**Steps For Blue Screen Template**

**1. Get The Window Stub Program**

**2. STEPS FOR INSTANCE EXTENSIONS**

1. find how many instance extensions are supported by the vulkan driver of this version and keep it in a local variable.
2. allocate and fill struct VkExtension properties array corresponding to above count.
3. fill and display a local string array of extension names obtained from VkExtension properties.
4. As not required here onwards free VkExtension Array.
5. find whether above extension names contain our required two extensions (VK\_KHR\_SURFACE\_EXTENSION\_NAME macro of VK\_KHR\_surface, VK\_KHR\_WIN32\_SURFACE\_EXTENSION\_NAME macro of VK\_KHR\_win32\_surface) accordingly set two global variable.

a. required extension count.

b. required extension name array.

1. As not needed hencefore free local string array.
2. Print whether our Vulkan driver support our required extensions found or not
3. Print only supported extension names.

**3. STEPS FOR INSTANCE CREATION**

(Do below 4 steps in initialize() and last step in uninitialize())

1. As Explain above fill and initialize required extension names and count global variables.
2. initialize VkApplicationInfo.
3. initialize struct VkInstanceCreateInfo by using information from step 1 and 2.
4. call vkCreateInstance() to get VkInstance in a global variable and do error checking.
5. destroy vkInstance in uninitialize() function.

**4. STEPS FOR PRESENTATION SURFACE**

1. Declare a global variable to hold presentation surface object.
2. Declare and memset platform specific (windows, Linux, android, etc) surface create info structure.
3. Initialize it particularly its hInstance and hwnd members.
4. Now Call vkCreateWin32SufaceKHR() to create presentation surface object.

**5. STEPS FOR PHYSICAL DEVICE**

1. Declare 3 global variables for selected physical device, selected queue family index, for physical device's memory property(required letter).
2. call vkEnumeratePhysicalDevices() to get physical device count.
3. allocate VkPhysicalDevice array according to above count.
4. Call vkEnumeratePhysicalDevices() again to fill above array.
5. Start a loop Using Physical Device count and physical Device array (Note : Declare a boolean bFound Variable before this loop which will decide whether we found desired physical device or not)

Inside this loop:

1. declare a local variable to queue count.
2. call vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties() to queue count variable.
3. allocate VkQueueFamilyProperty array according to above count.
4. call vkGetPhyscialDeviceQueueFamilyProperties() to fill above array.
5. Declare VkBool32 type array and allocate it using the same above queue count.
6. Start a nested loop and fill above VkBool32 type array by calling vkGetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceSupportKHR().
7. start another nested loop (not in nested above loop), check whether physical device in its array with its queue family has graphics bit or not, If yes then this is a selected physical device assign it to global variable. similarly, this index is selected queue family index assign it to global variable and set bFound = true and break from the second nested loop.
8. now we are back in main loop so free the queue family array and VkBool32 array.
9. according to bFound variable break out from main loop.
10. free physical device array.
11. Do error checking according to the value of the bFound.
12. memset the global physical device property structure.
13. initialize above structure by using vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties().
14. Declare the a local structure variable VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures, memset it and initialize it by calling vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures()
15. By Using "tessellationShaderMember" of above structure check selected device tessellation Shader support.
16. By Using "geometryShaderMember" of above structure check selected device geometry shader support.
17. There is no need to free / destroy / uninitialize selected physical device. Because letter we will create Vulkan logical device which we need to destroy and its destruction will automatically destroy the selected physical device.

**6. STEPS FOR PRINT VULKAN INFO**

1. Remove Local declarations of physicalDeviceCount and physicalDeviceArray do it globally from getPhysicalDevice().
2. Accordingly remove physicalDeviceArray freeing block from if (if(bFound == TRUE)) statement and we will letter write freeing physicalDeviceArray block in printVKInfo().
3. write printVKInfo() with following steps:
4. Start a loop using global physicalDeviceCount and inside it declare and memset VkPhysicalDeviceProperties struct variable.
5. initialize this struct variable by calling vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties() Vulkan API.
6. Print vulkan API Version using "apiVersionMember" member of above struct this require 3 vulkan macros.
7. Print device name by using "deviceName" member of above struct.
8. Use "deviceType" member of above struct in a switch case block and accordingly print device type.
9. Print hexadecimal Vender id of device using "vendorID" member of above struct.
10. Print hexadecimal Device Id using "deviceID" member of above struct.

\* NOTE \* For the sake of completeness we can repeat step 5 a to h from getPhysicalDevice() but now instead of assigning selected queue and selected device print whether this device support graphic bit, compute bit, transfer bit using if-else if-else if block, Similarly we also can repeat Device features from getPhysicalDevice() function and can print all around 50+ device features including supporting tessellation shader and geometry shader.

1. Free physical device array here which we removed from if block (if(bFound == TRUE)) of getPhysicalDevice().

**7. STEPS FOR FILLING DEVICE EXTENSIONS**

1. using the similar steps of **instance extensions** we create device extensions, change API names, and variable names accordingly.( VK\_KHR\_SWAPCHAIN\_EXTENSION\_NAME )

**8. CREATING VULKAN LOGICAL DEVICE**

1. Create A User Defined function "createVulkanDevice()".
2. Call Previously created fill device extension name function in it.
3. Declare and initialize VkDeviceCreateInfoSturcture, use previously obtain device extension count and device extension array to initialize this structure.
4. Now call vkCreateDevice() vulkan API to actually create the vulkan logical device and do error checking.
5. Destroy this device when done, Before Destroing the device ensure that all operation on that device are finished. Till then wait on that device using "vkDeviceWaitIdle()".

**9. DEVICE QUEUE**

1. call vkGetDeviceQueue() using newly created vkDevice, Selected family index, 0th queue in that selected queue family

NOTE : when we create vulkanDevice it creates deviceQueue automatically and when we uninitlalize the vulkanDevice it will uninitialze the deviceQueue.

**10. GET SURFACE FORMAT AND COLOR SPACE**

1. call vkGetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceFormatKHR() first to retire count of supported format.
2. Declare and allocate array of VkSurfaceFormat Structure corresponding to above count, this structure has two members first VkFormat and second VkColorSpaceKHR.
3. call the same above function again but now to fill above array.
4. Acording to the contains of above filled array dicide the surface color format and surface color space.
5. Free the above array.

**11. PRESENT MODE**

1. call vkGetPhysicalDeviceSurfacePresentModesKHR() first to retire count of supported format.
2. Declare and allocate array of VkPresentModeKHR Enum corresponding to above count.
3. call above function again to full above array.
4. According to the contains of above filled array decide the present mode.
5. free the above array

**12. STEPS FOR SWAPCHAIN**

1. Get Physical device surface supported color format and physical device surface supported color space using previous step No 10.
2. Get Physical device surface capabilities by using vulkan API vkGetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceCapabilitiesKHR() and accordingly initialize VkSurfaceCapabilitiesKHR structure.
3. By using minImageCount and maxImageCount members of above structure beside desired image count for swapchain.
4. By using currentExtent.width and currentExtent.height members of above structure and comparing them with current width and height of window beside image width and image height of swap chain.
5. Decide How we are going to use the swapchain images means whether we are going to store image data and use it letter(deferred Rendering) or we are going to use it as color attachment.
6. Swapchain is capable to storing transformed image before presentation which is called as pre transformed. While creating swapchain we can decide whether to pre transformed or not the swapchain images (pre transformed also include flipping the image).
7. Get present mode for swapchain images using above step 11.
8. According to above data declare, memset and initialize VkSwapchainCreateInfo structure.
9. At the end call vkCreateSwapchainKHR() vulkan API to create the swapchain.
10. when done destroy it in uninitialize() by using vkDestroySwapchain() vulkan API.

**13. STEPS FOR SWAPCHAIN IMAGES AND IMAGE VIEW**

1. Get Swapchain image count in a global variable using VkGetSwapchainImagesKHR().
2. Declare a global VkImage type array and allocate it to the swapchain image count using malloc().
3. Now call the same function again from step 1, and fill this array.
4. Declare another global array of type VkImageView and allocate it to the size of swapchain image count.
5. Declare and initialize VkImageViewCreateInfo structure except its ".image" member.
6. Now Start a Loop for swapchain image count and inside this loop initialize above ".image" member to the swapchain image array index we obtain above, and then call vkCreateImageView() API to fill above VkImageView Array.
7. In uninitialize(), keeping the destructor logic aside, first destroy swapchain images from the swapchain images array in a loop using vkDestroyImage().
8. In uninitialize(), now actually free the image array using free().
9. In uninitialize(), destroy image view from image view array in a loop by using vkDestroyImageViews().
10. In uninitialize(), now actaully free the image view array using free().

**14. STEPS FOR COMMAND POOL**

1. declare and initialize VkCommandPoolCreateInfo struct.
2. call vkCreateCommandPool() to create the commandPool.
3. destroy command pool using vkDestroyCommandPool().

**15. STEPS FOR COMMAND BUFFERS**

1. Declare and initialize struct vkCommandBufferAllocateInfo
2. NOTE: the number of command buffer are conventionally equal to the number of swapchain images.
3. Declare a command buffer array globally and allocate it to size of swapchain image count.
4. In a loop allocate each array buffer in above array by using vkAllocateCommandBuffer(), At a time of allocation of buffer will be empty letter we will fill it for computation or rendering.
5. In uninitialize() free each command buffer in a loop of size swapchainImageCount.
6. Free the actual command buffer array.

**16. STEPS FOR COMMAND BUFFERS**

1. declare and initialize VkAttachmentDescription array (number of array elements depends upon number of attachments) although we have only one attachment i.e. color attachment we will consider it as array.
2. declare and initialize VkAttachmentReference structure which will have information about the attachment we describe above.
3. Declare and initialize VkSubpassDescription structure and keep information about above VkAttachmentReference structure.
4. Declare and initialize VkRenderPassCreateInfo structure and refer VkAttachmentDescription and VkSubpassDescription into it.

Remember: here also we need to specify interdependency of subpasses if needed and also attachment information in the form of image views which will used by framebuffer letter to create the actual RenderPass.

1. in uninitialze destroy the renderpass by using vkDestroyRenderPass().

**17. STEPS FOR COMMAND BUFFERS**

1. Declare an array of vkImageView equal to number of attachments means in our example array of one attachment.
2. Declare and initialize VkFrameBufferCreateInfo structure.
3. Allocate the framebuffer array by malloc equal to the size of swapchain image count.
4. start a loop for swapchain image count and call vkCreateFrameBuffer() to create FrameBuffers.
5. In uninitialize() destroy framebuffer in a loop for swapchain image count.

**18. STEPS FOR FENCES AND SEMAPHORE**

1. Globally declare an array of (pointer type) fences of type VkFence, additionally declare two semaphore objects of type VkSemaphore.
2. In createSemaphore() UDF(User Defined Function) declare, memset and initialize VkSemaphoreCreateInfo structure.
3. now call vkCreateSemaphore() 2 times to create our two semaphore objects.

REMEMBER: - both will use same VkSemaphoreCreateInfo structure.

- By default, semaphore type is binary semaphore.

1. In createFences() UDF declare, memset and initialize VkFenceCreateInfo structure.
2. in this UDF function allocate our global fence array to the size of swapchain image count using malloc().
3. Now in a loop call vkCreateFence() to initialize our global fences array.
4. In uninitialize() first in a loop with swapchain image count as counter destroy fence array objects using vkDestroyFence() and then actally free the allocated fences array by using free().
5. destroy both global semaphore objects with 2 separate calls to vkDestroySemaphore().

**19. STEPS FOR BUILD COMMAND BUFFERS**

1. start a loop with swapchainImageCount as counter.
2. beside the loop call vkResetCommandBuffer() to reset the content of commandBuffer.
3. then declare, memset and initialize vkCommandBufferBeginInfo structure.
4. Now call vkBeginCommandBuffer() API to record vulkan drawing related commands do error chacking.
5. Declare, memset and initialize struct array of VkClearValue type internally it is union. Our array will be of 1 element this number depends upon the number of attachments in the frameBuffer. As we have only one attachment i.e. color attachment hence our array is of 1 element. when our array becomes size of 2 then the color member is meaningless because is union. to do this initialize VkClearColorValue struct to do this declare globally vkClearColorValue structure variable and memset and initialize it in initalize().

REMEMBER: We are going to clear .color member of vkClearValue structure by VkClearColorValue structure because in step 16-RenderPass we specified .loadOp member of VkAttachmentDescription structure to VK\_ATTACHMENT\_LOAD\_OP\_CLEAR.

1. Then declare memset and initialize VkRenderPassBeginInfo structure.
2. Begin renderPass by vkCmdBeginRenderPass().
3. REMEMBER : The code written inside "beginRenderPass" and endRenderPass itself is the code of subpass if no subpass is explicitly created. In other word if there is no subpass declared there is always atleast on subpass.
4. End renderPass by calling vkCmdEndRenderPass().
5. End the recording of commandBuffer by calling vkEndCommandBuffer() and do error checking.
6. close the loop.