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The Open Computing Language (OpenCL)





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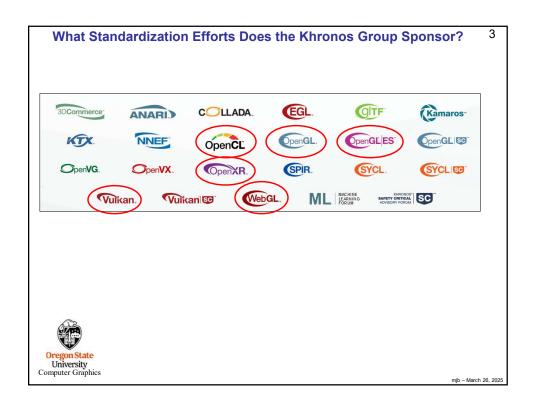
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- OpenCL consists of two parts: a C/C++-callable API and a C-ish programming language.
- The OpenCL programming language can run on NVIDIA GPUs, AMD GPUs, Intel CPUs, Intel GPUs, mobile devices, and (supposedly) FPGAs (Field-Programmable Gate Arrays).
- But, OpenCL is at its best on compute devices with large amounts of **data parallelism**, which usually implies GPU usage.
- You break your computational problem up into lots and lots of small pieces. Each piece gets farmed out to threads on the GPU.
- Each thread wakes up and is able to ask questions about where it lives in the entire collection of (thousands of) threads. From that, it can tell what it is supposed to be working on.
- · OpenCL can share data, and interoperate, with OpenGL
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- GPUs do not have a stack, and so the OpenCL C-ish programming language cannot do recursion and cannot make function calls. It also can't use pointers.

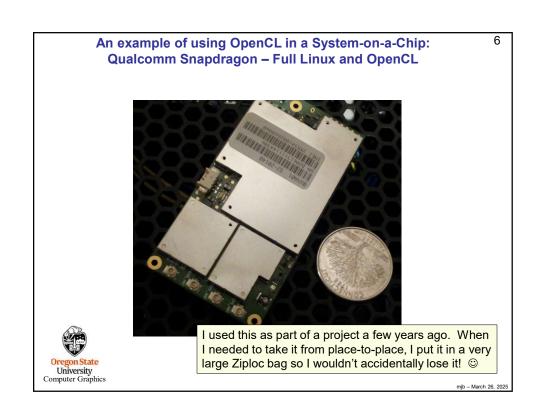
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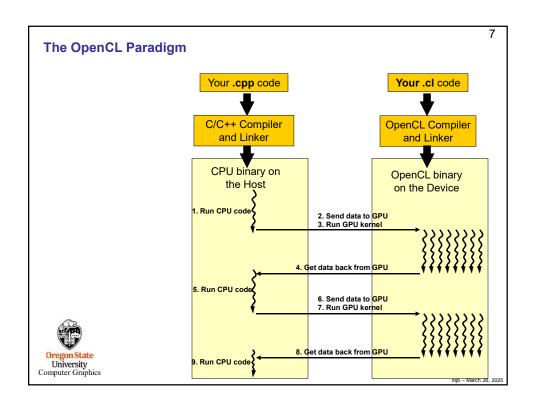
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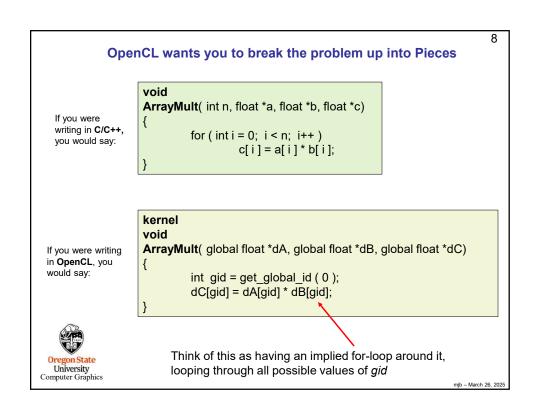


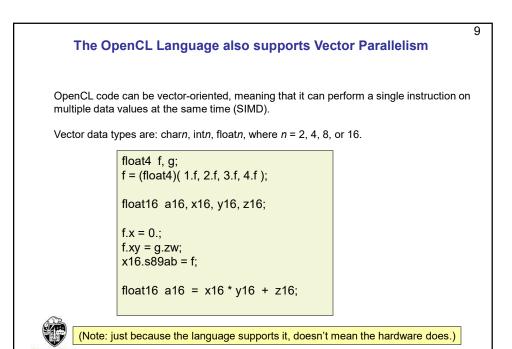






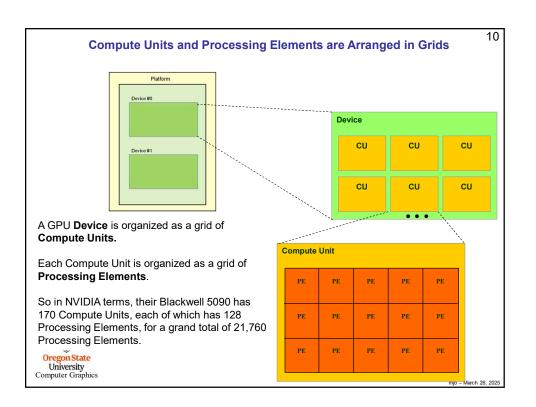


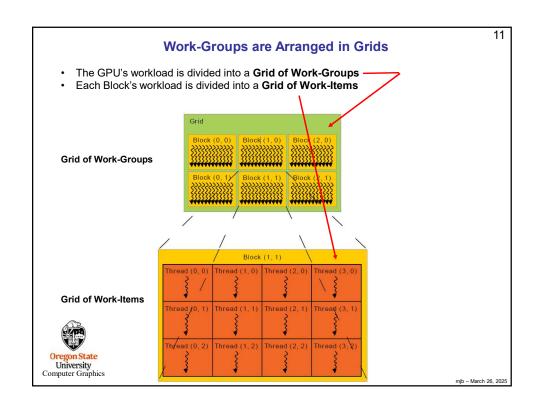


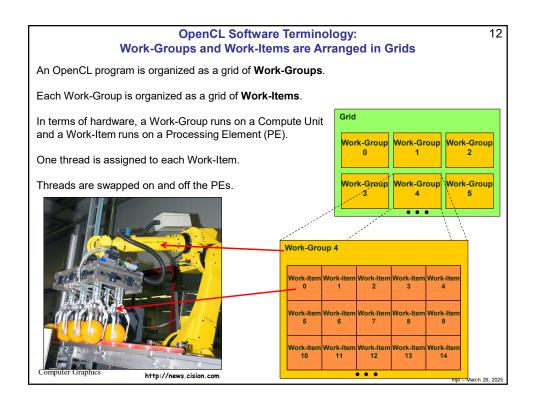


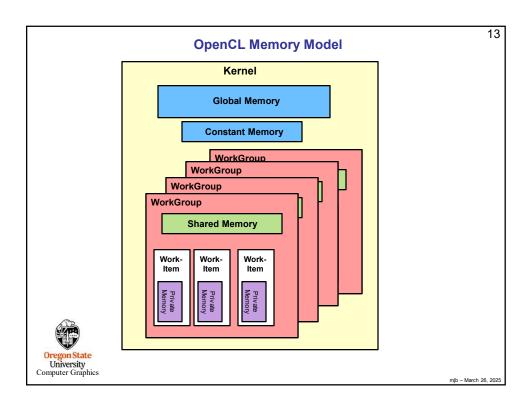
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• Threads can share memory with the other Threads in the same Work-Group
• Threads can synchronize with other Threads in the same Work-Group
• Global and Constant memory is accessible by all Threads in all Work-Groups
• Global and Constant memory is often cached inside a Work-Group
• Each Thread has registers and private memory
• Each Work-Group has a maximum number of registers it can use. These are divided equally among all its Threads

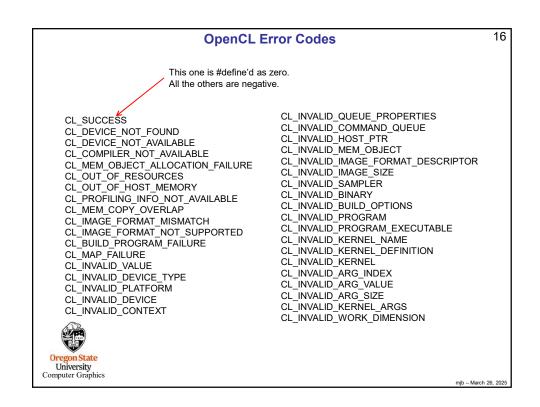
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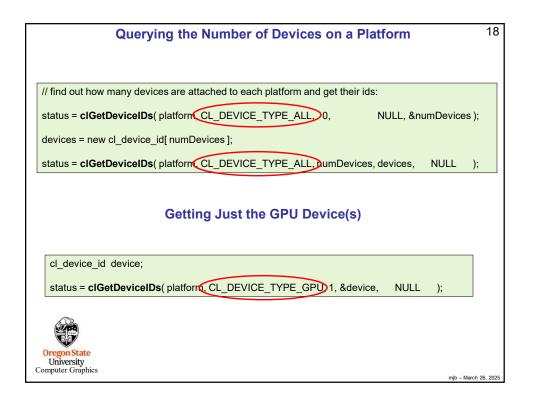
WorkGroup**

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                Querying the Number of Platforms (usually one)
            cl uint numPlatforms;
            status = clGetPlatformIDs( 0, NULL, &numPlatforms );
                                                                                        Platform
            if( status != CL_SUCCESS )
                      fprintf( stderr, "clGetPlatformIDs failed (1)\n" );
            fprintf( stderr, "Number of Platforms = %d\n", numPlatforms );
            cl_platform_id * platforms = new cl_platform_id[ numPlatforms ];
            status = clGetPlatformIDs( numPlatforms, platforms, NULL );
            if( status != CL_SUCCESS )
                      fprintf( stderr, "clGetPlatformIDs failed (2)\n" );
     This way of querying information is a recurring OpenCL pattern (get used to it):
                                    How many
                                                       Where to
                                                                       How many total
                                                       put them
                                                                          there are
                                       to get
    status = clGetPlatformlDs(
                                           0.
                                                          NULL,
                                                                      &numPlatforms);
    status = clGetPlatformIDs( numPlatforms, platforms,
                                                                            NULL
                                                                                         );
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A Way to Print OpenCL Error Codes – get this from our Class Resources Page<sup>17</sup>
              struct errorcode
                   cl int
                               statusCode:
                   char
                               meaning:
              ErrorCodes[] =
                    { CL_SUCCESS,
                   { CL_DEVICE_NOT_FOUND, { CL_DEVICE_NOT_AVAILABLE,
                                                              "Device Not Found"
                                                              "Device Not Available'
                   { CL_INVALID_MIP_LEVEL, 
{ CL_INVALID_GLOBAL_WORK_SIZE,
                                                              "Invalid MIP Level"
                                                              "Invalid Global Work Size"
              };
              PrintCLError( cl_int errorCode, char * prefix, FILE *fp )
                   if( errorCode == CL_SUCCESS )
                        return;
                   const int numErrorCodes = sizeof( ErrorCodes ) / sizeof( struct errorcode );
                    char * meaning = "
                    for( int i = 0; i < numErrorCodes; i++ )
                         if( errorCode == ErrorCodes[i].statusCode )
                             meaning = ErrorCodes[i].meaning;
                             break;
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                    fprintf( fp, "%s %s\n", prefix, meaning );
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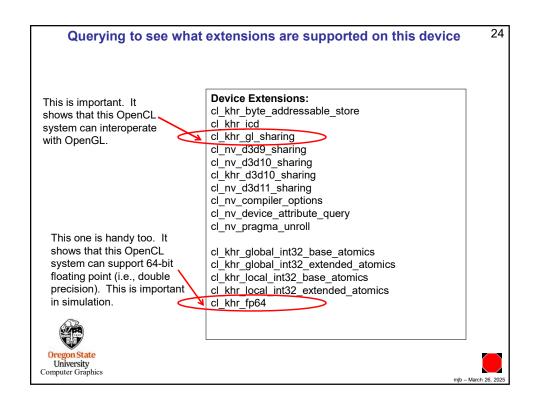
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                         Querying the Device (this is really useful!), I
    // find out how many platforms are attached here and get their ids:
    cl_uint numPlatforms:
    status = clGetPlatformIDs( 0, NULL, &numPlatforms );
    if( status != CL_SUCCESS )
         fprintf( stderr, "clGetPlatformIDs failed (1)\n" );
    fprintf( OUTPUT, "Number of Platforms = %d\n", numPlatforms );
     \begin{array}{l} cl\_platform\_id \ ^*platforms = new \ cl\_platform\_id[ \ numPlatforms ]; \\ status = clGetPlatformlDs( \ numPlatforms, \ platforms, \ NULL ); \\ \end{array} 
    if( status != CL_SUCCESS )
         fprintf( stderr, "clGetPlatformIDs failed (2)\n" );
    cl_uint numDevices;
    cl_device_id *devices;
    for( int i = 0; i < (int)numPlatforms; i++ )
         fprintf( OUTPUT, "Platform #%d:\n", i );
         size_t size;
char *str;
         clGetPlatformInfo( platforms[i], CL_PLATFORM_NAME, 0, NULL, &size );
          str = new char [ size ];
         clGetPlatformInfo( platforms[i], CL_PLATFORM_NAME, size, str, NULL );
          fprintf( OUTPUT, "\tName = '%s'\n", str );
          delete[] str;
         clGetPlatformInfo( platforms[i], CL_PLATFORM_VENDOR, 0, NULL, &size );
         str = new char [ size ];
clGetPlatformInfo( platforms[i], CL_PLATFORM_VENDOR, size, str, NULL );
Or
         fprintf( OUTPUT, "\tVendor = '%s'\n", str );
          delete[] str;
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                                          Querying the Device, II
          clGetPlatformInfo( platforms[i], CL_PLATFORM_VERSION, 0, NULL, &size );
           str = new char [ size ];
          clGetPlatformInfo( platforms[i], CL_PLATFORM_VERSION, size, str, NULL ); fprintf( OUTPUT, "\tversion = '%s'\n", str );
           delete[] str;
          clGetPlatformInfo( platforms[i], CL PLATFORM PROFILE, 0, NULL, &size );
           str = new char [ size ];
           clGetPlatformInfo( platforms[i], CL_PLATFORM_PROFILE, size, str, NULL );
           fprintf(OUTPUT, "\tProfile = '%s'\n", str );
          delete[] str;
          // find out how many devices are attached to each platform and get their ids:
          status = clGetDevicelDs( platforms[i], CL_DEVICE_TYPE_ALL, 0, NULL, &numDevices );
           if( status != CL_SUCCESS )
               fprintf( stderr, "clGetDeviceIDs failed (2)\n" );
          devices = new cl_device_id[ numDevices ];
           status = clGetDevicelDs( platforms[i], CL_DEVICE_TYPE_ALL, numDevices, devices, NULL );
          if( status != CL_SUCCESS )
               fprintf( stderr, "clGetDeviceIDs failed (2)\n" );
          for( int j = 0; j < (int)numDevices; <math>j++)
               fprintf( OUTPUT, "\tDevice #%d:\n", j );
               size_t size;
               cl_device_type type;
               cl uint ui:
               size_t sizes[3] = \{ 0, 0, 0 \};
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                                           Querying the Device, III
                switch( type )
                     case CL_DEVICE_TYPE_CPU: fprintf( OUTPUT, "CL_DEVICE_TYPE_CPU\n" );
                           break;
                     break:
                      case CL_DEVICE_TYPE_ACCELERATOR:
                           fprintf( OUTPUT, "CL_DEVICE_TYPE_ACCELERATOR\n" );
                           break;
                     default:
                           fprintf( OUTPUT, "Other...\n" );
                GIGetDeviceInfo( devices[j], CL_DEVICE_VENDOR_ID, sizeof(ui), &ui, NULL ); fprintf( OUTPUT, "\thticevice Vendor ID = 0x%04x\n", ui );
                 clGetDeviceInfo( devices[j], CL_DEVICE_MAX_COMPUTE_UNITS, sizeof(ui), &ui, NULL );
fprintf( OUTPUT, "\t\tDevice Maximum Compute Units = %d\n", ui );
                 \textbf{clGetDeviceInfo}(\ devices[j],\ CL\_DEVICE\_MAX\_WORK\_ITEM\_DIMENSIONS,\ sizeof(ui),\ \&ui,\ NULL\ );
                 fprintf( OUTPUT, "\t\tDevice Maximum Work Item Dimensions = %d\n", ui ):
                 clGetDeviceInfo( devices[j], CL_DEVICE_MAX_WORK_ITEM_SIZES, sizeof(sizes), sizes, NULL );
                 fprintf( OUTPUT, "\t\tDevice Maximum Work Item Sizes = \%d x \%d x \%d\n", sizes[0], sizes[1], sizes[2]);
                 clGetDeviceInfo( devices[j], CL_DEVICE_MAX_WORK_GROUP_SIZE, sizeof(size), &size, NULL );
                 fprintf( OUTPUT, "\t\tDevice Maximum Work Group Size = %d\n", size );
                 clGetDeviceInfo( devices[i], CL DEVICE MAX CLOCK FREQUENCY, sizeof(ui), &ui, NULL);
                 fprintf( OUTPUT, "\t\tDevice Maximum Clock Frequency = %d MHz\n", ui );
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                Typical Values from Querying the Device
     Number of Platforms = 1
    Platform #0:
              Name = 'NVIDIA CUDA'
              Vendor = 'NVIDIA Corporation'
              Version = 'OpenCL 1.1 CUDA 4.1.1'
              Profile = 'FULL PROFILE'
              Device #0:
                       Type = 0x0004 = CL DEVICE TYPE GPU
                       Device Vendor ID = 0x10de
                       Device Maximum Compute Units = 15
                       Device Maximum Work Item Dimensions = 3
                       Device Maximum Work Item Sizes = 1024 x 1024 x 64
                       Device Maximum Work Group Size = 1024
                       Device Maximum Clock Frequency = 1401 MHz
                       Kernel Maximum Work Group Size = 1024
                       Kernel Compile Work Group Size = 0 x 0 x 0
                       Kernel Local Memory Size = 0
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     Querying to see what extensions are supported on this device
 size t extensionSize;
 clGetDeviceInfo( device CL_DEVICE_EXTENSIONS)
                                                                         NULL,
                                                                                   &extensionSize);
 char *extensions = new char [extensionSize],
 clGetDeviceInfo( devices, CL_DEVICE_EXTENSIONS, extensionSize, extensions,
                                                                                       NULL);
 fprintf( stderr, "\nDevice Extensions:\n" );
 for( int i = 0; i < (int)strlen(extensions); i++ )
           if( extensions[ i ] == ' ')
                      extensions[ i ] = '\n';
 fprintf( stderr, "%s\n", extensions );
 delete [ ] extensions;
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Steps in Creating and Running an OpenCL program

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- 1. Program header
- 2. Create the host memory buffers
- 3. Create an OpenCL context
- 4. Create an OpenCL command queue
- 5. Allocate the device memory buffers
- 6. Write the data from the host buffers to the device buffers
- 7. Read the kernel code from a file
- 8. Compile and link the kernel code
- 9. Create the kernel object
- 10. Setup the arguments to the kernel object
- 11. Enqueue the kernel object for execution
- 12. Read the results buffer back from the device to the host
- 13. Clean everything up



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1. .cpp Program Header

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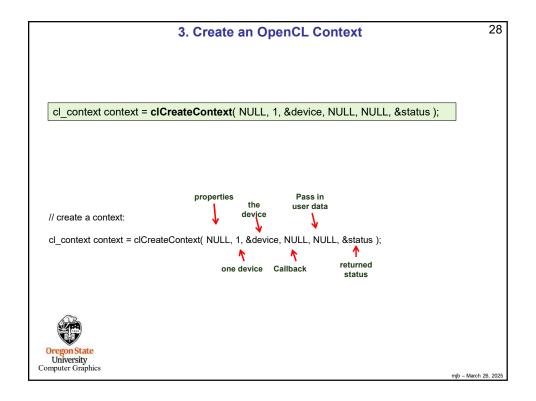
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#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <omp.h> // for timing

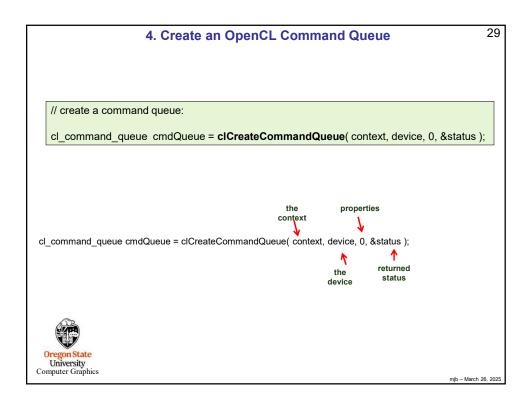
#include "cl.h"
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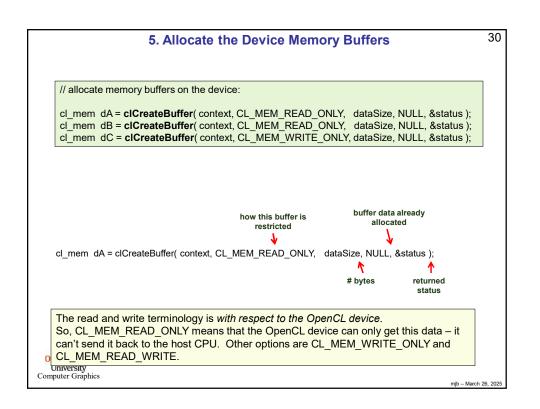


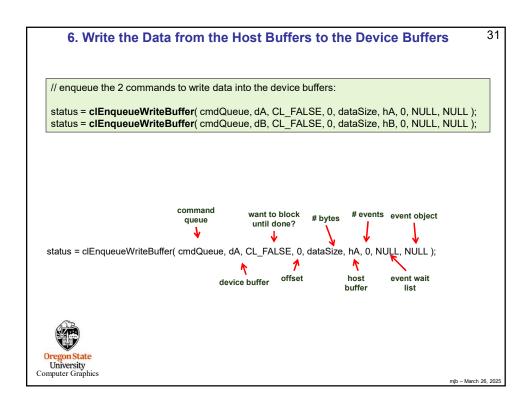
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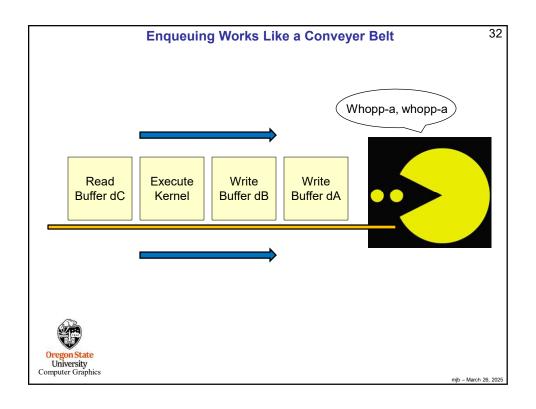
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                       2. Create the Host Memory Buffers
                                  Global memory and the heap typically have lots more
                                  memory available than the stack does. So, typically, you do
  // global variables:
                                  not want to allocate large arrays like this as local variables.
  float hA[ NUM_ELEMENTS ];
  float hB[ NUM_ELEMENTS ];
  float hC[ NUM_ELEMENTS ];
  // in the main program, fill the host memory buffers:
  for( int i = 0; i < NUM ELEMENTS; i++ )
            hA[i] = hB[i] = sqrtf( (float)i);
  // array size in bytes (will need this later):
  size_t dataSize = NUM_ELEMENTS * sizeof( float );
  // opencl function return status:
  cl int status;
                                // test against CL_SUCCESS
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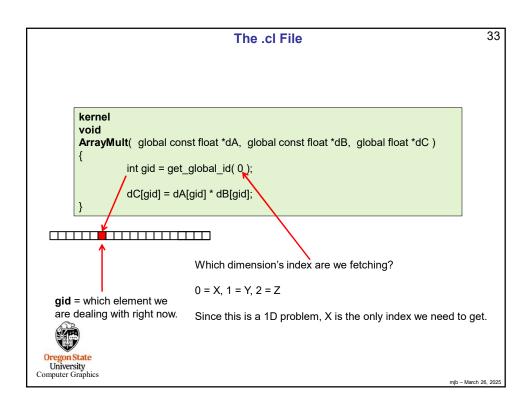


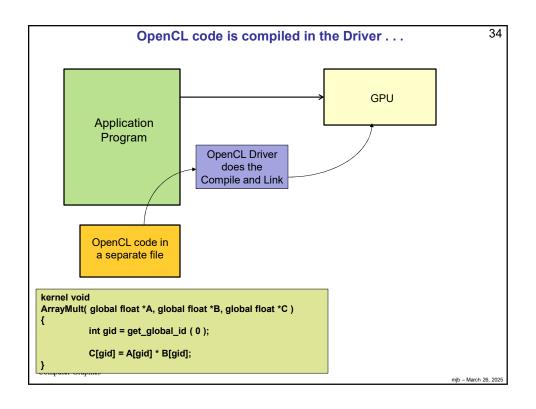


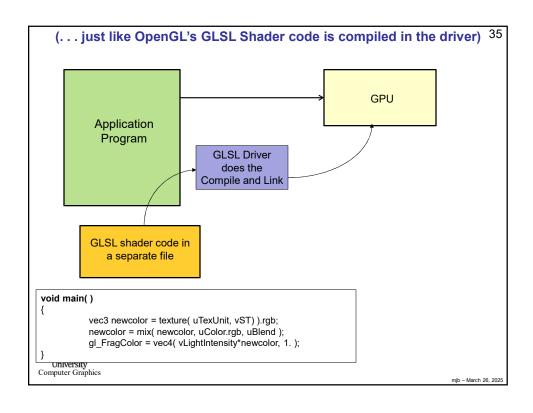












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          7. Read the Kernel Code from a File into a Character Array
                                                     "r" should work, since the .cl file is pure
                                                     ASCII text, but some people report that it
                                                     doesn't work unless you use "rb"
 const char *CL_FILE_NAME = { "arraymult.cl"};
                                                     Watch out for the '\r' + '\n' problem!
                                                     (See the next slide.)
 FILE *fp = fopen( CL_FILE_NAME, "r" );
 if(fp == NULL)
           fprintf( stderr, "Cannot open OpenCL source file '%s'\n", CL_FILE_NAME );
 // read the characters from the opencl kernel program:
 fseek(fp, 0, SEEK END);
 size_t fileSize = ftell(fp);
 fseek(fp, 0, SEEK_SET);
 char *clProgramText = new char[ fileSize+1 ];
 size_t n = fread( clProgramText, 1, fileSize, fp );
 clProgramText[fileSize] = '\0';
 fclose(fp);
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A Warning about Editing on Windows and Running on Linux

Some of you will end up having strange, unexplainable problems with your csh scripts, .cpp programs, or .cl programs. This could be because you are typing your code in on Windows (using Notepad or Wordpad or Word) and then running it on Linux. Windows likes to insert an extra carriage return ('\r') at the end of each line, which Linux interprets as a garbage character.

You can test this by typing the Linux command:

od -c loop.csh

which will show you all the characters, even the '\r' (which you don't want) and the '\n' (newlines, which you do want).

To get rid of the carriage returns, enter the Linux command:

Then run loop1.csh

Or, on some systems, there is a utility called dos2unix which does this for you:

dos2unix < loop.csh > loop1.csh

Sorry about this. Unfortunately, this is a fact of life when you mix Windows and Linux.



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Something new: Intermediate Compilation

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- · You pre-compile your OpenCL code with an external compiler
- Your OpenCL code gets turned into an intermediate form known as SPIR-V
- · SPIR-V gets turned into fully-compiled code at runtime



Advantages:

- 1. Software vendors don't need to ship their OpenCL source
- 2. Syntax errors appear during the SPIR-V step, not during runtime
- 3. Software can launch faster because half of the compilation has already taken place
- 4. This guarantees a common front-end syntax
- 5. This allows for other language front-ends

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8. Compile and Link the Kernel Code
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// create the kernel program on the device:
char * strings [ 1 ];
                                 // an array of strings
strings[0] = clProgramText;
cl_program program = clCreateProgramWithSource( context, 1, (const char **)strings, NULL, &status );
delete [] clProgramText;
// build the kernel program on the device:
char *options = { "" }; status = clBuildProgram( program, 1, &device, options, NULL, NULL );
if( status != CL_SUCCESS )
                                 // retrieve and print the error messages:
           size t size;
           clGetProgramBuildInfo( program, devices[0], CL_PROGRAM_BUILD_LOG, 0, NULL, &size );
           cl_char *log = new cl_char[ size ];
           clGetProgramBuildInfo( program, devices[0], CL_PROGRAM_BUILD_LOG, size, log, NULL );
           fprintf( stderr, "clBuildProgram failed:\n%s\n", log );
           delete [] log;
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How does that array-of-strings thing actually work?

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char *ArrayOfStrings[3];
ArrayOfStrings[0] = ...one commonly-used function...";
ArrayOfStrings[1] = " . . . another commonly-used function. . . ";
ArrayOfStrings[2] = " . . . the real OpenCL code . . . ";
cl_program program = clCreateProgramWithSource( context, 1, (const char **) ArrayOfStrings, NULL, &status );
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These are two ways to provide a single character buffer:

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char *buffer[1];
buffer[0] = " . . . the entire OpenCL code . . . ";
cl_program program = clCreateProgramWithSource( context, 1, (const char **) buffer, NULL, &status );
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char *buffer = " . . . the entire OpenCL code . . . ";
cl_program program = clCreateProgramWithSource( context, 1, (const char **) &buffer, NULL, &status );
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Why use an array of strings to hold the OpenCL program, instead of just a single string?

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- 1. You can use the same OpenCL source and insert the appropriate "#defines" at the beginning
- 2. You can insert a common header file (≈ a .h file)
- 3. You can simulate a "#include" to re-use common pieces of code



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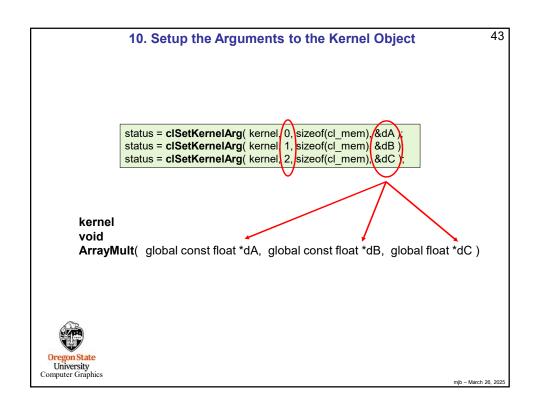
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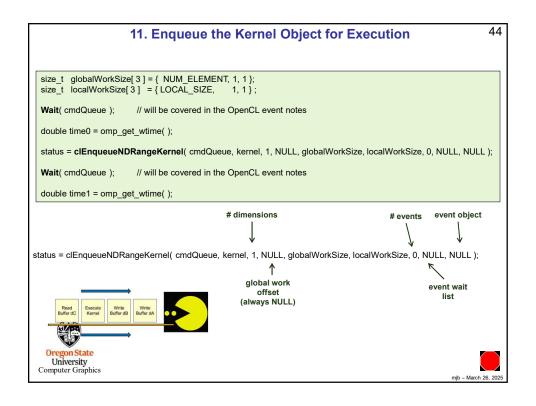
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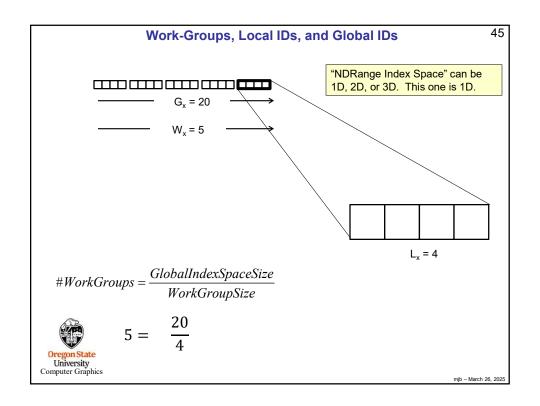
cl_kernel kernel = clCreateKernel(program, "ArrayMult", &status);

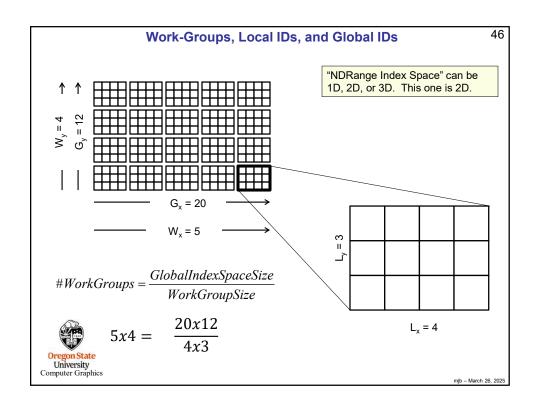


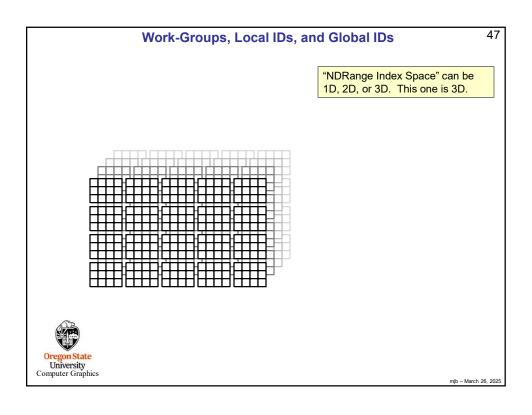
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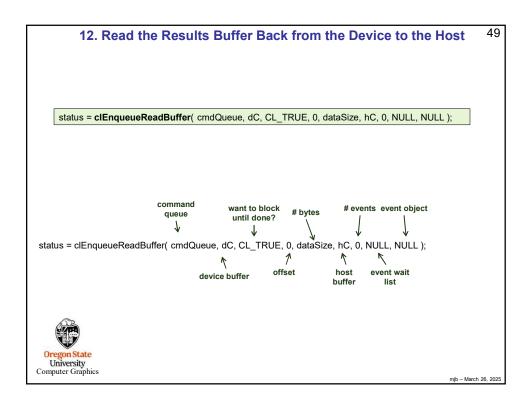


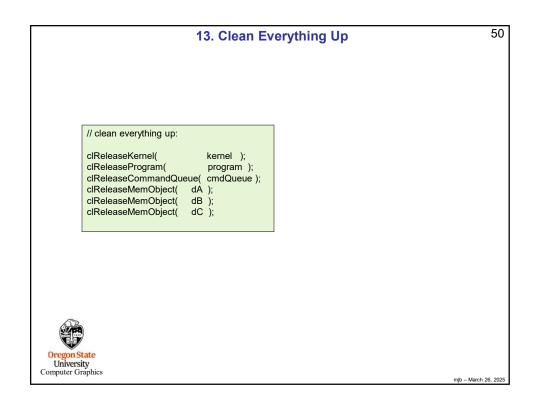


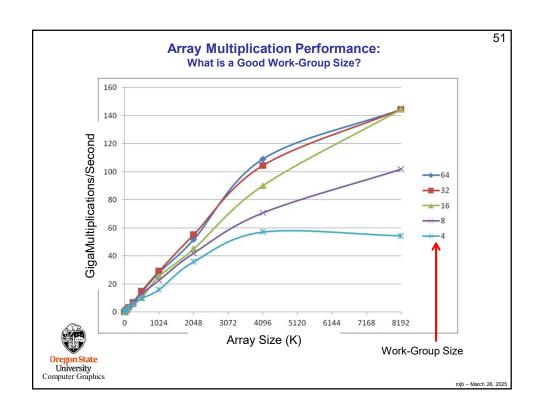


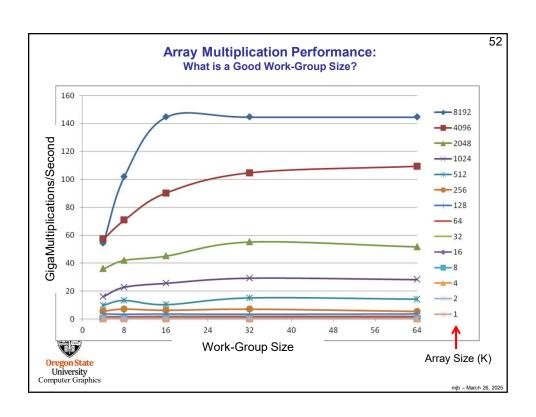


48 Figuring Out What Thread You Are and What Your **Thread Environment is Like** uint get_work_dim(); size_t get_global_size(uint dimindx); get_global_id(uint dimindx); size_t get_local_size(uint dimindx); size t get_local_id(uint dimindx); size t get_num_groups(uint dimindx); size_t get_group_id(uint dimindx) ; size_t size_t get_global_offset(uint dimindx) ; $0 \le dimindx \le 2$ Oregon State University Computer Graphics









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                      Writing out the .cl Program's Binary Code
  status = clGetProgramInfo( Program, CL_PROGRAM_BINARY_SIZES, 0, NULL, &binary_sizes );
  size t size;
  status = clGetProgramInfo( Program, CL_PROGRAM_BINARY_SIZES, sizeof(size_t), &size, NULL );
  unsigned char *binary = new unsigned char [ size ];
  status = clGetProgramInfo( Program, CL_PROGRAM_BINARIES, size, &binary, NULL );
  FILE *fpbin = fopen( "particles.nv", "wb" );
  if( fpbin == NULL )
       fprintf( stderr, "Cannot create 'particles.bin'\n" );
  else
       fwrite( binary, 1, size, fpbin );
       fclose(fpbin);
  delete [ ] binary;
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                           Importing that Binary Code back In:
                                8. Compile and Link the Kernel Code
  Instead of doing this:
  char * strings [ 1 ];
  strings[0] = clProgramText;
  cl_program program = clCreateProgramWithSource( context, 1, (const char **)strings, NULL, &status );
  delete [ ] clProgramText;
  You would do this:
  unsigned char byteArray[ numBytes ];
  cl_program program = clCreateProgramWithBinary( context, 1, &device, &numBytes, &byteArray, &binaryStatus, &status);
  delete [ ] byteArray;
  And you still have to do this:
  char *options = { "" };
  status = clBuildProgram( program, 1, &device, options, NULL, NULL );
  if( status != CL SUCCESS )
             size t size;
             \textbf{clGetProgramBuildInfo}(\ program,\ device,\ CL\_PROGRAM\_BUILD\_LOG,\ 0,\ NULL,\ \&size\ );
             cl_char *log = new cl_char[ size ];
             clGetProgramBuildInfo( program, device, CL_PROGRAM_BUILD_LOG, size, log, NULL );
             fprintf( stderr, "clBuildProgram failed:\n%s\n", log );
             delete [ ] log;
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