Getting Information Back from the Graphics System

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There are 3 types of Queries: Occlusion, Pipeline Statistics, and Timestamp.

Vulkan requires you to first setup “Query Pools”, one for each specific type.

This indicates that Vulkan thinks that Queries are time-consuming (relatively) to setup, and thus better to set them up in program-setup than in program-runtime.
Setting up Query Pools

VkQueryPoolCreateInfo
vqpci;
vqpci.sType = VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_QUERY_POOL_CREATE_INFO;
vqpci.pNext = nullptr;
vqpci.flags = 0;
vqpci.queryType = << one of: >>
    VK_QUERY_TYPE_OCCLUSION
    VK_QUERY_TYPE_PIPELINE_STATISTICS
    VK_QUERY_TYPE_TIMESTAMP
vqpci.queryCount = 1;
vqpci.pipelineStatistics = 0; // bitmask of what stats you are querying for if you
// are doing a pipeline statistics query

VkQueryPool occlusionQueryPool;
result = vkCreateQueryPool( LogicalDevice, IN &vqpci, PALLOCATOR, OUT &occlusionQueryPool );

VkQueryPool statisticsQueryPool;
result = vkCreateQueryPool( LogicalDevice, IN &vqpci, PALLOCATOR, OUT &statisticsQueryPool );

VkQueryPool timestampQueryPool;
result = vkCreateQueryPool( LogicalDevice, IN &vqpci, PALLOCATOR, OUT &timestampQueryPool );
Resetting, Filling, and Examining a Query Pool

vkCmdResetQueryPool( CommandBuffer, occlusionQueryPool, 0, 1 );

vkCmdBeginQuery( CommandBuffer, occlusionQueryPool, 0, VK_QUERY_CONTROL_PRECISE_BIT );

... query index number

vkCmdEndQuery( CommandBuffer, occlusionQueryPool, 0 );

#define DATASIZE 128
uint32_t data[DATASIZE];

result = vkGetQueryPoolResults( LogicalDevice, occlusionQueryPool, 0, 1, DATASIZE*sizeof(uint32_t), data, stride, flags );

// or’ed combinations of:
// VK_QUERY_RESULT_64_BIT
// VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT
// VK_QUERY_RESULT_WITH_AVAILABILITY_BIT
// VK_QUERY_RESULT_PARTIAL_BIT

// stride is # of bytes in between each result
Occlusion Queries count the number of fragments drawn between the `vkCmdBeginQuery` and the `vkCmdEndQuery` that pass both the Depth and Stencil tests.

This is commonly used to see what level-of-detail should be used when drawing a complicated object.

**Some hints:**

- Don’t draw the whole scene – just draw the object(s) you are interested in.
- Don’t draw the whole object – just draw a simple bounding volume at least as big as the object(s).
- Don’t draw the whole bounding volume – cull away the back faces (two reasons: time and correctness).
- Don’t draw the colors – just draw the depths (especially if the fragment shader is time-consuming).

```c
uint32_t fragmentCount;
result = vkGetQueryPoolResults(LogicalDevice, occlusionQueryPool, 0, 1,
                                sizeof(uint32_t), &fragmentCount, 0, VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT);
```
Pipeline Statistics Query

Pipeline Statistics Queries count how many of various things get done between the `vkCmdBeginQuery` and the `vkCmdEndQuery`

```c
uint32_t  counts[NUM_STATS];
result = vkGetQueryPoolResults( LogicalDevice, statisticsQueryPool, 0, 1,
    NUM_STATS*sizeof(uint32_t), counts, 0, VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT );

// vqpci.pipelineStatistics = or'ed bits of:;
// VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_INPUT_ASSEMBLY_VERTICES_BIT
// VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_INPUT_ASSEMBLY_PRIMITIVES_BIT
// VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_VERTEX_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT
// VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_GEOMETRY_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT
// VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_CLIPPING_INVOCATIONS_BIT
// VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_FRAGMENT_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT
// VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_PATCHES_BIT
// VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT
// VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_COMPUTE_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT
```

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Timestamp Query

Timestamp Queries count how many nanoseconds of time elapsed between the `vkCmdBeginQuery` and the `vkCmdEndQuery`.

```c
uint64_t nanosecondsCount;
result = vkGetQueryPoolResults( LogicalDevice, timestampQueryPool, 0, 1,
sizeof(uint64_t), &nanosecondsCount, 0,
VKQUERY_RESULT_64_BIT | VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT);
```
**Timestamp Query**

The `vkCmdWriteTimeStamp()` function produces the time between when this function is called and when the first thing reaches the specified pipeline stage.

Even though the stages are “bits”, you are supposed to only specify one of them, not “or” multiple ones together.

```c
vkCmdWriteTimeStamp( CommandBuffer, pipelineStages, timestampQueryPool, 0 );
// VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TOP_OF_PIPE_BIT
// VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_DRAW_INDIRECT_BIT
// VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_INPUT_BIT
// VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_SHADER_BIT
// VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT,
// VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT
// VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT,
// VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_FRAGMENT_SHADER_BIT VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_EARLY_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT
// VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_LATE_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OUTPUT_BIT
// VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COMPUTE_SHADER_BIT
// VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TRANSFER_BIT
// VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_BOTTOM_OF_PIPE_BIT
// VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_HOST_BIT
```