



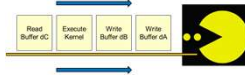
OpenCL Events



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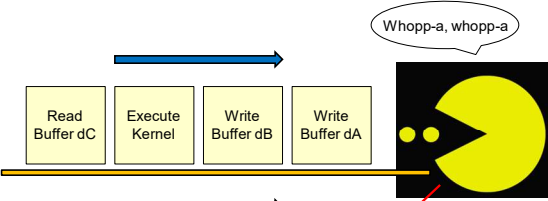
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OpenCL Events

An event is an object that communicates the status of OpenCL commands



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Event



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From the OpenCL Notes:

11. Enqueue the Kernel Object for Execution

```

size_t globalWorkSize[ 3 ] = { NUM_ELEMENTS, 1, 1 };
size_t localWorkSize[ 3 ] = { LOCAL_SIZE, 1, 1 };

status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernel, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 0, NULL, NULL );

```

event that will be thrown when this kernel is finished executing

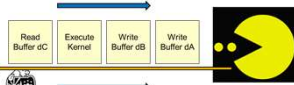
```


status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernel, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 0, NULL, NULL );

```

events to wait for before this kernel is allowed to execute

event wait list





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Creating an Event

```

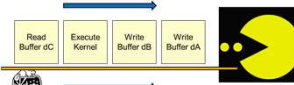
cl_event waitKernelA, waitKernel B, waitKernelC;


status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernel, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 0, NULL, &waitKernelC );

```

event that will be thrown when this kernel is finished executing

event(s) to wait for before this kernel is allowed to execute





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Waiting for Events from Previously-Executed Kernels

```

cl_event waitKernelA, waitKernel B, waitKernelC;

...

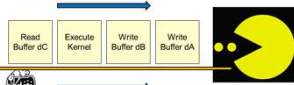
cl_event dependenciesAB[ 2 ];
dependenciesAB[ 0 ] = waitKernelA;
dependenciesAB[ 1 ] = waitKernelB;

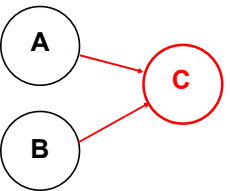
status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernelC, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 2, dependenciesAB, NULL );


```

event that will be thrown when this kernel is finished executing

event(s) to wait for before this kernel is allowed to execute







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Creating an Execution Graph Structure

```

cl_event waitKernelA, waitKernel B, waitKernelC;

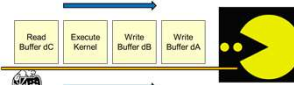
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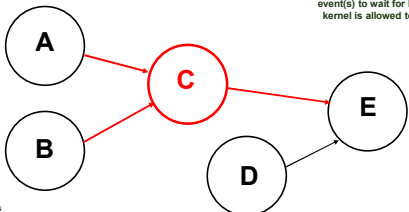
status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernelC, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 2, dependenciesAB, &waitKernelC );


```

event that will be thrown when this kernel is finished executing

event(s) to wait for before this kernel is allowed to execute







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Creating the Full Execution Graph Structure

```

cl_event waitKernelA, waitKernelB, waitKernelC, waitKernelD;

cl_event dependenciesAB[ 2 ];
dependenciesAB[ 0 ] = waitKernelA;
dependenciesAB[ 1 ] = waitKernelB;

cl_event dependenciesCD[ 2 ];
dependenciesCD[ 0 ] = waitKernelC;
dependenciesCD[ 1 ] = waitKernelD;

status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernelA, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 0, NULL, &waitKernelA );
status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernelB, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 0, NULL, &waitKernelB );
status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernelC, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 2, dependenciesAB, &waitKernelC );
status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernelD, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 0, NULL, &waitKernelD );
status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernelE, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 2, dependenciesCD, NULL );

```

```

graph LR
    A((A)) -- red --> C((C))
    B((B)) -- red --> C((C))
    C((C)) -- red --> E((E))
    D((D)) -- red --> E((E))

```

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Waiting for One Event

```

cl_event waitKernelA, waitKernelB;

...

status = clEnqueueNDRangeKernel( cmdQueue, kernelC, 1, NULL, globalWorkSize, localWorkSize, 1, &waitKernelA, NULL );

```

event(s) to wait for

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Placing a Barrier in the Command Queue

```

status = clEnqueueBarrier( cmdQueue );

```

Note: this *cannot* throw its own event

This does not complete until all commands enqueued before it have completed.

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Placing an Event Marker in the Command Queue

```

cl_event waitMarker;

status = clEnqueueMarker( cmdQueue, &waitMarker );

```

Note: this *can* throw its own event

This does not complete until all commands enqueued before it have completed.

This is just like a barrier, but it can throw an event to be waited for.

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Waiting for Events Without Enqueuing Another Command

```

status = clWaitForEvents( 2, dependencies );

```

event(s) to wait for

This **blocks** until the specified events are thrown, so use it carefully!

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I Like Synchronizing Things This Way

```

// wait until all queued tasks have taken place:

void
Wait( cl_command_queue queue )
{
    cl_event wait;
    cl_int status;

    status = clEnqueueMarker( queue, &wait );
    if( status != CL_SUCCESS )
        fprintf( stderr, "Wait: clEnqueueMarker failed\n" );

    status = clWaitForEvents( 1, &wait ); // blocks until everything is done!
    if( status != CL_SUCCESS )
        fprintf( stderr, "Wait: clWaitForEvents failed\n" );
}

```

Call this before starting the timer, before ending the timer, and before retrieving data from an array computed in an OpenCL program.

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Getting Event Statuses Without Blocking13

CL_EVENT_COMMAND_QUEUE

CL_EVENT_CONTEXT

CL_EVENT_COMMAND_TYPE

CL_EVENT_COMMAND_EXECUTION_STATUS

Specify one of these

cl_int eventStatus;

status = clGetEventInfo(waitKernelC, CL_EVENT_COMMAND_EXECUTION_STATUS, sizeof(cl_int), &eventStatus, NULL);

CL_EVENT_COMMAND_EXECUTION_STATUS

returns one of these

CL_QUEUED

CL_SUBMITTED

CL_RUNNING

CL_COMPLETE

cl_int is what type

CL_EVENT_COMMAND_EXECUTION_STATUS

returns

Note that this is a nice way to check on event statuses without blocking. Thus, you could put this in a loop and go get some other work done in between calls.

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