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Chapter 1.

RELEASE NOTES

1.1. Updates in 2023.2

- ▶ Added support for CUDA device graph launches.
- ▶ Added racecheck support for cluster entry and exit race detection for remote shared memory accesses. See the [cluster entry and exit race detection documentation](#) for more information.
- ▶ Added support for CUDA lazy loading when device heap checking is enabled. Requires CUDA driver version 535 or newer.
- ▶ Added support for tracking child processes launched with `system()` or `posix_spawn(p)` when using `--target-processes all`.
- ▶ Added support for `st.async` and `red.async` instructions.
- ▶ Improved support for partial warp synchronization using cooperative groups in racecheck.
- ▶ Improved support for `cuda::barrier::wait()` on SM 9.x.
- ▶ Added coredump support for Pascal architecture and multi-context applications.
- ▶ Added support for OptiX 8.0.
- ▶ Improved performance when using initcheck in OptiX applications in some cases. Using initcheck to track OptiX applications now requires the option `--check-optix yes`.

1.2. Updates in 2023.1.1

- ▶ Fixed bug where memcheck would report out-of-bound accesses when loading user parameter values using a ternary operator.
- ▶ Fixed potential crash when using leakcheck with applications using CUBLAS.
- ▶ Fixed potential false positives when using synccheck or racecheck with applications using CUDA barriers.

1.3. Updates in 2023.1

- ▶ Added racecheck support for distributed shared memory.
- ▶ Extended stream-ordered race detection to **cudaMemcpy** APIs.
- ▶ Added memcheck, synccheck and patching API support for warpgroup operations.
- ▶ Added **--coredump-name** CLI option to set the coredump file name.
- ▶ Added support for Unicode file paths.
- ▶ Added support for OptiX 7.7.

1.4. Updates in 2022.4.1

- ▶ Fixed bug where synccheck would incorrectly report illegal instructions for code using **cluster.sync()** and compiled with **--device-debug**
- ▶ Fixed incorrect address reports in SanitizerCallbackMemcpyAsync in some specific cases, leading to potential invalid results in memcheck and racecheck.
- ▶ Fixed potential hangs and invalid results with racecheck on OptiX applications.
- ▶ Fixed potential crash or invalid results when using CUDA Lazy Module Loading with memcheck or initcheck if **--check-device-heap** is enabled. Lazy Module Loading will be automatically disabled in these cases.

1.5. Updates in 2022.4

- ▶ Added support for **__nv_aligned_device_malloc**.
- ▶ Added support for **ldmatrix** and **stmatrix** instructions.
- ▶ Added support for cache control operations when using the **--check-cache-control** command-line option.
- ▶ Added new command-line option **--unused-memory-threshold** to control the threshold for unused memory reports.
- ▶ Improved support for CUDA pipeline memcpy-async related hazards in racecheck.

1.6. Updates in 2022.3

- ▶ Added support for the NVIDIA GH100/SM 9.x GPU architecture.
- ▶ Added support for the NVIDIA AD10x/SM 8.9 GPU architecture.
- ▶ Added support for lazy kernel loading.
- ▶ Added memcheck support for distributed shared memory.
- ▶ Added new options **--num-callers-device** and **--num-callers-host** to control the number of callers to print in stack traces.
- ▶ Added support for OptiX 7.6 applications.
- ▶ Fix bug on Linux ppc64le where the host stack trace was incomplete.

1.7. Updates in 2022.2.1

- ▶ Fixed incorrect device backtrace for applications compiled with `-lineinfo`.

1.8. Updates in 2022.2

- ▶ Added memcheck support for use-before-alloc and use-after-free race detection. See the [stream-ordered race detection documentation](#) for more information.
- ▶ Added leakcheck support for asynchronous allocations, OptiX resources and CUDA memmap (on Linux only for the latter).
- ▶ Added option to ignore `CUDA_ERROR_NOT_FOUND` error codes returned by the `cuGetProcAddress` API.
- ▶ Added new sanitizer API functions to allocate and free page-locked host memory.
- ▶ Added sanitizer API callbacks for the [event management](#) API.

1.9. Updates in 2022.1.1

- ▶ Fixed initcheck issue where the tool would incorrectly abort a CUDA kernel launch after reporting an uninitialized access on Windows with hardware scheduling enabled.

1.10. Updates in 2022.1

- ▶ Added support for generating coredumps.
- ▶ Improved support for stack overflow detection.
- ▶ Added new option `--target-processes-filter` to filter the processes being tracked by name.
- ▶ Added initcheck support for asynchronous allocations. Requires CUDA driver version 510 or newer.
- ▶ Added initcheck support for accesses on peer devices. Requires CUDA driver version 510 or newer.
- ▶ Added support for OptiX 7 applications.
- ▶ Added support for tracking the child processes of 32-bit processes in multi-process applications on Linux and Windows x86_64.

1.11. Updates in 2021.3.1

- ▶ Fixed intermittent issue on vGPU where synccheck would incorrectly detect divergent threads.
- ▶ Fixed potential hang when tracking several graph launches.

1.12. Updates in 2021.3

- ▶ Improved Linux host backtrace.
- ▶ Removed requirement to call `cudaDeviceReset()` for accurate reporting of memory leaks and unused memory features.
- ▶ Fixed synccheck potential hang when calling `__syncthreads` in divergent code paths on Volta GPUs or newer.
- ▶ Added print of nearest allocation information for memcheck precise errors in global memory.
- ▶ Added warning when calling device-side `malloc` with an empty size.
- ▶ Added separate sanitizer API device callback for `cuda::memcpy_async`.
- ▶ Added new command-line option `--num-cuda-barriers` to override the expected number of `cuda::barrier` used by the target application.
- ▶ Added new command-line options `--print-session-details` to print session information and `--save-session-details` to save it to the output file.
- ▶ Added support for WSL2.

1.13. Updates in 2021.2.3

- ▶ Enabled SLS hardening and branch protection for L4T builds.

1.14. Updates in 2021.2.2

- ▶ Enabled stack canaries with random canary values for L4T builds.

1.15. Updates in 2021.2.1

- ▶ Added device backtrace for malloc/free errors in CUDA kernels.
- ▶ Improved racecheck host memory footprint.

1.16. Updates in 2021.2

- ▶ Added racecheck and synccheck support for `cuda::barrier` on Ampere GPUs or newer.
- ▶ Added racecheck support for `__syncwarp` with partial mask.
- ▶ Added `--launch-count` and `--launch-skip` filtering options. See the [Command Line Options documentation](#) for more information.
- ▶ `--filter` and `--exclude` options have been respectively renamed to `--kernel-regex` and `--kernel-regex-exclude`.
- ▶ Added support for QNX and Linux aarch64 platforms.
- ▶ Added support for CUDA graphs memory nodes.

1.17. Updates in 2021.1.1

- ▶ Fixed an issue where incorrect line numbers could be shown in errors reports.

1.18. Updates in 2021.1

- ▶ Added support for allocation padding via the `--padding` option.
- ▶ Added experimental support for NVTX memory API using option `--nvtx yes`. Please refer to [NVTX API for Compute Sanitizer Reference Manual](#) for more information.

1.19. Updates in 2020.3.1

- ▶ Fixed issue when launching a CUDA graph multiple times.
- ▶ Fixed false positives when using cooperative groups synchronization primitives with `initcheck` and `synccheck`.

1.20. Updates in 2020.3

- ▶ Added support for CUDA memory pools and CUDA API reduced serialization.
- ▶ Added host backtrace for unused memory reports.

1.21. Updates in 2020.2.1

- ▶ Fixed crash when loading cubins of size larger than 2 GiB.
- ▶ Fixed error detection on systems with multiple GPUs.
- ▶ Fixed issue when using CUDA Virtual Memory Management API `cuMemSetAccess` to remove access to a subset of devices on a system with multiple GPUs.
- ▶ Added sanitizer API to translate between sanitizer and CUDA stream handles.

1.22. Updates in 2020.2

- ▶ Added support for CUDA graphs and CUDA memmap APIs.
- ▶ The memory access callback of the sanitizer API has been split into three distinct callbacks corresponding to global, shared and local memory accesses.

1.23. Updates in 2020.1.2

- ▶ Added sanitizer stream API. This fixes tool crashes when per-thread streams are being used.

1.24. Updates in 2020.1.1

- ▶ Added support for Windows Hardware-accelerated GPU scheduling
- ▶ Added support for tracking child processes spawned by the application launched under the tool via the `--target-processes` CLI option.

1.25. Updates in 2020.1

- ▶ Initial release of the Compute Sanitizer (with CUDA 11.0)

Updates to the Sanitizer API :

- ▶ Added support for per-thread streams
- ▶ Added APIs to retrieve the PC and size of a CUDA function or patch
- ▶ Added callback for `cudaStreamAttachMemAsync`
- ▶ Added direction to memcpy callback data
- ▶ Added stream to memcpy and memset callbacks data
- ▶ Added launch callback after syscall setup
- ▶ Added visibility field to allocation callback data
- ▶ Added PC argument to block entry callback
- ▶ Added incoming value to memory access callbacks
- ▶ Added threadCount to barrier callbacks
- ▶ Added cooperative group flags for barrier and function callbacks

1.26. Updates in 2019.1

- ▶ Initial release of the Compute Sanitizer API (with CUDA 10.1)

Chapter 2.

KNOWN LIMITATIONS

- ▶ Applications run much slower under the Compute Sanitizer tools. This may cause some kernel launches to fail with a launch timeout error when running with the Compute Sanitizer enabled.
- ▶ Compute Sanitizer tools do not support device backtrace on Maxwell devices (SM 5.x).
- ▶ Compute Sanitizer tools do not support device backtrace and coredumps on WSL2.
- ▶ Compute Sanitizer tools do not support CUDA/Direct3D interop.
- ▶ Compute Sanitizer tools do not support CUDA/Vulkan interop.
- ▶ The memcheck tool does not support CUDA API error checking for API calls made on the GPU using dynamic parallelism.
- ▶ The racecheck, synccheck and initcheck tools do not support CUDA dynamic parallelism.
- ▶ CUDA dynamic parallelism is not supported when Windows Hardware-accelerated GPU scheduling is enabled.
- ▶ Compute Sanitizer tools cannot interoperate with other CUDA developer tools. This includes CUDA coredumps which are automatically disabled by the Compute Sanitizer. They can be enabled instead by using the **--generate-coredump** option.
- ▶ Compute Sanitizer tools do not support IPC memory pools. Using it will result in false positives.
- ▶ Compute Sanitizer tools are not supported when SLI is enabled.
- ▶ Compute Sanitizer tools do not support Heterogeneous Memory Management (HMM) and Address Translation Service (ATS).
- ▶ The racecheck tool does not support CUDA device graph launches.

Chapter 3.

KNOWN ISSUES

- ▶ The racecheck tool may print incorrect data for "Current value" when reporting a hazard on a shared memory location where the last access was an atomic operation. This can also impact the severity of this hazard.
- ▶ On QNX, when using the **--target-processes all** option, analyzing shell scripts may hang after the script has completed. End the application using *Ctrl-C* on the command line in that case.
- ▶ The initcheck tool might report false positives for device-to-host `cudaMemcpy` operations on padded structs that were initialized by a CUDA kernel. The **#pragma pack** directive can be used to disable the padding as a workaround.
- ▶ When a hardware exception occur during a kernel launch that was skipped due to the usage of the **kernel-regex**, **kernel-regex-exclude**, **launch-count** or **launch-skip** options, the memcheck tool will not be able to report additional details as an imprecise error.
- ▶ The leakcheck feature is disabled under Confidential Computing.

Chapter 4.

SUPPORT

Information on supported platforms and GPUs.

4.1. Platform Support

Table 1 Platforms supported by Compute Sanitizer

Platform	Support
Windows	Yes
Linux (x86_64)	Yes
Linux (ppc64le)	Yes
Linux (aarch64sbsa)	Yes
Linux (aarch64)	Yes
QNX	Yes
MacOSX	No

4.2. GPU Support

The compute-sanitizer tools are supported on all CUDA capable GPUs with SM versions 5.0 and above.

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