

alpaka Parallel Programming – Online Tutorial

Lecture 00 – Getting Started with alpaka

Lesson 05: Testing Your alpaka Installation



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Running the alpaka test suite

- Reconfigure your `build` directory (created in the previous lesson):

```
cmake -DBUILD_TESTING=ON -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release ..
```

- Build the test suite (note the dot). Adjust the number of parallel compilation jobs to your number of CPU cores and available RAM (requires ~2.5 GiB of **free** memory per job):

```
cmake --build . --parallel 2 --config Release
```

- Run the test suite:

```
ctest -C Release
```

- Any errors? Please report them: <https://github.com/alpaka-group/alpaka/issues>

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Accessing alpaka examples

- There are many examples in the `example` directory! You can build them all at once from your `build` directory:

```
cmake -Dalpaka_BUILD_EXAMPLES=ON -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release ..  
cmake --build . --config Release
```

- Additional examples are available at <https://github.com/alpaka-group/>

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Advertising your alpaka installation

- Switch to the `vectorAdd` example (from the top-level source directory):

```
cd example/vectorAdd
mkdir build
cd build
```

- If you installed alpaka to a standard location (= default `CMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX`):

```
cmake -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release ..
```

- If you installed alpaka to a non-standard location:

```
cmake -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release -Dalpaka_ROOT=/path/to/installed/alpaka ..
```

- Alternative: Set the `CMAKE_PREFIX_PATH` environment variable (note the missing `alpaka`):

- Linux / macOS: `export CMAKE_PREFIX_PATH=/path/to/installed`
- Windows: `set CMAKE_PREFIX_PATH=C:\path\to\installed`

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Building the example

- Build the example (note the dot):

```
cmake --build . --config Release
```

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Executing the example

- If everything worked correctly you should see the executable somewhere in your `build` tree:

```
ls
```

- Linux / macOS: `CMakeCache.txt CMakeFiles cmake_install.cmake Makefile vectorAdd`
- Windows: The executable should be in the `Release` subdirectory of `build`. `cd` to the `Release` directory.

- Execute the example:

```
./vectorAdd
```

Expected output: `Execution results correct!`

- Unexpected results? Please report them: <https://github.com/alpaka-group/alpaka/issues>



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