

SYCL: Quick-start

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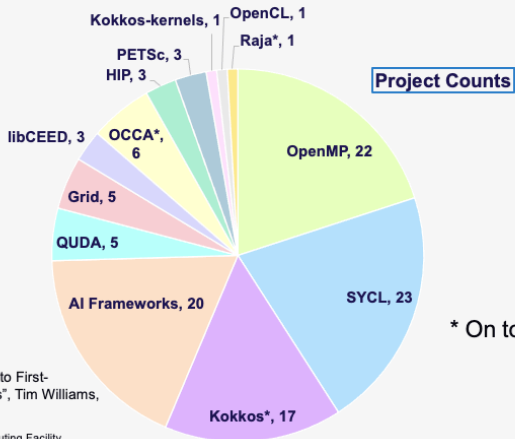
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Is this thing really used?

Programming Model Choices by Y1 Aurora Projects + ECP



From: "Targeting Applications to First-Generation Exascale Systems", Tim Williams, Feb. 2025

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Code Example

```
1  #include <sycl/sycl.hpp>
2
3  int main(int argc, char **argv) {
4      sycl::queue Q;
5      std::cout << "Running on "
6                  << Q.get_device().get_info<sycl::info::device::name>() << "\n";
7
8      // Allocate Device Memory (Nooo raw pointer :( )
9      int *A = sycl::malloc_device<int>(global_range, Q);
10     // Submit blocking kernel who use the memory
11     Q.parallel_for(global_range, [=](auto id) { A[id] = id; });
12     Q.wait();
13     // Allocate Host Memory
14     std::vector<int> A_host(global_range);
15     // Copy the device memory to the host
16     Q.copy(A, A_host.data(), global_range).wait();
17     sycl::free(A, Q);
18 }
```

More in [https:](https://github.com/argonne-lcf/sycltrain/tree/master/9_sycl_of_hell)

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Of course, API are only the tip of the iceberg

- Have access to math function (sin,cos,sqrt)
- Have access to intrinsic (shuffle, popcount, swizzle)
- MKL Library, and lot of other
- Tool to port cuda to SYCL...

How to Compile and Run

How to Compile?

```
1 $ icpx -fsycl foo.cpp #JIT -> spirv
2 $ icpx -fsycl-targets=spir64_gen foo.cpp # AOT -> genISA
```


How To Run?

Use the default queue

```
1  sycl::queue Q;
```

Then Use `gpu_tile_compact`. Each rank will see one tile

```
mpirun gpu_tile_compact ./a.out. All's right with the world
```

No affinity, you need to understand visibility, hierarchy mode, subdevice, and context.

```
1 int world_rank;  
2 MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &world_rank);  
3 sycl::device D = sycl::get_devices()[world_rank];  
4 sycl::queue Q(D, sycl::context{D});
```

```
mpirun ./a.out
```

Conclusion

- SYCL is "just a portable wrapper C++" on top of lower API / C kernel flavor (CUDA, OpenCL, LO, Hip)
- Can use fancy allocator, mdspan, just ping me if interested (example in the repo posted previously)
- Use **"-fsycl"**
- Don't hesitate to talk to me or Abhi for any question!¹
- Please, if you hate SYCL/ if SYCL is missing stuff, just open an issue on the specification <https://github.com/KhronosGroup/SYCL-Docs/issues>²

¹We can rant about C++, other framework together, python and how we should all go back to Fortran. 77.

²The issue will be most likely ignored, but at least you can sleep peacefully knowing you did your part