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i.MX 6 Graphics User's Guide

Contents

Chapter 1 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide information on graphic APIs and driver support. Each chapter describes a specific set of APIs or driver integration as well as specific hardware acceleration customization. The target audiences for this document are developers writing graphics applications or video drivers.

Chapter 2 i.MX 6 G2D API

2.1 Overview

The G2D API (Application Programming Interface) is designed to be easy to understand and to use the 2D BLT function. It allows the user to implement the customized applications with simple interfaces. It is hardware and platform independent for i.MX 6 2D Graphics.

G2D API supports the following features but is not limited to these:

- Simple BLT operation from source to destination
- Alpha blending for source and destination with Porter-Duff rules
- High performance memory copy from source to destination
- Up-scaling and down-scaling from source to destination
- 90/180/270 degree rotation from source to destination
- Horizontal and vertical flip from source to destination
- Enhanced visual quality with dither for pixel precision-loss
- High performance memory clear for destination
- Pixel-level cropping for source surface
- Global alpha blending for source only
- Asynchronous mode and sync
- Contiguous memory allocator
- Support VG engine

The G2D API document includes a detailed interface description and sample code for reference.

The API is designed with C-Style coding and can be used in both C and C++ applications.

G2D API supports the following features but is not limited to these:

- Multi source blit

2.2 Enumerations and structures

This chapter describes all enumeration and structure definitions in G2D.

2.2.1 g2d_format enumeration

This enumeration describes the pixel format for source and destination.

Table 1 g2d_format enumeration

Name	Numeric	Description
G2D_RGB565	0	RGB565 pixel format
G2D_RGBA8888	1	32bit-RGBA pixel format
G2D_RGBX8888	2	32bit-RGBX without alpha blending
G2D_BGRA8888	3	32bit-BGRA pixel format
G2D_BGRX8888	4	32bit-BGRX without alpha blending

G2D_BGR565	5	16bit-BGR565 pixel format
G2D_ARGBA8888	6	32bit-ARGB pixel format
G2D_ABGR8888	7	32bit-ABGR pixel format
G2D_XRGB8888	8	32bit-XRGB without alpha
G2D_XBGR8888	9	32bit-XBGR without alpha
G2D_NV12	20	Y plane followed by interleaved U/V plane
G2D_I420	21	Y, U, V are within separate planes
G2D_YV12	22	Y, V, U are within separate planes
G2D_NV21	23	Y plane followed by interleaved V/U plane
G2D_YUYV	24	interleaved Y/U/Y/V plane
G2D_YVYU	25	interleaved Y/V/Y/U plane
G2D_UYVY	26	interleaved U/Y/V/Y plane
G2D_VYUY	27	interleaved V/Y/U/Y plane
G2D_NV16	28	Y plane followed by interleaved U/V plane
G2D_NV61	29	Y plane followed by interleaved V/U plane

2.2.2 g2d_blend_func enumeration

This enumeration describes the blend factor for source and destination.

Table 2 g2d_blend_func enumeration

Name	Numeric	Description
G2D_ZERO	0	Blend factor with 0
G2D_ONE	1	Blend factor with 1
G2D_SRC_ALPHA	2	Blend factor with source alpha
G2D_ONE_MINUS_SRC_ALPHA	3	Blend factor with 1 - source alpha
G2D_DST_ALPHA	4	Blend factor with destination alpha
G2D_ONE_MINUS_DST_ALPHA	5	Blend factor with 1 - destination alpha
G2D_PRE_MULTIPLIED_ALPHA	0x10	Extensive blend as pre-multiplied alpha
G2D_DEMULTIPLY_OUT_ALPHA	0x20	Extensive blend as demultiply out alpha

2.2.3 g2d_cap_mode enumeration

This enumeration describes the alternative capability in 2D BLT.

Table 3 g2d_cap_mode enumeration

Name	Numeric	Description
G2D_BLEND	0	Enable alpha blend in 2D BLT
G2D_DITHER	1	Enable dither in 2D BLT
G2D_GLOBAL_ALPHA	2	Enable global alpha in blend
G2D_BLEND_DIM	3	Enable dim layer blend
G2D_BLUR	4	Enable blur effect

Note: G2D_GLOBAL_ALPHA is only valid when G2D_BLEND is enabled.

2.2.4 g2d_rotation enumeration

This enumeration describes the rotation mode in 2D BLT.

Table 4 g2d_rotation enumeration

Name	Numeric	Description
G2D_ROTATION_0	0	No rotation
G2D_ROTATION_90	1	Rotation with 90 degree
G2D_ROTATION_180	2	Rotation with 180 degree
G2D_ROTATION_270	3	Rotation with 270 degree
G2D_FLIP_H	4	Horizontal flip
G2D_FLIP_V	5	Vertical flip

2.2.5 g2d_cache_mode enumeration

This enumeration describes the cache operation mode.

Table 5 g2d_cache_mode enumeration

Name	Numeric	Description
G2D_CACHE_CLEAN	0	Clean the cacheable buffer
G2D_CACHE_FLUSH	1	Clean and invalidate cacheable buffer
G2D_GLOBAL_INVALIDATE	2	Invalidate the cacheable buffer

2.2.6 g2d_hardware_type enumeration

This enumeration describes the supported hardware type.

Table 6 g2d_hardware_type enumeration

Name	Numeric	Description
G2D_HARDWARE_2D	0	2D hardware type by default
G2D_HARDWARE_VG	1	VG hardware type

2.2.7 g2d_surface structure

This structure describes the surface with operation attributes.

Table 7 g2d_surface structure

g2d_surface Members	Type	Description
format	g2d_format	Pixel format of surface buffer
planes[3]	Int	Physical addresses of surface buffer
left	Int	Left offset in blit rectangle

top	Int	Top offset in blit rectangle
right	Int	Right offset in blit rectangle
bottom	Int	Left offset in blit rectangle
stride	Int	RGB/Y stride of surface buffer
width	Int	Surface width in pixel unit
height	Int	Surface height in pixel unit
blendfunc	g2d_blend_func	Alpha blend mode
global_alpha	Int	Global alpha value 0~255
clrcolor	Int	Clear color is 32bit RGBA
rot	g2d_rotation	Rotation mode

Notes:

- RGB and YUV formats can be set in source surface, but only RGB format can be set in destination surface.
- RGB pixel buffer only uses planes [0], buffer address is with 16bytes alignment on i.MX 6Quad/Dual/DualLite/Solo/SoloLite, 1 pixel alignment on i.MX 6QuadPlus.
- NV12: Y in planes [0], UV in planes [1], with 64bytes alignment,
- I420: Y in planes [0], U in planes [1], U in planes [2], with 64 bytes alignment
- The cropped region in source surface is specified with left, top, right and bottom parameters.
- RGB stride alignment is 16bytes on i.MX 6Quad/Dual/DualLite/Solo/SoloLite, 1 pixel on i.MX 6QuadPlus, both for source and destination surface.
- NV12 stride alignment is 8bytes for source surface, UV stride = Y stride,
- I420 stride alignment is 8bytes for source surface, U stride=V stride = ½ Y stride.
- G2D_ROTATION_0/G2D_FLIP_H/G2D_FLIP_V shall be set in source surface, and the clockwise rotation degree shall be set in destination surface.
- Application should calculate the rotated position and set it for destination surface.
- The geometry definition of surface structure is described as below:

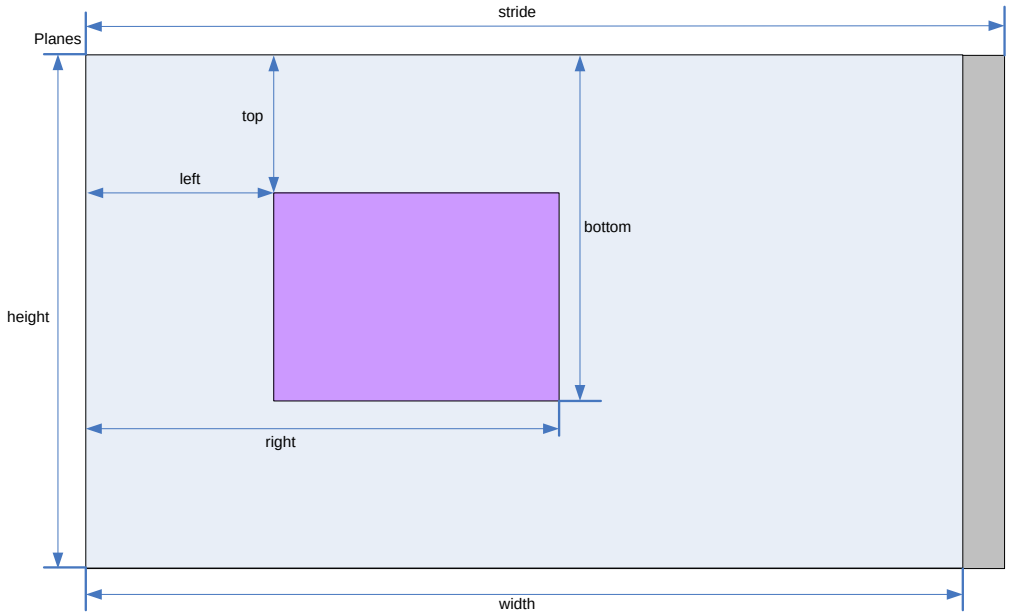

Figure 1 g2d_surface structure

2.2.8 g2d_buf structure

This structure describes the buffer used as g2d interfaces.

Table 8 g2d_buf structure

g2d_buf Members	Type	Description
buf_handle	void *	The handle associated with buffer
buf_vaddr	void *	Virtual address of the buffer
buf_paddr	int	Physical address of the buffer
buf_size	int	The actual size of the buffer

2.2.9 g2d_surface_pair structure

This structure binds one source g2d_surface and one destination g2d_surface as a pair. When doing multi source blit, they are one-to-one correspondent.

Table 9 g2d_surface_pair structure

g2d_surface_pair Members	Type	Description
s	g2d_surface	Source g2d_surface
d	g2d_surface	Destination g2d_surface

2.2.10 g2d_feature enumeration

This enumeration describes the features in G2D BLT.

Table 10 g2d_feature enumeration

Name	Numeric	Description
G2D_SCALING	0	Scaling
G2D_ROTATION	1	Rotation
G2D_SRC_YUV	2	Source YUV format
G2D_DST_YUV	3	Destination YUV format
G2D_MULTI_SOURCE_BLT	4	Multi source blit

2.3 G2D function descriptions

2.3.1 g2d_open

Description:

Open G2D device and return a handle.

Syntax:

```
int g2d_open(void **handle);
```

Parameters:

handle Pointer to receive g2d device handle

Returns:
Success with 0, fail with -1

2.3.2 g2d_close

Description:
Close g2d device with the handle.

Syntax:
int g2d_close(void *handle);

Parameters:
handle g2d device handle

Returns:
Success with 0, fail with -1

2.3.3 g2d_make_current

Description:
Set the specific hardware type for current context, default is G2D_HARDWARE_2D.

Syntax:
int g2d_make_current(void *handle, enum g2d_hardware_type type);

Parameters:
handle g2d device handle
type g2d hardware type

Returns:
Success with 0, fail with -1

2.3.4 g2d_clear

Description:
Clear a specific area.

Syntax:
int g2d_clear(void *handle, struct g2d_surface *area);

Parameters:
handle g2d device handle
area the area to be cleared

Returns:
Success with 0, fail with -1

2.3.5 g2d_blit

Description:

G2d blit from source to destination with alternative operation (Blend, Dither, etc.).

Syntax:

int g2d_blit(void *handle, struct g2d_surface *src, struct g2d_surface *dst);

Parameters:

handle	g2d device handle
src	source surface
dst	destination surface

Returns:

Success with 0, fail with -1

2.3.6 g2d_copy

Description:

G2d copy with specified size.

Syntax:

int g2d_copy(void *handle, struct g2d_buf *d, struct g2d_buf* s, int size);

Parameters:

handle	g2d device handle
d	destination buffer
s	source buffer
size	copy bytes

Limitations:

If the destination buffer is cacheable, it must be invalidated before g2d_copy due to the alignment limitation of g2d driver.

Returns:

Success with 0, fail with -1

2.3.7 g2d_query_cap

Description:

Query the alternative capability enablement.

Syntax:

int g2d_query_cap(void *handle, enum g2d_cap_mode cap, int *enable);

Parameters:

handle	g2d device handle
cap	g2d capability to query
enable	Pointer to receive g2d capability enablement

Returns: Success with 0, fail with -1

2.3.8 g2d_enable

Description:
Enable g2d capability with the specific mode.

Syntax:
int g2d_enable(void *handle, enum g2d_cap_mode cap);

Parameters:
handle g2d device handle
cap g2d capability to enable

Returns:
Success with 0, fail with -1

2.3.9 g2d_disable

Description:
Enable g2d capability with the specific mode.

Syntax:
int g2d_disable (void *handle, enum g2d_cap_mode cap);

Parameters:
handle g2d device handle
cap g2d capability to disable

Returns:
Success with 0, fail with -1

2.3.10 g2d_cache_op

Description:
Perform cache operations for the cacheable buffer allocated through g2d driver.

Syntax:
int g2d_cache_op (struct g2d_buf *buf, enum g2d_cache_mode op);

Parameters:
buf the buffer to be handled with cache operations
op cache operation type

Returns:
Success with 0, fail with -1

2.3.11 g2d_alloc

Description:
Allocate a buffer through g2d device

Syntax:
struct g2d_buf *g2d_alloc(int size, int cacheable);

Parameters:

size	allocated bytes
cacheable	0, non-cacheable, 1, cacheable attribute defined by system

Returns:
Success with valid g2d buffer pointer, fail with 0

2.3.12 g2d_free

Description:
Free the buffer through g2d device.

Syntax:
int g2d_free(struct g2d_buf *buf);

Parameters:

buf	g2d buffer to free

Returns:
Success with 0, fail with -1

2.3.13 g2d_flush

Description:
Flush g2d command and return without completing pipeline.

Syntax:
int g2d_flush (void *handle);

Parameters:

handle	g2d device handle

Returns:
Success with 0, fail with -1

2.3.14 g2d_finish

Description:
Flush g2d command and then return when pipeline is finished.

Syntax:

int g2d_finish (void *handle);

Parameters:
handle g2d device handle

Returns:
Success with 0, fail with -1

2.3.15 g2d_multi_blit

Description:
Blit multi sources to one destination.
Syntax:
int g2d_multi_blit(void *handle, struct g2d_surface_pair *sp[], int layers);
Parameters:
handle g2d device handle
sp array in which elements point to g2d_surface_pair
layers number of source layers that need to be blited
Returns:
Success with 0, fail with -1
Note:
There are some restrictions for this API that we should be aware of.

- This API only works on the i.MX 6Dual/QuadPlus SABRE-AI platform.
- The max number of source layers that can be blited one time is 8.
- Although g2d_surface_pair binds one source g2d_surface and one destination g2d_surface as a pair, it only supports one destination surface. The relationship between source and destination is many to one. But each source surface can be setted separately and differently, and its dimension, stride, rotation and format can differ with that of destination surface.
- The destination surface's rotation is setted to 0 degree defautly, and do not support to change.
- The key restriction is do not support to set destination rectangle, which means destination rectangle must be the same as source rectangle. So If we set source rectangle as (l, t, r, b), then destination rectangle will also be setted as (l, t, r, b) by hardware. In the chapter on multi source blit (2.4.4), since it makes no sense to set destination rectangles, we just set all of them as (0, 0, width, height) for future extension.

2.3.16 g2d_query_hardware

Description:
Query whether 2D and VG hardware are available in current G2D.
Syntax:
int g2d_query_hardware(void *handle, enum g2d_hardware_type type, int *available);
Parameters:
handle g2d device handle
type g2d hardware type
available Pointer to receive g2d hardware type availability

Returns:
Success with 0, fail with -1

2.3.17 g2d_query_feature

Description:

Query if the features are available in G2D BLT.

Syntax:

int g2d_query_feature(void *handle, enum g2d_feature feature, int *available);

Parameters:

handle	g2d device handle
feature	g2d feature in g2d_blit
available	Pointer to receive g2d feature availability

Returns:

Success with 0, fail with -1

2.4 Sample code for G2D API usage

This chapter provides the brief prototype code with G2D API.

2.4.1 Color space conversion from YUV to RGB

```
g2d_open(&handle);

src.planes[0] = buf_y;
src.planes[1] = buf_u;
src.planes[2] = buf_v;
src.left = crop.left;
src.top = crop.top;
src.right = crop.right;
src.bottom = crop.bottom;
src.stride = y_stride;
src.width = y_width;
src.height = y_height;
src.rot    = G2D_ROTATION_0;
src.format = G2D_I420;

dst.planes[0] = buf_rgba;
dst.left = 0;
dst.top = 0;
dst.right = disp_width;
dst.bottom = disp_height;
dst.stride = disp_width;
dst.width = disp_width;
dst.height = disp_height;
dst.rot    = G2D_ROTATION_0;
dst.format = G2D_RGBA8888;

g2d_blit(handle, &src, &dst);
g2d_finish(handle);

g2d_close(handle);
```

2.4.2 Alpha blend in source over mode

```
g2d_open(&handle);

src.planes[0] = src_buf;
src.left = 0;
src.top = 0;
src.right = test_width;
src.bottom = test_height;
src.stride = test_width;
src.width = test_width;
src.height = test_height;
src.rot    = G2D_ROTATION_0;
src.format = G2D_RGBA8888;
src.blendfunc = G2D_ONE;

dst.planes[0] = dst_buf;
dst.left = 0;
dst.top = 0;
dst.right = test_width;
dst.bottom = test_height;
dst.stride = test_width;
dst.width = test_width;
dst.height = test_height;
dst.format = G2D_RGBA8888;
dst.rot    = G2D_ROTATION_0;
dst.blendfunc = G2D_ONE_MINUS_SRC_ALPHA;

g2d_enable(handle,G2D_BLEND);
g2d_blit(handle, &src, &dst);
g2d_finish(handle);
g2d_disable(handle,G2D_BLEND);

g2d_close(handle);
```

2.4.3 Source cropping and destination rotation

```
g2d_open(&handle);

src.planes[0] = src_buf;
src.left = crop.left;
src.top = crop.left;
src.right = crop.right;
src.bottom = crop.bottom;
src.stride = src_stride;
src.width = src_width;
src.height = src_height;
src.format = G2D_RGBA8888;
src.rot    = G2D_ROTATION_0;//G2D_FLIP_H or G2D_FLIP_V
```

```
        dst.planes[0] = dst_buf;
        dst.left = 0;
        dst.top = 0;
        dst.right = dst_width;
        dst.bottom = dst_height;
        dst.stride = dst_width;
        dst.width = dst_width;
        dst.height = dst_height;
        dst.format = G2D_RGBA8888;
        dst.rot    = G2D_ROTATION_90;

        g2d_blit(handle, &src, &dst);
        g2d_finish(handle);

        g2d_close(handle);
```

2.4.4 Multi source blit

```
const int layers = 8;
struct g2d_buf *d_buf;
struct g2d_buf *mul_s_buf[layers];
struct g2d_surface_pair *sp[layers];

g2d_open(&handle)

for(n = 0; n < layers; n++) {
        sp[n] = (struct g2d_surface_pair *)malloc(sizeof(struct g2d_surface_pair));
}

d_buf = g2d_alloc(test_width * test_height * 4, 0);
for(n = 0; n < layers; n++) {
        mul_s_buf[n] = g2d_alloc(test_width * test_height * 4, 0);
}

for(n = 0; n < layers; n++) {
        sp[n]->s.left = img_info_ptr[n]->img_left;
        sp[n]->s.top = img_info_ptr[n]->img_top;
        sp[n]->s.right =  img_info_ptr[n]->img_right;
        sp[n]->s.bottom = img_info_ptr[n]->img_bottom;

        sp[n]->s.stride = img_info_ptr[n]->img_width;
        sp[n]->s.width =  img_info_ptr[n]->img_width;
        sp[n]->s.height = img_info_ptr[n]->img_height;
        sp[n]->s.rot =    img_info_ptr[n]->img_rot;
        sp[n]->s.format = img_info_ptr[n]->img_format;
        sp[n]->s.planes[0] = mul_s_buf[n]->buf_paddr;
}

sp[0]->d.left = 0;
```

```
sp[0]->d.top  = 0;
sp[0]->d.right = test_width;
sp[0]->d.bottom = test_height;

sp[0]->d.stride = test_width;
sp[0]->d.width  = test_width;
sp[0]->d.height = test_height;
sp[0]->d.format = G2D_RGBA8888;
sp[0]->d.rot    = G2D_ROTATION_0;
sp[0]->d.planes[0] = d_buf->buf_paddr;
for(n = 1; n < layers; n++) {
        sp[n]->d = sp[0]->d;
}

g2d_multi_blit(handle, sp, layers);
g2d_finish(handle);
for(n = 0; n < layers; n++)
        g2d_free(mul_s_buf[n]);
g2d_free(d_buf);
g2d_close(handle);
```

Chapter 3 i.MX 6 EGL and OGL Extension Support

3.1 Introduction

The following tables list the level of support for EGL and OES extensions available with i.MX 6 hardware and software. Support levels are current as of the date of the document and subject to change.
Two tables are provided. The first table lists the EGL interface extensions. The second table lists extensions for OpenGL ES 1.1, OpenGL ES 2.0, and OpenGL ES 3.0.

Key:
Extension Name and Number: Each listed extension is derived from the relevant khronos.org webpage list and includes the extension number as well as a hyperlink to the khronos description of the extension.
Yes: Support is currently available.
No: Support is not available. (Reasons for lack of support may vary: the extension may be proprietary or obsolete, or not applicable to the specified OES version.)
N/A: Support is not provided as the extension is not applicable in this and subsequent versions of the specification.

3.2 EGL extension support

The following table includes the list of all current EGL Extensions and indicates their support level.
(list from www.khronos.org/registry/egl/ as of 1/24/2013)

Table 11 EGL extension support

EGL Extension Number, Name, and hyperlink	Supported?
1. EGL_KHR_config_attribs	No
2. EGL_KHR_lock_surface	Yes
3. EGL_KHR_image	Yes
4. EGL_KHR_vg_parent_image	No
5. EGL_KHR_gl_texture_2D_image EGL_KHR_gl_texture_cubemap_image EGL_KHR_gl_texture_3D_image EGL_KHR_gl_renderbuffer_image	Yes Yes No Yes
6. EGL_KHR_reusable_sync	Yes
8. EGL_KHR_image_base	Yes
9. EGL_KHR_image_pixmap	Yes
10. EGL_IMG_context_priority	No
16. EGL_KHR_lock_surface2	No
17. EGL_NV_coverage_sample	No
18. EGL_NV_depth_nonlinear	No
19. EGL_NV_sync	No
20. EGL_KHR_fence_sync	Yes
24. EGL_HI_clientpixmap	No
25. EGL_HI_colorformats	No
26. EGL_MESA_drm_image	No
27. EGL_NV_post_sub_buffer	No
28. EGL_ANGLE_query_surface_pointer	No
29. EGL_ANGLE_surface_d3d_texture_2d_share_handle	No
30. EGL_NV_coverage_sample_resolve	No

31. EGL_NV_system_time	No
32. EGL_KHR_stream	No
33. EGL_KHR_stream_consumer_gltexture	No
34. EGL_KHR_stream_producer_eglsurface	No
35. EGL_KHR_stream_producer_aldatalocator	No
36. EGL_KHR_stream_fifo	No
37. EGL_EXT_create_context_robustness	Yes
38. EGL_ANGLE_d3d_share_handle_client_buffer	No
39. EGL_KHR_create_context	Yes
40. EGL_KHR_surfaceless_context	No
41. EGL_KHR_stream_cross_process_fd	No
42. EGL_EXT_multiview_window	No
43. EGL_KHR_wait_sync	No
44. EGL_NV_post_convert_rounding	No
45. EGL_NV_native_query	No
46. EGL_NV_3dvision_surface	No
47. EGL_ANDROID_framebuffer_target	No
48. EGL_ANDROID_blob_cache	No
49. EGL_ANDROID_image_native_buffer	Yes
50. EGL_ANDROID_native_fence_sync	Yes
51. EGL_ANDROID_recordable	No
52. EGL_EXT_buffer_age	Yes
53. EGL_EXT_image_dma_buf_import	No
54. EGL_ARM_pixmap_multisample_discard	No
55. EGL_EXT_swap_buffers_with_damage	No
56. EGL_NV_stream_sync	No
57. EGL_EXT_platform_base	No
58. EGL_EXT_client_extensions	No
59. EGL_EXT_platform_x11	No
60. EGL_KHR_cl_event	No
61. EGL_KHR_get_all_proc_addresses EGL_KHR_client_get_all_proc_addresses	No No
62. EGL_MESA_platform_gbm	No
63. EGL_EXT_platform_wayland	No
64. EGL_KHR_lock_surface3	No
65. EGL_KHR_cl_event2	No
66. EGL_KHR_gl_colorspace	No
67. EGL_ANDROID_get_render_buffer	Yes
68. EGL_ANDROID_swap_rectangle	Yes

3.3 OpenGL ES extension support

The following table includes the list of all current OpenGL ES Extensions and indicates their support level. (list from www.khronos.org/registry/gles/ as of 9/27/2012)

Table 12 OpenGL ES extension support

Extension Number, Name and hyperlink	ES1.1	ES2.0/3.0
1. GL_OES_blend_equation_separate	Yes	N/A
2. GL_OES_blend_func_separate	Yes	N/A
3. GL_OES_blend_subtract	Yes	N/A
4. GL_OES_byte_coordinates	Yes	N/A
5. GL_OES_compressed_ETC1_RGB8_texture	Yes	Yes
6. GL_OES_compressed_paletted_texture	Yes	Yes
7. GL_OES_draw_texture	Yes	N/A
8. GL_OES_extended_matrix_palette	Yes	No
9. GL_OES_fixed_point	Yes	No
10. GL_OES_framebuffer_object	Yes	N/A
11. GL_OES_matrix_get	Yes	N/A
12. GL_OES_matrix_palette	Yes	N/A
14. GL_OES_point_size_array	Yes	No
15. GL_OES_point_sprite	Yes	No
16. GL_OES_query_matrix	Yes	N/A
17. GL_OES_read_format	Yes	No
18. GL_OES_single_precision	Yes	No
19. GL_OES_stencil_wrap	Yes	No
20. GL_OES_texture_cube_map	Yes	N/A
21. GL_OES_texture_env_crossbar	No	No
22. GL_OES_texture_mirrored_repeat	Yes	N/A
23. GL_OES_EGL_image	Yes	Yes
24. GL_OES_depth24	Yes	Yes
25. GL_OES_depth32	No	No
26. GL_OES_element_index_uint	Yes	Yes
27. GL_OES_fbo_render_mipmap	Yes	Yes
28. GL_OES_fragment_precision_high	No	Yes
29. GL_OES_mapbuffer	Yes	Yes
30. GL_OES_rgb8_rgba8	Yes	Yes
31. GL_OES_stencil1	Yes	Yes
32. GL_OES_stencil4	Yes	Yes
33. GL_OES_stencil8	Yes	N/A
34. GL_OES_texture_3D	No	No
35. GL_OES_texture_float_linear GL_OES_texture_half_float_linear	No No	No No
36. GL_OES_texture_float GL_OES_texture_half_float	No No	No No
37. GL_OES_texture_npot	Yes	Yes
38. GL_OES_vertex_half_float	Yes	Yes
39. GL_AMD_compressed_3DC_texture	No	No
40. GL_AMD_compressed_ATC_texture	No	No

Extension Number, Name and hyperlink	ES1.1	ES2.0/3.0
41. GL_EXT_texture_filter_anisotropic	Yes	Yes
42. GL_EXT_texture_type_2_10_10_10_REV	No	Yes
43. GL_OES_depth_texture	No	Yes
44. GL_OES_packed_depth_stencil	Yes	Yes
45. GL_OES_standard_derivatives	No	Yes
46. GL_OES_vertex_type_10_10_10_2	No	Yes
47. GL_OES_get_program_binary	No	Yes
48. GL_AMD_program_binary_Z400	No	No
49. GL_EXT_texture_compression_dxt1		
50. GL_AMD_performance_monitor	No	No
51. GL_EXT_texture_format_BGRA8888	Yes	Yes
52. GL_NV_fence	No	No
53. GL_IMG_read_format	No	No
54. GL_IMG_texture_compression_pvrtc	No	No
55. GL_QCOM_driver_control	No	No
56. GL_QCOM_performance_monitor_global_mode	No	No
57. GL_IMG_user_clip_plane	No	No
58. GL_IMG_texture_env_enhanced_fixed_function	No	No
59. GL_APPLE_texture_2D_limited_npot	No	No
60. GL_EXT_texture_lod_bias	Yes	N/A
61. GL_QCOM_writeonly_rendering	No	No
62. GL_QCOM_extended_get	No	No
63. GL_QCOM_extended_get2	No	No
64. GL_EXT_discard_framebuffer	No	Yes
65. GL_EXT_blend_minmax	Yes	Yes
66. GL_EXT_read_format_bgra	Yes	Yes
67. GL_IMG_program_binary	No	No
68. GL_IMG_shader_binary	No	No
69. GL_EXT_multi_draw_arrays GL_SUN_multi_draw_arrays	Yes No	Yes No
70. GL_QCOM_tiled_rendering	No	No
71. GL_OES_vertex_array_object	No	No
72. GL_NV_coverage_sample	No	No
73. GL_NV_depth_nonlinear	No	No
74. GL_IMG_multisampled_render_to_texture	No	No
75. GL_OES_EGL_sync	Yes	N/A
76. GL_APPLE_rgb_422	No	No
77. GL_EXT_shader_texture_lod	No	No
78. GL_APPLE_framebuffer_multisample	No	No
79. GL_APPLE_texture_format_BGRA8888	No	No
80. GL_APPLE_texture_max_level	No	No
81. GL_ARM_mali_shader_binary	No	No
82. GL_ARM_rgba8	No	No
83. GL_ANGLE_framebuffer_blit	No	No
84. GL_ANGLE_framebuffer_multisample	No	No
85. GL_VIV_shader_binary	No	Yes
86. GL_EXT_frag_depth	No	Yes

Extension Number, Name and hyperlink	ES1.1	ES2.0/3.0
87. GL_OES_EGL_image_external	Yes	Yes
88. GL_DMP_shader_binary	No	No
89. GL_QCOM_alpha_test	No	No
90. GL_EXT_unpack_subimage	No	N/A
91. GL_NV_draw_buffers	No	No
92. GL_NV_fbo_color_attachments	No	No
93. GL_NV_read_buffer	No	No
94. GL_NV_read_depth_stencil	No	No
95. GL_NV_texture_compression_s3tc_update	No	No
96. GL_NV_texture_npot_2D_mipmap	No	No
97. GL_EXT_color_buffer_half_float	No	No
98. GL_EXT_debug_label	No	No
99. GL_EXT_debug_marker	No	No
100. GL_EXT_occlusion_query_boolean	No	No
101. GL_EXT_separate_shader_objects	No	No
102. GL_EXT_shadow_samplers	No	No
103. GL_EXT_texture_rg	No	No
104. GL_NV_EGL_stream_consumer_external	No	No
105. GL_EXT_sRGB	No	No
106. GL_EXT_multisampled_render_to_texture	No	Yes
107. GL_EXT_robustness	No	Yes
108. GL_EXT_texture_storage	No	No
109. GL_ANGLE_instanced_arrays	No	No
110. GL_ANGLE_pack_reverse_row_order	No	No
111. GL_ANGLE_texture_compression_dxt3	No	No
GL_ANGLE_texture_compression_dxt5	No	No
112. GL_ANGLE_texture_usage	No	No
113. GL_ANGLE_translated_shader_source	No	No
114. GL_FJ_shader_binary_GCCSO	No	No
115. GL_OES_required_internalformat	No	No
116. GL_OES_surfaceless_context	No	No
117. GL_KHR_texture_compression_astc_ldr	No	No
118. GL_KHR_debug	No	No
119. GL_QCOM_binning_control	No	No
120. GL_ARM_mali_program_binary	No	No
121. GL_EXT_map_buffer_range	No	No
122. GL_EXT_shader_framebuffer_fetch	No	No
123. GL_APPLE_copy_texture_levels	No	No
124. GL_APPLE_sync	No	No
125. GL_EXT_multiview_draw_buffers	No	No
126. GL_NV_draw_texture	No	No
127. GL_NV_packed_float	No	No
128. GL_NV_texture_compression_s3tc	No	No
129. GL_NV_3dvision_settings	No	No
130. GL_NV_texture_compression_latc	No	No
131. GL_NV_platform_binary	No	No
132. GL_NV_pack_subimage	No	No

Extension Number, Name and hyperlink	ES1.1	ES2.0/3.0
133. GL_NV_texture_array	No	No
134. GL_NV_pixel_buffer_object	No	No
135. GL_NV_bgr	No	No
136. GL_OES_depth_texture_cube_map	No	No
137. GL_EXT_color_buffer_float	No	No
138. GL_ANGLE_depth_texture	No	No
139. GL_ANGLE_program_binary	No	No
140. GL_IMG_texture_compression_pvrtc2	No	No
141. GL_NV_draw_instanced	No	No
142. GL_NV_framebuffer_blit	No	No
143. GL_NV_framebuffer_multisample	No	No
144. GL_NV_generate_mipmap_sRGB	No	No
145. GL_NV_instanced_arrays	No	No
146. GL_NV_shadow_samplers_array	No	No
147. GL_NV_shadow_samplers_cube	No	No
148. GL_NV_sRGB_formats	No	No
149. GL_NV_texture_border_clamp	No	No
150. GL_VIV_direct_texture	Yes	Yes
151. GL_EXT_disjoint_timer_query	No	No
152. GL_EXT_draw_buffers	No	No
153. GL_EXT_texture_sRGB_decode	No	No
154. GL_EXT_sRGB_write_control	No	No
155. GL_EXT_texture_compression_s3tc	No	No
156. GL_EXT_pvrtc_sRGB	No	No
157. GL_EXT_instanced_arrays	No	No
158. GL_EXT_draw_instanced	No	No
159. GL_NV_copy_buffer	No	No
160. GL_NV_explicit_attrib_location	No	No
161. GL_NV_non_square_matrices	No	No
162. GL_EXT_shader_integer_mix	No	No
163. GL_OES_texture_compression_astc	No	No
164. GL_NV_blend_equation_advanced GL_NV_blend_equation_advanced_coherent	No No	No No

Extension Number, Name and hyperlink	ES1.1	ES2.0/3.0
165. GL_INTEL_performance_query	No	No
166. GL_VIV_texture_border_clamp	No	No

3.4 Extension GL_VIV_direct_texture

Name

VIV_direct_texture

Name strings

GL_VIV_direct_texture

IPStatus

Contact NXP Semiconductor regarding any intellectual property questions associated with this extension.

Status

Implemented: July, 2011

Version

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Revision: 2

Number

Unassigned

Dependencies

OpenGL ES 1.1 is required. OpenGL ES 2.0 support is available.

Overview

Create a texture with direct access support. This is useful when an application desires to use the same texture over and over while frequently updating its content. It could also be used for mapping live video to a texture. A video decoder could write its result directly to the texture and then the texture could be directly rendered onto a 3D shape. `glTexDirectVIVMap` is similar to `glTexDirectVIV`. The only difference is that it has two inputs, “Logical” and “Physical,” which support mapping a user space memory or a physical address into the texture surface.

New Procedures and Functions

glTexDirectVIV

Syntax:

```
GL_API void GL_APIENTRY
glTexDirectVIV (
       GLenum              Target,
       GLsizei             Width,
       GLsizei             Height,
       GLenum              Format,
       GLvoid **           Pixels
);
```

Parameters

Target	Target texture. Must be GL_TEXTURE_2D.
Width **Height**	Size of LOD 0. Width must be 16 pixel aligned. The width and height of LOD 0 of the texture is specified by the Width and Height parameters. The driver may auto-generate the rest of LODs if the hardware supports high quality scaling (for non-power of 2 textures) and LOD generation. If the hardware does not support high quality scaling and LOD generation, the texture remains a single-LOD texture.
Format	Choose the format of the pixel data from the following formats: GL_VIV_YV12, GL_VIV_NV12, GL_VIV_NV21, GL_VIV_YUY2, GL_VIV_UYVY, GL_RGBA, and GL_BGRA_EXT. • If the format is GL_VIV_YV12, glTexDirectVIV creates a planar YV12 4:2:0 texture and the format of the Pixels array is as follows: Yplane, Vplane, Uplane. • If the format is GL_VIV_NV12, glTexDirectVIV creates a planar NV12 4:2:0 texture and the format of the Pixels array is as follows: Yplane, UVplane. • If the format is GL_VIV_NV21, glTexDirectVIV creates a planar NV21 4:2:0 texture and the format of the Pixels array is as follows: Yplane, VUplane. • If the format is GL_VIV_YUY2 or GL_VIV_UYVY, glTexDirectVIV creates a packed 4:2:2 texture and the Pixels array contains only one pointer to the packed YUV texture. • If Format is GL_RGBA, glTexDirectVIV creates a pixel array with four GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE components: the first byte for red pixels, the second byte for green pixels, the third byte for blue, and the fourth byte for alpha. • If Format is GL_BGRA_EXT, glTexDirectVIV creates a pixel array with four GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE components: the first byte for blue pixels, the second byte for green pixels, the third byte for red, and the fourth byte for alpha.
Pixels	Stores the memory pointer created by the driver.

Output

If the function succeeds, it returns a pointer, or, for some YUV formats, it returns a set of pointers that directly point to the texture. The pointer(s) are returned in the user-allocated array pointed to by the Pixels parameter.

GlTexDirectVIVMap

Syntax:

```
GL_API void GL_APIENTRY
glTexDirectVIVMap (
       Glenum              Target,
       Glsizei             Width,
       Glsizei             Height,
       Glenum              Format,
       Glvoid **           Logical,
```

```
        const Gluint *      Physical
);
```

Parameters

Target	Target texture. Must be GL_TEXTURE_2D.
Width **Height**	Size of LOD 0. Width must be 16 pixel aligned. See glTexDirectVIV.
Format	Same as `glTexDirectVIV` Format.
Logical	Pointer to the logical address of the application-defined texture buffer. Logical address must be 64 bit (8 byte) aligned.
Physical	Pointer to the physical address of the application-defined buffer to the texture, or ~0 if no physical address has been provided.

GlTexDirectInvalidateVIV

Syntax:

```
GL_API void GL_APIENTRY
glTexDirectInvalidateVIV (
      Glenum              Target
);
```

Parameters

Target	Target texture. Must be GL_TEXTURE_2D.

New Tokens

GL_VIV_YV12	0x8FC0
GL_VIV_NV12	0x8FC1
GL_VIV_YUY2	0x8FC2
GL_VIV_UYVY	0x8FC3
GL_VIV_NV21	0x8FC4

Error codes

GL_INVALID_ENUM	Target is not GL_TEXTURE_2D, or format is not a valid format.
GL_INVALID_VALUE	Width or Height parameter is less than 1.
GL_OUT_OF_MEMORY	A memory allocation error occurred.
GL_INVALID_OPERATION	Specified format is not supported by the hardware, or no texture is bound to the active texture unit, or some other error occurs during the call.

Example 1.

First, call `glTexDirectVIV` to get a pointer.
Second, copy the texture data to this memory address.

Then, call `glTexDirectInvalidateVIV` to apply the texture before drawing something with that texture.

```
… …
glTexDirectVIV(GL_TEXUTURE_2D, 512, 512, GL_VIV_YV12, &texels);
… …
GlTexDirectInvalidateVIV(GL_TEXTURE_2D);
…
glDrawArrays(…);
…
```

Example 2.

First, call `glTexDirectVIVMap` to map Logical and Physical address to the texture.
Second, modify Logical and Physical data.
Then, call `glTexDirectInvalidateVIV` to apply the texture before drawing something with that texture.

```
… …
char *Logical = (char*) malloc (sizeof(char)*size);
Gluint physical = ~0U;
glTexDirectVIVMap(GL_TEXUTURE_2D, 512, 512, GL_VIV_YV12,
    (void**)&Logical, &28hysical);
… …
GlTexDirectInvalidateVIV(GL_TEXTURE_2D);
…
glDrawArrays(…);
```

Issues

None

3.5 Extension GL_VIV_texture_border_clamp

Name

VIV_texture_border_clamp

Name Strings

GL_VIV_texture_border_clamp

Status

Implemented September 2012.

Version

Last modified: 27 September 2012
Vivante revision: 1

Number

Unassigned

Dependencies

This extension is implemented for use with OpenGL ES 1.1 and OpenGL ES 2.0.

This extension is based on OpenGL ARB Extension #13: GL_ARB_texture_border_clamp: www.opengl.org/registry/specs/ARB/texture_border_clamp.txt. See also vendor extension GL_SGIS_texture_border_clamp: www.opengl.org/registry/specs/SGIS/texture_border_clamp.txt.

Overview

This extension was adapted from the OpenGL extension for use with OpenGL ES implementations. The OpenGL ARB Extension 13 description applies here as well:

> "The base OpenGL provides clamping such that the texture coordinates are limited to exactly the range [0,1]. When a texture coordinate is clamped using this algorithm, the texture sampling filter straddles the edge of the texture image, taking 1/2 its sample values from within the texture image, and the other 1/2 from the texture border. It is sometimes desirable for a texture to be clamped to the border color, rather than to an average of the border and edge colors.
>
> This extension defines an additional texture clamping algorithm. CLAMP_TO_BORDER_[VIV] clamps texture coordinates at all mipmap levels such that NEAREST and LINEAR filters return only the color of the border texels."

The color returned is derived only from border texels and cannot be configured.

Issues

None

New Tokens

Accepted by the `<param>` parameter of `TexParameteri` and `TexParameterf`, and by the `<params>` parameter of `TexParameteriv` and `TexParameterfv`, when their `<pname>` parameter is `TEXTURE_WRAP_S`, `TEXTURE_WRAP_T`, or `TEXTURE_WRAP_R`:

CLAMP_TO_BORDER_VIV	0x812D

Errors

None.

New State

Only the type information changes for these parameters.

See OES 2.0 Specification Section 3.7.4, page 75-76, Table 3.10, "Texture parameters and their values."

Chapter 4 i.MX 6 Framebuffer API

4.1 Overview

The graphics software includes i.MX 6 Framebuffer (FB) API which enables users to easily create and port their graphics applications by using a framebuffer device without the need to expend additional effort handling platform-related tasks. i.MX 6 Framebuffer API focuses on providing mechanisms for controlling display, window, and pixmap render surfaces.

The EGL Native Platform Graphics Interface provides mechanisms for creating rendering surfaces onto which client APIs can draw, creating graphics contexts for client APIs, and synchronizing drawing by client APIs as well as native platform rendering APIs. This enables seamless rendering using Khronos APIs such as OpenGL ES and OpenVG for high-performance, accelerated, mixed-mode 2D, and 3D rendering. For further information on EGL, see www.khronos.org/registry/egl. The API described in this document is compatible with EGL version 1.4 of the specification.

The following platforms are supported:

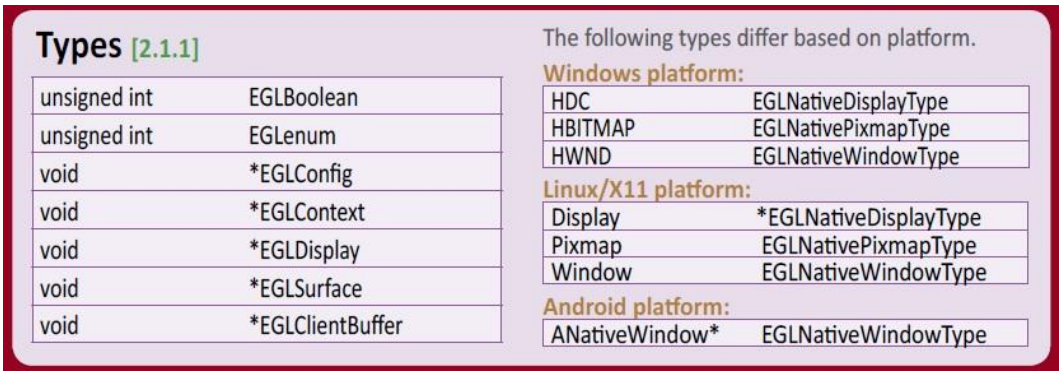
- Linux® OS/X11
- Android™ platform
- Windows® Embedded Compact OS

4.2 API data types and environment variables

4.2.1 Data types

The GPU software provides platform independent member definitions for the following EGL types:

```
typedef struct _FBDisplay   *  EGLNativeDisplayType;
typedef struct _FBWindow *  EGLNativeWindowType;
typedef struct _FBPixmap   *  EGLNativePixmapType;
```



Types [2.1.1]

unsigned int	EGLBoolean
unsigned int	EGLenum
void	*EGLConfig
void	*EGLContext
void	*EGLDisplay
void	*EGLSurface
void	*EGLClientBuffer

The following types differ based on platform.

Windows platform:

HDC	EGLNativeDisplayType
HBITMAP	EGLNativePixmapType
HWND	EGLNativeWindowType

Linux/X11 platform:

Display	*EGLNativeDisplayType
Pixmap	EGLNativePixmapType
Window	EGLNativeWindowType

Android platform:

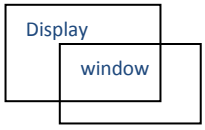
ANativeWindow*	EGLNativeWindowType

Figure 2 Types as listed on EGL 1.4 API Quick Reference Card

(from www.khronos.org/files/egl-1-4-quick-reference-card.pdf)

4.2.2 Environment variables

Table 13 i.MX 6 FB API environment variables

Environment Variables	Description
FB_MULTI_BUFFER	To use multiple-buffer rendering, set the environment variable FB_MULTI_BUFFER to an unsigned integer value, which indicates the number of buffers required. The maximum is 8. **Recommended values: 4.** The FB_MULTI_BUFFER variable can be set to any positive integer value. • If set to 1, the multiple-buffer function is not enabled, and the VSYNC is also disabled, so there may be tearing on screen, but it is good for benchmark test. • If set to 2 or 3, VSYNC is enabled and there are double or trible frame buffer. Because of the hardware limitation of current IPU, there may be tearing on screen. • If set to 4 or more, VSYNC is enabled and no screen tearing appears. • If set to a value more than 8, the driver uses 8 as the buffer count.
FB_FRAMEBUFFER_0, FB_FRAMEBUFFER_1, FB_FRAMEBUFFER_2, FB_FRAMEBUFFER_n	To open a specified framebuffer device, set the environment variable **FB_FRAMEBUFFER_n** to a proper value (for example, FB_FRAMEBUFFER_0 = /dev/fb0). **Allowed values for n: any positive integer.** Note: If there are no environment variables set, the driver tries to use the default framebuffer devices (fb0 for index 0, fb1 for index 1, fb2 for index 2, fb3 for index 3, and so on).
FB_IGNORE_DISPLAY_SIZE	When set to a positive integer and a window's initial size request is greater than the display size, the window size is not reduced to fit within the display. Global. **Allowed values: any positive integer.** Note: The drivers read the value from this environment variable as a Boolean to check if the user wants to ignore the display size when creating a window. • If the variable is set to value, 0, or this environment variable is not set, when creating window, the driver uses display size to cut down the size of the window to ensure that the entire window area is inside the display screen. • If the user sets this variable to 1, or any positive integer value, then the window area can be partly or entirely outside of the display screen area (see the image below in which the ignore display size is equal to 1). 
GPU_VIV_DISABLE_CLEAR_FB	It turns off zero fill memory, so the content of FBDEV buffer is not cleared.

Below are some usage syntax examples for environment variables:

To create a window with its size different from the display size, use the environment variable **FB_IGNORE_DISPLAY_SIZE**. Example usage syntax:

```
export FB_IGNORE_DISPLAY_SIZE=1
```

To let the driver use multiple buffers to do swap work, use the environment variable **FB_MULTI_BUFFER.** Example usage syntax:

```
export FB_MULTI_BUFFER=2
```

To specify the display device, use the environment variable **FB_FRAMEBUFFER_n**, where n = any positive integer. Example usage syntax:

```
export FB_FRAMEBUFFER_0=/dev/fb0
export FB_FRAMEBUFFER_1=/dev/fb1
export FB_FRAMEBUFFER_2=/dev/fb2
export FB_FRAMEBUFFER_3=/dev/fb3
```

4.3 API description and syntax

fbGetDisplay

Description:
This function is used to get the default display of the framebuffer device.

To open the framebuffer device, set an environment variable **FB_FRAMEBUFFER_n** to the framebuffer location.

Syntax:

```
EGLNativeDisplayType
fbGetDisplay (
      void *        context
);
```

Parameters:

context	Pointer to the native display instance.

Return Values:
The function returns a pointer to the EGL native display instance if successful; otherwise, it returns a NULL pointer.

fbGetDisplayByIndex

Description:
This function is used to get a specified display within a multiple framebuffer environment by providing an index number.

To use multiple buffers when rendering, set the environment variable **FB_MULTI_BUFFER** to an unsigned integer value, which indicates the number of buffers. Maximum is 3.

To open a specific Framebuffer device, set environment variables to their proper values (e.g., set FB_FRAMEBUFFER_0 = /dev/fb0). If there are no environment variables set, the driver tries to use the default fb devices (fb0 for index 0, fb1 for index 1, fb2 for index 2, fb3 for index 3, and so on).

Syntax:

```
EGLNativeDisplayType
fbGetDisplayByIndex (
      int           DisplayIndex
);
```

Parameters:

DisplayIndex An integer value where the integer is associated with one of the following environment variables for framebuffer devices:
FB_FRAMEBUFFER_0
FB_FRAMEBUFFER_1
FB_FRAMEBUFFER_2
FB_FRAMEBUFFER_n

Return Value:
The function returns a pointer to the EGL native display instance if successful; otherwise, it returns a NULL pointer.

fbGetDisplayGeometry

Description:
This function is used to get display width and height information.

Syntax:

```
void
fbGetDisplayGeometry (
      EGLNativeDisplayType   Display,
      int *                  Width,
      int *                  Height
);
```

Parameters:

Display [in] Pointer to EGL native display instance created by **fbGetDisplay.**
Width [out] Pointer that receives the width of the display.
Height [out] Pointer that receives the height of the display.

fbGetDisplayInfo

Description:
This function is used to get display information.

Syntax:

```
void
fbGetDisplayInfo (
      EGLNativeDisplayType   Display,
      int *                  Width,
      int *                  Height,
      unsigned long *        Physical,
```

```
        int *                   Stride,
        int *                   BitsPerPixel
);
```

Parameters:

Display	[in] A pointer to the EGL native display instance created by **fbGetDisplay.**
Width	[out] A pointer to the location that contains the width of the display.
Height	[out] A pointer to the location that contains the height of the display.
Physical	[out] A pointer to the location that contains the physical start address of the display.
Stride	[out] A pointer to the location that contains the stride of the display.
BitsPerPixel	[out] A pointer to the location that contains the pixel depth of the display.

fbDestroyDisplay

Description:

This function is used to destroy a display.

Syntax:

```
void
fbDestroyDisplay (
        EGLNativeDisplayType      Display
);
```

Parameters:

Display	[in] Pointer to EGL native display instance created by **fbGetDisplay**.

fbCreateWindow

Description:

This function is used to create a window for the framebuffer platform with the specified position and size. If width/height is 0, it uses the display width/height as its value.

Note: When either window X + width or the Y + height is larger than the display's width or height respectively, the API reduces the window size to force the whole window inside the display screen limits. To avoid reducing the window size in this scenario, users can set a value of "1" to the environment variable **FB_IGNORE_DISPLAY_SIZE**.

Syntax:

```
EGLNativeWindowType
fbCreateWindow (
        EGLNativeDisplayType    Display,
        int                     X,
        int                     Y,
        int                     Width,
        int                     Height
);
```

Parameters:

Display	[in] Pointer to EGL native display instance created by **fbGetDisplay**.
X	[in] Specifies the initial horizontal position of the window.
Y	[in] Specifies the initial vertical position of the window.
Width	[in] Specifies the width of the window.
Height	[in] Specifies the height of the window in device units.

Return Value:
The function returns a pointer to the EGL native window instance if successful; otherwise, it returns a NULL pointer.

fbGetWindowGeometry

Description:
This function is used to get window position and size information.

Syntax:

```
void
fbGetWindowGeometry (
      EGLNativeWindowType    Window,
      int *                  X,
      int *                  Y,
      int *                  Width,
      int *                  Height
);
```

Parameters:

Window	[in] Pointer to EGL native window instance created by **fbCreateWindow**.
X	[out] Pointer that receives the horizontal position value of the window.
Y	[out] Pointer that receives the vertical position value of the window.
Width	[out] Pointer that receives the width value of the window.
Height	[out] Pointer that receives the height value of the window.

fbGetWindowInfo

Description:
This function is used to get window position and size and address information.

Syntax:

```
void
fbGetWindowInfo (
      EGLNativeWindowType   Window,
      int *                 X,
      int *                 Y,
      int *                 Width,
      int *                 Height
      int *                 BitsPerPixel,
      unsigned int *        Offset
);
```

Parameters:

Window	[in] A pointer to the EGL native window instance created by **fbCreateWindow**.
X	[out] A pointer to the location that contains the horizontal position value of the window.
Y	[out] A pointer to the location that contains the vertical position value of the window.
Width	[out] A pointer to the location that contains the width of the window.
Height	[out] A pointer to the location that contains the height of the window.
BitsPerPixel	[out] A pointer to the location that contains the pixel depth of the window.
Offset	[out] A pointer to the location that contains the offset of the window.

fbDestroyWindow

Description:

This function is used to destroy a window.

Syntax:

```
void
fbDestroyWindow (
      EGLNativeWindowType    Window
);
```

Parameters:

Window	[in] Pointer to EGL native window instance created by **fbCreateWindow**.

fbCreatePixmap

Description:

This function is used to create a pixmap of a specific size on the specified framebuffer device. If either the width or height is 0, the function fails to create a pixmap and return NULL.

Syntax:

```
EGLNativePixmapType
fbCreatePixmap (
      EGLNativeDisplayType    Display,
      int                     Width,
      int                     Height
);
```

Parameters:

Display	[in] Pointer to the EGL native display instance created by **fbGetDisplay**.
Width	[in] Specifies the width of the pixmap.
Height	[in] Specifies the height of the pixmap.

Return Value:

The function returns a pointer to the EGL native pixmap instance if successful; otherwise, it returns a NULL pointer.

fbCreatePixmapWithBpp

Description:
This function is used to create a pixmap of a specific size and bit depth on the specified framebuffer device. If either the width or height is 0, the function fails to create a pixmap and return NULL.

Syntax:

```
EGLNativePixmapType
fbCreatePixmapWithBpp (
      EGLNativeDisplayType    Display,
      int                     Width,
      int                     Height
      int                     BitsPerPixel
);
```

Parameters:

Display	[in]A pointer to the EGL native display instance created by **fbGetDisplay**.
Width	[in] Specifies the width of the pixmap.
Height	[in] Specifies the height of the pixmap.
BitsPerPixel	[in] Specifies the bit depth of the pixmap.

Return Value:
The function returns a pointer to the EGL native pixmap instance if successful; otherwise, it returns a NULL pointer.

fbGetPixmapGeometry

Description:
This function is used to get pixmap size information.

Syntax:

```
void
fbGetPixmapGeometry (
      EGLNativePixmapType    Pixmap,
      int *                  Width,
      int *                  Height
);
```

Parameters:

Pixmap	[in] Pointer to the EGL native pixmap instance created by **fbCreatePixmap**.
Width	[out] Pointer that receives a width value for pixmap.
Height	[out] Pointer that receives a height value for pixmap.

fbGetPixmapInfo

Description:
This function is used to get pixmap size and depth information.

Syntax:

```
void
fbGetPixmapInfo (
      EGLNativePixmapType    Pixmap,
      int *                  Width,
```

```
        int *                   Height
        int *                   BitsPerPixel
        int *                   Stride,
        void **                 Bits
);
```

Parameters:

Pixmap	[in] A pointer to the EGL native pixmap instance created by **fbCreatePixmap**.
Width	[out] A pointer to the location that contains a width value for pixmap.
Height	[out] A pointer to the location that contains a height value for pixmap.
BitsPerPixel	[out] A pointer to the location that contains the pixel depth of the pixmap.
Stride	[out] A pointer to the location that contains the stride of the pixmap.
Bits	[out] A pointer to the location that contains the bit address of the pixmap.

fbDestroyPixmap

Description:

This function is used to destroy a pixmap.

Syntax:

```
void
fbDestroyPixmap (
        EGLNativePixmapType     Pixmap
);
```

Parameters:

Pixmap	[in] Pointer to the EGL native pixmap instance created by **fbCreatePixmap**.

Chapter 5 OpenCL

5.1 Overview

5.1.1 General Description

OpenCL (Open Computing Language) is an open industry standard application programming interface (API) used to program multiple devices including GPUs, CPUs, as well as other devices organized as part of a single computational platform. The OpenCL standard targets a wide range of devices from mobile phones, tablets, PCs, and consumer electronic (CE) devices, all the way to embedded applications such as automotive and image processing functions. The API takes advantage of all resources in a platform to fully utilize all compute capability and to efficiently process the growing complexity of incoming data streams from multiple I/O (input / output) sources. I/O streams can be camera inputs, images, scientific or mathematical data, and any other form of complex data that can make use of data or task parallelism.

OpenCL uses parallel execution SIMD (single instruction, multiple data) engines found in GPUs to enhance data computational density by performing massively parallel data processing on multiple data items, across multiple compute engines. Each compute unit has its own arithmetic logic units (ALUs), including pipelined floating point (FP), integer (INT) units and a special function unit (SFU) that can perform computations as well as transcendental operations. The parallel computations and associated series of operations is called a kernel, and the GPU cores can execute a kernel on thousands of work-items in parallel at any given time.

At a high level, OpenCL provides both a programming language and a framework to enable parallel programming. OpenCL includes APIs, libraries and a runtime system to assist and support software development. With OpenCL it is possible to write general purpose programs that can execute directly on GPUs, without needing to know graphics architecture details or using 3D graphics APIs like OpenGL or DirectX. OpenCL also provides a low-level hardware abstraction layer(HAL) as well as a framework that exposes many details of the underlying hardware layer and thus allows the programmer to take full advantage of the hardware.

For more details on all the capabilities of OpenCL, see the following specifications from the Khronos Group:

- OpenCL 1.1 Specification
  www.khronos.org/registry/cl/specs/opencl-1.1.pdf

- OpenCL 1.1 C++ Bindings Specification
  www.khronos.org/registry/cl/specs/opencl-cplusplus-1.1.pdf

5.1.2 OpenCL Profiles

In addition to Full Profile, the OpenCL specification also includes an Embedded Profile which relaxes the OpenCL compliance requirements for mobile and embedded devices. The main commons and differences between OpenCL 1.1/1.2 EP(Embedded Profile) and FP(Full Profile) come down to:

Commons:

- Both EP and FP significantly offload the CPU of parallel, multi-threaded tasks.
- For both EP and FP double precision and half-precision floating point are optional.

Difference:

- Full Profile is for highly complex, accurate, and real time computations, while Embedded Profile is a small subset targeting smaller devices (handheld, mobile, embedded) that perform GPGPU/OpenCL processing with relaxed data type and precision requirements (image processing, augmented reality, gesture recognition, and more).
- 64 bit integers are required for FP and optional for EP.
- EP requires either RTZ or RTE. FP requires both.

- Computational precision (ULP) requirements in EP are relaxed.
- Atomic instruction support is not required in EP.
- 3D Image support is not required in EP.
- Minimum requirements for constant buffer size, object allocation size, constant argument counts and local memory sizes are scaled down in EP.
- And more (in general EP is a scaled down version of FP).
- Die size and power increase with FP because of the higher requirements, features and memory sizes.

5.1.3 Vivante OpenCL Embedded Compatible IP

As of the date of this document, select Vivante GPGPU cores are compatible with OpenCL Embedded Profile version 1.1. Hardware capability deltas include:

Table 1. Vivante OpenCL Embedded Profile Hardware

Hardware and revision	GC2000
Feature	**5.1.0.rc8a**
Compute Devices (GPGPU cores)	1
Compute Units per device (Shader cores)	4
Processing Elements per compute unit	4
Profile	Embedded
Preferred work-group/ thread group size	16
Max count global work-items each dim	64K
Max count of work-items each dim per work-group	1K
Local Storage Registers On-chip	64
Instruction Memory	512
Texture Samplers	8 PS + 4 VS
Texture Samplers available to OCL (HW, unlimited via SW)	4
L1 Cache Size	4 KB
L1 Cache Banks	1
L1 Cache Sets/Bank	4
L1 Cache Ways/Set	16
L1 Cache Line Size	64B
L1 Cache MC ports	1

5.2 Vivante OpenCL Implementation

5.2.1 OpenCL Pipeline

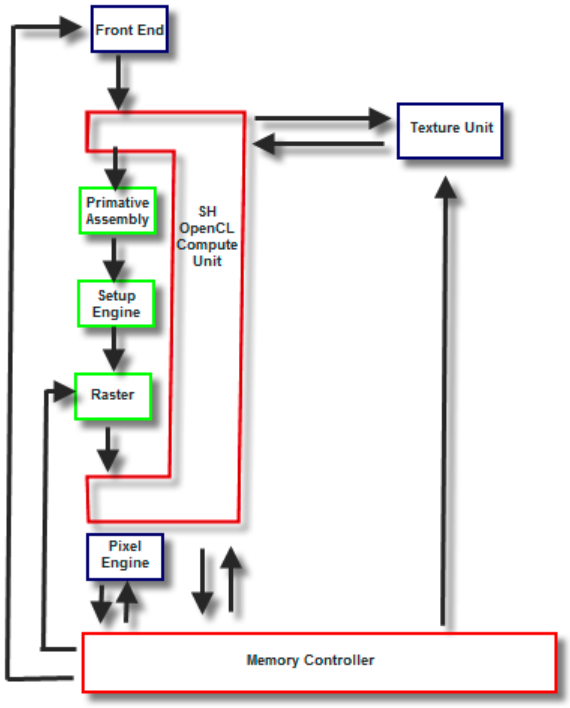


Figure 3 Vivante OpenCL Data Pipeline for a OpenCL Compute Device

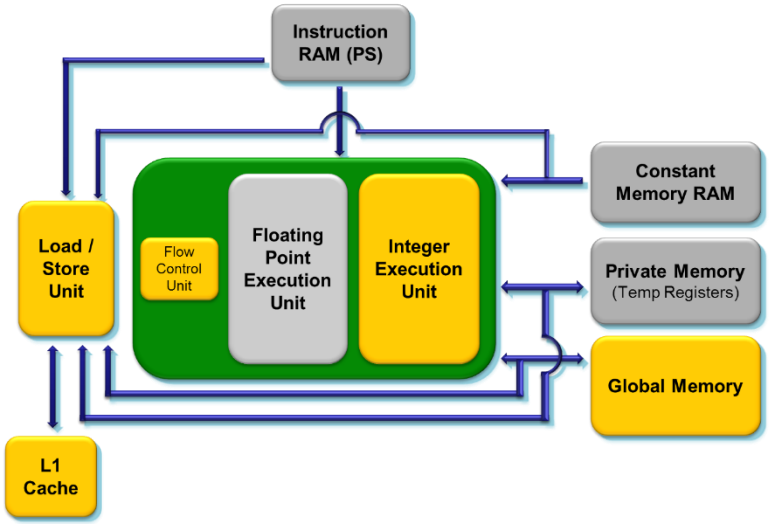


Figure 4 Vivante OpenCL Compute Device Showing Memory Scheme

5.2.2 Front End

The front end passes the instructions and constant data as State Loads to the OpenCL Compute Unit (Shader) block. State Loads program instructions and constant data and work groups initiate execution on the instructions and the constants loaded.

5.2.3 The OpenCL Compute Unit

All OpenCL executions occur in this block and all work-groups in a compute unit should belong to the same kernel. Threads from a work-group are grouped into internal “Thread-groups”. All the threads in a thread-group execute in parallel. Barrier instruction is supported to enforce synchronization within a work-group.
The compute unit contains Local Memory and the L1 Cache and is where the Load/Store instruction to access global memory originates. The compute unit can accommodate multiple work-groups (based on the temporary register and local memory usage) simultaneously.

5.2.4 Memory Hierarchy

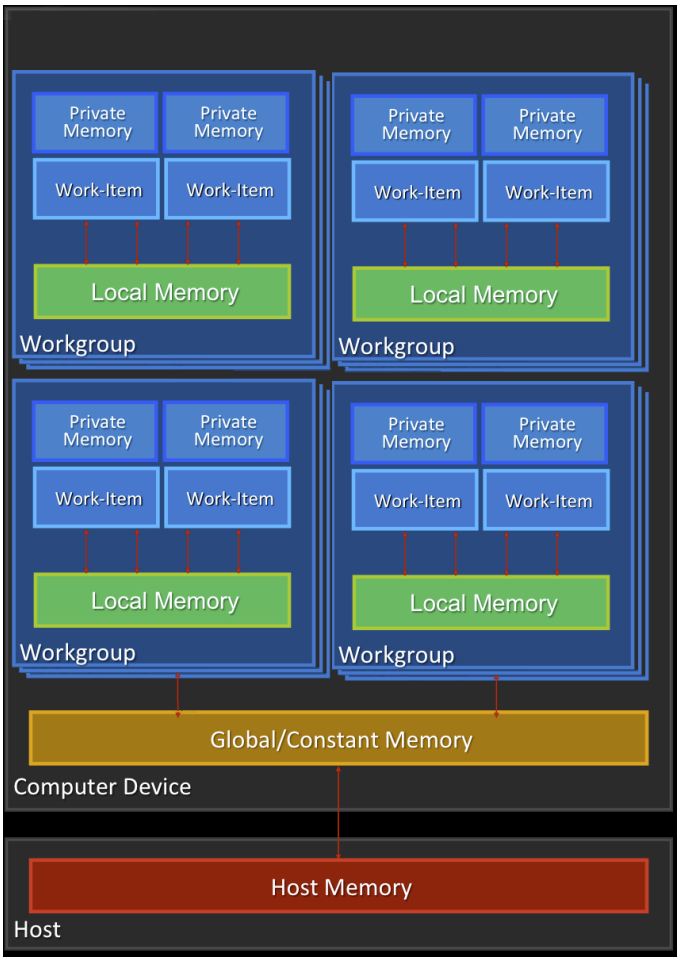


Figure 5 OpenCL Memory Hierarchy

5.3 Optimization for OpenCL Embedded Profile

OpenCL EP (Embedded Profile) is basically a scaled down version of OpenCL FP(Full Profile) and thus may require extra optimization. The guidelines below help with the optimization of Vivante OpenCL Embedded Profile GPGPU cores.

When optimizing code on Vivante hardware, it is important to remember a few key points to get the best performance from the hardware:

- Take advantage of algorithm and data parallelism
- Choose the correct execution configuration (more details below)
- Overlap memory transfer from different levels of the OpenCL memory hierarchy with simultaneous thread execution
- Maximize memory bandwidth and minimize data transfers (large transfers are more beneficial than many smaller transfers because of the impact of latency)
- Maximize instruction throughput and minimize instruction count

5.3.1 Use preferred multiple of work-group size

The work-group size should be a multiple of the thread group size, otherwise some threads remain idle and the application does not fully utilize all the compute resources. For example, if the work-group size is 8 and the Vivante core supports 16, only half the compute resources are used. For example, in some early Vivante GPGPU revisions, the work-group size limit is 192 and the thread group size is 16. See the Overview section on OpenCL Compatible IP for IP-specific capabilities.

5.3.2 Use multiple work-groups of reduced size

Multiple work groups need to be set to reduce synchronization penalties. To prevent stalls at barriers, it is recommended to have at least four (4) work-groups to keep the cores busy or as long as the number of work-groups is greater than or equal to two (2). One work-group is very inefficient; four or more is preferred and helps avoid latency.

5.3.3 Pack work-item data

It is important to pack data to extract the optimal performance from the SIMD ALU hardware and align the data into a format supported by the hardware. Efficient use of the Vivante GPGPU core requires that the kernel contains enough parallelism to fill all four vector units. Work-items in the same thread group have the same program counter and execute the same instruction for each cycle. Whenever possible, pack together work-items that follow the same direction (e.g., on branches) since the granularity is very close and there may be less divergence and higher performance. If each work-item handles less than or equal to 8 bytes, it is better to combine two or more work-items into one to improve utilization of the SIMD ALU.

5.3.4 Improve locality

If the input data is an array-of-structs, and each work-item needs to access only a small part of the struct across many array elements at different stages, it may be better to convert and use a struct-of-arrays or several different arrays as input to improve data locality and avoid cache thrashing.
If each work-item needs to process a row of data without sharing any data with other work-items, it is better to check if the algorithm can be converted to make each work-item process a column of data so that data accessed by adjacent work-items can share the same cache lines.

5.3.5 Minimize use of 1KB local memory

The OpenCL Embedded Profile specification defines the minimum requirement for local memory to be 1KB to pass conformance testing. Based on algorithm analysis and profiling different image and computer vision algorithms, we found that a 1KB local memory size was too small to benefit those algorithms. In most instances, those algorithms actually slowed down when using 1KB local memory. To increase performance, we recommend not using local memory since it is more efficient to transfer larger chunks of data from system memory to keep the OpenCL pipeline full.
Note: if local memory type is CL_GLOBAL, the local memory is emulated using global memory, and the performance is the same as global memory. There is extra overhead on data copy from global to local, which slows down the performance.

5.3.6 Use 16 Byte Memory Read/Write size

When accessing memory, it is important to minimize the read/write count and to ensure L1 cache utilization is high to reduce outstanding read/write requests. Since the internal GPGPU read-write-request queue has a limit, if the queue and L1 cache are filled, then the GPGPU remains idle.

5.3.7 Use _RTZ rounding mode

Wherever possible, use _RTZ (round to zero) since it is natively supported in hardware with one instruction. Support for _RTE (round to nearest even) is optional in OpenCL EP and is only supported in Vivante GPGPU EP hardware from 2013. This function is handled in software for EP cores if necessary.

5.3.8 Use native functions

5.3.8.1 Use native_function() for increased performance

There are two types of runtime math libraries available to developers. Native_function() and regular function().

- Function(): slower, computationally expensive, higher instruction count, and greater accuracy
- Native_function(): faster, computationally inexpensive, lower instruction count (sometimes reduced to one instruction), and lower accuracy.
- If accuracy is not important but speed/performance is, use native math functions that map directly to the Vivante GPGPU hardware.

For image processing computations that do not require high accuracy, use native instructions to significantly lower the instruction count and speed up performance. Based on actual analysis and performance profiling with the Vivante GPGPU, we found that using native_function() instructions such as sin, cos, etc., reduces the instruction count from many instructions to one or two instructions. Use of native functions also sped performance by 3x-10x.

5.3.8.2 Use native_divide and native_reciprocal for faster floating point calculations

There are two use cases for floating point division which a user can select:

- Normal use of the division operator (/) in OpenCL has high precision and covers all corner use cases. This operator generates more instructions and runs slower.
- Native Divide: this use case uses the built-in function native_divide or native_reciprocal, which uses what the hardware supports. The Vivante OpenCL compiler generates one or two instructions for each native_divide or native_reciprocal instruction. If there are no corner use cases in applications, such as NaN, INF, or (2^127) / (2^127), it is better to use native_divide since it is faster.

5.3.8.3 Use compile option for native functions

Both the function() and native_function() methods are supported in the Vivante GPGPUs, so it is up to the developer to use whichever method makes sense for their application. If the OpenCL program uses the standard division operator and a developer wants to use native_divide or native_reciprocal without modifying their program, the Vivante OpenCL compiler has a simple option “-cl-fast-relaxed-math” that uses native built-in functions during compilation.

5.3.9 Use Buffers instead of Images

For the following image functions, it is better to use buffers instead of images.

- read_image{f/i/ui/h}
- write_image{f/i/ui/h}

Write_image* functions are implemented by software; it is better to use buffers to reduce the additional overhead involved in checking for size, format, etc. Since a few formats are not supported by Vivante GPGPU hardware, some built-in read_image() functions are implemented in software. The software implementation uses more instructions with many steps of “condition” checking. To improve performance, we recommend using buffers since it reduces instruction count.

5.4 OpenCL Debug Messages

When writing OpenCL applications, it is important to check the code returned by the API. Since the return codes specified in the OpenCL specification may not be descriptive enough to isolate where the problem is located, the

Vivante OpenCL driver provides an environment variable, VIV_DEBUG to help debug problems. When VIV_DEBUG is set to -MSG_LEVEL:ERROR, the Vivante OpenCL driver prints onscreen error messages as well as return the error code to the caller.
The following error code descriptions and suggested workarounds are provided.

5.4.1 OCL-007005: (clCreateKernel) Cannot Link Kernel

One of the following “Not Enough” messages usually precedes this message. Issuer indicates the real reason for the problem which may be:
Not Enough Register Memory (constant or temp)
Not Enough Instruction Memory

5.4.2 Not Enough Register Memory

Local variables, including arrays, are implemented using temp registers. If an array is larger than then number of available temp registers, a link-time failure occurs.
WORKAROUNDS:
1. If the array size is more than 64, use an array address to force the compiler to use private memory instead of temp registers.
2. If there are many variables, use variable addresses to force the compiler to use private memory to reduce register usage.

Note that there is performance degradation when using private memory instead of registers. It is better to change the algorithm to use a smaller array or less variables.

5.4.3 Not Enough Instruction Memory

WORKAROUNDS:
1. Replace sin/cos/tan/divide/powr/exp/exp2/exp10/log/log2/log10/sqrt/rsqrt/recip with native_sin/native_divide, etc.
2. Convert unrolled-loops back to loops.
3. Use buffer instead of image for write, and for reads which are not linear-filtered.
4. If the program is just too long, it should be split into two or more programs with intermediate data saved from one program to next.

5.4.4 GlobalWorkSize over Hardware Limit

WORKAROUND:
1. Split one clEnqueueNDRangeKernel into several instances. Change the kernel source to compute real global/local/group ID using offset as a parameter.
2. Convert one dimension to two dimensions, or two dimensions to three. For example, one dimension of 1M work-items can be converted to a GlobalWorkSize of 64K x16 work-items. The kernel function needs modification to reflect the change of dimension.

Chapter 6 XServer Video Driver

6.1 EXA driver

XServer video driver is designed to help XServer to render desktop onto a screen. It manages the display driver, and provides rendering acceleration and other display features, such as rotation and multiple display methods. The video driver implements XServer EXcellent Architecture (EXA).

6.1.1 EXA driver options

These options are used in the configuration file `/etc/X11/xorg.conf`:

```
Section "Device"
    Identifier  "i.MX Accelerated Framebuffer Device"
    Driver      "vivante"
    Option      "fbdev"     "/dev/fb1"
    Option      "vivante_fbdev" "/dev/fb1"
    Option      "SyncDraw"  "false"
EndSection
```

Table 14 EXA driver options

Option	Meaning	Default Value	Comment
ShadowFB	Whether to enable the shadow frame buffer (FB).	False	*Deprecated technology.* It rotates the FB. If it is enabled, acceleration is disabled.
Rotate	Rotation of FB.	<null>	*Deprecated technology.* It can be CW/CCW/UD. If it is set to one of these values, Shadow FB is automatically enabled. Rotation cannot change after XServer is started.
NoAccel	Disables EXA acceleration.	False	If it is set to **True**, the EXA functions are not accelerated by the GPU.
VivCacheMem	Pixmap created by GPU is generally cacheable.	True	Normal Pixmaps are created cacheable. Special Pixmaps used for EGL are still non-cacheable.
SyncDraw	Wait for the GPU to complete for every single drawing.	False	This affects the performance if it is set to **True**.

6.1.2 24 bpp pixmap

The GPU can only accelerate a 16 bpp or 32 bpp pixmap. For a 24 bpp screen, a 32 bpp buffer is actually reserved.

6.1.3 Shared pixmap extension

The Shared Pixmap Extension (SHM) pixmap will be described in next release.

6.1.4 How to disable XRandR

For an embedded device that does not support XRandR (for which the memory can be reduced), set "gEnableXRandR" to **False** in vivante_fbdev_driver.c.

6.1.5 Cursor

Hardware IPU does not provide a hardware cursor.

6.1.6 DRI

DRI is designed to accelerate OpenGL rendering. It enables the GPU direct render to the on-screen buffer. Due to the lack of hard cursor support, and because often the window location is not well aligned, the GPU cannot render to screen directly. Therefore, DRI is not fully used.
DRI is supported in this video driver. DRI2 or DRI3 is not supported.

6.1.7 Tearing

XServer (and early Microsoft Windows OS) does not support double buffering for the screen. There is a copy from off-screen buffer to target on-screen area (or direct rendering to on-screen). The operation cannot be completed in the blank time of the display, and the IPU cannot provide an ideal VSYNC signal. Therefore, there is tearing.
To remove tearing, a GLES compositor is needed. This tearing free feature will be described in next release.

6.2 XRandR

This video driver supports XRandR.
The X Resize, Rotate and Reflect Extension (RandR) is an X Window System extension, which allows clients to dynamically resize, rotate, and reflect the root window of a screen (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xrandr).

6.2.1 Useful commands

If the display supports multiple resolution types, use the following commands for a query:

```
root@imx6qsabresd:~# export DISPLAY=:0.0
root@imx6qsabresd:~# xrandr
Screen 0: minimum 240 x 240, current 1920 x 1080, maximum 8192 x 8192
DISP3 BG connected 1920x1080+0+0 (normal left inverted right x axis y axis) 0mm x 0mm
   S:1920x1080p-50   50.0*
   S:1920x1080p-60   60.0
   S:1280x720p-50   50.0
   S:1280x720p-60   60.0
   S:720x576p-50   50.0
   S:720x480p-60   59.9
   V:640x480p-60   60.0
   S:640x480p-60   59.9
```

If using the console serial port for the command line interface, the DISPLAY environment variable is not configured by default and the xrandr command fails. The solution is to set the DISPLAY environment variable. (Reference: see manpage for X)

```
root@imx6qsabresd:~# xrandr
Can't open display
root@imx6qsabresd:~# echo $DISPLAY
```

```
root@imx6qsabresd:~# export DISPLAY=:0.0
root@imx6qsabresd:~# xrandr
Screen 0: minimum 240 x 240, current 1024 x 768, maximum 8192 x 8192
DISP4 BG - DI1 connected 1024x768+0+0 (normal left inverted right x axis y axis) 0mm x
0mm
   U:1024x768p-60    60.0*+
```

- Change the resolution:
  root@imx6qsabresd:~# xrandr -s 1920x1080

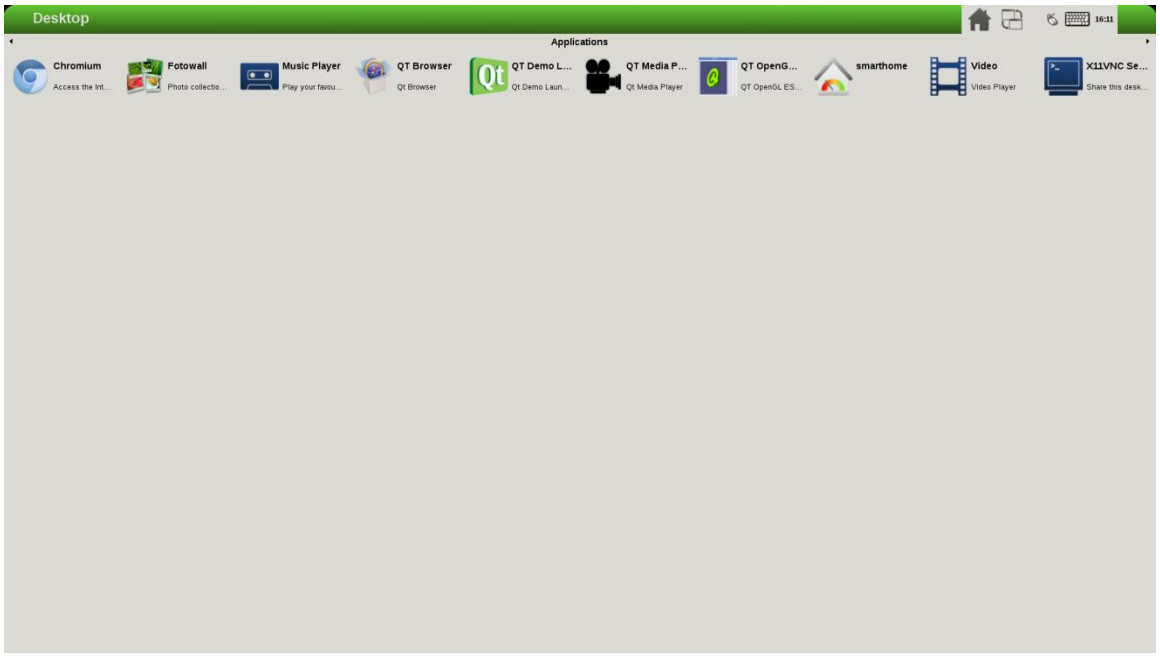


Figure 6 Changeing the resolution

- Rotate the screen:
  root@imx6qsabresd:~# xrandr -o left:

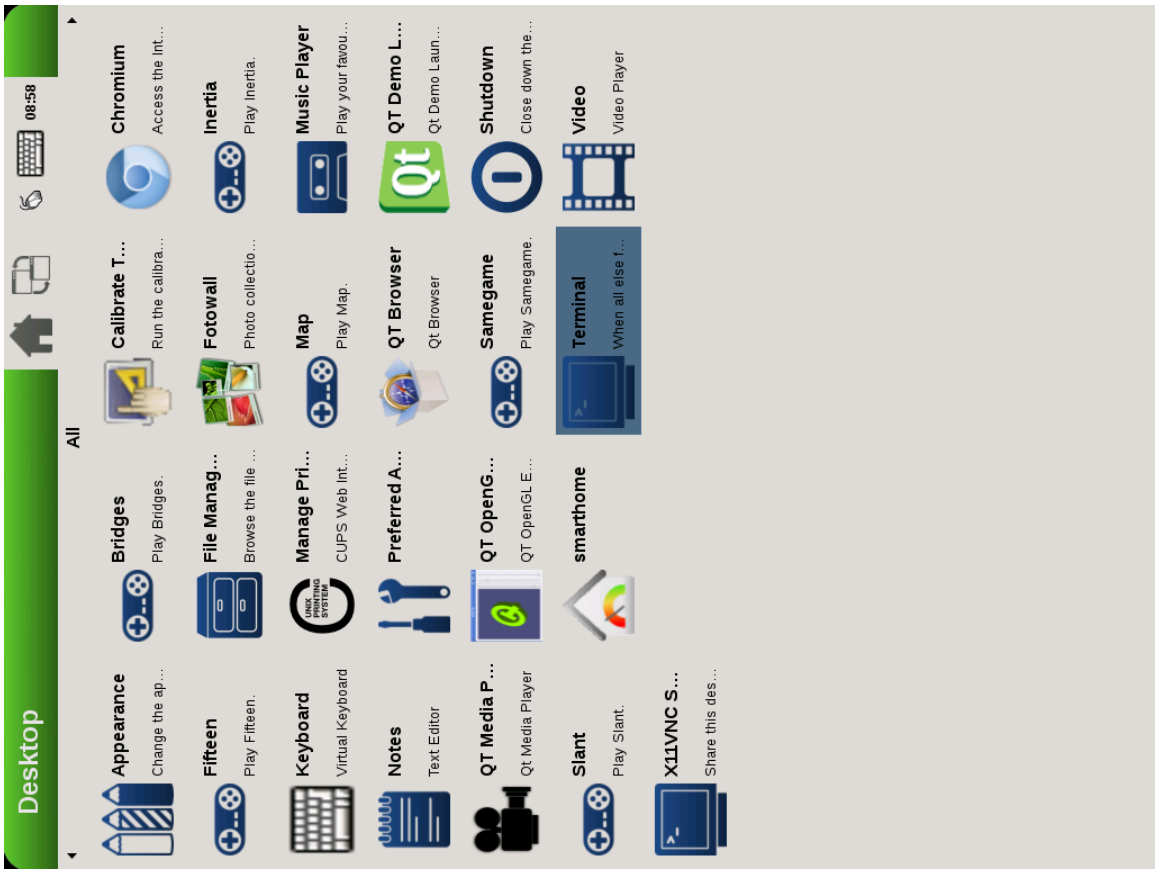


Figure 7 Rotating the screen

root@imx6qsabresd:~# xrandr -o right:

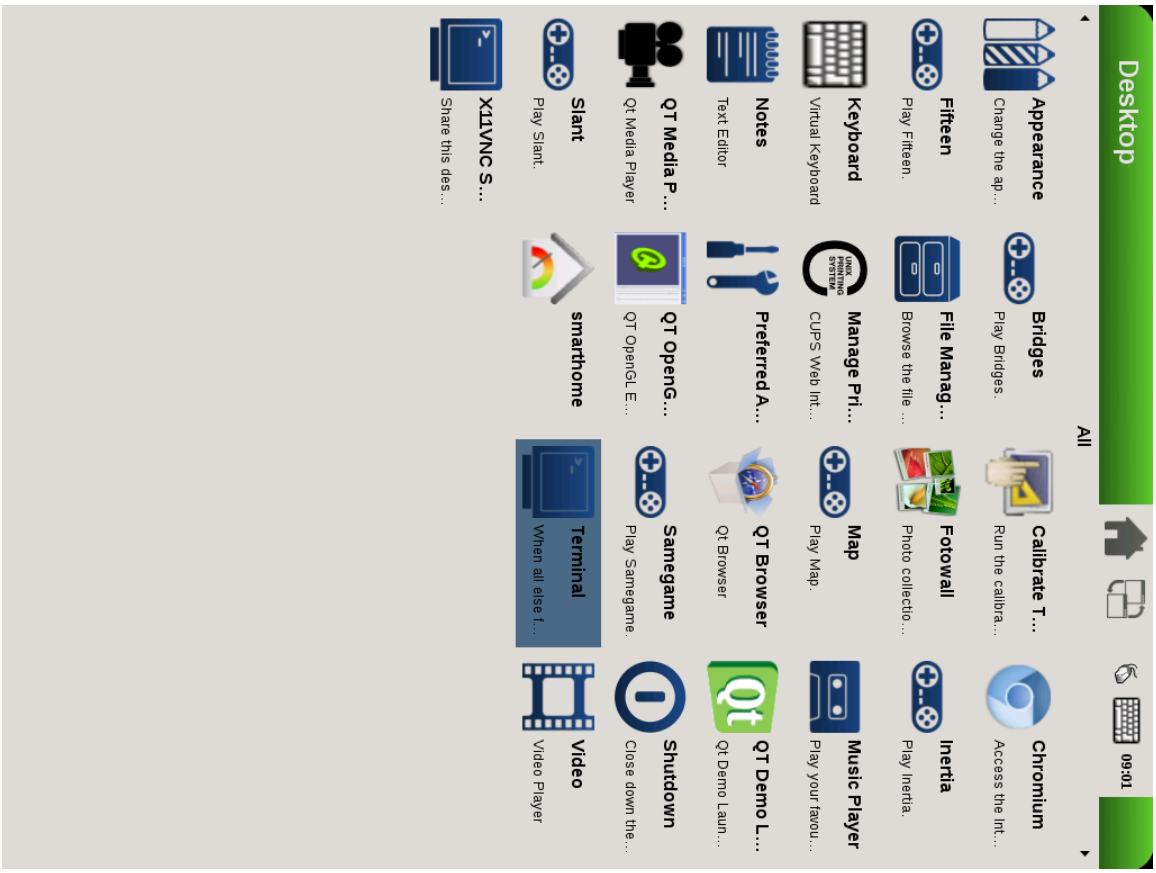


Figure 8 Rotating the screen

root@imx6qsabresd:~# xrandr -o inverted:

Figure 9 Rotating the screen

- Reflect the screen:
  root@imx6qsabresd:~# xrandr -x

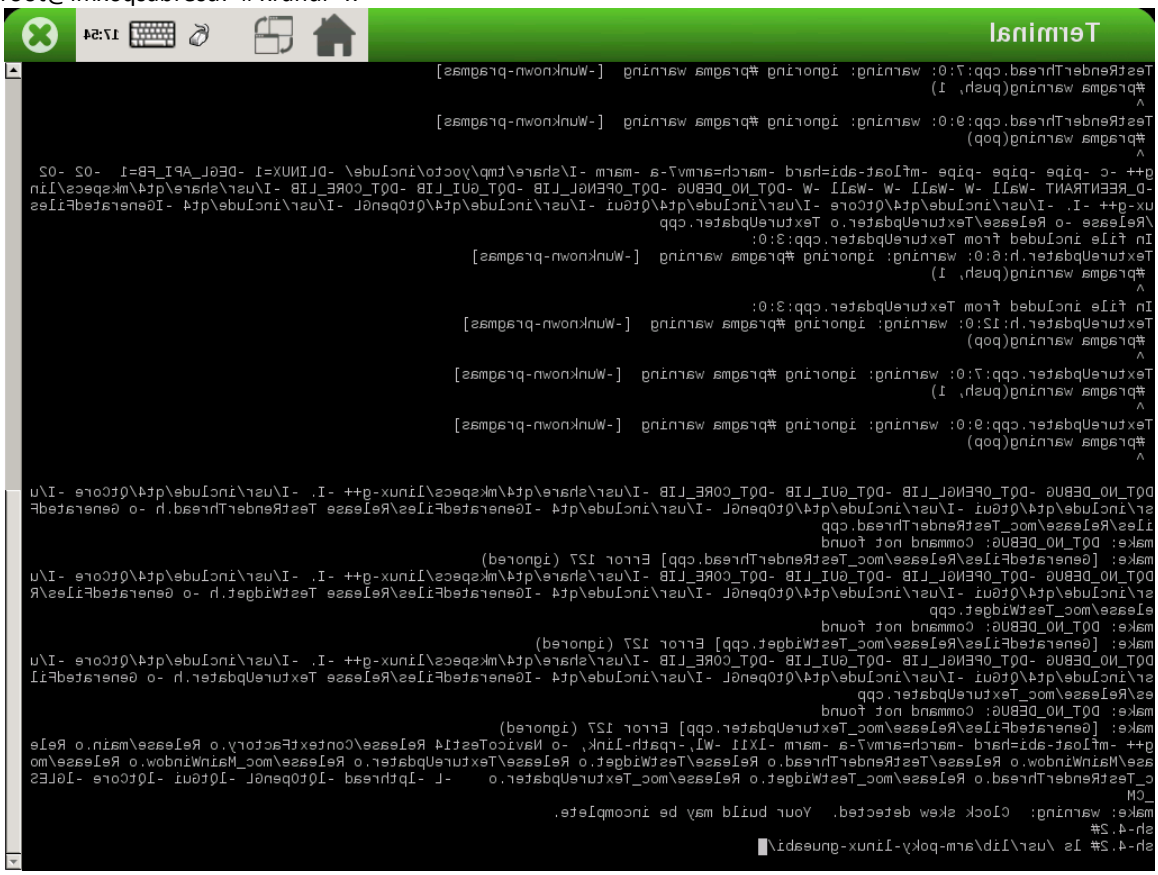


Figure 10 Reflecting the screen

root@imx6qsabresd:~# xrandr -y

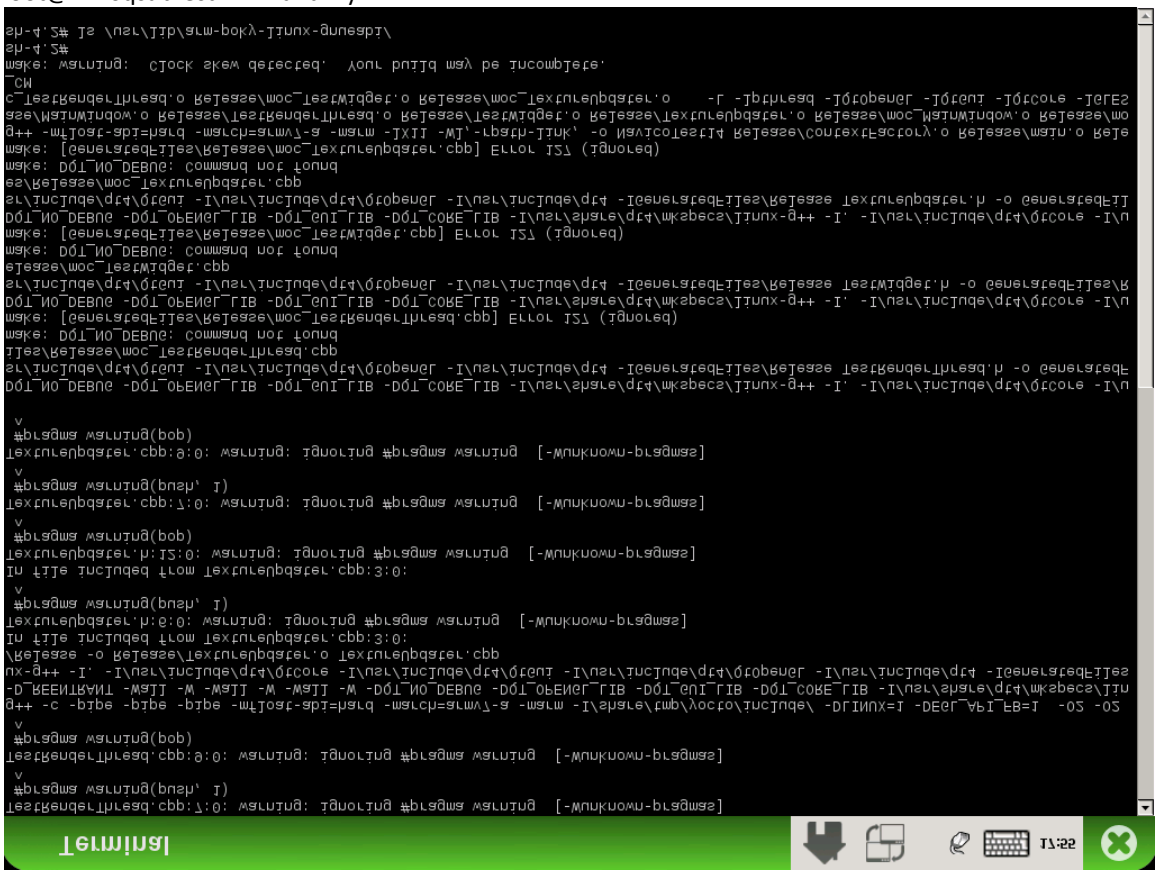


Figure 11 Reflecting the screen

- Restore to normal state:
  root@imx6qsabresd:~# xrandr -o normal:

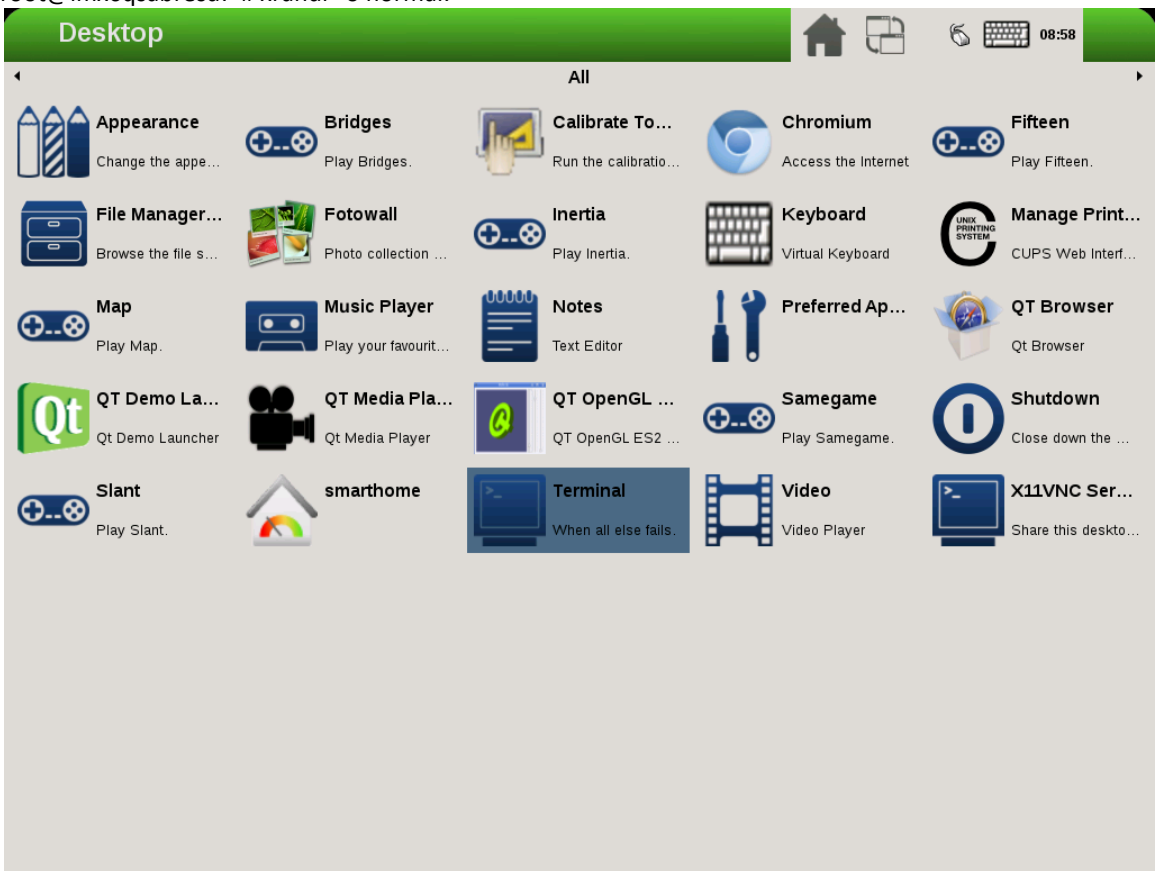


Figure 12 Restoring to normal state

6.2.2 Rendering the desktop on overlay

`/dev/fb1` is the overlay device on the same screen as `/dev/fb0`; and `/dev/fb3` is the overlay of `/dev/fb2`. Use xorg.conf to specify fb1 or fb3:

```
Section "Device"
    Identifier  "i.MX Accelerated Framebuffer Device"
    Driver      "vivante"
    Option      "fbdev"     "/dev/fb1"
    Option      "vivante_fbdev" "/dev/fb1"
EndSection
```

After rebooting the system, the desktop is rendered on the overlay:

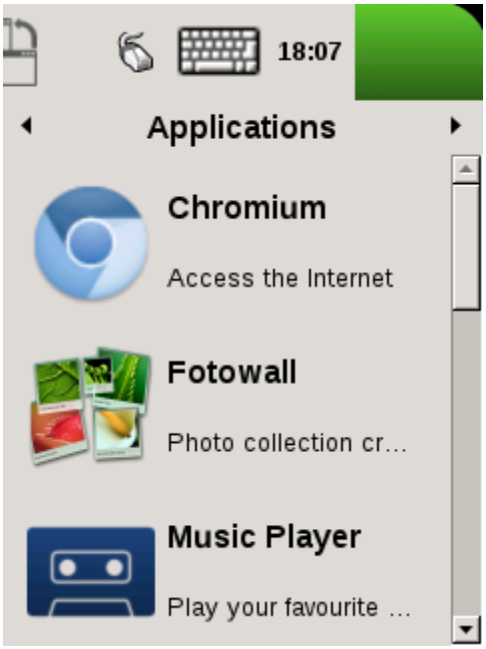


Figure 13 Rendering the desktop on overlay

If the size is too small (240x240), XRandR can be used to define a new mode.

1. Get the output name:

```
root@imx6qsabresd:~# xrandr
Screen 0: minimum 240 x 240, current 240 x 320, maximum 8192 x 8192
DISP4 FG connected 240x320+0+0 (normal left inverted right x axis y axis) 0mm x 0mm
   U:240x320p-60    60.0*
```

2. Define a new mode:

   root@imx6qsabresd:~# xrandr --newmode "640x480R" 23.50 640 688 720 800 480 483 487 494 +hsync -vsync

3. Add the newly created mode:

   root@imx6qsabresd:~# xrandr --addmode "DISP4 FG" 640x480R

4. Check the modes:

   root@imx6qsabresd:~# xrandr

```
Screen 0: minimum 240 x 240, current 240 x 320, maximum 8192 x 8192
DISP4 FG connected 240x320+0+0 (normal left inverted right x axis y axis) 0mm x 0mm
   U:240x320p-60    60.0*
   640x480R        59.5
```

5. Switch to a new mode:

   root@imx6qsabresd:~# xrandr -s 640x480

Figure 14 Switching to a new mode

Note:

- The overlay size cannot exceed the display size. For example, if LVDS is 1024x768, the overlay size cannot be larger than this.
- Timings for overlay are meaningless, but wrong timings may damage the display, so be careful when creating a new display mode for the display.
- If fb3 is used, fb2 must be enabled. Otherwise, fb3 is invisible.

6.2.3 Process of selecting the HDMI default resolution

The process of selecting the HDMI default resolution is as follows:

1. Set the user preferred mode (must be within the initial size).
2. Set the display preferred mode (must be within the initial size).
3. Check the aspect (if not found, use 4:3. Find the biggest resolution within the initial size for the aspect ratio).
4. Check the first mode.

Initial size: initial FB virtual size or configured maximum size.
To specify the user preferred mode, add the option “PreferredMode” or “modes”.

6.2.4 Performance

The performance is decreased during screen rotation or mirroring.

6.2.5 Memory consumption

The video driver supports a maximum of 1920x1080@32bpp. To support rotation, a shadow buffer is reserved, so the total memory consumption is 16 MB (1920x1080x4x2).

Chapter 7 Vivante Software Tool Kit

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7.1 Vivante Tool Kit overview

The Vivante Tool Kit (VTK) is a set of applications designed to be used by graphics application developers to rapidly develop and port graphics applications either stand alone, or as part of an IDE targeting a system-on-chip (SoC) platform containing an embedded GPU.

7.1.1 VTK component overview

The VTK includes a graphics and OpenCL emulator (vEmulator) to enable embedded graphics and compute application development on a PC platform, a driver and hardware performance profiling utility (vProfiler), and a visual analyzer (vAnalyzer) for graphing the performance metrics. Also provided are pre-processing utilities for stand-alone development of optimized shader programs (vShader) and for compiling shader code (vCompiler) into binary executables targeting Vivante accelerated hardware platforms. An image transfer utility (vTexture) provides compression and decompression options.

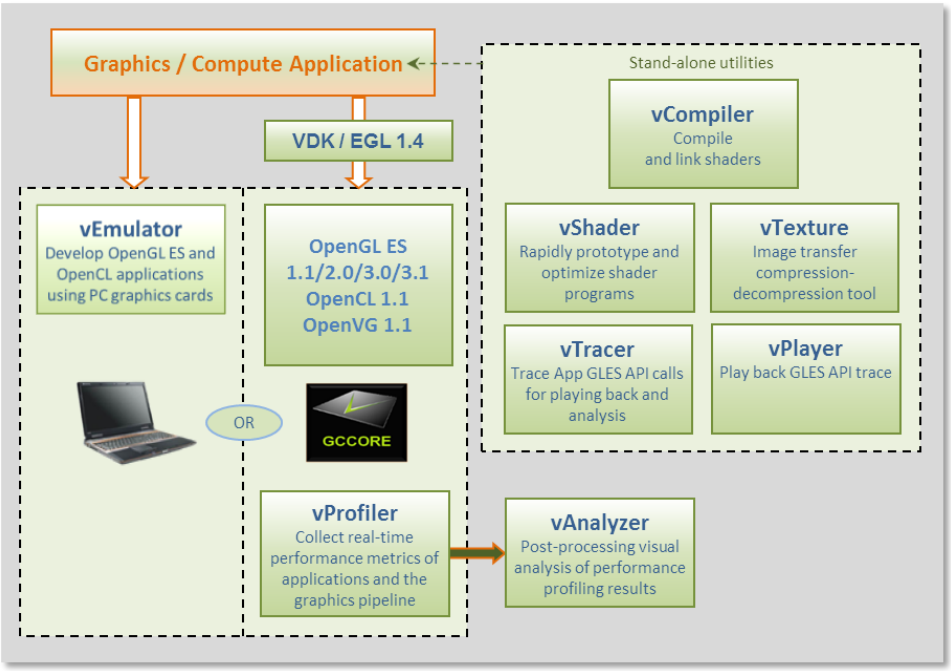


Figure 15 Vivante Tool Kit vTools components

7.1.2 VTK operating system requirements

Most VTK vTools applications are designed to run on Microsoft Windows operating systems. The following systems are compatible with current releases of vTools:

- Microsoft Windows® XP Professional, with Service Pack 2 or later
- Microsoft Windows® Vista with Service Pack 2 or later
- Microsoft Windows® 7 Professional

Some components, such as the vProfiler, are run on other platforms. See the individual vTools component detail description.

7.1.3 VTK installation

The vProfiler tool is not included in the VTK. This tool can be built by setting a build command option when making the Vivante Graphics Drivers.
The VTK package contains a **vtools** folder. Inside this folder are six .zip packages which can be individually extracted. As an example, for a WinRAR system, right-click and select Extract Here. A folder is created with the same name as the .zip file.

- **vAnalyze.zip**
- **vCompiler.zip**
- **vEmulator.zip**
- **vShader.zip**
- **vTexture.zip**
- **vTracer.zip**

Each vTools extracted folder contains a **SETUP.exe** and a ***vToolName.msi*** file. The tool can be installed independently by running the **SETUP.exe** located in the tool folder. Typical licensing and folder placement options may appear as part of the installation prompts.

vAnalyzer and vShader have a Windows GUI. vEmulator is a library. vCompiler and vTexture are utilities run from the command line.
NOTES:
• The default installation location for the VTK is usually a folder named something like **C:\Program Files\Vivante*vToolName***, where *vToolName* is the name of the tool being installed. Some systems may install to a Program Files (x86) folder.
• Windows OS navigation instructions such as Control Panel navigation vary with the different Windows operating systems.
• Administrator rights may be required to install the tool.
• When installing an updated version, use Windows OS Add/Remove programs to remove the installed version of the tool, before installing the update version.

7.1.4 Software release compatibility

- SW release 5.0.11.p7 - VTK v1.6.2.p1
- SW release 5.1.1 - VTK v1.6.3
- SW release 5.0.11_p6 - VTK v1.6.2
- SW release 5.0.11_p5 - VTK v1.6.1
- SW release 5.0.11_p4 - VTK v1.6.0
- SW release 5.0.11_p3 - VTK v1.5.9 and v1.5.8
- SW release 5.0.11_p2 - VTK v1.5.7
- SW release 4.6.9.p13, 5.0.9 and 5.0.9.1 - VTK v1.5.3
- SW release 4.6.9.p13 and 5.0.7 - VTK v1.5
- SW release 4.6.9.p9 - VTK v1.4.2
- SW release 4.6.9 - VTK v1.4

7.2 vEmulator

Vivante's vEmulator duplicates the graphics and compute functionality of the Khronos APIs—namely, OpenGL ES 3.0, 2.0, 1.1 and OpenCL 1.1—in a desktop PC environment. This enables developers to write and test applications for Vivante embedded GPU cores prior to their availability, using the graphics cards on Windows® XP or Windows® Vista or Windows® 7 PC platforms.

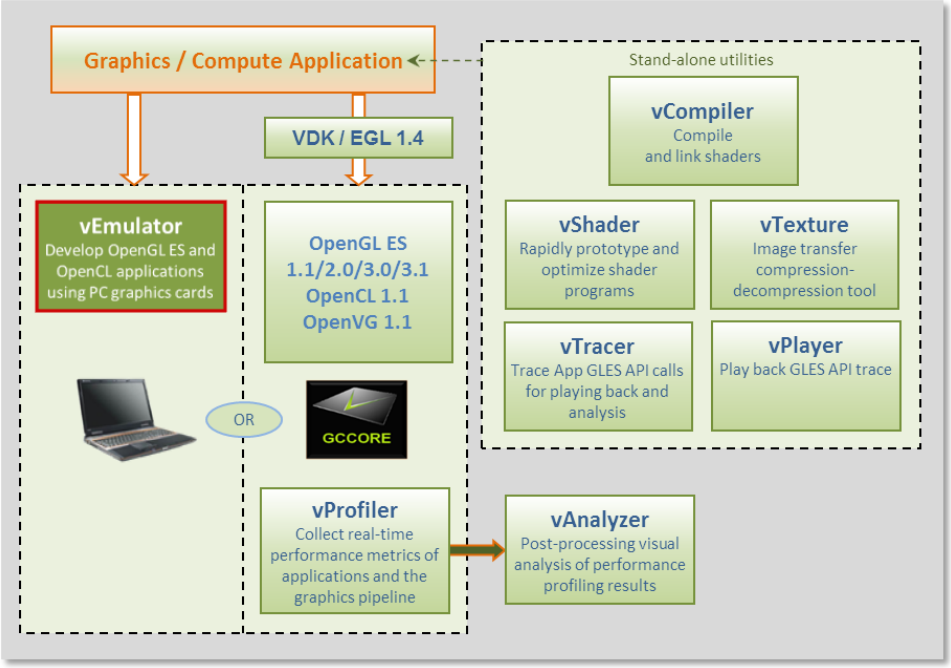


Figure 16 vEmulator embedded graphics emulator

vEmulator is not an application, but rather a set of libraries that convert Khronos mobile API function calls into OpenGL desktop or OpenCL function calls. These libraries can be accessed directly by the graphics / compute application.

7.2.1 Supported operating systems and graphics hardware

vEmulator libraries are available for Microsoft Windows XP, Windows Vista and Windows 7 operating systems:

- Microsoft Windows XP Professional, with Service Pack 2 or later
- Microsoft Windows Vista with Service Pack 2 or later
- Microsoft Windows 7 Professional

vEmulator has been tested on popular graphics cards, including:

- NVIDIA GeForce GTX 200 series with driver version 182.05or later
- NVIDIA GeForce 9000 and 8000 series with driver version 182.05or later
- NVIDIA GeForce 8400 GSwithForceWare driver version 176.44 or later
- ATI Radeon HD 3000 and 4000 series with driver version Catalyst 9.1 or later

vEmulator for OpenGL ES 3 has been tested on the nVidia GeForce GT430 card with driver version 310.90. Additional graphics cards to be added as testing is confirmed.

7.2.1.1 Specifying platform mode for Windows OS

vEmulator supports both 32-bit and 64-bit operation on the same host (*from VTK 1.61*). The installation uses the following locations for vEmulator files on Windows platforms:

- C:\Program Files\vivante\vEmulator\x86 (for 32-bit emulation)
- C:\Program Files\vivante\vEmulator\x64 (for 64-bit emulation)
- Start Menu location: All Programs\Vivante\vEmulator\x86 (for 32-bit)
- Start Menu location: All Programs\Vivante\vEmulator\x64 (for 64-bit)

To run samples for 32-bit emulation in the x86 folder, select the platform option **Win32** from the dropdown list box in the toolbar area:

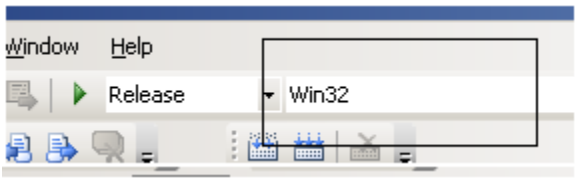


Figure 17 Selecting Win32

To run samples for 64-bit emulation in the x64 folder, select the platform option **x64** from the dropdown list box in the toolbar area:

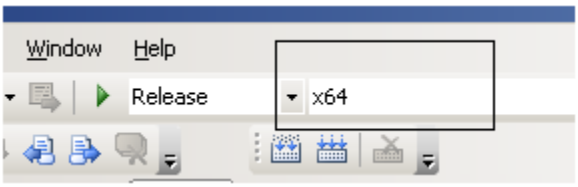


Figure 18 Selecting x64

7.2.2 vEmulator components

vEmulator libraries are packaged with the Vivante VTK installer. Once installed, the libraries resides in a folder vEmulator in the VTK installation path, which can be specified by the user at time of installation. The default location of the Vivante VTK is:

`C:\Program Files\Vivante`

The vEmulator folder contains everything that is needed for emulation. The vEmulator directory structure and its files are described in the following table.

Table 15 vEmulator Directory Contents

vEmulator subdirectory	Filename	Description
bin	libEGL.dll	Dynamic library for invoking EGL at runtime
	libGLESv1_CM.dll	Dynamic library for OpenGL ES 1.1 emulation
	libGLESv2x.dll	Dynamic library for OpenGL ES 2.0 emulation
	libGLESv3.dll	Dynamic library for OpenGL ES 3.0 emulation
	libOpenCL.dll	Dynamic library for OpenCL 1.1 emulation
	libVEmulatorVDK.dll	Dynamic library for vEmulator VDK functions
inc	gc_vdk.h	Vivante VDK declarations
	gc_vdk_types.h	Vivante VDK type declarations
inc/EGL	gc_sdk.h	Vivante SDK declarations and definitions
	egl.h	EGL declarations
	eglext.h	EGL extension declarations
	eglplatform.h	Platform-specific EGL declarations
	eglrename.h	Rename for building static link driver
	eglunname.h	For mixed usage of ES11, ES20
inc/GLES	eglvivante.h	Vivante EGL declarations
	egl.h	EGL declarations
	gl.h	OpenGL 1.1 declarations
	glext.h	OpenGL1.1 extension declarations

	glplatform.h	Platform-specific OpenGL 1.1 declarations
	glrename.h	Rename for building static link driver
inc/GLES2	glunname.h	For mixed usage of ES11, ES20
	gl2.h	OpenGL 2.0 declarations
	gl2ext.h	OpenGL 2.0 extension declarations
	gl2platform.h	Platform-specific OpenGL 2.0 declarations
	gl2rename.h	Rename for building static link driver
inc/GLES3	gl2unname.h	Unified name definitions
	gl3.h	OpenGL 3.0 declarations
	gl3ext.h	OpenGL 3.0 extension declarations
	gl3platform.h	Platform-specific OpenGL 3.0 declarations
inc/hal	gc_hal_eglplatform_type.h	Vivante HAL Platform-specific struct declarations
inc/KHR	khrplatform.h	Platform-specific Khronos declarations
lib samples/es11, /es20	libEGL.lib	Static library for linking EGL functions
	libGLESv1_CM.lib	Static library for linking OpenGL ES 1.1 functions
	libGLESv2x.lib	Static library for linking OpenGL ES 2.0 functions
	libGLESv3x.lib	Static library for linking OpenGL ES 3.0 functions
	libVEmulatorVDK.lib	Static library for linking vEmulator VDK functions
	tutorials.sln	Microsoft Visual Studio® project solution file for samples
samples/es11/tutorial*N*	-- Varies with *N* --	Sample OpenGL ES 1.1 applications
samples/es20/tutorial*N*	-- Varies with *N* --	Sample OpenGL ES 2.0 applications
bin	libEGL.dll	Dynamic library for invoking EGL at runtime

7.2.3 vEmulator for OpenCL

If vEmulator includes support for OpenCL, additional files may be present. For OpenCL emulation using vEmulator on the PC, see the OpenCL emulator readme file (OCL_Readme.txt) in the vEmulator folder for additional installation instruction.

Note: An additional environment variable **CL_ON_GC2100** needs to be set for simulation for GC2100. The value can be any characters, as long as it is not null. This variable does not need to be set for other OCL cores.

Table 16 vEmulator Files for OpenCL 1.1

vEmulator subdirectory	Filename	Description
	OCL_Readme.txt	Readme file for OpenCL 1.1
bin	libOpenCL.dll	Dynamic library for invoking OCL at runtime
inc/CL	cl.h	OpenCL 1.1 core API header file
	cl.hpp	OpenCL 1.1 C++ binding header file
	cl_d3d10.h	OpenCL 1.1KhronosOCL/Direct3D extensions header file
	cl_ext.h	OpenCL 1.1 extensions header file
	cl_gl.h	OpenCL 1.1Khronos OCL/OpenGL extensions header file
	cl_gl_ext.h	OpenCL 1.1Vivante OCL/OpenGL extensions header file
	cl_platform.h	Platform-specific OCL declarations
	opencl.h	Vivante HAL version
lib	libOpenCL.lib	Dynamic library for linking OpenCL functions

samples/cl11	cl_sample.cpp	Sample OpenCL 1.1 source code
samples/cl11	cl_sample.sln	Sample OpenCL 1.1 Visual Studio solution file
samples/cl11	cl_sample.vcproj	Sample OpenCL 1.1 Visual Studio solution project file
samples/cl11	square.cl	Sample OpenCL 1.1 kernel file

7.2.4 Supported extensions

See Section “EGL and OES Extensions Support” for a list of supported and custom extensions available for EGL and OpenGL ES.
Software extensions have not been added to vEmulator for OpenGL ES 2.0. vEmulator relies on the extensions available with the installed version of native OpenGL.

7.2.5 vEmulator environment variable setup

There are two steps to running an OpenGL ES or OpenCL application with vEmulator:

Step 1. Link to the vEmulator **`*.lib`** static libraries at build time when creating an application executable image.

Step 2. Provide a path to the vEmulator **`*.dll`** dynamic libraries during run-time.

These steps require a one-time setup in which the location of the vEmulator libraries is added to the Microsoft Windows system environment variable named “Path.” In our example, the following string would be added to the system “Path” variable: C:\Program Files\vivante\vEmulator\lib.

To add vEmulator DLL files to the Windows XP system path:

a. Click **Start** then click **Control Panel** then double-click **System**
   - Vista: then click **Advanced system settings** from the Tasks list in the upper-leftcorner of the window.
   - Windows 7: in the System and Security window, click System, then on the left menu column click **Advanced system settings**.

b. Select the **Advanced** tab, then click on the **Environment Variables…** button.
   - An Environment Variables dialogue box is displayed, with two panes for variables.

c. Select **Path**, and then click on the **Edit…** button.

d. In the **Variable value:** field type the following environment variables in the order they should be found. For instance:

   `C:\Program Files\vivante\vEmulator\lib;<current path>`

   Note: The system parses a path string in left-to-right order when looking for a file. Whatever it finds first is what is used.

e. If the Vivante Core is GC2100, an additional variable **`CL_ON_GC2100`** should be set to any non-null value.

f. Click **OK**.
   - Click **OK** to close the Environment Variables dialogue window.
   - Click **OK** to close the System Properties dialogue window.

- Close the Control Panel > System window.

7.2.6 Sample code overview

In the discussions that follow about the various sample programs included with the vEmulator distribution, we assume that vEmulator has been installed in the default location within the vivante/VTK folder:

C:\Program Files\vivante\vEmulator

Relative to this path:

- run-time dlls are located at **…\bin**
- include-files are found at **…\inc**
- library files are located at **…\lib\<API>**
- examples are located at **…\samples\<API>\tutorial***
  where API is one of: **es11**or **es20**

The code examples are distributed with working *.exe executable images so that the VTK user can see how the results should look.

They are presented in a tutorial fashion, progressing from simpler programs to more complex as the tutorial number increases.

7.2.7 Building and running the code examples

The steps to build and run are identical for all code examples, regardless of the API (es11 or es20). There are two general guidelines to keep in mind.

1. A Visual Studio project has environment variables that allow the specification of additional paths to “include” and “library” files when a source module from that project is being built. The Visual Studio projects that are part of the vEmulator distribution package are configured out-of-the-box for building all of the sample code executables, relative to the location where vEmulator is installed. Specifically the additional paths are set as “$(SolutionDir)..\..\inc” and “$(SolutionDir)..\..\lib”.

   If \samples is moved, or if the VTK user begins with the provided projects as templates for developing applications in a directory that is not directly under the \vEmulator installation, then the project path variables must be adjusted accordingly. For example:

   To access these path variables for tutorial1, first launch the tutorials.sln

   - Right-click on **tutorial1**, then select **Properties** (at the bottom of the pop-up menu)
   - Under “Configuration Properties” > “C/C++” > “General”, edit the **Additional Include Directories** entry
     - For example, change **..\..\..\inc** to **C:\Program Files\vivante\vEmulator\inc**
   - Under “Configuration Properties” >“Linker” > “General”, edit the **Additional Library Directories** entry
     - For example, change **..\..\..\lib** to **C:\Program Files\vivante\vEmulator\lib**
2. Make sure that the system environment variable **PATH** contains a path to the vEmulator DLL files. (See above section on vEmulatorEnvironment Variable Setup, above.) Remember that the path is order-dependent;

whatever the system finds first is used. If there is more than one DLL with the same name, ensure that the path to the desired one is listed first in the **PATH** string.

7.2.8 OpenGL ES 1.1 examples

7.2.8.1 Tutorial1: rotating three-color triangle

Renders a cube centered at the origin with a different color on each face. Flat shading is used. The cube rotates about the vertical axis. The default projection is ORTHO, which can be toggled between ORTHO and PERSPECTIVE by left-clicking in the display window with the mouse or pressing Enter.

Figure 19 Rotating three-color triangle

7.2.8.2 Tutorial2: rotating six-color cube

Renders a cube centered at the origin with a different color on each face. Flat shading is used. The cube rotates about the vertical axis. The default projection is ORTHO, which can be toggled between ORTHO and PERSPECTIVE by left-clicking in the display window with the mouse or pressing Enter.

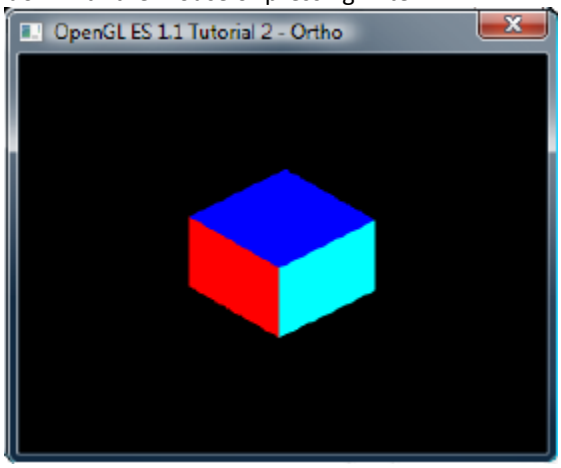


Figure 20 Rotating six-color cube

7.2.8.3 Tutorial3: rotating multi-textured cube

This example takes the cube of the previous example with PERSPECTIVE projection, loads two textures from file and combines them using GL_ADD blending mode, and applies the resulting texture to the cube faces.

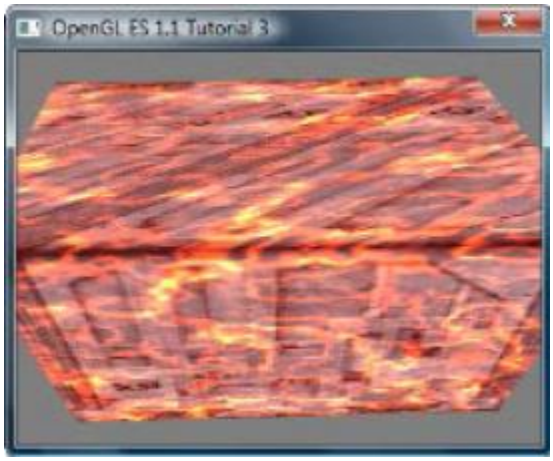


Figure 21 Rotating multi-textured cube

7.2.8.4 Tutorial4: lighting and fog

What appears to be a torus, a cone, and an oblate spheroid orbiting about the center of a plane is actually a single mesh being lit by a single rotating, diffuse light source. Green fog is added to the scene by left-clicking on the display window with the mouse or pressing Enter.

Figure 22 Lighting and fog

7.2.8.5 Tutorial5: blending and bit-mapped fonts

This example makes use of alpha blending to animate sprites across the display, and it also instructs how to create a bit-mapped font from a texture. Jumbled letters iteratively print and move across the display as they unscramble into a text message.

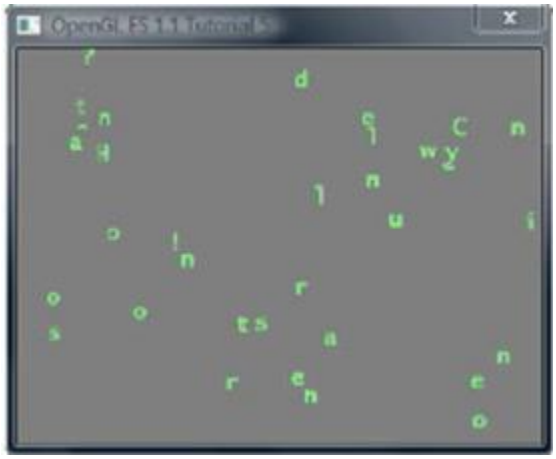


Figure 23 Blending and bit-mapped fonts

7.2.8.6 Tutorial6: particles using point sprites

This example reuses the bit-mapped font technique from the previous tutorial, but it adds a particle generator to simulate and animate particles being emitted from the textured plane. All computation is performed in fixed-point arithmetic.

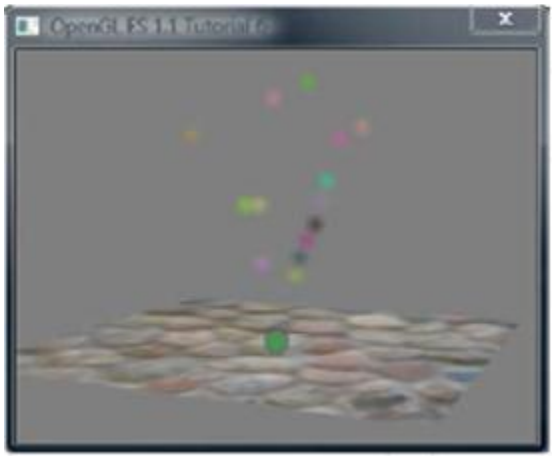


Figure 24 Particles using point sprites

7.2.8.7 Tutorial7: vertex buffer objects

Using Vertex Buffer Objects (VBO) can substantially increase performance by reducing the bandwidth required to transmit geometry data. Information such vertex, normal vector, color, and so on is sent once to locate device video memory and then bound and used as needed, rather than being read from system memory every time. This example illustrates how to create and use vertex buffer objects.

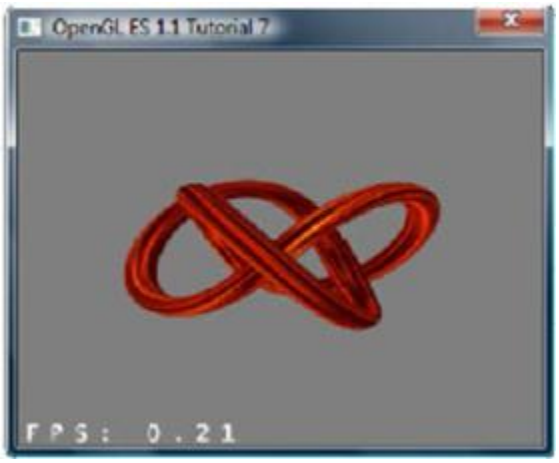


Figure 25 Vertex buffer objects

7.2.9 OpenGL ES 2.0 examples

7.2.9.1 Tutorial1: rotating three-color triangle

A single triangle is rendered with a different color at each vertex, Gouraud shading for blending, rotational animation in the final display. This is the same example as es11/tutorial1, only implemented in OpenGL ES 2.0.

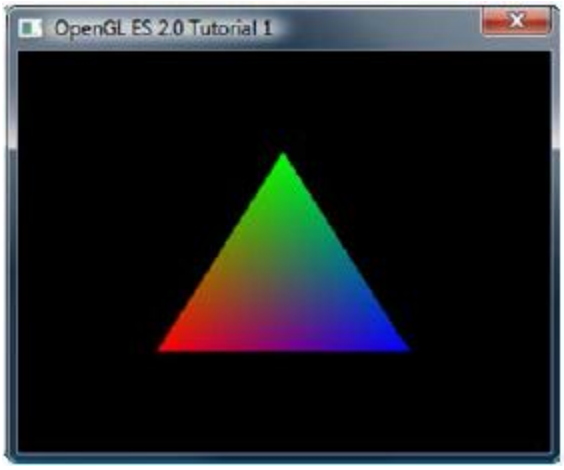


Figure 26 Rotating three-color triangle

7.2.9.2 Tutorial2: rotating six-color cube

Renders a cube centered at the origin with a different color on each face, and rotates it about the vertical axis. Similar to the es11/tutorial2 example, the default projection is ORTHO. But there is no toggle for PERSPECTIVE.

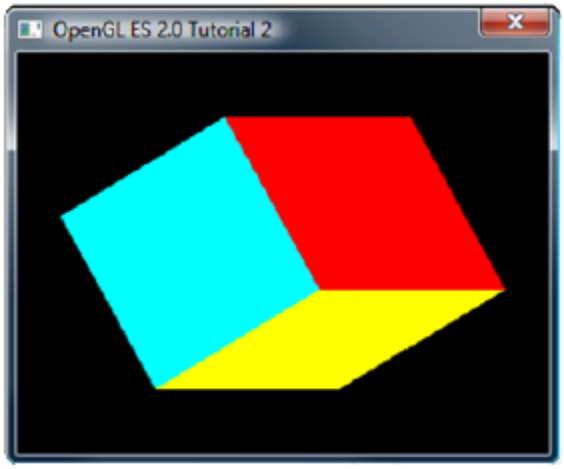


Figure 27 Rotating six-color cube

7.2.9.3 Tutorial3: rotating reflecting ball

A ball made of a mirroring material and centered at the origin spins about its Y-axis and reflects the scene surrounding it.
Note: if the program cannot be executed and print “GL error” in the console, remove the line “return” before the line of “DeleteCubeTexture(cubeTexData);”

Figure 28 Rotating reflecting ball

7.2.9.4 Tutorial4: rotating refracting ball

This example is the same as the previous one, except that the ball is made of clear glass which refracts the surrounding environment.
Note: if the program cannot be executed and print “GL error” in the console, remove the line “return” before the line of “DeleteCubeTexture(cubeTexData);”

Figure 29 Rotating refracting ball

7.3 vShader

vShader is a complete off-line environment for editing, previewing, analyzing, and optimizing shader programs.

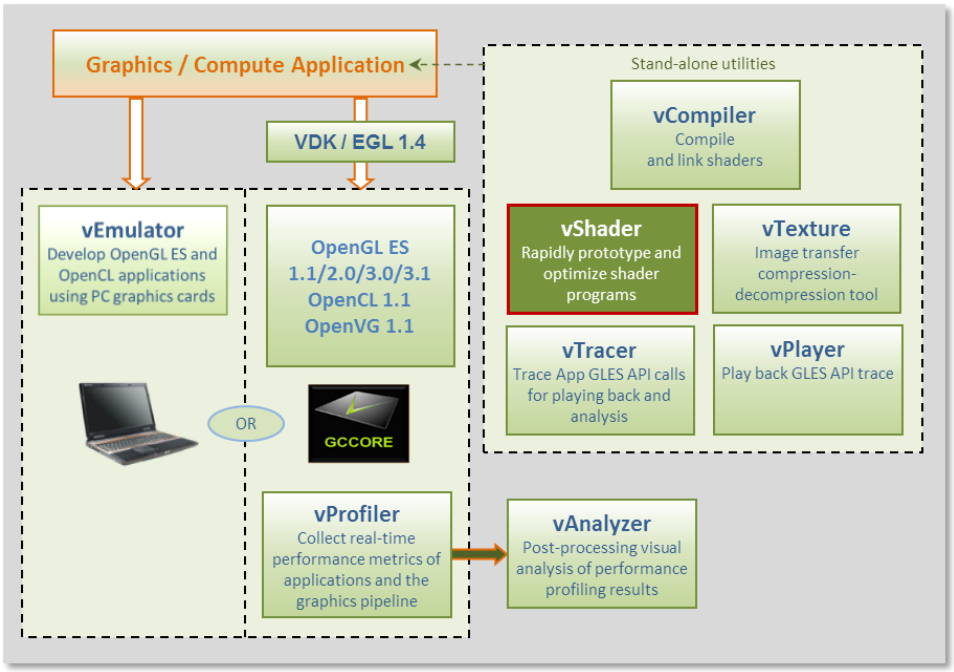


Figure 30 vShader shader editor

vShader allows users to:

- Map any texture onto shaders
- Import user-defined meshes
- Bind mesh attributes to shaders
- Set uniforms in shaders
- View shader compiler output for optimization hints
- Predict hardware performance

7.3.1 vShader components

By default, the vShader executable installs in the following location within the Vivante Toolkit directories:
`C:\Program Files\Vivante\vShade.`
The vShader package includes samples of shader programs, a number of standard meshes (sphere, cube, tea pot, pyramid, etc.) and a text editor. These extra features help programmers get a quick start on creating their shader programs.
By combining vertex shaders and fragment shaders into a single shader program, an application can produce a shader effect. A project can make use of many shader effects, which can share vertex and fragment shaders, mixing and matching to achieve the desired results.
The scope of this guide is to cover the vShader user interface. The tutorials provided with the vShader package are there to help the reader learn about shaders, if needed.

7.3.2 Getting started with vShader

Once the vShader utility is launched by clicking on a shortcut or directly on the executable vShader.exe projects can be created, developed and saved. Project files have an extension **`.vsp`**.

7.3.2.1 Creating a new project

To create a new project, locate the main menu bar: Select **File** then **New Project…**

Depending on the current project status, one of three things happen:

1. If this is the first time vShader is launched, there is no project already open and selecting “File > New Project…” has no effect.
2. If there have been no changes to the current project since the last save, then the current project closes and a new and empty project is opened.
3. If the current project has been modified, then a dialog box appears to ask to save the changes. Choosing **Yes** commits the changes to the current project, which is then closed, and a new, empty project is opened.

7.3.2.2 Opening an existing project

To open an existing project, locate the main menu bar:
To open an existing project, locate the main menu bar:

1. Select **File** then **Open Project…**
2. Double-click on the desired project from the list that pops up, or single-click on the project name and click **OK**.

The project loads into vShader and appear in the state it is last saved.

7.3.2.3 Saving a project

To save a project, locate the main menu bar:

1. Select **File** then **Save Project…**
2. In the resulting dialog box indicate where to save the project, then click **OK.**

7.3.3 vShaderNavigation

The vShader application runs on the Windows XP, Windows Vista and Windows 7 platforms and is driven from a graphical user interface as shown in the figure below.
Main components of the GUI include:

- on upper portion of window: a Menu Bar, Menu Icons,
- on left: Preview pane, Project Explorer pane

- on right: Shader Editor pane
- on lower portion of window: InfoLog pane.

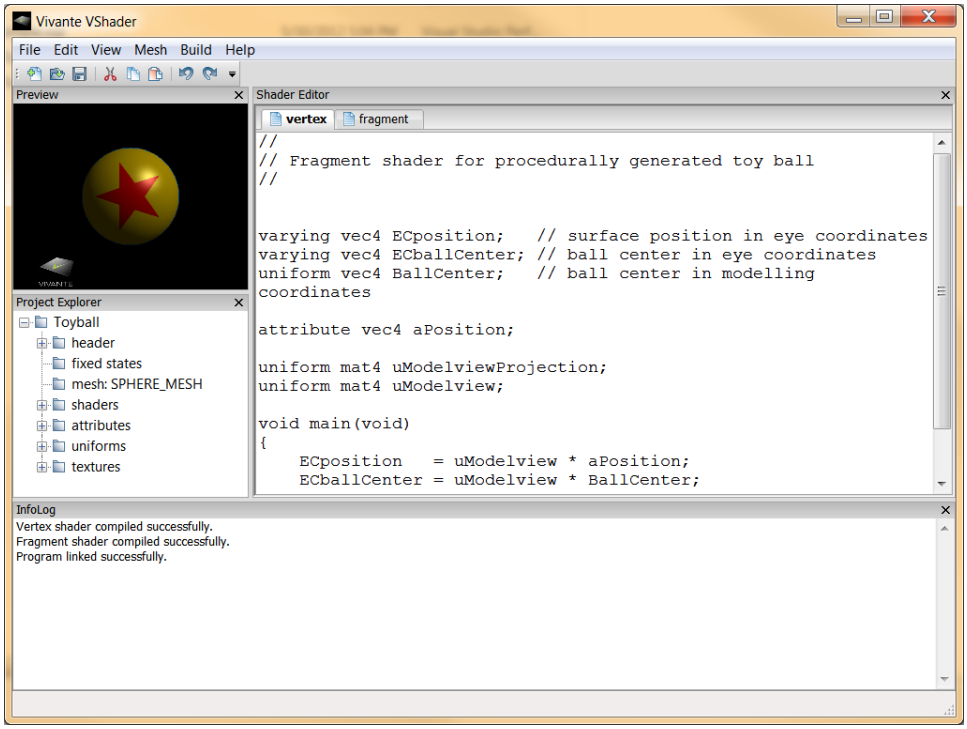


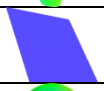
Figure 31 vShader GUI main window

7.3.3.1 vShader menu bar

The main window opens when a user launches vShader. The main menu bar contains drop-down menus for File, Edit, View, Mesh, Build, and Help.

Table 17 vShader menu commands

Menu Name	Menu Command	Description
File		
	New Project…	Create a new project file; if a project is currently open, then the user is prompted to choose whether to save it first.
	Open Project…	Browse for and load a .vsp VShader project.
	Save Project…	Save the current project; if this is the first time saving this project, then the user is prompted to choose where to save it.
	Load Vertex…	Browse for and load a vertex shader from an existing text file.
	Load Fragment…	Browse for and load a fragment shader from an existing text file.
	Save VertexShader As…	Prompts for filename and location to save the active vertex shader.
	Save FragmentShader As…	Prompts for filename and location to save the active fragment shader.
	Exit	Close all open files and exit VShader.

Edit			
	Undo [Ctrl-z]	Revert to a previous edit state (Note: Undo is only 1-level deep)	
	Redo [Ctrl-y]	Re-apply the last “undone” edit command (Note: Redo is only 1-level deep)	
	Cut [Ctrl-x]	Delete the selected item(s) and save a copy in the paste buffer	
	Copy [Ctrl-c]	Save a copy of the selected item(s) item in the paste buffer	
	Paste [Ctrl-v]	Insert the contents of the paste buffer	
	Delete [Del or Bkspc]	Remove the selected item(s)	
	Select All [Ctrl-a]	Highlight all items in the current view	
View			
	Reset Preview	Reset Preview window.	
	Snapshot	Save current preview image to bitmap bmp file. A dialog box is displayed to let user choose where to save the bmp.	
	Perspective	Use perspective projection in the Shader Preview pane	
	Ortho	Use orthographic projection in the Shader Preview pane	
	Tool Bar	Show or hide toolbar icons	
	Preview Window	Show or hide Preview window	
	Project Explorer	Show or hide Project Explorer window	
	Shader Editor	Show or hide Shader Editor window	
	InfoLog	Show or hide InfoLog window	
Mesh			
	Conic	Looks like a spiral horn.	
	Cube	A 3D cube.	
	Klein	The Klein bottle.	
	Plane	A 2D square.	
	Sphere	A ball.	
	Teapot	The Utah teapot.	
	Torus	Looks like a donut.	
	Trefoil	A trefoil knot.	
	Custom Mesh…	Browse for and open a 3DS mesh file.	
Build			
	Compile	Compile the active shader.	
	Link	Link the vertex and fragment shaders into a shader program, and apply it to the mesh showing in the Shader Preview window pane.	
	Clear InfoLog	Remove all text currently showing in the InfoLog window pane.	
Help			

	About	Information about the version of VShader being used.

7.3.3.2 vShader Window OS panes

There are four window panes in the vShader GUI: Preview, Project Explorer, Shader Editor, and InfoLog. Each pane can be resized by left-mouse-dragging the pane edge. A pane can be hidden by clicking the **X** in the upper-right corner of the pane, or by un-checking the box next to its name in the View pull-down of the main menu. Restoring a hidden window pane is done by checking the appropriate box in the View pull-down menu.
Individual panes in the vShader application can be resized, relocated or converted to detached windows, as in the example to the right.
Note: Changes made to pane arrangement are not restored on application or project relaunch.

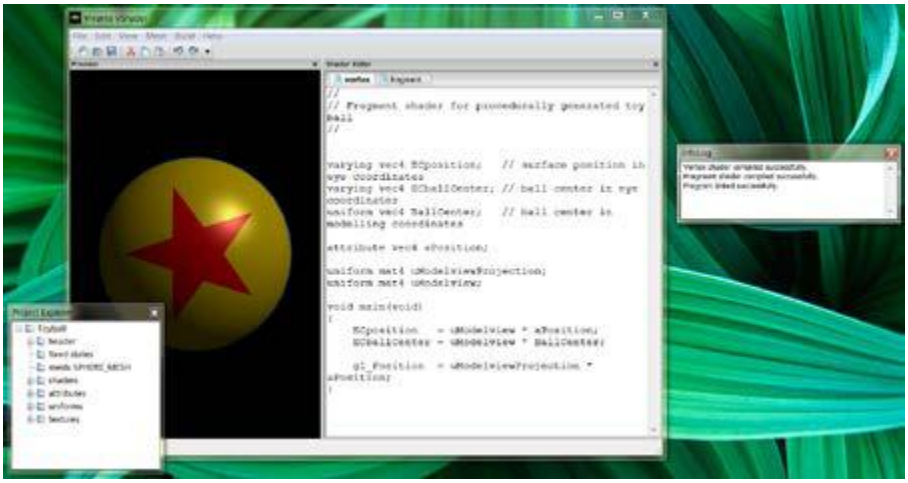


Figure 32 vShader moveable panes

7.3.3.2.1 Preview

The shader Preview pane shows the current effect of the shaders on the chosen mesh geometry. A different mesh may be chosen either via the Mesh pull-down menu in the menu bar near the top of the vShader main window or by right-mouse clicking in the Preview pane.
When using the right-click method, the user also can choose between perspective and orthographic views of the mesh, can reset the view orientation to the default, or can save the current view in the Preview window as a bitmap file by selecting **Snapshot**.
The object in the Preview window can be rotated, translated, and scaled. Rotation is controlled by left-mouse-drag; translation is done by holding the Ctrl key plus left-mouse-drag; scaling the image is seen by holding the Alt key while applying left-mouse-drag.
When shader variables are changed, the shader preview updates automatically. When shader programs are changed they must be recompiled and relinked by the user, through the Build menu. The Preview display is automatically updated to reflect the new Build.

7.3.3.3 P*r*oject explorer

The Project Explorer displays all of the project resources in a familiar tree structure. The root of the tree is the project name, and the branches and leaves classify the resources. Folders can be expanded by clicking on the plus sign next to them, and they can be collapsed by choosing the minus sign. By right-mouse clicking on any resource name, the user can view and usually edit that resource.

7.3.3.3.1 Shader editor

The Shader Editor is a work area for entering and modifying shader programs. There are two tabs: one for vertex shader, and one for fragment shader. Changes made to a shader must be compiled and linked in order for their effect to appear in the Shader Preview.
Compiling can be done by selecting **Build** then **Compile** from the main menu bar. Likewise, linking and applying the shaders is performed by choosing **Build** then **Link**.

7.3.3.3.2 Info log

The Info Log window pane receives diagnostic messages from the compiler and linker, so that the user can see if the current shaders have built without errors. This pane can be cleared of text by selecting the **Build** then **Clear InfoLog** entry in the main menu.

7.3.4 vShader project resources

Project resources are accessible from the Project Explorer pane. Click on the item and an Editor pop-up dialog box appears where the user can enter alternate values. Resources include: header, fixed states, mesh, shaders, attributes, uniforms, and textures.

7.3.4.1 Header

Some project identifying information, namely version, author, and company. Expand the folder to see the settings, or right-click (or double-click) the folder to edit them.

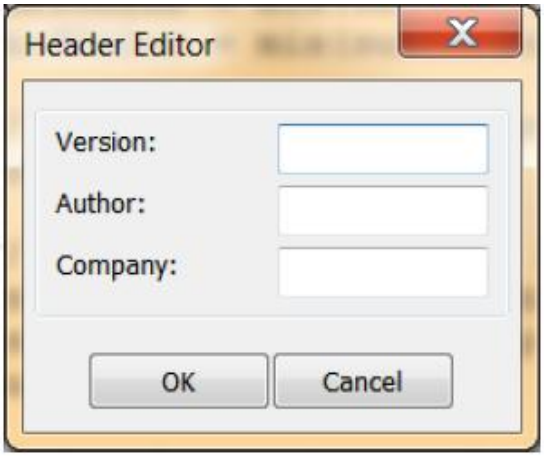


Figure 33 Header editor

7.3.4.2 Fixed states

The Fixed State Editor is a list of OpenGL ES 2.0 fixed states settings, such as depth test enable/disable, etc. It allows the user to set all fixed states manually. Right-click or double click to display an edit dialog.

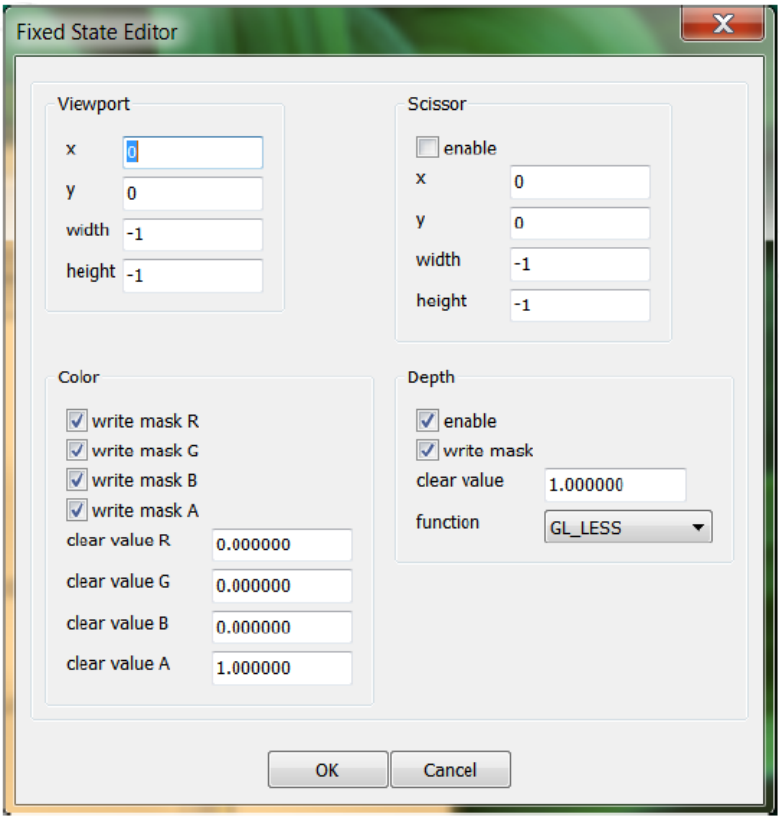


Figure 34 Fixed states

7.3.4.3 Mesh

This resource shows the name of the mesh which is currently being displayed in the Preview pane. It does not have a pop-up window. Right-click on the mesh name to select a different mesh can be selected from the resulting pull-down menu.

7.3.4.4 Shaders

Left-click on the plus sign next to the “shaders” folder to reveal the two sub nodes in this section, which are vertex and fragment. Double-click (or right-click and then choose **Active**) on either shader to bring it forward in the Shader Editor for editing.

7.3.4.5 Attributes

The Attribute Editor dialog displays all attributes bound to the current project. It allows the user to add new attributes, and edit or remove existing attributes. Right click on **Attributes** to add a new one. Click on the plus sign to expand the attributes list, and then double-click to edit a particular attribute. Also, by right-clicking on an attribute, the user can edit or remove that attribute or add a new one. Up to 12 attributes are allowed.

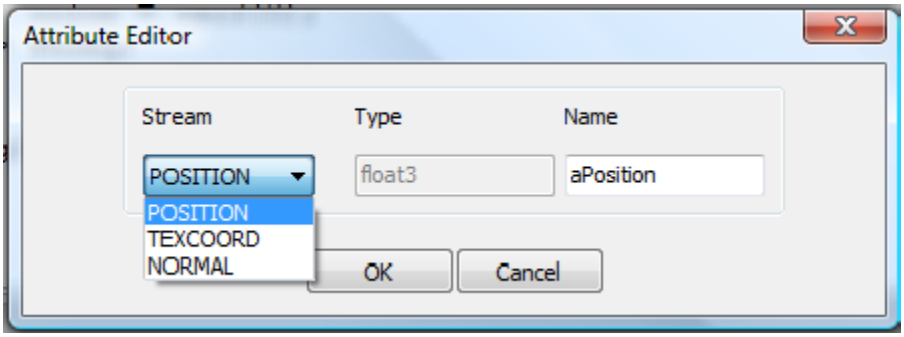


Figure 35 Attributes

7.3.4.6 Uniforms

This displays all uniforms bound to the current project. Right click on **Uniforms** to add a new one, or expand the list and double-click on a given uniform to bring up the Uniform Editor dialog. When a uniform is right-clicked, the user can add new uniforms, or edit or remove existing uniforms. Up to 160 uniforms are allowed.

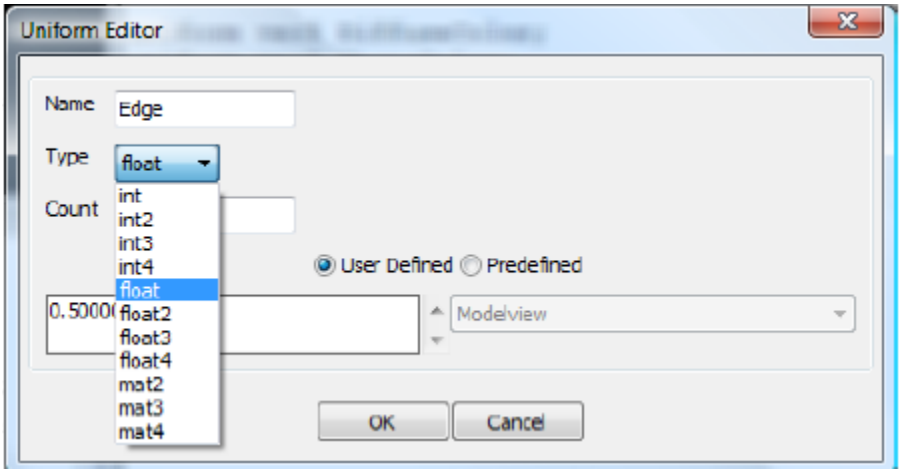


Figure 36 Uniforms

7.3.4.7 Textures

The Texture Editor dialog allows the user to select a texture for each of up to 8 texture units. The effect of applying each texture is seen immediately in the Shader Preview pane.
The texture selection option list is created from the texture files located in the “textures” subfolder of the project. The list can be expanded by adding textures to the textures folder, formatted as bitmap files.

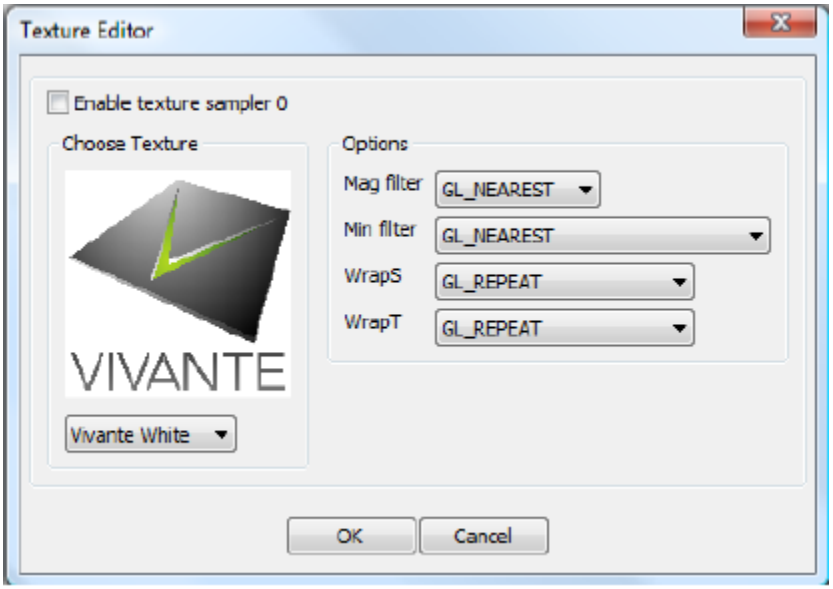


Figure 37 Textures

7.4 vCompiler

vCompiler is an off-line compiler and linker for translating vertex and fragment shaders written in OpenGL ES Shading Language (ESSL) into binary executables targeting Vivante accelerated hardware platforms. vCompiler is driven by a simple command-line interface.

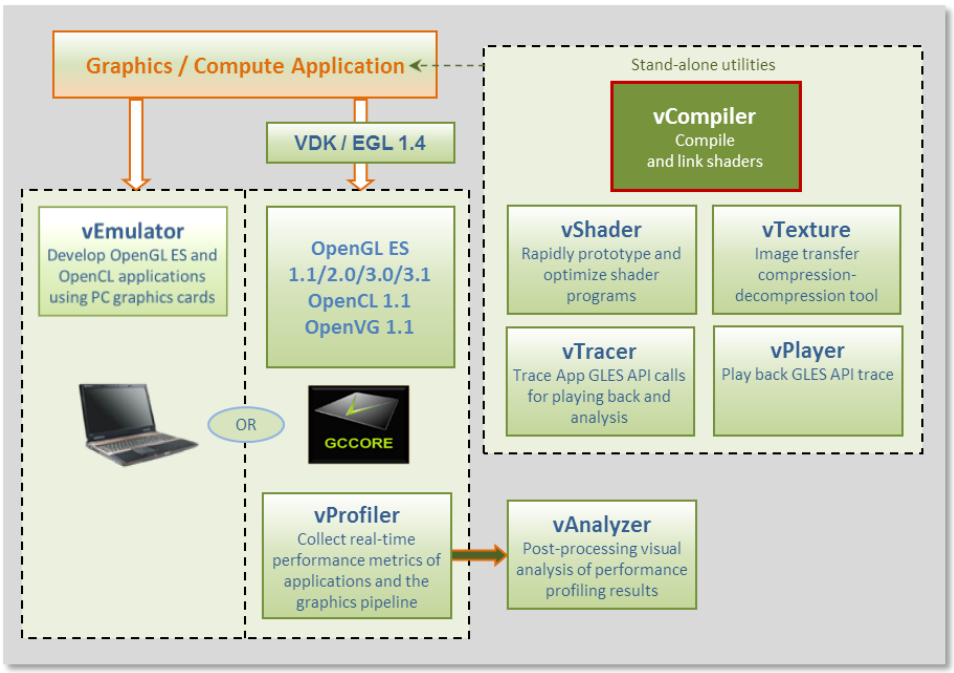


Figure 38 vCompiler compiler/linker

7.4.1 vCompiler command line syntax

7.4.1.1 Syntax:

Optional inputs are indicated by italic font.

```
vCompiler [-c] [-h] [-l] [-On] [-v] [-x <shaderType>] [-o <outputFileName>]
          <shaderInputFileName> <shaderInputFileName_2>
```

7.4.1.2 Input parameters (required):

shaderInputFileName shader input file name, which **must** contain one of the following file extensions:

vert	vertex shader source file
frag	fragment shader source file
vgcSL	previously compiled vertex shader input/output file
pgcSL	previously compiled pixel shader input/output file

7.4.1.3 Input parameters (optional):

shaderInputFileName_2 up to two shader files can be specified. The second shader file is optional but must have one of the file extensions described above for shader InputFileName. If the first shader is a vertex shader, this second shader should be a fragment shader; conversely if the first shader is a fragment shader, the second should be a pixel shader.

Note: pre-compiled and compiled shaders may be mixed, as long as one is a vertex shader and the other a fragment shader.

-c Compile each vertex .vert file into a **vgcSL** file and/or fragment shader .frag file into a **pgcSL** only, with no merged result file of type **.gcPGM**. If the **–c** option is not specified:

a)When only one shader is specified, that shader is compiled into a .[v/p]gcSL file.

b) When two shaders are specified, one is assumed to be a vertex shader and the other a fragment shader. Each shader can be either a previously compiled .vgcSL or .pgcSL. file or a .vert or .frag still to be compiled. The two are merged into a .gcPGM file after successful compilation.

-f <gpuConfigurationFile> Specifies a configuration file (*from VTK 1.6.2*). If **–f** is not specified, the file **viv_gpu.config** in the vCompiler working directory is used as the default configuration file. Example syntax:

```
vCompiler –f viv_gpu_880.config foo.vert bar.frag
```

Note: vCompiler does not work correctly if the GPU configuration file cannot be found or contains incorrect content. See Section on vCompiler Core-specific configuration **for .config file content organization.**

-h Shows a help message on all the command options.

-l	Create a log file. The log file name is created by taking the first input file name, then replacing its file extension with ".log". If the input file name does not have a file extension, .log is appended, e.g., **myvert.vert => myvert.log** **inputfrag => inputfrag.log**
-o <outputFileName>	Specify the output file name. If the path is other than the current directory, it must also be specified. Any extension can be specified. If the extension is not specified, the following are **outputFileName** supported default types: vgcSL — compiled vertex shader output file, usually compiled from a .vert input source file (default result for single file compile) pgcSL — compiled pixel shader output file, usually compiled from a .frag source input file. gcPGM — compiled file merging vertex shader and fragment/pixel shader into a single output file
-O*n*	Optimization level. Default is **–O1:** **-O0** Disable optimizations **-O1- -O9** Indicates on which level optimization should be done. The default is level 1. Note: Optimization is actually implemented in the compiler, not vCompiler.
-s	Deprecated from 5.0.11_p5; instead, use file **viv_gpu.config** in the vCompiler work directory contains GPU core-specific configuration detail.
-v	Verbose; prints compiler version and diagnostic messages to STDOUT.
-x<shaderType>	Explicitly specifies the type of shader instead of relying on the file extension. This option applies to all following input files until the next **-x** option. **ShaderType**: supported values for Shader type include: **vert** vertex shader source file **frag** fragment shader source file **vgcSL** compiled vertex shader input/output file **pgcSL** compiled pixel shader input/output file
-x none	revert back to recognizing shader type according to the file name extension.

7.4.1.4 vCompiler output

Output files are placed in the current directory, unless another directory is specified with the –o option. The files can be of the three types described above under outputFileName value of the –o option.

7.4.1.5 vCompiler syntax examples

vCompiler foo.vert	produces foo.vgcSL
vCompiler bar.frag	produces bar.pgcSL
vCompiler foo.vert bar.frag	produces foo.gcPGM
vCompiler -v -l -O1 foo.vert bar.frag	produces foo.gcPMG and foo.log
vCompiler -v -l -O1 -o foo_bar foo.vert bar.frag	produces foo_bar.gcPGM and foo_bar.log

7.4.2 vCompiler core-specific configuration

To ensure the shader binaries generated by vCompiler work correctly and optimally on the specified GPU, specify the GPU before starting to run vCompiler.

There are two or more configuration files *(available in VTK 1.6.1)* in the vCompiler installation directory. For example:

viv_gpu.config	configuration file for GC2000-5108a (default)
viv_gpu_880.config	configuration file for GC880-5106

To change the GPU configuration, rename the GPU file to **viv_gpu.config**. For example, on a Linux OS platform, use the following commands:

```
mv viv_gpu.config viv_gpu_2100.config
mv viv_gpu_880.config viv_gpu.config
```

Keep in mind that the content of these files should not be modified, and the **viv_gpu.config** file must be in the vCompiler work directory. If customization is required, note that the format for the file contents is fixed and only the value for each parameter may be changed.

Here is the default **viv_gpu.config** file:

```
chipModel              = 0x2000;
chipRevision           = 0x5108;
chipFeatures           = 0xE0296CAD;
chipMinorFeatures      = 0xC9799EFF;
chipMinorFeatures1     = 0x2EFBF2D9;
chipMinorFeatures2     = 0x00000000;
chipMinorFeatures3     = 0x00000000;
chipMinorFeatures4     = 0x00000000;
chipMinorFeatures5     = 0x00000000;
chipMinorFeatures6     = 0x00000000;
pixelPipes             = 2;
streamCount            = 8;
registerMax            = 64;
threadCount            = 1024;
shaderCoreCount        = 4;
vertexCacheSize        = 16;
vertexOutputBufferSize = 512;
instructionCount       = 512;
numConstants           = 168;
bufferSize             = 0;
varyingsCount          = 11;
superTileMode          = 1;
```

7.5 vTexture

The Vivante vTexture tool is a command line tool which provides compression and decompression functions to help developers transfer image formats.

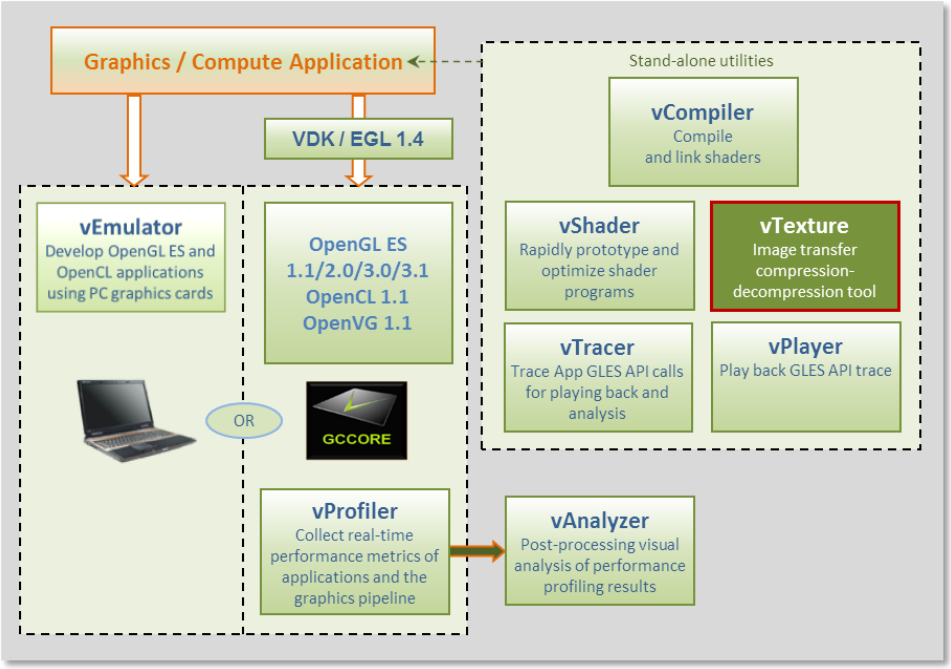


Figure 39 vTexture Image Transfer Tool

7.5.1 Formats

7.5.1.1 Supported formats

The vTexture tool supports:

- compression of uncompressed TGA format files to any of the following formats:
  - DXT1
  - DXT3
  - DXT5
  - ETC1
  - ETC2
- decompression to uncompressed TGA format of the following compressed format file types:
  - DXT1
  - DXT3
  - DXT5
  - ETC1
  - ETC2

The compressed DXTn format image file is stored as a DDS file, and the ETCn format image is stored as a PKM or KTX file.

The TGA format either the RGBA or RGB color model and ETCn format provides an image following the RGB color model RGB888. Note that compressing a TGA image of RGBA format to an ETCn format results in a loss of alpha values.

7.5.1.2 Supported formats for tile and de-tile conversions

vTexture supports conversions between linear textures and the tile configurations supported in Vivante hardware:

- Linear no tiling
- Tile 4x4 tile
- Supertile 64x64 tile

The following two tile configurations are supported by some hardware, but not routinely utilized in Vivante software:

- Multi-tile A split-tile (possible, but rarely used).
- Multi-supertile A split or multi-supertile surface can occur with GC2000 and above, where, each pixel engine of the multi-pipe renders into a different render buffer and each render buffer is supertiled.

Formats supported for tile format conversions include the following:

- source data
  - BMP
  - TGA
- output data
  - BMP
  - raw data of a specified type. Supported formats are: RGBA8888 BGRA8888 RGB888 BGR888 RGB565 BGR565 ARGB1555

7.5.1.3 vTexture output formats

Output from the compress option:

- DXTn format image file is stored as a DDS file,
- ETC1 and ETC2 format images is stored as a PKM or KTM file.

Output from the decompress option:

- all supported formats are decompressed to an uncompressed TGA file.

Output from tile / de-tile options:

- BMP if `-r` not specified
- RAW if `-r` specified.

7.5.1.4 vTexture RAW output file format definition

The Vivante vTexture Tools RAW file is a Vivante-defined file. The file extension is .RAW.
The format consists of the following:

Table 18 Vivante RAW file header and pixel data definition

Vivante RAW File Header and Pixel Data Definition	Size 16 bytes	Data type	Detail
Width in pixels	4 bytes	INT	Number of pixels
Height in pixels	4 bytes	INT	Number of pixels
Pixel format	4 bytes	INT	Integer value of numeric for a supported format, as defined in gceSURF_FORMAT enumeration:

Supported Format	Numeric
ARGB_1555	208
RGB_565	209
BGR_888	210

			<table><tr><td>BGRX_8888</td><td>211</td></tr><tr><td>BGRA_8888</td><td>212</td></tr><tr><td>BGR_565</td><td>302</td></tr><tr><td>RGB_888</td><td>303</td></tr><tr><td>RGBX_8888</td><td>305</td></tr><tr><td>RGBA_8888</td><td>306</td></tr></table>These value can also be found in samples(Named TiledTexture).
Tile format	1 byte	BOOL	bit 0: tile bit 1 supertile bit 5: flag for multi- other bits reserved
Supertile format	1 byte	INT	Integer value: 0 = supertile layout mode 0 1 = supertile layout mode 1 2 = supertile layout mode 2
Reserved	2 bytes		not used

7.5.2 Set vTexture environment variable

The following table summarizes the only environment variable that vTexture currently expects.

Table 19 vTexture Environment Variables

Environment Variable	Description
PATH	set PATH=%PATH%;"C:\Program Files\Vivante\vTexture\"

7.5.3 Command line syntax

Open a Command prompt.
Navigate to the folder which contains the vTexture files (for example, **C:\Program Files (x86)\Vivante\vTexture)**.
Launch the **vTexture** or **vTextureTools** application using the command line syntax described below.

7.5.4 Syntax

The usage of the command line tool is as follows for compression/decompression:

```
vTextureTools -c TYPE [-s SPEED] –src FILE [–dest FILE]
```

or

```
vTextureTools -d TYPE –src FILE [–dest FILE]
```

The usage of the command line tool is as follows for tiling/de-tiling:

```
vTextureTools -t|-st [-2 [–r|--raw=FORMAT] –m LAYOUT] –src FILE [–dest FILE]
```

or

```
vTextureTools -dt -t|-st [-2 [–r|--raw=FORMAT] –m LAYOUT] –src FILE [–dest FILE]
```

7.5.4.1 General Parameters

General parameters:

-h show help

-src [FILE] source file - input image path and filename.
Note:
for option **–c** compress, the application expects an input filename with a .TGA extension;
for **–d** decompression the application expects .DDS, .KTX or .PKM ;

for **-t** tile the application expects .BMP or .TGA;
for **-dt** detile the application expects .BMP or .TGA

-dest [FILE] destination file - image path and filename.
Note: the application expects a filename with a .TGA, .DDS, .KTX or .PKM extension for compress/uncompress or .BMP or .RAW for tile/detile.
If the **-dest** parameter is not set, vTexture automatically generates a name for the newly generated file, using the source file name as the prefix appending critical parameters and file type information.

7.5.4.2 Compression/Decompression parameters

These parameters are used for compression and decompression:

-c compress a source image of format uncompressed TGA
[TYPE] specify the target output compression format:
-DXT1 compress image to DXT1 format (default format).
-DXT3 compress image to DXT3 format.
-DXT5 compress image to DXT5 format.
-ETC1 compress image to ETC1 format.
-ETC2 compress image to ETC2 format .

-d decompress a source image of format specified by the value **[TYPE]**.
The resulting file type is uncompressed TGA.
This option decompresses DXT1, DXT3, DXT5, ECT1 or ETC2 format image to TGA format.
Note: [TYPE] supported tga. namely, we can only use -d tga

-s compression **[SPEED]** mode for ETCn images:
slow
medium
fast (default)

7.5.4.3 Tile/De-Tile parameters

These parameters are used for tiling and de-tiling between linear and tiled formats:

-t Convert linear data to tiled texture output

-st Enable supertile format. This option is an alternate to **-t**. If **-st** and **-t** are used together, -st is set.

-dt De-tile: Convert tiled texture to linear texture output

-2 Tile/de-tile in multi- format. Tile format is multi-tiled (when used with **-t**) or multi-supertiled (with **-st**).

-m **[LAYOUT]**: layout mode for supertiled or multi-supertiled textures:
0: Legacy supertile mode (default).
1: Supertile mode when hardware has HZ.
2: Supertile mode when hardware has NEW_HZ or FAST_MSAA.

-r Specify output data as raw pixel output instead of BMP.
Use: **--raw=rgb565** to specify raw pixel **[FORMAT]**. Supported raw formats (7) are:

rgba8888, bgra8888, rgb888, bgr888, rgb565, bgr565, argb1555.

7.5.4.4 vTexture syntax examples

COMPRESS:

```
vTextureTools -c dxt1 -src d:\myfile.tga -dest c:\compress.dds
vTextureTools -c etc2 -src d:\myfile.tga -dest c:\compress.pkm
vTextureTools -c etc2 -src d:\myfile.tga -dest c:\compress.ktx
vTextureTools -c etc1 -s slow -src d:\myfile.tga -dest c:\compress.pkm
vTextureTools -c etc2 -s slow -src d:\myfile.tga -dest c:\compress.ktx
```

DECOMPRESS:

```
vTextureTools -d etc1–srcC:/vtexin/myfile2.pkm –dest C:/vtextout/myfile2.tga
vTextureTools -d –srcC:/vtexin/myfile3.dds –dest C:/vtextout/myfile3.tga (assumes DXT1)
vTextureTools -d tga -src d:\myfile.dds -dest c:\decompress.tga
vTextureTools–dtga -src d:\myfile.ktx -dest c:\decompress.tga
```

TILE: LINEAR TO TILE CONVERSION:

Tile linear texture to standard tile texture

```
vTextureTools.exe -t -src 123.bmp
```

Tile linear texture to multi-tiled texture

```
vTextureTools.exe -t -2 -src 123.bmp
```

Tile linear texture to supertiled texture

```
vTextureTools.exe -st -src 123.bmp
```

Tile linear texture to multi-supertiled texture

```
vTextureTools.exe -2 –st-src 123.bmp
```

Tile linear texture to multi-supertiled texture and output rgb565

```
vTextureTools.exe -2 --raw=rgb565 -src 123.bmp
```

Tile linear texture to multi-supertiled texture with layout mode 2

```
vTextureTools.exe -st -2 -m 2 -src 123.bmp
```

DE-TILE: TILED TO LINEAR CONVERSION:

De-tile tiled texture to linear texture

```
vTextureTools.exe –dt -t -src 123-tiled.bmp
```

De-tile supertiled texture to linear texture

```
vTextureTools.exe -dt -st -src 123-supertiled.bmp
```

De-tile multi-supertiled texture to linear texture

```
vTextureTools.exe –dt -t -2 -src 123-tiled-multi-tiled.bmp
```

De-tile multi-Super-tiled texture with layout mode 2 to linear texture

```
vTextureTools.exe -dt -st -2 -m 2 -src 123-multi-supertiled-2.bmp
```

7.6 vProfiler and vAnalyzer

vProfiler is a run-time environment for collecting performance statistics of an application and the graphics pipeline. vAnalyzer is a utility for graphically displaying the data gathered by vProfiler and aiding in visual analysis of graphics performance. Used together, these tools can assist software developers in optimizing application performance on Vivante enabled platforms. The GPU includes performance counters that track a variety of GPU functions. vProfiler gathers data from these counters during runtime and can track data for a range of frames or a

single frame from any application. Appendix A contains a partial list of the data gathered by the hardware performance counters. Additional counters are present in the software drivers and hardware access layer.

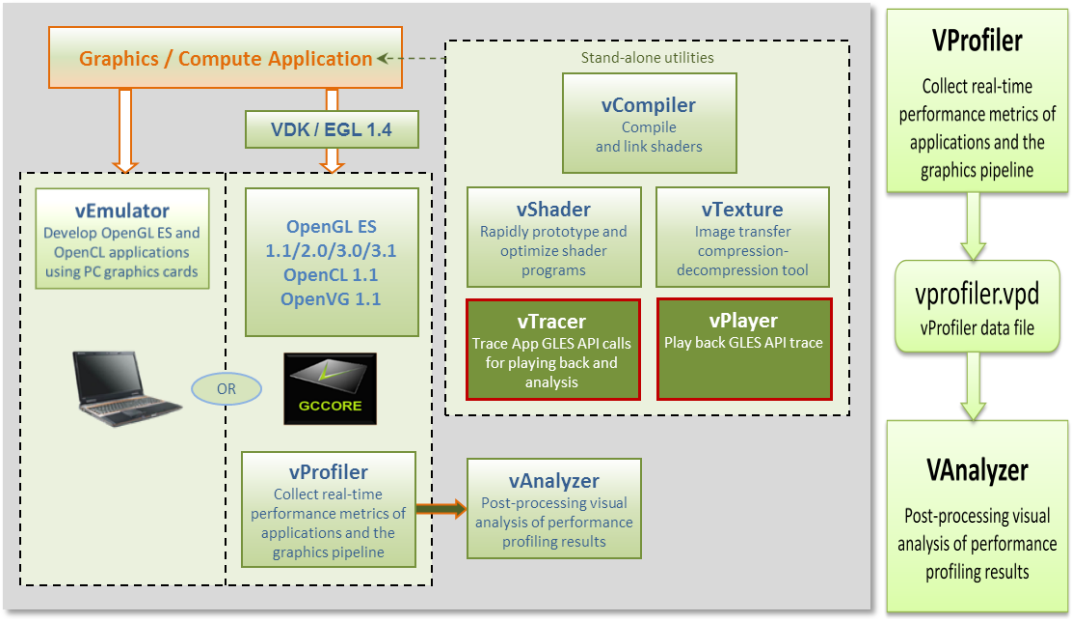


Figure 40 vProfiler performance profiling save data for review in the vAnalyzer visual analyzer

7.6.1 Fundamentals of performance optimization

Whenever an application runs on a computer, it makes use of one or more of the available resources. These compute resources include the CPU, the graphics processor, caches and memory, hard disks, and possibly even the network. Viewed simplistically, it is always true that one of these resources is the limiting factor in how quickly the application can finish its tasks. This limiting resource is the performance bottleneck. Remove this bottleneck, and application performance should be improved. Note, however, that removing one limiting factor always promotes something else to become the new performance bottleneck.
The goal of optimizing, or tuning, application performance is to balance the use of resources so that none of them holds back the application more than any of the others. In practice there is no single, simple way to tune an application. The whole system needs to be considered, including the size and speed of individual components as well as interactions and dependencies among components.

vProfiler collects information on GPU usage and on calls to Vivante functions within the graphics pipeline. As such it provides an excellent view into what is happening on the GCCORE graphics processor at any point in time, down to the individual frame. When the application performance is GPU-bound, vProfiler and vAnalyzer are the right tools to help determine why.

Note that the initial determination regarding which component of the computer system is the performance bottleneck—CPU, GPU, memory, etc.—is the domain of system performance analyzers and is outside the scope of the GPU tools. A list of such performance analysis tools can be found at Wikipedia: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_performance_analysis_tools.

7.6.2 vProfiler setup for the Linux OS

The VTK Windows OS package includes vAnalyzer for the Windows OS environment. The vProfiler tool can be compiled for the Linux OS, as per the instructions below.
vProfiler stores software and hardware counters captured per frame in the **vprofiler.vpd** file. vAnalyzer reads the .vpd file and allows the user to browse all counters, visualize application performance bottlenecks, and measure system utilization of that application run. Presently, vProfiler does not store frame buffer images due to excessive overhead that changes the behavior of applications.

7.6.2.1 Enable vProfiler option in kernel

When building Vivante Graphics Drivers in a Linux OS environment, the driver is built with vProfiler capability.

To activate vProfiler functionality, build the drivers per the instructions in Section "How to Build the GCCORE Drivers for the Linux OS" in the Vivante Driver Development Guide.In Step 3 of the subsection "Run on the target board" where **insmod** is used to insert the GAL kernel driver, use the command line to add the **gpuProfiler=1** option, or add the option into an existing **.sh** script similar to the following:

```
#!/system/bin/sh
#
insmod /system/lib/modules/galcore.ko gpuProfiler=1 [OPTIONS]
chmod 777 /dev/graphics/*
```

7.6.2.2 Enable vProfiler option in U-Boot

vProfiler can also be enabled from U-Boot with kernel command parameters. Minimum Linux kernel version 3.10.y needs to support this galcore.powerManagement=0 galcore.showArgs=1 galcore.gpuProfiler=1.

7.6.2.3 Set vProfiler environment variables

The following table summarizes the environment variables that vProfiler supports. (Note that environment variable names for the Linux OS were changed from driver releases 4.6.9.p13 and 5.0.7 and toolkit release 1.5.)

Table 20 vProfiler Environment Variables for the Linux OS

Environment Variable	Description
VIV_PROFILE	[0] Disable vProfiler (default), [1] Enable vProfiler,[2] Control via application call, [3] Allows control over which frames to profile with vProfiler
VP_OUTPUT	Specify the output file name of vProfiler (default is vprofiler.vpd)
VP_FRAME_NUM	When VIV_PROFILE=1, specify the number of frames dumped by vProfiler.
VP_FRAME_START	When VIV_PROFILE=3, specify the frame to start profiling with vProfiler.
VP_FRAME_END	When VIV_PROFILE=3, specify the frame to end profiling with vProfiler.
VP_SYNC_MODE	Enable [1] or disable [0] the synchronous mode of vProfiler (default is synchronous enabled)

7.6.2.3.1 VIV_PROFILE

The environment variable **VIV_PROFILE** can be used to control enable /disable and set profiling modes for vProfiler.

VIV_PROFILE=0:

By default, vProfiler is disabled in the driver. If vProfiler has been enabled and to disable it,set **VIV_PROFILE** equal to 0:

```
export VIV_PROFILE=0
```

VIV_PROFILE=1:

To enable vProfiler, set **VIV_PROFILE** to 1:

```
export VIV_PROFILE=1
```

To limit the number of frames to analyze, use the environment variable **VP_FRAME_NUM**. (This option is available only when **VIV_PROFILE=1**.) For example, this example setting makes vProfiler dump performance data for the first 100 frames.

```
export VP_FRAME_NUM=100
```

VIV_PROFILE=2:

Mode **VIV_PROFILE=2** *(available from VTK 1.5.7)* provides support for `glEnable(GL_PROFILE_VIV)` and `glDisable(GL_PROFILE_VIV)`, which are used to choose which frames are to be profiled. In this mode, vProfiler is disabled by default. It begins to do profiling only after a glEnable(GL_PROFILE_VIV) call from the application. And it stops profiling when glDisable(GL_PROFILE_VIV) is called. Note that the flag is only checked at every frame end, i.e., in eglSwapBuffers. To use this mode, set **VIV_PROFILE** to 2:

```
export VIV_PROFILE=2
```

VIV_PROFILE=3:

Setting **VIV_PROFILE** to 3 *(available from VTK 1.5.8)* provides support for two environment variables **VP_FRAME_START** and **VP_FRAME_END**, which are used to choose which frames are to be profiled. In this mode, vProfiler is disabled by default. It begins to do profiling starting at the frame number specified by **VP_FRAME_START**, and it ends the profiling after the frame number specified by **VP_FRAME_END**. For example to use this mode, set **VIV_PROFILE** to 3:

```
export VIV_PROFILE=3
export VP_FRAME_START=10
export VP_FRAME_END=90
```

NOTE: The GPU profiling mode requires the GPU Power Management (PM) functions to be disabled to get the precise profiling data. When kernel module “galcore” is inserted with **gpuProfiler=1**, the PM functions in the driver are not disabled. The PM functions are disabled when **VIV_PROFILE** is set to 1, 2, or 3, and the application starts. The PM functions are enabled when **VIV_PROFILE** is set to 0, and the application starts again.

7.6.2.3.2 VP_OUTPUT

The output file of vProfiler is **vprofiler.vpd** by default. To specify an alternate filename use the environment variable **VP_OUTPUT**. For example,

```
exportVP_OUTPUT =sample.vpd
```

7.6.2.3.3 VP_SYNC_MODE

To get accurate values from the GPU counters, vProfiler needs to commit the GPU commands at the end of every frame; this is so-called synchronous mode. The environment variable **VP_SYNC_MODE** can be used to enable or disable synchronous mode. By default, vProfiler works in synchronous mode. The command below makes vProfiler work in asynchronous mode.

```
export VP_SYNC_MODE=0
```

7.6.3 vProfiler setup for the Android platform

The vProfiler tool can be set up for use with the Android platform, as per the instructions below.

7.6.3.1 Enable vProfiler option in kernel

When building Vivante Graphics Drivers in an Android environment, build the drivers per the instructions in the Vivante Driver Development Guide section entitled "How to Build the GCCORE Drivers for Android Platform." In Step 2 of the subsection "Run on the Target board", use the provided **install-recovery.sh** script or add the **gpuProfiler=1** option into the existing **.sh** script similar to the following:

```
#!/system/bin/sh
#
insmod /system/lib/modules/galcore.ko gpuProfiler=1 [OPTIONS]
chmod 777 /dev/graphics/*
```

Put the **install-recovery.sh** file in the target Android system's **/system/etc/** folder. Continue following the instructions in the Vivante Driver Development Guide or the readme guide in the driver source package.

Use **adb push** to migrate the drivers to the target system, and then reboot the target Android system.

NOTE: If using an **install-recovery.sh** script as described above, and cannot reboot the Android platform successfully, there may be a problem with file access permissions. Workaround: run **adb shell.** Go to **/system/etc/**, then run the command **chmod 777 install-recovery.sh**.

7.6.3.2 Setting property options for vProfiler

The following table summarizes the property options that vProfiler supports through running the commands **adb shell setprop [OPTIONS]**. These options are similar to the environment variables available for the Linux OS.

Table 21 vProfiler Set Property Options for Android Platform

adb shell setprop OPTIONS	Description
setprop VIV_PROFILE 0	Run this command in **adb shell** to disable vProfiler in the drivers
setprop VIV_PROFILE 1	Run this command in **adb shell** to enable vProfiler in the drivers
setprop VIV_PROFILE 2	Run this command in **adb shell** to have vProfiler enable/disable controlled in the application by glEnable(GL_PROFILE_VIV) and glDisable(GL_PROFILE_VIV calls. *(available from VTK 1.5.7)*
setprop VIV_PROFILE 3 **setprop VP_FRAME_START** **setprop VP_FRAME_END**	Run these commands in **adb shell** to have vProfiler start-stop at frames specified in VP_FRAME_START and VP_FRAME_END. *(available from VTK 1.5.8)*
setprop VP_PROCESS_NAME appname	Run this command in **adb shell** to specify the application to profile. Change the app name as needed to profile another application. NOTES: There may be different sub use case names used by an app. Be sure to accurately specify a use case name to match the name on the command line when using **ps** command. *This option is only available for the Android platform, not available for the Linux OS.*
setprop VP_OUTPUT newpath	Run this command in **adb shell** to specify a new location for vProfiler output. By default, the **vpd** file is created under **/sdcard/**. If an application has no access to the SD card, specify another path where the application does have write permission. NOTE: For applications which initialize during Android system boot

	startup, such as launcher, kill the process after you change to a new path. When the application automatically restarts, then the vpd is accessible in a desired location.
setprop VP_FRAME_NUM xxx	Run this command in **adb shell** to limit the number of frames to analyze. For example, to make vProfiler dump performance data for the first 100 frames: **setprop VP_FRAME_NUM 100** NOTES: Only use when VIV_PROFILER is set to 1. When this option is not used, the profile file generated when running an application for a long time can be very large. This takes up a large amount of disk space and also makes it hard to view the data in vAnalyzer.
setprop VP_SYNC_MODE 0 **setprop VP_SYNC_MODE 1**	Run this command in **adb shell** to enable or disable synchronous mode. By default, vProfiler works in synchronous mode (=1). To get accurate values from the GPU counters, vProfiler needs to commit the GPU commands at the end of every frame; this is so-called synchronous mode. This example command makes vProfiler work in asynchronous mode: **setpropVP_SYNC_MODE0**

7.6.4 vProfiler collecting performance data

vProfiler is implemented by using hardware counters and a group of instrumentations inserted into drivers that are controlled by compilation flags.

7.6.4.1 Performance counters

vProfiler counters are divided into five sets: HAL (Vivante Graphics driver), (shader) program, OpenGL and OpenVG. The counters provide detailed per frame runtime information about the application that can help the developer monitor and tune an application's resource usage. The following table briefly lists the various profile counter sets. For further information, see Appendix A at the end of this document.

Table 22 Performance Counter Types

Counter Type	Description
HALCounters	Driver memory usage
Program	Statistics of the shaders loaded in the GPU (Note: Available only for OpenGL ES 2.0 applications.)
OGLCounters	Various OpenGL (OpenGL ES 20 or 11) counters, such as API usage and primitives drawn.
OVGCounters	Various OpenVG counters, such as API usage and primitives drawn.

7.6.5 vAnalyzer viewing and analyzing a run-time profile

vAnalyzer is a GUI-based tool whose purpose is to help the user view and analyze GPU performance data that was collected using counters during an application run. The performance data from a binary file(*.vpd) written by vProfiler is displayed by vAnalyzer both in text lists and as line graphs. vAnalyzer features a multi-tab, multi-pane, graphical user interface that gives the user several ways to inspect any frame in a captured animation sequence.

7.6.5.1 Loading profile files

vAnalyzer accepts a profile for input, which is a **.vpd** file of performance data created by the Vivante vProfiler during a run. For example, the saved file may have a name such as **sample.vpd**.

A **.vpd** file can be selected using the **File/Load Profile Data** menu option.

When a performance profile is loaded, vAnalyzer populates the title bar with information about the GPU and the CPU.

The vAnalyzer screen shot below shows the vAnalyzer GUI immediately after loading a.vpd performance file, and moving the frame number slider to frame 700. By default, the main pane of the vAnalyzer window displays the Charts tab which provides charts for frame time, driver time and GPU idle cycles. Additional charts can be added in the graph window by selecting from the list of variables on the right. Different combinations of counters can be displayed in graphical and list form to illustrate resource utilization for any portion of the profiled application. A second tab contains system information.

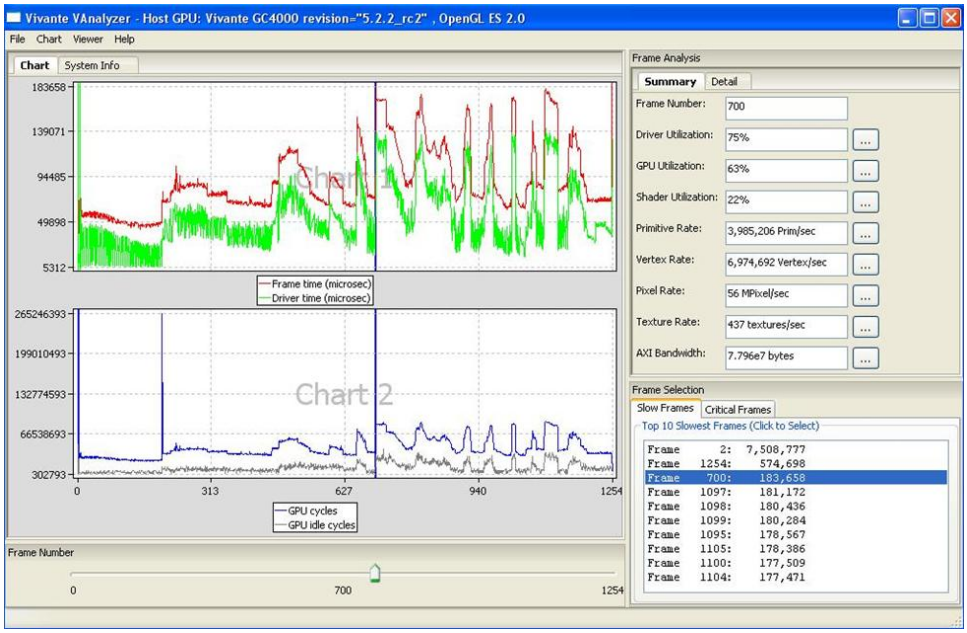


Figure 41 vAnalyzer GUI Main Window

7.6.5.2 vAnalyzer menu bar

The vAnalyzer main window opens when a user launches vAnalyzer. The main menu bar contains drop-down menus for **File**,**Chart**, **Viewer** and **Help**. Menu options include the following:

File

- **Load Profile Data**: load a .vpd profile file
- **Export Current Frame Data**: dump all the counters for the frame being viewed to a .cvs file
- **Exit**: exit vAnalyzer

Chart

- **Create chart**: create a new chart
- **Customize chart**: add or delete counters in an existing chart
- **Remove chart**: delete a chart
- **Export data from chart**: dump the counters in a chart to a .csv file
- **Save chart to png**: dump the chart to a .png file
- **View**: zoom in, zoom out or fit the chart

Viewer

- **OpenGL function call viewer**: display the OpenGL function call statistics
- **Program viewer**: display the shader program statistics

Help

- **About**: gives version information for vAnalyzer

7.6.6 vAnalyzer charts

7.6.6.1 vAnalyzer upper left pane: chart tab and menu options

On the Chart tab in the vAnalyzer main window two default line graphs are displayed.

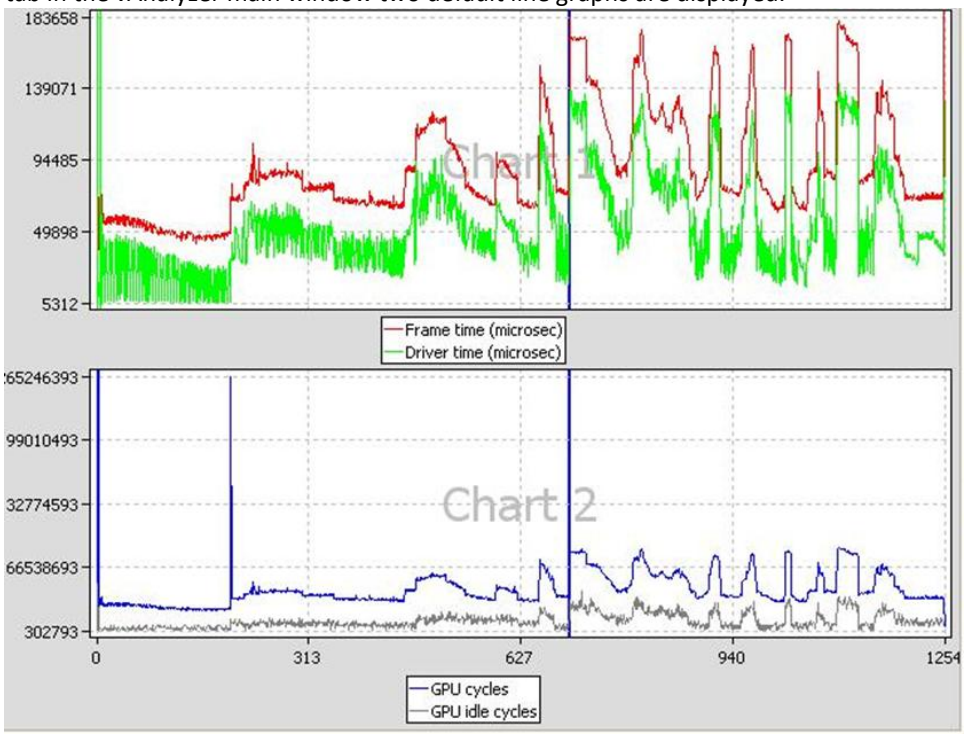


Figure 42 vAnalyzer Performance Counter Charts

7.6.6.2 Chart customization

Chart / Customize: Additional performance counters can be added to existing chart using the **Customize Chart** dialog window, which can be invoked from the drop menu **Chart/Customize**, or from a pop-up menu which can be invoked by right clicking in the Chart tab area.

Create New Chart: A new chart can be added in a similar way. A single chart can display up to four (4) counters, and the Chart pane can hold up to eight (8) charts. Thus a maximum of thirty-two (32) counters can be graphed at the same time.

Remove Chart: Any chart can be removed from the display using the drop menu **Chart / Remove Chart**.

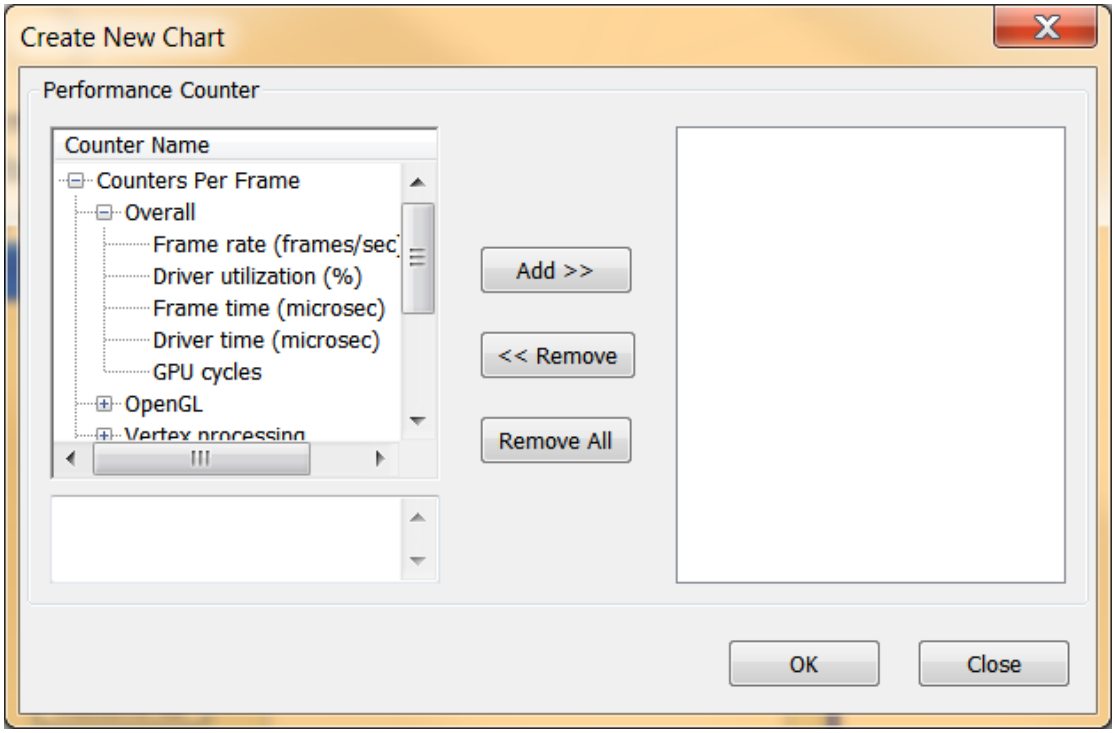


Figure 43 vAnalyzer Create New Chart Dialog

7.6.6.2.1 Chart components and navigation

Frame Marker: On the plots displayed in the chart example above there is a blue, vertical frame marker. This marks the current frame position in the timeline.

Zoom:

Zooming in on a set of frames can be achieved in one of two ways.

- One method is to hold down the left mouse button and then sweep a selection box across a range of frame numbers, either on a plot itself or in the common X-axis (frame numbers) in the "Chart" pane, before releasing the mouse button. All charts in the "Chart" pane zooms in to the same range of frames.
- Alternatively, if the mouse has a scroll wheel, zoom in by rolling the wheel forward--toward the screen.

To zoom out move the scroll wheel backward.

To reset zoom to the default, which shows the entire timeline, press the escape key (ESC) on the keyboard. The chart view changes to include all frames, from start to end.

7.6.6.2.2 Data export

The performance counters in a chart can be dumped to a `.csv` file by selecting from the dropdown menu **Chart / Export Data From**. The `.csv` file can be viewed using Excel or another text viewer.

The chart can also be dumped to a **.png** file by selecting from the main menu **Chart / Save chart to PNG**.

7.6.6.3 vAnalyzer lower left pane: frame number slider bar

In the lower left pane of the vAnalyzer window, there is a Frame Number gauge in the form of a slider bar. Numbers at each end of the bar indicate the initial frame (0) and the last frame available in the loaded sample. By

left-clicking and holding the slider, the user can change which frame is selected for analysis. When the frame number is changed, the blue vertical line which indicates the current frame is moved, and the reported Frame Number changes in the upper right pane Frame Analysis Summary.

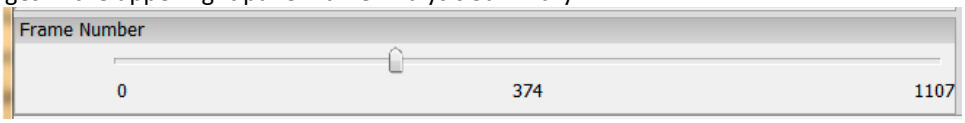


Figure 44 vAnalyzer Frame Number Slider Bar

7.6.6.4 vAnalyzer left pane: System Info tab

When a **.vpd** profile is loaded, system information about the profiled machine populates the fields on the System Info pane. Some information is repeated in the title bar of the main GUI for quick reference.

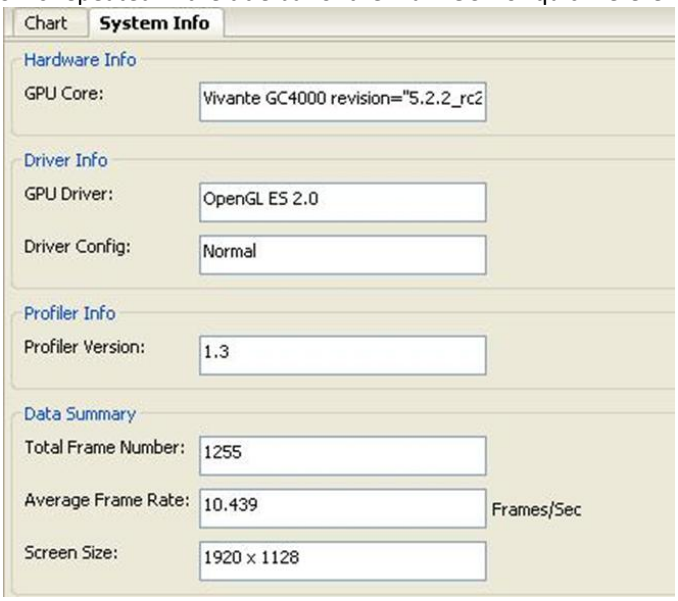


Figure 45 vAnalyzer System Info Tab

7.6.6.5 vAnalyzer upper right pane: Frame Analysis

A selection of performance counters for the frame being viewed are displayed on the right side of the vAnalyzer main GUI. The user can convert this pane to a pop-up window by dragging the pane outside the application window. Drag it back to the right pane area of the application window to reintegrate the pane.

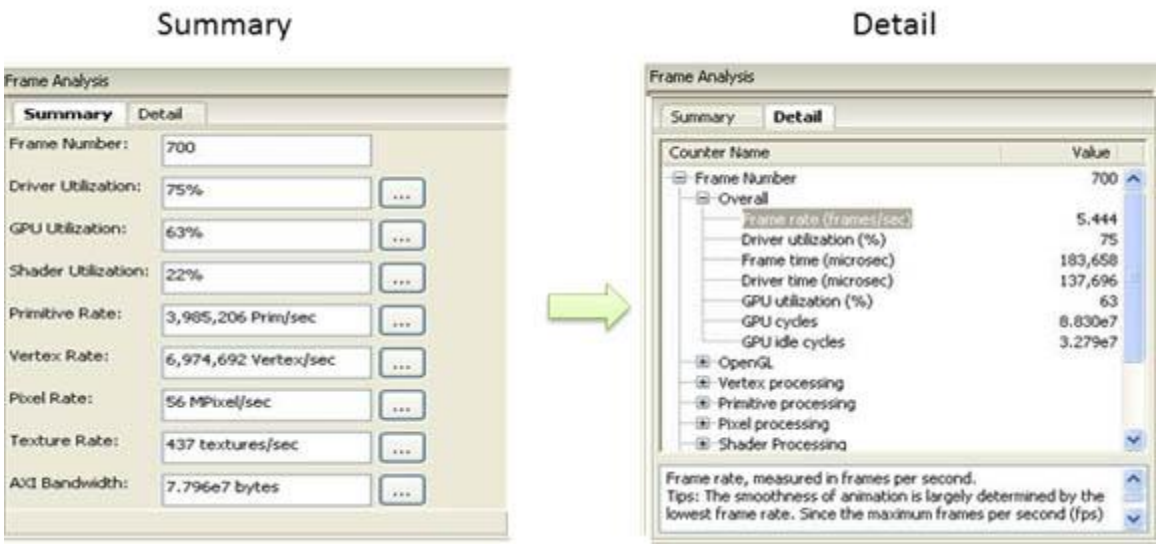


Figure 46 vAnalyzer Frame Analysis Summary and Detail Tabs

7.6.6.5.1 Summary tab

The **Summary** tab displays summary information for the frame being viewed.

The Selected Frame Number can be changed by entering a new frame number in the text box at the top of the list. The user must press Enter after the input to activate the change. Then Summary values, sliders, and charts all change to reflect the newly entered frame number.

The Summary values below frame number are not directly changeable. They change only when the frame number is changed, either in the Summary tab, by moving the Frame Number slider, or by selecting a frame from the Frame Selection pane. Clicking the "**…**" button to the right of a **Summary** item brings up the corresponding counters in the **Detail**tab. For example, clicking the "**…**" button to the right of**Primitive Rate:** switches the view to the **Detail** tab and expands the **Primitive processing**catogory. Clicking the "**…**" button for**Driver Utilization:** brings up the pop-p window **OpenGL function call viewer**.

7.6.6.5.2 Detail tab

The **Detail** tab reports values for overall performance evaluation, such as Frame Rate, Driver Utilization, and GPU cycles. Additionally counter detail is accessible on this tab. The categories of available counters in the **Detail** tabare: Overall, OpenGL, Vertex processing, Primitive processing, Pixel processing, Shader Processing, Texturing and AXI Bandwidth. Appendix A lists performance as well as hardware counters.

7.6.6.6 vAnalyzer lower right pane: Frame Selection

As with the Frame Analysis pane, this pane can be dragged to display as an independent popup window.

7.6.6.6.1 Slow Frames tab

The "Slow Frames" tab lists the ten (10) slowest frames in the animation sequence, by time in ascending order from slowest to tenth slowest.

The user can left click on any entry, or can use the arrow keys to move up and down the list, and the display in each of the other GUI panes changes to match that frame.

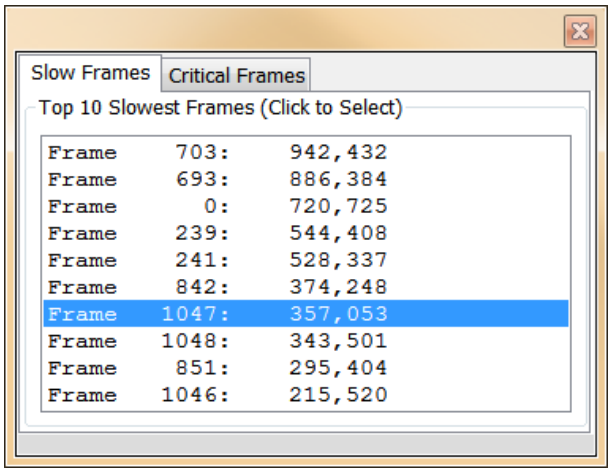


Figure 47 vAnalyzer Frame Selection Slow Frames Tab

7.6.6.6.2 Critical Frames tab

Select the “Critical Frames” tab to customize the criteria by which a frame is chosen for inspection. One or more of the performance counters can be specified in building the query, which also allows for AND and OR logic.
Queries should follow a pattern such as:
“counter name” condition(‘<’,’>’,’==’) values.
Users can identify counter names from those in the Frame Analysis pane Detail tab. An example is provided just below the Query input text box.

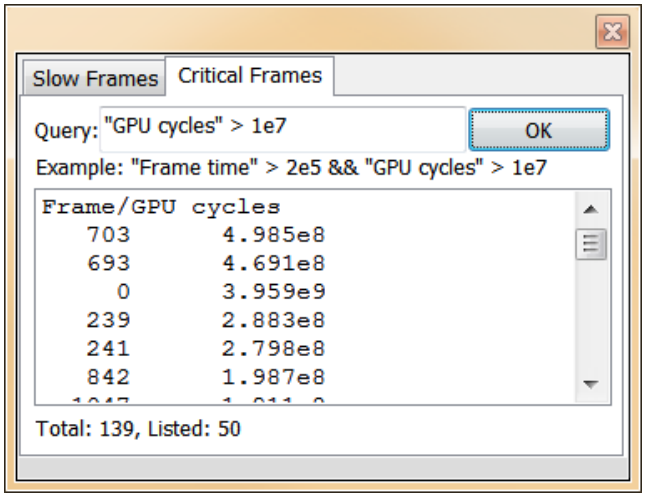


Figure 48 vAnalyzer Frame Selection Critical Frames Tab

7.6.7 vAnalyzer viewers

The Viewer information pop-up window can be launched by selecting **Viewer/Function Call Viewer** or **Viewer/Program Viewer** from the Main menu. The selected Viewer appears in a pop-up window.

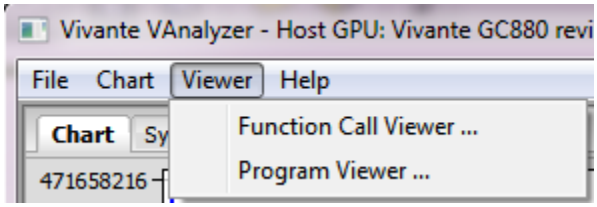


Figure 49 vAnalyzer viewers

7.6.7.1 OpenGL Function Call viewer

The OpenGL function call viewer includes three information areas.

- The **OGL Function Name** area contains a table which lists the available OpenGL ES functions by Function Name and Function Type, the run time and the number of times each has been called for this frame. Functions can be sorted by clicking in the column heading area. For example, sort the functions by call count or run time by clicking the title bar of "# of Call" or "Time (ms)".
- The **Top 5 Functions** area contains a histogram which shows the top 5 call count of the listed OpenGL functions.
- The **Property view** area shows the summary when no function is selected; while it shows performance hints for the function when one is selected.

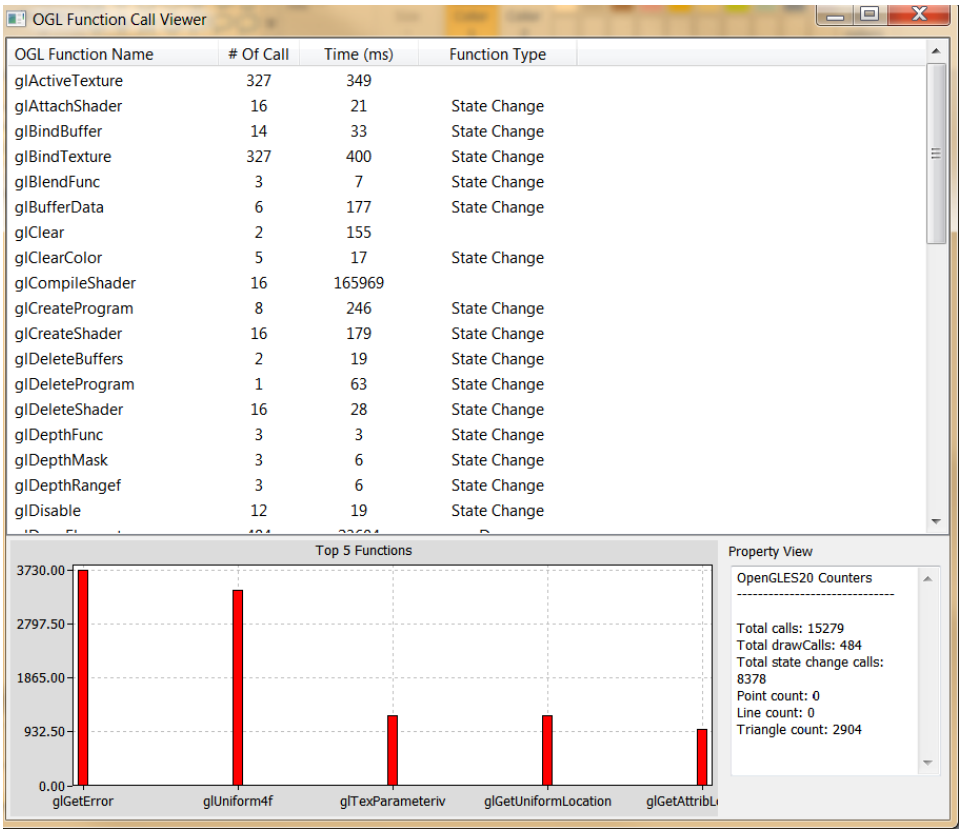


Figure 50 vAnalyzer OpenGL function call viewer window

7.6.7.2 Program viewer

For a given Frame Number, the Program Viewer gives the statistics for shader programs: uniforms, attributes, and the number of instructions in the shader. This is only for OpenGLES2, ES3 profile data. The description of the item

is displayed in the lower text window when selecting the item. Expand by clicking on **VS** or **PS** submenu to expand the detail for that shader's source code.

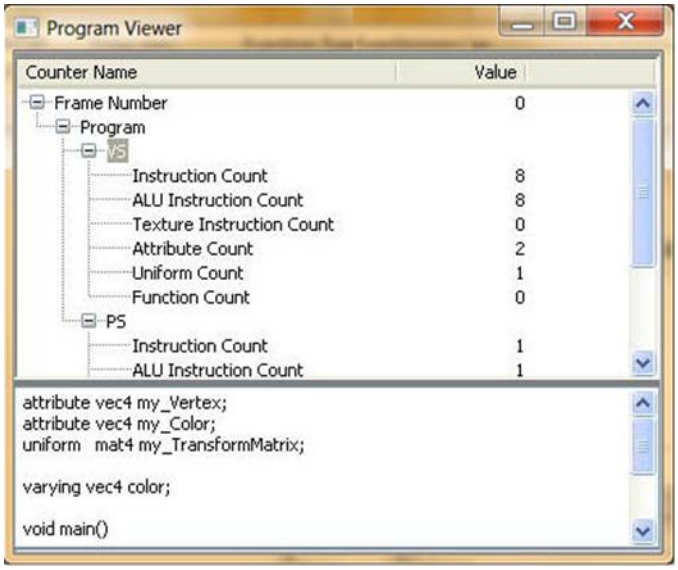


Figure 51 vAnalyzer Program Viewer

7.7 vTracer

The Vivante vTracer package includes two components, vTracer and vPlayer. vTracer is a tool which can record an application's EGL 1.4 and OpenGL ES 1.1/2.0/3.0 API traces on the Linux OS or Android platform. vTracer supports two trace modes for Linux OS: Intercept Trace Mode and Direct Trace Mode. Intercept Trace Mode is the mode used with the Android platform.

The package also includes vPlayer, a tool for playing back the recorded API trace files.

This section describes setup and use of vTracer. The following section describes vPlayer.

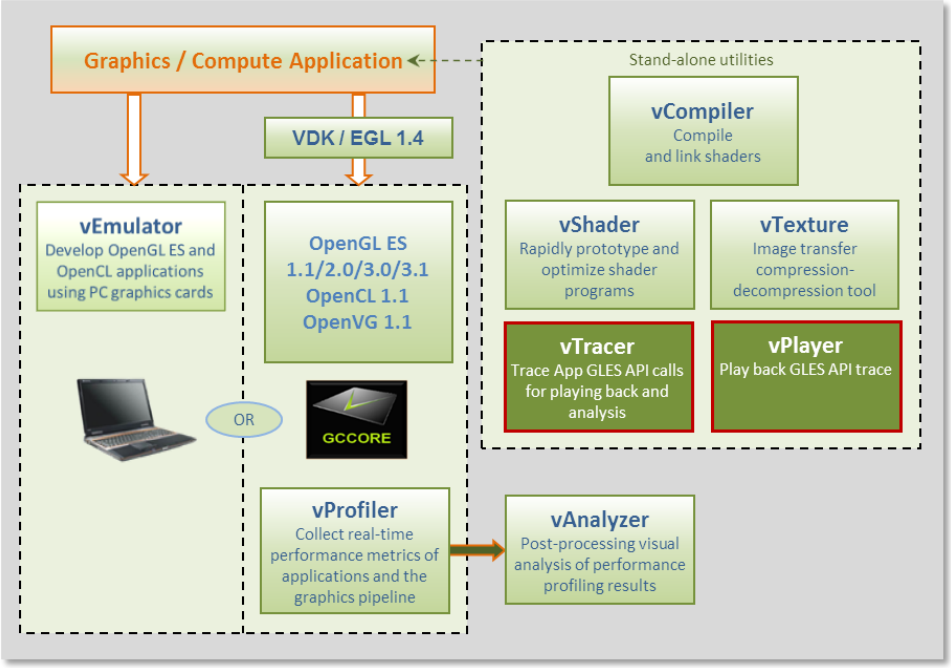


Figure 52 vTracer API trace and vPlayer for trace playback

7.7.1 vTracer setup

7.7.1.1 Prerequisites

For the Linux OS and Linux Embedded OS, the vTracer instructions below assume that a Vivante Driver Package for the Linux OS is correctly installed and configured:

```
VIVANTE_GAL_Unified_Src_drv_xxx.tgz
```

For the Android platform, install and correctly configure both the Vivante OpenGL ES and Android Driver Packages:

```
VIVANTE_GAL_Unified_Src_drv_xxx.tgz
VIVANTE_GAL_Unified_Src_drv_android-addon_xxx.tgz
```

Additionally, the instructions assume you have already downloaded are ready to expand the Vivante Toolkit Package which contains a vTracer.zip file:

```
VivanteVTK-v1.xx.tgz
```

NOTE: Different versions of vTracer and vPlayer are prepared for Linux OS backends FBDev, X11 and QNX.

7.7.1.2 Extracting the vTracer package

Extract the vTracer release package (*.tar.gz). For example:

```
tar zxv VIVANTE-vTracer.tar.gz
```

For the Linux OS, the files included in the package which is used for vTracer setup on the Linux OS include:

```
vTracer/bin/linux/libGLES_vtracer.so
```

```
vTracer/bin/linux/libGLES_vlogger.so
vTracer/bin/linux/vtracer.conf
```

For the Android platform, the files included in the package that are used for vTracer setup on the Android platform include:

```
vTracer/bin/android/libGLES_vtracer.so
vTracer/bin/android/vtracer.conf
```

Files included in the package that are used for vPlayer include:

```
vTracer/bin/linux/vplayer(for Linux OS)
vTracer/bin/android/vplayer.apk(for the Android platform)
vTracer/bin/windows/vplayer.exe  (for the Windows OS)
```

7.7.1.3 Installing the vTracer library

For the Linux OS: Copy the tracer libraries**`libGLES_vtracer.so`** and **`libGLES_vlogger.so`** to the Linux OS**/usr/lib** directory.

For the Android platform: The pre-built vTracer library **libGLES_vtracer.so** for ARM® Cortex®-based Android devices needs to be uploaded to the Android device directly through adb:

```
adb push vTracer/bin/android/libGLES_vtracer.so  /system/lib/egl
```

7.7.1.4 Setting the Linux OS environment variables for Trace mode

This step is not required for Android systems.
On the Linux OS, vTracer supports two trace modes: Intercept Trace Mode and Direct Trace Mode. **`libGLES_vtracer.so`** supports the intercept trace mode and **`libGLES_vlogger.so`** supports the direct trace mode. Either trace mode can be used to generate the application's API trace file, but the two trace modes should not be used simultaneously. Configuration of trace mode is controlled through environment variables.

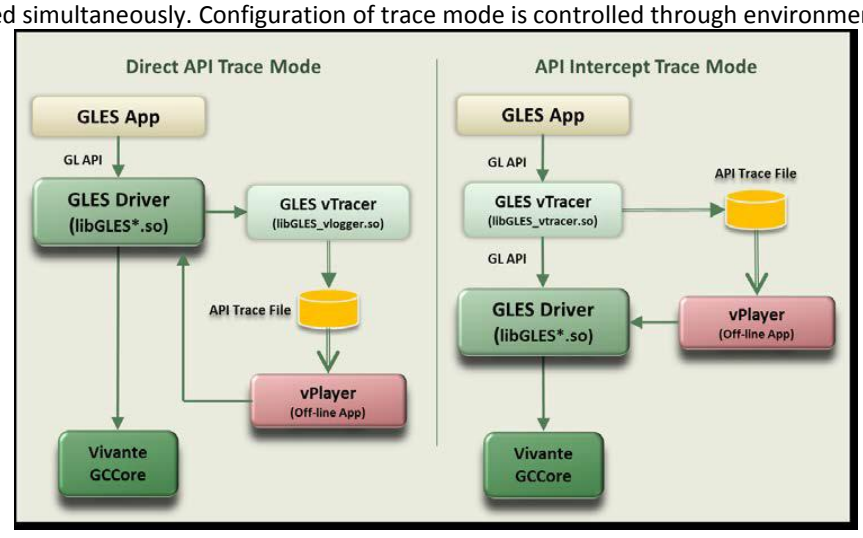


Figure 53 vTracer Has Two API Trace Modes for the Linux OS

7.7.1.4.1 Setting vTracer environment variable for Intercept Trace mode

Set the environment variable **LD_PRELOAD** to specify **libGLES_vtracer.so** as the pre-load dynamic linked library:

```
export LD_PRELOAD=/usr/lib/libGLES_vtracer.so
```

NOTE: Clear the environment variable **LD_PRELOAD** before running vPlayer. Otherwise, vPlayer play back is traced again!

```
export LD_PRELOAD=
```

7.7.1.4.2 Setting vTracer environment variable for Direct Trace mode

Note that Direct Trace Mode is only available for the Linux OS and requires software releases 5.0.9 or later; it is not supported with 4.6.9.x software.

Set the environment variable **VIV_TRACE** to **2** to enable direct trace mode:

```
exportVIV_TRACE=2
```

See the table below for other values for VIV_TRACE. By default, vPlayer resets the environment variable **VIV_TRACE** to **0** to avoid tracing the vPlayer playback again.

Use the vPlayer option "**--enable-trace**" to enable the **VIV_TRACE** environment variable. When this option is selected, vPlayer honors the current setting for VIV_TRACE. If this option is not used, vPlayer disables tracing and overwrite the current VIV_TRACE setting.

7.7.1.4.3 vTracer environment variables summary

The following table summarizes the the Linux OS environment variables that vTracer supports.

Table 23 vTracer Environment Variables for the Linux OS

Environment Variable	Description
LD_PRELOAD	**= libGLES_vtracer.so** (specifies the name of the pre-load dynamic linked library **=**NOTE: Clear this variable before running vPlayer.
VIV_TRACE	**=0** Disables all levels of API trace functions. **=1** Enables simple API dump on the console display. This is performed by the Vivante GLES3.0 driver itself (without the need for the external vTracer library **libGLES_vlogger.so**). **=2** Enables Direct Trace Mode
FB_IGNORE_DISPLAY_SIZE or **X_IGNORE_DISPLAY_SIZE** or **DRI_IGNORE_DISPLAY_SIZE**	**=0**Clip window to device Display size **=1**Do not clip window to the device limits for width and height. *(from 5.0.11.p4, VTK 1.5.9)*

7.7.2 vTracer configuration

vTracer configuration options can be controlled through the **vtracer.conf** file. Most options are similar for the Linux OS and Android environments.

7.7.2.1 vTracer optional configuration on the Linux OS

This step is optional for both trace modes on the Linux OS.
Copy the vTracer configuration file **bin/linux/vtracer.conf** to the local directory (put vtracer.conf file together with your GLES program).
Edit the **vtracer.conf** file which contains multiple settings to control vTracer behavior. See the file for the default settings provided in your specific release.

Table 24 vTracer Configuration Options for the Linux OS

vTracer option	Description
cmdline	Specifies the token used to identify the App process that should be traced. The token is read from **/proc/self/cmdline**. default: **cmdline=?**
codec	Specifies the API trace file format: **binary** or **ascii**. default: **codec=binary**
device	Must be set as **device=stdio** (default)
egl_library	path and filename location of egl library default is **/usr/lib/libEGL.so**
end_frame	Specifies the frame number at which the vTracer trace ends. Default for the Linux OS: **end_frame=0** (indicates there is no end limit).
extension	Specifies the API trace file extension. default: **extension=bin**
gles1_library	path and filename location of OpenGL ES 1.0 library default is **/usr/lib/libGLESv1_CM.so**
gles2_library	path and filename location of OpenGL ES 2.0/3.0 library default is **/usr/lib/libGLESv2.so**
overwrite	When **overwrite=1** vTracer overwrites an existing trace file of the same filename. **default: overwrite=1**.
path	Specifies the path where the API trace files are placed. default: **path=./**
sync	Set **sync=1** to specify to sync data to disk after every API call. default: **sync=0**
type	Must be set as **type=output** (default)
verbose	Specifies if vTracer prints out verbose messages while tracing. default: **verbose=0**

7.7.2.2 vTracer configuration on the Android platform

vTracer for the Android platform requires a configuration file to work properly. Edit the vTracer configuration file **bin/android/vtracer.conf** to specify which application process on the Android platform is to be traced.
Only the **cmdline** setting which names the application to be traces is required. Other configuration settings in the **vtracer.conf** file are optional. Default values are usually appropriate.
After any changes to the **vtracer.conf** file are saved, upload the file to the Android device using adb:

```
adb remount
adb push vTracer/bin/android/vtracer.conf /system/lib/egl
```

Table 25 vTracer configuration options for the Android platform

vTracer option for the Android platform	Description
REQUIRED SETTING	
cmdline=application_name	Specifies the token used to identify the App process that should be traced. The token is read from **/proc/self/cmdline**. A valid application name must be provided. For example: **`cmdline=se.nena.nenamark2`** Note that when launching native applications, the application needs to be launched with a full path if the full path is specified here, e.g., if **`cmdline=/system/bin/demo`** you should start the application with **`/system/bin/demo.`** Note: Android application names can be looked up with the following command: **`adb shell ps`**
OPTIONAL SETTINGS	
codec	Specifies the API trace file format: **binary** or **ascii**.default: **codec=binary**.

device	Must be set as **device=stdio** (default)
egl_library	path and filename location of egl library:**/system/lib/egl/libEGL_VIVANTE.so***
end_frame	Specifies the frame number at which the vTracer trace ends. Default value may vary per OS. For the Android platform, to trace only the first 100 frames:**end_frame=100**. Default **end_frame=0** means not set.
extension	Specifies the API trace file extension. default for the Android platform: **extension=ARM.bin**
gles1_library	path and filename location of OpenGL ES 1.0 library **/system/lib/egl/libGLESv1_CM_VIVANTE.so***
gles2_library	path and filename location of OpenGL ES 2.0/3.0/3.1 library **/system/lib/egl/libGLESv2_VIVANTE.so***
overwrite	When **overwrite=1** vTracer overwrites an existing trace file of the same file name.default: **overwrite=1**.
path	Specifies the path where the API trace files are placed. default**path=/sdcard/traces/** Note: the path must have write permission for any users on the Android platform!
sync	Set **sync=1** to specify to sync data to disk after every API call. default: **sync=0**
type	Must be set as **type=output** (default)
verbose	Specifies if vTracer prints out verbose messages while tracing. default: **verbose=0**

*vTracer works on other vendors Android platforms as well. File location values can be set to other vendor's EGL/GLES libraries to trace applications on other platforms.

7.7.3 Enable vTracer

7.7.3.1 Enable vTracer on the Linux OS

vTracer is available for use as soon as the libraries and environment variables are in place.

7.7.3.2 Enable vTracer on the Android platform

For Android versions 2.5.x through 4.3:
Recommended: backup your existing **egl.cfg** file before performing the following.

To enable the vTracer library **libGLES_vtracer.so** as the EGL/GLES API entry point, modify the **egl.cfg** file on the Android OS using the following commands:

```
adb remount
adb shell
echo "0 1 vtracer" > /system/lib/egl/egl.cfg
```

To disable the vTracer library **libGLES_vtracer.so** and restore the default Vivante EGL/GLES libraries as API entry points, use the following commands:

```
echo "0 1 VIVANTE" > /system/lib/egl/egl.cfg
```

For Android platform versions from 4.4:
For Android 4.4, no **egl.cfg** file is required in **/system/lib/egl**. Once the library **libGLES_vtracer.so** is pushed into the **/system/lib/egl/** directory, vTracer is enabled.

As long as the application specified in the **vtracer.conf** file is launched after the library push, the binary trace file is generated. If you want to trace an application which was running before that operation, you need to kill the process of that application, and then restart the application.

7.7.4 Using vTracer to generate API Trace files for applications

7.7.4.1 Launch vTracer

On the Linux OS, simply launch the application to be traced.
On the Android platform, launch the application that is specified in the **vtracer.conf cmdline** option. When launching native applications, the application needs to be launched with its full path if the full path is specified in **vtracer.conf** cmdline, e.g., if `cmdline=/system/bin/demo` you should start the application with `/system/bin/demo`.

7.7.4.2 Android output messages

Android output messages can be checked with `logcat`:

```
adb logcat | grep "vtracer"
```

The following output messages indicate vTracer is working properly:

```
D/libEGL ( 2825): loaded /system/lib/egl/libGLES_vtracer.so
I/vtracer ( 2825): Initializing VIVANTE vTracer.
I/vtracer ( 2825): reading configuration file at /system/lib/egl/tracer.conf for pid: 2825
I/vtracer ( 2825): Opened stdio binary trace file
/sdcard/traces/tracer_se.nena.nenamark1.ARM.bin
```

7.7.4.3 Generated trace files

A set of API trace files (one trace file per thread) are generated at the local directory specified by the **vtracer.confpath** option (by default this is **path=./** for the Linux OS or **path=/sdcard/traces/**for the Android platform). The trace files can be generated to a different location by changing the value for **path** in **vtracer.conf**.

The application rendering threads API trace files can be played back using the Vivante vPlayer tool on the Linux OS, Android or Windows platforms. Note that non-rendering threads trace files cannot be played back as they don't have EGL/GLES API traces.

On the Android platform, the command **`adb pull filename`** can be used to retrieve a generated API trace file from the Android device. For example:

```
adb pull /sdcard/traces/tracer_se.nena.nenamark1.ARM.bin
```

7.8 vPlayer

The vPlayer software tool facilitates play back of the recorded EGL/GLES API trace file in a Linux OS, Android platform, or Windows OS environment. To facilitate debugging, the vPlayer application is capable of running trace files created on another platform.

vPlayer for the Linux OS and Windows OS includes hot key controls, while vPlayer for the Android platform uses touchscreen controls and inputs.

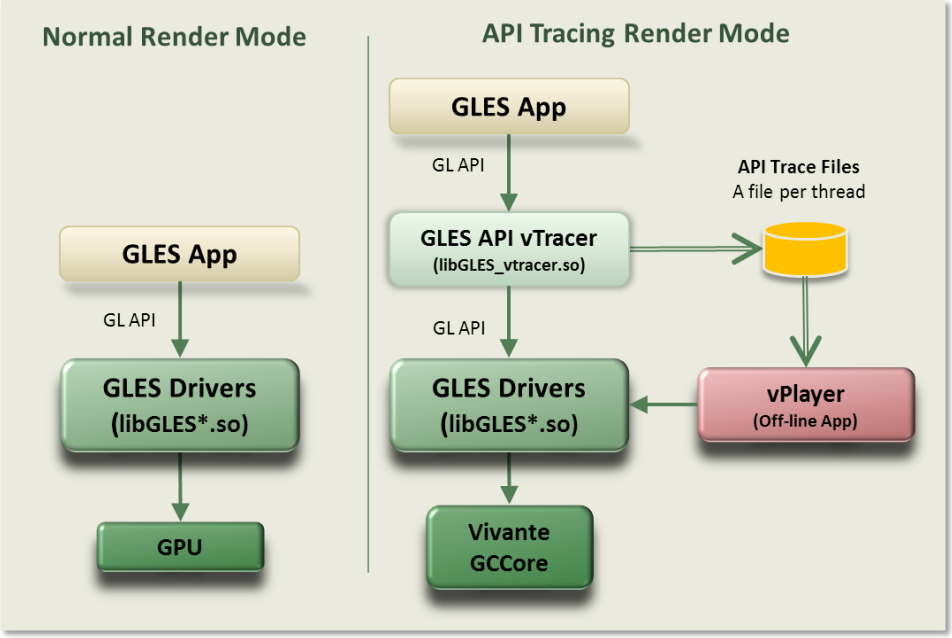


Figure 54 Rendering with vPlayer

7.8.1 vPlayer setup

The instructions below assume you have already downloaded and expanded the Vivante Toolkit Package and extracted the vPlayer executables from the vTracer zip file. For example:

```
tar zxv VIVANTE-vTracer.tar.gz
```

should provide the following vPlayer application files:

`vTracer/bin/linux/vplayer` *(for Linux OS)*
`vTracer/bin/android/vplayer.apk` *(for Android platform)*
`vTracer/bin/windows/vplayer.exe` *(for Windows OS)*

7.8.2 vPlayer command line syntax for the Linux OS and Windows operating systems

7.8.2.1 Syntax

On the Linux and Windows operating systems, the syntax to launch vPlayer from the command line is:

```
vplayer [options] tracefilename
```

NOTE: If you use Intercept Trace Mode on The Linux OS (by setting a value for the environment variable **LD_PRELOAD**, be sure to clear the environment variable **LD_PRELOAD** to disable pre-loading the **libGLES_vtracer.so** library before running vPlayer. If you fail to do this step, Linux OS vPlayer play back is traced again!

7.8.2.2 Input parameters [required]

`tracefilename` `full` path and file name of the API trace file (previously generated with vTracer, usually a .BIN file) to play back. For example,
on the Linux OS: **`./vplayer /workspaces/glb2.7.bin`**

on the Android platform in **vplayer.conf** file:
/sdcard/traces/glb2.7.ARM.bin

7.8.2.3 Input parameters [optional]

The first two characters in each option are "**--**". Options are available for the Linux OS, Android platform, and Windows OS vPlayer unless indicated otherwise.

--config N	Use the specified display EGL config
--default-config	Force use of a hard coded default display config
--default-context	Use default window surface, config and context
--dumparray	Dump array contents in hex
--dumpbmp	Dump each frame into a bmp file
--dumpshader	Dump GLSL shader source code
--enable-trace	Enable **VIV_TRACE** environment variable. If not set, the **VIV_TRACE** environment variable setting value is ignored. If this option is used, then the current value of the **VIV_TRACE** environment variable is used.
--end E	End frame for rendering (vPlayer pauses at frame E and skip rendering the frames after frame E)
--error	Insert eglGetError/glGetError after each API call
--finish	Insert glFinish after each API call
--fps Interval	Output average FPS and interval FPS information
--help	Print/output to console a help list of options for vPlayer
--repeat N	Repeat play back N times from --start to --end.
--showframenumber	Print the current frame number that vPlayer is playing.
--start F	Start frame for rendering (vPlayer skips rendering the frames before frame F).
--swapbuf	Call eglSwapBuffers after each GL draw call (glDrawArrays, glDrawElements, etc.).
--targetkey	Reads inputs from target device. By default, vPlayer reads the key presses from the console terminal on the host device. The option `--targetkey` enables vPlayer to read key presses from the target device. On Linux and Windows operating systems: allows key inputs to pause, resume, etc. see Hot Keys, below. On the Android platform: By default, touch screen input is enabled on the Android platform for trace playback control (single frame, pause/resume. The option `--targetkey` disables touch screen input to vPlayer on the Android platform.
--verbose	Print data parsed from the API trace file.
--zoom	Enable zoom to fit the target device screen.

7.8.2.4 vPlayer hot keys for Linux OS and Windows OS

vPlayer playback can be controlled by hot keys on the keyboard when using Linux and Windows operating systems. By default, vPlayer reads key strokes from the console terminal on the host device. Using the option **--targetkey** enables vPlayer to read key strokes from the target device.
The following Hot Keys are available for control of playback in vPlayer:
Esc Exit application
M Pause / Resume the playback
Q Exit application
SPACE Render a single frame and then pause

When the options **--start F --end E** are used for playback, vPlayer skips rendering frames before frame F and pause after rendering frame E. Use the **SPACE** key or **M** key to control playback of the remaining frames.

7.8.3 Running vPlayer on the Android platform

A configuration file (**vplayer.conf**) is used to control settings for vPlayer on Android platforms, since a command line is not available.

7.8.3.1 Launching vPlayer

Touch the vPlayer icon on the Android platform to launch vPlayer and play back the API trace file specified in the **/sdcard/vivante/vplayer.conf**file.

7.8.3.2 vPlayer options for the Android platform

Playback options are those as specified in the **vplayer.conf** configuration file. These match the options available as command line input parameters for Linux and Windows operating systems, as described above.
Here is an example vplayer.conf file:

```
    --start 10 --end 100 /sdcard/traces/glb2.7.ARM.bin
```

The vPlayer skips rendering frames 1 ~ 9 and then pause after rendering frame 10. Then you can use touch to control the playback of frames 11 ~ 100.

7.8.3.3 vPlayer touch controls for rendering on the Android platform

vPlayer supports the following touch controls during API trace file play back:

Single Frame Rendering	Touch the left-half of the screen on the Android device, and vPlayer renders a single frame then pause with every touch.
Pause/Resume Rendering	Touch the right-half of the screen on the Android device, and vPlayer pauses or resume the rendering with every touch.

7.9 Debug and performance counters

Availability of some counters vary depending on core capabilities and software source tree.

7.9.1 AXI bandwidth

- Read bandwidth (byte)
- Write bandwidth (byte)
- Total bandwidth (byte)
- AXI cycles when read request stalled
- AXI cycles when write request stalled
- AXI cycles when write data stalled

7.9.2 Overall

- Frame rate (frames/sec)
- Driver utilization (%)
- Frame time (microsec)
- Driver time (microsec)
- GPU utilization (%)
- GPU cycles
- GPU idle cycles

7.9.3 OpenGL

- Total calls
- Total draw calls
- Total state change calls
- Point count
- Line count
- Triangle count

7.9.4 Pixel processing

- Valid pixel count
- % alpha test fail
- % depth&stencil test fail
- Overdraw

7.9.5 Shader processing

- VS instruction count
- VS branch instruction count
- VS texture fetch count
- Rendered vertex count
- PS instruction count
- PS branch instruction count
- PS texture fetch count
- Rendered pixel count

7.9.6 Texturing

- Total bilinear requests
- Total trilinear requests
- Total texture requests
- Total discarded texture requests

7.9.7 Vertex processing

- Input vertex count
- Vertics per batch
- Vertics per primitive

7.9.8 Vertex shader and fragment shader

(per shader, for ES20 and ES30 applications only)

- Total instruction count
- ALU instruction count
- Texture instruction count
- Function calls
- Attribute count

Chapter 8 GPU Tools

8.1 gpuinfo tool

8.1.1 Introduction

gpuinfo is a script to gather GPU runtime status through debugfs interface. It exports below information:

- GPU hardware information.
- GPU total memory usage.
- GPU memory usage of certain process or all processes (user space only).
- GPU idle percentage.

8.1.2 Usage

The script is located at Yocto rootfs /unit_tests/. There are three ways to run it.

1. Normal run to get all GPU-related processes information:

```
>/unit_tests/gpuinfo.sh
```

2. Get GPU information for certain process by clarifying the process id.
   The process id (pid) can be got by command ps or top. Take the process 1035 as example.

```
>/unit_tests/gpuinfo.sh 1035
```

3. Get the GPU information for certain process by clarifying part of process name.
   Take the process sample_test_fbo as an example.

```
>/unit_tests/gpuinfo.sh sample_test_fbo
```

   or

```
>/unit_tests/gpuinfo.sh sample
```

   or

```
>/unit_tests/gpuinfo.sh test
```

8.1.3 Sample log information

8.1.3.1 GPU hardware information

This section shows all GPU cores model name and revision information with index in the SoC.

The sample information:

```
GPU Info
gpu      : 0
model    : 2000
revision : 5108

gpu      : 1
model    :  320
revision : 5007

gpu      : 2
model    :  355
revision : 1215
```

8.1.3.2 Total memory information

This part shows total GPU memory information.

Table 26 Total memory information

gcvPOOL_SYSTEM:	GPU reserved system memory.
gcvPOOL_CONTIGUOUS:	contiguous memory allocated from CMA pool, low memory zone and high memory zone.
gcvPOOL_VIRTUAL:	non-contigous memory allocated from low memory zone and high memory zone.
NON PAGED MEMORY:	Allocated from CMA pool(mainly for command buffer)

The sample information:

```
    VIDEO MEMORY:
        gcvPOOL_SYSTEM:
            Free  :  124170474 B
            Used  :   10047254 B
            Total :  134217728 B
        gcvPOOL_CONTIGUOUS:
            Used  :          0 B
        gcvPOOL_VIRTUAL:
            Used  :          0 B

    NON PAGED MEMORY:
        Used  :          0 B
    Paged memory Info
    low:  892928 bytes
    high: 0 bytes
    CMA memory info
    cma:  0 bytes
```

8.1.3.3 Process user space GPU memory usage information

This part shows detail user space GPU memory usage per process.

Table 27 User space GPU memory usage

Index	memory for index buffer.
Vertex	memory for vertex data buffer.
Texture	memory for texture buffer.
RT	memory for render target buffer.
Depth	memory for depth buffer.
Bitmap	memory for bitmap buffer.
TS	memory for tile status buffer.
Image	memory for vg image buffer.
Mask	memory for vg mask buffer.
Scissor	memory for vg scissor buffer.
HZDepth	memory for hierarchical Z depth buffer.

The sample information:

```
VidMem Usage (Process 1106):
Counter: vidMem (for each surface type)
All     Index    Vertex   Texture        RT     Depth    Bitmap        TS     Image      Mask   Scissor
HZDepth
Current    10047254    489362   1213248    435200   3866624   3727360        0     36352         0
0         0    245760
Maximum    10047254    489362   1213248    435200   3866624   3727360        0     36352         0
0         0    245760
Total      10047254    489362   1213248    435200   3866624   3727360        0     36352         0
0         0    245760
Counter: vidMem (for each pool)All         1         2         3         4         5         6         7
8         9
     Current    10047254         0         0         0         0         0  10047254         0         0
0
     Maximum    10047254         0         0         0         0         0  10047254         0         0
0
     Total      10047254         0         0         0         0         0  10047254         0          0
0
     Counter: nonPaged
                     All
     Current           0
     Maximum           0
     Total             0
     Counter: contiguous
                     All
     Current           0
     Maximum           0
     Total             0
     Counter: mapUserMemory
                     All
     Current           0
     Maximum           0
     Total             0
     Counter: mapMemory
                     All
     Current   134217728
     Maximum   134217728
     Total     134217728
```

8.1.3.4 GPU idle percentage

This part shows GPU idle percentage in past 1s.

The sample information:

```
    >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
    Idle percentage:0.00%
    >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>
```

8.2 gmem_info tool

- The gmem_info tool is developed to trace the overall memory utilization in classification of memory pools.(referring to chapter 9.2)
- The available memory size is reported for the reserved pool.
- GPU idle time is reported from the last capture.

```
root@sabresd_6dq:/ # gmem_info
 Pid          Total      Reserved    Contiguous       Virtual      Nonpaged    Name
  151    28,283,476    19,239,508     5,898,240     3,145,728             0    /system/bin/surfaceflinger
  667    25,160,836    21,212,292     3,162,112       786,432             0    com.android.launcher
  638    14,714,500    13,928,068             0       786,432             0    com.android.inputmethod.latin
  873    11,589,380    10,802,948             0       786,432             0    com.android.email
 1039    11,074,692    10,288,260             0       786,432             0    com.fsl.ethernet
  519     6,438,532     5,652,100             0       786,432             0    com.android.systemui
 1091     5,419,268     4,632,836             0       786,432             0    com.android.calculator2
  908     5,306,500     4,520,068             0       786,432             0    com.android.calendar
  986     5,265,668     4,479,236             0       786,432             0    com.android.contacts
  966     5,236,932     4,450,500             0       786,432             0    com.android.gallery3d
 1015     4,710,660     3,924,228             0       786,432             0    com.android.quicksearchbox
  436     1,247,232       198,656             0     1,048,576             0    system_server
 ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
   12   124,447,676   103,328,700     9,060,352    12,058,624             0    Summary
    -             -    30,889,028             -             -             -    Available
GPU Idle time:  83562.359375 ms
```

Figure 55 gmem_info tool

8.3 Apitrace user guide

8.3.1 Introduction

Apitrace is a set of tools enhanced from open source project apitrace. i.MX 6 chipsets are supported and they use Vivante GPU IP. This tool can dump OpenGL/GLES1.1/GLES2.0/GLES3.0 API calls and replay on a wide range of other devices.

8.3.2 Install

8.3.2.1 Yocto X11

Preinstalled in the BSP. You can also get it from apitrace/linux/arm-X11-hfp/

8.3.2.2 Yocto FB/DFB/Wayland

Need install by hand:

```
    cp apitrace/linux/arm-nonX-hfp/bin/* /usr/bin
    cp -r apitrace/linux/arm-nonX-hfp/lib/apitrace /usr/lib
    cp -r apitrace/linux/arm-nonX-hfp/share/doc/apitrace/ /usr/share/doc/
```

8.3.2.3 Android Platform

It will be preinstalled in next release. Currently have to install them by hand:
Mount release package to Android system:

```
    mkdir /data/share; busybo mount -t nfs -o nolock <host> /data/share
    cp -r apitrace/android/apitrace /data/
```

A convenient alternative:

```
    adb push apitrace/android/ /data/local/tmp/
```

Note 1: If install to a directory other than /data/apitrace, update apitrace/bin/apitrace_dalvik.sh to use the new path.
Note 2: Pay attention to file attributes. You need to **grant access to the whole file path of eglretrace for normal user**, because Java applications are running as normal user even if it is started by root user.

8.3.2.4 PC

It also can run on PC. It is recommended to install to PC to take advantage of qapitrace.
Currently supports Ubuntu 14.04 LTS, 64-bit.

```
sudo apt-get install libgles1-mesa libgles2-mesa libqt4-dev
cp gpu-south-tools-release/0.1/apitrace/linux/x64/bin/* /usr/bin
cp -r gpu-south-tools-release/0.1/apitrace/linux/x64/lib/apitrace /usr/lib
cp -r apitrace/linux/x64/share/doc/apitrace/ /usr/share/doc/
```

8.3.3 Usage

8.3.3.1 Trace OpenGL ES1.1/2.0/3.0 application

```
apitrace trace --api=egl <app name and arguments>
```

e.g., apitrace trace --api=egl es2gears_x11
It generates trace file (.trace) under the current directory. To specify a new path, use --output=<path_name>

8.3.3.2 Trace OpenGL ES 1.1/2.0/3.0 Java application on the Android platform

On the Android platform, a GLES application can be native (e.g., frameworks/native/opengl/angeles). This type of application can be traced as normal Linux application. Some other applications involving the Java virtual machine cannot run in this way. A script apitrace_dalvik.sh is provided to run this type of application. This is an example to trace com.android.settings:

```
sh /data/apitrace/bin/apitrace_dalvik.sh com.android.settings start
```

To stop tracing, run:

```
sh /data/apitrace/bin/apitrace_dalvik.sh com.android.settings stop
```

Because there is no “current” directory for a Java application, the trace file is stored to under /sdcard/
If apitrace is installed in a different directory, you need to update apitrace_dalvik.sh by hand

8.3.3.3 Trace OpenGL application

```
apitrace trace --api=glx <app name and arguments>
```

Only the X11 backend supports this feature

8.3.3.4 Replay

This utility is also called retrace. It reads in the trace file and executes OpenGL(ES) APIs one by one. Each OpenGL(ES) API call is processed by a callback function. In that callback function, a hook can be inserted for debug or analysis purposes.

Figure 56 Replay

OpenGL ES 1.1/2.0/3.0 applications can be replayed with eglretrace; Open GL applications can be replayed with **glretrace**:

```
    eglretrace <trace file>
    glretrace <trace file>
```

Supported platforms:

	eglretrace	Glretrace
Yocto-X11	X	X
Yocto-FB/DFB/Wayland	X	
Android		
PC	X	X

For ES 3.0 replay, only i.MX 6 supports this feature. It is not available on PC.

8.3.3.5 Analysis

qapitrace provides a detailed look at the trace file. It can only run on a PC. Verified on Ubuntu 14.04 LTS 64-bit. The command is:

```
qapitrace <trace file name>
```

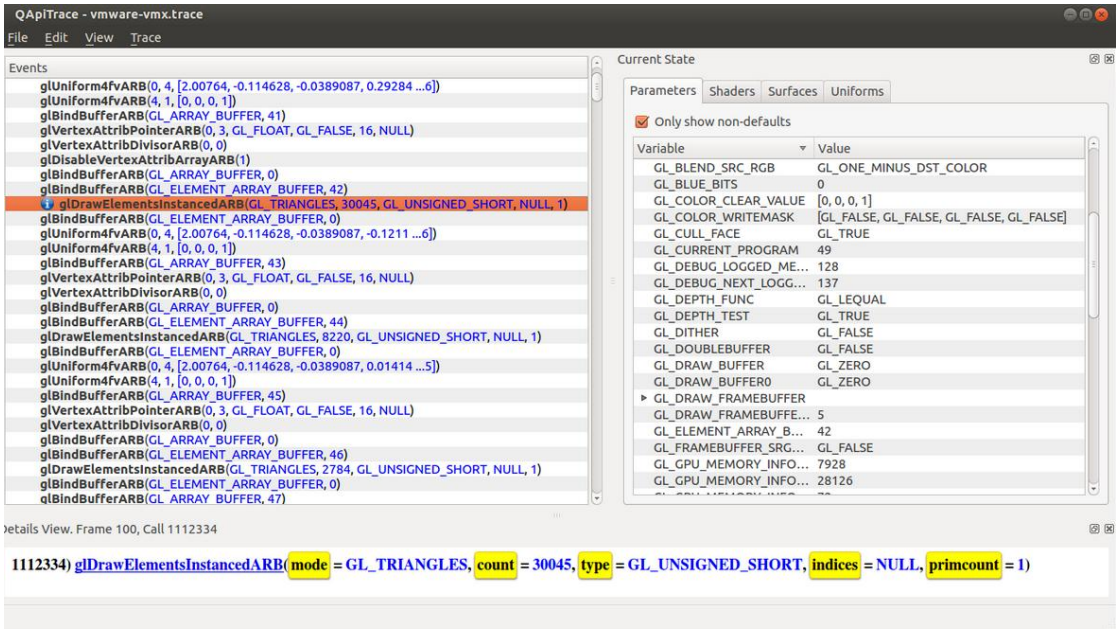


Figure 57 Checking state of every API call

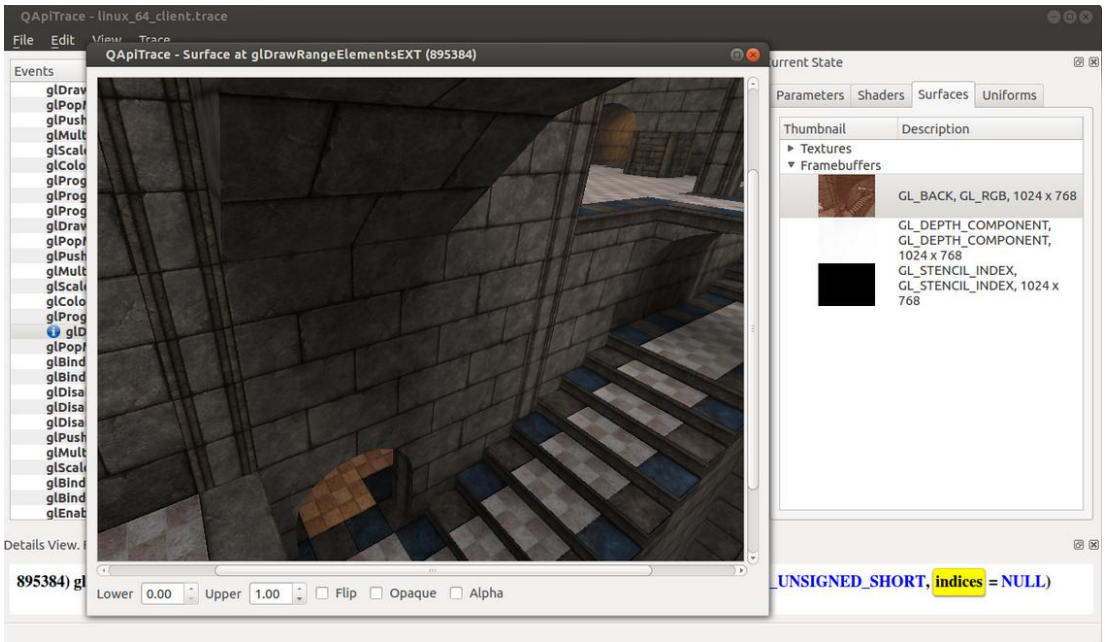


Figure 58 Checking Framebuffer

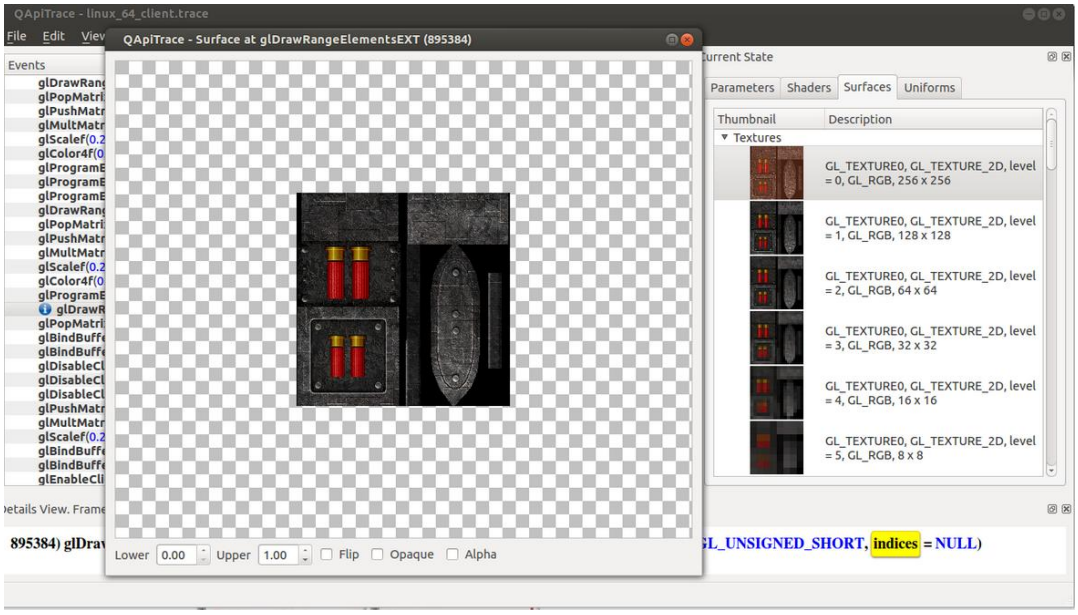


Figure 59 Checking Texture

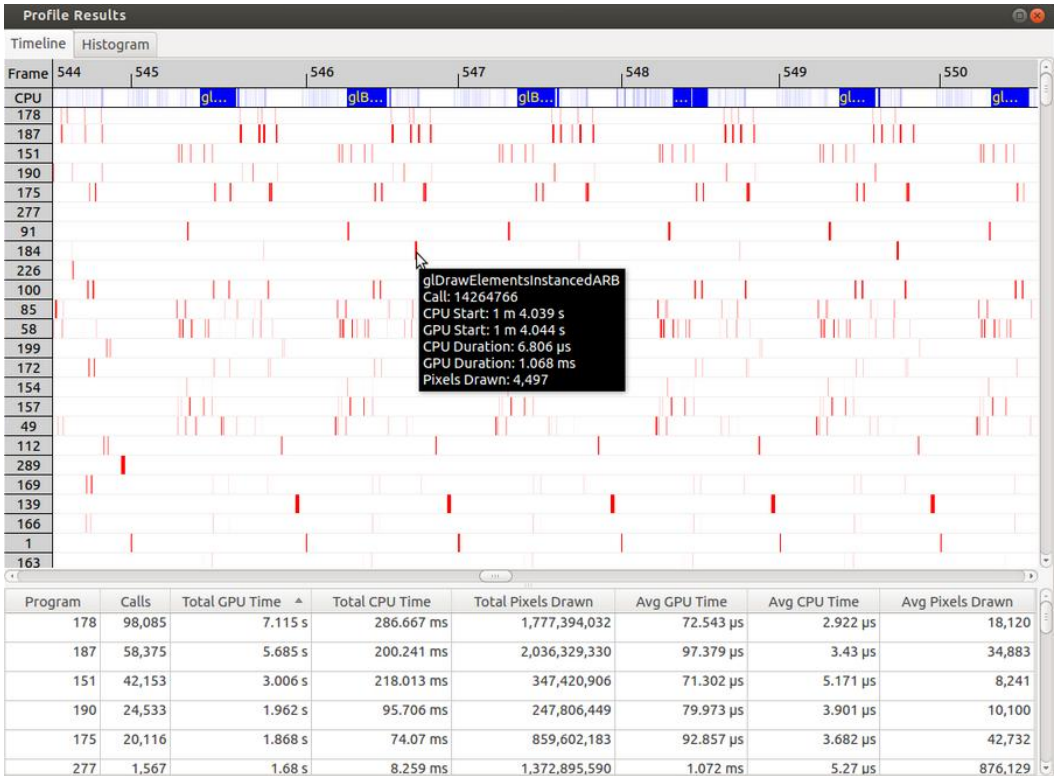


Figure 60Checking performance

8.3.4 Reference

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Chapter 9 GPU Memory Introduction

9.1 GPU memory overview

- OpenGL-ES
  - Texture buffer
  - Vertex buffer
  - Index buffer
  - PBuffer surface
  - Color buffer
  - Z/Stencil buffer
  - HZ depth buffer
  - Tiled status buffer
  - 3D Command buffer
  - 3D Context buffer
- OpenVG
  - Image buffer
  - Tessellation buffer
  - VG command buffer
  - VG context buffer
- 2D buffers
  - 2D command buffer
  - 2D temporary buffer

9.2 GPU memory pools

- Reserved memory
  In the Linux 3.10.y kernel, the memory is reserved from CMA implemented in the GPU kernel driver, the size can be changed through U-Boot args with “galcore.contiguoussize =xxx”
  The memory allocation and lock very fast, but cannot support cacheable attribute.
- Contiguous memory
  The contiguous memory is from CMA or Normal or Highmem with alloc_pages_exact.
  The GPU driver tries the CMA allocator for non-cacheable request first. If CMA memory is used up, it goes to system allocator.
  The CMA allocator does not support the cacheable attribute, the system allocator supports cacheable attribute, but the memory performance is slow with the additional cache flush operations.
- Virtual memory pool
  The virtual memory is from Normal or Highmem with multiple page_alloc.
  The memory support cacheable attribute, but slow with GPU MMU and cache flush.
  The GPU virtual command buffer is allocated from virtual memory pool directly.
- Nonpaged memory pool
  In the 5.x GPU driver, this pool is not used any more

9.3 GPU memory allocators

Two kinds of allocators are implemented in i.MX 6 GPU kernel driver, see drivers/mxc/gpu-viv/

- The video memory allocator implementation is very complicated. The memory is from the reserved pool, system contiguous pool (supports CMA), or system virtual pool (enables GPU MMU).
- The CMA allocator supports non-cacheable contiguous memory. It is implemented as a part of contiguous pool. When the system requests contiguous memory, the allocator tries CMA first. If CMA is used up, it goes to allocate the system contiguous pages.

- GPU memory-killer is implemented for special requirement of force contiguous GPU memory.

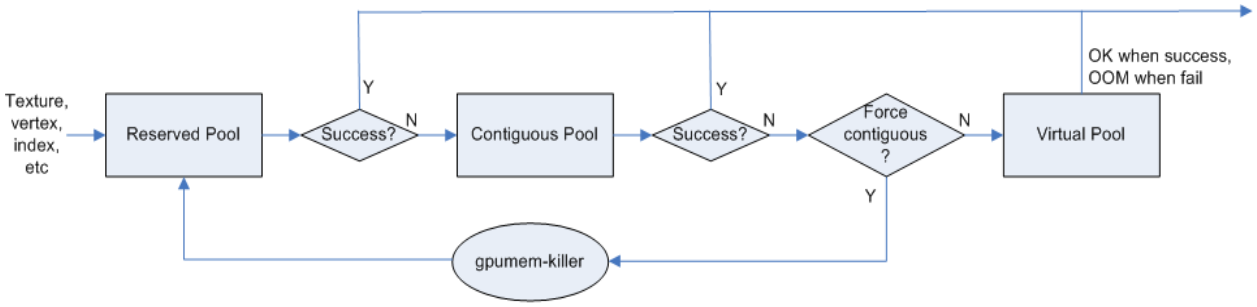

Fig.1 Gpu video memory allocator

Fig.2 Gpu virtual command allocator

Figure 61 GPU memory allocators

9.4 GPU reserved memory

- The reserved memory is managed by two dual linked lists, one is free list, and another is node list.
- When allocate the reserved memory, the free list is scanned from head to tail until a available node is selected, it is very fast but makes more memory fragments, under test, 10~20M of 128M is not available to use after a lot of allocate/free operations.
- When the available node is selected, it is removed from the free list, but it always keeps the dual linked nodes to merge the conjoint available memory when freed.
- The reserved memory is mapped once when application process is attached, during 3D application running, the memory map/un-map operations are very fast, the virtual address is just calculated with logical base and offset.

9.5 GPU memory base address

- GPU support contiguous physical memory within (0~2G) address directly:
  - GPU address = CPU Physical address – GPU BaseAddress
- GPU MMU is enabled for two kinds of memory type as below:
  - Separated page memory from Virtual memory pool
  - Contiguous page memory with address out of (0~2G)
- BaseAddress should be set to RAM start address to achieve the better performance by reducing GPU MMU mapping.

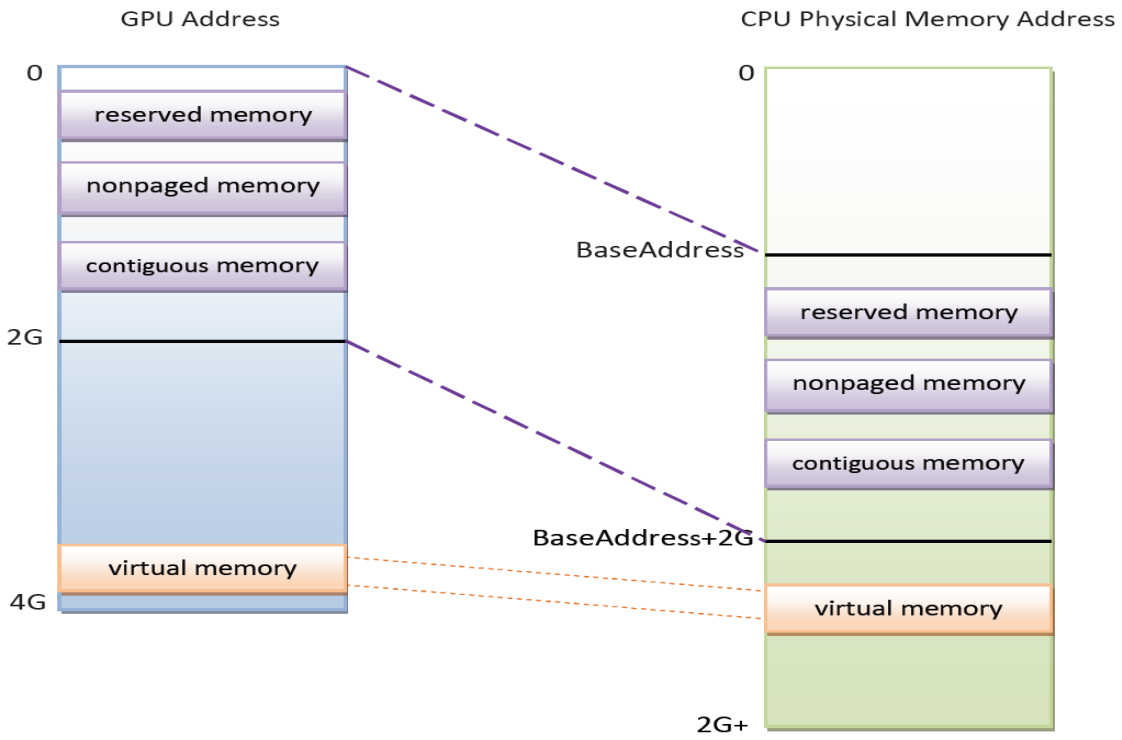

Figure 62 GPU memory base address

Chapter 10 Application Programming Recommendations

The recommendations listed below take a holistic approach centered on overall system level optimizations that balance graphics and system resources.

10.1 Understand the system configuration and target application

Knowing details about the application and use case allows developers to correctly utilize the hardware resources in an ideal access pattern. For example, an implementation for a 2D or 3D GUI could be rendered in a single pass instead of multiple passes if the draw call sequence is correctly ordered. In addition, knowing the most common graphics function calls allow developers to parallelize rendering to maximize performance.
Using Vivante and vendor-specific SoC profiling tools, you can determine bottlenecks in the GPU and CPU and make changes as needed. For example, in a 3D game, most CPU cycles may be spent on audio processing, AI, and physics and less on rendering or scene setup for the GPU. In this instance, the application is CPU-bound and configurations dealing with non-graphics tasks need to be reviewed and modified. If the system is GPU-bound, then the profiler can point out where the GPU programming code bottlenecks are located and which sections to optimize to remove restrictions.

10.2 Optimize off chip data transfer such as accessing off-chip DDR memory/mobile DDR memory

Any data transfer off-chip takes bandwidth and resources from other functional blocks in the SoC, increases power, and causes additional cycles of latency and delay as the GPU pipeline needs to wait for data to return from memory. Using on-chip cache and writing the application to better take advantage of cache locality and coherency increase performance. In addition, accessing the GPU frame buffer from the CPU (not recommended) cause the driver to flush all queued render commands in the command buffer, slowing down performance as the GPU has to wait since the command queue is partially empty (inefficient use of resources) and CPU-GPU synchronization is not parallelized.

10.3 Avoid random cache or memory accesses

Cache thrashing, misses, and the need to access data in external memory causes performance hits. An example would be random texture cache access since it is expensive when performing per-pixel texture reads if the texture units need to access the cache randomly and go off-chip if there is a cache miss.

10.4 Optimize your use of system memory

Memory is a valuable resource that needs to be shared between the GPU (frame buffer), CPU, system, and other applications. If you allocate too much memory for your OpenGL ES application, less memory is available for the rest of the system, which may impact system performance. Claim enough memory as needed for your application then deallocate it as soon as your application no longer needs it. For example, you can allocate a depth buffer only when needed or if your application only needs partial resources, load the necessary items initially and load the rest later.

10.5 Target a fixed frame rate that is visibly smooth

Smooth frame rate is achieved from a combination of a constant FPS and the lowest FPS (frames per second) that is visually acceptable. There is a trade-off between power and frame rates since the graphics engine loading increases with higher FPS. If the application is smooth at 30 FPS and no visual differences for the application are

perceived at 50 FPS, then the developer should cap the FPS at 30 since the extra 20 FPS do not make a visual difference. The FPS limit also guarantees an achievable frame rate at all times. The savings in FPS help lower GPU and system power consumption.

10.6 Minimize GL state changes

Setting up state values between draw calls adds significant overhead to application performance so they must be minimized. Most of these call setups are redundant since you are saving / restoring states prior to drawing. Try to avoid setting up multiple state calls between draw calls or setting the same values for multiple calls. Sometimes when a specific texture is used, it is better to sort draw calls around that texture to avoid texture thrashing which inhibits performance. Application developers should also try to group state changes.

10.7 Batch primitives to minimize the number of draw calls

When your application submits primitives to be processed by OpenGL ES, the CPU spends time preparing commands for the GPU hardware to execute. If you batch your draw calls into fewer calls, you reduce the CPU overhead and increase draw call efficiency. Batch processing allows a group of draw calls to be quickly executed without any intervention from the CPU (driver or application) in a fire-and-forget method.
Some examples of batching primitives are:

- Branching in shaders may allow better batching since each branch can be grouped together for execution.
- For primitives like triangle strips, the developer can combine multiple strips that share the same state to save successive draw calls (and state changes) into a single batch call that uses the same state (single setup) for many triangles.
- Developers can also consolidate primitives that are drawn in close proximity to take advantage of spatial relationships. If the batched primitives are too far apart, it is more difficult for the application to effectively cull if they are not visible in the frame.

10.8 Perform calculations per vertex instead of per fragment/pixel

Since the number of vertices is usually much less than the number of fragments/pixels, it is cheaper to do per vertex calculations to save processing power.

10.9 Enable early-Z, hierarchical-Z and back face culling

Hardware support of depth testing to determine if objects are in the user's field of view are used to save workload and processing on vertex and pixel processing. If the object is in view, then the vertices are sent down the pipeline for processing. If the object is hidden or not viewable, the triangles are culled and not sent to the pipeline. This improves graphics performance since computations are only spent on visible objects. If the application already knows details about the contents and relative position of objects in the scene or screen, the developer can use that information to automatically bound areas that never need to be touched (for example an automotive application that has multiple layers of dials where parts of the underlying dials are occluded can have the application avoid occluded areas from the beginning). Another optimization is to perform basic culling on the CPU since the CPU has first-hand information about the scene details and object positions so it knows what scene data to send to the GPU.

10.10 Use branching carefully

Static branches perform well since states are known but they tend to use many general purpose registers. An example is a long shader that combines multiple shaders into a single, large shader that reduces state changes and batch draw calls. Dynamic branching has non-constant overhead since it processes multiple pixels as one and everything executes whether a branch is taken or not. In other words, dynamic branching goes through different permutations/branches in parallel to reach the correct results. If all pixels take the same path, then performance is good. The more pixels processed translates to higher overhead and lower performance. For dynamic branching, smaller pixel sizes/groups are optimal for throughput. Developers need to be aware of branching in their code to make sure excessive calculations and branches are efficient. Profiling tools can help determine if certain parts of code are optimized or not.

10.11 Do not use static or stack data as vertex data - use VBOs instead

A vertex buffer object (VBO) is a buffer object that provides the benefits of vertex array and display list and allows a substantial performance gain for uploading data (vertex position, color, normals, and texture coordinates) to the GPU. VBOs create buffer objects in memory and allow the GPU to directly access memory without CPU intervention (DMA). The memory manager can optimize buffer placement using feedback from the application. VBOs can also handle static and dynamic data sets and are managed by the Vivante driver. The benefits of each are:

- A vertex array reduces the number of function calls and allows redundant data to be shared between related vertices, instead of re-sending all the data each time. Access to data can be referenced by the array index.

- The display list allows commands to be stored for later execution and can be used repeatedly over multiple frames without re-transmitting data, thus minimizing CPU cycles to transfer data. The display list can also be shared by multiple OpenGL / OpenGL ES clients so they can access the same buffer with the corresponding identifier. If you put computationally expensive operations (ex. lighting or material calculations) inside display lists, then these computations are processed once when the list is created and the final result can be re-used multiple times without needing to re-calculate again.

If you combine the benefits of both by using VBO, the performance is enhanced over static or stack data sets.

10.12 Use dynamic VBO if data is changing frame by frame

Locking a static vertex buffer while the GPU is using it can create a performance penalty since the GPU needs to finish reading the vertex data from the buffer before it can return to the calling application. Locking and rendering from a static buffer many times per frame also prevents the GPU buffering render commands since it mush finish commands before returning the lock pointer. Without buffered commands the GPU remains idle until the application finishes filling the vertex buffer and issues the draw commands.
If the scene data never changes from frame to frame then a static buffer may be sufficient. With newer applications (ex. games, maps) that have dynamic viewports where vertex data changes multiple times per frame or frame-to-frame, then a dynamic VBO is required to ensure performance is still met. If the *current* buffer is being used by the GPU when a lock is called, a pointer to a *new* buffer location is returned to the application to ensure updated data is written to the *new* buffer. The GPU can still access the old data (current buffer) while the application puts updated data into the new buffer. The Vivante memory management unit and driver automatically take care of allocating, re-allocating, or destroying buffers.

You can implement dynamic VBO depending on your preference, but one recommendation is to allocate a 1 MB dynamic VBO block and upload data to using different offsets for each dynamic buffer. If the buffer overflows you can loop back and use location offset 0 again.

10.13 Tessellate your data so that Hierarchical Z (HZ) can do its job

We can break this into how OpenGL and OpenGL ES handle this use case.
OpenGL only renders simple convex polygons (edges only intersect at vertices with no duplicate vertices and only two edges meet at any vertex), in addition to points, lines, and triangles. If the application requires concave polygons (polygons with holes or intersecting edges), those polygons need to be subdivided into simple convex polygons, which is called tessellation (subdividing a polygon mesh into a bunch of smaller meshes). Once you have all the meshes in place our HZ hardware can automatically cull hidden polygons to efficiently process the frame, effectively breaking the frame into smaller chunks that can be processed very fast.
OpenGL ES only renders triangles, lines, and points. The same concepts apply as in OpenGL, which is to avoid very large polygons by breaking them down into smaller polygons where our internal GPU scheduler can distribute them into multiple threads to fully parallelize the process and remove hidden polygons.

10.14 Use dynamic textures as a texture cache (texture atlas)

The main reason for using dynamic textures as a cache is the application developer can create one larger texture that is subdivided into different regions (texture atlas). The application can upload data into each region and use an application side texture atlas to access the data. Each dynamic texture and sub-region can be locked, written to, and unlocked each frame, as needed. This method of allocating once is more efficient than using multiple smaller textures that need to be allocated, generated, and then destroyed each time.

10.15 If you use many small triangle strips, stitch them together

It is better to combine several small, spatially related triangle strips together into a larger triangle stip to minimize overhead and increase performance. For each triangle strip, there are overhead and start up costs that are required by the CPU and GPU, including state loads. If there are too many small triangle strips that need to be loaded, this impacts performance. An application developer can combine multiple triangle strips by adding a degenerate triangle to join the strips together. The overhead to restart multiple new strips is much higher than adding the degenerate triangle.

10.16 Specify EGL configuration attributes precisely

To obtain a 16 bit/pixel window buffer for rendering, the EGL config attributes need to be specified precisely according to the EGL spec. Specifying inaccurate EGL attributes may result in getting a 32-bit bit/pixel window buffer which doubles the bandwidth requirement for rendering which in turn leads to lower performance.

10.17 Use aligned texture/render buffers

The GPUs work on buffers with hardware-specific width/height alignment for better efficiency. Use the available API to query the GPU buffer alignment and allocate the texture / render buffers to satisfy these requirements, to avoid the cost of copies to aligned shadow memory.

10.18 Disable MSAA rendering unless high quality is needed

Although MSAA rendering can achieve higher image quality with smoother lines and triangle edges, it requires much higher (4x, 8x) bandwidth because it has to rendering a single pixel 4x/8x times. So, if high rendering quality is not required, MSAA should be disabled.

10.19 Avoid partial clears

Most GPUs have special hardware logic to do a fast clear of an entire buffer. So it is better to utilize the fast clear function to clear the entire buffer then render graphics again, instead of doing a partial clear to preserve a graphics region. If a partial clear is required by the application, make sure the clear area is aligned according to the GPU-specific requirements. Unaligned partial clears are expensive and should be avoided.

10.20 Avoid mask operations

Do not use mask unless the mask is 0 (other than when you need a specific render quality). Clearing a surface with mask (color /depth stencil mask) could have a performance penalty.Pixel mask operations are normally pretty expensive on some GPUs as the mask operation has to be done on every single pixel.

10.21 Use MIPMAP textures

MIPMAP textures enable the application to sample a lower resolution texture image (1/2, 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, ... size of the original texture image) when the triangle is rendering further away from the view point. Thus, the bandwidth required to read the texture image is reduced which leads to better performance.

10.22 Use compressed textures if constricted by RAM/ROM budget

Compressed textures are normally only a fraction (up to 1/8) of the original texture size. Using compressed textures reduces the storage requirements in memory and can also reduce the required texture upload bandwidth, when using a format that is supported natively by the hardware.
Compressed textures should not be chosen, if only for the purposes of reducing the memory bandwidth required for sampling of the texture during rendering. This is because due to a fixed read request size from the GPU, the memory controller load is the same as for an uncompressed texture.

10.23 Draw objects from near to far if possible

Drawing objects from near to far normally has better performance because the objects in the near foreground can block entire or partial objects in the background. Most GPUs have early Z rejection logic to reject the pixels that fail a Z compare. The GPU can skip fragment shader computations on these rejected pixels.

10.24 Avoid indexed triangle strips.

Index triangle strips can usually maximize the vertex cache utilization as each set of vertex data can be used in two triangles. There is however an errata in the GC2000 and GC880 GPUs which requires a SW conversion of indexed triangle strips to triangle lists in the driver. For small strips the conversion overhead is neglible, but for large geometries a different primitive type should be used.

10.25 Vertex attribute stride should not be larger than 256 bytes

Most Vivante GPUs provide native support for a 256 byte vertex attribute stride. If the vertex attribute stride is larger than 256 bytes, then the driver has to copy the vertex data around. Hardware versions v55 and higher (such as the GC7000L v55) support a 2048 byte vertex attribute stride as required in the OES3.1 spec.

10.26 Avoid binding buffers to mixed index/vertex array

Most of Vivante GPUs do not natively support mixed index/vertex arrays. So the Vivante driver must copy the index and vertex data around to form separate vertex data streams for the GPU. Avoid mixing index and vertex data so the driver does not have to incur a performance hit while performing this task.

10.27 Avoid using CPU to update texture/buffer contexts during render

Do not use the CPU to update texture/buffer contexts in the middle of rendering. Using the CPU to update texture/buffer causes the rendering pipeline to flush and stall, so that CPU can safely update the buffer contents. The pipeline flush/stall/resume causes significant performance impact.

10.28 Avoid frequent context switching

Context switch is an inherently expensive operation as many GPU states need to be reset to start a new rendering context. Thus, frequent context switching has a negative impact on application performance.

10.29 Optimize resources within a shader

Most GPUs have optimal support for a limited amount of resources (uniforms, varying, etc.). Using resources beyond the optimal working set causes the GPU to fetch/store resources from a lower performance memory pool and shader performance is negatively impacted.

10.30 Avoid using glScissor Clear for small regions

glScissor Clear for small regions (less than 16x8 aligned window) fall back to CPU so the performance is not optimal.

10.31 Use PRE to accelerate data transfer

PRE is an optimized hardware that can transform tiled format image to linear framebuffer. With PRE, GPU can onlyoutput tiled render target and has no need to resolve it. To enable the PRE feature, set the environment GPU_VIV_EXT_RESOLVE variable to 1; otherwise set it to 0. Its default value on the FB backend is 1, which means PRE is enabled by default on FB.

Warning: VG use cases can only output the linear format image. It is impossible to render linear and tiled format target to the same framebuffer at the same time. Therefor, when running 3D use cases with PRE and VG use cases together, there is garbage on the display. Besides, when running 3D use cases with PRE, the framebuffer format is changed from linear to tiled. It is the user's responsibility to convert the format back after the use cases end, or the display is abnormal when showing the FB console.

Chapter 11 Demo Framework

11.1 Summaries

This document describes the Demo Framework, targeted at platform agnostic development of graphical demos. It covers the goals, architecture and instructions of how to use it across platforms, examples and best practices.

11.1.1 Executive summary

- Write a demo application once.
- Run it on the Android platform, Yocto Linux OS, Ubuntu and MS Windows OS.
- Easily portable to additional platforms.
- Supports: OpenGL ES2, OpenGL ES3, with OpenVG and G2D planned for future release.

11.1.2 Technical overview

- Written in a limited subset of C++11 and uses RAII to manage resources.
- Uses a limited subset of STL to make it easier to port.
- No copyleft restrictions from GPL/LGPL licenses
- Allows for direct access to the expected API (EGL,ES2, ES3)
- Provides optional helper classes for commonly used tasks
  - Matrix, Vector3, GLShader, GLTexture, etc.
- Services
  - Keyboard and mouse
  - Persistent data manager
  - Assets management (models, textures)
- Defines a standard way for handling
  - Init, shutdown and window resize.
  - Program input arguments.
  - Input events like keyboard, mouse and touch.
  - Fixed time-step and variable time-step demo implementations.
  - Logging functionality.

11.2 Introduction

The Demo Framework is a multi-platform framework that enables demos to run on various platforms without any changes. The framework abstracts away all the boilerplate and OS-specific code of allocating surfaces, creating the context, model loading, texture loading, shader compilation, render loop, animation ticks, benchmarking graph

overlays etc. This allows the demo/benchmark developer to focus on writing rendering code. It also enables them to develop demos on PC or the Android platform where the tool chain and debug facilities allows for faster turnaround time and then take the working code and deploy without code changes to the supported platforms. The platforms we currently support are Windows OS (for development via emulated backends), Android NDK and Linux OS with various windowing systems. The framework allows us to provide 'real' comparative benchmarks between the different OS and windowing systems we support, since we can run the exact same demo/benchmark code on them all.
The long term plans for the framework include extending it with support for OpenVG, G2D and other relevant API.

11.3 Design overview

The framework is written in C++ and uses RAII to manage resources. The resource management code focuses on 'ease of use' over raw performance, since it's mainly run on construction and destruction of the demo.
To allow the demo framework to be easily portable to new platforms its functionality is split into two parts: 'core' and 'services'. The core framework depends on a limited subset of STL to make it easier to port. Framework services come with their own set of library requirements. The model importer Assimp requires boost to be available on the platform.

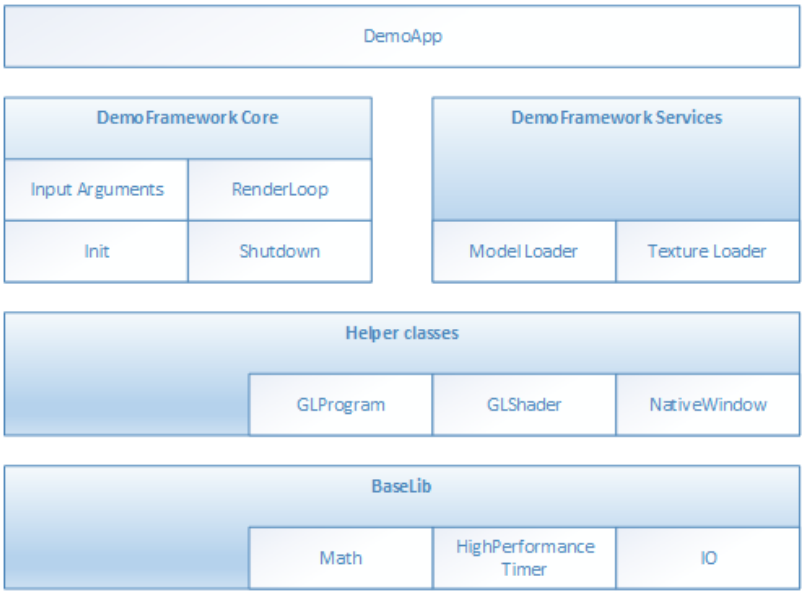

Figure 63 Design overview

Beside the demo framework core and demo framework services there is a set of helper classes for commonly used functionality, which makes it easier to write demos for the API we support. The helper classes do not depend on the demo framework and can be used in any program for the given API. For example for OpenGL ES, there is a GLShader and GLProgram class which hides away the complexities of compiling the shader object and linking the program object and since they are RAII objects, they also clean up after themselves once you are done with them.
Since our primarily supported BSPs are Linux OS-based, we decided to utilize an input argument framework that is compatible with the standard UNIX parameter format, like the one exposed by getopt (We do however not utilize getopt to remain GPL free across platforms).

11.4 High level overview

The framework consists of three high level domains.

11.4.1 DemoMain

All the code that binds everything together and it is platform independent.

1. It gets the current demo setup
    a. Which demo host to utilize for the demo.
    b. Which demo app that needs to be run.
2. It parses the input arguments
3. It launches the demo host.
4. It logs any errors that might occur.

11.4.2 DemoHost

The demo-host is responsible for init and shutdown of the host environment and running the main loop.
The main loop utilizes the DemoAppManager to control the life of the DemoApp.
In other words, the DemoHost is the graphics API-specific code needed to initialize and shutdown a given API and some code to run a render loop. All the API and platform independent code of the render loop resides inside the DemoAppManager class.
The exact capabilities of a DemoHost are also platform dependent. For example, some EGL implementations support running OpenVG and OpenGL ES, allowing a demo app to utilize both API at once. This is not something that is supported by most Windows emulation layers.

11.4.3 DemoApp

It is a demo application written for one or more specific APIs that are supported by a specific DemoHost. The demo is usually platform independent – the exception to the rule is if it depends on specific features that only exist on certain platforms.

11.5 Demo application details

The following description of the demo application details uses a GLES2 demo named 'S01_SimpleTriangle' as example. It lists the default methods that a demo should implement, the way it can provide customized parameters to the windowing system and how asset management is made platform agnostic.

11.5.1 Demo method overview

This is a list of the methods that every Demo App is most likely to override[1].

```
    // Init
    S01_SimpleTriangle(const DemoAppConfig& config)
    // Shutdown
    ~S01_SimpleTriangle()
    // OPTIONAL: Custom resize logic (if the app requested it). The default logic is to
    // restart the app.
    void Resized(const Point2& size)
    // OPTIONAL: Fixed time step update method that is called the set number of times
    // per second. The fixed time step update is often used for physics.
    void FixedUpdate(const DemoTime& demoTime)
    // OPTIONAL: Variable time step update method.
```

[1] See DemoFramework\FslDemoApp\include\FslDemoApp\ADemoApp.hpp for a complete list.

```
    void Update(const DemoTime& demoTime)
    // Put the rendering calls here
    void Draw()
```

When the constructor is invoked, the Demo Host API is already set up and is ready for use. The demo framework uses EGL to configure things as requested by your EGL config and API version.
It is recommended that you do all your setup in the constructor.
This also means that you should never try to shut down EGL in the destructor since the framework does it at the appropriate time. The destructor should only worry about resources that your demo app actually allocated by itself.

11.5.1.1 Resized

The resized method is called if the screen resolution changes (if your application never changes resolution, it is never called)[2].

11.5.1.2 FixedUpdate

It is fixed time-step update method that is called the set number of times per second. The fixed time step update is often used for physics[3].

11.5.1.3 Update

It is called once before every draw call and you normally update your animation using delta time.
For example if you need to move your object 10 units horizontally per second you would do something like

```
m_positionX += 10 * demoTime.DeltaTime;
```

11.5.1.4 Draw

Should be used to render graphics.

11.5.2 Fixed or variable timestep update

Depending on what the demo is doing, the user might choose one or the other - or both. This is a complex topic once you start to dig into it, but in general anything that needs precision and predictable/repeatable calculations, like for example physics, often benefits from using fixed time steps. It depends on the algorithm, and it is recommended to research fixed vs. variable, because there are lots of arguments for both. It is also worth noting that game engines, such as Unity3D[4] support both methods.

11.5.3 Execution order of methods during a frame

The methods is called in this order

- Events (if any occurred)[5]
- Resized[6]
- FixedUpdate (0-N calls. The first frame always has a FixedUpdate call)

[2] This version of the framework always restart the app, so this will never be called.
[3] This version uses a fixed update frequency of 60 ticks per second. This will be configurable in the future.
[4] unity3d.com/
[5] For an example of event handling see the “DemoApps\GLES2\InputEvents” sample.
[6] In this version of the framework this is never called as the app will be recreated on screen size changes (future versions will allow demo apps to handle resize events if they so desire)

- Update
- Draw

After the draw call, a swap occurs.

11.5.4 Exit

The demo app can request an exit to occur, or it can be terminated via an external request.
In both situations one of the following things occurs.

1. If the app has been constructed and has received a FixedUpdate, then it finishes its FixedUpdate, Update, Draw, swap sequence before its shutdown.
2. If the app requests a shutdown during construction, the application is destroyed before calling any other method on the object (and no swap occurs).

The app can request an exit to occur by calling:

```
GetDemoAppControl()->RequestExit(1);
```

11.5.5 Dealing with screen resolution changes

Per default the app is destroyed and recreated when a resolution change occurs[7].
It is left up to the DemoApp to save and restore demo-specific state.

11.5.6 Content loading

The framework supports loading files from the Content folder on all platforms.

Given a content folder like this:

```
Content/Texture1.bmp
Content/Stuff/Readme.txt
```

You can load the files via the *IContentManager* service that can be accessed by calling

```
std::shared_ptr<IContentManager> contentManager = GetContentManager();
```

You can then load files like this:

Binary file:

```
std::vector<uint8_t> content;
contentManager->ReadAllBytes(content, "MyData.bin");
```

Text file:

```
const std::string content = contentManager-
>ReadAllText("Stuff/Readme.txt");
```

Bitmap file[8]:

```
Bitmap bitmap;
contentManager->Read(bitmap, "Texture1.bmp", PixelFormat::RGB888);
```

[7] Future versions will allow demo apps to handle resize events if they so desire.

[8] The current framework only supports a limited subset of BMP images (24 and 32BPP). This will be extended in a future version where we expect to have DevIL support.

If you psee control the loading yourself you can retrieve the path to the files like this:

```
IO::Path contentPath = contentManager->GetContentPath();
IO::Path myData = IO::Path::Combine(contentPath, "MyData.bin");
IO::Path readmePath = IO::Path::Combine(contentPath, "Stuff/Readme.txt");
IO::Path texture1Path = IO::Path::Combine(contentPath, "Texture1.bmp");
```

You can then open the files with any method you prefer.
Both methods works for all supported platforms.

For detailed information about how the content is handled on each platform, see the build guide appendixes.
The details of the available helper classes for a Demo Application are described in 11.6.

11.5.7 Demo registration

This is done in the S01_SimpleTriangle_Register.cpp file.

```
namespace
{
  // Custom EGL config (overwrites the settings for the listed values.
  // however an exact EGL config can be used)
  static const EGLint g_eglConfigAttribs[] =
  {
    EGL_RED_SIZE, 5,
    EGL_GREEN_SIZE, 6,
    EGL_BLUE_SIZE, 5,
    EGL_ALPHA_SIZE, 0,
    EGL_SAMPLES, 0,
    EGL_NONE
  };
}
// configure the demo environment to run this demo app in a OpenGLES2 host environment
FSL_REGISTER_OPENGLES2_DEMO(S01_SimpleTriangle,DemoAppHostConfigEGL(g_eglConfigAttribs
));
```

Since the demo framework is controlling the main method, you need to register your application with the Demo Host-specific macro (in this instance, the OpenGL ES2 host), for the framework to register your demo class.

11.6 Helper Class Overview

11.6.1 FslBase

Provides basic functionality missing from C++ standard libraries.

11.6.1.1 Bits

BitsUtil	Utility methods for working with bits
ByteArrayUtil	Utility methods for reading and writing values from byte arrays in a specific endian format. This functionality is useful when working on platform independent load and save methods.

11.6.1.2 IO

Platform independent IO.

Directory	Helper methods for working on directories. • GetCurrentWorkingDirectory.
File	Helper methods for working with files • Checking if file exists. • File length. • Read all content from a file.
Path	A UTF8 path class and helper methods for working on it. • Combing paths. • Extracting directory or filename. • Getting the full path from a relative path.

11.6.1.3 Log

Platform independent logging.
Instead of using printf or std::cout to log information it's better to use the provided logging macros since work across all supported platforms.

Log	Various logging macros • FSLLOG • FSLLOG_IF • FSLLOG_WARNING • FSLLOG_WARNING_IF • FSLLOG_ERROR • FSLLOG_ERROR_IF

11.6.1.4 Math

Mainly focused on math functionality useful for working with graphics. It focuses on ease of use instead of raw performance.

MathHelper	Various commonly used helper methods and constants like • PI • Clamping • Lerp • Conversions between radians and angles • PowerOfTwo
Matrix	Matrix helper methods like • Perspective • Rotate • Translate • Scale • Multiply
Point2	A 2D integer point.
Rectangle	A integer based rectangle with helper methods like • Union • Intersection
Vector2	A 2d float point with helper methods like • Dot • Length • Lerp • Min, max • Normalize • Reflect
Vector3	A 3d float point with helper methods like • Cross • Dot • Length • Lerp • Min, max • Normalize • Reflect • Transform by matrix
Vector4	A 4d float point with helper methods like • Dot • Length • Lerp • Min, max • Normalize • Reflect • Transform by matrix

11.6.1.5 String

Various string functionality

StringParseUtil	Various utility method for converting a string to a number.
UTF8String	A UTF8 string representation.

11.6.1.6 System

HighResolutionTimer	A platform independent high resolution timer.

11.6.1.7 FslGraphics

Bitmap	A RAII class to manage bitmap data.
BitmapUtil	Contains various helper methods that work on the bitmap class. • Horizontal flip • Pixel format conversion
RawBitmap	Read only bitmap information.
RawBitmapEx	Writeable access to bitmap information
RawBitmapUtil	Low level helper methods that work on RawBitmaps • Horizontal flip • Padding clear • Swizzle

11.6.1.8 IO

BMPUtil	A simple helper class for loading and saving BMP images. It's not recommended to use it directly. Instead utilize the framework for loading images[9]. See Content loading for more details.

[9] A future version will also add saving to the ContentManager.

11.6.1.9 Vertices

API independent vertex helper classes.

VertexDeclaration	Defines how a vertex is constructed in an API independent way.
VertexElementEx	Defines a vertex element
VertexPositionColor	A vertex comprised of • position • color.
VertexPositionColorNormalTexture	A vertex comprised of • position • color • normal • texture coordinates
VertexPositionColorTexture	A vertex comprised of • position • color • texture coordinates
VertexPositionNormalTexture	A vertex comprised of • position • normal • texture coordinates
VertexPositionTexture	A vertex comprised of • position • texture coordinates

11.6.2 FslGraphicsGLES2

RAII based helper classes for common GLES2 operations.

GLCheck	Various helper macros for checking and transforming OpenGL ES errors to exception.
GLIndexBuffer	A RAII based index buffer. • uint8_t and uint16_t based index buffers. • Easy creation and update.
GLProgram	A RAII based GL program encapsulation. • Vertex and fragment shader combination.
GLShader	A RAII based GL shader encapsulation. • Compilation and logging.
GLTexture	A RAII based GL texture encapsulation. • Can be created from either FslGraphics RawBitmaps or Bitmaps. • Easy content update. • Supports both normal and cubemap textures.
GLUtil	Contains various utility methods for OpenGL ES2 • Capture screenshots
GLVertexBuffer	A RAII based vertex buffer. • Easy creation and updating from Custom or FslGraphics.Vertices. • Helper methods for quickly enabling/disabling Attribs

11.6.3 FslGraphicsGLES3

RAII based helper classes for common GLES3 operations.
GLES3 has the exact same helper classes as GLES2 and the following additions:

GLVertexArray	A RAII based vertex array. • Easy creation

11.7 Android SDK+NDK on Windows OS build guide

11.7.1 Prerequisites

- JDK (32 bit)
  IMPORTANT: Make sure to configure JAVA_HOME to point to the JDK directory
- Android SDK (32 bit)
  After installation, run "SDK Manager.exe" and make sure everything is up to date.
  IMPORTANT: Make sure to configure ANDROID_HOME to point to the Android SDK directory
  IMPORTANT: Make sure that you have the Android Lollipop 5.0.0 (API 19) SDK Platform installed.
- Android NDK (32 bit)
  IMPORTANT: Make sure to configure ANDROID_NDK to point to the Android NDK directory
- Ant
  IMPORTANT: Make sure to configure ANT_HOME to point to the ant directory
  Extra info: www.androidengineer.com/2010/06/using-ant-to-automate-building-android.html
- Python 2.7.x
  - For 32bit Windows OS
  - For 64bit Windows OS

11.7.2 Environment setup

1. Start a Windows OS console (cmd.exe) in the DemoFramework folder.
2. Run the 'prepare.bat' file located in the root of the framework folder to configure the necessary environment variables and paths. Note that the prepare.bat file requires the current working directory to be the root of your demoframework folder to function (which is also the folder it resides in).

11.7.3 Compiling and running an existing sample application

In this example we use the GLES2 S06_Texturing application.

1. Make sure that you performed the environment setup.
2. Change directory to the sample directory:

```
cd DemoApps\GLES2\S06_Texturing\Android
```

3. Build and install the app APK (See the ant notes for more details)

```
ant debug install
```

11.7.4 Creating a new GLES2 demo project named 'CoolNewDemo'

1. Make sure that you performed the environment setup.
2. Change directory to the GLES2 sample directory:

```
cd DemoApps/GLES2
```

3. Create the project template using the FslNewDemoProject.py script

```
FslNewDemoProject.py all -t GLES2 CoolNewDemo
```

4. Change directory to the newly created project folder 'CoolNewDemo'

```
cd CoolNewDemo
```

5. Generate build files for the Android platform, Ubuntu and Yocto Project (this step will be simplified soon)

   ```
   FslBuildGen.py
   ```

   When you add the generated build.sh to git on Windows OS, remember to set the executable bit using:

   ```
   git update-index --chmod=+x build.sh
   ```

6. Change directory to the Android folder 'CoolNewDemo'

   ```
   cd Android
   ```

7. Build and install the app APK

   ```
   ant debug install
   ```

If you add source files to a project or change the Fsl.gen file then run the FslBuildGen.py script in the project root folder to regenerate the various build files.

11.7.5 Notes

11.7.5.1 Content

As long as you utilize one of the methods above to load the resources, you don't really need to know the following. However if you experience problems it might be useful for you to know.
Under Android platform builds, we package all content using the Android 'assets' system. Since the system requires that the asset files are located under its 'assets' folder (located at Android/assets in our samples) we utilize a one way folder synchronization utility called 'FslContentSync.py' to ensure that all files and directories under Content exist inside the asset folder as well. The synchronization script is automatically invoked during the Android build process. To complicate things further the Android assets cannot normally be accessed via filenames using standard C/C++ methods. Because of this the assets are 'unpacked' on target to either the external or internal file system which allows us to open the files any way we like. Unfortunately this means that there is a slight unpacking delay the first time a sample is executed.

11.7.5.2 Command line app building via Ant

developer.android.com/tools/building/building-cmdline.html

11.8 Ubuntu build guide

11.8.1 Prerequisites

- Ubuntu14.04 64 bit
- Build tools and xrand
  ```
  sudo apt-get install build-essential libxrandr-dev
  ```
- Python 2.7
  It should be part of the default Ubuntu14.04 install.
- A OpenGL ES 2+ emulator
  - Mesa OpenGL ES 2
    ```
    sudo apt-get install libgles2-mesa-dev
    ```

- ARM Mali OpenGL ES 3.0 Emulator V1.4.1 (64 bit)

```
wget
http://malideveloper.arm.com/downloads/tools/emulator/1.4.1/Mali_OpenGL_E
S_Emulator-1.4.1-Linux-64bit.deb
sudo dpkg -i Mali_OpenGL_ES_Emulator-1.4.1-Linux-64bit.deb
```

11.8.2 Environment setup

1. Start a terminal (ctrl+alt t) in the DemoFramework folder
2. Run the 'prepare.sh' file located in the root of the framework folder to configure the necessary environment variables and paths. Note that the prepare.sh file requires the current working directory to be the root of your demoframework folder to function (which is also the folder it resides in).

```
source prepare.sh
```

11.8.3 Compiling all samples

1. Make sure that you performed the environment setup
2. Compile everything (a good rule of thumb for '-j N' is number of cpu cores * 2)

```
./build.sh -j 2
```

11.8.4 Compiling and running an existing sample application

In this example we use the GLES2 S06_Texturing application.

1. Make sure that you performed the environment setup
2. Change directory to the sample directory:

```
cd DemoApps/GLES2/S06_Texturing
```

3. Compile the project (a good rule of thumb for '-j N' is number of cpu cores * 2)

```
./build.sh -j 2
```

11.8.5 Creating a new GLES2 demo project named 'CoolNewDemo'

1. Make sure that you performed the environment setup
2. Change directory to the GLES2 sample directory:

```
cd DemoApps/GLES2
```

3. Create the project template using the FslNewDemoProject.py script

```
FslNewDemoProject.py all -t GLES2 CoolNewDemo
```

4. Change directory to the newly created project folder 'CoolNewDemo'

```
cd CoolNewDemo
```

5. Generate build files for the Android platform, Ubuntu and Yocto Project (this step will be simplified soon)

```
FslBuildGen.py
chmod u+x build.sh
```

6. Compile the project (a good rule of thumb for '-j N' is number of cpu cores * 2)

```
./build.sh -j 2
```

If you add source files to a project or change the Fsl.gen file then run the FslBuildGen.py script in the project root folder to regenerate the various build files.

11.8.6 NOTES:

11.8.6.1 Content

As long as you utilize one of the methods above to load the resources, you don't really need to know the following. However if you experience problems it might be useful for you to know.
The ubuntu build expects the content folder to be located at "<executable directory>/content". Since the binary is put in the sample root directory where the content folder is located, there should be no problem loading the resources.

11.8.6.2 Manual environment setup

1. Configure your FSL_GRAPHICS_SDK to point to the downloaded sdk without the ending backslash:
   ```
   export FSL_GRAPHICS_SDK=~/fsl/YourDemoFrameworkFolder
   ```
2. For easy access to the python scripts (not required for building)
   ```
   PATH=$PATH:$FSL_GRAPHICS_SDK/.Config
   ```

11.8.6.3 Override platform auto-detection

To override the platform auto detection code set the following variable

```
export FSL_PLATFORM_NAME=Ubuntu
```

11.8.6.4 Executable location

The final executable is placed in the root of the demo application folder. If it is moved the content folder (if it exist) needs to be copied to the same location.

11.9 Windows OS build guide

11.9.1 Prerequisites

- Visual Studio 2013 (community edition or better)
- Python 2.7.x
  - For 32bit Windows
  - For 64bit Windows
- A OpenGL ES 2+ emulator
  - ARM Mali OpenGL ES 3.0 Emulator V1.4.1 (32 bit)
  - Vivante OpenGL ES Emulator

To get started its recommended to utilize the ARM Mali OpenGL ES 3.0 emulator (32 bit) which this guide assumes you are using.

11.9.2 Environment setup

1. Start a Windows OS console (cmd.exe) in the DemoFramework folder

2. Run the 'prepare.bat' file located in the root of the framework folder to configure the necessary environment variables and paths. Note that the prepare.bat file requires the current working directory to be the root of your demoframework folder to function (which is also the folder it resides in).

11.9.3 Compiling and running an existing sample application

In this example we use the GLES2 S06_Texturing application.

1. Make sure that you performed the environment setup
2. Change directory to the sample directory:
   ```
   cd DemoApps\GLES2\S06_Texturing
   ```
3. Launch Microsoft Visual Studio using the ARM Mali Emulator:
   ```
   .StartProject_Arm.bat
   ```
4. Compile and run the project (The default is to press F5)

To utilize the vivante emulator use .StartProject_Vivante.bat instead of .StartProject_Arm.bat

11.9.4 Creating a new GLES2 demo project named 'CoolNewDemo'

1. Make sure that you performed the environment setup
2. Change directory to the GLES2 sample directory:
   ```
   cd DemoApps/GLES2
   ```
3. Create the project template using the FslNewDemoProject.py script
   ```
   FslNewDemoProject.py all -t GLES2 CoolNewDemo
   ```
4. Change directory to the newly created project folder 'CoolNewDemo'
   ```
   cd CoolNewDemo
   ```
5. Generate build files for the Android platform, Ubuntu and Yocto Project (this step will be simplified soon)
   ```
   FslBuildGen.py
   ```
   When you add the generated build.sh to git on the Windows OS, remember to set the executable bit using:
   ```
   git update-index --chmod=+x build.sh
   ```
6. Launch Microsoft Visual Studio using the ARM Mali Emulator:
   ```
   .StartProject_Arm.bat
   ```
7. Compile and run the project (The default is to press F5) or start creating your new demo.

If you add source files to a project or change the Fsl.gen file then run the FslBuildGen.py script in the project root folder to regenerate the various build files.

11.9.5 Notes

11.9.5.1 Content

As long as you utilize one of the methods above to load the resources, you don’t need to know the following. However if you experience problems it might be useful for you to know.
The Windows OS build expects the content folder to be located at "<current working directory>/content". When you launch the sample via the Microsoft Visual Studio project, the current working directory is equal to the sample root directory where the content folder is located, so there should be no problem loading the resources.

11.9.5.2 Switching between emulators

The Microsoft Visual Studio projects have been configured so that emulator builds can coexist without interfering with each other. Furthermore, the only the emulator dependent parts are rebuilt when changing emulator.
So all in all it ought to be very fast to switch between emulators.

11.9.5.3 Executable location

The executable location is based upon the build type release/debug and which emulator you are using and
So the executable for a demo called S06_Texturing build as debug and using the ARM emulator is located under
    bin\S06_Texturing\Debug_ARM\
The content folder is located at
    Content
If you want to move them then make sure that both the S06_Texturing.exe and Content folder is moved to the same location like this:
    S06_Texturing.exe
    Content

11.10 Yocto build guide

11.10.1 Prerequisites

- Python 2.7
  It should be part of the default Ubuntu12.04 installation.
- A working Yocto build
  For example, follow one of these:
  - http://git.freescale.com/git/cgit.cgi/imx/fsl-arm-yocto-bsp.git/tree/README?h=imx-3.14.52-1.1.0_ga
  - community.freescale.com/docs/DOC-94866
- One of these:

X11 Yocto image

Example:

```
MACHINE=imx6qsabreauto source fsl-setup-release.sh -b build-x11 -e x11
bitbake fsl-image-gui
bitbake meta-toolchain
bbitbake meta-ide-support
```

Extracted rootfs
We assume your Yocto build dir is located at ~/fsl-release-bsp/build-x11 and that the rootfs is unpacked to ~/unpacked-rootfs/build-x11 and the image is called fsl-image-gui-imx6qsabresd-20141013154554.rootfs.tar.bz2 (you need to locate your image name)

```
runqemu-extract-sdk ~/fsl-release-bsp/build-
x11/tmp/deploy/images/imx6qsabresd/fsl-image-gui-imx6qsabresd-
20141013154554.rootfs.tar.bz2  ~/unpacked-rootfs/build-x11
```

FB Yocto image

Example:

```
MACHINE=imx6qsabreauto source fsl-setup-release.sh -b build-fb -e fb
bitbake fsl-image-gui
bitbake meta-toolchain
bitbake meta-ide-support
```

Extracted rootfs

We assume your Yocto build dir is located at ~/fsl-release-bsp/build-fb and that the rootfs is unpacked to ~/unpacked-rootfs/build-fb and the image is called fsl-image-gui-imx6qsabresd-20141013154554.rootfs.tar.bz2 (you need to locate your image name)

```
runqemu-extract-sdk ~/fsl-release-bsp/build-
fb/tmp/deploy/images/imx6qsabresd/fsl-image-gui-imx6qsabresd-
20141013154554.rootfs.tar.bz2  ~/unpacked-rootfs/build-fb
```

Wayland Yocto image

Example:

```
MACHINE=imx6qsabreauto source fsl-setup-release.sh -b build-wayland -e wayland
bitbake fsl-image-gui
bitbake meta-toolchain
bitbake meta-ide-support
```

Extracted rootfs

We assume your Yocto build dir is located at ~/fsl-release-bsp/build-wayland and that the rootfs is unpacked to ~/unpacked-rootfs/build-wayland and the image is called fsl-image-gui-imx6qsabresd-20141013154554.rootfs.tar.bz2 (you need to locate your image name)

```
runqemu-extract-sdk ~/fsl-release-bsp/build-
wayland/tmp/deploy/images/imx6qsabresd/fsl-image-gui-imx6qsabresd-
20141013154554.rootfs.tar.bz2  ~/unpacked-rootfs/build-wayland
```

DirectFB Yocto image

Example:

```
MACHINE=imx6qsabresd source fsl-setup-release.sh -b build-dfb -e dfb
bitbake fsl-image-gui
bitbake meta-toolchain
bitbake meta-ide-support
```

Extracted rootfs

We assume your Yocto build dir is located at ~/fsl-release-bsp/build-dfb and that the rootfs is unpacked to ~/unpacked-rootfs/build-dfb and the image is called fsl-image-gui-imx6qsabresd-20141013154554.rootfs.tar.bz2 (you need to locate your image name)

```
runqemu-extract-sdk ~/fsl-release-bsp/build-
dfb/tmp/deploy/images/imx6qsabresd/fsl-image-gui-imx6qsabresd-
20141013154554.rootfs.tar.bz2  ~/unpacked-rootfs/build-dfb
```

This guide assumes that you are using an X11 image.

11.10.2 Yocto project environment setup:

Prepare the Yocto project build environment

```
pushd ~/fsl-release-bsp
MACHINE=imx6qsabreauto source fsl-setup-release.sh -b build-x11 -e x11
cd tmp
source environment-setup-cortexa9hf-vfp-neon-poky-linux-gnueabi
export ROOTFS=~/unpacked-rootfs/build-x11
popd
```

11.10.3 Demo framework environment setup

1. Make sure that you performed the Yocto project setup
2. cd to the demoframework folder
3. Run the 'prepare.sh' file located in the root of the framework folder to configure the necessary environment variables and paths. Note that the prepare.sh file requires the current working directory to be the root of your demoframework folder to function (which is also the folder it resides in).

```
source prepare.sh
```

11.10.4 Compiling all samples

1. Make sure that you performed the demo framework environment setup
2. Compile everything (a good rule of thumb for '-j N' is number of cpu cores * 2)

```
./build.sh -f GNUmakefile_Yocto -j 2 EGLBackend=x11
```

EGLBackend can be set to either: DirectFB, FB, Wayland or X11

11.10.5 Compiling and running an existing sample application

In this example, we use the GLES2 S06_Texturing application.

1. Make sure that you performed the demo framework environment setup.
2. Change directory to the sample directory:

```
cd DemoApps/GLES2/S06_Texturing
```

3. Compile the project (a good rule of thumb for '-j N' is number of cpu cores * 2)

```
./build.sh -f GNUmakefile_Yocto -j 2 EGLBackend=x11
```

EGLBackend can be set to either: DirectFB, FB, Wayland or X11

11.10.6 Creating a new GLES2 demo project named 'CoolNewDemo'

1. Make sure that you performed the demo framework environment setup.
2. Change directory to the GLES2 sample directory:

```
cd DemoApps/GLES2
```

3. Create the project template using the FslNewDemoProject.py script

```
FslNewDemoProject.py all -t GLES2 CoolNewDemo
```

4. Change directory to the newly created project folder 'CoolNewDemo'

```
cd CoolNewDemo
```

5. Generate build files for the Android platform, Ubuntu and Yocto Project (this step will be simplified soon)

```
FslBuildGen.py
chmod u+x build.sh
```

6. Compile the project (a good rule of thumb for '-j N' is number of cpu cores * 2)

```
./build.sh -f GNUmakefile_Yocto -j 2 EGLBackend=x11
```

   EGLBackend can be set to either: DirectFB, FB, Wayland or X11

If you add source files to a project or change the Fsl.gen file then run the FslBuildGen.py script in the project root folder to regenerate the various build files.

11.10.7 NOTES

11.10.7.1 Content

As long as you utilize one of the methods above to load the resources, you don’t need to know the following. However if you experience problems it might be useful for you to know.
The Yocto project build expects the content folder to be located at "<executable directory>/content".

11.10.7.2 Manual environment setup

Configure your FSL_GRAPHICS_SDK to point to the downloaded sdk without the ending backslash:

```
export FSL_GRAPHICS_SDK=~/fsl/YourDemoFrameworkFolder
```

1. For easy access to the python scripts

```
PATH=$PATH:$FSL_GRAPHICS_SDK/.Config
```

11.10.7.3 Override platform auto-detection

To override the platform auto detection code set the following variable

```
export FSL_PLATFORM_NAME=Yocto
```

11.10.7.4 Building for multiple backends

The makefiles have been configured so that the builds for all backends can coexist without interfering with each other. Furthermore, the only backend dependent parts are rebuilt when changing backend.
So all in all it ought to be very fast to switch between backends.
The demo app executables are post fixed with the backend its build for to ensure no conflicts occurs.

11.10.7.5 Executable location

The final executable is placed in the root of the demo application folder. If it is moved the content folder (if it exist) needs to be copied to the same location.
The executables follows this naming scheme:

<DemoAppName>_<BackendName>[<TargetPostFix>]

So a debug build of S06_Texturing for the DirectFB backend is called

S06_Texturing_DirectFB_d

A release build of S06_Texturing for the X11 backend is called

S06_Texturing_X11

11.11 FslContentSync.py notes

- Does not copy files that start with a '.' in its file or directory name.
- Does not allow files to contain ".." in its name.
- Do **not** utilize file names that only differ by casing like this:
  - Shader.txt
  - shader.txt
- Due to the Android asset packer it's not recommended to use Unicode file names as they are unsupported by the Android tool at the moment.

11.12 Roadmap – Upcoming features

11.12.1 Technical overview

- Graphics API support
  - OpenVG
  - G2D
- Services
  - Model loader via Assimp
  - Image loading via DevIL
- Implementation of standard way for handling
  - Demo time stepping: pause, single step, slow motion.
  - Screenshot support.
  - A performance graph

11.13 Known limitations

11.13.1 General

- The Android platform, Ubuntu and Windows OS support is considered experimental for this release.
- FslBuildGen does not update the Microsoft Visual Studio® Windows projects.

11.13.2 Android platform

- The Android platform does not handle Unicode file names inside the 'content' folder. So do not utilize Unicode for filenames stored in Content. The culprit is the Android assets folder which we utilize for content files.

Chapter 12 Environment Variables Summary

The table below lists the environment variables (ENV) available in the GPU drivers.
The use of most environment variables remains static from driver version to driver version, but sometimes these variables need refinements to meet new, advanced conditions not present with the ENV initially introduced.

12.1 Environment variable for drivers and HAL

Table 25. Environment variables for drivers and HAL

ENV name	Backends suported	Note
FB_IGNORE_DISPLAY_SIZE	FB/WLD	0: Clip window to device display size. 1: Do not clip window to the device limits for width and height.
FB_MULTI_BUFFER	FB/WLD	Number of backend buffers of the framebuffer device. For WLD, define the multibuffer number of Weston.
FB_FRAMEBUFFER_N	FB/WLD	Define the Nth framebuffer device.
VG_APITIME	FB/WLD/X11	Enable VG API function execution time print.
VIV_DEBUG	FB/WLD/X11	Define the user debug message level (-MSG_LEVEL: ERROR/WARNING).
VIV_FBO_PREFER_MEM	FB/WLD/X11	Renderbuffer is not freed after colorbuffer detaches from FBO (GL ES 2.0)
GPU_VIV_EXT_RESOLVE	FB/WLD/X11	Enable the external resolve mode (1 by default for FB).
GPU_VIV_DISABLE_SUPERTILED_TEXTURE	FB/WLD/X11	Disable supertiled texture (64x64 tiled texture is not used).
GPU_VIV_DISABLE_CLEAR_FB	FB/WLD/X11	Enable clear buffer when a new Window surface is created.
GPU_VIV_WL_MULTI_BUFFER	WLD	Define the client multibuffer number.
DRI_IGNORE_DISPLAY_SIZE/ X_IGNORE_DISPLAY_SIZE	X11	0: Clip window to device display size. 1: Do not clip window to the device limits for width and height.
__GL_DEV_FB	X11	Set the path for framebuffer device like /dev/fb0.
LIBGL_ALWAYS_INDIRECT	X11	Make OGL go into indirect mode. All rendering is done by XserverSet.
LIBGL_DEBUG	X11	Print error message to stderr if LIBGL_DEBUG env var is set. Print info message to stderr if LIBGL_DEBUG env var is set to “verbose”.
VIV_PROFILE	vProfiler	Enable profiler. Different level results generate different results.
VP_COUNTER_FILTER	vProfiler	Used to control profile different system resource like memory/CPU time usage.
VP_FRAME_END	vProfiler	When VIV_PROFILE=3, specify the frame to end profiling with vProfiler.
VP_FRAME_NUM	vProfiler	When VIV_PROFILE=1, used to specify the number of frames dumped by vProfiler.
VP_FRAME_START	vProfiler	When VIV_PROFILE=3, specify the frame to start profiling with vProfiler.
VP_OUTPUT	vProfiler	Specify the output file name of vProfiler (default is vprofiler.vpd).
VP_PROCESS_NAME	vProfiler	Choose profiler enable process (This option is only available for Android platform, not available for Linux OS).
VP_SYNC_MODE	vProfiler	Enable [1] or disable [0] the synchronous mode of vProfiler (default is synchronous enabled).

VP_USE_GLFINISH	vProfiler	Use glFinish as the frameEnd.
VIV_TRACE	vTracer	Enable tracer. Different levels could generate different logs.

12.2 Environment variable for compiler

Table 26. Environment variables for compiler

ENV NAME	Compiler	Note
VC_DUMP_SHADER_SOURCE	GLSLC/VSC	Enable dumping the shader source code.

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