



# PowerVR Supported Extensions OpenGL ES and EGL

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# 1. Introduction

# 1.1. Document Overview

OpenGL extensions are a means for OpenGL implementations to provide new or expanded functionality that the core of OpenGL does not provide. Using extensions should not be looked on as something to be avoided; it should be accepted as standard practice for the OpenGL user. The purpose of this document is to serve as a reference for all of the extensions supported by Imagination's reference driver implementation.

Note: While Imagination's reference driver implementation supports all of the extensions in this document it is the decision of our licensees as to which are exposed in their own implementations.

# 2. EGL Extensions

# 2.1. EGL ANDROID blob cache

#### **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

**EGL 1.4** 

#### Description

Shader compilation and optimization has been a troublesome aspect of OpenGL programming for a long time. It can consume seconds of CPU cycles during application start-up. Additionally, state-based re-compiles done internally by the drivers add an unpredictable element to application performance tuning, often leading to occasional pauses in otherwise smooth animations.

This extension provides a mechanism through which client API implementations may cache shader binaries after they are compiled. It may then retrieve those cached shaders during subsequent executions of the same program. The management of the cache is handled by the application (or middleware), allowing it to be tuned to a particular platform or environment.

While the focus of this extension is on providing a persistent cache for shader binaries, it may also be useful for caching other data. This is perfectly acceptable, but the guarantees provided (or lack thereof) were designed around the shader use case.

#### **Note**

Although this extension is written as if the application implements the caching functionality, on the Android OS it is implemented as part of the Android EGL module. This extension is not exposed to applications on Android, but will be used automatically in every application that uses EGL if it is supported by the underlying device-specific EGL implementation.

On the Android OS, the extension doesn't provide a mechanism to query the cache size and that the cache size is platform specific. If developers have lots of shaders and want to make sure they are cached, they should cache them manually with GL\_OES\_get\_program\_binary in ES 2.0 or glGetProgramBinary() in ES 3.0+.

## **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/ANDROID/EGL\_ANDROID\_blob\_cache.txt



# 2.2. EGL\_ANDROID\_framebuffer\_target

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

**EGL 1.4** 

#### Description

Android supports a number of different ANativeWindow implementations that can be used to create an EGLSurface. One implementation, which is used to send the result of performing window composition to a display, may have some device-specific restrictions. Because of this, some EGLConfigs may be incompatible with these ANativeWindows. This extension introduces a new boolean EGLConfig attribute that indicates whether the EGLConfig supports rendering to an ANativeWindow for which the buffers are passed to the HWComposer HAL as a framebuffer target layer.

#### Note

This extension is written against the wording of the EGL 1.4 Specification

## **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/ANDROID/EGL\_ANDROID\_framebuffer\_target.txt



# 2.3. EGL\_ANDROID\_front\_buffer\_auto\_refresh

# Valid APIs

EGL 1.2+

# **Description**

This extension is intended for latency-sensitive applications that are doing front-buffer rendering. It allows them to indicate to the Android compositor that it should perform composition every time the display refreshes. This removes the overhead of having to notify the compositor that the window surface has been updated, but it comes at the cost of doing potentially unneeded composition work if the window surface has not been updated.

## **Registry Link**

 $\underline{\text{https://www.khronos.org/registry/EGL/extensions/ANDROID/EGL\_ANDROID\_front\_buffer\_auto\_refre}\\ \underline{\text{sh.txt}}$ 



# 2.4. EGL\_ANDROID\_image\_native\_buffer

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

**EGL 1.2** 

#### Description

This extension enables using an Android window buffer (struct ANativeWindowBuffer) as an EGLImage source.

# Note

EGL 1.2 is required.

EGL\_KHR\_image\_base is required.

This extension is written against the wording of the EGL 1.2 Specification.

#### Registry Link

https://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/ANDROID/EGL\_ANDROID\_image\_native\_buffer.txt

```
ANativeWindowBuffer* sSrcBuffer = graphicBuffer->getNativeBuffer();

EGLint attrs[] = {
    EGL IMAGE PRESERVED KHR, EGL TRUE,
    EGL NONE,
};

EGLImageKHR eglSrcImage =eglCreateImageKHR(eglDisplay, EGL_NO_CONTEXT,
    EGL_NATIVE_BUFFER_ANDROID, (EGLClientBuffer)&sSrcBuffer, attrs);
```

# 2.5. EGL\_ANDROID\_native\_fence\_sync

## **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

**EGL 1.1** 

#### Description

This extension enables the creation of EGL fence sync objects that are associated with a native synchronization fence object that is referenced using a file descriptor. These EGL fence sync objects have nearly identical semantics to those defined by the KHR\_fence\_sync extension, except that they have an additional attribute storing the file descriptor referring to the native fence object.

This extension assumes the existence of a native fence synchronization object that behaves similarly to an EGL fence sync object. These native objects must have a signal status like that of an EGLSyncKHR object that indicates whether the fence has ever been signaled. Once signaled the native object's signal status may not change again.

#### Note

Requires EGL 1.1

This extension is written against the wording of the EGL 1.2 Specification .

EGL\_KHR\_fence\_sync is required.

#### **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/ANDROID/EGL\_ANDROID\_native\_fence\_sync.txt



# 2.6. EGL\_ANDROID\_presentation\_time

# Valid APIs

EGL 1.1+

# **Description**

Often when rendering a sequence of images, there is some time at which each image is intended to be presented to the viewer. This extension allows this desired presentation time to be specified for each frame rendered to an EGLSurface, allowing the native window system to use it.

#### **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/EGL/extensions/ANDROID/EGL\_ANDROID\_presentation\_time.txt

# **Example Code**

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# 2.7. EGL\_ANDROID\_recordable

## **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

**EGL 1.4** 

#### Description

Android supports a number of different ANativeWindow implementations that can be used to create an EGLSurface. One implementation, which records the rendered image as a video each time eglSwapBuffers gets called, may have some device-specific restrictions. Because of this, some EGLConfigs may be incompatible with these ANativeWindows. This extension introduces a new boolean EGLConfig attribute that indicates whether the EGLConfig supports rendering to an ANativeWindow that records images to a video.

#### Note

Requires EGL 1.0

This extension is written against the wording of the EGL 1.4 Specification

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/ANDROID/EGL\_ANDROID\_recordable.txt



# 2.8. EGL\_EXT\_buffer\_age

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

**EGL 1.4** 

#### Description

This extension lets applications query the age of the back buffer contents for an EGL surface as the number of frames elapsed since the contents were most recently defined. The back buffer can either be reported as invalid (has an age of 0) or it may be reported to contain the contents from n frames prior to the current frame.

Once the application has queried the buffer age, the age of contents remains valid until the end of the frame for all pixels that continue to pass the pixel ownership test.

For many use-cases this extension can provide an efficient alternative to using the EGL\_BUFFER\_PRESERVED swap behaviour. The EGL\_BUFFER\_PRESERVED swap behaviour adds a direct dependency for any frame n on frame n - 1 which can affect the pipelining of multiple frames but also implies a costly copy-back of data to initialize the back-buffer at the start of each frame.

#### Note

Requires EGL 1.4

This extension is written against the wording of the EGL 1.4 Specification.

#### **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/EXT/EGL\_EXT\_buffer\_age.txt

#### **Example Code**

EGLint iBufferAge; eglQuerySurface(eglDisplay, eglSurface, EGL BUFFER AGE EXT, &iBufferAge);



# 2.9. EGL\_EXT\_create\_context\_robustness

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

**EGL 1.4** 

#### Description

Several recent trends in how OpenGL integrates into modern computer systems have created new requirements for robustness and security for OpenGL rendering contexts. This extension introduces the concept of robust contexts for OpenGL ES, by providing context reset strategies on hardware resets, and concessions for robust buffer access.

The extension adds two new attributes for context creation:

- EGL\_CONTEXT\_OPENGL\_ROBUST\_ACCESS\_EXT: This guarantees a level of safety for all buffer
  accesses in the context, so that attempting to access data outside of a buffer's bounds will result
  in undefined values being returned, but must not result in program termination. The exact
  behaviour of this is defined in the GL\_EXT\_robustness extension.
- EGL\_CONTEXT\_OPENGL\_RESET\_NOTIFICATION\_STRATEGY\_EXT: This allows users to force a
  context to be deleted in the event of it causing a hardware reset, notifying the application of such
  an event

More information on what happens with these strategies is contained within the GL EXT robustness specification.

#### Note

This functionality is core to EGL 1.5, so the extension is no longer needed.

#### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/EXT/EGL\_EXT\_create\_context\_robustness.txt



# 2.10. EGL\_IMG\_context\_priority

#### **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

EGL 1.0, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5

## Description

This extension allows a developer to set the execution priority of an EGL context, by setting a new attribute when creating the context: EGL\_CONTEXT\_PRIORITY\_LEVEL\_IMG. This can be useful in a multi-process environment, where an API-utilising task can be considered lower or higher priority.

Three priority levels are described in this extension, EGL\_CONTEXT\_PRIORITY\_HIGH\_IMG, EGL\_CONTEXT\_PRIORITY\_MEDIUM\_IMG and EGL\_CONTEXT\_PRIORITY\_LOW\_IMG, meaning high, medium and low priority, respectively. By default, all contexts are created with medium priority, and so are on equal execution footing. The specification of the priority is only a hint though, and so can be ignored by the implementation - this is typical when, for example, high priority contexts are reserved for system processes.

A query is provided to obtain the real priority of the client after it has been created.

#### Note

For Series5 and Series5XT implementations of this extension, developer can only set a priority per process, no matter how many contexts are in that process. To set multiple priorities, multiple processes must be used, and EGLImages typically used for sharing.

For Series6, Series6XE and Series6XT implementations of this extension, developer can set priority at a context granularity rather than process granularity.

#### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/IMG/EGL\_IMG\_context\_priority.txt



# 2.11. EGL\_KHR\_create\_context

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

**EGL 1.4** 

## Description

This extension enables a number of new context attributes to be specified in EGL to allow greater control of the returned context. The new functionality consists of four aspects; version control, core vs compatibility layer control for OpenGL, debugging (see extension GL\_KHR\_debug), and robustness in OpenGL (see desktop extension "GL\_ARB\_robustness"). This extension mirrors the desktop WGL\_ARB\_create\_context and GLX\_ARB\_create\_context extensions, and provides similar functionality through EGL.

#### **Version Control**

This part of the extension enables developers to explicitly create a context with a given level of API support. An explicitly defined EGL\_OPENGL\_ES3\_BIT is provided to query the new API via the original mechanism to make sure a compatible context is available, and then this extension allows developers to explicitly state which version of OpenGL ES they are actually going to be using. The two additional attributes to specify this are EGL\_CONTEXT\_MAJOR\_VERSION\_KHR (which is an alias for EGL\_CONTEXT\_CLIENT\_VERSION) and EGL\_CONTEXT\_MINOR\_VERSION\_KHR. Each then accepts an integer value specifying what version you require.

# OpenGL Core vs. Compatibility

EGL\_OPENGL\_PROFILE\_MASK\_KHR allows a developer to specify EGL\_CONTEXT\_OPENGL\_CORE\_PROFILE\_BIT\_KHR or EGL\_CONTEXT\_OPENGL\_COMPATIBILITY\_PROFILE\_BIT\_KHR to explicitly choose a core or compatibility context when using the OpenGL client API.

There is also a bit that can be set for EGL\_CONTEXT\_FLAGS\_KHR which tells the implementation to return only OpenGL contexts which do not support functionality marked as deprecated by any version of OpenGL after OpenGL 3.0. Further information on this is available in the OpenGL specification.

# **Debug Contexts**

When the GL\_KHR\_debug extension exists in a client OpenGL/ES API, this bit flag tells the implementation to enable debug functionality for that API. This is necessary to inform the underlying implementation that debug information should be tracked. This bit should only be set for purposes of debugging, and not in shipping code.



#### **OpenGL Robustness**

When setting EGL\_CONTEXT\_FLAGS\_KHR, the EGL\_CONTEXT\_OPENGL\_ROBUST\_ACCESS\_BIT\_KHR bit is provided to allow a user to require buffer access to remain robust as defined in the GL ARB robustness extension.

Various problems in either hardware or software can occasionally cause a hardware reset in a GPU. Unlike a CPU, these can typically be recovered from without having to restart the device - though setting up the underlying context again is usually a necessity. Setting EGL\_CONTEXT\_OPENGL\_RESET\_NOTIFICATION\_STRATEGY\_KHR to either EGL\_NO\_RESET\_NOTIFICATION\_KHR or EGL\_LOSE\_CONTEXT\_ON\_RESET\_KHR will set the behaviour to either notify the user or ignore it, as defined by GL\_ARB\_robustness using GL\_NO\_RESET\_NOTIFICATION\_ARB and GL\_LOSE\_CONTEXT\_ON\_RESET\_ARB respectively. Note that this only affects OpenGL contexts, not OpenGL ES contexts, which are handled by EGL\_KHR create context robustness.

#### Note

This functionality is core to EGL 1.5, so the extension is no longer needed.

#### Registry Link

http://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/KHR/EGL\_KHR\_create\_context.txt

```
// Set up the config attributes, specifying that we want a config with Window support and ES3
// compatibility.
EGLint configAttribs[] =
       EGL SURFACE TYPE, EGL WINDOW BIT,
       EGL RENDERABLE TYPE , EGL OPENGL ES3 BIT KHR,
       EGL NONE
};
// Choose an appropriate configuration - just get the first available one that matches here
EGLint iConfigs;
EGLConfig eglConfig;
eglChooseConfig(eglDisplay, configAttribs, &eglConfig, 1, &iConfigs);
// Set up the context attributes, specifying OpenGL ES 3.0 support and a debug context.
EGLint contextAttribs[] =
       EGL CONTEXT MAJOR CLIENT VERSION, 3,
       EGL_CONTEXT_MINOR_CLIENT_VERSION, 0,
       EGL CONTEXT FLAGS KHR, EGL CONTEXT OPENGL DEBUG BIT KHR,
       EGI. NONE
};
// Create the context with the context attributes supplied
eglContext = eglCreateContext(eglDisplay, eglConfig, NULL, contextAttribs);
```



# 2.12. EGL\_KHR\_fence\_sync

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

EGL 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4

## Description

This extension introduces sync objects to EGL, and provides application developers with a mechanism of notifying the CPU when a GPU operation has completed. Fence sync objects are inserted into the GL command stream immediately after the call which the user wants to be notified about or wait on. Any thread can then make a call to eglClientWaitSync() to wait for the GPU to finish what it's doing, with a user specified timeout. A timeout of 0 equates to simply querying whether it's complete yet, similar to how queries work in later versions of OpenGL ES. A common use case for this is to be loading resources on one thread, and informing the CPU when it can start submitting calls on another thread that can actually draw with them. The benefits of such multi-threaded rendering can allow developers to create games with seamless loading. To actually interact with client APIs such as OpenGL ES, the client API needs to have an extension that specifies it will be inserted into the same command stream. For OpenGL ES this is GL\_OES\_EGL\_sync.

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#### Note

This functionality is core to EGL 1.5, so the extension is no longer needed.

#### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/EGL\_KHR\_fence\_sync.txt

```
// Create a fence sync object - there are no valid attributes that can be passed in so pass
// NULL or an attribute list containing only EGL NONE.
EGLSyncKHR eglFenceSync = eglCreateSyncKHR(eglDisplay, EGL SYNC FENCE KHR, NULL);

/*
    Wait for the sync object, flushing the context so it definitely completes in finite time.
    This call will wait forever until the context finishes what it's doing.
    This also works as a more flexible and guaranteed version of glFlush/glFinish, as you can specify a timeout.

*/
EGLint waitResult = eglClientWaitSyncKHR(eglDisplay, eglFenceSync,
EGL_SYNCH_FLUSH_COMMANDS_BIT_KHR, EGL_FOREVER_KHR);

// Destroy the fence sync object once we're done with it.
EGLBoolean success = eglDestroySyncKHR(eglDisplay, eglFenceSync);
```



# 2.13. EGL\_KHR\_get\_all\_proc\_addresses

# Valid APIs

EGL 1.2+

#### Description

eglGetProcAddress is currently defined to not support the querying of non-extension EGL or client API functions. Non-extension functions are expected to be exposed as library symbols that can be resolved statically at link time, or dynamically at run time using OS-specific runtime linking mechanisms.

To avoid requiring applications to fall back to OS-specific dynamic linking mechanisms, this extension drops the requirement that eglGetProcAddress return only non-extension functions. If the extension string is present, applications can query all EGL and client API functions using eglGetProcAddress.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/EGL/extensions/KHR/EGL KHR get all proc addresses.txt



# 2.14. EGL\_KHR\_gl\_renderbuffer\_image

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

## Valid APIs

EGL 1.2, 1.3, 1.4

# **Description**

This extension extends EGL\_KHR\_image\_base, and enables EGLImages to be created from a source renderbuffer from OpenGL. This particular extension string denotes that an EGLImage can be created from a renderbuffer. This extension is also required to create an OpenGL renderbuffer from an EGLImage when GL\_KHR\_image is supported in the implementation.

#### Note

This functionality is core to EGL 1.5, so the extension is no longer needed.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/KHR/EGL\_KHR\_gl\_image.txt

#### **Example Code**

// Create an EGLImageKHR from an OpenGL ES Renderbuffer
EGLImageKHR eglImage = eglCreateImageKHR(eglDisplay, eglOpenGLESContext,
EGL GL RENDERBUFFER KHR, (EGLClientBuffer)anOpenGLRenderbuffer, NULL);



# 2.15. EGL\_KHR\_gl\_texture\_2D\_image

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

EGL 1.2, 1.3, 1.4

#### Description

This extension extends EGL\_KHR\_image\_base, and enables EGLImages to be created from a source texture from OpenGL. This particular extension string denotes that an EGLImage can be created from a basic 2D texture. This extension is also required to create an OpenGL texture from an EGLImage when GL\_KHR\_image is supported in the implementation.

#### **Note**

This functionality is core to EGL 1.5, so the extension is no longer needed.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/KHR/EGL\_KHR\_gl\_image.txt

# 2.16. EGL\_KHR\_gl\_texture\_cubemap\_image

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

EGL 1.2, 1.3, 1.4

#### Description

This extension extends EGL\_KHR\_image\_base, and enables EGLImages to be created from a source texture from OpenGL. This particular extension string denotes that an EGLImage can be created from a cubemap texture. This extension is also required to create an OpenGL texture from an EGLImage when GL\_KHR\_image is supported in the implementation.

#### Note

This functionality is core to EGL 1.5, so the extension is no longer needed.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/KHR/EGL\_KHR\_gl\_image.txt



# 2.17. EGL\_KHR\_image

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

EGL 1.2, 1.3, 1.4

# **Description**

This was originally the extension which defined EGLImages, but pixmaps were core to this extension's operation. Subsequent implementations have wanted to support EGLImages without having pixmap support, and so this has been split into two extensions. EGL\_KHR\_image\_base and EGL\_KHR\_image\_pixmap are the two child extensions which when supported together are the equivalent of EGL\_KHR\_image.

#### Note

This functionality is core to EGL 1.5, so the extension is no longer needed.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/KHR/EGL\_KHR\_image.txt

# **Example Code**

// Create an EGLImageKHR from an EGL Pixmap
EGLImageKHR eglImage = eglCreateImageKHR(eglDisplay, eglOpenGLESContext,
EGL NATIVE\_PIXMAP\_KHR, (EGLClientBuffer)anEGLPixmap, NULL);



# 2.18. EGL\_KHR\_image\_base

#### **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

EGL 1.2, 1.3, 1.4

#### Description

This extension introduces image objects to EGL, which are a way of defining a somewhat generic object which stores something that may be considered an array of image data; textures, renderbuffers, pixmaps and the like. This extension defines what an EGLImage is to a developer, and makes no assumptions about the underlying data - internally data is stored in a format that is friendly to whatever client APIs are supported by a given implementation. This extension also does not define any source targets for creating an EGLImage, this extension on its own is of little use beyond defining the object itself and the interface. Extensions which add functionality to create EGLImages from various sources are listed below:

- EGL
  - EGL\_KHR\_image\_pixmap
- OpenGL/ES
  - EGL\_KHR\_gl\_texture\_2D\_image
  - EGL\_KHR\_gl\_texture\_cubemap\_image
  - EGL\_KHR\_gl\_texture\_3D\_image
  - EGL\_KHR\_gl\_renderbuffer\_image
- OpenCL
  - EGL\_IMG\_cl\_image
- Android
  - EGL\_ANDROID\_image\_native\_buffer
- Linux
  - EGL\_EXT\_image\_dma\_buf\_import
- OpenVG
  - EGL\_KHR\_vg\_parent\_image

Other various client extensions enable the creation of a client object from an EGLImage, such as GL\_KHR\_EGL\_image.

## Note

This functionality is core to EGL 1.5, so the extension is no longer needed.

## Registry Link

http://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/KHR/EGL\_KHR\_image\_base.txt

```
// Create an EGLImageKHR from an EGL Pixmap
EGLImageKHR eglImage = eglCreateImageKHR(eglDisplay, eglOpenGLESContext,
EGL NATIVE PIXMAP KHR, (EGLClientBuffer)anEGLPixmap, NULL);
```



# 2.19. EGL\_KHR\_image\_pixmap

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

EGL 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5

#### Description

This extension extends EGL\_KHR\_image\_base, and enables the creation of an EGLImage an EGLNativePixmapType.

**Note:** This extension is not explicitly exposed on PowerVR hardware, but is implied as supported whenever EGL\_KHR\_image is present, as it is a compound extension which includes both this and EGL\_KHR\_image\_base.

#### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/KHR/EGL\_KHR\_image\_pixmap.txt

## **Example Code**

// Create an EGLImageKHR from an EGL Pixmap
EGLImageKHR eglImage = eglCreateImageKHR(eglDisplay, eglOpenGLESContext,
EGL\_NATIVE\_PIXMAP\_KHR, (EGLClientBuffer)anEGLPixmap, NULL);



# 2.20. EGL\_KHR\_mutable\_render\_buffer

# **Valid APIs**

EGL 1.2+

#### **Description**

The aim of this extension is to allow toggling of front-buffer rendering for window surfaces after their initial creation. This allows for implementations to switch between back-buffered and single-buffered rendering without requiring re-creation of the surface. It is not expected for toggling to be a frequent event.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/EGL/extensions/KHR/EGL\_KHR\_mutable\_render\_buffer.txt



# 2.21. EGL\_KHR\_partial\_update

## **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

EGL 1.4 or later is required.

Written based on the EGL 1.5 specification (March 12, 2014).

#### Description

The aim of this extension is to allow efficient partial updates for postable surfaces. It allows implementations to completely avoid processing areas of the surface which have not changed between frames, allowing increased efficiency.

It does so by providing information and guarantees about the content of the current back buffer which allow the application to "repair" only areas that have become out of date since the particular back buffer was last used.

The information provided is in the form of the "age" of the buffer, that is, how many frames ago it was last used as the back buffer for the surface. If the application tracks what changes it has made to the surface since this back buffer was last used, it can bring the entire back buffer up to date by only rerendering the areas it knows to be out of date.

Use of this extension provides a more efficient alternative to EGL\_BUFFER\_PRESERVED swap behaviour. EGL\_BUFFER\_PRESERVED typically implies an expensive full-frame copy at the beginning of the frame, as well as a dependency on the previous frame. Usage of this extension avoids both and requires only the necessary updates to a back buffer to be made.

#### Note

The behavior of part of this extension is different depending on whether the EGL\_EXT\_buffer\_age extension is also present. This extension trivially interacts with

EGL\_KHR\_swap\_buffers\_with\_damage and EGL\_EXT\_swap\_buffers\_with\_damage. This extension is worded against the KHR version, but the interactions with the EXT version are identical.

Different with EGL\_KHR\_swap\_buffers\_with\_damage. EGL\_KHR\_partial\_update

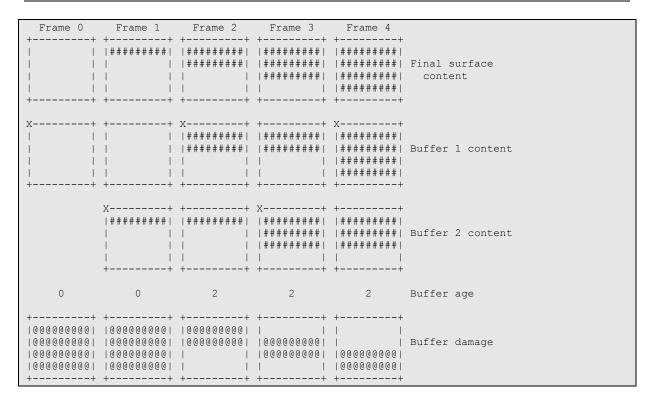
concerns the area of a particular buffer that has changed since that same buffer was last used. As it only concerns changes to a single buffer, there is no dependency on the next or previous frames or any other buffer. It therefore cannot be used to infer anything about changes to the surface, which requires linking one frame or buffer to another. Buffer damage is therefore only useful to the producer.

## **Buffer damage example (EGL\_KHR\_partial\_update)**

The buffer damage for a frame is the area changed since that same buffer was last used. If the buffer has not been used before, the buffer damage is the entire area of the buffer.

The buffer marked with an 'X' in the top left corner is the buffer that is being used for that frame. This is the buffer to which the buffer age and the buffer damage relate.

Note that this example shows a double buffered surface - the actual number of buffers could be different and variable throughout the lifetime of the surface. The age \*must\* therefore be queried for every frame.



# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/KHR/EGL\_KHR\_partial\_update.txt

```
//* The surface's swap behavior is EGL BUFFER DESTROYED
eglSurfaceAttrib(eglDisplay, eglSurface, EGL SWAP BEHAVIOR, EGL BUFFER DESTROYED);
while(render loop)
       100, \\start y position
                            100,
                                   \\width
                                  \\height
                            100}
       //The damage region for <surface> is set to the area described by <n rects> and
       //<rects> if all of the following conditions are met:
       //\star <surface> is the current draw surface of the calling thread
       //* <surface> is a postable surface
       //\star There have been no client API commands which result with rendering to
       //<surface> since eglSwapBuffers was last called with <surface>, or since
       //<surface> was created in case eglSwapBuffers has not yet been called with
       eglSetDamageRegionKHR(eglDisplay, eglSurface, rects, 1); //before any render commands
in this frame.
       //begin render
       //end render
       eglSwapBuffers(eglDisplay, eglSurface);
```



# 2.22. EGL\_KHR\_surfaceless\_context

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

EGL 1.0, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4

# **Description**

Applications that do not want to use any sort of main framebuffer, currently still need to create an EGLSurface to make a context current. EGL\_KHR\_surfaceless\_context adds the ability to create a context without a surface, primarily for applications outside of OpenGL ES where interop is required. It is also useful for OpenGL ES applications that wish to perform purely off-screen rendering into framebuffer objects, but the OpenGL ES context has to support GL OES surfaceless context as well for it to be compatible.

#### Note

This functionality is core to EGL 1.5, so the extension is no longer needed.

#### **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/KHR/EGL\_KHR\_surfaceless\_context.txt

# **Example Code**

// Make a context current without any surfaces
eglMakeCurrent(display, EGL NO SURFACE, EGL NO SURFACE, context);



# 2.23. EGL\_KHR\_swap\_buffers\_with\_damage

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

**EGL 1.4** 

#### Description

This extension provides a means to issue a swap buffers request to display the contents of the current back buffer and also specify a list of damage rectangles that can be passed to a system compositor so it can minimize how much it has to recompose.

This should be used in situations where an application is only animating a small portion of a surface since it enables the compositor to avoid wasting time recomposing parts of the surface that haven't changed.

#### Note

Requires EGL 1.4

This extension is written against the wording of the EGL 1.4 Specification.

Different with EGL\_KHR\_partial\_update. EGL\_KHR\_swap\_buffers\_with\_damage concerns the area of the \*surface\* that changes between frames for that surface. It concerns the differences between two buffers - the current back buffer and the current front buffer. It is useful only to the consumer.

# Surface damage example (EGL\_KHR\_swap\_buffers\_with\_damage)

The surface damage for frame n is the difference between frame n and frame (n-1), and represents the area that a compositor must recompose.

Frame 0	Frame 1	Frame 2	Frame 3	Frame 4	
++	++	++	++	++	
	#######	#######	#######	#######	
	1	#######	#######	#######	Final surface
1	1	1	#######	#######	content
1	1	1	1	#######	
++	++	++	++	++	
++	++	++	++	++	
10000000000	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	1	1	1	
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	T I	10000000000	1	1	Surface damage
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	T I	T	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	1	
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	T I	T	1	0000000000	
++	++	++	++	++	

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/KHR/EGL\_KHR\_swap\_buffers\_with\_damage.txt

#### **Example Code**

//As an alternative to eglSwapBuffers eglSwapBuffersWithDamageKHR(eglDisplay, eglSurface, rects, n\_rects);



# 2.24. EGL\_KHR\_wait\_sync

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

**EGL 1.4** 

# **Description**

This extension adds the ability to wait for signalling of sync objects in the server for a client API context, rather than in the application thread bound to that context. This form of wait does not necessarily block the application thread which issued the wait (unlike eglClientWaitSyncKHR), so the application may continue to issue commands to the client API context or perform other work in parallel, leading to increased performance. The best performance is likely to be achieved by implementations which can perform this new wait operation in GPU hardware, although this is not required.

## Note

Requires EGL 1.4

This extension is written against the wording of the EGL 1.4 Specification.

## **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/egl/extensions/KHR/EGL\_KHR\_wait\_sync.txt

```
while(!eglWaitSyncKHR(eglDisplay, eglSyncKHR, 0))
{
    //render the waiting animation.
}
```



# 3. OpenGL ES Extensions

# 3.1. GL ANDROID extension pack es31a

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1

#### Description

This extension adds no functionality by itself, but rather is a guarantee of a set of other functionality being supported via other extensions - and thus don't need to be checked for individually. If this extension is supported, the following set of extensions is guaranteed to be supported:

- KHR\_debug
- KHR\_texture\_compression\_astc\_ldr
- KHR\_blend\_equation\_advanced
- OES\_sample\_shading
- OES\_sample\_variables
- OES\_shader\_image\_atomic
- OES\_shader\_multisample\_interpolation
- OES\_texture\_stencil8
- OES\_texture\_storage\_multisample\_2d\_array
- EXT\_copy\_image
- EXT\_draw\_buffers\_indexed
- EXT\_geometry\_shader
- EXT\_gpu\_shader5
- EXT\_primitive\_bounding\_box
- EXT\_shader\_io\_blocks
- EXT\_tessellation\_shader
- EXT\_texture\_border\_clamp
- EXT\_texture\_buffer
- EXT\_texture\_cube\_map\_array
- EXT\_texture\_sRGB\_decode



# 3.2. GL\_APPLE\_texture\_2D\_limited\_npot

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

## **Description**

This extension adds limited support for non-power-of-two (POT) textures in OpenGL ES 1.x. specifically; users are now able to create 2D textures with NPOT dimensions. This relaxation does not apply to cubemaps or 3D textures. There are also several limitations:

- Texture Wrap Modes
  - Only GL\_CLAMP\_TO\_EDGE may be used as a wrap mode when sampling from an NPOT texture.
- MIPMapping
  - o MIP Mapping is not supported.
  - Only minification filters GL\_NEAREST or GL\_LINEAR are allowed.
  - o glGenerateMIPMap does not work.

Most of these restrictions are lifted if GL\_OES\_texture\_npot is present.

#### **Note**

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0. All limitations on non-power of two textures are lifted for OpenGL ES 3.0

```
// Upload a texture with dimensions of 15 by 47. Typically this isn't supported without
// extension support.
glTexImage2D(GL TEXTURE 2D, 0, GL RGBA, 15, 47, 0, GL RGBA, GL UNSIGNED BYTE, pixelData);

// Only the following parameters are specifiable, anything else is invalid (including the
// default texture parameters!).
glTexParameter(GL TEXTURE 2D, GL TEXTURE MIN FILTER, GL NEAREST);
glTexParameter(GL TEXTURE 2D, GL TEXTURE MAG FILTER, GL NEAREST);
glTexParameter(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_S, GL_CLAMP_TO_EDGE);
glTexParameter(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_T, GL_CLAMP_TO_EDGE);
```

**Public** 



# 3.3. GL\_EXT\_blend\_minmax

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0

## Description

This extension adds two additional blending modes to OpenGL ES; GL\_MIN\_EXT and GL\_MAX\_EXT. These two blend modes compare the source and destination colours, and the result of the comparison will be the minimum/maximum colour that was written. Each component is operated on separately, so that it is entirely possible to have an output colour that has channel values from multiple different polygons.

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

#### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/blend\_minmax.txt

```
// Set the blend equation to use additive blending
glBlendEquation(GL FUNC ADD EXT);

// Set the blend equation to use minimum value blending
glBlendEquation(GL_MIN_EXT);

// Set the blend equation to use maxmum value blending
glBlendEquation(GL_MAX_EXT);
```



# 3.4. GL\_EXT\_buffer\_storage

# Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1+

# **Description**

This extension applies the immutable texture storage concept to buffer objects. If an implementation is aware of a buffer's immutability, it may be able to make certain assumptions or apply particular optimizations in order to increase performance or reliability.

Furthermore, this extension allows applications to pass additional information about a requested allocation to the implementation which it may use to select memory heaps, caching behavior or allocation strategies.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/OpenGL/extensions/EXT/EXT\_buffer\_storage.txt

```
//generate texture buffer object
glGenBuffers(1, &tbo);

//bind texture buffer object
glBindBuffer(GL TEXTURE BUFFER, tbo);

//allocate immutable storage to texture buffer object
glBufferStorageEXT(GL_TEXTURE_BUFFER, sizeof(data), &data, GL_MAP_WRITE_BIT_EXT |
GL DYNAMIC STORAGE BIT EXT );

//rebind the default texture buffer object
glBindBuffer(GL_TEXTURE_BUFFER, 0);
```



# 3.5. **GL\_EXT\_clear\_texture**

# **Valid APIs**

OpenGL ES 3.1+

# Description

This extension enables developers to initialize textures directly to a desired value.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/OpenGL/extensions/EXT/EXT\_clear\_texture.txt

# **Example Code**

float data[] = {0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f};
glClearTexImageEXT(textureHandle, 0, GL\_RGBA, GL\_BYTE, &data);



# 3.6. GL\_EXT\_color\_buffer\_float

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.x

# **Description**

Rendering to a floating point buffer has been a core part of the desktop GL specification for a long time now, but was not included in the OpenGL ES 3.0 specification. This extension adds that functionality to ES3.0 class hardware, allowing users to output floating point values from fragments, enabling things like HDR rendering and advanced post-processing techniques that need a higher range or precision than fixed point values provide.

# **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/EXT\_color\_buffer\_float.txt

```
// Create a floating point colour buffer (texture)
GLint floatingPointColourBuffer = glTexStorage(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 1, GL_RGBA32F, 1024, 1024);

// Attach it to a framebuffer. This would usually result in an incomplete framebuffer without
// this extension.
glFramebufferTexture2D(GL_DRAW_FRAMEBUFFER, GL_COLOR_ATTACHMENTO, GL_TEXTURE_2D,
floatingPointColourBuffer, 0);
```



# 3.7. GL\_EXT\_conservative\_depth

# **Valid APIs**

OpenGL ES 3.0+

# **Description**

This extension allows developers to pass information about fragment shader depth modifications to the GL implementation so that early depth testing can still be performed safely.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/OpenGL/extensions/EXT/EXT\_conservative\_depth.txt

# **Example Code**

//depth will only be increased, so if depth test is GL LESS early depth testing can still be
performed
layout (depth\_greater) out float gl\_FragDepth;



# 3.8. GL\_EXT\_copy\_image

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

## Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.x

# **Description**

This extension adds the ability to do a copy of data between two images, without any need to bind or involve the rendering pipeline. Functionally this is roughly equivalent to a memcpy in C/C++.



# 3.9. GL\_EXT\_debug\_marker

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0, 3.x

# **Description**

This extension enables developers to insert debug markers into the command stream, which are essentially a way of annotating code in GL tracing tools such as PVRTrace. There are no other benefits to this extension beyond this, as runtime markers could be introduced by an application developer themselves if they needed a way to label parts of their code.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/EXT\_debug\_marker.txt

#### Note

This extension's functionality has been absorbed into GL\_KHR\_debug, which adds additional functionality and should be used preferentially. As a result, this extension is now considered deprecated.

```
// Insert a regular event marker, used effectively as a simple string annotation to your code.
glInsertEventMarkerEXT(0, "This is a debug marker annotation");

// Signal that any following functions belong to a nested functionality group. For instance,
this might denote the start of a function which renders a specific object.
glPushGroupMarkerEXT(0, "This is a group of functionality.");

// End the previously defined functionality group
glPopGroupMarkerEXT();
```



# 3.10. GL\_EXT\_discard\_framebuffer

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT (ES2/3 only)

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0

## Description

Generally, OpenGL ES is expected to have the result of a render stored into memory so that it can be used for later computation. If the storage memory is also the memory that is being rendered to then this isn't a huge problem. However, in cases where the result of a render is stored in a temporary buffer to be written outer later, bandwidth is wasted in copying this data out if it isn't going to be used. This extension provides a mechanism for users to explicitly state that they don't need to store part of the render output, allowing the underlying implementation to avoid the costly data copy, and potentially improving performance.

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0 however a different function, "glInvalidateFramebuffer", is used instead. This function works identically to glDiscardFramebufferEXT, but was renamed and respecified to be brought in line with other OpenGL functionality.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/EXT\_discard\_framebuffer.txt

```
// Finish rendering to a particular framebuffer
glDraw(...);

// Specify attachments to discard, typically depth and stencil are discarded in this way.
GLenum discardAttachments[] =
{
    GL_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT,
    GL STENCIL ATTACHMENT
};

// Discard the framebuffer's contents which we aren't interested in
glDiscardFramebufferEXT(GL_FRAMEBUFFER, sizeof(discardAttachments)/sizeof(GLenum),
discardAttachments);

// The next call should always be a framebuffer change, nothing should occur between this and
// the discard.
glBindFramebuffer(0);

// Clearing will prevent any data being written back to on-chip memory as well.
glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT | GL_STENCIL_BUFFER_BIT);
```



# 3.11. GL\_EXT\_draw\_buffers

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0

### Description

Typically only one colour output is enabled by default in OpenGL ES 2.0, and whilst querying for additional colour buffers has exists, the base OpenGL ES 2.0 specification does not allow for additional colour buffers. This extension adds language and functionality that enable up to a maximum of 16 total colour buffers per framebuffer object, though the actual available number varies by platform. The main benefit of this extension is to reduce the number of draw passes in a scene, as a number of techniques need more than 4 channels of data to output for a given scene, usually for further calculation. Without additional colour buffers, developers are forced to render the same data multiple times, or sacrifice precision by packing data.

This functionality is also more commonly known as "Multiple Render Targets" or MRTs.

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

```
// Attach a texture to a framebuffer, using a colour attachment beyond 0.
glFramebufferTexture2D(GL_DRAW_FRAMEBUFFER, GL_COLOR_ATTACHMENT1, GL_TEXTURE_2D,
aTextureColourBuffer, 0);

// The writable draw buffers also need to be set separately. In this instance there are two
// colour buffers. Create a list and allow them to be rendered to.
GLenum buffers[2] = {GL_COLOR_ATTACHMENT0, GL_COLOR_ATTACHMENT1};
glDrawBuffers(2, buffers);
```



# 3.12. GL\_EXT\_draw\_buffers\_indexed

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.x

This extension is also compatible with OpenGL ES 2.0 drivers that support EXT\_draw\_buffers.

# **Description**

This extension builds upon the EXT\_draw\_buffers extension. In EXT\_draw\_buffers (part of OpenGL ES 3.0), separate values could be written to each colour buffer, but the blend enable, blend functions, blend equations and colour write masks are global and apply to all colour outputs.

This extension provides the ability to independently:

- enable or disable blending,
- · set the blend equations,
- · set the blend functions, and
- set the color write masks per color output.

This extension introduces indexed versions of the enable, blend equation, blend function, and colour mask commands, as well as associated indexed queries in order to control and query these states independently on a per-colour output basis.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/EXT\_draw\_buffers\_indexed.txt

```
EnableiEXT(BLEND, 0);
DisableiEXT(BLEND, 0);
IsEnablediEXT(BLEND, 0);

BlendEquationiEXT(0, FUNC ADD);
BlendEquationSeparateiEXT(0, FUNC ADD, FUNC SUBTRACT);
BlendFunciEXT(0, ZERO, ONE);
BlendFuncSeparateiEXT(0, SRC_COLOR, DST_COLOR, CONSTANT_ALPHA, SRC_ALPHA_SATURATE);
ColorMaskiEXT(0, EGL_TRUE, EGL_TRUE, EGL_TRUE, EGL_TRUE);
```



# 3.13. GL\_EXT\_draw\_elements\_base\_vertex

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

Requires OpenGL ES 2.0

## Description

This extension provides a method to specify a "base vertex offset" value which is effectively added to every vertex index that is transferred through DrawElements.

This mechanism can be used to decouple a set of indices from the actual vertex array that it is referencing. This is useful if an application stores multiple indexed models in a single vertex array. The same index array can be used to draw the model no matter where it ends up in a larger vertex array simply by changing the base vertex value. Without this functionality, it would be necessary to rebind all the vertex attributes every time geometry is switched and this can have larger performance penalty.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/EXT\_draw\_elements\_base\_vertex.txt



# 3.14. GL\_EXT\_float\_blend

# Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.0+

# Description

This extension allows blending with 32 bit floating point color buffers.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/OpenGL/extensions/EXT/EXT\_float\_blend.txt



# 3.15. GL\_EXT\_geometry\_point\_size

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6XT

## Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1

# **Description**

This extension adds programmable point size to the geometry shader, and allows resizing of generated point sprites that come through as input - useful for things like particle effects.



# 3.16. GL\_EXT\_geometry\_shader

## **Supported Hardware**

Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1

## Description

Geometry Shaders are a new programmable pipeline step that sits in the current OpenGL ES pipeline directly after primitive assembly, and before clipping, culling etc. This stage allows access to the vertices in the primitive constructed by the earlier phases, in order to interpret them and re-emit new geometry. For example, the vertex shader and primitive assembly could output single point primitives, and the geometry shader could convert this into a set of triangles for further processing. Geometry shaders can be used for a form of tessellation, but this is considered superceded by EXT\_tessellation\_shader. Geometry shaders can also discard primitives.

# **Adjacency Primitives**

As well as the standard GL primitives, this extension adds four new primitive types: LINES\_ADJACENCY, LINE\_STRIP\_ADJACENCY, TRIANGLES\_ADJACENCY and TRIANGLE\_STRIP\_ADJACENCY. These new types function the same as their non-adjacency counterparts everywhere except the geometry shader. In the geometry shader, these modes allow access to neighbouring vertices for each vertex. These neighbouring vertices can be useful as control points to bound any transformations done on input geometry.

# **Multiple Invocations**

As well as allowing multiple outputs, geometry shaders can actually run over the same input geometry multiple times as a form of instancing - allowing the same inputs to generate multiple outputs with different properties. By default, only one invocation is executed, but multiple can be processed with the layout qualifier - "invocations = integer-constant".

# **Layered Rendering**

For use cases such as stereoscopic (or other multi-view) rendering, it is often desirable to do some vertex shading only once, rather than repeating it over and over for each view. Geometry shader functionality described so far can allow this by using multiple invocations to transform geometry from different angles, but each view may need to be output to a separate render target. To handle this use case, this extension adds functionality called layered rendering, which allows framebuffers to be created with multiple layers. The geometry shader can then choose which layer its outputs will be sent to via the special gl Layer output value.

# Inputs

Geometry shader inputs come in the form of Shader IO blocks - including the built-in inputs. Built-in inputs match the built-in vertex shader outputs, but are passed through a built-in io block: gl\_in. This is to distinguish them from output values. Note that this block does not include point size unless EXT\_geometry\_point\_size is supported and enabled.

Each io block is actually an array of blocks, and each is either implicitly (or explicitly) sized to the number of vertices available for each primitive type (e.g. 1 for a point, 2 for a line, 3 for a triangle, etc.).

As well as the built-in block for vertex shader outputs, two additional values are provided:

- gl\_PrimitiveIDIn, which is a counter that describes how many primitives have been processed by the shader during this render.
- gl\_InvocationID, which indicates how many times this shader has been invoked using Multiple Invocations.

## **Outputs**

Geometry shader outputs are the same as inputs, except for the built-in values, which are not part of an io block - instead they are free variables in the same way as they are in a vertex shader. gl\_PrimitiveID is also provided as a modifiable output value that is passed on towards the fragment shader.

## **Example Code**

```
// Create a Geometry Shader
GLuint geometryShader = glCreateShader(GL_GEOMETRY_SHADER_EXT);
```

```
#extension GL EXT geometry shader : require
#extension GL EXT shader io blocks : require

// Take in point primitives.
layout(points) in;

// Output up to 1 line primitive - needs at least two vertices (one line).
layout(lines, max_vertices = 2) out;

void main()
{
    // Emit the first vertex for the output primitive - below the original point gl Position = gl in[0].gl Position + vec4(0.0,-0.1, 0.0, 0.0);
    EmitVertex();

    // Emit the second vertex for the output primitive - above the original point gl Position = gl in[0].gl Position + vec4(0.0, 0.1, 0.0, 0.0);
    EmitVertex();

    // End the (line) primitive
    EndPrimitive();
}
```



# 3.17. GL\_EXT\_gpu\_shader5

## **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1

# **Description**

This extension adds a number of useful, but miscellaneous features to the OpenGL ES shading language. These features are as follows:

- support for indexing into arrays of opaque types (samplers, and atomic counters) using dynamically uniform integer expressions;
- support for indexing into arrays of images and shader storage blocks using only constant integral expressions;
- extending the uniform block capability to allow shaders to index into an array of uniform blocks;
- a "precise" qualifier allowing computations to be carried out exactly as specified in the shader source to avoid optimization-induced invariance issues (which might cause cracking in tessellation);
- new built-in functions supporting:
  - o fused floating-point multiply-add operations;
- extending the textureGather() built-in functions provided by OpenGL ES Shading Language 3.10:
  - allowing shaders to use arbitrary offsets computed at run-time to select a 2x2 footprint to gather from; and
  - allowing shaders to use separate independent offsets for each of the four texels returned, instead of requiring a fixed 2x2 footprint.



## **Example GLSL**

```
#extension GL EXT gpu shader5 : require
uniform lowp sampler2DArray arrayOfTextureArrays[8];
uniform lowp sampler2D gatherableTexture;
in highp vec2 textureCoords;
in highp float a, b, c;
void main()
       // Loop through and reference each member of an array of texture arrays.
       highp vec4 value = vec4(0.0);
for (uint i = 0; i < 8; ++i)
               for (uint j = 0; j < 8; ++j)
                       value += texture(arrayOfTextureArrays[i], vec3(textureCoords, j));
                }
        // Perform an explicit fused multiply-add \,
       highp float result;
       result = fma(a,b,c);
       // Ensure that no optimisations are done on any calculations that affect the result of
a value (result2);
       precise highp float result2;
        result2 = a * b + c;
       // Gather four texels from a texture that aren't necessarily neighbours, obtaining the
red channel.
       ivec2 	ext{ offsets}[4] = \{ivec2(0,0), ivec2(5, 0), ivec2(5, 5), ivec2(0, 5)\};
       vec4 gatheredTexels = textureGatherOffsets(gatherableTexture, textureCoords, offsets,
0);
        . . .
```

**Public** 



# 3.18. GL\_EXT\_multi\_draw\_arrays

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0, 3.x

### Description

This extension adds two new functions to OpenGL ES; glMultiDrawArrays and glMultiDrawElements. These functions perform the same tasks as glDrawArrays/Elements, but also allow the users to render multiple primitive groups in one function call. In other words, one "glMultiDrawArrays" is equivalent to multiple "glDrawArrays" with the same rendering state.

# **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/multi\_draw\_arrays.txt

```
// Setup lists of buffer offsets and triangle counts
GLint firsts[] = {0, 32};
GLsizei counts[] = {32, 32};

// If multiple vertex objects share the same draw state (blending, depth testing, shaders,
// textures, etc.) then multi-draw can be called on them all at once, rather than calling
// glDraw multiple times.
glMultiDrawArrays(GL_TRIANGLES, firsts, counts, 2);
```



# 3.19. GL\_EXT\_multisampled\_render\_to\_texture

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0, 3.x

#### Description

This extension adds multisampled rendering capabilities to OpenGLES, allowing a user to create multisampled render buffers, and attach textures to a framebuffer in a way that they can be used for multisampled renders. By enabling textures to be attached as multisampled but without using actual multisample textures, a significant amount of bandwidth can be saved. This mode of operation enables multisampled anti-aliasing to smooth lines at the edges of polygons and reduce the appearance of jagged lines. This is functionally equivalent to GL\_IMG\_multisampled\_render\_to\_texture on PowerVR hardware.

#### Note

Part of this functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0. The renderbuffer functionality is present in core; however the multisampled texture attachment is not.

### Registry Link

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/EXT\_multisampled\_render\_to\_texture.txt

```
// Create a multisampled depth renderbuffer
GLint depthBuffer = glRenderbufferStorageMultisampleEXT(GL RENDERBUFFER, 4,
GL DEPTH COMPONENT16, 1024, 1024);

// Attach the renderbuffer to the framebuffer as per usual. Note: If one attachment is
// multi-sampled, all attachments need to be. If there is a mix, the framebuffer will be
// incomplete.
glFramebufferRenderbuffer(GL FRAMEBUFFER, GL DEPTH ATTACHMENT, GL RENDERBUFFER, depthBuffer);

// Create a regular colour buffer (texture). This extension doesn't introduce multi-sample
// textures, instead attaching regular textures that multi-sampling will resolve to before
// writing out.
GLint colourBuffer = glTexStorage(GL TEXTURE 2D, 1, GL RGBA8, 1024, 1024);

// Attach it to a framebuffer as multisampled, so that OpenGL ES knows that it should resolve
// a multisampled render to this texture.
glFramebufferTexture2DMultisampleEXT(GL_FRAMEBUFFER, GL_COLOR_ATTACHMENTO, GL_TEXTURE_2D,
colourBuffer, 0);
```



# 3.20. GL\_EXT\_occlusion\_query\_boolean

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0

## Description

This extension adds two new mechanisms to OpenGL ES 2.0 - Querying and Boolean Occlusion Queries.

Querying is a mechanism which allows the user to request information from the hardware directly, often allowing access to information that the hardware can gather with easily that would otherwise require expensive software checks. As modern GPUs work asynchronously to the CPU, querying does not instantly return a value; instead, a result is requested, and then at some point in the future the GL implementation will have a response ready. App developers can check when that query is ready, and then access that value.

Boolean occlusion queries use the querying mechanism to allow app developers to find out if an object they've been sending down the pipeline is actually visible or not. The result of the query can then be used in subsequent frames to determine whether or not to draw the object again. This allows a developer to better balance the load between software culling and hardware visibility tests.

#### **Note**

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/EXT\_occlusion\_query\_boolean.txt



# 3.21. GL\_EXT\_polygon\_offset\_clamp

# Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1+

## Description

This extension adds a new parameter to the polygon offset function that clamps the calculated offset to a minimum or maximum value. The clamping functionality is useful when polygons are nearly parallel to the view direction because their high slopes can result in arbitrarily large polygon offsets. In the particular case of shadow mapping, the lack of clamping can produce the appearance of unwanted holes when the shadow casting polygons are offset beyond the shadow receiving polygons, and this problem can be alleviated by enforcing a maximum offset value.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/OpenGL/extensions/EXT/EXT\_polygon\_offset\_clamp.txt

## **Example Code**

//set max offset
glPolygonOffsetClampEXT(1.0f, 1,0f, 1.0f);



# 3.22. GL\_EXT\_primitive\_bounding\_box

[Supported Hardware] Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0

## Description

On tile-based architectures, transformed primitives are generally written out to memory before rasterization, and then read back from memory for each tile they intersect. When geometry expands during transformation due to tessellation or one-to-many geometry shaders, the external bandwidth required grows proportionally. This extension provides a way for implementations to know which tiles incoming geometry will intersect before fully transforming (and expanding) the geometry. This allows them to only store the unexpanded geometry in memory, and perform expansion on-chip for each intersected tile.

New state is added to hold an axis-aligned bounding box which is assumed to contain any geometry submitted. An implementation is allowed to ignore any portions of primitives outside the bounding box; thus if a primitive extends outside of a tile into a neighboring tile that the bounding box didn't intersect, the implementation is not required to render those portions. The tessellation control shader is optionally able to specify a per-patch bounding box that overrides the bounding box state for primitives generated from that patch, in order to provide tighter bounds.

The typical usage is that an application will have an object-space bounding volume for a primitive or group of primitives, either calculated at runtime or provided with the mesh by the authoring tool or content pipeline. It will transform this volume to clip space, compute an axis-aligned bounding box that contains the transformed bounding volume, and provide that at either per-patch or per-draw granularity.

#### Note

OpenGL ES 3.1 and OpenGL ES Shading Language 3.10 are required.

This specification is written against the OpenGL ES 3.1 (March 17, 2014) and OpenGL ES 3.10 Shading Language (March 17, 2014) Specifications.

This extension interacts with EXT\_tessellation\_shader. EXT\_geometry\_shader trivially affects the definition of this extension.

## **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/EXT primitive bounding box.txt

# 3.23. GL\_EXT\_pvrtc\_sRGB

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

## Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0, OpenGL ES 3.x

# **Description**

This extension allows PVRTC texture data (see IMG\_texture\_compression\_pvrtc and IMG\_texture\_compression\_pvrtc2) to be interpreted as sRGB values when sampled by a shader, and automatically convert those values to linear space.

```
// Create a PVRTC1 4bpp sRGB without alpha texture
glTexStorage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, textureLevels, GL_COMPRESSED_SRGB_PVRTC_4BPPV1_EXT,
textureWidth, textureHeight);

// Create a PVRTC2 2bpp sRGB texture
glTexStorage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, textureLevels, GL_COMPRESSED_SRGB_ALPHA_PVRTC_2BPPV2_IMG,
textureWidth, textureHeight);
```



# 3.24. GL\_EXT\_read\_format\_bgra

## **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.1, OpenGL ES 2.0, OpenGL ES 3.x

# **Description**

This extension adds additional formats that can be used when calling glReadPixels. Specifically it allows the format "BGRA\_EXT" to be paired with UNSIGNED\_BYTE, UNSIGNED\_SHORT\_4\_4\_4\_4\_REV\_EXT or UNSIGNED\_SHORT\_5\_5\_5\_1\_REV\_EXT, giving alternative byte/bit-ordering schemes for the returned p ixels.

```
// Read pixel data back as BGRA8888
GLubyte returnedData[width * height * 4];
glTexStorage2D(0, 0, width, height, GL_BGRA_EXT, GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE, (GLvoid*)returnedData);
```

# 3.25. GL EXT robustness

#### **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.1, 2.0, 3.x

### Description

Several recent trends in how OpenGL integrates into modern computer systems have created new requirements for robustness and security for OpenGL rendering contexts. This extension introduces a number of security features to OpenGL ES which increase the safety of executing a program running untrusted content, such as in WebGL.

This extension adds two new features:

- User Notifications: it adds user notifications for when hardware resets occur, and gives indications over whether a particular context caused it by indicating if it was guilty or not. This is achieved via calls to glGetGraphicsResetStatus, which returns if any hardware resets have occurred since the last call to the function. The reset status will either be GL\_NO\_ERROR if no reset occurred, GL\_GUILTY\_CONTEXT\_RESET\_EXT if the current context caused a reset, GL\_INNOCENT\_CONTEXT\_RESET\_EXT if a reset was caused by another context, and GL\_UNKNOWN\_CONTEXT\_RESET\_EXT if a reset was caused with no obvious reason. This feature is only active if a context has been created with hardware reset notifications enabled, as described in EGL\_EXT\_create\_context\_robustness.
- Robust API Calls: The other feature it adds is a number of safer entry points for the handful of functions which could potentially cause unintended buffer overruns. The new functions are glReadnPixelsEXT, glGetnUniformfvEXT and glGetnUniformivEXT, superceding glReadPixels, glGetUniformfv and glGetUniformiv respectively. These new functions add a bufSize parameter which allows the user to specify exactly how much storage space has been supplied for the result.

# Registry Link

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/EXT robustness.txt

```
// Use the robust read pixels function to return a known amount of data
#define BUFFER SIZE 72
struct
{
    GLubyte red;
    GLubyte green;
    GLubyte alpha;
} colourOutputBuffer[BUFFER SIZE];

// Ask for 73 RGBA pixels, but only provide storage for 72 pixels. The last pixel will be discarded rather than overrunning the buffer.
glReadnPixelsEXT(0, 0, 73, 1, GL RGBA, GL UNSIGNED BYTE, sizeof(colourOutputBuffer),
(GLvoid*)colourOutputBuffer);
```



# 3.26. GL\_EXT\_separate\_shader\_objects

## **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0, 3.0

### Description

Conventional GLSL requires multiple shader stages (vertex and fragment) to be linked into a single monolithic program object to specify a GLSL shader for each stage. While this approach allows early optimisation opportunities, the hardware allows more flexibility, allowing developers to mix and match shaders at draw time instead.

This extension introduces program pipeline objects which act as containers for multiple program objects, each bound to different shader stages, to make up the equivalent of a monolithic program for fast switching, or users can bind individual shaders at run time. It also introduces a new way to update uniforms, without requiring a bind, reducing API overhead and reducing developer burden.

As well as API changes, this extension adds layout qualifiers to OpenGL ES Shading Language 1.0, so that shaders can have their inputs and outputs match up correctly even if their names do not.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/EXT\_separate\_shader\_objects.txt

# **Example Code**

```
// Create a vertex program
GLuint vertexShaderProgram = glCreateShaderProgramvEXT(GL VERTEX SHADER, 1,
&vertexShaderSource);

// Create a fragment program
GLuint fragmentShaderProgram = glCreateShaderProgramvEXT(GL FRAGMENT SHADER, 1,
&fragmentShaderSource);

// Create and bind a program pipeline object
GLuint programPipeline = 0;
glGenProgramPipelinesEXT(1, &programPipeline);
glBindProgramPipelineEXT(programPipeline);

// Bind the shader programs to the program pipeline object
glUseProgramStagesEXT(programPipeline, GL_VERTEX_SHADER_BIT_EXT, vertexShaderProgram);
glUseProgramStagesEXT(programPipeline, GL FRAGMENT SHADER BIT EXT, fragmentShaderProgram);

// Set a uniform value to a program that isn't necessarily bound
glProgramUniform1fEXT(fragmentShaderProgram, 0, 1.0f);
```

#### Example Code (GLSL)

```
// Specify an attribute with a guaranteed location of zero
layout(location = 0) attribute highp vec3 normal;

// Specify a varying with a guaranteed location of 4
layout(location = 4) varying highp vec4 colour;
```

# 3.27. GL EXT shader framebuffer fetch

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0, 3.x

# **Description**

This extension allows an application to access the previously written fragment colour from a fragment instance. The main use for this is to implement a custom blending technique, allowing developers to perform techniques beyond the standard fixed function blending modes available.

As well as being useful for programmable blending, it can be used in conjunction with multiple render targets to enable fully on-chip deferred shading. Typical deferred shading techniques involve computing a number of values and storing them out to multiple render targets. A second pass then reads these render targets back and computes a final colour.

By using shader framebuffer fetch on PowerVR hardware, values can be written to these fragment locations in one shader, then use these values directly in a full screen resolve pass - only writing out the final colour to main memory.

The steps to achieve this are as follows:

- Clear the framebuffer at the start of the frame
- Draw all your geometry as in a traditional deferred shading technique
- Draw a full screen quad to the same framebuffer
  - The shader used should read values by using this extension, rather than from textures
  - The shader otherwise does the same as it would in a normal deferred shading resolve.
- Discard all framebuffer attachments, other than the final colour, at the end of the frame

### Registry Link

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/EXT shader framebuffer fetch.txt

# **Example GLSL**

### Example GLSL (version 300 es)



# 3.28. GL\_EXT\_shader\_group\_vote

### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.0+

## Description

Implementations in some cases may group shader invocations and execute them in an SIMD fashion. When executing divergent conditional code paths, a SIMD implementation might stall one set of thread groups. This extension provides the ability to avoid divergent execution by evaluting a condition across an entire SIMD invocation group using code like:

```
if (allInvocationsEXT(condition)) {
    result = do_fast_path();
} else {
    result = do_general_path();
}
```

The built-in function allInvocationsEXT() will return the same value for all invocations in the group, so the group will either execute do\_fast\_path() or do\_general\_path(), but never both.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/OpenGL/extensions/EXT/EXT\_shader\_group\_vote.txt

```
//all SIMD threads execute one path, never both
if (allInvocationsEXT(condition)) {
    result = do_fast_path();
} else {
    result = do_general_path();
}
```

# 3.29. GL\_EXT\_shader\_io\_blocks

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1

# **Description**

Typically, values passed between shader stages, such as between vertex and fragment, are passed as free, independent variables. Interface blocks add the ability to group these values together into a single packet of data, allowing structured data to flow between these stages.

The built-in output values from the vertex shader stage are redefined when this extension exists, to the following:

```
out gl PerVertex {
   highp vec4 gl Position;
   highp float gl_PointSize;
};
```

This has no real effect on the vertex shader, but is an important distinction for other shader stages added by extensions, such as geometry and tesselation shaders.

```
// Vertex Shader
#extension GL_EXT_shader_io_blocks : require

layout(location = 0) out SurfaceData
{
    highp vec3 normal;
    highp vec3 tangent;
} surfaceData;

// Fragment Shader
#extension GL EXT shader io blocks : require

layout(location = 0) in SurfaceData
{
    highp vec3 normal;
    highp vec3 tangent;
} surfaceData;
```



# 3.30. GL\_EXT\_shader\_non\_constant\_global\_initializers

### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.2

# **Description**

This extension adds the ability to use non-constant initializers for global variables in the OpenGL ES Shading Language specifications. This functionality is already present in the OpenGL Shading language specification.

# **Registry Link**

 $\underline{\text{https://www.khronos.org/registry/OpenGL/extensions/EXT/EXT\_shader\_non\_constant\_global\_initializ} \\ \underline{\text{ers.txt}}$ 

```
uniform int i;
int a = i;

void foo();
void main() { foo(); }
```



# 3.31. GL\_EXT\_shader\_pixel\_local\_storage

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.x

## Description

Pixel local storage takes advantage of the fact that tile based renderers use a small, on-chip cache to render images to before writing them to main memory. These registers are actually entirely independent from the final framebuffer, and there's no real need to reference them in any particular format or have any backing store behind them. This extension exposes these registers to the user, and guarantees that these registers remain coherent between fragment shaders in a single render pass - as long as no operation causing a flush is performed. This allows users to store data in early fragment passes and then access these values in later fragment passes at the same pixel location. The principle behind it is thus similar to that of GL\_EXT\_framebuffer\_fetch, but in a much more flexible way. A number of packing storage qualifiers are also added, to specify how data is written to these registers.

**Public** 

There are two primary expected use cases for this:

- Deferred Shading
  - Typically, deferred shading uses external textures to store GBuffer values. This
    consumes a significant amount of bandwidth due to the number of write and
    read operations performed. Instead, pixel local storage allows applications to
    store the GBuffer wholly on-chip, and avoid this enormous bandwidth cost only
    storing out the final evaluated colour.
- Order Independent Transparency
  - Pixel local storage can also be used to store data representing the colour of multiple pixels, stored in depth order rather than render order, allowing a bandwidth-free linked-list approach for generating order independent blending.



# 3.32. GL\_EXT\_shader\_pixel\_local\_storage2

## **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.x

# **Description**

This extension builds on EXT\_shader\_pixel\_local\_storage by lifting the restriction that pixel local storage is not supported when rendering to multiple draw buffers.

Moreover, pixel local storage values are no longer lost when writing to user-defined fragment outputs, and, correspondingly, framebuffer pixel values do not always become undefined when the shader writes to pixel local storage.

This extension adds the following capabilities:

- support for pixel local storage in combination with multiple user-defined fragment outputs.
- support for clearing pixel local storage variables.
- support for multi-word pixel local storage variables.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/EXT\_shader\_pixel\_local\_storage2.txt



# 3.33. GL\_EXT\_shader\_texture\_lod

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0

## Description

This extension allows the user to manually select a level of detail from the fragment shader, rather than leaving it up to the implementation. Vanilla OpenGL ES 2.0 allows the user to add a level of detail bias to the MIP Map selection, but only allows explicit selection in the vertex shader. By exposing this in the fragment shader too, it means that custom level of details can be achieved - allowing for example a simple blurring effect that can be used to simulate focussing on different parts of the scene.

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/EXT\_shader\_texture\_lod.txt

# **Example Code (GLSL)**

// Samples a texture explicitly from the 5th MIP Map level
lowp vec4 colour = texture2DLodEXT(aSampler, texCoords.xy, 4.0);



# 3.34. GL\_EXT\_shadow\_samplers

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0

## **Description**

This extension adds shadow samplers to OpenGL ES 2, which are a type of sampler that has predicated comparisons built-in when texels are sampled. The typical use case for this is to sample a shadow map and determine whether the current pixel is in shadow or not.

Note: This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0, so the extension is no longer needed.



# 3.35. GL\_EXT\_sparse\_texture

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1+

## Description

Recent advances in application complexity and a desire for higher resolutions have pushed texture sizes up considerably. Often, the amount of physical memory available to a graphics processor is a limiting factor in the performance of texture-heavy applications. Once the available physical memory is exhausted, paging may occur bringing performance down considerably - or worse, the application may fail. Nevertheless, the amount of address space available to the graphics processor has increased to the point where many gigabytes - or even terabytes of address space may be usable even though that amount of physical memory is not present.

This extension allows the separation of the graphics processor's address space (reservation) from the requirement that all textures must be physically backed (commitment). This exposes a limited form of virtualization for textures. Use cases include sparse (or partially resident) textures, texture paging, ondemand and delayed loading of texture assets and application controlled level of detail.

## **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/OpenGL/extensions/EXT/EXT\_sparse\_texture.txt

```
//generate texture with sparse storage
glGenTextures(1, &tex);
glActiveTexture(GL TEXTURE0);
glBindTexture(GL TEXTURE 2D ARRAY, tex);
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D_ARRAY, GL_TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER, GL_LINEAR_MIPMAP_NEAREST);
glTexParameteri(GL TEXTURE 2D ARRAY, GL TEXTURE MAG FILTER, GL LINEAR);
glTexParameteri(GL TEXTURE 2D ARRAY, GL TEXTURE WRAP S, GL CLAMP TO EDGE);
glTexParameteri(GL TEXTURE 2D ARRAY, GL TEXTURE WRAP T, GL CLAMP TO EDGE);
glTexParameteri(GL TEXTURE 2D ARRAY, GL TEXTURE SPARSE EXT, GL TRUE);
glTexStorage3D(GL TEXTURE 2D ARRAY, levels, GL RGBA8, size, size, 1);
ivec3 pageSize;
glGetInternalformativ(GL TEXTURE 2D ARRAY, GL RGBA8, GL VIRTUAL PAGE SIZE X EXT, 1,
&pageSize.x);
glGetInternalformativ(GL TEXTURE 2D ARRAY, GL RGBA8, GL VIRTUAL PAGE SIZE Y EXT, 1,
&pageSize.y);
glGetInternalformativ(GL TEXTURE 2D ARRAY, GL RGBA8, GL VIRTUAL PAGE SIZE Z EXT, 1,
&pageSize.z);
//set page to commit
glTexPageCommitmentEXT(GL_TEXTURE_2D_ARRAY, level,
                                              pageSize.x * i, pageSize.y * j, 0, //xoffset,
voffset, zoffset
                                              pageSize.x, pageSize.y, 1, //width, height, depth
GL TRUE); //do commit
glTexSubImage3D(GL TEXTURE 2D ARRAY, level,
                                      pageSize.x * i, pageSize.y * j, 0, //xoffset, yoffset,
zoffset
                                      pageSize.x, pageSize.y, 1, //width, height, depth
                                      GL RGBA, GL UNSIGNED BYTE, //format, type
                                      &page[0][0]); //ptr
```



# 3.36. GL\_EXT\_tessellation\_point\_size

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6XT

## Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1

# **Description**

This extension adds programmable point size to the tessellation shaders, and allows resizing of generated point sprites that come through as input - useful for things like particle effects.



# 3.37. GL EXT tessellation shader

## **Supported Hardware**

Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1

## Description

This extension adds new tessellation stages to the OpenGL ES pipeline, and two new shader types - tessellation control and tessellation evaluation. When tessellation is active, a number of pipeline stages are affected. Tessellation operates after primitive assembly and before geometry shading (if supported).

### **Patch Primitives**

Tessellation operates on a new primitive type - patches, which are a collection of vertices that are combined to form a patch. The actual number of vertices is application defined, allowing it to be fairly general-purpose.

#### **Tessellation Control**

The first step of tessellation is the control shader. This shader exists to allow further transformation of vertices and set the level of detail required by the fixed function tessellation stage. It may also add or subtract vertices from a patch before passing it on - though it cannot change the number of patches.

#### **Fixed Function Tessellation**

The fixed function stage turns patches into a number of primitives, which are then available to the tessellation evaluation shader. The algorithm is fairly flexible and has a number of determining factors depending on the control shader's outputs. Full details of this are available in the specification. Note that this stage is also affected by the type of primitive specified in the tessellation evaluation shader.

## **Tessellation Evaluation**

After the fixed function tessellation stage, this shader consumes those generated primitives, doing final evaluation of the vertices before passing them on to Geometry Shading. The values output by the fixed function tessellation are usually abstract and not suitable for rasterization directly, so are modified by this shader stage into a more final output, typically involving interpolation.



## **Example Code**

```
// Create a Tessellation Control Shader
GLuint geometryShader = glCreateShader(GL TESS CONTROL SHADER EXT);
// Create a Tessellation Control Shader
GLuint geometryShader = glCreateShader(GL_TESS_EVALUATION_SHADER_EXT);
```

```
// Tessellation control shader
#extension GL EXT tessellation shader : require
#extension GL_EXT_shader_io_blocks : require
layout(vertices = 3) out;
void main (void)
       gl TessLevelOuter[0] = 2.0;
       gl TessLevelOuter[1] = 4.0;
       gl TessLevelOuter[2] = 6.0;
       gl_TessLevelOuter[3] = 8.0;
       gl TessLevelInner[0] = 8.0;
       gl TessLevelInner[1] = 8.0;
       gl out[gl InvocationID].gl Position = gl in[gl InvocationID].gl Position;
// Tessellation evaluation shader
#extension GL EXT tessellation shader : require
#extension GL EXT shader io blocks : require
layout(triangles, equal_spacing, ccw) in;
vec3 interpolate(vec3 v0, vec3 v1, vec3 v2)
    return (gl TessCoord.x * v0) + (gl TessCoord.y * v1) + (gl TessCoord.z * v2);
void main (void)
       gl Position = interpolate(gl in[0].gl Position, gl in[1].gl Position,
gl_in[2].gl_Position);
```



# 3.38. GL\_EXT\_texture\_border\_clamp

### **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0, OpenGL ES 3.x

# **Description**

When sampling from a texture, if the requested UV coordinates reference a place outside of the texture, a wrapping behaviour is needed to specify what happens. OpenGL ES has three strategies depending on version:

- OpenGL ES 2.0 allows either clamping the UVs to the edge of the texture, or wrapping around to the start of the valid range.
- OpenGL ES 3.0 added mirrored repeat, which acts as if the texture was flipped each time it wraps the coordinates.

This extension adds an additional behaviour - returning an application-defined border colour. This allows a shader to draw a texture to the screen with a dedicated border colour if so desired. It also gives the shader a cheap way to detect that a UV coordinate has gone out of range, without complex shader logic.

```
// Set the texture's border colour to opaque red
// Red Green Blue Alpha
GLfloat borderColour[] = {1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f};
glBindTexture(GL TEXTURE 2D, texture)
glTexParameterfv(GL TEXTURE 2D, GL TEXTURE BORDER COLOR EXT, borderColour);

// Set the texture to use the border clamp wrapping mode.
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_S, GL_CLAMP_TO_BORDER_EXT);
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_T, GL_CLAMP_TO_BORDER_EXT);
```



# 3.39. GL\_EXT\_texture\_buffer

### **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

# Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1

## **Description**

This extension adds a way to effectively treat a buffer as a 1-dimensional texture, and sample from that buffer in a shader. This is done by attaching a buffer object as the data store for a texture, in place of the TexStorage\* or TexImage\* functions.

This allows applications to have access to a linear texture in memory which can be mapped into CPU space and the data can be manipulated more readily than typically opaque textures.



# 3.40. GL\_EXT\_texture\_cube\_map\_array

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1

## **Description**

This extension adds the idea of a cube map array to the API, such that multiple cube maps can be stored in a single array texture. This allows things like skyboxes with multiple texture layers to be rendered, whilst only consuming a single texture unit.

**Public** 

```
// Generate a cube map array texture
GLuint cubeArrayTexture;
glGenTextures(1, &cubeArrayTexture);
glBindTexture(GL TEXTURE CUBE MAP ARRAY EXT, cubeArrayTexture);

// Create the texture storage with 8 layers.

// Number of layers allocated = floor(depth / 6), as there are 6 faces for every cube map. So simply multiply by 6 the number of layers needed.
glTexStorage3D(GL_TEXTURE_CUBE_MAP_ARRAY_EXT, 0, GL_RGBA8, textureWidth, textureHeight, 8 * 6);

[Example GLSL]
#extension GL_EXT_texture_cube_map_array : require

uniform lowp samplerCubeArray cubeArrayTexture;
in highp vec3 viewDirection;
in highp float layer;

void main()
{
    ...
    value += texture(cubeArrayTexture, vec4(viewDirection, layer);
    ...
}
```



# 3.41. GL\_EXT\_texture\_filter\_anisotropic

### **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0, 3.x

## **Description**

This extension enables anisotropic texture filtering, which is a method that can improve the quality of textures rendered at an oblique angle to the camera. Typically, texture filtering is performed isotropically, which means that the filtering is performed the same way across each axis (e.g. x and y). By effectively allowing the filter to vary with each axis independently, better results can be obtained when the scaling on each axis varies from its counterpart. Anisotropic filtering is a more computationally intensive method of filtering, but can come with significant quality improvements in some cases and should be used accordingly.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/texture\_filter\_anisotropic.txt

#### **Example Code**

// Enable anisotropic filtering with a maximum anisotropy of 4 glTexParameterf( $GL\_TEXTURE\_2D$ ,  $GL\_MAX\_ANISOTROPY$ , 4.0);



# 3.42. GL\_EXT\_texture\_format\_BGRA8888

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0, 3.x

## **Description**

Typically, textures in OpenGL ES run in RGBA order; this extension adds BGRA8888 as a new format so that textures in this byte order can be used instead. This can be effectively simulated in OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0 by using texture swizzling when it is not supported. Whilst this extension should be preferentially used, GL\_IMG\_texture\_format\_BGRA8888 mirrors this extension and can be used when this is not available. Apple hardware exposes a variation on this extension:

GL\_APPLE\_texture\_format\_BGRA888, which is identical except that when loading the texture, the internal format should be RGBA instead of being equivalent to the format.

#### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/EXT\_texture\_format\_BGRA8888.txt

### **Example Code**

// Create a BGRA8888 texture
glTexImage2D(GL TEXTURE 2D, 0, GL BGRA EXT, 1024, 1024, 0, GL BGRA EXT, GL UNSIGNED BYTE,
pixelData);



# 3.43. GL\_EXT\_texture\_rg

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0

### Description

OpenGL ES exposed luminance/alpha texture formats as the only single and double channel texture formats available, and these were not available as colour buffers when rendering. This extension adds the RG88 and R8 texture formats which can additionally be used as colour buffers. These also have the benefit of dropping the baggage previously associated with the LA formats, such as luminance being replicated across all channels - something that is no longer necessary with programmable shaders.

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/EXT\_texture\_rg.txt

```
// Create a two-channel byte texture
glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 0, GL_RG_EXT, 1024, 1024, 0, GL_RG_EXT, GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE,
pixelData);
```



# 3.44. GL\_EXT\_texture\_sRGB\_decode

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0, 3.x

## **Description**

Textures in the sRGB colour space are, by default, implicitly converted to the linear colour space when sampled in a shader. However, there are use cases where a shader may wish to sample the raw sRGB data instead. This function provides a texture parameter which allows individual textures/samplers to choose to not perform the implicit decode.

# **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/texture sRGB decode.txt

# **Example Code**

// Turn off the implicit decode for a sampler
glSamplerParameteri(samplerName, GL\_TEXTURE\_SRGB\_DECODE\_EXT, GL\_SKIP\_DECODE\_EXT);



# 3.45. GL\_EXT\_texture\_sRGB\_R8

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0, 3.0, 3.1

## **Description**

This extension introduces SR8\_EXT as an acceptable internal format. This allows efficient sRGB sampling for source images stored as a separate texture per channel.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/EXT\_texture\_sRGB\_R8.txt

# **Example Code**

glTexImage2D(GL TEXTURE 2D, 0, GL SR8 EXT, 1024, 1024, 0, GL SR8 EXT, GL UNSIGNED BYTE, pixelData);



# 3.46. GL\_EXT\_texture\_sRGB\_RG8

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

### **Valid APIs**

OpenGL ES 2.0, 3.0, 3.1

## **Description**

This extension introduces SRG8\_EXT as an acceptable internal format. This allows efficient sRGB sampling for source images stored with 2 channels.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/EXT/EXT\_texture\_sRGB\_RG8.txt

# **Example Code**

glTexImage2D(GL\_TEXTURE\_2D, 0, GL\_SRG8\_EXT, 1024, 1024, 0, GL\_SRG8\_EXT, GL\_UNSIGNED\_BYTE,
pixelData);



# 3.47. GL\_EXT\_YUV\_target

## Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1+

# **Description**

This extension adds support for three new YUV related items: first rendering to YUV images, second sampling from YUV images while keeping the data in YUV space, third it defines a new built in function that does conversion from RGB to YUV with controls to choose ITU-R BT.601-7, ITU-R BT.601-7 Full range (JFIF images), or ITU-R BT.709-5 standard.

## **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/OpenGL/extensions/EXT/EXT\_YUV\_target.txt

### **Example GLSL**

```
uniform samplerExternal2DY2YEXT u sTexture;
layout (yuv) out vec4 color;

void main()
{
    vec4 yuvTex = texture(u_sTexture, texcoord);

    //decode yuv texture according to standard
    vec3 rgbTex = yuv_2_rgb(yuvTex.xyz, itu_601); //yuv standards (could be
itu_601_full_range, itu_709 as well)

    //do some color operations in RGB
    //...

    //convert back to yuv
    yuvTex.xyz = rgb_2_yuv (rgbTex, itu_601);

    //write out in yuv format
    color = yuvTex;
}
```

# 3.48. GL\_IMG\_bindless\_texture

### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1+

### Description

This extension allows OpenGL ES applications to access texture objects in shaders without first binding each texture to one of a limited number of texture image units. Using this extension, an application can query a 64-bit unsigned integer texture handle for each texture that it wants to access and then use that handle directly in GLSL ES. This extension significantly reduces the amount of API and internal GL driver overhead needed to manage resource bindings.

### **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/OpenGL/extensions/IMG/IMG\_bindless\_texture.txt

### **Example**

```
#define NUM TEXTURES
GLuint textures[NUM TEXTURES];
GLuint64 texHandles[NUM_TEXTURES];
// Initialize the texture objects and handles.
glGenTextures(NUM TEXTURES, textures);
for (int i = 0; i < NUM_TEXTURES; i++) { // Initialize the texture images with glTexStorage.
        // Initialize the texture parameters as required.
        // Get a handle for the texture.
        texHandles[i] = glGetTextureHandleIMG(textures[i]);
        // At this point, it's no longer possible to modify texture parameters // for "textures[i]". However, it's still possible to update texture \,
        // data via glTexSubImage.
// Render a little bit using each of the texture handles in turn.
for (int i = 0; i < NUM TEXTURES; i++)</pre>
        // Update the single sampler uniform <u> to point at "texHandles[i]".
        glUniformHandleui64IMG(location, texHandles[i]);
        drawStuff();
```

# **Example GLSL**



# 3.49. GL\_IMG\_framebuffer\_downsample

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0, 3.0, 3.1

## **Description**

This extension introduces the ability to attach colour buffers to a framebuffer that are at a lower resolution than the framebuffer itself, with the GPU automatically downsampling the colour attachment to fit.

This can be useful for various post-process rendering techniques where it is desirable to generate downsampled images in an efficient manner, or for a lower resolution post-process technique.

This extension exposes at least a 2 x 2 downscale. Other downsampling modes may be exposed on the system and this can be queried.

## **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/IMG/IMG\_framebuffer\_downsample.txt

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## **Example**

```
GLint xDownscale = 1;
GLint yDownscale = 1;
// Select a downscale amount if possible
if (extension is supported("GL IMG framebuffer downsample")
        // Query the number of available scales
        GLint numScales;
        glGetIntegerv(GL NUM DOWNSAMPLE SCALES IMG, &numScales);
        // 2 scale modes are supported as minimum, so only need to check for
        // better than 2x2 if more modes are exposed.
        if (numScales > 2)
                // Try to select most aggressive scaling.
               GLint bestScale = 1;
               GLint tempScale[2];
                GLint i;
               for (i = 0; i < numScales; ++i)
                       glGetIntegeri v(GL DOWNSAMPLE SCALES IMG, i, tempScale);
                        // If the scaling is more aggressive, update our x/y scale values.
                       if (tempScale[0] * tempScale[1] > bestScale)
                               xDownscale = tempScale[0];
                               yDownscale = tempScale[1];
                        }
        else
        {
               xDownscale = 2;
                yDownscale = 2;
// Create depth texture. Depth and stencil buffers must be full size
GLuint depthTexture;
glGenTextures(1, &depthTexture);
glBindTexture(GL TEXTURE 2D, depthTexture);
glTexStorage2D(GL TEXTURE 2D, 1, GL DEPTH COMPONENT16, width, height);
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER, GL_LINEAR);
glBindTexture(GL TEXTURE 2D, 0);
// Create a full size RGBA texture with single mipmap level
GLuint texture;
glGenTextures(1, &texture);
glBindTexture(GL TEXTURE 2D, texture);
glTexStorage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 0, GL_RGBA4, width, height);
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER, GL_LINEAR);
glBindTexture(GL TEXTURE 2D, 0);
// Scale the width and height appropriately. GLint scaledWidth = width / xDownscale;
GLint scaledHeight = height / yDownscale;
// Create a reduced size RGBA texture with single mipmap level
GLuint scaledTexture;
glGenTextures(1, &scaledTexture);
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, scaledTexture);
glTexStorage2D(GL TEXTURE 2D, 0, GL RGBA4, scaledWidth, scaledHeight);
glTexParameteri(GL TEXTURE 2D, GL TEXTURE MIN FILTER, GL LINEAR);
glBindTexture(GL TEXTURE 2D, 0);
// Create framebuffer object, attach textures
GLuint framebuffer;
glGenFramebuffers(1, &framebuffer);
glBindFramebuffer(GL FRAMEBUFFER, framebuffer);
glFramebufferTexture2D(GL FRAMEBUFFER, GL DEPTH ATTACHMENT,
GL TEXTURE 2D, depthTexture);
glFramebufferTexture2D(GL_FRAMEBUFFER, GL COLOR ATTACHMENTO,
GL_TEXTURE_2D, texture, 0);
glFramebufferTexture2DDownsampleIMG(GL FRAMEBUFFER, GL COLOR ATTACHMENT1,
GL TEXTURE 2D, scaledTexture, 0, xDownscale, yDownscale);
```



```
// Handle unsupported cases
if (glCheckFramebufferStatus(GL FRAMEBUFFER) != GL FRAMEBUFFER COMPLETE)
\ensuremath{//} Draw to the texture
glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);
\//\ {	t Discard} the depth renderbuffer contents if possible/available
if (extension_supported("GL_EXT_discard_framebuffer"))
       GLenum discard attachments[] = { GL DEPTH ATTACHMENT };
       glDiscardFramebufferEXT(GL_FRAMEBUFFER, 1, discard_attachments);
}
Draw to the default framebuffer using the textures with various post
processing effects.
glBindFramebuffer(GL FRAMEBUFFER, 0);
glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT | GL_STENCIL_BUFFER_BIT);
glActiveTexture(GL_TEXTURE0);
glBindTexture(GL TEXTURE 2D, texture);
glActiveTexture(GL TEXTURE1);
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, scaledTexture);
```



# 3.50. GL\_IMG\_multisampled\_render\_to\_texture

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0, 3.x

### **Description**

This extension adds multisampled rendering capabilities to OpenGLES, allowing a user to create multisampled render buffers, and attach textures to a framebuffer in a way that they can be used for multisampled renders. By enabling textures to be attached as multisampled but without using actual multisample textures, a significant amount of bandwidth can be saved. This mode of operation enables multisampled anti-aliasing to smooth lines at the edges of polygons and reduce the appearance of jagged lines. This is functionally equivalent to GL\_EXT\_multisampled\_render\_to\_texture on PowerVR hardware.

#### Note

Part of this functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0. The renderbuffer functionality is present in core; however the multisampled texture attachment is not.

# **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/IMG/IMG\_multisampled\_render\_to\_texture.txt

```
// Create a multisampled depth renderbuffer
GLint depthBuffer = glRenderbufferStorageMultisampleIMG(GL_RENDERBUFFER, 4,
GL DEPTH COMPONENT16, 1024, 1024);

// Attach the renderbuffer to the framebuffer as per usual. Note: If one attachment is
// multi-sampled, all attachments need to be. If there is a mix, the framebuffer will be
// incomplete.
glFramebufferRenderbuffer(GL_FRAMEBUFFER, GL_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT, GL_RENDERBUFFER, depthBuffer);

// Create a regular colour buffer (texture). This extension doesn't introduce multi-sample
// textures, instead attaching regular textures that multi-sampling will resolve to before
// writing out.
GLint colourBuffer = glTexStorage(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 1, GL_RGBA8, 1024, 1024);

// Attach it to a framebuffer as multisampled, so that OpenGL ES knows that it should resolve
// a multisampled render to this texture.
glFramebufferTexture2DMultisampleIMG(GL FRAMEBUFFER, GL COLOR ATTACHMENTO, GL TEXTURE 2D,
colourBuffer, 0);
```



# 3.51. GL\_IMG\_polygon\_offset\_clamp

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0, 3.0

### Description

This extension adds a new parameter to the polygon offset function that clamps the calculated offset to a minimum or maximum value. The clamping functionality is useful when polygons are nearly parallel to the view direction because their high slopes can result in arbitrarily large polygon offsets. In the particular case of shadow mapping, the lack of clamping can produce the appearance of unwanted holes when the shadow casting polygons are offset beyond the shadow receiving polygons, and this problem can be alleviated by enforcing a maximum offset value.

#### **Note**

OpenGL ES 1.0 is required.

This extension is written against the OpenGL ES 3.1 Specification (October 29, 2014). If the GL\_EXT\_polygon\_offset\_clamp is present, the EXT variant of this extension will be recommended to use.

### Example

```
//<factor> scales the maximum depth slope of the polygon, and \langle \text{units} \rangle
//scales an implementation-dependent constant that relates to the
//usable resolution of the depth buffer. The resulting values are
//summed to produce the polygon offset value, which may then be
//clamped to a minimum or maximum value specified by <clamp>. The
//values <factor>, <units>, and <clamp> may each be positive,
//negative, or zero. Calling the command PolygonOffset is equivalent
//to calling the command PolygonOffsetClampIMG with <clamp> equal to
//zero."
            m \times (factor) + r \times (units), if (clamp) = 0 or NaN;
//o = <
           min(m \times \langle factor \rangle + r \times \langle units \rangle), if \langle clamp \rangle > 0;
              \max(m \times \text{factor}) + r \times \text{dunits}, \text{clamp}), if \text{clamp} < 0.
float factor = 0.2f;
float units = 0.2f;
float clamp = 0.2f;
glPolygonOffsetClampIMG(factor, units, clamp);
```



# 3.52. GL\_IMG\_program\_binary

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0, 3.x

### **Description**

This extension enables PowerVR program binary formats to be queried and handled by the GL\_OES\_get\_program\_binary extension, which allows binary shader programs to be retrieved, stored and reloaded, avoiding compilation steps on subsequent runs of an application.

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/IMG/IMG program binary.txt

```
// Create a shader program object
GLuint shaderProgram = glCreateProgram();
 / If there isn't already a binary, create a program
if (!binaryExists)
       // Create shaders, compile them, attach them and link them as per normal, then...
       // Retrieve the program binary size
       GLint length=0;
       glGetProgramiv(shaderProgram, GL PROGRAM BINARY LENGTH, &length);
       // Pointer to the binary shader program in memory, needs to be allocated with the
       GLvoid* programBinaryData = (GLvoid*)malloc(length);
       // The format that the binary is retrieved in.
       GLenum binaryFormat=0;
       // Error checking variable - this should be greater than 0 after
       // glGetProgramBinaryOES, otherwise there was an error.
       GLsizei lengthWritten=0;
       glGetProgramBinaryOES(shaderProgram, length, &lengthWritten, &binaryFormat,
       programBinaryData);
else
       // Get the binary data, how much data there is, and what format it's in from whatever
       // cache it's stored in (e.g. a file)
       // ...
       // Instead of creating, compiling, attaching and linking shaders, upload a binary
       \ensuremath{//} program data from a program that previously underwent all of these stages.
       \verb|glProgramBinaryOES| (shaderProgram, binaryFormat, programBinaryData,
       programBinaryDataLength);
```



# 3.53. GL\_IMG\_read\_format

### **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0, 3.x

### Description

Reading pixels from a framebuffer in OpenGL ES is performed via the function glReadPixels(). This function is able to read data out in only two formats; RGBA8888, and another, implementation defined format, which can be queried with glGetIntegerv(). In OpenGL ES 1.x, only one read format is available in core, so GL\_OES\_read\_format is required for this extension. Normally these additional formats are limited to being RGBA, RGB or Alpha-Only formats. This extension adds a new readable format (GL\_BGRA\_IMG) and a new readable type (UNSIGNED\_SHORT\_4\_4\_4\_4\_REV\_IMG), allowing the function to be extended to use a different native format than typically allowed.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/IMG/IMG read format.txt

### **Example Code**

// Read pixels can now be performed with GL BGRA data as well as any other default formats. glReadPixels(0, 0, 1024, 1024, GL BGRA IMG, GL UNSIGNED SHORT 4 4 4 4 REV IMG, pixelDataOutput);



# 3.54. GL\_IMG\_shader\_binary

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0, 3.x

## **Description**

The OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0 specifications include functions "glGetShaderBinary/glShaderBinary" - allowing an application developer to retrieve, store and load binary shaders after compilation. By using this extension to cache compiled shaders, it is possible to avoid the run time cost of compiling shaders on subsequent runs. The specifications do not, however, define any binary formats for shaders, which is instead left up to each implementer. This extension enables Imagination's shader binary format to be exposed through these mechanisms.

Typically it is more efficient to use GL\_OES\_get\_program\_binary/GL\_IMG\_program\_binary where available, as these also avoid the cost of linking and binding attributes - saving additional time on start up.

# **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/IMG/IMG\_shader\_binary.txt

```
// Create a fragment shader
GLuint fragmentShader = glCreateShader(GL_FRAGMENT_SHADER);

// Instead of uploading shader source and compiling, upload pre-compiled binary data
glShaderBinary(1, &fragmentShader, GL_SGX_BINARY_IMG, binaryShaderData,
lengthOfBinaryShaderData);
```



# 3.55. GL\_IMG\_shader\_group\_vote

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0, 3.0

### Description

This extension provides new built-in functions to compute the composite of a set of boolean conditions across a group of shader invocations. These composite results may be used to execute shaders more efficiently on a single-instruction multiple-data (SIMD) processor. The set of shader invocations across which boolean conditions are evaluated is implementation-dependent, and this extension provides no guarantee over how individual shader invocations are assigned to such sets. In particular, the set of shader invocations has no necessary relationship with the compute shader local work group -- a pair of shader invocations in a single compute shader work group may end up in different sets used by these built-ins.

Compute shaders operate on an explicitly specified group of threads (a local work group), but many implementations of OpenGL ES 3.0 will even group non-compute shader invocations and execute them in a SIMD fashion. When executing code like

```
if (condition) {
   result = do fast path();
} else {
  result = do_general_path();
}
```

where <condition> diverges between invocations, a SIMD implementation might first call do\_fast\_path() for the invocations where <condition> is true and leave the other invocations dormant. Once do\_fast\_path() returns, it might call do\_general\_path() for invocations where <condition> is false and leave the other invocations dormant. In this case, the shader executes \*both\* the fast and the general path and might be better off just using the general path for all invocations.

This extension provides the ability to avoid divergent execution by evaluting a condition across an entire SIMD invocation group using code like:

```
if (allInvocationsIMG(condition)) {
   result = do_fast_path();
} else {
   result = do_general_path();
}
```

The built-in function allInvocationsIMG() will return the same value for all invocations in the group, so the group will either execute do\_fast\_path() or do\_general\_path(), but never both. For example, shader code might want to evaluate a complex function iteratively by starting with an approximation of the result and then refining the approximation.

Some input values may require a small number of iterations to generate an accurate result (do\_fast\_path) while others require a larger number (do\_general\_path). In another example, shader code might want to evaluate a complex function (do\_general\_path) that can be greatly simplified when assuming a specific value for one of its inputs (do\_fast\_path).

#### Note

If the GL\_ARB\_shader\_group\_vote is present, the ARB variant of this extension will be recommended to use.



# **Example**

```
#extension GL IMG shader group vote : require
if (allInvocationsIMG(condition)) {
  result = do fast path();
} else {
  result = do_general_path();
}
```



# 3.56. GL\_IMG\_texture\_compression\_pvrtc

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0, 3.x

### **Description**

Compressed textures are a core part of modern rendering solutions, enabling much more texture content to be pushed and with greater performance due to the lower bandwidth and memory requirements. PVRTC is PowerVR's proprietary texture compression format which achieves high quality, full RGBA compression at data rates of 2 or 4 bits per pixel. Textures are restricted to being square, with power of two dimensions - though typically rectangular textures are often supported; there is no way to query for this.

This extension specifically enables supported devices to use these textures directly, often dramatically improving performance over uncompressed textures. This extension does not enable compression of these textures as it is too computationally expensive; this can be done on Desktop platforms with PVRTexTool (http://www.imgtec.com/powervr/insider/powervr-pvrtextool.asp)

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/IMG/IMG\_texture\_compression\_pvrtc.txt

```
// Upload a 4bpp PVRTC1 texture, RGBA and RGB are uploaded in the same way.
GLuint bitsPerPixel = 4;
glCompressedTexImage2D(GL TEXTURE 2D, 0, GL COMPRESSED RGBA PVRTC 4BPPV1 IMG, 1024, 1024, 0,
(width*height*bitsPerPixel)/8, pixelData);

// Upload a 2bpp PVRTC1 texture, RGBA and RGB are uploaded in the same way.
GLuint bitsPerPixel = 2;
glCompressedTexImage2D(GL TEXTURE 2D, 0, GL COMPRESSED RGB PVRTC 2BPPV1 IMG, 1024, 1024, 0,
(width*height*bitsPerPixel)/8, pixelData);
```



# 3.57. GL\_IMG\_texture\_compression\_pvrtc2

### **Supported Hardware**

Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0, 3.x

#### Description

Compressed textures are a core part of modern rendering solutions, enabling much more texture content to be pushed and with greater performance due to the lower bandwidth and memory requirements. PVRTC2 is PowerVR's proprietary texture compression format which achieves high quality, full RGBA compression at data rates of 2 or 4 bits per pixel. PVRTC2 is related to the original PVRTC format, but adds a number of additional features which allow it to improve further on the original's quality levels. In particular, textures with arbitrary dimensions are now supported, and there is a hard edge mode which can improve areas of high discontinuity and non-tiled textures.

This extension specifically enables supported devices to use these textures directly, often dramatically improving performance over uncompressed textures. This extension does not enable compression of these textures as it is too computationally expensive; this can be done on Desktop platforms with PVRTexTool (<a href="https://www.imgtec.com/powervr/insider/powervr-pvrtextool.asp">https://www.imgtec.com/powervr/insider/powervr-pvrtextool.asp</a>)

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/IMG/IMG\_texture\_compression\_pvrtc2.txt

```
// Upload a 4bpp PVRTC2 texture
GLuint bitsPerPixel = 4;
glCompressedTexImage2D(GL TEXTURE 2D, 0, GL COMPRESSED RGBA PVRTC 4BPPV2 IMG, 1024, 1024, 0,
  (width*height*bitsPerPixel)/8, pixelData);

// Upload a 2bpp PVRTC2 texture
GLuint bitsPerPixel = 2;
glCompressedTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 0, GL_COMPRESSED_RGBA_PVRTC_2BPPV2_IMG, 1024, 1024, 0,
  (width*height*bitsPerPixel)/8, pixelData);
```



# 3.58. GL\_IMG\_texture\_filter\_cubic

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0, 3.0

### Description

OpenGL ES provides two sampling methods available; nearest neighbour or linear filtering, with optional MIP Map sampling modes added to move between differently sized textures when downsampling.

This extension adds an additional, high quality cubic filtering mode, using a Catmull-Rom bicubic filter. Performing this kind of filtering can be done in a shader by using 16 samples, but this can be inefficient. The cubic filter mode exposes an optimized high quality texture sampling using fixed functionality.

This extension affects the way textures are sampled, by modifying the way texels within the same MIP-Map level are sampled and resolved. It does not affect MIP-Map filtering, which is still limited to linear or nearest.

## **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/IMG/IMG\_texture\_filter\_cubic.txt

## **Example**

glTexParameterf(GL TEXTURE 2D, GL TEXTURE MIN FILTER, CUBIC MIPMAP LINEAR IMG); glTexParameterf(GL TEXTURE 2D, GL TEXTURE MAG FILTER, CUBIC IMG);



# 3.59. GL\_IMG\_texture\_format\_BGRA8888

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0, 3.x

## **Description**

Typically, textures in OpenGL ES run in RGBA order; this extension adds BGRA8888 as a new format so that textures in this byte order can be used instead. This can be effectively simulated in OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0 by using texture swizzling when it is not supported.

GL\_EXT\_texture\_format\_BGRA8888 mirrors this extension and should be preferentially used. Apple hardware exposes a variation on this extension: GL\_APPLE\_texture\_format\_BGRA888, which is identical except that when loading the texture, the internal format should be RGBA instead of being equivalent to the format.

```
// Create a BGRA8888 texture
glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 0, GL_BGRA_IMG, 1024, 1024, 0, GL_BGRA_IMG, GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE,
pixelData);
```



# 3.60. GL\_IMG\_texture\_npot

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0

## **Description**

This extension adds MIPMap capable minification filters to OpenGL ES 2 for non-power of two (NPOT) textures. OpenGL ES 2 limits NPOT textures as it does not support MIPMapping for them. This extension allows users to call 'glGenerateMipMap' to create a full MIP chain, and then adds minification filters that allow them to be accessed. This extension does not add functionality allowing applications to supply a full NPOT MIP Map chain prior to runtime, however.

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

```
// Upload a texture with dimensions of 15 by 47. Typically this isn't supported without
// extension support.
glTexImage2D(GL TEXTURE 2D, 0, GL RGBA, 15, 47, 0, GL RGBA, GL UNSIGNED BYTE, pixelData);

// Mip-Maps can't be specified by this extension, but can be auto-generated for non-compressed
// textures
glGenerateMipmap(GL TEXTURE 2D);

// Any filter mode specified by OpenGL is now valid with this extension, whereas it would not
// have been previously.
glTexParameter(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER, GL_LINEAR_MIPMAP_LINEAR);
glTexParameter(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MAG_FILTER, GL_LINEAR);

// Only the following parameters are specifiable, anything else is invalid (including the
// default texture parameters!).
glTexParameter(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_S, GL_CLAMP_TO_EDGE);
glTexParameter(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_T, GL_CLAMP_TO_EDGE);
```



# 3.61. GL\_KHR\_blend\_equation\_advanced

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0, 3.x

## **Description**

Unextended OpenGL ES provides only a limited number of blend equations for users, with a number of different sources and destinations. This extension adds several additional blending equations to the API as follows:

- MULTIPLY KHR
- SCREEN KHR
- OVERLAY KHR
- DARKEN KHR
- LIGHTEN KHR
- COLORDODGE KHR
- COLORBURN KHR
- HARDLIGHT\_KHR
- SOFTLIGHT\_KHR
- DIFFERENCE\_KHR
- EXCLUSION KHR
- HSL HUE KHR
- HSL\_SATURATION\_KHR
- HSL\_COLOR\_KHR
- HSL LUMINOSITY KHR

The exact meaning of these is detailed in the specification itself, but those familiar with various rendering or imaging suites should recognise most of them.

To use these functions, both API functions and shader code are required to enable them. There is a layout qualifier for output variables determining the likely blend modes, and new enums for the <code>glBlendEquation\*</code> functions. Any mismatches in the two when rendering will cause a draw-time error.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/KHR/blend\_equation\_advanced.txt

#### **Example Code**

// Set the color dodge blend equation
glBlendEquationi(GL COLORDODGE KHR);

#### **Example GLSL**

// Appropriate shader code for color dodge blending
layout(location = 0, blend\_support\_colordodge) highp vec4 outputColour;



# 3.62. GL\_KHR\_blend\_equation\_advanced\_coherent

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0, 3.x

## **Description**

This extension is actually part of GL\_KHR\_blend\_equation\_advanced, and is an additional guarantees that blending is done coherently and in API primitive order. An enable is provided to opt out of this behaviour, as if this guarantee was not supported.

# **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/KHR/blend\_equation\_advanced.txt

#### **Example Code**

// Turn off coherent blending.
glDisable(GL BLEND ADVANCED COHERENT KHR);



# 3.63. GL\_KHR\_debug

### **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0, 3.x

## **Description**

KHR\_debug combines a number of debug features into a single package that is made consistent across OpenGL and OpenGL ES. There are three main features provided by this extension:

- Message Logging: While running in Debug mode, if the driver detects any errors, performance
  problems or any sort of problem, it can raise a human readable message to a log. An application
  is also free to add its own messages to this log. A callback API is also provided, so that the user
  can be notified when a message is generated. This is similar to the GL\_ARB\_debug\_output
  extension.
- Group Markers: Push and Pop functions are provided to encapsulate a block of functionality with a label. This is primarily to aid tracing and other debug tools when examining a recorded call stream. This functionality is similar to that provided by EXT\_debug\_marker.
- Object Labels: Finally, this extension also adds the ability to tag objects with a name. Again this is
  primarily for tracing tools when examining a recorded call stream, to allow users to quickly identify
  specific objects, rather than looking them up by their assigned identifier.

In conjunction with debug tools, this is a very useful extension as it allows users to get a better idea of how their application's GL calls are laid out. Typical usage includes things like putting group markers around the start and end of application functions, or labelling key textures or vertex buffers to match the assets they contain.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/KHR/debug.txt



```
// Debug callback function
void (APIENTRY) debugMessageCallback(GLenum source,
                                     GLenum type,
                                     GLuint id,
                                     GLenum severity,
                                    GLsizei length,
                                     const GLchar* message,
                                     const void* userParam)
{
       /*
              Handle the message based on severity and such. Here we're using printf to
               output a message.
               This example only handles the type, severity and message. Useful information
              can be gleaned
              from the other parameters as well, but would unnecessarily clutter this
               example.
       * /
       // Output the message type
       switch (type)
       case GL DEBUG TYPE ERROR:
               {
                      printf("%s", "Error ");
                      break;
       case GL DEBUG TYPE DEPRECATED BEHAVIOUR:
                      printf("%s", "Deprecated Behaviour ");
                      break;
       case GL_DEBUG_TYPE_UNDEFINED_BEHAVIOUR:
                      printf("%s", "Undefined Behaviour ");
                      break;
       case GL_DEBUG_TYPE_PORTABILITY:
                      printf("%s", "Portability Issue ");
                      break;
       case GL DEBUG TYPE PERFORMANCE:
              {
                      printf("%s", "Performance Issue ");
                      break;
       case GL DEBUG TYPE OTHER:
              {
                      printf("%s", "Misc Message ");
                      break;
       case GL DEBUG TYPE MARKER:
             {
                      printf("%s", "Marker Hit ");
                      break;
       case default:
             {
                      printf("%s", "Unknown Message Type ");
                      break;
               }
```

```
// Output the message severity
       switch (severity)
       case GL DEBUG SEVERITY NOTIFICATION:
                       printf("%s", "(Notification): ");
                       break;
       case GL DEBUG SEVERITY LOW:
                       printf("%s", "(Low Severity): ");
                       break;
       case GL DEBUG SEVERITY MEDIUM:
               {
                       printf("%s", "(Medium Severity): ");
                       break;
       case GL DEBUG SEVERITY HIGH:
               {
                       printf("%s", "(High Severity): ");
                       break;
       case default:
              {
                       printf("%s", "(Unknown Severity): ");
                       break;
       // Append the message and a newline.
       if (length==0)
               \ensuremath{//} NULL terminated strings are easy enough
               printf("%s\n", message);
       else
               \ensuremath{//} Strings with a specified length are not NULL terminated
               printf("%.*s", length, message);
void initialise()
               Use a debug marker to encapsulate the initialise function, to mark this group
               in a tracing tool like PVRTrace.
       qlPushDebuqMarker(GL DEBUG SOURCE APPLICATION, 0, 0, "Function 'initialise'");
       // Create and label a texture object
       GLuint importantTexture;
       glGenTextures(1, &importantTexture);
       glObjectLabel(GL TEXTURE, importantTexture, 0, "importantTexture");
       // Pop the debug marker
       glPopDebugMarker();
```



# 3.64. GL KHR robustness

### **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, OpenGL ES 2.0, OpenGL ES 3.x

## Description

Several recent trends in how OpenGL ES integrates into modern computer systems have created new requirements for robustness and security for GL rendering contexts.

Additionally GPU architectures now support hardware fault detection; for example, video memory supporting ECC (error correcting codes) and error detection. GL contexts should be capable of recovering from hardware faults such as uncorrectable memory errors. Along with recovery from such hardware faults, the recovery mechanism can also allow recovery from video memory access exceptions and system software failures. System software failures can be due to device changes or driver failures.

GL queries that return (write) some number of bytes to a buffer indicated by a pointer parameter introduce risk of buffer overflows that might be exploitable by malware. To address this, queries with return value sizes that are not expressed directly by the parameters to the query itself are given additional API functions with an additional parameter that specifies the number of bytes in the buffer and never writing bytes beyond that limit. This is particularly useful for multi-threaded usage of GL contexts in a "share group" where one context can change objects in ways that can cause buffer overflows for another context's GL queries.

The original ARB\_vertex\_buffer\_object extension includes an issue that explicitly states program termination is allowed when out-of-bounds vertex buffer object fetches occur. Modern graphics hardware is capable of well-defined behaviour in the case of out-of-bounds vertex buffer object fetches. Older hardware may require extra checks to enforce well-defined (and termination free) behavior, but this expense is warranted when processing potentially untrusted content.

The intent of this extension is to address some specific robustness goals:

- For all existing GL queries, provide additional "safe" APIs that limit data written to user pointers to a buffer size in bytes that is an explicit additional parameter of the guery.
- Provide a mechanism for a GL application to learn about graphics resets that affect the
  context. When a graphics reset occurs, the GL context becomes unusable and the
  application must create a new context to continue operation. Detecting a graphics reset
  happens through an inexpensive query.
- Define behaviour of OpenGL calls made after a graphics reset.
- Provide an enable to guarantee that out-of-bounds buffer object accesses by the GPU will
  have deterministic behaviour and preclude application instability or termination due to an
  incorrect buffer access. Such accesses include vertex buffer fetches of attributes and indices,
  and indexed reads of uniforms or parameters from buffers.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/KHR/robustness.txt

## Example

```
if(NO ERROR == GetGraphicsResetStatus())
{
    ReadnPixels(x, y, width, height, format, type, bufSize, data);
    GetnUniformfv(program, location, bufSize, params);
}
```



# 3.65. GL\_KHR\_texture\_compression\_astc\_ldr

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, OpenGL ES 2.0, OpenGL ES 3.x

### **Description**

Adaptive Scalable Texture Compression (ASTC) is the latest texture compression scheme that is intended to eventually become ubiquitous across mobile devices, replacing existing texture compression technologies. It is very flexible, offering a large range of bit rates from 8bpp (bits per pixel) down to 0.88bpp. Each block is always 128 bits, but the number of texels represented by each block is highly variable - ranging from 4x4 to 12x12 - which allows different images to be compressed at varying degrees of quality, whilst using the same compression scheme.

```
// Upload an ASTC 4x4 texture
glCompressedTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 0, GL_COMPRESSED_RGBA_ASTC_4x4_KHR, width, height, 0,
astcDataSize, astcData);

// Upload an ASTC 12x12 texture
glCompressedTexImage2D(GL TEXTURE 2D, 0, GL COMPRESSED RGBA ASTC 12x12 KHR, width, height, 0,
astcDataSize2, astcData2);
```



# 3.66. GL\_OES\_blend\_equation\_separate

### **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

## **Description**

This function extends GL\_OES\_blend\_subtract, which adds functionality allowing a blend equation to operate on all the channels in an output colour at once. However, often a different operation is wanted for the alpha and colour channels. This extension adds a new function,

glBlendEquationSeparateOES, which operates in the same way as glBlendEquationOES, except that different equations can now be specified for RGB and Alpha.

#### Note

This extension is part of the OpenGL ES 1.x Extension Pack Specification and is core functionality in OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0.

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_blend\_equation\_separate.txt

### **Example Code**

// Set the blend equation to use additive blending for the RGB channels, but subtractive for
// the Alpha channel.
glBlendEquationSeparate(GL\_FUNC\_ADD\_OES, GL\_FUNC\_SUBTRACT\_OES);



# 3.67. GL\_OES\_blend\_func\_separate

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

## **Description**

OpenGL ES 1.x has functionality allowing a blend function to operate on all the channels in an output colour at once. However, often a different operation is wanted for the alpha and colour channels. This extension adds a new function, glBlendFuncSeparateOES, which operates in the same way as glBlendFunc, except that different equations can now be specified for RGB and Alpha.

#### **Note**

This extension is part of the OpenGL ES 1.x Extension Pack Specification and is core functionality in OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0.

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_blend\_func\_separate.txt

```
// Set the blend equation to use a value of transparent white for the source colour, but the
// destination colour remains as it otherwise would.
glBlendFuncSeparate(GL ONE, GL DST COLOR, GL ZERO, GL DST ALPHA);
```



# 3.68. GL\_OES\_blend\_subtract

### **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

### Description

OpenGL ES 1.x has functionality allowing various basic blending functions to occur via glBlendFunc, by allowing the user to pick the source and destination values used in blend calculations. This feature enables further specification of how blending works by adding a new function - glBlendEquationOES, which allows a developer to specify, further what actually happens to those values once they have been selected. Usual GL operation adds the values together, using "GL\_FUNC\_ADD\_OES" as a default. Two new modes are included by this function; "subtraction" and "reverse subtraction". So the equations used look as follows:

- GL\_FUNC\_ADD\_OES:
  - Result = Source + Destination
- GL\_FUNC\_SUBTRACT\_OES:
  - Result = Source Destination
- GL\_FUNC\_REVERSE\_SUBTRACT\_OES:
  - Result = Destination Source

This extension is further extended by GL\_OES\_blend\_equation\_separate.

### Note

This extension is part of the OpenGL ES 1.x Extension Pack Specification and is core functionality in OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0.

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_blend\_subtract.txt

```
// Set the blend equation to use additive blending
glBlendEquation(GL_FUNC_ADD_OES);

// Set the blend equation to use subtractive blending: source - destination
glBlendEquation(GL_FUNC_SUBTRACT_OES);

// Set the blend equation to use reverse subtractive blending: destination - source
glBlendEquation(GL_FUNC_REVERSE_SUBTRACT_OES);
```

# 3.69. GL\_OES\_byte\_coordinates

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

## **Description**

This extension allows users to pass byte values as texture coordinates and vertex positions in OpenGL ES 1.x, which are otherwise not allowed by the API. Byte sized data has the advantage of consuming less bandwidth than larger types and can be useful for certain scenes.

#### Note

This functionality is superseded by programmable shader support in subsequent versions of OpenGL ES.

# **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_byte\_coordinates.txt

```
// Input byte coordinates
GLbyte coordinates[] =
{
      0, 255, 0,
      255, 255, 0,
      255, 0, 0,
};

// Give the coordinates to OpenGL ES
glVertexPointer(3, GL_BYTE, 0, coordinates);
```



# 3.70. GL\_OES\_compressed\_ETC1\_RGB8\_texture

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0, 3.x

#### Description

This extension adds support for loading textures that have been compressed with the ETC1 texture compression scheme, directly into the API via glCompressedTexImage2D. This format provides RGB texture encoding at a lower bitrate than would otherwise be available, whilst still providing reasonable quality.

As this specification was written against OpenGL ES1, when used in ES2, some features applicable to ES2 are not available due to the non-trivial nature of colour read back from an ETC texture. In particular; Non-power of two ETC1 is not directly supported in some first generation ES2 hardware, so it's generally best to ensure that all ETC1 textures are encoded with square, power-of-two dimensions.

#### Note

Whilst this functionality can be exposed in OpenGL ES 3.0, it is effectively enabled anyway by the inclusion in core 3.0 of ETC2, which is backwards compatible. By passing the same data with the new enum "GL\_COMPRESSED\_RGB8\_ETC2" the behaviour can be replicated.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_compressed\_ETC1\_RGB8\_texture.txt

```
// Upload an ETC1 texture.
GLuint bitsPerPixel = 4;
glCompressedTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 0, GL_COMPRESSED_RGB8_ETC2, 1024, 1024, 0,
(width*height*bitsPerPixel)/8, pixelData);
```



# 3.71. GL\_OES\_compressed\_paletted\_texture

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

### Description

This extension allows the use of paletted textures in OpenGL ES as a compressed texture. Paletted formats are textures which store a small number of colours as a palette, and then the texel array is a simple array of indices into this palette. The benefit of this is that the palette can be cached and the indices have a lower bandwidth cost than a full colour. This extension allows the colour formats of RGB565, RGBA4444, RGBA551, RGB888 or RGBA8888. Each texel is then allowed to either have a 4 or 8 bit index value, and an appropriate number of palette colours to match.

#### Note

In subsequent versions of OpenGL ES, this functionality can be easily replicated using programmable shaders by having a small palette texture, and a vertex attribute or another texture specifying the index to use. This allows the functionality to be much more flexible than provided by this extension, so it was dropped.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_compressed\_paletted\_texture.txt

```
// Upload a palletted texture. The size of the data will be dependent on how it was
// compressed, and is thus dependent on whatever tool was used.
glCompressedTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 0, GL_PALETTE4_RGB8_OES, 1024, 1024, 0, pixelDataSize, pixelData);
```



# 3.72. GL\_OES\_depth\_texture

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0

#### Description

When using a framebuffer, z-buffers need to be specifically supported by attaching a depth render target. Originally this was done with a depth renderbuffer; but these are limited as they cannot be read back later. This extension adds depth textures, which allow the user to read back depth output from a render, enabling techniques such as shadow mapping to occur without resorting to storing the depth in a colour texture.

#### **Note**

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

#### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_depth\_texture.txt

## **Example Code**

// Create a depth texture - generally texture data isn't uploaded for this - but it can be. glTexImage2D(GL\_TEXTURE\_2D, 0, GL\_DEPTH\_COMPONENT, 1024, 1024, 0, GL\_DEPTH\_COMPONENT, GL UNSIGNED INT, NULL);



# 3.73. GL\_OES\_depth24

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0

## **Description**

This extension adds the sized internal format GL\_DEPTH\_COMPONENT24 to the list of internal formats accepted by the function "glRenderBufferStorage". This format is a single channel data format with 24-bits per channel, used to represent the depth values stored in a z-buffer.

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_depth24.txt

## **Example Code**

// Create a 24-bit depth renderbuffer glRenderbufferStorage(GL RENDERBUFFER, GL DEPTH COMPONENT24 OES, 1024, 1024);

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# 3.74. GL\_OES\_draw\_buffers\_indexed

## **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0

#### Description

This extension builds upon the EXT\_draw\_buffers extension. In EXT\_draw\_buffers (part of OpenGL ES 3.0), separate values could be written to each colour buffer, but the blend enable, blend functions, blend equations and colour write masks are global and apply to all colour outputs.

This extension provides the ability to independently:

- enable or disable blending,
- set the blend equations,
- · set the blend functions, and
- · set the color write masks

## per color output.

This extension introduces indexed versions of the enable, blend equation, blend function, and colour mask commands, as well as associated indexed queries in order to control and query these states independently on a per-colour output basis.

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0, so the extension is no longer needed.

### **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_draw\_buffers\_indexed.txt

#### **Example**

```
EnableiOES(BLEND, 0);
DisableiOES(BLEND, 0);
IsEnablediOES(BLEND, 0);

BlendEquationiOES(0, FUNC ADD);
BlendEquationseparateiOES(0, FUNC ADD, FUNC SUBTRACT);
BlendFunciOES(0, ZERO, ONE);
BlendFuncSeparateiOES(0, SRC_COLOR, DST_COLOR, CONSTANT_ALPHA, SRC_ALPHA_SATURATE);
ColorMaskiOES(0, EGL_TRUE, EGL_TRUE, EGL_TRUE, EGL_TRUE);
```



# 3.75. GL\_EXT\_draw\_elements\_base\_vertex

## **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

Requires OpenGL ES 2.0

#### Description

This extension provides a method to specify a "base vertex offset" value which is effectively added to every vertex index that is transferred through DrawElements.

**Public** 

This mechanism can be used to decouple a set of indices from the actual vertex array that it is referencing. This is useful if an application stores multiple indexed models in a single vertex array. The same index array can be used to draw the model no matter where it ends up in a larger vertex array simply by changing the base vertex value. Without this functionality, it would be necessary to rebind all the vertex attributes every time geometry is switched and this can have larger performance penalty.

## **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_draw\_elements\_base\_vertex.txt

#### Example



# 3.76. GL\_OES\_draw\_texture

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

## **Description**

This extension adds a simple method of blitting a texture to the screen, for things such as backgrounds and 2D GUI elements. The user can provide a crop rectangle to specify the part of the texture that they wish to draw, and then call DrawTex\*\*OES() with coordinates for the part of the screen they wish to draw to.

#### **Note**

This functionality as specified cannot be made to work with the programmable pipeline of OpenGL ES 2.0. In OpenGL ES 3.0, this functionality is effectively replaced by the function "glBlitFramebuffer".

#### Registry Link

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_draw\_texture.txt

```
// Bind a texture
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, texture);

// Set the texture crop rectangle to set the texture coordinates to draw from
GLint textureCropRectangle[4] = {0, 0, 256, 256};
glTexParameteriv(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_CROP_RECT_OES, textureCropRectangle);

// Draw the texture to the whole screen, which will be resized appropriately from the texture
// rectangle
glDrawTexfOES(-1.0, -1.0, 2.0, 2.0);
```



# 3.77. GL\_OES\_EGL\_image

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0, 3.x

#### Description

The concept of an EGLImage is introduced by EGL\_KHR\_image\_base or EGL\_KHR\_image, and this extension enables an OpenGL ES implementation to bind EGLImages as if they were textures or renderbuffers, using the functions <code>gleGLImageTargetTexture2DOES</code> and <code>gleGLImageTargetRenderbufferStorageOES</code>, respectively. The format/type of the images must already be supported in OpenGL ES (or analogous to them) so that they work with any existing OpenGL ES queries. Image formats not supported in OpenGL ES natively are supported via the additional extension: <code>GL\_OES\_EGL\_image\_external</code>. Textures specified in this way can be sampled as textures or used as framebuffer attachments as if they were native objects. It should be noted that if a user modifies the storage of the image by calling something like <code>glGenerateMipMaps</code> or <code>glTexImage2D</code>, then the driver will allocate new memory and copy relevant data across (if applicable). This will dissociate the GL texture object from the original <code>EGLImage</code>, and the two will be completely separate and independent.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_EGL\_image.txt



# 3.78. GL\_OES\_EGL\_image\_external

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0, 3.x

#### Description

This extension is similar to <code>GL\_OES\_EGL\_image</code>, and allows formats not natively supported in the OpenGL ES API to be used as texture objects. Images bound in this way have restrictions to enable this, such as not being targetable by <code>gl\*Tex\*Image\*D</code> functions, they can never being MIP mapped, and can only be sampled with the wrap mode <code>GL\_CLAMP\_TO\_EDGE</code>. Images bound in this way use the texture target <code>GL\_TEXTURE\_EXTERNAL\_OES</code> rather than <code>GL\_TEXTURE\_2D</code> etc., via the function <code>gleglImageTargetTexture2DOES</code>. Sampling these textures will perform an implicit conversion from whatever format they are in to a linear RGB colour.

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_EGL\_image\_external.txt

```
// Create an EGL image via EGL KHR image base. In this case from an EGL pixmap
(EGL KHR image pixmap), but the source is irrelevant to this example
EGLImageKHR eglImage = eglCreateImageKHR(eglDisplay, eglContext, EGL NATIVE PIXMAP KHR,
(EGLNativeBuffer)eglPixmap, NULL);

// Generate a texture object to map the EGLImage to, and bind it.
GLint texture;
glGenTextures(1, &texture);
glBindTexture(GL TEXTURE EXTERNAL OES, texture);

// Map the EGLImage into an OpenGL ES texture using this extension.
glEGLImageTargetTexture2DOES(GL_TEXTURE_EXTERNAL_OES, (GLeglImageOES)eglImage);
```



# 3.79. GL\_OES\_EGL\_image\_external\_essl3

#### **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.0 and ESSL 3.0.

## **Description**

OES\_EGL\_image\_external provides a mechanism for creating EGLImage texture targets from EGLImages, but only specified language interactions for the OpenGL ES Shading Language version 1.0. This extension adds support for versions 3.x of the OpenGL ES Shading Language.

#### **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_EGL\_image\_external\_essl3.txt

#### **Example**

```
// in the OpenGL ES Shading Language
#extension GL_OES_EGL_image_external_essl3 : enable
samplerExternalOES sampler;
vec4 color = texture(sampler, UV);
```



# 3.80. GL\_OES\_EGL\_sync

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0, 3.x

#### Description

This extension enables the use of EGLSync objects in an OpenGL ES command stream. EGLSync objects are defined in separate extensions, such as EGL\_KHR\_fence\_sync.

#### Note

This functionality is superseded by GLSync objects in OpenGL ES 3.0, but is still useful for cross-API communication.

#### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/EGL\_KHR\_fence\_sync.txt

```
// Disclaimer: None of this is good thread-safe code, it's pseudo-code for illustration. The
exact CPU-side synchronisation mechanism will depend on your code.
// A fence sync handle accessible from both threads.
EGLSyncKHR g eglFenceSync = 0;
// Pseudo-Function representing operations on a thread, in particular this thread is acting as
// a data producer.
void Thread1()
       // Render something
       glDraw(...);
       // Create a fence sync object in the command stream after the draw call, so a second
       // thread knows when the render operation is completed.
       g_eglFenceSync = eglCreateSyncKHR(eglDisplay, EGL_SYNC_FENCE_KHR, NULL);
       /\star Call eglClientWaitSync to flush the context, so that it's guaranteed to finish at
           some point. It only flushes the current context for the thread, hence calling it
                 - Flushing from the thread which actually needs to wait on this sync object
           would not flush the previous draw operations. By setting the timeout to 0 we've
           effectively called "glFlush" but a little more precisely, and it must work on all
           drivers.
       EGLint waitResult = eqlClientWaitSyncKHR(eqlDisplay, eqlFenceSync,
       EGL SYNCH FLUSH COMMANDS BIT KHR, 0);
// Pseudo-Function representing operations on a second thread. This thread acts as a data
consumer.
void Thread2()
       while(g eglFenceSync == 0)
               // Do some other work, the first thread isn't ready.
       // Wait for the synchronisation object
       EGLint waitResult = eqlClientWaitSyncKHR(eqlDisplay, eqlFenceSync,
       EGL SYNCH FLUSH COMMANDS BIT KHR, EGL FOREVER KHR);
       // Destroy the fence sync object once we're done with it.
       EGLBoolean success = eglDestroySyncKHR(eglDisplay, eglFenceSync);
       // Now that the first thread's rendering has completed, do something with the result.
       // E.g. composite the result of the draw into a windowing system.
       glDraw(...);
```



# 3.81. GL\_OES\_element\_index\_uint

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT (ES2/3 Only)

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0

## **Description**

This extension adds the ability to use an array of unsigned integers (GL\_UNSIGNED\_INT) as indices in glDrawElements - typically only unsigned short or unsigned byte types are supported. This is more costly than using byte or short in terms of bandwidth, but does allow a much greater range of data to be specified - allowing larger models to be sent through one draw call where they would otherwise have to be batched.

#### **Note**

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0

#### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_element\_index\_uint.txt

### **Example Code**

// Draw with 32-bit, unsigned integer indices
glDrawElements(GL\_TRIANGLES, 32, GL\_UNSIGNED\_INT, indices);



# 3.82. GL\_OES\_extended\_matrix\_palette

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

#### Description

This extension extends GL\_OES\_matrix\_palette, which specifies that a minimum of only 9 matrices are paletted, and that only 3 matrices can be blended per vertex. Based on developer feedback, this extension has been created to up the minimum palette size to 32, and now 4 matrices can be blended per vertex.

#### Note

This extension is part of the OpenGL ES 1.x Extension Pack Specification and is core functionality in OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0.

#### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_extended\_matrix\_palette.txt

```
// Bind the 32nd matrix as the current matrix, not normally allowed but defined by this
// extension.
glCurrentPaletteMatrixOES(31);
```



# 3.83. GL\_OES\_fixed\_point

#### **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

#### Description

This extension provides fixed point functions for hardware that supports the OpenGL ES 1.x common profile, but has inefficient floating point support. The functions provided are equivalent to the Common-Lite profile, and are denoted by ending in an "x" instead of an "f" for floating point functions. Fixed point values are unsigned integers that are scaled to a S15.16 representation. The S15.16 representation means that there is one sign bit, the top 15 bits represent integer values, and the bottom 16 bits represent values below zero. In essence, it represents a signed short with 16 bits of sub-zero values.

**Public** 

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES fixed point.txt

```
// Use the fixed-point version of a function to scale by 1.0, 0.5 and 2.0 in the x, y and z // axes respectively. The value "65536" is effectively treated as 1.0. GLfixed x = 65536; GLfixed y = 65536 / 2; GLfixed z = 65536 * 2; glScalex(x, y, z);
```



# 3.84. GL\_OES\_fragment\_precision\_high

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

## Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0

#### Description

This extension allows the use of high precision floating point values in fragment shaders. This affects GLSL ES 1.00 only, as it is a core feature in GLSL ES 3.00. High precision floating point allows a higher range of values to be used than would otherwise be provided by medium precision floating point, allowing more complex and accurate work to be done in the shader.

#### **Note**

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_fragment\_precision\_high.txt

### **Example Code (GLSL)**

// Declare a highp variable in a fragment shader, not allowed in Core OpenGL ES varying highp vec4 someVariable;



# 3.85. GL\_OES\_framebuffer\_object

#### **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

#### Description

This extension defines a simple interface for drawing to rendering destinations other than the buffers provided to the GL by the windowing-system. This allows things to be drawn independently of VSync and enables multi-pass algorithms that previously would have been limited to using CopyTexImage2D on the main framebuffer. Framebuffers allow you to attach colour, depth and stencil attachments to be used as drawing buffers, and then bind the framebuffer to be drawn into. Subsequent draw operations will then take place in this framebuffer, until the main framebuffer is rebound. Textures attached in this way can then be read back in subsequent drawing operations. This extension also introduces "Renderbuffers", which work similarly to a texture but are managed by the GPU entirely, and cannot be read back later. They are typically used for things like a depth buffer where the end result does not matter and will never need flushing.

#### Note

This extension is part of the OpenGL ES 1.x Extension Pack Specification and is core functionality in OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0.

#### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_framebuffer\_object.txt



```
void Initialise()
                   // Create a framebuffer object
                  GLint framebufferObject;
                  glGenFramebuffersOES(1, &framebufferObject);
                  // Bind the framebuffer object to the current state
                  glBindFramebufferOES(GL FRAMEBUFFER OES, framebufferObject)
                  // Create a depth renderbuffer
                  GLint renderBuffer;
                  glGenRenderbuffersOES(1, &renderBuffer);
                  // Bind and initialise it.
                  glBindRenderbufferOES(GL_RENDERBUFFER_OES, renderBuffer);
                  glRenderbufferStorageOES(GL RENDERBUFFER OES, GL DEPTH COMPONENT16 OES, 1024, 1024);
                  // Attach the renderbuffer to the framebuffer
                  {\tt glFrame} {\tt bufferCeS} ({\tt GL\_FRAMEBUFFER\_OES}, \ {\tt GL\_DEPTH\_ATTACHMENT},
                  GL RENDERBUFFER OES, renderBuffer);
                   // Create a colour texture
                  GLint texture;
                  glGenTextures(1, &texture);
                  // Bind and initialise the texture
                  glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, texture);
                  glTexImage2D(GL TEXTURE 2D, 0, GL RGBA, 1024, 1024, 0, GL RGBA, GL UNSIGNED BYTE,
                  NULL);
                  // Attach the texture to the framebuffer
                  {\tt glFrame} {\tt bufferTexture2DOES} ({\tt GL\_FRAMEBUFFER\_OES}, {\tt GL\_COLOUR\_ATTACHMENT0\_OES}, {\tt cl\_colour\_ATTACHMENT0\_OES}, 
                  GL TEXTURE 2D, texture, 0);
                  // Check framebuffer is complete
                  if (glCheckFramebufferStatusOES(GL FRAMEBUFFER OES) != GL FRAMEBUFFER COMPLETE OES)
                                     // An error has occurred
void Render()
                  // Bind the framebuffer for rendering
                  glBindFramebufferOES(GL FRAMEBUFFER OES, framebufferObject)
                  // Draw something
                  glDraw(...);
                  // Bind the default (EGL provided) framebuffer to actually draw to the screen
                  glBindFramebufferOES (GL FRAMEBUFFER OES, 0)
                  // Draw something else, generally using the result of the framebuffer object's render.
                  glDraw(...);
                   // SwapBuffers
                  eqlSwapBuffers();
```

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# 3.86. GL\_OES\_geometry\_point\_size

## **Supported Hardware**

Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1

#### Description

This extension adds programmable point size to the geometry shader, and allows resizing of generated point sprites that come through as input - useful for things like particle effects.

## **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_geometry\_shader.txt

### **Example GLSL**



# 3.87. GL\_OES\_geometry\_shader

## **Supported Hardware**

Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1

#### Description

Geometry Shaders are a new programmable pipeline step that sits in the current OpenGL ES pipeline directly after primitive assembly, and before clipping, culling etc. This stage allows access to the vertices in the primitive constructed by the earlier phases, in order to interpret them and re-emit new geometry. For example, the vertex shader and primitive assembly could output single point primitives, and the geometry shader could convert this into a set of triangles for further processing. Geometry shaders can be used for a form of tessellation, but this is considered superseded by OES\_tessellation\_shader. Geometry shaders can also discard primitives.

## **Adjacency Primitives**

As well as the standard GL primitives, this extension adds four new primitive types: LINES\_ADJACENCY, LINE\_STRIP\_ADJACENCY, TRIANGLES\_ADJACENCY and TRIANGLE\_STRIP\_ADJACENCY. These new types function the same as their non-adjacency counterparts everywhere except the geometry shader. In the geometry shader, these modes allow access to neighbouring vertices for each vertex. These neighbouring vertices can be useful as control points to bound any transformations done on input geometry.

#### **Multiple Invocations**

As well as allowing multiple outputs, geometry shaders can actually run over the same input geometry multiple times as a form of instancing - allowing the same inputs to generate multiple outputs with different properties. By default, only one invocation is executed, but multiple can be processed with the layout qualifier - "invocations = integer-constant".

### Layered Rendering

For use cases such as stereoscopic (or other multi-view) rendering, it is often desirable to do some vertex shading only once, rather than repeating it over and over for each view. Geometry shader functionality described so far can allow this by using multiple invocations to transform geometry from different angles, but each view may need to be output to a separate render target. To handle this use case, this extension adds functionality called layered rendering, which allows framebuffers to be created with multiple layers. The geometry shader can then choose which layer its outputs will be sent to via the special gl. Layer output value.

### Inputs

Geometry shader inputs come in the form of Shader IO blocks - including the built-in inputs. Built-in inputs match the built-in vertex shader outputs, but are passed through a built-in io block: gl\_in. This is to distinguish them from output values. Note that this block does not include point size unless OES\_geometry\_point\_size is supported and enabled.

Each io block is actually an array of blocks, and each is either implicitly (or explicitly) sized to the number of vertices available for each primitive type (e.g. 1 for a point, 2 for a line, 3 for a triangle, etc.).

As well as the built-in block for vertex shader outputs, two additional values are provided:

- gl\_PrimitiveIDIn, which is a counter that describes how many primitives have been processed by the shader during this render.
- gl\_InvocationID, which indicates how many times this shader has been invoked using Multiple Invocations.

## **Outputs**

Geometry shader outputs are the same as inputs, except for the built-in values, which are not part of an io block - instead they are free variables in the same way as they are in a vertex shader. gl\_PrimitiveID is also provided as a modifiable output value that is passed on towards the fragment shader.

### **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_geometry\_shader.txt

#### **Example**

```
// Create a Geometry Shader
GLuint geometryShader = glCreateShader(GL GEOMETRY SHADER OES);

[Example GLSL]
#extension GL_OES_geometry_shader : require
#extension GL_OES_shader_io_blocks : require

// Take in point primitives.
layout(points) in;

// Output up to 1 line primitive - needs at least two vertices (one line).
layout(lines, max vertices = 2) out;

void main()
{
    // Emit the first vertex for the output primitive - below the original point gl Position = gl in[0].gl Position + vec4(0.0, -0.1, 0.0, 0.0);
    EmitVertex();

    // Emit the second vertex for the output primitive - above the original point gl_Position = gl_in[0].gl_Position + vec4(0.0, 0.1, 0.0, 0.0);
    EmitVertex();

// End the (line) primitive
EndPrimitive();
}
```



# 3.88. GL\_OES\_get\_program\_binary

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0

#### Description

One of the larger costs of using shaders is that when initialising your application, they need to be compiled by an implementation's default compiler. Mechanisms exist to get the compiled shader binary back from the API after compilation, but there is still a linking stage after this which needs to be performed to create a program. This extension allows users to retrieve the fully compiled and linked program binary from the API, and then load it in on subsequent runs. Using this extension can save additional time on application start up compared to shader binaries as it also includes the attribute location binding and linking stages. It's worth noting that this extension does not itself define any binary formats, this is up to each vendor. For PowerVR hardware, these formats are defined by GL\_IMG\_program\_binary.

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES get program binary.txt

```
// Create a shader program object
GLuint shaderProgram = glCreateProgram();
// If there isn't already a binary, create a program
if (!binaryExists)
       // Create shaders, compile them, attach them and link them as per normal, then...
       // Retrieve the program binary size
       GLint length=0;
       glGetProgramiv(shaderProgram, GL PROGRAM BINARY LENGTH, &length);
       // Pointer to the binary shader program in memory, needs to be allocated with the
       // right size.
       GLvoid* programBinaryData = (GLvoid*)malloc(length);
       // The format that the binary is retrieved in.
       GLenum binaryFormat=0;
       // Error checking variable - this should be greater than 0 after
       // glGetProgramBinaryOES, otherwise there was an error.
       GLsizei lengthWritten=0;
       glGetProgramBinaryOES(shaderProgram, length, &lengthWritten, &binaryFormat,
       programBinaryData);
else
       // Get the binary data, how much data there is, and what format it's in from whatever
       // cache it's stored in (e.g. a file)
       // Instead of creating, compiling, attaching and linking shaders, upload a binary
       // program data from a program that previously underwent all of these stages.
       glProgramBinaryOES(shaderProgram, binaryFormat, programBinaryData,
       programBinaryDataLength);
```



# 3.89. GL\_OES\_gpu\_shader5

## **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.10

#### Description

This extension provides a set of new features to the OpenGL ES Shading Language and related APIs to support capabilities of new GPUs, extending the capabilities of version 3.10 of the OpenGL ES Shading Language. Shaders using the new functionality provided by this extension should enable this functionality via the construct:

#extension GL\_OES\_gpu\_shader5 : require (or enable)

This extension provides a variety of new features for all shader types, including:

- support for indexing into arrays of opaque types (samplers, and atomic counters) using dynamically uniform integer expressions;
- support for indexing into arrays of images and shader storage blocks using only constant integral expressions;
- extending the uniform block capability to allow shaders to index into an array of uniform blocks;
- a "precise" qualifier allowing computations to be carried out exactly as specified in the shader source to avoid optimization-induced invariance issues (which might cause cracking in tessellation);
- new built-in functions supporting:
- fused floating-point multiply-add operations;
- extending the textureGather() built-in functions provided by OpenGL ES Shading Language 3.10:
- allowing shaders to use arbitrary offsets computed at run-time to select a 2x2 footprint to gather from; and
- allowing shaders to use separate independent offsets for each of the four texels returned, instead of requiring a fixed 2x2 footprint.

### Note

This specification is written against the OpenGL ES 3.1 (March 17, 2014) and OpenGL ES 3.10 Shading Language (March 17, 2014) Specifications.

This extension interacts with OES\_geometry\_shader.

#### **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_gpu\_shader5.txt



## **Example**

```
#extension GL OES gpu shader5 : require
in vec4 a, b, c, d;
precise out vec4 v;
float func(float e, float f, float g, float h)
                             // no special precision
     return (e*f) + (g*h);
float func2(float e, float f, float g, float h)
     precise result = (e*f) + (g*h); // ensures a precise return value
      return result;
float func3(float i, float j, precise out float k)
      k = i * i + j;
                                    // precise, due to <k> declaration
void main (void)
      vec4 s = vec5(c - a),
v.xyz = r + s;
v.w = (a.w * b.w) + (c.w * d.w);  // precise
v.x = func(a.x, b.x, c.x, d.x);  // values computed in func()
```



# 3.90. GL\_OES\_mapbuffer

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0

#### Description

This extension enables the user to upload data directly into memory that the driver provides for them, by mapping the storage of a buffer object into client address space. In many cases this means that the user can avoid an additional memory allocation on top of one performed by the driver.

**Public** 

#### **Note**

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0 in the form of glMapBufferRange

#### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_mapbuffer.txt

```
// Bind a buffer
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, aVertexBuffer);

// Map the buffer's data to a CPU addressable pointer, in a way that allows us to write to it,
// but not read the data back.
void* bufferData = glMapBufferOES(GL ARRAY BUFFER, GL WRITE ONLY OES);

// Get the size of the buffer
GLint bufferSize = 0;
glGetBufferParameteriv(GL ARRAY BUFFER, GL BUFFER SIZE, &bufferSize);

// Write some data into the pointer
memcpy(bufferData, newDataForTheBuffer, bufferSize);

// Unmap the pointer
glUnmapBufferOES(GL ARRAY BUFFER);

// The pointer is now invalid, so NULL it
bufferData = NULL;
```



# 3.91. GL\_OES\_matrix\_get

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

#### Description

This extension is specifically targeted at platforms where only fixed point functionality is supported on the CPU, but data may be represented internally to a GPU as floating point. In these cases, an application developer is only able to query floating point matrices via glGetFixedv, which will result in a loss of information. To work around this, this extension allows floating point matrices to be queried back from the hardware by packing each floating point value into an integer instead, using the IEEE 754 floating point representation. This value can then be queried using glGetIntegerv, using a number of new "float as int" tokens for affected matrix types.

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0.

#### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES matrix get.txt

### **Example Code**

// Get the values of the projection matrix that was previously loaded into OpenGL ES, but with
// the floating point bits stored as integers (for systems that don't support floats)
GLint projectionMatrix[16];
glGetIntegerv(GL\_MODELVIEW\_MATRIX\_FLOAT\_AS\_INT\_BITS\_OES, projectionMatrix);



# 3.92. GL\_OES\_matrix\_palette

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

### **Description**

Rather than using a fixed matrix for an entire model, allowing a mixture of different matrices with appropriate weightings to be used in a single piece of geometry can allow greater flexibility in a renderer. In particular this enables better control of skeletal animation. This extension adds a palette of matrices to be specified, with indices passed in an array to specify which matrix to use for each vertex, and an array of weights to control how much it affects the vertex.

#### **Note**

This extension is effectively part of the OpenGL ES 1.x Extension Pack Specification (required for GL\_OES\_extended\_matrix\_palette) and is core functionality in OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0.

#### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_matrix\_palette.txt

```
// Set the matrix pallette stack as the current matrix mode
glMatrixMode(GL_MATRIX_PALETTE_OES);

// Bind the 9th matrix as the current matrix - the maximum guaranteed by this extension
glCurrentPaletteMatrixOES(8);

// Load a matrix into the palette
glLoadMatrix(someTranslationMatrix);

// Use translation functions as with any other matrix
glTranslatef(0.0f, 10.0f, 0.0f);
```



# 3.93. GL\_OES\_packed\_depth\_stencil

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT (ES2/3 Only)

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0

### Description

Typical use of a depth buffer can generally be satisfied with a 24-bit buffer, but this is generally unaligned with respect to power-of-two boundaries. Having 8-bits of stencil data is typically more than enough for most applications, so it is a natural fit to interleave the two buffer types. By doing so, the overall buffer can be aligned to power-of-two boundaries for speed, without wasting any memory.

#### **Note**

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_packed\_depth\_stencil.txt

```
// Create a packed depth and stencil texture format, normally you would not upload data here // for this glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 0, GL_DEPTH_STENCIL_OES, 1024, 1024, 0, GL_DEPTH_STENCIL_OES, GL_UNSIGNED_INT_24_8_OES, NULL);
```

# 3.94. GL\_OES\_point\_size\_array

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

#### Description

Points are usually rendered at a fixed size by OpenGL ES, according to the value set by glPointSize. This size is applied uniformly to all rendered points, which limits their capabilities. This extension adds the ability to use an array of values instead, so that each point can have different sizes.

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0.

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_point\_size\_array.txt

```
\ensuremath{//} Setup an array of points to be rendered - three in this case
GLfloat pointPositions[]
        0.4f, 0.7f, 0.2f,
        0.1f,-0.5f, 0.2f,
       -0.0f, 0.7f, 0.2f
};
// Set the vertex pointer as normal
glVertexPointer(3, GL FLOAT, 0, pointPositions);
// Enable the vertex array
glEnableClientState(GL VERTEX ARRAY);
// Create an array of sizes for these points
GLfloat pointSizes[] =
       1.0f,
       2.0f,
       0.7f
};
// Set the point sizes via this extension
glPointSizePointerOES(3, GL_FLOAT, 0, pointPositions);
// Enable the point size array
glEnableClientState(GL POINT SIZE ARRAY OES);
// Draw the points
glDraw(GL_POINTS, ...);
```



# 3.95. GL\_OES\_point\_sprite

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

#### Description

This extension extends the standard functionality of OpenGL points to allow more flexible rendering than otherwise provided. For a core point object, OpenGL ES specifies that texture coordinates are identical across the entire body of the point, and it is then antialiased to fade out. To work around this, developers often use a quad with an alpha blended/tested texture to allow the full range of a texture to be expressed. When in use, this extension disables the antialiasing on the point, and instead interpolates the texture coordinates provided over the entire body of the point, allowing a point to be effectively textured to represent a sprite.

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0.

#### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES point sprite.txt

```
// Enable point sprite drawing
glEnable(GL POINT SPRITE OES);

// Set the texture environment to use point sprite coordinate replace to true, so that texture
// coordinates are interpolated automatically across the rendered point, rather than using a
// single coordinate.
glTexEnvi(GL_POINT_SPRITE_OES, GL_COORD_REPLACE_OES, GL_TRUE);

// Draw some point sprites at the locations specified in
glDraw(GL_POINTS, ...);
```



# 3.96. GL\_OES\_query\_matrix

#### **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

#### Description

This extension allows a user to query a matrix in a type independent of the underlying implemented value, by returning the mantissa and exponent of each matrix value separately. This solves a similar issue to OES\_matrix\_get, but in a slightly more flexible way. The mantissa value is returned as an S15.16 fixed point value, and the exponents are returned as integers. It works similarly to the C function "modf". This extension relies on either the Common-Lite profile or the GL\_OES\_fixed\_point extension to provide the definition of a fixed point value.

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_query\_matrix.txt

```
// Get the project matrix back as separate exponents and mantissas

// Set the projection matrix stack as the current matrix mode
glMatrixMode(GL PROJECTION);

// Get the exponents and mantissa values of the projection matrix that was previously loaded
// into OpenGL ES
GLfixed projectionMatrixMantissas[16];
GLint projectionMatrixExponents[16];
glQueryMatrixXOES(projectionMatrixMantissas, projectionMatrixExponents);
```



# 3.97. GL\_OES\_read\_format

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

## **Description**

Reading pixels from a framebuffer in OpenGL ES is performed via the function glReadPixels(). This function is able to read data out in only one format for OpenGL ES 1.x; RGBA8888. This extension adds another, implementation defined format, which can be queried with glGetIntegerv(). These additional formats are limited to being RGBA, RGB or Alpha-Only formats.

## Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_read\_format.txt



```
// Find out the preferred format and type to read back pixels on a platform
GLint preferredFormat;
GLint preferredType;
glGetIntegerv(GL_IMPLEMENTATION_COLOR_READ_FORMAT_OES, &preferredFormat);
glGetIntegerv(GL IMPLEMENTATION COLOR READ FORMAT OES, &preferredType);
// Figure out how big the texture is going to be.
GLuint pixelReadDataSize = 0;
switch (preferredFormat)
case GL RGBA:
       {
               switch(preferredType)
               case GL UNSIGNED BYTE:
                      pixelReadDataSize = readWidth * readHeight * 4;
                      break;
               case GL UNSIGNED SHORT 4 4 4 4:
               case GL UNSIGNED SHORT 5 5 5 1:
                      pixelReadDataSize = readWidth * readHeight * 2;
                      break;
               break;
case GL RGB:
               switch(preferredType)
               case GL UNSIGNED BYTE:
                      pixelReadDataSize = readWidth * readHeight * 3;
                      break;
               case GL UNSIGNED SHORT 5 6 5:
                      pixelReadDataSize = readWidth * readHeight * 2;
               break;
case GL_LUMINANCE_ALPHA:
               pixelReadDataSize = readWidth * readHeight * 2;
               break;
case GL LUMINANCE:
               pixelReadDataSize = readWidth * readHeight;
               break;
case GL ALPHA:
       {
               pixelReadDataSize = readWidth * readHeight;
               break;
// Allocate enough space to read the data
GLvoid* pixelReadData = malloc(pixelReadDataSize);
// Specify the pixel unpack operation to be tightly packed (no padding) when reading back
// data, otherwise this needs to be handled when working out the size
glPixelStorei(GL_UNPACK_ALIGNMENT, 1);
// Read pixels using these formats
if (pixelReadData)
       glReadPixels(readOriginX, readOriginY, readWidth, readHeight, preferredFormat,
preferredType, pixelReadData);
```



# 3.98. GL\_OES\_required\_internalformat

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0

#### Description

By default, OpenGL ES implementations are free to store texture data as they see fit when using unsized types such as "GL\_RGBA". This extension adds a number of "sized" internal formats to the specification which mandate a minimum storage precision for these data types. More precision may be used internally, but it can never store data at a lower precision than requested which would otherwise cause a loss of information.

#### **Note**

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

#### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_required\_internalformat.txt

### **Example Code**

// Create a texture with RGBA8 so that it uses no less than 8 bits per pixel
glTexImage2D(GL\_TEXTURE\_2D, 0, GL\_RGBA8\_OES, 1024, 1024, 0, GL\_RGBA, GL\_UNSIGNED\_BYTE,
pixelData);



# 3.99. GL\_OES\_rgb8\_rgba8

## **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0

## **Description**

This extension adds the sized internal formats RGB8 and RGBA8 to the list of internal formats accepted by the function "glRenderBufferStorage". These formats represent 3 and 4 channel data formats with 8-bits per channel, used to represent colour data.

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_rgb8\_rgba8.txt

## **Example Code**

// Create a renderbuffer with RGBA8 so that it uses no less than 8 bits per pixel glRenderbufferStorage(GL RENDERBUFFER, GL RGBA8 OES, 1024, 1024);



# 3.100. GL\_OES\_sample\_shading

## **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.x

## **Description**

This extension is one of three extensions which enhances OpenGL ES's programmability with respect to how multisampling is performed:

- GL\_OES\_sample\_variables
- GL\_OES\_sample\_shading
- GL\_OES\_shader\_multisample\_interpolation

GL\_OES\_sample\_shading adds the ability to force an implementation to process a minimum number of unique samples per-pixel, as a percentage of the total number of samples.

```
// Enable minimum sample shading
glEnable(GL SAMPLE SHADING OES);

// Set the minimum number of samples to half the total number of samples per-pixel in the
framebuffer

// E.g. if the framebuffer has 4xMSAA enabled, then a value of 0.5 will mean at least 2 (0.5 x
4 = 2) samples must be processed.
glMinSampleShading(0.5);
```

# 3.101. GL\_OES\_sample\_variables

#### **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.x

## **Description**

This extension is one of three extensions which enhances OpenGL ES's programmability with respect to how multisampling is performed:

- GL\_OES\_sample\_variables
- GL\_OES\_sample\_shading
- GL\_OES\_shader\_multisample\_interpolation

GL\_OES\_sample\_variables is required by the other two extensions, and adds a number of variables accessible to a fragment shader that allow control over each individual sample that contributes to the current fragment:

```
in lowp int gl SampleID*

The ID of the current sample being shaded.

in mediump vec2 gl_SamplePosition*

The sub-pixel position of the sample, in the range [0,1], relative to the bottom left of the pixel.

in highp int gl SampleMaskIn[(gl MaxSamples+31)/32]

The sample mask generated for the current fragment by the fixed function pipeline.

out highp int gl_SampleMask[(gl_MaxSamples+31)/32]**

Output sample mask, allowing the shader to generate a different mask, programmably.
```

- \* Note that any use of these variables will force the fragment shader to run at sample rate, increasing the amount of fragment work.
- \*\* gl\_SampleMask will be filled in with the value fo gl\_SampleMaskIn if it is never written to. If any execution path might write to it, all paths must write to it, or the value will be undefined.

## **Example GLSL**



# 3.102. GL\_OES\_shader\_image\_atomic

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.x

### Description

This extension adds GLSL built-ins that provide guaranteed atomic read/write access to images when called. Image atomic operations perform a guaranteed read/modify/write operation to a given pixel in an image without overlapping with any other shader performing another atomic operation at the same time (causing a race condition). These operations can only work on integer or unsigned integer textures. They are all labelled as <code>imageAtomic\*()</code>, and perform the same types of atomic operations added by ES 3.1 and in many Operating Systems on the CPU:

- imageAtomicAdd
- imageAtomicMin
- imageAtomicMax
- imageAtomicAnd
- imageAtomicOr
- imageAtomicXor
- imageAtomicExchange
- imageAtomicCompSwap

These are identical to the already available atomic operations for buffer objects, but function on images instead. These functions only operate on integer or unsigned integer images.

# **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_shader\_image\_atomic.txt

# 3.103. GL\_OES\_shader\_io\_blocks

### **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.0, 3.1

### Description

This extension extends the functionality of interface blocks to support input and output interfaces in the OpenGL ES Shading Language.

Input and output interface blocks are used for forming the interfaces between vertex, tessellation control, tessellation evaluation, geometry and fragment shaders. This accommodates passing arrays between stages, which otherwise would require multi-dimensional array support for tessellation control outputs and for tessellation control, tessellation evaluation, and geometry shader inputs.

This extension provides support for application defined interface blocks which are used for passing application-specific information between shader stages.

This extension moves the built-in "per-vertex" in/out variables to a new built-in gl\_PerVertex block. This is necessary for tessellation and geometry shaders which require separate instance for each vertex, but it can also be useful for vertex shaders.

Finally, this extension allows the redeclaration of the gl\_PerVertex block in order to reduce the set of variables that must be passed between shaders.

### **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES shader io blocks.txt

```
// Vertex Shader
#extension GL_EXT_shader_io_blocks : require

layout(location = 0) out SurfaceData
{
    highp vec3 normal;
    highp vec3 tangent;
} surfaceData;

// Fragment Shader
#extension GL EXT shader io blocks : require

layout(location = 0) in SurfaceData
{
    highp vec3 normal;
    highp vec3 tangent;
} surfaceData;
```



# 3.104. GL\_OES\_shader\_multisample\_interpolation

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.x

### Description

This extension is one of three extensions which enhances OpenGL ES's programmability with respect to how multisampling is performed:

- GL\_OES\_sample\_variables
- GL\_OES\_sample\_shading
- GL\_OES\_shader\_multisample\_interpolation

GL\_OES\_shader\_multisample\_interpolation adds functions to GLSL that allow fragment inputs to be interpolated at locations other than just the centroid, such as specific sample locations, or at a given offset (within an implementation-defined range).



# 3.105. GL\_OES\_single\_precision

### **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

# **Description**

This function is basically the equivalent of the GL\_OES\_fixed\_point, but for floating point functions. This extension doesn't actually express anything, as these functions exist in the common profile anyway. Theoretically it could have made some sort of sense in a Common-Lite Profile (fixed point only), but this never happened in practice.

### **Note**

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0.

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_single\_precision.txt

```
// Use a floating point function
GLfloat rgbaBlendValues[4] = {0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f};
glGetFloatv(GL_BLEND_COLOR, rgbaBlendValues);
```



# 3.106. GL\_OES\_standard\_derivatives

### **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0

### Description

Standard derivative functions are optionally available in the GL shading language to give an approximate delta to the values in neighbouring fragments in the x or y directions. The function will evaluate the local difference for any value passed to it. It uses dFdx() to return the difference in the x direction, and dFdy() to return the difference in the y direction.

For example, if you were to call 'dFdx(gl\_FragCoord.x)', you'd get a result of 1.0, as the neighbouring fragment will have an x coordinate exactly one position over. 'dFdx(gl\_FragCoord.y)' on the other hand would return 0.0, as the y coordinate is static as you move left or right.

Typical use of this functionality is to estimate the filter width used for anti-aliasing procedural textures. To facilitate this use case, a third function is provided: fwidth(), which returns the sum of the absolute difference in x and y (e.g. abs(dFdx(val))) + abs(dFdy(val))).

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

### Registry Link

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_standard\_derivatives.txt

# **Example Code (GLSL)**

```
// Get the texture colour for a given fragment
lowp vec4 colourHere = texture2D(sTexture, TexCoord.xy);

// Get the value that was used in a neighbouring fragment in the x direction
lowp vec4 colourNextDoor = dFdx(colourHere) + colourHere;

// Get the value that was used in a neighbouring fragment in the y direction
lowp vec4 colourNextDoorVertically = dFdy(colourHere) + colourHere;
```



# 3.107. GL\_OES\_stencil\_wrap

### **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

### Description

Core OpenGL ES 1.0 stencil buffers require that when a value is incremented to the maximum value or decreased to the minimum, further operations will clamp that value. However, a number of algorithms use this buffer as a counter, calculating the difference between the total number of increments and the total number of decrements. This extension adds two new stencil operations: INCR\_WRAP and DECR\_WRAP. These allow the value to wrap round when the value changes, and gives more flexibility to the stencil buffer.

#### Note

This extension is part of the OpenGL ES 1.x Extension Pack Specification and is core functionality in OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES stencil wrap.txt

## **Example Code**

// Change the stencil operations to decrease and wrap when failing the depth or stencil test, // and increase and wrap when succeeding glstencilOp(GL\_DECR\_WRAP, GL\_DECR\_WRAP, GL\_INCR\_WRAP);



# 3.108. GL\_OES\_stencil8

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

# **Description**

Despite OpenGL ES 1.x supporting Depth and Stencil testing in core, the specification doesn't define any stencil buffer representations, and does not mandate any stencil buffer support. This extension exposes an 8 bit stencil buffer for stencil operations.

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0.

# **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_stencil8.txt

# **Example Code**

// Create a 1024x1024, 8-bit stencil renderbuffer glRenderbufferStorage(GL RENDERBUFFER, GL STENCIL INDEX8 OES, 1024, 1024);

# 3.109. GL\_OES\_surfaceless\_context

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0, 3.x

### Description

Applications that want to render to framebuffer objects only, without touching any sort of main framebuffer, currently still need to create an EGLSurface for a context.

EGL\_KHR\_surfaceless\_context adds the ability to create a context without a surface, but vanilla OpenGL ES cannot function correctly with such a context. This extension provides mechanisms whereby this behaviour is defined so that there is no need to create a default surface.

A single new feature is added in the form of an enum, GL\_FRAMEBUFFER\_UNDEFINED\_OES, which is returned when what would otherwise be the default framebuffer is bound. Any commands relying on the framebuffer will behave as if an incomplete framebuffer, of size 0 by 0, is currently bound.

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_surfaceless\_context.txt



# 3.110. GL\_OES\_tessellation\_point\_size

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6XT

### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1

## **Description**

This extension adds programmable point size to the tessellation shaders, and allows resizing of generated point sprites that come through as input - useful for things like particle effects.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_tessellation\_shader.txt

```
// Tessellation control shader
#extension GL OES tessellation shader : require
#extension GL OES tessellation point size : require
#extension GL OES shader io blocks : require

layout(vertices = 1) out;

void main(void)
{
    gl_TessLevelOuter[0] = 2.0;
    gl_TessLevelOuter[1] = 4.0;
    gl_TessLevelOuter[2] = 6.0;
    gl_TessLevelOuter[3] = 8.0;

    gl_TessLevelInner[0] = 8.0;

    gl_TessLevelInner[0] = 8.0;

    gl_TessLevelInner[1] = 8.0;

    gl_out[gl_InvocationID].gl_Position = gl_in[gl_InvocationID].gl_Position;
    gl_out[gl_InvocationID].gl_PointSize = gl_in[gl_InvocationID].gl_PointSize * 1.1;
}
```



# 3.111. GL OES tessellation shader

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6XT

### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1

# **Description**

This extension adds new tessellation stages to the OpenGL ES pipeline, and two new shader types - tessellation control and tessellation evaluation. When tessellation is active, a number of pipeline stages are affected. Tessellation operates after primitive assembly and before geometry shading (if supported).

#### **Patch Primitives**

Tessellation operates on a new primitive type - patches, which are a collection of vertices that are combined to form a patch. The actual number of vertices is application defined, allowing it to be fairly general-purpose.

### **Tessellation Control**

The first step of tessellation is the control shader. This shader exists to allow further transformation of vertices and set the level of detail required by the fixed function tessellation stage. It may also add or subtract vertices from a patch before passing it on - though it cannot change the number of patches.

#### **Fixed Function Tessellation**

The fixed function stage turns patches into a number of primitives, which are then available to the tessellation evaluation shader. The algorithm is fairly flexible and has a number of determining factors depending on the control shader's outputs. Full details of this are available in the specification. Note that this stage is also affected by the type of primitive specified in the tessellation evaluation shader.

# **Tessellation Evaluation**

After the fixed function tessellation stage, this shader consumes those generated primitives, doing final evaluation of the vertices before passing them on to Geometry Shading. The values output by the fixed function tessellation are usually abstract and not suitable for rasterization directly, so are modified by this shader stage into a more final output, typically involving interpolation.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES tessellation shader.txt



#### Example

```
// Create a Tessellation Control Shader
GLuint geometryShader = glCreateShader(GL TESS CONTROL SHADER OES);
// Create a Tessellation Control Shader
GLuint geometryShader = glCreateShader(GL_TESS_EVALUATION_SHADER_OES);
```

```
// Tessellation control shader
#extension GL OES tessellation shader : require
#extension GL_OES_shader_io_blocks : require
layout(vertices = 3) out;
void main (void)
       gl TessLevelOuter[0] = 2.0;
       gl TessLevelOuter[1] = 4.0;
       gl TessLevelOuter[2] = 6.0;
       gl_TessLevelOuter[3] = 8.0;
       gl TessLevelInner[0] = 8.0;
       gl TessLevelInner[1] = 8.0;
       gl out[gl InvocationID].gl Position = gl in[gl InvocationID].gl Position;
// Tessellation evaluation shader
\#extension GL OES tessellation shader : require
#extension GL OES shader io blocks : require
layout(triangles, equal_spacing, ccw) in;
vec3 interpolate(vec3 v0, vec3 v1, vec3 v2)
    return (ql TessCoord.x * v0) + (ql TessCoord.y * v1) + (ql TessCoord.z * v2);
void main (void)
       gl Position = interpolate(gl in[0].gl Position, gl in[1].gl Position,
gl_in[2].gl_Position);
```



# 3.112. GL\_OES\_texture\_border\_clamp

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 2.0, OpenGL ES 3.x

### Description

When sampling from a texture, if the requested UV coordinates reference a place outside of the texture, a wrapping behaviour is needed to specify what happens. OpenGL ES has three strategies depending on version:

- OpenGL ES 2.0 allows either clamping the UVs to the edge of the texture, or wrapping around to the start of the valid range.
- OpenGL ES 3.0 added mirrored repeat, which acts as if the texture was flipped each time it wraps the coordinates.

This extension adds an additional behaviour - returning an application-defined border colour. This allows a shader to draw a texture to the screen with a dedicated border colour if so desired. It also gives the shader a cheap way to detect that a UV coordinate has gone out of range, without complex shader logic.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_texture\_border\_clamp.txt

#### **Example**

```
// Set the texture's border colour to opaque red
// Red Green Blue Alpha
GLfloat borderColour[] = {1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f};
glBindTexture(GL TEXTURE 2D, texture)
glTexParameterfv(GL TEXTURE 2D, GL TEXTURE BORDER COLOR OES, borderColour);

// Set the texture to use the border clamp wrapping mode.
glTexParameteri(GL TEXTURE 2D, GL TEXTURE WRAP S, GL CLAMP TO BORDER OES);
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_T, GL_CLAMP_TO_BORDER_OES);
```



# 3.113. GL\_OES\_texture\_buffer

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1

# **Description**

This extension adds a way to effectively treat a buffer as a 1-dimensional texture, and sample from that buffer in a shader. This is done by attaching a buffer object as the data store for a texture, in place of the TexStorage\* or TexImage\* functions.

This allows applications to have access to a linear texture in memory which can be mapped into CPU space and the data can be manipulated more readily than typically opaque textures.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_texture\_buffer.txt

## **Example**



# 3.114. GL\_OES\_texture\_cube\_map

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

### Description

The standard way to render a cube of textures, such as a skybox, is to render from six individual 2D textures, one for each face. This means that the render has to be split, however, so that each face can be rendered with its own texture. This extension adds a new texture layout scheme for efficient rendering of things like skyboxes, by storing the 6 faces of a cubemap in one texture object. As well as this, texture lookups are performed by using a vector that points at the cube, rather than using explicit x,y coordinates.

This extension also adds texture coordinate generation functions to automatically create texture coordinates based on the eye direction of the user, via one of two modes:

- \* Reflection map mode: Generates the coordinates matching the eye-space reflection vector. This is used for standard skybox or other cubemapping.
- \* Normal map mode: Generates the coordinates matching the vertex's transformed eye-space normal. This is often useful for more advanced techniques and diffuse lighting models.

#### Note

This extension is part of the OpenGL ES 1.x Extension Pack Specification and is core functionality in OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0.

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_texture\_cube\_map.txt

```
// Create a cubemap texture - have to specify all faces individually.
glTexImage2D(GL TEXTURE CUBE MAP POSITIVE X OES, 0, GL RGBA 1024, 0, GL RGBA,
GL UNSIGNED BYTE, pixelData[0]);
glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_CUBE_MAP_POSITIVE_Y_OES, 0, GL_RGBA 1024, 0, GL_RGBA,
GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE, pixelData[1]);
glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_CUBE_MAP_POSITIVE_Z_OES, 0, GL_RGBA 1024, 0, GL_RGBA,
GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE, pixelData[2]);
glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_CUBE_MAP_NEGATIVE_X_OES, 0, GL_RGBA 1024, 0, GL_RGBA,
GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE, pixelData[3]);
glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_CUBE_MAP_NEGATIVE_Y_OES, 0, GL_RGBA 1024, 0, GL_RGBA,
GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE, pixelData[4]);
glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_CUBE_MAP_NEGATIVE_Z_OES, 0, GL_RGBA 1024, 0, GL_RGBA,
GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE, pixelData[4]);
glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_CUBE_MAP_NEGATIVE_Z_OES, 0, GL_RGBA 1024, 0, GL_RGBA,
GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE, pixelData[5]);
```



# 3.115. OES\_texture\_cube\_map\_array

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1

## **Description**

OpenGL ES 3.1 supports two-dimensional array textures. An array texture is an ordered set of images with the same size and format. Each image in an array texture has a unique level. This extension expands texture array support to include cube map textures.

A cube map array texture is a two-dimensional array texture that may contain many cube map layers. Each cube map layer is a unique cube map image set. Images in a cube map array have the same size and format limitations as two-dimensional array textures. A cube map array texture is specified using TexImage3D or TexStorage3D in a similar manner to two-dimensional arrays. Cube map array textures can be bound to a render targets of a frame buffer object just as two-dimensional arrays are, using FramebufferTextureLayer.

When accessed by a shader, a cube map array texture acts as a single unit. The "s", "t", "r" texture coordinates are treated as a regular cube map texture fetch. The "q" texture is treated as an unnormalized floating-point value identifying the layer of the cube map array texture. Cube map array texture lookups do not filter between layers.

### **Note**

OpenGL ES 3.1 and OpenGL ES Shading Language 3.10 are required.

This specification is written against the OpenGL ES 3.1 (March 17, 2014) and OpenGL ES 3.10 Shading Language (March 17, 2014) Specifications.

OES\_geometry\_shader or EXT\_geometry\_shader is required.

OES\_texture\_border\_clamp or EXT\_texture\_border\_clamp affect the definition of this extension.

This extension interacts with OES\_shader\_image\_atomic.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_texture\_cube\_map\_array.txt

# Example

```
glGenTextures(1, &texid);
glBindTexture(TEXTURE_CUBE_MAP_ARRAY_OES, texid);
...

//in shader
//the texture value is determined
//by (s, t, r, q) coordinates where "s", "t", "r" is defined to be the
//same as for TEXTURE_CUBE_MAP and "q" is defined as the index of a
//specific cube map in the cube map array
vec4 sampler_coord;
vec4 color = texture(samplerCubeArray, sampler_coord)
```



# 3.116. GL\_OES\_texture\_env\_crossbar

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

### Description

This extension extends the combining functionality in OpenGL ES 1 to allow application developers to choose textures from specific active texture units as the source, rather than just the current texture.

### Note

This extension is part of the OpenGL ES 1.x Extension Pack Specification and is core functionality in OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0.

# **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES texture env crossbar.txt

# **Example Code**

// Set the first source alpha texture environment variable to sample from the third texture
// unit
glTexEnvi(GL\_TEXTURE\_2D, GL\_SOURCEO\_ALPHA, GL\_TEXTURE2);



# 3.117. GL\_OES\_texture\_float

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT (ES2/3 Only)

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0

### Description

This extension adds the ability to use 32-bit floating point type (GL\_FLOAT) representations of texture data as a readable texture format when shading an object. This extension does not add linear sampling from this texture type however due to the high cost of such an operation, which is instead enabled by GL\_OES\_texture\_float\_linear. This extension also does not allow these textures to be used as a colour attachment for a framebuffer.

The float data format allows greater range than an integer representation would and is typically used for High Dynamic Range (HDR) colour data.

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES texture float.txt

```
// Create a floating point texture
glTexImage2D(GL TEXTURE 2D, 0, GL RGBA, 1024, 1024, 0, GL RGBA, GL FLOAT, pixelData);

// Only nearest filtering is supported for these textures for this extension. Linear filtering
// is enabled by separate extensions.
glTexParameter(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER, GL_NEAREST_MIPMAP_NEAREST);
glTexParameter(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MAG_FILTER, GL_NEAREST);
```



# 3.118. GL\_OES\_texture\_half\_float

### **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT (ES2/3 Only)

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0

### Description

This extension adds the ability to use 16-bit floating point type (GL\_HALF\_FLOAT) representations of texture data as a readable texture format when shading an object. This extension does not add linear sampling from this texture type however due to the high cost of such an operation, which is instead enabled by GL\_OES\_texture\_half\_float\_linear. This extension also does not allow these textures to be used as a colour attachment for a framebuffer. The extension GL\_EXT\_color\_buffer\_half\_float allows half float textures to be attached to a framebuffer.

The half-float data format consists of 1 sign bit, 5 exponent bits and 10 mantissa bits, and allows greater range than an integer representation would, whilst reducing the memory footprint to that of a short data type.

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_texture\_float.txt

```
// Create a floating point texture
glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 0, GL_RGBA, 1024, 1024, 0, GL_RGBA, GL_HALF_FLOAT_OES, pixelData);

// Only nearest filtering is supported for these textures for this extension. Linear filtering
// is enabled by separate extensions.
glTexParameter(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER, GL_NEAREST_MIPMAP_NEAREST);
glTexParameter(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MAG_FILTER, GL_NEAREST);
```



# 3.119. GL\_OES\_texture\_mirrored\_repeat

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x

### Description

This extension adds another wrap mode to OpenGL ES, similar to GL\_REPEAT, but the image is flipped each time it is repeated. For horizontal repeats, the texture is flipped horizontally, and for vertical repeats it is flipped vertically. The benefit of this is that it means tiled textures can be created without having to worry about making the edges match up.

### **Note**

This extension is part of the OpenGL ES 1.x Extension Pack Specification and is core functionality in OpenGL ES 2.0 and 3.0.

### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_texture\_mirrored\_repeat.txt

```
// Set the wrap mode for a texture to mirrored repeat
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_S, GL_MIRRORED_REPEAT);
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_T, GL_MIRRORED_REPEAT);
```



# 3.120. GL\_OES\_texture\_npot

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0

## Description

This extension removes almost all of the limitations surrounding non-power of two textures in OpenGL ES 1.x and 2.0. MIP Map specification is now allowed, and minification filters that include a MIP Map filter will now work as expected for Power of Two textures. All available wrap modes will now work as well, rather than just GL\_CLAMP. The only restriction that this extension does not lift is that in OpenGL ES 1.x, glGenerateMIPMaps will not work unless GL\_OES\_framebuffer\_object is also supported.

**Public** 

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

#### **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_texture\_npot.txt

```
// Upload a texture with dimensions of 15 by 47. Typically this isn't supported without
// extension support.
glTexImage2D(GL TEXTURE 2D, 0, GL RGBA, 15, 47, 0, GL RGBA, GL UNSIGNED BYTE, pixelData);

// This extension lifts any restrictions on non-power of two textures, and all filter/wrap
// modes can be used.
glTexParameter(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER, GL_LINEAR_MIPMAP_LINEAR);
glTexParameter(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MAG_FILTER, GL_LINEAR);
glTexParameter(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_S, GL_REPEAT);
glTexParameter(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_T, GL_REPEAT);
```



# 3.121. GL\_OES\_texture\_stencil8

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1

### Description

This extension provides support for a new type of immutable texture - two dimensional multisample array textures.

# **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_texture\_stencil8.txt

```
// Create a 2D Multisample array texture
GLuint ms2dArrayTexture;
glGenTextures(1, &ms2dArrayTexture);
glBindTexture(GL TEXTURE 2D MULTISAMPLE ARRAY OES, ms2dArrayTexture);

// Allocate a 512x512 texture with 4 samples, 128 array layers, and RGBA data
glTexStorage3DMultisampleOES(GL_TEXTURE_2D_MULTISAMPLE_ARRAY_OES, 4, GL_RGBA8, 512, 512, 128,
GL_FALSE);
```



# 3.122. GL\_OES\_texture\_storage\_multisample\_2d\_array

# **Supported Hardware**

Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.1

# **Description**

This extension provides support for a new type of immutable texture - two dimensional multisample array textures.

# **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_texture\_storage\_multisample\_2d\_array.txt

```
// Create a 2D Multisample array texture
GLuint ms2dArrayTexture;
glGenTextures(1, &ms2dArrayTexture);
glBindTexture(GL TEXTURE 2D MULTISAMPLE ARRAY OES, ms2dArrayTexture);

// Allocate a 512x512 texture with 4 samples, 128 array layers, and RGBA data
glTexStorage3DMultisampleOES(GL_TEXTURE_2D_MULTISAMPLE_ARRAY_OES, 4, GL_RGBA8, 512, 512, 128,
GL_FALSE);
```



# 3.123. GL\_OES\_vertex\_array\_object

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT

#### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0

## Description

This extension provides a level of encapsulation for bound vertex state such as that set by, for example 'glVertexPointer'. With this extension, any modifications to the vertex array state will bind specifically to the bound VAO, rather than being bound directly to the context. Changing between bound VAOs will modify the vertex state to whatever was last set within the newly bound VAO. This allows users to quickly switch between various vertex states, allowing them to, for example, switch between different model objects with far fewer API calls than are traditionally needed. To maintain compatibility with the Core ES APIs, this extension employs a "default VAO". What this means is that rather than the object name '0' being a special "nothing bound" name as in most OpenGL objects, it is instead a fully usable VAO.

More specifically, vertex array objects all the state set by the following methods:

ES1: gl\*Pointer(), glEnableClientState(), glBindBuffer()\*

ES2: glVertexAttribPointer(), glEnableVertexAttribArray(), glBindBuffer()\*

\*VAOs only store the bound GL\_ELEMENT\_ARRAY\_BUFFER. Any binding to GL\_ARRAY\_BUFFER or other buffer types are separate and distinct from VAOs.

#### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

# **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES vertex array object.txt

```
// Generate a vertex array object
GLuint vertexArray;
glGenVertexArraysOES(1, &vertexArray);

// Bind the vertex array object
glBindVertexArrayOES(vertexArray);

// Set some vertex attribute pointers
glVertexAttribPointer(0, 4, GL_FLOAT, GL_TRUE, 0, dataPointer);

// Rebind the default VAO
glBindVertexArrayOES(0);
```



# 3.124. GL\_OES\_vertex\_half\_float

# **Supported Hardware**

Series5, Series5XT, Series6, Series6XE, Series6XT (ES2/3 Only)

### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 1.x, 2.0

# **Description**

This extension adds the ability to use 16-bit floating point (GL\_HALF\_FLOAT) representations of vertex data when uploading it to GL. The half-float data format consists of 1 sign bit, 5 exponent bits and 10 mantissa bits, and allows greater range than an integer representation would whilst reducing the memory footprint to that of a short data type.

### Note

This functionality is core to OpenGL ES 3.0.

## **Registry Link**

http://www.khronos.org/registry/gles/extensions/OES/OES\_vertex\_half\_float.txt

## **Example Code**

// Set a vertex attribute to sample vertices as half float values.
glVertexAttribPointer(0, 4, GL\_HALF\_FLOAT\_OES, GL\_TRUE, 0, dataPointer);



# 3.125. GL\_OVR\_multiview

### Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.0+

# **Description**

The method of stereo rendering supported in OpenGL is currently achieved by rendering to the two eye buffers sequentially. This typically incurs double the application and driver overhead, despite the fact that the command streams and render states are almost identical.

This extension seeks to address the inefficiency of sequential Multiview rendering by adding a means to render to multiple elements of a 2D texture array simultaneously. In multiview rendering, draw calls are instanced into each corresponding element of the texture array. The vertex program uses a new ViewID variable to compute per-view values, typically the vertex position and view-dependent variables like reflection.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/OpenGL/extensions/OVR/OVR\_multiview.txt

### **Example**

 $\verb|glFrame| buffer Texture Multiview OVR( target, attachment, texture, level, base View Index, num Views); \\$ 



# 3.126. GL\_OVR\_multiview\_multisampled\_render\_to\_texture

# Valid APIs

OpenGL ES 3.0+

# **Description**

This extension brings multisampling to multiview rendering.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/OpenGL/extensions/OVR/OVR\_multiview\_multisampled\_render\_to\_texture.txt

**Public** 

# **Example**

```
GLsizei width = ...;
GLsizei height = ...;
GLint samples = ...;
GLsizei views = 2;
glGenTextures(views, tex);
/* Create a color texture */
glBindTexture(GL TEXTURE 2D ARRAY, tex[0]);
glTexStorage3D(GL TEXTURE 2D ARRAY, 1, GL RGBA8, width, height, views );
/* Create a depth texture */
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D_ARRAY, tex[1]);
{\tt glTexStorage3D(GL\_TEXTURE\_2D\_ARRAY,\ 1,\ GL\_DEPTH\_COMPONENT24,\ width,\ height,\ views\ )}
/* attach the render targets */
glFramebufferTextureMultisampleMultiviewOVR(GL DRAW FRAMEBUFFER, GL COLOR ATTACHMENTO, tex[0],
0, samples, 0, views);
qlFramebufferTextureMultisampleMultiviewOVR(GL DRAW FRAMEBUFFER, GL DEPTH ATTACHMENT, tex[1],
0, samples, 0, views);
/* .. draw to multisampled multiview .. */
```



# 3.127. GL\_OVR\_multiview2

# **Valid APIs**

OpenGL ES 3.0+

# **Description**

This extension relaxes the restriction in OVR\_multiview that only gl\_Position can depend on ViewID in the vertex shader. With this change, view-dependent outputs like reflection vectors and similar are allowed.

# **Registry Link**

https://www.khronos.org/registry/OpenGL/extensions/OVR/OVR\_multiview2.txt



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