

GLSL for Vulkan

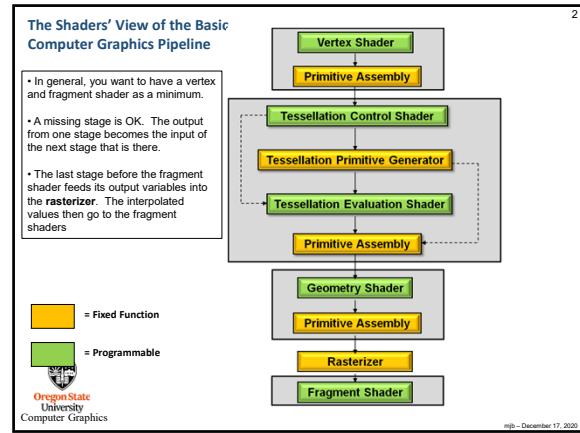
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Vulkan Shader Stages

Shader stages

```
typedef enum VkPipelineStageFlagBits {
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TOP_OF_PIPE_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_DRAW_INDIRECT_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_INPUT_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_SHADER_BIT = 0x00000008,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT = 0x00000010,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT = 0x00000020,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT = 0x00000040,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_FRAGMENT_SHADER_BIT = 0x00000080,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_EARLY_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT = 0x00000100,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_LATE_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT = 0x00000200,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OUTPUT_BIT = 0x00000400,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COMPUTE_SHADER_BIT = 0x00000800,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TRANSFER_BIT = 0x00001000,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_BOTTOM_OF_PIPE_BIT = 0x00002000,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_HOST_BIT = 0x00004000,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_ALL_GRAPHICS_BIT = 0x00008000,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_ALL_COMMANDS_BIT = 0x00100000,
} VkPipelineStageFlagBits;
```

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How Vulkan GLSL Differs from OpenGL GLSL

Detecting that a GLSL Shader is being used with Vulkan/SPIR-V:

- In the compiler, there is an automatic `#define VULKAN 100`

Vulkan Vertex and Instance indices:	OpenGL uses:
<code>gl_VertexIndex</code>	<code>gl_VertexID</code>
<code>gl_InstanceIndex</code>	<code>gl_InstanceID</code>

- Both are 0-based

gl_FragColor:

- In OpenGL, `gl_FragColor` broadcasts to all color attachments
- In Vulkan, it just broadcasts to color attachment location #0
- Best idea: don't use it at all – explicitly declare out variables to have specific location numbers

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How Vulkan GLSL Differs from OpenGL GLSL

Shader combinations of separate texture data and samplers:

```
uniform sampler s;
uniform texture2D t;
vec4 rgba = texture( sampler2D( t, s ), vST );
```

Descriptor Sets:

```
layout( set=0, binding=0 ) . . . ;
```

Push Constants:

```
layout( push_constant ) . . . ;
```

Specialization Constants:

```
layout( constant_id = 3 ) const int N = 5;
```

- Only for scalars, but a vector's components can be constructed from specialization constants

Specialization Constants for Compute Shaders:

```
layout( local_size_x_id = 8, local_size_y_id = 16 );
```

- This sets `gl_WorkGroupSize.x` and `gl_WorkGroupSize.y`
- `gl_WorkGroupSize.z` is set as a constant

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Vulkan: Shaders' use of Layouts for Uniform Variables

```
// non-sampler variables must be in a uniform block:
layout( std140, set = 0, binding = 0 ) uniform matBuf
{
    mat4 uModelMatrix;
    mat4 uViewMatrix;
    mat4 uProjectionMatrix;
    mat3 uNormalMatrix;
} Matrices;

// non-sampler variables must be in a uniform block:
layout( std140, set = 1, binding = 0 ) uniform lightBuf
{
    vec4 uLightPos;
} Light;

layout( set = 2, binding = 0 ) uniform sampler2D uTexUnit;
```

All non-sampler uniform variables must be in block buffers

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Vulkan Shader Compiling

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- You half-precompile your shaders with an external compiler
- Your shaders get turned into an intermediate form known as SPIR-V, which stands for **Standard Portable Intermediate Representation**.
- SPIR-V gets turned into fully-compiled code at runtime, when the pipeline structure is finally created
- The SPIR-V spec has been public for a few years –new shader languages are surely being developed
- OpenGL and OpenCL have now adopted SPIR-V as well

Advantages:

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

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SPIR-V: Standard Portable Intermediate Representation for Vulkan

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```
glslangValidator shaderFile -V [-H] [-I<dir>] [-S <stage>] -o shaderBinaryFile.spv
```

Shaderfile extensions:
 .vert Vertex
 .tesc Tessellation Control
 .tese Tessellation Evaluation
 .geom Geometry
 .frag Fragment
 .comp Compute
 (Can be overridden by the -S option)

-V Compile for Vulkan
 -G Compile for OpenGL
 -I Directory(ies) to look in for #includes
 -S Specify stage rather than get it from shaderfile extension
 -c Print out the maximum sizes of various properties

Windows: glslangValidator.exe
 Linux: glslangValidator

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You Can Run the SPIR-V Compiler on Windows from a Bash Shell

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Pick one:

- Can get to your personal folders
- Does not have make
- Can get to your personal folders
- Does have make

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Running glslangValidator.exe

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MINGW64/y/Vulkan/Sample2017

```
$ !85
glslangValidator.exe -V sample-vert.vert -o sample-vert.spv
sample-vert.vert

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$ !86
glslangValidator.exe -V sample-frag.frag -o sample-frag.spv
sample-frag.frag

ONID+mjb@pooh: MINGW64 /y/Vulkan/Sample2017
$
```

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Running glslangValidator.exe

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glslangValidator.exe -V sample-vert.vert -o sample-vert.spv

Compile for Vulkan ("V" is compile for OpenGL)

The input file. The compiler determines the shader type by the file extension:
 .vert Vertex shader
 .tcs Tessellation Control Shader
 .tes Tessellation Evaluation Shader
 .geom Geometry shader
 .frag Fragment shader
 .comp Compute shader

Specify the output file

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How do you know if SPIR-V compiled successfully?

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Same as C/C++ -- the compiler gives you no nasty messages.

Also, if you care, legal .spv files have a magic number of **0x07230203**

So, if you do an **od -x** on the .spv file, the magic number looks like this:

0203 0723 . . .



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Reading a SPIR-V File into a Vulkan Shader Module

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```
#define SPIRV_MAGIC 0x07230203
...
VkResult
init128spirvShader( std::string filename, VkShaderModule * pShaderModule )
{
    FILE *fp;
    (void) fopen_s( &fp, filename.c_str(), "rb" );
    if( fp == NULL )
    {
        fprintf( FpDebug, "Cannot open shader file %s\n", filename.c_str() );
        return VK_SHOULD_EXIT;
    }
    uint32_t magic;
    fread( &magic, 4, 1, fp );
    if( magic != SPIRV_MAGIC )
    {
        fprintf( FpDebug, "Magic number for spir-v file %s is 0x%08x -- should be 0x%08x\n",
                filename.c_str(), magic, SPIRV_MAGIC );
        return VK_SHOULD_EXIT;
    }

    fseek( fp, 0L, SEEK_END );
    int size = tell( fp );
    rewind( fp );
    unsigned char *code = new unsigned char [size];
    fread( code, size, 1, fp );
    fclose( fp );
}
```

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Reading a SPIR-V File into a Shader Module

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```
VkShaderModule ShaderModuleVertex;
...
VkShaderModuleCreateInfo vsmci;
vsmci.sType = VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SHADER_MODULE_CREATE_INFO;
vsmci.pNext = NULL;
vsmci.flags = 0;
vsmci.codeSize = size;
vsmci.pCode = (uint32_t *)code;

VkResult result = vkCreateShaderModule( LogicalDevice, &vsmci, PALLOCATOR, OUT &ShaderModuleVertex );
if(printf( FpDebug, "Shader Module %s successfully loaded\n", filename.c_str() );
delete [] code;
return result;
)
```



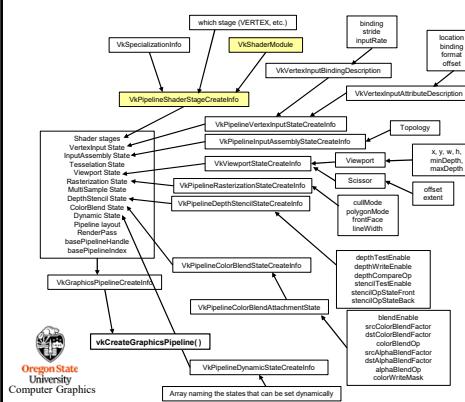
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Vulkan: Creating a Pipeline

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You can also take a look at SPIR-V Assembly

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glslangValidator.exe -V -H sample-vert.vert -o sample-vert.spv

This prints out the SPIR-V "assembly" to standard output.
Other than nerd interest, there is no graphics-programming reason to look at this. ☺



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For example, if this is your Shader Source

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```
#version 400
extension GL_ARB_separate_shader_objects enable
extension GL_ARB_shading_language_420pack enable
layout( std140, set = 0, binding = 0 ) uniform matBuf
{
    mat4 uModelMatrix;
    mat4 uViewMatrix;
    mat4 uProjectionMatrix;
    mat4 uNormalMatrix;
} Matrices;

// non-opaque must be in a uniform block
layout( std140, set = 1, binding = 0 ) uniform lightBuf
{
    vec4 uLightPos;
} Light;

layout( location = 0 ) out vec3 vNormal;
layout( location = 1 ) out vec3 vColor;
layout( location = 2 ) out vec2 vTexCoord;
layout( location = 3 ) in vec2 TexCoord;

void main()
{
    mat4 PVM = Matrices.uProjectionMatrix * Matrices.uViewMatrix * Matrices.uModelMatrix;
    gl_Position = PVM * vec4( aVertex, 1. );

    vNormal = Matrices.uNormalMatrix * aNormal;
    vColor = aColor;
    vTexCoord = aTexCoord;
}
```

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