serving as a runtime
- ▷ Submission specific code is contained and small (<2KLoc)
 - Client logic is ~400 lines of code
 - Server logic is ~800 lines of code

Service Available Backends

Authentication

Secret, **Auth0**

Queue

NSQ, **SQS**, Redis, Kafka, NATS

Database

RethinkDB, MongoDB, MySQL, Postgres, SQLite, ...

Registry

Etcd, Consul, BoltDB, Zookeeper

Config

Yaml, Toml, JSON, Environment

PubSub

EC, **Redis**, GCP, NATS, SNS

Tracing

XRay, Zipkin, StackDriver

Logger

StackDriver, **JournalD**, Syslog, Kinesis

Store

S3, Minio

Container

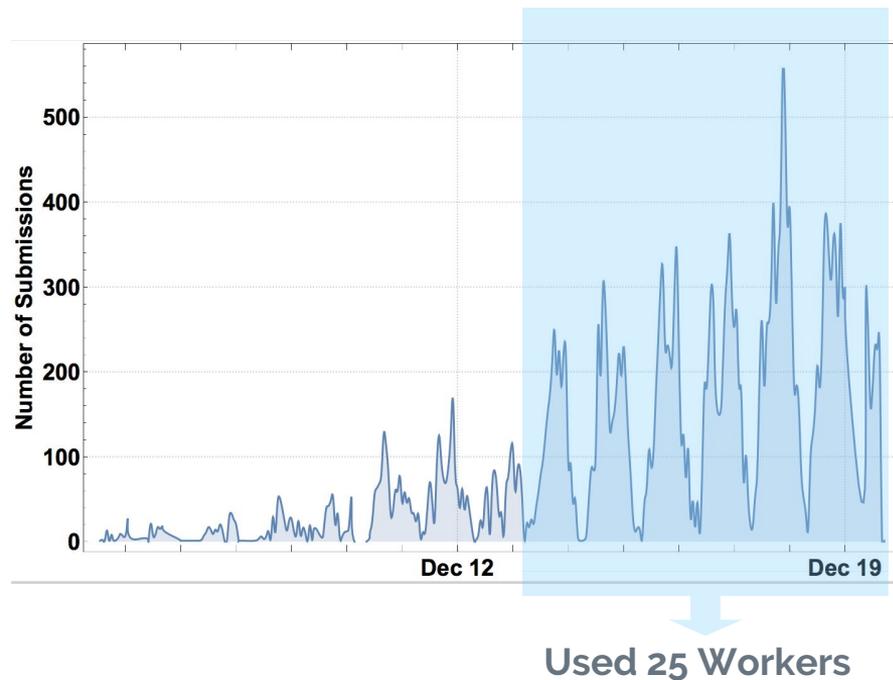
Docker

Serializer

BSON, **JSON**

Usage / Pedigree from Last Semester

- Around 170 students had to use the system for submission
- Students were using Linux, OSX, Windows, and WLS
- Students uploaded and generated around 100GB of data



Currently

- Running on the 2 IBM Minsky machines
- Used by around 100 people in the 508 class (UIUC and Minnesota)
 - ◆ For the last lab
 - ◆ For open-ended projects
- Students developed their own containers solving anything from Matrix factorization (for recommender systems) to Molecular simulations

CarML



CarML - Deploy ML Artifacts w/RAI

- Make it easy to deploy ML artifacts
- Makes it possible for people to test tools / ML models without investing time in installing software dependencies and getting HW resources



Resources



GPU TEACHING KIT FOR ACCELERATED COMPUTING

Breaking the Barriers to GPU Education in Academia

Co-developed by UIUC and NVIDIA for educators

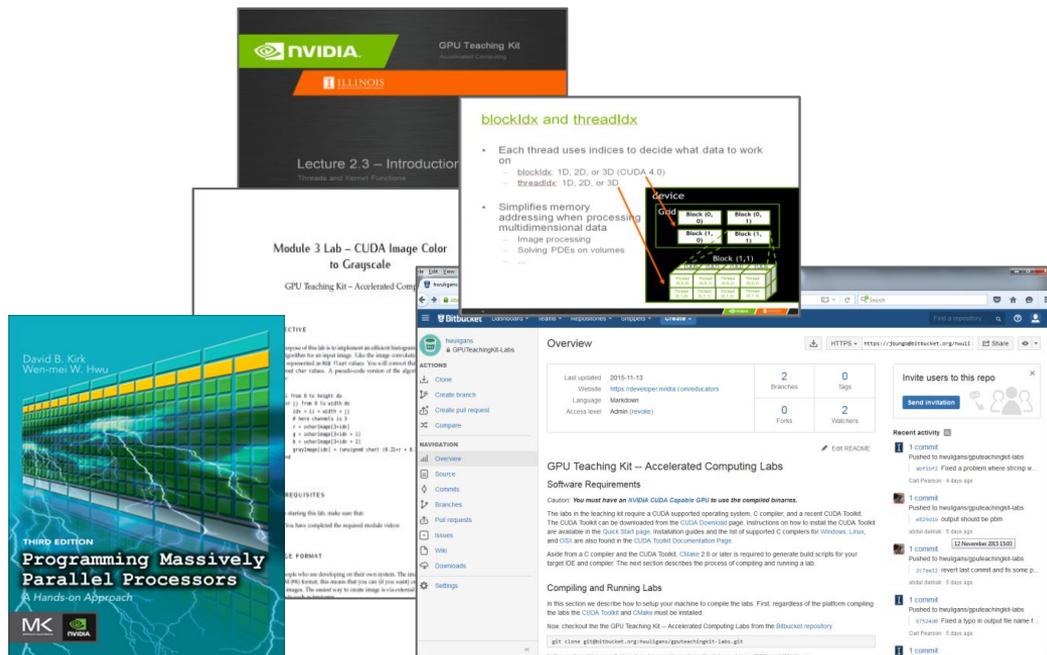
Comprehensive teaching materials

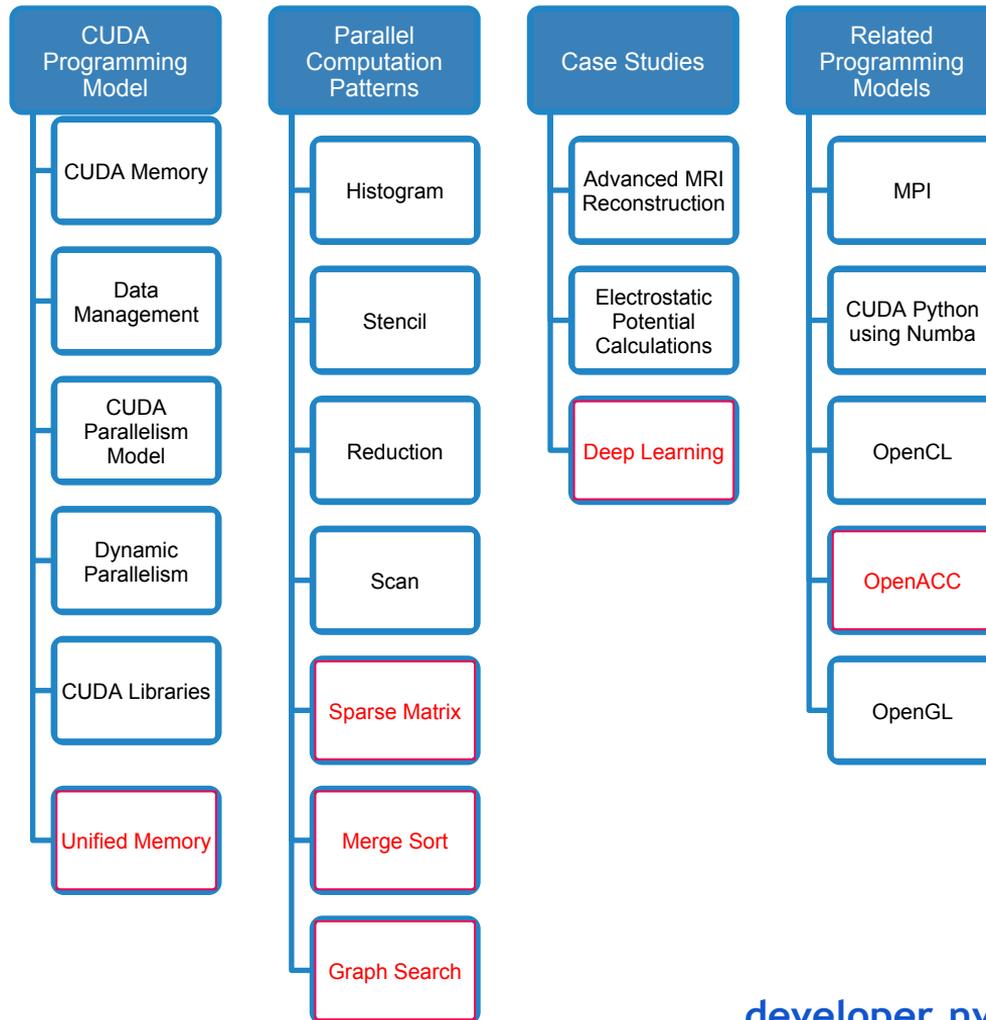
- 3rd Ed. PMPP E-book by Hwu/Kirk
- Lecture slides and notes
- Lecture videos
- Hands-on labs/solutions
- Larger coding projects/solutions
- Quiz/exam questions/solution

GPU compute resources

- NVIDIA online free Qwiklab credits
- AWS credits

developer.nvidia.com/teaching-kits





Questions, Criticisms, and Concerns?



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