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Chapter 2. Introduction

This document, referred to as the "Vulkan Specification" or just the "Specification" hereafter, describes the Vulkan Application Programming Interface (API). Vulkan is a C99 API designed for explicit control of low-level graphics and compute functionality.

The canonical version of the Specification is available in the official Vulkan Registry (https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/). The source files used to generate the Vulkan specification are stored in the Vulkan Documentation Repository (https://github.com/KhronosGroup/Vulkan-Docs). The source repository additionally has a public issue tracker and allows the submission of pull requests that improve the specification.

2.1. Document Conventions

The Vulkan specification is intended for use by both implementors of the API and application developers seeking to make use of the API, forming a contract between these parties. Specification text may address either party; typically the intended audience can be inferred from context, though some sections are defined to address only one of these parties. (For example, Valid Usage sections only address application developers). Any requirements, prohibitions, recommendations or options defined by normative terminology are imposed only on the audience of that text.

> *Note*
>
> Structure and enumerated types defined in extensions that were promoted to core in a later version of Vulkan are now defined in terms of the equivalent Vulkan core interfaces. This affects the Vulkan Specification, the Vulkan header files, and the corresponding XML Registry.

2.1.1. Informative Language

Some language in the specification is purely informative, intended to give background or suggestions to implementors or developers.

If an entire chapter or section contains only informative language, its title will be suffixed with "(Informative)".

All NOTEs are implicitly informative.

2.1.2. Normative Terminology

Within this specification, the key words **must**, **required**, **should**, **recommended**, **may**, and **optional** are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119 - Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels (https://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt). The additional key word **optionally** is an alternate form of **optional**, for use where grammatically appropriate.

These key words are highlighted in the specification for clarity. In text addressing application developers, their use expresses requirements that apply to application behavior. In text addressing implementors, their use expresses requirements that apply to implementations.

In text addressing application developers, the additional key words **can** and **cannot** are to be interpreted as describing the capabilities of an application, as follows:

can

> This word means that the application is able to perform the action described.

cannot

> This word means that the API and/or the execution environment provide no mechanism through which the application can express or accomplish the action described.

These key words are never used in text addressing implementors.

> *Note*
>
> There is an important distinction between **cannot** and **must not**, as used in this Specification. **Cannot** means something the application literally is unable to express or accomplish through the API, while **must not** means something that the application is capable of expressing through the API, but that the consequences of doing so are undefined and potentially unrecoverable for the implementation (see Valid Usage).

Unless otherwise noted in the section heading, all sections and appendices in this document are normative.

2.1.3. Technical Terminology

The Vulkan Specification makes use of common engineering and graphics terms such as **Pipeline**, **Shader**, and **Host** to identify and describe Vulkan API constructs and their attributes, states, and behaviors. The Glossary defines the basic meanings of these terms in the context of the Specification. The Specification text provides fuller definitions of the terms and may elaborate, extend, or clarify the Glossary definitions. When a term defined in the Glossary is used in normative language within the Specification, the definitions within the Specification govern and supersede any meanings the terms may have in other technical contexts (i.e. outside the Specification).

2.1.4. Normative References

References to external documents are considered normative references if the Specification uses any of the normative terms defined in Normative Terminology to refer to them or their requirements, either as a whole or in part.

The following documents are referenced by normative sections of the specification:

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Chapter 3. Fundamentals

This chapter introduces fundamental concepts including the Vulkan architecture and execution model, API syntax, queues, pipeline configurations, numeric representation, state and state queries, and the different types of objects and shaders. It provides a framework for interpreting more specific descriptions of commands and behavior in the remainder of the Specification.

3.1. Host and Device Environment

The Vulkan Specification assumes and requires: the following properties of the host environment with respect to Vulkan implementations:

* The host **must** have runtime support for 8, 16, 32 and 64-bit signed and unsigned twos-complement integers, all addressable at the granularity of their size in bytes.

* The host **must** have runtime support for 32- and 64-bit floating-point types satisfying the range and precision constraints in the Floating Point Computation section.

* The representation and endianness of these types on the host **must** match the representation and endianness of the same types on every physical device supported.

> *Note*
>
> Since a variety of data types and structures in Vulkan **may** be accessible by both host and physical device operations, the implementation **should** be able to access such data efficiently in both paths in order to facilitate writing portable and performant applications.

3.2. Execution Model

This section outlines the execution model of a Vulkan system.

Vulkan exposes one or more *devices*, each of which exposes one or more *queues* which **may** process work asynchronously to one another. The set of queues supported by a device is partitioned into *families*. Each family supports one or more types of functionality and **may** contain multiple queues with similar characteristics. Queues within a single family are considered *compatible* with one another, and work produced for a family of queues **can** be executed on any queue within that family. This specification defines the following types of functionality that queues **may** support: graphics, compute, transfer and sparse memory management.

> *Note*
>
> A single device **may** report multiple similar queue families rather than, or as well as, reporting multiple members of one or more of those families. This indicates that while members of those families have similar capabilities, they are *not* directly compatible with one another.

Device memory is explicitly managed by the application. Each device **may** advertise one or more heaps, representing different areas of memory. Memory heaps are either device-local or host-local,

but are always visible to the device. Further detail about memory heaps is exposed via memory types available on that heap. Examples of memory areas that **may** be available on an implementation include:

- *device-local* is memory that is physically connected to the device.

- *device-local, host visible* is device-local memory that is visible to the host.

- *host-local, host visible* is memory that is local to the host and visible to the device and host.

On other architectures, there **may** only be a single heap that **can** be used for any purpose.

3.2.1. Queue Operation

Vulkan queues provide an interface to the execution engines of a device. Commands for these execution engines are recorded into command buffers ahead of execution time, and then submitted to a queue for execution. Once submitted to a queue, command buffers will begin and complete execution without further application intervention, though the order of this execution is dependent on a number of implicit and explicit ordering constraints.

Work is submitted to queues using *queue submission commands* that typically take the form vkQueue* (e.g. vkQueueSubmit, vkQueueBindSparse), and **can** take a list of semaphores upon which to wait before work begins and a list of semaphores to signal once work has completed. The work itself, as well as signaling and waiting on the semaphores are all *queue operations*. Queue submission commands return control to the application once queue operations have been submitted - they do not wait for completion.

There are no implicit ordering constraints between queue operations on different queues, or between queues and the host, so these **may** operate in any order with respect to each other. Explicit ordering constraints between different queues or with the host **can** be expressed with semaphores and fences.

Command buffer submissions to a single queue respect submission order and other implicit ordering guarantees, but otherwise **may** overlap or execute out of order. Other types of batches and queue submissions against a single queue (e.g. sparse memory binding) have no implicit ordering constraints with any other queue submission or batch. Additional explicit ordering constraints between queue submissions and individual batches can be expressed with semaphores and fences.

Before a fence or semaphore is signaled, it is guaranteed that any previously submitted queue operations have completed execution, and that memory writes from those queue operations are available to future queue operations. Waiting on a signaled semaphore or fence guarantees that previous writes that are available are also visible to subsequent commands.

Command buffer boundaries, both between primary command buffers of the same or different batches or submissions as well as between primary and secondary command buffers, do not introduce any additional ordering constraints. In other words, submitting the set of command buffers (which **can** include executing secondary command buffers) between any semaphore or fence operations execute the recorded commands as if they had all been recorded into a single primary command buffer, except that the current state is reset on each boundary. Explicit ordering constraints **can** be expressed with explicit synchronization primitives.

There are a few implicit ordering guarantees between commands within a command buffer, but only covering a subset of execution. Additional explicit ordering constraints can be expressed with the various explicit synchronization primitives.

> **Note**
>
> Implementations have significant freedom to overlap execution of work submitted to a queue, and this is common due to deep pipelining and parallelism in Vulkan devices.

Commands recorded in command buffers either perform actions (draw, dispatch, clear, copy, query/timestamp operations, begin/end subpass operations), set state (bind pipelines, descriptor sets, and buffers, set dynamic state, push constants, set render pass/subpass state), or perform synchronization (set/wait events, pipeline barrier, render pass/subpass dependencies). Some commands perform more than one of these tasks. State setting commands update the *current state* of the command buffer. Some commands that perform actions (e.g. draw/dispatch) do so based on the current state set cumulatively since the start of the command buffer. The work involved in performing action commands is often allowed to overlap or to be reordered, but doing so **must** not alter the state to be used by each action command. In general, action commands are those commands that alter framebuffer attachments, read/write buffer or image memory, or write to query pools.

Synchronization commands introduce explicit execution and memory dependencies between two sets of action commands, where the second set of commands depends on the first set of commands. These dependencies enforce both that the execution of certain pipeline stages in the later set occurs after the execution of certain stages in the source set, and that the effects of memory accesses performed by certain pipeline stages occur in order and are visible to each other. When not enforced by an explicit dependency or implicit ordering guarantees, action commands **may** overlap execution or execute out of order, and **may** not see the side effects of each other's memory accesses.

3.3. Object Model

The devices, queues, and other entities in Vulkan are represented by Vulkan objects. At the API level, all objects are referred to by handles. There are two classes of handles, dispatchable and non-dispatchable. *Dispatchable* handle types are a pointer to an opaque type. This pointer **may** be used by layers as part of intercepting API commands, and thus each API command takes a dispatchable type as its first parameter. Each object of a dispatchable type **must** have a unique handle value during its lifetime.

Non-dispatchable handle types are a 64-bit integer type whose meaning is implementation-dependent. Non-dispatchable handles **may** encode object information directly in the handle rather than acting as a reference to an underlying object, and thus **may** not have unique handle values. If handle values are not unique, then destroying one such handle **must** not cause identical handles of other types to become invalid, and **must** not cause identical handles of the same type to become invalid if that handle value has been created more times than it has been destroyed.

All objects created or allocated from a `VkDevice` (i.e. with a `VkDevice` as the first parameter) are private to that device, and **must** not be used on other devices.

3.3.1. Object Lifetime

Objects are created or allocated by `vkCreate*` and `vkAllocate*` commands, respectively. Once an object is created or allocated, its "structure" is considered to be immutable, though the contents of certain object types is still free to change. Objects are destroyed or freed by `vkDestroy*` and `vkFree*` commands, respectively.

Objects that are allocated (rather than created) take resources from an existing pool object or memory heap, and when freed return resources to that pool or heap. While object creation and destruction are generally expected to be low-frequency occurrences during runtime, allocating and freeing objects **can** occur at high frequency. Pool objects help accommodate improved performance of the allocations and frees.

It is an application's responsibility to track the lifetime of Vulkan objects, and not to destroy them while they are still in use.

The ownership of application-owned memory is immediately acquired by any Vulkan command it is passed into. Ownership of such memory **must** be released back to the application at the end of the duration of the command, so that the application **can** alter or free this memory as soon as all the commands that acquired it have returned.

The following object types are consumed when they are passed into a Vulkan command and not further accessed by the objects they are used to create. They **must** not be destroyed in the duration of any API command they are passed into:

- `VkShaderModule`
- `VkPipelineCache`

A `VkRenderPass` object passed as a parameter to create another object is not further accessed by that object after the duration of the command it is passed into. A `VkRenderPass` used in a command buffer follows the rules described below.

A `VkPipelineLayout` object **must** not be destroyed while any command buffer that uses it is in the recording state.

`VkDescriptorSetLayout` objects **may** be accessed by commands that operate on descriptor sets allocated using that layout, and those descriptor sets **must** not be updated with `vkUpdateDescriptorSets` after the descriptor set layout has been destroyed. Otherwise, a `VkDescriptorSetLayout` object passed as a parameter to create another object is not further accessed by that object after the duration of the command it is passed into.

The application **must** not destroy any other type of Vulkan object until all uses of that object by the device (such as via command buffer execution) have completed.

The following Vulkan objects **must** not be destroyed while any command buffers using the object are in the pending state:

- `VkEvent`
- `VkQueryPool`

- VkBuffer

- VkBufferView

- VkImage

- VkImageView

- VkPipeline

- VkSampler

- VkSamplerYcbcrConversion

- VkDescriptorPool

- VkFramebuffer

- VkRenderPass

- VkCommandBuffer

- VkCommandPool

- VkDeviceMemory

- VkDescriptorSet

Destroying these objects will move any command buffers that are in the recording or executable state, and are using those objects, to the invalid state.

The following Vulkan objects **must** not be destroyed while any queue is executing commands that use the object:

- VkFence

- VkSemaphore

- VkCommandBuffer

- VkCommandPool

In general, objects **can** be destroyed or freed in any order, even if the object being freed is involved in the use of another object (e.g. use of a resource in a view, use of a view in a descriptor set, use of an object in a command buffer, binding of a memory allocation to a resource), as long as any object that uses the freed object is not further used in any way except to be destroyed or to be reset in such a way that it no longer uses the other object (such as resetting a command buffer). If the object has been reset, then it **can** be used as if it never used the freed object. An exception to this is when there is a parent/child relationship between objects. In this case, the application **must** not destroy a parent object before its children, except when the parent is explicitly defined to free its children when it is destroyed (e.g. for pool objects, as defined below).

VkCommandPool objects are parents of VkCommandBuffer objects. VkDescriptorPool objects are parents of VkDescriptorSet objects. VkDevice objects are parents of many object types (all that take a VkDevice as a parameter to their creation).

The following Vulkan objects have specific restrictions for when they **can** be destroyed:

- VkQueue objects **cannot** be explicitly destroyed. Instead, they are implicitly destroyed when the

`VkDevice` object they are retrieved from is destroyed.

- Destroying a pool object implicitly frees all objects allocated from that pool. Specifically, destroying `VkCommandPool` frees all `VkCommandBuffer` objects that were allocated from it, and destroying `VkDescriptorPool` frees all `VkDescriptorSet` objects that were allocated from it.

- `VkDevice` objects **can** be destroyed when all `VkQueue` objects retrieved from them are idle, and all objects created from them have been destroyed. This includes the following objects:

  - `VkFence`

  - `VkSemaphore`

  - `VkEvent`

  - `VkQueryPool`

  - `VkBuffer`

  - `VkBufferView`

  - `VkImage`

  - `VkImageView`

  - `VkShaderModule`

  - `VkPipelineCache`

  - `VkPipeline`

  - `VkPipelineLayout`

  - `VkSampler`

  - `VkSamplerYcbcrConversion`

  - `VkDescriptorSetLayout`

  - `VkDescriptorPool`

  - `VkFramebuffer`

  - `VkRenderPass`

  - `VkCommandPool`

  - `VkCommandBuffer`

  - `VkDeviceMemory`

- `VkPhysicalDevice` objects **cannot** be explicitly destroyed. Instead, they are implicitly destroyed when the `VkInstance` object they are retrieved from is destroyed.

- `VkInstance` objects **can** be destroyed once all `VkDevice` objects created from any of its `VkPhysicalDevice` objects have been destroyed.

3.3.2. External Object Handles

As defined above, the scope of object handles created or allocated from a `VkDevice` is limited to that logical device. Objects which are not in scope are said to be external. To bring an external object into scope, an external handle **must** be exported from the object in the source scope and imported into the destination scope.

Note

The scope of external handles and their associated resources **may** vary according to their type, but they **can** generally be shared across process and API boundaries.

3.4. Application Binary Interface

The mechanism by which Vulkan is made available to applications is platform- or implementation-defined. On many platforms the C interface described in this Specification is provided by a shared library. Since shared libraries can be changed independently of the applications that use them, they present particular compatibility challenges, and this Specification places some requirements on them.

Shared library implementations **must** use the default Application Binary Interface (ABI) of the standard C compiler for the platform, or provide customized API headers that cause application code to use the implementation's non-default ABI. An ABI in this context means the size, alignment, and layout of C data types; the procedure calling convention; and the naming convention for shared library symbols corresponding to C functions. Customizing the calling convention for a platform is usually accomplished by defining calling convention macros appropriately in `vk_platform.h`.

On platforms where Vulkan is provided as a shared library, library symbols beginning with "vk" and followed by a digit or uppercase letter are reserved for use by the implementation. Applications which use Vulkan **must** not provide definitions of these symbols. This allows the Vulkan shared library to be updated with additional symbols for new API versions or extensions without causing symbol conflicts with existing applications.

Shared library implementations **should** provide library symbols for commands in the highest version of this Specification they support, and for Window System Integration extensions relevant to the platform. They **may** also provide library symbols for commands defined by additional extensions.

Note

These requirements and recommendations are intended to allow implementors to take advantage of platform-specific conventions for SDKs, ABIs, library versioning mechanisms, etc. while still minimizing the code changes necessary to port applications or libraries between platforms. Platform vendors, or providers of the *de facto* standard Vulkan shared library for a platform, are encouraged to document what symbols the shared library provides and how it will be versioned when new symbols are added.

Applications **should** only rely on shared library symbols for commands in the minimum core version required by the application. vkGetInstanceProcAddr and vkGetDeviceProcAddr **should** be used to obtain function pointers for commands in core versions beyond the application's minimum required version.

3.5. Command Syntax and Duration

The Specification describes Vulkan commands as functions or procedures using C99 syntax.

Language bindings for other languages such as C++ and JavaScript **may** allow for stricter parameter passing, or object-oriented interfaces.

Vulkan uses the standard C types for the base type of scalar parameters (e.g. types from `<stdint.h>`), with exceptions described below, or elsewhere in the text when appropriate:

`VkBool32` represents boolean `True` and `False` values, since C does not have a sufficiently portable built-in boolean type:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef uint32_t VkBool32;
```

`VK_TRUE` represents a boolean **True** (unsigned integer 1) value, and `VK_FALSE` a boolean **False** (unsigned integer 0) value.

All values returned from a Vulkan implementation in a `VkBool32` will be either `VK_TRUE` or `VK_FALSE`.

Applications **must** not pass any other values than `VK_TRUE` or `VK_FALSE` into a Vulkan implementation where a `VkBool32` is expected.

`VK_TRUE` is a constant representing a `VkBool32` **True** value.

```
#define VK_TRUE                         1U
```

`VK_FALSE` is a constant representing a `VkBool32` **False** value.

```
#define VK_FALSE                        0U
```

`VkDeviceSize` represents device memory size and offset values:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef uint64_t VkDeviceSize;
```

`VkDeviceAddress` represents device buffer address values:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef uint64_t VkDeviceAddress;
```

Commands that create Vulkan objects are of the form `vkCreate*` and take `Vk*CreateInfo` structures with the parameters needed to create the object. These Vulkan objects are destroyed with commands of the form `vkDestroy*`.

The last in-parameter to each command that creates or destroys a Vulkan object is `pAllocator`. The `pAllocator` parameter **can** be set to a non-`NULL` value such that allocations for the given object are delegated to an application provided callback; refer to the Memory Allocation chapter for further

details.

Commands that allocate Vulkan objects owned by pool objects are of the form `vkAllocate*`, and take `Vk*AllocateInfo` structures. These Vulkan objects are freed with commands of the form `vkFree*`. These objects do not take allocators; if host memory is needed, they will use the allocator that was specified when their parent pool was created.

Commands are recorded into a command buffer by calling API commands of the form `vkCmd*`. Each such command **may** have different restrictions on where it **can** be used: in a primary and/or secondary command buffer, inside and/or outside a render pass, and in one or more of the supported queue types. These restrictions are documented together with the definition of each such command.

The *duration* of a Vulkan command refers to the interval between calling the command and its return to the caller.

3.5.1. Lifetime of Retrieved Results

Information is retrieved from the implementation with commands of the form `vkGet*` and `vkEnumerate*`.

Unless otherwise specified for an individual command, the results are *invariant*; that is, they will remain unchanged when retrieved again by calling the same command with the same parameters, so long as those parameters themselves all remain valid.

3.6. Threading Behavior

Vulkan is intended to provide scalable performance when used on multiple host threads. All commands support being called concurrently from multiple threads, but certain parameters, or components of parameters are defined to be *externally synchronized*. This means that the caller **must** guarantee that no more than one thread is using such a parameter at a given time.

More precisely, Vulkan commands use simple stores to update the state of Vulkan objects. A parameter declared as externally synchronized **may** have its contents updated at any time during the host execution of the command. If two commands operate on the same object and at least one of the commands declares the object to be externally synchronized, then the caller **must** guarantee not only that the commands do not execute simultaneously, but also that the two commands are separated by an appropriate memory barrier (if needed).

> *Note*
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> Memory barriers are particularly relevant for hosts based on the ARM CPU architecture, which is more weakly ordered than many developers are accustomed to from x86/x64 programming. Fortunately, most higher-level synchronization primitives (like the pthread library) perform memory barriers as a part of mutual exclusion, so mutexing Vulkan objects via these primitives will have the desired effect.

Similarly the application **must** avoid any potential data hazard of application-owned memory that

has its ownership temporarily acquired by a Vulkan command. While the ownership of application-owned memory remains acquired by a command the implementation **may** read the memory at any point, and it **may** write non-`const` qualified memory at any point. Parameters referring to non-`const` qualified application-owned memory are not marked explicitly as *externally synchronized* in the Specification.

Many object types are *immutable*, meaning the objects **cannot** change once they have been created. These types of objects never need external synchronization, except that they **must** not be destroyed while they are in use on another thread. In certain special cases mutable object parameters are internally synchronized, making external synchronization unnecessary. Any command parameters that are not labeled as externally synchronized are either not mutated by the command or are internally synchronized. Additionally, certain objects related to a command's parameters (e.g. command pools and descriptor pools) **may** be affected by a command, and **must** also be externally synchronized. These implicit parameters are documented as described below.

Parameters of commands that are externally synchronized are listed below.

Externally Synchronized Parameters

- The `instance` parameter in vkDestroyInstance
- The `device` parameter in vkDestroyDevice
- The `queue` parameter in vkQueueSubmit
- The `fence` parameter in vkQueueSubmit
- The `queue` parameter in vkQueueWaitIdle
- The `memory` parameter in vkFreeMemory
- The `memory` parameter in vkMapMemory
- The `memory` parameter in vkUnmapMemory
- The `buffer` parameter in vkBindBufferMemory
- The `image` parameter in vkBindImageMemory
- The `queue` parameter in vkQueueBindSparse
- The `fence` parameter in vkQueueBindSparse
- The `fence` parameter in vkDestroyFence
- The `semaphore` parameter in vkDestroySemaphore
- The `event` parameter in vkDestroyEvent
- The `event` parameter in vkSetEvent
- The `event` parameter in vkResetEvent
- The `queryPool` parameter in vkDestroyQueryPool
- The `buffer` parameter in vkDestroyBuffer
- The `bufferView` parameter in vkDestroyBufferView
- The `image` parameter in vkDestroyImage
- The `imageView` parameter in vkDestroyImageView
- The `shaderModule` parameter in vkDestroyShaderModule
- The `pipelineCache` parameter in vkDestroyPipelineCache
- The `dstCache` parameter in vkMergePipelineCaches
- The `pipeline` parameter in vkDestroyPipeline
- The `pipelineLayout` parameter in vkDestroyPipelineLayout
- The `sampler` parameter in vkDestroySampler
- The `descriptorSetLayout` parameter in vkDestroyDescriptorSetLayout
- The `descriptorPool` parameter in vkDestroyDescriptorPool
- The `descriptorPool` parameter in vkResetDescriptorPool
- The `descriptorPool` member of the `pAllocateInfo` parameter in vkAllocateDescriptorSets
- The `descriptorPool` parameter in vkFreeDescriptorSets

- The `framebuffer` parameter in vkDestroyFramebuffer
- The `renderPass` parameter in vkDestroyRenderPass
- The `commandPool` parameter in vkDestroyCommandPool
- The `commandPool` parameter in vkResetCommandPool
- The `commandPool` member of the `pAllocateInfo` parameter in vkAllocateCommandBuffers
- The `commandPool` parameter in vkFreeCommandBuffers
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkBeginCommandBuffer
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkEndCommandBuffer
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkResetCommandBuffer
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdBindPipeline
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdSetViewport
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdSetScissor
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdSetLineWidth
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdSetDepthBias
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdSetBlendConstants
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdSetDepthBounds
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdSetStencilWriteMask
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdSetStencilReference
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdBindDescriptorSets
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdBindIndexBuffer
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdBindVertexBuffers
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdDraw
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdDrawIndexed
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdDrawIndirect
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdDispatch
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdDispatchIndirect
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdCopyBuffer
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdCopyImage
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdBlitImage
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdCopyBufferToImage
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdUpdateBuffer
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdFillBuffer

- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdClearColorImage
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdClearAttachments
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdResolveImage
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdSetEvent
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdResetEvent
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdWaitEvents
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdPipelineBarrier
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdBeginQuery
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdEndQuery
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdResetQueryPool
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdWriteTimestamp
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdPushConstants
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdBeginRenderPass
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdNextSubpass
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdEndRenderPass
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdExecuteCommands
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdSetDeviceMask
- The `commandBuffer` parameter in vkCmdDispatchBase
- The `commandPool` parameter in vkTrimCommandPool
- The `ycbcrConversion` parameter in vkDestroySamplerYcbcrConversion
- The `descriptorUpdateTemplate` parameter in vkDestroyDescriptorUpdateTemplate
- The `descriptorSet` parameter in vkUpdateDescriptorSetWithTemplate

There are also a few instances where a command **can** take in a user allocated list whose contents are externally synchronized parameters. In these cases, the caller **must** guarantee that at most one thread is using a given element within the list at a given time. These parameters are listed below.

- The `buffer` member of each element of the `pBufferBinds` member of each element of the `pBindInfo` parameter in vkQueueBindSparse

- The `image` member of each element of the `pImageOpaqueBinds` member of each element of the `pBindInfo` parameter in vkQueueBindSparse

- The `image` member of each element of the `pImageBinds` member of each element of the `pBindInfo` parameter in vkQueueBindSparse

- Each element of the `pFences` parameter in vkResetFences

- Each element of the `pDescriptorSets` parameter in vkFreeDescriptorSets

- The `dstSet` member of each element of the `pDescriptorWrites` parameter in vkUpdateDescriptorSets

- The `dstSet` member of each element of the `pDescriptorCopies` parameter in vkUpdateDescriptorSets

- Each element of the `pCommandBuffers` parameter in vkFreeCommandBuffers

In addition, there are some implicit parameters that need to be externally synchronized. For example, all `commandBuffer` parameters that need to be externally synchronized imply that the `commandPool` that was passed in when creating that command buffer also needs to be externally synchronized. The implicit parameters and their associated object are listed below.

Implicit Externally Synchronized Parameters

- All `VkPhysicalDevice` objects enumerated from `instance` in vkDestroyInstance

- All `VkQueue` objects created from `device` in vkDestroyDevice

- All `VkQueue` objects created from `device` in vkDeviceWaitIdle

- Any `VkDescriptorSet` objects allocated from `descriptorPool` in vkResetDescriptorPool

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from in vkBeginCommandBuffer

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from in vkEndCommandBuffer

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from in vkResetCommandBuffer

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdBindPipeline

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdSetViewport

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdSetScissor

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdSetLineWidth

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdSetDepthBias

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdSetBlendConstants

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdSetDepthBounds

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdSetStencilWriteMask

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdSetStencilReference

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdBindDescriptorSets

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdBindIndexBuffer

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdBindVertexBuffers

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdDraw

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdDrawIndexed

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdDrawIndirect

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdDispatch

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdDispatchIndirect

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdCopyBuffer

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdCopyImage

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdBlitImage

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdCopyBufferToImage

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdUpdateBuffer

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdFillBuffer

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdClearColorImage

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdClearAttachments

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdResolveImage

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdSetEvent

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdResetEvent

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdWaitEvents

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdPipelineBarrier

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdBeginQuery

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdEndQuery

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdResetQueryPool

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdWriteTimestamp

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdPushConstants

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdBeginRenderPass

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdNextSubpass

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdEndRenderPass

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdExecuteCommands

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdSetDeviceMask

- The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, in vkCmdDispatchBase

3.7. Valid Usage

Valid usage defines a set of conditions which **must** be met in order to achieve well-defined runtime behavior in an application. These conditions depend only on Vulkan state, and the parameters or objects whose usage is constrained by the condition.

The core layer assumes applications are using the API correctly. Except as documented elsewhere in the Specification, the behavior of the core layer to an application using the API incorrectly is undefined, and **may** include program termination. However, implementations **must** ensure that incorrect usage by an application does not affect the integrity of the operating system, the Vulkan implementation, or other Vulkan client applications in the system. In particular, any guarantees made by an operating system about whether memory from one process **can** be visible to another process or not **must** not be violated by a Vulkan implementation for **any memory allocation**. Vulkan implementations are not **required** to make additional security or integrity guarantees beyond those provided by the OS unless explicitly directed by the application's use of a particular feature or extension.

Note

For instance, if an operating system guarantees that data in all its memory allocations are set to zero when newly allocated, the Vulkan implementation **must** make the same guarantees for any allocations it controls (e.g. VkDeviceMemory).

Similarly, if an operating system guarantees that use-after-free of host allocations will not result in values written by another process becoming visible, the same guarantees **must** be made by the Vulkan implementation for device memory.

If the protected memory feature is supported, the implementation provides additional guarantees when invalid usage occurs to prevent values in protected memory from being accessed or inferred outside of protected operations, as described in Protected Memory Access Rules.

Some valid usage conditions have dependencies on runtime limits or feature availability. It is possible to validate these conditions against Vulkan's minimum supported values for these limits and features, or some subset of other known values.

Valid usage conditions do not cover conditions where well-defined behavior (including returning an error code) exists.

Valid usage conditions **should** apply to the command or structure where complete information about the condition would be known during execution of an application. This is such that a validation layer or linter **can** be written directly against these statements at the point they are specified.

Note

This does lead to some non-obvious places for valid usage statements. For instance, the valid values for a structure might depend on a separate value in the calling command. In this case, the structure itself will not reference this valid usage as it is impossible to determine validity from the structure that it is invalid - instead this valid usage would be attached to the calling command.

Another example is draw state - the state setters are independent, and can cause a legitimately invalid state configuration between draw calls; so the valid usage statements are attached to the place where all state needs to be valid - at the drawing command.

Valid usage conditions are described in a block labelled "Valid Usage" following each command or structure they apply to.

3.7.1. Usage Validation

Vulkan is a layered API. The lowest layer is the core Vulkan layer, as defined by this Specification. The application **can** use additional layers above the core for debugging, validation, and other purposes.

One of the core principles of Vulkan is that building and submitting command buffers **should** be highly efficient. Thus error checking and validation of state in the core layer is minimal, although

more rigorous validation **can** be enabled through the use of layers.

Validation of correct API usage is left to validation layers. Applications **should** be developed with validation layers enabled, to help catch and eliminate errors. Once validated, released applications **should** not enable validation layers by default.

3.7.2. Implicit Valid Usage

Some valid usage conditions apply to all commands and structures in the API, unless explicitly denoted otherwise for a specific command or structure. These conditions are considered *implicit*, and are described in a block labelled "Valid Usage (Implicit)" following each command or structure they apply to. Implicit valid usage conditions are described in detail below.

Valid Usage for Object Handles

Any input parameter to a command that is an object handle **must** be a valid object handle, unless otherwise specified. An object handle is valid if:

- It has been created or allocated by a previous, successful call to the API. Such calls are noted in the Specification.
- It has not been deleted or freed by a previous call to the API. Such calls are noted in the Specification.
- Any objects used by that object, either as part of creation or execution, **must** also be valid.

The reserved values VK_NULL_HANDLE and NULL **can** be used in place of valid non-dispatchable handles and dispatchable handles, respectively, when *explicitly called out in the Specification*. Any command that creates an object successfully **must** not return these values. It is valid to pass these values to vkDestroy* or vkFree* commands, which will silently ignore these values.

Valid Usage for Pointers

Any parameter that is a pointer **must** be a *valid pointer* only if it is explicitly called out by a Valid Usage statement.

A pointer is "valid" if it points at memory containing values of the number and type(s) expected by the command, and all fundamental types accessed through the pointer (e.g. as elements of an array or as members of a structure) satisfy the alignment requirements of the host processor.

Valid Usage for Strings

Any parameter that is a pointer to char **must** be a finite sequence of values terminated by a null character, or if *explicitly called out in the Specification*, **can** be NULL.

Valid Usage for Enumerated Types

Any parameter of an enumerated type **must** be a valid enumerant for that type. A enumerant is valid if:

- The enumerant is defined as part of the enumerated type.

- The enumerant is not the special value (suffixed with `_MAX_ENUM`[1]) defined for the enumerated type.

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    This special value exists only to ensure that C `enum` types are 32 bits in size. It is not part of the API, and **should** not be used by applications.

Any enumerated type returned from a query command or otherwise output from Vulkan to the application **must** not have a reserved value. Reserved values are values not defined by any extension for that enumerated type.

> *Note*
>
> This language is intended to accommodate cases such as "hidden" extensions known only to driver internals, or layers enabling extensions without knowledge of the application, without allowing return of values not defined by any extension.

> *Note*
>
> Application developers are encouraged to be careful when using `switch` statements with Vulkan API enums. This is because new extensions can add new values to existing enums. Using a `default:` statement within a `switch` may avoid future compilation issues.

Valid Usage for Flags

A collection of flags is represented by a bitmask using the type `VkFlags`:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef uint32_t VkFlags;
```

Bitmasks are passed to many commands and structures to compactly represent options, but `VkFlags` is not used directly in the API. Instead, a `Vk*Flags` type which is an alias of `VkFlags`, and whose name matches the corresponding `Vk*FlagBits` that are valid for that type, is used.

Any `Vk*Flags` member or parameter used in the API as an input **must** be a valid combination of bit flags. A valid combination is either zero or the bitwise OR of valid bit flags. A bit flag is valid if:

- The bit flag is defined as part of the `Vk*FlagBits` type, where the bits type is obtained by taking the flag type and replacing the trailing `Flags` with `FlagBits`. For example, a flag value of type VkColorComponentFlags **must** contain only bit flags defined by VkColorComponentFlagBits.
- The flag is allowed in the context in which it is being used. For example, in some cases, certain bit flags or combinations of bit flags are mutually exclusive.

Any `Vk*Flags` member or parameter returned from a query command or otherwise output from Vulkan to the application **may** contain bit flags undefined in its corresponding `Vk*FlagBits` type. An application **cannot** rely on the state of these unspecified bits.

Only the low-order 31 bits (bit positions zero through 30) are available for use as flag bits.

> *Note*
>
> This restriction is due to poorly defined behavior by C compilers given a C enumerant value of `0x80000000`. In some cases adding this enumerant value may increase the size of the underlying `Vk*FlagBits` type, breaking the ABI.

Valid Usage for Structure Types

Any parameter that is a structure containing a `sType` member **must** have a value of `sType` which is a valid VkStructureType value matching the type of the structure.

Valid Usage for Structure Pointer Chains

Any parameter that is a structure containing a `void* pNext` member **must** have a value of `pNext` that is either `NULL`, or is a pointer to a valid *extending structure*, containing `sType` and `pNext` members as described in the Vulkan Documentation and Extensions document in the section "Extension Interactions". The set of structures connected by `pNext` pointers is referred to as a `pNext` *chain*.

Each structure included in the `pNext` chain **must** be defined at runtime by either:

- a core version which is supported

- an extension which is enabled

- a supported device extension in the case of physical-device-level functionality added by the device extension

Each type of extending structure **must** not appear more than once in a `pNext` chain, including any aliases. This general rule may be explicitly overridden for specific structures.

Any component of the implementation (the loader, any enabled layers, and drivers) **must** skip over, without processing (other than reading the `sType` and `pNext` members) any extending structures in the chain not defined by core versions or extensions supported by that component.

As a convenience to implementations and layers needing to iterate through a structure pointer chain, the Vulkan API provides two *base structures*. These structures allow for some type safety, and can be used by Vulkan API functions that operate on generic inputs and outputs.

The `VkBaseInStructure` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkBaseInStructure {
    VkStructureType                 sType;
    const struct VkBaseInStructure* pNext;
} VkBaseInStructure;
```

- `sType` is the structure type of the structure being iterated through.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to the next structure in a structure chain.

`VkBaseInStructure` can be used to facilitate iterating through a read-only structure pointer chain.

The `VkBaseOutStructure` structure is defined as:

```c
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkBaseOutStructure {
    VkStructureType                 sType;
    struct VkBaseOutStructure*      pNext;
} VkBaseOutStructure;
```

- `sType` is the structure type of the structure being iterated through.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to the next structure in a structure chain.

`VkBaseOutStructure` can be used to facilitate iterating through a structure pointer chain that returns data back to the application.

Valid Usage for Nested Structures

The above conditions also apply recursively to members of structures provided as input to a command, either as a direct argument to the command, or themselves a member of another structure.

Specifics on valid usage of each command are covered in their individual sections.

Valid Usage for Extensions

Instance-level functionality or behavior added by an instance extension to the API **must** not be used unless that extension is supported by the instance as determined by vkEnumerateInstanceExtensionProperties, and that extension is enabled in VkInstanceCreateInfo.

Physical-device-level functionality or behavior added by an instance extension to the API **must** not be used unless that extension is supported by the instance as determined by vkEnumerateInstanceExtensionProperties, and that extension is enabled in VkInstanceCreateInfo.

Physical-device-level functionality or behavior added by a device extension to the API **must** not be used unless the conditions described in Extending Physical Device Core Functionality are met.

Device functionality or behavior added by a device extension to the API **must** not be used unless that extension is supported by the device as determined by vkEnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties, and that extension is enabled in VkDeviceCreateInfo.

Valid Usage for Newer Core Versions

Instance-level functionality or behavior added by a new core version of the API **must** not be used unless it is supported by the instance as determined by vkEnumerateInstanceVersion and the specified version of VkApplicationInfo::`apiVersion`.

Physical-device-level functionality or behavior added by a new core version of the API **must** not be used unless it is supported by the physical device as determined by VkPhysicalDeviceProperties ::`apiVersion` and the specified version of VkApplicationInfo::`apiVersion`.

Device-level functionality or behavior added by a new core version of the API **must** not be used unless it is supported by the device as determined by VkPhysicalDeviceProperties::apiVersion and the specified version of VkApplicationInfo::apiVersion.

3.8. VkResult **Return Codes**

While the core Vulkan API is not designed to capture incorrect usage, some circumstances still require return codes. Commands in Vulkan return their status via return codes that are in one of two categories:

- Successful completion codes are returned when a command needs to communicate success or status information. All successful completion codes are non-negative values.

- Run time error codes are returned when a command needs to communicate a failure that could only be detected at runtime. All runtime error codes are negative values.

All return codes in Vulkan are reported via VkResult return values. The possible codes are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkResult {
    VK_SUCCESS = 0,
    VK_NOT_READY = 1,
    VK_TIMEOUT = 2,
    VK_EVENT_SET = 3,
    VK_EVENT_RESET = 4,
    VK_INCOMPLETE = 5,
    VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY = -1,
    VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY = -2,
    VK_ERROR_INITIALIZATION_FAILED = -3,
    VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST = -4,
    VK_ERROR_MEMORY_MAP_FAILED = -5,
    VK_ERROR_LAYER_NOT_PRESENT = -6,
    VK_ERROR_EXTENSION_NOT_PRESENT = -7,
    VK_ERROR_FEATURE_NOT_PRESENT = -8,
    VK_ERROR_INCOMPATIBLE_DRIVER = -9,
    VK_ERROR_TOO_MANY_OBJECTS = -10,
    VK_ERROR_FORMAT_NOT_SUPPORTED = -11,
    VK_ERROR_FRAGMENTED_POOL = -12,
    VK_ERROR_UNKNOWN = -13,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_POOL_MEMORY = -1000069000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_ERROR_INVALID_EXTERNAL_HANDLE = -1000072003,
} VkResult;
```

Success Codes
- VK_SUCCESS Command successfully completed

- VK_NOT_READY A fence or query has not yet completed

- `VK_TIMEOUT` A wait operation has not completed in the specified time

- `VK_EVENT_SET` An event is signaled

- `VK_EVENT_RESET` An event is unsignaled

- `VK_INCOMPLETE` A return array was too small for the result

Error codes

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY` A host memory allocation has failed.

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY` A device memory allocation has failed.

- `VK_ERROR_INITIALIZATION_FAILED` Initialization of an object could not be completed for implementation-specific reasons.

- `VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST` The logical or physical device has been lost. See Lost Device

- `VK_ERROR_MEMORY_MAP_FAILED` Mapping of a memory object has failed.

- `VK_ERROR_LAYER_NOT_PRESENT` A requested layer is not present or could not be loaded.

- `VK_ERROR_EXTENSION_NOT_PRESENT` A requested extension is not supported.

- `VK_ERROR_FEATURE_NOT_PRESENT` A requested feature is not supported.

- `VK_ERROR_INCOMPATIBLE_DRIVER` The requested version of Vulkan is not supported by the driver or is otherwise incompatible for implementation-specific reasons.

- `VK_ERROR_TOO_MANY_OBJECTS` Too many objects of the type have already been created.

- `VK_ERROR_FORMAT_NOT_SUPPORTED` A requested format is not supported on this device.

- `VK_ERROR_FRAGMENTED_POOL` A pool allocation has failed due to fragmentation of the pool's memory. This **must** only be returned if no attempt to allocate host or device memory was made to accommodate the new allocation. This **should** be returned in preference to `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_POOL_MEMORY`, but only if the implementation is certain that the pool allocation failure was due to fragmentation.

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_POOL_MEMORY` A pool memory allocation has failed. This **must** only be returned if no attempt to allocate host or device memory was made to accommodate the new allocation. If the failure was definitely due to fragmentation of the pool, `VK_ERROR_FRAGMENTED_POOL` **should** be returned instead.

- `VK_ERROR_INVALID_EXTERNAL_HANDLE` An external handle is not a valid handle of the specified type.

- `VK_ERROR_UNKNOWN` An unknown error has occurred; either the application has provided invalid input, or an implementation failure has occurred.

If a command returns a runtime error, unless otherwise specified any output parameters will have undefined contents, except that if the output parameter is a structure with `sType` and `pNext` fields, those fields will be unmodified. Any structures chained from `pNext` will also have undefined contents, except that `sType` and `pNext` will be unmodified.

`VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_*_MEMORY` errors do not modify any currently existing Vulkan objects. Objects that have already been successfully created **can** still be used by the application.

Note

As a general rule, `Free`, `Release`, and `Reset` commands do not return `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`, while any other command with a return code **may** return it. Any exceptions from this rule are described for those commands.

`VK_ERROR_UNKNOWN` will be returned by an implementation when an unexpected error occurs that cannot be attributed to valid behavior of the application and implementation. Under these conditions, it **may** be returned from any command returning a VkResult.

Note

`VK_ERROR_UNKNOWN` is not expected to ever be returned if the application behavior is valid, and if the implementation is bug-free. If `VK_ERROR_UNKNOWN` is received, the application should be checked against the latest validation layers to verify correct behavior as much as possible. If no issues are identified it could be an implementation issue, and the implementor should be contacted for support.

Performance-critical commands generally do not have return codes. If a runtime error occurs in such commands, the implementation will defer reporting the error until a specified point. For commands that record into command buffers (`vkCmd*`) runtime errors are reported by `vkEndCommandBuffer`.

3.9. Numeric Representation and Computation

Implementations normally perform computations in floating-point, and **must** meet the range and precision requirements defined under "Floating-Point Computation" below.

These requirements only apply to computations performed in Vulkan operations outside of shader execution, such as texture image specification and sampling, and per-fragment operations. Range and precision requirements during shader execution differ and are specified by the Precision and Operation of SPIR-V Instructions section.

In some cases, the representation and/or precision of operations is implicitly limited by the specified format of vertex or texel data consumed by Vulkan. Specific floating-point formats are described later in this section.

3.9.1. Floating-Point Computation

Most floating-point computation is performed in SPIR-V shader modules. The properties of computation within shaders are constrained as defined by the Precision and Operation of SPIR-V Instructions section.

Some floating-point computation is performed outside of shaders, such as viewport and depth range calculations. For these computations, we do not specify how floating-point numbers are to be represented, or the details of how operations on them are performed, but only place minimal requirements on representation and precision as described in the remainder of this section.

We require simply that numbers' floating-point parts contain enough bits and that their exponent fields are large enough so that individual results of floating-point operations are accurate to about 1

part in 10^5. The maximum representable magnitude for all floating-point values **must** be at least 2^{32}.

> $x \times 0 = 0 \times x = 0$ for any non-infinite and non-NaN x.

> $1 \times x = x \times 1 = x$.

> $x + 0 = 0 + x = x$.

> $0^0 = 1$.

Occasionally, further requirements will be specified. Most single-precision floating-point formats meet these requirements.

The special values Inf and -Inf encode values with magnitudes too large to be represented; the special value NaN encodes "Not A Number" values resulting from undefined arithmetic operations such as 0 / 0. Implementations **may** support Inf and NaN in their floating-point computations.

3.9.2. Floating-Point Format Conversions

When a value is converted to a defined floating-point representation, finite values falling between two representable finite values are rounded to one or the other. The rounding mode is not defined. Finite values whose magnitude is larger than that of any representable finite value may be rounded either to the closest representable finite value or to the appropriately signed infinity. For unsigned destination formats any negative values are converted to zero. Positive infinity is converted to positive infinity; negative infinity is converted to negative infinity in signed formats and to zero in unsigned formats; and any NaN is converted to a NaN.

3.9.3. 16-Bit Floating-Point Numbers

16-bit floating point numbers are defined in the "16-bit floating point numbers" section of the Khronos Data Format Specification.

3.9.4. Unsigned 11-Bit Floating-Point Numbers

Unsigned 11-bit floating point numbers are defined in the "Unsigned 11-bit floating point numbers" section of the Khronos Data Format Specification.

3.9.5. Unsigned 10-Bit Floating-Point Numbers

Unsigned 10-bit floating point numbers are defined in the "Unsigned 10-bit floating point numbers" section of the Khronos Data Format Specification.

3.9.6. General Requirements

Any representable floating-point value in the appropriate format is legal as input to a Vulkan

command that requires floating-point data. The result of providing a value that is not a floating-point number to such a command is unspecified, but **must** not lead to Vulkan interruption or termination. For example, providing a negative zero (where applicable) or a denormalized number to a Vulkan command **must** yield deterministic results, while providing a NaN or Inf yields unspecified results.

Some calculations require division. In such cases (including implied divisions performed by vector normalization), division by zero produces an unspecified result but **must** not lead to Vulkan interruption or termination.

3.10. Fixed-Point Data Conversions

When generic vertex attributes and pixel color or depth *components* are represented as integers, they are often (but not always) considered to be *normalized*. Normalized integer values are treated specially when being converted to and from floating-point values, and are usually referred to as *normalized fixed-point*.

In the remainder of this section, b denotes the bit width of the fixed-point integer representation. When the integer is one of the types defined by the API, b is the bit width of that type. When the integer comes from an image containing color or depth component texels, b is the number of bits allocated to that component in its specified image format.

The signed and unsigned fixed-point representations are assumed to be b-bit binary two's-complement integers and binary unsigned integers, respectively.

3.10.1. Conversion from Normalized Fixed-Point to Floating-Point

Unsigned normalized fixed-point integers represent numbers in the range [0,1]. The conversion from an unsigned normalized fixed-point value c to the corresponding floating-point value f is defined as

$$f = \frac{c}{2^b - 1}$$

Signed normalized fixed-point integers represent numbers in the range [-1,1]. The conversion from a signed normalized fixed-point value c to the corresponding floating-point value f is performed using

$$f = \max\left(\frac{c}{2^{b-1} - 1}, -1.0\right)$$

Only the range [-2^{b-1} + 1, 2^{b-1} - 1] is used to represent signed fixed-point values in the range [-1,1]. For example, if b = 8, then the integer value -127 corresponds to -1.0 and the value 127 corresponds to 1.0. This equation is used everywhere that signed normalized fixed-point values are converted to floating-point.

Note that while zero is exactly expressible in this representation, one value (-128 in the example) is outside the representable range, and implementations **must** clamp it to -1.0. Where the value is subject to further processing by the implementation, e.g. during texture filtering, values less than -1.0 **may** be used but the result **must** be clamped before the value is returned to shaders.

3.10.2. Conversion from Floating-Point to Normalized Fixed-Point

The conversion from a floating-point value f to the corresponding unsigned normalized fixed-point value c is defined by first clamping f to the range [0,1], then computing

$$c = \text{convertFloatToUint}(f \times (2^b - 1), b)$$

where convertFloatToUint(r,b) returns one of the two unsigned binary integer values with exactly b bits which are closest to the floating-point value r. Implementations **should** round to nearest. If r is equal to an integer, then that integer value **must** be returned. In particular, if f is equal to 0.0 or 1.0, then c **must** be assigned 0 or $2^b - 1$, respectively.

The conversion from a floating-point value f to the corresponding signed normalized fixed-point value c is performed by clamping f to the range [-1,1], then computing

$$c = \text{convertFloatToInt}(f \times (2^{b-1} - 1), b)$$

where convertFloatToInt(r,b) returns one of the two signed two's-complement binary integer values with exactly b bits which are closest to the floating-point value r. Implementations **should** round to nearest. If r is equal to an integer, then that integer value **must** be returned. In particular, if f is equal to -1.0, 0.0, or 1.0, then c **must** be assigned $-(2^{b-1} - 1)$, 0, or $2^{b-1} - 1$, respectively.

This equation is used everywhere that floating-point values are converted to signed normalized fixed-point.

3.11. Common Object Types

Some types of Vulkan objects are used in many different structures and command parameters, and are described here. These types include *offsets*, *extents*, and *rectangles*.

3.11.1. Offsets

Offsets are used to describe a pixel location within an image or framebuffer, as an (x,y) location for two-dimensional images, or an (x,y,z) location for three-dimensional images.

A two-dimensional offset is defined by the structure:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkOffset2D {
    int32_t    x;
    int32_t    y;
} VkOffset2D;
```

- x is the x offset.
- y is the y offset.

A three-dimensional offset is defined by the structure:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkOffset3D {
    int32_t    x;
    int32_t    y;
    int32_t    z;
} VkOffset3D;
```

- x is the x offset.
- y is the y offset.
- z is the z offset.

3.11.2. Extents

Extents are used to describe the size of a rectangular region of pixels within an image or framebuffer, as (width,height) for two-dimensional images, or as (width,height,depth) for three-dimensional images.

A two-dimensional extent is defined by the structure:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkExtent2D {
    uint32_t    width;
    uint32_t    height;
} VkExtent2D;
```

- width is the width of the extent.
- height is the height of the extent.

A three-dimensional extent is defined by the structure:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkExtent3D {
    uint32_t    width;
    uint32_t    height;
    uint32_t    depth;
} VkExtent3D;
```

- width is the width of the extent.
- height is the height of the extent.
- depth is the depth of the extent.

3.11.3. Rectangles

Rectangles are used to describe a specified rectangular region of pixels within an image or framebuffer. Rectangles include both an offset and an extent of the same dimensionality, as described above. Two-dimensional rectangles are defined by the structure

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkRect2D {
    VkOffset2D    offset;
    VkExtent2D    extent;
} VkRect2D;
```

- `offset` is a VkOffset2D specifying the rectangle offset.

- `extent` is a VkExtent2D specifying the rectangle extent.

3.11.4. Structure Types

Each value corresponds to a particular structure with a `sType` member with a matching name. As a general rule, the name of each VkStructureType value is obtained by taking the name of the structure, stripping the leading `Vk`, prefixing each capital letter with `_`, converting the entire resulting string to upper case, and prefixing it with `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_`. For example, structures of type VkImageCreateInfo correspond to a VkStructureType of `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_CREATE_INFO`, and thus its `sType` member **must** equal that when it is passed to the API.

The values `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_LOADER_INSTANCE_CREATE_INFO` and `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_LOADER_DEVICE_CREATE_INFO` are reserved for internal use by the loader, and do not have corresponding Vulkan structures in this Specification.

Structure types supported by the Vulkan API include:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkStructureType {
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_APPLICATION_INFO = 0,
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_INSTANCE_CREATE_INFO = 1,
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DEVICE_QUEUE_CREATE_INFO = 2,
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DEVICE_CREATE_INFO = 3,
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SUBMIT_INFO = 4,
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_MEMORY_ALLOCATE_INFO = 5,
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_MAPPED_MEMORY_RANGE = 6,
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BIND_SPARSE_INFO = 7,
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_FENCE_CREATE_INFO = 8,
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SEMAPHORE_CREATE_INFO = 9,
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EVENT_CREATE_INFO = 10,
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_QUERY_POOL_CREATE_INFO = 11,
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BUFFER_CREATE_INFO = 12,
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BUFFER_VIEW_CREATE_INFO = 13,
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_CREATE_INFO = 14,
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_VIEW_CREATE_INFO = 15,
```

```
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SHADER_MODULE_CREATE_INFO = 16,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_CACHE_CREATE_INFO = 17,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_SHADER_STAGE_CREATE_INFO = 18,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_VERTEX_INPUT_STATE_CREATE_INFO = 19,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_INPUT_ASSEMBLY_STATE_CREATE_INFO = 20,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_TESSELLATION_STATE_CREATE_INFO = 21,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_VIEWPORT_STATE_CREATE_INFO = 22,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_RASTERIZATION_STATE_CREATE_INFO = 23,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_MULTISAMPLE_STATE_CREATE_INFO = 24,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_DEPTH_STENCIL_STATE_CREATE_INFO = 25,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_COLOR_BLEND_STATE_CREATE_INFO = 26,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_DYNAMIC_STATE_CREATE_INFO = 27,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_GRAPHICS_PIPELINE_CREATE_INFO = 28,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_COMPUTE_PIPELINE_CREATE_INFO = 29,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_LAYOUT_CREATE_INFO = 30,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SAMPLER_CREATE_INFO = 31,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET_LAYOUT_CREATE_INFO = 32,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_POOL_CREATE_INFO = 33,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET_ALLOCATE_INFO = 34,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_WRITE_DESCRIPTOR_SET = 35,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_COPY_DESCRIPTOR_SET = 36,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_FRAMEBUFFER_CREATE_INFO = 37,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_RENDER_PASS_CREATE_INFO = 38,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_COMMAND_POOL_CREATE_INFO = 39,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_COMMAND_BUFFER_ALLOCATE_INFO = 40,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_COMMAND_BUFFER_INHERITANCE_INFO = 41,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_COMMAND_BUFFER_BEGIN_INFO = 42,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_RENDER_PASS_BEGIN_INFO = 43,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BUFFER_MEMORY_BARRIER = 44,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_MEMORY_BARRIER = 45,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_MEMORY_BARRIER = 46,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_LOADER_INSTANCE_CREATE_INFO = 47,
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_LOADER_DEVICE_CREATE_INFO = 48,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_SUBGROUP_PROPERTIES = 1000094000,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BIND_BUFFER_MEMORY_INFO = 1000157000,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BIND_IMAGE_MEMORY_INFO = 1000157001,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_16BIT_STORAGE_FEATURES = 1000083000,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_MEMORY_DEDICATED_REQUIREMENTS = 1000127000,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_MEMORY_DEDICATED_ALLOCATE_INFO = 1000127001,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_MEMORY_ALLOCATE_FLAGS_INFO = 1000060000,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DEVICE_GROUP_RENDER_PASS_BEGIN_INFO = 1000060003,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
      VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DEVICE_GROUP_COMMAND_BUFFER_BEGIN_INFO = 1000060004,
```

```
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DEVICE_GROUP_SUBMIT_INFO = 1000060005,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DEVICE_GROUP_BIND_SPARSE_INFO = 1000060006,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BIND_BUFFER_MEMORY_DEVICE_GROUP_INFO = 1000060013,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BIND_IMAGE_MEMORY_DEVICE_GROUP_INFO = 1000060014,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_GROUP_PROPERTIES = 1000070000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DEVICE_GROUP_DEVICE_CREATE_INFO = 1000070001,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BUFFER_MEMORY_REQUIREMENTS_INFO_2 = 1000146000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_MEMORY_REQUIREMENTS_INFO_2 = 1000146001,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_SPARSE_MEMORY_REQUIREMENTS_INFO_2 = 1000146002,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_MEMORY_REQUIREMENTS_2 = 1000146003,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SPARSE_IMAGE_MEMORY_REQUIREMENTS_2 = 1000146004,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_FEATURES_2 = 1000059000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_PROPERTIES_2 = 1000059001,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_FORMAT_PROPERTIES_2 = 1000059002,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_FORMAT_PROPERTIES_2 = 1000059003,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_IMAGE_FORMAT_INFO_2 = 1000059004,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_QUEUE_FAMILY_PROPERTIES_2 = 1000059005,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_MEMORY_PROPERTIES_2 = 1000059006,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_PROPERTIES_2 = 1000059007,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_INFO_2 = 1000059008,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_POINT_CLIPPING_PROPERTIES = 1000117000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_RENDER_PASS_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_ASPECT_CREATE_INFO = 1000117001,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_VIEW_USAGE_CREATE_INFO = 1000117002,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_TESSELLATION_DOMAIN_ORIGIN_STATE_CREATE_INFO =
1000117003,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_RENDER_PASS_MULTIVIEW_CREATE_INFO = 1000053000,
```

```
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_MULTIVIEW_FEATURES = 1000053001,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_MULTIVIEW_PROPERTIES = 1000053002,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_VARIABLE_POINTERS_FEATURES = 1000120000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PROTECTED_SUBMIT_INFO = 1000145000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_PROTECTED_MEMORY_FEATURES = 1000145001,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_PROTECTED_MEMORY_PROPERTIES = 1000145002,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DEVICE_QUEUE_INFO_2 = 1000145003,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SAMPLER_YCBCR_CONVERSION_CREATE_INFO = 1000156000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SAMPLER_YCBCR_CONVERSION_INFO = 1000156001,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BIND_IMAGE_PLANE_MEMORY_INFO = 1000156002,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_PLANE_MEMORY_REQUIREMENTS_INFO = 1000156003,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_SAMPLER_YCBCR_CONVERSION_FEATURES = 1000156004,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SAMPLER_YCBCR_CONVERSION_IMAGE_FORMAT_PROPERTIES = 1000156005,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_UPDATE_TEMPLATE_CREATE_INFO = 1000085000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_EXTERNAL_IMAGE_FORMAT_INFO = 1000071000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXTERNAL_IMAGE_FORMAT_PROPERTIES = 1000071001,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_EXTERNAL_BUFFER_INFO = 1000071002,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXTERNAL_BUFFER_PROPERTIES = 1000071003,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_ID_PROPERTIES = 1000071004,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_BUFFER_CREATE_INFO = 1000072000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_IMAGE_CREATE_INFO = 1000072001,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXPORT_MEMORY_ALLOCATE_INFO = 1000072002,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_EXTERNAL_FENCE_INFO = 1000112000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXTERNAL_FENCE_PROPERTIES = 1000112001,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXPORT_FENCE_CREATE_INFO = 1000113000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
```

```
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXPORT_SEMAPHORE_CREATE_INFO = 1000077000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_INFO = 1000076000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_PROPERTIES = 1000076001,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_MAINTENANCE_3_PROPERTIES = 1000168000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET_LAYOUT_SUPPORT = 1000168001,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_SHADER_DRAW_PARAMETERS_FEATURES = 1000063000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_VARIABLE_POINTER_FEATURES =
VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_VARIABLE_POINTERS_FEATURES,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_SHADER_DRAW_PARAMETER_FEATURES =
VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_SHADER_DRAW_PARAMETERS_FEATURES,
} VkStructureType;
```

3.12. API Name Aliases

A small number of APIs did not follow the naming conventions when initially defined. For consistency, when we discover an API name that violates the naming conventions, we rename it in the Specification, XML, and header files. For backwards compatibility, the original (incorrect) name is retained as a "typo alias". The alias is deprecated and should not be used, but will be retained indefinitely.

> *Note*
>
> An example of a typo alias is from the type `VkColorSpaceKHR`, introduced by the `VK_KHR_surface` extension. The enumerant `VK_COLORSPACE_SRGB_NONLINEAR_KHR` was initially defined as part of `VkColorSpaceKHR`. Once the naming inconsistency was noticed, it was renamed to `VK_COLOR_SPACE_SRGB_NONLINEAR_KHR`, and the old name aliased to the correct name.

Chapter 4. Initialization

Before using Vulkan, an application **must** initialize it by loading the Vulkan commands, and creating a `VkInstance` object.

4.1. Command Function Pointers

Vulkan commands are not necessarily exposed by static linking on a platform. Commands to query function pointers for Vulkan commands are described below.

> *Note*
>
> When extensions are promoted or otherwise incorporated into another extension or Vulkan core version, command aliases may be included. Whilst the behavior of each command alias is identical, the behavior of retrieving each alias's function pointer is not. A function pointer for a given alias can only be retrieved if the extension or version that introduced that alias is supported and enabled, irrespective of whether any other alias is available.

Function pointers for all Vulkan commands **can** be obtained with the command:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
PFN_vkVoidFunction vkGetInstanceProcAddr(
    VkInstance                                  instance,
    const char*                                 pName);
```

- `instance` is the instance that the function pointer will be compatible with, or `NULL` for commands not dependent on any instance.

- `pName` is the name of the command to obtain.

`vkGetInstanceProcAddr` itself is obtained in a platform- and loader- specific manner. Typically, the loader library will export this command as a function symbol, so applications **can** link against the loader library, or load it dynamically and look up the symbol using platform-specific APIs.

The table below defines the various use cases for `vkGetInstanceProcAddr` and expected return value ("fp" is "function pointer") for each case. A valid returned function pointer ("fp") **must** not be `NULL`.

The returned function pointer is of type PFN_vkVoidFunction, and **must** be cast to the type of the command being queried before use.

Table 1. `vkGetInstanceProcAddr` *behavior*

instance	pName	return value
*[1]	`NULL`	undefined
invalid non-`NULL` instance	*[1]	undefined
`NULL`	*global command*[2]	fp

instance	pName	return value
instance	core *dispatchable command*	fp[3]
instance	enabled instance extension dispatchable command for `instance`	fp[3]
instance	available device extension[4] dispatchable command for `instance`	fp[3]
any other case, not covered above		`NULL`

[1]

"*" means any representable value for the parameter (including valid values, invalid values, and `NULL`).

[2]

The global commands are: vkEnumerateInstanceVersion, vkEnumerateInstanceExtensionProperties, vkEnumerateInstanceLayerProperties, and vkCreateInstance. Dispatchable commands are all other commands which are not global.

[3]

The returned function pointer **must** only be called with a dispatchable object (the first parameter) that is `instance` or a child of `instance`, e.g. VkInstance, VkPhysicalDevice, VkDevice, VkQueue, or VkCommandBuffer.

[4]

An "available device extension" is a device extension supported by any physical device enumerated by `instance`.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetInstanceProcAddr-instance-parameter
  If `instance` is not `NULL`, `instance` **must** be a valid VkInstance handle

- VUID-vkGetInstanceProcAddr-pName-parameter
  `pName` **must** be a null-terminated UTF-8 string

In order to support systems with multiple Vulkan implementations, the function pointers returned by `vkGetInstanceProcAddr` **may** point to dispatch code that calls a different real implementation for different VkDevice objects or their child objects. The overhead of the internal dispatch for VkDevice objects can be avoided by obtaining device-specific function pointers for any commands that use a device or device-child object as their dispatchable object. Such function pointers **can** be obtained with the command:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
PFN_vkVoidFunction vkGetDeviceProcAddr(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const char*                                 pName);
```

The table below defines the various use cases for `vkGetDeviceProcAddr` and expected return value ("fp" is "function pointer") for each case. A valid returned function pointer ("fp") **must** not be `NULL`.

The returned function pointer is of type PFN_vkVoidFunction, and **must** be cast to the type of the command being queried before use. The function pointer **must** only be called with a dispatchable object (the first parameter) that is `device` or a child of `device`.

Table 2. `vkGetDeviceProcAddr` *behavior*

device	pName	return value
NULL	*[1]	undefined
invalid device	*[1]	undefined
device	NULL	undefined
device	core device-level dispatchable command[2]	fp[3]
device	enabled extension device-level dispatchable command[2]	fp[3]
any other case, not covered above		NULL

1

"*" means any representable value for the parameter (including valid values, invalid values, and `NULL`).

2

In this function, device-level excludes all physical-device-level commands.

3

The returned function pointer **must** only be called with a dispatchable object (the first parameter) that is `device` or a child of `device` e.g. VkDevice, VkQueue, or VkCommandBuffer.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetDeviceProcAddr-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetDeviceProcAddr-pName-parameter
  `pName` **must** be a null-terminated UTF-8 string

The definition of PFN_vkVoidFunction is:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef void (VKAPI_PTR *PFN_vkVoidFunction)(void);
```

This type is returned from command function pointer queries, and **must** be cast to an actual command function pointer before use.

4.1.1. Extending Physical Device Core Functionality

New core physical-device-level functionality **can** be used when the physical-device version is greater than or equal to the version of Vulkan that added the new functionality. The Vulkan version supported by a physical device **can** be obtained by calling vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties.

4.1.2. Extending Physical Device From Device Extensions

When the `VK_KHR_get_physical_device_properties2` extension is enabled, or when both the instance and the physical-device versions are at least 1.1, physical-device-level functionality of a device extension **can** be used with a physical device if the corresponding extension is enumerated by vkEnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties for that physical device, even before a logical device has been created.

To obtain a function pointer for a physical-device-level command from a device extension, an application **can** use vkGetInstanceProcAddr. This function pointer **may** point to dispatch code, which calls a different real implementation for different `VkPhysicalDevice` objects. Applications **must** not use a VkPhysicalDevice in any command added by an extension or core version that is not supported by that physical device.

Device extensions **may** define structures that **can** be added to the `pNext` chain of physical-device-level commands.

4.2. Instances

There is no global state in Vulkan and all per-application state is stored in a `VkInstance` object. Creating a `VkInstance` object initializes the Vulkan library and allows the application to pass information about itself to the implementation.

Instances are represented by `VkInstance` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_HANDLE(VkInstance)
```

To query the version of instance-level functionality supported by the implementation, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
VkResult vkEnumerateInstanceVersion(
    uint32_t*                                   pApiVersion);
```

- `pApiVersion` is a pointer to a `uint32_t`, which is the version of Vulkan supported by instance-level functionality, encoded as described in Version Numbers.

> *Note*
>
> The intended behaviour of vkEnumerateInstanceVersion is that an implementation **should** not need to perform memory allocations and **should** unconditionally return `VK_SUCCESS`. The loader, and any enabled layers, **may** return `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY` in the case of a failed memory allocation.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkEnumerateInstanceVersion-pApiVersion-parameter

  `pApiVersion` **must** be a valid pointer to a `uint32_t` value

Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

To create an instance object, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateInstance(
    const VkInstanceCreateInfo*                 pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkInstance*                                 pInstance);
```

- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkInstanceCreateInfo structure controlling creation of the instance.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

- `pInstance` points a VkInstance handle in which the resulting instance is returned.

`vkCreateInstance` verifies that the requested layers exist. If not, `vkCreateInstance` will return `VK_ERROR_LAYER_NOT_PRESENT`. Next `vkCreateInstance` verifies that the requested extensions are supported (e.g. in the implementation or in any enabled instance layer) and if any requested extension is not supported, `vkCreateInstance` **must** return `VK_ERROR_EXTENSION_NOT_PRESENT`. After verifying and enabling the instance layers and extensions the `VkInstance` object is created and returned to the application. If a requested extension is only supported by a layer, both the layer and the extension need to be specified at `vkCreateInstance` time for the creation to succeed.

- VUID-vkCreateInstance-ppEnabledExtensionNames-01388

  All required extensions for each extension in the VkInstanceCreateInfo ::ppEnabledExtensionNames list **must** also be present in that list

- VUID-vkCreateInstance-pCreateInfo-parameter

  pCreateInfo **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkInstanceCreateInfo structure

- VUID-vkCreateInstance-pAllocator-parameter

  If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkCreateInstance-pInstance-parameter

  pInstance **must** be a valid pointer to a VkInstance handle

Return Codes

Success

- VK_SUCCESS

Failure

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY

- VK_ERROR_INITIALIZATION_FAILED

- VK_ERROR_LAYER_NOT_PRESENT

- VK_ERROR_EXTENSION_NOT_PRESENT

- VK_ERROR_INCOMPATIBLE_DRIVER

The VkInstanceCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkInstanceCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType             sType;
    const void*                 pNext;
    VkInstanceCreateFlags       flags;
    const VkApplicationInfo*    pApplicationInfo;
    uint32_t                    enabledLayerCount;
    const char* const*          ppEnabledLayerNames;
    uint32_t                    enabledExtensionCount;
    const char* const*          ppEnabledExtensionNames;
} VkInstanceCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is reserved for future use.

- `pApplicationInfo` is `NULL` or a pointer to a `VkApplicationInfo` structure. If not `NULL`, this information helps implementations recognize behavior inherent to classes of applications. VkApplicationInfo is defined in detail below.

- `enabledLayerCount` is the number of global layers to enable.

- `ppEnabledLayerNames` is a pointer to an array of `enabledLayerCount` null-terminated UTF-8 strings containing the names of layers to enable for the created instance. The layers are loaded in the order they are listed in this array, with the first array element being the closest to the application, and the last array element being the closest to the driver. See the Layers section for further details.

- `enabledExtensionCount` is the number of global extensions to enable.

- `ppEnabledExtensionNames` is a pointer to an array of `enabledExtensionCount` null-terminated UTF-8 strings containing the names of extensions to enable.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkInstanceCreateFlags;
```

VkInstanceCreateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

The VkApplicationInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkApplicationInfo {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    const void*        pNext;
    const char*        pApplicationName;
    uint32_t           applicationVersion;
    const char*        pEngineName;
    uint32_t           engineVersion;
    uint32_t           apiVersion;
} VkApplicationInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- pApplicationName is NULL or is a pointer to a null-terminated UTF-8 string containing the name of the application.

- applicationVersion is an unsigned integer variable containing the developer-supplied version number of the application.

- `pEngineName` is `NULL` or is a pointer to a null-terminated UTF-8 string containing the name of the engine (if any) used to create the application.

- `engineVersion` is an unsigned integer variable containing the developer-supplied version number of the engine used to create the application.

- `apiVersion` **must** be the highest version of Vulkan that the application is designed to use, encoded as described in Version Numbers. The patch version number specified in `apiVersion` is ignored when creating an instance object. Only the major and minor versions of the instance **must** match those requested in `apiVersion`.

Vulkan 1.0 implementations were required to return `VK_ERROR_INCOMPATIBLE_DRIVER` if `apiVersion` was larger than 1.0. Implementations that support Vulkan 1.1 or later **must** not return `VK_ERROR_INCOMPATIBLE_DRIVER` for any value of `apiVersion`.

Note

Because Vulkan 1.0 implementations **may** fail with `VK_ERROR_INCOMPATIBLE_DRIVER`, applications **should** determine the version of Vulkan available before calling vkCreateInstance. If the vkGetInstanceProcAddr returns `NULL` for vkEnumerateInstanceVersion, it is a Vulkan 1.0 implementation. Otherwise, the application **can** call vkEnumerateInstanceVersion to determine the version of Vulkan.

As long as the instance supports at least Vulkan 1.1, an application **can** use different versions of Vulkan with an instance than it does with a device or physical device.

Note

The Khronos validation layers will treat `apiVersion` as the highest API version the application targets, and will validate API usage against the minimum of that version and the implementation version (instance or device, depending on context). If an application tries to use functionality from a greater version than this, a validation error will be triggered.

For example, if the instance supports Vulkan 1.1 and three physical devices support Vulkan 1.0, Vulkan 1.1, and Vulkan 1.2, respectively, and if the application sets `apiVersion` to 1.2, the application **can** use the following versions of Vulkan:

- Vulkan 1.0 **can** be used with the instance and with all physical devices.
- Vulkan 1.1 **can** be used with the instance and with the physical devices that support Vulkan 1.1 and Vulkan 1.2.
- Vulkan 1.2 **can** be used with the physical device that supports Vulkan 1.2.

If we modify the above example so that the application sets `apiVersion` to 1.1, then the application **must** not use Vulkan 1.2 functionality on the physical device that supports Vulkan 1.2.

Implicit layers **must** be disabled if they do not support a version at least as high as `apiVersion`. See the "Architecture of the Vulkan Loader Interfaces" document for additional information.

Note

Providing a `NULL` `VkInstanceCreateInfo`::`pApplicationInfo` or providing an `apiVersion` of 0 is equivalent to providing an `apiVersion` of `VK_MAKE_API_VERSION(0,1,0,0)`.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkApplicationInfo-apiVersion-04010

  If `apiVersion` is not `0`, then it **must** be greater than or equal to VK_API_VERSION_1_0

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkApplicationInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_APPLICATION_INFO`

- VUID-VkApplicationInfo-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkApplicationInfo-pApplicationName-parameter

  If `pApplicationName` is not `NULL`, `pApplicationName` **must** be a null-terminated UTF-8 string

- VUID-VkApplicationInfo-pEngineName-parameter

  If `pEngineName` is not `NULL`, `pEngineName` **must** be a null-terminated UTF-8 string

To destroy an instance, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroyInstance(
    VkInstance                                  instance,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- `instance` is the handle of the instance to destroy.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkDestroyInstance-instance-00629

  All child objects created using `instance` **must** have been destroyed prior to destroying `instance`

- VUID-vkDestroyInstance-instance-00630

  If `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `instance` was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here

- VUID-vkDestroyInstance-instance-00631

  If no `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `instance` was created, `pAllocator` **must** be `NULL`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkDestroyInstance-instance-parameter

  If `instance` is not `NULL`, `instance` **must** be a valid VkInstance handle

- VUID-vkDestroyInstance-pAllocator-parameter

  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `instance` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to all `VkPhysicalDevice` objects enumerated from `instance` **must** be externally synchronized

Chapter 5. Devices and Queues

Once Vulkan is initialized, devices and queues are the primary objects used to interact with a Vulkan implementation.

Vulkan separates the concept of *physical* and *logical* devices. A physical device usually represents a single complete implementation of Vulkan (excluding instance-level functionality) available to the host, of which there are a finite number. A logical device represents an instance of that implementation with its own state and resources independent of other logical devices.

Physical devices are represented by `VkPhysicalDevice` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_HANDLE(VkPhysicalDevice)
```

5.1. Physical Devices

To retrieve a list of physical device objects representing the physical devices installed in the system, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkEnumeratePhysicalDevices(
    VkInstance                                  instance,
    uint32_t*                                   pPhysicalDeviceCount,
    VkPhysicalDevice*                           pPhysicalDevices);
```

- `instance` is a handle to a Vulkan instance previously created with vkCreateInstance.

- `pPhysicalDeviceCount` is a pointer to an integer related to the number of physical devices available or queried, as described below.

- `pPhysicalDevices` is either `NULL` or a pointer to an array of `VkPhysicalDevice` handles.

If `pPhysicalDevices` is `NULL`, then the number of physical devices available is returned in `pPhysicalDeviceCount`. Otherwise, `pPhysicalDeviceCount` **must** point to a variable set by the user to the number of elements in the `pPhysicalDevices` array, and on return the variable is overwritten with the number of handles actually written to `pPhysicalDevices`. If `pPhysicalDeviceCount` is less than the number of physical devices available, at most `pPhysicalDeviceCount` structures will be written, and `VK_INCOMPLETE` will be returned instead of `VK_SUCCESS`, to indicate that not all the available physical devices were returned.

- VUID-vkEnumeratePhysicalDevices-instance-parameter

  `instance` **must** be a valid VkInstance handle

- VUID-vkEnumeratePhysicalDevices-pPhysicalDeviceCount-parameter

  `pPhysicalDeviceCount` **must** be a valid pointer to a `uint32_t` value

- VUID-vkEnumeratePhysicalDevices-pPhysicalDevices-parameter

  If the value referenced by `pPhysicalDeviceCount` is not `0`, and `pPhysicalDevices` is not `NULL`, `pPhysicalDevices` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `pPhysicalDeviceCount` VkPhysicalDevice handles

Return Codes

Success

- VK_SUCCESS

- VK_INCOMPLETE

Failure

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY

- VK_ERROR_INITIALIZATION_FAILED

To query general properties of physical devices once enumerated, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    VkPhysicalDeviceProperties*                 pProperties);
```

- `physicalDevice` is the handle to the physical device whose properties will be queried.

- `pProperties` is a pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceProperties structure in which properties are returned.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties-physicalDevice-parameter

  `physicalDevice` **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties-pProperties-parameter

  `pProperties` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceProperties structure

The `VkPhysicalDeviceProperties` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceProperties {
    uint32_t                           apiVersion;
    uint32_t                           driverVersion;
    uint32_t                           vendorID;
    uint32_t                           deviceID;
    VkPhysicalDeviceType               deviceType;
    char                               deviceName[VK_MAX_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_NAME_SIZE];
    uint8_t                            pipelineCacheUUID[VK_UUID_SIZE];
    VkPhysicalDeviceLimits             limits;
    VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties   sparseProperties;
} VkPhysicalDeviceProperties;
```

- `apiVersion` is the version of Vulkan supported by the device, encoded as described in Version Numbers.

- `driverVersion` is the vendor-specified version of the driver.

- `vendorID` is a unique identifier for the *vendor* (see below) of the physical device.

- `deviceID` is a unique identifier for the physical device among devices available from the vendor.

- `deviceType` is a VkPhysicalDeviceType specifying the type of device.

- `deviceName` is an array of `VK_MAX_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_NAME_SIZE char` containing a null-terminated UTF-8 string which is the name of the device.

- `pipelineCacheUUID` is an array of `VK_UUID_SIZE uint8_t` values representing a universally unique identifier for the device.

- `limits` is the VkPhysicalDeviceLimits structure specifying device-specific limits of the physical device. See Limits for details.

- `sparseProperties` is the VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties structure specifying various sparse related properties of the physical device. See Sparse Properties for details.

> *Note*
>
> The value of `apiVersion` **may** be different than the version returned by vkEnumerateInstanceVersion; either higher or lower. In such cases, the application **must** not use functionality that exceeds the version of Vulkan associated with a given object. The `pApiVersion` parameter returned by vkEnumerateInstanceVersion is the version associated with a VkInstance and its children, except for a VkPhysicalDevice and its children. VkPhysicalDeviceProperties::apiVersion is the version associated with a VkPhysicalDevice and its children.

> *Note*
>
> The encoding of `driverVersion` is implementation-defined. It **may** not use the same encoding as `apiVersion`. Applications should follow information from the *vendor* on how to extract the version information from `driverVersion`.

The `vendorID` and `deviceID` fields are provided to allow applications to adapt to device characteristics that are not adequately exposed by other Vulkan queries.

> **Note**
>
> These **may** include performance profiles, hardware errata, or other characteristics.

The *vendor* identified by `vendorID` is the entity responsible for the most salient characteristics of the underlying implementation of the VkPhysicalDevice being queried.

> **Note**
>
> For example, in the case of a discrete GPU implementation, this **should** be the GPU chipset vendor. In the case of a hardware accelerator integrated into a system-on-chip (SoC), this **should** be the supplier of the silicon IP used to create the accelerator.

If the vendor has a PCI vendor ID, the low 16 bits of `vendorID` **must** contain that PCI vendor ID, and the remaining bits **must** be set to zero. Otherwise, the value returned **must** be a valid Khronos vendor ID, obtained as described in the Vulkan Documentation and Extensions: Procedures and Conventions document in the section "Registering a Vendor ID with Khronos". Khronos vendor IDs are allocated starting at 0x10000, to distinguish them from the PCI vendor ID namespace. Khronos vendor IDs are symbolically defined in the VkVendorId type.

The vendor is also responsible for the value returned in `deviceID`. If the implementation is driven primarily by a PCI device with a PCI device ID, the low 16 bits of `deviceID` **must** contain that PCI device ID, and the remaining bits **must** be set to zero. Otherwise, the choice of what values to return **may** be dictated by operating system or platform policies - but **should** uniquely identify both the device version and any major configuration options (for example, core count in the case of multicore devices).

> **Note**
>
> The same device ID **should** be used for all physical implementations of that device version and configuration. For example, all uses of a specific silicon IP GPU version and configuration **should** use the same device ID, even if those uses occur in different SoCs.

Khronos vendor IDs which **may** be returned in VkPhysicalDeviceProperties::`vendorID` are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkVendorId {
    VK_VENDOR_ID_VIV = 0x10001,
    VK_VENDOR_ID_VSI = 0x10002,
    VK_VENDOR_ID_KAZAN = 0x10003,
    VK_VENDOR_ID_CODEPLAY = 0x10004,
    VK_VENDOR_ID_MESA = 0x10005,
    VK_VENDOR_ID_POCL = 0x10006,
} VkVendorId;
```

> *Note*
>
> Khronos vendor IDs may be allocated by vendors at any time. Only the latest canonical versions of this Specification, of the corresponding `vk.xml` API Registry, and of the corresponding `vulkan_core.h` header file **must** contain all reserved Khronos vendor IDs.
>
> Only Khronos vendor IDs are given symbolic names at present. PCI vendor IDs returned by the implementation can be looked up in the PCI-SIG database.

`VK_MAX_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_NAME_SIZE` is the length in `char` values of an array containing a physical device name string, as returned in VkPhysicalDeviceProperties::deviceName.

```
#define VK_MAX_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_NAME_SIZE  256U
```

The physical device types which **may** be returned in VkPhysicalDeviceProperties::`deviceType` are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkPhysicalDeviceType {
    VK_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_TYPE_OTHER = 0,
    VK_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_TYPE_INTEGRATED_GPU = 1,
    VK_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_TYPE_DISCRETE_GPU = 2,
    VK_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_TYPE_VIRTUAL_GPU = 3,
    VK_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_TYPE_CPU = 4,
} VkPhysicalDeviceType;
```

- `VK_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_TYPE_OTHER` - the device does not match any other available types.
- `VK_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_TYPE_INTEGRATED_GPU` - the device is typically one embedded in or tightly coupled with the host.
- `VK_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_TYPE_DISCRETE_GPU` - the device is typically a separate processor connected to the host via an interlink.
- `VK_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_TYPE_VIRTUAL_GPU` - the device is typically a virtual node in a virtualization environment.
- `VK_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_TYPE_CPU` - the device is typically running on the same processors as the host.

The physical device type is advertised for informational purposes only, and does not directly affect the operation of the system. However, the device type **may** correlate with other advertised properties or capabilities of the system, such as how many memory heaps there are.

To query general properties of physical devices once enumerated, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties2(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2*                pProperties);
```

- `physicalDevice` is the handle to the physical device whose properties will be queried.

- `pProperties` is a pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2 structure in which properties are returned.

Each structure in `pProperties` and its `pNext` chain contains members corresponding to implementation-dependent properties, behaviors, or limits. `vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties2` fills in each member to specify the corresponding value for the implementation.

> ## Valid Usage (Implicit)
>
> - VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties2-physicalDevice-parameter
>   physicalDevice **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle
>
> - VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties2-pProperties-parameter
>   pProperties **must** be a valid pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2 structure

The VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2 structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2 {
    VkStructureType             sType;
    void*                       pNext;
    VkPhysicalDeviceProperties  properties;
} VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `properties` is a VkPhysicalDeviceProperties structure describing properties of the physical device. This structure is written with the same values as if it were written by vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties.

The `pNext` chain of this structure is used to extend the structure with properties defined by extensions.

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2-sType-sType

  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_PROPERTIES_2

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2-pNext-pNext

  Each pNext member of any structure (including this one) in the pNext chain **must** be either NULL or a pointer to a valid instance of VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties, VkPhysicalDeviceMaintenance3Properties, VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewProperties, VkPhysicalDevicePointClippingProperties, VkPhysicalDeviceProtectedMemoryProperties, or VkPhysicalDeviceSubgroupProperties

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2-sType-unique

  The sType value of each struct in the pNext chain **must** be unique

The VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    void*              pNext;
    uint8_t            deviceUUID[VK_UUID_SIZE];
    uint8_t            driverUUID[VK_UUID_SIZE];
    uint8_t            deviceLUID[VK_LUID_SIZE];
    uint32_t           deviceNodeMask;
    VkBool32           deviceLUIDValid;
} VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- deviceUUID is an array of VK_UUID_SIZE uint8_t values representing a universally unique identifier for the device.

- driverUUID is an array of VK_UUID_SIZE uint8_t values representing a universally unique identifier for the driver build in use by the device.

- deviceLUID is an array of VK_LUID_SIZE uint8_t values representing a locally unique identifier for the device.

- deviceNodeMask is a uint32_t bitfield identifying the node within a linked device adapter corresponding to the device.

- deviceLUIDValid is a boolean value that will be VK_TRUE if deviceLUID contains a valid LUID and deviceNodeMask contains a valid node mask, and VK_FALSE if they do not.

If the VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties structure is included in the pNext chain of the VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2 structure passed to vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties2, it is filled in with each corresponding implementation-dependent property.

`deviceUUID` **must** be immutable for a given device across instances, processes, driver APIs, driver versions, and system reboots.

Applications **can** compare the `driverUUID` value across instance and process boundaries, and **can** make similar queries in external APIs to determine whether they are capable of sharing memory objects and resources using them with the device.

`deviceUUID` and/or `driverUUID` **must** be used to determine whether a particular external object can be shared between driver components, where such a restriction exists as defined in the compatibility table for the particular object type:

- External memory handle types compatibility
- External semaphore handle types compatibility
- External fence handle types compatibility

If `deviceLUIDValid` is `VK_FALSE`, the values of `deviceLUID` and `deviceNodeMask` are undefined. If `deviceLUIDValid` is `VK_TRUE` and Vulkan is running on the Windows operating system, the contents of `deviceLUID` **can** be cast to an `LUID` object and **must** be equal to the locally unique identifier of a `IDXGIAdapter1` object that corresponds to `physicalDevice`. If `deviceLUIDValid` is `VK_TRUE`, `deviceNodeMask` **must** contain exactly one bit. If Vulkan is running on an operating system that supports the Direct3D 12 API and `physicalDevice` corresponds to an individual device in a linked device adapter, `deviceNodeMask` identifies the Direct3D 12 node corresponding to `physicalDevice`. Otherwise, `deviceNodeMask` **must** be `1`.

Note

Although they have identical descriptions, VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties ::deviceUUID may differ from VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2::pipelineCacheUUID. The former is intended to identify and correlate devices across API and driver boundaries, while the latter is used to identify a compatible device and driver combination to use when serializing and de-serializing pipeline state.

Implementations **should** return deviceUUID values which are likely to be unique even in the presence of multiple Vulkan implementations (such as a GPU driver and a software renderer; two drivers for different GPUs; or the same Vulkan driver running on two logically different devices).

Khronos' conformance testing can not guarantee that deviceUUID values are actually unique, so implementors should make their own best efforts to ensure this. In particular, hard-coded deviceUUID values, especially all-0 bits, **should** never be used.

A combination of values unique to the vendor, the driver, and the hardware environment can be used to provide a deviceUUID which is unique to a high degree of certainty. Some possible inputs to such a computation are:

- Information reported by vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties
- PCI device ID (if defined)
- PCI bus ID, or similar system configuration information.
- Driver binary checksums.

Note

While VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties::deviceUUID is specified to remain consistent across driver versions and system reboots, it is not intended to be usable as a serializable persistent identifier for a device. It may change when a device is physically added to, removed from, or moved to a different connector in a system while that system is powered down. Further, there is no reasonable way to verify with conformance testing that a given device retains the same UUID in a given system across all driver versions supported in that system. While implementations should make every effort to report consistent device UUIDs across driver versions, applications should avoid relying on the persistence of this value for uses other than identifying compatible devices for external object sharing purposes.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties-sType-sType
  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_ID_PROPERTIES

VK_UUID_SIZE is the length in uint8_t values of an array containing a universally unique device or driver build identifier, as returned in VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties::deviceUUID and

[VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties](#)::driverUUID.

```
#define VK_UUID_SIZE                     16U
```

`VK_LUID_SIZE` is the length in `uint8_t` values of an array containing a locally unique device identifier, as returned in [VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties](#)::deviceLUID.

```
#define VK_LUID_SIZE                     8U
```

To query properties of queues available on a physical device, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    uint32_t*                                   pQueueFamilyPropertyCount,
    VkQueueFamilyProperties*                    pQueueFamilyProperties);
```

- `physicalDevice` is the handle to the physical device whose properties will be queried.

- `pQueueFamilyPropertyCount` is a pointer to an integer related to the number of queue families available or queried, as described below.

- `pQueueFamilyProperties` is either `NULL` or a pointer to an array of [VkQueueFamilyProperties](#) structures.

If `pQueueFamilyProperties` is `NULL`, then the number of queue families available is returned in `pQueueFamilyPropertyCount`. Implementations **must** support at least one queue family. Otherwise, `pQueueFamilyPropertyCount` **must** point to a variable set by the user to the number of elements in the `pQueueFamilyProperties` array, and on return the variable is overwritten with the number of structures actually written to `pQueueFamilyProperties`. If `pQueueFamilyPropertyCount` is less than the number of queue families available, at most `pQueueFamilyPropertyCount` structures will be written.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties-physicalDevice-parameter
  `physicalDevice` **must** be a valid [VkPhysicalDevice](#) handle

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties-pQueueFamilyPropertyCount-parameter
  `pQueueFamilyPropertyCount` **must** be a valid pointer to a `uint32_t` value

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties-pQueueFamilyProperties-parameter
  If the value referenced by `pQueueFamilyPropertyCount` is not 0, and `pQueueFamilyProperties` is not `NULL`, `pQueueFamilyProperties` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `pQueueFamilyPropertyCount` [VkQueueFamilyProperties](#) structures

The `VkQueueFamilyProperties` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkQueueFamilyProperties {
    VkQueueFlags    queueFlags;
    uint32_t        queueCount;
    uint32_t        timestampValidBits;
    VkExtent3D      minImageTransferGranularity;
} VkQueueFamilyProperties;
```

- `queueFlags` is a bitmask of VkQueueFlagBits indicating capabilities of the queues in this queue family.

- `queueCount` is the unsigned integer count of queues in this queue family. Each queue family **must** support at least one queue.

- `timestampValidBits` is the unsigned integer count of meaningful bits in the timestamps written via vkCmdWriteTimestamp. The valid range for the count is 36..64 bits, or a value of 0, indicating no support for timestamps. Bits outside the valid range are guaranteed to be zeros.

- `minImageTransferGranularity` is the minimum granularity supported for image transfer operations on the queues in this queue family.

The value returned in `minImageTransferGranularity` has a unit of compressed texel blocks for images having a block-compressed format, and a unit of texels otherwise.

Possible values of `minImageTransferGranularity` are:

- (0,0,0) specifies that only whole mip levels **must** be transferred using the image transfer operations on the corresponding queues. In this case, the following restrictions apply to all offset and extent parameters of image transfer operations:

  - The `x`, `y`, and `z` members of a VkOffset3D parameter **must** always be zero.

  - The `width`, `height`, and `depth` members of a VkExtent3D parameter **must** always match the width, height, and depth of the image subresource corresponding to the parameter, respectively.

- (A_x, A_y, A_z) where A_x, A_y, and A_z are all integer powers of two. In this case the following restrictions apply to all image transfer operations:

  - `x`, `y`, and `z` of a VkOffset3D parameter **must** be integer multiples of A_x, A_y, and A_z, respectively.

  - `width` of a VkExtent3D parameter **must** be an integer multiple of A_x, or else `x + width` **must** equal the width of the image subresource corresponding to the parameter.

  - `height` of a VkExtent3D parameter **must** be an integer multiple of A_y, or else `y + height` **must** equal the height of the image subresource corresponding to the parameter.

  - `depth` of a VkExtent3D parameter **must** be an integer multiple of A_z, or else `z + depth` **must** equal the depth of the image subresource corresponding to the parameter.

  - If the format of the image corresponding to the parameters is one of the block-compressed formats then for the purposes of the above calculations the granularity **must** be scaled up by the compressed texel block dimensions.

Queues supporting graphics and/or compute operations **must** report (1,1,1) in `minImageTransferGranularity`, meaning that there are no additional restrictions on the granularity of image transfer operations for these queues. Other queues supporting image transfer operations are only **required** to support whole mip level transfers, thus `minImageTransferGranularity` for queues belonging to such queue families **may** be (0,0,0).

The Device Memory section describes memory properties queried from the physical device.

For physical device feature queries see the Features chapter.

Bits which **may** be set in VkQueueFamilyProperties::`queueFlags` indicating capabilities of queues in a queue family are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkQueueFlagBits {
    VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_QUEUE_COMPUTE_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_QUEUE_TRANSFER_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_QUEUE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT = 0x00000008,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_QUEUE_PROTECTED_BIT = 0x00000010,
} VkQueueFlagBits;
```

- `VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT` specifies that queues in this queue family support graphics operations.

- `VK_QUEUE_COMPUTE_BIT` specifies that queues in this queue family support compute operations.

- `VK_QUEUE_TRANSFER_BIT` specifies that queues in this queue family support transfer operations.

- `VK_QUEUE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` specifies that queues in this queue family support sparse memory management operations (see Sparse Resources). If any of the sparse resource features are enabled, then at least one queue family **must** support this bit.

- `VK_QUEUE_PROTECTED_BIT` specifies that queues in this queue family support the `VK_DEVICE_QUEUE_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT` bit. (see Protected Memory). If the physical device supports the `protectedMemory` feature, at least one of its queue families **must** support this bit.

If an implementation exposes any queue family that supports graphics operations, at least one queue family of at least one physical device exposed by the implementation **must** support both graphics and compute operations.

Furthermore, if the protected memory physical device feature is supported, then at least one queue family of at least one physical device exposed by the implementation **must** support graphics operations, compute operations, and protected memory operations.

> *Note*
>
> All commands that are allowed on a queue that supports transfer operations are also allowed on a queue that supports either graphics or compute operations. Thus, if the capabilities of a queue family include `VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT` or `VK_QUEUE_COMPUTE_BIT`, then reporting the `VK_QUEUE_TRANSFER_BIT` capability separately for that queue family is **optional**.

For further details see Queues.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkQueueFlags;
```

`VkQueueFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more `VkQueueFlagBits`.

To query properties of queues available on a physical device, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties2(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    uint32_t*                                   pQueueFamilyPropertyCount,
    VkQueueFamilyProperties2*                   pQueueFamilyProperties);
```

- `physicalDevice` is the handle to the physical device whose properties will be queried.

- `pQueueFamilyPropertyCount` is a pointer to an integer related to the number of queue families available or queried, as described in vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties.

- `pQueueFamilyProperties` is either `NULL` or a pointer to an array of VkQueueFamilyProperties2 structures.

`vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties2` behaves similarly to vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties, with the ability to return extended information in a `pNext` chain of output structures.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties2-physicalDevice-parameter
  `physicalDevice` **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties2-pQueueFamilyPropertyCount-parameter
  `pQueueFamilyPropertyCount` **must** be a valid pointer to a `uint32_t` value

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties2-pQueueFamilyProperties-parameter
  If the value referenced by `pQueueFamilyPropertyCount` is not `0`, and `pQueueFamilyProperties` is not `NULL`, `pQueueFamilyProperties` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `pQueueFamilyPropertyCount` VkQueueFamilyProperties2 structures

---

The `VkQueueFamilyProperties2` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkQueueFamilyProperties2 {
    VkStructureType             sType;
    void*                       pNext;
    VkQueueFamilyProperties     queueFamilyProperties;
} VkQueueFamilyProperties2;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- queueFamilyProperties is a VkQueueFamilyProperties structure which is populated with the same values as in vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkQueueFamilyProperties2-sType-sType
  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_QUEUE_FAMILY_PROPERTIES_2

- VUID-VkQueueFamilyProperties2-pNext-pNext
  pNext **must** be NULL

5.2. Devices

Device objects represent logical connections to physical devices. Each device exposes a number of *queue families* each having one or more *queues*. All queues in a queue family support the same operations.

As described in Physical Devices, a Vulkan application will first query for all physical devices in a system. Each physical device **can** then be queried for its capabilities, including its queue and queue family properties. Once an acceptable physical device is identified, an application will create a corresponding logical device. The created logical device is then the primary interface to the physical device.

How to enumerate the physical devices in a system and query those physical devices for their queue family properties is described in the Physical Device Enumeration section above.

A single logical device **can** be created from multiple physical devices, if those physical devices belong to the same device group. A *device group* is a set of physical devices that support accessing each other's memory and recording a single command buffer that **can** be executed on all the physical devices. Device groups are enumerated by calling vkEnumeratePhysicalDeviceGroups, and a logical device is created from a subset of the physical devices in a device group by passing the physical devices through VkDeviceGroupDeviceCreateInfo. For two physical devices to be in the same device group, they **must** support identical extensions, features, and properties.

> *Note*
>
> Physical devices in the same device group **must** be so similar because there are no rules for how different features/properties would interact. They **must** return the same values for nearly every invariant `vkGetPhysicalDevice*` feature, property, capability, etc., but could potentially differ for certain queries based on things like having a different display connected, or a different compositor. The specification does not attempt to enumerate which state is in each category, because such a list would quickly become out of date.

To retrieve a list of the device groups present in the system, call:

```c
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
VkResult vkEnumeratePhysicalDeviceGroups(
    VkInstance                                  instance,
    uint32_t*                                   pPhysicalDeviceGroupCount,
    VkPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties*            pPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties);
```

- `instance` is a handle to a Vulkan instance previously created with vkCreateInstance.

- `pPhysicalDeviceGroupCount` is a pointer to an integer related to the number of device groups available or queried, as described below.

- `pPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties` is either `NULL` or a pointer to an array of VkPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties structures.

If `pPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties` is `NULL`, then the number of device groups available is returned in `pPhysicalDeviceGroupCount`. Otherwise, `pPhysicalDeviceGroupCount` **must** point to a variable set by the user to the number of elements in the `pPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties` array, and on return the variable is overwritten with the number of structures actually written to `pPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties`. If `pPhysicalDeviceGroupCount` is less than the number of device groups available, at most `pPhysicalDeviceGroupCount` structures will be written, and `VK_INCOMPLETE` will be returned instead of `VK_SUCCESS`, to indicate that not all the available device groups were returned.

Every physical device **must** be in exactly one device group.

- VUID-vkEnumeratePhysicalDeviceGroups-instance-parameter

  `instance` **must** be a valid VkInstance handle

- VUID-vkEnumeratePhysicalDeviceGroups-pPhysicalDeviceGroupCount-parameter

  `pPhysicalDeviceGroupCount` **must** be a valid pointer to a `uint32_t` value

- VUID-vkEnumeratePhysicalDeviceGroups-pPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties-parameter

  If the value referenced by `pPhysicalDeviceGroupCount` is not `0`, and `pPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties` is not `NULL`, `pPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `pPhysicalDeviceGroupCount` VkPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties structures

Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`
- `VK_INCOMPLETE`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`
- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`
- `VK_ERROR_INITIALIZATION_FAILED`

The `VkPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties {
    VkStructureType     sType;
    void*               pNext;
    uint32_t            physicalDeviceCount;
    VkPhysicalDevice    physicalDevices[VK_MAX_DEVICE_GROUP_SIZE];
    VkBool32            subsetAllocation;
} VkPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `physicalDeviceCount` is the number of physical devices in the group.

- `physicalDevices` is an array of `VK_MAX_DEVICE_GROUP_SIZE` VkPhysicalDevice handles representing all physical devices in the group. The first `physicalDeviceCount` elements of the array will be valid.

- `subsetAllocation` specifies whether logical devices created from the group support allocating

device memory on a subset of devices, via the `deviceMask` member of the VkMemoryAllocateFlagsInfo. If this is `VK_FALSE`, then all device memory allocations are made across all physical devices in the group. If `physicalDeviceCount` is `1`, then `subsetAllocation` **must** be `VK_FALSE`.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_GROUP_PROPERTIES`

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

`VK_MAX_DEVICE_GROUP_SIZE` is the length of an array containing VkPhysicalDevice handle values representing all physical devices in a group, as returned in VkPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties::physicalDevices.

```
#define VK_MAX_DEVICE_GROUP_SIZE          32U
```

5.2.1. Device Creation

Logical devices are represented by `VkDevice` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_HANDLE(VkDevice)
```

A logical device is created as a *connection* to a physical device. To create a logical device, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateDevice(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    const VkDeviceCreateInfo*                   pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkDevice*                                   pDevice);
```

- `physicalDevice` **must** be one of the device handles returned from a call to `vkEnumeratePhysicalDevices` (see Physical Device Enumeration).

- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkDeviceCreateInfo structure containing information about how to create the device.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

- `pDevice` is a pointer to a handle in which the created VkDevice is returned.

`vkCreateDevice` verifies that extensions and features requested in the `ppEnabledExtensionNames` and `pEnabledFeatures` members of `pCreateInfo`, respectively, are supported by the implementation. If any

requested extension is not supported, `vkCreateDevice` **must** return `VK_ERROR_EXTENSION_NOT_PRESENT`. If any requested feature is not supported, `vkCreateDevice` **must** return `VK_ERROR_FEATURE_NOT_PRESENT`. Support for extensions **can** be checked before creating a device by querying vkEnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties. Support for features **can** similarly be checked by querying vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures.

After verifying and enabling the extensions the `VkDevice` object is created and returned to the application.

Multiple logical devices **can** be created from the same physical device. Logical device creation **may** fail due to lack of device-specific resources (in addition to other errors). If that occurs, `vkCreateDevice` will return `VK_ERROR_TOO_MANY_OBJECTS`.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCreateDevice-ppEnabledExtensionNames-01387

  All required device extensions for each extension in the VkDeviceCreateInfo ::`ppEnabledExtensionNames` list **must** also be present in that list

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCreateDevice-physicalDevice-parameter

  `physicalDevice` **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle

- VUID-vkCreateDevice-pCreateInfo-parameter

  `pCreateInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkDeviceCreateInfo structure

- VUID-vkCreateDevice-pAllocator-parameter

  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkCreateDevice-pDevice-parameter

  `pDevice` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkDevice handle

The VkDeviceCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkDeviceCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                    sType;
    const void*                        pNext;
    VkDeviceCreateFlags                flags;
    uint32_t                           queueCreateInfoCount;
    const VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo*     pQueueCreateInfos;
    uint32_t                           enabledLayerCount;
    const char* const*                 ppEnabledLayerNames;
    uint32_t                           enabledExtensionCount;
    const char* const*                 ppEnabledExtensionNames;
    const VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures*    pEnabledFeatures;
} VkDeviceCreateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- flags is reserved for future use.

- queueCreateInfoCount is the unsigned integer size of the pQueueCreateInfos array. Refer to the Queue Creation section below for further details.

- pQueueCreateInfos is a pointer to an array of VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo structures describing the queues that are requested to be created along with the logical device. Refer to the Queue Creation section below for further details.

- enabledLayerCount is deprecated and ignored.

- ppEnabledLayerNames is deprecated and ignored. See Device Layer Deprecation.

- enabledExtensionCount is the number of device extensions to enable.

- `ppEnabledExtensionNames` is a pointer to an array of `enabledExtensionCount` null-terminated UTF-8 strings containing the names of extensions to enable for the created device. See the Extensions section for further details.

- `pEnabledFeatures` is `NULL` or a pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures structure containing boolean indicators of all the features to be enabled. Refer to the Features section for further details.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkDeviceCreateInfo-queueFamilyIndex-02802

  The `queueFamilyIndex` member of each element of `pQueueCreateInfos` **must** be unique within `pQueueCreateInfos`, except that two members can share the same `queueFamilyIndex` if one is a protected-capable queue and one is not a protected-capable queue

- VUID-VkDeviceCreateInfo-pNext-00373

  If the `pNext` chain includes a VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2 structure, then `pEnabledFeatures` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkDeviceCreateInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DEVICE_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkDeviceCreateInfo-pNext-pNext

  Each `pNext` member of any structure (including this one) in the `pNext` chain **must** be either `NULL` or a pointer to a valid instance of VkDeviceGroupDeviceCreateInfo, VkPhysicalDevice16BitStorageFeatures, VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2, VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewFeatures, VkPhysicalDeviceProtectedMemoryFeatures, VkPhysicalDeviceSamplerYcbcrConversionFeatures, VkPhysicalDeviceShaderDrawParametersFeatures, or VkPhysicalDeviceVariablePointersFeatures

- VUID-VkDeviceCreateInfo-sType-unique

  The `sType` value of each struct in the `pNext` chain **must** be unique

- VUID-VkDeviceCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask

  `flags` **must** be `0`

- VUID-VkDeviceCreateInfo-pQueueCreateInfos-parameter

  `pQueueCreateInfos` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `queueCreateInfoCount` valid VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo structures

- VUID-VkDeviceCreateInfo-ppEnabledLayerNames-parameter

  If `enabledLayerCount` is not `0`, `ppEnabledLayerNames` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `enabledLayerCount` null-terminated UTF-8 strings

- VUID-VkDeviceCreateInfo-ppEnabledExtensionNames-parameter

  If `enabledExtensionCount` is not `0`, `ppEnabledExtensionNames` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `enabledExtensionCount` null-terminated UTF-8 strings

- VUID-VkDeviceCreateInfo-pEnabledFeatures-parameter

  If `pEnabledFeatures` is not `NULL`, `pEnabledFeatures` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures structure

- VUID-VkDeviceCreateInfo-queueCreateInfoCount-arraylength

  `queueCreateInfoCount` **must** be greater than `0`

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkDeviceCreateFlags;
```

`VkDeviceCreateFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

A logical device **can** be created that connects to one or more physical devices by adding a `VkDeviceGroupDeviceCreateInfo` structure to the `pNext` chain of `VkDeviceCreateInfo`. The `VkDeviceGroupDeviceCreateInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkDeviceGroupDeviceCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType           sType;
    const void*               pNext;
    uint32_t                  physicalDeviceCount;
    const VkPhysicalDevice*   pPhysicalDevices;
} VkDeviceGroupDeviceCreateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- physicalDeviceCount is the number of elements in the pPhysicalDevices array.

- pPhysicalDevices is a pointer to an array of physical device handles belonging to the same device group.

The elements of the pPhysicalDevices array are an ordered list of the physical devices that the logical device represents. These **must** be a subset of a single device group, and need not be in the same order as they were enumerated. The order of the physical devices in the pPhysicalDevices array determines the *device index* of each physical device, with element i being assigned a device index of i. Certain commands and structures refer to one or more physical devices by using device indices or *device masks* formed using device indices.

A logical device created without using VkDeviceGroupDeviceCreateInfo, or with physicalDeviceCount equal to zero, is equivalent to a physicalDeviceCount of one and pPhysicalDevices pointing to the physicalDevice parameter to vkCreateDevice. In particular, the device index of that physical device is zero.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkDeviceGroupDeviceCreateInfo-pPhysicalDevices-00375

  Each element of pPhysicalDevices **must** be unique

- VUID-VkDeviceGroupDeviceCreateInfo-pPhysicalDevices-00376

  All elements of pPhysicalDevices **must** be in the same device group as enumerated by vkEnumeratePhysicalDeviceGroups

- VUID-VkDeviceGroupDeviceCreateInfo-physicalDeviceCount-00377

  If physicalDeviceCount is not 0, the physicalDevice parameter of vkCreateDevice **must** be an element of pPhysicalDevices

5.2.2. Device Use

The following is a high-level list of VkDevice uses along with references on where to find more information:

- Creation of queues. See the Queues section below for further details.

- Creation and tracking of various synchronization constructs. See Synchronization and Cache Control for further details.

- Allocating, freeing, and managing memory. See Memory Allocation and Resource Creation for further details.

- Creation and destruction of command buffers and command buffer pools. See Command Buffers for further details.

- Creation, destruction, and management of graphics state. See Pipelines and Resource Descriptors, among others, for further details.

5.2.3. Lost Device

A logical device **may** become *lost* for a number of implementation-specific reasons, indicating that pending and future command execution **may** fail and cause resources and backing memory to become undefined.

> *Note*
>
> Typical reasons for device loss will include things like execution timing out (to prevent denial of service), power management events, platform resource management, implementation errors.
>
> Applications not adhering to valid usage may also result in device loss being reported, however this is not guaranteed. Even if device loss is reported, the system may be in an unrecoverable state, and further usage of the API is still considered invalid.

When this happens, certain commands will return VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST. After any such event, the logical device is considered *lost*. It is not possible to reset the logical device to a non-lost state, however the lost state is specific to a logical device (VkDevice), and the corresponding physical device (VkPhysicalDevice) **may** be otherwise unaffected.

In some cases, the physical device **may** also be lost, and attempting to create a new logical device

will fail, returning `VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST`. This is usually indicative of a problem with the underlying implementation, or its connection to the host. If the physical device has not been lost, and a new logical device is successfully created from that physical device, it **must** be in the non-lost state.

> *Note*
>
> Whilst logical device loss **may** be recoverable, in the case of physical device loss, it is unlikely that an application will be able to recover unless additional, unaffected physical devices exist on the system. The error is largely informational and intended only to inform the user that a platform issue has occurred, and **should** be investigated further. For example, underlying hardware **may** have developed a fault or become physically disconnected from the rest of the system. In many cases, physical device loss **may** cause other more serious issues such as the operating system crashing; in which case it **may** not be reported via the Vulkan API.

When a device is lost, its child objects are not implicitly destroyed and their handles are still valid. Those objects **must** still be destroyed before their parents or the device **can** be destroyed (see the Object Lifetime section). The host address space corresponding to device memory mapped using vkMapMemory is still valid, and host memory accesses to these mapped regions are still valid, but the contents are undefined. It is still legal to call any API command on the device and child objects.

Once a device is lost, command execution **may** fail, and commands that return a VkResult **may** return `VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST`. Commands that do not allow runtime errors **must** still operate correctly for valid usage and, if applicable, return valid data.

Commands that wait indefinitely for device execution (namely vkDeviceWaitIdle, vkQueueWaitIdle, vkWaitForFences with a maximum `timeout`, and vkGetQueryPoolResults with the `VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT` bit set in `flags`) **must** return in finite time even in the case of a lost device, and return either `VK_SUCCESS` or `VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST`. For any command that **may** return `VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST`, for the purpose of determining whether a command buffer is in the pending state, or whether resources are considered in-use by the device, a return value of `VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST` is equivalent to `VK_SUCCESS`.

The content of any external memory objects that have been exported from or imported to a lost device become undefined. Objects on other logical devices or in other APIs which are associated with the same underlying memory resource as the external memory objects on the lost device are unaffected other than their content becoming undefined. The layout of subresources of images on other logical devices that are bound to `VkDeviceMemory` objects associated with the same underlying memory resources as external memory objects on the lost device becomes `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED`.

The state of `VkSemaphore` objects on other logical devices created by importing a semaphore payload with temporary permanence which was exported from the lost device is undefined. The state of `VkSemaphore` objects on other logical devices that permanently share a semaphore payload with a `VkSemaphore` object on the lost device is undefined, and remains undefined following any subsequent signal operations. Implementations **must** ensure pending and subsequently submitted wait operations on such semaphores behave as defined in Semaphore State Requirements For Wait Operations for external semaphores not in a valid state for a wait operation.

5.2.4. Device Destruction

To destroy a device, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroyDevice(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- `device` is the logical device to destroy.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

To ensure that no work is active on the device, vkDeviceWaitIdle **can** be used to gate the destruction of the device. Prior to destroying a device, an application is responsible for destroying/freeing any Vulkan objects that were created using that device as the first parameter of the corresponding `vkCreate*` or `vkAllocate*` command.

> **Note**
>
> The lifetime of each of these objects is bound by the lifetime of the `VkDevice` object. Therefore, to avoid resource leaks, it is critical that an application explicitly free all of these resources prior to calling `vkDestroyDevice`.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkDestroyDevice-device-00378

  All child objects created on `device` **must** have been destroyed prior to destroying `device`

- VUID-vkDestroyDevice-device-00379

  If `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `device` was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here

- VUID-vkDestroyDevice-device-00380

  If no `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `device` was created, `pAllocator` **must** be `NULL`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkDestroyDevice-device-parameter

  If `device` is not `NULL`, `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkDestroyDevice-pAllocator-parameter

  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

5.3. Queues

5.3.1. Queue Family Properties

As discussed in the Physical Device Enumeration section above, the vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties command is used to retrieve details about the queue families and queues supported by a device.

Each index in the `pQueueFamilyProperties` array returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties describes a unique queue family on that physical device. These indices are used when creating queues, and they correspond directly with the `queueFamilyIndex` that is passed to the vkCreateDevice command via the VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo structure as described in the Queue Creation section below.

Grouping of queue families within a physical device is implementation-dependent.

> *Note*
>
> The general expectation is that a physical device groups all queues of matching capabilities into a single family. However, while implementations **should** do this, it is possible that a physical device **may** return two separate queue families with the same capabilities.

Once an application has identified a physical device with the queue(s) that it desires to use, it will create those queues in conjunction with a logical device. This is described in the following section.

5.3.2. Queue Creation

Creating a logical device also creates the queues associated with that device. The queues to create are described by a set of VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo structures that are passed to vkCreateDevice in `pQueueCreateInfos`.

Queues are represented by `VkQueue` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_HANDLE(VkQueue)
```

The VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType              sType;
    const void*                  pNext;
    VkDeviceQueueCreateFlags     flags;
    uint32_t                     queueFamilyIndex;
    uint32_t                     queueCount;
    const float*                 pQueuePriorities;
} VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- flags is a bitmask indicating behavior of the queue.

- queueFamilyIndex is an unsigned integer indicating the index of the queue family in which to create the queue on this device. This index corresponds to the index of an element of the pQueueFamilyProperties array that was returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties.

- queueCount is an unsigned integer specifying the number of queues to create in the queue family indicated by queueFamilyIndex.

- pQueuePriorities is a pointer to an array of queueCount normalized floating point values, specifying priorities of work that will be submitted to each created queue. See Queue Priority for more information.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo-queueFamilyIndex-00381

  queueFamilyIndex **must** be less than pQueueFamilyPropertyCount returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties

- VUID-VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo-queueCount-00382

  queueCount **must** be less than or equal to the queueCount member of the VkQueueFamilyProperties structure, as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties in the pQueueFamilyProperties[queueFamilyIndex]

- VUID-VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo-pQueuePriorities-00383

  Each element of pQueuePriorities **must** be between 0.0 and 1.0 inclusive

- VUID-VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo-flags-02861

  If the protected memory feature is not enabled, the VK_DEVICE_QUEUE_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT bit of flags **must** not be set

- VUID-VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo-flags-06449

  If flags includes VK_DEVICE_QUEUE_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT, queueFamilyIndex **must** be the index of a queue family that includes the VK_QUEUE_PROTECTED_BIT capability

Bits which **can** be set in VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo::flags to specify usage behavior of the queue are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef enum VkDeviceQueueCreateFlagBits {
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_DEVICE_QUEUE_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT = 0x00000001,
} VkDeviceQueueCreateFlagBits;
```

- VK_DEVICE_QUEUE_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT specifies that the device queue is a protected-capable queue.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkDeviceQueueCreateFlags;
```

VkDeviceQueueCreateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkDeviceQueueCreateFlagBits.

To retrieve a handle to a VkQueue object, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkGetDeviceQueue(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    uint32_t                                    queueFamilyIndex,
    uint32_t                                    queueIndex,
    VkQueue*                                    pQueue);
```

- device is the logical device that owns the queue.
- queueFamilyIndex is the index of the queue family to which the queue belongs.
- queueIndex is the index within this queue family of the queue to retrieve.

- `pQueue` is a pointer to a VkQueue object that will be filled with the handle for the requested queue.

vkGetDeviceQueue **must** only be used to get queues that were created with the `flags` parameter of VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo set to zero. To get queues that were created with a non-zero `flags` parameter use vkGetDeviceQueue2.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkGetDeviceQueue-queueFamilyIndex-00384

  `queueFamilyIndex` **must** be one of the queue family indices specified when `device` was created, via the VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo structure

- VUID-vkGetDeviceQueue-queueIndex-00385

  `queueIndex` **must** be less than the value of VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo::`queueCount` for the queue family indicated by `queueFamilyIndex` when `device` was created

- VUID-vkGetDeviceQueue-flags-01841

  VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo::`flags` **must** have been set to zero when `device` was created

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetDeviceQueue-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetDeviceQueue-pQueue-parameter

  `pQueue` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkQueue handle

To retrieve a handle to a VkQueue object with specific VkDeviceQueueCreateFlags creation flags, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkGetDeviceQueue2(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkDeviceQueueInfo2*                   pQueueInfo,
    VkQueue*                                    pQueue);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the queue.

- `pQueueInfo` is a pointer to a VkDeviceQueueInfo2 structure, describing parameters of the device queue to be retrieved.

- `pQueue` is a pointer to a VkQueue object that will be filled with the handle for the requested queue.

The VkDeviceQueueInfo2 structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkDeviceQueueInfo2 {
    VkStructureType            sType;
    const void*                pNext;
    VkDeviceQueueCreateFlags   flags;
    uint32_t                   queueFamilyIndex;
    uint32_t                   queueIndex;
} VkDeviceQueueInfo2;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure. The pNext chain of VkDeviceQueueInfo2 **can** be used to provide additional device queue parameters to vkGetDeviceQueue2.

- flags is a VkDeviceQueueCreateFlags value indicating the flags used to create the device queue.

- queueFamilyIndex is the index of the queue family to which the queue belongs.

- queueIndex is the index within this queue family of the queue to retrieve.

The queue returned by vkGetDeviceQueue2 **must** have the same flags value from this structure as that used at device creation time in a VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo structure. If no matching flags were specified at device creation time, then the handle returned in pQueue **must** be NULL.

5.3.3. Queue Family Index

The queue family index is used in multiple places in Vulkan in order to tie operations to a specific family of queues.

When retrieving a handle to the queue via vkGetDeviceQueue, the queue family index is used to select which queue family to retrieve the VkQueue handle from as described in the previous section.

When creating a VkCommandPool object (see Command Pools), a queue family index is specified in the VkCommandPoolCreateInfo structure. Command buffers from this pool **can** only be submitted on queues corresponding to this queue family.

When creating VkImage (see Images) and VkBuffer (see Buffers) resources, a set of queue families is included in the VkImageCreateInfo and VkBufferCreateInfo structures to specify the queue families that **can** access the resource.

When inserting a VkBufferMemoryBarrier or VkImageMemoryBarrier (see Pipeline Barriers), a source and destination queue family index is specified to allow the ownership of a buffer or image to be transferred from one queue family to another. See the Resource Sharing section for details.

5.3.4. Queue Priority

Each queue is assigned a priority, as set in the VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo structures when creating the device. The priority of each queue is a normalized floating point value between 0.0 and 1.0,

which is then translated to a discrete priority level by the implementation. Higher values indicate a higher priority, with 0.0 being the lowest priority and 1.0 being the highest.

Within the same device, queues with higher priority **may** be allotted more processing time than queues with lower priority. The implementation makes no guarantees with regards to ordering or scheduling among queues with the same priority, other than the constraints defined by any explicit synchronization primitives. The implementation makes no guarantees with regards to queues across different devices.

An implementation **may** allow a higher-priority queue to starve a lower-priority queue on the same `VkDevice` until the higher-priority queue has no further commands to execute. The relationship of queue priorities **must** not cause queues on one `VkDevice` to starve queues on another `VkDevice`.

No specific guarantees are made about higher priority queues receiving more processing time or better quality of service than lower priority queues.

5.3.5. Queue Submission

Work is submitted to a queue via *queue submission* commands such as vkQueueSubmit. Queue submission commands define a set of *queue operations* to be executed by the underlying physical device, including synchronization with semaphores and fences.

Submission commands take as parameters a target queue, zero or more *batches* of work, and an **optional** fence to signal upon completion. Each batch consists of three distinct parts:

1. Zero or more semaphores to wait on before execution of the rest of the batch.
    - If present, these describe a semaphore wait operation.
2. Zero or more work items to execute.
    - If present, these describe a *queue operation* matching the work described.
3. Zero or more semaphores to signal upon completion of the work items.
    - If present, these describe a semaphore signal operation.

If a fence is present in a queue submission, it describes a fence signal operation.

All work described by a queue submission command **must** be submitted to the queue before the command returns.

Sparse Memory Binding

In Vulkan it is possible to sparsely bind memory to buffers and images as described in the Sparse Resource chapter. Sparse memory binding is a queue operation. A queue whose flags include the `VK_QUEUE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` **must** be able to support the mapping of a virtual address to a physical address on the device. This causes an update to the page table mappings on the device. This update **must** be synchronized on a queue to avoid corrupting page table mappings during execution of graphics commands. By binding the sparse memory resources on queues, all commands that are dependent on the updated bindings are synchronized to only execute after the binding is updated. See the Synchronization and Cache Control chapter for how this synchronization is accomplished.

5.3.6. Queue Destruction

Queues are created along with a logical device during `vkCreateDevice`. All queues associated with a logical device are destroyed when `vkDestroyDevice` is called on that device.

Chapter 6. Command Buffers

Command buffers are objects used to record commands which **can** be subsequently submitted to a device queue for execution. There are two levels of command buffers - *primary command buffers*, which **can** execute secondary command buffers, and which are submitted to queues, and *secondary command buffers*, which **can** be executed by primary command buffers, and which are not directly submitted to queues.

Command buffers are represented by `VkCommandBuffer` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_HANDLE(VkCommandBuffer)
```

Recorded commands include commands to bind pipelines and descriptor sets to the command buffer, commands to modify dynamic state, commands to draw (for graphics rendering), commands to dispatch (for compute), commands to execute secondary command buffers (for primary command buffers only), commands to copy buffers and images, and other commands.

Each command buffer manages state independently of other command buffers. There is no inheritance of state across primary and secondary command buffers, or between secondary command buffers. When a command buffer begins recording, all state in that command buffer is undefined. When secondary command buffer(s) are recorded to execute on a primary command buffer, the secondary command buffer inherits no state from the primary command buffer, and all state of the primary command buffer is undefined after an execute secondary command buffer command is recorded. There is one exception to this rule - if the primary command buffer is inside a render pass instance, then the render pass and subpass state is not disturbed by executing secondary command buffers. For state dependent commands (such as draws and dispatches), any state consumed by those commands **must** not be undefined.

Unless otherwise specified, and without explicit synchronization, the various commands submitted to a queue via command buffers **may** execute in arbitrary order relative to each other, and/or concurrently. Also, the memory side effects of those commands **may** not be directly visible to other commands without explicit memory dependencies. This is true within a command buffer, and across command buffers submitted to a given queue. See the synchronization chapter for information on implicit and explicit synchronization between commands.

6.1. Command Buffer Lifecycle

Each command buffer is always in one of the following states:

Initial

When a command buffer is allocated, it is in the *initial state*. Some commands are able to *reset* a command buffer (or a set of command buffers) back to this state from any of the executable, recording or invalid state. Command buffers in the initial state **can** only be moved to the recording state, or freed.

Recording

vkBeginCommandBuffer changes the state of a command buffer from the initial state to the *recording state*. Once a command buffer is in the recording state, vkCmd* commands **can** be used to record to the command buffer.

Executable

vkEndCommandBuffer ends the recording of a command buffer, and moves it from the recording state to the *executable state*. Executable command buffers **can** be submitted, reset, or recorded to another command buffer.

Pending

Queue submission of a command buffer changes the state of a command buffer from the executable state to the *pending state*. Whilst in the pending state, applications **must** not attempt to modify the command buffer in any way - as the device **may** be processing the commands recorded to it. Once execution of a command buffer completes, the command buffer either reverts back to the *executable state*, or if it was recorded with VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_ONE_TIME_SUBMIT_BIT, it moves to the *invalid state*. A synchronization command **should** be used to detect when this occurs.

Invalid

Some operations, such as modifying or deleting a resource that was used in a command recorded to a command buffer, will transition the state of that command buffer into the *invalid state*. Command buffers in the invalid state **can** only be reset or freed.

Figure 1. Lifecycle of a command buffer

Any given command that operates on a command buffer has its own requirements on what state a command buffer **must** be in, which are detailed in the valid usage constraints for that command.

Resetting a command buffer is an operation that discards any previously recorded commands and puts a command buffer in the *initial state*. Resetting occurs as a result of vkResetCommandBuffer or vkResetCommandPool, or as part of vkBeginCommandBuffer (which additionally puts the command buffer in the *recording state*).

Secondary command buffers **can** be recorded to a primary command buffer via vkCmdExecuteCommands. This partially ties the lifecycle of the two command buffers together - if

the primary is submitted to a queue, both the primary and any secondaries recorded to it move to the *pending state.* Once execution of the primary completes, so it does for any secondary recorded within it. After all executions of each command buffer complete, they each move to their appropriate completion state (either to the *executable state* or the *invalid state,* as specified above).

If a secondary moves to the *invalid state* or the *initial state,* then all primary buffers it is recorded in move to the *invalid state.* A primary moving to any other state does not affect the state of a secondary recorded in it.

> **Note**
>
> Resetting or freeing a primary command buffer removes the lifecycle linkage to all secondary command buffers that were recorded into it.

6.2. Command Pools

Command pools are opaque objects that command buffer memory is allocated from, and which allow the implementation to amortize the cost of resource creation across multiple command buffers. Command pools are externally synchronized, meaning that a command pool **must** not be used concurrently in multiple threads. That includes use via recording commands on any command buffers allocated from the pool, as well as operations that allocate, free, and reset command buffers or the pool itself.

Command pools are represented by `VkCommandPool` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkCommandPool)
```

To create a command pool, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateCommandPool(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkCommandPoolCreateInfo*              pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkCommandPool*                              pCommandPool);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the command pool.

- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkCommandPoolCreateInfo structure specifying the state of the command pool object.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

- `pCommandPool` is a pointer to a VkCommandPool handle in which the created pool is returned.

The VkCommandPoolCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkCommandPoolCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType             sType;
    const void*                 pNext;
    VkCommandPoolCreateFlags    flags;
    uint32_t                    queueFamilyIndex;
} VkCommandPoolCreateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- flags is a bitmask of VkCommandPoolCreateFlagBits indicating usage behavior for the pool and command buffers allocated from it.

- `queueFamilyIndex` designates a queue family as described in section Queue Family Properties. All command buffers allocated from this command pool **must** be submitted on queues from the same queue family.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkCommandPoolCreateInfo-flags-02860

  If the protected memory feature is not enabled, the `VK_COMMAND_POOL_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT` bit of `flags` **must** not be set

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkCommandPoolCreateInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_COMMAND_POOL_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkCommandPoolCreateInfo-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkCommandPoolCreateInfo-flags-parameter

  `flags` **must** be a valid combination of VkCommandPoolCreateFlagBits values

Bits which **can** be set in VkCommandPoolCreateInfo::`flags` to specify usage behavior for a command pool are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkCommandPoolCreateFlagBits {
    VK_COMMAND_POOL_CREATE_TRANSIENT_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_COMMAND_POOL_CREATE_RESET_COMMAND_BUFFER_BIT = 0x00000002,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_COMMAND_POOL_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT = 0x00000004,
} VkCommandPoolCreateFlagBits;
```

- `VK_COMMAND_POOL_CREATE_TRANSIENT_BIT` specifies that command buffers allocated from the pool will be short-lived, meaning that they will be reset or freed in a relatively short timeframe. This flag **may** be used by the implementation to control memory allocation behavior within the pool.

- `VK_COMMAND_POOL_CREATE_RESET_COMMAND_BUFFER_BIT` allows any command buffer allocated from a pool to be individually reset to the initial state; either by calling vkResetCommandBuffer, or via the implicit reset when calling vkBeginCommandBuffer. If this flag is not set on a pool, then `vkResetCommandBuffer` **must** not be called for any command buffer allocated from that pool.

- `VK_COMMAND_POOL_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT` specifies that command buffers allocated from the pool are protected command buffers.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkCommandPoolCreateFlags;
```

`VkCommandPoolCreateFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more `VkCommandPoolCreateFlagBits`.

To trim a command pool, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkTrimCommandPool(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkCommandPool                               commandPool,
    VkCommandPoolTrimFlags                      flags);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the command pool.

- `commandPool` is the command pool to trim.

- `flags` is reserved for future use.

Trimming a command pool recycles unused memory from the command pool back to the system. Command buffers allocated from the pool are not affected by the command.

Note

This command provides applications with some control over the internal memory allocations used by command pools.

Unused memory normally arises from command buffers that have been recorded and later reset, such that they are no longer using the memory. On reset, a command buffer can return memory to its command pool, but the only way to release memory from a command pool to the system requires calling vkResetCommandPool, which cannot be executed while any command buffers from that pool are still in use. Subsequent recording operations into command buffers will re-use this memory but since total memory requirements fluctuate over time, unused memory can accumulate.

In this situation, trimming a command pool **may** be useful to return unused memory back to the system, returning the total outstanding memory allocated by the pool back to a more "average" value.

Implementations utilize many internal allocation strategies that make it impossible to guarantee that all unused memory is released back to the system. For instance, an implementation of a command pool **may** involve allocating memory in bulk from the system and sub-allocating from that memory. In such an implementation any live command buffer that holds a reference to a bulk allocation would prevent that allocation from being freed, even if only a small proportion of the bulk allocation is in use.

In most cases trimming will result in a reduction in allocated but unused memory, but it does not guarantee the "ideal" behavior.

Trimming **may** be an expensive operation, and **should** not be called frequently. Trimming **should** be treated as a way to relieve memory pressure after application-known points when there exists enough unused memory that the cost of trimming is "worth" it.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkTrimCommandPool-device-parameter
  device **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkTrimCommandPool-commandPool-parameter
  commandPool **must** be a valid VkCommandPool handle

- VUID-vkTrimCommandPool-flags-zerobitmask
  flags **must** be 0

- VUID-vkTrimCommandPool-commandPool-parent
  commandPool **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef VkFlags VkCommandPoolTrimFlags;
```

`VkCommandPoolTrimFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

To reset a command pool, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkResetCommandPool(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkCommandPool                               commandPool,
    VkCommandPoolResetFlags                     flags);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the command pool.
- `commandPool` is the command pool to reset.
- `flags` is a bitmask of VkCommandPoolResetFlagBits controlling the reset operation.

Resetting a command pool recycles all of the resources from all of the command buffers allocated from the command pool back to the command pool. All command buffers that have been allocated from the command pool are put in the initial state.

Any primary command buffer allocated from another VkCommandPool that is in the recording or executable state and has a secondary command buffer allocated from `commandPool` recorded into it, becomes invalid.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkResetCommandPool-commandPool-00040
  All `VkCommandBuffer` objects allocated from `commandPool` **must** not be in the pending state

Bits which **can** be set in vkResetCommandPool::flags to control the reset operation are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkCommandPoolResetFlagBits {
    VK_COMMAND_POOL_RESET_RELEASE_RESOURCES_BIT = 0x00000001,
} VkCommandPoolResetFlagBits;
```

- VK_COMMAND_POOL_RESET_RELEASE_RESOURCES_BIT specifies that resetting a command pool recycles all of the resources from the command pool back to the system.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkCommandPoolResetFlags;
```

VkCommandPoolResetFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkCommandPoolResetFlagBits.

To destroy a command pool, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroyCommandPool(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkCommandPool                               commandPool,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- `device` is the logical device that destroys the command pool.

- `commandPool` is the handle of the command pool to destroy.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

When a pool is destroyed, all command buffers allocated from the pool are freed.

Any primary command buffer allocated from another VkCommandPool that is in the recording or executable state and has a secondary command buffer allocated from `commandPool` recorded into it, becomes invalid.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkDestroyCommandPool-commandPool-00041

  All `VkCommandBuffer` objects allocated from `commandPool` **must** not be in the pending state

- VUID-vkDestroyCommandPool-commandPool-00042

  If `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `commandPool` was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here

- VUID-vkDestroyCommandPool-commandPool-00043

  If no `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `commandPool` was created, `pAllocator` **must** be `NULL`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkDestroyCommandPool-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkDestroyCommandPool-commandPool-parameter

  If `commandPool` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `commandPool` **must** be a valid VkCommandPool handle

- VUID-vkDestroyCommandPool-pAllocator-parameter

  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkDestroyCommandPool-commandPool-parent

  If `commandPool` is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

6.3. Command Buffer Allocation and Management

To allocate command buffers, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkAllocateCommandBuffers(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkCommandBufferAllocateInfo*          pAllocateInfo,
    VkCommandBuffer*                            pCommandBuffers);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the command pool.

- `pAllocateInfo` is a pointer to a `VkCommandBufferAllocateInfo` structure describing parameters of the allocation.

- `pCommandBuffers` is a pointer to an array of `VkCommandBuffer` handles in which the resulting command buffer objects are returned. The array **must** be at least the length specified by the `commandBufferCount` member of `pAllocateInfo`. Each allocated command buffer begins in the initial state.

`vkAllocateCommandBuffers` **can** be used to allocate multiple command buffers. If the allocation of any of those command buffers fails, the implementation **must** free all successfully allocated command buffer objects from this command, set all entries of the `pCommandBuffers` array to `NULL` and return the error.

> *Note*
>
> Filling `pCommandBuffers` with `NULL` values on failure is an exception to the default error behavior that output parameters will have undefined contents.

When command buffers are first allocated, they are in the initial state.

The VkCommandBufferAllocateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkCommandBufferAllocateInfo {
    VkStructureType         sType;
    const void*             pNext;
    VkCommandPool           commandPool;
    VkCommandBufferLevel    level;
    uint32_t                commandBufferCount;
} VkCommandBufferAllocateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- commandPool is the command pool from which the command buffers are allocated.

- level is a VkCommandBufferLevel value specifying the command buffer level.

- commandBufferCount is the number of command buffers to allocate from the pool.

Possible values of VkCommandBufferAllocateInfo::level, specifying the command buffer level, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkCommandBufferLevel {
    VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_LEVEL_PRIMARY = 0,
    VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_LEVEL_SECONDARY = 1,
} VkCommandBufferLevel;
```

- VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_LEVEL_PRIMARY specifies a primary command buffer.

- VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_LEVEL_SECONDARY specifies a secondary command buffer.

To reset a command buffer, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkResetCommandBuffer(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkCommandBufferResetFlags                   flags);
```

- commandBuffer is the command buffer to reset. The command buffer **can** be in any state other than pending, and is moved into the initial state.

- flags is a bitmask of VkCommandBufferResetFlagBits controlling the reset operation.

Any primary command buffer that is in the recording or executable state and has commandBuffer recorded into it, becomes invalid.

Bits which **can** be set in vkResetCommandBuffer::flags to control the reset operation are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkCommandBufferResetFlagBits {
    VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_RESET_RELEASE_RESOURCES_BIT = 0x00000001,
} VkCommandBufferResetFlagBits;
```

- VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_RESET_RELEASE_RESOURCES_BIT specifies that most or all memory resources currently owned by the command buffer **should** be returned to the parent command pool. If this flag is not set, then the command buffer **may** hold onto memory resources and reuse them when recording commands. commandBuffer is moved to the initial state.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkCommandBufferResetFlags;
```

VkCommandBufferResetFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkCommandBufferResetFlagBits.

To free command buffers, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkFreeCommandBuffers(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkCommandPool                               commandPool,
    uint32_t                                    commandBufferCount,
    const VkCommandBuffer*                      pCommandBuffers);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the command pool.

- `commandPool` is the command pool from which the command buffers were allocated.

- `commandBufferCount` is the length of the `pCommandBuffers` array.

- `pCommandBuffers` is a pointer to an array of handles of command buffers to free.

Any primary command buffer that is in the recording or executable state and has any element of `pCommandBuffers` recorded into it, becomes invalid.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkFreeCommandBuffers-pCommandBuffers-00047
  All elements of `pCommandBuffers` **must** not be in the pending state

- VUID-vkFreeCommandBuffers-pCommandBuffers-00048
  `pCommandBuffers` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `commandBufferCount` `VkCommandBuffer` handles, each element of which **must** either be a valid handle or `NULL`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkFreeCommandBuffers-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkFreeCommandBuffers-commandPool-parameter
  `commandPool` **must** be a valid VkCommandPool handle

- VUID-vkFreeCommandBuffers-commandBufferCount-arraylength
  `commandBufferCount` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-vkFreeCommandBuffers-commandPool-parent
  `commandPool` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

- VUID-vkFreeCommandBuffers-pCommandBuffers-parent
  Each element of `pCommandBuffers` that is a valid handle **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `commandPool`

6.4. Command Buffer Recording

To begin recording a command buffer, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkBeginCommandBuffer(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    const VkCommandBufferBeginInfo*             pBeginInfo);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the handle of the command buffer which is to be put in the recording state.

- `pBeginInfo` is a pointer to a VkCommandBufferBeginInfo structure defining additional information about how the command buffer begins recording.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkBeginCommandBuffer-commandBuffer-00049
  `commandBuffer` **must** not be in the recording or pending state

- VUID-vkBeginCommandBuffer-commandBuffer-00050
  If `commandBuffer` was allocated from a VkCommandPool which did not have the `VK_COMMAND_POOL_CREATE_RESET_COMMAND_BUFFER_BIT` flag set, `commandBuffer` **must** be in the initial state

- VUID-vkBeginCommandBuffer-commandBuffer-00051
  If `commandBuffer` is a secondary command buffer, the `pInheritanceInfo` member of `pBeginInfo` **must** be a valid `VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo` structure

- VUID-vkBeginCommandBuffer-commandBuffer-00052
  If `commandBuffer` is a secondary command buffer and either the `occlusionQueryEnable` member of the `pInheritanceInfo` member of `pBeginInfo` is `VK_FALSE`, or the precise occlusion queries feature is not enabled, then `pBeginInfo->pInheritanceInfo->queryFlags` **must** not contain `VK_QUERY_CONTROL_PRECISE_BIT`

- VUID-vkBeginCommandBuffer-commandBuffer-02840
  If `commandBuffer` is a primary command buffer, then `pBeginInfo->flags` **must** not set both the `VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_ONE_TIME_SUBMIT_BIT` and the `VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_SIMULTANEOUS_USE_BIT` flags

The VkCommandBufferBeginInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkCommandBufferBeginInfo {
    VkStructureType                         sType;
    const void*                             pNext;
    VkCommandBufferUsageFlags               flags;
    const VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo*   pInheritanceInfo;
} VkCommandBufferBeginInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- flags is a bitmask of VkCommandBufferUsageFlagBits specifying usage behavior for the command buffer.

- pInheritanceInfo is a pointer to a VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo structure, used if commandBuffer is a secondary command buffer. If this is a primary command buffer, then this value is ignored.

- VUID-VkCommandBufferBeginInfo-flags-00053

  If `flags` contains `VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_RENDER_PASS_CONTINUE_BIT`, the `renderPass` member of `pInheritanceInfo` **must** be a valid `VkRenderPass`

- VUID-VkCommandBufferBeginInfo-flags-00054

  If `flags` contains `VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_RENDER_PASS_CONTINUE_BIT`, the `subpass` member of `pInheritanceInfo` **must** be a valid subpass index within the `renderPass` member of `pInheritanceInfo`

- VUID-VkCommandBufferBeginInfo-flags-00055

  If `flags` contains `VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_RENDER_PASS_CONTINUE_BIT`, the `framebuffer` member of `pInheritanceInfo` **must** be either VK_NULL_HANDLE, or a valid `VkFramebuffer` that is compatible with the `renderPass` member of `pInheritanceInfo`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkCommandBufferBeginInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_COMMAND_BUFFER_BEGIN_INFO`

- VUID-VkCommandBufferBeginInfo-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL` or a pointer to a valid instance of VkDeviceGroupCommandBufferBeginInfo

- VUID-VkCommandBufferBeginInfo-sType-unique

  The `sType` value of each struct in the `pNext` chain **must** be unique

- VUID-VkCommandBufferBeginInfo-flags-parameter

  `flags` **must** be a valid combination of VkCommandBufferUsageFlagBits values

Bits which **can** be set in VkCommandBufferBeginInfo::`flags` to specify usage behavior for a command buffer are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkCommandBufferUsageFlagBits {
    VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_ONE_TIME_SUBMIT_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_RENDER_PASS_CONTINUE_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_SIMULTANEOUS_USE_BIT = 0x00000004,
} VkCommandBufferUsageFlagBits;
```

- `VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_ONE_TIME_SUBMIT_BIT` specifies that each recording of the command buffer will only be submitted once, and the command buffer will be reset and recorded again between each submission.

- `VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_RENDER_PASS_CONTINUE_BIT` specifies that a secondary command buffer is considered to be entirely inside a render pass. If this is a primary command buffer, then this bit is ignored.

- `VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_SIMULTANEOUS_USE_BIT` specifies that a command buffer **can** be resubmitted to a queue while it is in the *pending state*, and recorded into multiple primary command buffers.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkCommandBufferUsageFlags;
```

`VkCommandBufferUsageFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more `VkCommandBufferUsageFlagBits`.

If the command buffer is a secondary command buffer, then the `VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo` structure defines any state that will be inherited from the primary command buffer:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo {
    VkStructureType                  sType;
    const void*                      pNext;
    VkRenderPass                     renderPass;
    uint32_t                         subpass;
    VkFramebuffer                    framebuffer;
    VkBool32                         occlusionQueryEnable;
    VkQueryControlFlags              queryFlags;
    VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlags    pipelineStatistics;
} VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `renderPass` is a `VkRenderPass` object defining which render passes the `VkCommandBuffer` will be compatible with and **can** be executed within.

- `subpass` is the index of the subpass within the render pass instance that the `VkCommandBuffer` will be executed within.

- `framebuffer` **can** refer to the `VkFramebuffer` object that the `VkCommandBuffer` will be rendering to if it is executed within a render pass instance. It **can** be `VK_NULL_HANDLE` if the framebuffer is not known.

> *Note*
>
> Specifying the exact framebuffer that the secondary command buffer will be executed with **may** result in better performance at command buffer execution time.

- `occlusionQueryEnable` specifies whether the command buffer **can** be executed while an occlusion query is active in the primary command buffer. If this is `VK_TRUE`, then this command buffer **can** be executed whether the primary command buffer has an occlusion query active or not. If this is `VK_FALSE`, then the primary command buffer **must** not have an occlusion query active.

- `queryFlags` specifies the query flags that **can** be used by an active occlusion query in the primary command buffer when this secondary command buffer is executed. If this value includes the `VK_QUERY_CONTROL_PRECISE_BIT` bit, then the active query **can** return boolean results or actual sample counts. If this bit is not set, then the active query **must** not use the `VK_QUERY_CONTROL_PRECISE_BIT` bit.

- `pipelineStatistics` is a bitmask of VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlagBits specifying the set of pipeline statistics that **can** be counted by an active query in the primary command buffer when this secondary command buffer is executed. If this value includes a given bit, then this command buffer **can** be executed whether the primary command buffer has a pipeline statistics query active that includes this bit or not. If this value excludes a given bit, then the active pipeline statistics query **must** not be from a query pool that counts that statistic.

If the VkCommandBuffer will not be executed within a render pass instance, `renderPass`, `subpass`, and `framebuffer` are ignored.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo-occlusionQueryEnable-00056
  If the inherited queries feature is not enabled, `occlusionQueryEnable` **must** be `VK_FALSE`

- VUID-VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo-queryFlags-00057
  If the inherited queries feature is enabled, `queryFlags` **must** be a valid combination of VkQueryControlFlagBits values

- VUID-VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo-queryFlags-02788
  If the inherited queries feature is not enabled, `queryFlags` **must** be `0`

- VUID-VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo-pipelineStatistics-02789
  If the pipeline statistics queries feature is enabled, `pipelineStatistics` **must** be a valid combination of VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlagBits values

- VUID-VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo-pipelineStatistics-00058
  If the pipeline statistics queries feature is not enabled, `pipelineStatistics` **must** be `0`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo-sType-sType
  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_COMMAND_BUFFER_INHERITANCE_INFO`

- VUID-VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo-pNext-pNext
  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo-commonparent
  Both of `framebuffer`, and `renderPass` that are valid handles of non-ignored parameters **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

> *Note*
>
> On some implementations, not using the `VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_SIMULTANEOUS_USE_BIT` bit enables command buffers to be patched in-place if needed, rather than creating a copy of the command buffer.

If a command buffer is in the invalid, or executable state, and the command buffer was allocated from a command pool with the `VK_COMMAND_POOL_CREATE_RESET_COMMAND_BUFFER_BIT` flag set, then `vkBeginCommandBuffer` implicitly resets the command buffer, behaving as if `vkResetCommandBuffer` had been called with `VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_RESET_RELEASE_RESOURCES_BIT` not set. After the implicit reset, `commandBuffer` is moved to the recording state.

Once recording starts, an application records a sequence of commands (`vkCmd*`) to set state in the command buffer, draw, dispatch, and other commands.

To complete recording of a command buffer, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkEndCommandBuffer(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer to complete recording.

If there was an error during recording, the application will be notified by an unsuccessful return code returned by `vkEndCommandBuffer`. If the application wishes to further use the command buffer, the command buffer **must** be reset.

The command buffer **must** have been in the recording state, and is moved to the executable state.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkEndCommandBuffer-commandBuffer-00059
  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkEndCommandBuffer-commandBuffer-00060
  If `commandBuffer` is a primary command buffer, there **must** not be an active render pass instance

- VUID-vkEndCommandBuffer-commandBuffer-00061
  All queries made active during the recording of `commandBuffer` **must** have been made inactive

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkEndCommandBuffer-commandBuffer-parameter
  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

When a command buffer is in the executable state, it **can** be submitted to a queue for execution.

6.5. Command Buffer Submission

Note

Submission can be a high overhead operation, and applications **should** attempt to batch work together into as few calls to `vkQueueSubmit` as possible.

To submit command buffers to a queue, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkQueueSubmit(
    VkQueue                                     queue,
    uint32_t                                    submitCount,
    const VkSubmitInfo*                         pSubmits,
    VkFence                                     fence);
```

- `queue` is the queue that the command buffers will be submitted to.

- `submitCount` is the number of elements in the `pSubmits` array.

- `pSubmits` is a pointer to an array of `VkSubmitInfo` structures, each specifying a command buffer submission batch.

- `fence` is an **optional** handle to a fence to be signaled once all submitted command buffers have completed execution. If `fence` is not `VK_NULL_HANDLE`, it defines a fence signal operation.

`vkQueueSubmit` is a queue submission command, with each batch defined by an element of `pSubmits`. Batches begin execution in the order they appear in `pSubmits`, but **may** complete out of order.

Fence and semaphore operations submitted with vkQueueSubmit have additional ordering

constraints compared to other submission commands, with dependencies involving previous and subsequent queue operations. Information about these additional constraints can be found in the semaphore and fence sections of the synchronization chapter.

Details on the interaction of `pWaitDstStageMask` with synchronization are described in the semaphore wait operation section of the synchronization chapter.

The order that batches appear in `pSubmits` is used to determine submission order, and thus all the implicit ordering guarantees that respect it. Other than these implicit ordering guarantees and any explicit synchronization primitives, these batches **may** overlap or otherwise execute out of order.

If any command buffer submitted to this queue is in the executable state, it is moved to the pending state. Once execution of all submissions of a command buffer complete, it moves from the pending state, back to the executable state. If a command buffer was recorded with the `VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_ONE_TIME_SUBMIT_BIT` flag, it instead moves to the invalid state.

If `vkQueueSubmit` fails, it **may** return `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY` or `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`. If it does, the implementation **must** ensure that the state and contents of any resources or synchronization primitives referenced by the submitted command buffers and any semaphores referenced by `pSubmits` is unaffected by the call or its failure. If `vkQueueSubmit` fails in such a way that the implementation is unable to make that guarantee, the implementation **must** return `VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST`. See Lost Device.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-fence-00063

  If `fence` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `fence` **must** be unsignaled

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-fence-00064

  If `fence` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `fence` **must** not be associated with any other queue command that has not yet completed execution on that queue

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-pCommandBuffers-00065

  Any calls to vkCmdSetEvent, vkCmdResetEvent or vkCmdWaitEvents that have been recorded into any of the command buffer elements of the `pCommandBuffers` member of any element of `pSubmits`, **must** not reference any VkEvent that is referenced by any of those commands in a command buffer that has been submitted to another queue and is still in the *pending state*

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-pWaitDstStageMask-00066

  Any stage flag included in any element of the `pWaitDstStageMask` member of any element of `pSubmits` **must** be a pipeline stage supported by one of the capabilities of `queue`, as specified in the table of supported pipeline stages

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-pSignalSemaphores-00067

  Each binary semaphore element of the `pSignalSemaphores` member of any element of `pSubmits` **must** be unsignaled when the semaphore signal operation it defines is executed on the device

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-pWaitSemaphores-00068

  When a semaphore wait operation referring to a binary semaphore defined by any element of the `pWaitSemaphores` member of any element of `pSubmits` executes on `queue`, there **must** be no other queues waiting on the same semaphore

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-pWaitSemaphores-00069

  All elements of the `pWaitSemaphores` member of all elements of `pSubmits` **must** be semaphores that are signaled, or have semaphore signal operations previously submitted for execution

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-pCommandBuffers-00070

  Each element of the `pCommandBuffers` member of each element of `pSubmits` **must** be in the pending or executable state

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-pCommandBuffers-00071

  If any element of the `pCommandBuffers` member of any element of `pSubmits` was not recorded with the VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_SIMULTANEOUS_USE_BIT, it **must** not be in the pending state

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-pCommandBuffers-00072

  Any secondary command buffers recorded into any element of the `pCommandBuffers` member of any element of `pSubmits` **must** be in the pending or executable state

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-pCommandBuffers-00073

  If any secondary command buffers recorded into any element of the `pCommandBuffers` member of any element of `pSubmits` was not recorded with the VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_SIMULTANEOUS_USE_BIT, it **must** not be in the pending state

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-pCommandBuffers-00074

  Each element of the `pCommandBuffers` member of each element of `pSubmits` **must** have been allocated from a `VkCommandPool` that was created for the same queue family `queue` belongs to

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-pSubmits-02207

  If any element of `pSubmits->pCommandBuffers` includes a Queue Family Transfer Acquire Operation, there **must** exist a previously submitted Queue Family Transfer Release Operation on a queue in the queue family identified by the acquire operation, with parameters matching the acquire operation as defined in the definition of such acquire operations, and which happens-before the acquire operation

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-pSubmits-02808

  Any resource created with `VK_SHARING_MODE_EXCLUSIVE` that is read by an operation specified by `pSubmits` **must** not be owned by any queue family other than the one which `queue` belongs to, at the time it is executed

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-pSubmits-04626

  Any resource created with `VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT` that is accessed by an operation specified by `pSubmits` **must** have included the queue family of `queue` at resource creation time

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-queue-06448

  If `queue` was not created with `VK_DEVICE_QUEUE_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT`, there **must** be no element of `pSubmits` that includes an VkProtectedSubmitInfo structure in its `pNext` chain with `protectedSubmit` equal to `VK_TRUE`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-queue-parameter

  `queue` **must** be a valid VkQueue handle

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-pSubmits-parameter

  If `submitCount` is not `0`, `pSubmits` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `submitCount` valid VkSubmitInfo structures

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-fence-parameter

  If `fence` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `fence` **must** be a valid VkFence handle

- VUID-vkQueueSubmit-commonparent

  Both of `fence`, and `queue` that are valid handles of non-ignored parameters **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `queue` **must** be externally synchronized
- Host access to `fence` **must** be externally synchronized

<div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Command Properties</div>

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
-	-	Any

<div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Return Codes</div>

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST`

The `VkSubmitInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkSubmitInfo {
    VkStructureType                sType;
    const void*                    pNext;
    uint32_t                       waitSemaphoreCount;
    const VkSemaphore*             pWaitSemaphores;
    const VkPipelineStageFlags*    pWaitDstStageMask;
    uint32_t                       commandBufferCount;
    const VkCommandBuffer*         pCommandBuffers;
    uint32_t                       signalSemaphoreCount;
    const VkSemaphore*             pSignalSemaphores;
} VkSubmitInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `waitSemaphoreCount` is the number of semaphores upon which to wait before executing the command buffers for the batch.

- `pWaitSemaphores` is a pointer to an array of VkSemaphore handles upon which to wait before the command buffers for this batch begin execution. If semaphores to wait on are provided, they define a semaphore wait operation.

- `pWaitDstStageMask` is a pointer to an array of pipeline stages at which each corresponding semaphore wait will occur.

- `commandBufferCount` is the number of command buffers to execute in the batch.

- `pCommandBuffers` is a pointer to an array of VkCommandBuffer handles to execute in the batch.

- `signalSemaphoreCount` is the number of semaphores to be signaled once the commands specified in `pCommandBuffers` have completed execution.
- `pSignalSemaphores` is a pointer to an array of VkSemaphore handles which will be signaled when the command buffers for this batch have completed execution. If semaphores to be signaled are provided, they define a semaphore signal operation.

The order that command buffers appear in `pCommandBuffers` is used to determine submission order, and thus all the implicit ordering guarantees that respect it. Other than these implicit ordering guarantees and any explicit synchronization primitives, these command buffers **may** overlap or otherwise execute out of order.

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Valid Usage

- VUID-VkSubmitInfo-pWaitDstStageMask-04090

  If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, `pWaitDstStageMask` **must** not contain `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT`

- VUID-VkSubmitInfo-pWaitDstStageMask-04091

  If the tessellation shaders feature is not enabled, `pWaitDstStageMask` **must** not contain `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT` or `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT`

- VUID-VkSubmitInfo-pWaitDstStageMask-04996

  `pWaitDstStageMask` **must** not be `0`

- VUID-VkSubmitInfo-pCommandBuffers-00075

  Each element of `pCommandBuffers` **must** not have been allocated with `VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_LEVEL_SECONDARY`

- VUID-VkSubmitInfo-pWaitDstStageMask-00078

  Each element of `pWaitDstStageMask` **must** not include `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_HOST_BIT`

- VUID-VkSubmitInfo-pNext-04120

  If the `pNext` chain of this structure does not include a `VkProtectedSubmitInfo` structure with `protectedSubmit` set to `VK_TRUE`, then each element of the `pCommandBuffers` array **must** be an unprotected command buffer

- VUID-VkSubmitInfo-pNext-04148

  If the `pNext` chain of this structure includes a `VkProtectedSubmitInfo` structure with `protectedSubmit` set to `VK_TRUE`, then each element of the `pCommandBuffers` array **must** be a protected command buffer

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- VUID-VkSubmitInfo-sType-sType

  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SUBMIT_INFO

- VUID-VkSubmitInfo-pNext-pNext

  Each pNext member of any structure (including this one) in the pNext chain **must** be either NULL or a pointer to a valid instance of VkDeviceGroupSubmitInfo or VkProtectedSubmitInfo

- VUID-VkSubmitInfo-sType-unique

  The sType value of each struct in the pNext chain **must** be unique

- VUID-VkSubmitInfo-pWaitSemaphores-parameter

  If waitSemaphoreCount is not 0, pWaitSemaphores **must** be a valid pointer to an array of waitSemaphoreCount valid VkSemaphore handles

- VUID-VkSubmitInfo-pWaitDstStageMask-parameter

  If waitSemaphoreCount is not 0, pWaitDstStageMask **must** be a valid pointer to an array of waitSemaphoreCount valid combinations of VkPipelineStageFlagBits values

- VUID-VkSubmitInfo-pWaitDstStageMask-requiredbitmask

  Each element of pWaitDstStageMask **must** not be 0

- VUID-VkSubmitInfo-pCommandBuffers-parameter

  If commandBufferCount is not 0, pCommandBuffers **must** be a valid pointer to an array of commandBufferCount valid VkCommandBuffer handles

- VUID-VkSubmitInfo-pSignalSemaphores-parameter

  If signalSemaphoreCount is not 0, pSignalSemaphores **must** be a valid pointer to an array of signalSemaphoreCount valid VkSemaphore handles

- VUID-VkSubmitInfo-commonparent

  Each of the elements of pCommandBuffers, the elements of pSignalSemaphores, and the elements of pWaitSemaphores that are valid handles of non-ignored parameters **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

If the pNext chain of VkSubmitInfo includes a VkProtectedSubmitInfo structure, then the structure indicates whether the batch is protected. The VkProtectedSubmitInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkProtectedSubmitInfo {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    const void*        pNext;
    VkBool32           protectedSubmit;
} VkProtectedSubmitInfo;
```

- protectedSubmit specifies whether the batch is protected. If protectedSubmit is VK_TRUE, the batch is protected. If protectedSubmit is VK_FALSE, the batch is unprotected. If the VkSubmitInfo::pNext chain does not include this structure, the batch is unprotected.

If the pNext chain of VkSubmitInfo includes a VkDeviceGroupSubmitInfo structure, then that structure includes device indices and masks specifying which physical devices execute semaphore operations and command buffers.

The VkDeviceGroupSubmitInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkDeviceGroupSubmitInfo {
    VkStructureType     sType;
    const void*         pNext;
    uint32_t            waitSemaphoreCount;
    const uint32_t*     pWaitSemaphoreDeviceIndices;
    uint32_t            commandBufferCount;
    const uint32_t*     pCommandBufferDeviceMasks;
    uint32_t            signalSemaphoreCount;
    const uint32_t*     pSignalSemaphoreDeviceIndices;
} VkDeviceGroupSubmitInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- waitSemaphoreCount is the number of elements in the pWaitSemaphoreDeviceIndices array.

- pWaitSemaphoreDeviceIndices is a pointer to an array of waitSemaphoreCount device indices indicating which physical device executes the semaphore wait operation in the corresponding element of VkSubmitInfo::pWaitSemaphores.

- commandBufferCount is the number of elements in the pCommandBufferDeviceMasks array.

- pCommandBufferDeviceMasks is a pointer to an array of commandBufferCount device masks indicating which physical devices execute the command buffer in the corresponding element of VkSubmitInfo::pCommandBuffers. A physical device executes the command buffer if the corresponding bit is set in the mask.

- signalSemaphoreCount is the number of elements in the pSignalSemaphoreDeviceIndices array.

- pSignalSemaphoreDeviceIndices is a pointer to an array of signalSemaphoreCount device indices indicating which physical device executes the semaphore signal operation in the corresponding element of VkSubmitInfo::pSignalSemaphores.

If this structure is not present, semaphore operations and command buffers execute on device index zero.

6.6. Queue Forward Progress

When using binary semaphores, the application **must** ensure that command buffer submissions will be able to complete without any subsequent operations by the application on any queue. After any call to `vkQueueSubmit` (or other queue operation), for every queued wait on a semaphore there **must** be a prior signal of that semaphore that will not be consumed by a different wait on the semaphore.

Command buffers in the submission **can** include `vkCmdWaitEvents` commands that wait on events that will not be signaled by earlier commands in the queue. Such events **must** be signaled by the application using `vkSetEvent`, and the `vkCmdWaitEvents` commands that wait upon them **must** not be inside a render pass instance. The event **must** be set before the `vkCmdWaitEvents` command is executed.

> *Note*
>
> Implementations may have some tolerance for waiting on events to be set, but this is defined outside of the scope of Vulkan.

6.7. Secondary Command Buffer Execution

A secondary command buffer **must** not be directly submitted to a queue. Instead, secondary command buffers are recorded to execute as part of a primary command buffer with the command:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdExecuteCommands(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    uint32_t                                    commandBufferCount,
    const VkCommandBuffer*                      pCommandBuffers);
```

- `commandBuffer` is a handle to a primary command buffer that the secondary command buffers are executed in.

- `commandBufferCount` is the length of the `pCommandBuffers` array.

- `pCommandBuffers` is a pointer to an array of `commandBufferCount` secondary command buffer handles, which are recorded to execute in the primary command buffer in the order they are listed in the array.

If any element of `pCommandBuffers` was not recorded with the `VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_SIMULTANEOUS_USE_BIT` flag, and it was recorded into any other primary command buffer which is currently in the executable or recording state, that primary command buffer becomes invalid.

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-pCommandBuffers-00088

  Each element of pCommandBuffers **must** have been allocated with a level of VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_LEVEL_SECONDARY

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-pCommandBuffers-00089

  Each element of pCommandBuffers **must** be in the pending or executable state

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-pCommandBuffers-00091

  If any element of pCommandBuffers was not recorded with the VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_SIMULTANEOUS_USE_BIT flag, it **must** not be in the pending state

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-pCommandBuffers-00092

  If any element of pCommandBuffers was not recorded with the VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_SIMULTANEOUS_USE_BIT flag, it **must** not have already been recorded to commandBuffer

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-pCommandBuffers-00093

  If any element of pCommandBuffers was not recorded with the VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_SIMULTANEOUS_USE_BIT flag, it **must** not appear more than once in pCommandBuffers

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-pCommandBuffers-00094

  Each element of pCommandBuffers **must** have been allocated from a VkCommandPool that was created for the same queue family as the VkCommandPool from which commandBuffer was allocated

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-pCommandBuffers-00096

  If vkCmdExecuteCommands is being called within a render pass instance, each element of pCommandBuffers **must** have been recorded with the VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_RENDER_PASS_CONTINUE_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-pCommandBuffers-00099

  If vkCmdExecuteCommands is being called within a render pass instance, and any element of pCommandBuffers was recorded with VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo::framebuffer not equal to VK_NULL_HANDLE, that VkFramebuffer **must** match the VkFramebuffer used in the current render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-contents-06018

  If vkCmdExecuteCommands is being called within a render pass instance begun with vkCmdBeginRenderPass, its contents parameter **must** have been set to VK_SUBPASS_CONTENTS_SECONDARY_COMMAND_BUFFERS

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-pCommandBuffers-06019

  If vkCmdExecuteCommands is being called within a render pass instance begun with vkCmdBeginRenderPass, each element of pCommandBuffers **must** have been recorded with VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo::subpass set to the index of the subpass which the given command buffer will be executed in

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-pBeginInfo-06020

  If vkCmdExecuteCommands is being called within a render pass instance begun with vkCmdBeginRenderPass, the render passes specified in the pBeginInfo->pInheritanceInfo->renderPass members of the vkBeginCommandBuffer commands used to begin recording

each element of `pCommandBuffers` **must** be compatible with the current render pass

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-contents-00095

  If `vkCmdExecuteCommands` is being called within a render pass instance, that render pass instance **must** have been begun with the `contents` parameter of `vkCmdBeginRenderPass` set to `VK_SUBPASS_CONTENTS_SECONDARY_COMMAND_BUFFERS`

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-pCommandBuffers-00097

  If `vkCmdExecuteCommands` is being called within a render pass instance, each element of `pCommandBuffers` **must** have been recorded with `VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo::subpass` set to the index of the subpass which the given command buffer will be executed in

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-pInheritanceInfo-00098

  If `vkCmdExecuteCommands` is being called within a render pass instance, the render passes specified in the `pBeginInfo->pInheritanceInfo->renderPass` members of the `vkBeginCommandBuffer` commands used to begin recording each element of `pCommandBuffers` **must** be compatible with the current render pass

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-pCommandBuffers-00100

  If `vkCmdExecuteCommands` is not being called within a render pass instance, each element of `pCommandBuffers` **must** not have been recorded with the `VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_RENDER_PASS_CONTINUE_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-commandBuffer-00101

  If the inherited queries feature is not enabled, `commandBuffer` **must** not have any queries active

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-commandBuffer-00102

  If `commandBuffer` has a `VK_QUERY_TYPE_OCCLUSION` query active, then each element of `pCommandBuffers` **must** have been recorded with `VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo::occlusionQueryEnable` set to `VK_TRUE`

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-commandBuffer-00103

  If `commandBuffer` has a `VK_QUERY_TYPE_OCCLUSION` query active, then each element of `pCommandBuffers` **must** have been recorded with `VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo::queryFlags` having all bits set that are set for the query

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-commandBuffer-00104

  If `commandBuffer` has a `VK_QUERY_TYPE_PIPELINE_STATISTICS` query active, then each element of `pCommandBuffers` **must** have been recorded with `VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo::pipelineStatistics` having all bits set that are set in the `VkQueryPool` the query uses

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-pCommandBuffers-00105

  Each element of `pCommandBuffers` **must** not begin any query types that are active in `commandBuffer`

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-commandBuffer-01820

  If `commandBuffer` is a protected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, each element of `pCommandBuffers` **must** be a protected command buffer

- VUID-vkCmdExecuteCommands-commandBuffer-01821

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, each element of `pCommandBuffers` **must** be an unprotected command buffer

6.8. Command Buffer Device Mask

Each command buffer has a piece of state storing the current device mask of the command buffer. This mask controls which physical devices within the logical device all subsequent commands will execute on, including state-setting commands, action commands, and synchronization commands.

Scissor and viewport state **can** be set to different values on each physical device (only when set as dynamic state), and each physical device will render using its local copy of the state. Other state is

shared between physical devices, such that all physical devices use the most recently set values for the state. However, when recording an action command that uses a piece of state, the most recent command that set that state **must** have included all physical devices that execute the action command in its current device mask.

The command buffer's device mask is orthogonal to the pCommandBufferDeviceMasks member of VkDeviceGroupSubmitInfo. Commands only execute on a physical device if the device index is set in both device masks.

If the pNext chain of VkCommandBufferBeginInfo includes a VkDeviceGroupCommandBufferBeginInfo structure, then that structure includes an initial device mask for the command buffer.

The VkDeviceGroupCommandBufferBeginInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkDeviceGroupCommandBufferBeginInfo {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    const void*        pNext;
    uint32_t           deviceMask;
} VkDeviceGroupCommandBufferBeginInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.
- deviceMask is the initial value of the command buffer's device mask.

The initial device mask also acts as an upper bound on the set of devices that **can** ever be in the device mask in the command buffer.

If this structure is not present, the initial value of a command buffer's device mask is set to include all physical devices in the logical device when the command buffer begins recording.

To update the current device mask of a command buffer, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkCmdSetDeviceMask(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    uint32_t                                    deviceMask);
```

- `commandBuffer` is command buffer whose current device mask is modified.

- `deviceMask` is the new value of the current device mask.

`deviceMask` is used to filter out subsequent commands from executing on all physical devices whose bit indices are not set in the mask, except commands beginning a render pass instance, commands transitioning to the next subpass in the render pass instance, and commands ending a render pass instance, which always execute on the set of physical devices whose bit indices are included in the `deviceMask` member of the VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo structure passed to the command beginning the corresponding render pass instance.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdSetDeviceMask-deviceMask-00108
  `deviceMask` **must** be a valid device mask value

- VUID-vkCmdSetDeviceMask-deviceMask-00109
  `deviceMask` **must** not be zero

- VUID-vkCmdSetDeviceMask-deviceMask-00110
  `deviceMask` **must** not include any set bits that were not in the VkDeviceGroupCommandBufferBeginInfo::`deviceMask` value when the command buffer began recording

- VUID-vkCmdSetDeviceMask-deviceMask-00111
  If `vkCmdSetDeviceMask` is called inside a render pass instance, `deviceMask` **must** not include any set bits that were not in the VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo::`deviceMask` value when the render pass instance began recording

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdSetDeviceMask-commandBuffer-parameter
  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdSetDeviceMask-commandBuffer-recording
  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdSetDeviceMask-commandBuffer-cmdpool
  The VkCommandPool that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics, compute, or transfer operations

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics Compute Transfer

Chapter 7. Synchronization and Cache Control

Synchronization of access to resources is primarily the responsibility of the application in Vulkan. The order of execution of commands with respect to the host and other commands on the device has few implicit guarantees, and needs to be explicitly specified. Memory caches and other optimizations are also explicitly managed, requiring that the flow of data through the system is largely under application control.

Whilst some implicit guarantees exist between commands, five explicit synchronization mechanisms are exposed by Vulkan:

Fences

Fences **can** be used to communicate to the host that execution of some task on the device has completed.

Semaphores

Semaphores **can** be used to control resource access across multiple queues.

Events

Events provide a fine-grained synchronization primitive which **can** be signaled either within a command buffer or by the host, and **can** be waited upon within a command buffer or queried on the host.

Pipeline Barriers

Pipeline barriers also provide synchronization control within a command buffer, but at a single point, rather than with separate signal and wait operations.

Render Passes

Render passes provide a useful synchronization framework for most rendering tasks, built upon the concepts in this chapter. Many cases that would otherwise need an application to use other synchronization primitives **can** be expressed more efficiently as part of a render pass.

7.1. Execution and Memory Dependencies

An *operation* is an arbitrary amount of work to be executed on the host, a device, or an external entity such as a presentation engine. Synchronization commands introduce explicit *execution dependencies*, and *memory dependencies* between two sets of operations defined by the command's two *synchronization scopes*.

The synchronization scopes define which other operations a synchronization command is able to create execution dependencies with. Any type of operation that is not in a synchronization command's synchronization scopes will not be included in the resulting dependency. For example, for many synchronization commands, the synchronization scopes **can** be limited to just operations executing in specific pipeline stages, which allows other pipeline stages to be excluded from a dependency. Other scoping options are possible, depending on the particular command.

An *execution dependency* is a guarantee that for two sets of operations, the first set **must** *happen-before* the second set. If an operation happens-before another operation, then the first operation **must** complete before the second operation is initiated. More precisely:

- Let **A** and **B** be separate sets of operations.

- Let **S** be a synchronization command.

- Let $\mathbf{A_S}$ and $\mathbf{B_S}$ be the synchronization scopes of **S**.

- Let **A'** be the intersection of sets **A** and $\mathbf{A_S}$.

- Let **B'** be the intersection of sets **B** and $\mathbf{B_S}$.

- Submitting **A**, **S** and **B** for execution, in that order, will result in execution dependency **E** between **A'** and **B'**.

- Execution dependency **E** guarantees that **A'** happens-before **B'**.

An *execution dependency chain* is a sequence of execution dependencies that form a happens-before relation between the first dependency's **A'** and the final dependency's **B'**. For each consecutive pair of execution dependencies, a chain exists if the intersection of $\mathbf{B_S}$ in the first dependency and $\mathbf{A_S}$ in the second dependency is not an empty set. The formation of a single execution dependency from an execution dependency chain can be described by substituting the following in the description of execution dependencies:

- Let **S** be a set of synchronization commands that generate an execution dependency chain.

- Let $\mathbf{A_S}$ be the first synchronization scope of the first command in **S**.

- Let $\mathbf{B_S}$ be the second synchronization scope of the last command in **S**.

Execution dependencies alone are not sufficient to guarantee that values resulting from writes in one set of operations **can** be read from another set of operations.

Three additional types of operations are used to control memory access. *Availability operations* cause the values generated by specified memory write accesses to become *available* to a memory domain for future access. Any available value remains available until a subsequent write to the same memory location occurs (whether it is made available or not) or the memory is freed. *Memory domain operations* cause writes that are available to a source memory domain to become available to a destination memory domain (an example of this is making writes available to the host domain available to the device domain). *Visibility operations* cause values available to a memory domain to become *visible* to specified memory accesses.

A *memory dependency* is an execution dependency which includes availability and visibility operations such that:

- The first set of operations happens-before the availability operation.

- The availability operation happens-before the visibility operation.

- The visibility operation happens-before the second set of operations.

Once written values are made visible to a particular type of memory access, they **can** be read or written by that type of memory access. Most synchronization commands in Vulkan define a memory dependency.

The specific memory accesses that are made available and visible are defined by the *access scopes* of a memory dependency. Any type of access that is in a memory dependency's first access scope and occurs in **A'** is made available. Any type of access that is in a memory dependency's second access scope and occurs in **B'** has any available writes made visible to it. Any type of operation that is not in a synchronization command's access scopes will not be included in the resulting dependency.

A memory dependency enforces availability and visibility of memory accesses and execution order between two sets of operations. Adding to the description of execution dependency chains:

- Let **a** be the set of memory accesses performed by **A'**.

- Let **b** be the set of memory accesses performed by **B'**.

- Let a_S be the first access scope of the first command in **S**.

- Let b_S be the second access scope of the last command in **S**.

- Let **a'** be the intersection of sets **a** and a_S.

- Let **b'** be the intersection of sets **b** and b_S.

- Submitting **A**, **S** and **B** for execution, in that order, will result in a memory dependency **m** between **A'** and **B'**.

- Memory dependency **m** guarantees that:

  - Memory writes in **a'** are made available.

  - Available memory writes, including those from **a'**, are made visible to **b'**.

> *Note*
>
> Execution and memory dependencies are used to solve data hazards, i.e. to ensure that read and write operations occur in a well-defined order. Write-after-read hazards can be solved with just an execution dependency, but read-after-write and write-after-write hazards need appropriate memory dependencies to be included between them. If an application does not include dependencies to solve these hazards, the results and execution orders of memory accesses are undefined.

7.1.1. Image Layout Transitions

Image subresources **can** be transitioned from one layout to another as part of a memory dependency (e.g. by using an image memory barrier). When a layout transition is specified in a memory dependency, it happens-after the availability operations in the memory dependency, and happens-before the visibility operations. Image layout transitions **may** perform read and write accesses on all memory bound to the image subresource range, so applications **must** ensure that all memory writes have been made available before a layout transition is executed. Available memory is automatically made visible to a layout transition, and writes performed by a layout transition are automatically made available.

Layout transitions always apply to a particular image subresource range, and specify both an old layout and new layout. The old layout **must** either be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED`, or match the current layout of the image subresource range. If the old layout matches the current layout of the image subresource range, the transition preserves the contents of that range. If the old layout is

`VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED`, the contents of that range **may** be discarded.

As image layout transitions **may** perform read and write accesses on the memory bound to the image, if the image subresource affected by the layout transition is bound to peer memory for any device in the current device mask then the memory heap the bound memory comes from **must** support the `VK_PEER_MEMORY_FEATURE_GENERIC_SRC_BIT` and `VK_PEER_MEMORY_FEATURE_GENERIC_DST_BIT` capabilities as returned by vkGetDeviceGroupPeerMemoryFeatures.

> *Note*
>
> ℹ Applications **must** ensure that layout transitions happen-after all operations accessing the image with the old layout, and happen-before any operations that will access the image with the new layout. Layout transitions are potentially read/write operations, so not defining appropriate memory dependencies to guarantee this will result in a data race.

Image layout transitions interact with memory aliasing.

Layout transitions that are performed via image memory barriers execute in their entirety in submission order, relative to other image layout transitions submitted to the same queue, including those performed by render passes. In effect there is an implicit execution dependency from each such layout transition to all layout transitions previously submitted to the same queue.

7.1.2. Pipeline Stages

The work performed by an action or synchronization command consists of multiple operations, which are performed as a sequence of logically independent steps known as *pipeline stages*. The exact pipeline stages executed depend on the particular command that is used, and current command buffer state when the command was recorded. Drawing commands, dispatching commands, copy commands, clear commands, and synchronization commands all execute in different sets of pipeline stages. Synchronization commands do not execute in a defined pipeline stage.

> *Note*
>
> ℹ Operations performed by synchronization commands (e.g. availability and visibility operations) are not executed by a defined pipeline stage. However other commands can still synchronize with them by using the synchronization scopes to create a dependency chain.

Execution of operations across pipeline stages **must** adhere to implicit ordering guarantees, particularly including pipeline stage order. Otherwise, execution across pipeline stages **may** overlap or execute out of order with regards to other stages, unless otherwise enforced by an execution dependency.

Several of the synchronization commands include pipeline stage parameters, restricting the synchronization scopes for that command to just those stages. This allows fine grained control over the exact execution dependencies and accesses performed by action commands. Implementations **should** use these pipeline stages to avoid unnecessary stalls or cache flushing.

Bits which **can** be set in a VkPipelineStageFlags mask, specifying stages of execution, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkPipelineStageFlagBits {
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TOP_OF_PIPE_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_DRAW_INDIRECT_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_INPUT_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_SHADER_BIT = 0x00000008,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT = 0x00000010,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT = 0x00000020,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT = 0x00000040,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_FRAGMENT_SHADER_BIT = 0x00000080,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_EARLY_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT = 0x00000100,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_LATE_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT = 0x00000200,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OUTPUT_BIT = 0x00000400,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COMPUTE_SHADER_BIT = 0x00000800,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TRANSFER_BIT = 0x00001000,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_BOTTOM_OF_PIPE_BIT = 0x00002000,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_HOST_BIT = 0x00004000,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_ALL_GRAPHICS_BIT = 0x00008000,
    VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_ALL_COMMANDS_BIT = 0x00010000,
} VkPipelineStageFlagBits;
```

- VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_DRAW_INDIRECT_BIT specifies the stage of the pipeline where VkDrawIndirect* / VkDispatchIndirect* / VkTraceRaysIndirect* data structures are consumed.

- VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_INPUT_BIT specifies the stage of the pipeline where vertex and index buffers are consumed.

- VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_SHADER_BIT specifies the vertex shader stage.

- VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT specifies the tessellation control shader stage.

- VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT specifies the tessellation evaluation shader stage.

- VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT specifies the geometry shader stage.

- VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_FRAGMENT_SHADER_BIT specifies the fragment shader stage.

- VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_EARLY_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT specifies the stage of the pipeline where early fragment tests (depth and stencil tests before fragment shading) are performed. This stage also includes subpass load operations for framebuffer attachments with a depth/stencil format.

- VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_LATE_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT specifies the stage of the pipeline where late fragment tests (depth and stencil tests after fragment shading) are performed. This stage also includes subpass store operations for framebuffer attachments with a depth/stencil format.

- VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OUTPUT_BIT specifies the stage of the pipeline after blending where the final color values are output from the pipeline. This stage also includes subpass load and store operations and multisample resolve operations for framebuffer attachments with a color format.

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COMPUTE_SHADER_BIT` specifies the execution of a compute shader.

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TRANSFER_BIT` specifies the following commands:

  - All copy commands, including vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults

  - vkCmdBlitImage

  - vkCmdResolveImage

  - All clear commands, with the exception of vkCmdClearAttachments

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_HOST_BIT` specifies a pseudo-stage indicating execution on the host of reads/writes of device memory. This stage is not invoked by any commands recorded in a command buffer.

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_ALL_GRAPHICS_BIT` specifies the execution of all graphics pipeline stages, and is equivalent to the logical OR of:

  - `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_DRAW_INDIRECT_BIT`

  - `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_INPUT_BIT`

  - `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_SHADER_BIT`

  - `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT`

  - `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT`

  - `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT`

  - `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_FRAGMENT_SHADER_BIT`

  - `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_EARLY_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT`

  - `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_LATE_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT`

  - `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OUTPUT_BIT`

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_ALL_COMMANDS_BIT` specifies all operations performed by all commands supported on the queue it is used with.

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TOP_OF_PIPE_BIT` is equivalent to `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_ALL_COMMANDS_BIT` with VkAccessFlags set to 0 when specified in the second synchronization scope, but specifies no stage of execution when specified in the first scope.

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_BOTTOM_OF_PIPE_BIT` is equivalent to `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_ALL_COMMANDS_BIT` with VkAccessFlags set to 0 when specified in the first synchronization scope, but specifies no stage of execution when specified in the second scope.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkPipelineStageFlags;
```

VkPipelineStageFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkPipelineStageFlagBits.

If a synchronization command includes a source stage mask, its first synchronization scope only includes execution of the pipeline stages specified in that mask, and its first access scope only includes memory accesses performed by pipeline stages specified in that mask.

If a synchronization command includes a destination stage mask, its second synchronization scope

only includes execution of the pipeline stages specified in that mask, and its second access scope only includes memory access performed by pipeline stages specified in that mask.

> *Note*
>
> Including a particular pipeline stage in the first synchronization scope of a command implicitly includes logically earlier pipeline stages in the synchronization scope. Similarly, the second synchronization scope includes logically later pipeline stages.
>
> However, note that access scopes are not affected in this way - only the precise stages specified are considered part of each access scope.

Certain pipeline stages are only available on queues that support a particular set of operations. The following table lists, for each pipeline stage flag, which queue capability flag **must** be supported by the queue. When multiple flags are enumerated in the second column of the table, it means that the pipeline stage is supported on the queue if it supports any of the listed capability flags. For further details on queue capabilities see Physical Device Enumeration and Queues.

Table 3. Supported pipeline stage flags

Pipeline stage flag	Required queue capability flag
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TOP_OF_PIPE_BIT	None required
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_DRAW_INDIRECT_BIT	VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT or VK_QUEUE_COMPUTE_BIT
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_INPUT_BIT	VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_SHADER_BIT	VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT	VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT	VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT	VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_FRAGMENT_SHADER_BIT	VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_EARLY_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT	VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_LATE_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT	VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OUTPUT_BIT	VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COMPUTE_SHADER_BIT	VK_QUEUE_COMPUTE_BIT
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TRANSFER_BIT	VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT, VK_QUEUE_COMPUTE_BIT or VK_QUEUE_TRANSFER_BIT
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_BOTTOM_OF_PIPE_BIT	None required
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_HOST_BIT	None required
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_ALL_GRAPHICS_BIT	VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_ALL_COMMANDS_BIT	None required

Pipeline stages that execute as a result of a command logically complete execution in a specific order, such that completion of a logically later pipeline stage **must** not happen-before completion of

a logically earlier stage. This means that including any stage in the source stage mask for a particular synchronization command also implies that any logically earlier stages are included in A_s for that command.

Similarly, initiation of a logically earlier pipeline stage **must** not happen-after initiation of a logically later pipeline stage. Including any given stage in the destination stage mask for a particular synchronization command also implies that any logically later stages are included in B_s for that command.

> *Note*
>
> Implementations **may** not support synchronization at every pipeline stage for every synchronization operation. If a pipeline stage that an implementation does not support synchronization for appears in a source stage mask, it **may** substitute any logically later stage in its place for the first synchronization scope. If a pipeline stage that an implementation does not support synchronization for appears in a destination stage mask, it **may** substitute any logically earlier stage in its place for the second synchronization scope.
>
> For example, if an implementation is unable to signal an event immediately after vertex shader execution is complete, it **may** instead signal the event after color attachment output has completed.
>
> If an implementation makes such a substitution, it **must** not affect the semantics of execution or memory dependencies or image and buffer memory barriers.

Graphics pipelines are executable on queues supporting `VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT`. Stages executed by graphics pipelines **can** only be specified in commands recorded for queues supporting `VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT`.

The graphics pipeline executes the following stages, with the logical ordering of the stages matching the order specified here:

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_DRAW_INDIRECT_BIT`

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_INPUT_BIT`

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_SHADER_BIT`

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT`

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT`

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT`

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_EARLY_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT`

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_FRAGMENT_SHADER_BIT`

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_LATE_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT`

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OUTPUT_BIT`

For the compute pipeline, the following stages occur in this order:

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_DRAW_INDIRECT_BIT`

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COMPUTE_SHADER_BIT`

For the transfer pipeline, the following stages occur in this order:

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TRANSFER_BIT`

For host operations, only one pipeline stage occurs, so no order is guaranteed:

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_HOST_BIT`

7.1.3. Access Types

Memory in Vulkan **can** be accessed from within shader invocations and via some fixed-function stages of the pipeline. The *access type* is a function of the descriptor type used, or how a fixed-function stage accesses memory.

Some synchronization commands take sets of access types as parameters to define the access scopes of a memory dependency. If a synchronization command includes a *source access mask*, its first access scope only includes accesses via the access types specified in that mask. Similarly, if a synchronization command includes a *destination access mask*, its second access scope only includes accesses via the access types specified in that mask.

Bits which **can** be set in the `srcAccessMask` and `dstAccessMask` members of `VkSubpassDependency`, `VkMemoryBarrier`, `VkBufferMemoryBarrier`, and `VkImageMemoryBarrier`, specifying access behavior, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkAccessFlagBits {
    VK_ACCESS_INDIRECT_COMMAND_READ_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_ACCESS_INDEX_READ_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_ACCESS_VERTEX_ATTRIBUTE_READ_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_ACCESS_UNIFORM_READ_BIT = 0x00000008,
    VK_ACCESS_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_READ_BIT = 0x00000010,
    VK_ACCESS_SHADER_READ_BIT = 0x00000020,
    VK_ACCESS_SHADER_WRITE_BIT = 0x00000040,
    VK_ACCESS_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_READ_BIT = 0x00000080,
    VK_ACCESS_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT = 0x00000100,
    VK_ACCESS_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_READ_BIT = 0x00000200,
    VK_ACCESS_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT = 0x00000400,
    VK_ACCESS_TRANSFER_READ_BIT = 0x00000800,
    VK_ACCESS_TRANSFER_WRITE_BIT = 0x00001000,
    VK_ACCESS_HOST_READ_BIT = 0x00002000,
    VK_ACCESS_HOST_WRITE_BIT = 0x00004000,
    VK_ACCESS_MEMORY_READ_BIT = 0x00008000,
    VK_ACCESS_MEMORY_WRITE_BIT = 0x00010000,
} VkAccessFlagBits;
```

- `VK_ACCESS_MEMORY_READ_BIT` specifies all read accesses. It is always valid in any access mask, and is treated as equivalent to setting all `READ` access flags that are valid where it is used.

- `VK_ACCESS_MEMORY_WRITE_BIT` specifies all write accesses. It is always valid in any access mask, and is treated as equivalent to setting all `WRITE` access flags that are valid where it is used.

- `VK_ACCESS_INDIRECT_COMMAND_READ_BIT` specifies read access to indirect command data read as part of an indirect drawing or dispatching command. Such access occurs in the `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_DRAW_INDIRECT_BIT` pipeline stage.

- `VK_ACCESS_INDEX_READ_BIT` specifies read access to an index buffer as part of an indexed drawing command, bound by vkCmdBindIndexBuffer. Such access occurs in the `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_INPUT_BIT` pipeline stage.

- `VK_ACCESS_VERTEX_ATTRIBUTE_READ_BIT` specifies read access to a vertex buffer as part of a drawing command, bound by vkCmdBindVertexBuffers. Such access occurs in the `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_INPUT_BIT` pipeline stage.

- `VK_ACCESS_UNIFORM_READ_BIT` specifies read access to a uniform buffer in any shader pipeline stage.

- `VK_ACCESS_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_READ_BIT` specifies read access to an input attachment within a render pass during fragment shading. Such access occurs in the `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_FRAGMENT_SHADER_BIT` pipeline stage.

- `VK_ACCESS_SHADER_READ_BIT` specifies read access to a uniform buffer, uniform texel buffer, sampled image, storage buffer, storage texel buffer, or storage image in any shader pipeline stage.

- `VK_ACCESS_SHADER_WRITE_BIT` specifies write access to a storage buffer, storage texel buffer, or storage image in any shader pipeline stage.

- `VK_ACCESS_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_READ_BIT` specifies read access to a color attachment, such as via blending, logic operations, or via certain subpass load operations.

- `VK_ACCESS_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT` specifies write access to a color or resolve attachment during a render pass or via certain subpass load and store operations. Such access occurs in the `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OUTPUT_BIT` pipeline stage.

- `VK_ACCESS_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_READ_BIT` specifies read access to a depth/stencil attachment, via depth or stencil operations or via certain subpass load operations. Such access occurs in the `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_EARLY_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT` or `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_LATE_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT` pipeline stages.

- `VK_ACCESS_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT` specifies write access to a depth/stencil attachment, via depth or stencil operations or via certain subpass load and store operations. Such access occurs in the `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_EARLY_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT` or `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_LATE_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT` pipeline stages.

- `VK_ACCESS_TRANSFER_READ_BIT` specifies read access to an image or buffer in a copy operation.

- `VK_ACCESS_TRANSFER_WRITE_BIT` specifies write access to an image or buffer in a clear or copy operation.

- `VK_ACCESS_HOST_READ_BIT` specifies read access by a host operation. Accesses of this type are not performed through a resource, but directly on memory. Such access occurs in the `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_HOST_BIT` pipeline stage.

- `VK_ACCESS_HOST_WRITE_BIT` specifies write access by a host operation. Accesses of this type are not performed through a resource, but directly on memory. Such access occurs in the

`VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_HOST_BIT` pipeline stage.

Certain access types are only performed by a subset of pipeline stages. Any synchronization command that takes both stage masks and access masks uses both to define the access scopes - only the specified access types performed by the specified stages are included in the access scope. An application **must** not specify an access flag in a synchronization command if it does not include a pipeline stage in the corresponding stage mask that is able to perform accesses of that type. The following table lists, for each access flag, which pipeline stages **can** perform that type of access.

Table 4. Supported access types

Access flag	Supported pipeline stages
`VK_ACCESS_INDIRECT_COMMAND_READ_BIT`	`VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_DRAW_INDIRECT_BIT`
`VK_ACCESS_INDEX_READ_BIT`	`VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_INPUT_BIT`
`VK_ACCESS_VERTEX_ATTRIBUTE_READ_BIT`	`VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_INPUT_BIT`
`VK_ACCESS_UNIFORM_READ_BIT`	`VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_SHADER_BIT`, `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT`, `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT`, `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT`, `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_FRAGMENT_SHADER_BIT`, or `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COMPUTE_SHADER_BIT`
`VK_ACCESS_SHADER_READ_BIT`	`VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_SHADER_BIT`, `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT`, `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT`, `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT`, `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_FRAGMENT_SHADER_BIT`, or `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COMPUTE_SHADER_BIT`
`VK_ACCESS_SHADER_WRITE_BIT`	`VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_SHADER_BIT`, `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT`, `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT`, `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT`, `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_FRAGMENT_SHADER_BIT`, or `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COMPUTE_SHADER_BIT`
`VK_ACCESS_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_READ_BIT`	`VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_FRAGMENT_SHADER_BIT`
`VK_ACCESS_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_READ_BIT`	`VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OUTPUT_BIT`
`VK_ACCESS_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT`	`VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OUTPUT_BIT`
`VK_ACCESS_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_READ_BIT`	`VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_EARLY_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT`, or `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_LATE_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT`
`VK_ACCESS_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT`	`VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_EARLY_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT`, or `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_LATE_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT`
`VK_ACCESS_TRANSFER_READ_BIT`	`VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TRANSFER_BIT`
`VK_ACCESS_TRANSFER_WRITE_BIT`	`VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TRANSFER_BIT`
`VK_ACCESS_HOST_READ_BIT`	`VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_HOST_BIT`
`VK_ACCESS_HOST_WRITE_BIT`	`VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_HOST_BIT`

Access flag	Supported pipeline stages
`VK_ACCESS_MEMORY_READ_BIT`	Any
`VK_ACCESS_MEMORY_WRITE_BIT`	Any

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkAccessFlags;
```

`VkAccessFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkAccessFlagBits.

If a memory object does not have the `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_COHERENT_BIT` property, then vkFlushMappedMemoryRanges **must** be called in order to guarantee that writes to the memory object from the host are made available to the host domain, where they **can** be further made available to the device domain via a domain operation. Similarly, vkInvalidateMappedMemoryRanges **must** be called to guarantee that writes which are available to the host domain are made visible to host operations.

If the memory object does have the `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_COHERENT_BIT` property flag, writes to the memory object from the host are automatically made available to the host domain. Similarly, writes made available to the host domain are automatically made visible to the host.

> *Note*
>
> Queue submission commands automatically perform a domain operation from host to device for all writes performed before the command executes, so in most cases an explicit memory barrier is not needed for this case. In the few circumstances where a submit does not occur between the host write and the device read access, writes **can** be made available by using an explicit memory barrier.

7.1.4. Framebuffer Region Dependencies

Pipeline stages that operate on, or with respect to, the framebuffer are collectively the *framebuffer-space* pipeline stages. These stages are:

- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_FRAGMENT_SHADER_BIT`
- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_EARLY_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT`
- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_LATE_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT`
- `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OUTPUT_BIT`

For these pipeline stages, an execution or memory dependency from the first set of operations to the second set **can** either be a single *framebuffer-global* dependency, or split into multiple *framebuffer-local* dependencies. A dependency with non-framebuffer-space pipeline stages is neither framebuffer-global nor framebuffer-local.

A *framebuffer region* is a set of sample (x, y, layer, sample) coordinates that is a subset of the entire framebuffer.

Both synchronization scopes of a framebuffer-local dependency include only the operations performed within corresponding framebuffer regions (as defined below). No ordering guarantees are made between different framebuffer regions for a framebuffer-local dependency.

Both synchronization scopes of a framebuffer-global dependency include operations on all framebuffer-regions.

If the first synchronization scope includes operations on pixels/fragments with N samples and the second synchronization scope includes operations on pixels/fragments with M samples, where N does not equal M, then a framebuffer region containing all samples at a given (x, y, layer) coordinate in the first synchronization scope corresponds to a region containing all samples at the same coordinate in the second synchronization scope. In other words, it is a pixel granularity dependency. If N equals M, then a framebuffer region containing a single (x, y, layer, sample) coordinate in the first synchronization scope corresponds to a region containing the same sample at the same coordinate in the second synchronization scope. In other words, it is a sample granularity dependency.

> *Note*
>
> Since fragment shader invocations are not specified to run in any particular groupings, the size of a framebuffer region is implementation-dependent, not known to the application, and **must** be assumed to be no larger than specified above.

> *Note*
>
> Practically, the pixel vs sample granularity dependency means that if an input attachment has a different number of samples than the pipeline's `rasterizationSamples`, then a fragment **can** access any sample in the input attachment's pixel even if it only uses framebuffer-local dependencies. If the input attachment has the same number of samples, then the fragment **can** only access the covered samples in its input `SampleMask` (i.e. the fragment operations happen-after a framebuffer-local dependency for each sample the fragment covers). To access samples that are not covered, a framebuffer-global dependency is required.

If a synchronization command includes a `dependencyFlags` parameter, and specifies the `VK_DEPENDENCY_BY_REGION_BIT` flag, then it defines framebuffer-local dependencies for the framebuffer-space pipeline stages in that synchronization command, for all framebuffer regions. If no `dependencyFlags` parameter is included, or the `VK_DEPENDENCY_BY_REGION_BIT` flag is not specified, then a framebuffer-global dependency is specified for those stages. The `VK_DEPENDENCY_BY_REGION_BIT` flag does not affect the dependencies between non-framebuffer-space pipeline stages, nor does it affect the dependencies between framebuffer-space and non-framebuffer-space pipeline stages.

> *Note*
>
> Framebuffer-local dependencies are more efficient for most architectures; particularly tile-based architectures - which can keep framebuffer-regions entirely in on-chip registers and thus avoid external bandwidth across such a dependency. Including a framebuffer-global dependency in your rendering will usually force all implementations to flush data to memory, or to a higher level cache, breaking any potential locality optimizations.

7.1.5. View-Local Dependencies

In a render pass instance that has multiview enabled, dependencies **can** be either view-local or view-global.

A view-local dependency only includes operations from a single source view from the source subpass in the first synchronization scope, and only includes operations from a single destination view from the destination subpass in the second synchronization scope. A view-global dependency includes all views in the view mask of the source and destination subpasses in the corresponding synchronization scopes.

If a synchronization command includes a `dependencyFlags` parameter and specifies the `VK_DEPENDENCY_VIEW_LOCAL_BIT` flag, then it defines view-local dependencies for that synchronization command, for all views. If no `dependencyFlags` parameter is included or the `VK_DEPENDENCY_VIEW_LOCAL_BIT` flag is not specified, then a view-global dependency is specified.

7.1.6. Device-Local Dependencies

Dependencies **can** be either device-local or non-device-local. A device-local dependency acts as multiple separate dependencies, one for each physical device that executes the synchronization command, where each dependency only includes operations from that physical device in both synchronization scopes. A non-device-local dependency is a single dependency where both synchronization scopes include operations from all physical devices that participate in the synchronization command. For subpass dependencies, all physical devices in the VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo::`deviceMask` participate in the dependency, and for pipeline barriers all physical devices that are set in the command buffer's current device mask participate in the dependency.

If a synchronization command includes a `dependencyFlags` parameter and specifies the `VK_DEPENDENCY_DEVICE_GROUP_BIT` flag, then it defines a non-device-local dependency for that synchronization command. If no `dependencyFlags` parameter is included or the `VK_DEPENDENCY_DEVICE_GROUP_BIT` flag is not specified, then it defines device-local dependencies for that synchronization command, for all participating physical devices.

Semaphore and event dependencies are device-local and only execute on the one physical device that performs the dependency.

7.2. Implicit Synchronization Guarantees

A small number of implicit ordering guarantees are provided by Vulkan, ensuring that the order in

which commands are submitted is meaningful, and avoiding unnecessary complexity in common operations.

Submission order is a fundamental ordering in Vulkan, giving meaning to the order in which action and synchronization commands are recorded and submitted to a single queue. Explicit and implicit ordering guarantees between commands in Vulkan all work on the premise that this ordering is meaningful. This order does not itself define any execution or memory dependencies; synchronization commands and other orderings within the API use this ordering to define their scopes.

Submission order for any given set of commands is based on the order in which they were recorded to command buffers and then submitted. This order is determined as follows:

1. The initial order is determined by the order in which vkQueueSubmit commands are executed on the host, for a single queue, from first to last.

2. The order in which VkSubmitInfo structures are specified in the `pSubmits` parameter of vkQueueSubmit, from lowest index to highest.

3. The order in which command buffers are specified in the `pCommandBuffers` member of VkSubmitInfo from lowest index to highest.

4. The order in which commands were recorded to a command buffer on the host, from first to last:

   ◦ For commands recorded outside a render pass, this includes all other commands recorded outside a render pass, including vkCmdBeginRenderPass and vkCmdEndRenderPass commands; it does not directly include commands inside a render pass.

   ◦ For commands recorded inside a render pass, this includes all other commands recorded inside the same subpass, including the vkCmdBeginRenderPass and vkCmdEndRenderPass commands that delimit the same render pass instance; it does not include commands recorded to other subpasses. State commands do not execute any operations on the device, instead they set the state of the command buffer when they execute on the host, in the order that they are recorded. Action commands consume the current state of the command buffer when they are recorded, and will execute state changes on the device as required to match the recorded state.

Query commands, the order of primitives passing through the graphics pipeline and image layout transitions as part of an image memory barrier provide additional guarantees based on submission order.

Execution of pipeline stages within a given command also has a loose ordering, dependent only on a single command.

Signal operation order is a fundamental ordering in Vulkan, giving meaning to the order in which semaphore and fence signal operations occur when submitted to a single queue. The signal operation order for queue operations is determined as follows:

1. The initial order is determined by the order in which vkQueueSubmit commands are executed on the host, for a single queue, from first to last.

2. The order in which VkSubmitInfo structures are specified in the `pSubmits` parameter of

vkQueueSubmit, from lowest index to highest.

3. The fence signal operation defined by the `fence` parameter of a vkQueueSubmit, or vkQueueBindSparse command is ordered after all semaphore signal operations defined by that command.

Semaphore signal operations defined by a single VkSubmitInfo, or VkBindSparseInfo structure are unordered with respect to other semaphore signal operations defined within the same structure.

7.3. Fences

Fences are a synchronization primitive that **can** be used to insert a dependency from a queue to the host. Fences have two states - signaled and unsignaled. A fence **can** be signaled as part of the execution of a queue submission command. Fences **can** be unsignaled on the host with vkResetFences. Fences **can** be waited on by the host with the vkWaitForFences command, and the current state **can** be queried with vkGetFenceStatus.

The internal data of a fence **may** include a reference to any resources and pending work associated with signal or unsignal operations performed on that fence object, collectively referred to as the fence's *payload*. Mechanisms to import and export that internal data to and from fences are provided below. These mechanisms indirectly enable applications to share fence state between two or more fences and other synchronization primitives across process and API boundaries.

Fences are represented by `VkFence` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkFence)
```

To create a fence, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateFence(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkFenceCreateInfo*                    pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkFence*                                    pFence);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the fence.
- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkFenceCreateInfo structure containing information about how the fence is to be created.
- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- `pFence` is a pointer to a handle in which the resulting fence object is returned.

The VkFenceCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkFenceCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType        sType;
    const void*            pNext;
    VkFenceCreateFlags     flags;
} VkFenceCreateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- flags is a bitmask of VkFenceCreateFlagBits specifying the initial state and behavior of the fence.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkFenceCreateFlagBits {
    VK_FENCE_CREATE_SIGNALED_BIT = 0x00000001,
} VkFenceCreateFlagBits;
```

- VK_FENCE_CREATE_SIGNALED_BIT specifies that the fence object is created in the signaled state. Otherwise, it is created in the unsignaled state.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkFenceCreateFlags;
```

VkFenceCreateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkFenceCreateFlagBits.

To create a fence whose payload **can** be exported to external handles, add a VkExportFenceCreateInfo structure to the pNext chain of the VkFenceCreateInfo structure. The VkExportFenceCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkExportFenceCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                 sType;
    const void*                     pNext;
    VkExternalFenceHandleTypeFlags  handleTypes;
} VkExportFenceCreateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- handleTypes is a bitmask of VkExternalFenceHandleTypeFlagBits specifying one or more fence handle types the application **can** export from the resulting fence. The application **can** request multiple handle types for the same fence.

- VUID-VkExportFenceCreateInfo-handleTypes-01446

  The bits in `handleTypes` **must** be supported and compatible, as reported by [VkExternalFenceProperties](#)

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkExportFenceCreateInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXPORT_FENCE_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkExportFenceCreateInfo-handleTypes-parameter

  `handleTypes` **must** be a valid combination of [VkExternalFenceHandleTypeFlagBits](#) values

To destroy a fence, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroyFence(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkFence                                     fence,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- `device` is the logical device that destroys the fence.

- `fence` is the handle of the fence to destroy.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the [Memory Allocation](#) chapter.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkDestroyFence-fence-01120

  All [queue submission](#) commands that refer to `fence` **must** have completed execution

- VUID-vkDestroyFence-fence-01121

  If `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `fence` was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here

- VUID-vkDestroyFence-fence-01122

  If no `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `fence` was created, `pAllocator` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-vkDestroyFence-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid [VkDevice](#) handle

- VUID-vkDestroyFence-fence-parameter

  If `fence` is not [VK_NULL_HANDLE](#), `fence` **must** be a valid [VkFence](#) handle

- VUID-vkDestroyFence-pAllocator-parameter

  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid [VkAllocationCallbacks](#) structure

- VUID-vkDestroyFence-fence-parent

  If `fence` is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `fence` **must** be externally synchronized

To query the status of a fence from the host, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkGetFenceStatus(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkFence                                     fence);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the fence.

- `fence` is the handle of the fence to query.

Upon success, `vkGetFenceStatus` returns the status of the fence object, with the following return codes:

Table 5. Fence Object Status Codes

Status	Meaning
`VK_SUCCESS`	The fence specified by `fence` is signaled.
`VK_NOT_READY`	The fence specified by `fence` is unsignaled.
`VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST`	The device has been lost. See [Lost Device](#).

If a [queue submission](#) command is pending execution, then the value returned by this command **may** immediately be out of date.

If the device has been lost (see [Lost Device](#)), `vkGetFenceStatus` **may** return any of the above status

codes. If the device has been lost and `vkGetFenceStatus` is called repeatedly, it will eventually return either `VK_SUCCESS` or `VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST`.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetFenceStatus-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid [VkDevice](#) handle

- VUID-vkGetFenceStatus-fence-parameter
  `fence` **must** be a valid [VkFence](#) handle

- VUID-vkGetFenceStatus-fence-parent
  `fence` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

- `VK_NOT_READY`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST`

To set the state of fences to unsignaled from the host, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkResetFences(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    uint32_t                                    fenceCount,
    const VkFence*                              pFences);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the fences.

- `fenceCount` is the number of fences to reset.

- `pFences` is a pointer to an array of fence handles to reset.

If any member of `pFences` currently has its [payload imported](#) with temporary permanence, that fence's prior permanent payload is first restored. The remaining operations described therefore operate on the restored payload.

When [vkResetFences](#) is executed on the host, it defines a *fence unsignal operation* for each fence, which resets the fence to the unsignaled state.

If any member of `pFences` is already in the unsignaled state when [vkResetFences](#) is executed, then

vkResetFences has no effect on that fence.

When a fence is submitted to a queue as part of a queue submission command, it defines a memory dependency on the batches that were submitted as part of that command, and defines a *fence signal operation* which sets the fence to the signaled state.

The first synchronization scope includes every batch submitted in the same queue submission command. Fence signal operations that are defined by vkQueueSubmit additionally include in the first synchronization scope all commands that occur earlier in submission order. Fence signal operations that are defined by vkQueueSubmit or vkQueueBindSparse additionally include in the first synchronization scope any semaphore and fence signal operations that occur earlier in signal operation order.

The second synchronization scope only includes the fence signal operation.

The first access scope includes all memory access performed by the device.

The second access scope is empty.

To wait for one or more fences to enter the signaled state on the host, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkWaitForFences(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    uint32_t                                    fenceCount,
    const VkFence*                              pFences,
    VkBool32                                    waitAll,
    uint64_t                                    timeout);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the fences.
- `fenceCount` is the number of fences to wait on.
- `pFences` is a pointer to an array of `fenceCount` fence handles.
- `waitAll` is the condition that **must** be satisfied to successfully unblock the wait. If `waitAll` is `VK_TRUE`, then the condition is that all fences in `pFences` are signaled. Otherwise, the condition is that at least one fence in `pFences` is signaled.
- `timeout` is the timeout period in units of nanoseconds. `timeout` is adjusted to the closest value allowed by the implementation-dependent timeout accuracy, which **may** be substantially longer than one nanosecond, and **may** be longer than the requested period.

If the condition is satisfied when `vkWaitForFences` is called, then `vkWaitForFences` returns immediately. If the condition is not satisfied at the time `vkWaitForFences` is called, then `vkWaitForFences` will block and wait until the condition is satisfied or the `timeout` has expired, whichever is sooner.

If `timeout` is zero, then `vkWaitForFences` does not wait, but simply returns the current state of the fences. `VK_TIMEOUT` will be returned in this case if the condition is not satisfied, even though no actual wait was performed.

If the condition is satisfied before the `timeout` has expired, `vkWaitForFences` returns `VK_SUCCESS`. Otherwise, `vkWaitForFences` returns `VK_TIMEOUT` after the `timeout` has expired.

If device loss occurs (see Lost Device) before the timeout has expired, `vkWaitForFences` **must** return in finite time with either `VK_SUCCESS` or `VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST`.

> *Note*
>
> While we guarantee that `vkWaitForFences` **must** return in finite time, no guarantees are made that it returns immediately upon device loss. However, the client can reasonably expect that the delay will be on the order of seconds and that calling `vkWaitForFences` will not result in a permanently (or seemingly permanently) dead process.

An execution dependency is defined by waiting for a fence to become signaled, either via vkWaitForFences or by polling on vkGetFenceStatus.

The first synchronization scope includes only the fence signal operation.

The second synchronization scope includes the host operations of vkWaitForFences or vkGetFenceStatus indicating that the fence has become signaled.

> *Note*
>
> Signaling a fence and waiting on the host does not guarantee that the results of memory accesses will be visible to the host, as the access scope of a memory dependency defined by a fence only includes device access. A memory barrier or other memory dependency **must** be used to guarantee this. See the description of host access types for more information.

7.3.1. Importing Fence Payloads

Applications **can** import a fence payload into an existing fence using an external fence handle. The effects of the import operation will be either temporary or permanent, as specified by the application. If the import is temporary, the fence will be *restored* to its permanent state the next time that fence is passed to vkResetFences.

Restoring a fence to its prior permanent payload is a distinct operation from resetting a fence payload. See vkResetFences for more detail.

Performing a subsequent temporary import on a fence before resetting it has no effect on this requirement; the next unsignal of the fence **must** still restore its last permanent state. A permanent payload import behaves as if the target fence was destroyed, and a new fence was created with the same handle but the imported payload. Because importing a fence payload temporarily or permanently detaches the existing payload from a fence, similar usage restrictions to those applied to `vkDestroyFence` are applied to any command that imports a fence payload. Which of these import types is used is referred to as the import operation's *permanence*. Each handle type supports either one or both types of permanence.

The implementation **must** perform the import operation by either referencing or copying the payload referred to by the specified external fence handle, depending on the handle's type. The import method used is referred to as the handle type's *transference*. When using handle types with reference transference, importing a payload to a fence adds the fence to the set of all fences sharing that payload. This set includes the fence from which the payload was exported. Fence signaling, waiting, and resetting operations performed on any fence in the set **must** behave as if the set were a single fence. Importing a payload using handle types with copy transference creates a duplicate copy of the payload at the time of import, but makes no further reference to it. Fence signaling, waiting, and resetting operations performed on the target of copy imports **must** not affect any other fence or payload.

Export operations have the same transference as the specified handle type's import operations. Additionally, exporting a fence payload to a handle with copy transference has the same side effects on the source fence's payload as executing a fence reset operation. If the fence was using a temporarily imported payload, the fence's prior permanent payload will be restored.

External synchronization allows implementations to modify an object's internal state, i.e. payload, without internal synchronization. However, for fences sharing a payload across processes, satisfying the external synchronization requirements of `VkFence` parameters as if all fences in the set were the same object is sometimes infeasible. Satisfying valid usage constraints on the state of a fence would similarly require impractical coordination or levels of trust between processes. Therefore, these constraints only apply to a specific fence handle, not to its payload. For distinct fence objects which share a payload:

- If multiple commands which queue a signal operation, or which unsignal a fence, are called concurrently, behavior will be as if the commands were called in an arbitrary sequential order.

- If a queue submission command is called with a fence that is sharing a payload, and the payload is already associated with another queue command that has not yet completed execution, either one or both of the commands will cause the fence to become signaled when they complete execution.

- If a fence payload is reset while it is associated with a queue command that has not yet completed execution, the payload will become unsignaled, but **may** become signaled again when the command completes execution.

- In the preceding cases, any of the devices associated with the fences sharing the payload **may** be

lost, or any of the queue submission or fence reset commands **may** return `VK_ERROR_INITIALIZATION_FAILED`.

Other than these non-deterministic results, behavior is well defined. In particular:

- The implementation **must** not crash or enter an internally inconsistent state where future valid Vulkan commands might cause undefined results,

- Timeouts on future wait commands on fences sharing the payload **must** be effective.

> *Note*
>
> These rules allow processes to synchronize access to shared memory without trusting each other. However, such processes must still be cautious not to use the shared fence for more than synchronizing access to the shared memory. For example, a process should not use a fence with shared payload to tell when commands it submitted to a queue have completed and objects used by those commands may be destroyed, since the other process can accidentally or maliciously cause the fence to signal before the commands actually complete.

When a fence is using an imported payload, its VkExportFenceCreateInfo::`handleTypes` value is specified when creating the fence from which the payload was exported, rather than specified when creating the fence. Additionally, VkExternalFenceProperties::`exportFromImportedHandleTypes` restricts which handle types **can** be exported from such a fence based on the specific handle type used to import the current payload.

When importing a fence payload, it is the responsibility of the application to ensure the external handles meet all valid usage requirements. However, implementations **must** perform sufficient validation of external handles to ensure that the operation results in a valid fence which will not cause program termination, device loss, queue stalls, host thread stalls, or corruption of other resources when used as allowed according to its import parameters. If the external handle provided does not meet these requirements, the implementation **must** fail the fence payload import operation with the error code `VK_ERROR_INVALID_EXTERNAL_HANDLE`.

7.4. Semaphores

Semaphores are a synchronization primitive that **can** be used to insert a dependency between queue operations. Semaphores have two states - signaled and unsignaled. A semaphore **can** be signaled after execution of a queue operation is completed, and a queue operation **can** wait for a semaphore to become signaled before it begins execution.

The internal data of a semaphore **may** include a reference to any resources and pending work associated with signal or unsignal operations performed on that semaphore object, collectively referred to as the semaphore's *payload*. Mechanisms to import and export that internal data to and from semaphores are provided below. These mechanisms indirectly enable applications to share semaphore state between two or more semaphores and other synchronization primitives across process and API boundaries.

Semaphores are represented by `VkSemaphore` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkSemaphore)
```

To create a semaphore, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateSemaphore(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkSemaphoreCreateInfo*                pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkSemaphore*                                pSemaphore);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the semaphore.
- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkSemaphoreCreateInfo structure containing information about how the semaphore is to be created.
- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- `pSemaphore` is a pointer to a handle in which the resulting semaphore object is returned.

This command creates a *binary semaphore* that has a boolean payload indicating whether the semaphore is currently signaled or unsignaled. When created, the semaphore is in the unsignaled state.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCreateSemaphore-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkCreateSemaphore-pCreateInfo-parameter
  `pCreateInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkSemaphoreCreateInfo structure

- VUID-vkCreateSemaphore-pAllocator-parameter
  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkCreateSemaphore-pSemaphore-parameter
  `pSemaphore` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkSemaphore handle

The `VkSemaphoreCreateInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkSemaphoreCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType           sType;
    const void*               pNext;
    VkSemaphoreCreateFlags    flags;
} VkSemaphoreCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is reserved for future use.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkSemaphoreCreateFlags;
```

`VkSemaphoreCreateFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

To create a semaphore whose payload **can** be exported to external handles, add a VkExportSemaphoreCreateInfo structure to the `pNext` chain of the VkSemaphoreCreateInfo structure. The `VkExportSemaphoreCreateInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkExportSemaphoreCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                    sType;
    const void*                        pNext;
    VkExternalSemaphoreHandleTypeFlags handleTypes;
} VkExportSemaphoreCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `handleTypes` is a bitmask of VkExternalSemaphoreHandleTypeFlagBits specifying one or more semaphore handle types the application **can** export from the resulting semaphore. The application **can** request multiple handle types for the same semaphore.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkExportSemaphoreCreateInfo-handleTypes-01124

  The bits in `handleTypes` **must** be supported and compatible, as reported by VkExternalSemaphoreProperties

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkExportSemaphoreCreateInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXPORT_SEMAPHORE_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkExportSemaphoreCreateInfo-handleTypes-parameter

  `handleTypes` **must** be a valid combination of VkExternalSemaphoreHandleTypeFlagBits values

To destroy a semaphore, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroySemaphore(
    VkDevice                           device,
    VkSemaphore                        semaphore,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*       pAllocator);
```

- `device` is the logical device that destroys the semaphore.

- `semaphore` is the handle of the semaphore to destroy.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

7.4.1. Semaphore Signaling

When a batch is submitted to a queue via a queue submission, and it includes semaphores to be signaled, it defines a memory dependency on the batch, and defines *semaphore signal operations* which set the semaphores to the signaled state.

The first synchronization scope includes every command submitted in the same batch. Semaphore signal operations that are defined by vkQueueSubmit additionally include all commands that occur earlier in submission order. Semaphore signal operations that are defined by vkQueueSubmit or vkQueueBindSparse additionally include in the first synchronization scope any semaphore and fence signal operations that occur earlier in signal operation order.

The second synchronization scope includes only the semaphore signal operation.

The first access scope includes all memory access performed by the device.

The second access scope is empty.

7.4.2. Semaphore Waiting

When a batch is submitted to a queue via a queue submission, and it includes semaphores to be waited on, it defines a memory dependency between prior semaphore signal operations and the batch, and defines *semaphore wait operations*.

Such semaphore wait operations set the semaphores to the unsignaled state.

The first synchronization scope includes all semaphore signal operations that operate on semaphores waited on in the same batch, and that happen-before the wait completes.

The second synchronization scope includes every command submitted in the same batch. In the case of vkQueueSubmit, the second synchronization scope is limited to operations on the pipeline stages determined by the destination stage mask specified by the corresponding element of pWaitDstStageMask. Also, in the case of vkQueueSubmit, the second synchronization scope additionally includes all commands that occur later in submission order.

The first access scope is empty.

The second access scope includes all memory access performed by the device.

The semaphore wait operation happens-after the first set of operations in the execution dependency, and happens-before the second set of operations in the execution dependency.

> *Note*
>
> Unlike fences or events, the act of waiting for a binary semaphore also unsignals that semaphore. Applications **must** ensure that between two such wait operations, the semaphore is signaled again, with execution dependencies used to ensure these occur in order. Binary semaphore waits and signals should thus occur in discrete 1:1 pairs.

7.4.3. Semaphore State Requirements For Wait Operations

Before waiting on a semaphore, the application **must** ensure the semaphore is in a valid state for a wait operation. Specifically, when a semaphore wait operation is submitted to a queue:

- A binary semaphore **must** be signaled, or have an associated semaphore signal operation that is pending execution.
- Any semaphore signal operations on which the pending binary semaphore signal operation depends **must** also be completed or pending execution.
- There **must** be no other queue waiting on the same binary semaphore when the operation executes.

7.4.4. Importing Semaphore Payloads

Applications **can** import a semaphore payload into an existing semaphore using an external

semaphore handle. The effects of the import operation will be either temporary or permanent, as specified by the application. If the import is temporary, the implementation **must** restore the semaphore to its prior permanent state after submitting the next semaphore wait operation. Performing a subsequent temporary import on a semaphore before performing a semaphore wait has no effect on this requirement; the next wait submitted on the semaphore **must** still restore its last permanent state. A permanent payload import behaves as if the target semaphore was destroyed, and a new semaphore was created with the same handle but the imported payload. Because importing a semaphore payload temporarily or permanently detaches the existing payload from a semaphore, similar usage restrictions to those applied to `vkDestroySemaphore` are applied to any command that imports a semaphore payload. Which of these import types is used is referred to as the import operation's *permanence*. Each handle type supports either one or both types of permanence.

The implementation **must** perform the import operation by either referencing or copying the payload referred to by the specified external semaphore handle, depending on the handle's type. The import method used is referred to as the handle type's *transference*. When using handle types with reference transference, importing a payload to a semaphore adds the semaphore to the set of all semaphores sharing that payload. This set includes the semaphore from which the payload was exported. Semaphore signaling and waiting operations performed on any semaphore in the set **must** behave as if the set were a single semaphore. Importing a payload using handle types with copy transference creates a duplicate copy of the payload at the time of import, but makes no further reference to it. Semaphore signaling and waiting operations performed on the target of copy imports **must** not affect any other semaphore or payload.

Export operations have the same transference as the specified handle type's import operations. Additionally, exporting a semaphore payload to a handle with copy transference has the same side effects on the source semaphore's payload as executing a semaphore wait operation. If the semaphore was using a temporarily imported payload, the semaphore's prior permanent payload will be restored.

External synchronization allows implementations to modify an object's internal state, i.e. payload, without internal synchronization. However, for semaphores sharing a payload across processes, satisfying the external synchronization requirements of `VkSemaphore` parameters as if all semaphores in the set were the same object is sometimes infeasible. Satisfying the wait operation state requirements would similarly require impractical coordination or levels of trust between processes. Therefore, these constraints only apply to a specific semaphore handle, not to its payload. For distinct semaphore objects which share a payload, if the semaphores are passed to separate queue submission commands concurrently, behavior will be as if the commands were called in an arbitrary sequential order. If the wait operation state requirements are violated for the shared payload by a queue submission command, or if a signal operation is queued for a shared payload that is already signaled or has a pending signal operation, effects **must** be limited to one or more of the following:

- Returning `VK_ERROR_INITIALIZATION_FAILED` from the command which resulted in the violation.
- Losing the logical device on which the violation occurred immediately or at a future time, resulting in a `VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST` error from subsequent commands, including the one causing the violation.
- Continuing execution of the violating command or operation as if the semaphore wait

completed successfully after an implementation-dependent timeout. In this case, the state of the payload becomes undefined, and future operations on semaphores sharing the payload will be subject to these same rules. The semaphore **must** be destroyed or have its payload replaced by an import operation to again have a well-defined state.

> *Note*
>
> These rules allow processes to synchronize access to shared memory without trusting each other. However, such processes must still be cautious not to use the shared semaphore for more than synchronizing access to the shared memory. For example, a process should not use a shared semaphore as part of an execution dependency chain that, when complete, leads to objects being destroyed, if it does not trust other processes sharing the semaphore payload.

When a semaphore is using an imported payload, its VkExportSemaphoreCreateInfo::`handleTypes` value is specified when creating the semaphore from which the payload was exported, rather than specified when creating the semaphore. Additionally, VkExternalSemaphoreProperties::`exportFromImportedHandleTypes` restricts which handle types **can** be exported from such a semaphore based on the specific handle type used to import the current payload.

When importing a semaphore payload, it is the responsibility of the application to ensure the external handles meet all valid usage requirements. However, implementations **must** perform sufficient validation of external handles to ensure that the operation results in a valid semaphore which will not cause program termination, device loss, queue stalls, or corruption of other resources when used as allowed according to its import parameters, and excepting those side effects allowed for violations of the valid semaphore state for wait operations rules. If the external handle provided does not meet these requirements, the implementation **must** fail the semaphore payload import operation with the error code `VK_ERROR_INVALID_EXTERNAL_HANDLE`.

7.5. Events

Events are a synchronization primitive that **can** be used to insert a fine-grained dependency between commands submitted to the same queue, or between the host and a queue. Events **must** not be used to insert a dependency between commands submitted to different queues. Events have two states - signaled and unsignaled. An application **can** signal or unsignal an event either on the host or on the device. A device **can** be made to wait for an event to become signaled before executing further operations. No command exists to wait for an event to become signaled on the host, but the current state of an event **can** be queried.

Events are represented by VkEvent handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkEvent)
```

To create an event, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateEvent(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkEventCreateInfo*                    pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkEvent*                                    pEvent);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the event.
- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkEventCreateInfo structure containing information about how the event is to be created.
- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- `pEvent` is a pointer to a handle in which the resulting event object is returned.

When created, the event object is in the unsignaled state.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCreateEvent-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkCreateEvent-pCreateInfo-parameter
  `pCreateInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkEventCreateInfo structure

- VUID-vkCreateEvent-pAllocator-parameter
  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkCreateEvent-pEvent-parameter
  `pEvent` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkEvent handle

Return Codes

Success
- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure
- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`
- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

The VkEventCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkEventCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType        sType;
    const void*            pNext;
    VkEventCreateFlags     flags;
} VkEventCreateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.
- flags is a bitmask of VkEventCreateFlagBits defining additional creation parameters.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkEventCreateInfo-sType-sType
  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EVENT_CREATE_INFO

- VUID-VkEventCreateInfo-pNext-pNext
  pNext **must** be NULL

- VUID-VkEventCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask
  flags **must** be 0

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkEventCreateFlagBits {
} VkEventCreateFlagBits;
```

All values for this enum are defined by extensions.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkEventCreateFlags;
```

VkEventCreateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of VkEventCreateFlagBits.

To destroy an event, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroyEvent(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkEvent                                     event,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- device is the logical device that destroys the event.
- event is the handle of the event to destroy.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

To query the state of an event from the host, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkGetEventStatus(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkEvent                                     event);
```

- device is the logical device that owns the event.

- event is the handle of the event to query.

Upon success, vkGetEventStatus returns the state of the event object with the following return codes:

Table 6. Event Object Status Codes

Status	Meaning
VK_EVENT_SET	The event specified by event is signaled.
VK_EVENT_RESET	The event specified by event is unsignaled.

If a vkCmdSetEvent or vkCmdResetEvent command is in a command buffer that is in the pending state, then the value returned by this command **may** immediately be out of date.

The state of an event **can** be updated by the host. The state of the event is immediately changed, and subsequent calls to vkGetEventStatus will return the new state. If an event is already in the requested state, then updating it to the same state has no effect.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetEventStatus-device-parameter

  device **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetEventStatus-event-parameter

  event **must** be a valid VkEvent handle

- VUID-vkGetEventStatus-event-parent

  event **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

Return Codes

Success

- VK_EVENT_SET

- VK_EVENT_RESET

Failure

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY

- VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST

To set the state of an event to signaled from the host, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkSetEvent(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkEvent                                     event);
```

- device is the logical device that owns the event.

- event is the event to set.

When vkSetEvent is executed on the host, it defines an *event signal operation* which sets the event to the signaled state.

If event is already in the signaled state when vkSetEvent is executed, then vkSetEvent has no effect, and no event signal operation occurs.

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkSetEvent-device-parameter

  device **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkSetEvent-event-parameter

  event **must** be a valid VkEvent handle

- VUID-vkSetEvent-event-parent

  event **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

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Host Synchronization

- Host access to event **must** be externally synchronized

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Return Codes

Success

- VK_SUCCESS

Failure

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY

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To set the state of an event to unsignaled from the host, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkResetEvent(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkEvent                                     event);
```

- device is the logical device that owns the event.

- event is the event to reset.

When vkResetEvent is executed on the host, it defines an *event unsignal operation* which resets the event to the unsignaled state.

If event is already in the unsignaled state when vkResetEvent is executed, then vkResetEvent has no effect, and no event unsignal operation occurs.

The state of an event **can** also be updated on the device by commands inserted in command buffers.

To set the state of an event to signaled from a device, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdSetEvent(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkEvent                                     event,
    VkPipelineStageFlags                        stageMask);
```

- commandBuffer is the command buffer into which the command is recorded.

- event is the event that will be signaled.

- stageMask specifies the source stage mask used to determine the first synchronization scope.

When vkCmdSetEvent is submitted to a queue, it defines an execution dependency on commands that were submitted before it, and defines an event signal operation which sets the event to the signaled state.

The first synchronization scope includes all commands that occur earlier in submission order. The synchronization scope is limited to operations on the pipeline stages determined by the source stage mask specified by stageMask.

The second synchronization scope includes only the event signal operation.

If event is already in the signaled state when vkCmdSetEvent is executed on the device, then vkCmdSetEvent has no effect, no event signal operation occurs, and no execution dependency is generated.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdSetEvent-stageMask-04090

  If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, stageMask **must** not contain VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdSetEvent-stageMask-04091

  If the tessellation shaders feature is not enabled, stageMask **must** not contain VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT or VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdSetEvent-stageMask-04996

  stageMask **must** not be 0

- VUID-vkCmdSetEvent-stageMask-06457

  Any pipeline stage included in stageMask **must** be supported by the capabilities of the queue family specified by the queueFamilyIndex member of the VkCommandPoolCreateInfo structure that was used to create the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from, as specified in the table of supported pipeline stages

- VUID-vkCmdSetEvent-stageMask-01149

  stageMask **must** not include VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_HOST_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdSetEvent-commandBuffer-01152

  commandBuffer's current device mask **must** include exactly one physical device

- VUID-vkCmdSetEvent-commandBuffer-parameter

  commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdSetEvent-event-parameter

  event **must** be a valid VkEvent handle

- VUID-vkCmdSetEvent-stageMask-parameter

  stageMask **must** be a valid combination of VkPipelineStageFlagBits values

- VUID-vkCmdSetEvent-commandBuffer-recording

  commandBuffer **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdSetEvent-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics, or compute operations

- VUID-vkCmdSetEvent-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdSetEvent-commonparent

  Both of commandBuffer, and event **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Host Synchronization

- Host access to commandBuffer **must** be externally synchronized
- Host access to the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Outside	Graphics Compute

To set the state of an event to unsignaled from a device, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdResetEvent(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkEvent                                     event,
    VkPipelineStageFlags                        stageMask);
```

- commandBuffer is the command buffer into which the command is recorded.

- `event` is the event that will be unsignaled.
- `stageMask` is a bitmask of VkPipelineStageFlagBits specifying the source stage mask used to determine when the `event` is unsignaled.

When vkCmdResetEvent is submitted to a queue, it defines an execution dependency on commands that were submitted before it, and defines an event unsignal operation which resets the event to the unsignaled state.

The first synchronization scope includes all commands that occur earlier in submission order. The synchronization scope is limited to operations on the pipeline stages determined by the source stage mask specified by `stageMask`.

The second synchronization scope includes only the event unsignal operation.

If `event` is already in the unsignaled state when vkCmdResetEvent is executed on the device, then vkCmdResetEvent has no effect, no event unsignal operation occurs, and no execution dependency is generated.

> ## Valid Usage
>
> - VUID-vkCmdResetEvent-stageMask-04090
>   If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, `stageMask` **must** not contain `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT`
>
> - VUID-vkCmdResetEvent-stageMask-04091
>   If the tessellation shaders feature is not enabled, `stageMask` **must** not contain `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT` or `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT`
>
> - VUID-vkCmdResetEvent-stageMask-04996
>   `stageMask` **must** not be `0`
>
> - VUID-vkCmdResetEvent-stageMask-06458
>   Any pipeline stage included in `stageMask` **must** be supported by the capabilities of the queue family specified by the `queueFamilyIndex` member of the VkCommandPoolCreateInfo structure that was used to create the VkCommandPool that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, as specified in the table of supported pipeline stages
>
> - VUID-vkCmdResetEvent-stageMask-01153
>   `stageMask` **must** not include `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_HOST_BIT`
>
> - VUID-vkCmdResetEvent-event-03834
>   There **must** be an execution dependency between vkCmdResetEvent and the execution of any vkCmdWaitEvents that includes `event` in its `pEvents` parameter
>
> - VUID-vkCmdResetEvent-commandBuffer-01157
>   `commandBuffer`'s current device mask **must** include exactly one physical device

To wait for one or more events to enter the signaled state on a device, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdWaitEvents(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    uint32_t                                    eventCount,
    const VkEvent*                              pEvents,
    VkPipelineStageFlags                        srcStageMask,
    VkPipelineStageFlags                        dstStageMask,
    uint32_t                                    memoryBarrierCount,
    const VkMemoryBarrier*                      pMemoryBarriers,
    uint32_t                                    bufferMemoryBarrierCount,
    const VkBufferMemoryBarrier*                pBufferMemoryBarriers,
    uint32_t                                    imageMemoryBarrierCount,
    const VkImageMemoryBarrier*                 pImageMemoryBarriers);
```

- commandBuffer is the command buffer into which the command is recorded.

- eventCount is the length of the pEvents array.

- pEvents is a pointer to an array of event object handles to wait on.

- srcStageMask is a bitmask of VkPipelineStageFlagBits specifying the source stage mask.

- dstStageMask is a bitmask of VkPipelineStageFlagBits specifying the destination stage mask.

- memoryBarrierCount is the length of the pMemoryBarriers array.

- pMemoryBarriers is a pointer to an array of VkMemoryBarrier structures.

- bufferMemoryBarrierCount is the length of the pBufferMemoryBarriers array.

- pBufferMemoryBarriers is a pointer to an array of VkBufferMemoryBarrier structures.

- imageMemoryBarrierCount is the length of the pImageMemoryBarriers array.

- pImageMemoryBarriers is a pointer to an array of VkImageMemoryBarrier structures.

When vkCmdWaitEvents is submitted to a queue, it defines a memory dependency between prior event signal operations on the same queue or the host, and subsequent commands. vkCmdWaitEvents **must** not be used to wait on event signal operations occurring on other queues.

The first synchronization scope only includes event signal operations that operate on members of pEvents, and the operations that happened-before the event signal operations. Event signal operations performed by vkCmdSetEvent that occur earlier in submission order are included in the first synchronization scope, if the logically latest pipeline stage in their stageMask parameter is logically earlier than or equal to the logically latest pipeline stage in srcStageMask. Event signal operations performed by vkSetEvent are only included in the first synchronization scope if VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_HOST_BIT is included in srcStageMask.

The second synchronization scope includes all commands that occur later in submission order. The second synchronization scope is limited to operations on the pipeline stages determined by the destination stage mask specified by dstStageMask.

The first access scope is limited to accesses in the pipeline stages determined by the source stage mask specified by srcStageMask. Within that, the first access scope only includes the first access

scopes defined by elements of the `pMemoryBarriers`, `pBufferMemoryBarriers` and `pImageMemoryBarriers` arrays, which each define a set of memory barriers. If no memory barriers are specified, then the first access scope includes no accesses.

The second access scope is limited to accesses in the pipeline stages determined by the destination stage mask specified by `dstStageMask`. Within that, the second access scope only includes the second access scopes defined by elements of the `pMemoryBarriers`, `pBufferMemoryBarriers` and `pImageMemoryBarriers` arrays, which each define a set of memory barriers. If no memory barriers are specified, then the second access scope includes no accesses.

> *Note*
>
> vkCmdWaitEvents is used with vkCmdSetEvent to define a memory dependency between two sets of action commands, roughly in the same way as pipeline barriers, but split into two commands such that work between the two **may** execute unhindered.
>
> Unlike vkCmdPipelineBarrier, a queue family ownership transfer **cannot** be performed using vkCmdWaitEvents.

> *Note*
>
> Applications should be careful to avoid race conditions when using events. There is no direct ordering guarantee between vkCmdWaitEvents and vkCmdResetEvent, or vkCmdSetEvent. Another execution dependency (e.g. a pipeline barrier or semaphore with `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_ALL_COMMANDS_BIT`) is needed to prevent such a race condition.

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-srcStageMask-04090

  If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, `srcStageMask` **must** not contain `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-srcStageMask-04091

  If the tessellation shaders feature is not enabled, `srcStageMask` **must** not contain `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT` or `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-srcStageMask-04996

  `srcStageMask` **must** not be `0`

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-dstStageMask-04090

  If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, `dstStageMask` **must** not contain `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-dstStageMask-04091

  If the tessellation shaders feature is not enabled, `dstStageMask` **must** not contain `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT` or `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-dstStageMask-04996

  `dstStageMask` **must** not be `0`

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-srcAccessMask-02815

  The `srcAccessMask` member of each element of `pMemoryBarriers` **must** only include access flags that are supported by one or more of the pipeline stages in `srcStageMask`, as specified in the table of supported access types

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-dstAccessMask-02816

  The `dstAccessMask` member of each element of `pMemoryBarriers` **must** only include access flags that are supported by one or more of the pipeline stages in `dstStageMask`, as specified in the table of supported access types

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-pBufferMemoryBarriers-02817

  For any element of `pBufferMemoryBarriers`, if its `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` members are equal, or if its `srcQueueFamilyIndex` is the queue family index that was used to create the command pool that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, then its `srcAccessMask` member **must** only contain access flags that are supported by one or more of the pipeline stages in `srcStageMask`, as specified in the table of supported access types

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-pBufferMemoryBarriers-02818

  For any element of `pBufferMemoryBarriers`, if its `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` members are equal, or if its `dstQueueFamilyIndex` is the queue family index that was used to create the command pool that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, then its `dstAccessMask` member **must** only contain access flags that are supported by one or more of the pipeline stages in `dstStageMask`, as specified in the table of supported access types

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-pImageMemoryBarriers-02819

  For any element of `pImageMemoryBarriers`, if its `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and

dstQueueFamilyIndex members are equal, or if its srcQueueFamilyIndex is the queue family index that was used to create the command pool that commandBuffer was allocated from, then its srcAccessMask member **must** only contain access flags that are supported by one or more of the pipeline stages in srcStageMask, as specified in the table of supported access types

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-pImageMemoryBarriers-02820

  For any element of pImageMemoryBarriers, if its srcQueueFamilyIndex and dstQueueFamilyIndex members are equal, or if its dstQueueFamilyIndex is the queue family index that was used to create the command pool that commandBuffer was allocated from, then its dstAccessMask member **must** only contain access flags that are supported by one or more of the pipeline stages in dstStageMask, as specified in the table of supported access types

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-srcStageMask-06459

  Any pipeline stage included in srcStageMask **must** be supported by the capabilities of the queue family specified by the queueFamilyIndex member of the VkCommandPoolCreateInfo structure that was used to create the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from, as specified in the table of supported pipeline stages

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-dstStageMask-06460

  Any pipeline stage included in dstStageMask **must** be supported by the capabilities of the queue family specified by the queueFamilyIndex member of the VkCommandPoolCreateInfo structure that was used to create the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from, as specified in the table of supported pipeline stages

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-srcStageMask-01158

  srcStageMask **must** be the bitwise OR of the stageMask parameter used in previous calls to vkCmdSetEvent with any of the elements of pEvents and VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_HOST_BIT if any of the elements of pEvents was set using vkSetEvent

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-pEvents-01163

  If pEvents includes one or more events that will be signaled by vkSetEvent after commandBuffer has been submitted to a queue, then vkCmdWaitEvents **must** not be called inside a render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-srcQueueFamilyIndex-02803

  The srcQueueFamilyIndex and dstQueueFamilyIndex members of any element of pBufferMemoryBarriers or pImageMemoryBarriers **must** be equal

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-commandBuffer-01167

  commandBuffer's current device mask **must** include exactly one physical device

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-commandBuffer-parameter

  commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-pEvents-parameter

  pEvents **must** be a valid pointer to an array of eventCount valid VkEvent handles

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-srcStageMask-parameter

  srcStageMask **must** be a valid combination of VkPipelineStageFlagBits values

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-dstStageMask-parameter

  dstStageMask **must** be a valid combination of VkPipelineStageFlagBits values

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-pMemoryBarriers-parameter

  If memoryBarrierCount is not 0, pMemoryBarriers **must** be a valid pointer to an array of memoryBarrierCount valid VkMemoryBarrier structures

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-pBufferMemoryBarriers-parameter

  If bufferMemoryBarrierCount is not 0, pBufferMemoryBarriers **must** be a valid pointer to an array of bufferMemoryBarrierCount valid VkBufferMemoryBarrier structures

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-pImageMemoryBarriers-parameter

  If imageMemoryBarrierCount is not 0, pImageMemoryBarriers **must** be a valid pointer to an array of imageMemoryBarrierCount valid VkImageMemoryBarrier structures

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-commandBuffer-recording

  commandBuffer **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics, or compute operations

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-eventCount-arraylength

  eventCount **must** be greater than 0

- VUID-vkCmdWaitEvents-commonparent

  Both of commandBuffer, and the elements of pEvents **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Host Synchronization

- Host access to commandBuffer **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties		
Command Buffer Levels	**Render Pass Scope**	**Supported Queue Types**
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics Compute

7.6. Pipeline Barriers

To record a pipeline barrier, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdPipelineBarrier(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkPipelineStageFlags                        srcStageMask,
    VkPipelineStageFlags                        dstStageMask,
    VkDependencyFlags                           dependencyFlags,
    uint32_t                                    memoryBarrierCount,
    const VkMemoryBarrier*                      pMemoryBarriers,
    uint32_t                                    bufferMemoryBarrierCount,
    const VkBufferMemoryBarrier*                pBufferMemoryBarriers,
    uint32_t                                    imageMemoryBarrierCount,
    const VkImageMemoryBarrier*                 pImageMemoryBarriers);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command is recorded.

- `srcStageMask` is a bitmask of VkPipelineStageFlagBits specifying the source stages.

- `dstStageMask` is a bitmask of VkPipelineStageFlagBits specifying the destination stages.

- `dependencyFlags` is a bitmask of VkDependencyFlagBits specifying how execution and memory dependencies are formed.

- `memoryBarrierCount` is the length of the `pMemoryBarriers` array.

- `pMemoryBarriers` is a pointer to an array of VkMemoryBarrier structures.

- `bufferMemoryBarrierCount` is the length of the `pBufferMemoryBarriers` array.

- `pBufferMemoryBarriers` is a pointer to an array of VkBufferMemoryBarrier structures.

- `imageMemoryBarrierCount` is the length of the `pImageMemoryBarriers` array.

- `pImageMemoryBarriers` is a pointer to an array of VkImageMemoryBarrier structures.

When vkCmdPipelineBarrier is submitted to a queue, it defines a memory dependency between commands that were submitted before it, and those submitted after it.

If vkCmdPipelineBarrier was recorded outside a render pass instance, the first synchronization scope includes all commands that occur earlier in submission order. If vkCmdPipelineBarrier was recorded inside a render pass instance, the first synchronization scope includes only commands that occur earlier in submission order within the same subpass. In either case, the first

synchronization scope is limited to operations on the pipeline stages determined by the source stage mask specified by srcStageMask.

If vkCmdPipelineBarrier was recorded outside a render pass instance, the second synchronization scope includes all commands that occur later in submission order. If vkCmdPipelineBarrier was recorded inside a render pass instance, the second synchronization scope includes only commands that occur later in submission order within the same subpass. In either case, the second synchronization scope is limited to operations on the pipeline stages determined by the destination stage mask specified by dstStageMask.

The first access scope is limited to accesses in the pipeline stages determined by the source stage mask specified by srcStageMask. Within that, the first access scope only includes the first access scopes defined by elements of the pMemoryBarriers, pBufferMemoryBarriers and pImageMemoryBarriers arrays, which each define a set of memory barriers. If no memory barriers are specified, then the first access scope includes no accesses.

The second access scope is limited to accesses in the pipeline stages determined by the destination stage mask specified by dstStageMask. Within that, the second access scope only includes the second access scopes defined by elements of the pMemoryBarriers, pBufferMemoryBarriers and pImageMemoryBarriers arrays, which each define a set of memory barriers. If no memory barriers are specified, then the second access scope includes no accesses.

If dependencyFlags includes VK_DEPENDENCY_BY_REGION_BIT, then any dependency between framebuffer-space pipeline stages is framebuffer-local - otherwise it is framebuffer-global.

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-srcStageMask-04090

  If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, srcStageMask **must** not contain VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-srcStageMask-04091

  If the tessellation shaders feature is not enabled, srcStageMask **must** not contain VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT or VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-srcStageMask-04996

  srcStageMask **must** not be 0

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-dstStageMask-04090

  If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, dstStageMask **must** not contain VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-dstStageMask-04091

  If the tessellation shaders feature is not enabled, dstStageMask **must** not contain VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT or VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-dstStageMask-04996

  dstStageMask **must** not be 0

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-srcAccessMask-02815

  The srcAccessMask member of each element of pMemoryBarriers **must** only include access flags that are supported by one or more of the pipeline stages in srcStageMask, as specified in the table of supported access types

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-dstAccessMask-02816

  The dstAccessMask member of each element of pMemoryBarriers **must** only include access flags that are supported by one or more of the pipeline stages in dstStageMask, as specified in the table of supported access types

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-pBufferMemoryBarriers-02817

  For any element of pBufferMemoryBarriers, if its srcQueueFamilyIndex and dstQueueFamilyIndex members are equal, or if its srcQueueFamilyIndex is the queue family index that was used to create the command pool that commandBuffer was allocated from, then its srcAccessMask member **must** only contain access flags that are supported by one or more of the pipeline stages in srcStageMask, as specified in the table of supported access types

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-pBufferMemoryBarriers-02818

  For any element of pBufferMemoryBarriers, if its srcQueueFamilyIndex and dstQueueFamilyIndex members are equal, or if its dstQueueFamilyIndex is the queue family index that was used to create the command pool that commandBuffer was allocated from, then its dstAccessMask member **must** only contain access flags that are supported by one or more of the pipeline stages in dstStageMask, as specified in the table of supported access types

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-pImageMemoryBarriers-02819

  For any element of pImageMemoryBarriers, if its srcQueueFamilyIndex and

`dstQueueFamilyIndex` members are equal, or if its `srcQueueFamilyIndex` is the queue family index that was used to create the command pool that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, then its `srcAccessMask` member **must** only contain access flags that are supported by one or more of the pipeline stages in `srcStageMask`, as specified in the table of supported access types

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-pImageMemoryBarriers-02820

  For any element of `pImageMemoryBarriers`, if its `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` members are equal, or if its `dstQueueFamilyIndex` is the queue family index that was used to create the command pool that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, then its `dstAccessMask` member **must** only contain access flags that are supported by one or more of the pipeline stages in `dstStageMask`, as specified in the table of supported access types

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-pDependencies-02285

  If `vkCmdPipelineBarrier` is called within a render pass instance, the render pass **must** have been created with at least one `VkSubpassDependency` instance in `VkRenderPassCreateInfo` `::pDependencies` that expresses a dependency from the current subpass to itself, with synchronization scopes and access scopes that are all supersets of the scopes defined in this command

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-bufferMemoryBarrierCount-01178

  If `vkCmdPipelineBarrier` is called within a render pass instance, it **must** not include any buffer memory barriers

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-image-04073

  If `vkCmdPipelineBarrier` is called within a render pass instance, the `image` member of any image memory barrier included in this command **must** be an attachment used in the current subpass both as an input attachment, and as either a color or depth/stencil attachment

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-oldLayout-01181

  If `vkCmdPipelineBarrier` is called within a render pass instance, the `oldLayout` and `newLayout` members of any image memory barrier included in this command **must** be equal

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-srcQueueFamilyIndex-01182

  If `vkCmdPipelineBarrier` is called within a render pass instance, the `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` members of any image memory barrier included in this command **must** be equal

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-dependencyFlags-01186

  If `vkCmdPipelineBarrier` is called outside of a render pass instance, `VK_DEPENDENCY_VIEW_LOCAL_BIT` **must** not be included in the dependency flags

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-srcStageMask-06461

  Any pipeline stage included in `srcStageMask` **must** be supported by the capabilities of the queue family specified by the `queueFamilyIndex` member of the `VkCommandPoolCreateInfo` structure that was used to create the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, as specified in the table of supported pipeline stages

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-dstStageMask-06462

  Any pipeline stage included in `dstStageMask` **must** be supported by the capabilities of the

queue family specified by the `queueFamilyIndex` member of the VkCommandPoolCreateInfo structure that was used to create the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from, as specified in the table of supported pipeline stages

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-commandBuffer-parameter

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-srcStageMask-parameter

  `srcStageMask` **must** be a valid combination of VkPipelineStageFlagBits values

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-dstStageMask-parameter

  `dstStageMask` **must** be a valid combination of VkPipelineStageFlagBits values

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-dependencyFlags-parameter

  `dependencyFlags` **must** be a valid combination of VkDependencyFlagBits values

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-pMemoryBarriers-parameter

  If `memoryBarrierCount` is not `0`, `pMemoryBarriers` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `memoryBarrierCount` valid VkMemoryBarrier structures

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-pBufferMemoryBarriers-parameter

  If `bufferMemoryBarrierCount` is not `0`, `pBufferMemoryBarriers` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `bufferMemoryBarrierCount` valid VkBufferMemoryBarrier structures

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-pImageMemoryBarriers-parameter

  If `imageMemoryBarrierCount` is not `0`, `pImageMemoryBarriers` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `imageMemoryBarrierCount` valid VkImageMemoryBarrier structures

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-commandBuffer-recording

  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdPipelineBarrier-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support transfer, graphics, or compute operations

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

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Bits which **can** be set in `vkCmdPipelineBarrier`::`dependencyFlags`, specifying how execution and memory dependencies are formed, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkDependencyFlagBits {
    VK_DEPENDENCY_BY_REGION_BIT = 0x00000001,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_DEPENDENCY_DEVICE_GROUP_BIT = 0x00000004,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_DEPENDENCY_VIEW_LOCAL_BIT = 0x00000002,
} VkDependencyFlagBits;
```

- `VK_DEPENDENCY_BY_REGION_BIT` specifies that dependencies will be framebuffer-local.

- `VK_DEPENDENCY_VIEW_LOCAL_BIT` specifies that a subpass has more than one view.

- `VK_DEPENDENCY_DEVICE_GROUP_BIT` specifies that dependencies are non-device-local.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkDependencyFlags;
```

`VkDependencyFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more `VkDependencyFlagBits`.

7.6.1. Subpass Self-dependency

If vkCmdPipelineBarrier is called inside a render pass instance, the following restrictions apply. For a given subpass to allow a pipeline barrier, the render pass **must** declare a *self-dependency* from that subpass to itself. That is, there **must** exist a subpass dependency with `srcSubpass` and `dstSubpass` both equal to that subpass index. More than one self-dependency **can** be declared for each subpass.

Self-dependencies **must** only include pipeline stage bits that are graphics stages. If any of the stages in `srcStageMask` are framebuffer-space stages, `dstStageMask` **must** only contain framebuffer-space stages. This means that pseudo-stages like `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_ALL_COMMANDS_BIT` which include the execution of both framebuffer-space stages and non-framebuffer-space stages **must** not be used.

If the source and destination stage masks both include framebuffer-space stages, then `dependencyFlags` **must** include `VK_DEPENDENCY_BY_REGION_BIT`. If the subpass has more than one view, then `dependencyFlags` **must** include `VK_DEPENDENCY_VIEW_LOCAL_BIT`.

Each of the synchronization scopes and access scopes of a vkCmdPipelineBarrier command inside a render pass instance **must** be a subset of the scopes of one of the self-dependencies for the current subpass.

If the self-dependency has `VK_DEPENDENCY_BY_REGION_BIT` or `VK_DEPENDENCY_VIEW_LOCAL_BIT` set, then so **must** the pipeline barrier. Pipeline barriers within a render pass instance **must** not include buffer memory barriers. Image memory barriers **must** only specify image subresources that are used as attachments within the subpass, and **must** not define an image layout transition or queue family ownership transfer.

7.7. Memory Barriers

Memory barriers are used to explicitly control access to buffer and image subresource ranges. Memory barriers are used to transfer ownership between queue families, change image layouts, and define availability and visibility operations. They explicitly define the access types and buffer and image subresource ranges that are included in the access scopes of a memory dependency that is created by a synchronization command that includes them.

7.7.1. Global Memory Barriers

Global memory barriers apply to memory accesses involving all memory objects that exist at the time of its execution.

The `VkMemoryBarrier` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkMemoryBarrier {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    const void*        pNext;
    VkAccessFlags      srcAccessMask;
    VkAccessFlags      dstAccessMask;
} VkMemoryBarrier;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.
- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.
- `srcAccessMask` is a bitmask of VkAccessFlagBits specifying a source access mask.
- `dstAccessMask` is a bitmask of VkAccessFlagBits specifying a destination access mask.

The first access scope is limited to access types in the source access mask specified by `srcAccessMask`.

The second access scope is limited to access types in the destination access mask specified by `dstAccessMask`.

7.7.2. Buffer Memory Barriers

Buffer memory barriers only apply to memory accesses involving a specific buffer range. That is, a memory dependency formed from a buffer memory barrier is scoped to access via the specified buffer range. Buffer memory barriers **can** also be used to define a queue family ownership transfer for the specified buffer range.

The VkBufferMemoryBarrier structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkBufferMemoryBarrier {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    const void*        pNext;
    VkAccessFlags      srcAccessMask;
    VkAccessFlags      dstAccessMask;
    uint32_t           srcQueueFamilyIndex;
    uint32_t           dstQueueFamilyIndex;
    VkBuffer           buffer;
    VkDeviceSize       offset;
    VkDeviceSize       size;
} VkBufferMemoryBarrier;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- srcAccessMask is a bitmask of VkAccessFlagBits specifying a source access mask.

- dstAccessMask is a bitmask of VkAccessFlagBits specifying a destination access mask.

- srcQueueFamilyIndex is the source queue family for a queue family ownership transfer.

- dstQueueFamilyIndex is the destination queue family for a queue family ownership transfer.

- buffer is a handle to the buffer whose backing memory is affected by the barrier.

- offset is an offset in bytes into the backing memory for buffer; this is relative to the base offset as bound to the buffer (see vkBindBufferMemory).

- `size` is a size in bytes of the affected area of backing memory for `buffer`, or `VK_WHOLE_SIZE` to use the range from `offset` to the end of the buffer.

The first access scope is limited to access to memory through the specified buffer range, via access types in the source access mask specified by `srcAccessMask`. If `srcAccessMask` includes `VK_ACCESS_HOST_WRITE_BIT`, memory writes performed by that access type are also made visible, as that access type is not performed through a resource.

The second access scope is limited to access to memory through the specified buffer range, via access types in the destination access mask specified by `dstAccessMask`. If `dstAccessMask` includes `VK_ACCESS_HOST_WRITE_BIT` or `VK_ACCESS_HOST_READ_BIT`, available memory writes are also made visible to accesses of those types, as those access types are not performed through a resource.

If `srcQueueFamilyIndex` is not equal to `dstQueueFamilyIndex`, and `srcQueueFamilyIndex` is equal to the current queue family, then the memory barrier defines a queue family release operation for the specified buffer range, and the second access scope includes no access, as if `dstAccessMask` was `0`.

If `dstQueueFamilyIndex` is not equal to `srcQueueFamilyIndex`, and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` is equal to the current queue family, then the memory barrier defines a queue family acquire operation for the specified buffer range, and the first access scope includes no access, as if `srcAccessMask` was `0`.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkBufferMemoryBarrier-offset-01187

  `offset` **must** be less than the size of `buffer`

- VUID-VkBufferMemoryBarrier-size-01188

  If `size` is not equal to `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`, `size` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-VkBufferMemoryBarrier-size-01189

  If `size` is not equal to `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`, `size` **must** be less than or equal to than the size of `buffer` minus `offset`

- VUID-VkBufferMemoryBarrier-buffer-01931

  If `buffer` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-VkBufferMemoryBarrier-srcQueueFamilyIndex-04087

  If `srcQueueFamilyIndex` is not equal to `dstQueueFamilyIndex`, at least one **must** not be a special queue family reserved for external memory ownership transfers, as described in Queue Family Ownership Transfer

- VUID-VkBufferMemoryBarrier-buffer-04088

  If `buffer` was created with a sharing mode of `VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT`, `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` are not equal, and one of `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` is one of the special queue family values reserved for external memory transfers, the other **must** be `VK_QUEUE_FAMILY_IGNORED`

- VUID-VkBufferMemoryBarrier-buffer-04089

  If `buffer` was created with a sharing mode of `VK_SHARING_MODE_EXCLUSIVE`, and `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` are not equal, `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` **must** both be valid queue families, or one of the special queue family values reserved for external memory transfers, as described in Queue Family Ownership Transfer

- VUID-VkBufferMemoryBarrier-synchronization2-03853

  If the `synchronization2` feature is not enabled, and `buffer` was created with a sharing mode of `VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT`, at least one of `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` **must** be `VK_QUEUE_FAMILY_IGNORED`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkBufferMemoryBarrier-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BUFFER_MEMORY_BARRIER`

- VUID-VkBufferMemoryBarrier-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkBufferMemoryBarrier-buffer-parameter

  `buffer` **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

`VK_WHOLE_SIZE` is a special value indicating that the entire remaining length of a buffer following a

given `offset` should be used. It **can** be specified for VkBufferMemoryBarrier::`size` and other structures.

```
#define VK_WHOLE_SIZE                    (~0ULL)
```

7.7.3. Image Memory Barriers

Image memory barriers only apply to memory accesses involving a specific image subresource range. That is, a memory dependency formed from an image memory barrier is scoped to access via the specified image subresource range. Image memory barriers **can** also be used to define image layout transitions or a queue family ownership transfer for the specified image subresource range.

The `VkImageMemoryBarrier` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkImageMemoryBarrier {
    VkStructureType            sType;
    const void*                pNext;
    VkAccessFlags              srcAccessMask;
    VkAccessFlags              dstAccessMask;
    VkImageLayout              oldLayout;
    VkImageLayout              newLayout;
    uint32_t                   srcQueueFamilyIndex;
    uint32_t                   dstQueueFamilyIndex;
    VkImage                    image;
    VkImageSubresourceRange    subresourceRange;
} VkImageMemoryBarrier;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `srcAccessMask` is a bitmask of VkAccessFlagBits specifying a source access mask.

- `dstAccessMask` is a bitmask of VkAccessFlagBits specifying a destination access mask.

- `oldLayout` is the old layout in an image layout transition.

- `newLayout` is the new layout in an image layout transition.

- `srcQueueFamilyIndex` is the source queue family for a queue family ownership transfer.

- `dstQueueFamilyIndex` is the destination queue family for a queue family ownership transfer.

- `image` is a handle to the image affected by this barrier.

- `subresourceRange` describes the image subresource range within `image` that is affected by this barrier.

The first access scope is limited to access to memory through the specified image subresource range, via access types in the source access mask specified by `srcAccessMask`. If `srcAccessMask` includes `VK_ACCESS_HOST_WRITE_BIT`, memory writes performed by that access type are also made

visible, as that access type is not performed through a resource.

The second access scope is limited to access to memory through the specified image subresource range, via access types in the destination access mask specified by `dstAccessMask`. If `dstAccessMask` includes `VK_ACCESS_HOST_WRITE_BIT` or `VK_ACCESS_HOST_READ_BIT`, available memory writes are also made visible to accesses of those types, as those access types are not performed through a resource.

If `srcQueueFamilyIndex` is not equal to `dstQueueFamilyIndex`, and `srcQueueFamilyIndex` is equal to the current queue family, then the memory barrier defines a queue family release operation for the specified image subresource range, and the second access scope includes no access, as if `dstAccessMask` was `0`.

If `dstQueueFamilyIndex` is not equal to `srcQueueFamilyIndex`, and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` is equal to the current queue family, then the memory barrier defines a queue family acquire operation for the specified image subresource range, and the first access scope includes no access, as if `srcAccessMask` was `0`.

`oldLayout` and `newLayout` define an image layout transition for the specified image subresource range.

If `image` has a multi-planar format and the image is *disjoint*, then including `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT` in the `aspectMask` member of `subresourceRange` is equivalent to including `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT`, and (for three-plane formats only) `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT`.

<div align="center">**Valid Usage**</div>

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-subresourceRange-01486

  `subresourceRange.baseMipLevel` **must** be less than the `mipLevels` specified in `VkImageCreateInfo` when `image` was created

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-subresourceRange-01724

  If `subresourceRange.levelCount` is not `VK_REMAINING_MIP_LEVELS`, `subresourceRange.baseMipLevel` + `subresourceRange.levelCount` **must** be less than or equal to the `mipLevels` specified in `VkImageCreateInfo` when `image` was created

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-subresourceRange-01488

  `subresourceRange.baseArrayLayer` **must** be less than the `arrayLayers` specified in `VkImageCreateInfo` when `image` was created

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-subresourceRange-01725

  If `subresourceRange.layerCount` is not `VK_REMAINING_ARRAY_LAYERS`, `subresourceRange.baseArrayLayer` + `subresourceRange.layerCount` **must** be less than or equal to the `arrayLayers` specified in `VkImageCreateInfo` when `image` was created

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-image-01932

  If `image` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-oldLayout-01208

  If `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` define a queue family ownership transfer or `oldLayout` and `newLayout` define an image layout transition, and `oldLayout` or `newLayout` is `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL` then `image` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-oldLayout-01209

  If `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` define a queue family ownership transfer or `oldLayout` and `newLayout` define an image layout transition, and `oldLayout` or `newLayout` is `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL` then `image` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-oldLayout-01210

  If `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` define a queue family ownership transfer or `oldLayout` and `newLayout` define an image layout transition, and `oldLayout` or `newLayout` is `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL` then `image` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-oldLayout-01211

  If `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` define a queue family ownership transfer or `oldLayout` and `newLayout` define an image layout transition, and `oldLayout` or `newLayout` is `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_SHADER_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL` then `image` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_SAMPLED_BIT` or `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-oldLayout-01212

  If `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` define a queue family ownership transfer or `oldLayout` and `newLayout` define an image layout transition, and `oldLayout` or `newLayout` is `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_SRC_OPTIMAL` then `image` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-oldLayout-01213

  If `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` define a queue family ownership transfer or `oldLayout` and `newLayout` define an image layout transition, and `oldLayout` or `newLayout` is `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_DST_OPTIMAL` then `image` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-oldLayout-01197

  If `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` define a queue family ownership transfer or `oldLayout` and `newLayout` define an image layout transition, `oldLayout` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED` or the current layout of the image subresources affected by the barrier

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-newLayout-01198

  If `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` define a queue family ownership transfer or `oldLayout` and `newLayout` define an image layout transition, `newLayout` **must** not be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_PREINITIALIZED`

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-oldLayout-01658

  If `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` define a queue family ownership transfer or `oldLayout` and `newLayout` define an image layout transition, and `oldLayout` or `newLayout` is `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_READ_ONLY_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL` then `image` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-oldLayout-01659

  If `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` define a queue family ownership transfer or `oldLayout` and `newLayout` define an image layout transition, and `oldLayout` or `newLayout` is `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL` then `image` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-image-01671

  If `image` has a single-plane color format or is not *disjoint*, then the `aspectMask` member of `subresourceRange` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-image-01672

  If `image` has a multi-planar format and the image is *disjoint*, then the `aspectMask` member of `subresourceRange` **must** include either at least one of `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT`, and `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT`; or **must** include `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-image-01673

  If `image` has a multi-planar format with only two planes, then the `aspectMask` member of `subresourceRange` **must** not include `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-image-01207

  If `image` has a depth/stencil format with both depth and stencil components, then the `aspectMask` member of `subresourceRange` **must** include both `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT` and `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_STENCIL_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-srcQueueFamilyIndex-04070

  If `srcQueueFamilyIndex` is not equal to `dstQueueFamilyIndex`, at least one **must** not be a special queue family reserved for external memory ownership transfers, as described in Queue Family Ownership Transfer

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-image-04071

  If `image` was created with a sharing mode of `VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT`,

srcQueueFamilyIndex and dstQueueFamilyIndex are not equal, and one of srcQueueFamilyIndex and dstQueueFamilyIndex is one of the special queue family values reserved for external memory transfers, the other **must** be VK_QUEUE_FAMILY_IGNORED

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-image-04072

  If image was created with a sharing mode of VK_SHARING_MODE_EXCLUSIVE, and srcQueueFamilyIndex and dstQueueFamilyIndex are not equal, srcQueueFamilyIndex and dstQueueFamilyIndex **must** both be valid queue families, or one of the special queue family values reserved for external memory transfers, as described in Queue Family Ownership Transfer

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-synchronization2-03857

  If the synchronization2 feature is not enabled, and image was created with a sharing mode of VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT, at least one of srcQueueFamilyIndex and dstQueueFamilyIndex **must** be VK_QUEUE_FAMILY_IGNORED

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-sType-sType

  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_MEMORY_BARRIER

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-pNext-pNext

  pNext **must** be NULL

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-oldLayout-parameter

  oldLayout **must** be a valid VkImageLayout value

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-newLayout-parameter

  newLayout **must** be a valid VkImageLayout value

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-image-parameter

  image **must** be a valid VkImage handle

- VUID-VkImageMemoryBarrier-subresourceRange-parameter

  subresourceRange **must** be a valid VkImageSubresourceRange structure

7.7.4. Queue Family Ownership Transfer

Resources created with a VkSharingMode of VK_SHARING_MODE_EXCLUSIVE **must** have their ownership explicitly transferred from one queue family to another in order to access their content in a well-defined manner on a queue in a different queue family.

The special queue family index VK_QUEUE_FAMILY_IGNORED indicates that a queue family parameter or member is ignored.

```
#define VK_QUEUE_FAMILY_IGNORED           (~0U)
```

Resources shared with external APIs or instances using external memory **must** also explicitly manage ownership transfers between local and external queues (or equivalent constructs in external APIs) regardless of the VkSharingMode specified when creating them.

The special queue family index `VK_QUEUE_FAMILY_EXTERNAL` represents any queue external to the resource's current Vulkan instance, as long as the queue uses the same underlying device group or physical device, and the same driver version as the resource's VkDevice, as indicated by VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties::`deviceUUID` and VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties::`driverUUID`.

```
#define VK_QUEUE_FAMILY_EXTERNAL          (~1U)
```

If memory dependencies are correctly expressed between uses of such a resource between two queues in different families, but no ownership transfer is defined, the contents of that resource are undefined for any read accesses performed by the second queue family.

> *Note*
>
> If an application does not need the contents of a resource to remain valid when transferring from one queue family to another, then the ownership transfer **should** be skipped.

A queue family ownership transfer consists of two distinct parts:

1. Release exclusive ownership from the source queue family

2. Acquire exclusive ownership for the destination queue family

An application **must** ensure that these operations occur in the correct order by defining an execution dependency between them, e.g. using a semaphore.

A *release operation* is used to release exclusive ownership of a range of a buffer or image subresource range. A release operation is defined by executing a buffer memory barrier (for a buffer range) or an image memory barrier (for an image subresource range) using a pipeline barrier command, on a queue from the source queue family. The `srcQueueFamilyIndex` parameter of the barrier **must** be set to the source queue family index, and the `dstQueueFamilyIndex` parameter to the destination queue family index. `dstAccessMask` is ignored for such a barrier, such that no visibility operation is executed - the value of this mask does not affect the validity of the barrier. The release operation happens-after the availability operation, and happens-before operations specified in the second synchronization scope of the calling command.

An *acquire operation* is used to acquire exclusive ownership of a range of a buffer or image subresource range. An acquire operation is defined by executing a buffer memory barrier (for a buffer range) or an image memory barrier (for an image subresource range) using a pipeline barrier command, on a queue from the destination queue family. The buffer range or image subresource range specified in an acquire operation **must** match exactly that of a previous release operation. The `srcQueueFamilyIndex` parameter of the barrier **must** be set to the source queue family index, and the `dstQueueFamilyIndex` parameter to the destination queue family index. `srcAccessMask` is ignored for such a barrier, such that no availability operation is executed - the value of this mask does not affect the validity of the barrier. The acquire operation happens-after operations in the first synchronization scope of the calling command, and happens-before the visibility operation.

> **Note**
>
> Whilst it is not invalid to provide destination or source access masks for memory barriers used for release or acquire operations, respectively, they have no practical effect. Access after a release operation has undefined results, and so visibility for those accesses has no practical effect. Similarly, write access before an acquire operation will produce undefined results for future access, so availability of those writes has no practical use. In an earlier version of the specification, these were required to match on both sides - but this was subsequently relaxed. These masks **should** be set to 0.

If the transfer is via an image memory barrier, and an image layout transition is desired, then the values of `oldLayout` and `newLayout` in the *release operation*'s memory barrier **must** be equal to values of `oldLayout` and `newLayout` in the *acquire operation*'s memory barrier. Although the image layout transition is submitted twice, it will only be executed once. A layout transition specified in this way happens-after the *release operation* and happens-before the *acquire operation*.

If the values of `srcQueueFamilyIndex` and `dstQueueFamilyIndex` are equal, no ownership transfer is performed, and the barrier operates as if they were both set to `VK_QUEUE_FAMILY_IGNORED`.

Queue family ownership transfers **may** perform read and write accesses on all memory bound to the image subresource or buffer range, so applications **must** ensure that all memory writes have been made available before a queue family ownership transfer is executed. Available memory is automatically made visible to queue family release and acquire operations, and writes performed by those operations are automatically made available.

Once a queue family has acquired ownership of a buffer range or image subresource range of a `VK_SHARING_MODE_EXCLUSIVE` resource, its contents are undefined to other queue families unless ownership is transferred. The contents of any portion of another resource which aliases memory that is bound to the transferred buffer or image subresource range are undefined after a release or acquire operation.

> **Note**
>
> Because events **cannot** be used directly for inter-queue synchronization, and because vkCmdSetEvent does not have the queue family index or memory barrier parameters needed by a *release operation*, the release and acquire operations of a queue family ownership transfer **can** only be performed using vkCmdPipelineBarrier.

7.8. Wait Idle Operations

To wait on the host for the completion of outstanding queue operations for a given queue, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkQueueWaitIdle(
    VkQueue                                     queue);
```

- `queue` is the queue on which to wait.

`vkQueueWaitIdle` is equivalent to having submitted a valid fence to every previously executed queue submission command that accepts a fence, then waiting for all of those fences to signal using `vkWaitForFences` with an infinite timeout and `waitAll` set to `VK_TRUE`.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkQueueWaitIdle-queue-parameter
  `queue` **must** be a valid VkQueue handle

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `queue` **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
-	-	Any

Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST`

To wait on the host for the completion of outstanding queue operations for all queues on a given logical device, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkDeviceWaitIdle(
    VkDevice                                    device);
```

- `device` is the logical device to idle.

`vkDeviceWaitIdle` is equivalent to calling `vkQueueWaitIdle` for all queues owned by `device`.

7.9. Host Write Ordering Guarantees

When batches of command buffers are submitted to a queue via a queue submission command, it defines a memory dependency with prior host operations, and execution of command buffers submitted to the queue.

The first synchronization scope is defined by the host execution model, but includes execution of vkQueueSubmit on the host and anything that happened-before it.

The second synchronization scope includes all commands submitted in the same queue submission, and all commands that occur later in submission order.

The first access scope includes all host writes to mappable device memory that are available to the host memory domain.

The second access scope includes all memory access performed by the device.

7.10. Synchronization and Multiple Physical Devices

If a logical device includes more than one physical device, then fences, semaphores, and events all still have a single instance of the signaled state.

A fence becomes signaled when all physical devices complete the necessary queue operations.

Semaphore wait and signal operations all include a device index that is the sole physical device that

performs the operation. These indices are provided in the VkDeviceGroupSubmitInfo and VkDeviceGroupBindSparseInfo structures. Semaphores are not exclusively owned by any physical device. For example, a semaphore can be signaled by one physical device and then waited on by a different physical device.

An event **can** only be waited on by the same physical device that signaled it (or the host).

Chapter 8. Render Pass

[Draw commands](#) **must** be recorded within a *render pass instance*. Each render pass instance defines a set of image resources, referred to as *attachments*, used during rendering.

A render pass object represents a collection of attachments, subpasses, and dependencies between the subpasses, and describes how the attachments are used over the course of the subpasses.

Render passes are represented by `VkRenderPass` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkRenderPass)
```

An *attachment description* describes the properties of an attachment including its format, sample count, and how its contents are treated at the beginning and end of each render pass instance.

A *subpass* represents a phase of rendering that reads and writes a subset of the attachments in a render pass. Rendering commands are recorded into a particular subpass of a render pass instance.

A *subpass description* describes the subset of attachments that is involved in the execution of a subpass. Each subpass **can** read from some attachments as *input attachments*, write to some as *color attachments* or *depth/stencil attachments*, and perform *multisample resolve operations* to *resolve attachments*. A subpass description **can** also include a set of *preserve attachments*, which are attachments that are not read or written by the subpass but whose contents **must** be preserved throughout the subpass.

A subpass *uses an attachment* if the attachment is a color, depth/stencil, resolve, or input attachment for that subpass (as determined by the `pColorAttachments`, `pDepthStencilAttachment`, `pResolveAttachments`, and `pInputAttachments` members of `VkSubpassDescription`, respectively). A subpass does not use an attachment if that attachment is preserved by the subpass. The *first use of an attachment* is in the lowest numbered subpass that uses that attachment. Similarly, the *last use of an attachment* is in the highest numbered subpass that uses that attachment.

The subpasses in a render pass all render to the same dimensions, and fragments for pixel (x,y,layer) in one subpass **can** only read attachment contents written by previous subpasses at that same (x,y,layer) location.

> **Note**
>
> By describing a complete set of subpasses in advance, render passes provide the implementation an opportunity to optimize the storage and transfer of attachment data between subpasses.
>
> In practice, this means that subpasses with a simple framebuffer-space dependency **may** be merged into a single tiled rendering pass, keeping the attachment data on-chip for the duration of a render pass instance. However, it is also quite common for a render pass to only contain a single subpass.

Subpass dependencies describe [execution and memory dependencies](#) between subpasses.

A *subpass dependency chain* is a sequence of subpass dependencies in a render pass, where the source subpass of each subpass dependency (after the first) equals the destination subpass of the previous dependency.

Execution of subpasses **may** overlap or execute out of order with regards to other subpasses, unless otherwise enforced by an execution dependency. Each subpass only respects submission order for commands recorded in the same subpass, and the vkCmdBeginRenderPass and vkCmdEndRenderPass commands that delimit the render pass - commands within other subpasses are not included. This affects most other implicit ordering guarantees.

A render pass describes the structure of subpasses and attachments independent of any specific image views for the attachments. The specific image views that will be used for the attachments, and their dimensions, are specified in VkFramebuffer objects. Framebuffers are created with respect to a specific render pass that the framebuffer is compatible with (see Render Pass Compatibility). Collectively, a render pass and a framebuffer define the complete render target state for one or more subpasses as well as the algorithmic dependencies between the subpasses.

The various pipeline stages of the drawing commands for a given subpass **may** execute concurrently and/or out of order, both within and across drawing commands, whilst still respecting pipeline order. However for a given (x,y,layer,sample) sample location, certain per-sample operations are performed in rasterization order.

VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED is a constant indicating that a render pass attachment is not used.

```
#define VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED              (~0U)
```

8.1. Render Pass Creation

To create a render pass, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateRenderPass(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkRenderPassCreateInfo*               pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkRenderPass*                               pRenderPass);
```

- device is the logical device that creates the render pass.

- pCreateInfo is a pointer to a VkRenderPassCreateInfo structure describing the parameters of the render pass.

- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

- pRenderPass is a pointer to a VkRenderPass handle in which the resulting render pass object is returned.

The VkRenderPassCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkRenderPassCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                 sType;
    const void*                     pNext;
    VkRenderPassCreateFlags         flags;
    uint32_t                        attachmentCount;
    const VkAttachmentDescription*  pAttachments;
    uint32_t                        subpassCount;
    const VkSubpassDescription*     pSubpasses;
    uint32_t                        dependencyCount;
    const VkSubpassDependency*      pDependencies;
} VkRenderPassCreateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- flags is reserved for future use.

- attachmentCount is the number of attachments used by this render pass.

- pAttachments is a pointer to an array of attachmentCount VkAttachmentDescription structures describing the attachments used by the render pass.

- `subpassCount` is the number of subpasses to create.

- `pSubpasses` is a pointer to an array of `subpassCount` VkSubpassDescription structures describing each subpass.

- `dependencyCount` is the number of memory dependencies between pairs of subpasses.

- `pDependencies` is a pointer to an array of `dependencyCount` VkSubpassDependency structures describing dependencies between pairs of subpasses.

> *Note*
>
> Care should be taken to avoid a data race here; if any subpasses access attachments with overlapping memory locations, and one of those accesses is a write, a subpass dependency needs to be included between them.

<div style="text-align: center;">**Valid Usage**</div>

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-attachment-00834

  If the `attachment` member of any element of `pInputAttachments`, `pColorAttachments`, `pResolveAttachments` or `pDepthStencilAttachment`, or any element of `pPreserveAttachments` in any element of `pSubpasses` is not `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED`, then it **must** be less than `attachmentCount`

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pAttachments-00836

  For any member of `pAttachments` with a `loadOp` equal to `VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_CLEAR`, the first use of that attachment **must** not specify a `layout` equal to `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_SHADER_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pAttachments-02511

  For any member of `pAttachments` with a `stencilLoadOp` equal to `VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_CLEAR`, the first use of that attachment **must** not specify a `layout` equal to `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_SHADER_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pAttachments-01566

  For any member of `pAttachments` with a `loadOp` equal to `VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_CLEAR`, the first use of that attachment **must** not specify a `layout` equal to `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_READ_ONLY_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL`

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pAttachments-01567

  For any member of `pAttachments` with a `stencilLoadOp` equal to `VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_CLEAR`, the first use of that attachment **must** not specify a `layout` equal to `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pNext-01926

  If the `pNext` chain includes a VkRenderPassInputAttachmentAspectCreateInfo structure, the `subpass` member of each element of its `pAspectReferences` member **must** be less than `subpassCount`

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pNext-01927

  If the `pNext` chain includes a VkRenderPassInputAttachmentAspectCreateInfo structure, the `inputAttachmentIndex` member of each element of its `pAspectReferences` member **must** be less than the value of `inputAttachmentCount` in the element of `pSubpasses` identified by its `subpass` member

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pNext-01963

  If the `pNext` chain includes a VkRenderPassInputAttachmentAspectCreateInfo structure, for any element of the `pInputAttachments` member of any element of `pSubpasses` where the `attachment` member is not `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED`, the `aspectMask` member of the corresponding element of VkRenderPassInputAttachmentAspectCreateInfo ::`pAspectReferences` **must** only include aspects that are present in images of the format specified by the element of `pAttachments` at `attachment`

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pNext-01928

  If the `pNext` chain includes a VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo structure, and its `subpassCount` member is not zero, that member **must** be equal to the value of `subpassCount`

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pNext-01929

If the pNext chain includes a VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo structure, if its dependencyCount member is not zero, it **must** be equal to dependencyCount

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pNext-01930
  If the pNext chain includes a VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo structure, for each non-zero element of pViewOffsets, the srcSubpass and dstSubpass members of pDependencies at the same index **must** not be equal

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pNext-02512
  If the pNext chain includes a VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo structure, for any element of pDependencies with a dependencyFlags member that does not include VK_DEPENDENCY_VIEW_LOCAL_BIT, the corresponding element of the pViewOffsets member of that VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo instance **must** be 0

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pNext-02513
  If the pNext chain includes a VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo structure, elements of its pViewMasks member **must** either all be 0, or all not be 0

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pNext-02514
  If the pNext chain includes a VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo structure, and each element of its pViewMasks member is 0, the dependencyFlags member of each element of pDependencies **must** not include VK_DEPENDENCY_VIEW_LOCAL_BIT

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pNext-02515
  If the pNext chain includes a VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo structure, and each element of its pViewMasks member is 0, its correlationMaskCount member **must** be 0

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pDependencies-00837
  For any element of pDependencies, if the srcSubpass is not VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL, all stage flags included in the srcStageMask member of that dependency **must** be a pipeline stage supported by the pipeline identified by the pipelineBindPoint member of the source subpass

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pDependencies-00838
  For any element of pDependencies, if the dstSubpass is not VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL, all stage flags included in the dstStageMask member of that dependency **must** be a pipeline stage supported by the pipeline identified by the pipelineBindPoint member of the destination subpass

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-srcSubpass-02517
  The srcSubpass member of each element of pDependencies **must** be less than subpassCount

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-dstSubpass-02518
  The dstSubpass member of each element of pDependencies **must** be less than subpassCount

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-sType-sType

  sType **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_RENDER_PASS_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pNext-pNext

  Each `pNext` member of any structure (including this one) in the `pNext` chain **must** be either `NULL` or a pointer to a valid instance of VkRenderPassInputAttachmentAspectCreateInfo or VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-sType-unique

  The `sType` value of each struct in the `pNext` chain **must** be unique

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask

  `flags` **must** be `0`

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pAttachments-parameter

  If `attachmentCount` is not `0`, `pAttachments` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `attachmentCount` valid VkAttachmentDescription structures

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pSubpasses-parameter

  `pSubpasses` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `subpassCount` valid VkSubpassDescription structures

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-pDependencies-parameter

  If `dependencyCount` is not `0`, `pDependencies` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `dependencyCount` valid VkSubpassDependency structures

- VUID-VkRenderPassCreateInfo-subpassCount-arraylength

  `subpassCount` **must** be greater than `0`

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkRenderPassCreateFlags;
```

`VkRenderPassCreateFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkRenderPassCreateFlagBits.

If the VkRenderPassCreateInfo::`pNext` chain includes a `VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo` structure, then that structure includes an array of view masks, view offsets, and correlation masks for the render pass.

The `VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    const void*        pNext;
    uint32_t           subpassCount;
    const uint32_t*    pViewMasks;
    uint32_t           dependencyCount;
    const int32_t*     pViewOffsets;
    uint32_t           correlationMaskCount;
    const uint32_t*    pCorrelationMasks;
} VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `subpassCount` is zero or the number of subpasses in the render pass.

- `pViewMasks` is a pointer to an array of `subpassCount` view masks, where each mask is a bitfield of view indices describing which views rendering is broadcast to in each subpass, when multiview is enabled. If `subpassCount` is zero, each view mask is treated as zero.

- `dependencyCount` is zero or the number of dependencies in the render pass.

- `pViewOffsets` is a pointer to an array of `dependencyCount` view offsets, one for each dependency. If `dependencyCount` is zero, each dependency's view offset is treated as zero. Each view offset controls which views in the source subpass the views in the destination subpass depend on.

- `correlationMaskCount` is zero or the number of correlation masks.

- `pCorrelationMasks` is a pointer to an array of `correlationMaskCount` view masks indicating sets of views that **may** be more efficient to render concurrently.

When a subpass uses a non-zero view mask, *multiview* functionality is considered to be enabled. Multiview is all-or-nothing for a render pass - that is, either all subpasses **must** have a non-zero view mask (though some subpasses **may** have only one view) or all **must** be zero. Multiview causes all drawing and clear commands in the subpass to behave as if they were broadcast to each view, where a view is represented by one layer of the framebuffer attachments. All draws and clears are broadcast to each *view index* whose bit is set in the view mask. The view index is provided in the `ViewIndex` shader input variable, and color, depth/stencil, and input attachments all read/write the layer of the framebuffer corresponding to the view index.

If the view mask is zero for all subpasses, multiview is considered to be disabled and all drawing commands execute normally, without this additional broadcasting.

Some implementations **may** not support multiview in conjunction with geometry shaders or tessellation shaders.

When multiview is enabled, the `VK_DEPENDENCY_VIEW_LOCAL_BIT` bit in a dependency **can** be used to express a view-local dependency, meaning that each view in the destination subpass depends on a single view in the source subpass. Unlike pipeline barriers, a subpass dependency **can** potentially have a different view mask in the source subpass and the destination subpass. If the dependency is

view-local, then each view (dstView) in the destination subpass depends on the view dstView + `pViewOffsets`[dependency] in the source subpass. If there is not such a view in the source subpass, then this dependency does not affect that view in the destination subpass. If the dependency is not view-local, then all views in the destination subpass depend on all views in the source subpass, and the view offset is ignored. A non-zero view offset is not allowed in a self-dependency.

The elements of `pCorrelationMasks` are a set of masks of views indicating that views in the same mask **may** exhibit spatial coherency between the views, making it more efficient to render them concurrently. Correlation masks **must** not have a functional effect on the results of the multiview rendering.

When multiview is enabled, at the beginning of each subpass all non-render pass state is undefined. In particular, each time vkCmdBeginRenderPass or vkCmdNextSubpass is called the graphics pipeline **must** be bound, any relevant descriptor sets or vertex/index buffers **must** be bound, and any relevant dynamic state or push constants **must** be set before they are used.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo-pCorrelationMasks-00841

  Each view index **must** not be set in more than one element of `pCorrelationMasks`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_RENDER_PASS_MULTIVIEW_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo-pViewMasks-parameter

  If `subpassCount` is not `0`, `pViewMasks` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `subpassCount` `uint32_t` values

- VUID-VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo-pViewOffsets-parameter

  If `dependencyCount` is not `0`, `pViewOffsets` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `dependencyCount` `int32_t` values

- VUID-VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo-pCorrelationMasks-parameter

  If `correlationMaskCount` is not `0`, `pCorrelationMasks` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `correlationMaskCount` `uint32_t` values

The `VkAttachmentDescription` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkAttachmentDescription {
    VkAttachmentDescriptionFlags    flags;
    VkFormat                        format;
    VkSampleCountFlagBits           samples;
    VkAttachmentLoadOp              loadOp;
    VkAttachmentStoreOp             storeOp;
    VkAttachmentLoadOp              stencilLoadOp;
    VkAttachmentStoreOp             stencilStoreOp;
    VkImageLayout                   initialLayout;
    VkImageLayout                   finalLayout;
} VkAttachmentDescription;
```

- `flags` is a bitmask of VkAttachmentDescriptionFlagBits specifying additional properties of the attachment.

- `format` is a VkFormat value specifying the format of the image view that will be used for the attachment.

- `samples` is a VkSampleCountFlagBits value specifying the number of samples of the image.

- `loadOp` is a VkAttachmentLoadOp value specifying how the contents of color and depth components of the attachment are treated at the beginning of the subpass where it is first used.

- `storeOp` is a VkAttachmentStoreOp value specifying how the contents of color and depth components of the attachment are treated at the end of the subpass where it is last used.

- `stencilLoadOp` is a VkAttachmentLoadOp value specifying how the contents of stencil components of the attachment are treated at the beginning of the subpass where it is first used.

- `stencilStoreOp` is a VkAttachmentStoreOp value specifying how the contents of stencil components of the attachment are treated at the end of the last subpass where it is used.

- `initialLayout` is the layout the attachment image subresource will be in when a render pass instance begins.

- `finalLayout` is the layout the attachment image subresource will be transitioned to when a render pass instance ends.

If the attachment uses a color format, then `loadOp` and `storeOp` are used, and `stencilLoadOp` and `stencilStoreOp` are ignored. If the format has depth and/or stencil components, `loadOp` and `storeOp` apply only to the depth data, while `stencilLoadOp` and `stencilStoreOp` define how the stencil data is handled. `loadOp` and `stencilLoadOp` define the *load operations* that execute as part of the first subpass that uses the attachment. `storeOp` and `stencilStoreOp` define the *store operations* that execute as part of the last subpass that uses the attachment.

The load operation for each sample in an attachment happens-before any recorded command which accesses the sample in the first subpass where the attachment is used. Load operations for attachments with a depth/stencil format execute in the `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_EARLY_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT` pipeline stage. Load operations for attachments with a color format execute in the `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OUTPUT_BIT` pipeline stage.

The store operation for each sample in an attachment happens-after any recorded command which

accesses the sample in the last subpass where the attachment is used. Store operations for attachments with a depth/stencil format execute in the `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_LATE_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT` pipeline stage. Store operations for attachments with a color format execute in the `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OUTPUT_BIT` pipeline stage.

If an attachment is not used by any subpass, then `loadOp`, `storeOp`, `stencilStoreOp`, and `stencilLoadOp` are ignored, and the attachment's memory contents will not be modified by execution of a render pass instance.

The load and store operations apply on the first and last use of each view in the render pass, respectively. If a view index of an attachment is not included in the view mask in any subpass that uses it, then the load and store operations are ignored, and the attachment's memory contents will not be modified by execution of a render pass instance.

During a render pass instance, input/color attachments with color formats that have a component size of 8, 16, or 32 bits **must** be represented in the attachment's format throughout the instance. Attachments with other floating- or fixed-point color formats, or with depth components **may** be represented in a format with a precision higher than the attachment format, but **must** be represented with the same range. When such a component is loaded via the `loadOp`, it will be converted into an implementation-dependent format used by the render pass. Such components **must** be converted from the render pass format, to the format of the attachment, before they are resolved or stored at the end of a render pass instance via `storeOp`. Conversions occur as described in Numeric Representation and Computation and Fixed-Point Data Conversions.

If `flags` includes `VK_ATTACHMENT_DESCRIPTION_MAY_ALIAS_BIT`, then the attachment is treated as if it shares physical memory with another attachment in the same render pass. This information limits the ability of the implementation to reorder certain operations (like layout transitions and the `loadOp`) such that it is not improperly reordered against other uses of the same physical memory via a different attachment. This is described in more detail below.

If a render pass uses multiple attachments that alias the same device memory, those attachments **must** each include the `VK_ATTACHMENT_DESCRIPTION_MAY_ALIAS_BIT` bit in their attachment description flags. Attachments aliasing the same memory occurs in multiple ways:

- Multiple attachments being assigned the same image view as part of framebuffer creation.
- Attachments using distinct image views that correspond to the same image subresource of an image.
- Attachments using views of distinct image subresources which are bound to overlapping memory ranges.

> *Note*
>
> Render passes **must** include subpass dependencies (either directly or via a subpass dependency chain) between any two subpasses that operate on the same attachment or aliasing attachments and those subpass dependencies **must** include execution and memory dependencies separating uses of the aliases, if at least one of those subpasses writes to one of the aliases. These dependencies **must** not include the `VK_DEPENDENCY_BY_REGION_BIT` if the aliases are views of distinct image subresources which overlap in memory.

Multiple attachments that alias the same memory **must** not be used in a single subpass. A given attachment index **must** not be used multiple times in a single subpass, with one exception: two subpass attachments **can** use the same attachment index if at least one use is as an input attachment and neither use is as a resolve or preserve attachment. In other words, the same view **can** be used simultaneously as an input and color or depth/stencil attachment, but **must** not be used as multiple color or depth/stencil attachments nor as resolve or preserve attachments. The precise set of valid scenarios is described in more detail below.

If a set of attachments alias each other, then all except the first to be used in the render pass **must** use an `initialLayout` of `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED`, since the earlier uses of the other aliases make their contents undefined. Once an alias has been used and a different alias has been used after it, the first alias **must** not be used in any later subpasses. However, an application **can** assign the same image view to multiple aliasing attachment indices, which allows that image view to be used multiple times even if other aliases are used in between.

> *Note*
>
> Once an attachment needs the `VK_ATTACHMENT_DESCRIPTION_MAY_ALIAS_BIT` bit, there **should** be no additional cost of introducing additional aliases, and using these additional aliases **may** allow more efficient clearing of the attachments on multiple uses via `VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_CLEAR`.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkAttachmentDescription-finalLayout-00843

  finalLayout **must** not be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_PREINITIALIZED`

- VUID-VkAttachmentDescription-format-03280

  If `format` is a color format, `initialLayout` **must** not be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`

- VUID-VkAttachmentDescription-format-06487

  If `format` is a color format, `initialLayout` **must** not be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_READ_ONLY_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL`

- VUID-VkAttachmentDescription-format-03281

  If `format` is a depth/stencil format, `initialLayout` **must** not be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL`

- VUID-VkAttachmentDescription-format-03282

  If `format` is a color format, `finalLayout` **must** not be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`

- VUID-VkAttachmentDescription-format-06488

  If `format` is a color format, `finalLayout` **must** not be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_READ_ONLY_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL`

- VUID-VkAttachmentDescription-format-03283

  If `format` is a depth/stencil format, `finalLayout` **must** not be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL`

- VUID-VkAttachmentDescription-flags-parameter

  `flags` **must** be a valid combination of VkAttachmentDescriptionFlagBits values

- VUID-VkAttachmentDescription-format-parameter

  `format` **must** be a valid VkFormat value

- VUID-VkAttachmentDescription-samples-parameter

  `samples` **must** be a valid VkSampleCountFlagBits value

- VUID-VkAttachmentDescription-loadOp-parameter

  `loadOp` **must** be a valid VkAttachmentLoadOp value

- VUID-VkAttachmentDescription-storeOp-parameter

  `storeOp` **must** be a valid VkAttachmentStoreOp value

- VUID-VkAttachmentDescription-stencilLoadOp-parameter

  `stencilLoadOp` **must** be a valid VkAttachmentLoadOp value

- VUID-VkAttachmentDescription-stencilStoreOp-parameter

  `stencilStoreOp` **must** be a valid VkAttachmentStoreOp value

- VUID-VkAttachmentDescription-initialLayout-parameter

  `initialLayout` **must** be a valid VkImageLayout value

- VUID-VkAttachmentDescription-finalLayout-parameter

  `finalLayout` **must** be a valid VkImageLayout value

Bits which **can** be set in VkAttachmentDescription::`flags` describing additional properties of the attachment are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkAttachmentDescriptionFlagBits {
    VK_ATTACHMENT_DESCRIPTION_MAY_ALIAS_BIT = 0x00000001,
} VkAttachmentDescriptionFlagBits;
```

- `VK_ATTACHMENT_DESCRIPTION_MAY_ALIAS_BIT` specifies that the attachment aliases the same device memory as other attachments.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkAttachmentDescriptionFlags;
```

VkAttachmentDescriptionFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkAttachmentDescriptionFlagBits.

Possible values of VkAttachmentDescription::`loadOp` and `stencilLoadOp`, specifying how the contents of the attachment are treated, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkAttachmentLoadOp {
    VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_LOAD = 0,
    VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_CLEAR = 1,
    VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_DONT_CARE = 2,
} VkAttachmentLoadOp;
```

- VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_LOAD specifies that the previous contents of the image within the render area will be preserved. For attachments with a depth/stencil format, this uses the access type VK_ACCESS_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_READ_BIT. For attachments with a color format, this uses the access type VK_ACCESS_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_READ_BIT.

- VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_CLEAR specifies that the contents within the render area will be cleared to a uniform value, which is specified when a render pass instance is begun. For attachments with a depth/stencil format, this uses the access type VK_ACCESS_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT. For attachments with a color format, this uses the access type VK_ACCESS_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT.

- VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_DONT_CARE specifies that the previous contents within the area need not be preserved; the contents of the attachment will be undefined inside the render area. For attachments with a depth/stencil format, this uses the access type VK_ACCESS_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT. For attachments with a color format, this uses the access type VK_ACCESS_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT.

Possible values of VkAttachmentDescription::storeOp and stencilStoreOp, specifying how the contents of the attachment are treated, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkAttachmentStoreOp {
    VK_ATTACHMENT_STORE_OP_STORE = 0,
    VK_ATTACHMENT_STORE_OP_DONT_CARE = 1,
} VkAttachmentStoreOp;
```

- VK_ATTACHMENT_STORE_OP_STORE specifies the contents generated during the render pass and within the render area are written to memory. For attachments with a depth/stencil format, this uses the access type VK_ACCESS_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT. For attachments with a color format, this uses the access type VK_ACCESS_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT.

- VK_ATTACHMENT_STORE_OP_DONT_CARE specifies the contents within the render area are not needed after rendering, and **may** be discarded; the contents of the attachment will be undefined inside the render area. For attachments with a depth/stencil format, this uses the access type VK_ACCESS_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT. For attachments with a color format, this uses the access type VK_ACCESS_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT.

> *Note*
>
> VK_ATTACHMENT_STORE_OP_DONT_CARE **can** cause contents generated during previous render passes to be discarded before reaching memory, even if no write to the attachment occurs during the current render pass.

The `VkRenderPassInputAttachmentAspectCreateInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkRenderPassInputAttachmentAspectCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                          sType;
    const void*                              pNext;
    uint32_t                                 aspectReferenceCount;
    const VkInputAttachmentAspectReference*  pAspectReferences;
} VkRenderPassInputAttachmentAspectCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `aspectReferenceCount` is the number of elements in the `pAspectReferences` array.

- `pAspectReferences` is a pointer to an array of `aspectReferenceCount` `VkInputAttachmentAspectReference` structures containing a mask describing which aspect(s) **can** be accessed for a given input attachment within a given subpass.

To specify which aspects of an input attachment **can** be read, add a `VkRenderPassInputAttachmentAspectCreateInfo` structure to the `pNext` chain of the `VkRenderPassCreateInfo` structure:

An application **can** access any aspect of an input attachment that does not have a specified aspect mask in the `pAspectReferences` array. Otherwise, an application **must** not access aspect(s) of an input attachment other than those in its specified aspect mask.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkRenderPassInputAttachmentAspectCreateInfo-sType-sType

  sType **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_RENDER_PASS_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_ASPECT_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkRenderPassInputAttachmentAspectCreateInfo-pAspectReferences-parameter

  `pAspectReferences` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `aspectReferenceCount` valid `VkInputAttachmentAspectReference` structures

- VUID-VkRenderPassInputAttachmentAspectCreateInfo-aspectReferenceCount-arraylength

  `aspectReferenceCount` **must** be greater than `0`

The `VkInputAttachmentAspectReference` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkInputAttachmentAspectReference {
    uint32_t            subpass;
    uint32_t            inputAttachmentIndex;
    VkImageAspectFlags  aspectMask;
} VkInputAttachmentAspectReference;
```

- `subpass` is an index into the `pSubpasses` array of the parent `VkRenderPassCreateInfo` structure.
- `inputAttachmentIndex` is an index into the `pInputAttachments` of the specified subpass.
- `aspectMask` is a mask of which aspect(s) **can** be accessed within the specified subpass.

This structure specifies an aspect mask for a specific input attachment of a specific subpass in the render pass.

`subpass` and `inputAttachmentIndex` index into the render pass as:

```
pCreateInfo->pSubpasses[subpass].pInputAttachments[inputAttachmentIndex]
```

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkInputAttachmentAspectReference-aspectMask-01964
  `aspectMask` **must** not include `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_METADATA_BIT`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkInputAttachmentAspectReference-aspectMask-parameter
  `aspectMask` **must** be a valid combination of VkImageAspectFlagBits values
- VUID-VkInputAttachmentAspectReference-aspectMask-requiredbitmask
  `aspectMask` **must** not be `0`

The `VkSubpassDescription` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkSubpassDescription {
    VkSubpassDescriptionFlags       flags;
    VkPipelineBindPoint             pipelineBindPoint;
    uint32_t                        inputAttachmentCount;
    const VkAttachmentReference*    pInputAttachments;
    uint32_t                        colorAttachmentCount;
    const VkAttachmentReference*    pColorAttachments;
    const VkAttachmentReference*    pResolveAttachments;
    const VkAttachmentReference*    pDepthStencilAttachment;
    uint32_t                        preserveAttachmentCount;
    const uint32_t*                 pPreserveAttachments;
} VkSubpassDescription;
```

- `flags` is a bitmask of VkSubpassDescriptionFlagBits specifying usage of the subpass.
- `pipelineBindPoint` is a VkPipelineBindPoint value specifying the pipeline type supported for this subpass.
- `inputAttachmentCount` is the number of input attachments.

- `pInputAttachments` is a pointer to an array of VkAttachmentReference structures defining the input attachments for this subpass and their layouts.
- `colorAttachmentCount` is the number of color attachments.
- `pColorAttachments` is a pointer to an array of `colorAttachmentCount` VkAttachmentReference structures defining the color attachments for this subpass and their layouts.
- `pResolveAttachments` is `NULL` or a pointer to an array of `colorAttachmentCount` VkAttachmentReference structures defining the resolve attachments for this subpass and their layouts.
- `pDepthStencilAttachment` is a pointer to a VkAttachmentReference structure specifying the depth/stencil attachment for this subpass and its layout.
- `preserveAttachmentCount` is the number of preserved attachments.
- `pPreserveAttachments` is a pointer to an array of `preserveAttachmentCount` render pass attachment indices identifying attachments that are not used by this subpass, but whose contents **must** be preserved throughout the subpass.

Each element of the `pInputAttachments` array corresponds to an input attachment index in a fragment shader, i.e. if a shader declares an image variable decorated with a `InputAttachmentIndex` value of **X**, then it uses the attachment provided in `pInputAttachments`[**X**]. Input attachments **must** also be bound to the pipeline in a descriptor set. If the `attachment` member of any element of `pInputAttachments` is `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED`, the application **must** not read from the corresponding input attachment index. Fragment shaders **can** use subpass input variables to access the contents of an input attachment at the fragment's (x, y, layer) framebuffer coordinates.

Each element of the `pColorAttachments` array corresponds to an output location in the shader, i.e. if the shader declares an output variable decorated with a `Location` value of **X**, then it uses the attachment provided in `pColorAttachments`[**X**]. If the `attachment` member of any element of `pColorAttachments` is `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED`, then writes to the corresponding location by a fragment shader are discarded.

If `pResolveAttachments` is not `NULL`, each of its elements corresponds to a color attachment (the element in `pColorAttachments` at the same index), and a multisample resolve operation is defined for each attachment. At the end of each subpass, multisample resolve operations read the subpass's color attachments, and resolve the samples for each pixel within the render area to the same pixel location in the corresponding resolve attachments, unless the resolve attachment index is `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED`.

If `pDepthStencilAttachment` is `NULL`, or if its attachment index is `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED`, it indicates that no depth/stencil attachment will be used in the subpass.

The contents of an attachment within the render area become undefined at the start of a subpass **S** if all of the following conditions are true:

- The attachment is used as a color, depth/stencil, or resolve attachment in any subpass in the render pass.
- There is a subpass S_1 that uses or preserves the attachment, and a subpass dependency from S_1 to **S**.

- The attachment is not used or preserved in subpass **S**.

Once the contents of an attachment become undefined in subpass **S**, they remain undefined for subpasses in subpass dependency chains starting with subpass **S** until they are written again. However, they remain valid for subpasses in other subpass dependency chains starting with subpass S_1 if those subpasses use or preserve the attachment.

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Valid Usage

</div>

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pipelineBindPoint-00844

  pipelineBindPoint **must** be VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_GRAPHICS

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-colorAttachmentCount-00845

  colorAttachmentCount **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxColorAttachments

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-loadOp-00846

  If the first use of an attachment in this render pass is as an input attachment, and the attachment is not also used as a color or depth/stencil attachment in the same subpass, then loadOp **must** not be VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_CLEAR

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pResolveAttachments-00847

  If pResolveAttachments is not NULL, for each resolve attachment that is not VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED, the corresponding color attachment **must** not be VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pResolveAttachments-00848

  If pResolveAttachments is not NULL, for each resolve attachment that is not VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED, the corresponding color attachment **must** not have a sample count of VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pResolveAttachments-00849

  If pResolveAttachments is not NULL, each resolve attachment that is not VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED **must** have a sample count of VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pResolveAttachments-00850

  If pResolveAttachments is not NULL, each resolve attachment that is not VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED **must** have the same VkFormat as its corresponding color attachment

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pColorAttachments-01417

  All attachments in pColorAttachments that are not VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED **must** have the same sample count

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pInputAttachments-02647

  All attachments in pInputAttachments that are not VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED **must** have image formats whose potential format features contain at least VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT or VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pColorAttachments-02648

  All attachments in pColorAttachments that are not VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED **must** have image formats whose potential format features contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pResolveAttachments-02649

  All attachments in pResolveAttachments that are not VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED **must** have image formats whose potential format features contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pDepthStencilAttachment-02650

  If pDepthStencilAttachment is not NULL and the attachment is not VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED then it **must** have an image format whose potential format features contain

`VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pDepthStencilAttachment-01418

  If neither the `VK_AMD_mixed_attachment_samples` nor the `VK_NV_framebuffer_mixed_samples` extensions are enabled, and if `pDepthStencilAttachment` is not `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED` and any attachments in `pColorAttachments` are not `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED`, they **must** have the same sample count

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-attachment-00853

  Each element of `pPreserveAttachments` **must** not be `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED`

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pPreserveAttachments-00854

  Each element of `pPreserveAttachments` **must** not also be an element of any other member of the subpass description

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-layout-02519

  If any attachment is used by more than one VkAttachmentReference member, then each use **must** use the same `layout`

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-None-04437

  Each attachment **must** follow the image layout requirements specified for its attachment type

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pDepthStencilAttachment-04438

  `pDepthStencilAttachment` and `pColorAttachments` must not contain references to the same attachment

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-flags-zerobitmask

  `flags` **must** be `0`

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pipelineBindPoint-parameter

  `pipelineBindPoint` **must** be a valid VkPipelineBindPoint value

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pInputAttachments-parameter

  If `inputAttachmentCount` is not `0`, `pInputAttachments` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `inputAttachmentCount` valid VkAttachmentReference structures

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pColorAttachments-parameter

  If `colorAttachmentCount` is not `0`, `pColorAttachments` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `colorAttachmentCount` valid VkAttachmentReference structures

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pResolveAttachments-parameter

  If `colorAttachmentCount` is not `0`, and `pResolveAttachments` is not `NULL`, `pResolveAttachments` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `colorAttachmentCount` valid VkAttachmentReference structures

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pDepthStencilAttachment-parameter

  If `pDepthStencilAttachment` is not `NULL`, `pDepthStencilAttachment` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAttachmentReference structure

- VUID-VkSubpassDescription-pPreserveAttachments-parameter

  If `preserveAttachmentCount` is not `0`, `pPreserveAttachments` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `preserveAttachmentCount` `uint32_t` values

Bits which **can** be set in VkSubpassDescription::`flags`, specifying usage of the subpass, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkSubpassDescriptionFlagBits {
} VkSubpassDescriptionFlagBits;
```

> **Note**
>
> All bits for this type are defined by extensions, and none of those extensions are enabled in this build of the specification.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkSubpassDescriptionFlags;
```

VkSubpassDescriptionFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkSubpassDescriptionFlagBits.

The VkAttachmentReference structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkAttachmentReference {
    uint32_t        attachment;
    VkImageLayout   layout;
} VkAttachmentReference;
```

- `attachment` is either an integer value identifying an attachment at the corresponding index in VkRenderPassCreateInfo::pAttachments, or `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED` to signify that this attachment is not used.

- `layout` is a VkImageLayout value specifying the layout the attachment uses during the subpass.

`VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL` is a special subpass index value expanding synchronization scope outside a subpass. It is described in more detail by VkSubpassDependency.

```
#define VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL               (~0U)
```

The VkSubpassDependency structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkSubpassDependency {
    uint32_t                srcSubpass;
    uint32_t                dstSubpass;
    VkPipelineStageFlags    srcStageMask;
    VkPipelineStageFlags    dstStageMask;
    VkAccessFlags           srcAccessMask;
    VkAccessFlags           dstAccessMask;
    VkDependencyFlags       dependencyFlags;
} VkSubpassDependency;
```

- `srcSubpass` is the subpass index of the first subpass in the dependency, or `VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL`.

- `dstSubpass` is the subpass index of the second subpass in the dependency, or `VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL`.

- `srcStageMask` is a bitmask of VkPipelineStageFlagBits specifying the source stage mask.

- `dstStageMask` is a bitmask of VkPipelineStageFlagBits specifying the destination stage mask

- `srcAccessMask` is a bitmask of VkAccessFlagBits specifying a source access mask.

- `dstAccessMask` is a bitmask of VkAccessFlagBits specifying a destination access mask.

- `dependencyFlags` is a bitmask of VkDependencyFlagBits.

If `srcSubpass` is equal to `dstSubpass` then the VkSubpassDependency describes a subpass self-dependency, and only constrains the pipeline barriers allowed within a subpass instance. Otherwise, when a render pass instance which includes a subpass dependency is submitted to a queue, it defines a memory dependency between the subpasses identified by `srcSubpass` and `dstSubpass`.

If `srcSubpass` is equal to `VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL`, the first synchronization scope includes commands that occur earlier in submission order than the vkCmdBeginRenderPass used to begin the render pass instance. Otherwise, the first set of commands includes all commands submitted as part of the subpass instance identified by `srcSubpass` and any load, store or multisample resolve operations on attachments used in `srcSubpass`. In either case, the first synchronization scope is limited to operations on the pipeline stages determined by the source stage mask specified by `srcStageMask`.

If `dstSubpass` is equal to `VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL`, the second synchronization scope includes commands that occur later in submission order than the vkCmdEndRenderPass used to end the render pass instance. Otherwise, the second set of commands includes all commands submitted as part of the subpass instance identified by `dstSubpass` and any load, store or multisample resolve operations on attachments used in `dstSubpass`. In either case, the second synchronization scope is limited to operations on the pipeline stages determined by the destination stage mask specified by `dstStageMask`.

The first access scope is limited to accesses in the pipeline stages determined by the source stage mask specified by `srcStageMask`. It is also limited to access types in the source access mask specified by `srcAccessMask`.

The second access scope is limited to accesses in the pipeline stages determined by the destination stage mask specified by `dstStageMask`. It is also limited to access types in the destination access mask specified by `dstAccessMask`.

The availability and visibility operations defined by a subpass dependency affect the execution of image layout transitions within the render pass.

Note

For non-attachment resources, the memory dependency expressed by subpass dependency is nearly identical to that of a VkMemoryBarrier (with matching `srcAccessMask` and `dstAccessMask` parameters) submitted as a part of a vkCmdPipelineBarrier (with matching `srcStageMask` and `dstStageMask` parameters). The only difference being that its scopes are limited to the identified subpasses rather than potentially affecting everything before and after.

For attachments however, subpass dependencies work more like a VkImageMemoryBarrier defined similarly to the VkMemoryBarrier above, the queue family indices set to `VK_QUEUE_FAMILY_IGNORED`, and layouts as follows:

- The equivalent to `oldLayout` is the attachment's layout according to the subpass description for `srcSubpass`.

- The equivalent to `newLayout` is the attachment's layout according to the subpass description for `dstSubpass`.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-srcStageMask-04090

  If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, srcStageMask **must** not contain VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-srcStageMask-04091

  If the tessellation shaders feature is not enabled, srcStageMask **must** not contain VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT or VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-srcStageMask-04996

  srcStageMask **must** not be 0

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-dstStageMask-04090

  If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, dstStageMask **must** not contain VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-dstStageMask-04091

  If the tessellation shaders feature is not enabled, dstStageMask **must** not contain VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT or VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-dstStageMask-04996

  dstStageMask **must** not be 0

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-srcSubpass-00864

  srcSubpass **must** be less than or equal to dstSubpass, unless one of them is VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL, to avoid cyclic dependencies and ensure a valid execution order

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-srcSubpass-00865

  srcSubpass and dstSubpass **must** not both be equal to VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-srcSubpass-00867

  If srcSubpass is equal to dstSubpass and not all of the stages in srcStageMask and dstStageMask are framebuffer-space stages, the logically latest pipeline stage in srcStageMask **must** be logically earlier than or equal to the logically earliest pipeline stage in dstStageMask

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-srcAccessMask-00868

  Any access flag included in srcAccessMask **must** be supported by one of the pipeline stages in srcStageMask, as specified in the table of supported access types

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-dstAccessMask-00869

  Any access flag included in dstAccessMask **must** be supported by one of the pipeline stages in dstStageMask, as specified in the table of supported access types

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-srcSubpass-02243

  If srcSubpass equals dstSubpass, and srcStageMask and dstStageMask both include a framebuffer-space stage, then dependencyFlags **must** include VK_DEPENDENCY_BY_REGION_BIT

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-dependencyFlags-02520

  If dependencyFlags includes VK_DEPENDENCY_VIEW_LOCAL_BIT, srcSubpass **must** not be equal to VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-dependencyFlags-02521

If `dependencyFlags` includes `VK_DEPENDENCY_VIEW_LOCAL_BIT`, `dstSubpass` **must** not be equal to `VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL`

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-srcSubpass-00872

  If `srcSubpass` equals `dstSubpass` and that subpass has more than one bit set in the view mask, then `dependencyFlags` **must** include `VK_DEPENDENCY_VIEW_LOCAL_BIT`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-srcStageMask-parameter

  `srcStageMask` **must** be a valid combination of VkPipelineStageFlagBits values

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-dstStageMask-parameter

  `dstStageMask` **must** be a valid combination of VkPipelineStageFlagBits values

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-srcAccessMask-parameter

  `srcAccessMask` **must** be a valid combination of VkAccessFlagBits values

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-dstAccessMask-parameter

  `dstAccessMask` **must** be a valid combination of VkAccessFlagBits values

- VUID-VkSubpassDependency-dependencyFlags-parameter

  `dependencyFlags` **must** be a valid combination of VkDependencyFlagBits values

When multiview is enabled, the execution of the multiple views of one subpass **may** not occur simultaneously or even back-to-back, and rather **may** be interleaved with the execution of other subpasses. The load and store operations apply to attachments on a per-view basis. For example, an attachment using `VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_CLEAR` will have each view cleared on first use, but the first use of one view may be temporally distant from the first use of another view.

> *Note*
>
> A good mental model for multiview is to think of a multiview subpass as if it were a collection of individual (per-view) subpasses that are logically grouped together and described as a single multiview subpass in the API. Similarly, a multiview attachment can be thought of like several individual attachments that happen to be layers in a single image. A view-local dependency between two multiview subpasses acts like a set of one-to-one dependencies between corresponding pairs of per-view subpasses. A view-global dependency between two multiview subpasses acts like a set of N × M dependencies between all pairs of per-view subpasses in the source and destination. Thus, it is a more compact representation which also makes clear the commonality and reuse that is present between views in a subpass. This interpretation motivates the answers to questions like "when does the load op apply" - it is on the first use of each view of an attachment, as if each view was a separate attachment.

If there is no subpass dependency from `VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL` to the first subpass that uses an attachment, then an implicit subpass dependency exists from `VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL` to the first subpass it is used in. The implicit subpass dependency only exists if there exists an automatic layout transition away from `initialLayout`. The subpass dependency operates as if defined with the

following parameters:

```
VkSubpassDependency implicitDependency = {
    .srcSubpass = VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL;
    .dstSubpass = firstSubpass; // First subpass attachment is used in
    .srcStageMask = VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TOP_OF_PIPE_BIT;
    .dstStageMask = VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_ALL_COMMANDS_BIT;
    .srcAccessMask = 0;
    .dstAccessMask = VK_ACCESS_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_READ_BIT |
                     VK_ACCESS_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_READ_BIT |
                     VK_ACCESS_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT |
                     VK_ACCESS_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_READ_BIT |
                     VK_ACCESS_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT;
    .dependencyFlags = 0;
};
```

Similarly, if there is no subpass dependency from the last subpass that uses an attachment to `VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL`, then an implicit subpass dependency exists from the last subpass it is used in to `VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL`. The implicit subpass dependency only exists if there exists an automatic layout transition into `finalLayout`. The subpass dependency operates as if defined with the following parameters:

```
VkSubpassDependency implicitDependency = {
    .srcSubpass = lastSubpass; // Last subpass attachment is used in
    .dstSubpass = VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL;
    .srcStageMask = VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_ALL_COMMANDS_BIT;
    .dstStageMask = VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_BOTTOM_OF_PIPE_BIT;
    .srcAccessMask = VK_ACCESS_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT |
                     VK_ACCESS_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT;
    .dstAccessMask = 0;
    .dependencyFlags = 0;
};
```

As subpasses **may** overlap or execute out of order with regards to other subpasses unless a subpass dependency chain describes otherwise, the layout transitions required between subpasses **cannot** be known to an application. Instead, an application provides the layout that each attachment **must** be in at the start and end of a render pass, and the layout it **must** be in during each subpass it is used in. The implementation then **must** execute layout transitions between subpasses in order to guarantee that the images are in the layouts required by each subpass, and in the final layout at the end of the render pass.

Automatic layout transitions apply to the entire image subresource attached to the framebuffer. If the attachment view is a 2D or 2D array view of a 3D image, even if the attachment view only refers to a subset of the slices of the selected mip level of the 3D image, automatic layout transitions apply to the entire subresource referenced which is the entire mip level in this case.

Automatic layout transitions away from the layout used in a subpass happen-after the availability operations for all dependencies with that subpass as the `srcSubpass`.

Automatic layout transitions into the layout used in a subpass happen-before the visibility operations for all dependencies with that subpass as the dstSubpass.

Automatic layout transitions away from initialLayout happen-after the availability operations for all dependencies with a srcSubpass equal to VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL, where dstSubpass uses the attachment that will be transitioned. For attachments created with VK_ATTACHMENT_DESCRIPTION_MAY_ALIAS_BIT, automatic layout transitions away from initialLayout happen-after the availability operations for all dependencies with a srcSubpass equal to VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL, where dstSubpass uses any aliased attachment.

Automatic layout transitions into finalLayout happen-before the visibility operations for all dependencies with a dstSubpass equal to VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL, where srcSubpass uses the attachment that will be transitioned. For attachments created with VK_ATTACHMENT_DESCRIPTION_MAY_ALIAS_BIT, automatic layout transitions into finalLayout happen-before the visibility operations for all dependencies with a dstSubpass equal to VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL, where srcSubpass uses any aliased attachment.

If two subpasses use the same attachment, and both subpasses use the attachment in a read-only layout, no subpass dependency needs to be specified between those subpasses. If an implementation treats those layouts separately, it **must** insert an implicit subpass dependency between those subpasses to separate the uses in each layout. The subpass dependency operates as if defined with the following parameters:

```
// Used for input attachments
VkPipelineStageFlags inputAttachmentStages = VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_FRAGMENT_SHADER_BIT;
VkAccessFlags inputAttachmentDstAccess = VK_ACCESS_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_READ_BIT;

// Used for depth/stencil attachments
VkPipelineStageFlags depthStencilAttachmentStages =
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_EARLY_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT |
VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_LATE_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT;
VkAccessFlags depthStencilAttachmentDstAccess =
VK_ACCESS_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_READ_BIT;

VkSubpassDependency implicitDependency = {
    .srcSubpass = firstSubpass;
    .dstSubpass = secondSubpass;
    .srcStageMask = inputAttachmentStages | depthStencilAttachmentStages;
    .dstStageMask = inputAttachmentStages | depthStencilAttachmentStages;
    .srcAccessMask = 0;
    .dstAccessMask = inputAttachmentDstAccess | depthStencilAttachmentDstAccess;
    .dependencyFlags = 0;
};
```

If a subpass uses the same attachment as both an input attachment and either a color attachment or a depth/stencil attachment, writes via the color or depth/stencil attachment are not automatically made visible to reads via the input attachment, causing a *feedback loop*, except in any of the following conditions:

- If the color components or depth/stencil components read by the input attachment are mutually exclusive with the components written by the color or depth/stencil attachments, then there is no feedback loop. This requires the graphics pipelines used by the subpass to disable writes to color components that are read as inputs via the `colorWriteMask`, and to disable writes to depth/stencil components that are read as inputs via `depthWriteEnable` or `stencilTestEnable`.

- If the attachment is used as an input attachment and depth/stencil attachment only, and the depth/stencil attachment is not written to.

Rendering within a subpass containing a feedback loop creates a data race, except in the following cases:

- If a memory dependency is inserted between when the attachment is written and when it is subsequently read by later fragments. Pipeline barriers expressing a subpass self-dependency are the only way to achieve this, and one **must** be inserted every time a fragment will read values at a particular sample (x, y, layer, sample) coordinate, if those values have been written since the most recent pipeline barrier; or since the start of the subpass, if there have been no pipeline barriers since the start of the subpass.

Attachments have requirements for a valid image layout depending on the usage

- An attachment used as an input attachment **must** be in the `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_READ_ONLY_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL`, `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`, `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`, `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_SHADER_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`, or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL` layout.

- An attachment used only as a color attachment **must** be in the `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL` layout.

- An attachment used as both an input attachment and a color attachment **must** be in the `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL` layout.

- An attachment used only as a depth/stencil attachment **must** be in the `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL`, `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_READ_ONLY_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL`, `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`, `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`, or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL` layout.

- An attachment used as an input attachment and depth/stencil attachment **must** be in the `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_READ_ONLY_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL`, `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`, `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`, or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL` layout.

An attachment **must** not be used as both a depth/stencil attachment and a color attachment.

To destroy a render pass, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroyRenderPass(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkRenderPass                                renderPass,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- `device` is the logical device that destroys the render pass.

- `renderPass` is the handle of the render pass to destroy.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkDestroyRenderPass-renderPass-00873
  All submitted commands that refer to `renderPass` **must** have completed execution

- VUID-vkDestroyRenderPass-renderPass-00874
  If `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `renderPass` was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here

- VUID-vkDestroyRenderPass-renderPass-00875
  If no `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `renderPass` was created, `pAllocator` **must** be `NULL`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkDestroyRenderPass-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkDestroyRenderPass-renderPass-parameter
  If `renderPass` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `renderPass` **must** be a valid VkRenderPass handle

- VUID-vkDestroyRenderPass-pAllocator-parameter
  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkDestroyRenderPass-renderPass-parent
  If `renderPass` is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `renderPass` **must** be externally synchronized

8.2. Render Pass Compatibility

Framebuffers and graphics pipelines are created based on a specific render pass object. They **must**

only be used with that render pass object, or one compatible with it.

Two attachment references are compatible if they have matching format and sample count, or are both `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED` or the pointer that would contain the reference is `NULL`.

Two arrays of attachment references are compatible if all corresponding pairs of attachments are compatible. If the arrays are of different lengths, attachment references not present in the smaller array are treated as `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED`.

Two render passes are compatible if their corresponding color, input, resolve, and depth/stencil attachment references are compatible and if they are otherwise identical except for:

- Initial and final image layout in attachment descriptions
- Load and store operations in attachment descriptions
- Image layout in attachment references

As an additional special case, if two render passes have a single subpass, the resolve attachment reference compatibility requirements are ignored.

A framebuffer is compatible with a render pass if it was created using the same render pass or a compatible render pass.

8.3. Framebuffers

Render passes operate in conjunction with *framebuffers*. Framebuffers represent a collection of specific memory attachments that a render pass instance uses.

Framebuffers are represented by `VkFramebuffer` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkFramebuffer)
```

To create a framebuffer, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateFramebuffer(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkFramebufferCreateInfo*              pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkFramebuffer*                              pFramebuffer);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the framebuffer.
- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkFramebufferCreateInfo structure describing additional information about framebuffer creation.
- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- `pFramebuffer` is a pointer to a VkFramebuffer handle in which the resulting framebuffer object is

returned.

The VkFramebufferCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkFramebufferCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType            sType;
    const void*                pNext;
    VkFramebufferCreateFlags   flags;
    VkRenderPass               renderPass;
    uint32_t                   attachmentCount;
    const VkImageView*         pAttachments;
    uint32_t                   width;
    uint32_t                   height;
    uint32_t                   layers;
} VkFramebufferCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is a bitmask of VkFramebufferCreateFlagBits

- `renderPass` is a render pass defining what render passes the framebuffer will be compatible with. See Render Pass Compatibility for details.

- `attachmentCount` is the number of attachments.

- `pAttachments` is a pointer to an array of VkImageView handles, each of which will be used as the corresponding attachment in a render pass instance.

- `width`, `height` and `layers` define the dimensions of the framebuffer. If the render pass uses multiview, then `layers` **must** be one and each attachment requires a number of layers that is greater than the maximum bit index set in the view mask in the subpasses in which it is used.

Other than the exceptions listed below, applications **must** ensure that all accesses to memory that backs image subresources used as attachments in a given render pass instance either happen-before the load operations for those attachments, or happen-after the store operations for those attachments.

The exceptions to the general rule are:

- For depth/stencil attachments, an aspect **can** be used separately as attachment and non-attachment if both accesses are read-only.

- For depth/stencil attachments, each aspect **can** be used separately as attachment and non-attachment as long as the non-attachment accesses are also via an image subresource in either the `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_READ_ONLY_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL` layout or the `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL` layout, and the attachment resource uses whichever of those two layouts the image accesses do not.

Use of non-attachment aspects in these cases is only well defined if the attachment is used in the subpass where the non-attachment access is being made, or the layout of the image subresource is constant throughout the entire render pass instance, including the `initialLayout` and `finalLayout`.

> **Note**
>
> These restrictions mean that the render pass has full knowledge of all uses of all of the attachments, so that the implementation is able to make correct decisions about when and how to perform layout transitions, when to overlap execution of subpasses, etc.

It is legal for a subpass to use no color or depth/stencil attachments, either because it has no attachment references or because all of them are `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED`. This kind of subpass **can** use shader side effects such as image stores and atomics to produce an output. In this case, the subpass continues to use the `width`, `height`, and `layers` of the framebuffer to define the dimensions of the rendering area, and the `rasterizationSamples` from each pipeline's VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo to define the number of samples used in rasterization; however, if VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::`variableMultisampleRate` is `VK_FALSE`, then all pipelines to be bound with the subpass **must** have the same value for VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo ::`rasterizationSamples`.

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-attachmentCount-00876

  If `renderpass` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `attachmentCount` **must** be equal to the attachment count specified in `renderPass`

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-flags-02778

  If `renderpass` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `flags` does not include `VK_FRAMEBUFFER_CREATE_IMAGELESS_BIT`, and `attachmentCount` is not `0`, `pAttachments` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `attachmentCount` valid VkImageView handles

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-pAttachments-00877

  If `renderpass` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE and `flags` does not include `VK_FRAMEBUFFER_CREATE_IMAGELESS_BIT`, each element of `pAttachments` that is used as a color attachment or resolve attachment by `renderPass` **must** have been created with a `usage` value including `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-pAttachments-02633

  If `renderpass` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE and `flags` does not include `VK_FRAMEBUFFER_CREATE_IMAGELESS_BIT`, each element of `pAttachments` that is used as a depth/stencil attachment by `renderPass` **must** have been created with a `usage` value including `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-pAttachments-00879

  If `renderpass` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE and `renderpass` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `flags` does not include `VK_FRAMEBUFFER_CREATE_IMAGELESS_BIT`, each element of `pAttachments` that is used as an input attachment by `renderPass` **must** have been created with a `usage` value including `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-pAttachments-00880

  If `renderpass` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE and `flags` does not include `VK_FRAMEBUFFER_CREATE_IMAGELESS_BIT`, each element of `pAttachments` **must** have been created with a VkFormat value that matches the VkFormat specified by the corresponding `VkAttachmentDescription` in `renderPass`

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-pAttachments-00881

  If `renderpass` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE and `flags` does not include `VK_FRAMEBUFFER_CREATE_IMAGELESS_BIT`, each element of `pAttachments` **must** have been created with a `samples` value that matches the `samples` value specified by the corresponding `VkAttachmentDescription` in `renderPass`

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-flags-04533

  If `renderpass` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE and `flags` does not include `VK_FRAMEBUFFER_CREATE_IMAGELESS_BIT`, each element of `pAttachments` that is used as an input, color, resolve, or depth/stencil attachment by `renderPass` **must** have been created with a VkImageCreateInfo::`width` greater than or equal to `width`

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-flags-04534

  If `renderpass` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE and `flags` does not include `VK_FRAMEBUFFER_CREATE_IMAGELESS_BIT`, each element of `pAttachments` that is used as an input, color, resolve, or depth/stencil attachment by `renderPass` **must** have been created with a VkImageCreateInfo::`height` greater than or equal to `height`

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-flags-04535

  If `renderpass` is not `VK_NULL_HANDLE` and `flags` does not include `VK_FRAMEBUFFER_CREATE_IMAGELESS_BIT`, each element of `pAttachments` that is used as an input, color, resolve, or depth/stencil attachment by `renderPass` **must** have been created with a `VkImageViewCreateInfo::subresourceRange.layerCount` greater than or equal to `layers`

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-renderPass-04536

  If `renderpass` is not `VK_NULL_HANDLE` and `renderPass` was specified with non-zero view masks, each element of `pAttachments` that is used as an input, color, resolve, or depth/stencil attachment by `renderPass` **must** have a `layerCount` greater than the index of the most significant bit set in any of those view masks

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-pAttachments-00883

  If `flags` does not include `VK_FRAMEBUFFER_CREATE_IMAGELESS_BIT`, each element of `pAttachments` **must** only specify a single mip level

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-pAttachments-00884

  If `flags` does not include `VK_FRAMEBUFFER_CREATE_IMAGELESS_BIT`, each element of `pAttachments` **must** have been created with the identity swizzle

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-width-00885

  `width` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-width-00886

  `width` **must** be less than or equal to `maxFramebufferWidth`

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-height-00887

  `height` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-height-00888

  `height` **must** be less than or equal to `maxFramebufferHeight`

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-layers-00889

  `layers` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-layers-00890

  `layers` **must** be less than or equal to `maxFramebufferLayers`

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-renderPass-02531

  If `renderpass` is not `VK_NULL_HANDLE` and `renderPass` was specified with non-zero view masks, `layers` **must** be `1`

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-pAttachments-00891

  If `flags` does not include `VK_FRAMEBUFFER_CREATE_IMAGELESS_BIT`, each element of `pAttachments` that is a 2D or 2D array image view taken from a 3D image **must** not be a depth/stencil format

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-flags-04113

  If `flags` does not include `VK_FRAMEBUFFER_CREATE_IMAGELESS_BIT`, each element of `pAttachments` **must** have been created with `VkImageViewCreateInfo::viewType` not equal to `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_3D`

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-sType-sType

  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_FRAMEBUFFER_CREATE_INFO

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-pNext-pNext

  pNext **must** be NULL

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask

  flags **must** be 0

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-renderPass-parameter

  renderPass **must** be a valid VkRenderPass handle

- VUID-VkFramebufferCreateInfo-commonparent

  Both of renderPass, and the elements of pAttachments that are valid handles of non-ignored parameters **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Bits which **can** be set in VkFramebufferCreateInfo::flags to specify options for framebuffers are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkFramebufferCreateFlagBits {
} VkFramebufferCreateFlagBits;
```

> **ⓘ** *Note*
>
> All bits for this type are defined by extensions, and none of those extensions are enabled in this build of the specification.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkFramebufferCreateFlags;
```

VkFramebufferCreateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkFramebufferCreateFlagBits.

To destroy a framebuffer, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroyFramebuffer(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkFramebuffer                               framebuffer,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- device is the logical device that destroys the framebuffer.

- framebuffer is the handle of the framebuffer to destroy.

- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkDestroyFramebuffer-framebuffer-00892

  All submitted commands that refer to `framebuffer` **must** have completed execution

- VUID-vkDestroyFramebuffer-framebuffer-00893

  If `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `framebuffer` was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here

- VUID-vkDestroyFramebuffer-framebuffer-00894

  If no `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `framebuffer` was created, `pAllocator` **must** be `NULL`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkDestroyFramebuffer-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkDestroyFramebuffer-framebuffer-parameter

  If `framebuffer` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `framebuffer` **must** be a valid VkFramebuffer handle

- VUID-vkDestroyFramebuffer-pAllocator-parameter

  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkDestroyFramebuffer-framebuffer-parent

  If `framebuffer` is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `framebuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

8.4. Render Pass Commands

An application records the commands for a render pass instance one subpass at a time, by beginning a render pass instance, iterating over the subpasses to record commands for that subpass, and then ending the render pass instance.

To begin a render pass instance, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdBeginRenderPass(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    const VkRenderPassBeginInfo*                pRenderPassBegin,
    VkSubpassContents                           contents);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer in which to record the command.

- `pRenderPassBegin` is a pointer to a VkRenderPassBeginInfo structure specifying the render pass to begin an instance of, and the framebuffer the instance uses.

- `contents` is a VkSubpassContents value specifying how the commands in the first subpass will be provided.

After beginning a render pass instance, the command buffer is ready to record the commands for the first subpass of that render pass.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdBeginRenderPass-initialLayout-00895
  If any of the `initialLayout` or `finalLayout` member of the `VkAttachmentDescription` structures or the `layout` member of the `VkAttachmentReference` structures specified when creating the render pass specified in the `renderPass` member of `pRenderPassBegin` is `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL` then the corresponding attachment image view of the framebuffer specified in the `framebuffer` member of `pRenderPassBegin` **must** have been created with a `usage` value including `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdBeginRenderPass-initialLayout-01758
  If any of the `initialLayout` or `finalLayout` member of the `VkAttachmentDescription` structures or the `layout` member of the `VkAttachmentReference` structures specified when creating the render pass specified in the `renderPass` member of `pRenderPassBegin` is `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_READ_ONLY_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL`, `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`, `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL`, or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL` then the corresponding attachment image view of the framebuffer specified in the `framebuffer` member of `pRenderPassBegin` **must** have been created with a `usage` value including `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdBeginRenderPass-initialLayout-00897
  If any of the `initialLayout` or `finalLayout` member of the `VkAttachmentDescription` structures or the `layout` member of the `VkAttachmentReference` structures specified when creating the render pass specified in the `renderPass` member of `pRenderPassBegin` is `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_SHADER_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL` then the corresponding attachment image view of the framebuffer specified in the `framebuffer` member of `pRenderPassBegin` **must** have been created with a `usage` value including `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_SAMPLED_BIT` or `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdBeginRenderPass-initialLayout-00898
  If any of the `initialLayout` or `finalLayout` member of the `VkAttachmentDescription` structures or the `layout` member of the `VkAttachmentReference` structures specified when creating the render pass specified in the `renderPass` member of `pRenderPassBegin` is `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_SRC_OPTIMAL` then the corresponding attachment image view of the framebuffer specified in the `framebuffer` member of `pRenderPassBegin` **must** have been created with a `usage` value including `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdBeginRenderPass-initialLayout-00899
  If any of the `initialLayout` or `finalLayout` member of the `VkAttachmentDescription` structures or the `layout` member of the `VkAttachmentReference` structures specified when creating the render pass specified in the `renderPass` member of `pRenderPassBegin` is `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_DST_OPTIMAL` then the corresponding attachment image view of the framebuffer specified in the `framebuffer` member of `pRenderPassBegin` **must** have been created with a `usage` value including `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdBeginRenderPass-initialLayout-00900
  If the `initialLayout` member of any of the `VkAttachmentDescription` structures specified when creating the render pass specified in the `renderPass` member of `pRenderPassBegin` is not `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED`, then each such `initialLayout` **must** be equal to the current

layout of the corresponding attachment image subresource of the framebuffer specified in the `framebuffer` member of `pRenderPassBegin`

- VUID-vkCmdBeginRenderPass-srcStageMask-06451

  The `srcStageMask` members of any element of the `pDependencies` member of VkRenderPassCreateInfo used to create `renderPass` **must** be supported by the capabilities of the queue family identified by the `queueFamilyIndex` member of the VkCommandPoolCreateInfo used to create the command pool which `commandBuffer` was allocated from

- VUID-vkCmdBeginRenderPass-dstStageMask-06452

  The `dstStageMask` members of any element of the `pDependencies` member of VkRenderPassCreateInfo used to create `renderPass` **must** be supported by the capabilities of the queue family identified by the `queueFamilyIndex` member of the VkCommandPoolCreateInfo used to create the command pool which `commandBuffer` was allocated from

- VUID-vkCmdBeginRenderPass-framebuffer-02532

  For any attachment in `framebuffer` that is used by `renderPass` and is bound to memory locations that are also bound to another attachment used by `renderPass`, and if at least one of those uses causes either attachment to be written to, both attachments **must** have had the `VK_ATTACHMENT_DESCRIPTION_MAY_ALIAS_BIT` set

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdBeginRenderPass-commandBuffer-parameter

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdBeginRenderPass-pRenderPassBegin-parameter

  `pRenderPassBegin` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkRenderPassBeginInfo structure

- VUID-vkCmdBeginRenderPass-contents-parameter

  `contents` **must** be a valid VkSubpassContents value

- VUID-vkCmdBeginRenderPass-commandBuffer-recording

  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdBeginRenderPass-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

- VUID-vkCmdBeginRenderPass-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdBeginRenderPass-bufferlevel

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a primary `VkCommandBuffer`

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary	Outside	Graphics

The `VkRenderPassBeginInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkRenderPassBeginInfo {
    VkStructureType        sType;
    const void*            pNext;
    VkRenderPass           renderPass;
    VkFramebuffer          framebuffer;
    VkRect2D               renderArea;
    uint32_t               clearValueCount;
    const VkClearValue*    pClearValues;
} VkRenderPassBeginInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `renderPass` is the render pass to begin an instance of.

- `framebuffer` is the framebuffer containing the attachments that are used with the render pass.

- `renderArea` is the render area that is affected by the render pass instance, and is described in more detail below.

- `clearValueCount` is the number of elements in `pClearValues`.

- `pClearValues` is a pointer to an array of `clearValueCount` VkClearValue structures containing clear values for each attachment, if the attachment uses a `loadOp` value of `VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_CLEAR` or if the attachment has a depth/stencil format and uses a `stencilLoadOp` value of `VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_CLEAR`. The array is indexed by attachment number. Only elements corresponding to cleared attachments are used. Other elements of `pClearValues` are ignored.

`renderArea` is the render area that is affected by the render pass instance. The effects of attachment load, store and multisample resolve operations are restricted to the pixels whose x and y coordinates fall within the render area on all attachments. The render area extends to all layers of `framebuffer`. The application **must** ensure (using scissor if necessary) that all rendering is contained

within the render area. The render area **must** be contained within the framebuffer dimensions.

When multiview is enabled, the resolve operation at the end of a subpass applies to all views in the view mask.

> *Note*
>
> There **may** be a performance cost for using a render area smaller than the framebuffer, unless it matches the render area granularity for the render pass.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkRenderPassBeginInfo-clearValueCount-00902

  `clearValueCount` **must** be greater than the largest attachment index in `renderPass` specifying a `loadOp` (or `stencilLoadOp`, if the attachment has a depth/stencil format) of `VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_CLEAR`

- VUID-VkRenderPassBeginInfo-clearValueCount-04962

  If `clearValueCount` is not 0, `pClearValues` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `clearValueCount` VkClearValue unions

- VUID-VkRenderPassBeginInfo-renderPass-00904

  `renderPass` **must** be compatible with the `renderPass` member of the VkFramebufferCreateInfo structure specified when creating `framebuffer`

- VUID-VkRenderPassBeginInfo-pNext-02850

  If the `pNext` chain does not contain VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo or its `deviceRenderAreaCount` member is equal to 0, `renderArea.offset.x` **must** be greater than or equal to 0

- VUID-VkRenderPassBeginInfo-pNext-02851

  If the `pNext` chain does not contain VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo or its `deviceRenderAreaCount` member is equal to 0, `renderArea.offset.y` **must** be greater than or equal to 0

- VUID-VkRenderPassBeginInfo-pNext-02852

  If the `pNext` chain does not contain VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo or its `deviceRenderAreaCount` member is equal to 0, `renderArea.offset.x` + `renderArea.extent.width` **must** be less than or equal to VkFramebufferCreateInfo::`width` the `framebuffer` was created with

- VUID-VkRenderPassBeginInfo-pNext-02853

  If the `pNext` chain does not contain VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo or its `deviceRenderAreaCount` member is equal to 0, `renderArea.offset.y` + `renderArea.extent.height` **must** be less than or equal to VkFramebufferCreateInfo::`height` the `framebuffer` was created with

- VUID-VkRenderPassBeginInfo-pNext-02856

  If the `pNext` chain contains VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo, `offset.x` + `extent.width` of each element of `pDeviceRenderAreas` **must** be less than or equal to VkFramebufferCreateInfo::`width` the `framebuffer` was created with

- VUID-VkRenderPassBeginInfo-pNext-02857

  If the `pNext` chain contains VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo, `offset.y` + `extent.height` of each element of `pDeviceRenderAreas` **must** be less than or equal to VkFramebufferCreateInfo::`height` the `framebuffer` was created with

- VUID-VkRenderPassBeginInfo-sType-sType

  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_RENDER_PASS_BEGIN_INFO

- VUID-VkRenderPassBeginInfo-pNext-pNext

  pNext **must** be NULL or a pointer to a valid instance of VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo

- VUID-VkRenderPassBeginInfo-sType-unique

  The sType value of each struct in the pNext chain **must** be unique

- VUID-VkRenderPassBeginInfo-renderPass-parameter

  renderPass **must** be a valid VkRenderPass handle

- VUID-VkRenderPassBeginInfo-framebuffer-parameter

  framebuffer **must** be a valid VkFramebuffer handle

- VUID-VkRenderPassBeginInfo-commonparent

  Both of framebuffer, and renderPass **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Possible values of vkCmdBeginRenderPass::contents, specifying how the commands in the first subpass will be provided, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkSubpassContents {
    VK_SUBPASS_CONTENTS_INLINE = 0,
    VK_SUBPASS_CONTENTS_SECONDARY_COMMAND_BUFFERS = 1,
} VkSubpassContents;
```

- VK_SUBPASS_CONTENTS_INLINE specifies that the contents of the subpass will be recorded inline in the primary command buffer, and secondary command buffers **must** not be executed within the subpass.

- VK_SUBPASS_CONTENTS_SECONDARY_COMMAND_BUFFERS specifies that the contents are recorded in secondary command buffers that will be called from the primary command buffer, and vkCmdExecuteCommands is the only valid command on the command buffer until vkCmdNextSubpass or vkCmdEndRenderPass.

If the pNext chain of VkRenderPassBeginInfo includes a VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo structure, then that structure includes a device mask and set of render areas for the render pass instance.

The VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo {
    VkStructureType     sType;
    const void*         pNext;
    uint32_t            deviceMask;
    uint32_t            deviceRenderAreaCount;
    const VkRect2D*     pDeviceRenderAreas;
} VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `deviceMask` is the device mask for the render pass instance.

- `deviceRenderAreaCount` is the number of elements in the `pDeviceRenderAreas` array.

- `pDeviceRenderAreas` is a pointer to an array of VkRect2D structures defining the render area for each physical device.

The `deviceMask` serves several purposes. It is an upper bound on the set of physical devices that **can** be used during the render pass instance, and the initial device mask when the render pass instance begins. In addition, commands transitioning to the next subpass in a render pass instance and commands ending the render pass instance, and, accordingly render pass attachment load, store, and resolve operations and subpass dependencies corresponding to the render pass instance, are executed on the physical devices included in the device mask provided here.

If `deviceRenderAreaCount` is not zero, then the elements of `pDeviceRenderAreas` override the value of VkRenderPassBeginInfo::`renderArea`, and provide a render area specific to each physical device. These render areas serve the same purpose as VkRenderPassBeginInfo::`renderArea`, including controlling the region of attachments that are cleared by `VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_CLEAR` and that are resolved into resolve attachments.

If this structure is not present, the render pass instance's device mask is the value of VkDeviceGroupCommandBufferBeginInfo::`deviceMask`. If this structure is not present or if `deviceRenderAreaCount` is zero, VkRenderPassBeginInfo::`renderArea` is used for all physical devices.

- VUID-VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo-deviceMask-00905

  `deviceMask` **must** be a valid device mask value

- VUID-VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo-deviceMask-00906

  `deviceMask` **must** not be zero

- VUID-VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo-deviceMask-00907

  `deviceMask` **must** be a subset of the command buffer's initial device mask

- VUID-VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo-deviceRenderAreaCount-00908

  `deviceRenderAreaCount` **must** either be zero or equal to the number of physical devices in the logical device

- VUID-VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo-offset-06166

  The `offset.x` member of any element of `pDeviceRenderAreas` **must** be greater than or equal to 0

- VUID-VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo-offset-06167

  The `offset.y` member of any element of `pDeviceRenderAreas` **must** be greater than or equal to 0

- VUID-VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo-offset-06168

  The sum of the `offset.x` and `extent.width` members of any element of `pDeviceRenderAreas` **must** be less than or equal to `maxFramebufferWidth`

- VUID-VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo-offset-06169

  The sum of the `offset.y` and `extent.height` members of any element of `pDeviceRenderAreas` **must** be less than or equal to `maxFramebufferHeight`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DEVICE_GROUP_RENDER_PASS_BEGIN_INFO`

- VUID-VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo-pDeviceRenderAreas-parameter

  If `deviceRenderAreaCount` is not `0`, `pDeviceRenderAreas` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `deviceRenderAreaCount` VkRect2D structures

To query the render area granularity, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkGetRenderAreaGranularity(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkRenderPass                                renderPass,
    VkExtent2D*                                 pGranularity);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the render pass.

- `renderPass` is a handle to a render pass.

- `pGranularity` is a pointer to a VkExtent2D structure in which the granularity is returned.

The conditions leading to an optimal `renderArea` are:

- the `offset.x` member in `renderArea` is a multiple of the `width` member of the returned VkExtent2D (the horizontal granularity).

- the `offset.y` member in `renderArea` is a multiple of the `height` member of the returned VkExtent2D (the vertical granularity).

- either the `extent.width` member in `renderArea` is a multiple of the horizontal granularity or `offset.x+extent.width` is equal to the `width` of the `framebuffer` in the VkRenderPassBeginInfo.

- either the `extent.height` member in `renderArea` is a multiple of the vertical granularity or `offset.y+extent.height` is equal to the `height` of the `framebuffer` in the VkRenderPassBeginInfo.

Subpass dependencies are not affected by the render area, and apply to the entire image subresources attached to the framebuffer as specified in the description of automatic layout transitions. Similarly, pipeline barriers are valid even if their effect extends outside the render area.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetRenderAreaGranularity-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetRenderAreaGranularity-renderPass-parameter
  `renderPass` **must** be a valid VkRenderPass handle

- VUID-vkGetRenderAreaGranularity-pGranularity-parameter
  `pGranularity` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkExtent2D structure

- VUID-vkGetRenderAreaGranularity-renderPass-parent
  `renderPass` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

To transition to the next subpass in the render pass instance after recording the commands for a subpass, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdNextSubpass(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkSubpassContents                           contents);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer in which to record the command.

- `contents` specifies how the commands in the next subpass will be provided, in the same fashion as the corresponding parameter of vkCmdBeginRenderPass.

The subpass index for a render pass begins at zero when `vkCmdBeginRenderPass` is recorded, and increments each time `vkCmdNextSubpass` is recorded.

Moving to the next subpass automatically performs any multisample resolve operations in the subpass being ended. End-of-subpass multisample resolves are treated as color attachment writes for the purposes of synchronization. That is, they are considered to execute in the `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OUTPUT_BIT` pipeline stage and their writes are synchronized with `VK_ACCESS_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_WRITE_BIT`. Synchronization between rendering within a subpass and any resolve operations at the end of the subpass occurs automatically, without need for explicit dependencies or pipeline barriers. However, if the resolve attachment is also used in a different subpass, an explicit dependency is needed.

After transitioning to the next subpass, the application **can** record the commands for that subpass.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdNextSubpass-None-00909
  The current subpass index **must** be less than the number of subpasses in the render pass minus one

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdNextSubpass-commandBuffer-parameter
  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdNextSubpass-contents-parameter
  `contents` **must** be a valid VkSubpassContents value

- VUID-vkCmdNextSubpass-commandBuffer-recording
  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdNextSubpass-commandBuffer-cmdpool
  The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

- VUID-vkCmdNextSubpass-renderpass
  This command **must** only be called inside of a render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdNextSubpass-bufferlevel
  `commandBuffer` **must** be a primary VkCommandBuffer

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

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To record a command to end a render pass instance after recording the commands for the last subpass, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdEndRenderPass(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer in which to end the current render pass instance.

Ending a render pass instance performs any multisample resolve operations on the final subpass.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdEndRenderPass-None-00910

  The current subpass index **must** be equal to the number of subpasses in the render pass minus one

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdEndRenderPass-commandBuffer-parameter

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdEndRenderPass-commandBuffer-recording

  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdEndRenderPass-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The VkCommandPool that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

- VUID-vkCmdEndRenderPass-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called inside of a render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdEndRenderPass-bufferlevel

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a primary VkCommandBuffer

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary	Inside	Graphics

Chapter 9. Shaders

A shader specifies programmable operations that execute for each vertex, control point, tessellated vertex, primitive, fragment, or workgroup in the corresponding stage(s) of the graphics and compute pipelines.

Graphics pipelines include vertex shader execution as a result of primitive assembly, followed, if enabled, by tessellation control and evaluation shaders operating on patches, geometry shaders, if enabled, operating on primitives, and fragment shaders, if present, operating on fragments generated by Rasterization. In this specification, vertex, tessellation control, tessellation evaluation and geometry shaders are collectively referred to as pre-rasterization shader stages and occur in the logical pipeline before rasterization. The fragment shader occurs logically after rasterization.

Only the compute shader stage is included in a compute pipeline. Compute shaders operate on compute invocations in a workgroup.

Shaders **can** read from input variables, and read from and write to output variables. Input and output variables **can** be used to transfer data between shader stages, or to allow the shader to interact with values that exist in the execution environment. Similarly, the execution environment provides constants describing capabilities.

Shader variables are associated with execution environment-provided inputs and outputs using *built-in* decorations in the shader. The available decorations for each stage are documented in the following subsections.

9.1. Shader Modules

Shader modules contain *shader code* and one or more entry points. Shaders are selected from a shader module by specifying an entry point as part of pipeline creation. The stages of a pipeline **can** use shaders that come from different modules. The shader code defining a shader module **must** be in the SPIR-V format, as described by the Vulkan Environment for SPIR-V appendix.

Shader modules are represented by `VkShaderModule` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkShaderModule)
```

To create a shader module, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateShaderModule(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkShaderModuleCreateInfo*             pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkShaderModule*                             pShaderModule);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the shader module.

- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkShaderModuleCreateInfo structure.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

- `pShaderModule` is a pointer to a VkShaderModule handle in which the resulting shader module object is returned.

Once a shader module has been created, any entry points it contains **can** be used in pipeline shader stages as described in Compute Pipelines and Graphics Pipelines.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCreateShaderModule-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkCreateShaderModule-pCreateInfo-parameter

  `pCreateInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkShaderModuleCreateInfo structure

- VUID-vkCreateShaderModule-pAllocator-parameter

  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkCreateShaderModule-pShaderModule-parameter

  `pShaderModule` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkShaderModule handle

Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

The VkShaderModuleCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkShaderModuleCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType              sType;
    const void*                  pNext;
    VkShaderModuleCreateFlags    flags;
    size_t                       codeSize;
    const uint32_t*              pCode;
} VkShaderModuleCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is reserved for future use.

- `codeSize` is the size, in bytes, of the code pointed to by `pCode`.

- `pCode` is a pointer to code that is used to create the shader module. The type and format of the code is determined from the content of the memory addressed by `pCode`.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkShaderModuleCreateInfo-codeSize-01085

  `codeSize` **must** be greater than 0

- VUID-VkShaderModuleCreateInfo-codeSize-01086

  `codeSize` **must** be a multiple of 4

- VUID-VkShaderModuleCreateInfo-pCode-01087

  `pCode` **must** point to valid SPIR-V code, formatted and packed as described by the Khronos SPIR-V Specification

- VUID-VkShaderModuleCreateInfo-pCode-01088

  `pCode` **must** adhere to the validation rules described by the Validation Rules within a Module section of the SPIR-V Environment appendix

- VUID-VkShaderModuleCreateInfo-pCode-01089

  `pCode` **must** declare the `Shader` capability for SPIR-V code

- VUID-VkShaderModuleCreateInfo-pCode-01090

  `pCode` **must** not declare any capability that is not supported by the API, as described by the Capabilities section of the SPIR-V Environment appendix

- VUID-VkShaderModuleCreateInfo-pCode-01091

  If `pCode` declares any of the capabilities listed in the SPIR-V Environment appendix, one of the corresponding requirements **must** be satisfied

- VUID-VkShaderModuleCreateInfo-pCode-04146

  `pCode` **must** not declare any SPIR-V extension that is not supported by the API, as described by the Extension section of the SPIR-V Environment appendix

- VUID-VkShaderModuleCreateInfo-pCode-04147

  If `pCode` declares any of the SPIR-V extensions listed in the SPIR-V Environment appendix, one of the corresponding requirements **must** be satisfied

- VUID-VkShaderModuleCreateInfo-sType-sType

  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SHADER_MODULE_CREATE_INFO

- VUID-VkShaderModuleCreateInfo-pNext-pNext

  pNext **must** be NULL

- VUID-VkShaderModuleCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask

  flags **must** be 0

- VUID-VkShaderModuleCreateInfo-pCode-parameter

  pCode **must** be a valid pointer to an array of $\frac{\text{codeSize}}{4}$ uint32_t values

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkShaderModuleCreateFlags;
```

VkShaderModuleCreateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

To destroy a shader module, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroyShaderModule(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkShaderModule                              shaderModule,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- device is the logical device that destroys the shader module.

- shaderModule is the handle of the shader module to destroy.

- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

A shader module **can** be destroyed while pipelines created using its shaders are still in use.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkDestroyShaderModule-shaderModule-01092

  If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when shaderModule was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here

- VUID-vkDestroyShaderModule-shaderModule-01093

  If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when shaderModule was created, pAllocator **must** be NULL

9.2. Shader Execution

At each stage of the pipeline, multiple invocations of a shader **may** execute simultaneously. Further, invocations of a single shader produced as the result of different commands **may** execute simultaneously. The relative execution order of invocations of the same shader type is undefined. Shader invocations **may** complete in a different order than that in which the primitives they originated from were drawn or dispatched by the application. However, fragment shader outputs are written to attachments in [rasterization order](#).

The relative execution order of invocations of different shader types is largely undefined. However, when invoking a shader whose inputs are generated from a previous pipeline stage, the shader invocations from the previous stage are guaranteed to have executed far enough to generate input values for all required inputs.

9.3. Shader Memory Access Ordering

The order in which image or buffer memory is read or written by shaders is largely undefined. For some shader types (vertex, tessellation evaluation, and in some cases, fragment), even the number of shader invocations that **may** perform loads and stores is undefined.

In particular, the following rules apply:

- [Vertex](#) and [tessellation evaluation](#) shaders will be invoked at least once for each unique vertex, as defined in those sections.

- [Fragment](#) shaders will be invoked zero or more times, as defined in that section.

- The relative execution order of invocations of the same shader type is undefined. A store issued

by a shader when working on primitive B might complete prior to a store for primitive A, even if primitive A is specified prior to primitive B. This applies even to fragment shaders; while fragment shader outputs are always written to the framebuffer in rasterization order, stores executed by fragment shader invocations are not.

- The relative execution order of invocations of different shader types is largely undefined.

> **Note**
>
> The above limitations on shader invocation order make some forms of synchronization between shader invocations within a single set of primitives unimplementable. For example, having one invocation poll memory written by another invocation assumes that the other invocation has been launched and will complete its writes in finite time.

Stores issued to different memory locations within a single shader invocation **may** not be visible to other invocations, or **may** not become visible in the order they were performed.

The `OpMemoryBarrier` instruction **can** be used to provide stronger ordering of reads and writes performed by a single invocation. `OpMemoryBarrier` guarantees that any memory transactions issued by the shader invocation prior to the instruction complete prior to the memory transactions issued after the instruction. Memory barriers are needed for algorithms that require multiple invocations to access the same memory and require the operations to be performed in a partially-defined relative order. For example, if one shader invocation does a series of writes, followed by an `OpMemoryBarrier` instruction, followed by another write, then the results of the series of writes before the barrier become visible to other shader invocations at a time earlier or equal to when the results of the final write become visible to those invocations. In practice it means that another invocation that sees the results of the final write would also see the previous writes. Without the memory barrier, the final write **may** be visible before the previous writes.

Writes that are the result of shader stores through a variable decorated with `Coherent` automatically have available writes to the same buffer, buffer view, or image view made visible to them, and are themselves automatically made available to access by the same buffer, buffer view, or image view. Reads that are the result of shader loads through a variable decorated with `Coherent` automatically have available writes to the same buffer, buffer view, or image view made visible to them. The order that coherent writes to different locations become available is undefined, unless enforced by a memory barrier instruction or other memory dependency.

> **Note**
>
> Explicit memory dependencies **must** still be used to guarantee availability and visibility for access via other buffers, buffer views, or image views.

The built-in atomic memory transaction instructions **can** be used to read and write a given memory address atomically. While built-in atomic functions issued by multiple shader invocations are executed in undefined order relative to each other, these functions perform both a read and a write of a memory address and guarantee that no other memory transaction will write to the underlying memory between the read and write. Atomic operations ensure automatic availability and visibility for writes and reads in the same way as those to `Coherent` variables.

> **Note**
>
> Memory accesses performed on different resource descriptors with the same memory backing **may** not be well-defined even with the `Coherent` decoration or via atomics, due to things such as image layouts or ownership of the resource - as described in the [Synchronization and Cache Control](#) chapter.

> **Note**
>
> Atomics allow shaders to use shared global addresses for mutual exclusion or as counters, among other uses.

The SPIR-V **SubgroupMemory**, **CrossWorkgroupMemory**, and **AtomicCounterMemory** memory semantics are ignored. Sequentially consistent atomics and barriers are not supported and **SequentiallyConsistent** is treated as **AcquireRelease**. **SequentiallyConsistent should** not be used.

9.4. Shader Inputs and Outputs

Data is passed into and out of shaders using variables with input or output storage class, respectively. User-defined inputs and outputs are connected between stages by matching their `Location` decorations. Additionally, data **can** be provided by or communicated to special functions provided by the execution environment using `BuiltIn` decorations.

In many cases, the same `BuiltIn` decoration **can** be used in multiple shader stages with similar meaning. The specific behavior of variables decorated as `BuiltIn` is documented in the following sections.

9.5. Vertex Shaders

Each vertex shader invocation operates on one vertex and its associated [vertex attribute](#) data, and outputs one vertex and associated data. Graphics pipelines **must** include a vertex shader, and the vertex shader stage is always the first shader stage in the graphics pipeline.

9.5.1. Vertex Shader Execution

A vertex shader **must** be executed at least once for each vertex specified by a drawing command. If the subpass includes multiple views in its view mask, the shader **may** be invoked separately for each view. During execution, the shader is presented with the index of the vertex and instance for which it has been invoked. Input variables declared in the vertex shader are filled by the implementation with the values of vertex attributes associated with the invocation being executed.

If the same vertex is specified multiple times in a drawing command (e.g. by including the same index value multiple times in an index buffer) the implementation **may** reuse the results of vertex shading if it can statically determine that the vertex shader invocations will produce identical results.

9.6. Tessellation Control Shaders

The tessellation control shader is used to read an input patch provided by the application and to produce an output patch. Each tessellation control shader invocation operates on an input patch (after all control points in the patch are processed by a vertex shader) and its associated data, and outputs a single control point of the output patch and its associated data, and **can** also output additional per-patch data. The input patch is sized according to the `patchControlPoints` member of VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo, as part of input assembly.

The size of the output patch is controlled by the `OpExecutionMode OutputVertices` specified in the tessellation control or tessellation evaluation shaders, which **must** be specified in at least one of the shaders. The size of the input and output patches **must** each be greater than zero and less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`maxTessellationPatchSize`.

9.6.1. Tessellation Control Shader Execution

A tessellation control shader is invoked at least once for each *output* vertex in a patch. If the subpass includes multiple views in its view mask, the shader **may** be invoked separately for each view.

Inputs to the tessellation control shader are generated by the vertex shader. Each invocation of the tessellation control shader **can** read the attributes of any incoming vertices and their associated data. The invocations corresponding to a given patch execute logically in parallel, with undefined relative execution order. However, the `OpControlBarrier` instruction **can** be used to provide limited control of the execution order by synchronizing invocations within a patch, effectively dividing tessellation control shader execution into a set of phases. Tessellation control shaders will read undefined values if one invocation reads a per-vertex or per-patch output written by another invocation at any point during the same phase, or if two invocations attempt to write different values to the same per-patch output in a single phase.

9.7. Tessellation Evaluation Shaders

The Tessellation Evaluation Shader operates on an input patch of control points and their associated data, and a single input barycentric coordinate indicating the invocation's relative position within the subdivided patch, and outputs a single vertex and its associated data.

9.7.1. Tessellation Evaluation Shader Execution

A tessellation evaluation shader is invoked at least once for each unique vertex generated by the tessellator. If the subpass includes multiple views in its view mask, the shader **may** be invoked separately for each view.

9.8. Geometry Shaders

The geometry shader operates on a group of vertices and their associated data assembled from a single input primitive, and emits zero or more output primitives and the group of vertices and their associated data required for each output primitive.

9.8.1. Geometry Shader Execution

A geometry shader is invoked at least once for each primitive produced by the tessellation stages, or at least once for each primitive generated by primitive assembly when tessellation is not in use. A shader can request that the geometry shader runs multiple instances. A geometry shader is invoked at least once for each instance. If the subpass includes multiple views in its view mask, the shader **may** be invoked separately for each view.

9.9. Fragment Shaders

Fragment shaders are invoked as a fragment operation in a graphics pipeline. Each fragment shader invocation operates on a single fragment and its associated data. With few exceptions, fragment shaders do not have access to any data associated with other fragments and are considered to execute in isolation of fragment shader invocations associated with other fragments.

9.10. Compute Shaders

Compute shaders are invoked via vkCmdDispatch and vkCmdDispatchIndirect commands. In general, they have access to similar resources as shader stages executing as part of a graphics pipeline.

Compute workloads are formed from groups of work items called workgroups and processed by the compute shader in the current compute pipeline. A workgroup is a collection of shader invocations that execute the same shader, potentially in parallel. Compute shaders execute in *global workgroups* which are divided into a number of *local workgroups* with a size that **can** be set by assigning a value to the `LocalSize` execution mode or via an object decorated by the `WorkgroupSize` decoration. An invocation within a local workgroup **can** share data with other members of the local workgroup through shared variables and issue memory and control flow barriers to synchronize with other members of the local workgroup.

9.11. Interpolation Decorations

Interpolation decorations control the behavior of attribute interpolation in the fragment shader stage. Interpolation decorations **can** be applied to `Input` storage class variables in the fragment shader stage's interface, and control the interpolation behavior of those variables.

Inputs that could be interpolated **can** be decorated by at most one of the following decorations:

- `Flat`: no interpolation
- `NoPerspective`: linear interpolation (for lines and polygons)

Fragment input variables decorated with neither `Flat` nor `NoPerspective` use perspective-correct interpolation (for lines and polygons).

The presence of and type of interpolation is controlled by the above interpolation decorations as well as the auxiliary decorations `Centroid` and `Sample`.

A variable decorated with `Flat` will not be interpolated. Instead, it will have the same value for every fragment within a triangle. This value will come from a single provoking vertex. A variable decorated with `Flat` **can** also be decorated with `Centroid` or `Sample`, which will mean the same thing as decorating it only as `Flat`.

For fragment shader input variables decorated with neither `Centroid` nor `Sample`, the assigned variable **may** be interpolated anywhere within the fragment and a single value **may** be assigned to each sample within the fragment.

If a fragment shader input is decorated with `Centroid`, a single value **may** be assigned to that variable for all samples in the fragment, but that value **must** be interpolated to a location that lies in both the fragment and in the primitive being rendered, including any of the fragment's samples covered by the primitive. Because the location at which the variable is interpolated **may** be different in neighboring fragments, and derivatives **may** be computed by computing differences between neighboring fragments, derivatives of centroid-sampled inputs **may** be less accurate than those for non-centroid interpolated variables.

If a fragment shader input is decorated with `Sample`, a separate value **must** be assigned to that variable for each covered sample in the fragment, and that value **must** be sampled at the location of the individual sample. When `rasterizationSamples` is `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT`, the fragment center **must** be used for `Centroid`, `Sample`, and undecorated attribute interpolation.

Fragment shader inputs that are signed or unsigned integers, integer vectors, or any double-precision floating-point type **must** be decorated with `Flat`.

9.12. Static Use

A SPIR-V module declares a global object in memory using the `OpVariable` instruction, which results in a pointer `x` to that object. A specific entry point in a SPIR-V module is said to *statically use* that object if that entry point's call tree contains a function containing a memory instruction or image instruction with `x` as an `id` operand. See the "Memory Instructions" and "Image Instructions" subsections of section 3 "Binary Form" of the SPIR-V specification for the complete list of SPIR-V memory instructions.

Static use is not used to control the behavior of variables with `Input` and `Output` storage. The effects of those variables are applied based only on whether they are present in a shader entry point's interface.

9.13. Scope

A *scope* describes a set of shader invocations, where each such set is a *scope instance*. Each invocation belongs to one or more scope instances, but belongs to no more than one scope instance for each scope.

The operations available between invocations in a given scope instance vary, with smaller scopes generally able to perform more operations, and with greater efficiency.

9.13.1. Cross Device

All invocations executed in a Vulkan instance fall into a single *cross device scope instance*.

Whilst the `CrossDevice` scope is defined in SPIR-V, it is disallowed in Vulkan. API synchronization commands **can** be used to communicate between devices.

9.13.2. Device

All invocations executed on a single device form a *device scope instance*.

There is no method to synchronize the execution of these invocations within SPIR-V, and this **can** only be done with API synchronization primitives.

Invocations executing on different devices in a device group operate in separate device scope instances.

The scope only extends to the queue family, not the whole device.

9.13.3. Queue Family

Invocations executed by queues in a given queue family form a *queue family scope instance*.

This scope is identified in SPIR-V as the `Device Scope`, which **can** be used as a `Memory Scope` for barrier and atomic operations.

There is no method to synchronize the execution of these invocations within SPIR-V, and this **can** only be done with API synchronization primitives.

Each invocation in a queue family scope instance **must** be in the same device scope instance.

9.13.4. Command

Any shader invocations executed as the result of a single command such as vkCmdDispatch or vkCmdDraw form a *command scope instance*. For indirect drawing commands with `drawCount` greater than one, invocations from separate draws are in separate command scope instances.

There is no specific `Scope` for communication across invocations in a command scope instance. As this has a clear boundary at the API level, coordination here **can** be performed in the API, rather than in SPIR-V.

Each invocation in a command scope instance **must** be in the same queue-family scope instance.

For shaders without defined workgroups, this set of invocations forms an *invocation group* as defined in the SPIR-V specification.

9.13.5. Primitive

Any fragment shader invocations executed as the result of rasterization of a single primitive form a *primitive scope instance.*

There is no specific `Scope` for communication across invocations in a primitive scope instance.

Any generated helper invocations are included in this scope instance.

Each invocation in a primitive scope instance **must** be in the same command scope instance.

Any input variables decorated with `Flat` are uniform within a primitive scope instance.

9.13.6. Workgroup

A *local workgroup* is a set of invocations that can synchronize and share data with each other using memory in the `Workgroup` storage class.

The `Workgroup Scope` can be used as both an `Execution Scope` and `Memory Scope` for barrier and atomic operations.

Each invocation in a local workgroup **must** be in the same command scope instance.

Only compute shaders have defined workgroups - other shader types **cannot** use workgroup functionality. For shaders that have defined workgroups, this set of invocations forms an *invocation group* as defined in the SPIR-V specification.

9.13.7. Subgroup

A *subgroup* (see the subsection "Control Flow" of section 2 of the SPIR-V 1.3 Revision 1 specification) is a set of invocations that can synchronize and share data with each other efficiently.

The `Subgroup Scope` can be used as both an `Execution Scope` and `Memory Scope` for barrier and atomic operations. Other subgroup features allow the use of group operations with subgroup scope.

For shaders that have defined workgroups, each invocation in a subgroup **must** be in the same local workgroup.

In other shader stages, each invocation in a subgroup **must** be in the same device scope instance.

Only shader stages that support subgroup operations have defined subgroups.

9.13.8. Quad

A *quad scope instance* is formed of four shader invocations.

In a fragment shader, each invocation in a quad scope instance is formed of invocations in neighboring framebuffer locations (x_i, y_i), where:

- i is the index of the invocation within the scope instance.
- w and h are the number of pixels the fragment covers in the x and y axes.

- w and h are identical for all participating invocations.

- $(x_0) = (x_1 - w) = (x_2) = (x_3 - w)$

- $(y_0) = (y_1) = (y_2 - h) = (y_3 - h)$

- Each invocation has the same layer and sample indices.

In all shaders, each invocation in a quad scope instance is formed of invocations in adjacent subgroup invocation indices (s_i), where:

- i is the index of the invocation within the quad scope instance.

- $(s_0) = (s_1 - 1) = (s_2 - 2) = (s_3 - 3)$

- s_0 is an integer multiple of 4.

Each invocation in a quad scope instance **must** be in the same subgroup.

In a fragment shader, each invocation in a quad scope instance **must** be in the same primitive scope instance.

Fragment and compute shaders have defined quad scope instances. If the `quadOperationsInAllStages` limit is supported, any shader stages that support subgroup operations also have defined quad scope instances.

9.13.9. Invocation

The smallest *scope* is a single invocation; this is represented by the `Invocation Scope` in SPIR-V.

Fragment shader invocations **must** be in a primitive scope instance.

Invocations in shaders that have defined workgroups **must** be in a local workgroup.

Invocations in shaders that have a defined subgroup scope **must** be in a subgroup.

Invocations in shaders that have a defined quad scope **must** be in a quad scope instance.

All invocations in all stages **must** be in a command scope instance.

9.14. Group Operations

Group operations are executed by multiple invocations within a scope instance; with each invocation involved in calculating the result. This provides a mechanism for efficient communication between invocations in a particular scope instance.

Group operations all take a `Scope` defining the desired scope instance to operate within. Only the `Subgroup` scope **can** be used for these operations; the `subgroupSupportedOperations` limit defines which types of operation **can** be used.

9.14.1. Basic Group Operations

Basic group operations include the use of `OpGroupNonUniformElect`, `OpControlBarrier`,

`OpMemoryBarrier`, and atomic operations.

`OpGroupNonUniformElect` **can** be used to choose a single invocation to perform a task for the whole group. Only the invocation with the lowest id in the group will return `true`.

The Memory Model appendix defines the operation of barriers and atomics.

9.14.2. Vote Group Operations

The vote group operations allow invocations within a group to compare values across a group. The types of votes enabled are:

- Do all active group invocations agree that an expression is true?

- Do any active group invocations evaluate an expression to true?

- Do all active group invocations have the same value of an expression?

> *Note*
>
> These operations are useful in combination with control flow in that they allow for developers to check whether conditions match across the group and choose potentially faster code-paths in these cases.

9.14.3. Arithmetic Group Operations

The arithmetic group operations allow invocations to perform scans and reductions across a group. The operators supported are add, mul, min, max, and, or, xor.

For reductions, every invocation in a group will obtain the cumulative result of these operators applied to all values in the group. For exclusive scans, each invocation in a group will obtain the cumulative result of these operators applied to all values in invocations with a lower index in the group. Inclusive scans are identical to exclusive scans, except the cumulative result includes the operator applied to the value in the current invocation.

The order in which these operators are applied is implementation-dependent.

9.14.4. Ballot Group Operations

The ballot group operations allow invocations to perform more complex votes across the group. The ballot functionality allows all invocations within a group to provide a boolean value and get as a result what each invocation provided as their boolean value. The broadcast functionality allows values to be broadcast from an invocation to all other invocations within the group.

9.14.5. Shuffle Group Operations

The shuffle group operations allow invocations to read values from other invocations within a group.

9.14.6. Shuffle Relative Group Operations

The shuffle relative group operations allow invocations to read values from other invocations within the group relative to the current invocation in the group. The relative operations supported allow data to be shifted up and down through the invocations within a group.

9.14.7. Clustered Group Operations

The clustered group operations allow invocations to perform an operation among partitions of a group, such that the operation is only performed within the group invocations within a partition. The partitions for clustered group operations are consecutive power-of-two size groups of invocations and the cluster size **must** be known at pipeline creation time. The operations supported are add, mul, min, max, and, or, xor.

9.15. Quad Group Operations

Quad group operations (`OpGroupNonUniformQuad*`) are a specialized type of group operations that only operate on quad scope instances. Whilst these instructions do include a `Scope` parameter, this scope is always overridden; only the quad scope instance is included in its execution scope.

Fragment shaders that statically execute quad group operations **must** launch sufficient invocations to ensure their correct operation; additional helper invocations are launched for framebuffer locations not covered by rasterized fragments if necessary.

The index used to select participating invocations is i, as described for a quad scope instance, defined as the *quad index* in the SPIR-V specification.

For `OpGroupNonUniformQuadBroadcast` this value is equal to `Index`. For `OpGroupNonUniformQuadSwap`, it is equal to the implicit `Index` used by each participating invocation.

9.16. Derivative Operations

Derivative operations calculate the partial derivative for an expression P as a function of an invocation's x and y coordinates.

Derivative operations operate on a set of invocations known as a *derivative group* as defined in the SPIR-V specification. A derivative group is equivalent to the primitive scope instance for a fragment shader invocation.

Derivatives are calculated assuming that P is piecewise linear and continuous within the derivative group. All dynamic instances of explicit derivative instructions (`OpDPdx*`, `OpDPdy*`, and `OpFwidth*`) **must** be executed in control flow that is uniform within a derivative group. For other derivative operations, results are undefined if a dynamic instance is executed in control flow that is not uniform within the derivative group.

Fragment shaders that statically execute derivative operations **must** launch sufficient invocations to ensure their correct operation; additional helper invocations are launched for framebuffer locations not covered by rasterized fragments if necessary.

Derivative operations calculate their results as the difference between the result of P across invocations in the quad. For fine derivative operations (`OpDPdxFine` and `OpDPdyFine`), the values of $DPdx(P_i)$ are calculated as

$$DPdx(P_0) = DPdx(P_1) = P_1 - P_0$$

$$DPdx(P_2) = DPdx(P_3) = P_3 - P_2$$

and the values of $DPdy(P_i)$ are calculated as

$$DPdy(P_0) = DPdy(P_2) = P_2 - P_0$$

$$DPdy(P_1) = DPdy(P_3) = P_3 - P_1$$

where i is the index of each invocation as described in Quad.

Coarse derivative operations (`OpDPdxCoarse` and `OpDPdyCoarse`), calculate their results in roughly the same manner, but **may** only calculate two values instead of four (one for each of DPdx and DPdy), reusing the same result no matter the originating invocation. If an implementation does this, it **should** use the fine derivative calculations described for P_0.

> *Note*
>
> Derivative values are calculated between fragments rather than pixels. If the fragment shader invocations involved in the calculation cover multiple pixels, these operations cover a wider area, resulting in larger derivative values. This in turn will result in a coarser level of detail being selected for image sampling operations using derivatives.
>
> Applications may want to account for this when using multi-pixel fragments; if pixel derivatives are desired, applications should use explicit derivative operations and divide the results by the size of the fragment in each dimension as follows:
>
> $$DPdx(P_n)' = DPdx(P_n) / w$$
>
> $$DPdy(P_n)' = DPdy(P_n) / h$$
>
> where w and h are the size of the fragments in the quad, and $DPdx(P_n)'$ and $DPdy(P_n)'$ are the pixel derivatives.

The results for `OpDPdx` and `OpDPdy` **may** be calculated as either fine or coarse derivatives, with implementations favouring the most efficient approach. Implementations **must** choose coarse or fine consistently between the two.

Executing `OpFwidthFine`, `OpFwidthCoarse`, or `OpFwidth` is equivalent to executing the corresponding `OpDPdx*` and `OpDPdy*` instructions, taking the absolute value of the results, and summing them.

Executing an `OpImage*Sample*ImplicitLod` instruction is equivalent to executing `OpDPdx(Coordinate)` and `OpDPdy(Coordinate)`, and passing the results as the `Grad` operands `dx` and `dy`.

> *Note*
>
> It is expected that using the `ImplicitLod` variants of sampling functions will be substantially more efficient than using the `ExplicitLod` variants with explicitly generated derivatives.

9.17. Helper Invocations

When performing derivative or quad group operations in a fragment shader, additional invocations **may** be spawned in order to ensure correct results. These additional invocations are known as *helper invocations* and **can** be identified by a non-zero value in the `HelperInvocation` built-in. Stores and atomics performed by helper invocations **must** not have any effect on memory, and values returned by atomic instructions in helper invocations are undefined.

For group operations other than derivative and quad group operations, helper invocations **may** be treated as inactive even if they would be considered otherwise active.

Chapter 10. Pipelines

The following figure shows a block diagram of the Vulkan pipelines. Some Vulkan commands specify geometric objects to be drawn or computational work to be performed, while others specify state controlling how objects are handled by the various pipeline stages, or control data transfer between memory organized as images and buffers. Commands are effectively sent through a processing pipeline, either a *graphics pipeline*, or a *compute pipeline*.

The first stage of the graphics pipeline (Input Assembler) assembles vertices to form geometric primitives such as points, lines, and triangles, based on a requested primitive topology. In the next stage (Vertex Shader) vertices **can** be transformed, computing positions and attributes for each vertex. If tessellation and/or geometry shaders are supported, they **can** then generate multiple primitives from a single input primitive, possibly changing the primitive topology or generating additional attribute data in the process.

The final resulting primitives are clipped to a clip volume in preparation for the next stage, Rasterization. The rasterizer produces a series of *fragments* associated with a region of the framebuffer, from a two-dimensional description of a point, line segment, or triangle. These fragments are processed by fragment operations to determine whether generated values will be written to the framebuffer. Fragment shading determines the values to be written to the framebuffer attachments. Framebuffer operations then read and write the color and depth/stencil attachments of the framebuffer for a given subpass of a render pass instance. The attachments **can** be used as input attachments in the fragment shader in a later subpass of the same render pass.

The compute pipeline is a separate pipeline from the graphics pipeline, which operates on one-, two-, or three-dimensional workgroups which **can** read from and write to buffer and image memory.

This ordering is meant only as a tool for describing Vulkan, not as a strict rule of how Vulkan is implemented, and we present it only as a means to organize the various operations of the pipelines. Actual ordering guarantees between pipeline stages are explained in detail in the synchronization chapter.

Figure 2. Block diagram of the Vulkan pipeline

Each pipeline is controlled by a monolithic object created from a description of all of the shader stages and any relevant fixed-function stages. Linking the whole pipeline together allows the optimization of shaders based on their input/outputs and eliminates expensive draw time state validation.

A pipeline object is bound to the current state using vkCmdBindPipeline. Any pipeline object state that is specified as dynamic is not applied to the current state when the pipeline object is bound, but is instead set by dynamic state setting commands.

No state, including dynamic state, is inherited from one command buffer to another.

Compute, and graphics pipelines are each represented by `VkPipeline` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkPipeline)
```

10.1. Compute Pipelines

Compute pipelines consist of a single static compute shader stage and the pipeline layout.

The compute pipeline represents a compute shader and is created by calling `vkCreateComputePipelines` with `module` and `pName` selecting an entry point from a shader module, where that entry point defines a valid compute shader, in the VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo structure contained within the VkComputePipelineCreateInfo structure.

To create compute pipelines, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateComputePipelines(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkPipelineCache                             pipelineCache,
    uint32_t                                    createInfoCount,
    const VkComputePipelineCreateInfo*          pCreateInfos,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkPipeline*                                 pPipelines);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the compute pipelines.

- `pipelineCache` is either VK_NULL_HANDLE, indicating that pipeline caching is disabled; or the handle of a valid pipeline cache object, in which case use of that cache is enabled for the duration of the command.

- `createInfoCount` is the length of the `pCreateInfos` and `pPipelines` arrays.

- `pCreateInfos` is a pointer to an array of VkComputePipelineCreateInfo structures.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

- `pPipelines` is a pointer to an array of VkPipeline handles in which the resulting compute pipeline objects are returned.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCreateComputePipelines-flags-00695
  If the `flags` member of any element of `pCreateInfos` contains the VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DERIVATIVE_BIT flag, and the `basePipelineIndex` member of that same element is not `-1`, `basePipelineIndex` **must** be less than the index into `pCreateInfos` that corresponds to that element

- VUID-vkCreateComputePipelines-flags-00696
  If the `flags` member of any element of `pCreateInfos` contains the VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DERIVATIVE_BIT flag, the base pipeline **must** have been created with the VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_ALLOW_DERIVATIVES_BIT flag set

The `VkComputePipelineCreateInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkComputePipelineCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                    sType;
    const void*                        pNext;
    VkPipelineCreateFlags              flags;
    VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo    stage;
    VkPipelineLayout                   layout;
    VkPipeline                         basePipelineHandle;
    int32_t                            basePipelineIndex;
} VkComputePipelineCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is a bitmask of VkPipelineCreateFlagBits specifying how the pipeline will be generated.

- `stage` is a VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo structure describing the compute shader.

- `layout` is the description of binding locations used by both the pipeline and descriptor sets used with the pipeline.

- `basePipelineHandle` is a pipeline to derive from

- `basePipelineIndex` is an index into the `pCreateInfos` parameter to use as a pipeline to derive from

The parameters `basePipelineHandle` and `basePipelineIndex` are described in more detail in Pipeline Derivatives.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkComputePipelineCreateInfo-flags-00697
  If `flags` contains the `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DERIVATIVE_BIT` flag, and `basePipelineIndex` is -1, `basePipelineHandle` **must** be a valid handle to a compute `VkPipeline`

- VUID-VkComputePipelineCreateInfo-flags-00698
  If `flags` contains the `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DERIVATIVE_BIT` flag, and `basePipelineHandle` is `VK_NULL_HANDLE`, `basePipelineIndex` **must** be a valid index into the calling command's `pCreateInfos` parameter

- VUID-VkComputePipelineCreateInfo-flags-00699
  If `flags` contains the `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DERIVATIVE_BIT` flag, and `basePipelineIndex` is not -1, `basePipelineHandle` **must** be `VK_NULL_HANDLE`

- VUID-VkComputePipelineCreateInfo-flags-00700
  If `flags` contains the `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DERIVATIVE_BIT` flag, and `basePipelineHandle` is not `VK_NULL_HANDLE`, `basePipelineIndex` **must** be -1

- VUID-VkComputePipelineCreateInfo-stage-00701
  The `stage` member of `stage` **must** be `VK_SHADER_STAGE_COMPUTE_BIT`

- VUID-VkComputePipelineCreateInfo-stage-00702
  The shader code for the entry point identified by `stage` and the rest of the state identified by this structure **must** adhere to the pipeline linking rules described in the Shader Interfaces chapter

- VUID-VkComputePipelineCreateInfo-layout-00703
  `layout` **must** be consistent with the layout of the compute shader specified in `stage`

- VUID-VkComputePipelineCreateInfo-layout-01687
  The number of resources in `layout` accessible to the compute shader stage **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxPerStageResources`

The VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                     sType;
    const void*                         pNext;
    VkPipelineShaderStageCreateFlags    flags;
    VkShaderStageFlagBits               stage;
    VkShaderModule                      module;
    const char*                         pName;
    const VkSpecializationInfo*         pSpecializationInfo;
} VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- flags is a bitmask of VkPipelineShaderStageCreateFlagBits specifying how the pipeline shader stage will be generated.

- stage is a VkShaderStageFlagBits value specifying a single pipeline stage.

- module is a VkShaderModule object containing the shader for this stage.

- pName is a pointer to a null-terminated UTF-8 string specifying the entry point name of the shader for this stage.

- pSpecializationInfo is a pointer to a VkSpecializationInfo structure, as described in Specialization Constants, or NULL.

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-stage-00704

  If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, `stage` **must** not be `VK_SHADER_STAGE_GEOMETRY_BIT`

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-stage-00705

  If the tessellation shaders feature is not enabled, `stage` **must** not be `VK_SHADER_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_BIT` or `VK_SHADER_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_BIT`

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-stage-00706

  `stage` **must** not be `VK_SHADER_STAGE_ALL_GRAPHICS`, or `VK_SHADER_STAGE_ALL`

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-pName-00707

  `pName` **must** be the name of an `OpEntryPoint` in `module` with an execution model that matches `stage`

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-maxClipDistances-00708

  If the identified entry point includes any variable in its interface that is declared with the `ClipDistance BuiltIn` decoration, that variable **must** not have an array size greater than `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxClipDistances`

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-maxCullDistances-00709

  If the identified entry point includes any variable in its interface that is declared with the `CullDistance BuiltIn` decoration, that variable **must** not have an array size greater than `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxCullDistances`

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-maxCombinedClipAndCullDistances-00710

  If the identified entry point includes any variables in its interface that are declared with the `ClipDistance` or `CullDistance BuiltIn` decoration, those variables **must** not have array sizes which sum to more than `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxCombinedClipAndCullDistances`

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-maxSampleMaskWords-00711

  If the identified entry point includes any variable in its interface that is declared with the `SampleMask BuiltIn` decoration, that variable **must** not have an array size greater than `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxSampleMaskWords`

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-stage-00712

  If `stage` is `VK_SHADER_STAGE_VERTEX_BIT`, the identified entry point **must** not include any input variable in its interface that is decorated with `CullDistance`

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-stage-00713

  If `stage` is `VK_SHADER_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_BIT` or `VK_SHADER_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_BIT`, and the identified entry point has an `OpExecutionMode` instruction specifying a patch size with `OutputVertices`, the patch size **must** be greater than 0 and less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxTessellationPatchSize`

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-stage-00714

  If `stage` is `VK_SHADER_STAGE_GEOMETRY_BIT`, the identified entry point **must** have an `OpExecutionMode` instruction specifying a maximum output vertex count that is greater than 0 and less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxGeometryOutputVertices`

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-stage-00715

  If `stage` is `VK_SHADER_STAGE_GEOMETRY_BIT`, the identified entry point **must** have an `OpExecutionMode` instruction specifying an invocation count that is greater than `0` and less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxGeometryShaderInvocations`

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-stage-02596

  If `stage` is a pre-rasterization shader stage, and the identified entry point writes to `Layer` for any primitive, it **must** write the same value to `Layer` for all vertices of a given primitive

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-stage-02597

  If `stage` is a pre-rasterization shader stage, and the identified entry point writes to `ViewportIndex` for any primitive, it **must** write the same value to `ViewportIndex` for all vertices of a given primitive

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-stage-00718

  If `stage` is `VK_SHADER_STAGE_FRAGMENT_BIT`, the identified entry point **must** not include any output variables in its interface decorated with `CullDistance`

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-stage-00719

  If `stage` is `VK_SHADER_STAGE_FRAGMENT_BIT`, and the identified entry point writes to `FragDepth` in any execution path, it **must** write to `FragDepth` in all execution paths

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-module-04145

  The SPIR-V code that was used to create `module` **must** be valid as described by the Khronos SPIR-V Specification after applying the specializations provided in `pSpecializationInfo`, if any, and then converting all specialization constants into fixed constants

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_SHADER_STAGE_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask

  `flags` **must** be `0`

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-stage-parameter

  `stage` **must** be a valid VkShaderStageFlagBits value

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-module-parameter

  `module` **must** be a valid VkShaderModule handle

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-pName-parameter

  `pName` **must** be a null-terminated UTF-8 string

- VUID-VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo-pSpecializationInfo-parameter

  If `pSpecializationInfo` is not `NULL`, `pSpecializationInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkSpecializationInfo structure

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkPipelineShaderStageCreateFlags;
```

VkPipelineShaderStageCreateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkPipelineShaderStageCreateFlagBits.

Possible values of the `flags` member of VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo specifying how a pipeline shader stage is created, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkPipelineShaderStageCreateFlagBits {
} VkPipelineShaderStageCreateFlagBits;
```

Commands and structures which need to specify one or more shader stages do so using a bitmask whose bits correspond to stages. Bits which **can** be set to specify shader stages are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkShaderStageFlagBits {
    VK_SHADER_STAGE_VERTEX_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_SHADER_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_SHADER_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_SHADER_STAGE_GEOMETRY_BIT = 0x00000008,
    VK_SHADER_STAGE_FRAGMENT_BIT = 0x00000010,
    VK_SHADER_STAGE_COMPUTE_BIT = 0x00000020,
    VK_SHADER_STAGE_ALL_GRAPHICS = 0x0000001F,
    VK_SHADER_STAGE_ALL = 0x7FFFFFFF,
} VkShaderStageFlagBits;
```

- `VK_SHADER_STAGE_VERTEX_BIT` specifies the vertex stage.

- `VK_SHADER_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_BIT` specifies the tessellation control stage.

- `VK_SHADER_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_BIT` specifies the tessellation evaluation stage.

- `VK_SHADER_STAGE_GEOMETRY_BIT` specifies the geometry stage.

- `VK_SHADER_STAGE_FRAGMENT_BIT` specifies the fragment stage.

- `VK_SHADER_STAGE_COMPUTE_BIT` specifies the compute stage.

- `VK_SHADER_STAGE_ALL_GRAPHICS` is a combination of bits used as shorthand to specify all graphics stages defined above (excluding the compute stage).

- `VK_SHADER_STAGE_ALL` is a combination of bits used as shorthand to specify all shader stages supported by the device, including all additional stages which are introduced by extensions.

> *Note*
>
> `VK_SHADER_STAGE_ALL_GRAPHICS` only includes the original five graphics stages included in Vulkan 1.0, and not any stages added by extensions. Thus, it may not have the desired effect in all cases.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkShaderStageFlags;
```

`VkShaderStageFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more `VkShaderStageFlagBits`.

10.2. Graphics Pipelines

Graphics pipelines consist of multiple shader stages, multiple fixed-function pipeline stages, and a pipeline layout.

To create graphics pipelines, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateGraphicsPipelines(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkPipelineCache                             pipelineCache,
    uint32_t                                    createInfoCount,
    const VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo*         pCreateInfos,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkPipeline*                                 pPipelines);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the graphics pipelines.
- `pipelineCache` is either VK_NULL_HANDLE, indicating that pipeline caching is disabled; or the handle of a valid pipeline cache object, in which case use of that cache is enabled for the duration of the command.
- `createInfoCount` is the length of the `pCreateInfos` and `pPipelines` arrays.
- `pCreateInfos` is a pointer to an array of VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo structures.
- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- `pPipelines` is a pointer to an array of VkPipeline handles in which the resulting graphics pipeline objects are returned.

The VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo structure includes an array of VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo structures for each of the desired active shader stages, as well as creation information for all relevant fixed-function stages, and a pipeline layout.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCreateGraphicsPipelines-flags-00720

  If the `flags` member of any element of `pCreateInfos` contains the `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DERIVATIVE_BIT` flag, and the `basePipelineIndex` member of that same element is not `-1`, `basePipelineIndex` **must** be less than the index into `pCreateInfos` that corresponds to that element

- VUID-vkCreateGraphicsPipelines-flags-00721

  If the `flags` member of any element of `pCreateInfos` contains the `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DERIVATIVE_BIT` flag, the base pipeline **must** have been created with the `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_ALLOW_DERIVATIVES_BIT` flag set

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCreateGraphicsPipelines-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkCreateGraphicsPipelines-pipelineCache-parameter

  If `pipelineCache` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `pipelineCache` **must** be a valid VkPipelineCache handle

- VUID-vkCreateGraphicsPipelines-pCreateInfos-parameter

  `pCreateInfos` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `createInfoCount` valid VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo structures

- VUID-vkCreateGraphicsPipelines-pAllocator-parameter

  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkCreateGraphicsPipelines-pPipelines-parameter

  `pPipelines` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `createInfoCount` VkPipeline handles

- VUID-vkCreateGraphicsPipelines-createInfoCount-arraylength

  `createInfoCount` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-vkCreateGraphicsPipelines-pipelineCache-parent

  If `pipelineCache` is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

Return Codes

Success

- VK_SUCCESS

Failure

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY

The `VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                                  sType;
    const void*                                      pNext;
    VkPipelineCreateFlags                            flags;
    uint32_t                                         stageCount;
    const VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo*           pStages;
    const VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo*      pVertexInputState;
    const VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo*    pInputAssemblyState;
    const VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo*     pTessellationState;
    const VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo*         pViewportState;
    const VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo*    pRasterizationState;
    const VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo*      pMultisampleState;
    const VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo*     pDepthStencilState;
    const VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo*       pColorBlendState;
    const VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo*          pDynamicState;
    VkPipelineLayout                                 layout;
    VkRenderPass                                     renderPass;
    uint32_t                                         subpass;
    VkPipeline                                       basePipelineHandle;
    int32_t                                          basePipelineIndex;
} VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is a bitmask of VkPipelineCreateFlagBits specifying how the pipeline will be generated.

- `stageCount` is the number of entries in the `pStages` array.

- `pStages` is a pointer to an array of `stageCount` VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo structures describing the set of the shader stages to be included in the graphics pipeline.

- `pVertexInputState` is a pointer to a VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo structure.

- `pInputAssemblyState` is a pointer to a VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo structure which determines input assembly behavior, as described in Drawing Commands.

- `pTessellationState` is a pointer to a VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo structure, and is ignored if the pipeline does not include a tessellation control shader stage and tessellation evaluation shader stage.

- `pViewportState` is a pointer to a VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo structure, and is ignored if the pipeline has rasterization disabled.

- `pRasterizationState` is a pointer to a VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo structure.

- `pMultisampleState` is a pointer to a VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo structure, and is ignored if the pipeline has rasterization disabled.

- `pDepthStencilState` is a pointer to a VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo structure, and is ignored if the pipeline has rasterization disabled or if no depth/stencil attachment is used.

- `pColorBlendState` is a pointer to a VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo structure, and is ignored if the pipeline has rasterization disabled or if no color attachments are used.

- `pDynamicState` is a pointer to a VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo structure, and is used to indicate which properties of the pipeline state object are dynamic and **can** be changed independently of the pipeline state. This **can** be `NULL`, which means no state in the pipeline is considered dynamic.

- `layout` is the description of binding locations used by both the pipeline and descriptor sets used with the pipeline.

- `renderPass` is a handle to a render pass object describing the environment in which the pipeline will be used. The pipeline **must** only be used with a render pass instance compatible with the one provided. See Render Pass Compatibility for more information.

- `subpass` is the index of the subpass in the render pass where this pipeline will be used.

- `basePipelineHandle` is a pipeline to derive from.

- `basePipelineIndex` is an index into the `pCreateInfos` parameter to use as a pipeline to derive from.

The parameters `basePipelineHandle` and `basePipelineIndex` are described in more detail in Pipeline Derivatives.

The state required for a graphics pipeline is divided into vertex input state, pre-rasterization shader state, fragment shader state, and fragment output state.

Vertex input state is defined by:

- VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo
- VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo

Pre-rasterization shader state is defined by:

- VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo entries for:
  - Vertex shaders
  - Tessellation control shaders
  - Tessellation evaluation shaders
  - Geometry shaders
- Within the VkPipelineLayout, all bindings that affect the specified shader stages
- VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo
- VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo
- VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo if tessellation stages are included.
- VkRenderPass and `subpass` parameter

Fragment shader state is defined by:

- A VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo entry for the fragment shader

- Within the VkPipelineLayout, all bindings that affect the fragment shader

- VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo

- VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo

- VkRenderPass and `subpass` parameter

Fragment output state is defined by:

- VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo

- The `alphaToCoverageEnable` and `alphaToOneEnable` members of VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo.

- VkRenderPass and `subpass` parameter

A complete graphics pipeline always includes pre-rasterization shader state, with other subsets included depending on that state. If the pre-rasterization shader state includes a vertex shader, then vertex input state is included in a complete graphics pipeline. If the value of VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo::`rasterizerDiscardEnable` in the pre-rasterization shader state is `VK_FALSE` fragment shader state and fragment output interface state is included in a complete graphics pipeline.

Pipelines **must** be created with a complete set of pipeline state.

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Valid Usage

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- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-flags-00722

  If `flags` contains the `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DERIVATIVE_BIT` flag, and `basePipelineIndex` is -1, `basePipelineHandle` **must** be a valid handle to a graphics `VkPipeline`

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-flags-00723

  If `flags` contains the `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DERIVATIVE_BIT` flag, and `basePipelineHandle` is `VK_NULL_HANDLE`, `basePipelineIndex` **must** be a valid index into the calling command's `pCreateInfos` parameter

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-flags-00724

  If `flags` contains the `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DERIVATIVE_BIT` flag, and `basePipelineIndex` is not -1, `basePipelineHandle` **must** be `VK_NULL_HANDLE`

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-flags-00725

  If `flags` contains the `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DERIVATIVE_BIT` flag, and `basePipelineHandle` is not `VK_NULL_HANDLE`, `basePipelineIndex` **must** be -1

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-stage-00726

  The `stage` member of each element of `pStages` **must** be unique

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-stage-00727

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state the `stage` member of one element of `pStages` **must** be `VK_SHADER_STAGE_VERTEX_BIT`

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-stage-00728

  The `stage` member of each element of `pStages` **must** not be `VK_SHADER_STAGE_COMPUTE_BIT`

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pStages-00729

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state and `pStages` includes a tessellation control shader stage, it **must** include a tessellation evaluation shader stage

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pStages-00730

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state and `pStages` includes a tessellation evaluation shader stage, it **must** include a tessellation control shader stage

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pStages-00731

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state and `pStages` includes a tessellation control shader stage and a tessellation evaluation shader stage, `pTessellationState` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo structure

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pStages-00732

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state and `pStages` includes tessellation shader stages, the shader code of at least one stage **must** contain an `OpExecutionMode` instruction specifying the type of subdivision in the pipeline

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pStages-00733

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state and `pStages` includes tessellation shader stages, and the shader code of both stages contain an `OpExecutionMode` instruction specifying the type of subdivision in the pipeline, they **must** both specify the same subdivision mode

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pStages-00734

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state and `pStages` includes tessellation shader stages, the shader code of at least one stage **must** contain an `OpExecutionMode` instruction specifying the output patch size in the pipeline

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pStages-00735

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state and `pStages` includes tessellation shader stages, and the shader code of both contain an `OpExecutionMode` instruction specifying the out patch size in the pipeline, they **must** both specify the same patch size

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pStages-00736

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state and `pStages` includes tessellation shader stages, the `topology` member of `pInputAssembly` **must** be `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_PATCH_LIST`

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-topology-00737

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state and the `topology` member of `pInputAssembly` is `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_PATCH_LIST`, `pStages` **must** include tessellation shader stages

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pStages-00738

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state and `pStages` includes a geometry shader stage, and does not include any tessellation shader stages, its shader code **must** contain an `OpExecutionMode` instruction specifying an input primitive type that is compatible with the primitive topology specified in `pInputAssembly`

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pStages-00739

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state and `pStages` includes a geometry shader stage, and also includes tessellation shader stages, its shader code **must** contain an `OpExecutionMode` instruction specifying an input primitive type that is compatible with the primitive topology that is output by the tessellation stages

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pStages-00740

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state and fragment shader state, it includes both a fragment shader and a geometry shader, and the fragment shader code reads from an input variable that is decorated with `PrimitiveId`, then the geometry shader code **must** write to a matching output variable, decorated with `PrimitiveId`, in all execution paths

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-renderPass-06038

  If `renderPass` is not `VK_NULL_HANDLE` and the pipeline is being created with fragment shader state the fragment shader **must** not read from any input attachment that is defined as `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED` in `subpass`

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pStages-00742

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state and multiple pre-rasterization shader stages are included in `pStages`, the shader code for the entry points identified by those `pStages` and the rest of the state identified by this structure **must** adhere to the pipeline linking rules described in the Shader Interfaces chapter

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-None-04889

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state and fragment shader

state, the fragment shader and last pre-rasterization shader stage and any relevant state **must** adhere to the pipeline linking rules described in the Shader Interfaces chapter

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-renderPass-06039

  If renderPass is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, the pipeline is being created with fragment shader state, and subpass uses a depth/stencil attachment in renderPass with a read-only layout for the depth aspect in the VkAttachmentReference defined by subpass, the depthWriteEnable member of pDepthStencilState **must** be VK_FALSE

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-renderPass-06040

  If renderPass is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, the pipeline is being created with fragment shader state, and subpass uses a depth/stencil attachment in renderPass with a read-only layout for the stencil aspect in the VkAttachmentReference defined by subpass, the failOp, passOp and depthFailOp members of each of the front and back members of pDepthStencilState **must** be VK_STENCIL_OP_KEEP

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-renderPass-06041

  If renderPass is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, and the pipeline is being created with fragment output interface state, then for each color attachment in the subpass, if the potential format features of the format of the corresponding attachment description do not contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT, then the blendEnable member of the corresponding element of the pAttachments member of pColorBlendState **must** be VK_FALSE

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-renderPass-06042

  If renderPass is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, and the pipeline is being created with fragment output interface state, and the subpass uses color attachments, the attachmentCount member of pColorBlendState **must** be equal to the colorAttachmentCount used to create subpass

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pDynamicStates-00747

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state, and no element of the pDynamicStates member of pDynamicState is VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_VIEWPORT, the pViewports member of pViewportState **must** be a valid pointer to an array of pViewportState->viewportCount valid VkViewport structures

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pDynamicStates-00748

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state, and no element of the pDynamicStates member of pDynamicState is VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_SCISSOR, the pScissors member of pViewportState **must** be a valid pointer to an array of pViewportState->scissorCount VkRect2D structures

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pDynamicStates-00749

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state, and the wide lines feature is not enabled, and no element of the pDynamicStates member of pDynamicState is VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_LINE_WIDTH, the lineWidth member of pRasterizationState **must** be 1.0

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-rasterizerDiscardEnable-00750

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state, and the rasterizerDiscardEnable member of pRasterizationState is VK_FALSE, pViewportState **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo structure

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-rasterizerDiscardEnable-00751

  If the pipeline is being created with fragment shader state, pMultisampleState **must** be a

valid pointer to a valid VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo structure

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-renderPass-06043

  If renderPass is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, the pipeline is being created with fragment shader state, and subpass uses a depth/stencil attachment, pDepthStencilState **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo structure

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-renderPass-06044

  If renderPass is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, the pipeline is being created with fragment output interface state, and subpass uses color attachments, pColorBlendState **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo structure

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pDynamicStates-00754

  If the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state, the depth bias clamping feature is not enabled, no element of the pDynamicStates member of pDynamicState is VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_DEPTH_BIAS, and the depthBiasEnable member of pRasterizationState is VK_TRUE, the depthBiasClamp member of pRasterizationState **must** be 0.0

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pDynamicStates-00755

  If the pipeline is being created with fragment shader state, and no element of the pDynamicStates member of pDynamicState is VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_DEPTH_BOUNDS, and the depthBoundsTestEnable member of pDepthStencilState is VK_TRUE, the minDepthBounds and maxDepthBounds members of pDepthStencilState **must** be between 0.0 and 1.0, inclusive

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-layout-00756

  layout **must** be consistent with all shaders specified in pStages

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-subpass-00757

  If the pipeline is being created with fragment shader state, and neither the VK_AMD_mixed_attachment_samples nor the VK_NV_framebuffer_mixed_samples extensions are enabled, and if subpass uses color and/or depth/stencil attachments, then the rasterizationSamples member of pMultisampleState **must** be the same as the sample count for those subpass attachments

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-subpass-00758

  If the pipeline is being created with fragment shader state and subpass does not use any color and/or depth/stencil attachments, then the rasterizationSamples member of pMultisampleState **must** follow the rules for a zero-attachment subpass

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-renderPass-06046

  If renderPass is a valid renderPass, subpass **must** be a valid subpass within renderPass

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-renderPass-06047

  If renderPass is a valid renderPass, the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state, and the renderPass has multiview enabled and subpass has more than one bit set in the view mask and multiviewTessellationShader is not enabled, then pStages **must** not include tessellation shaders

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-renderPass-06048

  If renderPass is a valid renderPass, the pipeline is being created with pre-rasterization shader state, and the renderPass has multiview enabled and subpass has more than one bit set in the view mask and multiviewGeometryShader is not enabled, then pStages **must** not include a geometry shader

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-renderPass-06049

  If `renderPass` is a valid renderPass, the pipeline is being created with [pre-rasterization shader state](#), and the `renderPass` has multiview enabled and `subpass` has more than one bit set in the view mask, shaders in the pipeline **must** not write to the `Layer` built-in output

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-renderPass-06050

  If `renderPass` is a valid renderPass and the pipeline is being created with [pre-rasterization shader state](#), and the `renderPass` has multiview enabled, then all shaders **must** not include variables decorated with the `Layer` built-in decoration in their interfaces

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-flags-00764

  `flags` **must** not contain the `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DISPATCH_BASE` flag

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pStages-01565

  If the pipeline is being created with [fragment shader state](#) and an input attachment was referenced by an `aspectMask` at `renderPass` creation time, the fragment shader **must** only read from the aspects that were specified for that input attachment

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-layout-01688

  The number of resources in `layout` accessible to each shader stage that is used by the pipeline **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxPerStageResources`

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pStages-02097

  If the pipeline is being created with [vertex input state](#), `pVertexInputState` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid [VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo](#) structure

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pVertexInputState-04910

  If the pipeline is being created with [vertex input state](#), and `VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_VERTEX_INPUT_EXT` is not set, `pVertexInputState` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid [VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo](#) structure

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pStages-02098

  If the pipeline is being created with [vertex input state](#), `pInputAssemblyState` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid [VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo](#) structure

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-None-04893

  The pipeline **must** be created with a [complete set of state](#)

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-renderPass-06051

  `renderPass` **must** not be [VK_NULL_HANDLE](#)

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-sType-sType

  sType **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_GRAPHICS_PIPELINE_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-flags-parameter

  `flags` **must** be a valid combination of VkPipelineCreateFlagBits values

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pStages-parameter

  `pStages` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `stageCount` valid VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo structures

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pRasterizationState-parameter

  `pRasterizationState` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo structure

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-pDynamicState-parameter

  If `pDynamicState` is not `NULL`, `pDynamicState` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo structure

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-layout-parameter

  `layout` **must** be a valid VkPipelineLayout handle

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-renderPass-parameter

  If `renderPass` is not `VK_NULL_HANDLE`, `renderPass` **must** be a valid VkRenderPass handle

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-stageCount-arraylength

  `stageCount` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo-commonparent

  Each of `basePipelineHandle`, `layout`, and `renderPass` that are valid handles of non-ignored parameters **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Possible values of the `flags` member of VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo, and VkComputePipelineCreateInfo, specifying how a pipeline is created, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkPipelineCreateFlagBits {
    VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DISABLE_OPTIMIZATION_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_ALLOW_DERIVATIVES_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DERIVATIVE_BIT = 0x00000004,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_VIEW_INDEX_FROM_DEVICE_INDEX_BIT = 0x00000008,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DISPATCH_BASE_BIT = 0x00000010,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DISPATCH_BASE = VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DISPATCH_BASE_BIT,
} VkPipelineCreateFlagBits;
```

- `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DISABLE_OPTIMIZATION_BIT` specifies that the created pipeline will not be optimized. Using this flag **may** reduce the time taken to create the pipeline.

- `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_ALLOW_DERIVATIVES_BIT` specifies that the pipeline to be created is allowed to be the parent of a pipeline that will be created in a subsequent pipeline creation call.

- `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DERIVATIVE_BIT` specifies that the pipeline to be created will be a child of a previously created parent pipeline.

- `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_VIEW_INDEX_FROM_DEVICE_INDEX_BIT` specifies that any shader input variables decorated as `ViewIndex` will be assigned values as if they were decorated as `DeviceIndex`.

- `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DISPATCH_BASE` specifies that a compute pipeline **can** be used with vkCmdDispatchBase with a non-zero base workgroup.

It is valid to set both `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_ALLOW_DERIVATIVES_BIT` and `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DERIVATIVE_BIT`. This allows a pipeline to be both a parent and possibly a child in a pipeline hierarchy. See Pipeline Derivatives for more information.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkPipelineCreateFlags;
```

VkPipelineCreateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkPipelineCreateFlagBits.

The VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                   sType;
    const void*                       pNext;
    VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateFlags flags;
    uint32_t                          dynamicStateCount;
    const VkDynamicState*             pDynamicStates;
} VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is reserved for future use.

- `dynamicStateCount` is the number of elements in the `pDynamicStates` array.

- `pDynamicStates` is a pointer to an array of VkDynamicState values specifying which pieces of pipeline state will use the values from dynamic state commands rather than from pipeline state creation information.

- VUID-VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo-pDynamicStates-01442

  Each element of pDynamicStates **must** be unique

- VUID-VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo-sType-sType

  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_DYNAMIC_STATE_CREATE_INFO

- VUID-VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo-pNext-pNext

  pNext **must** be NULL

- VUID-VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask

  flags **must** be 0

- VUID-VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo-pDynamicStates-parameter

  If dynamicStateCount is not 0, pDynamicStates **must** be a valid pointer to an array of dynamicStateCount valid VkDynamicState values

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateFlags;
```

VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

The source of different pieces of dynamic state is specified by the VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo::pDynamicStates property of the currently active pipeline, each of whose elements **must** be one of the values:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkDynamicState {
    VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_VIEWPORT = 0,
    VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_SCISSOR = 1,
    VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_LINE_WIDTH = 2,
    VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_DEPTH_BIAS = 3,
    VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_BLEND_CONSTANTS = 4,
    VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_DEPTH_BOUNDS = 5,
    VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_STENCIL_COMPARE_MASK = 6,
    VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_STENCIL_WRITE_MASK = 7,
    VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_STENCIL_REFERENCE = 8,
} VkDynamicState;
```

- VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_VIEWPORT specifies that the pViewports state in VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo will be ignored and **must** be set dynamically with vkCmdSetViewport before any drawing commands. The number of viewports used by a pipeline

is still specified by the `viewportCount` member of VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo.

- `VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_SCISSOR` specifies that the `pScissors` state in VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo will be ignored and **must** be set dynamically with vkCmdSetScissor before any drawing commands. The number of scissor rectangles used by a pipeline is still specified by the `scissorCount` member of VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo.

- `VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_LINE_WIDTH` specifies that the `lineWidth` state in VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo will be ignored and **must** be set dynamically with vkCmdSetLineWidth before any drawing commands that generate line primitives for the rasterizer.

- `VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_DEPTH_BIAS` specifies that the `depthBiasConstantFactor`, `depthBiasClamp` and `depthBiasSlopeFactor` states in VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo will be ignored and **must** be set dynamically with vkCmdSetDepthBias before any draws are performed with `depthBiasEnable` in VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo set to `VK_TRUE`.

- `VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_BLEND_CONSTANTS` specifies that the `blendConstants` state in VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo will be ignored and **must** be set dynamically with vkCmdSetBlendConstants before any draws are performed with a pipeline state with VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState member `blendEnable` set to `VK_TRUE` and any of the blend functions using a constant blend color.

- `VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_DEPTH_BOUNDS` specifies that the `minDepthBounds` and `maxDepthBounds` states of VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo will be ignored and **must** be set dynamically with vkCmdSetDepthBounds before any draws are performed with a pipeline state with VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo member `depthBoundsTestEnable` set to `VK_TRUE`.

- `VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_STENCIL_COMPARE_MASK` specifies that the `compareMask` state in VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo for both `front` and `back` will be ignored and **must** be set dynamically with vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask before any draws are performed with a pipeline state with VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo member `stencilTestEnable` set to `VK_TRUE`

- `VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_STENCIL_WRITE_MASK` specifies that the `writeMask` state in VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo for both `front` and `back` will be ignored and **must** be set dynamically with vkCmdSetStencilWriteMask before any draws are performed with a pipeline state with VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo member `stencilTestEnable` set to `VK_TRUE`

- `VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_STENCIL_REFERENCE` specifies that the `reference` state in VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo for both `front` and `back` will be ignored and **must** be set dynamically with vkCmdSetStencilReference before any draws are performed with a pipeline state with VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo member `stencilTestEnable` set to `VK_TRUE`

10.2.1. Valid Combinations of Stages for Graphics Pipelines

If tessellation shader stages are omitted, the tessellation shading and fixed-function stages of the pipeline are skipped.

If a geometry shader is omitted, the geometry shading stage is skipped.

If a fragment shader is omitted, fragment color outputs have undefined values, and the fragment depth value is unmodified. This **can** be useful for depth-only rendering.

Presence of a shader stage in a pipeline is indicated by including a valid VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo with `module` and `pName` selecting an entry point from a shader module, where that entry point is valid for the stage specified by `stage`.

Presence of some of the fixed-function stages in the pipeline is implicitly derived from enabled shaders and provided state. For example, the fixed-function tessellator is always present when the pipeline has valid Tessellation Control and Tessellation Evaluation shaders.

For example:

- Depth/stencil-only rendering in a subpass with no color attachments
  - Active Pipeline Shader Stages
    - Vertex Shader
  - Required: Fixed-Function Pipeline Stages
    - VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo
    - VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo
    - VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo
    - VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo
    - VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo
    - VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo
- Color-only rendering in a subpass with no depth/stencil attachment
  - Active Pipeline Shader Stages
    - Vertex Shader
    - Fragment Shader
  - Required: Fixed-Function Pipeline Stages
    - VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo
    - VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo
    - VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo
    - VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo
    - VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo
    - VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo
- Rendering pipeline with tessellation and geometry shaders
  - Active Pipeline Shader Stages
    - Vertex Shader
    - Tessellation Control Shader
    - Tessellation Evaluation Shader
    - Geometry Shader
    - Fragment Shader

- ◦ Required: Fixed-Function Pipeline Stages

    - ▪ VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo

    - ▪ VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo

    - ▪ VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo

    - ▪ VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo

    - ▪ VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo

    - ▪ VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo

    - ▪ VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo

    - ▪ VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo

10.3. Pipeline Destruction

To destroy a pipeline, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroyPipeline(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkPipeline                                  pipeline,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- `device` is the logical device that destroys the pipeline.

- `pipeline` is the handle of the pipeline to destroy.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkDestroyPipeline-pipeline-00765

  All submitted commands that refer to `pipeline` **must** have completed execution

- VUID-vkDestroyPipeline-pipeline-00766

  If `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `pipeline` was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here

- VUID-vkDestroyPipeline-pipeline-00767

  If no `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `pipeline` was created, `pAllocator` **must** be `NULL`

10.4. Multiple Pipeline Creation

Multiple pipelines **can** be created simultaneously by passing an array of VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo, or VkComputePipelineCreateInfo structures into the vkCreateGraphicsPipelines, and vkCreateComputePipelines commands, respectively. Applications **can** group together similar pipelines to be created in a single call, and implementations are encouraged to look for reuse opportunities within a group-create.

When an application attempts to create many pipelines in a single command, it is possible that some subset **may** fail creation. In that case, the corresponding entries in the `pPipelines` output array will be filled with VK_NULL_HANDLE values. If any pipeline fails creation despite valid arguments (for example, due to out of memory errors), the VkResult code returned by `vkCreate*Pipelines` will indicate why. The implementation will attempt to create all pipelines, and only return VK_NULL_HANDLE values for those that actually failed.

10.5. Pipeline Derivatives

A pipeline derivative is a child pipeline created from a parent pipeline, where the child and parent are expected to have much commonality. The goal of derivative pipelines is that they be cheaper to create using the parent as a starting point, and that it be more efficient (on either host or device) to switch/bind between children of the same parent.

A derivative pipeline is created by setting the `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DERIVATIVE_BIT` flag in the `Vk*PipelineCreateInfo` structure. If this is set, then exactly one of `basePipelineHandle` or `basePipelineIndex` members of the structure **must** have a valid handle/index, and specifies the parent pipeline. If `basePipelineHandle` is used, the parent pipeline **must** have already been created. If `basePipelineIndex` is used, then the parent is being created in the same command. VK_NULL_HANDLE acts as the invalid handle for `basePipelineHandle`, and -1 is the invalid index for

`basePipelineIndex`. If `basePipelineIndex` is used, the base pipeline **must** appear earlier in the array. The base pipeline **must** have been created with the `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_ALLOW_DERIVATIVES_BIT` flag set.

10.6. Pipeline Cache

Pipeline cache objects allow the result of pipeline construction to be reused between pipelines and between runs of an application. Reuse between pipelines is achieved by passing the same pipeline cache object when creating multiple related pipelines. Reuse across runs of an application is achieved by retrieving pipeline cache contents in one run of an application, saving the contents, and using them to preinitialize a pipeline cache on a subsequent run. The contents of the pipeline cache objects are managed by the implementation. Applications **can** manage the host memory consumed by a pipeline cache object and control the amount of data retrieved from a pipeline cache object.

Pipeline cache objects are represented by `VkPipelineCache` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkPipelineCache)
```

10.6.1. Creating a Pipeline Cache

To create pipeline cache objects, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreatePipelineCache(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo*            pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkPipelineCache*                            pPipelineCache);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the pipeline cache object.
- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo structure containing initial parameters for the pipeline cache object.
- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- `pPipelineCache` is a pointer to a VkPipelineCache handle in which the resulting pipeline cache object is returned.

> *Note*
>
> Applications **can** track and manage the total host memory size of a pipeline cache object using the `pAllocator`. Applications **can** limit the amount of data retrieved from a pipeline cache object in `vkGetPipelineCacheData`. Implementations **should** not internally limit the total number of entries added to a pipeline cache object or the total host memory consumed.

Once created, a pipeline cache **can** be passed to the vkCreateGraphicsPipelines and vkCreateComputePipelines commands. If the pipeline cache passed into these commands is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, the implementation will query it for possible reuse opportunities and update it with new content. The use of the pipeline cache object in these commands is internally synchronized, and the same pipeline cache object **can** be used in multiple threads simultaneously.

> *Note*
>
> Implementations **should** make every effort to limit any critical sections to the actual accesses to the cache, which is expected to be significantly shorter than the duration of the `vkCreate*Pipelines` commands.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCreatePipelineCache-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkCreatePipelineCache-pCreateInfo-parameter

  `pCreateInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo structure

- VUID-vkCreatePipelineCache-pAllocator-parameter

  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkCreatePipelineCache-pPipelineCache-parameter

  `pPipelineCache` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkPipelineCache handle

Return Codes

Success

- VK_SUCCESS

Failure

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY

The `VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType               sType;
    const void*                   pNext;
    VkPipelineCacheCreateFlags    flags;
    size_t                        initialDataSize;
    const void*                   pInitialData;
} VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is reserved for future use.

- `initialDataSize` is the number of bytes in `pInitialData`. If `initialDataSize` is zero, the pipeline cache will initially be empty.

- `pInitialData` is a pointer to previously retrieved pipeline cache data. If the pipeline cache data is incompatible (as defined below) with the device, the pipeline cache will be initially empty. If `initialDataSize` is zero, `pInitialData` is ignored.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo-initialDataSize-00768
  If `initialDataSize` is not `0`, it **must** be equal to the size of `pInitialData`, as returned by `vkGetPipelineCacheData` when `pInitialData` was originally retrieved

- VUID-VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo-initialDataSize-00769
  If `initialDataSize` is not `0`, `pInitialData` **must** have been retrieved from a previous call to `vkGetPipelineCacheData`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo-sType-sType
  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_CACHE_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo-pNext-pNext
  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask
  `flags` **must** be `0`

- VUID-VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo-pInitialData-parameter
  If `initialDataSize` is not `0`, `pInitialData` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `initialDataSize` bytes

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```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkPipelineCacheCreateFlags;
```

`VkPipelineCacheCreateFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

10.6.2. Merging Pipeline Caches

Pipeline cache objects **can** be merged using the command:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkMergePipelineCaches(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkPipelineCache                             dstCache,
    uint32_t                                    srcCacheCount,
    const VkPipelineCache*                      pSrcCaches);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the pipeline cache objects.

- `dstCache` is the handle of the pipeline cache to merge results into.

- `srcCacheCount` is the length of the `pSrcCaches` array.

- `pSrcCaches` is a pointer to an array of pipeline cache handles, which will be merged into `dstCache`. The previous contents of `dstCache` are included after the merge.

> **Note**
>
> The details of the merge operation are implementation-dependent, but implementations **should** merge the contents of the specified pipelines and prune duplicate entries.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkMergePipelineCaches-dstCache-00770
  `dstCache` **must** not appear in the list of source caches

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkMergePipelineCaches-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid [VkDevice](#) handle

- VUID-vkMergePipelineCaches-dstCache-parameter
  `dstCache` **must** be a valid [VkPipelineCache](#) handle

- VUID-vkMergePipelineCaches-pSrcCaches-parameter
  `pSrcCaches` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `srcCacheCount` valid [VkPipelineCache](#) handles

- VUID-vkMergePipelineCaches-srcCacheCount-arraylength
  `srcCacheCount` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-vkMergePipelineCaches-dstCache-parent
  `dstCache` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

- VUID-vkMergePipelineCaches-pSrcCaches-parent
  Each element of `pSrcCaches` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

10.6.3. Retrieving Pipeline Cache Data

Data **can** be retrieved from a pipeline cache object using the command:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkGetPipelineCacheData(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkPipelineCache                             pipelineCache,
    size_t*                                     pDataSize,
    void*                                       pData);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the pipeline cache.

- `pipelineCache` is the pipeline cache to retrieve data from.

- `pDataSize` is a pointer to a `size_t` value related to the amount of data in the pipeline cache, as described below.

- `pData` is either `NULL` or a pointer to a buffer.

If `pData` is `NULL`, then the maximum size of the data that **can** be retrieved from the pipeline cache, in bytes, is returned in `pDataSize`. Otherwise, `pDataSize` **must** point to a variable set by the user to the size of the buffer, in bytes, pointed to by `pData`, and on return the variable is overwritten with the amount of data actually written to `pData`. If `pDataSize` is less than the maximum size that **can** be retrieved by the pipeline cache, at most `pDataSize` bytes will be written to `pData`, and `VK_INCOMPLETE` will be returned instead of `VK_SUCCESS`, to indicate that not all of the pipeline cache was returned.

Any data written to `pData` is valid and **can** be provided as the `pInitialData` member of the VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo structure passed to `vkCreatePipelineCache`.

Two calls to `vkGetPipelineCacheData` with the same parameters **must** retrieve the same data unless a command that modifies the contents of the cache is called between them.

The initial bytes written to `pData` **must** be a header as described in the Pipeline Cache Header

section.

If `pDataSize` is less than what is necessary to store this header, nothing will be written to `pData` and zero will be written to `pDataSize`.

10.6.4. Pipeline Cache Header

Applications **can** store the data retrieved from the pipeline cache, and use these data, possibly in a future run of the application, to populate new pipeline cache objects. The results of pipeline compiles, however, **may** depend on the vendor ID, device ID, driver version, and other details of the device. To enable applications to detect when previously retrieved data is incompatible with the device, the pipeline cache data **must** begin with a valid pipeline cache header.

Version one of the pipeline cache header is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersionOne {
    uint32_t                      headerSize;
    VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersion  headerVersion;
    uint32_t                      vendorID;
    uint32_t                      deviceID;
    uint8_t                       pipelineCacheUUID[VK_UUID_SIZE];
} VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersionOne;
```

- `headerSize` is the length in bytes of the pipeline cache header.

- `headerVersion` is a VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersion enum value specifying the version of the header. A consumer of the pipeline cache **should** use the cache version to interpret the remainder of the cache header.

- `vendorID` is the `VkPhysicalDeviceProperties::vendorID` of the implementation.

- `deviceID` is the `VkPhysicalDeviceProperties::deviceID` of the implementation.

- `pipelineCacheUUID` is the `VkPhysicalDeviceProperties::pipelineCacheUUID` of the implementation.

Unlike most structures declared by the Vulkan API, all fields of this structure are written with the least significant byte first, regardless of host byte-order.

The C language specification does not define the packing of structure members. This layout assumes tight structure member packing, with members laid out in the order listed in the structure, and the intended size of the structure is 32 bytes. If a compiler produces code that diverges from that pattern, applications **must** employ another method to set values at the correct offsets.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersionOne-headerSize-04967
  `headerSize` **must** be 32

- VUID-VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersionOne-headerVersion-04968
  `headerVersion` **must** be `VK_PIPELINE_CACHE_HEADER_VERSION_ONE`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersionOne-headerVersion-parameter
  `headerVersion` **must** be a valid VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersion value

Possible values of the `headerVersion` value of the pipeline cache header are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersion {
    VK_PIPELINE_CACHE_HEADER_VERSION_ONE = 1,
} VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersion;
```

- `VK_PIPELINE_CACHE_HEADER_VERSION_ONE` specifies version one of the pipeline cache.

10.6.5. Destroying a Pipeline Cache

To destroy a pipeline cache, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroyPipelineCache(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkPipelineCache                             pipelineCache,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- `device` is the logical device that destroys the pipeline cache object.
- `pipelineCache` is the handle of the pipeline cache to destroy.
- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkDestroyPipelineCache-pipelineCache-00771
  If `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `pipelineCache` was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here

- VUID-vkDestroyPipelineCache-pipelineCache-00772
  If no `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `pipelineCache` was created, `pAllocator` **must** be `NULL`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkDestroyPipelineCache-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkDestroyPipelineCache-pipelineCache-parameter
  If `pipelineCache` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `pipelineCache` **must** be a valid VkPipelineCache handle

- VUID-vkDestroyPipelineCache-pAllocator-parameter
  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkDestroyPipelineCache-pipelineCache-parent
  If `pipelineCache` is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `pipelineCache` **must** be externally synchronized

10.7. Specialization Constants

Specialization constants are a mechanism whereby constants in a SPIR-V module **can** have their constant value specified at the time the `VkPipeline` is created. This allows a SPIR-V module to have constants that **can** be modified while executing an application that uses the Vulkan API.

> **Note**
>
> Specialization constants are useful to allow a compute shader to have its local workgroup size changed at runtime by the user, for example.

Each `VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo` structure contains a `pSpecializationInfo` member, which **can** be `NULL` to indicate no specialization constants, or point to a `VkSpecializationInfo` structure.

The `VkSpecializationInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkSpecializationInfo {
    uint32_t                           mapEntryCount;
    const VkSpecializationMapEntry*    pMapEntries;
    size_t                             dataSize;
    const void*                        pData;
} VkSpecializationInfo;
```

- `mapEntryCount` is the number of entries in the `pMapEntries` array.
- `pMapEntries` is a pointer to an array of `VkSpecializationMapEntry` structures which map constant IDs to offsets in `pData`.
- `dataSize` is the byte size of the `pData` buffer.
- `pData` contains the actual constant values to specialize with.

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Valid Usage

- VUID-VkSpecializationInfo-offset-00773
  The `offset` member of each element of `pMapEntries` **must** be less than `dataSize`

- VUID-VkSpecializationInfo-pMapEntries-00774
  The `size` member of each element of `pMapEntries` **must** be less than or equal to `dataSize` minus `offset`

- VUID-VkSpecializationInfo-constantID-04911
  The `constantID` value of each element of `pMapEntries` **must** be unique within `pMapEntries`

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- VUID-VkSpecializationInfo-pMapEntries-parameter

  If `mapEntryCount` is not `0`, `pMapEntries` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `mapEntryCount` valid VkSpecializationMapEntry structures

- VUID-VkSpecializationInfo-pData-parameter

  If `dataSize` is not `0`, `pData` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `dataSize` bytes

The `VkSpecializationMapEntry` structure is defined as:

```c
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkSpecializationMapEntry {
    uint32_t    constantID;
    uint32_t    offset;
    size_t      size;
} VkSpecializationMapEntry;
```

- `constantID` is the ID of the specialization constant in SPIR-V.
- `offset` is the byte offset of the specialization constant value within the supplied data buffer.
- `size` is the byte size of the specialization constant value within the supplied data buffer.

If a `constantID` value is not a specialization constant ID used in the shader, that map entry does not affect the behavior of the pipeline.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkSpecializationMapEntry-constantID-00776

  For a `constantID` specialization constant declared in a shader, `size` **must** match the byte size of the `constantID`. If the specialization constant is of type `boolean`, `size` **must** be the byte size of `VkBool32`

In human readable SPIR-V:

```
OpDecorate %x SpecId 13 ; decorate .x component of WorkgroupSize with ID 13
OpDecorate %y SpecId 42 ; decorate .y component of WorkgroupSize with ID 42
OpDecorate %z SpecId 3  ; decorate .z component of WorkgroupSize with ID 3
OpDecorate %wgsize BuiltIn WorkgroupSize ; decorate WorkgroupSize onto constant
%i32 = OpTypeInt 32 0 ; declare an unsigned 32-bit type
%uvec3 = OpTypeVector %i32 3 ; declare a 3 element vector type of unsigned 32-bit
%x = OpSpecConstant %i32 1 ; declare the .x component of WorkgroupSize
%y = OpSpecConstant %i32 1 ; declare the .y component of WorkgroupSize
%z = OpSpecConstant %i32 1 ; declare the .z component of WorkgroupSize
%wgsize = OpSpecConstantComposite %uvec3 %x %y %z ; declare WorkgroupSize
```

From the above we have three specialization constants, one for each of the x, y & z elements of the WorkgroupSize vector.

Now to specialize the above via the specialization constants mechanism:

```
const VkSpecializationMapEntry entries[] =
{
    {
        13,                             // constantID
        0 * sizeof(uint32_t),           // offset
        sizeof(uint32_t)                // size
    },
    {
        42,                             // constantID
        1 * sizeof(uint32_t),           // offset
        sizeof(uint32_t)                // size
    },
    {
        3,                              // constantID
        2 * sizeof(uint32_t),           // offset
        sizeof(uint32_t)                // size
    }
};

const uint32_t data[] = { 16, 8, 4 }; // our workgroup size is 16x8x4

const VkSpecializationInfo info =
{
    3,                              // mapEntryCount
    entries,                        // pMapEntries
    3 * sizeof(uint32_t),           // dataSize
    data,                           // pData
};
```

Then when calling vkCreateComputePipelines, and passing the VkSpecializationInfo we defined as the pSpecializationInfo parameter of VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo, we will create a compute pipeline with the runtime specified local workgroup size.

Another example would be that an application has a SPIR-V module that has some platform-dependent constants they wish to use.

In human readable SPIR-V:

```
OpDecorate %1 SpecId 0  ; decorate our signed 32-bit integer constant
OpDecorate %2 SpecId 12 ; decorate our 32-bit floating-point constant
%i32 = OpTypeInt 32 1    ; declare a signed 32-bit type
%float = OpTypeFloat 32 ; declare a 32-bit floating-point type
%1 = OpSpecConstant %i32 -1 ; some signed 32-bit integer constant
%2 = OpSpecConstant %float 0.5 ; some 32-bit floating-point constant
```

From the above we have two specialization constants, one is a signed 32-bit integer and the second is a 32-bit floating-point value.

Now to specialize the above via the specialization constants mechanism:

```cpp
struct SpecializationData {
    int32_t data0;
    float data1;
};

const VkSpecializationMapEntry entries[] =
{
    {
        0,                                  // constantID
        offsetof(SpecializationData, data0), // offset
        sizeof(SpecializationData::data0)    // size
    },
    {
        12,                                 // constantID
        offsetof(SpecializationData, data1), // offset
        sizeof(SpecializationData::data1)    // size
    }
};

SpecializationData data;
data.data0 = -42;    // set the data for the 32-bit integer
data.data1 = 42.0f;  // set the data for the 32-bit floating-point

const VkSpecializationInfo info =
{
    2,                                  // mapEntryCount
    entries,                            // pMapEntries
    sizeof(data),                       // dataSize
    &data,                              // pData
};
```

It is legal for a SPIR-V module with specializations to be compiled into a pipeline where no specialization information was provided. SPIR-V specialization constants contain default values such that if a specialization is not provided, the default value will be used. In the examples above, it would be valid for an application to only specialize some of the specialization constants within the SPIR-V module, and let the other constants use their default values encoded within the

OpSpecConstant declarations.

10.8. Pipeline Binding

Once a pipeline has been created, it **can** be bound to the command buffer using the command:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdBindPipeline(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkPipelineBindPoint                         pipelineBindPoint,
    VkPipeline                                  pipeline);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer that the pipeline will be bound to.

- `pipelineBindPoint` is a VkPipelineBindPoint value specifying to which bind point the pipeline is bound. Binding one does not disturb the others.

- `pipeline` is the pipeline to be bound.

Once bound, a pipeline binding affects subsequent commands that interact with the given pipeline type in the command buffer until a different pipeline of the same type is bound to the bind point. Commands that do not interact with the given pipeline type **must** not be affected by the pipeline state.

- The pipeline bound to `VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_COMPUTE` controls the behavior of all dispatching commands.

- The pipeline bound to `VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_GRAPHICS` controls the behavior of all drawing commands.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdBindPipeline-pipelineBindPoint-00777

  If pipelineBindPoint is VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_COMPUTE, the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support compute operations

- VUID-vkCmdBindPipeline-pipelineBindPoint-00778

  If pipelineBindPoint is VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_GRAPHICS, the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

- VUID-vkCmdBindPipeline-pipelineBindPoint-00779

  If pipelineBindPoint is VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_COMPUTE, pipeline **must** be a compute pipeline

- VUID-vkCmdBindPipeline-pipelineBindPoint-00780

  If pipelineBindPoint is VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_GRAPHICS, pipeline **must** be a graphics pipeline

- VUID-vkCmdBindPipeline-pipeline-00781

  If the variable multisample rate feature is not supported, pipeline is a graphics pipeline, the current subpass uses no attachments, and this is not the first call to this function with a graphics pipeline after transitioning to the current subpass, then the sample count specified by this pipeline **must** match that set in the previous pipeline

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdBindPipeline-commandBuffer-parameter

  commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdBindPipeline-pipelineBindPoint-parameter

  pipelineBindPoint **must** be a valid VkPipelineBindPoint value

- VUID-vkCmdBindPipeline-pipeline-parameter

  pipeline **must** be a valid VkPipeline handle

- VUID-vkCmdBindPipeline-commandBuffer-recording

  commandBuffer **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdBindPipeline-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics, or compute operations

- VUID-vkCmdBindPipeline-commonparent

  Both of commandBuffer, and pipeline **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics Compute

Possible values of vkCmdBindPipeline::`pipelineBindPoint`, specifying the bind point of a pipeline object, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkPipelineBindPoint {
    VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_GRAPHICS = 0,
    VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_COMPUTE = 1,
} VkPipelineBindPoint;
```

- `VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_COMPUTE` specifies binding as a compute pipeline.

- `VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_GRAPHICS` specifies binding as a graphics pipeline.

10.9. Dynamic State

When a pipeline object is bound, any pipeline object state that is not specified as dynamic is applied to the command buffer state. Pipeline object state that is specified as dynamic is not applied to the command buffer state at this time. Instead, dynamic state **can** be modified at any time and persists for the lifetime of the command buffer, or until modified by another dynamic state setting command or another pipeline bind.

When a pipeline object is bound, the following applies to each state parameter:

- If the state is not specified as dynamic in the new pipeline object, then that command buffer state is overwritten by the state in the new pipeline object. Before any draw or dispatch call with this pipeline there **must** not have been any calls to any of the corresponding dynamic state setting commands after this pipeline was bound

- If the state is specified as dynamic in the new pipeline object, then that command buffer state is not disturbed. Before any draw or dispatch call with this pipeline there **must** have been at least one call to each of the corresponding dynamic state setting commands since the command buffer recording was begun, or the last bound pipeline object with that state specified as static, whichever was the latter

Dynamic state that does not affect the result of operations **can** be left undefined.

> *Note*
>
> For example, if blending is disabled by the pipeline object state then the dynamic color blend constants do not need to be specified in the command buffer, even if this state is specified as dynamic in the pipeline object.

Chapter 11. Memory Allocation

Vulkan memory is broken up into two categories, *host memory* and *device memory*.

11.1. Host Memory

Host memory is memory needed by the Vulkan implementation for non-device-visible storage.

> **ℹ** *Note*
>
> This memory **may** be used to store the implementation's representation and state of Vulkan objects.

Vulkan provides applications the opportunity to perform host memory allocations on behalf of the Vulkan implementation. If this feature is not used, the implementation will perform its own memory allocations. Since most memory allocations are off the critical path, this is not meant as a performance feature. Rather, this **can** be useful for certain embedded systems, for debugging purposes (e.g. putting a guard page after all host allocations), or for memory allocation logging.

Allocators are provided by the application as a pointer to a `VkAllocationCallbacks` structure:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkAllocationCallbacks {
    void*                                   pUserData;
    PFN_vkAllocationFunction                pfnAllocation;
    PFN_vkReallocationFunction              pfnReallocation;
    PFN_vkFreeFunction                      pfnFree;
    PFN_vkInternalAllocationNotification    pfnInternalAllocation;
    PFN_vkInternalFreeNotification          pfnInternalFree;
} VkAllocationCallbacks;
```

- `pUserData` is a value to be interpreted by the implementation of the callbacks. When any of the callbacks in `VkAllocationCallbacks` are called, the Vulkan implementation will pass this value as the first parameter to the callback. This value **can** vary each time an allocator is passed into a command, even when the same object takes an allocator in multiple commands.

- `pfnAllocation` is a PFN_vkAllocationFunction pointer to an application-defined memory allocation function.

- `pfnReallocation` is a PFN_vkReallocationFunction pointer to an application-defined memory reallocation function.

- `pfnFree` is a PFN_vkFreeFunction pointer to an application-defined memory free function.

- `pfnInternalAllocation` is a PFN_vkInternalAllocationNotification pointer to an application-defined function that is called by the implementation when the implementation makes internal allocations.

- `pfnInternalFree` is a PFN_vkInternalFreeNotification pointer to an application-defined function that is called by the implementation when the implementation frees internal allocations.

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Valid Usage

- VUID-VkAllocationCallbacks-pfnAllocation-00632

  pfnAllocation **must** be a valid pointer to a valid user-defined PFN_vkAllocationFunction

- VUID-VkAllocationCallbacks-pfnReallocation-00633

  pfnReallocation **must** be a valid pointer to a valid user-defined PFN_vkReallocationFunction

- VUID-VkAllocationCallbacks-pfnFree-00634

  pfnFree **must** be a valid pointer to a valid user-defined PFN_vkFreeFunction

- VUID-VkAllocationCallbacks-pfnInternalAllocation-00635

  If either of pfnInternalAllocation or pfnInternalFree is not NULL, both **must** be valid callbacks

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The type of pfnAllocation is:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef void* (VKAPI_PTR *PFN_vkAllocationFunction)(
    void*                                       pUserData,
    size_t                                      size,
    size_t                                      alignment,
    VkSystemAllocationScope                     allocationScope);
```

- pUserData is the value specified for VkAllocationCallbacks::pUserData in the allocator specified by the application.
- size is the size in bytes of the requested allocation.
- alignment is the requested alignment of the allocation in bytes and **must** be a power of two.
- allocationScope is a VkSystemAllocationScope value specifying the allocation scope of the lifetime of the allocation, as described here.

If pfnAllocation is unable to allocate the requested memory, it **must** return NULL. If the allocation was successful, it **must** return a valid pointer to memory allocation containing at least size bytes, and with the pointer value being a multiple of alignment.

> *Note*
>
> Correct Vulkan operation **cannot** be assumed if the application does not follow these rules.
>
> For example, pfnAllocation (or pfnReallocation) could cause termination of running Vulkan instance(s) on a failed allocation for debugging purposes, either directly or indirectly. In these circumstances, it **cannot** be assumed that any part of any affected VkInstance objects are going to operate correctly (even vkDestroyInstance), and the application **must** ensure it cleans up properly via other means (e.g. process termination).

If `pfnAllocation` returns `NULL`, and if the implementation is unable to continue correct processing of the current command without the requested allocation, it **must** treat this as a runtime error, and generate `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY` at the appropriate time for the command in which the condition was detected, as described in Return Codes.

If the implementation is able to continue correct processing of the current command without the requested allocation, then it **may** do so, and **must** not generate `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY` as a result of this failed allocation.

The type of `pfnReallocation` is:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef void* (VKAPI_PTR *PFN_vkReallocationFunction)(
    void*                                   pUserData,
    void*                                   pOriginal,
    size_t                                  size,
    size_t                                  alignment,
    VkSystemAllocationScope                 allocationScope);
```

- `pUserData` is the value specified for VkAllocationCallbacks::`pUserData` in the allocator specified by the application.
- `pOriginal` **must** be either `NULL` or a pointer previously returned by `pfnReallocation` or `pfnAllocation` of a compatible allocator.
- `size` is the size in bytes of the requested allocation.
- `alignment` is the requested alignment of the allocation in bytes and **must** be a power of two.
- `allocationScope` is a VkSystemAllocationScope value specifying the allocation scope of the lifetime of the allocation, as described here.

`pfnReallocation` **must** return an allocation with enough space for `size` bytes, and the contents of the original allocation from bytes zero to min(original size, new size) - 1 **must** be preserved in the returned allocation. If `size` is larger than the old size, the contents of the additional space are undefined. If satisfying these requirements involves creating a new allocation, then the old allocation **should** be freed.

If `pOriginal` is `NULL`, then `pfnReallocation` **must** behave equivalently to a call to PFN_vkAllocationFunction with the same parameter values (without `pOriginal`).

If `size` is zero, then `pfnReallocation` **must** behave equivalently to a call to PFN_vkFreeFunction with the same `pUserData` parameter value, and `pMemory` equal to `pOriginal`.

If `pOriginal` is non-`NULL`, the implementation **must** ensure that `alignment` is equal to the `alignment` used to originally allocate `pOriginal`.

If this function fails and `pOriginal` is non-`NULL` the application **must** not free the old allocation.

`pfnReallocation` **must** follow the same rules for return values as PFN_vkAllocationFunction.

The type of `pfnFree` is:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef void (VKAPI_PTR *PFN_vkFreeFunction)(
    void*                                       pUserData,
    void*                                       pMemory);
```

- pUserData is the value specified for VkAllocationCallbacks::pUserData in the allocator specified by the application.

- pMemory is the allocation to be freed.

pMemory **may** be NULL, which the callback **must** handle safely. If pMemory is non-NULL, it **must** be a pointer previously allocated by pfnAllocation or pfnReallocation. The application **should** free this memory.

The type of pfnInternalAllocation is:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef void (VKAPI_PTR *PFN_vkInternalAllocationNotification)(
    void*                                       pUserData,
    size_t                                      size,
    VkInternalAllocationType                    allocationType,
    VkSystemAllocationScope                     allocationScope);
```

- pUserData is the value specified for VkAllocationCallbacks::pUserData in the allocator specified by the application.

- size is the requested size of an allocation.

- allocationType is a VkInternalAllocationType value specifying the requested type of an allocation.

- allocationScope is a VkSystemAllocationScope value specifying the allocation scope of the lifetime of the allocation, as described here.

This is a purely informational callback.

The type of pfnInternalFree is:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef void (VKAPI_PTR *PFN_vkInternalFreeNotification)(
    void*                                       pUserData,
    size_t                                      size,
    VkInternalAllocationType                    allocationType,
    VkSystemAllocationScope                     allocationScope);
```

- pUserData is the value specified for VkAllocationCallbacks::pUserData in the allocator specified by the application.

- size is the requested size of an allocation.

- `allocationType` is a VkInternalAllocationType value specifying the requested type of an allocation.

- `allocationScope` is a VkSystemAllocationScope value specifying the allocation scope of the lifetime of the allocation, as described here.

Each allocation has an *allocation scope* defining its lifetime and which object it is associated with. Possible values passed to the `allocationScope` parameter of the callback functions specified by VkAllocationCallbacks, indicating the allocation scope, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkSystemAllocationScope {
    VK_SYSTEM_ALLOCATION_SCOPE_COMMAND = 0,
    VK_SYSTEM_ALLOCATION_SCOPE_OBJECT = 1,
    VK_SYSTEM_ALLOCATION_SCOPE_CACHE = 2,
    VK_SYSTEM_ALLOCATION_SCOPE_DEVICE = 3,
    VK_SYSTEM_ALLOCATION_SCOPE_INSTANCE = 4,
} VkSystemAllocationScope;
```

- `VK_SYSTEM_ALLOCATION_SCOPE_COMMAND` specifies that the allocation is scoped to the duration of the Vulkan command.

- `VK_SYSTEM_ALLOCATION_SCOPE_OBJECT` specifies that the allocation is scoped to the lifetime of the Vulkan object that is being created or used.

- `VK_SYSTEM_ALLOCATION_SCOPE_CACHE` specifies that the allocation is scoped to the lifetime of a `VkPipelineCache` object.

- `VK_SYSTEM_ALLOCATION_SCOPE_DEVICE` specifies that the allocation is scoped to the lifetime of the Vulkan device.

- `VK_SYSTEM_ALLOCATION_SCOPE_INSTANCE` specifies that the allocation is scoped to the lifetime of the Vulkan instance.

Most Vulkan commands operate on a single object, or there is a sole object that is being created or manipulated. When an allocation uses an allocation scope of `VK_SYSTEM_ALLOCATION_SCOPE_OBJECT` or `VK_SYSTEM_ALLOCATION_SCOPE_CACHE`, the allocation is scoped to the object being created or manipulated.

When an implementation requires host memory, it will make callbacks to the application using the most specific allocator and allocation scope available:

- If an allocation is scoped to the duration of a command, the allocator will use the `VK_SYSTEM_ALLOCATION_SCOPE_COMMAND` allocation scope. The most specific allocator available is used: if the object being created or manipulated has an allocator, that object's allocator will be used, else if the parent `VkDevice` has an allocator it will be used, else if the parent `VkInstance` has an allocator it will be used. Else,

- If an allocation is associated with a `VkPipelineCache` object, the allocator will use the `VK_SYSTEM_ALLOCATION_SCOPE_CACHE` allocation scope. The most specific allocator available is used (cache, else device, else instance). Else,

- If an allocation is scoped to the lifetime of an object, that object is being created or manipulated by the command, and that object's type is not `VkDevice` or `VkInstance`, the allocator will use an allocation scope of `VK_SYSTEM_ALLOCATION_SCOPE_OBJECT`. The most specific allocator available is used (object, else device, else instance). Else,

- If an allocation is scoped to the lifetime of a device, the allocator will use an allocation scope of `VK_SYSTEM_ALLOCATION_SCOPE_DEVICE`. The most specific allocator available is used (device, else instance). Else,

- If the allocation is scoped to the lifetime of an instance and the instance has an allocator, its allocator will be used with an allocation scope of `VK_SYSTEM_ALLOCATION_SCOPE_INSTANCE`.

- Otherwise an implementation will allocate memory through an alternative mechanism that is unspecified.

Objects that are allocated from pools do not specify their own allocator. When an implementation requires host memory for such an object, that memory is sourced from the object's parent pool's allocator.

The application is not expected to handle allocating memory that is intended for execution by the host due to the complexities of differing security implementations across multiple platforms. The implementation will allocate such memory internally and invoke an application provided informational callback when these *internal allocations* are allocated and freed. Upon allocation of executable memory, `pfnInternalAllocation` will be called. Upon freeing executable memory, `pfnInternalFree` will be called. An implementation will only call an informational callback for executable memory allocations and frees.

The `allocationType` parameter to the `pfnInternalAllocation` and `pfnInternalFree` functions **may** be one of the following values:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkInternalAllocationType {
    VK_INTERNAL_ALLOCATION_TYPE_EXECUTABLE = 0,
} VkInternalAllocationType;
```

- `VK_INTERNAL_ALLOCATION_TYPE_EXECUTABLE` specifies that the allocation is intended for execution by the host.

An implementation **must** only make calls into an application-provided allocator during the execution of an API command. An implementation **must** only make calls into an application-provided allocator from the same thread that called the provoking API command. The implementation **should** not synchronize calls to any of the callbacks. If synchronization is needed, the callbacks **must** provide it themselves. The informational callbacks are subject to the same restrictions as the allocation callbacks.

If an implementation intends to make calls through a `VkAllocationCallbacks` structure between the time a `vkCreate*` command returns and the time a corresponding `vkDestroy*` command begins, that implementation **must** save a copy of the allocator before the `vkCreate*` command returns. The callback functions and any data structures they rely upon **must** remain valid for the lifetime of the object they are associated with.

If an allocator is provided to a `vkCreate*` command, a *compatible* allocator **must** be provided to the corresponding `vkDestroy*` command. Two `VkAllocationCallbacks` structures are compatible if memory allocated with `pfnAllocation` or `pfnReallocation` in each **can** be freed with `pfnReallocation` or `pfnFree` in the other. An allocator **must** not be provided to a `vkDestroy*` command if an allocator was not provided to the corresponding `vkCreate*` command.

If a non-`NULL` allocator is used, the `pfnAllocation`, `pfnReallocation` and `pfnFree` members **must** be non-`NULL` and point to valid implementations of the callbacks. An application **can** choose to not provide informational callbacks by setting both `pfnInternalAllocation` and `pfnInternalFree` to `NULL`. `pfnInternalAllocation` and `pfnInternalFree` **must** either both be `NULL` or both be non-`NULL`.

If `pfnAllocation` or `pfnReallocation` fail, the implementation **may** fail object creation and/or generate a `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY` error, as appropriate.

Allocation callbacks **must** not call any Vulkan commands.

The following sets of rules define when an implementation is permitted to call the allocator callbacks.

`pfnAllocation` or `pfnReallocation` **may** be called in the following situations:

- Allocations scoped to a `VkDevice` or `VkInstance` **may** be allocated from any API command.
- Allocations scoped to a command **may** be allocated from any API command.
- Allocations scoped to a `VkPipelineCache` **may** only be allocated from:
  - `vkCreatePipelineCache`
  - `vkMergePipelineCaches` for `dstCache`
  - `vkCreateGraphicsPipelines` for `pipelineCache`
  - `vkCreateComputePipelines` for `pipelineCache`
- Allocations scoped to a `VkDescriptorPool` **may** only be allocated from:
  - any command that takes the pool as a direct argument
  - `vkAllocateDescriptorSets` for the `descriptorPool` member of its `pAllocateInfo` parameter
  - `vkCreateDescriptorPool`
- Allocations scoped to a `VkCommandPool` **may** only be allocated from:
  - any command that takes the pool as a direct argument
  - `vkCreateCommandPool`
  - `vkAllocateCommandBuffers` for the `commandPool` member of its `pAllocateInfo` parameter
  - any `vkCmd*` command whose `commandBuffer` was allocated from that `VkCommandPool`
- Allocations scoped to any other object **may** only be allocated in that object's `vkCreate*` command.

`pfnFree`, or `pfnReallocation` with zero `size`, **may** be called in the following situations:

- Allocations scoped to a `VkDevice` or `VkInstance` **may** be freed from any API command.

- Allocations scoped to a command **must** be freed by any API command which allocates such memory.

- Allocations scoped to a `VkPipelineCache` **may** be freed from `vkDestroyPipelineCache`.

- Allocations scoped to a `VkDescriptorPool` **may** be freed from

  - any command that takes the pool as a direct argument

- Allocations scoped to a `VkCommandPool` **may** be freed from:

  - any command that takes the pool as a direct argument

  - `vkResetCommandBuffer` whose `commandBuffer` was allocated from that `VkCommandPool`

- Allocations scoped to any other object **may** be freed in that object's `vkDestroy*` command.

- Any command that allocates host memory **may** also free host memory of the same scope.

11.2. Device Memory

Device memory is memory that is visible to the device — for example the contents of the image or buffer objects, which **can** be natively used by the device.

11.2.1. Device Memory Properties

Memory properties of a physical device describe the memory heaps and memory types available.

To query memory properties, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties*           pMemoryProperties);
```

- `physicalDevice` is the handle to the device to query.

- `pMemoryProperties` is a pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties structure in which the properties are returned.

> **Valid Usage (Implicit)**
>
> - VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties-physicalDevice-parameter
>   `physicalDevice` **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle
>
> - VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties-pMemoryProperties-parameter
>   `pMemoryProperties` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties structure

The `VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties {
    uint32_t        memoryTypeCount;
    VkMemoryType    memoryTypes[VK_MAX_MEMORY_TYPES];
    uint32_t        memoryHeapCount;
    VkMemoryHeap    memoryHeaps[VK_MAX_MEMORY_HEAPS];
} VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties;
```

- `memoryTypeCount` is the number of valid elements in the `memoryTypes` array.

- `memoryTypes` is an array of `VK_MAX_MEMORY_TYPES` VkMemoryType structures describing the *memory types* that **can** be used to access memory allocated from the heaps specified by `memoryHeaps`.

- `memoryHeapCount` is the number of valid elements in the `memoryHeaps` array.

- `memoryHeaps` is an array of `VK_MAX_MEMORY_HEAPS` VkMemoryHeap structures describing the *memory heaps* from which memory **can** be allocated.

The `VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties` structure describes a number of *memory heaps* as well as a number of *memory types* that **can** be used to access memory allocated in those heaps. Each heap describes a memory resource of a particular size, and each memory type describes a set of memory properties (e.g. host cached vs uncached) that **can** be used with a given memory heap. Allocations using a particular memory type will consume resources from the heap indicated by that memory type's heap index. More than one memory type **may** share each heap, and the heaps and memory types provide a mechanism to advertise an accurate size of the physical memory resources while allowing the memory to be used with a variety of different properties.

The number of memory heaps is given by `memoryHeapCount` and is less than or equal to `VK_MAX_MEMORY_HEAPS`. Each heap is described by an element of the `memoryHeaps` array as a VkMemoryHeap structure. The number of memory types available across all memory heaps is given by `memoryTypeCount` and is less than or equal to `VK_MAX_MEMORY_TYPES`. Each memory type is described by an element of the `memoryTypes` array as a VkMemoryType structure.

At least one heap **must** include `VK_MEMORY_HEAP_DEVICE_LOCAL_BIT` in VkMemoryHeap::`flags`. If there are multiple heaps that all have similar performance characteristics, they **may** all include `VK_MEMORY_HEAP_DEVICE_LOCAL_BIT`. In a unified memory architecture (UMA) system there is often only a single memory heap which is considered to be equally "local" to the host and to the device, and such an implementation **must** advertise the heap as device-local.

Each memory type returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties **must** have its `propertyFlags` set to one of the following values:

- 0

- `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_VISIBLE_BIT` |
  `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_COHERENT_BIT`

- `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_VISIBLE_BIT` |
  `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_CACHED_BIT`

- `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_VISIBLE_BIT` |

```
VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_CACHED_BIT |
VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_COHERENT_BIT
```

- `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_DEVICE_LOCAL_BIT`

- ```
  VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_DEVICE_LOCAL_BIT |
  VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_VISIBLE_BIT |
  VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_COHERENT_BIT
  ```

- ```
  VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_DEVICE_LOCAL_BIT |
  VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_VISIBLE_BIT |
  VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_CACHED_BIT
  ```

- ```
  VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_DEVICE_LOCAL_BIT |
  VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_VISIBLE_BIT |
  VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_CACHED_BIT |
  VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_COHERENT_BIT
  ```

- ```
  VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_DEVICE_LOCAL_BIT |
  VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_LAZILY_ALLOCATED_BIT
  ```

- `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_PROTECTED_BIT`

- `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_PROTECTED_BIT | VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_DEVICE_LOCAL_BIT`

There **must** be at least one memory type with both the `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_VISIBLE_BIT` and `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_COHERENT_BIT` bits set in its `propertyFlags`. There **must** be at least one memory type with the `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_DEVICE_LOCAL_BIT` bit set in its `propertyFlags`.

For each pair of elements **X** and **Y** returned in `memoryTypes`, **X must** be placed at a lower index position than **Y** if:

- the set of bit flags returned in the `propertyFlags` member of **X** is a strict subset of the set of bit flags returned in the `propertyFlags` member of **Y**; or

- the `propertyFlags` members of **X** and **Y** are equal, and **X** belongs to a memory heap with greater performance (as determined in an implementation-specific manner)

> *Note*
>
> There is no ordering requirement between **X** and **Y** elements for the case their `propertyFlags` members are not in a subset relation. That potentially allows more than one possible way to order the same set of memory types. Notice that the list of all allowed memory property flag combinations is written in a valid order. But if instead `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_DEVICE_LOCAL_BIT` was before `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_VISIBLE_BIT | VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_COHERENT_BIT`, the list would still be in a valid order.

This ordering requirement enables applications to use a simple search loop to select the desired memory type along the lines of:

```cpp
// Find a memory in `memoryTypeBitsRequirement` that includes all of
`requiredProperties`
int32_t findProperties(const VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties* pMemoryProperties,
                       uint32_t memoryTypeBitsRequirement,
                       VkMemoryPropertyFlags requiredProperties) {
    const uint32_t memoryCount = pMemoryProperties->memoryTypeCount;
    for (uint32_t memoryIndex = 0; memoryIndex < memoryCount; ++memoryIndex) {
        const uint32_t memoryTypeBits = (1 << memoryIndex);
        const bool isRequiredMemoryType = memoryTypeBitsRequirement & memoryTypeBits;

        const VkMemoryPropertyFlags properties =
            pMemoryProperties->memoryTypes[memoryIndex].propertyFlags;
        const bool hasRequiredProperties =
            (properties & requiredProperties) == requiredProperties;

        if (isRequiredMemoryType && hasRequiredProperties)
            return static_cast<int32_t>(memoryIndex);
    }

    // failed to find memory type
    return -1;
}

// Try to find an optimal memory type, or if it does not exist try fallback memory
type
// `device` is the VkDevice
// `image` is the VkImage that requires memory to be bound
// `memoryProperties` properties as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties
// `requiredProperties` are the property flags that must be present
// `optimalProperties` are the property flags that are preferred by the application
VkMemoryRequirements memoryRequirements;
vkGetImageMemoryRequirements(device, image, &memoryRequirements);
int32_t memoryType =
    findProperties(&memoryProperties, memoryRequirements.memoryTypeBits,
optimalProperties);
if (memoryType == -1) // not found; try fallback properties
    memoryType =
        findProperties(&memoryProperties, memoryRequirements.memoryTypeBits,
requiredProperties);
```

VK_MAX_MEMORY_TYPES is the length of an array of VkMemoryType structures describing memory types, as returned in VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties::memoryTypes.

```cpp
#define VK_MAX_MEMORY_TYPES                32U
```

VK_MAX_MEMORY_HEAPS is the length of an array of VkMemoryHeap structures describing memory heaps, as returned in VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties::memoryHeaps.

```
#define VK_MAX_MEMORY_HEAPS               16U
```

To query memory properties, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties2(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties2*          pMemoryProperties);
```

- `physicalDevice` is the handle to the device to query.

- `pMemoryProperties` is a pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties2 structure in which the properties are returned.

`vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties2` behaves similarly to vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties, with the ability to return extended information in a `pNext` chain of output structures.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties2-physicalDevice-parameter
  `physicalDevice` **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties2-pMemoryProperties-parameter
  `pMemoryProperties` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties2 structure

The `VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties2` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties2 {
    VkStructureType                    sType;
    void*                              pNext;
    VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties   memoryProperties;
} VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties2;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `memoryProperties` is a VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties structure which is populated with the same values as in vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties.

The VkMemoryHeap structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkMemoryHeap {
    VkDeviceSize        size;
    VkMemoryHeapFlags   flags;
} VkMemoryHeap;
```

- size is the total memory size in bytes in the heap.

- flags is a bitmask of VkMemoryHeapFlagBits specifying attribute flags for the heap.

Bits which **may** be set in VkMemoryHeap::flags, indicating attribute flags for the heap, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkMemoryHeapFlagBits {
    VK_MEMORY_HEAP_DEVICE_LOCAL_BIT = 0x00000001,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_MEMORY_HEAP_MULTI_INSTANCE_BIT = 0x00000002,
} VkMemoryHeapFlagBits;
```

- VK_MEMORY_HEAP_DEVICE_LOCAL_BIT specifies that the heap corresponds to device-local memory. Device-local memory **may** have different performance characteristics than host-local memory, and **may** support different memory property flags.

- VK_MEMORY_HEAP_MULTI_INSTANCE_BIT specifies that in a logical device representing more than one physical device, there is a per-physical device instance of the heap memory. By default, an allocation from such a heap will be replicated to each physical device's instance of the heap.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkMemoryHeapFlags;
```

VkMemoryHeapFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkMemoryHeapFlagBits.

The VkMemoryType structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkMemoryType {
    VkMemoryPropertyFlags    propertyFlags;
    uint32_t                 heapIndex;
} VkMemoryType;
```

- `heapIndex` describes which memory heap this memory type corresponds to, and **must** be less than `memoryHeapCount` from the VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties structure.

- `propertyFlags` is a bitmask of VkMemoryPropertyFlagBits of properties for this memory type.

Bits which **may** be set in VkMemoryType::`propertyFlags`, indicating properties of a memory heap, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkMemoryPropertyFlagBits {
    VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_DEVICE_LOCAL_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_VISIBLE_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_COHERENT_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_CACHED_BIT = 0x00000008,
    VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_LAZILY_ALLOCATED_BIT = 0x00000010,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_PROTECTED_BIT = 0x00000020,
} VkMemoryPropertyFlagBits;
```

- `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_DEVICE_LOCAL_BIT` bit specifies that memory allocated with this type is the most efficient for device access. This property will be set if and only if the memory type belongs to a heap with the `VK_MEMORY_HEAP_DEVICE_LOCAL_BIT` set.

- `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_VISIBLE_BIT` bit specifies that memory allocated with this type **can** be mapped for host access using vkMapMemory.

- `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_COHERENT_BIT` bit specifies that the host cache management commands vkFlushMappedMemoryRanges and vkInvalidateMappedMemoryRanges are not needed to flush host writes to the device or make device writes visible to the host, respectively.

- `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_CACHED_BIT` bit specifies that memory allocated with this type is cached on the host. Host memory accesses to uncached memory are slower than to cached memory, however uncached memory is always host coherent.

- `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_LAZILY_ALLOCATED_BIT` bit specifies that the memory type only allows device access to the memory. Memory types **must** not have both `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_LAZILY_ALLOCATED_BIT` and `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_VISIBLE_BIT` set. Additionally, the object's backing memory **may** be provided by the implementation lazily as specified in Lazily Allocated Memory.

- `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_PROTECTED_BIT` bit specifies that the memory type only allows device access to the memory, and allows protected queue operations to access the memory. Memory types **must** not have `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_PROTECTED_BIT` set and any of `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_VISIBLE_BIT` set, or `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_COHERENT_BIT` set, or

`VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_CACHED_BIT` set.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkMemoryPropertyFlags;
```

`VkMemoryPropertyFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more `VkMemoryPropertyFlagBits`.

11.2.2. Device Memory Objects

A Vulkan device operates on data in device memory via memory objects that are represented in the API by a `VkDeviceMemory` handle:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkDeviceMemory)
```

11.2.3. Device Memory Allocation

To allocate memory objects, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkAllocateMemory(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkMemoryAllocateInfo*                 pAllocateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkDeviceMemory*                             pMemory);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the memory.

- `pAllocateInfo` is a pointer to a `VkMemoryAllocateInfo` structure describing parameters of the allocation. A successfully returned allocation **must** use the requested parameters—no substitution is permitted by the implementation.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

- `pMemory` is a pointer to a `VkDeviceMemory` handle in which information about the allocated memory is returned.

Allocations returned by `vkAllocateMemory` are guaranteed to meet any alignment requirement of the implementation. For example, if an implementation requires 128 byte alignment for images and 64 byte alignment for buffers, the device memory returned through this mechanism would be 128-byte aligned. This ensures that applications **can** correctly suballocate objects of different types (with potentially different alignment requirements) in the same memory object.

When memory is allocated, its contents are undefined with the following constraint:

- The contents of unprotected memory **must** not be a function of the contents of data protected memory objects, even if those memory objects were previously freed.

Note

The contents of memory allocated by one application **should** not be a function of data from protected memory objects of another application, even if those memory objects were previously freed.

The maximum number of valid memory allocations that **can** exist simultaneously within a VkDevice **may** be restricted by implementation- or platform-dependent limits. The `maxMemoryAllocationCount` feature describes the number of allocations that **can** exist simultaneously before encountering these internal limits.

Note

For historical reasons, if `maxMemoryAllocationCount` is exceeded, some implementations may return `VK_ERROR_TOO_MANY_OBJECTS`. Exceeding this limit will result in undefined behavior, and an application should not rely on the use of the returned error code in order to identify when the limit is reached.

Note

Many protected memory implementations involve complex hardware and system software support, and often have additional and much lower limits on the number of simultaneous protected memory allocations (from memory types with the `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_PROTECTED_BIT` property) than for non-protected memory allocations. These limits can be system-wide, and depend on a variety of factors outside of the Vulkan implementation, so they cannot be queried in Vulkan. Applications **should** use as few allocations as possible from such memory types by suballocating aggressively, and be prepared for allocation failure even when there is apparently plenty of capacity remaining in the memory heap. As a guideline, the Vulkan conformance test suite requires that at least 80 minimum-size allocations can exist concurrently when no other uses of protected memory are active in the system.

Some platforms **may** have a limit on the maximum size of a single allocation. For example, certain systems **may** fail to create allocations with a size greater than or equal to 4GB. Such a limit is implementation-dependent, and if such a failure occurs then the error `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY` **must** be returned.

The VkMemoryAllocateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkMemoryAllocateInfo {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    const void*        pNext;
    VkDeviceSize       allocationSize;
    uint32_t           memoryTypeIndex;
} VkMemoryAllocateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `allocationSize` is the size of the allocation in bytes.

- `memoryTypeIndex` is an index identifying a memory type from the `memoryTypes` array of the [VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties](#) structure.

The internal data of an allocated device memory object **must** include a reference to implementation-specific resources, referred to as the memory object's *payload*.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkMemoryAllocateInfo-allocationSize-00638
  `allocationSize` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-VkMemoryAllocateInfo-memoryTypeIndex-01872
  If the protected memory feature is not enabled, the `VkMemoryAllocateInfo::memoryTypeIndex` **must** not indicate a memory type that reports `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_PROTECTED_BIT`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkMemoryAllocateInfo-sType-sType
  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_MEMORY_ALLOCATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkMemoryAllocateInfo-pNext-pNext
  Each `pNext` member of any structure (including this one) in the `pNext` chain **must** be either `NULL` or a pointer to a valid instance of [VkExportMemoryAllocateInfo](#), [VkMemoryAllocateFlagsInfo](#), or [VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo](#)

- VUID-VkMemoryAllocateInfo-sType-unique
  The `sType` value of each struct in the `pNext` chain **must** be unique

If the `pNext` chain includes a `VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo` structure, then that structure includes a handle of the sole buffer or image resource that the memory **can** be bound to.

The `VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    const void*        pNext;
    VkImage            image;
    VkBuffer           buffer;
} VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- image is VK_NULL_HANDLE or a handle of an image which this memory will be bound to.

- buffer is VK_NULL_HANDLE or a handle of a buffer which this memory will be bound to.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo-image-01432
  At least one of image and buffer **must** be VK_NULL_HANDLE

- VUID-VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo-image-01433
  If image is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, VkMemoryAllocateInfo::allocationSize **must** equal the VkMemoryRequirements::size of the image

- VUID-VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo-image-01434
  If image is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, image **must** have been created without VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT set in VkImageCreateInfo::flags

- VUID-VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo-buffer-01435
  If buffer is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, VkMemoryAllocateInfo::allocationSize **must** equal the VkMemoryRequirements::size of the buffer

- VUID-VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo-buffer-01436
  If buffer is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, buffer **must** have been created without VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT set in VkBufferCreateInfo::flags

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo-sType-sType
  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_MEMORY_DEDICATED_ALLOCATE_INFO

- VUID-VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo-image-parameter
  If image is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, image **must** be a valid VkImage handle

- VUID-VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo-buffer-parameter
  If buffer is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, buffer **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

- VUID-VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo-commonparent
  Both of buffer, and image that are valid handles of non-ignored parameters **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

When allocating memory whose payload **may** be exported to another process or Vulkan instance, add a VkExportMemoryAllocateInfo structure to the pNext chain of the VkMemoryAllocateInfo structure, specifying the handle types that **may** be exported.

The VkExportMemoryAllocateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkExportMemoryAllocateInfo {
    VkStructureType                 sType;
    const void*                     pNext;
    VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlags handleTypes;
} VkExportMemoryAllocateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- handleTypes is a bitmask of VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlagBits specifying one or more memory handle types the application **can** export from the resulting allocation. The application **can** request multiple handle types for the same allocation.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkExportMemoryAllocateInfo-handleTypes-00656
  The bits in handleTypes **must** be supported and compatible, as reported by VkExternalImageFormatProperties or VkExternalBufferProperties

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkExportMemoryAllocateInfo-sType-sType
  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXPORT_MEMORY_ALLOCATE_INFO

- VUID-VkExportMemoryAllocateInfo-handleTypes-parameter
  handleTypes **must** be a valid combination of VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlagBits values

11.2.4. Device Group Memory Allocations

If the pNext chain of VkMemoryAllocateInfo includes a VkMemoryAllocateFlagsInfo structure, then that structure includes flags and a device mask controlling how many instances of the memory will be allocated.

The VkMemoryAllocateFlagsInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkMemoryAllocateFlagsInfo {
    VkStructureType         sType;
    const void*             pNext;
    VkMemoryAllocateFlags   flags;
    uint32_t                deviceMask;
} VkMemoryAllocateFlagsInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is a bitmask of VkMemoryAllocateFlagBits controlling the allocation.

- `deviceMask` is a mask of physical devices in the logical device, indicating that memory **must** be allocated on each device in the mask, if `VK_MEMORY_ALLOCATE_DEVICE_MASK_BIT` is set in `flags`.

If `VK_MEMORY_ALLOCATE_DEVICE_MASK_BIT` is not set, the number of instances allocated depends on whether `VK_MEMORY_HEAP_MULTI_INSTANCE_BIT` is set in the memory heap. If `VK_MEMORY_HEAP_MULTI_INSTANCE_BIT` is set, then memory is allocated for every physical device in the logical device (as if `deviceMask` has bits set for all device indices). If `VK_MEMORY_HEAP_MULTI_INSTANCE_BIT` is not set, then a single instance of memory is allocated (as if `deviceMask` is set to one).

On some implementations, allocations from a multi-instance heap **may** consume memory on all physical devices even if the `deviceMask` excludes some devices. If VkPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties::`subsetAllocation` is `VK_TRUE`, then memory is only consumed for the devices in the device mask.

> *Note*
>
> In practice, most allocations on a multi-instance heap will be allocated across all physical devices. Unicast allocation support is an optional optimization for a minority of allocations.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkMemoryAllocateFlagsInfo-deviceMask-00675
  If `VK_MEMORY_ALLOCATE_DEVICE_MASK_BIT` is set, `deviceMask` **must** be a valid device mask

- VUID-VkMemoryAllocateFlagsInfo-deviceMask-00676
  If `VK_MEMORY_ALLOCATE_DEVICE_MASK_BIT` is set, `deviceMask` **must** not be zero

Bits which **can** be set in VkMemoryAllocateFlagsInfo::flags, controlling device memory allocation, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef enum VkMemoryAllocateFlagBits {
    VK_MEMORY_ALLOCATE_DEVICE_MASK_BIT = 0x00000001,
} VkMemoryAllocateFlagBits;
```

- VK_MEMORY_ALLOCATE_DEVICE_MASK_BIT specifies that memory will be allocated for the devices in VkMemoryAllocateFlagsInfo::deviceMask.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef VkFlags VkMemoryAllocateFlags;
```

VkMemoryAllocateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkMemoryAllocateFlagBits.

11.2.5. Freeing Device Memory

To free a memory object, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkFreeMemory(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkDeviceMemory                              memory,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- device is the logical device that owns the memory.

- memory is the VkDeviceMemory object to be freed.

- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

Before freeing a memory object, an application **must** ensure the memory object is no longer in use by the device — for example by command buffers in the *pending state*. Memory **can** be freed whilst still bound to resources, but those resources **must** not be used afterwards. Freeing a memory object releases the reference it held, if any, to its payload. If there are still any bound images or buffers, the memory object's payload **may** not be immediately released by the implementation, but **must** be released by the time all bound images and buffers have been destroyed. Once all references to a

payload are released, it is returned to the heap from which it was allocated.

How memory objects are bound to Images and Buffers is described in detail in the Resource Memory Association section.

If a memory object is mapped at the time it is freed, it is implicitly unmapped.

> *Note*
>
> As described below, host writes are not implicitly flushed when the memory object is unmapped, but the implementation **must** guarantee that writes that have not been flushed do not affect any other memory.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkFreeMemory-memory-00677
  All submitted commands that refer to `memory` (via images or buffers) **must** have completed execution

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkFreeMemory-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkFreeMemory-memory-parameter
  If `memory` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `memory` **must** be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle

- VUID-vkFreeMemory-pAllocator-parameter
  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkFreeMemory-memory-parent
  If `memory` is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `memory` **must** be externally synchronized

11.2.6. Host Access to Device Memory Objects

Memory objects created with vkAllocateMemory are not directly host accessible.

Memory objects created with the memory property `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_VISIBLE_BIT` are considered *mappable*. Memory objects **must** be mappable in order to be successfully mapped on the host.

To retrieve a host virtual address pointer to a region of a mappable memory object, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkMapMemory(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkDeviceMemory                              memory,
    VkDeviceSize                                offset,
    VkDeviceSize                                size,
    VkMemoryMapFlags                            flags,
    void**                                      ppData);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the memory.

- `memory` is the VkDeviceMemory object to be mapped.

- `offset` is a zero-based byte offset from the beginning of the memory object.

- `size` is the size of the memory range to map, or `VK_WHOLE_SIZE` to map from `offset` to the end of the allocation.

- `flags` is reserved for future use.

- `ppData` is a pointer to a `void *` variable in which is returned a host-accessible pointer to the beginning of the mapped range. This pointer minus `offset` **must** be aligned to at least VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::`minMemoryMapAlignment`.

After a successful call to `vkMapMemory` the memory object `memory` is considered to be currently *host mapped*.

> **Note**
>
> It is an application error to call `vkMapMemory` on a memory object that is already *host mapped*.

> **Note**
>
> `vkMapMemory` will fail if the implementation is unable to allocate an appropriately sized contiguous virtual address range, e.g. due to virtual address space fragmentation or platform limits. In such cases, `vkMapMemory` **must** return `VK_ERROR_MEMORY_MAP_FAILED`. The application **can** improve the likelihood of success by reducing the size of the mapped range and/or removing unneeded mappings using vkUnmapMemory.

`vkMapMemory` does not check whether the device memory is currently in use before returning the host-accessible pointer. The application **must** guarantee that any previously submitted command that writes to this range has completed before the host reads from or writes to that range, and that any previously submitted command that reads from that range has completed before the host writes to that region (see here for details on fulfilling such a guarantee). If the device memory was allocated without the `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_COHERENT_BIT` set, these guarantees **must** be made for an extended range: the application **must** round down the start of the range to the nearest multiple of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::`nonCoherentAtomSize`, and round the end of the range up to the nearest multiple of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::`nonCoherentAtomSize`.

While a range of device memory is host mapped, the application is responsible for synchronizing

both device and host access to that memory range.

> *Note*
>
> It is important for the application developer to become meticulously familiar with all of the mechanisms described in the chapter on Synchronization and Cache Control as they are crucial to maintaining memory access ordering.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkMapMemory-memory-00678

  `memory` **must** not be currently host mapped

- VUID-vkMapMemory-offset-00679

  `offset` **must** be less than the size of `memory`

- VUID-vkMapMemory-size-00680

  If `size` is not equal to `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`, `size` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-vkMapMemory-size-00681

  If `size` is not equal to `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`, `size` **must** be less than or equal to the size of the `memory` minus `offset`

- VUID-vkMapMemory-memory-00682

  `memory` **must** have been created with a memory type that reports `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_VISIBLE_BIT`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkMapMemory-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkMapMemory-memory-parameter

  `memory` **must** be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle

- VUID-vkMapMemory-flags-zerobitmask

  `flags` **must** be `0`

- VUID-vkMapMemory-ppData-parameter

  `ppData` **must** be a valid pointer to a pointer value

- VUID-vkMapMemory-memory-parent

  `memory` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `memory` **must** be externally synchronized

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkMemoryMapFlags;
```

VkMemoryMapFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

Two commands are provided to enable applications to work with non-coherent memory allocations: vkFlushMappedMemoryRanges and vkInvalidateMappedMemoryRanges.

> *Note*
>
> If the memory object was created with the VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_COHERENT_BIT set, vkFlushMappedMemoryRanges and vkInvalidateMappedMemoryRanges are unnecessary and **may** have a performance cost. However, availability and visibility operations still need to be managed on the device. See the description of host access types for more information.

To flush ranges of non-coherent memory from the host caches, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkFlushMappedMemoryRanges(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    uint32_t                                    memoryRangeCount,
    const VkMappedMemoryRange*                  pMemoryRanges);
```

- device is the logical device that owns the memory ranges.

- memoryRangeCount is the length of the pMemoryRanges array.

- pMemoryRanges is a pointer to an array of VkMappedMemoryRange structures describing the memory ranges to flush.

vkFlushMappedMemoryRanges guarantees that host writes to the memory ranges described by pMemoryRanges are made available to the host memory domain, such that they **can** be made available to the device memory domain via memory domain operations using the VK_ACCESS_HOST_WRITE_BIT access type.

Within each range described by pMemoryRanges, each set of nonCoherentAtomSize bytes in that range is

flushed if any byte in that set has been written by the host since it was first host mapped, or the last time it was flushed. If `pMemoryRanges` includes sets of `nonCoherentAtomSize` bytes where no bytes have been written by the host, those bytes **must** not be flushed.

Unmapping non-coherent memory does not implicitly flush the host mapped memory, and host writes that have not been flushed **may** not ever be visible to the device. However, implementations **must** ensure that writes that have not been flushed do not become visible to any other memory.

> *Note*
>
> The above guarantee avoids a potential memory corruption in scenarios where host writes to a mapped memory object have not been flushed before the memory is unmapped (or freed), and the virtual address range is subsequently reused for a different mapping (or memory allocation).

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkFlushMappedMemoryRanges-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkFlushMappedMemoryRanges-pMemoryRanges-parameter
  `pMemoryRanges` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `memoryRangeCount` valid VkMappedMemoryRange structures

- VUID-vkFlushMappedMemoryRanges-memoryRangeCount-arraylength
  `memoryRangeCount` **must** be greater than `0`

Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

To invalidate ranges of non-coherent memory from the host caches, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkInvalidateMappedMemoryRanges(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    uint32_t                                    memoryRangeCount,
    const VkMappedMemoryRange*                  pMemoryRanges);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the memory ranges.

- `memoryRangeCount` is the length of the `pMemoryRanges` array.

- `pMemoryRanges` is a pointer to an array of VkMappedMemoryRange structures describing the memory ranges to invalidate.

`vkInvalidateMappedMemoryRanges` guarantees that device writes to the memory ranges described by `pMemoryRanges`, which have been made available to the host memory domain using the `VK_ACCESS_HOST_WRITE_BIT` and `VK_ACCESS_HOST_READ_BIT` access types, are made visible to the host. If a range of non-coherent memory is written by the host and then invalidated without first being flushed, its contents are undefined.

Within each range described by `pMemoryRanges`, each set of `nonCoherentAtomSize` bytes in that range is invalidated if any byte in that set has been written by the device since it was first host mapped, or the last time it was invalidated.

> *Note*
>
> Mapping non-coherent memory does not implicitly invalidate that memory.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkInvalidateMappedMemoryRanges-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkInvalidateMappedMemoryRanges-pMemoryRanges-parameter
  `pMemoryRanges` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `memoryRangeCount` valid VkMappedMemoryRange structures

- VUID-vkInvalidateMappedMemoryRanges-memoryRangeCount-arraylength
  `memoryRangeCount` **must** be greater than `0`

Return Codes

Success

- VK_SUCCESS

Failure

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY

The `VkMappedMemoryRange` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkMappedMemoryRange {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    const void*        pNext;
    VkDeviceMemory     memory;
    VkDeviceSize       offset;
    VkDeviceSize       size;
} VkMappedMemoryRange;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `memory` is the memory object to which this range belongs.

- `offset` is the zero-based byte offset from the beginning of the memory object.

- `size` is either the size of range, or `VK_WHOLE_SIZE` to affect the range from `offset` to the end of the current mapping of the allocation.

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Valid Usage

- VUID-VkMappedMemoryRange-memory-00684

  `memory` **must** be currently host mapped

- VUID-VkMappedMemoryRange-size-00685

  If `size` is not equal to `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`, `offset` and `size` **must** specify a range contained within the currently mapped range of `memory`

- VUID-VkMappedMemoryRange-size-00686

  If `size` is equal to `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`, `offset` **must** be within the currently mapped range of `memory`

- VUID-VkMappedMemoryRange-offset-00687

  `offset` **must** be a multiple of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::nonCoherentAtomSize

- VUID-VkMappedMemoryRange-size-01389

  If `size` is equal to `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`, the end of the current mapping of `memory` **must** either be a multiple of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::nonCoherentAtomSize bytes from the beginning of the memory object, or be equal to the end of the memory object

- VUID-VkMappedMemoryRange-size-01390

  If `size` is not equal to `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`, `size` **must** either be a multiple of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::nonCoherentAtomSize, or `offset` plus `size` **must** equal the size of `memory`

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- VUID-VkMappedMemoryRange-sType-sType

  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_MAPPED_MEMORY_RANGE

- VUID-VkMappedMemoryRange-pNext-pNext

  pNext **must** be NULL

- VUID-VkMappedMemoryRange-memory-parameter

  memory **must** be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle

To unmap a memory object once host access to it is no longer needed by the application, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkUnmapMemory(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkDeviceMemory                              memory);
```

- device is the logical device that owns the memory.

- memory is the memory object to be unmapped.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkUnmapMemory-memory-00689

  memory **must** be currently host mapped

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkUnmapMemory-device-parameter

  device **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkUnmapMemory-memory-parameter

  memory **must** be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle

- VUID-vkUnmapMemory-memory-parent

  memory **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

Host Synchronization

- Host access to memory **must** be externally synchronized

11.2.7. Lazily Allocated Memory

If the memory object is allocated from a heap with the VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_LAZILY_ALLOCATED_BIT bit set, that object's backing memory **may** be provided by the implementation lazily. The actual

committed size of the memory **may** initially be as small as zero (or as large as the requested size), and monotonically increases as additional memory is needed.

A memory type with this flag set is only allowed to be bound to a `VkImage` whose usage flags include `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSIENT_ATTACHMENT_BIT`.

> *Note*
>
> Using lazily allocated memory objects for framebuffer attachments that are not needed once a render pass instance has completed **may** allow some implementations to never allocate memory for such attachments.

To determine the amount of lazily-allocated memory that is currently committed for a memory object, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkGetDeviceMemoryCommitment(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkDeviceMemory                              memory,
    VkDeviceSize*                               pCommittedMemoryInBytes);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the memory.
- `memory` is the memory object being queried.
- `pCommittedMemoryInBytes` is a pointer to a `VkDeviceSize` value in which the number of bytes currently committed is returned, on success.

The implementation **may** update the commitment at any time, and the value returned by this query **may** be out of date.

The implementation guarantees to allocate any committed memory from the `heapIndex` indicated by the memory type that the memory object was created with.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkGetDeviceMemoryCommitment-memory-00690
  `memory` **must** have been created with a memory type that reports `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_LAZILY_ALLOCATED_BIT`

- VUID-vkGetDeviceMemoryCommitment-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetDeviceMemoryCommitment-memory-parameter

  `memory` **must** be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle

- VUID-vkGetDeviceMemoryCommitment-pCommittedMemoryInBytes-parameter

  `pCommittedMemoryInBytes` **must** be a valid pointer to a `VkDeviceSize` value

- VUID-vkGetDeviceMemoryCommitment-memory-parent

  `memory` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

11.2.8. Protected Memory

Protected memory divides device memory into protected device memory and unprotected device memory.

Protected memory adds the following concepts:

- Memory:

  - Unprotected device memory, which **can** be visible to the device and **can** be visible to the host

  - Protected device memory, which **can** be visible to the device but **must** not be visible to the host

- Resources:

  - Unprotected images and unprotected buffers, to which unprotected memory **can** be bound

  - Protected images and protected buffers, to which protected memory **can** be bound

- Command buffers:

  - Unprotected command buffers, which **can** be submitted to a device queue to execute unprotected queue operations

  - Protected command buffers, which **can** be submitted to a protected-capable device queue to execute protected queue operations

- Device queues:

  - Unprotected device queues, to which unprotected command buffers **can** be submitted

  - Protected-capable device queues, to which unprotected command buffers or protected command buffers **can** be submitted

- Queue submissions

  - Unprotected queue submissions, through which unprotected command buffers **can** be submitted

  - Protected queue submissions, through which protected command buffers **can** be submitted

- Queue operations

- Unprotected queue operations
- Protected queue operations

Protected Memory Access Rules

If VkPhysicalDeviceProtectedMemoryProperties::`protectedNoFault` is `VK_FALSE`, applications **must** not perform any of the following operations:

- Write to unprotected memory within protected queue operations.
- Access protected memory within protected queue operations other than in framebuffer-space pipeline stages, the compute shader stage, or the transfer stage.
- Perform a query within protected queue operations.

If VkPhysicalDeviceProtectedMemoryProperties::`protectedNoFault` is `VK_TRUE`, these operations are valid, but reads will return undefined values, and writes will either be dropped or store undefined values.

Additionally, indirect operations **must** not be performed within protected queue operations.

Whether these operations are valid or not, or if any other invalid usage is performed, the implementation **must** guarantee that:

- Protected device memory **must** never be visible to the host.
- Values written to unprotected device memory **must** not be a function of values from protected memory.

11.2.9. Peer Memory Features

Peer memory is memory that is allocated for a given physical device and then bound to a resource and accessed by a different physical device, in a logical device that represents multiple physical devices. Some ways of reading and writing peer memory **may** not be supported by a device.

To determine how peer memory **can** be accessed, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkGetDeviceGroupPeerMemoryFeatures(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    uint32_t                                    heapIndex,
    uint32_t                                    localDeviceIndex,
    uint32_t                                    remoteDeviceIndex,
    VkPeerMemoryFeatureFlags*                   pPeerMemoryFeatures);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the memory.
- `heapIndex` is the index of the memory heap from which the memory is allocated.
- `localDeviceIndex` is the device index of the physical device that performs the memory access.
- `remoteDeviceIndex` is the device index of the physical device that the memory is allocated for.

- `pPeerMemoryFeatures` is a pointer to a VkPeerMemoryFeatureFlags bitmask indicating which types of memory accesses are supported for the combination of heap, local, and remote devices.

Bits which **may** be set in the value returned for vkGetDeviceGroupPeerMemoryFeatures ::pPeerMemoryFeatures, indicating the supported peer memory features, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef enum VkPeerMemoryFeatureFlagBits {
    VK_PEER_MEMORY_FEATURE_COPY_SRC_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_PEER_MEMORY_FEATURE_COPY_DST_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_PEER_MEMORY_FEATURE_GENERIC_SRC_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_PEER_MEMORY_FEATURE_GENERIC_DST_BIT = 0x00000008,
} VkPeerMemoryFeatureFlagBits;
```

- `VK_PEER_MEMORY_FEATURE_COPY_SRC_BIT` specifies that the memory **can** be accessed as the source of any `vkCmdCopy*` command.

- `VK_PEER_MEMORY_FEATURE_COPY_DST_BIT` specifies that the memory **can** be accessed as the destination of any `vkCmdCopy*` command.

- `VK_PEER_MEMORY_FEATURE_GENERIC_SRC_BIT` specifies that the memory **can** be read as any memory access type.

- `VK_PEER_MEMORY_FEATURE_GENERIC_DST_BIT` specifies that the memory **can** be written as any memory access type. Shader atomics are considered to be writes.

> *Note*
>
> The peer memory features of a memory heap also apply to any accesses that **may** be performed during image layout transitions.

`VK_PEER_MEMORY_FEATURE_COPY_DST_BIT` **must** be supported for all host local heaps and for at least one device-local memory heap.

If a device does not support a peer memory feature, it is still valid to use a resource that includes both local and peer memory bindings with the corresponding access type as long as only the local bindings are actually accessed. For example, an application doing split-frame rendering would use framebuffer attachments that include both local and peer memory bindings, but would scissor the rendering to only update local memory.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef VkFlags VkPeerMemoryFeatureFlags;
```

`VkPeerMemoryFeatureFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkPeerMemoryFeatureFlagBits.

Chapter 12. Resource Creation

Vulkan supports two primary resource types: *buffers* and *images*. Resources are views of memory with associated formatting and dimensionality. Buffers are essentially unformatted arrays of bytes whereas images contain format information, **can** be multidimensional and **may** have associated metadata.

12.1. Buffers

Buffers represent linear arrays of data which are used for various purposes by binding them to a graphics or compute pipeline via descriptor sets or via certain commands, or by directly specifying them as parameters to certain commands.

Buffers are represented by `VkBuffer` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkBuffer)
```

To create buffers, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateBuffer(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkBufferCreateInfo*                   pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkBuffer*                                   pBuffer);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the buffer object.
- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkBufferCreateInfo structure containing parameters affecting creation of the buffer.
- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- `pBuffer` is a pointer to a VkBuffer handle in which the resulting buffer object is returned.

> **Valid Usage**
>
> - VUID-vkCreateBuffer-flags-00911
>   If the `flags` member of `pCreateInfo` includes `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT`, creating this `VkBuffer` **must** not cause the total required sparse memory for all currently valid sparse resources on the device to exceed `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits` `::sparseAddressSpaceSize`

The VkBufferCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkBufferCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType        sType;
    const void*            pNext;
    VkBufferCreateFlags    flags;
    VkDeviceSize           size;
    VkBufferUsageFlags     usage;
    VkSharingMode          sharingMode;
    uint32_t               queueFamilyIndexCount;
    const uint32_t*        pQueueFamilyIndices;
} VkBufferCreateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- flags is a bitmask of VkBufferCreateFlagBits specifying additional parameters of the buffer.

- size is the size in bytes of the buffer to be created.

- usage is a bitmask of VkBufferUsageFlagBits specifying allowed usages of the buffer.

- sharingMode is a VkSharingMode value specifying the sharing mode of the buffer when it will be accessed by multiple queue families.

- `queueFamilyIndexCount` is the number of entries in the `pQueueFamilyIndices` array.

- `pQueueFamilyIndices` is a pointer to an array of queue families that will access this buffer. It is ignored if `sharingMode` is not `VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT`.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkBufferCreateInfo-size-00912

  `size` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-VkBufferCreateInfo-sharingMode-00913

  If `sharingMode` is `VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT`, `pQueueFamilyIndices` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `queueFamilyIndexCount` `uint32_t` values

- VUID-VkBufferCreateInfo-sharingMode-00914

  If `sharingMode` is `VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT`, `queueFamilyIndexCount` **must** be greater than `1`

- VUID-VkBufferCreateInfo-sharingMode-01419

  If `sharingMode` is `VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT`, each element of `pQueueFamilyIndices` **must** be unique and **must** be less than `pQueueFamilyPropertyCount` returned by either vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties or vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties2 for the `physicalDevice` that was used to create `device`

- VUID-VkBufferCreateInfo-flags-00915

  If the sparse bindings feature is not enabled, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT`

- VUID-VkBufferCreateInfo-flags-00916

  If the sparse buffer residency feature is not enabled, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`

- VUID-VkBufferCreateInfo-flags-00917

  If the sparse aliased residency feature is not enabled, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT`

- VUID-VkBufferCreateInfo-flags-00918

  If `flags` contains `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` or `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT`, it **must** also contain `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT`

- VUID-VkBufferCreateInfo-pNext-00920

  If the `pNext` chain includes a VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo structure, its `handleTypes` member **must** only contain bits that are also in VkExternalBufferProperties ::`externalMemoryProperties.compatibleHandleTypes`, as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferProperties with `pExternalBufferInfo->handleType` equal to any one of the handle types specified in VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo ::`handleTypes`

- VUID-VkBufferCreateInfo-flags-01887

  If the protected memory feature is not enabled, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT`

- VUID-VkBufferCreateInfo-None-01888

  If any of the bits `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT`, `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`, or `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT` are set, `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT` **must** not also be set

- VUID-VkBufferCreateInfo-sType-sType

  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BUFFER_CREATE_INFO

- VUID-VkBufferCreateInfo-pNext-pNext

  pNext **must** be NULL or a pointer to a valid instance of VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo

- VUID-VkBufferCreateInfo-sType-unique

  The sType value of each struct in the pNext chain **must** be unique

- VUID-VkBufferCreateInfo-flags-parameter

  flags **must** be a valid combination of VkBufferCreateFlagBits values

- VUID-VkBufferCreateInfo-usage-parameter

  usage **must** be a valid combination of VkBufferUsageFlagBits values

- VUID-VkBufferCreateInfo-usage-requiredbitmask

  usage **must** not be 0

- VUID-VkBufferCreateInfo-sharingMode-parameter

  sharingMode **must** be a valid VkSharingMode value

Bits which **can** be set in VkBufferCreateInfo::usage, specifying usage behavior of a buffer, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkBufferUsageFlagBits {
    VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_BUFFER_USAGE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_BUFFER_USAGE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT = 0x00000008,
    VK_BUFFER_USAGE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_BIT = 0x00000010,
    VK_BUFFER_USAGE_STORAGE_BUFFER_BIT = 0x00000020,
    VK_BUFFER_USAGE_INDEX_BUFFER_BIT = 0x00000040,
    VK_BUFFER_USAGE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT = 0x00000080,
    VK_BUFFER_USAGE_INDIRECT_BUFFER_BIT = 0x00000100,
} VkBufferUsageFlagBits;
```

- VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT specifies that the buffer **can** be used as the source of a *transfer command* (see the definition of VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TRANSFER_BIT).

- VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT specifies that the buffer **can** be used as the destination of a transfer command.

- VK_BUFFER_USAGE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT specifies that the buffer **can** be used to create a VkBufferView suitable for occupying a VkDescriptorSet slot of type VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER.

- VK_BUFFER_USAGE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT specifies that the buffer **can** be used to create a VkBufferView suitable for occupying a VkDescriptorSet slot of type VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER.

- VK_BUFFER_USAGE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_BIT specifies that the buffer **can** be used in a

`VkDescriptorBufferInfo` suitable for occupying a `VkDescriptorSet` slot either of type `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC`.

- `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_STORAGE_BUFFER_BIT` specifies that the buffer **can** be used in a `VkDescriptorBufferInfo` suitable for occupying a `VkDescriptorSet` slot either of type `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC`.

- `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_INDEX_BUFFER_BIT` specifies that the buffer is suitable for passing as the `buffer` parameter to vkCmdBindIndexBuffer.

- `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT` specifies that the buffer is suitable for passing as an element of the `pBuffers` array to vkCmdBindVertexBuffers.

- `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_INDIRECT_BUFFER_BIT` specifies that the buffer is suitable for passing as the `buffer` parameter to vkCmdDrawIndirect, vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect, or vkCmdDispatchIndirect.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkBufferUsageFlags;
```

`VkBufferUsageFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkBufferUsageFlagBits.

Bits which **can** be set in VkBufferCreateInfo::`flags`, specifying additional parameters of a buffer, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkBufferCreateFlagBits {
    VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT = 0x00000004,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_BUFFER_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT = 0x00000008,
} VkBufferCreateFlagBits;
```

- `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` specifies that the buffer will be backed using sparse memory binding.

- `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` specifies that the buffer **can** be partially backed using sparse memory binding. Buffers created with this flag **must** also be created with the `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` flag.

- `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT` specifies that the buffer will be backed using sparse memory binding with memory ranges that might also simultaneously be backing another buffer (or another portion of the same buffer). Buffers created with this flag **must** also be created with the `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` flag.

- `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT` specifies that the buffer is a protected buffer.

See Sparse Resource Features and Physical Device Features for details of the sparse memory features supported on a device.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkBufferCreateFlags;
```

VkBufferCreateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkBufferCreateFlagBits.

To define a set of external memory handle types that **may** be used as backing store for a buffer, add a VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo structure to the pNext chain of the VkBufferCreateInfo structure. The VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                   sType;
    const void*                       pNext;
    VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlags   handleTypes;
} VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo;
```

> *Note*
>
> A VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo structure with a non-zero handleTypes field must be included in the creation parameters for a buffer that will be bound to memory that is either exported or imported.

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.
- handleTypes is zero, or a bitmask of VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlagBits specifying one or more external memory handle types.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo-sType-sType
  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_BUFFER_CREATE_INFO

- VUID-VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo-handleTypes-parameter
  handleTypes **must** be a valid combination of VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlagBits values

To destroy a buffer, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroyBuffer(
    VkDevice                          device,
    VkBuffer                          buffer,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*      pAllocator);
```

- device is the logical device that destroys the buffer.

- `buffer` is the buffer to destroy.
- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkDestroyBuffer-buffer-00922

  All submitted commands that refer to `buffer`, either directly or via a `VkBufferView`, **must** have completed execution

- VUID-vkDestroyBuffer-buffer-00923

  If `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `buffer` was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here

- VUID-vkDestroyBuffer-buffer-00924

  If no `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `buffer` was created, `pAllocator` **must** be `NULL`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkDestroyBuffer-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkDestroyBuffer-buffer-parameter

  If `buffer` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `buffer` **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

- VUID-vkDestroyBuffer-pAllocator-parameter

  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkDestroyBuffer-buffer-parent

  If `buffer` is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `buffer` **must** be externally synchronized

12.2. Buffer Views

A *buffer view* represents a contiguous range of a buffer and a specific format to be used to interpret the data. Buffer views are used to enable shaders to access buffer contents interpreted as formatted data. In order to create a valid buffer view, the buffer **must** have been created with at least one of the following usage flags:

- `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT`
- `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT`

Buffer views are represented by `VkBufferView` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkBufferView)
```

To create a buffer view, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateBufferView(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkBufferViewCreateInfo*               pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkBufferView*                               pView);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the buffer view.

- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkBufferViewCreateInfo structure containing parameters to be used to create the buffer view.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

- `pView` is a pointer to a VkBufferView handle in which the resulting buffer view object is returned.

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCreateBufferView-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkCreateBufferView-pCreateInfo-parameter
  `pCreateInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkBufferViewCreateInfo structure

- VUID-vkCreateBufferView-pAllocator-parameter
  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkCreateBufferView-pView-parameter
  `pView` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkBufferView handle

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Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

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The `VkBufferViewCreateInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkBufferViewCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType         sType;
    const void*             pNext;
    VkBufferViewCreateFlags flags;
    VkBuffer                buffer;
    VkFormat                format;
    VkDeviceSize            offset;
    VkDeviceSize            range;
} VkBufferViewCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is reserved for future use.

- `buffer` is a VkBuffer on which the view will be created.

- `format` is a VkFormat describing the format of the data elements in the buffer.

- `offset` is an offset in bytes from the base address of the buffer. Accesses to the buffer view from shaders use addressing that is relative to this starting offset.

- `range` is a size in bytes of the buffer view. If `range` is equal to `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`, the range from `offset` to the end of the buffer is used. If `VK_WHOLE_SIZE` is used and the remaining size of the buffer is not a multiple of the texel block size of `format`, the nearest smaller multiple is used.

- VUID-VkBufferViewCreateInfo-offset-00925

  `offset` **must** be less than the size of `buffer`

- VUID-VkBufferViewCreateInfo-offset-00926

  `offset` **must** be a multiple of `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::minTexelBufferOffsetAlignment`

- VUID-VkBufferViewCreateInfo-range-00928

  If `range` is not equal to `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`, `range` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-VkBufferViewCreateInfo-range-00929

  If `range` is not equal to `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`, `range` **must** be an integer multiple of the texel block size of `format`

- VUID-VkBufferViewCreateInfo-range-00930

  If `range` is not equal to `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`, the number of texel buffer elements given by ($\lfloor$`range` / (texel block size)$\rfloor$ × (texels per block)) where texel block size and texels per block are as defined in the Compatible Formats table for `format`, **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxTexelBufferElements`

- VUID-VkBufferViewCreateInfo-offset-00931

  If `range` is not equal to `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`, the sum of `offset` and `range` **must** be less than or equal to the size of `buffer`

- VUID-VkBufferViewCreateInfo-range-04059

  If `range` is equal to `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`, the number of texel buffer elements given by ($\lfloor$(size - `offset`) / (texel block size)$\rfloor$ × (texels per block)) where size is the size of `buffer`, and texel block size and texels per block are as defined in the Compatible Formats table for `format`, **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxTexelBufferElements`

- VUID-VkBufferViewCreateInfo-buffer-00932

  `buffer` **must** have been created with a `usage` value containing at least one of `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT` or `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT`

- VUID-VkBufferViewCreateInfo-buffer-00933

  If `buffer` was created with `usage` containing `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT`, `format` **must** be supported for uniform texel buffers, as specified by the `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT` flag in `VkFormatProperties::bufferFeatures` returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties

- VUID-VkBufferViewCreateInfo-buffer-00934

  If `buffer` was created with `usage` containing `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT`, `format` **must** be supported for storage texel buffers, as specified by the `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT` flag in `VkFormatProperties::bufferFeatures` returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties

- VUID-VkBufferViewCreateInfo-buffer-00935

  If `buffer` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-VkBufferViewCreateInfo-sType-sType

  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BUFFER_VIEW_CREATE_INFO

- VUID-VkBufferViewCreateInfo-pNext-pNext

  pNext **must** be NULL

- VUID-VkBufferViewCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask

  flags **must** be 0

- VUID-VkBufferViewCreateInfo-buffer-parameter

  buffer **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

- VUID-VkBufferViewCreateInfo-format-parameter

  format **must** be a valid VkFormat value

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkBufferViewCreateFlags;
```

VkBufferViewCreateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

To destroy a buffer view, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroyBufferView(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkBufferView                                bufferView,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- device is the logical device that destroys the buffer view.

- bufferView is the buffer view to destroy.

- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkDestroyBufferView-bufferView-00936

  All submitted commands that refer to bufferView **must** have completed execution

- VUID-vkDestroyBufferView-bufferView-00937

  If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when bufferView was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here

- VUID-vkDestroyBufferView-bufferView-00938

  If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when bufferView was created, pAllocator **must** be NULL

12.3. Images

Images represent multidimensional - up to 3 - arrays of data which **can** be used for various purposes (e.g. attachments, textures), by binding them to a graphics or compute pipeline via descriptor sets, or by directly specifying them as parameters to certain commands.

Images are represented by `VkImage` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkImage)
```

To create images, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateImage(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkImageCreateInfo*                    pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkImage*                                    pImage);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the image.

- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkImageCreateInfo structure containing parameters to be used to create the image.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

- `pImage` is a pointer to a VkImage handle in which the resulting image object is returned.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCreateImage-flags-00939

  If the `flags` member of `pCreateInfo` includes `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT`, creating this `VkImage` **must** not cause the total required sparse memory for all currently valid sparse resources on the device to exceed `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::sparseAddressSpaceSize`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCreateImage-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkCreateImage-pCreateInfo-parameter

  `pCreateInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkImageCreateInfo structure

- VUID-vkCreateImage-pAllocator-parameter

  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkCreateImage-pImage-parameter

  `pImage` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkImage handle

Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

The `VkImageCreateInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkImageCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType         sType;
    const void*             pNext;
    VkImageCreateFlags      flags;
    VkImageType             imageType;
    VkFormat                format;
    VkExtent3D              extent;
    uint32_t                mipLevels;
    uint32_t                arrayLayers;
    VkSampleCountFlagBits   samples;
    VkImageTiling           tiling;
    VkImageUsageFlags       usage;
    VkSharingMode           sharingMode;
    uint32_t                queueFamilyIndexCount;
    const uint32_t*         pQueueFamilyIndices;
    VkImageLayout           initialLayout;
} VkImageCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is a bitmask of VkImageCreateFlagBits describing additional parameters of the image.

- `imageType` is a VkImageType value specifying the basic dimensionality of the image. Layers in array textures do not count as a dimension for the purposes of the image type.

- `format` is a VkFormat describing the format and type of the texel blocks that will be contained in the image.

- `extent` is a VkExtent3D describing the number of data elements in each dimension of the base level.

- `mipLevels` describes the number of levels of detail available for minified sampling of the image.

- `arrayLayers` is the number of layers in the image.

- `samples` is a VkSampleCountFlagBits value specifying the number of samples per texel.

- `tiling` is a VkImageTiling value specifying the tiling arrangement of the texel blocks in memory.

- `usage` is a bitmask of VkImageUsageFlagBits describing the intended usage of the image.

- `sharingMode` is a VkSharingMode value specifying the sharing mode of the image when it will be accessed by multiple queue families.

- `queueFamilyIndexCount` is the number of entries in the `pQueueFamilyIndices` array.

- `pQueueFamilyIndices` is a pointer to an array of queue families that will access this image. It is ignored if `sharingMode` is not `VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT`.

- `initialLayout` is a VkImageLayout value specifying the initial VkImageLayout of all image subresources of the image. See Image Layouts.

Images created with `tiling` equal to `VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR` have further restrictions on their limits and capabilities compared to images created with `tiling` equal to `VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL`. Creation

of images with tiling `VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR` **may** not be supported unless other parameters meet all of the constraints:

- `imageType` is `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`
- `format` is not a depth/stencil format
- `mipLevels` is 1
- `arrayLayers` is 1
- `samples` is `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT`
- `usage` only includes `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT` and/or `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT`

Images created with one of the formats that require a sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion, have further restrictions on their limits and capabilities compared to images created with other formats. Creation of images with a format requiring $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion **may** not be supported unless other parameters meet all of the constraints:

- `imageType` is `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`
- `mipLevels` is 1
- `arrayLayers` is 1
- `samples` is `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT`

Implementations **may** support additional limits and capabilities beyond those listed above.

To determine the set of valid `usage` bits for a given format, call vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties.

If the size of the resultant image would exceed `maxResourceSize`, then vkCreateImage **must** fail and return `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`. This failure **may** occur even when all image creation parameters satisfy their valid usage requirements.

Note

For images created without `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_EXTENDED_USAGE_BIT` a `usage` bit is valid if it is supported for the format the image is created with.

For images created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_EXTENDED_USAGE_BIT` a `usage` bit is valid if it is supported for at least one of the formats a `VkImageView` created from the image **can** have (see Image Views for more detail).

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Image Creation Limits

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Valid values for some image creation parameters are limited by a numerical upper bound or by inclusion in a bitset. For example, VkImageCreateInfo::arrayLayers is limited by imageCreateMaxArrayLayers, defined below; and VkImageCreateInfo::samples is limited by imageCreateSampleCounts, also defined below.

Several limiting values are defined below, as well as assisting values from which the limiting values are derived. The limiting values are referenced by the relevant valid usage statements of VkImageCreateInfo.

- Let VkBool32 imageCreateMaybeLinear indicate if the resultant image may be linear. (The definition below is trivial because certain extensions are disabled in this build of the specification).

  ○ If tiling is VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR, then imageCreateMaybeLinear is VK_TRUE.

  ○ If tiling is VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL, then imageCreateMaybeLinear is VK_FALSE.

- Let VkFormatFeatureFlags imageCreateFormatFeatures be the set of valid *format features* available during image creation.

  ○ If tiling is VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR, then imageCreateFormatFeatures is the value of VkFormatProperties::linearTilingFeatures found by calling vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with parameter format equal to VkImageCreateInfo::format.

  ○ If tiling is VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL, then imageCreateFormatFeatures is the value of VkFormatProperties::optimalTilingFeatures found by calling vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with parameter format equal to VkImageCreateInfo::format.

- Let VkImageFormatProperties2 imageCreateImageFormatPropertiesList[] be the list of structures obtained by calling vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties2, possibly multiple times, as follows:

  ○ The parameters VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2::format, imageType, tiling, usage, and flags **must** be equal to those in VkImageCreateInfo.

  ○ If VkImageCreateInfo::pNext contains a VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo structure whose handleTypes is not 0, then VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2::pNext **must** contain a VkPhysicalDeviceExternalImageFormatInfo structure whose handleType is not 0; and vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties2 **must** be called for each handle type in VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo::handleTypes, successively setting VkPhysicalDeviceExternalImageFormatInfo::handleType on each call.

  ○ If VkImageCreateInfo::pNext contains no VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo structure, or contains a structure whose handleTypes is 0, then VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2::pNext **must** either contain no VkPhysicalDeviceExternalImageFormatInfo structure, or contain a structure whose handleType is 0.

  ○ If any call to vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties2 returns an error, then imageCreateImageFormatPropertiesList is defined to be the empty list.

- Let `uint32_t` `imageCreateMaxMipLevels` be the minimum value of `VkImageFormatProperties`::`maxMipLevels` in `imageCreateImageFormatPropertiesList`. The value is undefined if `imageCreateImageFormatPropertiesList` is empty.

- Let `uint32_t` `imageCreateMaxArrayLayers` be the minimum value of `VkImageFormatProperties`::`maxArrayLayers` in `imageCreateImageFormatPropertiesList`. The value is undefined if `imageCreateImageFormatPropertiesList` is empty.

- Let `VkExtent3D` `imageCreateMaxExtent` be the component-wise minimum over all `VkImageFormatProperties`::`maxExtent` values in `imageCreateImageFormatPropertiesList`. The value is undefined if `imageCreateImageFormatPropertiesList` is empty.

- Let `VkSampleCountFlags` `imageCreateSampleCounts` be the intersection of each `VkImageFormatProperties`::`sampleCounts` in `imageCreateImageFormatPropertiesList`. The value is undefined if `imageCreateImageFormatPropertiesList` is empty.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-imageCreateMaxMipLevels-02251

  Each of the following values (as described in Image Creation Limits) **must** not be undefined : `imageCreateMaxMipLevels`, `imageCreateMaxArrayLayers`, `imageCreateMaxExtent`, and `imageCreateSampleCounts`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-sharingMode-00941

  If `sharingMode` is `VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT`, `pQueueFamilyIndices` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `queueFamilyIndexCount` `uint32_t` values

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-sharingMode-00942

  If `sharingMode` is `VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT`, `queueFamilyIndexCount` **must** be greater than 1

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-sharingMode-01420

  If `sharingMode` is `VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT`, each element of `pQueueFamilyIndices` **must** be unique and **must** be less than `pQueueFamilyPropertyCount` returned by either vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties or vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties2 for the `physicalDevice` that was used to create `device`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-format-00943

  `format` **must** not be `VK_FORMAT_UNDEFINED`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-extent-00944

  `extent.width` **must** be greater than 0

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-extent-00945

  `extent.height` **must** be greater than 0

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-extent-00946

  `extent.depth` **must** be greater than 0

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-mipLevels-00947

  `mipLevels` **must** be greater than 0

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-arrayLayers-00948

  `arrayLayers` **must** be greater than 0

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-flags-00949

  If `flags` contains `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_CUBE_COMPATIBLE_BIT`, `imageType` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-flags-00950

  If `flags` contains `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_2D_ARRAY_COMPATIBLE_BIT`, `imageType` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-extent-02252

  `extent.width` **must** be less than or equal to `imageCreateMaxExtent.width` (as defined in Image Creation Limits)

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-extent-02253

  `extent.height` **must** be less than or equal to `imageCreateMaxExtent.height` (as defined in Image Creation Limits)

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-extent-02254

extent.depth **must** be less than or equal to imageCreateMaxExtent.depth (as defined in Image Creation Limits)

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-imageType-00954

  If imageType is VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D and flags contains VK_IMAGE_CREATE_CUBE_COMPATIBLE_BIT, extent.width and extent.height **must** be equal and arrayLayers **must** be greater than or equal to 6

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-imageType-00956

  If imageType is VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D, both extent.height and extent.depth **must** be 1

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-imageType-00957

  If imageType is VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D, extent.depth **must** be 1

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-mipLevels-00958

  mipLevels **must** be less than or equal to the number of levels in the complete mipmap chain based on extent.width, extent.height, and extent.depth

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-mipLevels-02255

  mipLevels **must** be less than or equal to imageCreateMaxMipLevels (as defined in Image Creation Limits)

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-arrayLayers-02256

  arrayLayers **must** be less than or equal to imageCreateMaxArrayLayers (as defined in Image Creation Limits)

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-imageType-00961

  If imageType is VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D, arrayLayers **must** be 1

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-samples-02257

  If samples is not VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT, then imageType **must** be VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D, flags **must** not contain VK_IMAGE_CREATE_CUBE_COMPATIBLE_BIT, mipLevels **must** be equal to 1, and imageCreateMaybeLinear (as defined in Image Creation Limits) **must** be VK_FALSE,

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-usage-00963

  If usage includes VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSIENT_ATTACHMENT_BIT, then bits other than VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT, VK_IMAGE_USAGE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT, and VK_IMAGE_USAGE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_BIT **must** not be set

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-usage-00964

  If usage includes VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT, VK_IMAGE_USAGE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT, VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSIENT_ATTACHMENT_BIT, or VK_IMAGE_USAGE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_BIT, extent.width **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxFramebufferWidth

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-usage-00965

  If usage includes VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT, VK_IMAGE_USAGE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT, VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSIENT_ATTACHMENT_BIT, or VK_IMAGE_USAGE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_BIT, extent.height **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxFramebufferHeight

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-usage-00966

  If usage includes VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSIENT_ATTACHMENT_BIT, usage **must** also contain at least one of VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT, VK_IMAGE_USAGE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT, or VK_IMAGE_USAGE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_BIT

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-samples-02258

  samples **must** be a bit value that is set in `imageCreateSampleCounts` (as defined in Image Creation Limits)

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-usage-00968

  If the multisampled storage images feature is not enabled, and `usage` contains `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_STORAGE_BIT`, samples **must** be `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-flags-00969

  If the sparse bindings feature is not enabled, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-flags-01924

  If the sparse aliased residency feature is not enabled, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-tiling-04121

  If `tiling` is `VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR`, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-imageType-00970

  If `imageType` is `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D`, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-imageType-00971

  If the sparse residency for 2D images feature is not enabled, and `imageType` is `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-imageType-00972

  If the sparse residency for 3D images feature is not enabled, and `imageType` is `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D`, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-imageType-00973

  If the sparse residency for images with 2 samples feature is not enabled, `imageType` is `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`, and `samples` is `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_2_BIT`, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-imageType-00974

  If the sparse residency for images with 4 samples feature is not enabled, `imageType` is `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`, and `samples` is `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_4_BIT`, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-imageType-00975

  If the sparse residency for images with 8 samples feature is not enabled, `imageType` is `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`, and `samples` is `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_8_BIT`, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-imageType-00976

  If the sparse residency for images with 16 samples feature is not enabled, `imageType` is `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`, and `samples` is `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_16_BIT`, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-flags-00987

  If `flags` contains `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` or `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT`, it **must** also contain `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-None-01925

If any of the bits `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`, or `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT` are set, `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSIENT_ATTACHMENT_BIT` **must** not also be set

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-flags-01890

  If the protected memory feature is not enabled, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-None-01891

  If any of the bits `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`, or `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT` are set, `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT` **must** not also be set

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-pNext-00990

  If the `pNext` chain includes a VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo structure, its `handleTypes` member **must** only contain bits that are also in VkExternalImageFormatProperties `::externalMemoryProperties.compatibleHandleTypes`, as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties2 with `format`, `imageType`, `tiling`, `usage`, and `flags` equal to those in this structure, and with a VkPhysicalDeviceExternalImageFormatInfo structure included in the `pNext` chain, with a `handleType` equal to any one of the handle types specified in VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo::`handleTypes`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-physicalDeviceCount-01421

  If the logical device was created with VkDeviceGroupDeviceCreateInfo `::physicalDeviceCount` equal to 1, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPLIT_INSTANCE_BIND_REGIONS_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-flags-02259

  If `flags` contains `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPLIT_INSTANCE_BIND_REGIONS_BIT`, then `mipLevels` **must** be one, `arrayLayers` **must** be one, `imageType` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`. and `imageCreateMaybeLinear` (as defined in Image Creation Limits) **must** be `VK_FALSE`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-flags-01572

  If `flags` contains `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_BLOCK_TEXEL_VIEW_COMPATIBLE_BIT`, then `format` **must** be a compressed image format

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-flags-01573

  If `flags` contains `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_BLOCK_TEXEL_VIEW_COMPATIBLE_BIT`, then `flags` **must** also contain `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_MUTABLE_FORMAT_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-initialLayout-00993

  `initialLayout` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_PREINITIALIZED`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-pNext-01443

  If the `pNext` chain includes a VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo or VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfoNV structure whose `handleTypes` member is not 0, `initialLayout` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-format-06410

  If the image `format` is one of the formats that require a sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion, `mipLevels` **must** be 1

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-format-06411

  If the image `format` is one of the formats that require a sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion, `samples`

must be `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-format-06412

  If the image `format` is one of the formats that require a sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion, `imageType` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-format-06414

  If the image `format` is one of the formats that require a sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion, `arrayLayers` **must** be 1

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-imageCreateFormatFeatures-02260

  If `format` is a *multi-planar* format, and if `imageCreateFormatFeatures` (as defined in Image Creation Limits) does not contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DISJOINT_BIT`, then `flags` **must** not contain `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_DISJOINT_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-format-01577

  If `format` is not a *multi-planar* format, and `flags` does not include `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_ALIAS_BIT`, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_DISJOINT_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-format-04712

  If `format` has a `_422` or `_420` suffix, `width` **must** be a multiple of 2

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-format-04713

  If `format` has a `_420` suffix, `height` **must** be a multiple of 2

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL` or a pointer to a valid instance of VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-sType-unique

  The `sType` value of each struct in the `pNext` chain **must** be unique

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-flags-parameter

  `flags` **must** be a valid combination of VkImageCreateFlagBits values

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-imageType-parameter

  `imageType` **must** be a valid VkImageType value

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-format-parameter

  `format` **must** be a valid VkFormat value

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-samples-parameter

  `samples` **must** be a valid VkSampleCountFlagBits value

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-tiling-parameter

  `tiling` **must** be a valid VkImageTiling value

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-usage-parameter

  `usage` **must** be a valid combination of VkImageUsageFlagBits values

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-usage-requiredbitmask

  `usage` **must** not be `0`

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-sharingMode-parameter

  `sharingMode` **must** be a valid VkSharingMode value

- VUID-VkImageCreateInfo-initialLayout-parameter

  `initialLayout` **must** be a valid VkImageLayout value

To define a set of external memory handle types that **may** be used as backing store for an image, add a VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo structure to the `pNext` chain of the VkImageCreateInfo structure. The VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                  sType;
    const void*                      pNext;
    VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlags  handleTypes;
} VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo;
```

> *Note*
>
> A `VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo` structure with a non-zero `handleTypes` field must be included in the creation parameters for an image that will be bound to memory that is either exported or imported.

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `handleTypes` is zero, or a bitmask of [VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlagBits](#) specifying one or more external memory handle types.

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_IMAGE_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo-handleTypes-parameter

  `handleTypes` **must** be a valid combination of [VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlagBits](#) values

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Bits which **can** be set in [VkImageViewUsageCreateInfo](#)::`usage`, or [VkImageCreateInfo](#)::`usage`, specifying intended usage of an image, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkImageUsageFlagBits {
    VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_IMAGE_USAGE_SAMPLED_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_IMAGE_USAGE_STORAGE_BIT = 0x00000008,
    VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT = 0x00000010,
    VK_IMAGE_USAGE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT = 0x00000020,
    VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSIENT_ATTACHMENT_BIT = 0x00000040,
    VK_IMAGE_USAGE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_BIT = 0x00000080,
} VkImageUsageFlagBits;
```

- `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT` specifies that the image **can** be used as the source of a transfer command.

- `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT` specifies that the image **can** be used as the destination of a transfer command.

- `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_SAMPLED_BIT` specifies that the image **can** be used to create a `VkImageView` suitable for occupying a `VkDescriptorSet` slot either of type `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER`, and be sampled by a shader.

- `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_STORAGE_BIT` specifies that the image **can** be used to create a `VkImageView` suitable for occupying a `VkDescriptorSet` slot of type `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE`.

- `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT` specifies that the image **can** be used to create a

`VkImageView` suitable for use as a color or resolve attachment in a `VkFramebuffer`.

- `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT` specifies that the image **can** be used to create a `VkImageView` suitable for use as a depth/stencil attachment in a `VkFramebuffer`.

- `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSIENT_ATTACHMENT_BIT` specifies that implementations **may** support using memory allocations with the `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_LAZILY_ALLOCATED_BIT` to back an image with this usage. This bit **can** be set for any image that **can** be used to create a `VkImageView` suitable for use as a color, resolve, depth/stencil, or input attachment.

- `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_BIT` specifies that the image **can** be used to create a `VkImageView` suitable for occupying `VkDescriptorSet` slot of type `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT`; be read from a shader as an input attachment; and be used as an input attachment in a framebuffer.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkImageUsageFlags;
```

`VkImageUsageFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkImageUsageFlagBits.

When creating a VkImageView one of the following VkImageUsageFlagBits **must** be set:

- `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_SAMPLED_BIT`

- `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_STORAGE_BIT`

- `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSIENT_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

Bits which **can** be set in VkImageCreateInfo::`flags`, specifying additional parameters of an image, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkImageCreateFlagBits {
    VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_IMAGE_CREATE_MUTABLE_FORMAT_BIT = 0x00000008,
    VK_IMAGE_CREATE_CUBE_COMPATIBLE_BIT = 0x00000010,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_IMAGE_CREATE_ALIAS_BIT = 0x00000400,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPLIT_INSTANCE_BIND_REGIONS_BIT = 0x00000040,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_IMAGE_CREATE_2D_ARRAY_COMPATIBLE_BIT = 0x00000020,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_IMAGE_CREATE_BLOCK_TEXEL_VIEW_COMPATIBLE_BIT = 0x00000080,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_IMAGE_CREATE_EXTENDED_USAGE_BIT = 0x00000100,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_IMAGE_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT = 0x00000800,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_IMAGE_CREATE_DISJOINT_BIT = 0x00000200,
} VkImageCreateFlagBits;
```

- `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` specifies that the image will be backed using sparse memory binding.

- `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` specifies that the image **can** be partially backed using sparse memory binding. Images created with this flag **must** also be created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` flag.

- `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT` specifies that the image will be backed using sparse memory binding with memory ranges that might also simultaneously be backing another image (or another portion of the same image). Images created with this flag **must** also be created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` flag.

- `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_MUTABLE_FORMAT_BIT` specifies that the image **can** be used to create a `VkImageView` with a different format from the image. For multi-planar formats, `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_MUTABLE_FORMAT_BIT` specifies that a `VkImageView` can be created of a *plane* of the image.

- `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_CUBE_COMPATIBLE_BIT` specifies that the image **can** be used to create a `VkImageView` of type `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE` or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE_ARRAY`.

- `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_2D_ARRAY_COMPATIBLE_BIT` specifies that the image **can** be used to create a `VkImageView` of type `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D` or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY`.

- `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT` specifies that the image is a protected image.

- `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPLIT_INSTANCE_BIND_REGIONS_BIT` specifies that the image **can** be used with a non-zero value of the `splitInstanceBindRegionCount` member of a `VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo` structure passed into `vkBindImageMemory2`. This flag also has the effect of making the image use the standard sparse image block dimensions.

- `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_BLOCK_TEXEL_VIEW_COMPATIBLE_BIT` specifies that the image having a compressed format **can** be used to create a `VkImageView` with an uncompressed format where each texel in the image view corresponds to a compressed texel block of the image.

- `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_EXTENDED_USAGE_BIT` specifies that the image **can** be created with usage flags that are not supported for the format the image is created with but are supported for at least one format a `VkImageView` created from the image **can** have.

- `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_DISJOINT_BIT` specifies that an image with a multi-planar format **must** have each plane separately bound to memory, rather than having a single memory binding for the whole image; the presence of this bit distinguishes a *disjoint image* from an image without this bit set.

- `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_ALIAS_BIT` specifies that two images created with the same creation parameters and aliased to the same memory **can** interpret the contents of the memory consistently with each other, subject to the rules described in the Memory Aliasing section. This flag further specifies that each plane of a *disjoint* image **can** share an in-memory non-linear representation with single-plane images, and that a single-plane image **can** share an in-memory non-linear representation with a plane of a multi-planar disjoint image, according to the rules in Compatible formats of planes of multi-planar formats. If the `pNext` chain includes a `VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo` structure whose `handleTypes` member is not `0`, it is as if `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_ALIAS_BIT` is set.

See Sparse Resource Features and Sparse Physical Device Features for more details.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkImageCreateFlags;
```

`VkImageCreateFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more `VkImageCreateFlagBits`.

Possible values of `VkImageCreateInfo`::`imageType`, specifying the basic dimensionality of an image, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkImageType {
    VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D = 0,
    VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D = 1,
    VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D = 2,
} VkImageType;
```

- `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D` specifies a one-dimensional image.

- `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D` specifies a two-dimensional image.

- `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D` specifies a three-dimensional image.

Possible values of `VkImageCreateInfo`::`tiling`, specifying the tiling arrangement of texel blocks in an image, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkImageTiling {
    VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL = 0,
    VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR = 1,
} VkImageTiling;
```

- VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL specifies optimal tiling (texels are laid out in an implementation-dependent arrangement, for more efficient memory access).

- VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR specifies linear tiling (texels are laid out in memory in row-major order, possibly with some padding on each row).

To query the memory layout of an image subresource, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkGetImageSubresourceLayout(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkImage                                     image,
    const VkImageSubresource*                   pSubresource,
    VkSubresourceLayout*                        pLayout);
```

- device is the logical device that owns the image.

- image is the image whose layout is being queried.

- pSubresource is a pointer to a VkImageSubresource structure selecting a specific image for the image subresource.

- pLayout is a pointer to a VkSubresourceLayout structure in which the layout is returned.

The image **must** be linear. The returned layout is valid for host access.

If the image's format is a multi-planar format, then vkGetImageSubresourceLayout describes one plane of the image.

vkGetImageSubresourceLayout is invariant for the lifetime of a single image.

- VUID-vkGetImageSubresourceLayout-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetImageSubresourceLayout-image-parameter

  `image` **must** be a valid VkImage handle

- VUID-vkGetImageSubresourceLayout-pSubresource-parameter

  `pSubresource` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkImageSubresource structure

- VUID-vkGetImageSubresourceLayout-pLayout-parameter

  `pLayout` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkSubresourceLayout structure

- VUID-vkGetImageSubresourceLayout-image-parent

  `image` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

The VkImageSubresource structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkImageSubresource {
    VkImageAspectFlags    aspectMask;
    uint32_t              mipLevel;
    uint32_t              arrayLayer;
} VkImageSubresource;
```

- `aspectMask` is a VkImageAspectFlags value selecting the image *aspect*.

- `mipLevel` selects the mipmap level.

- `arrayLayer` selects the array layer.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkImageSubresource-aspectMask-parameter

  `aspectMask` **must** be a valid combination of VkImageAspectFlagBits values

- VUID-VkImageSubresource-aspectMask-requiredbitmask

  `aspectMask` **must** not be `0`

Information about the layout of the image subresource is returned in a VkSubresourceLayout structure:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkSubresourceLayout {
    VkDeviceSize    offset;
    VkDeviceSize    size;
    VkDeviceSize    rowPitch;
    VkDeviceSize    arrayPitch;
    VkDeviceSize    depthPitch;
} VkSubresourceLayout;
```

- `offset` is the byte offset from the start of the image or the plane where the image subresource begins.

- `size` is the size in bytes of the image subresource. `size` includes any extra memory that is required based on `rowPitch`.

- `rowPitch` describes the number of bytes between each row of texels in an image.

- `arrayPitch` describes the number of bytes between each array layer of an image.

- `depthPitch` describes the number of bytes between each slice of 3D image.

If the image is linear, then `rowPitch`, `arrayPitch` and `depthPitch` describe the layout of the image subresource in linear memory. For uncompressed formats, `rowPitch` is the number of bytes between texels with the same x coordinate in adjacent rows (y coordinates differ by one). `arrayPitch` is the number of bytes between texels with the same x and y coordinate in adjacent array layers of the image (array layer values differ by one). `depthPitch` is the number of bytes between texels with the same x and y coordinate in adjacent slices of a 3D image (z coordinates differ by one). Expressed as an addressing formula, the starting byte of a texel in the image subresource has address:

```
// (x,y,z,layer) are in texel coordinates
address(x,y,z,layer) = layer*arrayPitch + z*depthPitch + y*rowPitch + x*elementSize +
offset
```

For compressed formats, the `rowPitch` is the number of bytes between compressed texel blocks in adjacent rows. `arrayPitch` is the number of bytes between compressed texel blocks in adjacent array layers. `depthPitch` is the number of bytes between compressed texel blocks in adjacent slices of a 3D image.

```
// (x,y,z,layer) are in compressed texel block coordinates
address(x,y,z,layer) = layer*arrayPitch + z*depthPitch + y*rowPitch + x
*compressedTexelBlockByteSize + offset;
```

The value of `arrayPitch` is undefined for images that were not created as arrays. `depthPitch` is defined only for 3D images.

If the image has a *single-plane* color format , then the `aspectMask` member of `VkImageSubresource` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT`.

If the image has a depth/stencil format , then `aspectMask` **must** be either `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT`

or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_STENCIL_BIT`. On implementations that store depth and stencil aspects separately, querying each of these image subresource layouts will return a different `offset` and `size` representing the region of memory used for that aspect. On implementations that store depth and stencil aspects interleaved, the same `offset` and `size` are returned and represent the interleaved memory allocation.

If the image has a multi-planar format , then the `aspectMask` member of `VkImageSubresource` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT`, or (for 3-plane formats only) `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT`. Querying each of these image subresource layouts will return a different `offset` and `size` representing the region of memory used for that plane. If the image is *disjoint*, then the `offset` is relative to the base address of the plane. If the image is *non-disjoint*, then the `offset` is relative to the base address of the image.

To destroy an image, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroyImage(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkImage                                     image,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- `device` is the logical device that destroys the image.

- `image` is the image to destroy.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkDestroyImage-image-01000

  All submitted commands that refer to `image`, either directly or via a `VkImageView`, **must** have completed execution

- VUID-vkDestroyImage-image-01001

  If `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `image` was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here

- VUID-vkDestroyImage-image-01002

  If no `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `image` was created, `pAllocator` **must** be `NULL`

12.3.1. Image Format Features

Valid uses of a VkImage **may** depend on the image's *format features*, defined below. Such constraints are documented in the affected valid usage statement.

- If the image was created with VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR, then its set of *format features* is the value of VkFormatProperties::`linearTilingFeatures` found by calling vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties on the same `format` as VkImageCreateInfo::`format`.

- If the image was created with VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL, then its set of *format features* is the value of VkFormatProperties::`optimalTilingFeatures` found by calling vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties on the same `format` as VkImageCreateInfo::`format`.

12.3.2. Image Miplevel Sizing

A *complete mipmap chain* is the full set of miplevels, from the largest miplevel provided, down to the *minimum miplevel size*.

Conventional Images

For conventional images, the dimensions of each successive miplevel, n+1, are:

$$\mathtt{width}_{n+1} = \max(\lfloor \mathtt{width}_n/2 \rfloor, 1)$$

$$\mathtt{height}_{n+1} = \max(\lfloor \mathtt{height}_n/2 \rfloor, 1)$$

$$\mathtt{depth}_{n+1} = \max(\lfloor \mathtt{depth}_n/2 \rfloor, 1)$$

where $width_n$, $height_n$, and $depth_n$ are the dimensions of the next larger miplevel, n.

The minimum miplevel size is:

- 1 for one-dimensional images,
- 1x1 for two-dimensional images, and
- 1x1x1 for three-dimensional images.

The number of levels in a complete mipmap chain is:

$$\lfloor \log_2(\max(width_0, height_0, depth_0)) \rfloor + 1$$

where $width_0$, $height_0$, and $depth_0$ are the dimensions of the largest (most detailed) miplevel, 0.

12.4. Image Layouts

Images are stored in implementation-dependent opaque layouts in memory. Each layout has limitations on what kinds of operations are supported for image subresources using the layout. At any given time, the data representing an image subresource in memory exists in a particular layout which is determined by the most recent layout transition that was performed on that image subresource. Applications have control over which layout each image subresource uses, and **can** transition an image subresource from one layout to another. Transitions **can** happen with an image memory barrier, included as part of a vkCmdPipelineBarrier or a vkCmdWaitEvents command buffer command (see Image Memory Barriers), or as part of a subpass dependency within a render pass (see VkSubpassDependency).

Image layout is per-image subresource. Separate image subresources of the same image **can** be in different layouts at the same time, with the exception that depth and stencil aspects of a given image subresource **can** only be in different layouts if the separateDepthStencilLayouts feature is enabled.

> *Note*
>
> ⓘ Each layout **may** offer optimal performance for a specific usage of image memory. For example, an image with a layout of VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL **may** provide optimal performance for use as a color attachment, but be unsupported for use in transfer commands. Applications **can** transition an image subresource from one layout to another in order to achieve optimal performance when the image subresource is used for multiple kinds of operations. After initialization, applications need not use any layout other than the general layout, though this **may** produce suboptimal performance on some implementations.

Upon creation, all image subresources of an image are initially in the same layout, where that layout is selected by the VkImageCreateInfo::initialLayout member. The initialLayout **must** be either VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED or VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_PREINITIALIZED. If it is VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_PREINITIALIZED, then the image data **can** be preinitialized by the host while using this layout, and the transition away from this layout will preserve that data. If it is VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED, then the contents of the data are considered to be undefined, and the

transition away from this layout is not guaranteed to preserve that data. For either of these initial layouts, any image subresources **must** be transitioned to another layout before they are accessed by the device.

Host access to image memory is only well-defined for linear images and for image subresources of those images which are currently in either the `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_PREINITIALIZED` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL` layout. Calling vkGetImageSubresourceLayout for a linear image returns a subresource layout mapping that is valid for either of those image layouts.

The set of image layouts consists of:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkImageLayout {
    VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED = 0,
    VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL = 1,
    VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL = 2,
    VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL = 3,
    VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL = 4,
    VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_SHADER_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL = 5,
    VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_SRC_OPTIMAL = 6,
    VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_DST_OPTIMAL = 7,
    VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_PREINITIALIZED = 8,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_READ_ONLY_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL = 1000117000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL = 1000117001,
} VkImageLayout;
```

The type(s) of device access supported by each layout are:

- `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED` specifies that the layout is unknown. Image memory **cannot** be transitioned into this layout. This layout **can** be used as the `initialLayout` member of VkImageCreateInfo. This layout **can** be used in place of the current image layout in a layout transition, but doing so will cause the contents of the image's memory to be undefined.

- `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_PREINITIALIZED` specifies that an image's memory is in a defined layout and **can** be populated by data, but that it has not yet been initialized by the driver. Image memory **cannot** be transitioned into this layout. This layout **can** be used as the `initialLayout` member of VkImageCreateInfo. This layout is intended to be used as the initial layout for an image whose contents are written by the host, and hence the data **can** be written to memory immediately, without first executing a layout transition. Currently, `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_PREINITIALIZED` is only useful with linear images because there is not a standard layout defined for `VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL` images.

- `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL` supports all types of device access.

- `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL` **must** only be used as a color or resolve attachment in a `VkFramebuffer`. This layout is valid only for image subresources of images created with the `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT` usage bit enabled.

- `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL` specifies a layout for both the depth and

stencil aspects of a depth/stencil format image allowing read and write access as a depth/stencil attachment.

- `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL` specifies a layout for both the depth and stencil aspects of a depth/stencil format image allowing read only access as a depth/stencil attachment or in shaders as a sampled image, combined image/sampler, or input attachment.

- `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_READ_ONLY_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL` specifies a layout for depth/stencil format images allowing read and write access to the stencil aspect as a stencil attachment, and read only access to the depth aspect as a depth attachment or in shaders as a sampled image, combined image/sampler, or input attachment.

- `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL` specifies a layout for depth/stencil format images allowing read and write access to the depth aspect as a depth attachment, and read only access to the stencil aspect as a stencil attachment or in shaders as a sampled image, combined image/sampler, or input attachment.

- `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_SHADER_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL` specifies a layout allowing read-only access in a shader as a sampled image, combined image/sampler, or input attachment. This layout is valid only for image subresources of images created with the `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_SAMPLED_BIT` or `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_BIT` usage bits enabled.

- `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_SRC_OPTIMAL` **must** only be used as a source image of a transfer command (see the definition of `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TRANSFER_BIT`). This layout is valid only for image subresources of images created with the `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT` usage bit enabled.

- `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_DST_OPTIMAL` **must** only be used as a destination image of a transfer command. This layout is valid only for image subresources of images created with the `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT` usage bit enabled.

The layout of each image subresource is not a state of the image subresource itself, but is rather a property of how the data in memory is organized, and thus for each mechanism of accessing an image in the API the application **must** specify a parameter or structure member that indicates which image layout the image subresource(s) are considered to be in when the image will be accessed. For transfer commands, this is a parameter to the command (see Clear Commands and Copy Commands). For use as a framebuffer attachment, this is a member in the substructures of the `VkRenderPassCreateInfo` (see Render Pass). For use in a descriptor set, this is a member in the `VkDescriptorImageInfo` structure (see Descriptor Set Updates).

12.4.1. Image Layout Matching Rules

At the time that any command buffer command accessing an image executes on any queue, the layouts of the image subresources that are accessed **must** all match exactly the layout specified via the API controlling those accesses , except in case of accesses to an image with a depth/stencil format performed through descriptors referring to only a single aspect of the image, where the following relaxed matching rules apply:

- Descriptors referring just to the depth aspect of a depth/stencil image only need to match in the image layout of the depth aspect, thus `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL` and `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_READ_ONLY_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL` are considered to match.

- Descriptors referring just to the stencil aspect of a depth/stencil image only need to match in the

image layout of the stencil aspect, thus `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL` and `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL` are considered to match .

When performing a layout transition on an image subresource, the old layout value **must** either equal the current layout of the image subresource (at the time the transition executes), or else be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED` (implying that the contents of the image subresource need not be preserved). The new layout used in a transition **must** not be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_PREINITIALIZED`.

12.5. Image Views

Image objects are not directly accessed by pipeline shaders for reading or writing image data. Instead, *image views* representing contiguous ranges of the image subresources and containing additional metadata are used for that purpose. Views **must** be created on images of compatible types, and **must** represent a valid subset of image subresources.

Image views are represented by `VkImageView` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkImageView)
```

`VK_REMAINING_ARRAY_LAYERS` is a special constant value used for image views to indicate that all remaining array layers in an image after the base layer should be included in the view.

```
#define VK_REMAINING_ARRAY_LAYERS        (~0U)
```

`VK_REMAINING_MIP_LEVELS` is a special constant value used for image views to indicate that all remaining mipmap levels in an image after the base level should be included in the view.

```
#define VK_REMAINING_MIP_LEVELS        (~0U)
```

The types of image views that **can** be created are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkImageViewType {
    VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_1D = 0,
    VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D = 1,
    VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_3D = 2,
    VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE = 3,
    VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_1D_ARRAY = 4,
    VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY = 5,
    VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE_ARRAY = 6,
} VkImageViewType;
```

To create an image view, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateImageView(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkImageViewCreateInfo*                pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkImageView*                                pView);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the image view.
- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a `VkImageViewCreateInfo` structure containing parameters to be used to create the image view.
- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- `pView` is a pointer to a `VkImageView` handle in which the resulting image view object is returned.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCreateImageView-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkCreateImageView-pCreateInfo-parameter
  `pCreateInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkImageViewCreateInfo structure

- VUID-vkCreateImageView-pAllocator-parameter
  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkCreateImageView-pView-parameter
  `pView` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkImageView handle

Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

The `VkImageViewCreateInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkImageViewCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType            sType;
    const void*                pNext;
    VkImageViewCreateFlags     flags;
    VkImage                    image;
    VkImageViewType            viewType;
    VkFormat                   format;
    VkComponentMapping         components;
    VkImageSubresourceRange    subresourceRange;
} VkImageViewCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is a bitmask of VkImageViewCreateFlagBits describing additional parameters of the image view.

- `image` is a VkImage on which the view will be created.

- `viewType` is a VkImageViewType value specifying the type of the image view.

- `format` is a VkFormat describing the format and type used to interpret texel blocks in the image.

- `components` is a VkComponentMapping structure specifying a remapping of color components (or of depth or stencil components after they have been converted into color components).

- `subresourceRange` is a VkImageSubresourceRange structure selecting the set of mipmap levels and array layers to be accessible to the view.

Some of the `image` creation parameters are inherited by the view. In particular, image view creation inherits the implicit parameter `usage` specifying the allowed usages of the image view that, by default, takes the value of the corresponding `usage` parameter specified in VkImageCreateInfo at image creation time. The implicit `usage` **can** be overriden by adding a VkImageViewUsageCreateInfo structure to the `pNext` chain, but the view usage **must** be a subset of the image usage.

If `image` was created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_MUTABLE_FORMAT_BIT` flag, and if the `format` of the image is not multi-planar, `format` **can** be different from the image's format, but if `image` was created without the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_BLOCK_TEXEL_VIEW_COMPATIBLE_BIT` flag and they are not equal they **must** be *compatible*. Image format compatibility is defined in the Format Compatibility Classes section. Views of compatible formats will have the same mapping between texel coordinates and memory locations irrespective of the `format`, with only the interpretation of the bit pattern changing.

> **Note**
>
> Values intended to be used with one view format **may** not be exactly preserved when written or read through a different format. For example, an integer value that happens to have the bit pattern of a floating point denorm or NaN **may** be flushed or canonicalized when written or read through a view with a floating point format. Similarly, a value written through a signed normalized format that has a bit pattern exactly equal to -2^b **may** be changed to $-2^b + 1$ as described in Conversion from Normalized Fixed-Point to Floating-Point.

If `image` was created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_BLOCK_TEXEL_VIEW_COMPATIBLE_BIT` flag, `format` **must** be *compatible* with the image's format as described above, or **must** be an uncompressed format in which case it **must** be *size-compatible* with the image's format, as defined for copying data between images. In this case, the resulting image view's texel dimensions equal the dimensions of the selected mip level divided by the compressed texel block size and rounded up.

The VkComponentMapping `components` member describes a remapping from components of the image to components of the vector returned by shader image instructions. This remapping **must** be the identity swizzle for storage image descriptors, input attachment descriptors, framebuffer attachments, and any `VkImageView` used with a combined image sampler that enables sampler Y'$C_B C_R$ conversion.

If the image view is to be used with a sampler which supports sampler Y'$C_B C_R$ conversion, an *identically defined object* of type VkSamplerYcbcrConversion to that used to create the sampler **must** be passed to vkCreateImageView in a VkSamplerYcbcrConversionInfo included in the `pNext` chain of VkImageViewCreateInfo. Conversely, if a VkSamplerYcbcrConversion object is passed to vkCreateImageView, an identically defined VkSamplerYcbcrConversion object **must** be used when sampling the image.

If the image has a multi-planar `format` and `subresourceRange.aspectMask` is `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT`, then the `format` **must** be identical to the image `format`, and the sampler to be used with the image view **must** enable sampler Y'$C_B C_R$ conversion.

If `image` was created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_MUTABLE_FORMAT_BIT` and the image has a multi-planar `format`, and if `subresourceRange.aspectMask` is `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT`, or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT`, `format` **must** be compatible with the corresponding plane of the image, and the sampler to be used with the image view **must** not enable sampler Y'$C_B C_R$ conversion. The `width` and `height` of the single-plane image view **must** be derived from the multi-planar image's dimensions in the manner listed for plane compatibility for the plane.

Any view of an image plane will have the same mapping between texel coordinates and memory locations as used by the components of the color aspect, subject to the formulae relating texel coordinates to lower-resolution planes as described in Chroma Reconstruction. That is, if an R or B plane has a reduced resolution relative to the G plane of the multi-planar image, the image view operates using the (u_{plane}, v_{plane}) unnormalized coordinates of the reduced-resolution plane, and these coordinates access the same memory locations as the (u_{color}, v_{color}) unnormalized coordinates of the color aspect for which chroma reconstruction operations operate on the same (u_{plane}, v_{plane}) or (i_{plane}, j_{plane}) coordinates.

Table 7. Image type and image view type compatibility requirements

Image View Type	Compatible Image Types
`VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_1D`	`VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D`
`VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_1D_ARRAY`	`VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D`
`VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D`	`VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D` , `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D`
`VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY`	`VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D` , `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D`
`VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE`	`VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`
`VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE_ARRAY`	`VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`
`VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_3D`	`VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D`

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-image-01003

  If `image` was not created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_CUBE_COMPATIBLE_BIT` then `viewType` **must** not be `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE` or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE_ARRAY`

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-viewType-01004

  If the image cube map arrays feature is not enabled, `viewType` **must** not be `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE_ARRAY`

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-image-01005

  If `image` was created with `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D` but without `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_2D_ARRAY_COMPATIBLE_BIT` set then `viewType` **must** not be `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D` or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY`

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-image-04970

  If `image` was created with `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D` and `viewType` is `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D` or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY` then `subresourceRange.levelCount` **must** be 1

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-image-04971

  If `image` was created with `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D` and `viewType` is `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D` or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY` then `flags` **must** not contain any of `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`, and `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-image-04972

  If `image` was created with a `samples` value not equal to `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT` then `viewType` **must** be either `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D` or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY`

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-image-04441

  `image` **must** have been created with a `usage` value containing at least one of the usages defined in the valid image usage list for image views

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-None-02273

  The format features of the resultant image view **must** contain at least one bit

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-usage-02274

  If `usage` contains `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_SAMPLED_BIT`, then the format features of the resultant image view **must** contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-usage-02275

  If `usage` contains `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_STORAGE_BIT`, then the image view's format features **must** contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-usage-02276

  If `usage` contains `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT`, then the image view's format features **must** contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-usage-02277

  If `usage` contains `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT`, then the image view's format features **must** contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-usage-02652

  If `usage` contains `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_BIT`, then the image view's format features **must** contain at least one of `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT` or

`VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-subresourceRange-01478

  `subresourceRange.baseMipLevel` **must** be less than the `mipLevels` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `image` was created

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-subresourceRange-01718

  If `subresourceRange.levelCount` is not `VK_REMAINING_MIP_LEVELS`, `subresourceRange.baseMipLevel` + `subresourceRange.levelCount` **must** be less than or equal to the `mipLevels` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `image` was created

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-image-01482

  If `image` is not a 3D image created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_2D_ARRAY_COMPATIBLE_BIT` set, or `viewType` is not `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D` or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY`, `subresourceRange.baseArrayLayer` **must** be less than the `arrayLayers` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `image` was created

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-subresourceRange-01483

  If `subresourceRange.layerCount` is not `VK_REMAINING_ARRAY_LAYERS`, `image` is not a 3D image created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_2D_ARRAY_COMPATIBLE_BIT` set, or `viewType` is not `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D` or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY`, `subresourceRange.layerCount` **must** be non-zero and `subresourceRange.baseArrayLayer` + `subresourceRange.layerCount` **must** be less than or equal to the `arrayLayers` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `image` was created

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-image-02724

  If `image` is a 3D image created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_2D_ARRAY_COMPATIBLE_BIT` set, and `viewType` is `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D` or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY`, `subresourceRange.baseArrayLayer` **must** be less than the depth computed from `baseMipLevel` and `extent.depth` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `image` was created, according to the formula defined in Image Miplevel Sizing

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-subresourceRange-02725

  If `subresourceRange.layerCount` is not `VK_REMAINING_ARRAY_LAYERS`, `image` is a 3D image created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_2D_ARRAY_COMPATIBLE_BIT` set, and `viewType` is `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D` or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY`, `subresourceRange.layerCount` **must** be non-zero and `subresourceRange.baseArrayLayer` + `subresourceRange.layerCount` **must** be less than or equal to the depth computed from `baseMipLevel` and `extent.depth` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `image` was created, according to the formula defined in Image Miplevel Sizing

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-image-01761

  If `image` was created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_MUTABLE_FORMAT_BIT` flag, but without the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_BLOCK_TEXEL_VIEW_COMPATIBLE_BIT` flag, and if the `format` of the `image` is not a multi-planar format, `format` **must** be compatible with the `format` used to create `image`, as defined in Format Compatibility Classes

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-image-01583

  If `image` was created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_BLOCK_TEXEL_VIEW_COMPATIBLE_BIT` flag, `format` **must** be compatible with, or **must** be an uncompressed format that is size-compatible with, the `format` used to create `image`

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-image-01584

If `image` was created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_BLOCK_TEXEL_VIEW_COMPATIBLE_BIT` flag, the `levelCount` and `layerCount` members of `subresourceRange` **must** both be `1`

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-image-04739

  If `image` was created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_BLOCK_TEXEL_VIEW_COMPATIBLE_BIT` flag and `format` is a non-compressed format, `viewType` **must** not be `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_3D`

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-image-01586

  If `image` was created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_MUTABLE_FORMAT_BIT` flag, if the `format` of the `image` is a multi-planar format, and if `subresourceRange.aspectMask` is one of `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT`, or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT`, then `format` **must** be compatible with the `VkFormat` for the plane of the `image` format indicated by `subresourceRange.aspectMask`, as defined in Compatible formats of planes of multi-planar formats

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-image-01762

  If `image` was not created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_MUTABLE_FORMAT_BIT` flag, or if the `format` of the `image` is a multi-planar format and if `subresourceRange.aspectMask` is `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT`, `format` **must** be identical to the `format` used to create `image`

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-format-06415

  If the image `format` is one of the formats that require a sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion, then the `pNext` chain **must** include a VkSamplerYcbcrConversionInfo structure with a conversion value other than VK_NULL_HANDLE

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-format-04714

  If `format` has a `_422` or `_420` suffix then `image` **must** have been created with a width that is a multiple of 2

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-format-04715

  If `format` has a `_420` suffix then `image` **must** have been created with a height that is a multiple of 2

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-pNext-01970

  If the `pNext` chain includes a VkSamplerYcbcrConversionInfo structure with a `conversion` value other than VK_NULL_HANDLE, all members of `components` **must** have the identity swizzle

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-image-01020

  If `image` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-subResourceRange-01021

  `viewType` **must** be compatible with the type of `image` as shown in the view type compatibility table

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-pNext-02661

  If the `pNext` chain includes a VkImageViewUsageCreateInfo structure, its `usage` member **must** not include any bits that were not set in the `usage` member of the VkImageCreateInfo structure used to create `image`

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-imageViewType-04973

  If `viewType` is `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_1D`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D`, or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_3D`; and `subresourceRange.layerCount` is not `VK_REMAINING_ARRAY_LAYERS`, then

subresourceRange.layerCount **must** be 1

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-imageViewType-04974

  If `viewType` is `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_1D`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D`, or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_3D`; and `subresourceRange.layerCount` is `VK_REMAINING_ARRAY_LAYERS`, then the remaining number of layers **must** be 1

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-viewType-02960

  If `viewType` is `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE` and `subresourceRange.layerCount` is not `VK_REMAINING_ARRAY_LAYERS`, `subresourceRange.layerCount` **must** be 6

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-viewType-02961

  If `viewType` is `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE_ARRAY` and `subresourceRange.layerCount` is not `VK_REMAINING_ARRAY_LAYERS`, `subresourceRange.layerCount` **must** be a multiple of 6

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-viewType-02962

  If `viewType` is `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE` and `subresourceRange.layerCount` is `VK_REMAINING_ARRAY_LAYERS`, the remaining number of layers **must** be 6

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-viewType-02963

  If `viewType` is `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE_ARRAY` and `subresourceRange.layerCount` is `VK_REMAINING_ARRAY_LAYERS`, the remaining number of layers **must** be a multiple of 6

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_VIEW_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-pNext-pNext

  Each `pNext` member of any structure (including this one) in the `pNext` chain **must** be either `NULL` or a pointer to a valid instance of [VkImageViewUsageCreateInfo](#) or [VkSamplerYcbcrConversionInfo](#)

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-sType-unique

  The `sType` value of each struct in the `pNext` chain **must** be unique

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask

  `flags` **must** be 0

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-image-parameter

  `image` **must** be a valid [VkImage](#) handle

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-viewType-parameter

  `viewType` **must** be a valid [VkImageViewType](#) value

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-format-parameter

  `format` **must** be a valid [VkFormat](#) value

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-components-parameter

  `components` **must** be a valid [VkComponentMapping](#) structure

- VUID-VkImageViewCreateInfo-subresourceRange-parameter

  `subresourceRange` **must** be a valid [VkImageSubresourceRange](#) structure

Bits which **can** be set in VkImageViewCreateInfo::flags, specifying additional parameters of an image view, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkImageViewCreateFlagBits {
} VkImageViewCreateFlagBits;
```

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkImageViewCreateFlags;
```

VkImageViewCreateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkImageViewCreateFlagBits.

The set of usages for the created image view **can** be restricted compared to the parent image's usage flags by adding a VkImageViewUsageCreateInfo structure to the pNext chain of VkImageViewCreateInfo.

The VkImageViewUsageCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkImageViewUsageCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType     sType;
    const void*         pNext;
    VkImageUsageFlags   usage;
} VkImageViewUsageCreateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.
- usage is a bitmask of VkImageUsageFlagBits specifying allowed usages of the image view.

When this structure is chained to VkImageViewCreateInfo the usage field overrides the implicit usage parameter inherited from image creation time and its value is used instead for the purposes of determining the valid usage conditions of VkImageViewCreateInfo.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkImageViewUsageCreateInfo-sType-sType
  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_VIEW_USAGE_CREATE_INFO

- VUID-VkImageViewUsageCreateInfo-usage-parameter
  usage **must** be a valid combination of VkImageUsageFlagBits values

- VUID-VkImageViewUsageCreateInfo-usage-requiredbitmask
  usage **must** not be 0

The VkImageSubresourceRange structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkImageSubresourceRange {
    VkImageAspectFlags    aspectMask;
    uint32_t              baseMipLevel;
    uint32_t              levelCount;
    uint32_t              baseArrayLayer;
    uint32_t              layerCount;
} VkImageSubresourceRange;
```

- `aspectMask` is a bitmask of VkImageAspectFlagBits specifying which aspect(s) of the image are included in the view.

- `baseMipLevel` is the first mipmap level accessible to the view.

- `levelCount` is the number of mipmap levels (starting from `baseMipLevel`) accessible to the view.

- `baseArrayLayer` is the first array layer accessible to the view.

- `layerCount` is the number of array layers (starting from `baseArrayLayer`) accessible to the view.

The number of mipmap levels and array layers **must** be a subset of the image subresources in the image. If an application wants to use all mip levels or layers in an image after the `baseMipLevel` or `baseArrayLayer`, it **can** set `levelCount` and `layerCount` to the special values VK_REMAINING_MIP_LEVELS and VK_REMAINING_ARRAY_LAYERS without knowing the exact number of mip levels or layers.

For cube and cube array image views, the layers of the image view starting at `baseArrayLayer` correspond to faces in the order +X, -X, +Y, -Y, +Z, -Z. For cube arrays, each set of six sequential layers is a single cube, so the number of cube maps in a cube map array view is $layerCount / 6$, and image array layer ($baseArrayLayer$ + i) is face index (i mod 6) of cube $i / 6$. If the number of layers in the view, whether set explicitly in `layerCount` or implied by VK_REMAINING_ARRAY_LAYERS, is not a multiple of 6, the last cube map in the array **must** not be accessed.

`aspectMask` **must** be only VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT, VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT or VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_STENCIL_BIT if `format` is a color, depth-only or stencil-only format, respectively, except if `format` is a multi-planar format. If using a depth/stencil format with both depth and stencil components, `aspectMask` **must** include at least one of VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT and VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_STENCIL_BIT, and **can** include both.

When the `VkImageSubresourceRange` structure is used to select a subset of the slices of a 3D image's mip level in order to create a 2D or 2D array image view of a 3D image created with VK_IMAGE_CREATE_2D_ARRAY_COMPATIBLE_BIT, `baseArrayLayer` and `layerCount` specify the first slice index and the number of slices to include in the created image view. Such an image view **can** be used as a framebuffer attachment that refers only to the specified range of slices of the selected mip level. However, any layout transitions performed on such an attachment view during a render pass instance still apply to the entire subresource referenced which includes all the slices of the selected mip level.

When using an image view of a depth/stencil image to populate a descriptor set (e.g. for sampling in the shader, or for use as an input attachment), the `aspectMask` **must** only include one bit, which selects whether the image view is used for depth reads (i.e. using a floating-point sampler or input attachment in the shader) or stencil reads (i.e. using an unsigned integer sampler or input

attachment in the shader). When an image view of a depth/stencil image is used as a depth/stencil framebuffer attachment, the `aspectMask` is ignored and both depth and stencil image subresources are used.

When creating a `VkImageView`, if sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion is enabled in the sampler, the `aspectMask` of a `subresourceRange` used by the `VkImageView` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT`.

When creating a `VkImageView`, if sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion is not enabled in the sampler and the image format is multi-planar, the image **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_MUTABLE_FORMAT_BIT`, and the `aspectMask` of the `VkImageView`'s `subresourceRange` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT`.

> ## Valid Usage
>
> - VUID-VkImageSubresourceRange-levelCount-01720
>   If `levelCount` is not `VK_REMAINING_MIP_LEVELS`, it **must** be greater than `0`
>
> - VUID-VkImageSubresourceRange-layerCount-01721
>   If `layerCount` is not `VK_REMAINING_ARRAY_LAYERS`, it **must** be greater than `0`
>
> - VUID-VkImageSubresourceRange-aspectMask-01670
>   If `aspectMask` includes `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT`, then it **must** not include any of `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT`, or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT`

> ## Valid Usage (Implicit)
>
> - VUID-VkImageSubresourceRange-aspectMask-parameter
>   `aspectMask` **must** be a valid combination of VkImageAspectFlagBits values
>
> - VUID-VkImageSubresourceRange-aspectMask-requiredbitmask
>   `aspectMask` **must** not be `0`

Bits which **can** be set in an aspect mask to specify aspects of an image for purposes such as identifying a subresource, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkImageAspectFlagBits {
    VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_STENCIL_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_METADATA_BIT = 0x00000008,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT = 0x00000010,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT = 0x00000020,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT = 0x00000040,
} VkImageAspectFlagBits;
```

- `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT` specifies the color aspect.

- `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT` specifies the depth aspect.

- `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_STENCIL_BIT` specifies the stencil aspect.

- `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_METADATA_BIT` specifies the metadata aspect, used for sparse resource operations.

- `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` specifies plane 0 of a *multi-planar* image format.

- `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` specifies plane 1 of a *multi-planar* image format.

- `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT` specifies plane 2 of a *multi-planar* image format.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkImageAspectFlags;
```

`VkImageAspectFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more `VkImageAspectFlagBits`.

The `VkComponentMapping` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkComponentMapping {
    VkComponentSwizzle    r;
    VkComponentSwizzle    g;
    VkComponentSwizzle    b;
    VkComponentSwizzle    a;
} VkComponentMapping;
```

- `r` is a VkComponentSwizzle specifying the component value placed in the R component of the output vector.

- `g` is a VkComponentSwizzle specifying the component value placed in the G component of the output vector.

- `b` is a VkComponentSwizzle specifying the component value placed in the B component of the output vector.

- `a` is a VkComponentSwizzle specifying the component value placed in the A component of the output vector.

- VUID-VkComponentMapping-r-parameter

  r **must** be a valid VkComponentSwizzle value

- VUID-VkComponentMapping-g-parameter

  g **must** be a valid VkComponentSwizzle value

- VUID-VkComponentMapping-b-parameter

  b **must** be a valid VkComponentSwizzle value

- VUID-VkComponentMapping-a-parameter

  a **must** be a valid VkComponentSwizzle value

Possible values of the members of VkComponentMapping, specifying the component values placed in each component of the output vector, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkComponentSwizzle {
    VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_IDENTITY = 0,
    VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_ZERO = 1,
    VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_ONE = 2,
    VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_R = 3,
    VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_G = 4,
    VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_B = 5,
    VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_A = 6,
} VkComponentSwizzle;
```

- VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_IDENTITY specifies that the component is set to the identity swizzle.

- VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_ZERO specifies that the component is set to zero.

- VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_ONE specifies that the component is set to either 1 or 1.0, depending on whether the type of the image view format is integer or floating-point respectively, as determined by the Format Definition section for each VkFormat.

- VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_R specifies that the component is set to the value of the R component of the image.

- VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_G specifies that the component is set to the value of the G component of the image.

- VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_B specifies that the component is set to the value of the B component of the image.

- VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_A specifies that the component is set to the value of the A component of the image.

Setting the identity swizzle on a component is equivalent to setting the identity mapping on that component. That is:

Table 8. Component Mappings Equivalent To VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_IDENTITY

Component	Identity Mapping
components.r	VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_R
components.g	VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_G
components.b	VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_B
components.a	VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_A

To destroy an image view, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroyImageView(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkImageView                                 imageView,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- device is the logical device that destroys the image view.

- imageView is the image view to destroy.

- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkDestroyImageView-imageView-01026

  All submitted commands that refer to imageView **must** have completed execution

- VUID-vkDestroyImageView-imageView-01027

  If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when imageView was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here

- VUID-vkDestroyImageView-imageView-01028

  If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when imageView was created, pAllocator **must** be NULL

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkDestroyImageView-device-parameter

  device **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkDestroyImageView-imageView-parameter

  If imageView is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, imageView **must** be a valid VkImageView handle

- VUID-vkDestroyImageView-pAllocator-parameter

  If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkDestroyImageView-imageView-parent

  If imageView is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

12.5.1. Image View Format Features

Valid uses of a VkImageView **may** depend on the image view's *format features*, defined below. Such constraints are documented in the affected valid usage statement.

- If VkImageViewCreateInfo::`image` was created with `VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR`, then the image view's set of *format features* is the value of VkFormatProperties::`linearTilingFeatures` found by calling vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties on the same `format` as VkImageViewCreateInfo ::`format`.

- If VkImageViewCreateInfo::`image` was created with `VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL`, then the image view's set of *format features* is the value of VkFormatProperties::`optimalTilingFeatures` found by calling vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties on the same `format` as VkImageViewCreateInfo ::`format`.

12.6. Resource Memory Association

Resources are initially created as *virtual allocations* with no backing memory. Device memory is allocated separately (see Device Memory) and then associated with the resource. This association is done differently for sparse and non-sparse resources.

Resources created with any of the sparse creation flags are considered sparse resources. Resources created without these flags are non-sparse. The details on resource memory association for sparse resources is described in Sparse Resources.

Non-sparse resources **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object before the resource is passed as a parameter to any of the following operations:

- creating image or buffer views

- updating descriptor sets

- recording commands in a command buffer

Once bound, the memory binding is immutable for the lifetime of the resource.

In a logical device representing more than one physical device, buffer and image resources exist on all physical devices but **can** be bound to memory differently on each. Each such replicated resource is an *instance* of the resource. For sparse resources, each instance **can** be bound to memory arbitrarily differently. For non-sparse resources, each instance **can** either be bound to the local or a peer instance of the memory, or for images **can** be bound to rectangular regions from the local and/or peer instances. When a resource is used in a descriptor set, each physical device interprets the descriptor according to its own instance's binding to memory.

> *Note*
>
> There are no new copy commands to transfer data between physical devices. Instead, an application **can** create a resource with a peer mapping and use it as the source or destination of a transfer command executed by a single physical device to copy the data from one physical device to another.

To determine the memory requirements for a buffer resource, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkBuffer                                    buffer,
    VkMemoryRequirements*                       pMemoryRequirements);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the buffer.

- `buffer` is the buffer to query.

- `pMemoryRequirements` is a pointer to a VkMemoryRequirements structure in which the memory requirements of the buffer object are returned.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements-buffer-parameter
  `buffer` **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

- VUID-vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements-pMemoryRequirements-parameter
  `pMemoryRequirements` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkMemoryRequirements structure

- VUID-vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements-buffer-parent
  `buffer` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

To determine the memory requirements for an image resource which is not created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_DISJOINT_BIT` flag set, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkGetImageMemoryRequirements(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkImage                                     image,
    VkMemoryRequirements*                       pMemoryRequirements);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the image.

- `image` is the image to query.

- `pMemoryRequirements` is a pointer to a VkMemoryRequirements structure in which the memory

requirements of the image object are returned.

> **Valid Usage**
>
> - VUID-vkGetImageMemoryRequirements-image-01588
>   image **must** not have been created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_DISJOINT_BIT` flag set

> **Valid Usage (Implicit)**
>
> - VUID-vkGetImageMemoryRequirements-device-parameter
>   device **must** be a valid VkDevice handle
> - VUID-vkGetImageMemoryRequirements-image-parameter
>   image **must** be a valid VkImage handle
> - VUID-vkGetImageMemoryRequirements-pMemoryRequirements-parameter
>   pMemoryRequirements **must** be a valid pointer to a VkMemoryRequirements structure
> - VUID-vkGetImageMemoryRequirements-image-parent
>   image **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

The VkMemoryRequirements structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkMemoryRequirements {
    VkDeviceSize    size;
    VkDeviceSize    alignment;
    uint32_t        memoryTypeBits;
} VkMemoryRequirements;
```

- `size` is the size, in bytes, of the memory allocation **required** for the resource.
- `alignment` is the alignment, in bytes, of the offset within the allocation **required** for the resource.
- `memoryTypeBits` is a bitmask and contains one bit set for every supported memory type for the resource. Bit `i` is set if and only if the memory type `i` in the `VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties` structure for the physical device is supported for the resource.

The implementation guarantees certain properties about the memory requirements returned by vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements and vkGetImageMemoryRequirements:

- The `memoryTypeBits` member always contains at least one bit set.
- If `buffer` is a `VkBuffer` not created with the `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` bit set, or if `image` is linear image, then the `memoryTypeBits` member always contains at least one bit set corresponding to a `VkMemoryType` with a `propertyFlags` that has both the `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_VISIBLE_BIT` bit and the `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_HOST_COHERENT_BIT` bit set. In other words, mappable coherent memory **can** always be attached to these objects.

- If `buffer` was created with VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo::`handleTypes` set to `0` or `image` was created with VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo::`handleTypes` set to `0`, the `memoryTypeBits` member always contains at least one bit set corresponding to a `VkMemoryType` with a `propertyFlags` that has the `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_DEVICE_LOCAL_BIT` bit set.

- The `memoryTypeBits` member is identical for all `VkBuffer` objects created with the same value for the `flags` and `usage` members in the VkBufferCreateInfo structure and the `handleTypes` member of the VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo structure passed to vkCreateBuffer. Further, if `usage1` and `usage2` of type VkBufferUsageFlags are such that the bits set in `usage2` are a subset of the bits set in `usage1`, and they have the same `flags` and VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo::`handleTypes`, then the bits set in `memoryTypeBits` returned for `usage1` **must** be a subset of the bits set in `memoryTypeBits` returned for `usage2`, for all values of `flags`.

- The `alignment` member is a power of two.

- The `alignment` member is identical for all `VkBuffer` objects created with the same combination of values for the `usage` and `flags` members in the VkBufferCreateInfo structure passed to vkCreateBuffer.

- The `alignment` member satisfies the buffer descriptor offset alignment requirements associated with the `VkBuffer`'s `usage`:

  - If `usage` included `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT` or `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT`, `alignment` **must** be an integer multiple of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::`minTexelBufferOffsetAlignment`.

  - If `usage` included `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_BIT`, `alignment` **must** be an integer multiple of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::`minUniformBufferOffsetAlignment`.

  - If `usage` included `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_STORAGE_BUFFER_BIT`, `alignment` **must** be an integer multiple of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::`minStorageBufferOffsetAlignment`.

- For images created with a color format, the `memoryTypeBits` member is identical for all `VkImage` objects created with the same combination of values for the `tiling` member, the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` bit of the `flags` member, the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPLIT_INSTANCE_BIND_REGIONS_BIT` bit of the `flags` member, `handleTypes` member of VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo, and the `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSIENT_ATTACHMENT_BIT` of the `usage` member in the VkImageCreateInfo structure passed to vkCreateImage.

- For images created with a depth/stencil format, the `memoryTypeBits` member is identical for all `VkImage` objects created with the same combination of values for the `format` member, the `tiling` member, the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` bit of the `flags` member, the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPLIT_INSTANCE_BIND_REGIONS_BIT` bit of the `flags` member, `handleTypes` member of VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo, and the `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSIENT_ATTACHMENT_BIT` of the `usage` member in the VkImageCreateInfo structure passed to vkCreateImage.

- If the memory requirements are for a `VkImage`, the `memoryTypeBits` member **must** not refer to a `VkMemoryType` with a `propertyFlags` that has the `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_LAZILY_ALLOCATED_BIT` bit set if the `image` did not have `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSIENT_ATTACHMENT_BIT` bit set in the `usage` member of the VkImageCreateInfo structure passed to vkCreateImage.

- If the memory requirements are for a `VkBuffer`, the `memoryTypeBits` member **must** not refer to a `VkMemoryType` with a `propertyFlags` that has the `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_LAZILY_ALLOCATED_BIT` bit set.

> **Note**
>
> The implication of this requirement is that lazily allocated memory is disallowed for buffers in all cases.

- The `size` member is identical for all `VkBuffer` objects created with the same combination of creation parameters specified in VkBufferCreateInfo and its `pNext` chain.

- The `size` member is identical for all `VkImage` objects created with the same combination of creation parameters specified in VkImageCreateInfo and its `pNext` chain.

> **Note**
>
> This, however, does not imply that they interpret the contents of the bound memory identically with each other. That additional guarantee, however, **can** be explicitly requested using `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_ALIAS_BIT`.

To determine the memory requirements for a buffer resource, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements2(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkBufferMemoryRequirementsInfo2*      pInfo,
    VkMemoryRequirements2*                      pMemoryRequirements);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the buffer.

- `pInfo` is a pointer to a VkBufferMemoryRequirementsInfo2 structure containing parameters required for the memory requirements query.

- `pMemoryRequirements` is a pointer to a VkMemoryRequirements2 structure in which the memory requirements of the buffer object are returned.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements2-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements2-pInfo-parameter

  `pInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkBufferMemoryRequirementsInfo2 structure

- VUID-vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements2-pMemoryRequirements-parameter

  `pMemoryRequirements` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkMemoryRequirements2 structure

The `VkBufferMemoryRequirementsInfo2` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkBufferMemoryRequirementsInfo2 {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    const void*        pNext;
    VkBuffer           buffer;
} VkBufferMemoryRequirementsInfo2;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `buffer` is the buffer to query.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkBufferMemoryRequirementsInfo2-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BUFFER_MEMORY_REQUIREMENTS_INFO_2`

- VUID-VkBufferMemoryRequirementsInfo2-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkBufferMemoryRequirementsInfo2-buffer-parameter

  `buffer` **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

To determine the memory requirements for an image resource, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkGetImageMemoryRequirements2(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2*       pInfo,
    VkMemoryRequirements2*                      pMemoryRequirements);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the image.

- `pInfo` is a pointer to a VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2 structure containing parameters required for the memory requirements query.

- `pMemoryRequirements` is a pointer to a VkMemoryRequirements2 structure in which the memory requirements of the image object are returned.

- VUID-vkGetImageMemoryRequirements2-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetImageMemoryRequirements2-pInfo-parameter
  `pInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2 structure

- VUID-vkGetImageMemoryRequirements2-pMemoryRequirements-parameter
  `pMemoryRequirements` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkMemoryRequirements2 structure

The `VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2 {
    VkStructureType     sType;
    const void*         pNext;
    VkImage             image;
} VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `image` is the image to query.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2-image-01589
  If `image` was created with a *multi-planar* format and the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_DISJOINT_BIT` flag, there **must** be a VkImagePlaneMemoryRequirementsInfo included in the `pNext` chain of the VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2 structure

- VUID-VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2-image-01590
  If `image` was not created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_DISJOINT_BIT` flag, there **must** not be a VkImagePlaneMemoryRequirementsInfo included in the `pNext` chain of the VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2 structure

- VUID-VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2-image-01591
  If `image` was created with a single-plane format, there **must** not be a VkImagePlaneMemoryRequirementsInfo included in the `pNext` chain of the VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2 structure

- VUID-VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2-sType-sType

  sType **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_MEMORY_REQUIREMENTS_INFO_2`

- VUID-VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2-pNext-pNext

  pNext **must** be `NULL` or a pointer to a valid instance of VkImagePlaneMemoryRequirementsInfo

- VUID-VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2-sType-unique

  The sType value of each struct in the pNext chain **must** be unique

- VUID-VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2-image-parameter

  image **must** be a valid VkImage handle

To determine the memory requirements for a plane of a disjoint image, add a VkImagePlaneMemoryRequirementsInfo structure to the pNext chain of the VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2 structure.

The VkImagePlaneMemoryRequirementsInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkImagePlaneMemoryRequirementsInfo {
    VkStructureType        sType;
    const void*            pNext;
    VkImageAspectFlagBits  planeAspect;
} VkImagePlaneMemoryRequirementsInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- planeAspect is a VkImageAspectFlagBits value specifying the aspect corresponding to the image plane to query.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkImagePlaneMemoryRequirementsInfo-planeAspect-02281

  If the image's tiling is `VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR` or `VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL`, then planeAspect **must** be a single valid *format plane* for the image (that is, for a two-plane image planeAspect **must** be `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT`, and for a three-plane image planeAspect **must** be `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT`)

The `VkMemoryRequirements2` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkMemoryRequirements2 {
    VkStructureType         sType;
    void*                   pNext;
    VkMemoryRequirements    memoryRequirements;
} VkMemoryRequirements2;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `memoryRequirements` is a VkMemoryRequirements structure describing the memory requirements of the resource.

The `VkMemoryDedicatedRequirements` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkMemoryDedicatedRequirements {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    void*              pNext;
    VkBool32           prefersDedicatedAllocation;
    VkBool32           requiresDedicatedAllocation;
} VkMemoryDedicatedRequirements;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `prefersDedicatedAllocation` specifies that the implementation would prefer a dedicated allocation for this resource. The application is still free to suballocate the resource but it **may** get better performance if a dedicated allocation is used.

- `requiresDedicatedAllocation` specifies that a dedicated allocation is required for this resource.

To determine the dedicated allocation requirements of a buffer or image resource, add a VkMemoryDedicatedRequirements structure to the pNext chain of the VkMemoryRequirements2 structure passed as the pMemoryRequirements parameter of vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements2 or vkGetImageMemoryRequirements2, respectively.

Constraints on the values returned for buffer resources are:

- `requiresDedicatedAllocation` **may** be `VK_TRUE` if the pNext chain of VkBufferCreateInfo for the call to vkCreateBuffer used to create the buffer being queried included a VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo structure, and any of the handle types specified in VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo::`handleTypes` requires dedicated allocation, as reported by vkGetPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferProperties in VkExternalBufferProperties ::`externalMemoryProperties.externalMemoryFeatures`. Otherwise, `requiresDedicatedAllocation` will be `VK_FALSE`.

- When the implementation sets `requiresDedicatedAllocation` to `VK_TRUE`, it **must** also set `prefersDedicatedAllocation` to `VK_TRUE`.

- If `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` was set in VkBufferCreateInfo::`flags` when `buffer` was created, then both `prefersDedicatedAllocation` and `requiresDedicatedAllocation` will be `VK_FALSE`.

Constraints on the values returned for image resources are:

- `requiresDedicatedAllocation` **may** be `VK_TRUE` if the pNext chain of VkImageCreateInfo for the call to vkCreateImage used to create the image being queried included a VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo structure, and any of the handle types specified in VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo::`handleTypes` requires dedicated allocation, as reported by vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties2 in VkExternalImageFormatProperties ::`externalMemoryProperties.externalMemoryFeatures`. Otherwise, `requiresDedicatedAllocation` will be `VK_FALSE`.

- If `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` was set in VkImageCreateInfo::`flags` when `image` was created, then both `prefersDedicatedAllocation` and `requiresDedicatedAllocation` will be `VK_FALSE`.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkMemoryDedicatedRequirements-sType-sType
  sType **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_MEMORY_DEDICATED_REQUIREMENTS`

To attach memory to a buffer object, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkBindBufferMemory(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkBuffer                                    buffer,
    VkDeviceMemory                              memory,
    VkDeviceSize                                memoryOffset);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the buffer and memory.

- `buffer` is the buffer to be attached to memory.

- `memory` is a VkDeviceMemory object describing the device memory to attach.

- `memoryOffset` is the start offset of the region of `memory` which is to be bound to the buffer. The number of bytes returned in the `VkMemoryRequirements`::`size` member in `memory`, starting from `memoryOffset` bytes, will be bound to the specified buffer.

`vkBindBufferMemory` is equivalent to passing the same parameters through VkBindBufferMemoryInfo to vkBindBufferMemory2.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory-buffer-01029

  `buffer` **must** not already be backed by a memory object

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory-buffer-01030

  `buffer` **must** not have been created with any sparse memory binding flags

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory-memoryOffset-01031

  `memoryOffset` **must** be less than the size of `memory`

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory-memory-01035

  `memory` **must** have been allocated using one of the memory types allowed in the `memoryTypeBits` member of the `VkMemoryRequirements` structure returned from a call to `vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements` with `buffer`

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory-memoryOffset-01036

  `memoryOffset` **must** be an integer multiple of the `alignment` member of the `VkMemoryRequirements` structure returned from a call to `vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements` with `buffer`

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory-size-01037

  The `size` member of the `VkMemoryRequirements` structure returned from a call to `vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements` with `buffer` **must** be less than or equal to the size of `memory` minus `memoryOffset`

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory-buffer-01444

  If `buffer` requires a dedicated allocation (as reported by vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements2 in VkMemoryDedicatedRequirements ::`requiresDedicatedAllocation` for `buffer`), `memory` **must** have been allocated with VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo::`buffer` equal to `buffer`

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory-memory-01508

  If the VkMemoryAllocateInfo provided when `memory` was allocated included a VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo structure in its `pNext` chain, and VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo::`buffer` was not VK_NULL_HANDLE, then `buffer` **must** equal VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo::`buffer`, and `memoryOffset` **must** be zero

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory-None-01898

  If `buffer` was created with the `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT` bit set, the buffer **must** be bound to a memory object allocated with a memory type that reports `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_PROTECTED_BIT`

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory-None-01899

  If `buffer` was created with the `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT` bit not set, the buffer **must** not be bound to a memory object allocated with a memory type that reports `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_PROTECTED_BIT`

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory-memory-02726

  If the value of VkExportMemoryAllocateInfo::`handleTypes` used to allocate `memory` is not `0`, it **must** include at least one of the handles set in VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo ::`handleTypes` when `buffer` was created

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory-memory-02727

> If memory was allocated by a memory import operation, the external handle type of the imported memory **must** also have been set in VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo::handleTypes when buffer was created

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory-device-parameter
  device **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory-buffer-parameter
  buffer **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory-memory-parameter
  memory **must** be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory-buffer-parent
  buffer **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory-memory-parent
  memory **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

Host Synchronization

- Host access to buffer **must** be externally synchronized

Return Codes

Success

- VK_SUCCESS

Failure

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY

To attach memory to buffer objects for one or more buffers at a time, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
VkResult vkBindBufferMemory2(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    uint32_t                                    bindInfoCount,
    const VkBindBufferMemoryInfo*               pBindInfos);
```

- device is the logical device that owns the buffers and memory.

- bindInfoCount is the number of elements in pBindInfos.

- `pBindInfos` is a pointer to an array of `bindInfoCount` VkBindBufferMemoryInfo structures describing buffers and memory to bind.

On some implementations, it **may** be more efficient to batch memory bindings into a single command.

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory2-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory2-pBindInfos-parameter

  `pBindInfos` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `bindInfoCount` valid VkBindBufferMemoryInfo structures

- VUID-vkBindBufferMemory2-bindInfoCount-arraylength

  `bindInfoCount` **must** be greater than `0`

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Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

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VkBindBufferMemoryInfo contains members corresponding to the parameters of vkBindBufferMemory.

The VkBindBufferMemoryInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkBindBufferMemoryInfo {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    const void*        pNext;
    VkBuffer           buffer;
    VkDeviceMemory     memory;
    VkDeviceSize       memoryOffset;
} VkBindBufferMemoryInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `buffer` is the buffer to be attached to memory.

- `memory` is a VkDeviceMemory object describing the device memory to attach.

- `memoryOffset` is the start offset of the region of `memory` which is to be bound to the buffer. The number of bytes returned in the `VkMemoryRequirements`::`size` member in `memory`, starting from `memoryOffset` bytes, will be bound to the specified buffer.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-buffer-01029

  buffer **must** not already be backed by a memory object

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-buffer-01030

  buffer **must** not have been created with any sparse memory binding flags

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-memoryOffset-01031

  memoryOffset **must** be less than the size of memory

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-memory-01035

  memory **must** have been allocated using one of the memory types allowed in the memoryTypeBits member of the VkMemoryRequirements structure returned from a call to vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements with buffer

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-memoryOffset-01036

  memoryOffset **must** be an integer multiple of the alignment member of the VkMemoryRequirements structure returned from a call to vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements with buffer

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-size-01037

  The size member of the VkMemoryRequirements structure returned from a call to vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements with buffer **must** be less than or equal to the size of memory minus memoryOffset

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-buffer-01444

  If buffer requires a dedicated allocation (as reported by vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements2 in VkMemoryDedicatedRequirements ::requiresDedicatedAllocation for buffer), memory **must** have been allocated with VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo::buffer equal to buffer

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-memory-01508

  If the VkMemoryAllocateInfo provided when memory was allocated included a VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo structure in its pNext chain, and VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo::buffer was not VK_NULL_HANDLE, then buffer **must** equal VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo::buffer, and memoryOffset **must** be zero

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-None-01898

  If buffer was created with the VK_BUFFER_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT bit set, the buffer **must** be bound to a memory object allocated with a memory type that reports VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_PROTECTED_BIT

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-None-01899

  If buffer was created with the VK_BUFFER_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT bit not set, the buffer **must** not be bound to a memory object allocated with a memory type that reports VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_PROTECTED_BIT

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-memory-02726

  If the value of VkExportMemoryAllocateInfo::handleTypes used to allocate memory is not 0, it **must** include at least one of the handles set in VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo ::handleTypes when buffer was created

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-memory-02727

If `memory` was allocated by a memory import operation, the external handle type of the imported memory **must** also have been set in VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo ::`handleTypes` when `buffer` was created

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-pNext-01605

  If the `pNext` chain includes a VkBindBufferMemoryDeviceGroupInfo structure, all instances of `memory` specified by VkBindBufferMemoryDeviceGroupInfo::`pDeviceIndices` **must** have been allocated

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BIND_BUFFER_MEMORY_INFO`

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL` or a pointer to a valid instance of VkBindBufferMemoryDeviceGroupInfo

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-sType-unique

  The `sType` value of each struct in the `pNext` chain **must** be unique

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-buffer-parameter

  `buffer` **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-memory-parameter

  `memory` **must** be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryInfo-commonparent

  Both of `buffer`, and `memory` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

The `VkBindBufferMemoryDeviceGroupInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkBindBufferMemoryDeviceGroupInfo {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    const void*        pNext;
    uint32_t           deviceIndexCount;
    const uint32_t*    pDeviceIndices;
} VkBindBufferMemoryDeviceGroupInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `deviceIndexCount` is the number of elements in `pDeviceIndices`.

- `pDeviceIndices` is a pointer to an array of device indices.

If the `pNext` chain of VkBindBufferMemoryInfo includes a VkBindBufferMemoryDeviceGroupInfo structure, then that structure determines how memory is bound to buffers across multiple devices

in a device group.

If `deviceIndexCount` is greater than zero, then on device index i the buffer is attached to the instance of `memory` on the physical device with device index `pDeviceIndices`[i].

If `deviceIndexCount` is zero and `memory` comes from a memory heap with the `VK_MEMORY_HEAP_MULTI_INSTANCE_BIT` bit set, then it is as if `pDeviceIndices` contains consecutive indices from zero to the number of physical devices in the logical device, minus one. In other words, by default each physical device attaches to its own instance of `memory`.

If `deviceIndexCount` is zero and `memory` comes from a memory heap without the `VK_MEMORY_HEAP_MULTI_INSTANCE_BIT` bit set, then it is as if `pDeviceIndices` contains an array of zeros. In other words, by default each physical device attaches to instance zero.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryDeviceGroupInfo-deviceIndexCount-01606

  `deviceIndexCount` **must** either be zero or equal to the number of physical devices in the logical device

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryDeviceGroupInfo-pDeviceIndices-01607

  All elements of `pDeviceIndices` **must** be valid device indices

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryDeviceGroupInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BIND_BUFFER_MEMORY_DEVICE_GROUP_INFO`

- VUID-VkBindBufferMemoryDeviceGroupInfo-pDeviceIndices-parameter

  If `deviceIndexCount` is not `0`, `pDeviceIndices` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `deviceIndexCount` `uint32_t` values

To attach memory to a `VkImage` object created without the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_DISJOINT_BIT` set, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkBindImageMemory(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkImage                                     image,
    VkDeviceMemory                              memory,
    VkDeviceSize                                memoryOffset);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the image and memory.

- `image` is the image.

- `memory` is the VkDeviceMemory object describing the device memory to attach.

- `memoryOffset` is the start offset of the region of `memory` which is to be bound to the image. The number of bytes returned in the VkMemoryRequirements::`size` member in `memory`, starting from

`memoryOffset` bytes, will be bound to the specified image.

`vkBindImageMemory` is equivalent to passing the same parameters through VkBindImageMemoryInfo to vkBindImageMemory2.

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Valid Usage

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- VUID-vkBindImageMemory-image-01044

  `image` **must** not already be backed by a memory object

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory-image-01045

  `image` **must** not have been created with any sparse memory binding flags

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory-memoryOffset-01046

  `memoryOffset` **must** be less than the size of `memory`

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory-image-01445

  If `image` requires a dedicated allocation (as reported by vkGetImageMemoryRequirements2 in VkMemoryDedicatedRequirements ::requiresDedicatedAllocation for `image`), `memory` **must** have been created with VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo::`image` equal to `image`

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory-memory-01509

  If the VkMemoryAllocateInfo provided when `memory` was allocated included a VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo structure in its `pNext` chain, and VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo::`image` was not VK_NULL_HANDLE, then `image` **must** equal VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo::`image` and `memoryOffset` **must** be zero

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory-None-01901

  If image was created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT` bit set, the image **must** be bound to a memory object allocated with a memory type that reports `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_PROTECTED_BIT`

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory-None-01902

  If image was created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT` bit not set, the image **must** not be bound to a memory object created with a memory type that reports `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_PROTECTED_BIT`

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory-memory-02728

  If the value of VkExportMemoryAllocateInfo::`handleTypes` used to allocate `memory` is not `0`, it **must** include at least one of the handles set in VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo ::`handleTypes` when `image` was created

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory-memory-02729

  If `memory` was created by a memory import operation, the external handle type of the imported memory **must** also have been set in VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo ::`handleTypes` when `image` was created

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory-image-01608

  `image` **must** not have been created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_DISJOINT_BIT` set

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory-memory-01047

  `memory` **must** have been allocated using one of the memory types allowed in the `memoryTypeBits` member of the VkMemoryRequirements structure returned from a call to vkGetImageMemoryRequirements with `image`

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory-memoryOffset-01048

  `memoryOffset` **must** be an integer multiple of the `alignment` member of the VkMemoryRequirements structure returned from a call to vkGetImageMemoryRequirements

with `image`

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory-size-01049

  The difference of the size of `memory` and `memoryOffset` **must** be greater than or equal to the `size` member of the `VkMemoryRequirements` structure returned from a call to vkGetImageMemoryRequirements with the same `image`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory-image-parameter

  `image` **must** be a valid VkImage handle

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory-memory-parameter

  `memory` **must** be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory-image-parent

  `image` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory-memory-parent

  `memory` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `image` **must** be externally synchronized

Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

To attach memory to image objects for one or more images at a time, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
VkResult vkBindImageMemory2(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    uint32_t                                    bindInfoCount,
    const VkBindImageMemoryInfo*                pBindInfos);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the images and memory.

- `bindInfoCount` is the number of elements in `pBindInfos`.

- `pBindInfos` is a pointer to an array of VkBindImageMemoryInfo structures, describing images and memory to bind.

On some implementations, it **may** be more efficient to batch memory bindings into a single command.

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Valid Usage

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory2-pBindInfos-02858

  If any VkBindImageMemoryInfo::`image` was created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_DISJOINT_BIT` then all planes of VkBindImageMemoryInfo::`image` **must** be bound individually in separate `pBindInfos`

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory2-pBindInfos-04006

  `pBindInfos` **must** not refer to the same image subresource more than once

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory2-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory2-pBindInfos-parameter

  `pBindInfos` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `bindInfoCount` valid VkBindImageMemoryInfo structures

- VUID-vkBindImageMemory2-bindInfoCount-arraylength

  `bindInfoCount` **must** be greater than `0`

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Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

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`VkBindImageMemoryInfo` contains members corresponding to the parameters of vkBindImageMemory.

The `VkBindImageMemoryInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkBindImageMemoryInfo {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    const void*        pNext;
    VkImage            image;
    VkDeviceMemory     memory;
    VkDeviceSize       memoryOffset;
} VkBindImageMemoryInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `image` is the image to be attached to memory.

- `memory` is a VkDeviceMemory object describing the device memory to attach.

- `memoryOffset` is the start offset of the region of `memory` which is to be bound to the image. The number of bytes returned in the `VkMemoryRequirements`::`size` member in `memory`, starting from `memoryOffset` bytes, will be bound to the specified image.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-image-01044

  `image` **must** not already be backed by a memory object

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-image-01045

  `image` **must** not have been created with any sparse memory binding flags

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-memoryOffset-01046

  `memoryOffset` **must** be less than the size of `memory`

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-image-01445

  If `image` requires a dedicated allocation (as reported by vkGetImageMemoryRequirements2 in VkMemoryDedicatedRequirements ::`requiresDedicatedAllocation` for `image`), `memory` **must** have been created with VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo::`image` equal to `image`

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-memory-01509

  If the VkMemoryAllocateInfo provided when `memory` was allocated included a VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo structure in its `pNext` chain, and VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo::`image` was not VK_NULL_HANDLE, then `image` **must** equal VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo::`image` and `memoryOffset` **must** be zero

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-None-01901

  If image was created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT` bit set, the image **must** be bound to a memory object allocated with a memory type that reports `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_PROTECTED_BIT`

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-None-01902

  If image was created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT` bit not set, the image **must** not be bound to a memory object created with a memory type that reports `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_PROTECTED_BIT`

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-memory-02728

  If the value of VkExportMemoryAllocateInfo::`handleTypes` used to allocate `memory` is not `0`, it **must** include at least one of the handles set in VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo ::`handleTypes` when `image` was created

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-memory-02729

  If `memory` was created by a memory import operation, the external handle type of the imported memory **must** also have been set in VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo ::`handleTypes` when `image` was created

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-pNext-01615

  If the `pNext` chain does not include a VkBindImagePlaneMemoryInfo structure, `memory` **must** have been allocated using one of the memory types allowed in the `memoryTypeBits` member of the VkMemoryRequirements structure returned from a call to vkGetImageMemoryRequirements2 with `image`

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-pNext-01616

  If the `pNext` chain does not include a VkBindImagePlaneMemoryInfo structure, `memoryOffset` **must** be an integer multiple of the `alignment` member of the VkMemoryRequirements structure returned from a call to vkGetImageMemoryRequirements2 with `image`

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-pNext-01617

  If the pNext chain does not include a VkBindImagePlaneMemoryInfo structure, the difference of the size of memory and memoryOffset **must** be greater than or equal to the size member of the VkMemoryRequirements structure returned from a call to vkGetImageMemoryRequirements2 with the same image

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-pNext-01618

  If the pNext chain includes a VkBindImagePlaneMemoryInfo structure, image **must** have been created with the VK_IMAGE_CREATE_DISJOINT_BIT bit set

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-pNext-01619

  If the pNext chain includes a VkBindImagePlaneMemoryInfo structure, memory **must** have been allocated using one of the memory types allowed in the memoryTypeBits member of the VkMemoryRequirements structure returned from a call to vkGetImageMemoryRequirements2 with image and where VkBindImagePlaneMemoryInfo::planeAspect corresponds to the VkImagePlaneMemoryRequirementsInfo::planeAspect in the VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2 structure's pNext chain

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-pNext-01620

  If the pNext chain includes a VkBindImagePlaneMemoryInfo structure, memoryOffset **must** be an integer multiple of the alignment member of the VkMemoryRequirements structure returned from a call to vkGetImageMemoryRequirements2 with image and where VkBindImagePlaneMemoryInfo::planeAspect corresponds to the VkImagePlaneMemoryRequirementsInfo::planeAspect in the VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2 structure's pNext chain

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-pNext-01621

  If the pNext chain includes a VkBindImagePlaneMemoryInfo structure, the difference of the size of memory and memoryOffset **must** be greater than or equal to the size member of the VkMemoryRequirements structure returned from a call to vkGetImageMemoryRequirements2 with the same image and where VkBindImagePlaneMemoryInfo::planeAspect corresponds to the VkImagePlaneMemoryRequirementsInfo::planeAspect in the VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2 structure's pNext chain

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-memory-01625

  memory **must** be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-pNext-01626

  If the pNext chain includes a VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo structure, all instances of memory specified by VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo::pDeviceIndices **must** have been allocated

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-pNext-01627

  If the pNext chain includes a VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo structure, and VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo::splitInstanceBindRegionCount is not zero, then image **must** have been created with the VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPLIT_INSTANCE_BIND_REGIONS_BIT bit set

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-pNext-01628

  If the pNext chain includes a VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo structure, all elements of VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo::pSplitInstanceBindRegions **must** be

valid rectangles contained within the dimensions of `image`

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-pNext-01629

  If the `pNext` chain includes a VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo structure, the union of the areas of all elements of VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo ::pSplitInstanceBindRegions that correspond to the same instance of `image` **must** cover the entire image

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-sType-sType

  sType **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BIND_IMAGE_MEMORY_INFO`

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-pNext-pNext

  Each `pNext` member of any structure (including this one) in the `pNext` chain **must** be either `NULL` or a pointer to a valid instance of VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo or VkBindImagePlaneMemoryInfo

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-sType-unique

  The `sType` value of each struct in the `pNext` chain **must** be unique

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-image-parameter

  `image` **must** be a valid VkImage handle

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryInfo-commonparent

  Both of `image`, and `memory` that are valid handles of non-ignored parameters **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

The `VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    const void*        pNext;
    uint32_t           deviceIndexCount;
    const uint32_t*    pDeviceIndices;
    uint32_t           splitInstanceBindRegionCount;
    const VkRect2D*    pSplitInstanceBindRegions;
} VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `deviceIndexCount` is the number of elements in `pDeviceIndices`.

- `pDeviceIndices` is a pointer to an array of device indices.

- `splitInstanceBindRegionCount` is the number of elements in `pSplitInstanceBindRegions`.

- `pSplitInstanceBindRegions` is a pointer to an array of VkRect2D structures describing which regions of the image are attached to each instance of memory.

If the `pNext` chain of VkBindImageMemoryInfo includes a `VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo` structure, then that structure determines how memory is bound to images across multiple devices in a device group.

If `deviceIndexCount` is greater than zero, then on device index i `image` is attached to the instance of the memory on the physical device with device index pDeviceIndices[i].

Let N be the number of physical devices in the logical device. If `splitInstanceBindRegionCount` is greater than zero, then `pSplitInstanceBindRegions` is a pointer to an array of N^2 rectangles, where the image region specified by the rectangle at element i*N+j in resource instance i is bound to the memory instance j. The blocks of the memory that are bound to each sparse image block region use an offset in memory, relative to `memoryOffset`, computed as if the whole image was being bound to a contiguous range of memory. In other words, horizontally adjacent image blocks use consecutive blocks of memory, vertically adjacent image blocks are separated by the number of bytes per block multiplied by the width in blocks of `image`, and the block at (0,0) corresponds to memory starting at `memoryOffset`.

If `splitInstanceBindRegionCount` and `deviceIndexCount` are zero and the memory comes from a memory heap with the `VK_MEMORY_HEAP_MULTI_INSTANCE_BIT` bit set, then it is as if `pDeviceIndices` contains consecutive indices from zero to the number of physical devices in the logical device, minus one. In other words, by default each physical device attaches to its own instance of the memory.

If `splitInstanceBindRegionCount` and `deviceIndexCount` are zero and the memory comes from a memory heap without the `VK_MEMORY_HEAP_MULTI_INSTANCE_BIT` bit set, then it is as if `pDeviceIndices` contains an array of zeros. In other words, by default each physical device attaches to instance zero.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo-deviceIndexCount-01633

  At least one of `deviceIndexCount` and `splitInstanceBindRegionCount` **must** be zero

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo-deviceIndexCount-01634

  `deviceIndexCount` **must** either be zero or equal to the number of physical devices in the logical device

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo-pDeviceIndices-01635

  All elements of `pDeviceIndices` **must** be valid device indices

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo-splitInstanceBindRegionCount-01636

  `splitInstanceBindRegionCount` **must** either be zero or equal to the number of physical devices in the logical device squared

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo-pSplitInstanceBindRegions-01637

  Elements of `pSplitInstanceBindRegions` that correspond to the same instance of an image **must** not overlap

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo-offset-01638

  The `offset.x` member of any element of `pSplitInstanceBindRegions` **must** be a multiple of the sparse image block width (`VkSparseImageFormatProperties::imageGranularity.width`) of all non-metadata aspects of the image

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo-offset-01639

  The `offset.y` member of any element of `pSplitInstanceBindRegions` **must** be a multiple of the sparse image block height (`VkSparseImageFormatProperties::imageGranularity.height`) of all non-metadata aspects of the image

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo-extent-01640

  The `extent.width` member of any element of `pSplitInstanceBindRegions` **must** either be a multiple of the sparse image block width of all non-metadata aspects of the image, or else `extent.width` + `offset.x` **must** equal the width of the image subresource

- VUID-VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo-extent-01641

  The `extent.height` member of any element of `pSplitInstanceBindRegions` **must** either be a multiple of the sparse image block height of all non-metadata aspects of the image, or else `extent.height` + `offset.y` **must** equal the height of the image subresource

In order to bind *planes* of a *disjoint image,* add a VkBindImagePlaneMemoryInfo structure to the pNext chain of VkBindImageMemoryInfo.

The VkBindImagePlaneMemoryInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkBindImagePlaneMemoryInfo {
    VkStructureType        sType;
    const void*            pNext;
    VkImageAspectFlagBits  planeAspect;
} VkBindImagePlaneMemoryInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- planeAspect is a VkImageAspectFlagBits value specifying the aspect of the disjoint image plane to bind.

Buffer-Image Granularity

The implementation-dependent limit bufferImageGranularity specifies a page-like granularity at which linear and non-linear resources **must** be placed in adjacent memory locations to avoid aliasing. Two resources which do not satisfy this granularity requirement are said to alias. bufferImageGranularity is specified in bytes, and **must** be a power of two. Implementations which do not impose a granularity restriction **may** report a bufferImageGranularity value of one.

> **ⓘ** *Note*
>
> Despite its name, bufferImageGranularity is really a granularity between "linear" and "non-linear" resources.

Given resourceA at the lower memory offset and resourceB at the higher memory offset in the same VkDeviceMemory object, where one resource is linear and the other is non-linear (as defined in the Glossary), and the following:

```
resourceA.end       = resourceA.memoryOffset + resourceA.size - 1
resourceA.endPage   = resourceA.end & ~(bufferImageGranularity-1)
resourceB.start     = resourceB.memoryOffset
resourceB.startPage = resourceB.start & ~(bufferImageGranularity-1)
```

The following property **must** hold:

```
resourceA.endPage < resourceB.startPage
```

That is, the end of the first resource (A) and the beginning of the second resource (B) **must** be on separate "pages" of size bufferImageGranularity. bufferImageGranularity **may** be different than the physical page size of the memory heap. This restriction is only needed when a linear resource and a non-linear resource are adjacent in memory and will be used simultaneously. The memory ranges of adjacent resources **can** be closer than bufferImageGranularity, provided they meet the alignment requirement for the objects in question.

Sparse block size in bytes and sparse image and buffer memory alignments **must** all be multiples of the bufferImageGranularity. Therefore, memory bound to sparse resources naturally satisfies the bufferImageGranularity.

12.7. Resource Sharing Mode

Buffer and image objects are created with a *sharing mode* controlling how they **can** be accessed from queues. The supported sharing modes are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkSharingMode {
    VK_SHARING_MODE_EXCLUSIVE = 0,
    VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT = 1,
} VkSharingMode;
```

- VK_SHARING_MODE_EXCLUSIVE specifies that access to any range or image subresource of the object will be exclusive to a single queue family at a time.

- VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT specifies that concurrent access to any range or image subresource of the object from multiple queue families is supported.

> *Note*
>
> VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT **may** result in lower performance access to the buffer or image than VK_SHARING_MODE_EXCLUSIVE.

Ranges of buffers and image subresources of image objects created using VK_SHARING_MODE_EXCLUSIVE **must** only be accessed by queues in the queue family that has *ownership* of the resource. Upon creation, such resources are not owned by any queue family; ownership is implicitly acquired upon first use within a queue. Once a resource using VK_SHARING_MODE_EXCLUSIVE is owned by some queue family, the application **must** perform a queue family ownership transfer to make the memory contents of a range or image subresource accessible to a different queue family.

> *Note*
>
> Images still require a layout transition from VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED or VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_PREINITIALIZED before being used on the first queue.

A queue family **can** take ownership of an image subresource or buffer range of a resource created with VK_SHARING_MODE_EXCLUSIVE, without an ownership transfer, in the same way as for a resource that was just created; however, taking ownership in this way has the effect that the contents of the image subresource or buffer range are undefined.

Ranges of buffers and image subresources of image objects created using VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT **must** only be accessed by queues from the queue families specified through the queueFamilyIndexCount and pQueueFamilyIndices members of the corresponding create info structures.

12.7.1. External Resource Sharing

Resources **should** only be accessed in the Vulkan instance that has exclusive ownership of their underlying memory. Only one Vulkan instance has exclusive ownership of a resource's underlying memory at a given time, regardless of whether the resource was created using

`VK_SHARING_MODE_EXCLUSIVE` or `VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT`. Applications can transfer ownership of a resource's underlying memory only if the memory has been imported from or exported to another instance or external API using external memory handles. The semantics for transferring ownership outside of the instance are similar to those used for transferring ownership of `VK_SHARING_MODE_EXCLUSIVE` resources between queues, and is also accomplished using VkBufferMemoryBarrier or VkImageMemoryBarrier operations. To make the contents of the underlying memory accessible in the destination instance or API, applications **must**

1. Release exclusive ownership from the source instance or API.

2. Ensure the release operation has completed using semaphores or fences.

3. Acquire exclusive ownership in the destination instance or API

Unlike queue ownership transfers, the destination instance or API is not specified explicitly when releasing ownership, nor is the source instance or API specified when acquiring ownership. Instead, the image or memory barrier's `dstQueueFamilyIndex` or `srcQueueFamilyIndex` parameters are set to the reserved queue family index `VK_QUEUE_FAMILY_EXTERNAL` to represent the external destination or source respectively.

Binding a resource to a memory object shared between multiple Vulkan instances or other APIs does not change the ownership of the underlying memory. The first entity to access the resource implicitly acquires ownership. An entity **can** also implicitly take ownership from another entity in the same way without an explicit ownership transfer. However, taking ownership in this way has the effect that the contents of the underlying memory are undefined.

Accessing a resource backed by memory that is owned by a particular instance or API has the same semantics as accessing a `VK_SHARING_MODE_EXCLUSIVE` resource, with one exception: Implementations **must** ensure layout transitions performed on one member of a set of identical subresources of identical images that alias the same range of an underlying memory object affect the layout of all the subresources in the set.

As a corollary, writes to any image subresources in such a set **must** not make the contents of memory used by other subresources in the set undefined. An application **can** define the content of a subresource of one image by performing device writes to an identical subresource of another image provided both images are bound to the same region of external memory. Applications **may** also add resources to such a set after the content of the existing set members has been defined without making the content undefined by creating a new image with the initial layout `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED` and binding it to the same region of external memory as the existing images.

> *Note*
>
> Because layout transitions apply to all identical images aliasing the same region of external memory, the actual layout of the memory backing a new image as well as an existing image with defined content will not be undefined. Such an image is not usable until it acquires ownership of its memory from the existing owner. Therefore, the layout specified as part of this transition will be the true initial layout of the image. The undefined layout specified when creating it is a placeholder to simplify valid usage requirements.

12.8. Memory Aliasing

A range of a `VkDeviceMemory` allocation is *aliased* if it is bound to multiple resources simultaneously, as described below, via vkBindImageMemory, vkBindBufferMemory, via sparse memory bindings, or by binding the memory to resources in multiple Vulkan instances or external APIs using external memory handle export and import mechanisms.

Consider two resources, resource$_A$ and resource$_B$, bound respectively to memory range$_A$ and range$_B$. Let paddedRange$_A$ and paddedRange$_B$ be, respectively, range$_A$ and range$_B$ aligned to `bufferImageGranularity`. If the resources are both linear or both non-linear (as defined in the Glossary), then the resources *alias* the memory in the intersection of range$_A$ and range$_B$. If one resource is linear and the other is non-linear, then the resources *alias* the memory in the intersection of paddedRange$_A$ and paddedRange$_B$.

Applications **can** alias memory, but use of multiple aliases is subject to several constraints.

> *Note*
>
> Memory aliasing **can** be useful to reduce the total device memory footprint of an application, if some large resources are used for disjoint periods of time.

When a non-linear, non-`VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` image is bound to an aliased range, all image subresources of the image *overlap* the range. When a linear image is bound to an aliased range, the image subresources that (according to the image's advertised layout) include bytes from the aliased range overlap the range. When a `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` image has sparse image blocks bound to an aliased range, only image subresources including those sparse image blocks overlap the range, and when the memory bound to the image's mip tail overlaps an aliased range all image subresources in the mip tail overlap the range.

Buffers, and linear image subresources in either the `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_PREINITIALIZED` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL` layouts, are *host-accessible subresources*. That is, the host has a well-defined addressing scheme to interpret the contents, and thus the layout of the data in memory **can** be consistently interpreted across aliases if each of those aliases is a host-accessible subresource. Non-linear images, and linear image subresources in other layouts, are not host-accessible.

If two aliases are both host-accessible, then they interpret the contents of the memory in consistent ways, and data written to one alias **can** be read by the other alias.

If two aliases are both images that were created with identical creation parameters, both were created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_ALIAS_BIT` flag set, and both are bound identically to memory except for VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo::`pDeviceIndices` and VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo::`pSplitInstanceBindRegions`, then they interpret the contents of the memory in consistent ways, and data written to one alias **can** be read by the other alias.

Additionally, if an individual plane of a multi-planar image and a single-plane image alias the same memory, then they also interpret the contents of the memory in consistent ways under the same conditions, but with the following modifications:

- Both **must** have been created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_DISJOINT_BIT` flag.

- The single-plane image **must** have a VkFormat that is equivalent to that of the multi-planar image's individual plane.

- The single-plane image and the individual plane of the multi-planar image **must** be bound identically to memory except for VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo::pDeviceIndices and VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo::pSplitInstanceBindRegions.

- The width and height of the single-plane image are derived from the multi-planar image's dimensions in the manner listed for plane compatibility for the aliased plane.

- All other creation parameters **must** be identical

Aliases created by binding the same memory to resources in multiple Vulkan instances or external APIs using external memory handle export and import mechanisms interpret the contents of the memory in consistent ways, and data written to one alias **can** be read by the other alias.

Otherwise, the aliases interpret the contents of the memory differently, and writes via one alias make the contents of memory partially or completely undefined to the other alias. If the first alias is a host-accessible subresource, then the bytes affected are those written by the memory operations according to its addressing scheme. If the first alias is not host-accessible, then the bytes affected are those overlapped by the image subresources that were written. If the second alias is a host-accessible subresource, the affected bytes become undefined. If the second alias is not host-accessible, all sparse image blocks (for sparse partially-resident images) or all image subresources (for non-sparse image and fully resident sparse images) that overlap the affected bytes become undefined.

If any image subresources are made undefined due to writes to an alias, then each of those image subresources **must** have its layout transitioned from VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_UNDEFINED to a valid layout before it is used, or from VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_PREINITIALIZED if the memory has been written by the host. If any sparse blocks of a sparse image have been made undefined, then only the image subresources containing them **must** be transitioned.

Use of an overlapping range by two aliases **must** be separated by a memory dependency using the appropriate access types if at least one of those uses performs writes, whether the aliases interpret memory consistently or not. If buffer or image memory barriers are used, the scope of the barrier **must** contain the entire range and/or set of image subresources that overlap.

If two aliasing image views are used in the same framebuffer, then the render pass **must** declare the attachments using the VK_ATTACHMENT_DESCRIPTION_MAY_ALIAS_BIT, and follow the other rules listed in that section.

> *Note*
>
> Memory recycled via an application suballocator (i.e. without freeing and reallocating the memory objects) is not substantially different from memory aliasing. However, a suballocator usually waits on a fence before recycling a region of memory, and signaling a fence involves sufficient implicit dependencies to satisfy all the above requirements.

Chapter 13. Samplers

VkSampler objects represent the state of an image sampler which is used by the implementation to read image data and apply filtering and other transformations for the shader.

Samplers are represented by VkSampler handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkSampler)
```

To create a sampler object, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateSampler(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkSamplerCreateInfo*                  pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkSampler*                                  pSampler);
```

- device is the logical device that creates the sampler.
- pCreateInfo is a pointer to a VkSamplerCreateInfo structure specifying the state of the sampler object.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- pSampler is a pointer to a VkSampler handle in which the resulting sampler object is returned.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCreateSampler-maxSamplerAllocationCount-04110
  There **must** be less than VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxSamplerAllocationCount VkSampler objects currently created on the device

The VkSamplerCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```c
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkSamplerCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType         sType;
    const void*             pNext;
    VkSamplerCreateFlags    flags;
    VkFilter                magFilter;
    VkFilter                minFilter;
    VkSamplerMipmapMode     mipmapMode;
    VkSamplerAddressMode    addressModeU;
    VkSamplerAddressMode    addressModeV;
    VkSamplerAddressMode    addressModeW;
    float                   mipLodBias;
    VkBool32                anisotropyEnable;
    float                   maxAnisotropy;
    VkBool32                compareEnable;
    VkCompareOp             compareOp;
    float                   minLod;
    float                   maxLod;
    VkBorderColor           borderColor;
    VkBool32                unnormalizedCoordinates;
} VkSamplerCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is a bitmask of VkSamplerCreateFlagBits describing additional parameters of the sampler.

- `magFilter` is a VkFilter value specifying the magnification filter to apply to lookups.

- `minFilter` is a VkFilter value specifying the minification filter to apply to lookups.

- `mipmapMode` is a VkSamplerMipmapMode value specifying the mipmap filter to apply to lookups.

- `addressModeU` is a VkSamplerAddressMode value specifying the addressing mode for U coordinates outside [0,1].

- `addressModeV` is a VkSamplerAddressMode value specifying the addressing mode for V coordinates outside [0,1].

- `addressModeW` is a VkSamplerAddressMode value specifying the addressing mode for W coordinates outside [0,1].

- `mipLodBias` is the bias to be added to mipmap LOD (level-of-detail) calculation and bias provided by image sampling functions in SPIR-V, as described in the Level-of-Detail Operation section.

- `anisotropyEnable` is `VK_TRUE` to enable anisotropic filtering, as described in the Texel Anisotropic Filtering section, or `VK_FALSE` otherwise.

- `maxAnisotropy` is the anisotropy value clamp used by the sampler when `anisotropyEnable` is `VK_TRUE`. If `anisotropyEnable` is `VK_FALSE`, `maxAnisotropy` is ignored.

- `compareEnable` is `VK_TRUE` to enable comparison against a reference value during lookups, or `VK_FALSE` otherwise.

  - Note: Some implementations will default to shader state if this member does not match.

- `compareOp` is a VkCompareOp value specifying the comparison function to apply to fetched data before filtering as described in the Depth Compare Operation section.

- `minLod` is used to clamp the minimum of the computed LOD value.

- `maxLod` is used to clamp the maximum of the computed LOD value. To avoid clamping the maximum value, set `maxLod` to the constant `VK_LOD_CLAMP_NONE`.

- `borderColor` is a VkBorderColor value specifying the predefined border color to use.

- `unnormalizedCoordinates` controls whether to use unnormalized or normalized texel coordinates to address texels of the image. When set to `VK_TRUE`, the range of the image coordinates used to lookup the texel is in the range of zero to the image size in each dimension. When set to `VK_FALSE` the range of image coordinates is zero to one.

When `unnormalizedCoordinates` is `VK_TRUE`, images the sampler is used with in the shader have the following requirements:

  - The `viewType` **must** be either `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_1D` or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D`.
  - The image view **must** have a single layer and a single mip level.

When `unnormalizedCoordinates` is `VK_TRUE`, image built-in functions in the shader that use the sampler have the following requirements:

  - The functions **must** not use projection.

◦ The functions **must** not use offsets.

Mapping of OpenGL to Vulkan filter modes

`magFilter` values of `VK_FILTER_NEAREST` and `VK_FILTER_LINEAR` directly correspond to `GL_NEAREST` and `GL_LINEAR` magnification filters. `minFilter` and `mipmapMode` combine to correspond to the similarly named OpenGL minification filter of `GL_minFilter_MIPMAP_mipmapMode` (e.g. `minFilter` of `VK_FILTER_LINEAR` and `mipmapMode` of `VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_NEAREST` correspond to `GL_LINEAR_MIPMAP_NEAREST`).

There are no Vulkan filter modes that directly correspond to OpenGL minification filters of `GL_LINEAR` or `GL_NEAREST`, but they **can** be emulated using `VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_NEAREST`, `minLod` = 0, and `maxLod` = 0.25, and using `minFilter` = `VK_FILTER_LINEAR` or `minFilter` = `VK_FILTER_NEAREST`, respectively.

Note that using a `maxLod` of zero would cause magnification to always be performed, and the `magFilter` to always be used. This is valid, just not an exact match for OpenGL behavior. Clamping the maximum LOD to 0.25 allows the λ value to be non-zero and minification to be performed, while still always rounding down to the base level. If the `minFilter` and `magFilter` are equal, then using a `maxLod` of zero also works.

The maximum number of sampler objects which **can** be simultaneously created on a device is implementation-dependent and specified by the maxSamplerAllocationCount member of the VkPhysicalDeviceLimits structure.

Note

For historical reasons, if `maxSamplerAllocationCount` is exceeded, some implementations may return `VK_ERROR_TOO_MANY_OBJECTS`. Exceeding this limit will result in undefined behavior, and an application should not rely on the use of the returned error code in order to identify when the limit is reached.

Since VkSampler is a non-dispatchable handle type, implementations **may** return the same handle for sampler state vectors that are identical. In such cases, all such objects would only count once against the `maxSamplerAllocationCount` limit.

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Valid Usage

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- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-mipLodBias-01069

  The absolute value of `mipLodBias` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxSamplerLodBias`

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-maxLod-01973

  `maxLod` **must** be greater than or equal to `minLod`

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-anisotropyEnable-01070

  If the anisotropic sampling feature is not enabled, `anisotropyEnable` **must** be `VK_FALSE`

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-anisotropyEnable-01071

  If `anisotropyEnable` is `VK_TRUE`, `maxAnisotropy` **must** be between `1.0` and `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxSamplerAnisotropy`, inclusive

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-minFilter-01645

  If sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion is enabled and the potential format features of the sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion do not support `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_SEPARATE_RECONSTRUCTION_FILTER_BIT`, `minFilter` and `magFilter` **must** be equal to the sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion's `chromaFilter`

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-unnormalizedCoordinates-01072

  If `unnormalizedCoordinates` is `VK_TRUE`, `minFilter` and `magFilter` **must** be equal

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-unnormalizedCoordinates-01073

  If `unnormalizedCoordinates` is `VK_TRUE`, `mipmapMode` **must** be `VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_NEAREST`

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-unnormalizedCoordinates-01074

  If `unnormalizedCoordinates` is `VK_TRUE`, `minLod` and `maxLod` **must** be zero

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-unnormalizedCoordinates-01075

  If `unnormalizedCoordinates` is `VK_TRUE`, `addressModeU` and `addressModeV` **must** each be either `VK_SAMPLER_ADDRESS_MODE_CLAMP_TO_EDGE` or `VK_SAMPLER_ADDRESS_MODE_CLAMP_TO_BORDER`

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-unnormalizedCoordinates-01076

  If `unnormalizedCoordinates` is `VK_TRUE`, `anisotropyEnable` **must** be `VK_FALSE`

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-unnormalizedCoordinates-01077

  If `unnormalizedCoordinates` is `VK_TRUE`, `compareEnable` **must** be `VK_FALSE`

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-addressModeU-01078

  If any of `addressModeU`, `addressModeV` or `addressModeW` are `VK_SAMPLER_ADDRESS_MODE_CLAMP_TO_BORDER`, `borderColor` **must** be a valid VkBorderColor value

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-addressModeU-01646

  If sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion is enabled, `addressModeU`, `addressModeV`, and `addressModeW` **must** be `VK_SAMPLER_ADDRESS_MODE_CLAMP_TO_EDGE`, `anisotropyEnable` **must** be `VK_FALSE`, and `unnormalizedCoordinates` **must** be `VK_FALSE`

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-addressModeU-01079

  If samplerMirrorClampToEdge is not enabled, and if the `VK_KHR_sampler_mirror_clamp_to_edge` extension is not enabled, `addressModeU`, `addressModeV` and `addressModeW` **must** not be `VK_SAMPLER_ADDRESS_MODE_MIRROR_CLAMP_TO_EDGE`

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-compareEnable-01080

  If `compareEnable` is `VK_TRUE`, `compareOp` **must** be a valid [VkCompareOp](#) value

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SAMPLER_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL` or a pointer to a valid instance of [VkSamplerYcbcrConversionInfo](#)

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-sType-unique

  The `sType` value of each struct in the `pNext` chain **must** be unique

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask

  `flags` **must** be `0`

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-magFilter-parameter

  `magFilter` **must** be a valid [VkFilter](#) value

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-minFilter-parameter

  `minFilter` **must** be a valid [VkFilter](#) value

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-mipmapMode-parameter

  `mipmapMode` **must** be a valid [VkSamplerMipmapMode](#) value

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-addressModeU-parameter

  `addressModeU` **must** be a valid [VkSamplerAddressMode](#) value

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-addressModeV-parameter

  `addressModeV` **must** be a valid [VkSamplerAddressMode](#) value

- VUID-VkSamplerCreateInfo-addressModeW-parameter

  `addressModeW` **must** be a valid [VkSamplerAddressMode](#) value

`VK_LOD_CLAMP_NONE` is a special constant value used for [VkSamplerCreateInfo](#)::`maxLod` to indicate that maximum LOD clamping should not be performed.

```
#define VK_LOD_CLAMP_NONE                1000.0F
```

Bits which **can** be set in [VkSamplerCreateInfo](#)::`flags`, specifying additional parameters of a sampler, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkSamplerCreateFlagBits {
} VkSamplerCreateFlagBits;
```

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkSamplerCreateFlags;
```

VkSamplerCreateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkSamplerCreateFlagBits.

Possible values of the VkSamplerCreateInfo::magFilter and minFilter parameters, specifying filters used for texture lookups, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkFilter {
    VK_FILTER_NEAREST = 0,
    VK_FILTER_LINEAR = 1,
} VkFilter;
```

- VK_FILTER_NEAREST specifies nearest filtering.

- VK_FILTER_LINEAR specifies linear filtering.

These filters are described in detail in Texel Filtering.

Possible values of the VkSamplerCreateInfo::mipmapMode, specifying the mipmap mode used for texture lookups, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkSamplerMipmapMode {
    VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_NEAREST = 0,
    VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_LINEAR = 1,
} VkSamplerMipmapMode;
```

- VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_NEAREST specifies nearest filtering.

- VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_LINEAR specifies linear filtering.

These modes are described in detail in Texel Filtering.

Possible values of the VkSamplerCreateInfo::addressMode* parameters, specifying the behavior of sampling with coordinates outside the range [0,1] for the respective u, v, or w coordinate as defined in the Wrapping Operation section, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkSamplerAddressMode {
    VK_SAMPLER_ADDRESS_MODE_REPEAT = 0,
    VK_SAMPLER_ADDRESS_MODE_MIRRORED_REPEAT = 1,
    VK_SAMPLER_ADDRESS_MODE_CLAMP_TO_EDGE = 2,
    VK_SAMPLER_ADDRESS_MODE_CLAMP_TO_BORDER = 3,
} VkSamplerAddressMode;
```

- VK_SAMPLER_ADDRESS_MODE_REPEAT specifies that the repeat wrap mode will be used.

- VK_SAMPLER_ADDRESS_MODE_MIRRORED_REPEAT specifies that the mirrored repeat wrap mode will be used.

- VK_SAMPLER_ADDRESS_MODE_CLAMP_TO_EDGE specifies that the clamp to edge wrap mode will be used.

- `VK_SAMPLER_ADDRESS_MODE_CLAMP_TO_BORDER` specifies that the clamp to border wrap mode will be used.

Possible values of VkSamplerCreateInfo::borderColor, specifying the border color used for texture lookups, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkBorderColor {
    VK_BORDER_COLOR_FLOAT_TRANSPARENT_BLACK = 0,
    VK_BORDER_COLOR_INT_TRANSPARENT_BLACK = 1,
    VK_BORDER_COLOR_FLOAT_OPAQUE_BLACK = 2,
    VK_BORDER_COLOR_INT_OPAQUE_BLACK = 3,
    VK_BORDER_COLOR_FLOAT_OPAQUE_WHITE = 4,
    VK_BORDER_COLOR_INT_OPAQUE_WHITE = 5,
} VkBorderColor;
```

- `VK_BORDER_COLOR_FLOAT_TRANSPARENT_BLACK` specifies a transparent, floating-point format, black color.
- `VK_BORDER_COLOR_INT_TRANSPARENT_BLACK` specifies a transparent, integer format, black color.
- `VK_BORDER_COLOR_FLOAT_OPAQUE_BLACK` specifies an opaque, floating-point format, black color.
- `VK_BORDER_COLOR_INT_OPAQUE_BLACK` specifies an opaque, integer format, black color.
- `VK_BORDER_COLOR_FLOAT_OPAQUE_WHITE` specifies an opaque, floating-point format, white color.
- `VK_BORDER_COLOR_INT_OPAQUE_WHITE` specifies an opaque, integer format, white color.

These colors are described in detail in Texel Replacement.

To destroy a sampler, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroySampler(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkSampler                                   sampler,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- `device` is the logical device that destroys the sampler.
- `sampler` is the sampler to destroy.
- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

13.1. Sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion

To create a sampler with Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion enabled, add a VkSamplerYcbcrConversionInfo structure to the `pNext` chain of the VkSamplerCreateInfo structure. To create a sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion, the `samplerYcbcrConversion` feature **must** be enabled. Conversion **must** be fixed at pipeline creation time, through use of a combined image sampler with an immutable sampler in `VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding`.

A VkSamplerYcbcrConversionInfo **must** be provided for samplers to be used with image views that access `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT` if the format is one of the formats that require a sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion .

The VkSamplerYcbcrConversionInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkSamplerYcbcrConversionInfo {
    VkStructureType            sType;
    const void*                pNext;
    VkSamplerYcbcrConversion    conversion;
} VkSamplerYcbcrConversionInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `conversion` is a VkSamplerYcbcrConversion handle created with vkCreateSamplerYcbcrConversion.

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SAMPLER_YCBCR_CONVERSION_INFO`

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionInfo-conversion-parameter

  `conversion` **must** be a valid VkSamplerYcbcrConversion handle

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A sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion is an opaque representation of a device-specific sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion description, represented as a `VkSamplerYcbcrConversion` handle:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkSamplerYcbcrConversion)
```

To create a VkSamplerYcbcrConversion, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
VkResult vkCreateSamplerYcbcrConversion(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo*   pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkSamplerYcbcrConversion*                   pYcbcrConversion);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion.

- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo structure specifying the requested sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

- `pYcbcrConversion` is a pointer to a VkSamplerYcbcrConversion handle in which the resulting sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion is returned.

The interpretation of the configured sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion is described in more detail in the description of sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion in the Image Operations chapter.

The VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                 sType;
    const void*                     pNext;
    VkFormat                        format;
    VkSamplerYcbcrModelConversion   ycbcrModel;
    VkSamplerYcbcrRange             ycbcrRange;
    VkComponentMapping              components;
    VkChromaLocation                xChromaOffset;
    VkChromaLocation                yChromaOffset;
    VkFilter                        chromaFilter;
    VkBool32                        forceExplicitReconstruction;
} VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `format` is the format of the image from which color information will be retrieved.

- `ycbcrModel` describes the color matrix for conversion between color models.

- `ycbcrRange` describes whether the encoded values have headroom and foot room, or whether the encoding uses the full numerical range.

- `components` applies a *swizzle* based on VkComponentSwizzle enums prior to range expansion and color model conversion.

- `xChromaOffset` describes the sample location associated with downsampled chroma components in the x dimension. `xChromaOffset` has no effect for formats in which chroma components are not downsampled horizontally.

- `yChromaOffset` describes the sample location associated with downsampled chroma components in the y dimension. `yChromaOffset` has no effect for formats in which the chroma components are not downsampled vertically.

- `chromaFilter` is the filter for chroma reconstruction.

- `forceExplicitReconstruction` **can** be used to ensure that reconstruction is done explicitly, if supported.

> *Note*
>
> Setting `forceExplicitReconstruction` to `VK_TRUE` **may** have a performance penalty on implementations where explicit reconstruction is not the default mode of operation.
>
> If `format` supports `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_CHROMA_RECONSTRUCTION_EXPLICIT_BIT` the `forceExplicitReconstruction` value behaves as if it was set to `VK_TRUE`.

Sampler Y'$C_B C_R$ conversion objects do not support *external format conversion* without additional extensions defining *external formats*.

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Valid Usage

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- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-format-04060

  `format` **must** represent unsigned normalized values (i.e. the format must be a `UNORM` format)

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-format-01650

  The potential format features of the sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion **must** support `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_MIDPOINT_CHROMA_SAMPLES_BIT` or `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COSITED_CHROMA_SAMPLES_BIT`

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-xChromaOffset-01651

  If the potential format features of the sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion do not support `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COSITED_CHROMA_SAMPLES_BIT`, `xChromaOffset` and `yChromaOffset` **must** not be `VK_CHROMA_LOCATION_COSITED_EVEN` if the corresponding components are downsampled

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-xChromaOffset-01652

  If the potential format features of the sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion do not support `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_MIDPOINT_CHROMA_SAMPLES_BIT`, `xChromaOffset` and `yChromaOffset` **must** not be `VK_CHROMA_LOCATION_MIDPOINT` if the corresponding components are downsampled

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-components-02581

  If the format has a `_422` or `_420` suffix, then `components.g` **must** be the identity swizzle

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-components-02582

  If the format has a `_422` or `_420` suffix, then `components.a` **must** be the identity swizzle, `VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_ONE`, or `VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_ZERO`

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-components-02583

  If the format has a `_422` or `_420` suffix, then `components.r` **must** be the identity swizzle or `VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_B`

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-components-02584

  If the format has a `_422` or `_420` suffix, then `components.b` **must** be the identity swizzle or `VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_R`

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-components-02585

  If the format has a `_422` or `_420` suffix, and if either `components.r` or `components.b` is the identity swizzle, both values **must** be the identity swizzle

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-ycbcrModel-01655

  If `ycbcrModel` is not `VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_RGB_IDENTITY`, then `components.r`, `components.g`, and `components.b` **must** correspond to components of the `format`; that is, `components.r`, `components.g`, and `components.b` **must** not be `VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_ZERO` or `VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_ONE`, and **must** not correspond to a component containing zero or one as a consequence of conversion to RGBA

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-ycbcrRange-02748

  If `ycbcrRange` is `VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_RANGE_ITU_NARROW` then the R, G and B components obtained by applying the `component` swizzle to `format` **must** each have a bit-depth greater than or equal to 8

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-forceExplicitReconstruction-01656

  If the potential format features of the sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion do not support `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_CHROMA_RECONSTRUCTION_EXPLICIT_FORCE`

ABLE_BIT forceExplicitReconstruction **must** be VK_FALSE

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-chromaFilter-01657
  If the [potential format features](#) of the sampler Y'C~B~C~R~ conversion do not support VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_LINEAR_FILTER_BIT, chromaFilter **must** not be VK_FILTER_LINEAR

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-sType-sType
  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SAMPLER_YCBCR_CONVERSION_CREATE_INFO

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-pNext-pNext
  pNext **must** be NULL

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-format-parameter
  format **must** be a valid [VkFormat](#) value

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-ycbcrModel-parameter
  ycbcrModel **must** be a valid [VkSamplerYcbcrModelConversion](#) value

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-ycbcrRange-parameter
  ycbcrRange **must** be a valid [VkSamplerYcbcrRange](#) value

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-components-parameter
  components **must** be a valid [VkComponentMapping](#) structure

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-xChromaOffset-parameter
  xChromaOffset **must** be a valid [VkChromaLocation](#) value

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-yChromaOffset-parameter
  yChromaOffset **must** be a valid [VkChromaLocation](#) value

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo-chromaFilter-parameter
  chromaFilter **must** be a valid [VkFilter](#) value

If chromaFilter is VK_FILTER_NEAREST, chroma samples are reconstructed to luma component resolution using nearest-neighbour sampling. Otherwise, chroma samples are reconstructed using interpolation. More details can be found in [the description of sampler Y'C~B~C~R~ conversion](#) in the [Image Operations](#) chapter.

[VkSamplerYcbcrModelConversion](#) defines the conversion from the source color model to the shader color model. Possible values are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef enum VkSamplerYcbcrModelConversion {
    VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_RGB_IDENTITY = 0,
    VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_YCBCR_IDENTITY = 1,
    VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_YCBCR_709 = 2,
    VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_YCBCR_601 = 3,
    VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_YCBCR_2020 = 4,
} VkSamplerYcbcrModelConversion;
```

- `VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_RGB_IDENTITY` specifies that the input values to the conversion are unmodified.

- `VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_YCBCR_IDENTITY` specifies no model conversion but the inputs are range expanded as for $Y'C_BC_R$.

- `VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_YCBCR_709` specifies the color model conversion from $Y'C_BC_R$ to R'G'B' defined in BT.709 and described in the "BT.709 $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion" section of the Khronos Data Format Specification.

- `VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_YCBCR_601` specifies the color model conversion from $Y'C_BC_R$ to R'G'B' defined in BT.601 and described in the "BT.601 $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion" section of the Khronos Data Format Specification.

- `VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_YCBCR_2020` specifies the color model conversion from $Y'C_BC_R$ to R'G'B' defined in BT.2020 and described in the "BT.2020 $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion" section of the Khronos Data Format Specification.

In the `VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_YCBCR_*` color models, for the input to the sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ range expansion and model conversion:

- the Y (Y' luma) component corresponds to the G component of an RGB image.

- the CB (C_B or "U" blue color difference) component corresponds to the B component of an RGB image.

- the CR (C_R or "V" red color difference) component corresponds to the R component of an RGB image.

- the alpha component, if present, is not modified by color model conversion.

These rules reflect the mapping of components after the component swizzle operation (controlled by VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo::`components`).

> *Note*
>
> For example, an "YUVA" 32-bit format comprising four 8-bit components can be implemented as `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_UNORM` with a component mapping:
>
> - `components.a` = `VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_IDENTITY`
>
> - `components.r` = `VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_B`
>
> - `components.g` = `VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_R`
>
> - `components.b` = `VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_G`

The VkSamplerYcbcrRange enum describes whether color components are encoded using the full range of numerical values or whether values are reserved for headroom and foot room. VkSamplerYcbcrRange is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef enum VkSamplerYcbcrRange {
    VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_RANGE_ITU_FULL = 0,
    VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_RANGE_ITU_NARROW = 1,
} VkSamplerYcbcrRange;
```

- VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_RANGE_ITU_FULL specifies that the full range of the encoded values are valid and interpreted according to the ITU "full range" quantization rules.

- VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_RANGE_ITU_NARROW specifies that headroom and foot room are reserved in the numerical range of encoded values, and the remaining values are expanded according to the ITU "narrow range" quantization rules.

The formulae for these conversions is described in the Sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ Range Expansion section of the Image Operations chapter.

No range modification takes place if ycbcrModel is VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_RGB_IDENTITY; the ycbcrRange field of VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo is ignored in this case.

The VkChromaLocation enum defines the location of downsampled chroma component samples relative to the luma samples, and is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef enum VkChromaLocation {
    VK_CHROMA_LOCATION_COSITED_EVEN = 0,
    VK_CHROMA_LOCATION_MIDPOINT = 1,
} VkChromaLocation;
```

- VK_CHROMA_LOCATION_COSITED_EVEN specifies that downsampled chroma samples are aligned with luma samples with even coordinates.

- VK_CHROMA_LOCATION_MIDPOINT specifies that downsampled chroma samples are located half way between each even luma sample and the nearest higher odd luma sample.

To destroy a sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkDestroySamplerYcbcrConversion(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkSamplerYcbcrConversion                    ycbcrConversion,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- device is the logical device that destroys the $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion.

- ycbcrConversion is the conversion to destroy.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkDestroySamplerYcbcrConversion-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkDestroySamplerYcbcrConversion-ycbcrConversion-parameter

  If `ycbcrConversion` is not `VK_NULL_HANDLE`, `ycbcrConversion` **must** be a valid VkSamplerYcbcrConversion handle

- VUID-vkDestroySamplerYcbcrConversion-pAllocator-parameter

  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkDestroySamplerYcbcrConversion-ycbcrConversion-parent

  If `ycbcrConversion` is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `ycbcrConversion` **must** be externally synchronized

Chapter 14. Resource Descriptors

A *descriptor* is an opaque data structure representing a shader resource such as a buffer, buffer view, image view, sampler, or combined image sampler. Descriptors are organised into *descriptor sets*, which are bound during command recording for use in subsequent drawing commands. The arrangement of content in each descriptor set is determined by a *descriptor set layout*, which determines what descriptors can be stored within it. The sequence of descriptor set layouts that **can** be used by a pipeline is specified in a *pipeline layout*. Each pipeline object **can** use up to `maxBoundDescriptorSets` (see Limits) descriptor sets.

Shaders access resources via variables decorated with a descriptor set and binding number that link them to a descriptor in a descriptor set. The shader interface mapping to bound descriptor sets is described in the Shader Resource Interface section.

14.1. Descriptor Types

There are a number of different types of descriptor supported by Vulkan, corresponding to different resources or usage. The following sections describe the API definitions of each descriptor type. The mapping of each type to SPIR-V is listed in the Shader Resource and Descriptor Type Correspondence and Shader Resource and Storage Class Correspondence tables in the Shader Interfaces chapter.

14.1.1. Storage Image

A *storage image* (`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE`) is a descriptor type associated with an image resource via an image view that load, store, and atomic operations **can** be performed on.

Storage image loads are supported in all shader stages for image views whose format features contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT`.

Stores to storage images are supported in compute shaders for image views whose format features contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT`.

Atomic operations on storage images are supported in compute shaders for image views whose format features contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT`.

When the `fragmentStoresAndAtomics` feature is enabled, stores and atomic operations are also supported for storage images in fragment shaders with the same set of image formats as supported in compute shaders. When the `vertexPipelineStoresAndAtomics` feature is enabled, stores and atomic operations are also supported in vertex, tessellation, and geometry shaders with the same set of image formats as supported in compute shaders.

The image subresources for a storage image **must** be in the `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL` layout in order to access its data in a shader.

14.1.2. Sampler

A *sampler descriptor* (`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER`) is a descriptor type associated with a sampler

object, used to control the behavior of sampling operations performed on a sampled image.

14.1.3. Sampled Image

A *sampled image* (`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE`) is a descriptor type associated with an image resource via an image view that sampling operations **can** be performed on.

Shaders combine a sampled image variable and a sampler variable to perform sampling operations.

Sampled images are supported in all shader stages for image views whose format features contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT`.

The image subresources for a sampled image **must** be in the `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_READ_ONLY_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL`, `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`, `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`, `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_SHADER_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`, or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL` layout in order to access its data in a shader.

14.1.4. Combined Image Sampler

A *combined image sampler* (`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER`) is a single descriptor type associated with both a sampler and an image resource, combining both a sampler and sampled image descriptor into a single descriptor.

If the descriptor refers to a sampler that performs Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion, the sampler **must** only be used to sample the image in the same descriptor. Otherwise, the sampler and image in this type of descriptor **can** be used freely with any other samplers and images.

The image subresources for a combined image sampler **must** be in the `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_READ_ONLY_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL`, `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`, `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`, `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_SHADER_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`, or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL` layout in order to access its data in a shader.

> *Note*
>
> On some implementations, it **may** be more efficient to sample from an image using a combination of sampler and sampled image that are stored together in the descriptor set in a combined descriptor.

14.1.5. Uniform Texel Buffer

A *uniform texel buffer* (`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER`) is a descriptor type associated with a buffer resource via a buffer view that formatted load operations **can** be performed on.

Uniform texel buffers define a tightly-packed 1-dimensional linear array of texels, with texels going through format conversion when read in a shader in the same way as they are for an image.

Load operations from uniform texel buffers are supported in all shader stages for image formats

which report support for the `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT` feature bit via vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties in VkFormatProperties::`bufferFeatures`.

14.1.6. Storage Texel Buffer

A *storage texel buffer* (`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER`) is a descriptor type associated with a buffer resource via a buffer view that formatted load, store, and atomic operations **can** be performed on.

Storage texel buffers define a tightly-packed 1-dimensional linear array of texels, with texels going through format conversion when read in a shader in the same way as they are for an image. Unlike uniform texel buffers, these buffers can also be written to in the same way as for storage images.

Storage texel buffer loads are supported in all shader stages for texel buffer formats which report support for the `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT` feature bit via vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties in VkFormatProperties::`bufferFeatures`.

Stores to storage texel buffers are supported in compute shaders for texel buffer formats which report support for the `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT` feature via vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties in VkFormatProperties::`bufferFeatures`.

Atomic operations on storage texel buffers are supported in compute shaders for texel buffer formats which report support for the `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_ATOMIC_BIT` feature via vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties in VkFormatProperties::`bufferFeatures`.

When the `fragmentStoresAndAtomics` feature is enabled, stores and atomic operations are also supported for storage texel buffers in fragment shaders with the same set of texel buffer formats as supported in compute shaders. When the `vertexPipelineStoresAndAtomics` feature is enabled, stores and atomic operations are also supported in vertex, tessellation, and geometry shaders with the same set of texel buffer formats as supported in compute shaders.

14.1.7. Storage Buffer

A *storage buffer* (`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER`) is a descriptor type associated with a buffer resource directly, described in a shader as a structure with various members that load, store, and atomic operations **can** be performed on.

> **Note**
>
> Atomic operations **can** only be performed on members of certain types as defined in the SPIR-V environment appendix.

14.1.8. Uniform Buffer

A *uniform buffer* (`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER`) is a descriptor type associated with a buffer resource directly, described in a shader as a structure with various members that load operations **can** be performed on.

14.1.9. Dynamic Uniform Buffer

A *dynamic uniform buffer* (`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC`) is almost identical to a uniform buffer, and differs only in how the offset into the buffer is specified. The base offset calculated by the VkDescriptorBufferInfo when initially updating the descriptor set is added to a dynamic offset when binding the descriptor set.

14.1.10. Dynamic Storage Buffer

A *dynamic storage buffer* (`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC`) is almost identical to a storage buffer, and differs only in how the offset into the buffer is specified. The base offset calculated by the VkDescriptorBufferInfo when initially updating the descriptor set is added to a dynamic offset when binding the descriptor set.

14.1.11. Input Attachment

An *input attachment* (`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT`) is a descriptor type associated with an image resource via an image view that **can** be used for framebuffer local load operations in fragment shaders.

All image formats that are supported for color attachments (`VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT`) or depth/stencil attachments (`VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT`) for a given image tiling mode are also supported for input attachments.

The image subresources for an input attachment **must** be in a valid image layout in order to access its data in a shader.

14.2. Descriptor Sets

Descriptors are grouped together into descriptor set objects. A descriptor set object is an opaque object containing storage for a set of descriptors, where the types and number of descriptors is defined by a descriptor set layout. The layout object **may** be used to define the association of each descriptor binding with memory or other implementation resources. The layout is used both for determining the resources that need to be associated with the descriptor set, and determining the interface between shader stages and shader resources.

14.2.1. Descriptor Set Layout

A descriptor set layout object is defined by an array of zero or more descriptor bindings. Each individual descriptor binding is specified by a descriptor type, a count (array size) of the number of descriptors in the binding, a set of shader stages that **can** access the binding, and (if using immutable samplers) an array of sampler descriptors.

Descriptor set layout objects are represented by `VkDescriptorSetLayout` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkDescriptorSetLayout)
```

To create descriptor set layout objects, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateDescriptorSetLayout(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo*      pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkDescriptorSetLayout*                      pSetLayout);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the descriptor set layout.

- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo structure specifying the state of the descriptor set layout object.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

- `pSetLayout` is a pointer to a VkDescriptorSetLayout handle in which the resulting descriptor set layout object is returned.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCreateDescriptorSetLayout-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkCreateDescriptorSetLayout-pCreateInfo-parameter
  `pCreateInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo structure

- VUID-vkCreateDescriptorSetLayout-pAllocator-parameter
  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkCreateDescriptorSetLayout-pSetLayout-parameter
  `pSetLayout` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkDescriptorSetLayout handle

Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

Information about the descriptor set layout is passed in a `VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo`

structure:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                        sType;
    const void*                            pNext;
    VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlags       flags;
    uint32_t                               bindingCount;
    const VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding*    pBindings;
} VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is a bitmask specifying options for descriptor set layout creation.

- `bindingCount` is the number of elements in `pBindings`.

- `pBindings` is a pointer to an array of VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding structures.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo-binding-00279
  The VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding::`binding` members of the elements of the `pBindings` array **must** each have different values

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo-sType-sType
  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET_LAYOUT_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo-pNext-pNext
  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask
  `flags` **must** be `0`

- VUID-VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo-pBindings-parameter
  If `bindingCount` is not `0`, `pBindings` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `bindingCount` valid VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding structures

Bits which **can** be set in VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo::`flags` to specify options for descriptor set layout are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlagBits {
} VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlagBits;
```

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlags;
```

`VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more `VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlagBits`.

The `VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding {
    uint32_t              binding;
    VkDescriptorType      descriptorType;
    uint32_t              descriptorCount;
    VkShaderStageFlags    stageFlags;
    const VkSampler*      pImmutableSamplers;
} VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding;
```

- `binding` is the binding number of this entry and corresponds to a resource of the same binding number in the shader stages.

- `descriptorType` is a `VkDescriptorType` specifying which type of resource descriptors are used for this binding.

- `descriptorCount` is the number of descriptors contained in the binding, accessed in a shader as an array. If `descriptorCount` is zero this binding entry is reserved and the resource **must** not be accessed from any stage via this binding within any pipeline using the set layout.

- `stageFlags` member is a bitmask of `VkShaderStageFlagBits` specifying which pipeline shader stages **can** access a resource for this binding. `VK_SHADER_STAGE_ALL` is a shorthand specifying that all defined shader stages, including any additional stages defined by extensions, **can** access the resource.

  If a shader stage is not included in `stageFlags`, then a resource **must** not be accessed from that stage via this binding within any pipeline using the set layout. Other than input attachments which are limited to the fragment shader, there are no limitations on what combinations of stages **can** use a descriptor binding, and in particular a binding **can** be used by both graphics stages and the compute stage.

- `pImmutableSamplers` affects initialization of samplers. If `descriptorType` specifies a `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER` type descriptor, then `pImmutableSamplers` **can** be used to initialize a set of *immutable samplers*. Immutable samplers are permanently bound into the set layout and **must** not be changed; updating a `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER` descriptor with immutable samplers is not allowed and updates to a `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER` descriptor with immutable samplers does not

modify the samplers (the image views are updated, but the sampler updates are ignored). If `pImmutableSamplers` is not `NULL`, then it is a pointer to an array of sampler handles that will be copied into the set layout and used for the corresponding binding. Only the sampler handles are copied; the sampler objects **must** not be destroyed before the final use of the set layout and any descriptor pools and sets created using it. If `pImmutableSamplers` is `NULL`, then the sampler slots are dynamic and sampler handles **must** be bound into descriptor sets using this layout. If `descriptorType` is not one of these descriptor types, then `pImmutableSamplers` is ignored.

The above layout definition allows the descriptor bindings to be specified sparsely such that not all binding numbers between 0 and the maximum binding number need to be specified in the `pBindings` array. Bindings that are not specified have a `descriptorCount` and `stageFlags` of zero, and the value of `descriptorType` is undefined. However, all binding numbers between 0 and the maximum binding number in the VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo::`pBindings` array **may** consume memory in the descriptor set layout even if not all descriptor bindings are used, though it **should** not consume additional memory from the descriptor pool.

> **ⓘ** *Note*
>
> The maximum binding number specified **should** be as compact as possible to avoid wasted memory.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding-descriptorType-00282
  If `descriptorType` is `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER`, and `descriptorCount` is not `0` and `pImmutableSamplers` is not `NULL`, `pImmutableSamplers` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `descriptorCount` valid `VkSampler` handles

- VUID-VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding-descriptorCount-00283
  If `descriptorCount` is not `0`, `stageFlags` **must** be a valid combination of VkShaderStageFlagBits values

- VUID-VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding-descriptorType-01510
  If `descriptorType` is `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT` and `descriptorCount` is not `0`, then `stageFlags` **must** be `0` or `VK_SHADER_STAGE_FRAGMENT_BIT`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding-descriptorType-parameter
  `descriptorType` **must** be a valid VkDescriptorType value

To query information about whether a descriptor set layout **can** be created, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkGetDescriptorSetLayoutSupport(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo*      pCreateInfo,
    VkDescriptorSetLayoutSupport*               pSupport);
```

- `device` is the logical device that would create the descriptor set layout.

- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo structure specifying the state of the descriptor set layout object.

- `pSupport` is a pointer to a VkDescriptorSetLayoutSupport structure, in which information about support for the descriptor set layout object is returned.

Some implementations have limitations on what fits in a descriptor set which are not easily expressible in terms of existing limits like `maxDescriptorSet*`, for example if all descriptor types share a limited space in memory but each descriptor is a different size or alignment. This command returns information about whether a descriptor set satisfies this limit. If the descriptor set layout satisfies the VkPhysicalDeviceMaintenance3Properties::`maxPerSetDescriptors` limit, this command is guaranteed to return `VK_TRUE` in VkDescriptorSetLayoutSupport::`supported`. If the descriptor set layout exceeds the VkPhysicalDeviceMaintenance3Properties::`maxPerSetDescriptors` limit, whether the descriptor set layout is supported is implementation-dependent and **may** depend on whether the descriptor sizes and alignments cause the layout to exceed an internal limit.

This command does not consider other limits such as `maxPerStageDescriptor*`, and so a descriptor set layout that is supported according to this command **must** still satisfy the pipeline layout limits such as `maxPerStageDescriptor*` in order to be used in a pipeline layout.

> **ℹ** *Note*
>
> This is a `VkDevice` query rather than `VkPhysicalDevice` because the answer **may** depend on enabled features.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetDescriptorSetLayoutSupport-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetDescriptorSetLayoutSupport-pCreateInfo-parameter
  `pCreateInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo structure

- VUID-vkGetDescriptorSetLayoutSupport-pSupport-parameter
  `pSupport` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkDescriptorSetLayoutSupport structure

Information about support for the descriptor set layout is returned in a VkDescriptorSetLayoutSupport structure:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkDescriptorSetLayoutSupport {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    void*              pNext;
    VkBool32           supported;
} VkDescriptorSetLayoutSupport;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `supported` specifies whether the descriptor set layout **can** be created.

`supported` is set to `VK_TRUE` if the descriptor set **can** be created, or else is set to `VK_FALSE`.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkDescriptorSetLayoutSupport-sType-sType
  sType **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET_LAYOUT_SUPPORT`

- VUID-VkDescriptorSetLayoutSupport-pNext-pNext
  pNext **must** be `NULL`

The following examples show a shader snippet using two descriptor sets, and application code that creates corresponding descriptor set layouts.

GLSL example

```
//
// binding to a single sampled image descriptor in set 0
//
layout (set=0, binding=0) uniform texture2D mySampledImage;

//
// binding to an array of sampled image descriptors in set 0
//
layout (set=0, binding=1) uniform texture2D myArrayOfSampledImages[12];

//
// binding to a single uniform buffer descriptor in set 1
//
layout (set=1, binding=0) uniform myUniformBuffer
{
    vec4 myElement[32];
};
```

SPIR-V example

```
            ...
      %1 = OpExtInstImport "GLSL.std.450"
            ...
           OpName %9 "mySampledImage"
           OpName %14 "myArrayOfSampledImages"
           OpName %18 "myUniformBuffer"
           OpMemberName %18 0 "myElement"
           OpName %20 ""
           OpDecorate %9 DescriptorSet 0
           OpDecorate %9 Binding 0
           OpDecorate %14 DescriptorSet 0
           OpDecorate %14 Binding 1
           OpDecorate %17 ArrayStride 16
           OpMemberDecorate %18 0 Offset 0
           OpDecorate %18 Block
           OpDecorate %20 DescriptorSet 1
           OpDecorate %20 Binding 0
      %2 = OpTypeVoid
      %3 = OpTypeFunction %2
      %6 = OpTypeFloat 32
      %7 = OpTypeImage %6 2D 0 0 0 1 Unknown
      %8 = OpTypePointer UniformConstant %7
      %9 = OpVariable %8 UniformConstant
     %10 = OpTypeInt 32 0
     %11 = OpConstant %10 12
     %12 = OpTypeArray %7 %11
     %13 = OpTypePointer UniformConstant %12
     %14 = OpVariable %13 UniformConstant
     %15 = OpTypeVector %6 4
     %16 = OpConstant %10 32
     %17 = OpTypeArray %15 %16
     %18 = OpTypeStruct %17
     %19 = OpTypePointer Uniform %18
     %20 = OpVariable %19 Uniform
            ...
```

API example

```
VkResult myResult;

const VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding myDescriptorSetLayoutBinding[] =
{
    // binding to a single image descriptor
    {
        0,                                  // binding
        VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE,   // descriptorType
        1,                                  // descriptorCount
        VK_SHADER_STAGE_FRAGMENT_BIT,       // stageFlags
```

```
            NULL                                    // pImmutableSamplers
    },

    // binding to an array of image descriptors
    {
        1,                                  // binding
        VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE,       // descriptorType
        12,                                 // descriptorCount
        VK_SHADER_STAGE_FRAGMENT_BIT,           // stageFlags
        NULL                                // pImmutableSamplers
    },

    // binding to a single uniform buffer descriptor
    {
        0,                                  // binding
        VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER,      // descriptorType
        1,                                  // descriptorCount
        VK_SHADER_STAGE_FRAGMENT_BIT,           // stageFlags
        NULL                                // pImmutableSamplers
    }
};

const VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo myDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo[] =
{
    // Information for first descriptor set with two descriptor bindings
    {
        VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET_LAYOUT_CREATE_INFO,    // sType
        NULL,                                                  // pNext
        0,                                                     // flags
        2,                                                     // bindingCount
        &myDescriptorSetLayoutBinding[0]                       // pBindings
    },

    // Information for second descriptor set with one descriptor binding
    {
        VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET_LAYOUT_CREATE_INFO,    // sType
        NULL,                                                  // pNext
        0,                                                     // flags
        1,                                                     // bindingCount
        &myDescriptorSetLayoutBinding[2]                       // pBindings
    }
};

VkDescriptorSetLayout myDescriptorSetLayout[2];

//
// Create first descriptor set layout
//
myResult = vkCreateDescriptorSetLayout(
    myDevice,
    &myDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo[0],
```

```
    NULL,
    &myDescriptorSetLayout[0]);

//
// Create second descriptor set layout
//
myResult = vkCreateDescriptorSetLayout(
    myDevice,
    &myDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo[1],
    NULL,
    &myDescriptorSetLayout[1]);
```

To destroy a descriptor set layout, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroyDescriptorSetLayout(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkDescriptorSetLayout                       descriptorSetLayout,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- `device` is the logical device that destroys the descriptor set layout.

- `descriptorSetLayout` is the descriptor set layout to destroy.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkDestroyDescriptorSetLayout-descriptorSetLayout-00284
  If `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `descriptorSetLayout` was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here

- VUID-vkDestroyDescriptorSetLayout-descriptorSetLayout-00285
  If no `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `descriptorSetLayout` was created, `pAllocator` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-vkDestroyDescriptorSetLayout-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkDestroyDescriptorSetLayout-descriptorSetLayout-parameter

  If `descriptorSetLayout` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `descriptorSetLayout` **must** be a valid VkDescriptorSetLayout handle

- VUID-vkDestroyDescriptorSetLayout-pAllocator-parameter

  If `pAllocator` is not NULL, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkDestroyDescriptorSetLayout-descriptorSetLayout-parent

  If `descriptorSetLayout` is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `descriptorSetLayout` **must** be externally synchronized

14.2.2. Pipeline Layouts

Access to descriptor sets from a pipeline is accomplished through a *pipeline layout*. Zero or more descriptor set layouts and zero or more push constant ranges are combined to form a pipeline layout object describing the complete set of resources that **can** be accessed by a pipeline. The pipeline layout represents a sequence of descriptor sets with each having a specific layout. This sequence of layouts is used to determine the interface between shader stages and shader resources. Each pipeline is created using a pipeline layout.

Pipeline layout objects are represented by `VkPipelineLayout` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkPipelineLayout)
```

To create a pipeline layout, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreatePipelineLayout(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo*           pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkPipelineLayout*                           pPipelineLayout);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the pipeline layout.

- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo structure specifying the state of the

pipeline layout object.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

- `pPipelineLayout` is a pointer to a VkPipelineLayout handle in which the resulting pipeline layout object is returned.

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCreatePipelineLayout-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkCreatePipelineLayout-pCreateInfo-parameter

  `pCreateInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo structure

- VUID-vkCreatePipelineLayout-pAllocator-parameter

  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkCreatePipelineLayout-pPipelineLayout-parameter

  `pPipelineLayout` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkPipelineLayout handle

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Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

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The VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                 sType;
    const void*                     pNext;
    VkPipelineLayoutCreateFlags     flags;
    uint32_t                        setLayoutCount;
    const VkDescriptorSetLayout*    pSetLayouts;
    uint32_t                        pushConstantRangeCount;
    const VkPushConstantRange*      pPushConstantRanges;
} VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is reserved for future use.

- `setLayoutCount` is the number of descriptor sets included in the pipeline layout.

- `pSetLayouts` is a pointer to an array of `VkDescriptorSetLayout` objects.

- `pushConstantRangeCount` is the number of push constant ranges included in the pipeline layout.

- `pPushConstantRanges` is a pointer to an array of `VkPushConstantRange` structures defining a set of push constant ranges for use in a single pipeline layout. In addition to descriptor set layouts, a pipeline layout also describes how many push constants **can** be accessed by each stage of the pipeline.

> *Note*
>
> Push constants represent a high speed path to modify constant data in pipelines that is expected to outperform memory-backed resource updates.

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Valid Usage

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- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-setLayoutCount-00286
  setLayoutCount **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits
  ::maxBoundDescriptorSets

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-pSetLayouts-00287
  The total number of descriptors of the type VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER and
  VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER accessible to any shader stage across all
  elements of pSetLayouts **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits
  ::maxPerStageDescriptorSamplers

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-pSetLayouts-00288
  The total number of descriptors of the type VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER and
  VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC accessible to any shader stage across all
  elements of pSetLayouts **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits
  ::maxPerStageDescriptorUniformBuffers

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-pSetLayouts-00289
  The total number of descriptors of the type VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER and
  VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC accessible to any shader stage across all
  elements of pSetLayouts **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits
  ::maxPerStageDescriptorStorageBuffers

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-pSetLayouts-00290
  The total number of descriptors of the type VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER,
  VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE, and VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER
  accessible to any shader stage across all elements of pSetLayouts **must** be less than or
  equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxPerStageDescriptorSampledImages

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-pSetLayouts-00291
  The total number of descriptors of the type VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE, and
  VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER accessible to any shader stage across all
  elements of pSetLayouts **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits
  ::maxPerStageDescriptorStorageImages

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-pSetLayouts-01676
  The total number of descriptors of the type VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT
  accessible to any given shader stage across all elements of pSetLayouts **must** be less than
  or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxPerStageDescriptorInputAttachments

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-pSetLayouts-01677
  The total number of descriptors of the type VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER and
  VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER accessible across all shader stages and across
  all elements of pSetLayouts **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits
  ::maxDescriptorSetSamplers

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-pSetLayouts-01678
  The total number of descriptors of the type VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER accessible
  across all shader stages and across all elements of pSetLayouts **must** be less than or equal
  to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxDescriptorSetUniformBuffers

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-pSetLayouts-01679

The total number of descriptors of the type `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC` accessible across all shader stages and across all elements of `pSetLayouts` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxDescriptorSetUniformBuffersDynamic`

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-pSetLayouts-01680

  The total number of descriptors of the type `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER` accessible across all shader stages and across all elements of `pSetLayouts` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxDescriptorSetStorageBuffers`

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-pSetLayouts-01681

  The total number of descriptors of the type `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC` accessible across all shader stages and across all elements of `pSetLayouts` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxDescriptorSetStorageBuffersDynamic`

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-pSetLayouts-01682

  The total number of descriptors of the type `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER`, `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE`, and `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER` accessible across all shader stages and across all elements of `pSetLayouts` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxDescriptorSetSampledImages`

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-pSetLayouts-01683

  The total number of descriptors of the type `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE`, and `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER` accessible across all shader stages and across all elements of `pSetLayouts` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxDescriptorSetStorageImages`

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-pSetLayouts-01684

  The total number of descriptors of the type `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT` accessible across all shader stages and across all elements of `pSetLayouts` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxDescriptorSetInputAttachments`

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-pPushConstantRanges-00292

  Any two elements of `pPushConstantRanges` **must** not include the same stage in `stageFlags`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_LAYOUT_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask

  `flags` **must** be `0`

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-pSetLayouts-parameter

  If `setLayoutCount` is not `0`, `pSetLayouts` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `setLayoutCount` valid VkDescriptorSetLayout handles

- VUID-VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo-pPushConstantRanges-parameter

  If `pushConstantRangeCount` is not `0`, `pPushConstantRanges` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `pushConstantRangeCount` valid VkPushConstantRange structures

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkPipelineLayoutCreateFlags;
```

VkPipelineLayoutCreateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

The VkPushConstantRange structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPushConstantRange {
    VkShaderStageFlags    stageFlags;
    uint32_t              offset;
    uint32_t              size;
} VkPushConstantRange;
```

- stageFlags is a set of stage flags describing the shader stages that will access a range of push constants. If a particular stage is not included in the range, then accessing members of that range of push constants from the corresponding shader stage will return undefined values.

- offset and size are the start offset and size, respectively, consumed by the range. Both offset and size are in units of bytes and **must** be a multiple of 4. The layout of the push constant variables is specified in the shader.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkPushConstantRange-offset-00294
  offset **must** be less than VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxPushConstantsSize

- VUID-VkPushConstantRange-offset-00295
  offset **must** be a multiple of 4

- VUID-VkPushConstantRange-size-00296
  size **must** be greater than 0

- VUID-VkPushConstantRange-size-00297
  size **must** be a multiple of 4

- VUID-VkPushConstantRange-size-00298
  size **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxPushConstantsSize minus offset

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPushConstantRange-stageFlags-parameter
  stageFlags **must** be a valid combination of VkShaderStageFlagBits values

- VUID-VkPushConstantRange-stageFlags-requiredbitmask
  stageFlags **must** not be 0

Once created, pipeline layouts are used as part of pipeline creation (see Pipelines), as part of binding descriptor sets (see Descriptor Set Binding), and as part of setting push constants (see Push Constant Updates). Pipeline creation accepts a pipeline layout as input, and the layout **may** be used to map (set, binding, arrayElement) tuples to implementation resources or memory locations within a descriptor set. The assignment of implementation resources depends only on the bindings defined in the descriptor sets that comprise the pipeline layout, and not on any shader source.

All resource variables statically used in all shaders in a pipeline **must** be declared with a (set,binding,arrayElement) that exists in the corresponding descriptor set layout and is of an appropriate descriptor type and includes the set of shader stages it is used by in `stageFlags`. The pipeline layout **can** include entries that are not used by a particular pipeline, or that are dead-code eliminated from any of the shaders. The pipeline layout allows the application to provide a consistent set of bindings across multiple pipeline compiles, which enables those pipelines to be compiled in a way that the implementation **may** cheaply switch pipelines without reprogramming the bindings.

Similarly, the push constant block declared in each shader (if present) **must** only place variables at offsets that are each included in a push constant range with `stageFlags` including the bit corresponding to the shader stage that uses it. The pipeline layout **can** include ranges or portions of ranges that are not used by a particular pipeline, or for which the variables have been dead-code eliminated from any of the shaders.

There is a limit on the total number of resources of each type that **can** be included in bindings in all descriptor set layouts in a pipeline layout as shown in Pipeline Layout Resource Limits. The "Total Resources Available" column gives the limit on the number of each type of resource that **can** be included in bindings in all descriptor sets in the pipeline layout. Some resource types count against multiple limits. Additionally, there are limits on the total number of each type of resource that **can** be used in any pipeline stage as described in Shader Resource Limits.

Table 9. Pipeline Layout Resource Limits

Total Resources Available	Resource Types
`maxDescriptorSetSamplers`	sampler
	combined image sampler
`maxDescriptorSetSampledImages`	sampled image
	combined image sampler
	uniform texel buffer
`maxDescriptorSetStorageImages`	storage image
	storage texel buffer
`maxDescriptorSetUniformBuffers`	uniform buffer
	uniform buffer dynamic
`maxDescriptorSetUniformBuffersDynamic`	uniform buffer dynamic
`maxDescriptorSetStorageBuffers`	storage buffer
	storage buffer dynamic

Total Resources Available	Resource Types
maxDescriptorSetStorageBuffersDynamic	storage buffer dynamic
maxDescriptorSetInputAttachments	input attachment

To destroy a pipeline layout, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroyPipelineLayout(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkPipelineLayout                            pipelineLayout,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- `device` is the logical device that destroys the pipeline layout.

- `pipelineLayout` is the pipeline layout to destroy.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkDestroyPipelineLayout-pipelineLayout-00299
  If `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `pipelineLayout` was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here

- VUID-vkDestroyPipelineLayout-pipelineLayout-00300
  If no `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `pipelineLayout` was created, `pAllocator` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-vkDestroyPipelineLayout-pipelineLayout-02004
  `pipelineLayout` **must** not have been passed to any `vkCmd*` command for any command buffers that are still in the recording state when `vkDestroyPipelineLayout` is called

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkDestroyPipelineLayout-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkDestroyPipelineLayout-pipelineLayout-parameter
  If `pipelineLayout` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `pipelineLayout` **must** be a valid VkPipelineLayout handle

- VUID-vkDestroyPipelineLayout-pAllocator-parameter
  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkDestroyPipelineLayout-pipelineLayout-parent
  If `pipelineLayout` is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

Pipeline Layout Compatibility

Two pipeline layouts are defined to be "compatible for push constants" if they were created with identical push constant ranges. Two pipeline layouts are defined to be "compatible for set N" if they were created with *identically defined* descriptor set layouts for sets zero through N, and if they were created with identical push constant ranges.

When binding a descriptor set (see Descriptor Set Binding) to set number N, if the previously bound descriptor sets for sets zero through N-1 were all bound using compatible pipeline layouts, then performing this binding does not disturb any of the lower numbered sets. If, additionally, the previously bound descriptor set for set N was bound using a pipeline layout compatible for set N, then the bindings in sets numbered greater than N are also not disturbed.

Similarly, when binding a pipeline, the pipeline **can** correctly access any previously bound descriptor sets which were bound with compatible pipeline layouts, as long as all lower numbered sets were also bound with compatible layouts.

Layout compatibility means that descriptor sets **can** be bound to a command buffer for use by any pipeline created with a compatible pipeline layout, and without having bound a particular pipeline first. It also means that descriptor sets **can** remain valid across a pipeline change, and the same resources will be accessible to the newly bound pipeline.

Implementor's Note

A consequence of layout compatibility is that when the implementation compiles a pipeline layout and maps pipeline resources to implementation resources, the mechanism for set N **should** only be a function of sets [0..N].

Note

Place the least frequently changing descriptor sets near the start of the pipeline layout, and place the descriptor sets representing the most frequently changing resources near the end. When pipelines are switched, only the descriptor set bindings that have been invalidated will need to be updated and the remainder of the descriptor set bindings will remain in place.

The maximum number of descriptor sets that **can** be bound to a pipeline layout is queried from physical device properties (see `maxBoundDescriptorSets` in Limits).

```
const VkDescriptorSetLayout layouts[] = { layout1, layout2 };

const VkPushConstantRange ranges[] =
{
    {
        VK_SHADER_STAGE_VERTEX_BIT,    // stageFlags
        0,                             // offset
        4                              // size
    },

    {
        VK_SHADER_STAGE_FRAGMENT_BIT,  // stageFlags
        4,                             // offset
        4                              // size
    },
};

const VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo createInfo =
{
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_LAYOUT_CREATE_INFO, // sType
    NULL,                                          // pNext
    0,                                             // flags
    2,                                             // setLayoutCount
    layouts,                                       // pSetLayouts
    2,                                             // pushConstantRangeCount
    ranges                                         // pPushConstantRanges
};

VkPipelineLayout myPipelineLayout;
myResult = vkCreatePipelineLayout(
    myDevice,
    &createInfo,
    NULL,
    &myPipelineLayout);
```

14.2.3. Allocation of Descriptor Sets

A *descriptor pool* maintains a pool of descriptors, from which descriptor sets are allocated. Descriptor pools are externally synchronized, meaning that the application **must** not allocate and/or free descriptor sets from the same pool in multiple threads simultaneously.

Descriptor pools are represented by VkDescriptorPool handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkDescriptorPool)
```

To create a descriptor pool object, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateDescriptorPool(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo*           pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkDescriptorPool*                           pDescriptorPool);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the descriptor pool.
- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo structure specifying the state of the descriptor pool object.
- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- `pDescriptorPool` is a pointer to a VkDescriptorPool handle in which the resulting descriptor pool object is returned.

The created descriptor pool is returned in `pDescriptorPool`.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCreateDescriptorPool-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle
- VUID-vkCreateDescriptorPool-pCreateInfo-parameter
  `pCreateInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo structure
- VUID-vkCreateDescriptorPool-pAllocator-parameter
  If `pAllocator` is not NULL, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- VUID-vkCreateDescriptorPool-pDescriptorPool-parameter
  `pDescriptorPool` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkDescriptorPool handle

Return Codes

Success

- VK_SUCCESS

Failure

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY
- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY

Additional information about the pool is passed in a `VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo` structure:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                sType;
    const void*                    pNext;
    VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlags    flags;
    uint32_t                       maxSets;
    uint32_t                       poolSizeCount;
    const VkDescriptorPoolSize*    pPoolSizes;
} VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is a bitmask of VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlagBits specifying certain supported operations on the pool.

- `maxSets` is the maximum number of descriptor sets that **can** be allocated from the pool.

- `poolSizeCount` is the number of elements in `pPoolSizes`.

- `pPoolSizes` is a pointer to an array of VkDescriptorPoolSize structures, each containing a descriptor type and number of descriptors of that type to be allocated in the pool.

If multiple `VkDescriptorPoolSize` structures containing the same descriptor type appear in the `pPoolSizes` array then the pool will be created with enough storage for the total number of descriptors of each type.

Fragmentation of a descriptor pool is possible and **may** lead to descriptor set allocation failures. A failure due to fragmentation is defined as failing a descriptor set allocation despite the sum of all outstanding descriptor set allocations from the pool plus the requested allocation requiring no more than the total number of descriptors requested at pool creation. Implementations provide certain guarantees of when fragmentation **must** not cause allocation failure, as described below.

If a descriptor pool has not had any descriptor sets freed since it was created or most recently reset then fragmentation **must** not cause an allocation failure (note that this is always the case for a pool created without the `VK_DESCRIPTOR_POOL_CREATE_FREE_DESCRIPTOR_SET_BIT` bit set). Additionally, if all sets allocated from the pool since it was created or most recently reset use the same number of descriptors (of each type) and the requested allocation also uses that same number of descriptors (of each type), then fragmentation **must** not cause an allocation failure.

If an allocation failure occurs due to fragmentation, an application **can** create an additional descriptor pool to perform further descriptor set allocations.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo-maxSets-00301
  `maxSets` **must** be greater than `0`

Bits which **can** be set in VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo::flags to enable operations on a descriptor pool are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlagBits {
    VK_DESCRIPTOR_POOL_CREATE_FREE_DESCRIPTOR_SET_BIT = 0x00000001,
} VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlagBits;
```

- VK_DESCRIPTOR_POOL_CREATE_FREE_DESCRIPTOR_SET_BIT specifies that descriptor sets **can** return their individual allocations to the pool, i.e. all of vkAllocateDescriptorSets, vkFreeDescriptorSets, and vkResetDescriptorPool are allowed. Otherwise, descriptor sets allocated from the pool **must** not be individually freed back to the pool, i.e. only vkAllocateDescriptorSets and vkResetDescriptorPool are allowed.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlags;
```

VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlagBits.

The VkDescriptorPoolSize structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkDescriptorPoolSize {
    VkDescriptorType    type;
    uint32_t            descriptorCount;
} VkDescriptorPoolSize;
```

- type is the type of descriptor.

- `descriptorCount` is the number of descriptors of that type to allocate.

To destroy a descriptor pool, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroyDescriptorPool(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkDescriptorPool                            descriptorPool,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- `device` is the logical device that destroys the descriptor pool.
- `descriptorPool` is the descriptor pool to destroy.
- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the [Memory Allocation](#) chapter.

When a pool is destroyed, all descriptor sets allocated from the pool are implicitly freed and become invalid. Descriptor sets allocated from a given pool do not need to be freed before destroying that descriptor pool.

Descriptor sets are allocated from descriptor pool objects, and are represented by `VkDescriptorSet` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkDescriptorSet)
```

To allocate descriptor sets from a descriptor pool, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkAllocateDescriptorSets(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo*          pAllocateInfo,
    VkDescriptorSet*                            pDescriptorSets);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the descriptor pool.

- `pAllocateInfo` is a pointer to a VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo structure describing parameters of the allocation.

- `pDescriptorSets` is a pointer to an array of VkDescriptorSet handles in which the resulting descriptor set objects are returned.

The allocated descriptor sets are returned in `pDescriptorSets`.

When a descriptor set is allocated, the initial state is largely uninitialized and all descriptors are undefined. Descriptors also become undefined if the underlying resource is destroyed. Descriptor sets containing undefined descriptors **can** still be bound and used, subject to the following

conditions:

- Descriptors that are statically used **must** have been populated before the descriptor set is consumed.

- Entries that are not used by a pipeline **can** have undefined descriptors.

If a call to `vkAllocateDescriptorSets` would cause the total number of descriptor sets allocated from the pool to exceed the value of VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo::`maxSets` used to create `pAllocateInfo->descriptorPool`, then the allocation **may** fail due to lack of space in the descriptor pool. Similarly, the allocation **may** fail due to lack of space if the call to `vkAllocateDescriptorSets` would cause the number of any given descriptor type to exceed the sum of all the `descriptorCount` members of each element of VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo::`pPoolSizes` with a `type` equal to that type.

If the allocation fails due to no more space in the descriptor pool, and not because of system or device memory exhaustion, then `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_POOL_MEMORY` **must** be returned.

`vkAllocateDescriptorSets` **can** be used to create multiple descriptor sets. If the creation of any of those descriptor sets fails, then the implementation **must** destroy all successfully created descriptor set objects from this command, set all entries of the `pDescriptorSets` array to VK_NULL_HANDLE and return the error.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkAllocateDescriptorSets-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkAllocateDescriptorSets-pAllocateInfo-parameter
  `pAllocateInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo structure

- VUID-vkAllocateDescriptorSets-pDescriptorSets-parameter
  `pDescriptorSets` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `pAllocateInfo->descriptorSetCount` VkDescriptorSet handles

- VUID-vkAllocateDescriptorSets-pAllocateInfo::descriptorSetCount-arraylength
  `pAllocateInfo->descriptorSetCount` **must** be greater than `0`

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `pAllocateInfo->descriptorPool` **must** be externally synchronized

The VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo {
    VkStructureType                 sType;
    const void*                     pNext;
    VkDescriptorPool                descriptorPool;
    uint32_t                        descriptorSetCount;
    const VkDescriptorSetLayout*    pSetLayouts;
} VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- descriptorPool is the pool which the sets will be allocated from.

- descriptorSetCount determines the number of descriptor sets to be allocated from the pool.

- pSetLayouts is a pointer to an array of descriptor set layouts, with each member specifying how the corresponding descriptor set is allocated.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo-sType-sType
  sType **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET_ALLOCATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo-pNext-pNext
  pNext **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo-descriptorPool-parameter
  descriptorPool **must** be a valid VkDescriptorPool handle

- VUID-VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo-pSetLayouts-parameter
  pSetLayouts **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `descriptorSetCount` valid VkDescriptorSetLayout handles

- VUID-VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo-descriptorSetCount-arraylength
  descriptorSetCount **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo-commonparent
  Both of descriptorPool, and the elements of pSetLayouts **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

To free allocated descriptor sets, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkFreeDescriptorSets(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkDescriptorPool                            descriptorPool,
    uint32_t                                    descriptorSetCount,
    const VkDescriptorSet*                      pDescriptorSets);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the descriptor pool.

- `descriptorPool` is the descriptor pool from which the descriptor sets were allocated.

- `descriptorSetCount` is the number of elements in the `pDescriptorSets` array.

- `pDescriptorSets` is a pointer to an array of handles to VkDescriptorSet objects.

After calling `vkFreeDescriptorSets`, all descriptor sets in `pDescriptorSets` are invalid.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkFreeDescriptorSets-pDescriptorSets-00309
  All submitted commands that refer to any element of `pDescriptorSets` **must** have completed execution

- VUID-vkFreeDescriptorSets-pDescriptorSets-00310
  `pDescriptorSets` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `descriptorSetCount VkDescriptorSet` handles, each element of which **must** either be a valid handle or VK_NULL_HANDLE

- VUID-vkFreeDescriptorSets-descriptorPool-00312
  `descriptorPool` **must** have been created with the `VK_DESCRIPTOR_POOL_CREATE_FREE_DESCRIPTOR_SET_BIT` flag

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkFreeDescriptorSets-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkFreeDescriptorSets-descriptorPool-parameter
  `descriptorPool` **must** be a valid VkDescriptorPool handle

- VUID-vkFreeDescriptorSets-descriptorSetCount-arraylength
  `descriptorSetCount` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-vkFreeDescriptorSets-descriptorPool-parent
  `descriptorPool` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

- VUID-vkFreeDescriptorSets-pDescriptorSets-parent
  Each element of `pDescriptorSets` that is a valid handle **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `descriptorPool`

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `descriptorPool` **must** be externally synchronized
- Host access to each member of `pDescriptorSets` **must** be externally synchronized

Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

To return all descriptor sets allocated from a given pool to the pool, rather than freeing individual descriptor sets, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkResetDescriptorPool(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkDescriptorPool                            descriptorPool,
    VkDescriptorPoolResetFlags                  flags);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the descriptor pool.

- `descriptorPool` is the descriptor pool to be reset.

- `flags` is reserved for future use.

Resetting a descriptor pool recycles all of the resources from all of the descriptor sets allocated from the descriptor pool back to the descriptor pool, and the descriptor sets are implicitly freed.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkResetDescriptorPool-descriptorPool-00313

  All uses of `descriptorPool` (via any allocated descriptor sets) **must** have completed execution

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkResetDescriptorPool-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkResetDescriptorPool-descriptorPool-parameter

  `descriptorPool` **must** be a valid VkDescriptorPool handle

- VUID-vkResetDescriptorPool-flags-zerobitmask

  `flags` **must** be 0

- VUID-vkResetDescriptorPool-descriptorPool-parent

  `descriptorPool` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `descriptorPool` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to any VkDescriptorSet objects allocated from `descriptorPool` **must** be externally synchronized

Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkDescriptorPoolResetFlags;
```

`VkDescriptorPoolResetFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

14.2.4. Descriptor Set Updates

Once allocated, descriptor sets **can** be updated with a combination of write and copy operations. To update descriptor sets, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkUpdateDescriptorSets(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    uint32_t                                    descriptorWriteCount,
    const VkWriteDescriptorSet*                 pDescriptorWrites,
    uint32_t                                    descriptorCopyCount,
    const VkCopyDescriptorSet*                  pDescriptorCopies);
```

- `device` is the logical device that updates the descriptor sets.
- `descriptorWriteCount` is the number of elements in the `pDescriptorWrites` array.
- `pDescriptorWrites` is a pointer to an array of VkWriteDescriptorSet structures describing the descriptor sets to write to.
- `descriptorCopyCount` is the number of elements in the `pDescriptorCopies` array.
- `pDescriptorCopies` is a pointer to an array of VkCopyDescriptorSet structures describing the descriptor sets to copy between.

The operations described by `pDescriptorWrites` are performed first, followed by the operations described by `pDescriptorCopies`. Within each array, the operations are performed in the order they appear in the array.

Each element in the `pDescriptorWrites` array describes an operation updating the descriptor set using descriptors for resources specified in the structure.

Each element in the `pDescriptorCopies` array is a VkCopyDescriptorSet structure describing an operation copying descriptors between sets.

If the `dstSet` member of any element of `pDescriptorWrites` or `pDescriptorCopies` is bound, accessed, or modified by any command that was recorded to a command buffer which is currently in the recording or executable state, that command buffer becomes invalid.

- VUID-vkUpdateDescriptorSets-pDescriptorWrites-06236

  For each element i where pDescriptorWrites[i].descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER, elements of the pTexelBufferView member of pDescriptorWrites[i] **must** have been created on device

- VUID-vkUpdateDescriptorSets-pDescriptorWrites-06237

  For each element i where pDescriptorWrites[i].descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER, VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER, VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC, or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC, the buffer member of any element of the pBufferInfo member of pDescriptorWrites[i] **must** have been created on device

- VUID-vkUpdateDescriptorSets-pDescriptorWrites-06238

  For each element i where pDescriptorWrites[i].descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER, and dstSet was not allocated with a layout that included immutable samplers for dstBinding with descriptorType, the sampler member of any element of the pImageInfo member of pDescriptorWrites[i] **must** have been created on device

- VUID-vkUpdateDescriptorSets-pDescriptorWrites-06239

  For each element i where pDescriptorWrites[i].descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE, VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE, VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT, or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER the imageView member of any element of pDescriptorWrites[i] **must** have been created on device

- VUID-vkUpdateDescriptorSets-pDescriptorWrites-06493

  For each element i where pDescriptorWrites[i].descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER, VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER, VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE, VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE, or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT, pDescriptorWrites[i].pImageInfo **must** be a valid pointer to an array of pDescriptorWrites[i].descriptorCount valid VkDescriptorImageInfo structures

- VUID-vkUpdateDescriptorSets-dstSet-00314

  The dstSet member of each element of pDescriptorWrites or pDescriptorCopies **must** not be used by any command that was recorded to a command buffer which is in the pending state

- VUID-vkUpdateDescriptorSets-device-parameter

  device **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkUpdateDescriptorSets-pDescriptorWrites-parameter

  If descriptorWriteCount is not 0, pDescriptorWrites **must** be a valid pointer to an array of descriptorWriteCount valid VkWriteDescriptorSet structures

- VUID-vkUpdateDescriptorSets-pDescriptorCopies-parameter

  If descriptorCopyCount is not 0, pDescriptorCopies **must** be a valid pointer to an array of descriptorCopyCount valid VkCopyDescriptorSet structures

Host Synchronization

- Host access to pDescriptorWrites[].dstSet **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to pDescriptorCopies[].dstSet **must** be externally synchronized

The VkWriteDescriptorSet structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkWriteDescriptorSet {
    VkStructureType                  sType;
    const void*                      pNext;
    VkDescriptorSet                  dstSet;
    uint32_t                         dstBinding;
    uint32_t                         dstArrayElement;
    uint32_t                         descriptorCount;
    VkDescriptorType                 descriptorType;
    const VkDescriptorImageInfo*     pImageInfo;
    const VkDescriptorBufferInfo*    pBufferInfo;
    const VkBufferView*              pTexelBufferView;
} VkWriteDescriptorSet;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- dstSet is the destination descriptor set to update.

- dstBinding is the descriptor binding within that set.

- dstArrayElement is the starting element in that array.

- descriptorCount is the number of descriptors to update. descriptorCount is one of

  - the number of elements in pImageInfo

  - the number of elements in pBufferInfo

  - the number of elements in pTexelBufferView

- `descriptorType` is a VkDescriptorType specifying the type of each descriptor in `pImageInfo`, `pBufferInfo`, or `pTexelBufferView`, as described below. It **must** be the same type as the `descriptorType` specified in VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding for `dstSet` at `dstBinding`. The type of the descriptor also controls which array the descriptors are taken from.

- `pImageInfo` is a pointer to an array of VkDescriptorImageInfo structures or is ignored, as described below.

- `pBufferInfo` is a pointer to an array of VkDescriptorBufferInfo structures or is ignored, as described below.

- `pTexelBufferView` is a pointer to an array of VkBufferView handles as described in the Buffer Views section or is ignored, as described below.

Only one of `pImageInfo`, `pBufferInfo`, or `pTexelBufferView` members is used according to the descriptor type specified in the `descriptorType` member of the containing VkWriteDescriptorSet structure, as specified below.

If the `dstBinding` has fewer than `descriptorCount` array elements remaining starting from `dstArrayElement`, then the remainder will be used to update the subsequent binding - `dstBinding`+1 starting at array element zero. If a binding has a `descriptorCount` of zero, it is skipped. This behavior applies recursively, with the update affecting consecutive bindings as needed to update all `descriptorCount` descriptors. Consecutive bindings **must** have identical VkDescriptorType, VkShaderStageFlags, and immutable samplers references.

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Valid Usage

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- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-dstBinding-00315

  dstBinding **must** be less than or equal to the maximum value of binding of all VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding structures specified when dstSet's descriptor set layout was created

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-dstBinding-00316

  dstBinding **must** be a binding with a non-zero descriptorCount

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorCount-00317

  All consecutive bindings updated via a single VkWriteDescriptorSet structure, except those with a descriptorCount of zero, **must** have identical descriptorType and stageFlags

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorCount-00318

  All consecutive bindings updated via a single VkWriteDescriptorSet structure, except those with a descriptorCount of zero, **must** all either use immutable samplers or **must** all not use immutable samplers

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-00319

  descriptorType **must** match the type of dstBinding within dstSet

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-dstSet-00320

  dstSet **must** be a valid VkDescriptorSet handle

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-dstArrayElement-00321

  The sum of dstArrayElement and descriptorCount **must** be less than or equal to the number of array elements in the descriptor set binding specified by dstBinding, and all applicable consecutive bindings, as described by consecutive binding updates

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-02994

  If descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER, each element of pTexelBufferView **must** be either a valid VkBufferView handle or VK_NULL_HANDLE

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-02995

  If descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER and the nullDescriptor feature is not enabled, each element of pTexelBufferView **must** not be VK_NULL_HANDLE

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-00324

  If descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER, VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER, VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC, or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC, pBufferInfo **must** be a valid pointer to an array of descriptorCount valid VkDescriptorBufferInfo structures

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-00325

  If descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER, and dstSet was not allocated with a layout that included immutable samplers for dstBinding with descriptorType, the sampler member of each element of pImageInfo **must** be a valid VkSampler object

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-02996

  If descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER,

VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE, VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE, or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT, the imageView member of each element of pImageInfo **must** be either a valid VkImageView handle or VK_NULL_HANDLE

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-02997
  If descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER, VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE, VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE, or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT and the nullDescriptor feature is not enabled, the imageView member of each element of pImageInfo **must** not be VK_NULL_HANDLE

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-00327
  If descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC, the offset member of each element of pBufferInfo **must** be a multiple of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::minUniformBufferOffsetAlignment

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-00328
  If descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC, the offset member of each element of pBufferInfo **must** be a multiple of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::minStorageBufferOffsetAlignment

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-00329
  If descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER, VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC, VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER, or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC, and the buffer member of any element of pBufferInfo is the handle of a non-sparse buffer, then that buffer **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-00330
  If descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC, the buffer member of each element of pBufferInfo **must** have been created with VK_BUFFER_USAGE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_BIT set

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-00331
  If descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC, the buffer member of each element of pBufferInfo **must** have been created with VK_BUFFER_USAGE_STORAGE_BUFFER_BIT set

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-00332
  If descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC, the range member of each element of pBufferInfo, or the effective range if range is VK_WHOLE_SIZE, **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxUniformBufferRange

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-00333
  If descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC, the range member of each element of pBufferInfo, or the effective range if range is VK_WHOLE_SIZE, **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxStorageBufferRange

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-00334
  If descriptorType is VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER, the VkBuffer that each

element of `pTexelBufferView` was created from **must** have been created with `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT` set

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-00335

  If `descriptorType` is `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER`, the `VkBuffer` that each element of `pTexelBufferView` was created from **must** have been created with `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT` set

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-00336

  If `descriptorType` is `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT`, the `imageView` member of each element of `pImageInfo` **must** have been created with the identity swizzle

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-00337

  If `descriptorType` is `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER`, the `imageView` member of each element of `pImageInfo` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_SAMPLED_BIT` set

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-04149

  If `descriptorType` is `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE` the `imageLayout` member of each element of `pImageInfo` **must** be a member of the list given in Sampled Image

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-04150

  If `descriptorType` is `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER` the `imageLayout` member of each element of `pImageInfo` **must** be a member of the list given in Combined Image Sampler

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-04151

  If `descriptorType` is `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT` the `imageLayout` member of each element of `pImageInfo` **must** be a member of the list given in Input Attachment

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-04152

  If `descriptorType` is `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE` the `imageLayout` member of each element of `pImageInfo` **must** be a member of the list given in Storage Image

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-00338

  If `descriptorType` is `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT`, the `imageView` member of each element of `pImageInfo` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_BIT` set

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-00339

  If `descriptorType` is `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE`, the `imageView` member of each element of `pImageInfo` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_STORAGE_BIT` set

- VUID-VkWriteDescriptorSet-descriptorType-02752

  If `descriptorType` is `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER`, then `dstSet` **must** not have been allocated with a layout that included immutable samplers for `dstBinding`

The type of descriptors in a descriptor set is specified by VkWriteDescriptorSet::descriptorType, which **must** be one of the values:

```c
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkDescriptorType {
    VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER = 0,
    VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER = 1,
    VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE = 2,
    VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE = 3,
    VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER = 4,
    VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER = 5,
    VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER = 6,
    VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER = 7,
    VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC = 8,
    VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC = 9,
    VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT = 10,
} VkDescriptorType;
```

- VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER specifies a sampler descriptor.

- VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER specifies a combined image sampler descriptor.

- VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE specifies a sampled image descriptor.

- VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE specifies a storage image descriptor.

- VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER specifies a uniform texel buffer descriptor.

- VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER specifies a storage texel buffer descriptor.

- VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER specifies a uniform buffer descriptor.

- VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER specifies a storage buffer descriptor.

- VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC specifies a dynamic uniform buffer descriptor.

- VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC specifies a dynamic storage buffer descriptor.

- `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT` specifies an input attachment descriptor.

When a descriptor set is updated via elements of VkWriteDescriptorSet, members of `pImageInfo`, `pBufferInfo` and `pTexelBufferView` are only accessed by the implementation when they correspond to descriptor type being defined - otherwise they are ignored. The members accessed are as follows for each descriptor type:

- For `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER`, only the `sampler` member of each element of VkWriteDescriptorSet::`pImageInfo` is accessed.

- For `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE`, `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE`, or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT`, only the `imageView` and `imageLayout` members of each element of VkWriteDescriptorSet::`pImageInfo` are accessed.

- For `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER`, all members of each element of VkWriteDescriptorSet::`pImageInfo` are accessed.

- For `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER`, `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER`, `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC`, or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC`, all members of each element of VkWriteDescriptorSet::`pBufferInfo` are accessed.

- For `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER`, each element of VkWriteDescriptorSet::`pTexelBufferView` is accessed.

The `VkDescriptorBufferInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkDescriptorBufferInfo {
    VkBuffer        buffer;
    VkDeviceSize    offset;
    VkDeviceSize    range;
} VkDescriptorBufferInfo;
```

- `buffer` is the buffer resource.

- `offset` is the offset in bytes from the start of `buffer`. Access to buffer memory via this descriptor uses addressing that is relative to this starting offset.

- `range` is the size in bytes that is used for this descriptor update, or `VK_WHOLE_SIZE` to use the range from `offset` to the end of the buffer.

> **Note**
>
> When setting `range` to `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`, the effective range **must** not be larger than the maximum range for the descriptor type (`maxUniformBufferRange` or `maxStorageBufferRange`). This means that `VK_WHOLE_SIZE` is not typically useful in the common case where uniform buffer descriptors are suballocated from a buffer that is much larger than `maxUniformBufferRange`.

For `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC` and `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC` descriptor types, `offset` is the base offset from which the dynamic offset is applied and `range` is the static size used for all dynamic offsets.

The `VkDescriptorImageInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkDescriptorImageInfo {
    VkSampler        sampler;
    VkImageView      imageView;
    VkImageLayout    imageLayout;
} VkDescriptorImageInfo;
```

- `sampler` is a sampler handle, and is used in descriptor updates for types `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER` and `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER` if the binding being updated does not use immutable samplers.

- `imageView` is an image view handle, and is used in descriptor updates for types `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE`, `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE`, `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER`, and `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT`.

- `imageLayout` is the layout that the image subresources accessible from `imageView` will be in at the time this descriptor is accessed. `imageLayout` is used in descriptor updates for types `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE`, `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE`, `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER`, and `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT`.

Members of `VkDescriptorImageInfo` that are not used in an update (as described above) are ignored.

- VUID-VkDescriptorImageInfo-imageView-00343

  `imageView` **must** not be 2D or 2D array image view created from a 3D image

- VUID-VkDescriptorImageInfo-imageView-01976

  If `imageView` is created from a depth/stencil image, the `aspectMask` used to create the `imageView` **must** include either `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT` or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_STENCIL_BIT` but not both

- VUID-VkDescriptorImageInfo-imageLayout-00344

  `imageLayout` **must** match the actual VkImageLayout of each subresource accessible from `imageView` at the time this descriptor is accessed as defined by the image layout matching rules

- VUID-VkDescriptorImageInfo-sampler-01564

  If `sampler` is used and the VkFormat of the image is a multi-planar format, the image **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_MUTABLE_FORMAT_BIT`, and the `aspectMask` of the `imageView` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` or (for three-plane formats only) `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkDescriptorImageInfo-commonparent

  Both of `imageView`, and `sampler` that are valid handles of non-ignored parameters **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

The `VkCopyDescriptorSet` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkCopyDescriptorSet {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    const void*        pNext;
    VkDescriptorSet    srcSet;
    uint32_t           srcBinding;
    uint32_t           srcArrayElement;
    VkDescriptorSet    dstSet;
    uint32_t           dstBinding;
    uint32_t           dstArrayElement;
    uint32_t           descriptorCount;
} VkCopyDescriptorSet;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `srcSet`, `srcBinding`, and `srcArrayElement` are the source set, binding, and array element, respectively.

- `dstSet`, `dstBinding`, and `dstArrayElement` are the destination set, binding, and array element, respectively.

- `descriptorCount` is the number of descriptors to copy from the source to destination. If `descriptorCount` is greater than the number of remaining array elements in the source or destination binding, those affect consecutive bindings in a manner similar to `VkWriteDescriptorSet` above.

> ### Valid Usage
>
> - VUID-VkCopyDescriptorSet-srcBinding-00345
>   `srcBinding` **must** be a valid binding within `srcSet`
>
> - VUID-VkCopyDescriptorSet-srcArrayElement-00346
>   The sum of `srcArrayElement` and `descriptorCount` **must** be less than or equal to the number of array elements in the descriptor set binding specified by `srcBinding`, and all applicable consecutive bindings, as described by consecutive binding updates
>
> - VUID-VkCopyDescriptorSet-dstBinding-00347
>   `dstBinding` **must** be a valid binding within `dstSet`
>
> - VUID-VkCopyDescriptorSet-dstArrayElement-00348
>   The sum of `dstArrayElement` and `descriptorCount` **must** be less than or equal to the number of array elements in the descriptor set binding specified by `dstBinding`, and all applicable consecutive bindings, as described by consecutive binding updates
>
> - VUID-VkCopyDescriptorSet-dstBinding-02632
>   The type of `dstBinding` within `dstSet` **must** be equal to the type of `srcBinding` within `srcSet`
>
> - VUID-VkCopyDescriptorSet-srcSet-00349
>   If `srcSet` is equal to `dstSet`, then the source and destination ranges of descriptors **must** not overlap, where the ranges **may** include array elements from consecutive bindings as described by consecutive binding updates
>
> - VUID-VkCopyDescriptorSet-dstBinding-02753
>   If the descriptor type of the descriptor set binding specified by `dstBinding` is `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER`, then `dstSet` **must** not have been allocated with a layout that included immutable samplers for `dstBinding`

- VUID-VkCopyDescriptorSet-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_COPY_DESCRIPTOR_SET`

- VUID-VkCopyDescriptorSet-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkCopyDescriptorSet-srcSet-parameter

  `srcSet` **must** be a valid VkDescriptorSet handle

- VUID-VkCopyDescriptorSet-dstSet-parameter

  `dstSet` **must** be a valid VkDescriptorSet handle

- VUID-VkCopyDescriptorSet-commonparent

  Both of `dstSet`, and `srcSet` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

14.2.5. Descriptor Update Templates

A descriptor update template specifies a mapping from descriptor update information in host memory to descriptors in a descriptor set. It is designed to avoid passing redundant information to the driver when frequently updating the same set of descriptors in descriptor sets.

Descriptor update template objects are represented by `VkDescriptorUpdateTemplate` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkDescriptorUpdateTemplate)
```

14.2.6. Descriptor Set Updates with Templates

Updating a large `VkDescriptorSet` array **can** be an expensive operation since an application **must** specify one VkWriteDescriptorSet structure for each descriptor or descriptor array to update, each of which re-specifies the same state when updating the same descriptor in multiple descriptor sets. For cases when an application wishes to update the same set of descriptors in multiple descriptor sets allocated using the same `VkDescriptorSetLayout`, vkUpdateDescriptorSetWithTemplate **can** be used as a replacement for vkUpdateDescriptorSets.

`VkDescriptorUpdateTemplate` allows implementations to convert a set of descriptor update operations on a single descriptor set to an internal format that, in conjunction with vkUpdateDescriptorSetWithTemplate , **can** be more efficient compared to calling vkUpdateDescriptorSets . The descriptors themselves are not specified in the `VkDescriptorUpdateTemplate`, rather, offsets into an application provided pointer to host memory are specified, which are combined with a pointer passed to vkUpdateDescriptorSetWithTemplate . This allows large batches of updates to be executed without having to convert application data structures into a strictly-defined Vulkan data structure.

To create a descriptor update template, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
VkResult vkCreateDescriptorUpdateTemplate(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateInfo* pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkDescriptorUpdateTemplate*                 pDescriptorUpdateTemplate);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the descriptor update template.

- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateInfo structure specifying the set of descriptors to update with a single call to vkUpdateDescriptorSetWithTemplate.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

- `pDescriptorUpdateTemplate` is a pointer to a `VkDescriptorUpdateTemplate` handle in which the resulting descriptor update template object is returned.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCreateDescriptorUpdateTemplate-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkCreateDescriptorUpdateTemplate-pCreateInfo-parameter
  `pCreateInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateInfo structure

- VUID-vkCreateDescriptorUpdateTemplate-pAllocator-parameter
  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkCreateDescriptorUpdateTemplate-pDescriptorUpdateTemplate-parameter
  `pDescriptorUpdateTemplate` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkDescriptorUpdateTemplate handle

Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

The VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                         sType;
    const void*                             pNext;
    VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateFlags   flags;
    uint32_t                                descriptorUpdateEntryCount;
    const VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateEntry*  pDescriptorUpdateEntries;
    VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateType          templateType;
    VkDescriptorSetLayout                   descriptorSetLayout;
    VkPipelineBindPoint                     pipelineBindPoint;
    VkPipelineLayout                        pipelineLayout;
    uint32_t                                set;
} VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is reserved for future use.

- `descriptorUpdateEntryCount` is the number of elements in the `pDescriptorUpdateEntries` array.

- `pDescriptorUpdateEntries` is a pointer to an array of VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateEntry structures describing the descriptors to be updated by the descriptor update template.

- `templateType` Specifies the type of the descriptor update template. If set to `VK_DESCRIPTOR_UPDATE_TEMPLATE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET` it **can** only be used to update descriptor sets with a fixed `descriptorSetLayout`.

- `descriptorSetLayout` is the descriptor set layout used to build the descriptor update template. All descriptor sets which are going to be updated through the newly created descriptor update template **must** be created with a layout that matches (is the same as, or defined identically to) this layout. This parameter is ignored if `templateType` is not `VK_DESCRIPTOR_UPDATE_TEMPLATE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET`.

- `pipelineBindPoint` is reserved for future use and is ignored

- `pipelineLayout` is reserved for future use and is ignored

- `set` is reserved for future use and is ignored

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateInfo-templateType-00350
  If `templateType` is `VK_DESCRIPTOR_UPDATE_TEMPLATE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET`, `descriptorSetLayout` **must** be a valid `VkDescriptorSetLayout` handle

- VUID-VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_UPDATE_TEMPLATE_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateInfo-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask

  `flags` **must** be `0`

- VUID-VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateInfo-pDescriptorUpdateEntries-parameter

  `pDescriptorUpdateEntries` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `descriptorUpdateEntryCount` valid VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateEntry structures

- VUID-VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateInfo-templateType-parameter

  `templateType` **must** be a valid VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateType value

- VUID-VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateInfo-descriptorUpdateEntryCount-arraylength

  `descriptorUpdateEntryCount` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateInfo-commonparent

  Both of `descriptorSetLayout`, and `pipelineLayout` that are valid handles of non-ignored parameters **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef VkFlags VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateFlags;
```

`VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

The descriptor update template type is determined by the VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateInfo::templateType property, which takes the following values:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef enum VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateType {
    VK_DESCRIPTOR_UPDATE_TEMPLATE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET = 0,
} VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateType;
```

- `VK_DESCRIPTOR_UPDATE_TEMPLATE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET` specifies that the descriptor update template will be used for descriptor set updates only.

The `VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateEntry` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateEntry {
    uint32_t            dstBinding;
    uint32_t            dstArrayElement;
    uint32_t            descriptorCount;
    VkDescriptorType    descriptorType;
    size_t              offset;
    size_t              stride;
} VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateEntry;
```

- `dstBinding` is the descriptor binding to update when using this descriptor update template.

- `dstArrayElement` is the starting element in the array belonging to `dstBinding`.

- `descriptorCount` is the number of descriptors to update. If `descriptorCount` is greater than the number of remaining array elements in the destination binding, those affect consecutive bindings in a manner similar to VkWriteDescriptorSet above.

- `descriptorType` is a VkDescriptorType specifying the type of the descriptor.

- `offset` is the offset in bytes of the first binding in the raw data structure.

- `stride` is the stride in bytes between two consecutive array elements of the descriptor update informations in the raw data structure. The actual pointer ptr for each array element j of update entry i is computed using the following formula:

```
    const char *ptr = (const char *)pData + pDescriptorUpdateEntries[i].offset + j
 * pDescriptorUpdateEntries[i].stride
```

The stride is useful in case the bindings are stored in structs along with other data.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateEntry-dstBinding-00354
  `dstBinding` **must** be a valid binding in the descriptor set layout implicitly specified when using a descriptor update template to update descriptors

- VUID-VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateEntry-dstArrayElement-00355
  `dstArrayElement` and `descriptorCount` **must** be less than or equal to the number of array elements in the descriptor set binding implicitly specified when using a descriptor update template to update descriptors, and all applicable consecutive bindings, as described by consecutive binding updates

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateEntry-descriptorType-parameter
  `descriptorType` **must** be a valid VkDescriptorType value

To destroy a descriptor update template, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkDestroyDescriptorUpdateTemplate(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkDescriptorUpdateTemplate                  descriptorUpdateTemplate,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- `device` is the logical device that has been used to create the descriptor update template

- `descriptorUpdateTemplate` is the descriptor update template to destroy.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkDestroyDescriptorUpdateTemplate-descriptorSetLayout-00356
  If `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `descriptorUpdateTemplate` was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here

- VUID-vkDestroyDescriptorUpdateTemplate-descriptorSetLayout-00357
  If no `VkAllocationCallbacks` were provided when `descriptorUpdateTemplate` was created, `pAllocator` **must** be `NULL`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkDestroyDescriptorUpdateTemplate-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkDestroyDescriptorUpdateTemplate-descriptorUpdateTemplate-parameter
  If `descriptorUpdateTemplate` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `descriptorUpdateTemplate` **must** be a valid VkDescriptorUpdateTemplate handle

- VUID-vkDestroyDescriptorUpdateTemplate-pAllocator-parameter
  If `pAllocator` is not `NULL`, `pAllocator` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

- VUID-vkDestroyDescriptorUpdateTemplate-descriptorUpdateTemplate-parent
  If `descriptorUpdateTemplate` is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `descriptorUpdateTemplate` **must** be externally synchronized

Once a `VkDescriptorUpdateTemplate` has been created, descriptor sets **can** be updated by calling:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkUpdateDescriptorSetWithTemplate(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkDescriptorSet                             descriptorSet,
    VkDescriptorUpdateTemplate                  descriptorUpdateTemplate,
    const void*                                 pData);
```

- `device` is the logical device that updates the descriptor set.

- `descriptorSet` is the descriptor set to update

- `descriptorUpdateTemplate` is a VkDescriptorUpdateTemplate object specifying the update mapping between `pData` and the descriptor set to update.

- `pData` is a pointer to memory containing one or more VkDescriptorImageInfo, VkDescriptorBufferInfo, or VkBufferView structures used to write the descriptors.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkUpdateDescriptorSetWithTemplate-pData-01685

  `pData` **must** be a valid pointer to a memory containing one or more valid instances of VkDescriptorImageInfo, VkDescriptorBufferInfo, or VkBufferView in a layout defined by `descriptorUpdateTemplate` when it was created with vkCreateDescriptorUpdateTemplate

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkUpdateDescriptorSetWithTemplate-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkUpdateDescriptorSetWithTemplate-descriptorSet-parameter

  `descriptorSet` **must** be a valid VkDescriptorSet handle

- VUID-vkUpdateDescriptorSetWithTemplate-descriptorUpdateTemplate-parameter

  `descriptorUpdateTemplate` **must** be a valid VkDescriptorUpdateTemplate handle

- VUID-vkUpdateDescriptorSetWithTemplate-descriptorUpdateTemplate-parent

  `descriptorUpdateTemplate` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `descriptorSet` **must** be externally synchronized

API example

```
struct AppBufferView {
    VkBufferView bufferView;
    uint32_t     applicationRelatedInformation;
};
```

```
struct AppDataStructure
{
    VkDescriptorImageInfo  imageInfo;         // a single image info
    VkDescriptorBufferInfo bufferInfoArray[3]; // 3 buffer infos in an array
    AppBufferView          bufferView[2];     // An application defined structure
containing a bufferView
    // ... some more application related data
};

const VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateEntry descriptorUpdateTemplateEntries[] =
{
    // binding to a single image descriptor
    {
        0,                                           // binding
        0,                                           // dstArrayElement
        1,                                           // descriptorCount
        VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER,   // descriptorType
        offsetof(AppDataStructure, imageInfo),       // offset
        0                                            // stride is not required if
descriptorCount is 1
    },

    // binding to an array of buffer descriptors
    {
        1,                                           // binding
        0,                                           // dstArrayElement
        3,                                           // descriptorCount
        VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER,           // descriptorType
        offsetof(AppDataStructure, bufferInfoArray), // offset
        sizeof(VkDescriptorBufferInfo)               // stride, descriptor buffer
infos are compact
    },

    // binding to an array of buffer views
    {
        2,                                           // binding
        0,                                           // dstArrayElement
        2,                                           // descriptorCount
        VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER,     // descriptorType
        offsetof(AppDataStructure, bufferView) +
          offsetof(AppBufferView, bufferView),       // offset
        sizeof(AppBufferView)                        // stride, bufferViews do not
have to be compact
    },
};

// create a descriptor update template for descriptor set updates
const VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateInfo createInfo =
{
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_UPDATE_TEMPLATE_CREATE_INFO,  // sType
```

```
    NULL,                                                // pNext
    0,                                                   // flags
    3,                                                   //
descriptorUpdateEntryCount
    descriptorUpdateTemplateEntries,                     //
pDescriptorUpdateEntries
    VK_DESCRIPTOR_UPDATE_TEMPLATE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET,   // templateType
    myLayout,                                            // descriptorSetLayout
    0,                                                   // pipelineBindPoint,
ignored by given templateType
    0,                                                   // pipelineLayout,
ignored by given templateType
    0,                                                   // set, ignored by
given templateType
};

VkDescriptorUpdateTemplate myDescriptorUpdateTemplate;
myResult = vkCreateDescriptorUpdateTemplate(
    myDevice,
    &createInfo,
    NULL,
    &myDescriptorUpdateTemplate);

AppDataStructure appData;

// fill appData here or cache it in your engine
vkUpdateDescriptorSetWithTemplate(myDevice, myDescriptorSet,
myDescriptorUpdateTemplate, &appData);
```

14.2.7. Descriptor Set Binding

To bind one or more descriptor sets to a command buffer, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdBindDescriptorSets(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkPipelineBindPoint                         pipelineBindPoint,
    VkPipelineLayout                            layout,
    uint32_t                                    firstSet,
    uint32_t                                    descriptorSetCount,
    const VkDescriptorSet*                      pDescriptorSets,
    uint32_t                                    dynamicOffsetCount,
    const uint32_t*                             pDynamicOffsets);
```

- commandBuffer is the command buffer that the descriptor sets will be bound to.

- pipelineBindPoint is a VkPipelineBindPoint indicating the type of the pipeline that will use the descriptors. There is a separate set of bind points for each pipeline type, so binding one does not disturb the others.

- `layout` is a VkPipelineLayout object used to program the bindings.

- `firstSet` is the set number of the first descriptor set to be bound.

- `descriptorSetCount` is the number of elements in the `pDescriptorSets` array.

- `pDescriptorSets` is a pointer to an array of handles to VkDescriptorSet objects describing the descriptor sets to bind to.

- `dynamicOffsetCount` is the number of dynamic offsets in the `pDynamicOffsets` array.

- `pDynamicOffsets` is a pointer to an array of `uint32_t` values specifying dynamic offsets.

`vkCmdBindDescriptorSets` causes the sets numbered [`firstSet`.. `firstSet+descriptorSetCount`-1] to use the bindings stored in `pDescriptorSets`[0..descriptorSetCount-1] for subsequent bound pipeline commands set by `pipelineBindPoint`. Any bindings that were previously applied via these sets are no longer valid.

Once bound, a descriptor set affects rendering of subsequent commands that interact with the given pipeline type in the command buffer until either a different set is bound to the same set number, or the set is disturbed as described in Pipeline Layout Compatibility.

A compatible descriptor set **must** be bound for all set numbers that any shaders in a pipeline access, at the time that a drawing or dispatching command is recorded to execute using that pipeline. However, if none of the shaders in a pipeline statically use any bindings with a particular set number, then no descriptor set need be bound for that set number, even if the pipeline layout includes a non-trivial descriptor set layout for that set number.

If any of the sets being bound include dynamic uniform or storage buffers, then `pDynamicOffsets` includes one element for each array element in each dynamic descriptor type binding in each set. Values are taken from `pDynamicOffsets` in an order such that all entries for set N come before set N+1; within a set, entries are ordered by the binding numbers in the descriptor set layouts; and within a binding array, elements are in order. `dynamicOffsetCount` **must** equal the total number of dynamic descriptors in the sets being bound.

The effective offset used for dynamic uniform and storage buffer bindings is the sum of the relative offset taken from `pDynamicOffsets`, and the base address of the buffer plus base offset in the descriptor set. The range of the dynamic uniform and storage buffer bindings is the buffer range as specified in the descriptor set.

Each of the `pDescriptorSets` **must** be compatible with the pipeline layout specified by `layout`. The layout used to program the bindings **must** also be compatible with the pipeline used in subsequent bound pipeline commands with that pipeline type, as defined in the Pipeline Layout Compatibility section.

The descriptor set contents bound by a call to `vkCmdBindDescriptorSets` **may** be consumed at the following times:

- during host execution of the command, or during shader execution of the resulting draws and dispatches, or any time in between.

Thus, the contents of a descriptor set binding **must** not be altered (overwritten by an update command, or freed) between the first point in time that it **may** be consumed, and when the

command completes executing on the queue.

The contents of `pDynamicOffsets` are consumed immediately during execution of `vkCmdBindDescriptorSets`. Once all pending uses have completed, it is legal to update and reuse a descriptor set.

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Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdBindDescriptorSets-pDescriptorSets-00358

  Each element of `pDescriptorSets` **must** have been allocated with a `VkDescriptorSetLayout` that matches (is the same as, or identically defined as) the `VkDescriptorSetLayout` at set n in `layout`, where n is the sum of `firstSet` and the index into `pDescriptorSets`

- VUID-vkCmdBindDescriptorSets-dynamicOffsetCount-00359

  `dynamicOffsetCount` **must** be equal to the total number of dynamic descriptors in `pDescriptorSets`

- VUID-vkCmdBindDescriptorSets-firstSet-00360

  The sum of `firstSet` and `descriptorSetCount` **must** be less than or equal to [VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo](#)::`setLayoutCount` provided when `layout` was created

- VUID-vkCmdBindDescriptorSets-pipelineBindPoint-00361

  `pipelineBindPoint` **must** be supported by the `commandBuffer`'s parent `VkCommandPool`'s queue family

- VUID-vkCmdBindDescriptorSets-pDynamicOffsets-01971

  Each element of `pDynamicOffsets` which corresponds to a descriptor binding with type `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC` **must** be a multiple of `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`minUniformBufferOffsetAlignment`

- VUID-vkCmdBindDescriptorSets-pDynamicOffsets-01972

  Each element of `pDynamicOffsets` which corresponds to a descriptor binding with type `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC` **must** be a multiple of `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`minStorageBufferOffsetAlignment`

- VUID-vkCmdBindDescriptorSets-pDescriptorSets-01979

  For each dynamic uniform or storage buffer binding in `pDescriptorSets`, the sum of the effective offset, as defined above, and the range of the binding **must** be less than or equal to the size of the buffer

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- VUID-vkCmdBindDescriptorSets-commandBuffer-parameter
  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdBindDescriptorSets-pipelineBindPoint-parameter
  `pipelineBindPoint` **must** be a valid VkPipelineBindPoint value

- VUID-vkCmdBindDescriptorSets-layout-parameter
  `layout` **must** be a valid VkPipelineLayout handle

- VUID-vkCmdBindDescriptorSets-pDescriptorSets-parameter
  `pDescriptorSets` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `descriptorSetCount` valid VkDescriptorSet handles

- VUID-vkCmdBindDescriptorSets-pDynamicOffsets-parameter
  If `dynamicOffsetCount` is not `0`, `pDynamicOffsets` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `dynamicOffsetCount uint32_t` values

- VUID-vkCmdBindDescriptorSets-commandBuffer-recording
  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdBindDescriptorSets-commandBuffer-cmdpool
  The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics, or compute operations

- VUID-vkCmdBindDescriptorSets-descriptorSetCount-arraylength
  `descriptorSetCount` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-vkCmdBindDescriptorSets-commonparent
  Each of `commandBuffer`, `layout`, and the elements of `pDescriptorSets` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized
- Host access to the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics Compute

14.2.8. Push Constant Updates

As described above in section Pipeline Layouts, the pipeline layout defines shader push constants

which are updated via Vulkan commands rather than via writes to memory or copy commands.

> **Note**
>
> Push constants represent a high speed path to modify constant data in pipelines that is expected to outperform memory-backed resource updates.

To update push constants, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdPushConstants(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkPipelineLayout                            layout,
    VkShaderStageFlags                          stageFlags,
    uint32_t                                    offset,
    uint32_t                                    size,
    const void*                                 pValues);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer in which the push constant update will be recorded.

- `layout` is the pipeline layout used to program the push constant updates.

- `stageFlags` is a bitmask of VkShaderStageFlagBits specifying the shader stages that will use the push constants in the updated range.

- `offset` is the start offset of the push constant range to update, in units of bytes.

- `size` is the size of the push constant range to update, in units of bytes.

- `pValues` is a pointer to an array of `size` bytes containing the new push constant values.

When a command buffer begins recording, all push constant values are undefined.

Push constant values **can** be updated incrementally, causing shader stages in `stageFlags` to read the new data from `pValues` for push constants modified by this command, while still reading the previous data for push constants not modified by this command. When a bound pipeline command is issued, the bound pipeline's layout **must** be compatible with the layouts used to set the values of all push constants in the pipeline layout's push constant ranges, as described in Pipeline Layout Compatibility. Binding a pipeline with a layout that is not compatible with the push constant layout does not disturb the push constant values.

> **Note**
>
> As `stageFlags` needs to include all flags the relevant push constant ranges were created with, any flags that are not supported by the queue family that the VkCommandPool used to allocate `commandBuffer` was created on are ignored.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdPushConstants-offset-01795

  For each byte in the range specified by `offset` and `size` and for each shader stage in `stageFlags`, there **must** be a push constant range in `layout` that includes that byte and that stage

- VUID-vkCmdPushConstants-offset-01796

  For each byte in the range specified by `offset` and `size` and for each push constant range that overlaps that byte, `stageFlags` **must** include all stages in that push constant range's VkPushConstantRange::`stageFlags`

- VUID-vkCmdPushConstants-offset-00368

  `offset` **must** be a multiple of `4`

- VUID-vkCmdPushConstants-size-00369

  `size` **must** be a multiple of `4`

- VUID-vkCmdPushConstants-offset-00370

  `offset` **must** be less than VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxPushConstantsSize

- VUID-vkCmdPushConstants-size-00371

  `size` **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxPushConstantsSize minus `offset`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdPushConstants-commandBuffer-parameter

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdPushConstants-layout-parameter

  `layout` **must** be a valid VkPipelineLayout handle

- VUID-vkCmdPushConstants-stageFlags-parameter

  `stageFlags` **must** be a valid combination of VkShaderStageFlagBits values

- VUID-vkCmdPushConstants-stageFlags-requiredbitmask

  `stageFlags` **must** not be `0`

- VUID-vkCmdPushConstants-pValues-parameter

  `pValues` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `size` bytes

- VUID-vkCmdPushConstants-commandBuffer-recording

  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdPushConstants-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics, or compute operations

- VUID-vkCmdPushConstants-size-arraylength

  `size` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-vkCmdPushConstants-commonparent

  Both of `commandBuffer`, and `layout` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics Compute

Chapter 15. Shader Interfaces

When a pipeline is created, the set of shaders specified in the corresponding `Vk*PipelineCreateInfo` structure are implicitly linked at a number of different interfaces.

- Shader Input and Output Interface
- Vertex Input Interface
- Fragment Output Interface
- Fragment Input Attachment Interface
- Shader Resource Interface

Interface definitions make use of the following SPIR-V decorations:

- `DescriptorSet` and `Binding`
- `Location`, `Component`, and `Index`
- `Flat`, `NoPerspective`, `Centroid`, and `Sample`
- `Block` and `BufferBlock`
- `InputAttachmentIndex`
- `Offset`, `ArrayStride`, and `MatrixStride`
- `BuiltIn`

This specification describes valid uses for Vulkan of these decorations. Any other use of one of these decorations is invalid, with the exception that, when using SPIR-V versions 1.4 and earlier: `Block`, `BufferBlock`, `Offset`, `ArrayStride`, and `MatrixStride` can also decorate types and type members used by variables in the Private and Function storage classes.

> **Note**
>
> In this chapter, there are references to SPIR-V terms such as the `MeshNV` execution model. These terms will appear even in a build of the specification which does not support any extensions. This is as intended, since these terms appear in the unified SPIR-V specification without such qualifiers.

15.1. Shader Input and Output Interfaces

When multiple stages are present in a pipeline, the outputs of one stage form an interface with the inputs of the next stage. When such an interface involves a shader, shader outputs are matched against the inputs of the next stage, and shader inputs are matched against the outputs of the previous stage.

All the variables forming the shader input and output *interfaces* are listed as operands to the `OpEntryPoint` instruction and are declared with the `Input` or `Output` storage classes, respectively, in the SPIR-V module. These generally form the interfaces between consecutive shader stages, regardless of any non-shader stages between the consecutive shader stages.

There are two classes of variables that **can** be matched between shader stages, built-in variables and user-defined variables. Each class has a different set of matching criteria.

`Output` variables of a shader stage have undefined values until the shader writes to them or uses the `Initializer` operand when declaring the variable.

15.1.1. Built-in Interface Block

Shader built-in variables meeting the following requirements define the *built-in interface block*. They **must**

- be explicitly declared (there are no implicit built-ins),
- be identified with a `BuiltIn` decoration,
- form object types as described in the Built-in Variables section, and
- be declared in a block whose top-level members are the built-ins.

There **must** be no more than one built-in interface block per shader per interface.

Built-ins **must** not have any `Location` or `Component` decorations.

15.1.2. User-defined Variable Interface

The non-built-in variables listed by `OpEntryPoint` with the `Input` or `Output` storage class form the *user-defined variable interface*. These **must** have SPIR-V numerical types or, recursively, composite types of such types. By default, the components of such types have a width of 32 or 64 bits. If an implementation supports storageInputOutput16, components **can** also have a width of 16 bits. These variables **must** be identified with a `Location` decoration and **can** also be identified with a `Component` decoration.

15.1.3. Interface Matching

An output variable, block, or structure member in a given shader stage has an interface match with an input variable, block, or structure member in a subsequent shader stage if they both adhere to the following conditions:

- They have equivalent decorations, other than:
  - Interpolation decorations
  - one is not decorated with `Component` and the other is declared with a `Component` of 0
- Their types match as follows:
  - if the input is declared in a tessellation control or geometry shader as an `OpTypeArray` with an `Element Type` equivalent to the `OpType*` declaration of the output, and neither is a structure member; or
  - if in any other case they are declared with an equivalent `OpType*` declaration.
- If both are structures and every member has an interface match.

> *Note*
>
> The word "structure" above refers to both variables that have an `OpTypeStruct` type and interface blocks (which are also declared as `OpTypeStruct`).

All input variables and blocks **must** have an interface match in the preceding shader stage, except for built-in variables in fragment shaders. Shaders **can** declare and write to output variables that are not declared or read by the subsequent stage.

The value of an input variable is undefined if the preceding stage does not write to a matching output variable, as described above.

15.1.4. Location Assignment

This section describes location assignments for user-defined variables and how many locations are consumed by a given user-variable type. As mentioned above, some inputs and outputs have an additional level of arrayness relative to other shader inputs and outputs. This outer array level is removed from the type before considering how many locations the type consumes.

The `Location` value specifies an interface slot comprised of a 32-bit four-component vector conveyed between stages. The `Component` specifies components within these vector locations. Only types with widths of 16, 32 or 64 are supported in shader interfaces.

Inputs and outputs of the following types consume a single interface location:

- 16-bit scalar and vector types, and

- 32-bit scalar and vector types, and

- 64-bit scalar and 2-component vector types.

64-bit three- and four-component vectors consume two consecutive locations.

If a declared input or output is an array of size n and each element takes m locations, it will be assigned $m \times n$ consecutive locations starting with the location specified.

If the declared input or output is an $n \times m$ 16-, 32- or 64-bit matrix, it will be assigned multiple locations starting with the location specified. The number of locations assigned for each matrix will be the same as for an n-element array of m-component vectors.

An `OpVariable` with a structure type that is not a block **must** be decorated with a `Location`.

When an `OpVariable` with a structure type (either block or non-block) is decorated with a `Location`, the members in the structure type **must** not be decorated with a `Location`. The `OpVariable`'s members are assigned consecutive locations in declaration order, starting from the first member, which is assigned the location decoration from the `OpVariable`.

When a block-type `OpVariable` is declared without a `Location` decoration, each member in its structure type **must** be decorated with a `Location`. Types nested deeper than the top-level members **must** not have `Location` decorations.

The locations consumed by block and structure members are determined by applying the rules

above in a depth-first traversal of the instantiated members as though the structure or block member were declared as an input or output variable of the same type.

Any two inputs listed as operands on the same `OpEntryPoint` **must** not be assigned the same location, either explicitly or implicitly. Any two outputs listed as operands on the same `OpEntryPoint` **must** not be assigned the same location, either explicitly or implicitly.

The number of input and output locations available for a shader input or output interface are limited, and dependent on the shader stage as described in Shader Input and Output Locations. All variables in both the built-in interface block and the user-defined variable interface count against these limits. Each effective `Location` **must** have a value less than the number of locations available for the given interface, as specified in the "Locations Available" column in Shader Input and Output Locations.

Table 10. Shader Input and Output Locations

Shader Interface	Locations Available
vertex input	`maxVertexInputAttributes`
vertex output	`maxVertexOutputComponents` / 4
tessellation control input	`maxTessellationControlPerVertexInputComponents` / 4
tessellation control output	`maxTessellationControlPerVertexOutputComponents` / 4
tessellation evaluation input	`maxTessellationEvaluationInputComponents` / 4
tessellation evaluation output	`maxTessellationEvaluationOutputComponents` / 4
geometry input	`maxGeometryInputComponents` / 4
geometry output	`maxGeometryOutputComponents` / 4
fragment input	`maxFragmentInputComponents` / 4
fragment output	`maxFragmentOutputAttachments`

15.1.5. Component Assignment

The `Component` decoration allows the `Location` to be more finely specified for scalars and vectors, down to the individual components within a location that are consumed. The components within a location are 0, 1, 2, and 3. A variable or block member starting at component N will consume components N, N+1, N+2, … up through its size. For 16-, and 32-bit types, it is invalid if this sequence of components gets larger than 3. A scalar 64-bit type will consume two of these components in sequence, and a two-component 64-bit vector type will consume all four components available within a location. A three- or four-component 64-bit vector type **must** not specify a `Component` decoration. A three-component 64-bit vector type will consume all four components of the first location and components 0 and 1 of the second location. This leaves components 2 and 3 available for other component-qualified declarations.

A scalar or two-component 64-bit data type **must** not specify a `Component` decoration of 1 or 3. A `Component` decoration **must** not be specified for any type that is not a scalar or vector.

15.2. Vertex Input Interface

When the vertex stage is present in a pipeline, the vertex shader input variables form an interface with the vertex input attributes. The vertex shader input variables are matched by the `Location` and `Component` decorations to the vertex input attributes specified in the `pVertexInputState` member of the `VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo` structure.

The vertex shader input variables listed by `OpEntryPoint` with the `Input` storage class form the *vertex input interface*. These variables **must** be identified with a `Location` decoration and **can** also be identified with a `Component` decoration.

For the purposes of interface matching: variables declared without a `Component` decoration are considered to have a `Component` decoration of zero. The number of available vertex input locations is given by the `maxVertexInputAttributes` member of the `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits` structure.

See Attribute Location and Component Assignment for details.

All vertex shader inputs declared as above **must** have a corresponding attribute and binding in the pipeline.

15.3. Fragment Output Interface

When the fragment stage is present in a pipeline, the fragment shader outputs form an interface with the output attachments defined by a render pass instance. The fragment shader output variables are matched by the `Location` and `Component` decorations to specified color attachments.

The fragment shader output variables listed by `OpEntryPoint` with the `Output` storage class form the *fragment output interface*. These variables **must** be identified with a `Location` decoration. They **can** also be identified with a `Component` decoration and/or an `Index` decoration. For the purposes of interface matching: variables declared without a `Component` decoration are considered to have a `Component` decoration of zero, and variables declared without an `Index` decoration are considered to have an `Index` decoration of zero.

A fragment shader output variable identified with a `Location` decoration of *i* is associated with the color attachment indicated by `pColorAttachments`[*i*]. Values are written to those attachments after passing through the blending unit as described in Blending, if enabled. Locations are consumed as described in Location Assignment. The number of available fragment output locations is given by the `maxFragmentOutputAttachments` member of the `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits` structure.

Components of the output variables are assigned as described in Component Assignment. Output components identified as 0, 1, 2, and 3 will be directed to the R, G, B, and A inputs to the blending unit, respectively, or to the output attachment if blending is disabled. If two variables are placed within the same location, they **must** have the same underlying type (floating-point or integer). The input values to blending or color attachment writes are undefined for components which do not correspond to a fragment shader output.

Fragment outputs identified with an `Index` of zero are directed to the first input of the blending unit associated with the corresponding `Location`. Outputs identified with an `Index` of one are directed to the second input of the corresponding blending unit.

No *component aliasing* of output variables is allowed, that is there **must** not be two output variables which have the same location, component, and index, either explicitly declared or implied.

Output values written by a fragment shader **must** be declared with either `OpTypeFloat` or `OpTypeInt`, and a `Width` of 32. If `storageInputOutput16` is supported, output values written by a fragment shader **can** be also declared with either `OpTypeFloat` or `OpTypeInt` and a `Width` of 16. Composites of these types are also permitted. If the color attachment has a signed or unsigned normalized fixed-point format, color values are assumed to be floating-point and are converted to fixed-point as described in Conversion from Floating-Point to Normalized Fixed-Point; If the color attachment has an integer format, color values are assumed to be integers and converted to the bit-depth of the target. Any value that cannot be represented in the attachment's format is undefined. For any other attachment format no conversion is performed. If the type of the values written by the fragment shader do not match the format of the corresponding color attachment, the resulting values are undefined for those components.

15.4. Fragment Input Attachment Interface

When a fragment stage is present in a pipeline, the fragment shader subpass inputs form an interface with the input attachments of the current subpass. The fragment shader subpass input variables are matched by `InputAttachmentIndex` decorations to the input attachments specified in the `pInputAttachments` array of the `VkSubpassDescription` structure describing the subpass that the fragment shader is executed in.

The fragment shader subpass input variables with the `UniformConstant` storage class and a decoration of `InputAttachmentIndex` that are statically used by `OpEntryPoint` form the *fragment input attachment interface*. These variables **must** be declared with a type of `OpTypeImage`, a `Dim` operand of `SubpassData`, an `Arrayed` operand of 0, and a `Sampled` operand of 2. The `MS` operand of the `OpTypeImage` **must** be 0 if the `samples` field of the corresponding `VkAttachmentDescription` is `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT` and 1 otherwise.

A subpass input variable identified with an `InputAttachmentIndex` decoration of *i* reads from the input attachment indicated by `pInputAttachments`[*i*] member of `VkSubpassDescription`. If the subpass input variable is declared as an array of size N, it consumes N consecutive input attachments, starting with the index specified. There **must** not be more than one input variable with the same `InputAttachmentIndex` whether explicitly declared or implied by an array declaration. The number of available input attachment indices is given by the `maxPerStageDescriptorInputAttachments` member of the `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits` structure.

Variables identified with the `InputAttachmentIndex` **must** only be used by a fragment stage. The basic data type (floating-point, integer, unsigned integer) of the subpass input **must** match the basic format of the corresponding input attachment, or the values of subpass loads from these variables are undefined.

See Input Attachment for more details.

15.5. Shader Resource Interface

When a shader stage accesses buffer or image resources, as described in the Resource Descriptors

section, the shader resource variables **must** be matched with the pipeline layout that is provided at pipeline creation time.

The set of shader variables that form the *shader resource interface* for a stage are the variables statically used by that stage's `OpEntryPoint` with a storage class of `Uniform`, `UniformConstant`, `StorageBuffer`, or `PushConstant`. For the fragment shader, this includes the fragment input attachment interface.

The shader resource interface consists of two sub-interfaces: the push constant interface and the descriptor set interface.

15.5.1. Push Constant Interface

The shader variables defined with a storage class of `PushConstant` that are statically used by the shader entry points for the pipeline define the *push constant interface*. They **must** be:

- typed as `OpTypeStruct`,

- identified with a `Block` decoration, and

- laid out explicitly using the `Offset`, `ArrayStride`, and `MatrixStride` decorations as specified in Offset and Stride Assignment.

There **must** be no more than one push constant block statically used per shader entry point.

Each statically used member of a push constant block **must** be placed at an `Offset` such that the entire member is entirely contained within the VkPushConstantRange for each `OpEntryPoint` that uses it, and the `stageFlags` for that range **must** specify the appropriate VkShaderStageFlagBits for that stage. The `Offset` decoration for any member of a push constant block **must** not cause the space required for that member to extend outside the range [0, `maxPushConstantsSize`).

Any member of a push constant block that is declared as an array **must** only be accessed with *dynamically uniform* indices.

15.5.2. Descriptor Set Interface

The *descriptor set interface* is comprised of the shader variables with the storage class of `StorageBuffer`, `Uniform` or `UniformConstant` (including the variables in the fragment input attachment interface) that are statically used by the shader entry points for the pipeline.

These variables **must** have `DescriptorSet` and `Binding` decorations specified, which are assigned and matched with the VkDescriptorSetLayout objects in the pipeline layout as described in DescriptorSet and Binding Assignment.

The `Image Format` of an `OpTypeImage` declaration **must** not be **Unknown**, for variables which are used for `OpImageRead`, `OpImageSparseRead`, or `OpImageWrite` operations, except under the following conditions:

- For `OpImageWrite`, if the image format is listed in the storage without format list and if the `shaderStorageImageWriteWithoutFormat` feature is enabled and the shader module declares the `StorageImageWriteWithoutFormat` capability.

- For `OpImageRead` or `OpImageSparseRead`, if the image format is listed in the [storage without format](#) list and if the `shaderStorageImageReadWithoutFormat` feature is enabled and the shader module declares the `StorageImageReadWithoutFormat` capability.

- For `OpImageRead`, if `Dim` is `SubpassData` (indicating a read from an input attachment).

The `Image Format` of an `OpTypeImage` declaration **must** not be **Unknown**, for variables which are used for `OpAtomic*` operations.

Variables identified with the `Uniform` storage class are used to access transparent buffer backed resources. Such variables **must** be:

- typed as `OpTypeStruct`, or an array of this type,

- identified with a `Block` or `BufferBlock` decoration, and

- laid out explicitly using the `Offset`, `ArrayStride`, and `MatrixStride` decorations as specified in [Offset and Stride Assignment](#).

Variables identified with the `StorageBuffer` storage class are used to access transparent buffer backed resources. Such variables **must** be:

- typed as `OpTypeStruct`, or an array of this type,

- identified with a `Block` decoration, and

- laid out explicitly using the `Offset`, `ArrayStride`, and `MatrixStride` decorations as specified in [Offset and Stride Assignment](#).

The `Offset` decoration for any member of a `Block`-decorated variable in the `Uniform` storage class **must** not cause the space required for that variable to extend outside the range [0, `maxUniformBufferRange`). The `Offset` decoration for any member of a `Block`-decorated variable in the `StorageBuffer` storage class **must** not cause the space required for that variable to extend outside the range [0, `maxStorageBufferRange`).

Variables identified with a storage class of `UniformConstant` and a decoration of `InputAttachmentIndex` **must** be declared as described in [Fragment Input Attachment Interface](#).

SPIR-V variables decorated with a descriptor set and binding that identify a [combined image sampler descriptor](#) **can** have a type of `OpTypeImage`, `OpTypeSampler` (`Sampled`=1), or `OpTypeSampledImage`.

Arrays of any of these types **can** be indexed with *constant integral expressions*. The following features **must** be enabled and capabilities **must** be declared in order to index such arrays with dynamically uniform or non-uniform indices:

- Storage images (except storage texel buffers and input attachments):
  - Dynamically uniform: `shaderStorageImageArrayDynamicIndexing` and `StorageImageArrayDynamicIndexing`
- Sampled images (except uniform texel buffers), samplers and combined image samplers:
  - Dynamically uniform: `shaderSampledImageArrayDynamicIndexing` and `SampledImageArrayDynamicIndexing`
- Uniform buffers:

- Dynamically uniform: `shaderUniformBufferArrayDynamicIndexing` and `UniformBufferArrayDynamicIndexing`
- Storage buffers:
  - Dynamically uniform: `shaderStorageBufferArrayDynamicIndexing` and `StorageBufferArrayDynamicIndexing`

If an instruction loads from or stores to a resource (including atomics and image instructions) and the resource descriptor being accessed is loaded from an array element with a non-constant index, then the corresponding dynamic indexing feature **must** be enabled and the capability **must** be declared.

If the combined image sampler enables sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion, it **must** be indexed only by constant integral expressions when aggregated into arrays in shader code, irrespective of the `shaderSampledImageArrayDynamicIndexing` feature.

Table 11. Shader Resource and Descriptor Type Correspondence

Resource type	Descriptor Type
sampler	`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER`
sampled image	`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER`
storage image	`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE`
combined image sampler	`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER`
uniform texel buffer	`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER`
storage texel buffer	`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER`
uniform buffer	`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC`
storage buffer	`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC`
input attachment	`VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT`

Table 12. Shader Resource and Storage Class Correspondence

Resource type	Storage Class	Type[1]	Decoration(s)[2]
sampler	`UniformConstant`	`OpTypeSampler`	
sampled image	`UniformConstant`	`OpTypeImage` (`Sampled`=1)	
storage image	`UniformConstant`	`OpTypeImage` (`Sampled`=2)	
combined image sampler	`UniformConstant`	`OpTypeSampledImage` `OpTypeImage` (`Sampled`=1) `OpTypeSampler`	
uniform texel buffer	`UniformConstant`	`OpTypeImage` (`Dim`=`Buffer`, `Sampled`=1)	

Resource type	Storage Class	Type[1]	Decoration(s)[2]
storage texel buffer	`UniformConstant`	`OpTypeImage` (`Dim`=`Buffer`, `Sampled`=2)	
uniform buffer	`Uniform`	`OpTypeStruct`	`Block`, `Offset`, (`ArrayStride`), (`MatrixStride`)
storage buffer	`Uniform`	`OpTypeStruct`	`BufferBlock`, `Offset`, (`ArrayStride`), (`MatrixStride`)
	`StorageBuffer`		`Block`, `Offset`, (`ArrayStride`), (`MatrixStride`)
input attachment	`UniformConstant`	`OpTypeImage` (`Dim` =`SubpassData`, `Sampled`=2)	`InputAttachmentIndex`

1

Where `OpTypeImage` is referenced, the `Dim` values `Buffer` and `Subpassdata` are only accepted where they are specifically referenced. They do not correspond to resource types where a generic `OpTypeImage` is specified.

2

In addition to `DescriptorSet` and `Binding`.

15.5.3. DescriptorSet and Binding Assignment

A variable decorated with a `DescriptorSet` decoration of s and a `Binding` decoration of b indicates that this variable is associated with the VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding that has a `binding` equal to b in `pSetLayouts`[s] that was specified in VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo.

`DescriptorSet` decoration values **must** be between zero and `maxBoundDescriptorSets` minus one, inclusive. `Binding` decoration values **can** be any 32-bit unsigned integer value, as described in Descriptor Set Layout. Each descriptor set has its own binding name space.

If the `Binding` decoration is used with an array, the entire array is assigned that binding value. The array **must** be a single-dimensional array and size of the array **must** be no larger than the number of descriptors in the binding. The array **must** not be runtime-sized. The index of each element of the array is referred to as the *arrayElement*. For the purposes of interface matching and descriptor set operations, if a resource variable is not an array, it is treated as if it has an arrayElement of zero.

There is a limit on the number of resources of each type that **can** be accessed by a pipeline stage as shown in Shader Resource Limits. The "Resources Per Stage" column gives the limit on the number each type of resource that **can** be statically used for an entry point in any given stage in a pipeline. The "Resource Types" column lists which resource types are counted against the limit. Some resource types count against multiple limits.

The pipeline layout **may** include descriptor sets and bindings which are not referenced by any variables statically used by the entry points for the shader stages in the binding's `stageFlags`.

However, if a variable assigned to a given `DescriptorSet` and `Binding` is statically used by the entry point for a shader stage, the pipeline layout **must** contain a descriptor set layout binding in that

descriptor set layout and for that binding number, and that binding's `stageFlags` **must** include the appropriate VkShaderStageFlagBits for that stage. The variable **must** be of a valid resource type determined by its SPIR-V type and storage class, as defined in Shader Resource and Storage Class Correspondence. The descriptor set layout binding **must** be of a corresponding descriptor type, as defined in Shader Resource and Descriptor Type Correspondence.

> *Note*
>
> There are no limits on the number of shader variables that can have overlapping set and binding values in a shader; but which resources are statically used has an impact. If any shader variable identifying a resource is statically used in a shader, then the underlying descriptor bound at the declared set and binding must support the declared type in the shader when the shader executes.
>
> If multiple shader variables are declared with the same set and binding values, and with the same underlying descriptor type, they can all be statically used within the same shader. However, accesses are not automatically synchronized, and `Aliased` decorations should be used to avoid data hazards (see section 2.18.2 Aliasing in the SPIR-V specification).
>
> If multiple shader variables with the same set and binding values are declared in a single shader, but with different declared types, where any of those are not supported by the relevant bound descriptor, that shader can only be executed if the variables with the unsupported type are not statically used.
>
> A noteworthy example of using multiple statically-used shader variables sharing the same descriptor set and binding values is a descriptor of type `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER` that has multiple corresponding shader variables in the `UniformConstant` storage class, where some could be `OpTypeImage` (`Sampled`=1), some could be `OpTypeSampler`, and some could be `OpTypeSampledImage`.

Table 13. Shader Resource Limits

Resources per Stage	Resource Types
`maxPerStageDescriptorSamplers`	sampler
	combined image sampler
`maxPerStageDescriptorSampledImages`	sampled image
	combined image sampler
	uniform texel buffer
`maxPerStageDescriptorStorageImages`	storage image
	storage texel buffer
`maxPerStageDescriptorUniformBuffers`	uniform buffer
	uniform buffer dynamic

Resources per Stage	Resource Types
maxPerStageDescriptorStorageBuffers	storage buffer
	storage buffer dynamic
maxPerStageDescriptorInputAttachments	input attachment[1]

1

Input attachments **can** only be used in the fragment shader stage

15.5.4. Offset and Stride Assignment

Certain objects **must** be explicitly laid out using the Offset, ArrayStride, and MatrixStride, as described in SPIR-V explicit layout validation rules. All such layouts also **must** conform to the following requirements.

> **i** *Note*
>
> The numeric order of Offset decorations does not need to follow member declaration order.

Alignment Requirements

There are different alignment requirements depending on the specific resources and on the features enabled on the device.

The *scalar alignment* of the type of an OpTypeStruct member is defined recursively as follows:

- A scalar of size N has a scalar alignment of N.
- A vector or matrix type has a scalar alignment equal to that of its component type.
- An array type has a scalar alignment equal to that of its element type.
- A structure has a scalar alignment equal to the largest scalar alignment of any of its members.

The *base alignment* of the type of an OpTypeStruct member is defined recursively as follows:

- A scalar has a base alignment equal to its scalar alignment.
- A two-component vector has a base alignment equal to twice its scalar alignment.
- A three- or four-component vector has a base alignment equal to four times its scalar alignment.
- An array has a base alignment equal to the base alignment of its element type.
- A structure has a base alignment equal to the largest base alignment of any of its members. An empty structure has a base alignment equal to the size of the smallest scalar type permitted by the capabilities declared in the SPIR-V module. (e.g., for a 1 byte aligned empty struct in the StorageBuffer storage class, StorageBuffer8BitAccess or UniformAndStorageBuffer8BitAccess **must** be declared in the SPIR-V module.)
- A row-major matrix of C columns has a base alignment equal to the base alignment of a vector of C matrix components.
- A column-major matrix has a base alignment equal to the base alignment of the matrix column

type.

The *extended alignment* of the type of an `OpTypeStruct` member is similarly defined as follows:

- A scalar, vector or matrix type has an extended alignment equal to its base alignment.

- An array or structure type has an extended alignment equal to the largest extended alignment of any of its members, rounded up to a multiple of 16.

A member is defined to *improperly straddle* if either of the following are true:

- It is a vector with total size less than or equal to 16 bytes, and has `Offset` decorations placing its first byte at F and its last byte at L, where floor(F / 16) != floor(L / 16).

- It is a vector with total size greater than 16 bytes and has its `Offset` decorations placing its first byte at a non-integer multiple of 16.

Standard Buffer Layout

Every member of an `OpTypeStruct` that is required to be explicitly laid out **must** be aligned according to the first matching rule as follows. If the struct is contained in pointer types of multiple storage classes, it **must** satisfy the requirements for every storage class used to reference it.

1. All vectors **must** be aligned according to their scalar alignment.

2. Any member of an `OpTypeStruct` with a storage class of `Uniform` and a decoration of `Block` **must** be aligned according to its extended alignment.

3. Every other member **must** be aligned according to its base alignment.

The memory layout **must** obey the following rules:

- The `Offset` decoration of any member **must** be a multiple of its alignment.

- Any `ArrayStride` or `MatrixStride` decoration **must** be a multiple of the alignment of the array or matrix as defined above.

- Vectors **must** not improperly straddle, as defined above.

- The `Offset` decoration of a member **must** not place it between the end of a structure or an array and the next multiple of the alignment of that structure or array.

> *Note*
>
> The **std430 layout** in GLSL satisfies these rules for types using the base alignment. The **std140 layout** satisfies the rules for types using the extended alignment.

15.6. Built-In Variables

Built-in variables are accessed in shaders by declaring a variable decorated with a `BuiltIn` SPIR-V decoration. The meaning of each `BuiltIn` decoration is as follows. In the remainder of this section, the name of a built-in is used interchangeably with a term equivalent to a variable decorated with that particular built-in. Built-ins that represent integer values **can** be declared as either signed or unsigned 32-bit integers.

, some inputs and outputs have an additional level of arrayness relative to other shader inputs and outputs. This level of arrayness is not included in the type descriptions below, but must be included when declaring the built-in.

BaseInstance

Decorating a variable with the `BaseInstance` built-in will make that variable contain the integer value corresponding to the first instance that was passed to the command that invoked the current vertex shader invocation. `BaseInstance` is the `firstInstance` parameter to a *direct drawing command* or the `firstInstance` member of a structure consumed by an *indirect drawing command*.

Valid Usage

- VUID-BaseInstance-BaseInstance-04181

  The `BaseInstance` decoration **must** be used only within the `Vertex Execution Model`

- VUID-BaseInstance-BaseInstance-04182

  The variable decorated with `BaseInstance` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-BaseInstance-BaseInstance-04183

  The variable decorated with `BaseInstance` **must** be declared as a scalar 32-bit integer value

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BaseVertex

Decorating a variable with the `BaseVertex` built-in will make that variable contain the integer value corresponding to the first vertex or vertex offset that was passed to the command that invoked the current vertex shader invocation. For *non-indexed drawing commands,* this variable is the `firstVertex` parameter to a *direct drawing command* or the `firstVertex` member of the structure consumed by an *indirect drawing command*. For *indexed drawing commands,* this variable is the `vertexOffset` parameter to a *direct drawing command* or the `vertexOffset` member of the structure consumed by an *indirect drawing command*.

Valid Usage

- VUID-BaseVertex-BaseVertex-04184

  The `BaseVertex` decoration **must** be used only within the `Vertex Execution Model`

- VUID-BaseVertex-BaseVertex-04185

  The variable decorated with `BaseVertex` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-BaseVertex-BaseVertex-04186

  The variable decorated with `BaseVertex` **must** be declared as a scalar 32-bit integer value

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ClipDistance

Decorating a variable with the `ClipDistance` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the mechanism for controlling user clipping. `ClipDistance` is an array such that the ith element of the array specifies the clip distance for plane i. A clip distance of 0 means the vertex is on the plane, a positive distance means the vertex is inside the clip half-space, and a negative distance

means the vertex is outside the clip half-space.

> **Note**
>
> The array variable decorated with `ClipDistance` is explicitly sized by the shader.

> **Note**
>
> In the last pre-rasterization shader stage, these values will be linearly interpolated across the primitive and the portion of the primitive with interpolated distances less than 0 will be considered outside the clip volume. If `ClipDistance` is then used by a fragment shader, `ClipDistance` contains these linearly interpolated values.

Valid Usage

- VUID-ClipDistance-ClipDistance-04187

  The `ClipDistance` decoration **must** be used only within the `MeshNV`, `Vertex`, `Fragment`, `TessellationControl`, `TessellationEvaluation`, or `Geometry Execution Model`

- VUID-ClipDistance-ClipDistance-04188

  The variable decorated with `ClipDistance` within the `MeshNV` or `Vertex Execution Model` **must** be declared using the `Output Storage Class`

- VUID-ClipDistance-ClipDistance-04189

  The variable decorated with `ClipDistance` within the `Fragment Execution Model` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-ClipDistance-ClipDistance-04190

  The variable decorated with `ClipDistance` within the `TessellationControl`, `TessellationEvaluation`, or `Geometry Execution Model` **must** not be declared in a `Storage Class` other than `Input` or `Output`

- VUID-ClipDistance-ClipDistance-04191

  The variable decorated with `ClipDistance` **must** be declared as an array of 32-bit floating-point values

CullDistance

Decorating a variable with the `CullDistance` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the mechanism for controlling user culling. If any member of this array is assigned a negative value for all vertices belonging to a primitive, then the primitive is discarded before rasterization.

> **Note**
>
> In fragment shaders, the values of the `CullDistance` array are linearly interpolated across each primitive.

> **Note**
>
> If `CullDistance` decorates an input variable, that variable will contain the corresponding value from the `CullDistance` decorated output variable from the previous shader stage.

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Valid Usage

- **VUID-CullDistance-CullDistance-04196**

  The `CullDistance` decoration **must** be used only within the `MeshNV`, `Vertex`, `Fragment`, `TessellationControl`, `TessellationEvaluation`, or `Geometry Execution Model`

- **VUID-CullDistance-CullDistance-04197**

  The variable decorated with `CullDistance` within the `MeshNV` or `Vertex Execution Model` **must** be declared using the `Output Storage Class`

- **VUID-CullDistance-CullDistance-04198**

  The variable decorated with `CullDistance` within the `Fragment Execution Model` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- **VUID-CullDistance-CullDistance-04199**

  The variable decorated with `CullDistance` within the `TessellationControl`, `TessellationEvaluation`, or `Geometry Execution Model` **must** not be declared using a `Storage Class` other than `Input` or `Output`

- **VUID-CullDistance-CullDistance-04200**

  The variable decorated with `CullDistance` **must** be declared as an array of 32-bit floating-point values

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DeviceIndex

The `DeviceIndex` decoration **can** be applied to a shader input which will be filled with the device index of the physical device that is executing the current shader invocation. This value will be in the range $[0, max(1, physicalDeviceCount))$, where physicalDeviceCount is the `physicalDeviceCount` member of VkDeviceGroupDeviceCreateInfo.

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Valid Usage

- **VUID-DeviceIndex-DeviceIndex-04205**

  The variable decorated with `DeviceIndex` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- **VUID-DeviceIndex-DeviceIndex-04206**

  The variable decorated with `DeviceIndex` **must** be declared as a scalar 32-bit integer value

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DrawIndex

Decorating a variable with the `DrawIndex` built-in will make that variable contain the integer value corresponding to the zero-based index of the drawing command that invoked the current vertex shader invocation. For *indirect drawing commands*, `DrawIndex` begins at zero and increments by one for each drawing command executed. The number of drawing commands is given by the `drawCount` parameter. For *direct drawing commands*, `DrawIndex` is always zero.

`DrawIndex` is dynamically uniform.

FragCoord

Decorating a variable with the `FragCoord` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the framebuffer coordinate $(x, y, z, \frac{1}{w})$ of the fragment being processed. The (x,y) coordinate (0,0) is the upper left corner of the upper left pixel in the framebuffer.

When Sample Shading is enabled, the x and y components of `FragCoord` reflect the location of one of the samples corresponding to the shader invocation.

Otherwise, the x and y components of `FragCoord` reflect the location of the center of the fragment.

The z component of `FragCoord` is the interpolated depth value of the primitive.

The w component is the interpolated $\frac{1}{w}$.

The `Centroid` interpolation decoration is ignored, but allowed, on `FragCoord`.

FragDepth

To have a shader supply a fragment-depth value, the shader **must** declare the `DepthReplacing` execution mode. Such a shader's fragment-depth value will come from the variable decorated with the `FragDepth` built-in decoration.

This value will be used for any subsequent depth testing performed by the implementation or writes to the depth attachment. See fragment shader depth replacement for details.

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Valid Usage

- VUID-FragDepth-FragDepth-04213

  The `FragDepth` decoration **must** be used only within the `Fragment Execution Model`

- VUID-FragDepth-FragDepth-04214

  The variable decorated with `FragDepth` **must** be declared using the `Output Storage Class`

- VUID-FragDepth-FragDepth-04215

  The variable decorated with `FragDepth` **must** be declared as a scalar 32-bit floating-point value

- VUID-FragDepth-FragDepth-04216

  If the shader dynamically writes to the variable decorated with `FragDepth`, the `DepthReplacing Execution Mode` **must** be declared

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FrontFacing

Decorating a variable with the `FrontFacing` built-in decoration will make that variable contain whether the fragment is front or back facing. This variable is non-zero if the current fragment is considered to be part of a front-facing polygon primitive or of a non-polygon primitive and is zero if the fragment is considered to be part of a back-facing polygon primitive.

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Valid Usage

- VUID-FrontFacing-FrontFacing-04229

  The `FrontFacing` decoration **must** be used only within the `Fragment Execution Model`

- VUID-FrontFacing-FrontFacing-04230

  The variable decorated with `FrontFacing` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-FrontFacing-FrontFacing-04231

  The variable decorated with `FrontFacing` **must** be declared as a boolean value

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GlobalInvocationId

Decorating a variable with the `GlobalInvocationId` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the location of the current invocation within the global workgroup. Each component is equal to the index of the local workgroup multiplied by the size of the local workgroup plus `LocalInvocationId`.

- VUID-GlobalInvocationId-GlobalInvocationId-04236

  The `GlobalInvocationId` decoration **must** be used only within the `GLCompute`, `MeshNV`, or `TaskNV Execution Model`

- VUID-GlobalInvocationId-GlobalInvocationId-04237

  The variable decorated with `GlobalInvocationId` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-GlobalInvocationId-GlobalInvocationId-04238

  The variable decorated with `GlobalInvocationId` **must** be declared as a three-component vector of 32-bit integer values

HelperInvocation

Decorating a variable with the `HelperInvocation` built-in decoration will make that variable contain whether the current invocation is a helper invocation. This variable is non-zero if the current fragment being shaded is a helper invocation and zero otherwise. A helper invocation is an invocation of the shader that is produced to satisfy internal requirements such as the generation of derivatives.

> *Note*
>
> It is very likely that a helper invocation will have a value of `SampleMask` fragment shader input value that is zero.

Valid Usage

- VUID-HelperInvocation-HelperInvocation-04239

  The `HelperInvocation` decoration **must** be used only within the `Fragment Execution Model`

- VUID-HelperInvocation-HelperInvocation-04240

  The variable decorated with `HelperInvocation` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-HelperInvocation-HelperInvocation-04241

  The variable decorated with `HelperInvocation` **must** be declared as a boolean value

InvocationId

Decorating a variable with the `InvocationId` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the index of the current shader invocation in a geometry shader, or the index of the output patch vertex in a tessellation control shader.

In a geometry shader, the index of the current shader invocation ranges from zero to the number of instances declared in the shader minus one. If the instance count of the geometry shader is one or is not specified, then `InvocationId` will be zero.

- VUID-InvocationId-InvocationId-04257

  The `InvocationId` decoration **must** be used only within the `TessellationControl` or `Geometry Execution Model`

- VUID-InvocationId-InvocationId-04258

  The variable decorated with `InvocationId` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-InvocationId-InvocationId-04259

  The variable decorated with `InvocationId` **must** be declared as a scalar 32-bit integer value

InstanceIndex

Decorating a variable in a vertex shader with the `InstanceIndex` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the index of the instance that is being processed by the current vertex shader invocation. `InstanceIndex` begins at the `firstInstance` parameter to vkCmdDraw or vkCmdDrawIndexed or at the `firstInstance` member of a structure consumed by vkCmdDrawIndirect or vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect.

Valid Usage

- VUID-InstanceIndex-InstanceIndex-04263

  The `InstanceIndex` decoration **must** be used only within the `Vertex Execution Model`

- VUID-InstanceIndex-InstanceIndex-04264

  The variable decorated with `InstanceIndex` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-InstanceIndex-InstanceIndex-04265

  The variable decorated with `InstanceIndex` **must** be declared as a scalar 32-bit integer value

Layer

Decorating a variable with the `Layer` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the select layer of a multi-layer framebuffer attachment.

In a geometry shader, any variable decorated with `Layer` can be written with the framebuffer layer index to which the primitive produced by that shader will be directed.

If the last active pre-rasterization shader stage shader entry point's interface does not include a variable decorated with `Layer`, then the first layer is used. If a pre-rasterization shader stage shader entry point's interface includes a variable decorated with `Layer`, it **must** write the same value to `Layer` for all output vertices of a given primitive. If the `Layer` value is less than 0 or greater than or equal to the number of layers in the framebuffer, then primitives **may** still be rasterized, fragment shaders **may** be executed, and the framebuffer values for all layers are undefined.

+ In a fragment shader, a variable decorated with `Layer` contains the layer index of the primitive

that the fragment invocation belongs to.

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Valid Usage

- VUID-Layer-Layer-04272

  The `Layer` decoration **must** be used only within the `MeshNV`, `Vertex`, `TessellationEvaluation`, `Geometry`, or `Fragment Execution Model`

- VUID-Layer-Layer-04274

  The variable decorated with `Layer` within the `MeshNV`, `Vertex`, `TessellationEvaluation`, or `Geometry Execution Model` **must** be declared using the `Output Storage Class`

- VUID-Layer-Layer-04275

  The variable decorated with `Layer` within the `Fragment Execution Model` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-Layer-Layer-04276

  The variable decorated with `Layer` **must** be declared as a scalar 32-bit integer value

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LocalInvocationId

Decorating a variable with the `LocalInvocationId` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the location of the current compute shader invocation within the local workgroup. Each component ranges from zero through to the size of the workgroup in that dimension minus one.

> *Note*
>
> If the size of the workgroup in a particular dimension is one, then the `LocalInvocationId` in that dimension will be zero. If the workgroup is effectively two-dimensional, then `LocalInvocationId.z` will be zero. If the workgroup is effectively one-dimensional, then both `LocalInvocationId.y` and `LocalInvocationId.z` will be zero.

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Valid Usage

- VUID-LocalInvocationId-LocalInvocationId-04281

  The `LocalInvocationId` decoration **must** be used only within the `GLCompute`, `MeshNV`, or `TaskNV Execution Model`

- VUID-LocalInvocationId-LocalInvocationId-04282

  The variable decorated with `LocalInvocationId` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-LocalInvocationId-LocalInvocationId-04283

  The variable decorated with `LocalInvocationId` **must** be declared as a three-component vector of 32-bit integer values

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LocalInvocationIndex

Decorating a variable with the `LocalInvocationIndex` built-in decoration will make that variable contain a one-dimensional representation of `LocalInvocationId`. This is computed as:

```
LocalInvocationIndex =
    LocalInvocationId.z * WorkgroupSize.x * WorkgroupSize.y +
    LocalInvocationId.y * WorkgroupSize.x +
    LocalInvocationId.x;
```

Valid Usage

- VUID-LocalInvocationIndex-LocalInvocationIndex-04284

  The `LocalInvocationIndex` decoration **must** be used only within the `GLCompute`, `MeshNV`, or `TaskNV Execution Model`

- VUID-LocalInvocationIndex-LocalInvocationIndex-04285

  The variable decorated with `LocalInvocationIndex` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-LocalInvocationIndex-LocalInvocationIndex-04286

  The variable decorated with `LocalInvocationIndex` **must** be declared as a scalar 32-bit integer value

NumSubgroups

Decorating a variable with the `NumSubgroups` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the number of subgroups in the local workgroup.

Valid Usage

- VUID-NumSubgroups-NumSubgroups-04293

  The `NumSubgroups` decoration **must** be used only within the `GLCompute`, `MeshNV`, or `TaskNV Execution Model`

- VUID-NumSubgroups-NumSubgroups-04294

  The variable decorated with `NumSubgroups` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-NumSubgroups-NumSubgroups-04295

  The variable decorated with `NumSubgroups` **must** be declared as a scalar 32-bit integer value

NumWorkgroups

Decorating a variable with the `NumWorkgroups` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the number of local workgroups that are part of the dispatch that the invocation belongs to. Each component is equal to the values of the workgroup count parameters passed into the dispatching commands.

PatchVertices

Decorating a variable with the `PatchVertices` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the number of vertices in the input patch being processed by the shader. In a Tessellation Control Shader, this is the same as the name:patchControlPoints member of VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo. In a Tessellation Evaluation Shader, `PatchVertices` is equal to the tessellation control output patch size. When the same shader is used in different pipelines where the patch sizes are configured differently, the value of the `PatchVertices` variable will also differ.

PointCoord

Decorating a variable with the `PointCoord` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the coordinate of the current fragment within the point being rasterized, normalized to the size of the point with origin in the upper left corner of the point, as described in Basic Point Rasterization. If the primitive the fragment shader invocation belongs to is not a point, then the variable decorated with `PointCoord` contains an undefined value.

> *Note*
>
> Depending on how the point is rasterized, `PointCoord` **may** never reach (0,0) or (1,1).

> **Valid Usage**
>
> - VUID-PointCoord-PointCoord-04311
>
>   The `PointCoord` decoration **must** be used only within the `Fragment Execution Model`
>
> - VUID-PointCoord-PointCoord-04312
>
>   The variable decorated with `PointCoord` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`
>
> - VUID-PointCoord-PointCoord-04313
>
>   The variable decorated with `PointCoord` **must** be declared as a two-component vector of 32-bit floating-point values

PointSize

Decorating a variable with the `PointSize` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the size of point primitives. The value written to the variable decorated with `PointSize` by the last pre-rasterization shader stage in the pipeline is used as the framebuffer-space size of points produced by rasterization.

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>
> *Note*
>
> When `PointSize` decorates a variable in the `Input Storage Class`, it contains the data written to the output variable decorated with `PointSize` from the previous shader stage.

> **Valid Usage**
>
> - VUID-PointSize-PointSize-04314
>
>   The `PointSize` decoration **must** be used only within the `MeshNV`, `Vertex`, `TessellationControl`, `TessellationEvaluation`, or `Geometry Execution Model`
>
> - VUID-PointSize-PointSize-04315
>
>   The variable decorated with `PointSize` within the `MeshNV` or `Vertex Execution Model` **must** be declared using the `Output Storage Class`
>
> - VUID-PointSize-PointSize-04316
>
>   The variable decorated with `PointSize` within the `TessellationControl`, `TessellationEvaluation`, or `Geometry Execution Model` **must** not be declared using a `Storage Class` other than `Input` or `Output`
>
> - VUID-PointSize-PointSize-04317
>
>   The variable decorated with `PointSize` **must** be declared as a scalar 32-bit floating-point value

Position

Decorating a variable with the `Position` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the position of the current vertex. In the last pre-rasterization shader stage, the value of the variable decorated with `Position` is used in subsequent primitive assembly, clipping, and rasterization operations.

> **Note**
>
> When `Position` decorates a variable in the `Input Storage Class`, it contains the data written to the output variable decorated with `Position` from the previous shader stage.

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Valid Usage

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- VUID-Position-Position-04318

  The `Position` decoration **must** be used only within the `MeshNV`, `Vertex`, `TessellationControl`, `TessellationEvaluation`, or `Geometry Execution Model`

- VUID-Position-Position-04319

  The variable decorated with `Position` within `MeshNV` or `Vertex Execution Model` **must** be declared using the `Output Storage Class`

- VUID-Position-Position-04320

  The variable decorated with `Position` within `TessellationControl`, `TessellationEvaluation`, or `Geometry Execution Model` **must** not be declared using a `Storage Class` other than `Input` or `Output`

- VUID-Position-Position-04321

  The variable decorated with `Position` **must** be declared as a four-component vector of 32-bit floating-point values

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PrimitiveId

Decorating a variable with the `PrimitiveId` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the index of the current primitive.

The index of the first primitive generated by a drawing command is zero, and the index is incremented after every individual point, line, or triangle primitive is processed.

For triangles drawn as points or line segments (see Polygon Mode), the primitive index is incremented only once, even if multiple points or lines are eventually drawn.

Variables decorated with `PrimitiveId` are reset to zero between each instance drawn.

Restarting a primitive topology using primitive restart has no effect on the value of variables decorated with `PrimitiveId`.

In tessellation control and tessellation evaluation shaders, it will contain the index of the patch within the current set of rendering primitives that corresponds to the shader invocation.

In a geometry shader, it will contain the number of primitives presented as input to the shader since the current set of rendering primitives was started.

In a fragment shader, it will contain the primitive index written by the geometry shader if a geometry shader is present, or with the value that would have been presented as input to the geometry shader had it been present.

Note

When the `PrimitiveId` decoration is applied to an output variable in the geometry shader, the resulting value is seen through the `PrimitiveId` decorated input variable in the fragment shader.

The fragment shader using `PrimitiveId` will need to declare either the `Geometry` or `Tessellation` capability to satisfy the requirement SPIR-V has to use `PrimitiveId`.

Valid Usage

- VUID-PrimitiveId-PrimitiveId-04330

  The `PrimitiveId` decoration **must** be used only within the `MeshNV`, `IntersectionKHR`, `AnyHitKHR`, `ClosestHitKHR`, `TessellationControl`, `TessellationEvaluation`, `Geometry`, or `Fragment Execution Model`

- VUID-PrimitiveId-Fragment-04331

  If pipeline contains both the `Fragment` and `Geometry Execution Model` and a variable decorated with `PrimitiveId` is read from `Fragment` shader, then the `Geometry` shader **must** write to the output variables decorated with `PrimitiveId` in all execution paths

- VUID-PrimitiveId-Fragment-04332

  If pipeline contains both the `Fragment` and `MeshNV Execution Model` and a variable decorated with `PrimitiveId` is read from `Fragment` shader, then the `MeshNV` shader **must** write to the output variables decorated with `PrimitiveId` in all execution paths

- VUID-PrimitiveId-Fragment-04333

  If `Fragment Execution Model` contains a variable decorated with `PrimitiveId`, then either the `MeshShadingNV`, `Geometry` or `Tessellation` capability **must** also be declared

- VUID-PrimitiveId-PrimitiveId-04334

  The variable decorated with `PrimitiveId` within the `TessellationControl`, `TessellationEvaluation`, `Fragment`, `IntersectionKHR`, `AnyHitKHR`, or `ClosestHitKHR Execution Model` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-PrimitiveId-PrimitiveId-04335

  The variable decorated with `PrimitiveId` within the `Geometry Execution Model` **must** be declared using the `Input` or `Output Storage Class`

- VUID-PrimitiveId-PrimitiveId-04336

  The variable decorated with `PrimitiveId` within the `MeshNV Execution Model` **must** be declared using the `Output Storage Class`

- VUID-PrimitiveId-PrimitiveId-04337

  The variable decorated with `PrimitiveId` **must** be declared as a scalar 32-bit integer value

SampleId

Decorating a variable with the `SampleId` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the coverage index for the current fragment shader invocation. `SampleId` ranges from zero to the number of samples in the framebuffer minus one. If a fragment shader entry point's interface includes an input variable decorated with `SampleId`, Sample Shading is considered enabled with

a `minSampleShading` value of 1.0.

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Valid Usage

- VUID-SampleId-SampleId-04354

  The `SampleId` decoration **must** be used only within the `Fragment Execution Model`

- VUID-SampleId-SampleId-04355

  The variable decorated with `SampleId` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-SampleId-SampleId-04356

  The variable decorated with `SampleId` **must** be declared as a scalar 32-bit integer value

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SampleMask

Decorating a variable with the `SampleMask` built-in decoration will make any variable contain the sample mask for the current fragment shader invocation.

A variable in the `Input` storage class decorated with `SampleMask` will contain a bitmask of the set of samples covered by the primitive generating the fragment during rasterization. It has a sample bit set if and only if the sample is considered covered for this fragment shader invocation. `SampleMask[]` is an array of integers. Bits are mapped to samples in a manner where bit B of mask M (`SampleMask[M]`) corresponds to sample $32 \times M + B$.

A variable in the `Output` storage class decorated with `SampleMask` is an array of integers forming a bit array in a manner similar to an input variable decorated with `SampleMask`, but where each bit represents coverage as computed by the shader. This computed `SampleMask` is combined with the generated coverage mask in the multisample coverage operation.

Variables decorated with `SampleMask` **must** be either an unsized array, or explicitly sized to be no larger than the implementation-dependent maximum sample-mask (as an array of 32-bit elements), determined by the maximum number of samples.

If a fragment shader entry point's interface includes an output variable decorated with `SampleMask`, the sample mask will be undefined for any array elements of any fragment shader invocations that fail to assign a value. If a fragment shader entry point's interface does not include an output variable decorated with `SampleMask`, the sample mask has no effect on the processing of a fragment.

- VUID-SampleMask-SampleMask-04357

  The `SampleMask` decoration **must** be used only within the `Fragment Execution Model`

- VUID-SampleMask-SampleMask-04358

  The variable decorated with `SampleMask` **must** be declared using the `Input` or `Output` `Storage Class`

- VUID-SampleMask-SampleMask-04359

  The variable decorated with `SampleMask` **must** be declared as an array of 32-bit integer values

SamplePosition

Decorating a variable with the `SamplePosition` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the sub-pixel position of the sample being shaded. The top left of the pixel is considered to be at coordinate (0,0) and the bottom right of the pixel is considered to be at coordinate (1,1).

If a fragment shader entry point's interface includes an input variable decorated with `SamplePosition`, Sample Shading is considered enabled with a `minSampleShading` value of 1.0.

Valid Usage

- VUID-SamplePosition-SamplePosition-04360

  The `SamplePosition` decoration **must** be used only within the `Fragment Execution Model`

- VUID-SamplePosition-SamplePosition-04361

  The variable decorated with `SamplePosition` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-SamplePosition-SamplePosition-04362

  The variable decorated with `SamplePosition` **must** be declared as a two-component vector of 32-bit floating-point values

SubgroupId

Decorating a variable with the `SubgroupId` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the index of the subgroup within the local workgroup. This variable is in range [0, `NumSubgroups`-1].

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- VUID-SubgroupId-SubgroupId-04367

  The `SubgroupId` decoration **must** be used only within the `GLCompute`, `MeshNV`, or `TaskNV` `Execution Model`

- VUID-SubgroupId-SubgroupId-04368

  The variable decorated with `SubgroupId` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-SubgroupId-SubgroupId-04369

  The variable decorated with `SubgroupId` **must** be declared as a scalar 32-bit integer value

SubgroupEqMask

Decorating a variable with the `SubgroupEqMask` builtin decoration will make that variable contain the *subgroup mask* of the current subgroup invocation. The bit corresponding to the `SubgroupLocalInvocationId` is set in the variable decorated with `SubgroupEqMask`. All other bits are set to zero.

`SubgroupEqMaskKHR` is an alias of `SubgroupEqMask`.

Valid Usage

- VUID-SubgroupEqMask-SubgroupEqMask-04370

  The variable decorated with `SubgroupEqMask` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-SubgroupEqMask-SubgroupEqMask-04371

  The variable decorated with `SubgroupEqMask` **must** be declared as a four-component vector of 32-bit integer values

SubgroupGeMask

Decorating a variable with the `SubgroupGeMask` builtin decoration will make that variable contain the *subgroup mask* of the current subgroup invocation. The bits corresponding to the invocations greater than or equal to `SubgroupLocalInvocationId` through `SubgroupSize`-1 are set in the variable decorated with `SubgroupGeMask`. All other bits are set to zero.

`SubgroupGeMaskKHR` is an alias of `SubgroupGeMask`.

Valid Usage

- VUID-SubgroupGeMask-SubgroupGeMask-04372

  The variable decorated with `SubgroupGeMask` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-SubgroupGeMask-SubgroupGeMask-04373

  The variable decorated with `SubgroupGeMask` **must** be declared as a four-component vector of 32-bit integer values

SubgroupGtMask

Decorating a variable with the `SubgroupGtMask` builtin decoration will make that variable contain the *subgroup mask* of the current subgroup invocation. The bits corresponding to the invocations greater than `SubgroupLocalInvocationId` through `SubgroupSize`-1 are set in the variable decorated with `SubgroupGtMask`. All other bits are set to zero.

`SubgroupGtMaskKHR` is an alias of `SubgroupGtMask`.

Valid Usage

- VUID-SubgroupGtMask-SubgroupGtMask-04374

  The variable decorated with `SubgroupGtMask` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-SubgroupGtMask-SubgroupGtMask-04375

  The variable decorated with `SubgroupGtMask` **must** be declared as a four-component vector of 32-bit integer values

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SubgroupLeMask

Decorating a variable with the `SubgroupLeMask` builtin decoration will make that variable contain the *subgroup mask* of the current subgroup invocation. The bits corresponding to the invocations less than or equal to `SubgroupLocalInvocationId` are set in the variable decorated with `SubgroupLeMask`. All other bits are set to zero.

`SubgroupLeMaskKHR` is an alias of `SubgroupLeMask`.

Valid Usage

- VUID-SubgroupLeMask-SubgroupLeMask-04376

  The variable decorated with `SubgroupLeMask` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-SubgroupLeMask-SubgroupLeMask-04377

  The variable decorated with `SubgroupLeMask` **must** be declared as a four-component vector of 32-bit integer values

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SubgroupLtMask

Decorating a variable with the `SubgroupLtMask` builtin decoration will make that variable contain the *subgroup mask* of the current subgroup invocation. The bits corresponding to the invocations less than `SubgroupLocalInvocationId` are set in the variable decorated with `SubgroupLtMask`. All other bits are set to zero.

`SubgroupLtMaskKHR` is an alias of `SubgroupLtMask`.

- VUID-SubgroupLtMask-SubgroupLtMask-04378

  The variable decorated with `SubgroupLtMask` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-SubgroupLtMask-SubgroupLtMask-04379

  The variable decorated with `SubgroupLtMask` **must** be declared as a four-component vector of 32-bit integer values

SubgroupLocalInvocationId

Decorating a variable with the `SubgroupLocalInvocationId` builtin decoration will make that variable contain the index of the invocation within the subgroup. This variable is in range [0,`SubgroupSize`-1].

> *Note*
>
> There is no direct relationship between `SubgroupLocalInvocationId` and `LocalInvocationId` or `LocalInvocationIndex`.

- VUID-SubgroupLocalInvocationId-SubgroupLocalInvocationId-04380

  The variable decorated with `SubgroupLocalInvocationId` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-SubgroupLocalInvocationId-SubgroupLocalInvocationId-04381

  The variable decorated with `SubgroupLocalInvocationId` **must** be declared as a scalar 32-bit integer value

SubgroupSize

Decorating a variable with the `SubgroupSize` builtin decoration will make that variable contain the implementation-dependent number of invocations in a subgroup. This value **must** be a power-of-two integer.

The variable decorated with `SubgroupSize` will match `subgroupSize`.

The maximum number of invocations that an implementation can support per subgroup is 128.

- VUID-SubgroupSize-SubgroupSize-04382

  The variable decorated with `SubgroupSize` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-SubgroupSize-SubgroupSize-04383

  The variable decorated with `SubgroupSize` **must** be declared as a scalar 32-bit integer value

TessCoord

Decorating a variable with the `TessCoord` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the three-dimensional (u,v,w) barycentric coordinate of the tessellated vertex within the patch. u, v, and w are in the range [0,1] and vary linearly across the primitive being subdivided. For the tessellation modes of `Quads` or `IsoLines`, the third component is always zero.

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Valid Usage

- VUID-TessCoord-TessCoord-04387

  The `TessCoord` decoration **must** be used only within the `TessellationEvaluation Execution Model`

- VUID-TessCoord-TessCoord-04388

  The variable decorated with `TessCoord` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-TessCoord-TessCoord-04389

  The variable decorated with `TessCoord` **must** be declared as a three-component vector of 32-bit floating-point values

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TessLevelOuter

Decorating a variable with the `TessLevelOuter` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the outer tessellation levels for the current patch.

In tessellation control shaders, the variable decorated with `TessLevelOuter` **can** be written to, controlling the tessellation factors for the resulting patch. These values are used by the tessellator to control primitive tessellation and **can** be read by tessellation evaluation shaders.

In tessellation evaluation shaders, the variable decorated with `TessLevelOuter` **can** read the values written by the tessellation control shader.

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Valid Usage

- VUID-TessLevelOuter-TessLevelOuter-04390

  The `TessLevelOuter` decoration **must** be used only within the `TessellationControl` or `TessellationEvaluation Execution Model`

- VUID-TessLevelOuter-TessLevelOuter-04391

  The variable decorated with `TessLevelOuter` within the `TessellationControl Execution Model` **must** be declared using the `Output Storage Class`

- VUID-TessLevelOuter-TessLevelOuter-04392

  The variable decorated with `TessLevelOuter` within the `TessellationEvaluation Execution Model` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-TessLevelOuter-TessLevelOuter-04393

  The variable decorated with `TessLevelOuter` **must** be declared as an array of size four, containing 32-bit floating-point values

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TessLevelInner

Decorating a variable with the `TessLevelInner` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the inner tessellation levels for the current patch.

In tessellation control shaders, the variable decorated with `TessLevelInner` **can** be written to, controlling the tessellation factors for the resulting patch. These values are used by the tessellator to control primitive tessellation and **can** be read by tessellation evaluation shaders.

In tessellation evaluation shaders, the variable decorated with `TessLevelInner` **can** read the values written by the tessellation control shader.

Valid Usage

- VUID-TessLevelInner-TessLevelInner-04394

  The `TessLevelInner` decoration **must** be used only within the `TessellationControl` or `TessellationEvaluation Execution Model`

- VUID-TessLevelInner-TessLevelInner-04395

  The variable decorated with `TessLevelInner` within the `TessellationControl Execution Model` **must** be declared using the `Output Storage Class`

- VUID-TessLevelInner-TessLevelInner-04396

  The variable decorated with `TessLevelInner` within the `TessellationEvaluation Execution Model` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-TessLevelInner-TessLevelInner-04397

  The variable decorated with `TessLevelInner` **must** be declared as an array of size two, containing 32-bit floating-point values

VertexIndex

Decorating a variable with the `VertexIndex` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the index of the vertex that is being processed by the current vertex shader invocation. For non-indexed draws, this variable begins at the `firstVertex` parameter to vkCmdDraw or the `firstVertex` member of a structure consumed by vkCmdDrawIndirect and increments by one for each vertex in the draw. For indexed draws, its value is the content of the index buffer for the vertex plus the `vertexOffset` parameter to vkCmdDrawIndexed or the `vertexOffset` member of the structure consumed by vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect.

> **ℹ** *Note*
>
> `VertexIndex` starts at the same starting value for each instance.

- VUID-VertexIndex-VertexIndex-04398

  The `VertexIndex` decoration **must** be used only within the `Vertex Execution Model`

- VUID-VertexIndex-VertexIndex-04399

  The variable decorated with `VertexIndex` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-VertexIndex-VertexIndex-04400

  The variable decorated with `VertexIndex` **must** be declared as a scalar 32-bit integer value

ViewIndex

The `ViewIndex` decoration **can** be applied to a shader input which will be filled with the index of the view that is being processed by the current shader invocation.

If multiview is enabled in the render pass, this value will be one of the bits set in the view mask of the subpass the pipeline is compiled against. If multiview is not enabled in the render pass, this value will be zero.

Valid Usage

- VUID-ViewIndex-ViewIndex-04401

  The `ViewIndex` decoration **must** not be used within the `GLCompute Execution Model`

- VUID-ViewIndex-ViewIndex-04402

  The variable decorated with `ViewIndex` **must** be declared using the `Input Storage Class`

- VUID-ViewIndex-ViewIndex-04403

  The variable decorated with `ViewIndex` **must** be declared as a scalar 32-bit integer value

ViewportIndex

Decorating a variable with the `ViewportIndex` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the index of the viewport.

In a geometry shader, the variable decorated with `ViewportIndex` can be written to with the viewport index to which the primitive produced by that shader will be directed.

The selected viewport index is used to select the viewport transform and scissor rectangle.

If the last active pre-rasterization shader stage shader entry point's interface does not include a variable decorated with `ViewportIndex`, then the first viewport is used. If a pre-rasterization shader stage shader entry point's interface includes a variable decorated with `ViewportIndex`, it **must** write the same value to `ViewportIndex` for all output vertices of a given primitive.

In a fragment shader, the variable decorated with `ViewportIndex` contains the viewport index of the primitive that the fragment invocation belongs to.

WorkgroupId

Decorating a variable with the `WorkgroupId` built-in decoration will make that variable contain the global workgroup that the current invocation is a member of. Each component ranges from a base value to a base + count value, based on the parameters passed into the dispatching commands.

WorkgroupSize

Decorating an object with the `WorkgroupSize` built-in decoration will make that object contain the dimensions of a local workgroup. If an object is decorated with the `WorkgroupSize` decoration, this takes precedence over any `LocalSize` execution mode.

Valid Usage

- VUID-WorkgroupSize-WorkgroupSize-04425

  The `WorkgroupSize` decoration **must** be used only within the `GLCompute`, `MeshNV`, or `TaskNV` Execution Model

- VUID-WorkgroupSize-WorkgroupSize-04426

  The variable decorated with `WorkgroupSize` **must** be a specialization constant or a constant

- VUID-WorkgroupSize-WorkgroupSize-04427

  The variable decorated with `WorkgroupSize` **must** be declared as a three-component vector of 32-bit integer values

Chapter 16. Image Operations

16.1. Image Operations Overview

Vulkan Image Operations are operations performed by those SPIR-V Image Instructions which take an `OpTypeImage` (representing a `VkImageView`) or `OpTypeSampledImage` (representing a (`VkImageView`, `VkSampler`) pair). Read, write, and atomic operations also take texel coordinates as operands, and return a value based on a neighborhood of texture elements (*texels*) within the image. Query operations return properties of the bound image or of the lookup itself. The "Depth" operand of `OpTypeImage` is ignored.

> *Note*
>
> Texel is a term which is a combination of the words texture and element. Early interactive computer graphics supported texture operations on textures, a small subset of the image operations on images described here. The discrete samples remain essentially equivalent, however, so we retain the historical term texel to refer to them.

Image Operations include the functionality of the following SPIR-V Image Instructions:

- `OpImageSample*` and `OpImageSparseSample*` read one or more neighboring texels of the image, and filter the texel values based on the state of the sampler.
  - Instructions with `ImplicitLod` in the name determine the LOD used in the sampling operation based on the coordinates used in neighboring fragments.
  - Instructions with `ExplicitLod` in the name determine the LOD used in the sampling operation based on additional coordinates.
  - Instructions with `Proj` in the name apply homogeneous projection to the coordinates.
- `OpImageFetch` and `OpImageSparseFetch` return a single texel of the image. No sampler is used.
- `OpImage*Gather` and `OpImageSparse*Gather` read neighboring texels and return a single component of each.
- `OpImageRead` (and `OpImageSparseRead`) and `OpImageWrite` read and write, respectively, a texel in the image. No sampler is used.
- Instructions with `Dref` in the name apply depth comparison on the texel values.
- Instructions with `Sparse` in the name additionally return a sparse residency code.
- `OpImageQuerySize`, `OpImageQuerySizeLod`, `OpImageQueryLevels`, and `OpImageQuerySamples` return properties of the image descriptor that would be accessed. The image itself is not accessed.
- `OpImageQueryLod` returns the lod parameters that would be used in a sample operation. The actual operation is not performed.

16.1.1. Texel Coordinate Systems

Images are addressed by *texel coordinates*. There are three *texel coordinate systems*:

- normalized texel coordinates [0.0, 1.0]

- unnormalized texel coordinates [0.0, width / height / depth)

- integer texel coordinates [0, width / height / depth)

SPIR-V `OpImageFetch`, `OpImageSparseFetch`, `OpImageRead`, `OpImageSparseRead`, and `OpImageWrite` instructions use integer texel coordinates. Other image instructions **can** use either normalized or unnormalized texel coordinates (selected by the `unnormalizedCoordinates` state of the sampler used in the instruction), but there are limitations on what operations, image state, and sampler state is supported. Normalized coordinates are logically converted to unnormalized as part of image operations, and certain steps are only performed on normalized coordinates. The array layer coordinate is always treated as unnormalized even when other coordinates are normalized.

Normalized texel coordinates are referred to as (s,t,r,q,a), with the coordinates having the following meanings:

- s: Coordinate in the first dimension of an image.

- t: Coordinate in the second dimension of an image.

- r: Coordinate in the third dimension of an image.

  ◦ (s,t,r) are interpreted as a direction vector for Cube images.

- q: Fourth coordinate, for homogeneous (projective) coordinates.

- a: Coordinate for array layer.

The coordinates are extracted from the SPIR-V operand based on the dimensionality of the image variable and type of instruction. For `Proj` instructions, the components are in order (s, [t,] [r,] q), with t and r being conditionally present based on the `Dim` of the image. For non-`Proj` instructions, the coordinates are (s [,t] [,r] [,a]), with t and r being conditionally present based on the `Dim` of the image and a being conditionally present based on the `Arrayed` property of the image. Projective image instructions are not supported on `Arrayed` images.

Unnormalized texel coordinates are referred to as (u,v,w,a), with the coordinates having the following meanings:

- u: Coordinate in the first dimension of an image.

- v: Coordinate in the second dimension of an image.

- w: Coordinate in the third dimension of an image.

- a: Coordinate for array layer.

Only the u and v coordinates are directly extracted from the SPIR-V operand, because only 1D and 2D (non-`Arrayed`) dimensionalities support unnormalized coordinates. The components are in order (u [,v]), with v being conditionally present when the dimensionality is 2D. When normalized coordinates are converted to unnormalized coordinates, all four coordinates are used.

Integer texel coordinates are referred to as (i,j,k,l,n), with the coordinates having the following meanings:

- i: Coordinate in the first dimension of an image.

- j: Coordinate in the second dimension of an image.
- k: Coordinate in the third dimension of an image.
- l: Coordinate for array layer.
- n: Index of the sample within the texel.

They are extracted from the SPIR-V operand in order (i [,j] [,k] [,l] [,n]), with j and k conditionally present based on the `Dim` of the image, and l conditionally present based on the `Arrayed` property of the image. n is conditionally present and is taken from the `Sample` image operand.

For all coordinate types, unused coordinates are assigned a value of zero.

Figure 3. Texel Coordinate Systems, Linear Filtering

The Texel Coordinate Systems - For the example shown of an 8×4 texel two dimensional image.

- Normalized texel coordinates:
  - The s coordinate goes from 0.0 to 1.0.
  - The t coordinate goes from 0.0 to 1.0.
- Unnormalized texel coordinates:
  - The u coordinate within the range 0.0 to 8.0 is within the image, otherwise it is outside the image.
  - The v coordinate within the range 0.0 to 4.0 is within the image, otherwise it is outside the image.
- Integer texel coordinates:
  - The i coordinate within the range 0 to 7 addresses texels within the image, otherwise it is outside the image.
  - The j coordinate within the range 0 to 3 addresses texels within the image, otherwise it is

outside the image.

- Also shown for linear filtering:

  ◦ Given the unnormalized coordinates (u,v), the four texels selected are i_0j_0, i_1j_0, i_0j_1, and i_1j_1.

  ◦ The fractions α and β.

  ◦ Given the offset Δ_i and Δ_j, the four texels selected by the offset are $i_0j'_0$, $i_1j'_0$, $i_0j'_1$, and $i_1j'_1$.

> **Note**
>
> For formats with reduced-resolution components, Δ_i and Δ_j are relative to the resolution of the highest-resolution component, and therefore may be divided by two relative to the unnormalized coordinate space of the lower-resolution components.
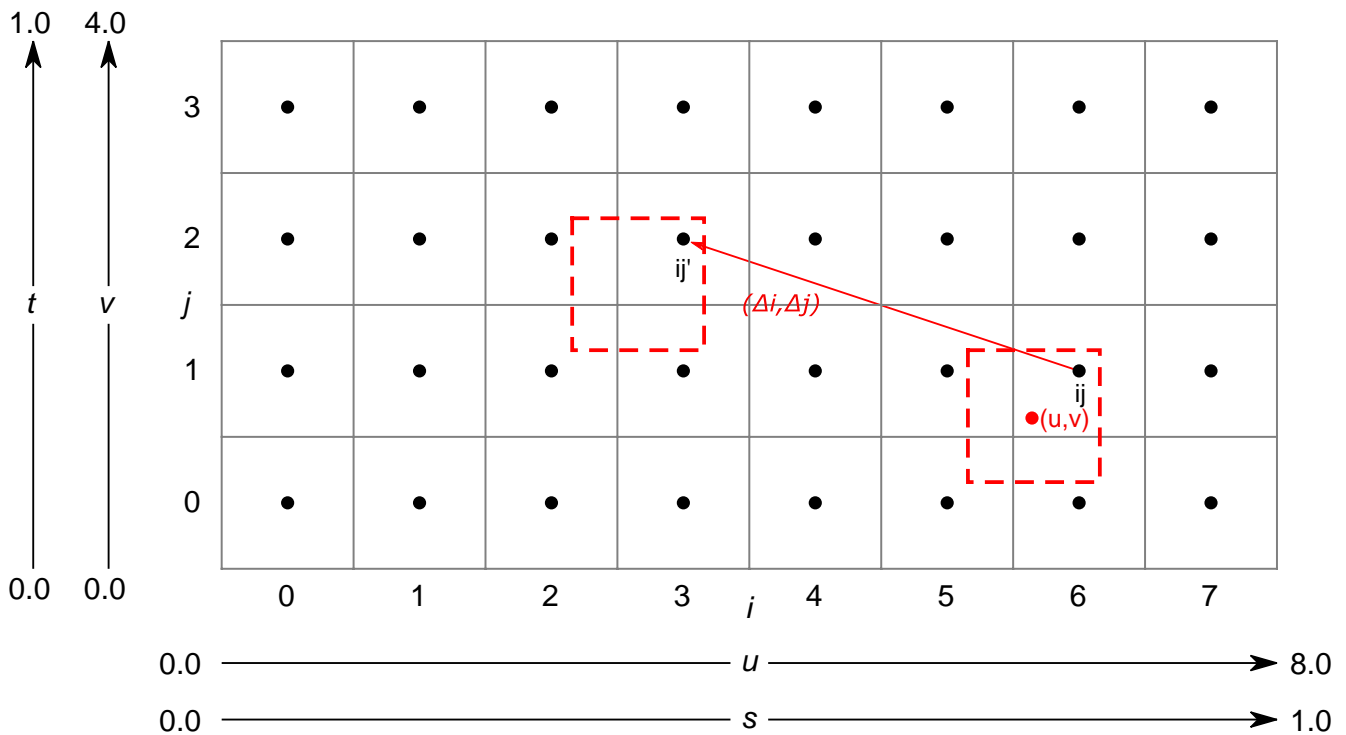
Figure 4. Texel Coordinate Systems, Nearest Filtering

The Texel Coordinate Systems - For the example shown of an 8×4 texel two dimensional image.

- Texel coordinates as above. Also shown for nearest filtering:

  ◦ Given the unnormalized coordinates (u,v), the texel selected is ij.

  ◦ Given the offset Δ_i and Δ_j, the texel selected by the offset is ij'.

16.2. Conversion Formulas

16.2.1. RGB to Shared Exponent Conversion

An RGB color (red, green, blue) is transformed to a shared exponent color (red_{shared}, $green_{shared}$, $blue_{shared}$, exp_{shared}) as follows:

First, the components (red, green, blue) are clamped to ($red_{clamped}$, $green_{clamped}$, $blue_{clamped}$) as:

$\text{red}_\text{clamped} = \max(0, \min(\text{sharedexp}_\text{max}, \text{red}))$

$\text{green}_\text{clamped} = \max(0, \min(\text{sharedexp}_\text{max}, \text{green}))$

$\text{blue}_\text{clamped} = \max(0, \min(\text{sharedexp}_\text{max}, \text{blue}))$

where:

$$
\begin{aligned}
N &= 9 & &\text{number of mantissa bits per component} \\
B &= 15 & &\text{exponent bias} \\
E_{max} &= 31 & &\text{maximum possible biased exponent value} \\
sharedexp_{max} &= \frac{(2^N - 1)}{2^N} \times 2^{(E_{max} - B)}
\end{aligned}
$$

> **ⓘ** *Note*
>
> NaN, if supported, is handled as in IEEE 754-2008 `minNum()` and `maxNum()`. This results in any NaN being mapped to zero.

The largest clamped component, $\text{max}_\text{clamped}$ is determined:

$\text{max}_\text{clamped} = \max(\text{red}_\text{clamped}, \text{green}_\text{clamped}, \text{blue}_\text{clamped})$

A preliminary shared exponent exp' is computed:

$$
exp' = \begin{cases} \lfloor \log_2(max_{clamped}) \rfloor + (B+1) & \text{for } max_{clamped} > 2^{-(B+1)} \\ 0 & \text{for } max_{clamped} \leq 2^{-(B+1)} \end{cases}
$$

The shared exponent exp_shared is computed:

$$
max_{shared} = \lfloor \frac{max_{clamped}}{2^{(exp' - B - N)}} + \frac{1}{2} \rfloor
$$

$$
exp_{shared} = \begin{cases} exp' & \text{for } 0 \leq max_{shared} < 2^N \\ exp' + 1 & \text{for } max_{shared} = 2^N \end{cases}
$$

Finally, three integer values in the range 0 to 2^N are computed:

$$
red_{shared} = \lfloor \frac{red_{clamped}}{2^{(exp_{shared} - B - N)}} + \frac{1}{2} \rfloor
$$
$$
green_{shared} = \lfloor \frac{green_{clamped}}{2^{(exp_{shared} - B - N)}} + \frac{1}{2} \rfloor
$$
$$
blue_{shared} = \lfloor \frac{blue_{clamped}}{2^{(exp_{shared} - B - N)}} + \frac{1}{2} \rfloor
$$

16.2.2. Shared Exponent to RGB

A shared exponent color (red_{shared}, $green_{shared}$, $blue_{shared}$, exp_{shared}) is transformed to an RGB color (red, green, blue) as follows:

$$red = red_{shared} \times 2^{(exp_{shared} - B - N)}$$

$$green = green_{shared} \times 2^{(exp_{shared} - B - N)}$$

$$blue = blue_{shared} \times 2^{(exp_{shared} - B - N)}$$

where:

N = 9 (number of mantissa bits per component)

B = 15 (exponent bias)

16.3. Texel Input Operations

Texel input instructions are SPIR-V image instructions that read from an image. *Texel input operations* are a set of steps that are performed on state, coordinates, and texel values while processing a texel input instruction, and which are common to some or all texel input instructions. They include the following steps, which are performed in the listed order:

- Validation operations
  - Instruction/Sampler/Image validation
  - Coordinate validation
  - Sparse validation
  - Layout validation
- Format conversion
- Texel replacement
- Depth comparison
- Conversion to RGBA
- Component swizzle
- Chroma reconstruction
- $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion

For texel input instructions involving multiple texels (for sampling or gathering), these steps are applied for each texel that is used in the instruction. Depending on the type of image instruction,

other steps are conditionally performed between these steps or involving multiple coordinate or texel values.

If Chroma Reconstruction is implicit, Texel Filtering instead takes place during chroma reconstruction, before sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion occurs.

16.3.1. Texel Input Validation Operations

Texel input validation operations inspect instruction/image/sampler state or coordinates, and in certain circumstances cause the texel value to be replaced or become undefined. There are a series of validations that the texel undergoes.

Instruction/Sampler/Image View Validation

There are a number of cases where a SPIR-V instruction **can** mismatch with the sampler, the image view, or both, and a number of further cases where the sampler **can** mismatch with the image view. In such cases the value of the texel returned is undefined.

These cases include:

- The sampler `borderColor` is an integer type and the image view `format` is not one of the VkFormat integer types or a stencil component of a depth/stencil format.

- The sampler `borderColor` is a float type and the image view `format` is not one of the VkFormat float types or a depth component of a depth/stencil format.

- The sampler `borderColor` is one of the opaque black colors (`VK_BORDER_COLOR_FLOAT_OPAQUE_BLACK` or `VK_BORDER_COLOR_INT_OPAQUE_BLACK`) and the image view VkComponentSwizzle for any of the VkComponentMapping components is not the identity swizzle.

- The VkImageLayout of any subresource in the image view does not match the VkDescriptorImageInfo::`imageLayout` used to write the image descriptor.

- The SPIR-V Image Format is not compatible with the image view's `format`.

- The sampler `unnormalizedCoordinates` is `VK_TRUE` and any of the limitations of unnormalized coordinates are violated.

- The SPIR-V instruction is one of the `OpImage*Dref*` instructions and the sampler `compareEnable` is `VK_FALSE`

- The SPIR-V instruction is not one of the `OpImage*Dref*` instructions and the sampler `compareEnable` is `VK_TRUE`

- The SPIR-V instruction is one of the `OpImage*Dref*` instructions and the image view `format` is not one of the depth/stencil formats with a depth component, or the image view aspect is not `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT`.

- The SPIR-V instruction's image variable's properties are not compatible with the image view:

  - Rules for `viewType`:

    - `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_1D` **must** have `Dim` = 1D, `Arrayed` = 0, `MS` = 0.

    - `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D` **must** have `Dim` = 2D, `Arrayed` = 0.

    - `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_3D` **must** have `Dim` = 3D, `Arrayed` = 0, `MS` = 0.

- VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE **must** have Dim = Cube, Arrayed = 0, MS = 0.

- VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_1D_ARRAY **must** have Dim = 1D, Arrayed = 1, MS = 0.

- VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY **must** have Dim = 2D, Arrayed = 1.

- VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE_ARRAY **must** have Dim = Cube, Arrayed = 1, MS = 0.

- If the image was created with VkImageCreateInfo::samples equal to VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT, the instruction **must** have MS = 0.

- If the image was created with VkImageCreateInfo::samples not equal to VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT, the instruction **must** have MS = 1.

- If the Sampled Type of the OpTypeImage does not match the numeric format of the image, as shown in the *SPIR-V Sampled Type* column of the Interpretation of Numeric Format table.

- If the signedness of any read or sample operation does not match the signedness of the image's format.

Only OpImageSample* and OpImageSparseSample* **can** be used with a sampler that enables sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion.

OpImageFetch, OpImageSparseFetch, OpImage*Gather, and OpImageSparse*Gather **must** not be used with a sampler that enables sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion.

The ConstOffset and Offset operands **must** not be used with a sampler that enables sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion.

Integer Texel Coordinate Validation

Integer texel coordinates are validated against the size of the image level, and the number of layers and number of samples in the image. For SPIR-V instructions that use integer texel coordinates, this is performed directly on the integer coordinates. For instructions that use normalized or unnormalized texel coordinates, this is performed on the coordinates that result after conversion to integer texel coordinates.

If the integer texel coordinates do not satisfy all of the conditions

$0 \le i < w_s$

$0 \le j < h_s$

$0 \le k < d_s$

$0 \le l < \text{layers}$

$0 \le n < \text{samples}$

where:

w_s = width of the image level

h_s = height of the image level

d_s = depth of the image level

layers = number of layers in the image

samples = number of samples per texel in the image

then the texel fails integer texel coordinate validation.

There are four cases to consider:

1. Valid Texel Coordinates

   ◦ If the texel coordinates pass validation (that is, the coordinates lie within the image),
   then the texel value comes from the value in image memory.

2. Border Texel

   ◦ If the texel coordinates fail validation, and
   ◦ If the read is the result of an image sample instruction or image gather instruction, and
   ◦ If the image is not a cube image,
   then the texel is a border texel and texel replacement is performed.

3. Invalid Texel

   ◦ If the texel coordinates fail validation, and
   ◦ If the read is the result of an image fetch instruction, image read instruction, or atomic instruction,
   then the texel is an invalid texel and texel replacement is performed.

4. Cube Map Edge or Corner

   Otherwise the texel coordinates lie beyond the edges or corners of the selected cube map face, and Cube map edge handling is performed.

Cube Map Edge Handling

If the texel coordinates lie beyond the edges or corners of the selected cube map face, the following

steps are performed. Note that this does not occur when using `VK_FILTER_NEAREST` filtering within a mip level, since `VK_FILTER_NEAREST` is treated as using `VK_SAMPLER_ADDRESS_MODE_CLAMP_TO_EDGE`.

- Cube Map Edge Texel

    ◦ If the texel lies beyond the selected cube map face in either only i or only j, then the coordinates (i,j) and the array layer l are transformed to select the adjacent texel from the appropriate neighboring face.

- Cube Map Corner Texel

    ◦ If the texel lies beyond the selected cube map face in both i and j, then there is no unique neighboring face from which to read that texel. The texel **should** be replaced by the average of the three values of the adjacent texels in each incident face. However, implementations **may** replace the cube map corner texel by other methods. The methods are subject to the constraint that if the three available texels have the same value, the resulting filtered texel **must** have that value.

Sparse Validation

If the texel reads from an unbound region of a sparse image, the texel is a *sparse unbound texel*, and processing continues with texel replacement.

Layout Validation

If all planes of a *disjoint multi-planar* image are not in the same image layout, the image **must** not be sampled with sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion enabled.

16.3.2. Format Conversion

Texels undergo a format conversion from the VkFormat of the image view to a vector of either floating point or signed or unsigned integer components, with the number of components based on the number of components present in the format.

- Color formats have one, two, three, or four components, according to the format.
- Depth/stencil formats are one component. The depth or stencil component is selected by the `aspectMask` of the image view.

Each component is converted based on its type and size (as defined in the Format Definition section for each VkFormat), using the appropriate equations in 16-Bit Floating-Point Numbers, Unsigned 11-Bit Floating-Point Numbers, Unsigned 10-Bit Floating-Point Numbers, Fixed-Point Data Conversion, and Shared Exponent to RGB. Signed integer components smaller than 32 bits are sign-extended.

If the image view format is sRGB, the color components are first converted as if they are UNORM, and then sRGB to linear conversion is applied to the R, G, and B components as described in the "sRGB EOTF" section of the Khronos Data Format Specification. The A component, if present, is unchanged.

If the image view format is block-compressed, then the texel value is first decoded, then converted based on the type and number of components defined by the compressed format.

16.3.3. Texel Replacement

A texel is replaced if it is one (and only one) of:

- a border texel,
- an invalid texel, or
- a sparse unbound texel.

Border texels are replaced with a value based on the image format and the `borderColor` of the sampler. The border color is:

Table 14. Border Color B

Sampler `borderColor`	Corresponding Border Color
`VK_BORDER_COLOR_FLOAT_TRANSPARENT_BLACK`	$[B_r, B_g, B_b, B_a] = [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0]$
`VK_BORDER_COLOR_FLOAT_OPAQUE_BLACK`	$[B_r, B_g, B_b, B_a] = [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0]$
`VK_BORDER_COLOR_FLOAT_OPAQUE_WHITE`	$[B_r, B_g, B_b, B_a] = [1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0]$
`VK_BORDER_COLOR_INT_TRANSPARENT_BLACK`	$[B_r, B_g, B_b, B_a] = [0, 0, 0, 0]$
`VK_BORDER_COLOR_INT_OPAQUE_BLACK`	$[B_r, B_g, B_b, B_a] = [0, 0, 0, 1]$
`VK_BORDER_COLOR_INT_OPAQUE_WHITE`	$[B_r, B_g, B_b, B_a] = [1, 1, 1, 1]$

> **Note**
>
> The names `VK_BORDER_COLOR_*_TRANSPARENT_BLACK`, `VK_BORDER_COLOR_*_OPAQUE_BLACK`, and `VK_BORDER_COLOR_*_OPAQUE_WHITE` are meant to describe which components are zeros and ones in the vocabulary of compositing, and are not meant to imply that the numerical value of `VK_BORDER_COLOR_INT_OPAQUE_WHITE` is a saturating value for integers.

This is substituted for the texel value by replacing the number of components in the image format

Table 15. Border Texel Components After Replacement

Texel Aspect or Format	Component Assignment
Depth aspect	$D = B_r$
Stencil aspect	$S = B_r$
One component color format	$Color_r = B_r$
Two component color format	$[Color_r, Color_g] = [B_r, B_g]$
Three component color format	$[Color_r, Color_g, Color_b] = [B_r, B_g, B_b]$
Four component color format	$[Color_r, Color_g, Color_b, Color_a] = [B_r, B_g, B_b, B_a]$

The value returned by a read of an invalid texel is undefined, unless that read operation is from a buffer resource and the `robustBufferAccess` feature is enabled. In that case, an invalid texel is replaced as described by the `robustBufferAccess` feature.

If the VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties::residencyNonResidentStrict property is VK_TRUE, a sparse unbound texel is replaced with 0 or 0.0 values for integer and floating-point components of the image format, respectively.

If residencyNonResidentStrict is VK_FALSE, the value of the sparse unbound texel is undefined.

16.3.4. Depth Compare Operation

If the image view has a depth/stencil format, the depth component is selected by the aspectMask, and the operation is a Dref instruction, a depth comparison is performed. The value of the result D is 1.0 if the result of the compare operation is true, and 0.0 otherwise. The compare operation is selected by the compareOp member of the sampler.

$$
\begin{aligned}
D = 1.0 \quad & \begin{cases}
D_{ref} \leq D_{tex} & \text{for LEQUAL} \\
D_{ref} \geq D_{tex} & \text{for GEQUAL} \\
D_{ref} < D_{tex} & \text{for LESS} \\
D_{ref} > D_{tex} & \text{for GREATER} \\
D_{ref} = D_{tex} & \text{for EQUAL} \\
D_{ref} \neq D_{tex} & \text{for NOTEQUAL} \\
true & \text{for ALWAYS} \\
false & \text{for NEVER}
\end{cases} \\
D = 0.0 \quad & \qquad\qquad\qquad\quad \text{otherwise}
\end{aligned}
$$

where D_{tex} is the texel depth value and D_{ref} is the reference value from the SPIR-V operand. If the image being sampled has a fixed-point format then the reference value is clamped to [0, 1] before the comparison operation.

16.3.5. Conversion to RGBA

The texel is expanded from one, two, or three components to four components based on the image base color:

Table 16. Texel Color After Conversion To RGBA

Texel Aspect or Format	RGBA Color
Depth aspect	$[Color_r, Color_g, Color_b, Color_a] = [D,0,0,one]$
Stencil aspect	$[Color_r, Color_g, Color_b, Color_a] = [S,0,0,one]$
One component color format	$[Color_r, Color_g, Color_b, Color_a] = [Color_r,0,0,one]$
Two component color format	$[Color_r, Color_g, Color_b, Color_a] = [Color_r,Color_g,0,one]$
Three component color format	$[Color_r, Color_g, Color_b, Color_a] = [Color_r,Color_g,Color_b,one]$
Four component color format	$[Color_r, Color_g, Color_b, Color_a] = [Color_r,Color_g,Color_b,Color_a]$

where one = 1.0f for floating-point formats and depth aspects, and one = 1 for integer formats and stencil aspects.

16.3.6. Component Swizzle

All texel input instructions apply a *swizzle* based on:

- the VkComponentSwizzle enums in the components member of the VkImageViewCreateInfo

structure for the image being read if sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion is not enabled, and

- the VkComponentSwizzle enums in the `components` member of the VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo structure for the sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion if sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion is enabled.

The swizzle **can** rearrange the components of the texel, or substitute zero or one for any components. It is defined as follows for each color component:

$$Color'_{component} = \begin{cases} Color_r & \text{for RED swizzle} \\ Color_g & \text{for GREEN swizzle} \\ Color_b & \text{for BLUE swizzle} \\ Color_a & \text{for ALPHA swizzle} \\ 0 & \text{for ZERO swizzle} \\ one & \text{for ONE swizzle} \\ identity & \text{for IDENTITY swizzle} \end{cases}$$

where:

$$one = \begin{cases} 1.0f & \text{for floating point components} \\ 1 & \text{for integer components} \end{cases}$$

$$identity = \begin{cases} Color_r & \text{for } component = r \\ Color_g & \text{for } component = g \\ Color_b & \text{for } component = b \\ Color_a & \text{for } component = a \end{cases}$$

If the border color is one of the VK_BORDER_COLOR_*_OPAQUE_BLACK enums and the VkComponentSwizzle is not the identity swizzle for all components, the value of the texel after swizzle is undefined.

16.3.7. Sparse Residency

OpImageSparse* instructions return a structure which includes a *residency code* indicating whether any texels accessed by the instruction are sparse unbound texels. This code **can** be interpreted by the OpImageSparseTexelsResident instruction which converts the residency code to a boolean value.

16.3.8. Chroma Reconstruction

In some color models, the color representation is defined in terms of monochromatic light intensity (often called "luma") and color differences relative to this intensity, often called "chroma". It is common for color models other than RGB to represent the chroma components at lower spatial resolution than the luma component. This approach is used to take advantage of the eye's lower spatial sensitivity to color compared with its sensitivity to brightness. Less commonly, the same approach is used with additive color, since the green component dominates the eye's sensitivity to light intensity and the spatial sensitivity to color introduced by red and blue is lower.

Lower-resolution components are "downsampled" by resizing them to a lower spatial resolution than the component representing luminance. This process is also commonly known as "chroma subsampling". There is one luminance sample in each texture texel, but each chrominance sample may be shared among several texels in one or both texture dimensions.

- "_444" formats do not spatially downsample chroma values compared with luma: there are

unique chroma samples for each texel.

- "_422" formats have downsampling in the x dimension (corresponding to *u* or *s* coordinates): they are sampled at half the resolution of luma in that dimension.

- "_420" formats have downsampling in the x dimension (corresponding to *u* or *s* coordinates) and the y dimension (corresponding to *v* or *t* coordinates): they are sampled at half the resolution of luma in both dimensions.

The process of reconstructing a full color value for texture access involves accessing both chroma and luma values at the same location. To generate the color accurately, the values of the lower-resolution components at the location of the luma samples must be reconstructed from the lower-resolution sample locations, an operation known here as "chroma reconstruction" irrespective of the actual color model.

The location of the chroma samples relative to the luma coordinates is determined by the xChromaOffset and yChromaOffset members of the VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo structure used to create the sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion.

The following diagrams show the relationship between unnormalized (*u,v*) coordinates and (*i,j*) integer texel positions in the luma component (shown in black, with circles showing integer sample positions) and the texel coordinates of reduced-resolution chroma components, shown as crosses in red.

> **Note**
>
> If the chroma values are reconstructed at the locations of the luma samples by means of interpolation, chroma samples from outside the image bounds are needed; these are determined according to Wrapping Operation. These diagrams represent this by showing the bounds of the "chroma texel" extending beyond the image bounds, and including additional chroma sample positions where required for interpolation. The limits of a sample for NEAREST sampling is shown as a grid.
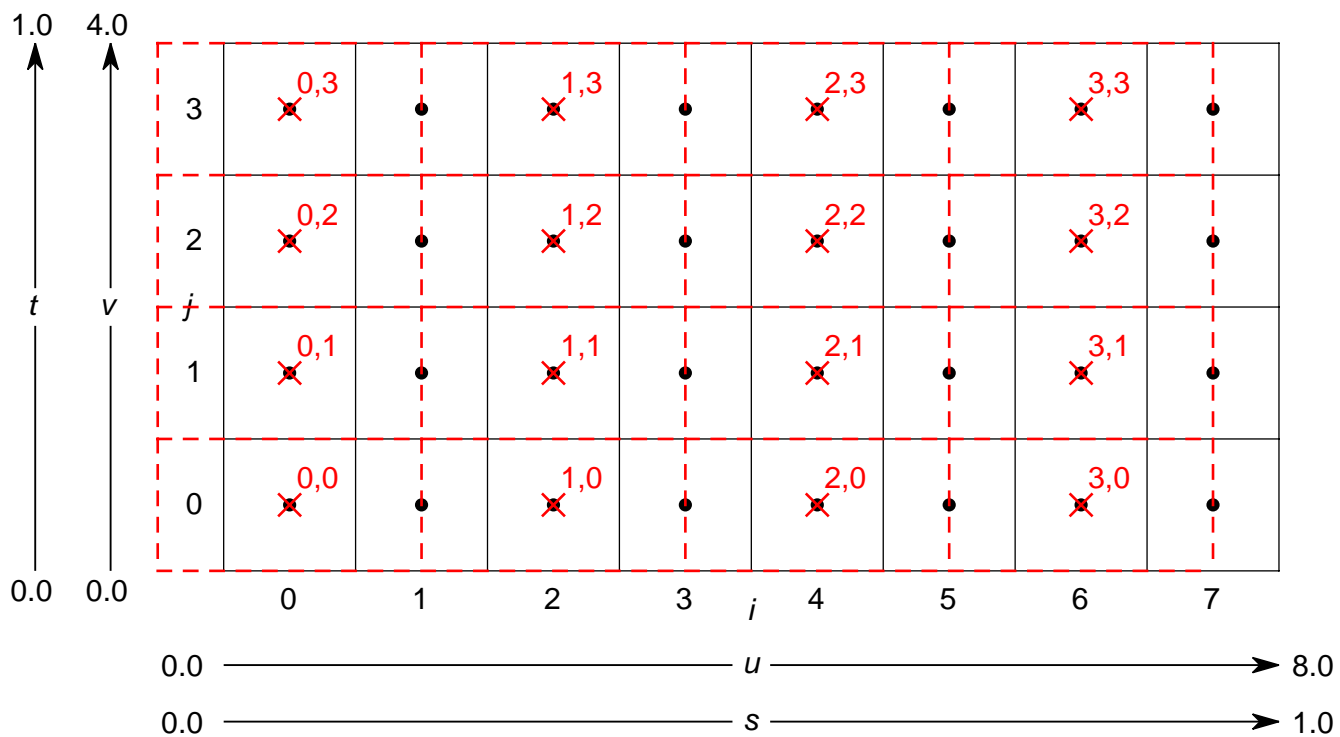
Figure 5. 422 downsampling, xChromaOffset=COSITED_EVEN
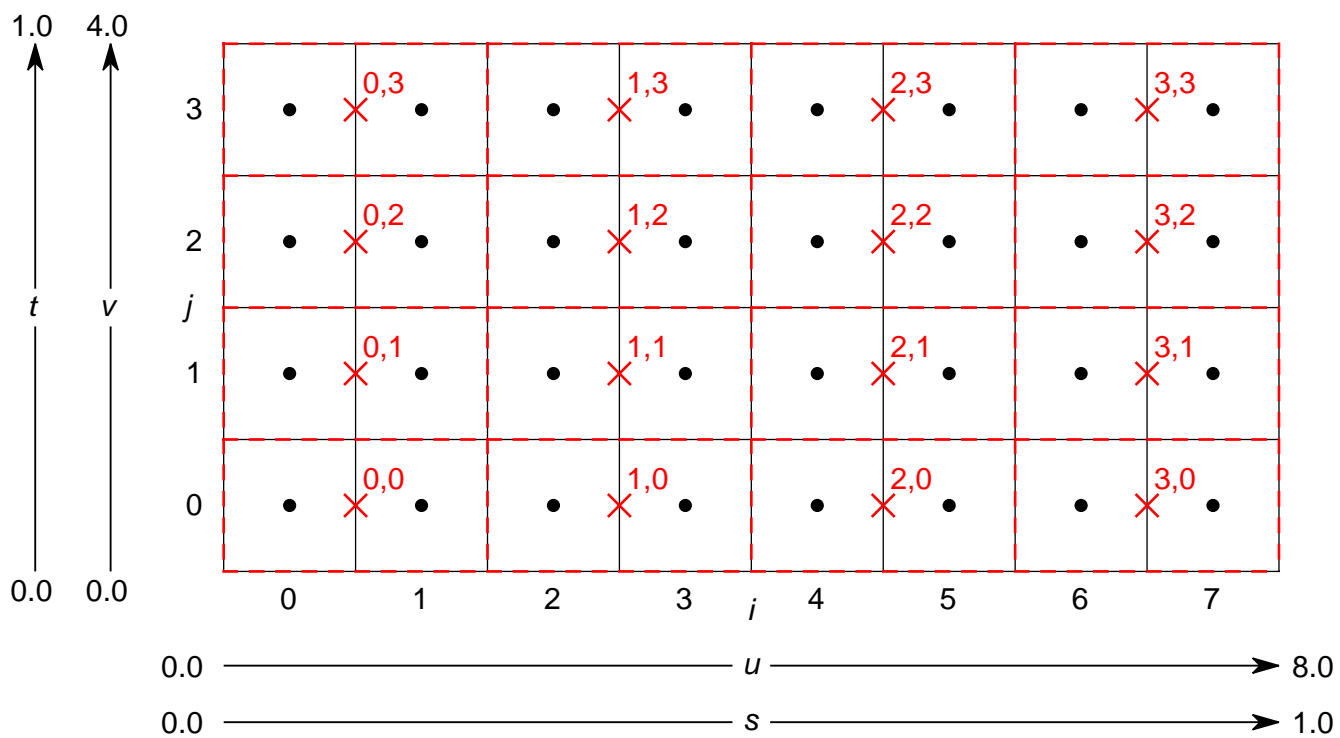
Figure 6. 422 downsampling, xChromaOffset=MIDPOINT
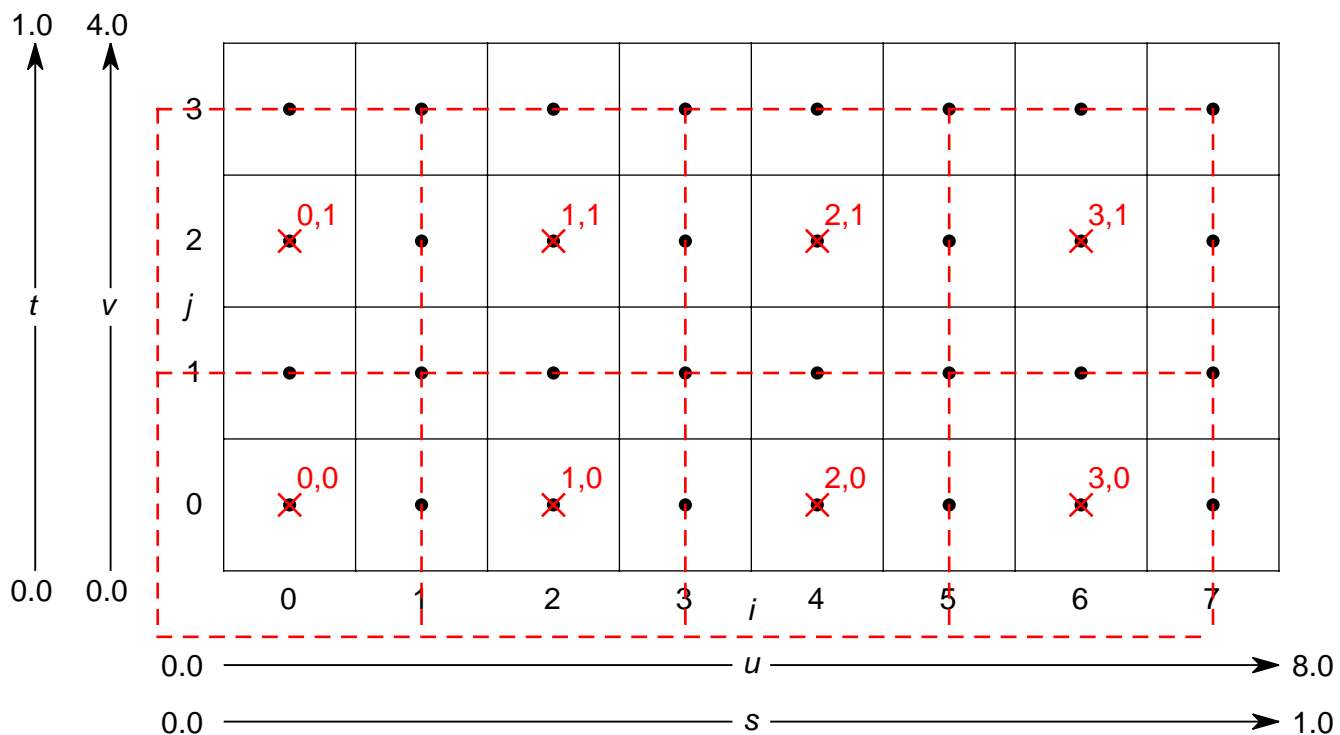
Figure 7. 420 downsampling, xChromaOffset=COSITED_EVEN, yChromaOffset=COSITED_EVEN
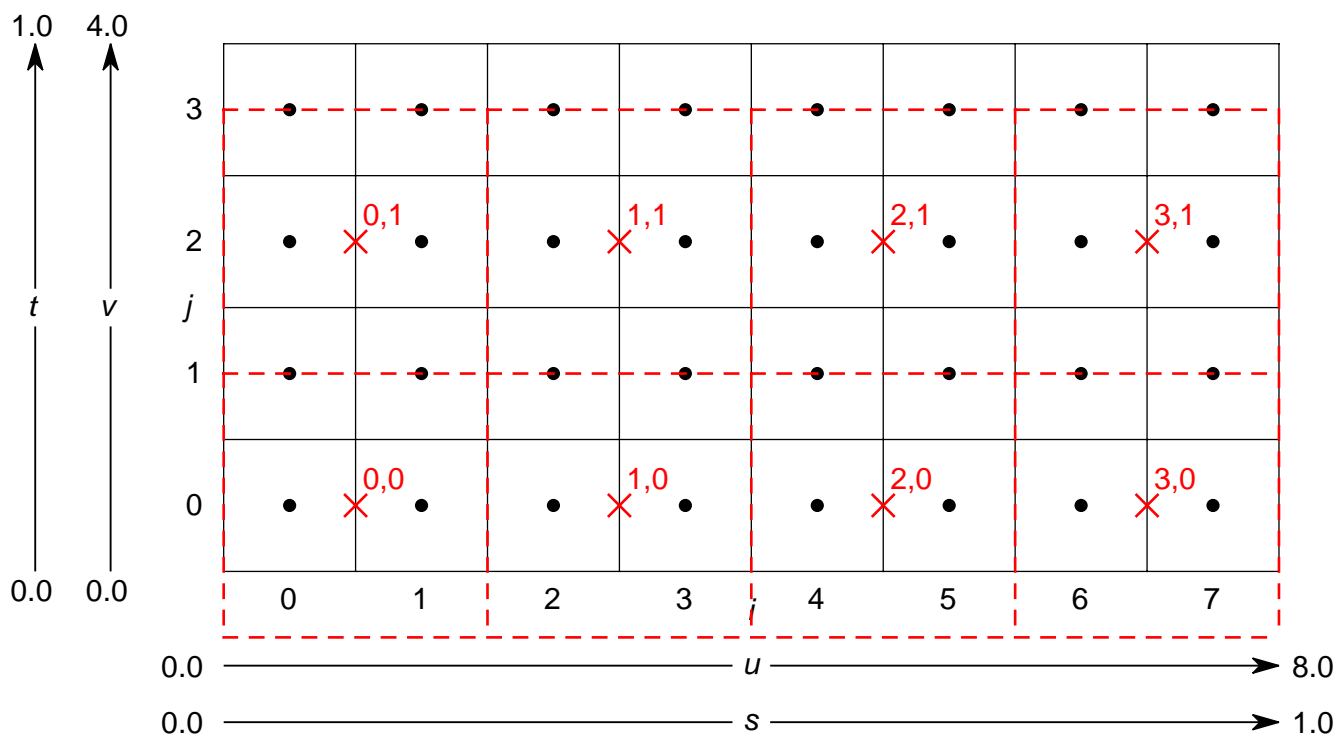
Figure 8. 420 downsampling, xChromaOffset=MIDPOINT, yChromaOffset=COSITED_EVEN
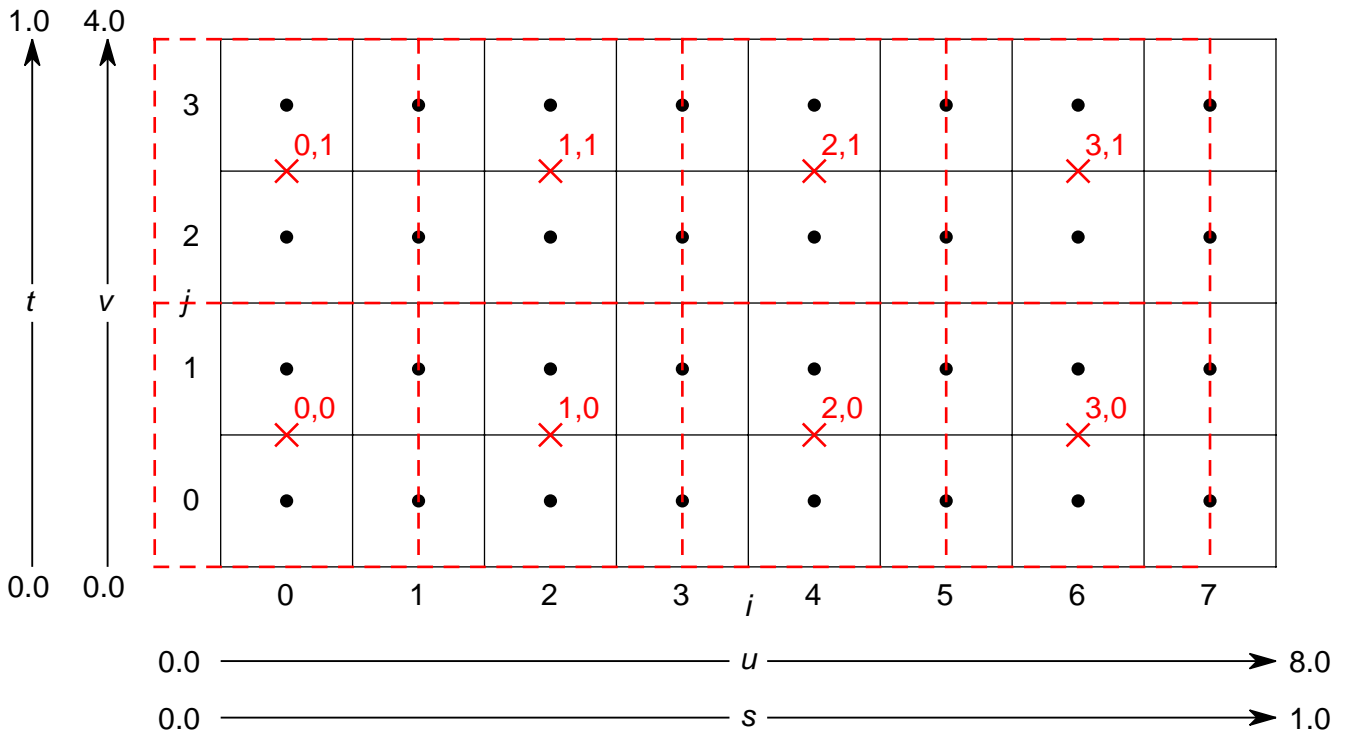
Figure 9. 420 downsampling, xChromaOffset=COSITED_EVEN, yChromaOffset=MIDPOINT
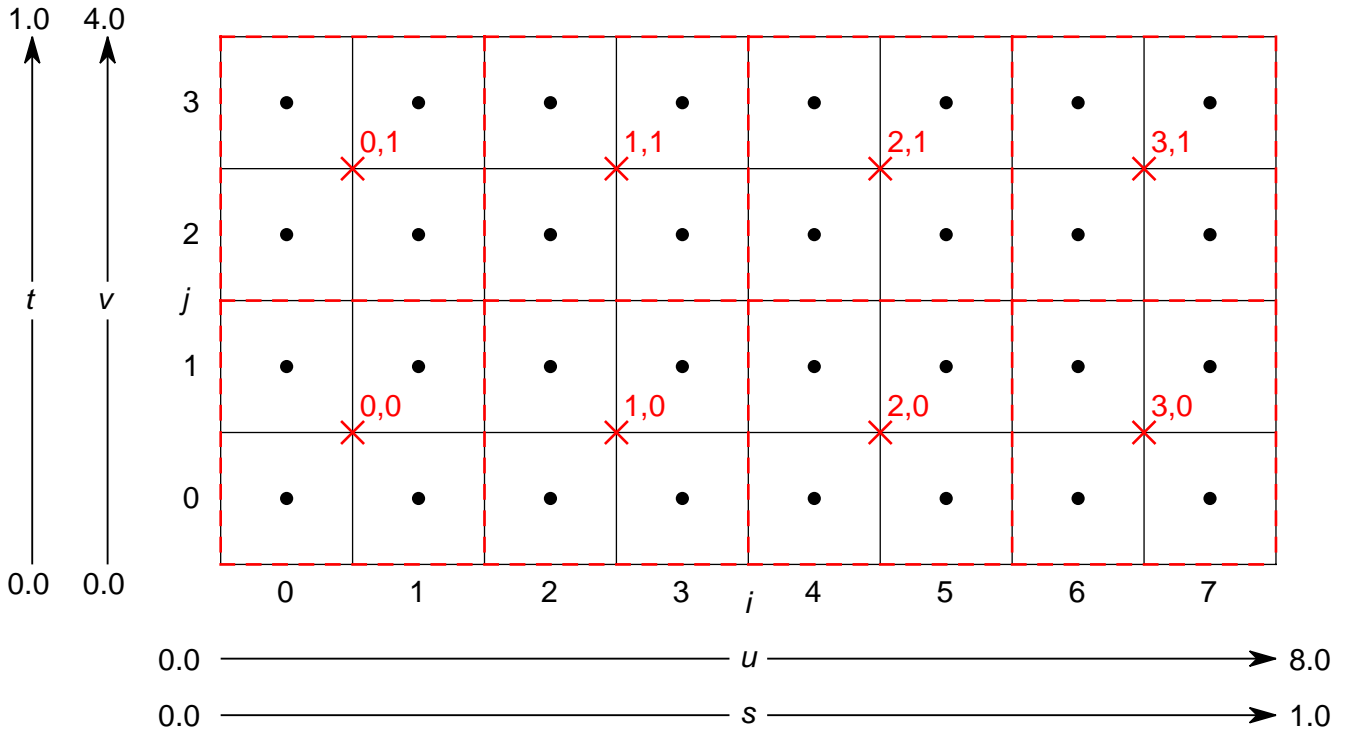
Figure 10. 420 downsampling, xChromaOffset=MIDPOINT, yChromaOffset=MIDPOINT

Reconstruction is implemented in one of two ways:

If the format of the image that is to be sampled sets `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_CHROMA_RECONSTRUCTION_EXPLICIT_BIT`, or the VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo's `forceExplicitReconstruction` is set to `VK_TRUE`, reconstruction is performed as an explicit step independent of filtering, described in the Explicit Reconstruction section.

If the format of the image that is to be sampled does not set `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_CHROMA_RECONSTRUCTION_EXPLICIT_BIT` and if the

VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo's `forceExplicitReconstruction` is set to `VK_FALSE`, reconstruction is performed as an implicit part of filtering prior to color model conversion, with no separate post-conversion texel filtering step, as described in the Implicit Reconstruction section.

Explicit Reconstruction

- If the `chromaFilter` member of the VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo structure is `VK_FILTER_NEAREST`:

  - If the format's R and B components are reduced in resolution in just width by a factor of two relative to the G component (i.e. this is a "`_422`" format), the $\tau_{ijk}[level]$ values accessed by texel filtering are reconstructed as follows:

    $$\tau_R{}'(i, j) = \tau_R(\lfloor i \times 0.5 \rfloor, j)[level]$$
    $$\tau_B{}'(i, j) = \tau_B(\lfloor i \times 0.5 \rfloor, j)[level]$$

  - If the format's R and B components are reduced in resolution in width and height by a factor of two relative to the G component (i.e. this is a "`_420`" format), the $\tau_{ijk}[level]$ values accessed by texel filtering are reconstructed as follows:

    $$\tau_R{}'(i, j) = \tau_R(\lfloor i \times 0.5 \rfloor, \lfloor j \times 0.5 \rfloor)[level]$$
    $$\tau_B{}'(i, j) = \tau_B(\lfloor i \times 0.5 \rfloor, \lfloor j \times 0.5 \rfloor)[level]$$

    > **Note**
    >
    > `xChromaOffset` and `yChromaOffset` have no effect if `chromaFilter` is `VK_FILTER_NEAREST` for explicit reconstruction.

- If the `chromaFilter` member of the VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo structure is `VK_FILTER_LINEAR`:

  - If the format's R and B components are reduced in resolution in just width by a factor of two relative to the G component (i.e. this is a "`_422`" format):

    - If `xChromaOffset` is `VK_CHROMA_LOCATION_COSITED_EVEN`:

      $$\tau_{RB}{}'(i, j) = \begin{cases} \tau_{RB}(\lfloor i \times 0.5 \rfloor, j)[level], & 0.5 \times i = \lfloor 0.5 \times i \rfloor \\ 0.5 \times \tau_{RB}(\lfloor i \times 0.5 \rfloor, j)[level] + \\ 0.5 \times \tau_{RB}(\lfloor i \times 0.5 \rfloor + 1, j)[level], & 0.5 \times i \neq \lfloor 0.5 \times i \rfloor \end{cases}$$

    - If `xChromaOffset` is `VK_CHROMA_LOCATION_MIDPOINT`:

      $$\tau_{RB}{}'(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0.25 \times \tau_{RB}(\lfloor i \times 0.5 \rfloor - 1, j)[level] + \\ 0.75 \times \tau_{RB}(\lfloor i \times 0.5 \rfloor, j)[level], & 0.5 \times i = \lfloor 0.5 \times i \rfloor \\ 0.75 \times \tau_{RB}(\lfloor i \times 0.5 \rfloor, j)[level] + \\ 0.25 \times \tau_{RB}(\lfloor i \times 0.5 \rfloor + 1, j)[level], & 0.5 \times i \neq \lfloor 0.5 \times i \rfloor \end{cases}$$

  - If the format's R and B components are reduced in resolution in width and height by a factor of two relative to the G component (i.e. this is a "`_420`" format), a similar relationship applies. Due to the number of options, these formulae are expressed more concisely as follows:

$$i_{RB} = \begin{cases} 0.5 \times (i) & \text{xChromaOffset=COSITED\_EVEN} \\ 0.5 \times (i - 0.5) & \text{xChromaOffset=MIDPOINT} \end{cases}$$

$$j_{RB} = \begin{cases} 0.5 \times (j) & \text{yChromaOffset=COSITED\_EVEN} \\ 0.5 \times (j - 0.5) & \text{yChromaOffset=MIDPOINT} \end{cases}$$

$$i_{floor} = \lfloor i_{RB} \rfloor$$
$$j_{floor} = \lfloor j_{RB} \rfloor$$
$$i_{frac} = i_{RB} - i_{floor}$$
$$j_{frac} = j_{RB} - j_{floor}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{RB}{}'(i, j) = \ & \tau_{RB}(i_{floor}, j_{floor})[level] & \times (1 - i_{frac}) & \times & (1 - j_{frac}) + \\ & \tau_{RB}(1 + i_{floor}, j_{floor})[level] & \times (i_{frac}) & \times & (1 - j_{frac}) + \\ & \tau_{RB}(i_{floor}, 1 + j_{floor})[level] & \times (1 - i_{frac}) & \times & (j_{frac}) + \\ & \tau_{RB}(1 + i_{floor}, 1 + j_{floor})[level] & \times (i_{frac}) & \times & (j_{frac}) \end{aligned}$$

> **Note**
>
> In the case where the texture itself is bilinearly interpolated as described in Texel Filtering, thus requiring four full-color samples for the filtering operation, and where the reconstruction of these samples uses bilinear interpolation in the chroma components due to `chromaFilter`=`VK_FILTER_LINEAR`, up to nine chroma samples may be required, depending on the sample location.

Implicit Reconstruction

Implicit reconstruction takes place by the samples being interpolated, as required by the filter settings of the sampler, except that `chromaFilter` takes precedence for the chroma samples.

If `chromaFilter` is `VK_FILTER_NEAREST`, an implementation **may** behave as if `xChromaOffset` and `yChromaOffset` were both `VK_CHROMA_LOCATION_MIDPOINT`, irrespective of the values set.

> **Note**
>
> This will not have any visible effect if the locations of the luma samples coincide with the location of the samples used for rasterization.

The sample coordinates are adjusted by the downsample factor of the component (such that, for example, the sample coordinates are divided by two if the component has a downsample factor of two relative to the luma component):

$$u_{RB}{}'(422/420) = \begin{cases} 0.5 \times (u + 0.5), & \text{xChromaOffset=COSITED\_EVEN} \\ 0.5 \times u, & \text{xChromaOffset=MIDPOINT} \end{cases}$$

$$v_{RB}{}'(420) = \begin{cases} 0.5 \times (v + 0.5), & \text{yChromaOffset=COSITED\_EVEN} \\ 0.5 \times v, & \text{yChromaOffset=MIDPOINT} \end{cases}$$

16.3.9. Sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ Conversion

Sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion performs the following operations, which an implementation **may** combine into a single mathematical operation:

- Sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ Range Expansion
- Sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ Model Conversion

Sampler Y'C_BC_R Range Expansion

Sampler Y'C_BC_R range expansion is applied to color component values after all texel input operations which are not specific to sampler Y'C_BC_R conversion. For example, the input values to this stage have been converted using the normal format conversion rules.

Sampler Y'C_BC_R range expansion is not applied if `ycbcrModel` is `VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_RGB_IDENTITY`. That is, the shader receives the vector C'_rgba as output by the Component Swizzle stage without further modification.

For other values of `ycbcrModel`, range expansion is applied to the texel component values output by the Component Swizzle defined by the `components` member of VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo. Range expansion applies independently to each component of the image. For the purposes of range expansion and Y'C_BC_R model conversion, the R and B components contain color difference (chroma) values and the G component contains luma. The A component is not modified by sampler Y'C_BC_R range expansion.

The range expansion to be applied is defined by the `ycbcrRange` member of the VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo structure:

- If `ycbcrRange` is `VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_RANGE_ITU_FULL`, the following transformations are applied:

$$Y' = C'_{rgba}[G]$$
$$C_B = C'_{rgba}[B] - \frac{2^{(n-1)}}{(2^n)-1}$$
$$C_R = C'_{rgba}[R] - \frac{2^{(n-1)}}{(2^n)-1}$$

> **Note**
>
> These formulae correspond to the "full range" encoding in the "Quantization schemes" chapter of the Khronos Data Format Specification.
>
> Should any future amendments be made to the ITU specifications from which these equations are derived, the formulae used by Vulkan **may** also be updated to maintain parity.

- If `ycbcrRange` is `VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_RANGE_ITU_NARROW`, the following transformations are applied:

$$Y' = \frac{C'_{rgba}[G] \times (2^n - 1) - 16 \times 2^{n-8}}{219 \times 2^{n-8}}$$
$$C_B = \frac{C'_{rgba}[B] \times (2^n - 1) - 128 \times 2^{n-8}}{224 \times 2^{n-8}}$$
$$C_R = \frac{C'_{rgba}[R] \times (2^n - 1) - 128 \times 2^{n-8}}{224 \times 2^{n-8}}$$

> **Note**
>
> These formulae correspond to the "narrow range" encoding in the "Quantization schemes" chapter of the Khronos Data Format Specification.

- n is the bit-depth of the components in the format.

The precision of the operations performed during range expansion **must** be at least that of the source format.

An implementation **may** clamp the results of these range expansion operations such that Y' falls in the range [0,1], and/or such that C_B and C_R fall in the range [-0.5,0.5].

Sampler Y'$C_B$$C_R$ Model Conversion

The range-expanded values are converted between color models, according to the color model conversion specified in the `ycbcrModel` member:

`VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_RGB_IDENTITY`

> The color components are not modified by the color model conversion since they are assumed already to represent the desired color model in which the shader is operating; Y'$C_B$$C_R$ range expansion is also ignored.

`VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_YCBCR_IDENTITY`

> The color components are not modified by the color model conversion and are assumed to be treated as though in Y'$C_B$$C_R$ form both in memory and in the shader; Y'$C_B$$C_R$ range expansion is applied to the components as for other Y'$C_B$$C_R$ models, with the vector (C_R,Y',C_B,A) provided to the shader.

`VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_YCBCR_709`

> The color components are transformed from a Y'$C_B$$C_R$ representation to an R'G'B' representation as described in the "BT.709 Y'$C_B$$C_R$ conversion" section of the Khronos Data Format Specification.

`VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_YCBCR_601`

> The color components are transformed from a Y'$C_B$$C_R$ representation to an R'G'B' representation as described in the "BT.601 Y'$C_B$$C_R$ conversion" section of the Khronos Data Format Specification.

`VK_SAMPLER_YCBCR_MODEL_CONVERSION_YCBCR_2020`

> The color components are transformed from a Y'$C_B$$C_R$ representation to an R'G'B' representation as described in the "BT.2020 Y'$C_B$$C_R$ conversion" section of the Khronos Data Format Specification.

In this operation, each output component is dependent on each input component.

An implementation **may** clamp the R'G'B' results of these conversions to the range [0,1].

The precision of the operations performed during model conversion **must** be at least that of the source format.

The alpha component is not modified by these model conversions.

Note

Sampling operations in a non-linear color space can introduce color and intensity shifts at sharp transition boundaries. To avoid this issue, the technically precise color correction sequence described in the "Introduction to Color Conversions" chapter of the Khronos Data Format Specification may be performed as follows:

- Calculate the unnormalized texel coordinates corresponding to the desired sample position.

- For a `minFilter` or `magFilter` of `VK_FILTER_NEAREST`:

  1. Calculate (i,j) for the sample location as described under the "nearest filtering" formulae in (u,v,w,a) to (i,j,k,l,n) Transformation And Array Layer Selection

  2. Calculate the normalized texel coordinates corresponding to these integer coordinates.

  3. Sample using sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion at this location.

- For a `minFilter` or `magFilter` of `VK_FILTER_LINEAR`:

  1. Calculate ($i_{[0,1]},j_{[0,1]}$) for the sample location as described under the "linear filtering" formulae in (u,v,w,a) to (i,j,k,l,n) Transformation And Array Layer Selection

  2. Calculate the normalized texel coordinates corresponding to these integer coordinates.

  3. Sample using sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion at each of these locations.

  4. Convert the non-linear A'R'G'B' outputs of the $Y'C_BC_R$ conversions to linear ARGB values as described in the "Transfer Functions" chapter of the Khronos Data Format Specification.

  5. Interpolate the linear ARGB values using the α and β values described in the "linear filtering" section of (u,v,w,a) to (i,j,k,l,n) Transformation And Array Layer Selection and the equations in Texel Filtering.

The additional calculations and, especially, additional number of sampling operations in the `VK_FILTER_LINEAR` case can be expected to have a performance impact compared with using the outputs directly. Since the variations from "correct" results are subtle for most content, the application author should determine whether a more costly implementation is strictly necessary.

If `chromaFilter`, and `minFilter` or `magFilter` are both `VK_FILTER_NEAREST`, these operations are redundant and sampling using sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion at the desired sample coordinates will produce the "correct" results without further processing.

16.4. Texel Output Operations

Texel output instructions are SPIR-V image instructions that write to an image. *Texel output*

operations are a set of steps that are performed on state, coordinates, and texel values while processing a texel output instruction, and which are common to some or all texel output instructions. They include the following steps, which are performed in the listed order:

- Validation operations
  - Format validation
  - Type validation
  - Coordinate validation
  - Sparse validation
- Texel output format conversion

16.4.1. Texel Output Validation Operations

Texel output validation operations inspect instruction/image state or coordinates, and in certain circumstances cause the write to have no effect. There are a series of validations that the texel undergoes.

Texel Format Validation

If the image format of the `OpTypeImage` is not compatible with the `VkImageView`'s `format`, the write causes the contents of the image's memory to become undefined.

Texel Type Validation

If the `Sampled Type` of the `OpTypeImage` does not match the type defined for the format, as specified in the *SPIR-V Sampled Type* column of the Interpretation of Numeric Format table, the write causes the value of the texel to become undefined. For integer types, if the signedness of the access does not match the signedness of the accessed resource, the write causes the value of the texel to become undefined.

16.4.2. Integer Texel Coordinate Validation

The integer texel coordinates are validated according to the same rules as for texel input coordinate validation.

If the texel fails integer texel coordinate validation, then the write has no effect.

16.4.3. Sparse Texel Operation

If the texel attempts to write to an unbound region of a sparse image, the texel is a sparse unbound texel. In such a case, if the VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties::residencyNonResidentStrict property is `VK_TRUE`, the sparse unbound texel write has no effect. If `residencyNonResidentStrict` is `VK_FALSE`, the write **may** have a side effect that becomes visible to other accesses to unbound texels in any resource, but will not be visible to any device memory allocated by the application.

16.4.4. Texel Output Format Conversion

If the image format is sRGB, a linear to sRGB conversion is applied to the R, G, and B components as described in the "sRGB EOTF" section of the Khronos Data Format Specification. The A component, if present, is unchanged.

Texels then undergo a format conversion from the floating point, signed, or unsigned integer type of the texel data to the VkFormat of the image view. Any unused components are ignored.

Each component is converted based on its type and size (as defined in the Format Definition section for each VkFormat). Floating-point outputs are converted as described in Floating-Point Format Conversions and Fixed-Point Data Conversion. Integer outputs are converted such that their value is preserved. The converted value of any integer that cannot be represented in the target format is undefined.

16.5. Normalized Texel Coordinate Operations

If the image sampler instruction provides normalized texel coordinates, some of the following operations are performed.

16.5.1. Projection Operation

For `Proj` image operations, the normalized texel coordinates (s,t,r,q,a) and (if present) the D_{ref} coordinate are transformed as follows:

$$s = \frac{s}{q}, \qquad \text{for 1D, 2D, or 3D image}$$

$$t = \frac{t}{q}, \qquad \text{for 2D or 3D image}$$

$$r = \frac{r}{q}, \qquad \text{for 3D image}$$

$$D_{ref} = \frac{D_{ref}}{q}, \qquad \text{if provided}$$

16.5.2. Derivative Image Operations

Derivatives are used for LOD selection. These derivatives are either implicit (in an `ImplicitLod` image instruction in a fragment shader) or explicit (provided explicitly by shader to the image instruction in any shader).

For implicit derivatives image instructions, the derivatives of texel coordinates are calculated in the same manner as derivative operations. That is:

$$\partial s / \partial x = dPdx(s), \qquad \partial s / \partial y = dPdy(s), \qquad \text{for 1D, 2D, Cube, or 3D image}$$
$$\partial t / \partial x = dPdx(t), \qquad \partial t / \partial y = dPdy(t), \qquad \text{for 2D, Cube, or 3D image}$$
$$\partial r / \partial x = dPdx(r), \qquad \partial r / \partial y = dPdy(r), \qquad \text{for Cube or 3D image}$$

Partial derivatives not defined above for certain image dimensionalities are set to zero.

For explicit LOD image instructions, if the **optional** SPIR-V operand `Grad` is provided, then the operand values are used for the derivatives. The number of components present in each derivative

for a given image dimensionality matches the number of partial derivatives computed above.

If the **optional** SPIR-V operand Lod is provided, then derivatives are set to zero, the cube map derivative transformation is skipped, and the scale factor operation is skipped. Instead, the floating point scalar coordinate is directly assigned to λ_{base} as described in Level-of-Detail Operation.

16.5.3. Cube Map Face Selection and Transformations

For cube map image instructions, the (s,t,r) coordinates are treated as a direction vector (r_x, r_y, r_z). The direction vector is used to select a cube map face. The direction vector is transformed to a per-face texel coordinate system (s_{face}, t_{face}), The direction vector is also used to transform the derivatives to per-face derivatives.

16.5.4. Cube Map Face Selection

The direction vector selects one of the cube map's faces based on the largest magnitude coordinate direction (the major axis direction). Since two or more coordinates **can** have identical magnitude, the implementation **must** have rules to disambiguate this situation.

The rules **should** have as the first rule that r_z wins over r_y and r_x, and the second rule that r_y wins over r_x. An implementation **may** choose other rules, but the rules **must** be deterministic and depend only on (r_x, r_y, r_z).

The layer number (corresponding to a cube map face), the coordinate selections for s_c, t_c, r_c, and the selection of derivatives, are determined by the major axis direction as specified in the following two tables.

Table 17. Cube map face and coordinate selection

Major Axis Direction	Layer Number	Cube Map Face	s_c	t_c	r_c
$+r_x$	0	Positive X	$-r_z$	$-r_y$	r_x
$-r_x$	1	Negative X	$+r_z$	$-r_y$	r_x
$+r_y$	2	Positive Y	$+r_x$	$+r_z$	r_y
$-r_y$	3	Negative Y	$+r_x$	$-r_z$	r_y
$+r_z$	4	Positive Z	$+r_x$	$-r_y$	r_z
$-r_z$	5	Negative Z	$-r_x$	$-r_y$	r_z

Table 18. Cube map derivative selection

Major Axis Direction	$\partial s_c / \partial x$	$\partial s_c / \partial y$	$\partial t_c / \partial x$	$\partial t_c / \partial y$	$\partial r_c / \partial x$	$\partial r_c / \partial y$
$+r_x$	$-\partial r_z / \partial x$	$-\partial r_z / \partial y$	$-\partial r_y / \partial x$	$-\partial r_y / \partial y$	$+\partial r_x / \partial x$	$+\partial r_x / \partial y$
$-r_x$	$+\partial r_z / \partial x$	$+\partial r_z / \partial y$	$-\partial r_y / \partial x$	$-\partial r_y / \partial y$	$-\partial r_x / \partial x$	$-\partial r_x / \partial y$

Major Axis Direction	$\partial s_c / \partial x$	$\partial s_c / \partial y$	$\partial t_c / \partial x$	$\partial t_c / \partial y$	$\partial r_c / \partial x$	$\partial r_c / \partial y$
$+r_y$	$+\partial r_x / \partial x$	$+\partial r_x / \partial y$	$+\partial r_z / \partial x$	$+\partial r_z / \partial y$	$+\partial r_y / \partial x$	$+\partial r_y / \partial y$
$-r_y$	$+\partial r_x / \partial x$	$+\partial r_x / \partial y$	$-\partial r_z / \partial x$	$-\partial r_z / \partial y$	$-\partial r_y / \partial x$	$-\partial r_y / \partial y$
$+r_z$	$+\partial r_x / \partial x$	$+\partial r_x / \partial y$	$-\partial r_y / \partial x$	$-\partial r_y / \partial y$	$+\partial r_z / \partial x$	$+\partial r_z / \partial y$
$-r_z$	$-\partial r_x / \partial x$	$-\partial r_x / \partial y$	$-\partial r_y / \partial x$	$-\partial r_y / \partial y$	$-\partial r_z / \partial x$	$-\partial r_z / \partial y$

16.5.5. Cube Map Coordinate Transformation

$$s_{face} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{s_c}{|r_c|} + \frac{1}{2}$$
$$t_{face} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{t_c}{|r_c|} + \frac{1}{2}$$

16.5.6. Cube Map Derivative Transformation

$$\frac{\partial s_{face}}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{s_c}{|r_c|} + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$
$$\frac{\partial s_{face}}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(\frac{s_c}{|r_c|}\right)$$
$$\frac{\partial s_{face}}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2} \times \left(\frac{|r_c| \times \partial s_c / \partial x - s_c \times \partial r_c / \partial x}{(r_c)^2}\right)$$

$$\frac{\partial s_{face}}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \times \left(\frac{|r_c| \times \partial s_c / \partial y - s_c \times \partial r_c / \partial y}{(r_c)^2}\right)$$
$$\frac{\partial t_{face}}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{2} \times \left(\frac{|r_c| \times \partial t_c / \partial x - t_c \times \partial r_c / \partial x}{(r_c)^2}\right)$$
$$\frac{\partial t_{face}}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2} \times \left(\frac{|r_c| \times \partial t_c / \partial y - t_c \times \partial r_c / \partial y}{(r_c)^2}\right)$$

16.5.7. Scale Factor Operation, Level-of-Detail Operation and Image Level(s) Selection

LOD selection **can** be either explicit (provided explicitly by the image instruction) or implicit (determined from a scale factor calculated from the derivatives). The LOD **must** be computed with `mipmapPrecisionBits` of accuracy.

Scale Factor Operation

The magnitude of the derivatives are calculated by:

$m_{ux} = |\partial s/\partial x| \times w_{base}$

$m_{vx} = |\partial t/\partial x| \times h_{base}$

$m_{wx} = |\partial r/\partial x| \times d_{base}$

$m_{uy} = |\partial s/\partial y| \times w_{base}$

$m_{vy} = |\partial t/\partial y| \times h_{base}$

$m_{wy} = |\partial r/\partial y| \times d_{base}$

where:

$\partial t/\partial x = \partial t/\partial y = 0$ (for 1D images)

$\partial r/\partial x = \partial r/\partial y = 0$ (for 1D, 2D or Cube images)

and:

$w_{base} = image.w$

$h_{base} = image.h$

$d_{base} = image.d$

(for the `baseMipLevel`, from the image descriptor).

A point sampled in screen space has an elliptical footprint in texture space. The minimum and maximum scale factors (ρ_{min}, ρ_{max}) **should** be the minor and major axes of this ellipse.

The *scale factors* ρ_x and ρ_y, calculated from the magnitude of the derivatives in x and y, are used to compute the minimum and maximum scale factors.

ρ_x and ρ_y **may** be approximated with functions f_x and f_y, subject to the following constraints:

$$f_x \text{ is continuous and monotonically increasing in each of } m_{ux}, m_{vx}, \text{ and } m_{wx}$$
$$f_y \text{ is continuous and monotonically increasing in each of } m_{uy}, m_{vy}, \text{ and } m_{wy}$$

$$\max(|m_{ux}|, |m_{vx}|, |m_{wx}|) \leq f_x \leq \sqrt{2}(|m_{ux}| + |m_{vx}| + |m_{wx}|)$$
$$\max(|m_{uy}|, |m_{vy}|, |m_{wy}|) \leq f_y \leq \sqrt{2}(|m_{uy}| + |m_{vy}| + |m_{wy}|)$$

The minimum and maximum scale factors (ρ_{min}, ρ_{max}) are determined by:

$$\rho_{max} = \max(\rho_x, \rho_y)$$

$$\rho_{min} = \min(\rho_x, \rho_y)$$

The ratio of anisotropy is determined by:

$$\eta = \min(\rho_{max}/\rho_{min}, \text{max}_{Aniso})$$

where:

$$\text{sampler.max}_{Aniso} = \texttt{maxAnisotropy} \text{ (from sampler descriptor)}$$

$$\text{limits.max}_{Aniso} = \texttt{maxSamplerAnisotropy} \text{ (from physical device limits)}$$

$$\text{max}_{Aniso} = \min(\text{sampler.max}_{Aniso}, \text{limits.max}_{Aniso})$$

If $\rho_{max} = \rho_{min} = 0$, then all the partial derivatives are zero, the fragment's footprint in texel space is a point, and η **should** be treated as 1. If $\rho_{max} \neq 0$ and $\rho_{min} = 0$ then all partial derivatives along one axis are zero, the fragment's footprint in texel space is a line segment, and η **should** be treated as max_{Aniso}. However, anytime the footprint is small in texel space the implementation **may** use a smaller value of η, even when ρ_{min} is zero or close to zero. If either VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::`samplerAnisotropy` or VkSamplerCreateInfo::`anisotropyEnable` are `VK_FALSE`, max_{Aniso} is set to 1.

If $\eta = 1$, sampling is isotropic. If $\eta > 1$, sampling is anisotropic.

The sampling rate (N) is derived as:

$$N = \lceil \eta \rceil$$

An implementation **may** round N up to the nearest supported sampling rate. An implementation **may** use the value of N as an approximation of η.

Level-of-Detail Operation

The LOD parameter λ is computed as follows:

$$\lambda_{base}(x, y) = \begin{cases} shaderOp.Lod & \text{(from optional SPIR-V operand)} \\ \log_2\left(\dfrac{\rho_{max}}{\eta}\right) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda'(x, y) = \lambda_{base} + \text{clamp}(sampler.bias + shaderOp.bias, -maxSamplerLodBias, maxSamplerLodBias)$$

$$\lambda = \begin{cases} lod_{max}, & \lambda' > lod_{max} \\ \lambda', & lod_{min} \leq \lambda' \leq lod_{max} \\ lod_{min}, & \lambda' < lod_{min} \\ undefined, & lod_{min} > lod_{max} \end{cases}$$

where:

$$sampler.bias = mipLodBias \qquad \text{(from sampler descriptor)}$$

$$shaderOp.bias = \begin{cases} Bias & \text{(from optional SPIR-V operand)} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$sampler.lod_{min} = minLod \qquad \text{(from sampler descriptor)}$$

$$shaderOp.lod_{min} = \begin{cases} MinLod & \text{(from optional SPIR-V operand)} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$lod_{min} = \max(sampler.lod_{min}, shaderOp.lod_{min})$$

$$lod_{max} = maxLod \qquad \text{(from sampler descriptor)}$$

and maxSamplerLodBias is the value of the [VkPhysicalDeviceLimits](#) feature `maxSamplerLodBias`.

Image Level(s) Selection

The image level(s) d, d_{hi}, and d_{lo} which texels are read from are determined by an image-level parameter d_l, which is computed based on the LOD parameter, as follows:

$$d_l = \begin{cases} nearest(d'), & \text{mipmapMode is VK\_SAMPLER\_MIPMAP\_MODE\_NEAREST} \\ d', & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where:

$$d' = level_{base} + \text{clamp}(\lambda, 0, q)$$

$$nearest(d') = \begin{cases} \lceil d' + 0.5 \rceil - 1, & \text{preferred} \\ \lfloor d' + 0.5 \rfloor, & \text{alternative} \end{cases}$$

and:

$$level_{base} = baseMipLevel$$

$$q = levelCount - 1$$

`baseMipLevel` and `levelCount` are taken from the `subresourceRange` of the image view.

If the sampler's `mipmapMode` is `VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_NEAREST`, then the level selected is d = d_l.

If the sampler's `mipmapMode` is `VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_LINEAR`, two neighboring levels are selected:

$$d_{hi} = \lfloor d_l \rfloor$$

$$d_{lo} = min(d_{hi} + 1, q)$$

$$\delta = d_l - d_{hi}$$

δ is the fractional value, quantized to the number of [mipmap precision bits](#), used for [linear filtering](#) between levels.

16.5.8. (s,t,r,q,a) to (u,v,w,a) Transformation

The normalized texel coordinates are scaled by the image level dimensions and the array layer is selected.

This transformation is performed once for each level used in [filtering](#) (either d, or d_{hi} and d_{lo}).

$$u(x, y) = s(x, y) \times width_{scale} + \Delta_i$$

$$v(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for 1D images} \\ t(x, y) \times height_{scale} + \Delta_j & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$w(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for 2D or Cube images} \\ r(x, y) \times depth_{scale} + \Delta_k & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$a(x, y) = \begin{cases} a(x, y) & \text{for array images} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where:

$$\text{width}_{\text{scale}} = \text{width}_{\text{level}}$$

$$\text{height}_{\text{scale}} = \text{height}_{\text{level}}$$

$$\text{depth}_{\text{scale}} = \text{depth}_{\text{level}}$$

and where (Δ_i, Δ_j, Δ_k) are taken from the image instruction if it includes a `ConstOffset` or `Offset` operand, otherwise they are taken to be zero.

Operations then proceed to Unnormalized Texel Coordinate Operations.

16.6. Unnormalized Texel Coordinate Operations

16.6.1. (u,v,w,a) to (i,j,k,l,n) Transformation And Array Layer Selection

The unnormalized texel coordinates are transformed to integer texel coordinates relative to the selected mipmap level.

The layer index l is computed as:

l = clamp(RNE(a), 0, `layerCount` - 1) + `baseArrayLayer`

where `layerCount` is the number of layers in the image subresource range of the image view, `baseArrayLayer` is the first layer from the subresource range, and where:

$$\text{RNE}(a) = \begin{cases} \text{roundTiesToEven}(a) & \text{preferred, from IEEE Std 754-2008 Floating-Point Arithmetic} \\ \lfloor a + 0.5 \rfloor & \text{alternative} \end{cases}$$

The sample index n is assigned the value 0.

Nearest filtering (`VK_FILTER_NEAREST`) computes the integer texel coordinates that the unnormalized coordinates lie within:

$$i = \lfloor u + shift \rfloor$$
$$j = \lfloor v + shift \rfloor$$
$$k = \lfloor w + shift \rfloor$$

where:

shift = 0.0

Linear filtering (`VK_FILTER_LINEAR`) computes a set of neighboring coordinates which bound the unnormalized coordinates. The integer texel coordinates are combinations of i_0 or i_1, j_0 or j_1, k_0 or k_1, as well as weights α, β, and γ.

$$i_0 = \lfloor u - shift \rfloor$$
$$i_1 = i_0 + 1$$
$$j_0 = \lfloor v - shift \rfloor$$
$$j_1 = j_0 + 1$$
$$k_0 = \lfloor w - shift \rfloor$$
$$k_1 = k_0 + 1$$

$$\alpha = \mathrm{frac}(u - shift)$$

$$\beta = \mathrm{frac}(v - shift)$$

$$\gamma = \mathrm{frac}(w - shift)$$

where:

shift = 0.5

and where:

$$\mathrm{frac}(x) = x - \lfloor x \rfloor$$

where the number of fraction bits retained is specified by `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits` `::subTexelPrecisionBits`.

16.7. Integer Texel Coordinate Operations

The `OpImageFetch` and `OpImageFetchSparse` SPIR-V instructions **may** supply a LOD from which texels are to be fetched using the optional SPIR-V operand `Lod`. Other integer-coordinate operations **must** not. If the `Lod` is provided then it **must** be an integer.

The image level selected is:

$$d = level_{base} + \begin{cases} Lod & \text{(from optional SPIR-V operand)} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If d does not lie in the range [`baseMipLevel`, `baseMipLevel` + `levelCount`) then any values fetched are undefined, and any writes (if supported) are discarded.

16.8. Image Sample Operations

16.8.1. Wrapping Operation

`Cube` images ignore the wrap modes specified in the sampler. Instead, if `VK_FILTER_NEAREST` is used within a mip level then `VK_SAMPLER_ADDRESS_MODE_CLAMP_TO_EDGE` is used, and if `VK_FILTER_LINEAR` is used within a mip level then sampling at the edges is performed as described earlier in the Cube map edge handling section.

The first integer texel coordinate i is transformed based on the `addressModeU` parameter of the sampler.

$$i = \begin{cases} i \bmod size & \text{for repeat} \\ (size - 1) - \text{mirror}\,((i \bmod (2 \times size)) - size) & \text{for mirrored repeat} \\ \text{clamp}\,(i, 0, size - 1) & \text{for clamp to edge} \\ \text{clamp}\,(i, -1, size) & \text{for clamp to border} \\ \text{clamp}\,(\text{mirror}\,(i), 0, size - 1) & \text{for mirror clamp to edge} \end{cases}$$

where:

$$\text{mirror}\,(n) = \begin{cases} n & \text{for } n \geq 0 \\ -(1 + n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

j (for 2D and Cube image) and k (for 3D image) are similarly transformed based on the `addressModeV` and `addressModeW` parameters of the sampler, respectively.

16.8.2. Texel Gathering

SPIR-V instructions with `Gather` in the name return a vector derived from 4 texels in the base level of the image view. The rules for the `VK_FILTER_LINEAR` minification filter are applied to identify the four selected texels. Each texel is then converted to an RGBA value according to conversion to RGBA and then swizzled. A four-component vector is then assembled by taking the component indicated by the `Component` value in the instruction from the swizzled color value of the four texels. If the operation does not use the `ConstOffsets` image operand then the four texels form the 2 × 2 rectangle used for texture filtering:

$$\tau[R] = \tau_{i0j1}[level_{base}][comp]$$
$$\tau[G] = \tau_{i1j1}[level_{base}][comp]$$
$$\tau[B] = \tau_{i1j0}[level_{base}][comp]$$
$$\tau[A] = \tau_{i0j0}[level_{base}][comp]$$

If the operation does use the `ConstOffsets` image operand then the offsets allow a custom filter to be defined:

$$\tau[R] = \tau_{i0j0 + \Delta_0}[level_{base}][comp]$$
$$\tau[G] = \tau_{i0j0 + \Delta_1}[level_{base}][comp]$$
$$\tau[B] = \tau_{i0j0 + \Delta_2}[level_{base}][comp]$$
$$\tau[A] = \tau_{i0j0 + \Delta_3}[level_{base}][comp]$$

where:

$$\tau[level_{base}][comp] = \begin{cases} \tau[level_{base}][R], & \text{for } comp = 0 \\ \tau[level_{base}][G], & \text{for } comp = 1 \\ \tau[level_{base}][B], & \text{for } comp = 2 \\ \tau[level_{base}][A], & \text{for } comp = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$comp \text{ from SPIR-V operand Component}$$

`OpImage*Gather` **must** not be used on a sampled image with sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion enabled.

16.8.3. Texel Filtering

Texel filtering is first performed for each level (either d or d_{hi} and d_{lo}).

If λ is less than or equal to zero, the texture is said to be *magnified*, and the filter mode within a mip level is selected by the `magFilter` in the sampler. If λ is greater than zero, the texture is said to be *minified*, and the filter mode within a mip level is selected by the `minFilter` in the sampler.

Texel Nearest Filtering

Within a mip level, `VK_FILTER_NEAREST` filtering selects a single value using the (i, j, k) texel coordinates, with all texels taken from layer l.

$$\tau[level] = \begin{cases} \tau_{ijk}[level], & \text{for 3D image} \\ \tau_{ij}[level], & \text{for 2D or Cube image} \\ \tau_{i}[level], & \text{for 1D image} \end{cases}$$

Texel Linear Filtering

Within a mip level, `VK_FILTER_LINEAR` filtering combines 8 (for 3D), 4 (for 2D or Cube), or 2 (for 1D) texel values, together with their linear weights. The linear weights are derived from the fractions computed earlier:

$$\begin{aligned} w_{i_0} &= (1 - \alpha) \\ w_{i_1} &= (\alpha) \\ w_{j_0} &= (1 - \beta) \\ w_{j_1} &= (\beta) \\ w_{k_0} &= (1 - \gamma) \\ w_{k_1} &= (\gamma) \end{aligned}$$

The values of multiple texels, together with their weights, are combined using a weighted average to produce a filtered value:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{3D} &= \sum_{k=k_0}^{k_1} \sum_{j=j_0}^{j_1} \sum_{i=i_0}^{i_1} (w_i)(w_j)(w_k)\tau_{ijk} \\ \tau_{2D} &= \sum_{j=j_0}^{j_1} \sum_{i=i_0}^{i_1} (w_i)(w_j)\tau_{ij} \\ \tau_{1D} &= \sum_{i=i_0}^{i_1} (w_i)\tau_{i} \end{aligned}$$

Texel Mipmap Filtering

`VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_NEAREST` filtering returns the value of a single mipmap level,

$\tau = \tau[d]$.

`VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_LINEAR` filtering combines the values of multiple mipmap levels (τ[hi] and τ[lo]), together with their linear weights.

The linear weights are derived from the fraction computed earlier:

$$w_{hi} = (1 - \delta)$$
$$w_{lo} = (\delta)$$

The values of multiple mipmap levels together with their linear weights, are combined using a weighted average to produce a final filtered value:

$$\tau = (w_{hi})\tau[hi] + (w_{lo})\tau[lo]$$

Texel Anisotropic Filtering

Anisotropic filtering is enabled by the `anisotropyEnable` in the sampler. When enabled, the image filtering scheme accounts for a degree of anisotropy.

The particular scheme for anisotropic texture filtering is implementation-dependent. Implementations **should** consider the `magFilter`, `minFilter` and `mipmapMode` of the sampler to control the specifics of the anisotropic filtering scheme used. In addition, implementations **should** consider `minLod` and `maxLod` of the sampler.

The following describes one particular approach to implementing anisotropic filtering for the 2D Image case, implementations **may** choose other methods:

Given a `magFilter`, `minFilter` of `VK_FILTER_LINEAR` and a `mipmapMode` of `VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_NEAREST`:

Instead of a single isotropic sample, N isotropic samples are sampled within the image footprint of the image level d to approximate an anisotropic filter. The sum $\tau_{2Daniso}$ is defined using the single isotropic $\tau_{2D}(u,v)$ at level d.

$$\tau_{2Daniso} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}\tau_{2D}\left(u\left(x - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{N+1},\, y\right),\left(v\left(x - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{N+1},\, y\right),\right)\right), \qquad \text{when}\,\rho_x > \rho_y$$

$$\tau_{2Daniso} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}\tau_{2D}\left(u\left(x,\, y - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{N+1}\right),\left(v\left(x,\, y - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{N+1}\right)\right)\right), \qquad \text{when}\,\rho_y \geq \rho_x$$

16.9. Image Operation Steps

Each step described in this chapter is performed by a subset of the image instructions:

- Texel Input Validation Operations, Format Conversion, Texel Replacement, Conversion to RGBA, and Component Swizzle: Performed by all instructions except `OpImageWrite`.

- Depth Comparison: Performed by `OpImage*Dref` instructions.

- All Texel output operations: Performed by `OpImageWrite`.

- Projection: Performed by all `OpImage*Proj` instructions.

- Derivative Image Operations, Cube Map Operations, Scale Factor Operation, Level-of-Detail Operation and Image Level(s) Selection, and Texel Anisotropic Filtering: Performed by all `OpImageSample*` and `OpImageSparseSample*` instructions.

- (s,t,r,q,a) to (u,v,w,a) Transformation, Wrapping, and (u,v,w,a) to (i,j,k,l,n) Transformation And Array Layer Selection: Performed by all `OpImageSample`, `OpImageSparseSample`, and `OpImage*Gather` instructions.

- Texel Gathering: Performed by `OpImage*Gather` instructions.

- Texel Filtering: Performed by all `OpImageSample*` and `OpImageSparseSample*` instructions.

- Sparse Residency: Performed by all `OpImageSparse*` instructions.

16.10. Image Query Instructions

16.10.1. Image Property Queries

`OpImageQuerySize`, `OpImageQuerySizeLod`, `OpImageQueryLevels`, and `OpImageQuerySamples` query properties of the image descriptor that would be accessed by a shader image operation.

`OpImageQuerySizeLod` returns the size of the image level identified by the `Level of Detail` operand. If that level does not exist in the image, then the value returned is undefined.

16.10.2. Lod Query

`OpImageQueryLod` returns the Lod parameters that would be used in an image operation with the given image and coordinates. The steps described in this chapter are performed as if for `OpImageSampleImplicitLod`, up to Scale Factor Operation, Level-of-Detail Operation and Image Level(s) Selection. The return value is the vector (λ', d_l). These values **may** be subject to implementation-specific maxima and minima for very large, out-of-range values.

Chapter 17. Queries

Queries provide a mechanism to return information about the processing of a sequence of Vulkan commands. Query operations are asynchronous, and as such, their results are not returned immediately. Instead, their results, and their availability status are stored in a Query Pool. The state of these queries **can** be read back on the host, or copied to a buffer object on the device.

The supported query types are Occlusion Queries, Pipeline Statistics Queries, and Timestamp Queries.

17.1. Query Pools

Queries are managed using *query pool* objects. Each query pool is a collection of a specific number of queries of a particular type.

Query pools are represented by `VkQueryPool` handles:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(VkQueryPool)
```

To create a query pool, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkCreateQueryPool(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkQueryPoolCreateInfo*                pCreateInfo,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator,
    VkQueryPool*                                pQueryPool);
```

- `device` is the logical device that creates the query pool.

- `pCreateInfo` is a pointer to a VkQueryPoolCreateInfo structure containing the number and type of queries to be managed by the pool.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

- `pQueryPool` is a pointer to a VkQueryPool handle in which the resulting query pool object is returned.

The VkQueryPoolCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkQueryPoolCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                 sType;
    const void*                     pNext;
    VkQueryPoolCreateFlags          flags;
    VkQueryType                     queryType;
    uint32_t                        queryCount;
    VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlags   pipelineStatistics;
} VkQueryPoolCreateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- flags is reserved for future use.

- queryType is a VkQueryType value specifying the type of queries managed by the pool.

- queryCount is the number of queries managed by the pool.

- pipelineStatistics is a bitmask of VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlagBits specifying which counters will be returned in queries on the new pool, as described below in Pipeline Statistics Queries.

pipelineStatistics is ignored if queryType is not VK_QUERY_TYPE_PIPELINE_STATISTICS.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkQueryPoolCreateFlags;
```

`VkQueryPoolCreateFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

To destroy a query pool, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkDestroyQueryPool(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkQueryPool                                 queryPool,
    const VkAllocationCallbacks*                pAllocator);
```

- `device` is the logical device that destroys the query pool.

- `queryPool` is the query pool to destroy.

- `pAllocator` controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

> *Note*
>
> Applications **can** verify that queryPool **can** be destroyed by checking that vkGetQueryPoolResults() without the VK_QUERY_RESULT_PARTIAL_BIT flag returns VK_SUCCESS for all queries that are used in command buffers submitted for execution.

Possible values of VkQueryPoolCreateInfo::queryType, specifying the type of queries managed by the pool, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkQueryType {
    VK_QUERY_TYPE_OCCLUSION = 0,
    VK_QUERY_TYPE_PIPELINE_STATISTICS = 1,
    VK_QUERY_TYPE_TIMESTAMP = 2,
} VkQueryType;
```

- `VK_QUERY_TYPE_OCCLUSION` specifies an occlusion query.

- `VK_QUERY_TYPE_PIPELINE_STATISTICS` specifies a pipeline statistics query.

- `VK_QUERY_TYPE_TIMESTAMP` specifies a timestamp query.

17.2. Query Operation

The operation of queries is controlled by the commands vkCmdBeginQuery, vkCmdEndQuery, vkCmdResetQueryPool, vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults, and vkCmdWriteTimestamp.

In order for a `VkCommandBuffer` to record query management commands, the queue family for which its `VkCommandPool` was created **must** support the appropriate type of operations (graphics, compute) suitable for the query type of a given query pool.

Each query in a query pool has a status that is either *unavailable* or *available*, and also has state to store the numerical results of a query operation of the type requested when the query pool was created. Resetting a query via vkCmdResetQueryPool sets the status to unavailable and makes the numerical results undefined. Performing a query operation with vkCmdBeginQuery and vkCmdEndQuery changes the status to available when the query finishes, and updates the numerical results. Both the availability status and numerical results are retrieved by calling either vkGetQueryPoolResults or vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults.

Query commands, for the same query and submitted to the same queue, execute in their entirety in submission order, relative to each other. In effect there is an implicit execution dependency from each such query command to all query commands previously submitted to the same queue. There is one significant exception to this; if the `flags` parameter of vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults does not include `VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT`, execution of vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults **may** happen-before the results of vkCmdEndQuery are available.

After query pool creation, each query **must** be reset before it is used. Queries **must** also be reset between uses.

If a logical device includes multiple physical devices, then each command that writes a query **must** execute on a single physical device, and any call to vkCmdBeginQuery **must** execute the corresponding vkCmdEndQuery command on the same physical device.

To reset a range of queries in a query pool on a queue, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdResetQueryPool(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkQueryPool                                 queryPool,
    uint32_t                                    firstQuery,
    uint32_t                                    queryCount);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which this command will be recorded.
- `queryPool` is the handle of the query pool managing the queries being reset.
- `firstQuery` is the initial query index to reset.
- `queryCount` is the number of queries to reset.

When executed on a queue, this command sets the status of query indices [`firstQuery`, `firstQuery` + `queryCount` - 1] to unavailable.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdResetQueryPool-firstQuery-00796
  `firstQuery` **must** be less than the number of queries in `queryPool`

- VUID-vkCmdResetQueryPool-firstQuery-00797
  The sum of `firstQuery` and `queryCount` **must** be less than or equal to the number of queries in `queryPool`

- VUID-vkCmdResetQueryPool-None-02841
  All queries used by the command **must** not be active

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdResetQueryPool-commandBuffer-parameter
  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdResetQueryPool-queryPool-parameter
  `queryPool` **must** be a valid VkQueryPool handle

- VUID-vkCmdResetQueryPool-commandBuffer-recording
  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdResetQueryPool-commandBuffer-cmdpool
  The VkCommandPool that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics, compute, decode, or encode operations

- VUID-vkCmdResetQueryPool-renderpass
  This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdResetQueryPool-commonparent
  Both of `commandBuffer`, and `queryPool` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Outside	Graphics Compute Decode Encode

Once queries are reset and ready for use, query commands **can** be issued to a command buffer. Occlusion queries and pipeline statistics queries count events - drawn samples and pipeline stage invocations, respectively - resulting from commands that are recorded between a vkCmdBeginQuery command and a vkCmdEndQuery command within a specified command buffer, effectively scoping a set of drawing and/or dispatching commands. Timestamp queries write timestamps to a query pool.

A query **must** begin and end in the same command buffer, although if it is a primary command buffer, and the inherited queries feature is enabled, it **can** execute secondary command buffers during the query operation. For a secondary command buffer to be executed while a query is active, it **must** set the `occlusionQueryEnable`, `queryFlags`, and/or `pipelineStatistics` members of VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo to conservative values, as described in the Command Buffer Recording section. A query **must** either begin and end inside the same subpass of a render pass instance, or **must** both begin and end outside of a render pass instance (i.e. contain entire render pass instances).

If queries are used while executing a render pass instance that has multiview enabled, the query uses N consecutive query indices in the query pool (starting at `query`) where N is the number of bits set in the view mask in the subpass the query is used in. How the numerical results of the query are distributed among the queries is implementation-dependent. For example, some implementations **may** write each view's results to a distinct query, while other implementations **may** write the total result to the first query and write zero to the other queries. However, the sum of the results in all the queries **must** accurately reflect the total result of the query summed over all views. Applications **can** sum the results from all the queries to compute the total result.

Queries used with multiview rendering **must** not span subpasses, i.e. they **must** begin and end in the same subpass.

To begin a query, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdBeginQuery(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkQueryPool                                 queryPool,
    uint32_t                                    query,
    VkQueryControlFlags                         flags);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which this command will be recorded.

- `queryPool` is the query pool that will manage the results of the query.

- `query` is the query index within the query pool that will contain the results.

- `flags` is a bitmask of VkQueryControlFlagBits specifying constraints on the types of queries that **can** be performed.

If the `queryType` of the pool is `VK_QUERY_TYPE_OCCLUSION` and `flags` contains `VK_QUERY_CONTROL_PRECISE_BIT`, an implementation **must** return a result that matches the actual number of samples passed. This is described in more detail in Occlusion Queries.

After beginning a query, that query is considered *active* within the command buffer it was called in until that same query is ended. Queries active in a primary command buffer when secondary command buffers are executed are considered active for those secondary command buffers.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdBeginQuery-None-00807

  All queries used by the command **must** be unavailable

- VUID-vkCmdBeginQuery-queryType-02804

  The `queryType` used to create `queryPool` **must** not be `VK_QUERY_TYPE_TIMESTAMP`

- VUID-vkCmdBeginQuery-queryType-00800

  If the precise occlusion queries feature is not enabled, or the `queryType` used to create `queryPool` was not `VK_QUERY_TYPE_OCCLUSION`, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_QUERY_CONTROL_PRECISE_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdBeginQuery-query-00802

  `query` **must** be less than the number of queries in `queryPool`

- VUID-vkCmdBeginQuery-queryType-00803

  If the `queryType` used to create `queryPool` was `VK_QUERY_TYPE_OCCLUSION`, the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

- VUID-vkCmdBeginQuery-queryType-00804

  If the `queryType` used to create `queryPool` was `VK_QUERY_TYPE_PIPELINE_STATISTICS` and any of the `pipelineStatistics` indicate graphics operations, the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

- VUID-vkCmdBeginQuery-queryType-00805

  If the `queryType` used to create `queryPool` was `VK_QUERY_TYPE_PIPELINE_STATISTICS` and any of the `pipelineStatistics` indicate compute operations, the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support compute operations

- VUID-vkCmdBeginQuery-commandBuffer-01885

  `commandBuffer` **must** not be a protected command buffer

- VUID-vkCmdBeginQuery-query-00808

  If called within a render pass instance, the sum of `query` and the number of bits set in the current subpass's view mask **must** be less than or equal to the number of queries in `queryPool`

- VUID-vkCmdBeginQuery-queryPool-01922

  `queryPool` **must** have been created with a `queryType` that differs from that of any queries that are active within `commandBuffer`

Bits which **can** be set in vkCmdBeginQuery::flags, specifying constraints on the types of queries that **can** be performed, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkQueryControlFlagBits {
    VK_QUERY_CONTROL_PRECISE_BIT = 0x00000001,
} VkQueryControlFlagBits;
```

- VK_QUERY_CONTROL_PRECISE_BIT specifies the precision of occlusion queries.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkQueryControlFlags;
```

VkQueryControlFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkQueryControlFlagBits.

To end a query after the set of desired drawing or dispatching commands is executed, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdEndQuery(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkQueryPool                                 queryPool,
    uint32_t                                    query);
```

- commandBuffer is the command buffer into which this command will be recorded.

- queryPool is the query pool that is managing the results of the query.

- query is the query index within the query pool where the result is stored.

As queries operate asynchronously, ending a query does not immediately set the query's status to available. A query is considered *finished* when the final results of the query are ready to be retrieved by vkGetQueryPoolResults and vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults, and this is when the query's status is set to available.

Once a query is ended the query **must** finish in finite time, unless the state of the query is changed using other commands, e.g. by issuing a reset of the query.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdEndQuery-None-01923
  All queries used by the command **must** be active

- VUID-vkCmdEndQuery-query-00810
  query **must** be less than the number of queries in queryPool

- VUID-vkCmdEndQuery-commandBuffer-01886
  commandBuffer **must** not be a protected command buffer

- VUID-vkCmdEndQuery-query-00812
  If vkCmdEndQuery is called within a render pass instance, the sum of query and the number of bits set in the current subpass's view mask **must** be less than or equal to the number of queries in queryPool

An application **can** retrieve results either by requesting they be written into application-provided memory, or by requesting they be copied into a VkBuffer. In either case, the layout in memory is defined as follows:

- The first query's result is written starting at the first byte requested by the command, and each subsequent query's result begins stride bytes later.

- Occlusion queries, pipeline statistics queries, and timestamp queries store results in a tightly packed array of unsigned integers, either 32- or 64-bits as requested by the command, storing the numerical results and, if requested, the availability status.

- If VK_QUERY_RESULT_WITH_AVAILABILITY_BIT is used, the final element of each query's result is an integer indicating whether the query's result is available, with any non-zero value indicating that it is available.

- Occlusion queries write one integer value - the number of samples passed. Pipeline statistics queries write one integer value for each bit that is enabled in the `pipelineStatistics` when the pool is created, and the statistics values are written in bit order starting from the least significant bit. Timestamp queries write one integer value.

- If more than one query is retrieved and `stride` is not at least as large as the size of the array of values corresponding to a single query, the values written to memory are undefined.

To retrieve status and results for a set of queries, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkGetQueryPoolResults(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkQueryPool                                 queryPool,
    uint32_t                                    firstQuery,
    uint32_t                                    queryCount,
    size_t                                      dataSize,
    void*                                       pData,
    VkDeviceSize                                stride,
    VkQueryResultFlags                          flags);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the query pool.

- `queryPool` is the query pool managing the queries containing the desired results.

- `firstQuery` is the initial query index.

- `queryCount` is the number of queries to read.

- `dataSize` is the size in bytes of the buffer pointed to by `pData`.

- `pData` is a pointer to a user-allocated buffer where the results will be written

- `stride` is the stride in bytes between results for individual queries within `pData`.

- `flags` is a bitmask of VkQueryResultFlagBits specifying how and when results are returned.

The range of queries read is defined by [`firstQuery`, `firstQuery` + `queryCount` - 1]. For pipeline statistics queries, each query index in the pool contains one integer value for each bit that is enabled in VkQueryPoolCreateInfo::`pipelineStatistics` when the pool is created.

If no bits are set in `flags`, and all requested queries are in the available state, results are written as an array of 32-bit unsigned integer values. The behavior when not all queries are available, is described below.

If `VK_QUERY_RESULT_64_BIT` is not set and the result overflows a 32-bit value, the value **may** either wrap or saturate. Similarly, if `VK_QUERY_RESULT_64_BIT` is set and the result overflows a 64-bit value, the value **may** either wrap or saturate.

If `VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT` is set, Vulkan will wait for each query to be in the available state before retrieving the numerical results for that query. In this case, `vkGetQueryPoolResults` is guaranteed to succeed and return `VK_SUCCESS` if the queries become available in a finite time (i.e. if they have been issued and not reset). If queries will never finish (e.g. due to being reset but not issued), then

`vkGetQueryPoolResults` **may** not return in finite time.

If `VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT` and `VK_QUERY_RESULT_PARTIAL_BIT` are both not set then no result values are written to `pData` for queries that are in the unavailable state at the time of the call, and `vkGetQueryPoolResults` returns `VK_NOT_READY`. However, availability state is still written to `pData` for those queries if `VK_QUERY_RESULT_WITH_AVAILABILITY_BIT` is set.

If `VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT` is not set, `vkGetQueryPoolResults` **may** return `VK_NOT_READY` if there are queries in the unavailable state.

> *Note*
>
> Applications **must** take care to ensure that use of the `VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT` bit has the desired effect.
>
> For example, if a query has been used previously and a command buffer records the commands `vkCmdResetQueryPool`, `vkCmdBeginQuery`, and `vkCmdEndQuery` for that query, then the query will remain in the available state until the `vkCmdResetQueryPool` command executes on a queue. Applications **can** use fences or events to ensure that a query has already been reset before checking for its results or availability status. Otherwise, a stale value could be returned from a previous use of the query.
>
> The above also applies when `VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT` is used in combination with `VK_QUERY_RESULT_WITH_AVAILABILITY_BIT`. In this case, the returned availability status **may** reflect the result of a previous use of the query unless the `vkCmdResetQueryPool` command has been executed since the last use of the query.

> *Note*
>
> Applications **can** double-buffer query pool usage, with a pool per frame, and reset queries at the end of the frame in which they are read.

If `VK_QUERY_RESULT_PARTIAL_BIT` is set, `VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT` is not set, and the query's status is unavailable, an intermediate result value between zero and the final result value is written to `pData` for that query.

If `VK_QUERY_RESULT_WITH_AVAILABILITY_BIT` is set, the final integer value written for each query is non-zero if the query's status was available or zero if the status was unavailable. When `VK_QUERY_RESULT_WITH_AVAILABILITY_BIT` is used, implementations **must** guarantee that if they return a non-zero availability value then the numerical results **must** be valid, assuming the results are not reset by a subsequent command.

> *Note*
>
> Satisfying this guarantee **may** require careful ordering by the application, e.g. to read the availability status before reading the results.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkGetQueryPoolResults-firstQuery-00813

  `firstQuery` **must** be less than the number of queries in `queryPool`

- VUID-vkGetQueryPoolResults-flags-02827

  If `VK_QUERY_RESULT_64_BIT` is not set in `flags`, then `pData` and `stride` **must** be multiples of `4`

- VUID-vkGetQueryPoolResults-flags-00815

  If `VK_QUERY_RESULT_64_BIT` is set in `flags` then `pData` and `stride` **must** be multiples of `8`

- VUID-vkGetQueryPoolResults-firstQuery-00816

  The sum of `firstQuery` and `queryCount` **must** be less than or equal to the number of queries in `queryPool`

- VUID-vkGetQueryPoolResults-dataSize-00817

  `dataSize` **must** be large enough to contain the result of each query, as described here

- VUID-vkGetQueryPoolResults-queryType-00818

  If the `queryType` used to create `queryPool` was `VK_QUERY_TYPE_TIMESTAMP`, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_QUERY_RESULT_PARTIAL_BIT`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetQueryPoolResults-device-parameter

  `device` **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetQueryPoolResults-queryPool-parameter

  `queryPool` **must** be a valid VkQueryPool handle

- VUID-vkGetQueryPoolResults-pData-parameter

  `pData` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `dataSize` bytes

- VUID-vkGetQueryPoolResults-flags-parameter

  `flags` **must** be a valid combination of VkQueryResultFlagBits values

- VUID-vkGetQueryPoolResults-dataSize-arraylength

  `dataSize` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-vkGetQueryPoolResults-queryPool-parent

  `queryPool` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

Bits which **can** be set in vkGetQueryPoolResults::flags and vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults::flags, specifying how and when results are returned, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkQueryResultFlagBits {
    VK_QUERY_RESULT_64_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_QUERY_RESULT_WITH_AVAILABILITY_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_QUERY_RESULT_PARTIAL_BIT = 0x00000008,
} VkQueryResultFlagBits;
```

- VK_QUERY_RESULT_64_BIT specifies the results will be written as an array of 64-bit unsigned integer values. If this bit is not set, the results will be written as an array of 32-bit unsigned integer values.

- VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT specifies that Vulkan will wait for each query's status to become available before retrieving its results.

- VK_QUERY_RESULT_WITH_AVAILABILITY_BIT specifies that the availability status accompanies the results.

- VK_QUERY_RESULT_PARTIAL_BIT specifies that returning partial results is acceptable.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkQueryResultFlags;
```

VkQueryResultFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkQueryResultFlagBits.

To copy query statuses and numerical results directly to buffer memory, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkQueryPool                                 queryPool,
    uint32_t                                    firstQuery,
    uint32_t                                    queryCount,
    VkBuffer                                    dstBuffer,
    VkDeviceSize                                dstOffset,
    VkDeviceSize                                stride,
    VkQueryResultFlags                          flags);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which this command will be recorded.

- `queryPool` is the query pool managing the queries containing the desired results.

- `firstQuery` is the initial query index.

- `queryCount` is the number of queries. `firstQuery` and `queryCount` together define a range of queries.

- `dstBuffer` is a VkBuffer object that will receive the results of the copy command.

- `dstOffset` is an offset into `dstBuffer`.

- `stride` is the stride in bytes between results for individual queries within `dstBuffer`. The required size of the backing memory for `dstBuffer` is determined as described above for vkGetQueryPoolResults.

- `flags` is a bitmask of VkQueryResultFlagBits specifying how and when results are returned.

`vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults` is guaranteed to see the effect of previous uses of `vkCmdResetQueryPool` in the same queue, without any additional synchronization. Thus, the results will always reflect the most recent use of the query.

`flags` has the same possible values described above for the `flags` parameter of vkGetQueryPoolResults, but the different style of execution causes some subtle behavioral differences. Because `vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults` executes in order with respect to other query commands, there is less ambiguity about which use of a query is being requested.

Results for all requested occlusion queries, pipeline statistics queries, and timestamp queries are written as 64-bit unsigned integer values if `VK_QUERY_RESULT_64_BIT` is set or 32-bit unsigned integer values otherwise.

If neither of `VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT` and `VK_QUERY_RESULT_WITH_AVAILABILITY_BIT` are set, results are only written out for queries in the available state.

If `VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT` is set, the implementation will wait for each query's status to be in the available state before retrieving the numerical results for that query. This is guaranteed to reflect the most recent use of the query on the same queue, assuming that the query is not being simultaneously used by other queues. If the query does not become available in a finite amount of time (e.g. due to not issuing a query since the last reset), a `VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST` error **may** occur.

Similarly, if `VK_QUERY_RESULT_WITH_AVAILABILITY_BIT` is set and `VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT` is not set,

the availability is guaranteed to reflect the most recent use of the query on the same queue, assuming that the query is not being simultaneously used by other queues. As with `vkGetQueryPoolResults`, implementations **must** guarantee that if they return a non-zero availability value, then the numerical results are valid.

If `VK_QUERY_RESULT_PARTIAL_BIT` is set, `VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT` is not set, and the query's status is unavailable, an intermediate result value between zero and the final result value is written for that query.

`VK_QUERY_RESULT_PARTIAL_BIT` **must** not be used if the pool's `queryType` is `VK_QUERY_TYPE_TIMESTAMP`.

`vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults` is considered to be a transfer operation, and its writes to buffer memory **must** be synchronized using `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TRANSFER_BIT` and `VK_ACCESS_TRANSFER_WRITE_BIT` before using the results.

> **Valid Usage**
>
> - VUID-vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults-dstOffset-00819
>   `dstOffset` **must** be less than the size of `dstBuffer`
>
> - VUID-vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults-firstQuery-00820
>   `firstQuery` **must** be less than the number of queries in `queryPool`
>
> - VUID-vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults-firstQuery-00821
>   The sum of `firstQuery` and `queryCount` **must** be less than or equal to the number of queries in `queryPool`
>
> - VUID-vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults-flags-00822
>   If `VK_QUERY_RESULT_64_BIT` is not set in `flags` then `dstOffset` and `stride` **must** be multiples of 4
>
> - VUID-vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults-flags-00823
>   If `VK_QUERY_RESULT_64_BIT` is set in `flags` then `dstOffset` and `stride` **must** be multiples of 8
>
> - VUID-vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults-dstBuffer-00824
>   `dstBuffer` **must** have enough storage, from `dstOffset`, to contain the result of each query, as described here
>
> - VUID-vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults-dstBuffer-00825
>   `dstBuffer` **must** have been created with `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT` usage flag
>
> - VUID-vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults-dstBuffer-00826
>   If `dstBuffer` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object
>
> - VUID-vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults-queryType-00827
>   If the `queryType` used to create `queryPool` was `VK_QUERY_TYPE_TIMESTAMP`, `flags` **must** not contain `VK_QUERY_RESULT_PARTIAL_BIT`

Rendering operations such as clears, MSAA resolves, attachment load/store operations, and blits **may** count towards the results of queries. This behavior is implementation-dependent and **may** vary depending on the path used within an implementation. For example, some implementations have several types of clears, some of which **may** include vertices and some not.

17.3. Occlusion Queries

Occlusion queries track the number of samples that pass the per-fragment tests for a set of drawing commands. As such, occlusion queries are only available on queue families supporting graphics operations. The application **can** then use these results to inform future rendering decisions. An occlusion query is begun and ended by calling `vkCmdBeginQuery` and `vkCmdEndQuery`, respectively. When an occlusion query begins, the count of passing samples always starts at zero. For each drawing command, the count is incremented as described in Sample Counting. If `flags` does not contain `VK_QUERY_CONTROL_PRECISE_BIT` an implementation **may** generate any non-zero result value for the query if the count of passing samples is non-zero.

> *Note*
>
> Not setting `VK_QUERY_CONTROL_PRECISE_BIT` mode **may** be more efficient on some implementations, and **should** be used where it is sufficient to know a boolean result on whether any samples passed the per-fragment tests. In this case, some implementations **may** only return zero or one, indifferent to the actual number of samples passing the per-fragment tests.

When an occlusion query finishes, the result for that query is marked as available. The application **can** then either copy the result to a buffer (via `vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults`) or request it be put into host memory (via `vkGetQueryPoolResults`).

> *Note*
>
> If occluding geometry is not drawn first, samples **can** pass the depth test, but still not be visible in a final image.

17.4. Pipeline Statistics Queries

Pipeline statistics queries allow the application to sample a specified set of `VkPipeline` counters. These counters are accumulated by Vulkan for a set of either drawing or dispatching commands while a pipeline statistics query is active. As such, pipeline statistics queries are available on queue families supporting either graphics or compute operations. The availability of pipeline statistics queries is indicated by the `pipelineStatisticsQuery` member of the `VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures` object (see `vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures` and `vkCreateDevice` for detecting and requesting this query type on a `VkDevice`).

A pipeline statistics query is begun and ended by calling `vkCmdBeginQuery` and `vkCmdEndQuery`, respectively. When a pipeline statistics query begins, all statistics counters are set to zero. While the query is active, the pipeline type determines which set of statistics are available, but these **must** be configured on the query pool when it is created. If a statistic counter is issued on a command buffer that does not support the corresponding operation, the value of that counter is undefined after the query has finished. At least one statistic counter relevant to the operations supported on the recording command buffer **must** be enabled.

Bits which **can** be set to individually enable pipeline statistics counters for query pools with VkQueryPoolCreateInfo::`pipelineStatistics`, and for secondary command buffers with VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo::`pipelineStatistics`, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlagBits {
    VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_INPUT_ASSEMBLY_VERTICES_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_INPUT_ASSEMBLY_PRIMITIVES_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_VERTEX_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_GEOMETRY_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT = 0x00000008,
    VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_GEOMETRY_SHADER_PRIMITIVES_BIT = 0x00000010,
    VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_CLIPPING_INVOCATIONS_BIT = 0x00000020,
    VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_CLIPPING_PRIMITIVES_BIT = 0x00000040,
    VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_FRAGMENT_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT = 0x00000080,
    VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_PATCHES_BIT = 0x00000100,
    VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT =
0x00000200,
    VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_COMPUTE_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT = 0x00000400,
} VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlagBits;
```

- VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_INPUT_ASSEMBLY_VERTICES_BIT specifies that queries managed by the pool will count the number of vertices processed by the input assembly stage. Vertices corresponding to incomplete primitives **may** contribute to the count.

- VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_INPUT_ASSEMBLY_PRIMITIVES_BIT specifies that queries managed by the pool will count the number of primitives processed by the input assembly stage. If primitive restart is enabled, restarting the primitive topology has no effect on the count. Incomplete primitives **may** be counted.

- VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_VERTEX_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT specifies that queries managed by the pool will count the number of vertex shader invocations. This counter's value is incremented each time a vertex shader is invoked.

- VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_GEOMETRY_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT specifies that queries managed by the pool will count the number of geometry shader invocations. This counter's value is incremented each time a geometry shader is invoked. In the case of instanced geometry shaders, the geometry shader invocations count is incremented for each separate instanced invocation.

- VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_GEOMETRY_SHADER_PRIMITIVES_BIT specifies that queries managed by the pool will count the number of primitives generated by geometry shader invocations. The counter's value is incremented each time the geometry shader emits a primitive. Restarting primitive topology using the SPIR-V instructions OpEndPrimitive or OpEndStreamPrimitive has no effect on the geometry shader output primitives count.

- VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_CLIPPING_INVOCATIONS_BIT specifies that queries managed by the pool will count the number of primitives processed by the Primitive Clipping stage of the pipeline. The counter's value is incremented each time a primitive reaches the primitive clipping stage.

- VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_CLIPPING_PRIMITIVES_BIT specifies that queries managed by the pool will count the number of primitives output by the Primitive Clipping stage of the pipeline. The counter's value is incremented each time a primitive passes the primitive clipping stage. The actual number of primitives output by the primitive clipping stage for a particular input primitive is implementation-dependent but **must** satisfy the following conditions:

- If at least one vertex of the input primitive lies inside the clipping volume, the counter is incremented by one or more.

  - Otherwise, the counter is incremented by zero or more.

- `VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_FRAGMENT_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT` specifies that queries managed by the pool will count the number of fragment shader invocations. The counter's value is incremented each time the fragment shader is invoked.

- `VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_PATCHES_BIT` specifies that queries managed by the pool will count the number of patches processed by the tessellation control shader. The counter's value is incremented once for each patch for which a tessellation control shader is invoked.

- `VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT` specifies that queries managed by the pool will count the number of invocations of the tessellation evaluation shader. The counter's value is incremented each time the tessellation evaluation shader is invoked.

- `VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_COMPUTE_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT` specifies that queries managed by the pool will count the number of compute shader invocations. The counter's value is incremented every time the compute shader is invoked. Implementations **may** skip the execution of certain compute shader invocations or execute additional compute shader invocations for implementation-dependent reasons as long as the results of rendering otherwise remain unchanged.

These values are intended to measure relative statistics on one implementation. Various device architectures will count these values differently. Any or all counters **may** be affected by the issues described in Query Operation.

> ℹ️ *Note*
>
> For example, tile-based rendering devices **may** need to replay the scene multiple times, affecting some of the counts.

If a pipeline has `rasterizerDiscardEnable` enabled, implementations **may** discard primitives after the final pre-rasterization shader stage. As a result, if `rasterizerDiscardEnable` is enabled, the clipping input and output primitives counters **may** not be incremented.

When a pipeline statistics query finishes, the result for that query is marked as available. The application **can** copy the result to a buffer (via `vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults`), or request it be put into host memory (via `vkGetQueryPoolResults`).

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlags;
```

`VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more `VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlagBits`.

17.5. Timestamp Queries

Timestamps provide applications with a mechanism for timing the execution of commands. A timestamp is an integer value generated by the `VkPhysicalDevice`. Unlike other queries, timestamps do not operate over a range, and so do not use vkCmdBeginQuery or vkCmdEndQuery. The mechanism is built around a set of commands that allow the application to tell the `VkPhysicalDevice` to write timestamp values to a query pool and then either read timestamp values on the host (using vkGetQueryPoolResults) or copy timestamp values to a `VkBuffer` (using vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults). The application **can** then compute differences between timestamps to determine execution time.

The number of valid bits in a timestamp value is determined by the `VkQueueFamilyProperties`::`timestampValidBits` property of the queue on which the timestamp is written. Timestamps are supported on any queue which reports a non-zero value for `timestampValidBits` via vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties. If the `timestampComputeAndGraphics` limit is `VK_TRUE`, timestamps are supported by every queue family that supports either graphics or compute operations (see VkQueueFamilyProperties).

The number of nanoseconds it takes for a timestamp value to be incremented by 1 **can** be obtained from `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`timestampPeriod` after a call to `vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties`.

To request a timestamp, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdWriteTimestamp(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkPipelineStageFlagBits                     pipelineStage,
    VkQueryPool                                 queryPool,
    uint32_t                                    query);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.
- `pipelineStage` is a VkPipelineStageFlagBits value, specifying a stage of the pipeline.
- `queryPool` is the query pool that will manage the timestamp.
- `query` is the query within the query pool that will contain the timestamp.

`vkCmdWriteTimestamp` latches the value of the timer when all previous commands have completed executing as far as the specified pipeline stage, and writes the timestamp value to memory. When the timestamp value is written, the availability status of the query is set to available.

> **Note**
>
> If an implementation is unable to detect completion and latch the timer at any specific stage of the pipeline, it **may** instead do so at any logically later stage.

Comparisons between timestamps are not meaningful if the timestamps are written by commands submitted to different queues.

If `vkCmdWriteTimestamp` is called while executing a render pass instance that has multiview enabled, the timestamp uses N consecutive query indices in the query pool (starting at `query`) where N is the number of bits set in the view mask of the subpass the command is executed in. The resulting query values are determined by an implementation-dependent choice of one of the following behaviors:

- The first query is a timestamp value and (if more than one bit is set in the view mask) zero is written to the remaining queries. If two timestamps are written in the same subpass, the sum of the execution time of all views between those commands is the difference between the first query written by each command.

- All N queries are timestamp values. If two timestamps are written in the same subpass, the sum of the execution time of all views between those commands is the sum of the difference between corresponding queries written by each command. The difference between corresponding queries **may** be the execution time of a single view.

In either case, the application **can** sum the differences between all N queries to determine the total execution time.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdWriteTimestamp-pipelineStage-04074

  `pipelineStage` **must** be a valid stage for the queue family that was used to create the command pool that `commandBuffer` was allocated from

- VUID-vkCmdWriteTimestamp-pipelineStage-04075

  If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, `pipelineStage` **must** not be `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdWriteTimestamp-pipelineStage-04076

  If the tessellation shaders feature is not enabled, `pipelineStage` **must** not be `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT` or `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdWriteTimestamp-pipelineStage-06490

  `pipelineStage` **must** not be `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_NONE_KHR`

- VUID-vkCmdWriteTimestamp-queryPool-01416

  `queryPool` **must** have been created with a `queryType` of `VK_QUERY_TYPE_TIMESTAMP`

- VUID-vkCmdWriteTimestamp-queryPool-00828

  The query identified by `queryPool` and `query` **must** be *unavailable*

- VUID-vkCmdWriteTimestamp-timestampValidBits-00829

  The command pool's queue family **must** support a non-zero `timestampValidBits`

- VUID-vkCmdWriteTimestamp-query-04904

  `query` **must** be less than the number of queries in `queryPool`

- VUID-vkCmdWriteTimestamp-None-00830

  All queries used by the command **must** be unavailable

- VUID-vkCmdWriteTimestamp-query-00831

  If `vkCmdWriteTimestamp` is called within a render pass instance, the sum of `query` and the number of bits set in the current subpass's view mask **must** be less than or equal to the number of queries in `queryPool`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdWriteTimestamp-commandBuffer-parameter

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdWriteTimestamp-pipelineStage-parameter

  `pipelineStage` **must** be a valid VkPipelineStageFlagBits value

- VUID-vkCmdWriteTimestamp-queryPool-parameter

  `queryPool` **must** be a valid VkQueryPool handle

- VUID-vkCmdWriteTimestamp-commandBuffer-recording

  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdWriteTimestamp-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support transfer, graphics, compute, decode, or encode operations

- VUID-vkCmdWriteTimestamp-commonparent

  Both of `commandBuffer`, and `queryPool` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Both	Transfer Graphics Compute Decode Encode

Chapter 18. Clear Commands

18.1. Clearing Images Outside A Render Pass Instance

Color and depth/stencil images **can** be cleared outside a render pass instance using vkCmdClearColorImage or vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage, respectively. These commands are only allowed outside of a render pass instance.

To clear one or more subranges of a color image, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdClearColorImage(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkImage                                     image,
    VkImageLayout                               imageLayout,
    const VkClearColorValue*                    pColor,
    uint32_t                                    rangeCount,
    const VkImageSubresourceRange*              pRanges);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- `image` is the image to be cleared.

- `imageLayout` specifies the current layout of the image subresource ranges to be cleared, and **must** be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_DST_OPTIMAL`.

- `pColor` is a pointer to a VkClearColorValue structure containing the values that the image subresource ranges will be cleared to (see Clear Values below).

- `rangeCount` is the number of image subresource range structures in `pRanges`.

- `pRanges` is a pointer to an array of VkImageSubresourceRange structures describing a range of mipmap levels, array layers, and aspects to be cleared, as described in Image Views.

Each specified range in `pRanges` is cleared to the value specified by `pColor`.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-image-01993

  The format features of `image` **must** contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-image-00002

  `image` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT` usage flag

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-image-01545

  `image` **must** not use any of the formats that require a sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-image-00003

  If `image` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-imageLayout-00004

  `imageLayout` **must** specify the layout of the image subresource ranges of `image` specified in `pRanges` at the time this command is executed on a `VkDevice`

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-imageLayout-00005

  `imageLayout` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_DST_OPTIMAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL`

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-aspectMask-02498

  The `VkImageSubresourceRange`::`aspectMask` members of the elements of the `pRanges` array **must** each only include `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-baseMipLevel-01470

  The `VkImageSubresourceRange`::`baseMipLevel` members of the elements of the `pRanges` array **must** each be less than the `mipLevels` specified in `VkImageCreateInfo` when `image` was created

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-pRanges-01692

  For each `VkImageSubresourceRange` element of `pRanges`, if the `levelCount` member is not `VK_REMAINING_MIP_LEVELS`, then `baseMipLevel` + `levelCount` **must** be less than the `mipLevels` specified in `VkImageCreateInfo` when `image` was created

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-baseArrayLayer-01472

  The `VkImageSubresourceRange`::`baseArrayLayer` members of the elements of the `pRanges` array **must** each be less than the `arrayLayers` specified in `VkImageCreateInfo` when `image` was created

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-pRanges-01693

  For each `VkImageSubresourceRange` element of `pRanges`, if the `layerCount` member is not `VK_REMAINING_ARRAY_LAYERS`, then `baseArrayLayer` + `layerCount` **must** be less than the `arrayLayers` specified in `VkImageCreateInfo` when `image` was created

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-image-00007

  `image` **must** not have a compressed or depth/stencil format

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-pColor-04961

  `pColor` **must** be a valid pointer to a `VkClearColorValue` union

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-commandBuffer-01805

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `image` **must** not be a protected image

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-commandBuffer-01806

  If `commandBuffer` is a protected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, **must** not be an unprotected image

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-commandBuffer-parameter

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-image-parameter

  `image` **must** be a valid VkImage handle

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-imageLayout-parameter

  `imageLayout` **must** be a valid VkImageLayout value

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-pRanges-parameter

  `pRanges` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `rangeCount` valid VkImageSubresourceRange structures

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-commandBuffer-recording

  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The VkCommandPool that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics, or compute operations

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-rangeCount-arraylength

  `rangeCount` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-vkCmdClearColorImage-commonparent

  Both of `commandBuffer`, and `image` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the VkCommandPool that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Outside	Graphics Compute

To clear one or more subranges of a depth/stencil image, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkImage                                     image,
    VkImageLayout                               imageLayout,
    const VkClearDepthStencilValue*             pDepthStencil,
    uint32_t                                    rangeCount,
    const VkImageSubresourceRange*              pRanges);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- `image` is the image to be cleared.

- `imageLayout` specifies the current layout of the image subresource ranges to be cleared, and **must** be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_DST_OPTIMAL`.

- `pDepthStencil` is a pointer to a VkClearDepthStencilValue structure containing the values that the depth and stencil image subresource ranges will be cleared to (see Clear Values below).

- `rangeCount` is the number of image subresource range structures in `pRanges`.

- `pRanges` is a pointer to an array of VkImageSubresourceRange structures describing a range of mipmap levels, array layers, and aspects to be cleared, as described in Image Views.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-image-01994

  The format features of `image` **must** contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-image-00009

  `image` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT` usage flag

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-image-00010

  If `image` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-imageLayout-00011

  `imageLayout` **must** specify the layout of the image subresource ranges of `image` specified in `pRanges` at the time this command is executed on a `VkDevice`

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-imageLayout-00012

  `imageLayout` **must** be either of `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_DST_OPTIMAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL`

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-aspectMask-02824

  The VkImageSubresourceRange::`aspectMask` member of each element of the `pRanges` array **must** not include bits other than `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT` or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_STENCIL_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-image-02825

  If the `image`'s format does not have a stencil component, then the VkImageSubresourceRange::`aspectMask` member of each element of the `pRanges` array **must** not include the `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_STENCIL_BIT` bit

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-image-02826

  If the `image`'s format does not have a depth component, then the VkImageSubresourceRange::`aspectMask` member of each element of the `pRanges` array **must** not include the `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT` bit

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-baseMipLevel-01474

  The VkImageSubresourceRange::`baseMipLevel` members of the elements of the `pRanges` array **must** each be less than the `mipLevels` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `image` was created

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-pRanges-01694

  For each VkImageSubresourceRange element of `pRanges`, if the `levelCount` member is not `VK_REMAINING_MIP_LEVELS`, then `baseMipLevel` + `levelCount` **must** be less than the `mipLevels` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `image` was created

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-baseArrayLayer-01476

  The VkImageSubresourceRange::`baseArrayLayer` members of the elements of the `pRanges` array **must** each be less than the `arrayLayers` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `image` was created

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-pRanges-01695

  For each VkImageSubresourceRange element of `pRanges`, if the `layerCount` member is not `VK_REMAINING_ARRAY_LAYERS`, then `baseArrayLayer` + `layerCount` **must** be less than the `arrayLayers` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `image` was created

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-image-00014

  `image` **must** have a depth/stencil format

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-commandBuffer-01807

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `image` **must** not be a protected image

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-commandBuffer-01808

  If `commandBuffer` is a protected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `image` **must** not be an unprotected image

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-commandBuffer-parameter

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-image-parameter

  `image` **must** be a valid VkImage handle

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-imageLayout-parameter

  `imageLayout` **must** be a valid VkImageLayout value

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-pDepthStencil-parameter

  `pDepthStencil` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkClearDepthStencilValue structure

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-pRanges-parameter

  `pRanges` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `rangeCount` valid VkImageSubresourceRange structures

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-commandBuffer-recording

  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-rangeCount-arraylength

  `rangeCount` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage-commonparent

  Both of `commandBuffer`, and `image` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties		
Command Buffer Levels	**Render Pass Scope**	**Supported Queue Types**
Primary Secondary	Outside	Graphics

Clears outside render pass instances are treated as transfer operations for the purposes of memory barriers.

18.2. Clearing Images Inside A Render Pass Instance

To clear one or more regions of color and depth/stencil attachments inside a render pass instance, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdClearAttachments(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    uint32_t                                    attachmentCount,
    const VkClearAttachment*                    pAttachments,
    uint32_t                                    rectCount,
    const VkClearRect*                          pRects);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- `attachmentCount` is the number of entries in the `pAttachments` array.

- `pAttachments` is a pointer to an array of VkClearAttachment structures defining the attachments to clear and the clear values to use. If any attachment index to be cleared is not backed by an image view, then the clear has no effect.

- `rectCount` is the number of entries in the `pRects` array.

- `pRects` is a pointer to an array of VkClearRect structures defining regions within each selected attachment to clear.

Unlike other clear commands, vkCmdClearAttachments executes as a drawing command, rather than a transfer command, with writes performed by it executing in rasterization order. Clears to color attachments are executed as color attachment writes, by the `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_OUTPUT_BIT` stage. Clears to depth/stencil attachments are executed as depth writes and writes by the `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_EARLY_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT` and `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_LATE_FRAGMENT_TESTS_BIT` stages.

vkCmdClearAttachments is not affected by the bound pipeline state.

> **Note**
>
> It is generally preferable to clear attachments by using the `VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_CLEAR` load operation at the start of rendering, as it is more efficient on some implementations.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdClearAttachments-aspectMask-02501

  If the `aspectMask` member of any element of `pAttachments` contains `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT`, then the `colorAttachment` member of that element **must** either refer to a color attachment which is `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED`, or **must** be a valid color attachment

- VUID-vkCmdClearAttachments-aspectMask-02502

  If the `aspectMask` member of any element of `pAttachments` contains `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT`, then the current subpass' depth/stencil attachment **must** either be `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED`, or **must** have a depth component

- VUID-vkCmdClearAttachments-aspectMask-02503

  If the `aspectMask` member of any element of `pAttachments` contains `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_STENCIL_BIT`, then the current subpass' depth/stencil attachment **must** either be `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED`, or **must** have a stencil component

- VUID-vkCmdClearAttachments-rect-02682

  The `rect` member of each element of `pRects` **must** have an `extent.width` greater than `0`

- VUID-vkCmdClearAttachments-rect-02683

  The `rect` member of each element of `pRects` **must** have an `extent.height` greater than `0`

- VUID-vkCmdClearAttachments-pRects-00016

  The rectangular region specified by each element of `pRects` **must** be contained within the render area of the current render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdClearAttachments-pRects-00017

  The layers specified by each element of `pRects` **must** be contained within every attachment that `pAttachments` refers to

- VUID-vkCmdClearAttachments-layerCount-01934

  The `layerCount` member of each element of `pRects` **must** not be `0`

- VUID-vkCmdClearAttachments-commandBuffer-02504

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, each attachment to be cleared **must** not be a protected image

- VUID-vkCmdClearAttachments-commandBuffer-02505

  If `commandBuffer` is a protected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, each attachment to be cleared **must** not be an unprotected image

- VUID-vkCmdClearAttachments-baseArrayLayer-00018

  If the render pass instance this is recorded in uses multiview, then `baseArrayLayer` **must** be zero and `layerCount` **must** be one

The VkClearRect structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkClearRect {
    VkRect2D    rect;
    uint32_t    baseArrayLayer;
    uint32_t    layerCount;
} VkClearRect;
```

- `rect` is the two-dimensional region to be cleared.
- `baseArrayLayer` is the first layer to be cleared.
- `layerCount` is the number of layers to clear.

The layers [`baseArrayLayer`, `baseArrayLayer` + `layerCount`) counting from the base layer of the attachment image view are cleared.

The `VkClearAttachment` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkClearAttachment {
    VkImageAspectFlags    aspectMask;
    uint32_t              colorAttachment;
    VkClearValue          clearValue;
} VkClearAttachment;
```

- `aspectMask` is a mask selecting the color, depth and/or stencil aspects of the attachment to be cleared.
- `colorAttachment` is only meaningful if `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT` is set in `aspectMask`, in which case it is an index into the currently bound color attachments.
- `clearValue` is the color or depth/stencil value to clear the attachment to, as described in Clear Values below.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkClearAttachment-aspectMask-00019
  If `aspectMask` includes `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT`, it **must** not include `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT` or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_STENCIL_BIT`

- VUID-VkClearAttachment-aspectMask-00020
  `aspectMask` **must** not include `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_METADATA_BIT`

- VUID-VkClearAttachment-clearValue-00021
  `clearValue` **must** be a valid `VkClearValue` union

18.3. Clear Values

The VkClearColorValue structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef union VkClearColorValue {
    float       float32[4];
    int32_t     int32[4];
    uint32_t    uint32[4];
} VkClearColorValue;
```

- float32 are the color clear values when the format of the image or attachment is one of the formats in the Interpretation of Numeric Format table other than signed integer (SINT) or unsigned integer (UINT). Floating point values are automatically converted to the format of the image, with the clear value being treated as linear if the image is sRGB.

- int32 are the color clear values when the format of the image or attachment is signed integer (SINT). Signed integer values are converted to the format of the image by casting to the smaller type (with negative 32-bit values mapping to negative values in the smaller type). If the integer clear value is not representable in the target type (e.g. would overflow in conversion to that type), the clear value is undefined.

- uint32 are the color clear values when the format of the image or attachment is unsigned integer (UINT). Unsigned integer values are converted to the format of the image by casting to the integer type with fewer bits.

The four array elements of the clear color map to R, G, B, and A components of image formats, in order.

If the image has more than one sample, the same value is written to all samples for any pixels being cleared.

The VkClearDepthStencilValue structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkClearDepthStencilValue {
    float       depth;
    uint32_t    stencil;
} VkClearDepthStencilValue;
```

- `depth` is the clear value for the depth aspect of the depth/stencil attachment. It is a floating-point value which is automatically converted to the attachment's format.

- `stencil` is the clear value for the stencil aspect of the depth/stencil attachment. It is a 32-bit integer value which is converted to the attachment's format by taking the appropriate number of LSBs.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkClearDepthStencilValue-depth-02506

  `depth` **must** be between `0.0` and `1.0`, inclusive

The `VkClearValue` union is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef union VkClearValue {
    VkClearColorValue           color;
    VkClearDepthStencilValue    depthStencil;
} VkClearValue;
```

- `color` specifies the color image clear values to use when clearing a color image or attachment.

- `depthStencil` specifies the depth and stencil clear values to use when clearing a depth/stencil image or attachment.

This union is used where part of the API requires either color or depth/stencil clear values, depending on the attachment, and defines the initial clear values in the VkRenderPassBeginInfo structure.

18.4. Filling Buffers

To clear buffer data, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdFillBuffer(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkBuffer                                    dstBuffer,
    VkDeviceSize                                dstOffset,
    VkDeviceSize                                size,
    uint32_t                                    data);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- `dstBuffer` is the buffer to be filled.

- `dstOffset` is the byte offset into the buffer at which to start filling, and **must** be a multiple of 4.

- `size` is the number of bytes to fill, and **must** be either a multiple of 4, or `VK_WHOLE_SIZE` to fill the range from `offset` to the end of the buffer. If `VK_WHOLE_SIZE` is used and the remaining size of the

buffer is not a multiple of 4, then the nearest smaller multiple is used.

- `data` is the 4-byte word written repeatedly to the buffer to fill `size` bytes of data. The data word is written to memory according to the host endianness.

`vkCmdFillBuffer` is treated as "transfer" operation for the purposes of synchronization barriers. The `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT` **must** be specified in `usage` of VkBufferCreateInfo in order for the buffer to be compatible with `vkCmdFillBuffer`.

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Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdFillBuffer-dstOffset-00024

  `dstOffset` **must** be less than the size of `dstBuffer`

- VUID-vkCmdFillBuffer-dstOffset-00025

  `dstOffset` **must** be a multiple of `4`

- VUID-vkCmdFillBuffer-size-00026

  If `size` is not equal to `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`, `size` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-vkCmdFillBuffer-size-00027

  If `size` is not equal to `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`, `size` **must** be less than or equal to the size of `dstBuffer` minus `dstOffset`

- VUID-vkCmdFillBuffer-size-00028

  If `size` is not equal to `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`, `size` **must** be a multiple of `4`

- VUID-vkCmdFillBuffer-dstBuffer-00029

  `dstBuffer` **must** have been created with `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT` usage flag

- VUID-vkCmdFillBuffer-dstBuffer-00031

  If `dstBuffer` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-vkCmdFillBuffer-commandBuffer-01811

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `dstBuffer` **must** not be a protected buffer

- VUID-vkCmdFillBuffer-commandBuffer-01812

  If `commandBuffer` is a protected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `dstBuffer` **must** not be an unprotected buffer

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- VUID-vkCmdFillBuffer-commandBuffer-parameter

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdFillBuffer-dstBuffer-parameter

  `dstBuffer` **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdFillBuffer-commandBuffer-recording

  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdFillBuffer-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support transfer, graphics or compute operations

- VUID-vkCmdFillBuffer-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdFillBuffer-commonparent

  Both of `commandBuffer`, and `dstBuffer` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Outside	Transfer Graphics Compute

18.5. Updating Buffers

To update buffer data inline in a command buffer, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdUpdateBuffer(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkBuffer                                    dstBuffer,
    VkDeviceSize                                dstOffset,
    VkDeviceSize                                dataSize,
    const void*                                 pData);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- `dstBuffer` is a handle to the buffer to be updated.

- `dstOffset` is the byte offset into the buffer to start updating, and **must** be a multiple of 4.

- `dataSize` is the number of bytes to update, and **must** be a multiple of 4.

- `pData` is a pointer to the source data for the buffer update, and **must** be at least `dataSize` bytes in size.

`dataSize` **must** be less than or equal to 65536 bytes. For larger updates, applications **can** use buffer to buffer copies.

> *Note*
>
> Buffer updates performed with `vkCmdUpdateBuffer` first copy the data into command buffer memory when the command is recorded (which requires additional storage and may incur an additional allocation), and then copy the data from the command buffer into `dstBuffer` when the command is executed on a device.
>
> The additional cost of this functionality compared to buffer to buffer copies means it is only recommended for very small amounts of data, and is why it is limited to only 65536 bytes.
>
> Applications **can** work around this by issuing multiple `vkCmdUpdateBuffer` commands to different ranges of the same buffer, but it is strongly recommended that they **should** not.

The source data is copied from the user pointer to the command buffer when the command is called.

`vkCmdUpdateBuffer` is only allowed outside of a render pass. This command is treated as "transfer" operation, for the purposes of synchronization barriers. The `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT` **must** be specified in `usage` of VkBufferCreateInfo in order for the buffer to be compatible with `vkCmdUpdateBuffer`.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdUpdateBuffer-dstOffset-00032
  dstOffset **must** be less than the size of dstBuffer

- VUID-vkCmdUpdateBuffer-dataSize-00033
  dataSize **must** be less than or equal to the size of dstBuffer minus dstOffset

- VUID-vkCmdUpdateBuffer-dstBuffer-00034
  dstBuffer **must** have been created with VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT usage flag

- VUID-vkCmdUpdateBuffer-dstBuffer-00035
  If dstBuffer is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single
  VkDeviceMemory object

- VUID-vkCmdUpdateBuffer-dstOffset-00036
  dstOffset **must** be a multiple of 4

- VUID-vkCmdUpdateBuffer-dataSize-00037
  dataSize **must** be less than or equal to 65536

- VUID-vkCmdUpdateBuffer-dataSize-00038
  dataSize **must** be a multiple of 4

- VUID-vkCmdUpdateBuffer-commandBuffer-01813
  If commandBuffer is an unprotected command buffer and protectedNoFault is not supported,
  dstBuffer **must** not be a protected buffer

- VUID-vkCmdUpdateBuffer-commandBuffer-01814
  If commandBuffer is a protected command buffer and protectedNoFault is not supported,
  dstBuffer **must** not be an unprotected buffer

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdUpdateBuffer-commandBuffer-parameter

  commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdUpdateBuffer-dstBuffer-parameter

  dstBuffer **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdUpdateBuffer-pData-parameter

  pData **must** be a valid pointer to an array of dataSize bytes

- VUID-vkCmdUpdateBuffer-commandBuffer-recording

  commandBuffer **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdUpdateBuffer-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support transfer, graphics, or compute operations

- VUID-vkCmdUpdateBuffer-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdUpdateBuffer-dataSize-arraylength

  dataSize **must** be greater than 0

- VUID-vkCmdUpdateBuffer-commonparent

  Both of commandBuffer, and dstBuffer **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Host Synchronization

- Host access to commandBuffer **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Outside	Transfer Graphics Compute

> *Note*
>
> The pData parameter was of type uint32_t* instead of void* prior to version 1.0.19 of the Specification and VK_HEADER_VERSION 19 of the Vulkan Header Files. This was a historical anomaly, as the source data may be of other types.

Chapter 19. Copy Commands

An application **can** copy buffer and image data using several methods depending on the type of data transfer. Data **can** be copied between buffer objects with `vkCmdCopyBuffer` and a portion of an image **can** be copied to another image with `vkCmdCopyImage`. Image data **can** also be copied to and from buffer memory using `vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer` and `vkCmdCopyBufferToImage`. Image data **can** be blitted (with or without scaling and filtering) with `vkCmdBlitImage`. Multisampled images **can** be resolved to a non-multisampled image with `vkCmdResolveImage`.

19.1. Common Operation

The following valid usage rules apply to all copy commands:

- Copy commands **must** be recorded outside of a render pass instance.
- The set of all bytes bound to all the source regions **must** not overlap the set of all bytes bound to the destination regions.
- The set of all bytes bound to each destination region **must** not overlap the set of all bytes bound to another destination region.
- Copy regions **must** be non-empty.
- Regions **must** not extend outside the bounds of the buffer or image level, except that regions of compressed images **can** extend as far as the dimension of the image level rounded up to a complete compressed texel block.
- Source image subresources **must** be in either the `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_SRC_OPTIMAL` layout. Destination image subresources **must** be in the `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_DST_OPTIMAL` layout. As a consequence, if an image subresource is used as both source and destination of a copy, it **must** be in the `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL` layout.
- Source images **must** have `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT` in their format features.
- Destination images **must** have `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT` in their format features.
- Source buffers **must** have been created with the `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT` usage bit enabled and destination buffers **must** have been created with the `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT` usage bit enabled.
- Source images **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT` set in VkImageCreateInfo::`usage`
- Destination images **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT` set in VkImageCreateInfo::`usage`

All copy commands are treated as "transfer" operations for the purposes of synchronization barriers.

All copy commands that have a source format with an X component in its format description read undefined values from those bits.

All copy commands that have a destination format with an X component in its format description

write undefined values to those bits.

19.2. Copying Data Between Buffers

To copy data between buffer objects, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdCopyBuffer(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkBuffer                                    srcBuffer,
    VkBuffer                                    dstBuffer,
    uint32_t                                    regionCount,
    const VkBufferCopy*                         pRegions);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- `srcBuffer` is the source buffer.

- `dstBuffer` is the destination buffer.

- `regionCount` is the number of regions to copy.

- `pRegions` is a pointer to an array of VkBufferCopy structures specifying the regions to copy.

Each region in `pRegions` is copied from the source buffer to the same region of the destination buffer. `srcBuffer` and `dstBuffer` **can** be the same buffer or alias the same memory, but the resulting values are undefined if the copy regions overlap in memory.

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-commandBuffer-01822

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `srcBuffer` **must** not be a protected buffer

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-commandBuffer-01823

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `dstBuffer` **must** not be a protected buffer

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-commandBuffer-01824

  If `commandBuffer` is a protected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `dstBuffer` **must** not be an unprotected buffer

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-srcOffset-00113

  The `srcOffset` member of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than the size of `srcBuffer`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-dstOffset-00114

  The `dstOffset` member of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than the size of `dstBuffer`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-size-00115

  The `size` member of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than or equal to the size of `srcBuffer` minus `srcOffset`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-size-00116

  The `size` member of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than or equal to the size of `dstBuffer` minus `dstOffset`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-pRegions-00117

  The union of the source regions, and the union of the destination regions, specified by the elements of `pRegions`, **must** not overlap in memory

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-srcBuffer-00118

  `srcBuffer` **must** have been created with `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT` usage flag

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-srcBuffer-00119

  If `srcBuffer` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-dstBuffer-00120

  `dstBuffer` **must** have been created with `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT` usage flag

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-dstBuffer-00121

  If `dstBuffer` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-commandBuffer-parameter

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-srcBuffer-parameter

  `srcBuffer` **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-dstBuffer-parameter

  `dstBuffer` **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-pRegions-parameter

  `pRegions` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `regionCount` valid VkBufferCopy structures

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-commandBuffer-recording

  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support transfer, graphics, or compute operations

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-regionCount-arraylength

  `regionCount` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBuffer-commonparent

  Each of `commandBuffer`, `dstBuffer`, and `srcBuffer` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Outside	Transfer Graphics Compute

The VkBufferCopy structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkBufferCopy {
    VkDeviceSize    srcOffset;
    VkDeviceSize    dstOffset;
    VkDeviceSize    size;
} VkBufferCopy;
```

- `srcOffset` is the starting offset in bytes from the start of `srcBuffer`.

- `dstOffset` is the starting offset in bytes from the start of `dstBuffer`.

- `size` is the number of bytes to copy.

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Valid Usage

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- VUID-VkBufferCopy-size-01988
  The `size` **must** be greater than `0`

19.3. Copying Data Between Images

`vkCmdCopyImage` performs image copies in a similar manner to a host memcpy. It does not perform general-purpose conversions such as scaling, resizing, blending, color-space conversion, or format conversions. Rather, it simply copies raw image data. `vkCmdCopyImage` **can** copy between images with different formats, provided the formats are compatible as defined below.

To copy data between image objects, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdCopyImage(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkImage                                     srcImage,
    VkImageLayout                               srcImageLayout,
    VkImage                                     dstImage,
    VkImageLayout                               dstImageLayout,
    uint32_t                                    regionCount,
    const VkImageCopy*                          pRegions);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- `srcImage` is the source image.

- `srcImageLayout` is the current layout of the source image subresource.

- `dstImage` is the destination image.

- `dstImageLayout` is the current layout of the destination image subresource.

- `regionCount` is the number of regions to copy.

- `pRegions` is a pointer to an array of VkImageCopy structures specifying the regions to copy.

Each region in `pRegions` is copied from the source image to the same region of the destination image. `srcImage` and `dstImage` **can** be the same image or alias the same memory.

The formats of `srcImage` and `dstImage` **must** be compatible. Formats are compatible if they share the same class, as shown in the Compatible Formats table. Depth/stencil formats **must** match exactly.

If either `srcImage` or `dstImage` has a *multi-planar* format, regions of each plane to be copied **must** be specified separately using the `srcSubresource` and `dstSubresource` members of the VkImageCopy structure. In this case, the `aspectMask` of the `srcSubresource` or `dstSubresource` that refers to the multi-planar image **must** be `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT`, or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT`. For the purposes of `vkCmdCopyImage`, each plane of a multi-planar image is treated as having the format listed in Compatible formats of planes of multi-planar formats for the plane identified by the `aspectMask` of the corresponding subresource. This applies both to VkFormat and to coordinates used in the copy, which correspond to texels in the *plane* rather than how these texels map to coordinates in the image as a whole.

> **Note**
>
> For example, the `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` plane of a `VK_FORMAT_G8_B8R8_2PLANE_420_UNORM` image is compatible with an image of format `VK_FORMAT_R8G8_UNORM` and (less usefully) with the `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` plane of an image of format `VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16`, as each texel is 2 bytes in size.

`vkCmdCopyImage` allows copying between *size-compatible* compressed and uncompressed internal formats. Formats are size-compatible if the texel block size of the uncompressed format is equal to the texel block size of the compressed format. Such a copy does not perform on-the-fly compression or decompression. When copying from an uncompressed format to a compressed format, each texel of uncompressed data of the source image is copied as a raw value to the corresponding compressed texel block of the destination image. When copying from a compressed format to an uncompressed format, each compressed texel block of the source image is copied as a raw value to the corresponding texel of uncompressed data in the destination image. Thus, for example, it is legal to copy between a 128-bit uncompressed format and a compressed format which has a 128-bit sized compressed texel block representing 4×4 texels (using 8 bits per texel), or between a 64-bit uncompressed format and a compressed format which has a 64-bit sized compressed texel block representing 4×4 texels (using 4 bits per texel).

When copying between compressed and uncompressed formats the `extent` members represent the texel dimensions of the source image and not the destination. When copying from a compressed image to an uncompressed image the image texel dimensions written to the uncompressed image will be source extent divided by the compressed texel block dimensions. When copying from an uncompressed image to a compressed image the image texel dimensions written to the compressed image will be the source extent multiplied by the compressed texel block dimensions. In both cases the number of bytes read and the number of bytes written will be identical.

Copying to or from block-compressed images is typically done in multiples of the compressed texel block size. For this reason the `extent` **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block dimension. There is one exception to this rule which is **required** to handle compressed images created with

dimensions that are not a multiple of the compressed texel block dimensions: if the `srcImage` is compressed, then:

- If `extent.width` is not a multiple of the compressed texel block width, then (`extent.width` + `srcOffset.x`) **must** equal the image subresource width.
- If `extent.height` is not a multiple of the compressed texel block height, then (`extent.height` + `srcOffset.y`) **must** equal the image subresource height.
- If `extent.depth` is not a multiple of the compressed texel block depth, then (`extent.depth` + `srcOffset.z`) **must** equal the image subresource depth.

Similarly, if the `dstImage` is compressed, then:

- If `extent.width` is not a multiple of the compressed texel block width, then (`extent.width` + `dstOffset.x`) **must** equal the image subresource width.
- If `extent.height` is not a multiple of the compressed texel block height, then (`extent.height` + `dstOffset.y`) **must** equal the image subresource height.
- If `extent.depth` is not a multiple of the compressed texel block depth, then (`extent.depth` + `dstOffset.z`) **must** equal the image subresource depth.

This allows the last compressed texel block of the image in each non-multiple dimension to be included as a source or destination of the copy.

"_422" image formats that are not *multi-planar* are treated as having a 2×1 compressed texel block for the purposes of these rules.

`vkCmdCopyImage` **can** be used to copy image data between multisample images, but both images **must** have the same number of samples.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-commandBuffer-01825

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `srcImage` **must** not be a protected image

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-commandBuffer-01826

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `dstImage` **must** not be a protected image

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-commandBuffer-01827

  If `commandBuffer` is a protected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `dstImage` **must** not be an unprotected image

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-pRegions-00124

  The union of all source regions, and the union of all destination regions, specified by the elements of `pRegions`, **must** not overlap in memory

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-01995

  The format features of `srcImage` **must** contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-00126

  `srcImage` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT` usage flag

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-01546

  If `srcImage` is non-sparse then the image or *disjoint* plane to be copied **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImageLayout-00128

  `srcImageLayout` **must** specify the layout of the image subresources of `srcImage` specified in `pRegions` at the time this command is executed on a `VkDevice`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImageLayout-00129

  `srcImageLayout` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_SRC_OPTIMAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImage-01996

  The format features of `dstImage` **must** contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImage-00131

  `dstImage` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT` usage flag

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImage-01547

  If `dstImage` is non-sparse then the image or *disjoint* plane that is the destination of the copy **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImageLayout-00133

  `dstImageLayout` **must** specify the layout of the image subresources of `dstImage` specified in `pRegions` at the time this command is executed on a `VkDevice`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImageLayout-00134

  `dstImageLayout` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_DST_OPTIMAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-01548

  If the `VkFormat` of each of `srcImage` and `dstImage` is not a *multi-planar format*, the `VkFormat` of each of `srcImage` and `dstImage` **must** be compatible, as defined above

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-None-01549

  In a copy to or from a plane of a multi-planar image, the VkFormat of the image and plane **must** be compatible according to the description of compatible planes for the plane being copied

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-00136

  The sample count of `srcImage` and `dstImage` **must** match

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcSubresource-01696

  The `srcSubresource.mipLevel` member of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than the `mipLevels` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `srcImage` was created

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstSubresource-01697

  The `dstSubresource.mipLevel` member of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than the `mipLevels` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `dstImage` was created

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcSubresource-01698

  The `srcSubresource.baseArrayLayer` + `srcSubresource.layerCount` of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than or equal to the `arrayLayers` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `srcImage` was created

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstSubresource-01699

  The `dstSubresource.baseArrayLayer` + `dstSubresource.layerCount` of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than or equal to the `arrayLayers` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `dstImage` was created

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcOffset-01783

  The `srcOffset` and `extent` members of each element of `pRegions` **must** respect the image transfer granularity requirements of `commandBuffer`'s command pool's queue family, as described in VkQueueFamilyProperties

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstOffset-01784

  The `dstOffset` and `extent` members of each element of `pRegions` **must** respect the image transfer granularity requirements of `commandBuffer`'s command pool's queue family, as described in VkQueueFamilyProperties

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-01551

  If neither `srcImage` nor `dstImage` has a multi-planar image format then for each element of `pRegions`, `srcSubresource.aspectMask` and `dstSubresource.aspectMask` **must** match

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-01552

  If `srcImage` has a VkFormat with two planes then for each element of `pRegions`, `srcSubresource.aspectMask` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-01553

  If `srcImage` has a VkFormat with three planes then for each element of `pRegions`, `srcSubresource.aspectMask` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT`, or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImage-01554

  If `dstImage` has a VkFormat with two planes then for each element of `pRegions`, `dstSubresource.aspectMask` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImage-01555

If dstImage has a VkFormat with three planes then for each element of pRegions, dstSubresource.aspectMask **must** be VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT, VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT, or VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-01556

  If srcImage has a multi-planar image format and the dstImage does not have a multi-planar image format, then for each element of pRegions, dstSubresource.aspectMask **must** be VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImage-01557

  If dstImage has a multi-planar image format and the srcImage does not have a multi-planar image format, then for each element of pRegions, srcSubresource.aspectMask **must** be VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-04443

  If srcImage is of type VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D, then for each element of pRegions, srcSubresource.baseArrayLayer **must** be 0 and srcSubresource.layerCount **must** be 1

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImage-04444

  If dstImage is of type VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D, then for each element of pRegions, dstSubresource.baseArrayLayer **must** be 0 and dstSubresource.layerCount **must** be 1

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-aspectMask-00142

  For each element of pRegions, srcSubresource.aspectMask **must** specify aspects present in srcImage

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-aspectMask-00143

  For each element of pRegions, dstSubresource.aspectMask **must** specify aspects present in dstImage

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcOffset-00144

  For each element of pRegions, srcOffset.x and (extent.width + srcOffset.x) **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the width of the specified srcSubresource of srcImage

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcOffset-00145

  For each element of pRegions, srcOffset.y and (extent.height + srcOffset.y) **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the height of the specified srcSubresource of srcImage

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-00146

  If srcImage is of type VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D, then for each element of pRegions, srcOffset.y **must** be 0 and extent.height **must** be 1

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcOffset-00147

  For each element of pRegions, srcOffset.z and (extent.depth + srcOffset.z) **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the depth of the specified srcSubresource of srcImage

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-01785

  If srcImage is of type VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D, then for each element of pRegions, srcOffset.z **must** be 0 and extent.depth **must** be 1

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImage-01786

  If dstImage is of type VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D, then for each element of pRegions, dstOffset.z **must** be 0 and extent.depth **must** be 1

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-01787

  If `srcImage` is of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`, then for each element of `pRegions`, `srcOffset.z` **must** be `0`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImage-01788

  If `dstImage` is of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`, then for each element of `pRegions`, `dstOffset.z` **must** be `0`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-01790

  If `srcImage` and `dstImage` are both of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`, then for each element of `pRegions`, `extent.depth` **must** be `1`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-01791

  If `srcImage` is of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`, and `dstImage` is of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D`, then for each element of `pRegions`, `extent.depth` **must** equal `srcSubresource.layerCount`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImage-01792

  If `dstImage` is of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`, and `srcImage` is of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D`, then for each element of `pRegions`, `extent.depth` **must** equal `dstSubresource.layerCount`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstOffset-00150

  For each element of `pRegions`, `dstOffset.x` and (`extent.width` + `dstOffset.x`) **must** both be greater than or equal to `0` and less than or equal to the width of the specified `dstSubresource` of `dstImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstOffset-00151

  For each element of `pRegions`, `dstOffset.y` and (`extent.height` + `dstOffset.y`) **must** both be greater than or equal to `0` and less than or equal to the height of the specified `dstSubresource` of `dstImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImage-00152

  If `dstImage` is of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D`, then for each element of `pRegions`, `dstOffset.y` **must** be `0` and `extent.height` **must** be `1`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstOffset-00153

  For each element of `pRegions`, `dstOffset.z` and (`extent.depth` + `dstOffset.z`) **must** both be greater than or equal to `0` and less than or equal to the depth of the specified `dstSubresource` of `dstImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-01727

  If `srcImage` is a blocked image, then for each element of `pRegions`, all members of `srcOffset` **must** be a multiple of the corresponding dimensions of the compressed texel block

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-01728

  If `srcImage` is a blocked image, then for each element of `pRegions`, `extent.width` **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block width or (`extent.width` + `srcOffset.x`) **must** equal the width of the specified `srcSubresource` of `srcImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-01729

  If `srcImage` is a blocked image, then for each element of `pRegions`, `extent.height` **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block height or (`extent.height` + `srcOffset.y`) **must** equal the height of the specified `srcSubresource` of `srcImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-01730

  If `srcImage` is a blocked image, then for each element of `pRegions`, `extent.depth` **must** be a

multiple of the compressed texel block depth or (extent.depth + srcOffset.z) **must** equal the depth of the specified srcSubresource of srcImage

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImage-01731

  If dstImage is a blocked image, then for each element of pRegions, all members of dstOffset **must** be a multiple of the corresponding dimensions of the compressed texel block

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImage-01732

  If dstImage is a blocked image, then for each element of pRegions, extent.width **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block width or (extent.width + dstOffset.x) **must** equal the width of the specified dstSubresource of dstImage

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImage-01733

  If dstImage is a blocked image, then for each element of pRegions, extent.height **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block height or (extent.height + dstOffset.y) **must** equal the height of the specified dstSubresource of dstImage

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImage-01734

  If dstImage is a blocked image, then for each element of pRegions, extent.depth **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block depth or (extent.depth + dstOffset.z) **must** equal the depth of the specified dstSubresource of dstImage

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-commandBuffer-parameter

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImage-parameter

  `srcImage` **must** be a valid VkImage handle

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-srcImageLayout-parameter

  `srcImageLayout` **must** be a valid VkImageLayout value

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImage-parameter

  `dstImage` **must** be a valid VkImage handle

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-dstImageLayout-parameter

  `dstImageLayout` **must** be a valid VkImageLayout value

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-pRegions-parameter

  `pRegions` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `regionCount` valid VkImageCopy structures

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-commandBuffer-recording

  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The VkCommandPool that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support transfer, graphics, or compute operations

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-regionCount-arraylength

  `regionCount` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImage-commonparent

  Each of `commandBuffer`, `dstImage`, and `srcImage` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the VkCommandPool that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Outside	Transfer Graphics Compute

The `VkImageCopy` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkImageCopy {
    VkImageSubresourceLayers    srcSubresource;
    VkOffset3D                  srcOffset;
    VkImageSubresourceLayers    dstSubresource;
    VkOffset3D                  dstOffset;
    VkExtent3D                  extent;
} VkImageCopy;
```

- `srcSubresource` and `dstSubresource` are `VkImageSubresourceLayers` structures specifying the image subresources of the images used for the source and destination image data, respectively.

- `srcOffset` and `dstOffset` select the initial `x`, `y`, and `z` offsets in texels of the sub-regions of the source and destination image data.

- `extent` is the size in texels of the image to copy in `width`, `height` and `depth`.

For `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D` images, copies are performed slice by slice starting with the `z` member of the `srcOffset` or `dstOffset`, and copying `depth` slices. For images with multiple layers, copies are performed layer by layer starting with the `baseArrayLayer` member of the `srcSubresource` or `dstSubresource` and copying `layerCount` layers. Image data **can** be copied between images with different image types. If one image is `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D` and the other image is `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D` with multiple layers, then each slice is copied to or from a different layer.

Copies involving a multi-planar image format specify the region to be copied in terms of the *plane* to be copied, not the coordinates of the multi-planar image. This means that copies accessing the R/B planes of "_422" format images **must** fit the copied region within half the `width` of the parent image, and that copies accessing the R/B planes of "_420" format images **must** fit the copied region within half the `width` and `height` of the parent image.

<div style="text-align:center">Valid Usage</div>

- VUID-VkImageCopy-extent-00140
  The number of slices of the `extent` (for 3D) or layers of the `srcSubresource` (for non-3D) **must** match the number of slices of the `extent` (for 3D) or layers of the `dstSubresource` (for non-3D)

<div style="text-align:center">Valid Usage (Implicit)</div>

- VUID-VkImageCopy-srcSubresource-parameter
  `srcSubresource` **must** be a valid VkImageSubresourceLayers structure

- VUID-VkImageCopy-dstSubresource-parameter
  `dstSubresource` **must** be a valid VkImageSubresourceLayers structure

The `VkImageSubresourceLayers` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkImageSubresourceLayers {
    VkImageAspectFlags    aspectMask;
    uint32_t              mipLevel;
    uint32_t              baseArrayLayer;
    uint32_t              layerCount;
} VkImageSubresourceLayers;
```

- `aspectMask` is a combination of VkImageAspectFlagBits, selecting the color, depth and/or stencil aspects to be copied.

- `mipLevel` is the mipmap level to copy

- `baseArrayLayer` and `layerCount` are the starting layer and number of layers to copy.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkImageSubresourceLayers-aspectMask-00167
  If `aspectMask` contains `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT`, it **must** not contain either of `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT` or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_STENCIL_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageSubresourceLayers-aspectMask-00168
  `aspectMask` **must** not contain `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_METADATA_BIT`

- VUID-VkImageSubresourceLayers-layerCount-01700
  `layerCount` **must** be greater than 0

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkImageSubresourceLayers-aspectMask-parameter
  `aspectMask` **must** be a valid combination of VkImageAspectFlagBits values

- VUID-VkImageSubresourceLayers-aspectMask-requiredbitmask
  `aspectMask` **must** not be `0`

19.4. Copying Data Between Buffers and Images

To copy data from a buffer object to an image object, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdCopyBufferToImage(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkBuffer                                    srcBuffer,
    VkImage                                     dstImage,
    VkImageLayout                               dstImageLayout,
    uint32_t                                    regionCount,
    const VkBufferImageCopy*                    pRegions);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- `srcBuffer` is the source buffer.

- `dstImage` is the destination image.

- `dstImageLayout` is the layout of the destination image subresources for the copy.

- `regionCount` is the number of regions to copy.

- `pRegions` is a pointer to an array of VkBufferImageCopy structures specifying the regions to copy.

Each region in `pRegions` is copied from the specified region of the source buffer to the specified region of the destination image.

If `dstImage` has a multi-planar format, regions of each plane to be a target of a copy **must** be specified separately using the `pRegions` member of the VkBufferImageCopy structure. In this case, the `aspectMask` of `imageSubresource` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT`, or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT`. For the purposes of `vkCmdCopyBufferToImage`, each plane of a multi-planar image is treated as having the format listed in Compatible formats of planes of multi-planar formats for the plane identified by the `aspectMask` of the corresponding subresource. This applies both to VkFormat and to coordinates used in the copy, which correspond to texels in the *plane* rather than how these texels map to coordinates in the image as a whole.

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-commandBuffer-01828

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `srcBuffer` **must** not be a protected buffer

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-commandBuffer-01829

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `dstImage` **must** not be a protected image

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-commandBuffer-01830

  If `commandBuffer` is a protected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `dstImage` **must** not be an unprotected image

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-pRegions-06217

  The image region specified by each element of `pRegions` **must** be contained within the specified `imageSubresource` of `dstImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-pRegions-00171

  `srcBuffer` **must** be large enough to contain all buffer locations that are accessed according to Buffer and Image Addressing, for each element of `pRegions`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-pRegions-00173

  The union of all source regions, and the union of all destination regions, specified by the elements of `pRegions`, **must** not overlap in memory

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-srcBuffer-00174

  `srcBuffer` **must** have been created with `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT` usage flag

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-dstImage-01997

  The format features of `dstImage` **must** contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-srcBuffer-00176

  If `srcBuffer` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-dstImage-00177

  `dstImage` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT` usage flag

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-dstImage-00178

  If `dstImage` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-dstImage-00179

  `dstImage` **must** have a sample count equal to `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-dstImageLayout-00180

  `dstImageLayout` **must** specify the layout of the image subresources of `dstImage` specified in `pRegions` at the time this command is executed on a `VkDevice`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-dstImageLayout-00181

  `dstImageLayout` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_DST_OPTIMAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-imageSubresource-01701

  The `imageSubresource.mipLevel` member of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than the

`mipLevels` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `dstImage` was created

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-imageSubresource-01702

  The `imageSubresource.baseArrayLayer` + `imageSubresource.layerCount` of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than or equal to the `arrayLayers` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `dstImage` was created

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-imageOffset-01793

  The `imageOffset` and `imageExtent` members of each element of `pRegions` **must** respect the image transfer granularity requirements of `commandBuffer`'s command pool's queue family, as described in VkQueueFamilyProperties

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-None-00214

  For each element of `pRegions` whose `imageSubresource` contains a depth aspect, the data in `srcBuffer` **must** be in the range [0,1]

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-commandBuffer-04477

  If the queue family used to create the VkCommandPool which `commandBuffer` was allocated from does not support `VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT`, for each element of `pRegions`, the `aspectMask` member of `imageSubresource` **must** not be `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT` or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_STENCIL_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-pRegions-06218

  For each element of `pRegions`, `imageOffset.x` and (`imageExtent.width` + `imageOffset.x`) **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the width of the specified `imageSubresource` of `dstImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-pRegions-06219

  For each element of `pRegions`, `imageOffset.y` and (`imageExtent.height` + `imageOffset.y`) **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the height of the specified `imageSubresource` of `dstImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-bufferOffset-01558

  If `dstImage` does not have either a depth/stencil or a multi-planar format, then for each element of `pRegions`, `bufferOffset` **must** be a multiple of the format's texel block size

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-bufferOffset-01559

  If `dstImage` has a multi-planar format, then for each element of `pRegions`, `bufferOffset` **must** be a multiple of the element size of the compatible format for the format and the `aspectMask` of the `imageSubresource` as defined in Compatible formats of planes of multi-planar formats

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-srcImage-00199

  If `dstImage` is of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D`, then for each element of `pRegions`, `imageOffset.y` **must** be 0 and `imageExtent.height` **must** be 1

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-imageOffset-00200

  For each element of `pRegions`, `imageOffset.z` and (`imageExtent.depth` + `imageOffset.z`) **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the depth of the specified `imageSubresource` of `dstImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-srcImage-00201

  If `dstImage` is of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D` or `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`, then for each element of `pRegions`, `imageOffset.z` **must** be 0 and `imageExtent.depth` **must** be 1

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-bufferRowLength-00203

  If `dstImage` is a [blocked image](), for each element of `pRegions`, `bufferRowLength` **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block width

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-bufferImageHeight-00204

  If `dstImage` is a [blocked image](), for each element of `pRegions`, `bufferImageHeight` **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block height

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-imageOffset-00205

  If `dstImage` is a [blocked image](), for each element of `pRegions`, all members of `imageOffset` **must** be a multiple of the corresponding dimensions of the compressed texel block

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-bufferOffset-00206

  If `dstImage` is a [blocked image](), for each element of `pRegions`, `bufferOffset` **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block size in bytes

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-imageExtent-00207

  If `dstImage` is a [blocked image](), for each element of `pRegions`, `imageExtent.width` **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block width or (`imageExtent.width` + `imageOffset.x`) **must** equal the width of the specified `imageSubresource` of `dstImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-imageExtent-00208

  If `dstImage` is a [blocked image](), for each element of `pRegions`, `imageExtent.height` **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block height or (`imageExtent.height` + `imageOffset.y`) **must** equal the height of the specified `imageSubresource` of `dstImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-imageExtent-00209

  If `dstImage` is a [blocked image](), for each element of `pRegions`, `imageExtent.depth` **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block depth or (`imageExtent.depth` + `imageOffset.z`) **must** equal the depth of the specified `imageSubresource` of `dstImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-aspectMask-00211

  For each element of `pRegions`, `imageSubresource.aspectMask` **must** specify aspects present in `dstImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-aspectMask-01560

  If `dstImage` has a [multi-planar format](), then for each element of `pRegions`, `imageSubresource.aspectMask` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT`, or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT` (with `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT` valid only for image formats with three planes)

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-baseArrayLayer-00213

  If `dstImage` is of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D`, for each element of `pRegions`, `imageSubresource.baseArrayLayer` **must** be `0` and `imageSubresource.layerCount` **must** be `1`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-pRegions-04725

  If `dstImage` is not a [blocked image](), for each element of `pRegions`, `bufferRowLength` multiplied by the texel block size of `dstImage` **must** be less than or equal to $2^{31}-1$

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-pRegions-04726

  If `dstImage` is a [blocked image](), for each element of `pRegions`, `bufferRowLength` divided by the compressed texel block width and then multiplied by the texel block size of `dstImage` **must** be less than or equal to $2^{31}-1$

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-commandBuffer-04052

If the queue family used to create the VkCommandPool which commandBuffer was allocated from does not support VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT or VK_QUEUE_COMPUTE_BIT, the bufferOffset member of any element of pRegions **must** be a multiple of 4

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-srcImage-04053

  If dstImage has a depth/stencil format, the bufferOffset member of any element of pRegions **must** be a multiple of 4

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-commandBuffer-parameter

  commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-srcBuffer-parameter

  srcBuffer **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-dstImage-parameter

  dstImage **must** be a valid VkImage handle

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-dstImageLayout-parameter

  dstImageLayout **must** be a valid VkImageLayout value

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-pRegions-parameter

  pRegions **must** be a valid pointer to an array of regionCount valid VkBufferImageCopy structures

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-commandBuffer-recording

  commandBuffer **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support transfer, graphics, or compute operations

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-regionCount-arraylength

  regionCount **must** be greater than 0

- VUID-vkCmdCopyBufferToImage-commonparent

  Each of commandBuffer, dstImage, and srcBuffer **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Host Synchronization

- Host access to commandBuffer **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Outside	Transfer Graphics Compute

To copy data from an image object to a buffer object, call:

```c
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkImage                                     srcImage,
    VkImageLayout                               srcImageLayout,
    VkBuffer                                    dstBuffer,
    uint32_t                                    regionCount,
    const VkBufferImageCopy*                    pRegions);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- `srcImage` is the source image.

- `srcImageLayout` is the layout of the source image subresources for the copy.

- `dstBuffer` is the destination buffer.

- `regionCount` is the number of regions to copy.

- `pRegions` is a pointer to an array of VkBufferImageCopy structures specifying the regions to copy.

Each region in `pRegions` is copied from the specified region of the source image to the specified region of the destination buffer.

If `srcImage` has a multi-planar format, regions of each plane to be a source of a copy **must** be specified separately using the `pRegions` member of the VkBufferImageCopy structure. In this case, the aspectMask of imageSubresource **must** be `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT`, or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT`. For the purposes of `vkCmdCopyBufferToImage`, each plane of a multi-planar image is treated as having the format listed in Compatible formats of planes of multi-planar formats for the plane identified by the aspectMask of the corresponding subresource. This applies both to VkFormat and to coordinates used in the copy, which correspond to texels in the *plane* rather than how these texels map to coordinates in the image as a whole.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-commandBuffer-01831

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `srcImage` **must** not be a protected image

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-commandBuffer-01832

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `dstBuffer` **must** not be a protected buffer

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-commandBuffer-01833

  If `commandBuffer` is a protected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `dstBuffer` **must** not be an unprotected buffer

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-pRegions-06220

  The image region specified by each element of `pRegions` **must** be contained within the specified `imageSubresource` of `srcImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-pRegions-00183

  `dstBuffer` **must** be large enough to contain all buffer locations that are accessed according to [Buffer and Image Addressing](), for each element of `pRegions`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-pRegions-00184

  The union of all source regions, and the union of all destination regions, specified by the elements of `pRegions`, **must** not overlap in memory

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-srcImage-00186

  `srcImage` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT` usage flag

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-srcImage-01998

  The [format features]() of `srcImage` **must** contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-srcImage-00187

  If `srcImage` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-dstBuffer-00191

  `dstBuffer` **must** have been created with `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT` usage flag

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-dstBuffer-00192

  If `dstBuffer` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-srcImage-00188

  `srcImage` **must** have a sample count equal to `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-srcImageLayout-00189

  `srcImageLayout` **must** specify the layout of the image subresources of `srcImage` specified in `pRegions` at the time this command is executed on a `VkDevice`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-srcImageLayout-00190

  `srcImageLayout` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_SRC_OPTIMAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-imageSubresource-01703

  The `imageSubresource.mipLevel` member of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than the

`mipLevels` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `srcImage` was created

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-imageSubresource-01704

  The `imageSubresource.baseArrayLayer` + `imageSubresource.layerCount` of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than or equal to the `arrayLayers` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `srcImage` was created

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-imageOffset-01794

  The `imageOffset` and `imageExtent` members of each element of `pRegions` **must** respect the image transfer granularity requirements of `commandBuffer`'s command pool's queue family, as described in VkQueueFamilyProperties

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-pRegions-06221

  For each element of `pRegions`, `imageOffset.x` and ($imageExtent.width$ + `imageOffset.x`) **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the width of the specified `imageSubresource` of `srcImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-pRegions-06222

  For each element of `pRegions`, `imageOffset.y` and ($imageExtent.height$ + `imageOffset.y`) **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the height of the specified `imageSubresource` of `srcImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-bufferOffset-01558

  If `srcImage` does not have either a depth/stencil or a multi-planar format, then for each element of `pRegions`, `bufferOffset` **must** be a multiple of the format's texel block size

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-bufferOffset-01559

  If `srcImage` has a multi-planar format, then for each element of `pRegions`, `bufferOffset` **must** be a multiple of the element size of the compatible format for the format and the `aspectMask` of the `imageSubresource` as defined in Compatible formats of planes of multi-planar formats

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-srcImage-00199

  If `srcImage` is of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D`, then for each element of `pRegions`, `imageOffset.y` **must** be 0 and `imageExtent.height` **must** be 1

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-imageOffset-00200

  For each element of `pRegions`, `imageOffset.z` and ($imageExtent.depth$ + `imageOffset.z`) **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the depth of the specified `imageSubresource` of `srcImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-srcImage-00201

  If `srcImage` is of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D` or `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`, then for each element of `pRegions`, `imageOffset.z` **must** be 0 and `imageExtent.depth` **must** be 1

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-bufferRowLength-00203

  If `srcImage` is a blocked image, for each element of `pRegions`, `bufferRowLength` **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block width

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-bufferImageHeight-00204

  If `srcImage` is a blocked image, for each element of `pRegions`, `bufferImageHeight` **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block height

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-imageOffset-00205

  If `srcImage` is a blocked image, for each element of `pRegions`, all members of `imageOffset`

must be a multiple of the corresponding dimensions of the compressed texel block

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-bufferOffset-00206

  If `srcImage` is a blocked image, for each element of `pRegions`, `bufferOffset` **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block size in bytes

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-imageExtent-00207

  If `srcImage` is a blocked image, for each element of `pRegions`, `imageExtent.width` **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block width or (`imageExtent.width` + `imageOffset.x`) **must** equal the width of the specified `imageSubresource` of `srcImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-imageExtent-00208

  If `srcImage` is a blocked image, for each element of `pRegions`, `imageExtent.height` **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block height or (`imageExtent.height` + `imageOffset.y`) **must** equal the height of the specified `imageSubresource` of `srcImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-imageExtent-00209

  If `srcImage` is a blocked image, for each element of `pRegions`, `imageExtent.depth` **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block depth or (`imageExtent.depth` + `imageOffset.z`) **must** equal the depth of the specified `imageSubresource` of `srcImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-aspectMask-00211

  For each element of `pRegions`, `imageSubresource.aspectMask` **must** specify aspects present in `srcImage`

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-aspectMask-01560

  If `srcImage` has a multi-planar format, then for each element of `pRegions`, `imageSubresource.aspectMask` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT`, or `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT` (with `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT` valid only for image formats with three planes)

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-baseArrayLayer-00213

  If `srcImage` is of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D`, for each element of `pRegions`, `imageSubresource.baseArrayLayer` **must** be 0 and `imageSubresource.layerCount` **must** be 1

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-pRegions-04725

  If `srcImage` is not a blocked image, for each element of `pRegions`, `bufferRowLength` multiplied by the texel block size of `srcImage` **must** be less than or equal to 2^{31}-1

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-pRegions-04726

  If `srcImage` is a blocked image, for each element of `pRegions`, `bufferRowLength` divided by the compressed texel block width and then multiplied by the texel block size of `srcImage` **must** be less than or equal to 2^{31}-1

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-commandBuffer-04052

  If the queue family used to create the VkCommandPool which `commandBuffer` was allocated from does not support `VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT` or `VK_QUEUE_COMPUTE_BIT`, the `bufferOffset` member of any element of `pRegions` **must** be a multiple of 4

- VUID-vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer-srcImage-04053

  If `srcImage` has a depth/stencil format, the `bufferOffset` member of any element of `pRegions` **must** be a multiple of 4

For both vkCmdCopyBufferToImage and vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer, each element of pRegions is a

structure defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkBufferImageCopy {
    VkDeviceSize                bufferOffset;
    uint32_t                    bufferRowLength;
    uint32_t                    bufferImageHeight;
    VkImageSubresourceLayers    imageSubresource;
    VkOffset3D                  imageOffset;
    VkExtent3D                  imageExtent;
} VkBufferImageCopy;
```

- `bufferOffset` is the offset in bytes from the start of the buffer object where the image data is copied from or to.

- `bufferRowLength` and `bufferImageHeight` specify in texels a subregion of a larger two- or three-dimensional image in buffer memory, and control the addressing calculations. If either of these values is zero, that aspect of the buffer memory is considered to be tightly packed according to the `imageExtent`.

- `imageSubresource` is a VkImageSubresourceLayers used to specify the specific image subresources of the image used for the source or destination image data.

- `imageOffset` selects the initial `x`, `y`, `z` offsets in texels of the sub-region of the source or destination image data.

- `imageExtent` is the size in texels of the image to copy in `width`, `height` and `depth`.

When copying to or from a depth or stencil aspect, the data in buffer memory uses a layout that is a (mostly) tightly packed representation of the depth or stencil data. Specifically:

- data copied to or from the stencil aspect of any depth/stencil format is tightly packed with one `VK_FORMAT_S8_UINT` value per texel.

- data copied to or from the depth aspect of a `VK_FORMAT_D16_UNORM` or `VK_FORMAT_D16_UNORM_S8_UINT` format is tightly packed with one `VK_FORMAT_D16_UNORM` value per texel.

- data copied to or from the depth aspect of a `VK_FORMAT_D32_SFLOAT` or `VK_FORMAT_D32_SFLOAT_S8_UINT` format is tightly packed with one `VK_FORMAT_D32_SFLOAT` value per texel.

- data copied to or from the depth aspect of a `VK_FORMAT_X8_D24_UNORM_PACK32` or `VK_FORMAT_D24_UNORM_S8_UINT` format is packed with one 32-bit word per texel with the D24 value in the LSBs of the word, and undefined values in the eight MSBs.

> **Note**
>
> To copy both the depth and stencil aspects of a depth/stencil format, two entries in `pRegions` **can** be used, where one specifies the depth aspect in `imageSubresource`, and the other specifies the stencil aspect.

Because depth or stencil aspect buffer to image copies **may** require format conversions on some implementations, they are not supported on queues that do not support graphics.

When copying to a depth aspect, the data in buffer memory **must** be in the range [0,1], or the resulting values are undefined.

Copies are done layer by layer starting with image layer `baseArrayLayer` member of `imageSubresource`. `layerCount` layers are copied from the source image or to the destination image.

For purpose of valid usage statements here and in related copy commands, a *blocked image* is defined as:

- an image with a *single-plane*, "`_422`" format, which is treated as a format with a 2 × 1 compressed texel block, or

- a compressed image.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkBufferImageCopy-bufferRowLength-00195
  `bufferRowLength` **must** be `0`, or greater than or equal to the `width` member of `imageExtent`

- VUID-VkBufferImageCopy-bufferImageHeight-00196
  `bufferImageHeight` **must** be `0`, or greater than or equal to the `height` member of `imageExtent`

- VUID-VkBufferImageCopy-aspectMask-00212
  The `aspectMask` member of `imageSubresource` **must** only have a single bit set

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkBufferImageCopy-imageSubresource-parameter
  `imageSubresource` **must** be a valid VkImageSubresourceLayers structure

19.4.1. Buffer and Image Addressing

Pseudocode for image/buffer addressing of uncompressed formats is:

```
rowLength = region->bufferRowLength;
if (rowLength == 0)
    rowLength = region->imageExtent.width;

imageHeight = region->bufferImageHeight;
if (imageHeight == 0)
    imageHeight = region->imageExtent.height;

texelBlockSize = <texel block size of the format of the src/dstImage>;

address of (x,y,z) = region->bufferOffset + (((z * imageHeight) + y) * rowLength + x)
* texelBlockSize;

where x,y,z range from (0,0,0) to region->imageExtent.{width,height,depth}.
```

Note that `imageOffset` does not affect addressing calculations for buffer memory. Instead, `bufferOffset` **can** be used to select the starting address in buffer memory.

For block-compressed formats, all parameters are still specified in texels rather than compressed texel blocks, but the addressing math operates on whole compressed texel blocks. Pseudocode for compressed copy addressing is:

```
rowLength = region->bufferRowLength;
if (rowLength == 0)
    rowLength = region->imageExtent.width;

imageHeight = region->bufferImageHeight;
if (imageHeight == 0)
    imageHeight = region->imageExtent.height;

compressedTexelBlockSizeInBytes = <compressed texel block size taken from the src
/dstImage>;
rowLength = (rowLength + compressedTexelBlockWidth - 1) / compressedTexelBlockWidth;
imageHeight = (imageHeight + compressedTexelBlockHeight - 1) /
compressedTexelBlockHeight;

address of (x,y,z) = region->bufferOffset + (((z * imageHeight) + y) * rowLength + x)
* compressedTexelBlockSizeInBytes;

where x,y,z range from (0,0,0) to region->imageExtent.{width/
compressedTexelBlockWidth,height/compressedTexelBlockHeight,depth/compressedTexelBlock
Depth}.
```

Copying to or from block-compressed images is typically done in multiples of the compressed texel block size. For this reason the `imageExtent` **must** be a multiple of the compressed texel block dimension. There is one exception to this rule which is **required** to handle compressed images created with dimensions that are not a multiple of the compressed texel block dimensions:

- If `imageExtent.width` is not a multiple of the compressed texel block width, then (`imageExtent.width` + `imageOffset.x`) **must** equal the image subresource width.

- If `imageExtent.height` is not a multiple of the compressed texel block height, then (`imageExtent.height` + `imageOffset.y`) **must** equal the image subresource height.

- If `imageExtent.depth` is not a multiple of the compressed texel block depth, then (`imageExtent.depth` + `imageOffset.z`) **must** equal the image subresource depth.

This allows the last compressed texel block of the image in each non-multiple dimension to be included as a source or destination of the copy.

19.5. Image Copies with Scaling

To copy regions of a source image into a destination image, potentially performing format conversion, arbitrary scaling, and filtering, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdBlitImage(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkImage                                     srcImage,
    VkImageLayout                               srcImageLayout,
    VkImage                                     dstImage,
    VkImageLayout                               dstImageLayout,
    uint32_t                                    regionCount,
    const VkImageBlit*                          pRegions,
    VkFilter                                    filter);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- `srcImage` is the source image.

- `srcImageLayout` is the layout of the source image subresources for the blit.

- `dstImage` is the destination image.

- `dstImageLayout` is the layout of the destination image subresources for the blit.

- `regionCount` is the number of regions to blit.

- `pRegions` is a pointer to an array of VkImageBlit structures specifying the regions to blit.

- `filter` is a VkFilter specifying the filter to apply if the blits require scaling.

`vkCmdBlitImage` **must** not be used for multisampled source or destination images. Use vkCmdResolveImage for this purpose.

As the sizes of the source and destination extents **can** differ in any dimension, texels in the source extent are scaled and filtered to the destination extent. Scaling occurs via the following operations:

- For each destination texel, the integer coordinate of that texel is converted to an unnormalized texture coordinate, using the effective inverse of the equations described in unnormalized to integer conversion:

  $$u_{base} = i + \tfrac{1}{2}$$

  $$v_{base} = j + \tfrac{1}{2}$$

  $$w_{base} = k + \tfrac{1}{2}$$

- These base coordinates are then offset by the first destination offset:

  $$u_{offset} = u_{base} - x_{dst0}$$

  $$v_{offset} = v_{base} - y_{dst0}$$

$$w_{offset} = w_{base} - z_{dst0}$$

$$a_{offset} = a - \texttt{baseArrayCount}_{dst}$$

- The scale is determined from the source and destination regions, and applied to the offset coordinates:

$$scale_u = (x_{src1} - x_{src0}) / (x_{dst1} - x_{dst0})$$

$$scale_v = (y_{src1} - y_{src0}) / (y_{dst1} - y_{dst0})$$

$$scale_w = (z_{src1} - z_{src0}) / (z_{dst1} - z_{dst0})$$

$$u_{scaled} = u_{offset} \times scale_u$$

$$v_{scaled} = v_{offset} \times scale_v$$

$$w_{scaled} = w_{offset} \times scale_w$$

- Finally the source offset is added to the scaled coordinates, to determine the final unnormalized coordinates used to sample from `srcImage`:

$$u = u_{scaled} + x_{src0}$$

$$v = v_{scaled} + y_{src0}$$

$$w = w_{scaled} + z_{src0}$$

$$q = \texttt{mipLevel}$$

$$a = a_{offset} + \texttt{baseArrayCount}_{src}$$

These coordinates are used to sample from the source image, as described in Image Operations chapter, with the filter mode equal to that of `filter`, a mipmap mode of `VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_NEAREST` and an address mode of `VK_SAMPLER_ADDRESS_MODE_CLAMP_TO_EDGE`.

Implementations **must** clamp at the edge of the source image, and **may** additionally clamp to the edge of the source region.

> *Note*
>
> Due to allowable rounding errors in the generation of the source texture coordinates, it is not always possible to guarantee exactly which source texels will be sampled for a given blit. As rounding errors are implementation-dependent, the exact results of a blitting operation are also implementation-dependent.

Blits are done layer by layer starting with the `baseArrayLayer` member of `srcSubresource` for the source and `dstSubresource` for the destination. `layerCount` layers are blitted to the destination image.

When blitting 3D textures, slices in the destination region bounded by `dstOffsets`[0].z and `dstOffsets`[1].z are sampled from slices in the source region bounded by `srcOffsets`[0].z and `srcOffsets`[1].z. If the `filter` parameter is `VK_FILTER_LINEAR` then the value sampled from the source image is taken by doing linear filtering using the interpolated **z** coordinate represented by **w** in the previous equations. If the `filter` parameter is `VK_FILTER_NEAREST` then the value sampled from the source image is taken from the single nearest slice, with an implementation-dependent arithmetic rounding mode.

The following filtering and conversion rules apply:

- Integer formats **can** only be converted to other integer formats with the same signedness.
- No format conversion is supported between depth/stencil images. The formats **must** match.
- Format conversions on unorm, snorm, unscaled and packed float formats of the copied aspect of the image are performed by first converting the pixels to float values.
- For sRGB source formats, nonlinear RGB values are converted to linear representation prior to filtering.
- After filtering, the float values are first clamped and then cast to the destination image format. In case of sRGB destination format, linear RGB values are converted to nonlinear representation before writing the pixel to the image.

Signed and unsigned integers are converted by first clamping to the representable range of the destination format, then casting the value.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-commandBuffer-01834

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `srcImage` **must** not be a protected image

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-commandBuffer-01835

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `dstImage` **must** not be a protected image

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-commandBuffer-01836

  If `commandBuffer` is a protected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `dstImage` **must** not be an unprotected image

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-pRegions-00215

  The source region specified by each element of `pRegions` **must** be a region that is contained within `srcImage`

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-pRegions-00216

  The destination region specified by each element of `pRegions` **must** be a region that is contained within `dstImage`

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-pRegions-00217

  The union of all destination regions, specified by the elements of `pRegions`, **must** not overlap in memory with any texel that **may** be sampled during the blit operation

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcImage-01999

  The format features of `srcImage` **must** contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcImage-06421

  `srcImage` **must** not use a format that requires a sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcImage-00219

  `srcImage` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT` usage flag

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcImage-00220

  If `srcImage` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcImageLayout-00221

  `srcImageLayout` **must** specify the layout of the image subresources of `srcImage` specified in `pRegions` at the time this command is executed on a `VkDevice`

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcImageLayout-00222

  `srcImageLayout` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_SRC_OPTIMAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL`

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-dstImage-02000

  The format features of `dstImage` **must** contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-dstImage-06422

  `dstImage` **must** not use a format that requires a sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-dstImage-00224

  `dstImage` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT` usage flag

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-dstImage-00225

If `dstImage` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-dstImageLayout-00226

  `dstImageLayout` **must** specify the layout of the image subresources of `dstImage` specified in `pRegions` at the time this command is executed on a `VkDevice`

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-dstImageLayout-00227

  `dstImageLayout` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_DST_OPTIMAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL`

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcImage-00229

  If either of `srcImage` or `dstImage` was created with a signed integer `VkFormat`, the other **must** also have been created with a signed integer `VkFormat`

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcImage-00230

  If either of `srcImage` or `dstImage` was created with an unsigned integer `VkFormat`, the other **must** also have been created with an unsigned integer `VkFormat`

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcImage-00231

  If either of `srcImage` or `dstImage` was created with a depth/stencil format, the other **must** have exactly the same format

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcImage-00232

  If `srcImage` was created with a depth/stencil format, `filter` **must** be `VK_FILTER_NEAREST`

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcImage-00233

  `srcImage` **must** have been created with a `samples` value of `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-dstImage-00234

  `dstImage` **must** have been created with a `samples` value of `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-filter-02001

  If `filter` is `VK_FILTER_LINEAR`, then the format features of `srcImage` **must** contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcSubresource-01705

  The `srcSubresource.mipLevel` member of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than the `mipLevels` specified in `VkImageCreateInfo` when `srcImage` was created

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-dstSubresource-01706

  The `dstSubresource.mipLevel` member of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than the `mipLevels` specified in `VkImageCreateInfo` when `dstImage` was created

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcSubresource-01707

  The `srcSubresource.baseArrayLayer` + `srcSubresource.layerCount` of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than or equal to the `arrayLayers` specified in `VkImageCreateInfo` when `srcImage` was created

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-dstSubresource-01708

  The `dstSubresource.baseArrayLayer` + `dstSubresource.layerCount` of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than or equal to the `arrayLayers` specified in `VkImageCreateInfo` when `dstImage` was created

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcImage-00240

  If either `srcImage` or `dstImage` is of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D`, then for each element of `pRegions`, `srcSubresource.baseArrayLayer` and `dstSubresource.baseArrayLayer` **must** each be `0`, and `srcSubresource.layerCount` and `dstSubresource.layerCount` **must** each be `1`

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-aspectMask-00241

  For each element of pRegions, srcSubresource.aspectMask **must** specify aspects present in srcImage

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-aspectMask-00242

  For each element of pRegions, dstSubresource.aspectMask **must** specify aspects present in dstImage

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcOffset-00243

  For each element of pRegions, srcOffsets[0].x and srcOffsets[1].x **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the width of the specified srcSubresource of srcImage

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcOffset-00244

  For each element of pRegions, srcOffsets[0].y and srcOffsets[1].y **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the height of the specified srcSubresource of srcImage

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcImage-00245

  If srcImage is of type VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D, then for each element of pRegions, srcOffsets[0].y **must** be 0 and srcOffsets[1].y **must** be 1

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcOffset-00246

  For each element of pRegions, srcOffsets[0].z and srcOffsets[1].z **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the depth of the specified srcSubresource of srcImage

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcImage-00247

  If srcImage is of type VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D or VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D, then for each element of pRegions, srcOffsets[0].z **must** be 0 and srcOffsets[1].z **must** be 1

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-dstOffset-00248

  For each element of pRegions, dstOffsets[0].x and dstOffsets[1].x **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the width of the specified dstSubresource of dstImage

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-dstOffset-00249

  For each element of pRegions, dstOffsets[0].y and dstOffsets[1].y **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the height of the specified dstSubresource of dstImage

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-dstImage-00250

  If dstImage is of type VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D, then for each element of pRegions, dstOffsets[0].y **must** be 0 and dstOffsets[1].y **must** be 1

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-dstOffset-00251

  For each element of pRegions, dstOffsets[0].z and dstOffsets[1].z **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the depth of the specified dstSubresource of dstImage

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-dstImage-00252

  If dstImage is of type VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D or VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D, then for each element of pRegions, dstOffsets[0].z **must** be 0 and dstOffsets[1].z **must** be 1

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-commandBuffer-parameter

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcImage-parameter

  `srcImage` **must** be a valid VkImage handle

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-srcImageLayout-parameter

  `srcImageLayout` **must** be a valid VkImageLayout value

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-dstImage-parameter

  `dstImage` **must** be a valid VkImage handle

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-dstImageLayout-parameter

  `dstImageLayout` **must** be a valid VkImageLayout value

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-pRegions-parameter

  `pRegions` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `regionCount` valid VkImageBlit structures

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-filter-parameter

  `filter` **must** be a valid VkFilter value

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-commandBuffer-recording

  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The VkCommandPool that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-regionCount-arraylength

  `regionCount` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-vkCmdBlitImage-commonparent

  Each of `commandBuffer`, `dstImage`, and `srcImage` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the VkCommandPool that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Outside	Graphics

The VkImageBlit structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkImageBlit {
    VkImageSubresourceLayers    srcSubresource;
    VkOffset3D                  srcOffsets[2];
    VkImageSubresourceLayers    dstSubresource;
    VkOffset3D                  dstOffsets[2];
} VkImageBlit;
```

- srcSubresource is the subresource to blit from.
- srcOffsets is a pointer to an array of two VkOffset3D structures specifying the bounds of the source region within srcSubresource.
- dstSubresource is the subresource to blit into.
- dstOffsets is a pointer to an array of two VkOffset3D structures specifying the bounds of the destination region within dstSubresource.

For each element of the pRegions array, a blit operation is performed for the specified source and destination regions.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkImageBlit-aspectMask-00238
  The aspectMask member of srcSubresource and dstSubresource **must** match

- VUID-VkImageBlit-layerCount-00239
  The layerCount member of srcSubresource and dstSubresource **must** match

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkImageBlit-srcSubresource-parameter
  srcSubresource **must** be a valid VkImageSubresourceLayers structure

- VUID-VkImageBlit-dstSubresource-parameter
  dstSubresource **must** be a valid VkImageSubresourceLayers structure

19.6. Resolving Multisample Images

To resolve a multisample color image to a non-multisample color image, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdResolveImage(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkImage                                     srcImage,
    VkImageLayout                               srcImageLayout,
    VkImage                                     dstImage,
    VkImageLayout                               dstImageLayout,
    uint32_t                                    regionCount,
    const VkImageResolve*                       pRegions);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- `srcImage` is the source image.

- `srcImageLayout` is the layout of the source image subresources for the resolve.

- `dstImage` is the destination image.

- `dstImageLayout` is the layout of the destination image subresources for the resolve.

- `regionCount` is the number of regions to resolve.

- `pRegions` is a pointer to an array of VkImageResolve structures specifying the regions to resolve.

During the resolve the samples corresponding to each pixel location in the source are converted to a single sample before being written to the destination. If the source formats are floating-point or normalized types, the sample values for each pixel are resolved in an implementation-dependent manner. If the source formats are integer types, a single sample's value is selected for each pixel.

`srcOffset` and `dstOffset` select the initial `x`, `y`, and `z` offsets in texels of the sub-regions of the source and destination image data. `extent` is the size in texels of the source image to resolve in `width`, `height` and `depth`. Each element of `pRegions` **must** be a region that is contained within its corresponding image.

Resolves are done layer by layer starting with `baseArrayLayer` member of `srcSubresource` for the source and `dstSubresource` for the destination. `layerCount` layers are resolved to the destination image.

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Valid Usage

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- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-commandBuffer-01837

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `srcImage` **must** not be a protected image

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-commandBuffer-01838

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `dstImage` **must** not be a protected image

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-commandBuffer-01839

  If `commandBuffer` is a protected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, `dstImage` **must** not be an unprotected image

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-pRegions-00255

  The union of all source regions, and the union of all destination regions, specified by the elements of `pRegions`, **must** not overlap in memory

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-srcImage-00256

  If `srcImage` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-srcImage-00257

  `srcImage` **must** have a sample count equal to any valid sample count value other than `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-dstImage-00258

  If `dstImage` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-dstImage-00259

  `dstImage` **must** have a sample count equal to `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-srcImageLayout-00260

  `srcImageLayout` **must** specify the layout of the image subresources of `srcImage` specified in `pRegions` at the time this command is executed on a `VkDevice`

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-srcImageLayout-00261

  `srcImageLayout` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_SRC_OPTIMAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL`

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-dstImageLayout-00262

  `dstImageLayout` **must** specify the layout of the image subresources of `dstImage` specified in `pRegions` at the time this command is executed on a `VkDevice`

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-dstImageLayout-00263

  `dstImageLayout` **must** be `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_TRANSFER_DST_OPTIMAL` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL`

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-dstImage-02003

  The [format features](#) of `dstImage` **must** contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-srcImage-01386

  `srcImage` and `dstImage` **must** have been created with the same image format

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-srcSubresource-01709

  The `srcSubresource.mipLevel` member of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than the `mipLevels` specified in `VkImageCreateInfo` when `srcImage` was created

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-dstSubresource-01710

  The `dstSubresource.mipLevel` member of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than the `mipLevels` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `dstImage` was created

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-srcSubresource-01711

  The `srcSubresource.baseArrayLayer` + `srcSubresource.layerCount` of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than or equal to the `arrayLayers` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `srcImage` was created

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-dstSubresource-01712

  The `dstSubresource.baseArrayLayer` + `dstSubresource.layerCount` of each element of `pRegions` **must** be less than or equal to the `arrayLayers` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `dstImage` was created

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-srcImage-04446

  If either `srcImage` or `dstImage` are of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D`, then for each element of `pRegions`, `srcSubresource.baseArrayLayer` **must** be 0 and `srcSubresource.layerCount` **must** be 1

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-srcImage-04447

  If either `srcImage` or `dstImage` are of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D`, then for each element of `pRegions`, `dstSubresource.baseArrayLayer` **must** be 0 and `dstSubresource.layerCount` **must** be 1

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-srcOffset-00269

  For each element of `pRegions`, `srcOffset.x` and (`extent.width` + `srcOffset.x`) **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the width of the specified `srcSubresource` of `srcImage`

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-srcOffset-00270

  For each element of `pRegions`, `srcOffset.y` and (`extent.height` + `srcOffset.y`) **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the height of the specified `srcSubresource` of `srcImage`

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-srcImage-00271

  If `srcImage` is of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D`, then for each element of `pRegions`, `srcOffset.y` **must** be 0 and `extent.height` **must** be 1

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-srcOffset-00272

  For each element of `pRegions`, `srcOffset.z` and (`extent.depth` + `srcOffset.z`) **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the depth of the specified `srcSubresource` of `srcImage`

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-srcImage-00273

  If `srcImage` is of type `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D` or `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`, then for each element of `pRegions`, `srcOffset.z` **must** be 0 and `extent.depth` **must** be 1

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-dstOffset-00274

  For each element of `pRegions`, `dstOffset.x` and (`extent.width` + `dstOffset.x`) **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the width of the specified `dstSubresource` of `dstImage`

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-dstOffset-00275

  For each element of `pRegions`, `dstOffset.y` and (`extent.height` + `dstOffset.y`) **must** both be

greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the height of the specified dstSubresource of dstImage

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-dstImage-00276

  If dstImage is of type VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D, then for each element of pRegions, dstOffset.y **must** be 0 and extent.height **must** be 1

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-dstOffset-00277

  For each element of pRegions, dstOffset.z and (extent.depth + dstOffset.z) **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the depth of the specified dstSubresource of dstImage

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-dstImage-00278

  If dstImage is of type VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D or VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D, then for each element of pRegions, dstOffset.z **must** be 0 and extent.depth **must** be 1

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-commandBuffer-parameter

  commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-srcImage-parameter

  srcImage **must** be a valid VkImage handle

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-srcImageLayout-parameter

  srcImageLayout **must** be a valid VkImageLayout value

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-dstImage-parameter

  dstImage **must** be a valid VkImage handle

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-dstImageLayout-parameter

  dstImageLayout **must** be a valid VkImageLayout value

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-pRegions-parameter

  pRegions **must** be a valid pointer to an array of regionCount valid VkImageResolve structures

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-commandBuffer-recording

  commandBuffer **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-regionCount-arraylength

  regionCount **must** be greater than 0

- VUID-vkCmdResolveImage-commonparent

  Each of commandBuffer, dstImage, and srcImage **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

The `VkImageResolve` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkImageResolve {
    VkImageSubresourceLayers    srcSubresource;
    VkOffset3D                  srcOffset;
    VkImageSubresourceLayers    dstSubresource;
    VkOffset3D                  dstOffset;
    VkExtent3D                  extent;
} VkImageResolve;
```

- `srcSubresource` and `dstSubresource` are VkImageSubresourceLayers structures specifying the image subresources of the images used for the source and destination image data, respectively. Resolve of depth/stencil images is not supported.

- `srcOffset` and `dstOffset` select the initial `x`, `y`, and `z` offsets in texels of the sub-regions of the source and destination image data.

- `extent` is the size in texels of the source image to resolve in `width`, `height` and `depth`.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkImageResolve-srcSubresource-parameter
  srcSubresource **must** be a valid VkImageSubresourceLayers structure

- VUID-VkImageResolve-dstSubresource-parameter
  dstSubresource **must** be a valid VkImageSubresourceLayers structure

Chapter 20. Drawing Commands

Drawing commands (commands with `Draw` in the name) provoke work in a graphics pipeline. Drawing commands are recorded into a command buffer and when executed by a queue, will produce work which executes according to the bound graphics pipeline. A graphics pipeline **must** be bound to a command buffer before any drawing commands are recorded in that command buffer.

Each draw is made up of zero or more vertices and zero or more instances, which are processed by the device and result in the assembly of primitives. Primitives are assembled according to the `pInputAssemblyState` member of the VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo structure, which is of type `VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo`:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                            sType;
    const void*                                pNext;
    VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateFlags    flags;
    VkPrimitiveTopology                        topology;
    VkBool32                                   primitiveRestartEnable;
} VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is reserved for future use.

- `topology` is a VkPrimitiveTopology defining the primitive topology, as described below.

- `primitiveRestartEnable` controls whether a special vertex index value is treated as restarting the assembly of primitives. This enable only applies to indexed draws (vkCmdDrawIndexed, and vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect), and the special index value is either 0xFFFFFFFF when the `indexType` parameter of `vkCmdBindIndexBuffer` is equal to `VK_INDEX_TYPE_UINT32`, or 0xFFFF when `indexType` is equal to `VK_INDEX_TYPE_UINT16`. Primitive restart is not allowed for "list" topologies.

Restarting the assembly of primitives discards the most recent index values if those elements formed an incomplete primitive, and restarts the primitive assembly using the subsequent indices, but only assembling the immediately following element through the end of the originally specified elements. The primitive restart index value comparison is performed before adding the `vertexOffset` value to the index value.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateFlags;
```

`VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

20.1. Primitive Topologies

Primitive topology determines how consecutive vertices are organized into primitives, and determines the type of primitive that is used at the beginning of the graphics pipeline. The effective topology for later stages of the pipeline is altered by tessellation or geometry shading (if either is in use) and depends on the execution modes of those shaders.

The primitive topologies defined by VkPrimitiveTopology are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkPrimitiveTopology {
    VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_POINT_LIST = 0,
    VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINE_LIST = 1,
    VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINE_STRIP = 2,
    VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_LIST = 3,
    VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_STRIP = 4,
    VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_FAN = 5,
    VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINE_LIST_WITH_ADJACENCY = 6,
    VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINE_STRIP_WITH_ADJACENCY = 7,
    VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_LIST_WITH_ADJACENCY = 8,
    VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_STRIP_WITH_ADJACENCY = 9,
    VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_PATCH_LIST = 10,
} VkPrimitiveTopology;
```

- `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_POINT_LIST` specifies a series of separate point primitives.

- `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINE_LIST` specifies a series of separate line primitives.

- `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINE_STRIP` specifies a series of connected line primitives with consecutive lines sharing a vertex.

- `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_LIST` specifies a series of separate triangle primitives.

- `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_STRIP` specifies a series of connected triangle primitives with consecutive triangles sharing an edge.

- `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_FAN` specifies a series of connected triangle primitives with all triangles sharing a common vertex.

- `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINE_LIST_WITH_ADJACENCY` specifies a series of separate line primitives with adjacency.

- `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINE_STRIP_WITH_ADJACENCY` specifies a series of connected line primitives with adjacency, with consecutive primitives sharing three vertices.

- `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_LIST_WITH_ADJACENCY` specifies a series of separate triangle primitives with adjacency.

- `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_STRIP_WITH_ADJACENCY` specifies connected triangle primitives with adjacency, with consecutive triangles sharing an edge.

- `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_PATCH_LIST` specifies separate patch primitives.

Each primitive topology, and its construction from a list of vertices, is described in detail below with a supporting diagram, according to the following key:

●	Vertex	A point in 3-dimensional space. Positions chosen within the diagrams are arbitrary and for illustration only.
5	Vertex Number	Sequence position of a vertex within the provided vertex data.
	Provoking Vertex	Provoking vertex within the main primitive. The tail is angled towards the relevant primitive. Used in flat shading.

———	Primitive Edge	An edge connecting the points of a main primitive.
----------	Adjacency Edge	Points connected by these lines do not contribute to a main primitive, and are only accessible in a geometry shader.
◺	Winding Order	The relative order in which vertices are defined within a primitive, used in the facing determination. This ordering has no specific start or end point.

The diagrams are supported with mathematical definitions where the vertices (v) and primitives (p) are numbered starting from 0; v_0 is the first vertex in the provided data and p_0 is the first primitive in the set of primitives defined by the vertices and topology.

20.1.1. Point Lists

When the topology is `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_POINT_LIST`, each consecutive vertex defines a single point primitive, according to the equation:

$$p_i = \{v_i\}$$

As there is only one vertex, that vertex is the provoking vertex. The number of primitives generated is equal to `vertexCount`.
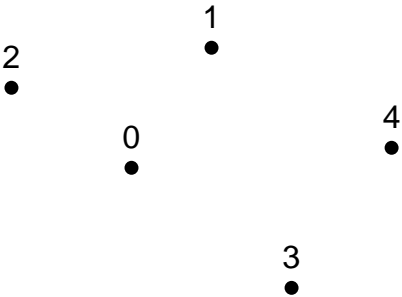
20.1.2. Line Lists

When the primitive topology is `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINE_LIST`, each consecutive pair of vertices defines a single line primitive, according to the equation:

$$p_i = \{v_{2i}, v_{2i+1}\}$$

The number of primitives generated is equal to $\lfloor$`vertexCount`$/2\rfloor$.

The provoking vertex for p_i is v_{2i}.
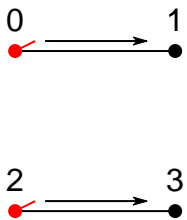
20.1.3. Line Strips

When the primitive topology is `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINE_STRIP`, one line primitive is defined by each vertex and the following vertex, according to the equation:

$$p_i = \{v_i, v_{i+1}\}$$

The number of primitives generated is equal to max(0,`vertexCount`-1).

The provoking vertex for p_i is v_i.
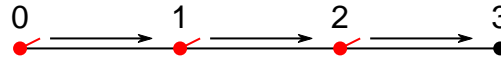
20.1.4. Triangle Lists

When the primitive topology is `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_LIST`, each consecutive set of three vertices defines a single triangle primitive, according to the equation:

$$p_i = \{v_{3i}, v_{3i+1}, v_{3i+2}\}$$

The number of primitives generated is equal to $\lfloor$`vertexCount`/3$\rfloor$.

The provoking vertex for p_i is v_{3i}.
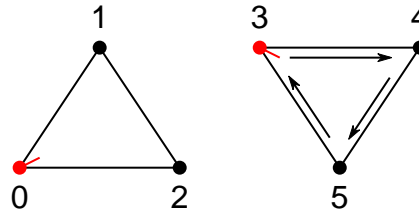
20.1.5. Triangle Strips

When the primitive topology is `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_STRIP`, one triangle primitive is defined by each vertex and the two vertices that follow it, according to the equation:

$$p_i = \{v_i, v_{i+(1+i\%2)}, v_{i+(2-i\%2)}\}$$

The number of primitives generated is equal to max(0,`vertexCount`-2).

The provoking vertex for p_i is v_i.
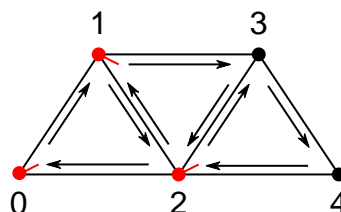
Note

The ordering of the vertices in each successive triangle is reversed, so that the winding order is consistent throughout the strip.

20.1.6. Triangle Fans

When the primitive topology is `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_FAN`, triangle primitives are defined around a shared common vertex, according to the equation:

$$p_i = \{v_{i+1}, v_{i+2}, v_0\}$$

The number of primitives generated is equal to max(0,`vertexCount`-2).

The provoking vertex for p_i is v_{i+1}.
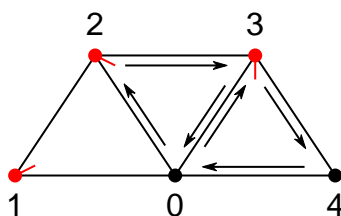
20.1.7. Line Lists With Adjacency

When the primitive topology is `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINE_LIST_WITH_ADJACENCY`, each consecutive set of four vertices defines a single line primitive with adjacency, according to the equation:

$$p_i = \{v_{4i}, v_{4i+1}, v_{4i+2}, v_{4i+3}\}$$

A line primitive is described by the second and third vertices of the total primitive, with the remaining two vertices only accessible in a geometry shader.

The number of primitives generated is equal to $\lfloor$`vertexCount`/4$\rfloor$.

The provoking vertex for p_i is v_{4i+1}.
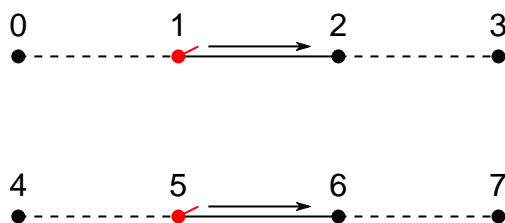
20.1.8. Line Strips With Adjacency

When the primitive topology is `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINE_STRIP_WITH_ADJACENCY`, one line primitive with adjacency is defined by each vertex and the following vertex, according to the equation:

$$p_i = \{v_i, v_{i+1}, v_{i+2}, v_{i+3}\}$$

A line primitive is described by the second and third vertices of the total primitive, with the remaining two vertices only accessible in a geometry shader.

The number of primitives generated is equal to max(0,`vertexCount`-3).

The provoking vertex for p_i is v_{i+1}.
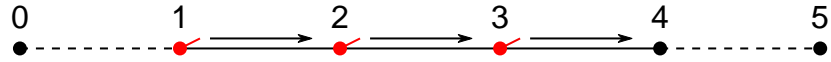
20.1.9. Triangle Lists With Adjacency

When the primitive topology is `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_LIST_WITH_ADJACENCY`, each consecutive set of six vertices defines a single triangle primitive with adjacency, according to the equations:

$$p_i = \{v_{6i}, v_{6i+1}, v_{6i+2}, v_{6i+3}, v_{6i+4}, v_{6i+5}\}$$

A triangle primitive is described by the first, third, and fifth vertices of the total primitive, with the remaining three vertices only accessible in a geometry shader.

The number of primitives generated is equal to $\lfloor$`vertexCount`/6$\rfloor$.

The provoking vertex for p_i is v_{6i}.
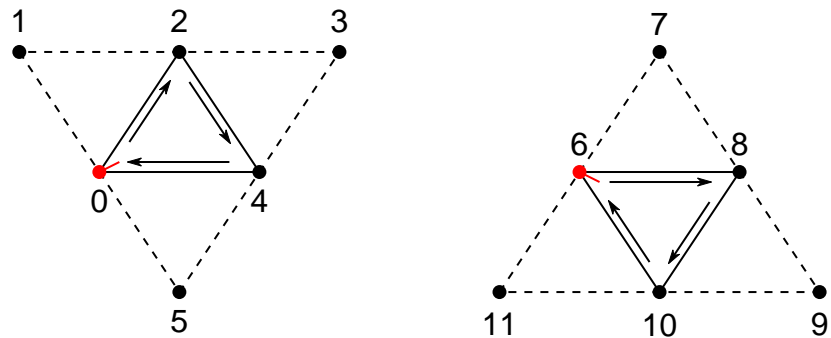
20.1.10. Triangle Strips With Adjacency

When the primitive topology is `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_STRIP_WITH_ADJACENCY`, one triangle primitive with adjacency is defined by each vertex and the following 5 vertices.

The number of primitives generated, n, is equal to $\lfloor$max(0, `vertexCount` - 4)/2$\rfloor$.

If n=1, the primitive is defined as:

$$p = \{v_0, v_1, v_2, v_5, v_4, v_3\}$$

If n>1, the total primitive consists of different vertices according to where it is in the strip:

$p_i = \{v_{2i}, v_{2i+1}, v_{2i+2}, v_{2i+6}, v_{2i+4}, v_{2i+3}\}$ when i=0

$p_i = \{v_{2i}, v_{2i+3}, v_{2i+4}, v_{2i+6}, v_{2i+2}, v_{2i-2}\}$ when i>0, i<n-1, and i%2=1

$p_i = \{v_{2i}, v_{2i-2}, v_{2i+2}, v_{2i+6}, v_{2i+4}, v_{2i+3}\}$ when i>0, i<n-1, and i%2=0

$p_i = \{v_{2i}, v_{2i+3}, v_{2i+4}, v_{2i+5}, v_{2i+2}, v_{2i-2}\}$ when i=n-1 and i%2=1

$p_i = \{v_{2i}, v_{2i-2}, v_{2i+2}, v_{2i+5}, v_{2i+4}, v_{2i+3}\}$ when i=n-1 and i%2=0

A triangle primitive is described by the first, third, and fifth vertices of the total primitive in all cases, with the remaining three vertices only accessible in a geometry shader.

> **i** *Note*
>
> The ordering of the vertices in each successive triangle is altered so that the winding order is consistent throughout the strip.

The provoking vertex for p_i is always v_{2i}.
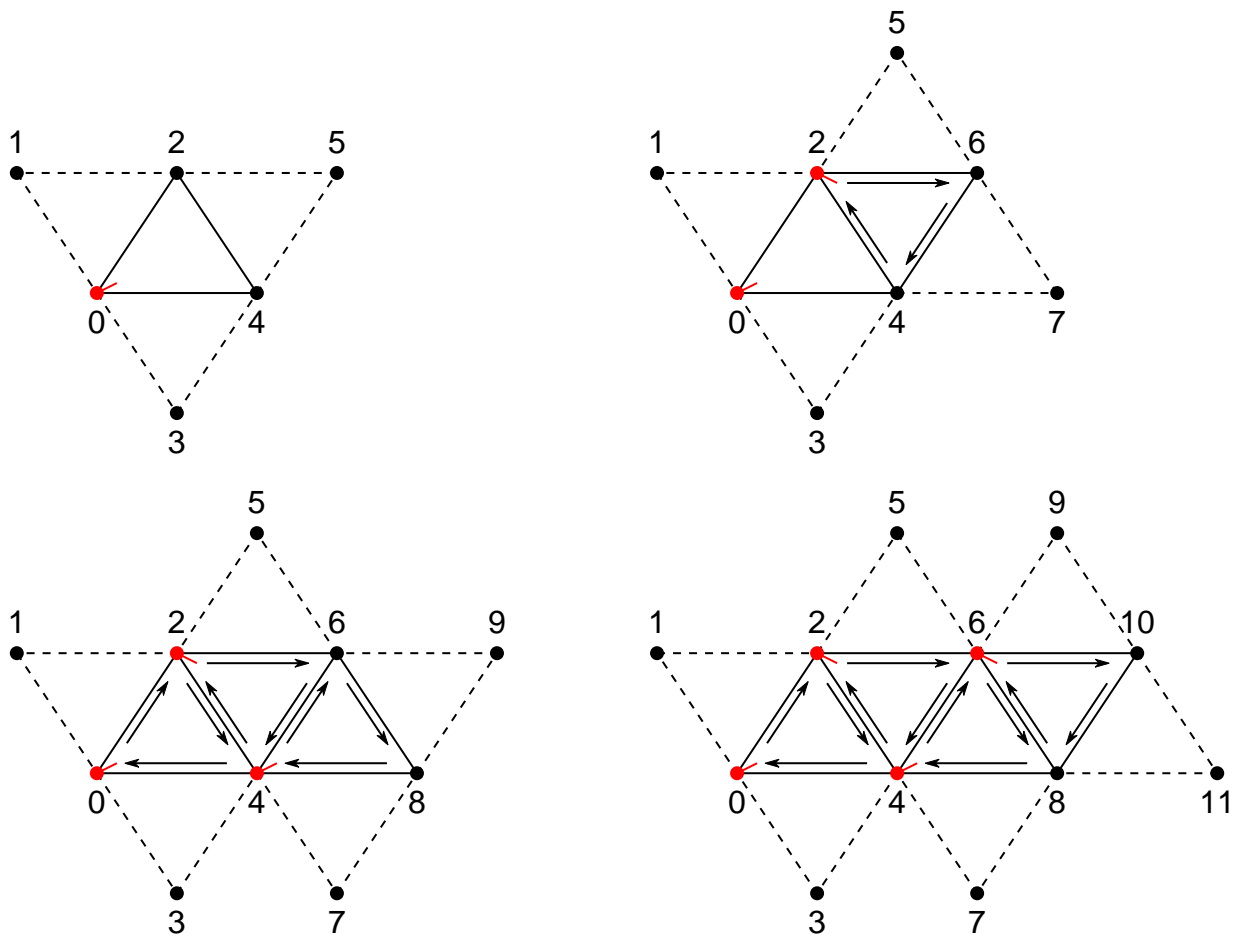
20.1.11. Patch Lists

When the primitive topology is `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_PATCH_LIST`, each consecutive set of m vertices defines a single patch primitive, according to the equation:

$$p_i = \{v_{mi}, v_{mi+1}, \dots, v_{mi+(m-2)}, v_{mi+(m-1)}\}$$

where m is equal to VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo::`patchControlPoints`.

Patch lists are never passed to vertex post-processing, and as such no provoking vertex is defined for patch primitives. The number of primitives generated is equal to $\lfloor$`vertexCount`/m$\rfloor$.

The vertices comprising a patch have no implied geometry, and are used as inputs to tessellation shaders and the fixed-function tessellator to generate new point, line, or triangle primitives.

20.2. Primitive Order

Primitives generated by drawing commands progress through the stages of the graphics pipeline in *primitive order*. Primitive order is initially determined in the following way:

1. Submission order determines the initial ordering

2. For indirect drawing commands, the order in which accessed instances of the VkDrawIndirectCommand are stored in `buffer`, from lower indirect buffer addresses to higher addresses.

3. If a drawing command includes multiple instances, the order in which instances are executed, from lower numbered instances to higher.

4. The order in which primitives are specified by a drawing command:

   ◦ For non-indexed draws, from vertices with a lower numbered `vertexIndex` to a higher numbered `vertexIndex`.

   ◦ For indexed draws, vertices sourced from a lower index buffer addresses to higher addresses.

Within this order implementations further sort primitives:

5. If tessellation shading is active, by an implementation-dependent order of new primitives generated by tessellation.

6. If geometry shading is active, by the order new primitives are generated by geometry shading.

7. If the polygon mode is not `VK_POLYGON_MODE_FILL`, by an implementation-dependent ordering of the new primitives generated within the original primitive.

Primitive order is later used to define rasterization order, which determines the order in which fragments output results to a framebuffer.

20.3. Programmable Primitive Shading

Once primitives are assembled, they proceed to the vertex shading stage of the pipeline. If the draw includes multiple instances, then the set of primitives is sent to the vertex shading stage multiple times, once for each instance.

It is implementation-dependent whether vertex shading occurs on vertices that are discarded as part of incomplete primitives, but if it does occur then it operates as if they were vertices in complete primitives and such invocations **can** have side effects.

Vertex shading receives two per-vertex inputs from the primitive assembly stage - the `vertexIndex` and the `instanceIndex`. How these values are generated is defined below, with each command.

Drawing commands fall roughly into two categories:

- Non-indexed drawing commands present a sequential `vertexIndex` to the vertex shader. The sequential index is generated automatically by the device (see Fixed-Function Vertex Processing for details on both specifying the vertex attributes indexed by `vertexIndex`, as well as binding vertex buffers containing those attributes to a command buffer). These commands are:

    - vkCmdDraw

    - vkCmdDrawIndirect

- Indexed drawing commands read index values from an *index buffer* and use this to compute the `vertexIndex` value for the vertex shader. These commands are:

    - vkCmdDrawIndexed

    - vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect

To bind an index buffer to a command buffer, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdBindIndexBuffer(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkBuffer                                    buffer,
    VkDeviceSize                                offset,
    VkIndexType                                 indexType);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command is recorded.

- `buffer` is the buffer being bound.

- `offset` is the starting offset in bytes within `buffer` used in index buffer address calculations.

- `indexType` is a VkIndexType value specifying the size of the indices.

- VUID-vkCmdBindIndexBuffer-offset-00431

  `offset` **must** be less than the size of `buffer`

- VUID-vkCmdBindIndexBuffer-offset-00432

  The sum of `offset` and the address of the range of `VkDeviceMemory` object that is backing `buffer`, **must** be a multiple of the type indicated by `indexType`

- VUID-vkCmdBindIndexBuffer-buffer-00433

  `buffer` **must** have been created with the `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_INDEX_BUFFER_BIT` flag

- VUID-vkCmdBindIndexBuffer-buffer-00434

  If `buffer` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdBindIndexBuffer-commandBuffer-parameter

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdBindIndexBuffer-buffer-parameter

  `buffer` **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdBindIndexBuffer-indexType-parameter

  `indexType` **must** be a valid VkIndexType value

- VUID-vkCmdBindIndexBuffer-commandBuffer-recording

  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdBindIndexBuffer-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

- VUID-vkCmdBindIndexBuffer-commonparent

  Both of `buffer`, and `commandBuffer` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

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Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics

Possible values of vkCmdBindIndexBuffer::indexType, specifying the size of indices, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkIndexType {
    VK_INDEX_TYPE_UINT16 = 0,
    VK_INDEX_TYPE_UINT32 = 1,
} VkIndexType;
```

- VK_INDEX_TYPE_UINT16 specifies that indices are 16-bit unsigned integer values.
- VK_INDEX_TYPE_UINT32 specifies that indices are 32-bit unsigned integer values.

The parameters for each drawing command are specified directly in the command or read from buffer memory, depending on the command. Drawing commands that source their parameters from buffer memory are known as *indirect* drawing commands.

All drawing commands interact with the Robust Buffer Access feature.

To record a non-indexed draw, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdDraw(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    uint32_t                                    vertexCount,
    uint32_t                                    instanceCount,
    uint32_t                                    firstVertex,
    uint32_t                                    firstInstance);
```

- commandBuffer is the command buffer into which the command is recorded.
- vertexCount is the number of vertices to draw.
- instanceCount is the number of instances to draw.
- firstVertex is the index of the first vertex to draw.
- firstInstance is the instance ID of the first instance to draw.

When the command is executed, primitives are assembled using the current primitive topology and vertexCount consecutive vertex indices with the first vertexIndex value equal to firstVertex. The primitives are drawn instanceCount times with instanceIndex starting with firstInstance and increasing sequentially for each instance. The assembled primitives execute the bound graphics pipeline.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-magFilter-04553

  If a VkSampler created with magFilter or minFilter equal to VK_FILTER_LINEAR and compareEnable equal to VK_FALSE is used to sample a VkImageView as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-mipmapMode-04770

  If a VkSampler created with mipmapMode equal to VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_LINEAR and compareEnable equal to VK_FALSE is used to sample a VkImageView as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-aspectMask-06478

  If a VkImageView is sampled with depth comparison, the image view **must** have been created with an aspectMask that contains VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT.

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-None-02691

  If a VkImageView is accessed using atomic operations as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-None-02697

  For each set n that is statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command, a descriptor set **must** have been bound to n at the same pipeline bind point, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for set n, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in Pipeline Layout Compatibility

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-None-02698

  For each push constant that is statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command, a push constant value **must** have been set for the same pipeline bind point, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for push constants, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in Pipeline Layout Compatibility

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-None-02699

  Descriptors in each bound descriptor set, specified via vkCmdBindDescriptorSets, **must** be valid if they are statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-None-02700

  A valid pipeline **must** be bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-commandBuffer-02701

  If the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command requires any dynamic state, that state **must** have been set or inherited (if the VK_NV_inherited_viewport_scissor extension is enabled) for commandBuffer, and done so after any previously bound pipeline with the corresponding state not specified as dynamic

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-None-02859

  There **must** not have been any calls to dynamic state setting commands for any state not specified as dynamic in the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this

command, since that pipeline was bound

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-None-02702

  If the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a `VkSampler` object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used to sample from any `VkImage` with a `VkImageView` of the type `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_3D`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_1D_ARRAY`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY` or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE_ARRAY`, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-None-02703

  If the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a `VkSampler` object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used with any of the SPIR-V `OpImageSample*` or `OpImageSparseSample*` instructions with `ImplicitLod`, `Dref` or `Proj` in their name, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-None-02704

  If the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a `VkSampler` object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used with any of the SPIR-V `OpImageSample*` or `OpImageSparseSample*` instructions that includes a LOD bias or any offset values, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-None-02705

  If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and if the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a uniform buffer, it **must** not access values outside of the range of the buffer as specified in the descriptor set bound to the same pipeline bind point

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-None-02706

  If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and if the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a storage buffer, it **must** not access values outside of the range of the buffer as specified in the descriptor set bound to the same pipeline bind point

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-commandBuffer-02707

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, any resource accessed by the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command **must** not be a protected resource

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-None-04115

  If a `VkImageView` is accessed using `OpImageWrite` as a result of this command, then the `Type` of the `Texel` operand of that instruction **must** have at least as many components as the image view's format

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-OpImageWrite-04469

  If a `VkBufferView` is accessed using `OpImageWrite` as a result of this command, then the `Type` of the `Texel` operand of that instruction **must** have at least as many components as the buffer view's format

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-renderPass-02684

  The current render pass **must** be compatible with the `renderPass` member of the `VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo` structure specified when creating the `VkPipeline` bound to `VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_GRAPHICS`

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-subpass-02685

The subpass index of the current render pass **must** be equal to the `subpass` member of the `VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo` structure specified when creating the `VkPipeline` bound to `VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_GRAPHICS`

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-None-02686

  Every input attachment used by the current subpass **must** be bound to the pipeline via a descriptor set

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-None-04584

  Image subresources used as attachments in the current render pass **must** not be accessed in any way other than as an attachment by this command, except for cases involving read-only access to depth/stencil attachments as described in the Render Pass chapter

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-maxMultiviewInstanceIndex-02688

  If the draw is recorded in a render pass instance with multiview enabled, the maximum instance index **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewProperties `::maxMultiviewInstanceIndex`

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-blendEnable-04727

  If rasterization is not disabled in the bound graphics pipeline, then for each color attachment in the subpass, if the corresponding image view's format features do not contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT`, then the `blendEnable` member of the corresponding element of the `pAttachments` member of `pColorBlendState` **must** be `VK_FALSE`

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-rasterizationSamples-04740

  If rasterization is not disabled in the bound graphics pipeline, and neither the `VK_AMD_mixed_attachment_samples` nor the `VK_NV_framebuffer_mixed_samples` extensions are enabled, then VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo`::rasterizationSamples` **must** be the same as the current subpass color and/or depth/stencil attachments

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-commandBuffer-02712

  If `commandBuffer` is a protected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, any resource written to by the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command **must** not be an unprotected resource

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-commandBuffer-02713

  If `commandBuffer` is a protected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, pipeline stages other than the framebuffer-space and compute stages in the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command **must** not write to any resource

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-commandBuffer-04617

  If any of the shader stages of the `VkPipeline` bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command uses the RayQueryKHR capability, then `commandBuffer` **must** not be a protected command buffer

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-None-04007

  All vertex input bindings accessed via vertex input variables declared in the vertex shader entry point's interface **must** have either valid or VK_NULL_HANDLE buffers bound

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-None-04008

  If the nullDescriptor feature is not enabled, all vertex input bindings accessed via vertex

input variables declared in the vertex shader entry point's interface **must** not be VK_NULL_HANDLE

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-None-02721

  For a given vertex buffer binding, any attribute data fetched **must** be entirely contained within the corresponding vertex buffer binding, as described in Vertex Input Description

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-commandBuffer-parameter

  commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-commandBuffer-recording

  commandBuffer **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

- VUID-vkCmdDraw-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called inside of a render pass instance

Host Synchronization

- Host access to commandBuffer **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Inside	Graphics

To record an indexed draw, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdDrawIndexed(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    uint32_t                                    indexCount,
    uint32_t                                    instanceCount,
    uint32_t                                    firstIndex,
    int32_t                                     vertexOffset,
    uint32_t                                    firstInstance);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command is recorded.

- `indexCount` is the number of vertices to draw.

- `instanceCount` is the number of instances to draw.

- `firstIndex` is the base index within the index buffer.

- `vertexOffset` is the value added to the vertex index before indexing into the vertex buffer.

- `firstInstance` is the instance ID of the first instance to draw.

When the command is executed, primitives are assembled using the current primitive topology and `indexCount` vertices whose indices are retrieved from the index buffer. The index buffer is treated as an array of tightly packed unsigned integers of size defined by the vkCmdBindIndexBuffer ::`indexType` parameter with which the buffer was bound.

The first vertex index is at an offset of `firstIndex` × `indexSize` + `offset` within the bound index buffer, where `offset` is the offset specified by `vkCmdBindIndexBuffer` and `indexSize` is the byte size of the type specified by `indexType`. Subsequent index values are retrieved from consecutive locations in the index buffer. Indices are first compared to the primitive restart value, then zero extended to 32 bits (if the `indexType` is `VK_INDEX_TYPE_UINT16`) and have `vertexOffset` added to them, before being supplied as the `vertexIndex` value.

The primitives are drawn `instanceCount` times with `instanceIndex` starting with `firstInstance` and increasing sequentially for each instance. The assembled primitives execute the bound graphics pipeline.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-magFilter-04553

  If a VkSampler created with magFilter or minFilter equal to VK_FILTER_LINEAR and compareEnable equal to VK_FALSE is used to sample a VkImageView as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-mipmapMode-04770

  If a VkSampler created with mipmapMode equal to VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_LINEAR and compareEnable equal to VK_FALSE is used to sample a VkImageView as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-aspectMask-06478

  If a VkImageView is sampled with depth comparison, the image view **must** have been created with an aspectMask that contains VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT.

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-None-02691

  If a VkImageView is accessed using atomic operations as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-None-02697

  For each set n that is statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command, a descriptor set **must** have been bound to n at the same pipeline bind point, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for set n, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in Pipeline Layout Compatibility

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-None-02698

  For each push constant that is statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command, a push constant value **must** have been set for the same pipeline bind point, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for push constants, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in Pipeline Layout Compatibility

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-None-02699

  Descriptors in each bound descriptor set, specified via vkCmdBindDescriptorSets, **must** be valid if they are statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-None-02700

  A valid pipeline **must** be bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-commandBuffer-02701

  If the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command requires any dynamic state, that state **must** have been set or inherited (if the VK_NV_inherited_viewport_scissor extension is enabled) for commandBuffer, and done so after any previously bound pipeline with the corresponding state not specified as dynamic

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-None-02859

  There **must** not have been any calls to dynamic state setting commands for any state not specified as dynamic in the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this

command, since that pipeline was bound

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-None-02702

  If the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a `VkSampler` object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used to sample from any `VkImage` with a `VkImageView` of the type `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_3D`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_1D_ARRAY`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY` or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE_ARRAY`, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-None-02703

  If the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a `VkSampler` object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used with any of the SPIR-V `OpImageSample*` or `OpImageSparseSample*` instructions with `ImplicitLod`, `Dref` or `Proj` in their name, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-None-02704

  If the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a `VkSampler` object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used with any of the SPIR-V `OpImageSample*` or `OpImageSparseSample*` instructions that includes a LOD bias or any offset values, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-None-02705

  If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and if the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a uniform buffer, it **must** not access values outside of the range of the buffer as specified in the descriptor set bound to the same pipeline bind point

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-None-02706

  If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and if the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a storage buffer, it **must** not access values outside of the range of the buffer as specified in the descriptor set bound to the same pipeline bind point

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-commandBuffer-02707

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, any resource accessed by the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command **must** not be a protected resource

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-None-04115

  If a `VkImageView` is accessed using `OpImageWrite` as a result of this command, then the `Type` of the `Texel` operand of that instruction **must** have at least as many components as the image view's format

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-OpImageWrite-04469

  If a `VkBufferView` is accessed using `OpImageWrite` as a result of this command, then the `Type` of the `Texel` operand of that instruction **must** have at least as many components as the buffer view's format

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-renderPass-02684

  The current render pass **must** be compatible with the `renderPass` member of the `VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo` structure specified when creating the `VkPipeline` bound to `VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_GRAPHICS`

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-subpass-02685

The subpass index of the current render pass **must** be equal to the `subpass` member of the `VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo` structure specified when creating the `VkPipeline` bound to `VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_GRAPHICS`

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-None-02686

  Every input attachment used by the current subpass **must** be bound to the pipeline via a descriptor set

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-None-04584

  Image subresources used as attachments in the current render pass **must** not be accessed in any way other than as an attachment by this command, except for cases involving read-only access to depth/stencil attachments as described in the [Render Pass](#) chapter

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-maxMultiviewInstanceIndex-02688

  If the draw is recorded in a render pass instance with multiview enabled, the maximum instance index **must** be less than or equal to [VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewProperties](#)::`maxMultiviewInstanceIndex`

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-blendEnable-04727

  If rasterization is not disabled in the bound graphics pipeline, then for each color attachment in the subpass, if the corresponding image view's [format features](#) do not contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT`, then the `blendEnable` member of the corresponding element of the `pAttachments` member of `pColorBlendState` **must** be `VK_FALSE`

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-rasterizationSamples-04740

  If rasterization is not disabled in the bound graphics pipeline, and neither the `VK_AMD_mixed_attachment_samples` nor the `VK_NV_framebuffer_mixed_samples` extensions are enabled, then [VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo](#)::`rasterizationSamples` **must** be the same as the current subpass color and/or depth/stencil attachments

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-commandBuffer-02712

  If `commandBuffer` is a protected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, any resource written to by the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command **must** not be an unprotected resource

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-commandBuffer-02713

  If `commandBuffer` is a protected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, pipeline stages other than the framebuffer-space and compute stages in the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command **must** not write to any resource

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-commandBuffer-04617

  If any of the shader stages of the `VkPipeline` bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command uses the [RayQueryKHR](#) capability, then `commandBuffer` **must** not be a protected command buffer

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-None-04007

  All vertex input bindings accessed via vertex input variables declared in the vertex shader entry point's interface **must** have either valid or [VK_NULL_HANDLE](#) buffers bound

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-None-04008

  If the [nullDescriptor](#) feature is not enabled, all vertex input bindings accessed via vertex

input variables declared in the vertex shader entry point's interface **must** not be [VK_NULL_HANDLE](#)

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-None-02721

  For a given vertex buffer binding, any attribute data fetched **must** be entirely contained within the corresponding vertex buffer binding, as described in [Vertex Input Description](#)

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-firstIndex-04932

  ($indexSize \times (firstIndex + indexCount) + offset$) **must** be less than or equal to the size of the bound index buffer, with `indexSize` being based on the type specified by `indexType`, where the index buffer, `indexType`, and `offset` are specified via `vkCmdBindIndexBuffer`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-commandBuffer-parameter

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid [VkCommandBuffer](#) handle

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-commandBuffer-recording

  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the [recording state](#)

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The [VkCommandPool](#) that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexed-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called inside of a render pass instance

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the [VkCommandPool](#) that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Inside	Graphics

To record a non-indexed indirect drawing command, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdDrawIndirect(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkBuffer                                    buffer,
    VkDeviceSize                                offset,
    uint32_t                                    drawCount,
    uint32_t                                    stride);
```

- commandBuffer is the command buffer into which the command is recorded.

- buffer is the buffer containing draw parameters.

- offset is the byte offset into buffer where parameters begin.

- drawCount is the number of draws to execute, and **can** be zero.

- stride is the byte stride between successive sets of draw parameters.

vkCmdDrawIndirect behaves similarly to vkCmdDraw except that the parameters are read by the device from a buffer during execution. drawCount draws are executed by the command, with parameters taken from buffer starting at offset and increasing by stride bytes for each successive draw. The parameters of each draw are encoded in an array of VkDrawIndirectCommand structures. If drawCount is less than or equal to one, stride is ignored.

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-magFilter-04553

  If a VkSampler created with magFilter or minFilter equal to VK_FILTER_LINEAR and compareEnable equal to VK_FALSE is used to sample a VkImageView as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-mipmapMode-04770

  If a VkSampler created with mipmapMode equal to VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_LINEAR and compareEnable equal to VK_FALSE is used to sample a VkImageView as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-aspectMask-06478

  If a VkImageView is sampled with depth comparison, the image view **must** have been created with an aspectMask that contains VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT.

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-None-02691

  If a VkImageView is accessed using atomic operations as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-None-02697

  For each set n that is statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command, a descriptor set **must** have been bound to n at the same pipeline bind point, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for set n, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in Pipeline Layout Compatibility

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-None-02698

  For each push constant that is statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command, a push constant value **must** have been set for the same pipeline bind point, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for push constants, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in Pipeline Layout Compatibility

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-None-02699

  Descriptors in each bound descriptor set, specified via vkCmdBindDescriptorSets, **must** be valid if they are statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-None-02700

  A valid pipeline **must** be bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-commandBuffer-02701

  If the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command requires any dynamic state, that state **must** have been set or inherited (if the VK_NV_inherited_viewport_scissor extension is enabled) for commandBuffer, and done so after any previously bound pipeline with the corresponding state not specified as dynamic

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-None-02859

  There **must** not have been any calls to dynamic state setting commands for any state not specified as dynamic in the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this

command, since that pipeline was bound

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-None-02702

  If the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a `VkSampler` object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used to sample from any `VkImage` with a `VkImageView` of the type `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_3D`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_1D_ARRAY`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY` or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE_ARRAY`, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-None-02703

  If the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a `VkSampler` object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used with any of the SPIR-V `OpImageSample*` or `OpImageSparseSample*` instructions with `ImplicitLod`, `Dref` or `Proj` in their name, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-None-02704

  If the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a `VkSampler` object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used with any of the SPIR-V `OpImageSample*` or `OpImageSparseSample*` instructions that includes a LOD bias or any offset values, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-None-02705

  If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and if the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a uniform buffer, it **must** not access values outside of the range of the buffer as specified in the descriptor set bound to the same pipeline bind point

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-None-02706

  If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and if the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a storage buffer, it **must** not access values outside of the range of the buffer as specified in the descriptor set bound to the same pipeline bind point

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-commandBuffer-02707

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, any resource accessed by the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command **must** not be a protected resource

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-None-04115

  If a `VkImageView` is accessed using `OpImageWrite` as a result of this command, then the `Type` of the `Texel` operand of that instruction **must** have at least as many components as the image view's format

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-OpImageWrite-04469

  If a `VkBufferView` is accessed using `OpImageWrite` as a result of this command, then the `Type` of the `Texel` operand of that instruction **must** have at least as many components as the buffer view's format

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-renderPass-02684

  The current render pass **must** be compatible with the `renderPass` member of the `VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo` structure specified when creating the `VkPipeline` bound to `VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_GRAPHICS`

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-subpass-02685

The subpass index of the current render pass **must** be equal to the `subpass` member of the `VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo` structure specified when creating the `VkPipeline` bound to `VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_GRAPHICS`

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-None-02686

  Every input attachment used by the current subpass **must** be bound to the pipeline via a descriptor set

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-None-04584

  Image subresources used as attachments in the current render pass **must** not be accessed in any way other than as an attachment by this command, except for cases involving read-only access to depth/stencil attachments as described in the Render Pass chapter

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-maxMultiviewInstanceIndex-02688

  If the draw is recorded in a render pass instance with multiview enabled, the maximum instance index **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewProperties `::maxMultiviewInstanceIndex`

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-blendEnable-04727

  If rasterization is not disabled in the bound graphics pipeline, then for each color attachment in the subpass, if the corresponding image view's format features do not contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT`, then the `blendEnable` member of the corresponding element of the `pAttachments` member of `pColorBlendState` **must** be `VK_FALSE`

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-rasterizationSamples-04740

  If rasterization is not disabled in the bound graphics pipeline, and neither the `VK_AMD_mixed_attachment_samples` nor the `VK_NV_framebuffer_mixed_samples` extensions are enabled, then VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo`::rasterizationSamples` **must** be the same as the current subpass color and/or depth/stencil attachments

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-None-04007

  All vertex input bindings accessed via vertex input variables declared in the vertex shader entry point's interface **must** have either valid or VK_NULL_HANDLE buffers bound

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-None-04008

  If the nullDescriptor feature is not enabled, all vertex input bindings accessed via vertex input variables declared in the vertex shader entry point's interface **must** not be VK_NULL_HANDLE

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-None-02721

  For a given vertex buffer binding, any attribute data fetched **must** be entirely contained within the corresponding vertex buffer binding, as described in Vertex Input Description

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-buffer-02708

  If `buffer` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-buffer-02709

  `buffer` **must** have been created with the `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_INDIRECT_BUFFER_BIT` bit set

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-offset-02710

  `offset` **must** be a multiple of 4

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-commandBuffer-02711

  `commandBuffer` **must** not be a protected command buffer

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-drawCount-02718

  If the multi-draw indirect feature is not enabled, `drawCount` **must** be `0` or `1`

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-drawCount-02719

  `drawCount` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxDrawIndirectCount`

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-firstInstance-00478

  If the drawIndirectFirstInstance feature is not enabled, all the `firstInstance` members of the `VkDrawIndirectCommand` structures accessed by this command **must** be `0`

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-drawCount-00476

  If `drawCount` is greater than `1`, `stride` **must** be a multiple of `4` and **must** be greater than or equal to `sizeof(VkDrawIndirectCommand)`

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-drawCount-00487

  If `drawCount` is equal to `1`, (`offset` + `sizeof`(VkDrawIndirectCommand)) **must** be less than or equal to the size of `buffer`

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-drawCount-00488

  If `drawCount` is greater than `1`, (`stride` × (`drawCount` - `1`) + `offset` + `sizeof` (VkDrawIndirectCommand)) **must** be less than or equal to the size of `buffer`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-commandBuffer-parameter

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-buffer-parameter

  `buffer` **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-commandBuffer-recording

  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called inside of a render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndirect-commonparent

  Both of `buffer`, and `commandBuffer` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Inside	Graphics

The `VkDrawIndirectCommand` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkDrawIndirectCommand {
    uint32_t    vertexCount;
    uint32_t    instanceCount;
    uint32_t    firstVertex;
    uint32_t    firstInstance;
} VkDrawIndirectCommand;
```

- `vertexCount` is the number of vertices to draw.

- `instanceCount` is the number of instances to draw.

- `firstVertex` is the index of the first vertex to draw.

- `firstInstance` is the instance ID of the first instance to draw.

The members of `VkDrawIndirectCommand` have the same meaning as the similarly named parameters of vkCmdDraw.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkDrawIndirectCommand-None-00500
  For a given vertex buffer binding, any attribute data fetched **must** be entirely contained within the corresponding vertex buffer binding, as described in Vertex Input Description

- VUID-VkDrawIndirectCommand-firstInstance-00501
  If the drawIndirectFirstInstance feature is not enabled, `firstInstance` **must** be `0`

To record an indexed indirect drawing command, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkBuffer                                    buffer,
    VkDeviceSize                                offset,
    uint32_t                                    drawCount,
    uint32_t                                    stride);
```

- commandBuffer is the command buffer into which the command is recorded.

- buffer is the buffer containing draw parameters.

- offset is the byte offset into buffer where parameters begin.

- drawCount is the number of draws to execute, and **can** be zero.

- stride is the byte stride between successive sets of draw parameters.

vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect behaves similarly to vkCmdDrawIndexed except that the parameters are read by the device from a buffer during execution. drawCount draws are executed by the command, with parameters taken from buffer starting at offset and increasing by stride bytes for each successive draw. The parameters of each draw are encoded in an array of VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand structures. If drawCount is less than or equal to one, stride is ignored.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-magFilter-04553

  If a VkSampler created with magFilter or minFilter equal to VK_FILTER_LINEAR and compareEnable equal to VK_FALSE is used to sample a VkImageView as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-mipmapMode-04770

  If a VkSampler created with mipmapMode equal to VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_LINEAR and compareEnable equal to VK_FALSE is used to sample a VkImageView as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-aspectMask-06478

  If a VkImageView is sampled with depth comparison, the image view **must** have been created with an aspectMask that contains VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT.

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-None-02691

  If a VkImageView is accessed using atomic operations as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-None-02697

  For each set n that is statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command, a descriptor set **must** have been bound to n at the same pipeline bind point, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for set n, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in Pipeline Layout Compatibility

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-None-02698

  For each push constant that is statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command, a push constant value **must** have been set for the same pipeline bind point, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for push constants, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in Pipeline Layout Compatibility

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-None-02699

  Descriptors in each bound descriptor set, specified via vkCmdBindDescriptorSets, **must** be valid if they are statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-None-02700

  A valid pipeline **must** be bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-commandBuffer-02701

  If the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command requires any dynamic state, that state **must** have been set or inherited (if the VK_NV_inherited_viewport_scissor extension is enabled) for commandBuffer, and done so after any previously bound pipeline with the corresponding state not specified as dynamic

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-None-02859

  There **must** not have been any calls to dynamic state setting commands for any state not specified as dynamic in the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this

command, since that pipeline was bound

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-None-02702

  If the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a `VkSampler` object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used to sample from any `VkImage` with a `VkImageView` of the type `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_3D`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_1D_ARRAY`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY` or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE_ARRAY`, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-None-02703

  If the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a `VkSampler` object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used with any of the SPIR-V `OpImageSample*` or `OpImageSparseSample*` instructions with `ImplicitLod`, `Dref` or `Proj` in their name, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-None-02704

  If the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a `VkSampler` object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used with any of the SPIR-V `OpImageSample*` or `OpImageSparseSample*` instructions that includes a LOD bias or any offset values, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-None-02705

  If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and if the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a uniform buffer, it **must** not access values outside of the range of the buffer as specified in the descriptor set bound to the same pipeline bind point

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-None-02706

  If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and if the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a storage buffer, it **must** not access values outside of the range of the buffer as specified in the descriptor set bound to the same pipeline bind point

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-commandBuffer-02707

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, any resource accessed by the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command **must** not be a protected resource

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-None-04115

  If a `VkImageView` is accessed using `OpImageWrite` as a result of this command, then the `Type` of the `Texel` operand of that instruction **must** have at least as many components as the image view's format

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-OpImageWrite-04469

  If a `VkBufferView` is accessed using `OpImageWrite` as a result of this command, then the `Type` of the `Texel` operand of that instruction **must** have at least as many components as the buffer view's format

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-renderPass-02684

  The current render pass **must** be compatible with the `renderPass` member of the `VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo` structure specified when creating the `VkPipeline` bound to `VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_GRAPHICS`

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-subpass-02685

The subpass index of the current render pass **must** be equal to the `subpass` member of the `VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo` structure specified when creating the `VkPipeline` bound to `VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_GRAPHICS`

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-None-02686

  Every input attachment used by the current subpass **must** be bound to the pipeline via a descriptor set

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-None-04584

  Image subresources used as attachments in the current render pass **must** not be accessed in any way other than as an attachment by this command, except for cases involving read-only access to depth/stencil attachments as described in the Render Pass chapter

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-maxMultiviewInstanceIndex-02688

  If the draw is recorded in a render pass instance with multiview enabled, the maximum instance index **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewProperties ::`maxMultiviewInstanceIndex`

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-blendEnable-04727

  If rasterization is not disabled in the bound graphics pipeline, then for each color attachment in the subpass, if the corresponding image view's format features do not contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT`, then the `blendEnable` member of the corresponding element of the `pAttachments` member of `pColorBlendState` **must** be `VK_FALSE`

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-rasterizationSamples-04740

  If rasterization is not disabled in the bound graphics pipeline, and neither the `VK_AMD_mixed_attachment_samples` nor the `VK_NV_framebuffer_mixed_samples` extensions are enabled, then VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo::`rasterizationSamples` **must** be the same as the current subpass color and/or depth/stencil attachments

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-None-04007

  All vertex input bindings accessed via vertex input variables declared in the vertex shader entry point's interface **must** have either valid or VK_NULL_HANDLE buffers bound

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-None-04008

  If the nullDescriptor feature is not enabled, all vertex input bindings accessed via vertex input variables declared in the vertex shader entry point's interface **must** not be VK_NULL_HANDLE

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-None-02721

  For a given vertex buffer binding, any attribute data fetched **must** be entirely contained within the corresponding vertex buffer binding, as described in Vertex Input Description

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-buffer-02708

  If `buffer` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-buffer-02709

  `buffer` **must** have been created with the `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_INDIRECT_BUFFER_BIT` bit set

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-offset-02710

  `offset` **must** be a multiple of 4

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-commandBuffer-02711

  commandBuffer **must** not be a protected command buffer

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-drawCount-02718

  If the multi-draw indirect feature is not enabled, drawCount **must** be 0 or 1

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-drawCount-02719

  drawCount **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxDrawIndirectCount

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-drawCount-00528

  If drawCount is greater than 1, stride **must** be a multiple of 4 and **must** be greater than or equal to sizeof(VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand)

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-firstInstance-00530

  If the drawIndirectFirstInstance feature is not enabled, all the firstInstance members of the VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand structures accessed by this command **must** be 0

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-drawCount-00539

  If drawCount is equal to 1, (offset + sizeof(VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand)) **must** be less than or equal to the size of buffer

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-drawCount-00540

  If drawCount is greater than 1, (stride × (drawCount - 1) + offset + sizeof(VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand)) **must** be less than or equal to the size of buffer

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-commandBuffer-parameter

  commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-buffer-parameter

  buffer **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-commandBuffer-recording

  commandBuffer **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called inside of a render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect-commonparent

  Both of buffer, and commandBuffer **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Inside	Graphics

The `VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand` structure is defined as:

```c
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand {
    uint32_t    indexCount;
    uint32_t    instanceCount;
    uint32_t    firstIndex;
    int32_t     vertexOffset;
    uint32_t    firstInstance;
} VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand;
```

- `indexCount` is the number of vertices to draw.

- `instanceCount` is the number of instances to draw.

- `firstIndex` is the base index within the index buffer.

- `vertexOffset` is the value added to the vertex index before indexing into the vertex buffer.

- `firstInstance` is the instance ID of the first instance to draw.

The members of `VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand` have the same meaning as the similarly named parameters of vkCmdDrawIndexed.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand-None-00552

  For a given vertex buffer binding, any attribute data fetched **must** be entirely contained within the corresponding vertex buffer binding, as described in Vertex Input Description

- VUID-VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand-indexSize-00553

  ($indexSize \times (firstIndex + indexCount) + offset$) **must** be less than or equal to the size of the bound index buffer, with $indexSize$ being based on the type specified by $indexType$, where the index buffer, $indexType$, and $offset$ are specified via vkCmdBindIndexBuffer

- VUID-VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand-firstInstance-00554

  If the drawIndirectFirstInstance feature is not enabled, firstInstance **must** be 0

Chapter 21. Fixed-Function Vertex Processing

Vertex fetching is controlled via configurable state, as a logically distinct graphics pipeline stage.

21.1. Vertex Attributes

Vertex shaders **can** define input variables, which receive *vertex attribute* data transferred from one or more `VkBuffer`(s) by drawing commands. Vertex shader input variables are bound to buffers via an indirect binding where the vertex shader associates a *vertex input attribute* number with each variable, vertex input attributes are associated to *vertex input bindings* on a per-pipeline basis, and vertex input bindings are associated with specific buffers on a per-draw basis via the `vkCmdBindVertexBuffers` command. Vertex input attribute and vertex input binding descriptions also contain format information controlling how data is extracted from buffer memory and converted to the format expected by the vertex shader.

There are `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`maxVertexInputAttributes` number of vertex input attributes and `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`maxVertexInputBindings` number of vertex input bindings (each referred to by zero-based indices), where there are at least as many vertex input attributes as there are vertex input bindings. Applications **can** store multiple vertex input attributes interleaved in a single buffer, and use a single vertex input binding to access those attributes.

In GLSL, vertex shaders associate input variables with a vertex input attribute number using the `location` layout qualifier. The `component` layout qualifier associates components of a vertex shader input variable with components of a vertex input attribute.

GLSL example

```
// Assign location M to variableName
layout (location=M, component=2) in vec2 variableName;

// Assign locations [N,N+L) to the array elements of variableNameArray
layout (location=N) in vec4 variableNameArray[L];
```

In SPIR-V, vertex shaders associate input variables with a vertex input attribute number using the `Location` decoration. The `Component` decoration associates components of a vertex shader input variable with components of a vertex input attribute. The `Location` and `Component` decorations are specified via the `OpDecorate` instruction.

```
              ...
        %1 = OpExtInstImport "GLSL.std.450"

              ...
             OpName %9 "variableName"
             OpName %15 "variableNameArray"
             OpDecorate %18 BuiltIn VertexIndex
             OpDecorate %19 BuiltIn InstanceIndex
             OpDecorate %9 Location M
             OpDecorate %9 Component 2
             OpDecorate %15 Location N

              ...
        %2 = OpTypeVoid
        %3 = OpTypeFunction %2
        %6 = OpTypeFloat 32
        %7 = OpTypeVector %6 2
        %8 = OpTypePointer Input %7
        %9 = OpVariable %8 Input
       %10 = OpTypeVector %6 4
       %11 = OpTypeInt 32 0
       %12 = OpConstant %11 L
       %13 = OpTypeArray %10 %12
       %14 = OpTypePointer Input %13
       %15 = OpVariable %14 Input

              ...
```

21.1.1. Attribute Location and Component Assignment

Vertex shaders allow `Location` and `Component` decorations on input variable declarations. The `Location` decoration specifies which vertex input attribute is used to read and interpret the data that a variable will consume. The `Component` decoration allows the location to be more finely specified for scalars and vectors, down to the individual components within a location that are consumed. The components within a location are 0, 1, 2, and 3. A variable starting at component N will consume components N, N+1, N+2, … up through its size. For single precision types, it is invalid if the sequence of components gets larger than 3.

When a vertex shader input variable declared using a 16- or 32-bit scalar or vector data type is assigned a location, its value(s) are taken from the components of the input attribute specified with the corresponding `VkVertexInputAttributeDescription`::`location`. The components used depend on the type of variable and the `Component` decoration specified in the variable declaration, as identified in Input attribute components accessed by 16-bit and 32-bit input variables. Any 16-bit or 32-bit scalar or vector input will consume a single location. For 16-bit and 32-bit data types, missing components are filled in with default values as described below.

Table 19. Input attribute components accessed by 16-bit and 32-bit
input variables

16-bit or 32-bit data type	`Component` decoration	Components consumed
scalar	0 or unspecified	(x, o, o, o)
scalar	1	(o, y, o, o)
scalar	2	(o, o, z, o)
scalar	3	(o, o, o, w)
two-component vector	0 or unspecified	(x, y, o, o)
two-component vector	1	(o, y, z, o)
two-component vector	2	(o, o, z, w)
three-component vector	0 or unspecified	(x, y, z, o)
three-component vector	1	(o, y, z, w)
four-component vector	0 or unspecified	(x, y, z, w)

Components indicated by "o" are available for use by other input variables which are sourced from the same attribute, and if used, are either filled with the corresponding component from the input format (if present), or the default value.

When a vertex shader input variable declared using a 32-bit floating point matrix type is assigned a location i, its values are taken from consecutive input attributes starting with the corresponding `VkVertexInputAttributeDescription`::`location`. Such matrices are treated as an array of column vectors with values taken from the input attributes identified in Input attributes accessed by 32-bit input matrix variables. The `VkVertexInputAttributeDescription`::`format` **must** be specified with a VkFormat that corresponds to the appropriate type of column vector. The `Component` decoration **must** not be used with matrix types.

Table 20. Input attributes accessed by 32-bit input matrix variables

Data type	Column vector type	Locations consumed	Components consumed
mat2	two-component vector	i, i+1	(x, y, o, o), (x, y, o, o)
mat2x3	three-component vector	i, i+1	(x, y, z, o), (x, y, z, o)
mat2x4	four-component vector	i, i+1	(x, y, z, w), (x, y, z, w)
mat3x2	two-component vector	i, i+1, i+2	(x, y, o, o), (x, y, o, o), (x, y, o, o)
mat3	three-component vector	i, i+1, i+2	(x, y, z, o), (x, y, z, o), (x, y, z, o)
mat3x4	four-component vector	i, i+1, i+2	(x, y, z, w), (x, y, z, w), (x, y, z, w)
mat4x2	two-component vector	i, i+1, i+2, i+3	(x, y, o, o), (x, y, o, o), (x, y, o, o), (x, y, o, o)

Data type	Column vector type	Locations consumed	Components consumed
mat4x3	three-component vector	i, i+1, i+2, i+3	(x, y, z, o), (x, y, z, o), (x, y, z, o), (x, y, z, o)
mat4	four-component vector	i, i+1, i+2, i+3	(x, y, z, w), (x, y, z, w), (x, y, z, w), (x, y, z, w)

Components indicated by "o" are available for use by other input variables which are sourced from the same attribute, and if used, are either filled with the corresponding component from the input (if present), or the default value.

When a vertex shader input variable declared using a scalar or vector 64-bit data type is assigned a location i, its values are taken from consecutive input attributes starting with the corresponding VkVertexInputAttributeDescription::location. The locations and components used depend on the type of variable and the Component decoration specified in the variable declaration, as identified in Input attribute locations and components accessed by 64-bit input variables. For 64-bit data types, no default attribute values are provided. Input variables **must** not use more components than provided by the attribute. Input attributes which have one- or two-component 64-bit formats will consume a single location. Input attributes which have three- or four-component 64-bit formats will consume two consecutive locations. A 64-bit scalar data type will consume two components, and a 64-bit two-component vector data type will consume all four components available within a location. A three- or four-component 64-bit data type **must** not specify a component. A three-component 64-bit data type will consume all four components of the first location and components 0 and 1 of the second location. This leaves components 2 and 3 available for other component-qualified declarations. A four-component 64-bit data type will consume all four components of the first location and all four components of the second location. It is invalid for a scalar or two-component 64-bit data type to specify a component of 1 or 3.

Table 21. Input attribute locations and components accessed by 64-bit input variables

Input format	Locations consumed	64-bit data type	Location decoration	Component decoration	32-bit components consumed
R64	i	scalar	i	0 or unspecified	(x, y, -, -)
R64G64	i	scalar	i	0 or unspecified	(x, y, o, o)
		scalar	i	2	(o, o, z, w)
		two-component vector	i	0 or unspecified	(x, y, z, w)

Input format	Locations consumed	64-bit data type	Location decoration	Component decoration	32-bit components consumed
R64G64B64	i, i+1	scalar	i	0 or unspecified	(x, y, o, o), (o, o, -, -)
		scalar	i	2	(o, o, z, w), (o, o, -, -)
		scalar	i+1	0 or unspecified	(o, o, o, o), (x, y, -, -)
		two-component vector	i	0 or unspecified	(x, y, z, w), (o, o, -, -)
		three-component vector	i	unspecified	(x, y, z, w), (x, y, -, -)
R64G64B64A64	i, i+1	scalar	i	0 or unspecified	(x, y, o, o), (o, o, o, o)
		scalar	i	2	(o, o, z, w), (o, o, o, o)
		scalar	i+1	0 or unspecified	(o, o, o, o), (x, y, o, o)
		scalar	i+1	2	(o, o, o, o), (o, o, z, w)
		two-component vector	i	0 or unspecified	(x, y, z, w), (o, o, o, o)
		two-component vector	i+1	0 or unspecified	(o, o, o, o), (x, y, z, w)
		three-component vector	i	unspecified	(x, y, z, w), (x, y, o, o)
		four-component vector	i	unspecified	(x, y, z, w), (x, y, z, w)

Components indicated by "o" are available for use by other input variables which are sourced from the same attribute. Components indicated by "-" are not available for input variables as there are no default values provided for 64-bit data types, and there is no data provided by the input format.

When a vertex shader input variable declared using a 64-bit floating-point matrix type is assigned a location i, its values are taken from consecutive input attribute locations. Such matrices are treated as an array of column vectors with values taken from the input attributes as shown in Input attribute locations and components accessed by 64-bit input variables. Each column vector starts at the location immediately following the last location of the previous column vector. The number of attributes and components assigned to each matrix is determined by the matrix dimensions and ranges from two to eight locations.

When a vertex shader input variable declared using an array type is assigned a location, its values are taken from consecutive input attributes starting with the corresponding VkVertexInputAttributeDescription::location. The number of attributes and components assigned to each element are determined according to the data type of the array elements and Component decoration (if any) specified in the declaration of the array, as described above. Each element of the array, in order, is assigned to consecutive locations, but all at the same specified component within each location.

Only input variables declared with the data types and component decorations as specified above are supported. *Location aliasing* is causing two variables to have the same location number. *Component aliasing* is assigning the same (or overlapping) component number for two location aliases. Location aliasing is allowed only if it does not cause component aliasing. Further, when location aliasing, the aliases sharing the location **must** all have the same SPIR-V floating-point component type or all have the same width integer-type components.

21.2. Vertex Input Description

Applications specify vertex input attribute and vertex input binding descriptions as part of graphics pipeline creation by setting the VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo::pVertexInputState pointer to a VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo structure.

The VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```c
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                             sType;
    const void*                                 pNext;
    VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateFlags       flags;
    uint32_t                                    vertexBindingDescriptionCount;
    const VkVertexInputBindingDescription*      pVertexBindingDescriptions;
    uint32_t                                    vertexAttributeDescriptionCount;
    const VkVertexInputAttributeDescription*    pVertexAttributeDescriptions;
} VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- flags is reserved for future use.

- vertexBindingDescriptionCount is the number of vertex binding descriptions provided in pVertexBindingDescriptions.

- pVertexBindingDescriptions is a pointer to an array of VkVertexInputBindingDescription structures.

- vertexAttributeDescriptionCount is the number of vertex attribute descriptions provided in pVertexAttributeDescriptions.

- pVertexAttributeDescriptions is a pointer to an array of VkVertexInputAttributeDescription structures.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateFlags;
```

VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

Each vertex input binding is specified by the VkVertexInputBindingDescription structure, defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkVertexInputBindingDescription {
    uint32_t            binding;
    uint32_t            stride;
    VkVertexInputRate   inputRate;
} VkVertexInputBindingDescription;
```

- `binding` is the binding number that this structure describes.
- `stride` is the byte stride between consecutive elements within the buffer.
- `inputRate` is a VkVertexInputRate value specifying whether vertex attribute addressing is a function of the vertex index or of the instance index.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkVertexInputBindingDescription-binding-00618
  `binding` **must** be less than VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxVertexInputBindings

- VUID-VkVertexInputBindingDescription-stride-00619
  `stride` **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxVertexInputBindingStride

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkVertexInputBindingDescription-inputRate-parameter
  `inputRate` **must** be a valid VkVertexInputRate value

Possible values of VkVertexInputBindingDescription::`inputRate`, specifying the rate at which vertex attributes are pulled from buffers, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkVertexInputRate {
    VK_VERTEX_INPUT_RATE_VERTEX = 0,
    VK_VERTEX_INPUT_RATE_INSTANCE = 1,
} VkVertexInputRate;
```

- `VK_VERTEX_INPUT_RATE_VERTEX` specifies that vertex attribute addressing is a function of the vertex index.
- `VK_VERTEX_INPUT_RATE_INSTANCE` specifies that vertex attribute addressing is a function of the instance index.

Each vertex input attribute is specified by the VkVertexInputAttributeDescription structure, defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkVertexInputAttributeDescription {
    uint32_t    location;
    uint32_t    binding;
    VkFormat    format;
    uint32_t    offset;
} VkVertexInputAttributeDescription;
```

- `location` is the shader input location number for this attribute.

- `binding` is the binding number which this attribute takes its data from.

- `format` is the size and type of the vertex attribute data.

- `offset` is a byte offset of this attribute relative to the start of an element in the vertex input binding.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkVertexInputAttributeDescription-location-00620
  `location` **must** be less than `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxVertexInputAttributes`

- VUID-VkVertexInputAttributeDescription-binding-00621
  `binding` **must** be less than `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxVertexInputBindings`

- VUID-VkVertexInputAttributeDescription-offset-00622
  `offset` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxVertexInputAttributeOffset`

- VUID-VkVertexInputAttributeDescription-format-00623
  `format` **must** be allowed as a vertex buffer format, as specified by the `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT` flag in `VkFormatProperties::bufferFeatures` returned by `vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkVertexInputAttributeDescription-format-parameter
  `format` **must** be a valid VkFormat value

To bind vertex buffers to a command buffer for use in subsequent drawing commands, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdBindVertexBuffers(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    uint32_t                                    firstBinding,
    uint32_t                                    bindingCount,
    const VkBuffer*                             pBuffers,
    const VkDeviceSize*                         pOffsets);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command is recorded.

- `firstBinding` is the index of the first vertex input binding whose state is updated by the command.

- `bindingCount` is the number of vertex input bindings whose state is updated by the command.

- `pBuffers` is a pointer to an array of buffer handles.

- `pOffsets` is a pointer to an array of buffer offsets.

The values taken from elements i of `pBuffers` and `pOffsets` replace the current state for the vertex input binding `firstBinding` + i, for i in [0, `bindingCount`). The vertex input binding is updated to start at the offset indicated by `pOffsets`[i] from the start of the buffer `pBuffers`[i]. All vertex input attributes that use each of these bindings will use these updated addresses in their address calculations for subsequent drawing commands.

> **Valid Usage**
>
> - VUID-vkCmdBindVertexBuffers-firstBinding-00624
>   `firstBinding` **must** be less than VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxVertexInputBindings
>
> - VUID-vkCmdBindVertexBuffers-firstBinding-00625
>   The sum of `firstBinding` and `bindingCount` **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxVertexInputBindings
>
> - VUID-vkCmdBindVertexBuffers-pOffsets-00626
>   All elements of `pOffsets` **must** be less than the size of the corresponding element in `pBuffers`
>
> - VUID-vkCmdBindVertexBuffers-pBuffers-00627
>   All elements of `pBuffers` **must** have been created with the `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT` flag
>
> - VUID-vkCmdBindVertexBuffers-pBuffers-00628
>   Each element of `pBuffers` that is non-sparse **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object
>
> - VUID-vkCmdBindVertexBuffers-pBuffers-04001
>   If the nullDescriptor feature is not enabled, all elements of `pBuffers` **must** not be VK_NULL_HANDLE

21.3. Vertex Input Address Calculation

The address of each attribute for each `vertexIndex` and `instanceIndex` is calculated as follows:

- Let `attribDesc` be the member of VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo ::pVertexAttributeDescriptions with VkVertexInputAttributeDescription::location equal to the vertex input attribute number.

- Let `bindingDesc` be the member of VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo

::pVertexBindingDescriptions with `VkVertexInputAttributeDescription::binding` equal to `attribDesc.binding`.

- Let `vertexIndex` be the index of the vertex within the draw (a value between `firstVertex` and `firstVertex`+`vertexCount` for `vkCmdDraw`, or a value taken from the index buffer for `vkCmdDrawIndexed`), and let `instanceIndex` be the instance number of the draw (a value between `firstInstance` and `firstInstance`+`instanceCount`).

```
bufferBindingAddress = buffer[binding].baseAddress + offset[binding];

if (bindingDesc.inputRate == VK_VERTEX_INPUT_RATE_VERTEX)
    vertexOffset = vertexIndex * bindingDesc.stride;
else
    vertexOffset = instanceIndex * bindingDesc.stride;

attribAddress = bufferBindingAddress + vertexOffset + attribDesc.offset;
```

21.3.1. Vertex Input Extraction

For each attribute, raw data is extracted starting at `attribAddress` and is converted from the `VkVertexInputAttributeDescription`'s `format` to either floating-point, unsigned integer, or signed integer based on the base type of the format; the base type of the format **must** match the base type of the input variable in the shader. The input variable in the shader **must** be declared as a 64-bit data type if and only if `format` is a 64-bit data type. If `format` is a packed format, `attribAddress` **must** be a multiple of the size in bytes of the whole attribute data type as described in Packed Formats. Otherwise, `attribAddress` **must** be a multiple of the size in bytes of the component type indicated by `format` (see Formats). For attributes that are not 64-bit data types, each component is converted to the format of the input variable based on its type and size (as defined in the Format Definition section for each `VkFormat`), using the appropriate equations in 16-Bit Floating-Point Numbers, Unsigned 11-Bit Floating-Point Numbers, Unsigned 10-Bit Floating-Point Numbers, Fixed-Point Data Conversion, and Shared Exponent to RGB. Signed integer components smaller than 32 bits are sign-extended. Attributes that are not 64-bit data types are expanded to four components in the same way as described in conversion to RGBA. The number of components in the vertex shader input variable need not exactly match the number of components in the format. If the vertex shader has fewer components, the extra components are discarded.

Chapter 22. Tessellation

Tessellation involves three pipeline stages. First, a tessellation control shader transforms control points of a patch and **can** produce per-patch data. Second, a fixed-function tessellator generates multiple primitives corresponding to a tessellation of the patch in (u,v) or (u,v,w) parameter space. Third, a tessellation evaluation shader transforms the vertices of the tessellated patch, for example to compute their positions and attributes as part of the tessellated surface. The tessellator is enabled when the pipeline contains both a tessellation control shader and a tessellation evaluation shader.

22.1. Tessellator

If a pipeline includes both tessellation shaders (control and evaluation), the tessellator consumes each input patch (after vertex shading) and produces a new set of independent primitives (points, lines, or triangles). These primitives are logically produced by subdividing a geometric primitive (rectangle or triangle) according to the per-patch outer and inner tessellation levels written by the tessellation control shader. These levels are specified using the built-in variables `TessLevelOuter` and `TessLevelInner`, respectively. This subdivision is performed in an implementation-dependent manner. If no tessellation shaders are present in the pipeline, the tessellator is disabled and incoming primitives are passed through without modification.

The type of subdivision performed by the tessellator is specified by an `OpExecutionMode` instruction in the tessellation evaluation or tessellation control shader using one of execution modes `Triangles`, `Quads`, and `IsoLines`. Other tessellation-related execution modes **can** also be specified in either the tessellation control or tessellation evaluation shaders, and if they are specified in both then the modes **must** be the same.

Tessellation execution modes include:

- `Triangles`, `Quads`, and `IsoLines`. These control the type of subdivision and topology of the output primitives. One mode **must** be set in at least one of the tessellation shader stages.

- `VertexOrderCw` and `VertexOrderCcw`. These control the orientation of triangles generated by the tessellator. One mode **must** be set in at least one of the tessellation shader stages.

- `PointMode`. Controls generation of points rather than triangles or lines. This functionality defaults to disabled, and is enabled if either shader stage includes the execution mode.

- `SpacingEqual`, `SpacingFractionalEven`, and `SpacingFractionalOdd`. Controls the spacing of segments on the edges of tessellated primitives. One mode **must** be set in at least one of the tessellation shader stages.

- `OutputVertices`. Controls the size of the output patch of the tessellation control shader. One value **must** be set in at least one of the tessellation shader stages.

For triangles, the tessellator subdivides a triangle primitive into smaller triangles. For quads, the tessellator subdivides a rectangle primitive into smaller triangles. For isolines, the tessellator subdivides a rectangle primitive into a collection of line segments arranged in strips stretching across the rectangle in the u dimension (i.e. the coordinates in `TessCoord` are of the form (0,x) through (1,x) for all tessellation evaluation shader invocations that share a line).

Each vertex produced by the tessellator has an associated (u,v,w) or (u,v) position in a normalized parameter space, with parameter values in the range [0,1], as illustrated in figures Domain parameterization for tessellation primitive modes (upper-left origin) and Domain parameterization for tessellation primitive modes (lower-left origin). The domain space **can** have either an upper-left or lower-left origin, selected by the `domainOrigin` member of VkPipelineTessellationDomainOriginStateCreateInfo.
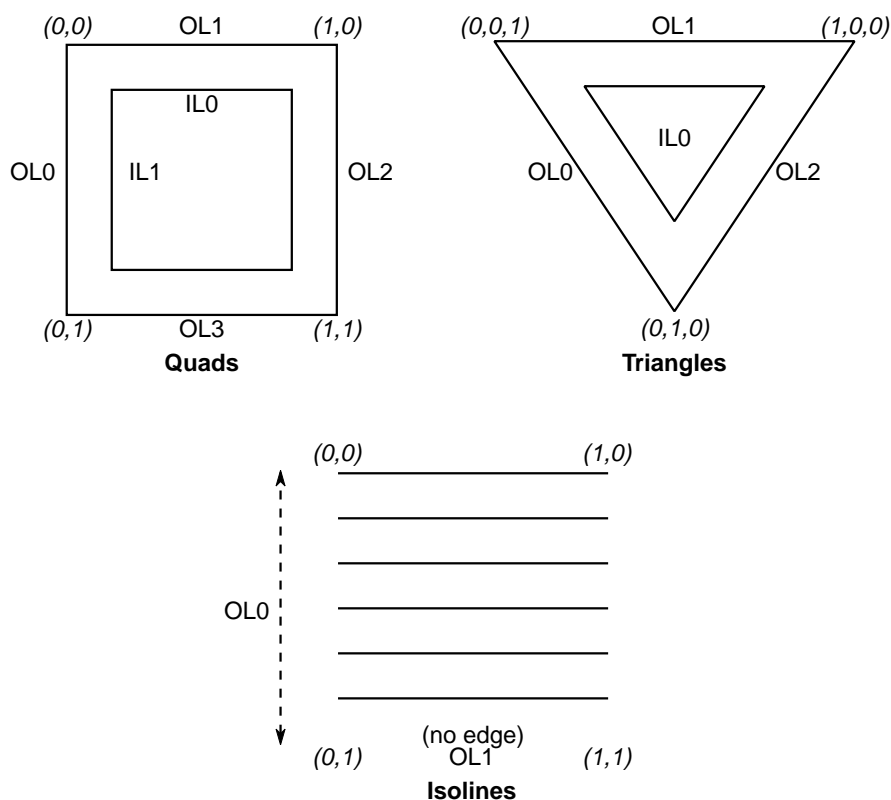
Figure 11. Domain parameterization for tessellation primitive modes (upper-left origin)
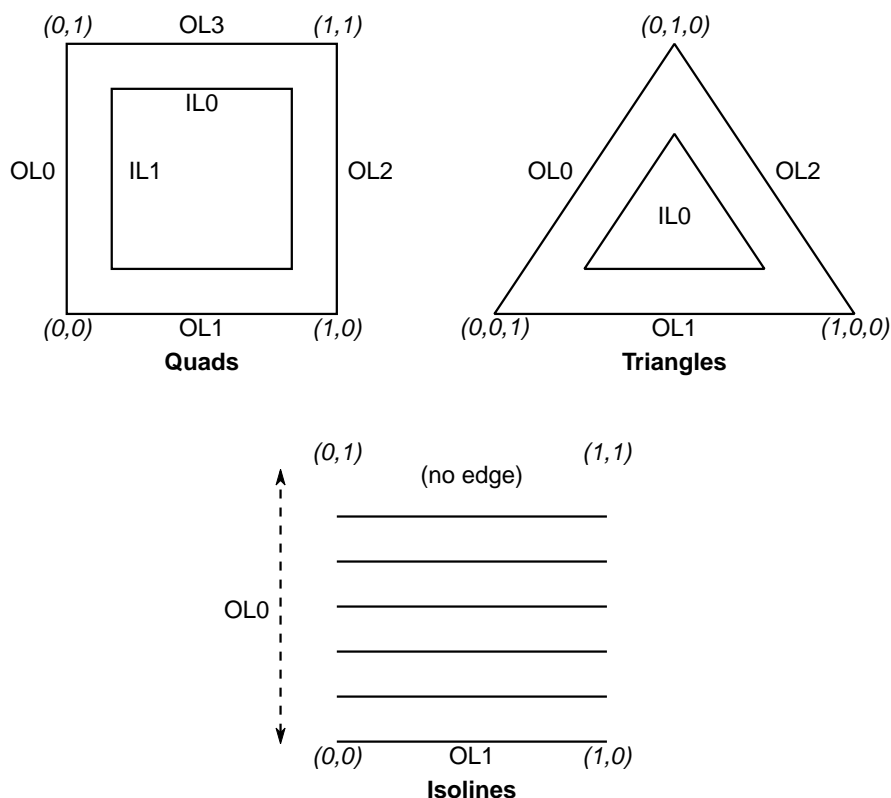
Figure 12. Domain parameterization for tessellation primitive modes (lower-left origin)

For triangles, the vertex's position is a barycentric coordinate (u,v,w), where u + v + w = 1.0, and indicates the relative influence of the three vertices of the triangle on the position of the vertex. For quads and isolines, the position is a (u,v) coordinate indicating the relative horizontal and vertical position of the vertex relative to the subdivided rectangle. The subdivision process is explained in more detail in subsequent sections.

22.2. Tessellator Patch Discard

A patch is discarded by the tessellator if any relevant outer tessellation level is less than or equal to zero.

Patches will also be discarded if any relevant outer tessellation level corresponds to a floating-point NaN (not a number) in implementations supporting NaN.

No new primitives are generated and the tessellation evaluation shader is not executed for patches that are discarded. For `Quads`, all four outer levels are relevant. For `Triangles` and `IsoLines`, only the first three or two outer levels, respectively, are relevant. Negative inner levels will not cause a patch to be discarded; they will be clamped as described below.

22.3. Tessellator Spacing

Each of the tessellation levels is used to determine the number and spacing of segments used to subdivide a corresponding edge. The method used to derive the number and spacing of segments is specified by an `OpExecutionMode` in the tessellation control or tessellation evaluation shader using one of the identifiers `SpacingEqual`, `SpacingFractionalEven`, or `SpacingFractionalOdd`.

If `SpacingEqual` is used, the floating-point tessellation level is first clamped to [1, `maxLevel`], where `maxLevel` is the implementation-dependent maximum tessellation level (`VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxTessellationGenerationLevel`). The result is rounded up to the nearest integer n, and the corresponding edge is divided into n segments of equal length in (u,v) space.

If `SpacingFractionalEven` is used, the tessellation level is first clamped to [2, `maxLevel`] and then rounded up to the nearest even integer n. If `SpacingFractionalOdd` is used, the tessellation level is clamped to [1, `maxLevel` - 1] and then rounded up to the nearest odd integer n. If n is one, the edge will not be subdivided. Otherwise, the corresponding edge will be divided into n - 2 segments of equal length, and two additional segments of equal length that are typically shorter than the other segments. The length of the two additional segments relative to the others will decrease monotonically with n - f, where f is the clamped floating-point tessellation level. When n - f is zero, the additional segments will have equal length to the other segments. As n - f approaches 2.0, the relative length of the additional segments approaches zero. The two additional segments **must** be

placed symmetrically on opposite sides of the subdivided edge. The relative location of these two segments is implementation-dependent, but **must** be identical for any pair of subdivided edges with identical values of f.

When tessellating triangles or quads using point mode with fractional odd spacing, the tessellator **may** produce *interior vertices* that are positioned on the edge of the patch if an inner tessellation level is less than or equal to one. Such vertices are considered distinct from vertices produced by subdividing the outer edge of the patch, even if there are pairs of vertices with identical coordinates.

22.4. Tessellation Primitive Ordering

Few guarantees are provided for the relative ordering of primitives produced by tessellation, as they pertain to primitive order.

- The output primitives generated from each input primitive are passed to subsequent pipeline stages in an implementation-dependent order.

- All output primitives generated from a given input primitive are passed to subsequent pipeline stages before any output primitives generated from subsequent input primitives.

22.5. Tessellator Vertex Winding Order

When the tessellator produces triangles (in the `Triangles` or `Quads` modes), the orientation of all triangles is specified with an `OpExecutionMode` of `VertexOrderCw` or `VertexOrderCcw` in the tessellation control or tessellation evaluation shaders. If the order is `VertexOrderCw`, the vertices of all generated triangles will have clockwise ordering in (u,v) or (u,v,w) space. If the order is `VertexOrderCcw`, the vertices will have counter-clockwise ordering in that space.

If the tessellation domain has an upper-left origin, the vertices of a triangle have counter-clockwise ordering if

$$a = u_0 v_1 - u_1 v_0 + u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1 + u_2 v_0 - u_0 v_2$$

is negative, and clockwise ordering if a is positive. u_i and v_i are the u and v coordinates in normalized parameter space of the ith vertex of the triangle. If the tessellation domain has a lower-left origin, the vertices of a triangle have counter-clockwise ordering if a is positive, and clockwise ordering if a is negative.

> *Note*
>
> The value a is proportional (with a positive factor) to the signed area of the triangle.
>
> In `Triangles` mode, even though the vertex coordinates have a w value, it does not participate directly in the computation of a, being an affine combination of u and v.

22.6. Triangle Tessellation

If the tessellation primitive mode is `Triangles`, an equilateral triangle is subdivided into a collection of triangles covering the area of the original triangle. First, the original triangle is subdivided into a collection of concentric equilateral triangles. The edges of each of these triangles are subdivided, and the area between each triangle pair is filled by triangles produced by joining the vertices on the subdivided edges. The number of concentric triangles and the number of subdivisions along each triangle except the outermost is derived from the first inner tessellation level. The edges of the outermost triangle are subdivided independently, using the first, second, and third outer tessellation levels to control the number of subdivisions of the u = 0 (left), v = 0 (bottom), and w = 0 (right) edges, respectively. The second inner tessellation level and the fourth outer tessellation level have no effect in this mode.

If the first inner tessellation level and all three outer tessellation levels are exactly one after clamping and rounding, only a single triangle with (u,v,w) coordinates of (0,0,1), (1,0,0), and (0,1,0) is generated. If the inner tessellation level is one and any of the outer tessellation levels is greater than one, the inner tessellation level is treated as though it were originally specified as 1 + ε and will result in a two- or three-segment subdivision depending on the tessellation spacing. When used with fractional odd spacing, the three-segment subdivision **may** produce *inner vertices* positioned on the edge of the triangle.

If any tessellation level is greater than one, tessellation begins by producing a set of concentric inner triangles and subdividing their edges. First, the three outer edges are temporarily subdivided using the clamped and rounded first inner tessellation level and the specified tessellation spacing, generating n segments. For the outermost inner triangle, the inner triangle is degenerate — a single point at the center of the triangle — if n is two. Otherwise, for each corner of the outer triangle, an inner triangle corner is produced at the intersection of two lines extended perpendicular to the corner's two adjacent edges running through the vertex of the subdivided outer edge nearest that corner. If n is three, the edges of the inner triangle are not subdivided and it is the final triangle in the set of concentric triangles. Otherwise, each edge of the inner triangle is divided into n - 2 segments, with the n - 1 vertices of this subdivision produced by intersecting the inner edge with lines perpendicular to the edge running through the n - 1 innermost vertices of the subdivision of the outer edge. Once the outermost inner triangle is subdivided, the previous subdivision process repeats itself, using the generated triangle as an outer triangle. This subdivision process is illustrated in Inner Triangle Tessellation.

Figure 13. Inner Triangle Tessellation

Once all the concentric triangles are produced and their edges are subdivided, the area between each pair of adjacent inner triangles is filled completely with a set of non-overlapping triangles. In this subdivision, two of the three vertices of each triangle are taken from adjacent vertices on a subdivided edge of one triangle; the third is one of the vertices on the corresponding edge of the other triangle. If the innermost triangle is degenerate (i.e., a point), the triangle containing it is subdivided into six triangles by connecting each of the six vertices on that triangle with the center point. If the innermost triangle is not degenerate, that triangle is added to the set of generated triangles as-is.

After the area corresponding to any inner triangles is filled, the tessellator generates triangles to cover the area between the outermost triangle and the outermost inner triangle. To do this, the temporary subdivision of the outer triangle edge above is discarded. Instead, the u = 0, v = 0, and w = 0 edges are subdivided according to the first, second, and third outer tessellation levels, respectively, and the tessellation spacing. The original subdivision of the first inner triangle is retained. The area between the outer and first inner triangles is completely filled by non-overlapping triangles as described above. If the first (and only) inner triangle is degenerate, a set of triangles is produced by connecting each vertex on the outer triangle edges with the center point.

After all triangles are generated, each vertex in the subdivided triangle is assigned a barycentric (u,v,w) coordinate based on its location relative to the three vertices of the outer triangle.

The algorithm used to subdivide the triangular domain in (u,v,w) space into individual triangles is implementation-dependent. However, the set of triangles produced will completely cover the domain, and no portion of the domain will be covered by multiple triangles.

Output triangles are generated with a topology similar to triangle lists, except that the order in which each triangle is generated, and the order in which the vertices are generated for each triangle, are implementation-dependent. However, the order of vertices in each triangle is consistent across the domain as described in Tessellator Vertex Winding Order.

22.7. Quad Tessellation

If the tessellation primitive mode is `Quads`, a rectangle is subdivided into a collection of triangles covering the area of the original rectangle. First, the original rectangle is subdivided into a regular mesh of rectangles, where the number of rectangles along the u = 0 and u = 1 (vertical) and v = 0 and v = 1 (horizontal) edges are derived from the first and second inner tessellation levels, respectively. All rectangles, except those adjacent to one of the outer rectangle edges, are decomposed into triangle pairs. The outermost rectangle edges are subdivided independently, using

the first, second, third, and fourth outer tessellation levels to control the number of subdivisions of the u = 0 (left), v = 0 (bottom), u = 1 (right), and v = 1 (top) edges, respectively. The area between the inner rectangles of the mesh and the outer rectangle edges are filled by triangles produced by joining the vertices on the subdivided outer edges to the vertices on the edge of the inner rectangle mesh.

If both clamped inner tessellation levels and all four clamped outer tessellation levels are exactly one, only a single triangle pair covering the outer rectangle is generated. Otherwise, if either clamped inner tessellation level is one, that tessellation level is treated as though it was originally specified as 1 + ε and will result in a two- or three-segment subdivision depending on the tessellation spacing. When used with fractional odd spacing, the three-segment subdivision **may** produce *inner vertices* positioned on the edge of the rectangle.

If any tessellation level is greater than one, tessellation begins by subdividing the u = 0 and u = 1 edges of the outer rectangle into m segments using the clamped and rounded first inner tessellation level and the tessellation spacing. The v = 0 and v = 1 edges are subdivided into n segments using the second inner tessellation level. Each vertex on the u = 0 and v = 0 edges are joined with the corresponding vertex on the u = 1 and v = 1 edges to produce a set of vertical and horizontal lines that divide the rectangle into a grid of smaller rectangles. The primitive generator emits a pair of non-overlapping triangles covering each such rectangle not adjacent to an edge of the outer rectangle. The boundary of the region covered by these triangles forms an inner rectangle, the edges of which are subdivided by the grid vertices that lie on the edge. If either m or n is two, the inner rectangle is degenerate, and one or both of the rectangle's *edges* consist of a single point. This subdivision is illustrated in Figure Inner Quad Tessellation.
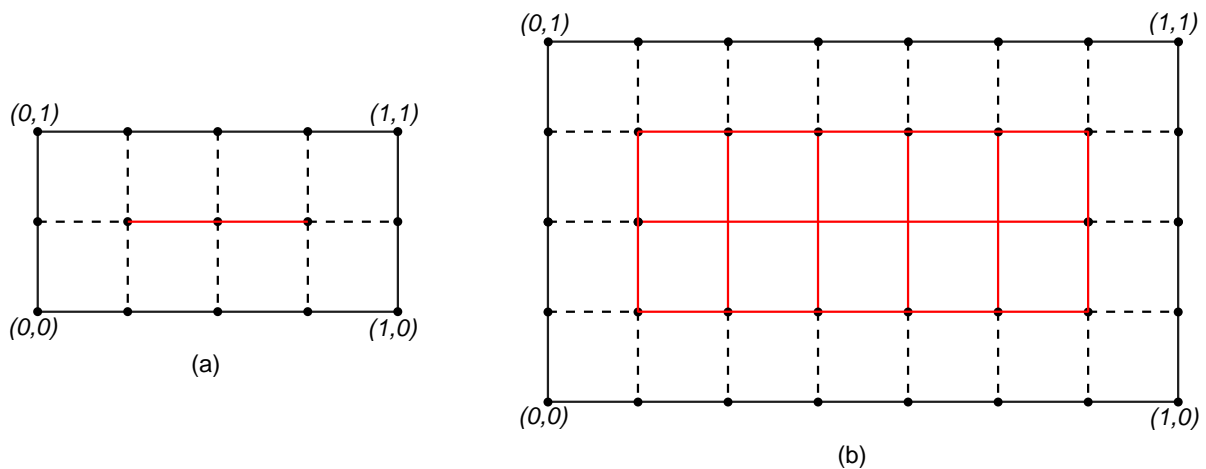
Figure 14. Inner Quad Tessellation

Caption

In the Inner Quad Tessellation diagram, inner quad tessellation levels of (a) (4,2) and (b) (7,4) are shown. The regions highlighted in red in figure (b) depict the 10 inner rectangles, each of which will be subdivided into two triangles. Solid black circles depict vertices on the boundary of the outer and inner rectangles, where the inner rectangle of figure (a) is degenerate (a single line segment). Dotted lines depict the horizontal and vertical edges connecting corresponding vertices on the inner and outer rectangle edges.

After the area corresponding to the inner rectangle is filled, the tessellator **must** produce triangles to cover the area between the inner and outer rectangles. To do this, the subdivision of the outer rectangle edge above is discarded. Instead, the u = 0, v = 0, u = 1, and v = 1 edges are subdivided according to the first, second, third, and fourth outer tessellation levels, respectively, and the tessellation spacing. The original subdivision of the inner rectangle is retained. The area between the outer and inner rectangles is completely filled by non-overlapping triangles. Two of the three vertices of each triangle are adjacent vertices on a subdivided edge of one rectangle; the third is one of the vertices on the corresponding edge of the other rectangle. If either edge of the innermost rectangle is degenerate, the area near the corresponding outer edges is filled by connecting each vertex on the outer edge with the single vertex making up the *inner edge*.

The algorithm used to subdivide the rectangular domain in (u,v) space into individual triangles is implementation-dependent. However, the set of triangles produced will completely cover the domain, and no portion of the domain will be covered by multiple triangles.

Output triangles are generated with a topology similar to triangle lists, except that the order in which each triangle is generated, and the order in which the vertices are generated for each triangle, are implementation-dependent. However, the order of vertices in each triangle is consistent across the domain as described in Tessellator Vertex Winding Order.

22.8. Isoline Tessellation

If the tessellation primitive mode is `IsoLines`, a set of independent horizontal line segments is drawn. The segments are arranged into connected strips called *isolines*, where the vertices of each isoline have a constant v coordinate and u coordinates covering the full range [0,1]. The number of isolines generated is derived from the first outer tessellation level; the number of segments in each isoline is derived from the second outer tessellation level. Both inner tessellation levels and the third and fourth outer tessellation levels have no effect in this mode.

As with quad tessellation above, isoline tessellation begins with a rectangle. The u = 0 and u = 1 edges of the rectangle are subdivided according to the first outer tessellation level. For the purposes of this subdivision, the tessellation spacing mode is ignored and treated as equal_spacing. An isoline is drawn connecting each vertex on the u = 0 rectangle edge to the corresponding vertex on the u = 1 rectangle edge, except that no line is drawn between (0,1) and (1,1). If the number of isolines on the subdivided u = 0 and u = 1 edges is n, this process will result in n equally spaced lines with constant v coordinates of $0, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}, ..., \frac{n-1}{n}$.

Each of the n isolines is then subdivided according to the second outer tessellation level and the tessellation spacing, resulting in m line segments. Each segment of each line is emitted by the tessellator. These line segments are generated with a topology similar to line lists, except that the order in which each line is generated, and the order in which the vertices are generated for each line segment, are implementation-dependent.

22.9. Tessellation Point Mode

For all primitive modes, the tessellator is capable of generating points instead of lines or triangles. If the tessellation control or tessellation evaluation shader specifies the `OpExecutionMode PointMode`, the primitive generator will generate one point for each distinct vertex produced by tessellation,

rather than emitting triangles or lines. Otherwise, the tessellator will produce a collection of line segments or triangles according to the primitive mode. These points are generated with a topology similar to point lists, except the order in which the points are generated for each input primitive is undefined.

22.10. Tessellation Pipeline State

The pTessellationState member of VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo is a pointer to a VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo structure.

The VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                          sType;
    const void*                              pNext;
    VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateFlags    flags;
    uint32_t                                 patchControlPoints;
} VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- flags is reserved for future use.

- patchControlPoints is the number of control points per patch.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo-patchControlPoints-01214
  patchControlPoints **must** be greater than zero and less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxTessellationPatchSize

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo-sType-sType
  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_TESSELLATION_STATE_CREATE_INFO

- VUID-VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo-pNext-pNext
  pNext **must** be NULL or a pointer to a valid instance of VkPipelineTessellationDomainOriginStateCreateInfo

- VUID-VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo-sType-unique
  The sType value of each struct in the pNext chain **must** be unique

- VUID-VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask
  flags **must** be 0

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateFlags;
```

VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

The VkPipelineTessellationDomainOriginStateCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPipelineTessellationDomainOriginStateCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType             sType;
    const void*                 pNext;
    VkTessellationDomainOrigin  domainOrigin;
} VkPipelineTessellationDomainOriginStateCreateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- domainOrigin is a VkTessellationDomainOrigin value controlling the origin of the tessellation domain space.

If the VkPipelineTessellationDomainOriginStateCreateInfo structure is included in the pNext chain of VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo, it controls the origin of the tessellation domain. If this structure is not present, it is as if domainOrigin was VK_TESSELLATION_DOMAIN_ORIGIN_UPPER_LEFT.

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPipelineTessellationDomainOriginStateCreateInfo-sType-sType
  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_TESSELLATION_DOMAIN_ORIGIN_STATE_CREATE_INFO

- VUID-VkPipelineTessellationDomainOriginStateCreateInfo-domainOrigin-parameter
  domainOrigin **must** be a valid VkTessellationDomainOrigin value

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The possible tessellation domain origins are specified by the VkTessellationDomainOrigin enumeration:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef enum VkTessellationDomainOrigin {
    VK_TESSELLATION_DOMAIN_ORIGIN_UPPER_LEFT = 0,
    VK_TESSELLATION_DOMAIN_ORIGIN_LOWER_LEFT = 1,
} VkTessellationDomainOrigin;
```

- VK_TESSELLATION_DOMAIN_ORIGIN_UPPER_LEFT specifies that the origin of the domain space is in the upper left corner, as shown in figure Domain parameterization for tessellation primitive modes (upper-left origin).

- VK_TESSELLATION_DOMAIN_ORIGIN_LOWER_LEFT specifies that the origin of the domain space is in the

lower left corner, as shown in figure Domain parameterization for tessellation primitive modes (lower-left origin).

This enum affects how the `VertexOrderCw` and `VertexOrderCcw` tessellation execution modes are interpreted, since the winding is defined relative to the orientation of the domain.

Chapter 23. Geometry Shading

The geometry shader operates on a group of vertices and their associated data assembled from a single input primitive, and emits zero or more output primitives and the group of vertices and their associated data required for each output primitive. Geometry shading is enabled when a geometry shader is included in the pipeline.

23.1. Geometry Shader Input Primitives

Each geometry shader invocation has access to all vertices in the primitive (and their associated data), which are presented to the shader as an array of inputs.

The input primitive type expected by the geometry shader is specified with an `OpExecutionMode` instruction in the geometry shader, and **must** match the incoming primitive type specified by either the pipeline's primitive topology if tessellation is inactive, or the tessellation mode if tessellation is active, as follows:

- An input primitive type of `InputPoints` **must** only be used with a pipeline topology of `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_POINT_LIST`, or with a tessellation shader specifying `PointMode`. The input arrays always contain one element, as described by the point list topology or tessellation in point mode.

- An input primitive type of `InputLines` **must** only be used with a pipeline topology of `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINE_LIST` or `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINE_STRIP`, or with a tessellation shader specifying `IsoLines` that does not specify `PointMode`. The input arrays always contain two elements, as described by the line list topology or line strip topology, or by isoline tessellation.

- An input primitive type of `InputLinesAdjacency` **must** only be used when tessellation is inactive, with a pipeline topology of `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINE_LIST_WITH_ADJACENCY` or `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINE_STRIP_WITH_ADJACENCY`. The input arrays always contain four elements, as described by the line list with adjacency topology or line strip with adjacency topology.

- An input primitive type of `Triangles` **must** only be used with a pipeline topology of `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_LIST`, `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_STRIP`, or `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_FAN`; or with a tessellation shader specifying `Quads` or `Triangles` that does not specify `PointMode`. The input arrays always contain three elements, as described by the triangle list topology, triangle strip topology, or triangle fan topology, or by triangle or quad tessellation. Vertices **may** be in a different absolute order than specified by the topology, but **must** adhere to the specified winding order.

- An input primitive type of `InputTrianglesAdjacency` **must** only be used when tessellation is inactive, with a pipeline topology of `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_LIST_WITH_ADJACENCY` or `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_STRIP_WITH_ADJACENCY`. The input arrays always contain six elements, as described by the triangle list with adjacency topology or triangle strip with adjacency topology. Vertices **may** be in a different absolute order than specified by the topology, but **must** adhere to the specified winding order, and the vertices making up the main primitive **must** still occur at the first, third, and fifth index.

23.2. Geometry Shader Output Primitives

A geometry shader generates primitives in one of three output modes: points, line strips, or triangle strips. The primitive mode is specified in the shader using an `OpExecutionMode` instruction with the `OutputPoints`, `OutputLineStrip` or `OutputTriangleStrip` modes, respectively. Each geometry shader **must** include exactly one output primitive mode.

The vertices output by the geometry shader are assembled into points, lines, or triangles based on the output primitive type and the resulting primitives are then further processed as described in Rasterization. If the number of vertices emitted by the geometry shader is not sufficient to produce a single primitive, vertices corresponding to incomplete primitives are not processed by subsequent pipeline stages. The number of vertices output by the geometry shader is limited to a maximum count specified in the shader.

The maximum output vertex count is specified in the shader using an `OpExecutionMode` instruction with the mode set to `OutputVertices` and the maximum number of vertices that will be produced by the geometry shader specified as a literal. Each geometry shader **must** specify a maximum output vertex count.

23.3. Multiple Invocations of Geometry Shaders

Geometry shaders **can** be invoked more than one time for each input primitive. This is known as *geometry shader instancing* and is requested by including an `OpExecutionMode` instruction with `mode` specified as `Invocations` and the number of invocations specified as an integer literal.

In this mode, the geometry shader will execute at least n times for each input primitive, where n is the number of invocations specified in the `OpExecutionMode` instruction. The instance number is available to each invocation as a built-in input using `InvocationId`.

23.4. Geometry Shader Primitive Ordering

Limited guarantees are provided for the relative ordering of primitives produced by a geometry shader, as they pertain to primitive order.

- For instanced geometry shaders, the output primitives generated from each input primitive are passed to subsequent pipeline stages using the invocation number to order the primitives, from least to greatest.

- All output primitives generated from a given input primitive are passed to subsequent pipeline stages before any output primitives generated from subsequent input primitives.

Chapter 24. Fixed-Function Vertex Post-Processing

After pre-rasterization shader stages, the following fixed-function operations are applied to vertices of the resulting primitives:

- Flat shading (see Flat Shading).

- Primitive clipping, including client-defined half-spaces (see Primitive Clipping).

- Shader output attribute clipping (see Clipping Shader Outputs).

- Perspective division on clip coordinates (see Coordinate Transformations).

- Viewport mapping, including depth range scaling (see Controlling the Viewport).

- Front face determination for polygon primitives (see Basic Polygon Rasterization).

Next, rasterization is performed on primitives as described in chapter Rasterization.

24.1. Flat Shading

Flat shading a vertex output attribute means to assign all vertices of the primitive the same value for that output. The output values assigned are those of the *provoking vertex* of the primitive. Flat shading is applied to those vertex attributes that match fragment input attributes which are decorated as `Flat`.

If neither geometry nor tessellation shading is active, the provoking vertex is determined by the primitive topology defined by VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo:`topology` used to execute the drawing command.

If geometry shading is active, the provoking vertex is determined by the primitive topology defined by the `OutputPoints`, `OutputLineStrips`, or `OutputTriangleStrips` execution mode.

If tessellation shading is active but geometry shading is not, the provoking vertex **may** be any of the vertices in each primitive.

24.2. Primitive Clipping

Primitives are culled against the *cull volume* and then clipped to the *clip volume*. In clip coordinates, the *view volume* is defined by:

$$-w_c \le x_c \le w_c$$
$$-w_c \le y_c \le w_c$$
$$z_m \le z_c \le w_c$$

where z_m is equal to zero.

This view volume **can** be further restricted by as many as VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxClipDistances client-defined half-spaces.

The cull volume is the intersection of up to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxCullDistances client-defined

half-spaces (if no client-defined cull half-spaces are enabled, culling against the cull volume is skipped).

A shader **must** write a single cull distance for each enabled cull half-space to elements of the `CullDistance` array. If the cull distance for any enabled cull half-space is negative for all of the vertices of the primitive under consideration, the primitive is discarded. Otherwise the primitive is clipped against the clip volume as defined below.

The clip volume is the intersection of up to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`maxClipDistances` client-defined half-spaces with the view volume (if no client-defined clip half-spaces are enabled, the clip volume is the view volume).

A shader **must** write a single clip distance for each enabled clip half-space to elements of the `ClipDistance` array. Clip half-space i is then given by the set of points satisfying the inequality

$$c_i(\mathbf{P}) \geq 0$$

where $c_i(\mathbf{P})$ is the clip distance i at point $\mathbf{P}$. For point primitives, $c_i(\mathbf{P})$ is simply the clip distance for the vertex in question. For line and triangle primitives, per-vertex clip distances are interpolated using a weighted mean, with weights derived according to the algorithms described in sections Basic Line Segment Rasterization and Basic Polygon Rasterization, using the perspective interpolation equations.

The number of client-defined clip and cull half-spaces that are enabled is determined by the explicit size of the built-in arrays `ClipDistance` and `CullDistance`, respectively, declared as an output in the interface of the entry point of the final shader stage before clipping.

Depth clamping is enabled or disabled via the `depthClampEnable` enable of the VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo structure. Depth clipping is disabled when `depthClampEnable` is `VK_TRUE`. When depth clipping is disabled, the plane equation

$$z_m \leq z_c \leq w_c$$

(see the clip volume definition above) is ignored by view volume clipping (effectively, there is no near or far plane clipping).

If the primitive under consideration is a point or line segment, then clipping passes it unchanged if its vertices lie entirely within the clip volume.

Possible values of VkPhysicalDevicePointClippingProperties::`pointClippingBehavior`, specifying clipping behavior of a point primitive whose vertex lies outside the clip volume, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef enum VkPointClippingBehavior {
    VK_POINT_CLIPPING_BEHAVIOR_ALL_CLIP_PLANES = 0,
    VK_POINT_CLIPPING_BEHAVIOR_USER_CLIP_PLANES_ONLY = 1,
} VkPointClippingBehavior;
```

- `VK_POINT_CLIPPING_BEHAVIOR_ALL_CLIP_PLANES` specifies that the primitive is discarded if the vertex lies outside any clip plane, including the planes bounding the view volume.
- `VK_POINT_CLIPPING_BEHAVIOR_USER_CLIP_PLANES_ONLY` specifies that the primitive is discarded only if the vertex lies outside any user clip plane.

If either of a line segment's vertices lie outside of the clip volume, the line segment **may** be clipped, with new vertex coordinates computed for each vertex that lies outside the clip volume. A clipped line segment endpoint lies on both the original line segment and the boundary of the clip volume.

This clipping produces a value, $0 \le t \le 1$, for each clipped vertex. If the coordinates of a clipped vertex are $\mathbf{P}$ and the unclipped line segment's vertex coordinates are $\mathbf{P}_1$ and $\mathbf{P}_2$, then t satisfies the following equation

$$\mathbf{P} = t\,\mathbf{P}_1 + (1\text{-}t)\,\mathbf{P}_2.$$

t is used to clip vertex output attributes as described in Clipping Shader Outputs.

If the primitive is a polygon, it passes unchanged if every one of its edges lies entirely inside the clip volume, and is either clipped or discarded otherwise. If the edges of the polygon intersect the boundary of the clip volume, the intersecting edges are reconnected by new edges that lie along the boundary of the clip volume - in some cases requiring the introduction of new vertices into a polygon.

If a polygon intersects an edge of the clip volume's boundary, the clipped polygon **must** include a point on this boundary edge.

Primitives rendered with user-defined half-spaces **must** satisfy a complementarity criterion. Suppose a series of primitives is drawn where each vertex i has a single specified clip distance d_i (or a number of similarly specified clip distances, if multiple half-spaces are enabled). Next, suppose that the same series of primitives are drawn again with each such clip distance replaced by $-d_i$ (and the graphics pipeline is otherwise the same). In this case, primitives **must** not be missing any pixels, and pixels **must** not be drawn twice in regions where those primitives are cut by the clip planes.

24.3. Clipping Shader Outputs

Next, vertex output attributes are clipped. The output values associated with a vertex that lies within the clip volume are unaffected by clipping. If a primitive is clipped, however, the output values assigned to vertices produced by clipping are clipped.

Let the output values assigned to the two vertices $\mathbf{P}_1$ and $\mathbf{P}_2$ of an unclipped edge be $\mathbf{c}_1$ and $\mathbf{c}_2$. The value of t (see Primitive Clipping) for a clipped point $\mathbf{P}$ is used to obtain the output value associated with $\mathbf{P}$ as

$$\mathbf{c} = t\,\mathbf{c}_1 + (1\text{-}t)\,\mathbf{c}_2.$$

(Multiplying an output value by a scalar means multiplying each of x, y, z, and w by the scalar.)

Since this computation is performed in clip space before division by w_c, clipped output values are perspective-correct.

Polygon clipping creates a clipped vertex along an edge of the clip volume's boundary. This situation is handled by noting that polygon clipping proceeds by clipping against one half-space at a time. Output value clipping is done in the same way, so that clipped points always occur at the intersection of polygon edges (possibly already clipped) with the clip volume's boundary.

For vertex output attributes whose matching fragment input attributes are decorated with `NoPerspective`, the value of t used to obtain the output value associated with **P** will be adjusted to produce results that vary linearly in framebuffer space.

Output attributes of integer or unsigned integer type **must** always be flat shaded. Flat shaded attributes are constant over the primitive being rasterized (see Basic Line Segment Rasterization and Basic Polygon Rasterization), and no interpolation is performed. The output value **c** is taken from either $\mathbf{c}_1$ or $\mathbf{c}_2$, since flat shading has already occurred and the two values are identical.

24.4. Coordinate Transformations

Clip coordinates for a vertex result from shader execution, which yields a vertex coordinate `Position`.

Perspective division on clip coordinates yields *normalized device coordinates*, followed by a *viewport* transformation (see Controlling the Viewport) to convert these coordinates into *framebuffer coordinates*.

If a vertex in clip coordinates has a position given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_c \\ y_c \\ z_c \\ w_c \end{pmatrix}$$

then the vertex's normalized device coordinates are

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_d \\ y_d \\ z_d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \dfrac{x_c}{w_c} \\ \dfrac{y_c}{w_c} \\ \dfrac{z_c}{w_c} \end{pmatrix}$$

24.5. Controlling the Viewport

The viewport transformation is determined by the selected viewport's width and height in pixels, p_x and p_y, respectively, and its center (o_x, o_y) (also in pixels), as well as its depth range min and max determining a depth range scale value p_z and a depth range bias value o_z (defined below). The vertex's framebuffer coordinates (x_f, y_f, z_f) are given by

$$x_f = (p_x\,/\,2)\,x_d + o_x$$

$$y_f = (p_y / 2) \, y_d + o_y$$

$$z_f = p_z \times z_d + o_z$$

Multiple viewports are available, numbered zero up to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxViewports minus one. The number of viewports used by a pipeline is controlled by the viewportCount member of the VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo structure used in pipeline creation.

x_f and y_f have limited precision, where the number of fractional bits retained is specified by VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::subPixelPrecisionBits.

The VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```c
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                    sType;
    const void*                        pNext;
    VkPipelineViewportStateCreateFlags flags;
    uint32_t                           viewportCount;
    const VkViewport*                  pViewports;
    uint32_t                           scissorCount;
    const VkRect2D*                    pScissors;
} VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- flags is reserved for future use.

- viewportCount is the number of viewports used by the pipeline.

- pViewports is a pointer to an array of VkViewport structures, defining the viewport transforms. If the viewport state is dynamic, this member is ignored.

- scissorCount is the number of scissors and **must** match the number of viewports.

- pScissors is a pointer to an array of VkRect2D structures defining the rectangular bounds of the scissor for the corresponding viewport. If the scissor state is dynamic, this member is ignored.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo-viewportCount-01216

  If the multiple viewports feature is not enabled, `viewportCount` **must** not be greater than `1`

- VUID-VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo-scissorCount-01217

  If the multiple viewports feature is not enabled, `scissorCount` **must** not be greater than `1`

- VUID-VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo-viewportCount-01218

  `viewportCount` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxViewports`

- VUID-VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo-scissorCount-01219

  `scissorCount` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxViewports`

- VUID-VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo-scissorCount-01220

  `scissorCount` and `viewportCount` **must** be identical

- VUID-VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo-x-02821

  The `x` and `y` members of `offset` member of any element of `pScissors` **must** be greater than or equal to `0`

- VUID-VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo-offset-02822

  Evaluation of (`offset.x` + `extent.width`) **must** not cause a signed integer addition overflow for any element of `pScissors`

- VUID-VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo-offset-02823

  Evaluation of (`offset.y` + `extent.height`) **must** not cause a signed integer addition overflow for any element of `pScissors`

- VUID-VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo-viewportCount-arraylength

  `viewportCount` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo-scissorCount-arraylength

  `scissorCount` **must** be greater than `0`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_VIEWPORT_STATE_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask

  `flags` **must** be `0`

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkPipelineViewportStateCreateFlags;
```

`VkPipelineViewportStateCreateFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

If a geometry shader is active and has an output variable decorated with `ViewportIndex`, the viewport transformation uses the viewport corresponding to the value assigned to `ViewportIndex` taken from an implementation-dependent vertex of each primitive. If `ViewportIndex` is outside the range zero to `viewportCount` minus one for a primitive, or if the geometry shader did not assign a value to `ViewportIndex` for all vertices of a primitive due to flow control, the values resulting from the viewport transformation of the vertices of such primitives are undefined. If no geometry shader is active, or if the geometry shader does not have an output decorated with `ViewportIndex`, the viewport numbered zero is used by the viewport transformation.

A single vertex **can** be used in more than one individual primitive, in primitives such as `VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLE_STRIP`. In this case, the viewport transformation is applied separately for each primitive.

To dynamically set the viewport transformation parameters, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdSetViewport(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    uint32_t                                    firstViewport,
    uint32_t                                    viewportCount,
    const VkViewport*                           pViewports);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.
- `firstViewport` is the index of the first viewport whose parameters are updated by the command.
- `viewportCount` is the number of viewports whose parameters are updated by the command.
- `pViewports` is a pointer to an array of VkViewport structures specifying viewport parameters.

This command sets the viewport transformation parameters state for subsequent drawing commands when the graphics pipeline is created with `VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_VIEWPORT` set in VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo::pDynamicStates. Otherwise, this state is specified by the VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo::pViewports values used to create the currently active pipeline.

The viewport parameters taken from element i of `pViewports` replace the current state for the viewport index `firstViewport` + i, for i in [0, `viewportCount`).

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdSetViewport-firstViewport-01223
  The sum of `firstViewport` and `viewportCount` **must** be between `1` and VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxViewports, inclusive

- VUID-vkCmdSetViewport-firstViewport-01224
  If the multiple viewports feature is not enabled, `firstViewport` **must** be `0`

- VUID-vkCmdSetViewport-viewportCount-01225
  If the multiple viewports feature is not enabled, `viewportCount` **must** be `1`

Both VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo and vkCmdSetViewport use `VkViewport` to set the viewport transformation parameters.

The `VkViewport` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkViewport {
    float      x;
    float      y;
    float      width;
    float      height;
    float      minDepth;
    float      maxDepth;
} VkViewport;
```

- x and y are the viewport's upper left corner (x,y).

- `width` and `height` are the viewport's width and height, respectively.

- `minDepth` and `maxDepth` are the depth range for the viewport.

> **ℹ** *Note*
>
> Despite their names, `minDepth` **can** be less than, equal to, or greater than `maxDepth`.

The framebuffer depth coordinate z_f **may** be represented using either a fixed-point or floating-point representation. However, a floating-point representation **must** be used if the depth/stencil attachment has a floating-point depth component. If an m-bit fixed-point representation is used, we assume that it represents each value $\frac{k}{2^m - 1}$, where k ∈ { 0, 1, …, 2^m-1 }, as k (e.g. 1.0 is represented in binary as a string of all ones).

The viewport parameters shown in the above equations are found from these values as

o_x = x + `width` / 2

o_y = y + `height` / 2

o_z = `minDepth`

p_x = `width`

p_y = `height`

p_z = `maxDepth` - `minDepth`.

The application **can** specify a negative term for `height`, which has the effect of negating the y coordinate in clip space before performing the transform. When using a negative `height`, the application **should** also adjust the y value to point to the lower left corner of the viewport instead of the upper left corner. Using the negative `height` allows the application to avoid having to negate the y component of the `Position` output from the last pre-rasterization shader stage.

The width and height of the implementation-dependent maximum viewport dimensions **must** be greater than or equal to the width and height of the largest image which **can** be created and attached to a framebuffer.

The floating-point viewport bounds are represented with an implementation-dependent precision.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkViewport-width-01770

  `width` **must** be greater than `0.0`

- VUID-VkViewport-width-01771

  `width` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxViewportDimensions`[0]

- VUID-VkViewport-height-01773

  The absolute value of `height` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxViewportDimensions`[1]

- VUID-VkViewport-x-01774

  x **must** be greater than or equal to `viewportBoundsRange`[0]

- VUID-VkViewport-x-01232

  (x + `width`) **must** be less than or equal to `viewportBoundsRange`[1]

- VUID-VkViewport-y-01775

  y **must** be greater than or equal to `viewportBoundsRange`[0]

- VUID-VkViewport-y-01776

  y **must** be less than or equal to `viewportBoundsRange`[1]

- VUID-VkViewport-y-01777

  (y + `height`) **must** be greater than or equal to `viewportBoundsRange`[0]

- VUID-VkViewport-y-01233

  (y + `height`) **must** be less than or equal to `viewportBoundsRange`[1]

- VUID-VkViewport-minDepth-02540

  `minDepth` **must** be between `0.0` and `1.0`, inclusive

- VUID-VkViewport-maxDepth-02541

  `maxDepth` **must** be between `0.0` and `1.0`, inclusive

Chapter 25. Rasterization

Rasterization is the process by which a primitive is converted to a two-dimensional image. Each discrete location of this image contains associated data such as depth, color, or other attributes.

Rasterizing a primitive begins by determining which squares of an integer grid in framebuffer coordinates are occupied by the primitive, and assigning one or more depth values to each such square. This process is described below for points, lines, and polygons.

A grid square, including its (x,y) framebuffer coordinates, z (depth), and associated data added by fragment shaders, is called a fragment. A fragment is located by its upper left corner, which lies on integer grid coordinates.

Rasterization operations also refer to a fragment's sample locations, which are offset by fractional values from its upper left corner. The rasterization rules for points, lines, and triangles involve testing whether each sample location is inside the primitive. Fragments need not actually be square, and rasterization rules are not affected by the aspect ratio of fragments. Display of non-square grids, however, will cause rasterized points and line segments to appear fatter in one direction than the other.

We assume that fragments are square, since it simplifies antialiasing and texturing. After rasterization, fragments are processed by fragment operations.

Several factors affect rasterization, including the members of VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo and VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo.

The `VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                            sType;
    const void*                                pNext;
    VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateFlags    flags;
    VkBool32                                   depthClampEnable;
    VkBool32                                   rasterizerDiscardEnable;
    VkPolygonMode                              polygonMode;
    VkCullModeFlags                            cullMode;
    VkFrontFace                                frontFace;
    VkBool32                                   depthBiasEnable;
    float                                      depthBiasConstantFactor;
    float                                      depthBiasClamp;
    float                                      depthBiasSlopeFactor;
    float                                      lineWidth;
} VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is reserved for future use.

- `depthClampEnable` controls whether to clamp the fragment's depth values as described in Depth Test. Enabling depth clamp will also disable clipping primitives to the z planes of the frustrum as described in Primitive Clipping.

- `rasterizerDiscardEnable` controls whether primitives are discarded immediately before the rasterization stage.

- `polygonMode` is the triangle rendering mode. See VkPolygonMode.

- `cullMode` is the triangle facing direction used for primitive culling. See VkCullModeFlagBits.

- `frontFace` is a VkFrontFace value specifying the front-facing triangle orientation to be used for culling.

- `depthBiasEnable` controls whether to bias fragment depth values.

- `depthBiasConstantFactor` is a scalar factor controlling the constant depth value added to each fragment.

- `depthBiasClamp` is the maximum (or minimum) depth bias of a fragment.

- `depthBiasSlopeFactor` is a scalar factor applied to a fragment's slope in depth bias calculations.

- `lineWidth` is the width of rasterized line segments.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo-depthClampEnable-00782

  If the depth clamping feature is not enabled, `depthClampEnable` **must** be `VK_FALSE`

- VUID-VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo-polygonMode-01413

  If the non-solid fill modes feature is not enabled, `polygonMode` **must** be `VK_POLYGON_MODE_FILL`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_RASTERIZATION_STATE_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask

  `flags` **must** be `0`

- VUID-VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo-polygonMode-parameter

  `polygonMode` **must** be a valid VkPolygonMode value

- VUID-VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo-cullMode-parameter

  `cullMode` **must** be a valid combination of VkCullModeFlagBits values

- VUID-VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo-frontFace-parameter

  `frontFace` **must** be a valid VkFrontFace value

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateFlags;
```

VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

The VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                          sType;
    const void*                              pNext;
    VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateFlags    flags;
    VkSampleCountFlagBits                    rasterizationSamples;
    VkBool32                                 sampleShadingEnable;
    float                                    minSampleShading;
    const VkSampleMask*                      pSampleMask;
    VkBool32                                 alphaToCoverageEnable;
    VkBool32                                 alphaToOneEnable;
} VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- flags is reserved for future use.

- rasterizationSamples is a VkSampleCountFlagBits value specifying the number of samples used in rasterization.

- sampleShadingEnable **can** be used to enable Sample Shading.

- minSampleShading specifies a minimum fraction of sample shading if sampleShadingEnable is set to VK_TRUE.

- pSampleMask is a pointer to an array of VkSampleMask values used in the sample mask test.

- alphaToCoverageEnable controls whether a temporary coverage value is generated based on the alpha component of the fragment's first color output as specified in the Multisample Coverage section.

- alphaToOneEnable controls whether the alpha component of the fragment's first color output is replaced with one as described in Multisample Coverage.

Each bit in the sample mask is associated with a unique sample index as defined for the coverage mask. Each bit b for mask word w in the sample mask corresponds to sample index i, where i = 32 × w + b. pSampleMask has a length equal to $\lceil$ rasterizationSamples / 32 $\rceil$ words.

If pSampleMask is NULL, it is treated as if the mask has all bits set to 1.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateFlags;
```

`VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

The elements of the sample mask array are of type `VkSampleMask`, each representing 32 bits of coverage information:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef uint32_t VkSampleMask;
```

Rasterization only generates fragments which cover one or more pixels inside the framebuffer. Pixels outside the framebuffer are never considered covered in the fragment. Fragments which would be produced by application of any of the primitive rasterization rules described below but which lie outside the framebuffer are not produced, nor are they processed by any later stage of the pipeline, including any of the fragment operations.

Surviving fragments are processed by fragment shaders. Fragment shaders determine associated

data for fragments, and **can** also modify or replace their assigned depth values.

25.1. Discarding Primitives Before Rasterization

Primitives are discarded before rasterization if the `rasterizerDiscardEnable` member of `VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo` is enabled. When enabled, primitives are discarded after they are processed by the last active shader stage in the pipeline before rasterization.

25.2. Rasterization Order

Within a subpass of a render pass instance, for a given (x,y,layer,sample) sample location, the following operations are guaranteed to execute in *rasterization order*, for each separate primitive that includes that sample location:

1. Fragment operations, in the order defined

2. Blending, logic operations, and color writes

Execution of these operations for each primitive in a subpass occurs in primitive order.

25.3. Multisampling

Multisampling is a mechanism to antialias all Vulkan primitives: points, lines, and polygons. The technique is to sample all primitives multiple times at each pixel. Each sample in each framebuffer attachment has storage for a color, depth, and/or stencil value, such that per-fragment operations apply to each sample independently. The color sample values **can** be later *resolved* to a single color (see Resolving Multisample Images and the Render Pass chapter for more details on how to resolve multisample images to non-multisample images).

Vulkan defines rasterization rules for single-sample modes in a way that is equivalent to a multisample mode with a single sample in the center of each fragment.

Each fragment includes a coverage mask with a single bit for each sample in the fragment, and a number of depth values and associated data for each sample. An implementation **may** choose to assign the same associated data to more than one sample. The location for evaluating such associated data **may** be anywhere within the fragment area including the fragment's center location (x_f, y_f) or any of the sample locations. When `rasterizationSamples` is `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT`, the fragment's center location **must** be used. The different associated data values need not all be evaluated at the same location.

It is understood that each pixel has `rasterizationSamples` locations associated with it. These locations are exact positions, rather than regions or areas, and each is referred to as a sample point. The sample points associated with a pixel **must** be located inside or on the boundary of the unit square that is considered to bound the pixel. Furthermore, the relative locations of sample points **may** be identical for each pixel in the framebuffer, or they **may** differ.

If the current pipeline includes a fragment shader with one or more variables in its interface decorated with `Sample` and `Input`, the data associated with those variables will be assigned independently for each sample. The values for each sample **must** be evaluated at the location of the

sample. The data associated with any other variables not decorated with `Sample` and `Input` need not be evaluated independently for each sample.

A *coverage mask* is generated for each fragment, based on which samples within that fragment are determined to be within the area of the primitive that generated the fragment.

Single pixel fragments have one set of samples. Each set of samples has a number of samples determined by VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo::`rasterizationSamples`. Each sample in a set is assigned a unique *sample index* i in the range [0, `rasterizationSamples`).

Each sample in a fragment is also assigned a unique *coverage index* j in the range [0, n × `rasterizationSamples`), where n is the number of sets in the fragment. If the fragment contains a single set of samples, the *coverage index* is always equal to the *sample index*.

The coverage mask includes B bits packed into W words, defined as:
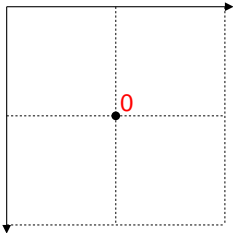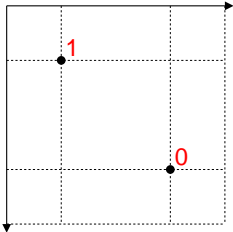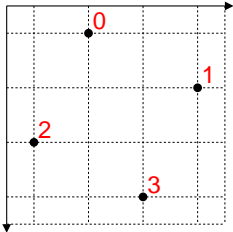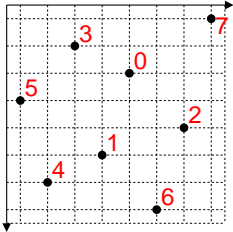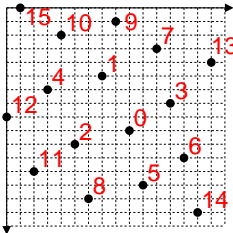
$$B = n \times \text{rasterizationSamples}$$

$$W = \lceil B/32 \rceil$$

Bit b in coverage mask word w is `1` if the sample with coverage index j = 32*w + b is covered, and `0` otherwise.

If the `standardSampleLocations` member of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits is `VK_TRUE`, then the sample counts `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT`, `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_2_BIT`, `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_4_BIT`, `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_8_BIT`, and `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_16_BIT` have sample locations as listed in the following table, with the ith entry in the table corresponding to sample index i. `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_32_BIT` and `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_64_BIT` do not have standard sample locations. Locations are defined relative to an origin in the upper left corner of the fragment.

Table 22. Standard sample locations

Sample count	Sample Locations	
`VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT`	(0.5,0.5)	
`VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_2_BIT`	(0.75,0.75) (0.25,0.25)	
`VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_4_BIT`	(0.375, 0.125) (0.875, 0.375) (0.125, 0.625) (0.625, 0.875)	
`VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_8_BIT`	(0.5625, 0.3125) (0.4375, 0.6875) (0.8125, 0.5625) (0.3125, 0.1875) (0.1875, 0.8125) (0.0625, 0.4375) (0.6875, 0.9375) (0.9375, 0.0625)	
`VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_16_BIT`	(0.5625, 0.5625) (0.4375, 0.3125) (0.3125, 0.625) (0.75, 0.4375) (0.1875, 0.375) (0.625, 0.8125) (0.8125, 0.6875) (0.6875, 0.1875) (0.375, 0.875) (0.5, 0.0625) (0.25, 0.125) (0.125, 0.75) (0.0, 0.5) (0.9375, 0.25) (0.875, 0.9375) (0.0625, 0.0)	

25.4. Sample Shading

Sample shading **can** be used to specify a minimum number of unique samples to process for each fragment. If sample shading is enabled an implementation **must** provide a minimum of max(⌈ minSampleShadingFactor × totalSamples ⌉, 1) unique associated data for each fragment, where minSampleShadingFactor is the minimum fraction of sample shading. totalSamples is the value of VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo::rasterizationSamples specified at pipeline creation time. These are associated with the samples in an implementation-dependent manner. When minSampleShadingFactor is 1.0, a separate set of associated data are evaluated for each sample, and each set of values is evaluated at the sample location.

Sample shading is enabled for a graphics pipeline:

- If the interface of the fragment shader entry point of the graphics pipeline includes an input variable decorated with SampleId or SamplePosition. In this case minSampleShadingFactor takes the value 1.0.

- Else if the sampleShadingEnable member of the VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo structure specified when creating the graphics pipeline is set to VK_TRUE. In this case minSampleShadingFactor takes the value of VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo ::minSampleShading.

Otherwise, sample shading is considered disabled.

25.5. Points

A point is drawn by generating a set of fragments in the shape of a square centered around the vertex of the point. Each vertex has an associated point size controlling the width/height of that square. The point size is taken from the (potentially clipped) shader built-in PointSize written by:

- the geometry shader, if active;

- the tessellation evaluation shader, if active and no geometry shader is active;

- the vertex shader, otherwise

and clamped to the implementation-dependent point size range [pointSizeRange[0], pointSizeRange[1]]. The value written to PointSize **must** be greater than zero.

Not all point sizes need be supported, but the size 1.0 **must** be supported. The range of supported sizes and the size of evenly-spaced gradations within that range are implementation-dependent. The range and gradations are obtained from the pointSizeRange and pointSizeGranularity members of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits. If, for instance, the size range is from 0.1 to 2.0 and the gradation size is 0.1, then the sizes 0.1, 0.2, ..., 1.9, 2.0 are supported. Additional point sizes **may** also be supported. There is no requirement that these sizes be equally spaced. If an unsupported size is requested, the nearest supported size is used instead.

25.5.1. Basic Point Rasterization

Point rasterization produces a fragment for each fragment area group of framebuffer pixels with

one or more sample points that intersect a region centered at the point's (x_f,y_f). This region is a square with side equal to the current point size. Coverage bits that correspond to sample points that intersect the region are 1, other coverage bits are 0. All fragments produced in rasterizing a point are assigned the same associated data, which are those of the vertex corresponding to the point. However, the fragment shader built-in `PointCoord` contains point sprite texture coordinates. The s and t point sprite texture coordinates vary from zero to one across the point horizontally left-to-right and vertically top-to-bottom, respectively. The following formulas are used to evaluate s and t:

$$s = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{(x_p - x_f)}{\text{size}}$$

$$t = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{(y_p - y_f)}{\text{size}}$$

where size is the point's size; (x_p,y_p) is the location at which the point sprite coordinates are evaluated - this **may** be the framebuffer coordinates of the fragment center, or the location of a sample; and (x_f,y_f) is the exact, unrounded framebuffer coordinate of the vertex for the point.

25.6. Line Segments

To dynamically set the line width, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdSetLineWidth(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    float                                       lineWidth);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- `lineWidth` is the width of rasterized line segments.

This command sets the line width for subsequent drawing commands when the graphics pipeline is created with `VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_LINE_WIDTH` set in VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo::pDynamicStates. Otherwise, this state is specified by the VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo::`lineWidth` value used to create the currently active pipeline.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdSetLineWidth-lineWidth-00788
  If the wide lines feature is not enabled, `lineWidth` **must** be `1.0`

Not all line widths need be supported for line segment rasterization, but width 1.0 antialiased segments **must** be provided. The range and gradations are obtained from the `lineWidthRange` and `lineWidthGranularity` members of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits. If, for instance, the size range is from 0.1 to 2.0 and the gradation size is 0.1, then the sizes 0.1, 0.2, ..., 1.9, 2.0 are supported. Additional line widths **may** also be supported. There is no requirement that these widths be equally spaced. If an unsupported width is requested, the nearest supported width is used instead.

25.6.1. Basic Line Segment Rasterization

Rasterized line segments produce fragments which intersect a rectangle centered on the line segment. Two of the edges are parallel to the specified line segment; each is at a distance of one-half the current width from that segment in directions perpendicular to the direction of the line. The other two edges pass through the line endpoints and are perpendicular to the direction of the specified line segment. Coverage bits that correspond to sample points that intersect the rectangle are 1, other coverage bits are 0.

Next we specify how the data associated with each rasterized fragment are obtained. Let $\mathbf{p}_r = (x_d, y_d)$ be the framebuffer coordinates at which associated data are evaluated. This **may** be the center of a fragment or the location of a sample within the fragment. When `rasterizationSamples` is `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT`, the fragment center **must** be used. Let $\mathbf{p}_a = (x_a, y_a)$ and $\mathbf{p}_b = (x_b, y_b)$ be initial and final endpoints of the line segment, respectively. Set

$$t = \frac{(\mathbf{p}_r - \mathbf{p}_a) \cdot (\mathbf{p}_b - \mathbf{p}_a)}{\| \mathbf{p}_b - \mathbf{p}_a \|^2}$$

(Note that t = 0 at $\mathbf{p}_a$ and t = 1 at $\mathbf{p}_b$. Also note that this calculation projects the vector from $\mathbf{p}_a$ to $\mathbf{p}_r$ onto the line, and thus computes the normalized distance of the fragment along the line.)

The value of an associated datum f for the fragment, whether it be a shader output or the clip w coordinate, **must** be determined using *perspective interpolation*:

$$f = \frac{(1-t)f_a / w_a + t f_b / w_b}{(1-t) / w_a + t / w_b}$$

where f_a and f_b are the data associated with the starting and ending endpoints of the segment, respectively; w_a and w_b are the clip w coordinates of the starting and ending endpoints of the segment, respectively.

Depth values for lines **must** be determined using *linear interpolation*:

$$z = (1 - t) \, z_a + t \, z_b$$

where z_a and z_b are the depth values of the starting and ending endpoints of the segment, respectively.

The `NoPerspective` and `Flat` interpolation decorations **can** be used with fragment shader inputs to declare how they are interpolated. When neither decoration is applied, perspective interpolation is performed as described above. When the `NoPerspective` decoration is used, linear interpolation is performed in the same fashion as for depth values, as described above. When the `Flat` decoration is used, no interpolation is performed, and outputs are taken from the corresponding input value of the provoking vertex corresponding to that primitive.

The above description documents the preferred method of line rasterization, and **must** be used when the implementation advertises the `strictLines` limit in VkPhysicalDeviceLimits as `VK_TRUE`.

When `strictLines` is `VK_FALSE`, the edges of the lines are generated as a parallelogram surrounding the original line. The major axis is chosen by noting the axis in which there is the greatest distance between the line start and end points. If the difference is equal in both directions then the X axis is chosen as the major axis. Edges 2 and 3 are aligned to the minor axis and are centered on the endpoints of the line as in Non strict lines, and each is `lineWidth` long. Edges 0 and 1 are parallel to the line and connect the endpoints of edges 2 and 3. Coverage bits that correspond to sample points that intersect the parallelogram are 1, other coverage bits are 0.

Samples that fall exactly on the edge of the parallelogram follow the polygon rasterization rules.

Interpolation occurs as if the parallelogram was decomposed into two triangles where each pair of vertices at each end of the line has identical attributes.
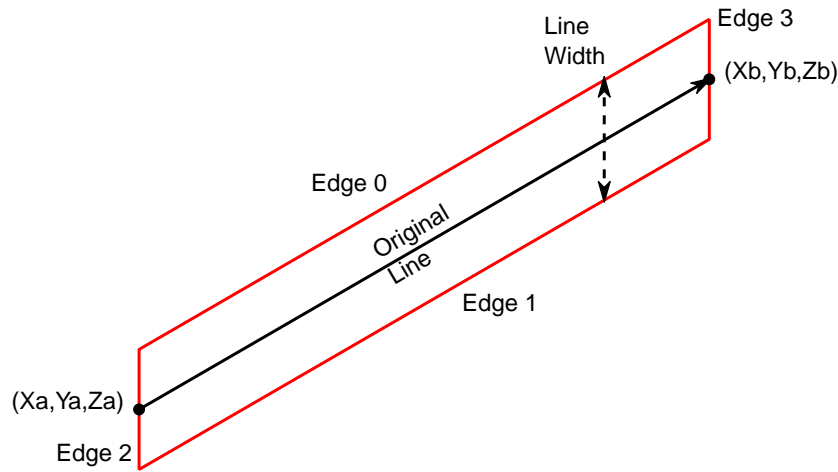
Figure 15. Non strict lines

Only when `strictLines` is `VK_FALSE` implementations **may** deviate from the non-strict line algorithm described above in the following ways:

- Implementations **may** instead interpolate each fragment according to the formula in Basic Line Segment Rasterization using the original line segment endpoints.

- Rasterization of non-antialiased non-strict line segments **may** be performed using the rules defined in Bresenham Line Segment Rasterization.

25.6.2. Bresenham Line Segment Rasterization

Non-strict lines **may** also follow these rasterization rules for non-antialiased lines.

Line segment rasterization begins by characterizing the segment as either *x-major* or *y-major*. x-major line segments have slope in the closed interval [-1,1]; all other line segments are y-major (slope is determined by the segment's endpoints). We specify rasterization only for x-major segments except in cases where the modifications for y-major segments are not self-evident.

Ideally, Vulkan uses a *diamond-exit* rule to determine those fragments that are produced by rasterizing a line segment. For each fragment f with center at framebuffer coordinates x_f and y_f, define a diamond-shaped region that is the intersection of four half planes:

$$R_f = \{(x,\ y) \mid |x - x_f| + |y - y_f| < \frac{1}{2}\}$$

Essentially, a line segment starting at p_a and ending at p_b produces those fragments f for which the segment intersects R_f, except if p_b is contained in R_f.
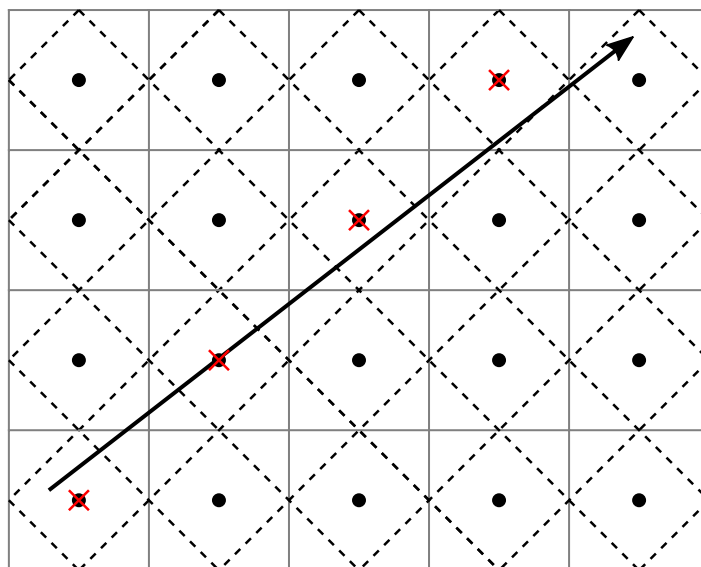
Figure 16. Visualization of Bresenham's algorithm

To avoid difficulties when an endpoint lies on a boundary of R_f we (in principle) perturb the supplied endpoints by a tiny amount. Let p_a and p_b have framebuffer coordinates (x_a, y_a) and (x_b, y_b), respectively. Obtain the perturbed endpoints p_a' given by $(x_a, y_a) - (\varepsilon, \varepsilon^2)$ and p_b' given by $(x_b, y_b) - (\varepsilon, \varepsilon^2)$. Rasterizing the line segment starting at p_a and ending at p_b produces those fragments f for which the segment starting at p_a' and ending on p_b' intersects R_f, except if p_b' is contained in R_f. ε is chosen to be so small that rasterizing the line segment produces the same fragments when δ is substituted for ε for any $0 < \delta \leq \varepsilon$.

When p_a and p_b lie on fragment centers, this characterization of fragments reduces to Bresenham's algorithm with one modification: lines produced in this description are "half-open," meaning that the final fragment (corresponding to p_b) is not drawn. This means that when rasterizing a series of connected line segments, shared endpoints will be produced only once rather than twice (as would occur with Bresenham's algorithm).

Implementations **may** use other line segment rasterization algorithms, subject to the following rules:

* The coordinates of a fragment produced by the algorithm **must** not deviate by more than one unit in either x or y framebuffer coordinates from a corresponding fragment produced by the diamond-exit rule.

* The total number of fragments produced by the algorithm **must** not differ from that produced by the diamond-exit rule by no more than one.

* For an x-major line, two fragments that lie in the same framebuffer-coordinate column **must** not be produced (for a y-major line, two fragments that lie in the same framebuffer-coordinate row **must** not be produced).

* If two line segments share a common endpoint, and both segments are either x-major (both left-to-right or both right-to-left) or y-major (both bottom-to-top or both top-to-bottom), then rasterizing both segments **must** not produce duplicate fragments. Fragments also **must** not be omitted so as to interrupt continuity of the connected segments.

The actual width w of Bresenham lines is determined by rounding the line width to the nearest integer, clamping it to the implementation-dependent `lineWidthRange` (with both values rounded to the nearest integer), then clamping it to be no less than 1.

Bresenham line segments of width other than one are rasterized by offsetting them in the minor direction (for an x-major line, the minor direction is y, and for a y-major line, the minor direction is x) and producing a row or column of fragments in the minor direction. If the line segment has endpoints given by (x_0, y_0) and (x_1, y_1) in framebuffer coordinates, the segment with endpoints $(x_0, y_0 - \frac{w-1}{2})$ and $(x_1, y_1 - \frac{w-1}{2})$ is rasterized, but instead of a single fragment, a column of fragments of height w (a row of fragments of length w for a y-major segment) is produced at each x (y for y-major) location. The lowest fragment of this column is the fragment that would be produced by rasterizing the segment of width 1 with the modified coordinates.

The preferred method of attribute interpolation for a wide line is to generate the same attribute values for all fragments in the row or column described above, as if the adjusted line was used for interpolation and those values replicated to the other fragments, except for `FragCoord` which is interpolated as usual. Implementations **may** instead interpolate each fragment according to the formula in Basic Line Segment Rasterization, using the original line segment endpoints.

When Bresenham lines are being rasterized, sample locations **may** all be treated as being at the pixel center (this **may** affect attribute and depth interpolation).

> *Note*
>
> The sample locations described above are **not** used for determining coverage, they are only used for things like attribute interpolation. The rasterization rules that determine coverage are defined in terms of whether the line intersects **pixels**, as opposed to the point sampling rules used for other primitive types. So these rules are independent of the sample locations. One consequence of this is that Bresenham lines cover the same pixels regardless of the number of rasterization samples, and cover all samples in those pixels (unless masked out or killed).

25.7. Polygons

A polygon results from the decomposition of a triangle strip, triangle fan or a series of independent triangles. Like points and line segments, polygon rasterization is controlled by several variables in the VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo structure.

25.7.1. Basic Polygon Rasterization

The first step of polygon rasterization is to determine whether the triangle is *back-facing* or *front-facing*. This determination is made based on the sign of the (clipped or unclipped) polygon's area computed in framebuffer coordinates. One way to compute this area is:

$$a = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_f^i y_f^{i \oplus 1} - x_f^{i \oplus 1} y_f^i$$

where x_f^i and y_f^i are the x and y framebuffer coordinates of the ith vertex of the n-vertex polygon (vertices are numbered starting at zero for the purposes of this computation) and $i \oplus 1$ is (i + 1) mod

n.

The interpretation of the sign of a is determined by the VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo ::frontFace property of the currently active pipeline. Possible values are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkFrontFace {
    VK_FRONT_FACE_COUNTER_CLOCKWISE = 0,
    VK_FRONT_FACE_CLOCKWISE = 1,
} VkFrontFace;
```

- VK_FRONT_FACE_COUNTER_CLOCKWISE specifies that a triangle with positive area is considered front-facing.
- VK_FRONT_FACE_CLOCKWISE specifies that a triangle with negative area is considered front-facing.

Any triangle which is not front-facing is back-facing, including zero-area triangles.

Once the orientation of triangles is determined, they are culled according to the VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo::cullMode property of the currently active pipeline. Possible values are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkCullModeFlagBits {
    VK_CULL_MODE_NONE = 0,
    VK_CULL_MODE_FRONT_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_CULL_MODE_BACK_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_CULL_MODE_FRONT_AND_BACK = 0x00000003,
} VkCullModeFlagBits;
```

- VK_CULL_MODE_NONE specifies that no triangles are discarded
- VK_CULL_MODE_FRONT_BIT specifies that front-facing triangles are discarded
- VK_CULL_MODE_BACK_BIT specifies that back-facing triangles are discarded
- VK_CULL_MODE_FRONT_AND_BACK specifies that all triangles are discarded.

Following culling, fragments are produced for any triangles which have not been discarded.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkCullModeFlags;
```

VkCullModeFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkCullModeFlagBits.

The rule for determining which fragments are produced by polygon rasterization is called *point sampling*. The two-dimensional projection obtained by taking the x and y framebuffer coordinates of the polygon's vertices is formed. Fragments are produced for any fragment area groups of pixels for which any sample points lie inside of this polygon. Coverage bits that correspond to sample

points that satisfy the point sampling criteria are 1, other coverage bits are 0. Special treatment is given to a sample whose sample location lies on a polygon edge. In such a case, if two polygons lie on either side of a common edge (with identical endpoints) on which a sample point lies, then exactly one of the polygons **must** result in a covered sample for that fragment during rasterization. As for the data associated with each fragment produced by rasterizing a polygon, we begin by specifying how these values are produced for fragments in a triangle.

Barycentric coordinates are a set of three numbers, a, b, and c, each in the range [0,1], with a + b + c = 1. These coordinates uniquely specify any point p within the triangle or on the triangle's boundary as

$$p = a\, p_a + b\, p_b + c\, p_c$$

where p_a, p_b, and p_c are the vertices of the triangle. a, b, and c are determined by:

$$a = \frac{A(p\,p_b\,p_c)}{A(p_a\,p_b\,p_c)}, \quad b = \frac{A(p\,p_a\,p_c)}{A(p_a\,p_b\,p_c)}, \quad c = \frac{A(p\,p_a\,p_b)}{A(p_a\,p_b\,p_c)},$$

where A(lmn) denotes the area in framebuffer coordinates of the triangle with vertices l, m, and n.

Denote an associated datum at p_a, p_b, or p_c as f_a, f_b, or f_c, respectively.

The value of an associated datum f for a fragment produced by rasterizing a triangle, whether it be a shader output or the clip w coordinate, **must** be determined using perspective interpolation:

$$f = \frac{a f_a / w_a + b f_b / w_b + c f_c / w_c}{a / w_a + b / w_b + c / w_c}$$

where w_a, w_b, and w_c are the clip w coordinates of p_a, p_b, and p_c, respectively. a, b, and c are the barycentric coordinates of the location at which the data are produced - this **must** be the location of the fragment center or the location of a sample. When `rasterizationSamples` is `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT`, the fragment center **must** be used.

Depth values for triangles **must** be determined using linear interpolation:

$$z = a\, z_a + b\, z_b + c\, z_c$$

where z_a, z_b, and z_c are the depth values of p_a, p_b, and p_c, respectively.

The `NoPerspective` and `Flat` interpolation decorations **can** be used with fragment shader inputs to declare how they are interpolated. When neither decoration is applied, perspective interpolation is performed as described above. When the `NoPerspective` decoration is used, linear interpolation is performed in the same fashion as for depth values, as described above. When the `Flat` decoration is used, no interpolation is performed, and outputs are taken from the corresponding input value of the provoking vertex corresponding to that primitive.

For a polygon with more than three edges, such as are produced by clipping a triangle, a convex combination of the values of the datum at the polygon's vertices **must** be used to obtain the value assigned to each fragment produced by the rasterization algorithm. That is, it **must** be the case that at every fragment

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i f_i$$

where n is the number of vertices in the polygon and f_i is the value of f at vertex i. For each i, $0 \leq a_i \leq 1$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i = 1$. The values of a_i **may** differ from fragment to fragment, but at vertex i, $a_i = 1$ and $a_j = 0$ for $j \neq i$.

> *Note*
>
> One algorithm that achieves the required behavior is to triangulate a polygon (without adding any vertices) and then treat each triangle individually as already discussed. A scan-line rasterizer that linearly interpolates data along each edge and then linearly interpolates data across each horizontal span from edge to edge also satisfies the restrictions (in this case the numerator and denominator of perspective interpolation are iterated independently, and a division is performed for each fragment).

25.7.2. Polygon Mode

Possible values of the VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo::polygonMode property of the currently active pipeline, specifying the method of rasterization for polygons, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkPolygonMode {
    VK_POLYGON_MODE_FILL = 0,
    VK_POLYGON_MODE_LINE = 1,
    VK_POLYGON_MODE_POINT = 2,
} VkPolygonMode;
```

- VK_POLYGON_MODE_POINT specifies that polygon vertices are drawn as points.

- VK_POLYGON_MODE_LINE specifies that polygon edges are drawn as line segments.

- VK_POLYGON_MODE_FILL specifies that polygons are rendered using the polygon rasterization rules in this section.

These modes affect only the final rasterization of polygons: in particular, a polygon's vertices are shaded and the polygon is clipped and possibly culled before these modes are applied.

25.7.3. Depth Bias

The depth values of all fragments generated by the rasterization of a polygon **can** be biased (offset) by a single depth bias value o that is computed for that polygon.

Depth Bias Enable

The depth bias computation is enabled by the VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo::depthBiasEnable value used to create the currently active pipeline. If the depth bias enable is VK_FALSE, no bias is applied and the fragment's depth values are unchanged.

Depth Bias Computation

The depth bias depends on three parameters:

- `depthBiasSlopeFactor` scales the maximum depth slope m of the polygon

- `depthBiasConstantFactor` scales the minimum resolvable difference r of the depth attachment

- the scaled terms are summed to produce a value which is then clamped to a minimum or maximum value specified by `depthBiasClamp`

`depthBiasSlopeFactor`, `depthBiasConstantFactor`, and `depthBiasClamp` **can** each be positive, negative, or zero. These parameters are set as described for vkCmdSetDepthBias below.

The maximum depth slope m of a triangle is

$$m = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial z_f}{\partial x_f}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial z_f}{\partial y_f}\right)^2}$$

where (x_f, y_f, z_f) is a point on the triangle. m **may** be approximated as

$$m = \max\left(\left|\frac{\partial z_f}{\partial x_f}\right|, \left|\frac{\partial z_f}{\partial y_f}\right|\right).$$

The minimum resolvable difference r is a parameter that depends on the depth attachment representation. It is the smallest difference in framebuffer coordinate z values that is guaranteed to remain distinct throughout polygon rasterization and in the depth attachment. All pairs of fragments generated by the rasterization of two polygons with otherwise identical vertices, but z_f values that differ by r, will have distinct depth values.

For fixed-point depth attachment representations, r is constant throughout the range of the entire depth attachment. Its value is implementation-dependent but **must** be at most

$$r = 2 \times 2^{-n}$$

for an n-bit buffer. For floating-point depth attachment, there is no single minimum resolvable difference. In this case, the minimum resolvable difference for a given polygon is dependent on the maximum exponent, e, in the range of z values spanned by the primitive. If n is the number of bits in the floating-point mantissa, the minimum resolvable difference, r, for the given primitive is defined as

$$r = 2^{e-n}$$

If no depth attachment is present, r is undefined.

The bias value o for a polygon is

$$o = \mathrm{dbclamp}(m \times depthBiasSlopeFactor + r \times depthBiasConstantFactor)$$

$$\text{where} \quad \mathrm{dbclamp}(x) = \begin{cases} x & depthBiasClamp = 0 \, or \, NaN \\ \min(x, depthBiasClamp) & depthBiasClamp > 0 \\ \max(x, depthBiasClamp) & depthBiasClamp < 0 \end{cases}$$

m is computed as described above. If the depth attachment uses a fixed-point representation, m is a function of depth values in the range [0,1], and o is applied to depth values in the same range.

To dynamically set the depth bias parameters, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdSetDepthBias(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    float                                       depthBiasConstantFactor,
    float                                       depthBiasClamp,
    float                                       depthBiasSlopeFactor);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.
- `depthBiasConstantFactor` is a scalar factor controlling the constant depth value added to each fragment.
- `depthBiasClamp` is the maximum (or minimum) depth bias of a fragment.
- `depthBiasSlopeFactor` is a scalar factor applied to a fragment's slope in depth bias calculations.

This command sets the depth bias parameters for subsequent drawing commands when the graphics pipeline is created with `VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_DEPTH_BIAS` set in VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo::`pDynamicStates`. Otherwise, this state is specified by the corresponding VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo::`depthBiasConstantFactor`, `depthBiasClamp`, and `depthBiasSlopeFactor` values used to create the currently active pipeline.

<div>

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdSetDepthBias-depthBiasClamp-00790
  If the depth bias clamping feature is not enabled, `depthBiasClamp` **must** be `0.0`

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdSetDepthBias-commandBuffer-parameter
  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdSetDepthBias-commandBuffer-recording
  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdSetDepthBias-commandBuffer-cmdpool
  The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

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Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics

Chapter 26. Fragment Operations

Fragments produced by rasterization go through a number of operations to determine whether or how values produced by fragment shading are written to the framebuffer.

The following fragment operations adhere to rasterization order, and are typically performed in this order:

1. Scissor test

2. Sample mask test

3. Certain Fragment shading operations:

   ◦ Sample Mask Accesses

   ◦ Depth Replacement

4. Multisample coverage

5. Depth bounds test

6. Stencil test

7. Depth test

8. Sample counting

9. Coverage reduction

The coverage mask generated by rasterization describes the initial coverage of each sample covered by the fragment. Fragment operations will update the coverage mask to add or subtract coverage where appropriate. If a fragment operation results in all bits of the coverage mask being `0`, the fragment is discarded, and no further operations are performed. Fragments can also be programmatically discarded in a fragment shader by executing one of

- `OpKill`.

When one of the fragment operations in this chapter is described as "replacing" a fragment shader output, that output is replaced unconditionally, even if no fragment shader previously wrote to that output.

If the fragment shader declares the `EarlyFragmentTests` execution mode, fragment shading and multisample coverage operations are instead performed after sample counting.

Once all fragment operations have completed, fragment shader outputs for covered color attachment samples pass through framebuffer operations.

26.1. Scissor Test

The scissor test compares the framebuffer coordinates (x_f, y_f) of each sample covered by a fragment against a *scissor rectangle* at the index equal to the fragment's `ViewportIndex`.

Each scissor rectangle is defined by a `VkRect2D`. These values are either set by the `VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo` structure during pipeline creation, or dynamically by the

vkCmdSetScissor command.

A given sample is considered inside a scissor rectangle if x_f is in the range [VkRect2D::offset.x, VkRect2D::offset.x + VkRect2D::extent.x), and y_f is in the range [VkRect2D::offset.y, VkRect2D::offset.y + VkRect2D::extent.y). Samples with coordinates outside the scissor rectangle at the corresponding ViewportIndex will have their coverage set to 0.

To dynamically set the scissor rectangles, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdSetScissor(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    uint32_t                                    firstScissor,
    uint32_t                                    scissorCount,
    const VkRect2D*                             pScissors);
```

- commandBuffer is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- firstScissor is the index of the first scissor whose state is updated by the command.

- scissorCount is the number of scissors whose rectangles are updated by the command.

- pScissors is a pointer to an array of VkRect2D structures defining scissor rectangles.

The scissor rectangles taken from element i of pScissors replace the current state for the scissor index firstScissor + i, for i in [0, scissorCount).

This command sets the scissor rectangles for subsequent drawing commands when the graphics pipeline is created with VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_SCISSOR set in VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo ::pDynamicStates. Otherwise, this state is specified by the VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo ::pScissors values used to create the currently active pipeline.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdSetScissor-firstScissor-00592

  The sum of `firstScissor` and `scissorCount` **must** be between `1` and `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxViewports`, inclusive

- VUID-vkCmdSetScissor-firstScissor-00593

  If the multiple viewports feature is not enabled, `firstScissor` **must** be `0`

- VUID-vkCmdSetScissor-scissorCount-00594

  If the multiple viewports feature is not enabled, `scissorCount` **must** be `1`

- VUID-vkCmdSetScissor-x-00595

  The `x` and `y` members of `offset` member of any element of `pScissors` **must** be greater than or equal to `0`

- VUID-vkCmdSetScissor-offset-00596

  Evaluation of (`offset.x` + `extent.width`) **must** not cause a signed integer addition overflow for any element of `pScissors`

- VUID-vkCmdSetScissor-offset-00597

  Evaluation of (`offset.y` + `extent.height`) **must** not cause a signed integer addition overflow for any element of `pScissors`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdSetScissor-commandBuffer-parameter

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdSetScissor-pScissors-parameter

  `pScissors` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `scissorCount` VkRect2D structures

- VUID-vkCmdSetScissor-commandBuffer-recording

  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdSetScissor-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

- VUID-vkCmdSetScissor-scissorCount-arraylength

  `scissorCount` **must** be greater than `0`

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

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26.2. Sample Mask Test

The sample mask test compares the coverage mask for a fragment with the *sample mask* defined by VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo::pSampleMask.

Each bit of the coverage mask is associated with a sample index as described in the rasterization chapter. If the bit in VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo::pSampleMask which is associated with that same sample index is set to 0, the coverage mask bit is set to 0.

26.3. Fragment Shading

Fragment shaders are invoked for each fragment, or as helper invocations.

Most operations in the fragment shader are not performed in rasterization order, with exceptions called out in the following sections.

For fragment shaders invoked by fragments, the following rules apply:

- A fragment shader **must** not be executed if a fragment operation that executes before fragment shading discards the fragment.
- A fragment shader **may** not be executed if:
  - An implementation determines that another fragment shader, invoked by a subsequent primitive in primitive order, overwrites all results computed by the shader (including writes to storage resources).
  - Any other fragment operation discards the fragment, and the shader does not write to any storage resources.
- Otherwise, at least one fragment shader **must** be executed.
  - If sample shading is enabled and multiple invocations per fragment are **required**, additional invocations **must** be executed as specified.
  - Each covered sample **must** be included in at least one fragment shader invocation.

> *Note*
>
> Multiple fragment shader invocations may be executed for the same fragment for any number of implementation-dependent reasons. When there is more than one fragment shader invocation per fragment, the association of samples to invocations is implementation-dependent. Stores and atomics performed by these additional invocations have the normal effect.
>
> For example, if the subpass includes multiple views in its view mask, a fragment shader may be invoked separately for each view.

26.3.1. Sample Mask

Reading from the `SampleMask` built-in in the `Input` storage class will return the coverage mask for the current fragment as calculated by fragment operations that executed prior to fragment shading.

If sample shading is enabled, fragment shaders will only see values of `1` for samples being shaded - other bits will be `0`.

Each bit of the coverage mask is associated with a sample index as described in the rasterization chapter. If the bit in `SampleMask` which is associated with that same sample index is set to `0`, that coverage mask bit is set to `0`.

Values written to the `SampleMask` built-in in the `Output` storage class will be used by the multisample coverage operation, with the same encoding as the input built-in.

26.3.2. Depth Replacement

Writing to the `FragDepth` built-in will replace the fragment's calculated depth values for each sample in the input `SampleMask`. Depth testing performed after the fragment shader for this fragment will use this new value as z_f.

26.4. Multisample Coverage

If a fragment shader is active and its entry point's interface includes a built-in output variable decorated with `SampleMask`, the coverage mask is `ANDed` with the bits of the `SampleMask` built-in to generate a new coverage mask. If sample shading is enabled, bits written to `SampleMask` corresponding to samples that are not being shaded by the fragment shader invocation are ignored. If no fragment shader is active, or if the active fragment shader does not include `SampleMask` in its interface, the coverage mask is not modified.

Next, the fragment alpha value and coverage mask are modified based on the `alphaToCoverageEnable` and `alphaToOneEnable` members of the VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo structure.

All alpha values in this section refer only to the alpha component of the fragment shader output that has a `Location` and `Index` decoration of zero (see the Fragment Output Interface section). If that shader output has an integer or unsigned integer type, then these operations are skipped.

If `alphaToCoverageEnable` is enabled, a temporary coverage mask is generated where each bit is determined by the fragment's alpha value, which is ANDed with the fragment coverage mask.

No specific algorithm is specified for converting the alpha value to a temporary coverage mask. It is intended that the number of 1's in this value be proportional to the alpha value (clamped to [0,1]), with all 1's corresponding to a value of 1.0 and all 0's corresponding to 0.0. The algorithm **may** be different at different framebuffer coordinates.

> **ℹ** *Note*
>
> Using different algorithms at different framebuffer coordinates **may** help to avoid artifacts caused by regular coverage sample locations.

Finally, if `alphaToOneEnable` is enabled, each alpha value is replaced by the maximum representable alpha value for fixed-point color attachments, or by 1.0 for floating-point attachments. Otherwise, the alpha values are not changed.

26.5. Depth and Stencil Operations

Pipeline state controlling the depth bounds tests, stencil test, and depth test is specified through the members of the `VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo` structure.

The `VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                           sType;
    const void*                               pNext;
    VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateFlags    flags;
    VkBool32                                  depthTestEnable;
    VkBool32                                  depthWriteEnable;
    VkCompareOp                               depthCompareOp;
    VkBool32                                  depthBoundsTestEnable;
    VkBool32                                  stencilTestEnable;
    VkStencilOpState                          front;
    VkStencilOpState                          back;
    float                                     minDepthBounds;
    float                                     maxDepthBounds;
} VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is reserved for future use.

- `depthTestEnable` controls whether depth testing is enabled.

- `depthWriteEnable` controls whether depth writes are enabled when `depthTestEnable` is `VK_TRUE`. Depth writes are always disabled when `depthTestEnable` is `VK_FALSE`.

- `depthCompareOp` is the comparison operator used in the depth test.

- `depthBoundsTestEnable` controls whether depth bounds testing is enabled.

- `stencilTestEnable` controls whether stencil testing is enabled.

- `front` and `back` control the parameters of the stencil test.

- `minDepthBounds` is the minimum depth bound used in the depth bounds test.

- `maxDepthBounds` is the maximum depth bound used in the depth bounds test.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo-depthBoundsTestEnable-00598

  If the depth bounds testing feature is not enabled, `depthBoundsTestEnable` **must** be `VK_FALSE`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_DEPTH_STENCIL_STATE_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask

  `flags` **must** be `0`

- VUID-VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo-depthCompareOp-parameter

  `depthCompareOp` **must** be a valid VkCompareOp value

- VUID-VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo-front-parameter

  `front` **must** be a valid VkStencilOpState structure

- VUID-VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo-back-parameter

  `back` **must** be a valid VkStencilOpState structure

`VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

26.6. Depth Bounds Test

The depth bounds test compares the depth value z_a in the depth/stencil attachment at each sample's framebuffer coordinates (x_f, y_f) and sample index i against a set of *depth bounds*.

The depth bounds are determined by two floating point values defining a minimum (`minDepthBounds`) and maximum (`maxDepthBounds`) depth value. These values are either set by the VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo structure during pipeline creation, or dynamically by vkCmdSetDepthBounds.

A given sample is considered within the depth bounds if z_a is in the range [`minDepthBounds` ,`maxDepthBounds`]. Samples with depth attachment values outside of the depth bounds will have their coverage set to `0`.

If the depth bounds test is disabled, or if there is no depth attachment, the coverage mask is unmodified by this operation.

To dynamically set the depth bounds range, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdSetDepthBounds(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    float                                       minDepthBounds,
    float                                       maxDepthBounds);
```

- commandBuffer is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.
- minDepthBounds is the minimum depth bound.
- maxDepthBounds is the maximum depth bound.

This command sets the depth bounds range for subsequent drawing commands when the graphics pipeline is created with VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_DEPTH_BOUNDS set in VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo ::pDynamicStates. Otherwise, this state is specified by the VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo ::minDepthBounds and VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo::maxDepthBounds values used to create the currently active pipeline.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdSetDepthBounds-minDepthBounds-02508
  minDepthBounds **must** be between 0.0 and 1.0, inclusive

- VUID-vkCmdSetDepthBounds-maxDepthBounds-02509
  maxDepthBounds **must** be between 0.0 and 1.0, inclusive

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdSetDepthBounds-commandBuffer-parameter
  commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdSetDepthBounds-commandBuffer-recording
  commandBuffer **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdSetDepthBounds-commandBuffer-cmdpool
  The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

26.7. Stencil Test

The stencil test compares the stencil attachment value s_a in the depth/stencil attachment at each sample's framebuffer coordinates (x_f, y_f) and sample index i against a *stencil reference value.*

If the stencil test is not enabled, as specified by VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo ::`stencilTestEnable`, or if there is no stencil attachment, the coverage mask is unmodified by this operation.

The stencil test is controlled by one of two sets of stencil-related state, the front stencil state and the back stencil state. Stencil tests and writes use the back stencil state when processing fragments generated by back-facing polygons, and the front stencil state when processing fragments generated by front-facing polygons or any other primitives.

The comparison performed is based on the VkCompareOp, compare mask s_c , and stencil reference value s_r of the relevant state set. The compare mask and stencil reference value are set by either the VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo structure during pipeline creation, or by the vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask and vkCmdSetStencilReference commands respectively. The compare operation is set by VkStencilOpState::`compareOp` during pipeline creation.

The stencil reference and attachment values s_r and s_a are each independently combined with the compare mask s_c using a logical `AND` operation to create masked reference and attachment values s'_r and s'_a. s'_r and s'_a are used as A and B, respectively, in the operation specified by VkCompareOp.

If the comparison evaluates to false, the coverage for the sample is set to `0`.

A new stencil value s_g is generated according to a stencil operation defined by VkStencilOp parameters set by VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo. If the stencil test fails, `failOp` defines the stencil operation used. If the stencil test passes however, the stencil op used is based on the depth test - if it passes, VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo::`passOp` is used, otherwise VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo::`depthFailOp` is used.

The stencil attachment value s_a is then updated with the generated stencil value s_g according to the

write mask s_w defined by VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo::writeMask as:

$$s_a = (s_a \mathbin{\&} \neg s_w) \mid (s_g \mathbin{\&} s_w)$$

If there is no stencil attachment, no value is written.

The VkStencilOpState structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkStencilOpState {
    VkStencilOp    failOp;
    VkStencilOp    passOp;
    VkStencilOp    depthFailOp;
    VkCompareOp    compareOp;
    uint32_t       compareMask;
    uint32_t       writeMask;
    uint32_t       reference;
} VkStencilOpState;
```

- failOp is a VkStencilOp value specifying the action performed on samples that fail the stencil test.

- passOp is a VkStencilOp value specifying the action performed on samples that pass both the depth and stencil tests.

- depthFailOp is a VkStencilOp value specifying the action performed on samples that pass the stencil test and fail the depth test.

- compareOp is a VkCompareOp value specifying the comparison operator used in the stencil test.

- compareMask selects the bits of the unsigned integer stencil values participating in the stencil test.

- writeMask selects the bits of the unsigned integer stencil values updated by the stencil test in the stencil framebuffer attachment.

- reference is an integer reference value that is used in the unsigned stencil comparison.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkStencilOpState-failOp-parameter
  failOp **must** be a valid VkStencilOp value

- VUID-VkStencilOpState-passOp-parameter
  passOp **must** be a valid VkStencilOp value

- VUID-VkStencilOpState-depthFailOp-parameter
  depthFailOp **must** be a valid VkStencilOp value

- VUID-VkStencilOpState-compareOp-parameter
  compareOp **must** be a valid VkCompareOp value

To dynamically set the stencil compare mask call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkStencilFaceFlags                          faceMask,
    uint32_t                                    compareMask);
```

- commandBuffer is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- faceMask is a bitmask of VkStencilFaceFlagBits specifying the set of stencil state for which to update the compare mask.

- compareMask is the new value to use as the stencil compare mask.

This command sets the stencil compare mask for subsequent drawing commands when the graphics pipeline is created with VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_STENCIL_COMPARE_MASK set in VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo::pDynamicStates. Otherwise, this state is specified by the VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo::compareMask value used to create the currently active pipeline, for both front and back faces.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask-commandBuffer-parameter
  commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask-faceMask-parameter
  faceMask **must** be a valid combination of VkStencilFaceFlagBits values

- VUID-vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask-faceMask-requiredbitmask
  faceMask **must** not be 0

- VUID-vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask-commandBuffer-recording
  commandBuffer **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask-commandBuffer-cmdpool
  The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

Host Synchronization

- Host access to commandBuffer **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

<div style="text-align: center">**Command Properties**</div>

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics

`VkStencilFaceFlagBits` values are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkStencilFaceFlagBits {
    VK_STENCIL_FACE_FRONT_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_STENCIL_FACE_BACK_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_STENCIL_FACE_FRONT_AND_BACK = 0x00000003,
    VK_STENCIL_FRONT_AND_BACK = VK_STENCIL_FACE_FRONT_AND_BACK,
} VkStencilFaceFlagBits;
```

- `VK_STENCIL_FACE_FRONT_BIT` specifies that only the front set of stencil state is updated.

- `VK_STENCIL_FACE_BACK_BIT` specifies that only the back set of stencil state is updated.

- `VK_STENCIL_FACE_FRONT_AND_BACK` is the combination of `VK_STENCIL_FACE_FRONT_BIT` and `VK_STENCIL_FACE_BACK_BIT`, and specifies that both sets of stencil state are updated.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkStencilFaceFlags;
```

`VkStencilFaceFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more `VkStencilFaceFlagBits`.

To dynamically set the stencil write mask, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdSetStencilWriteMask(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkStencilFaceFlags                          faceMask,
    uint32_t                                    writeMask);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- `faceMask` is a bitmask of `VkStencilFaceFlagBits` specifying the set of stencil state for which to update the write mask, as described above for vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask.

- `writeMask` is the new value to use as the stencil write mask.

This command sets the stencil write mask for subsequent drawing commands when the graphics pipeline is created with `VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_STENCIL_WRITE_MASK` set in VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo::pDynamicStates. Otherwise, this state is specified by the VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo::`writeMask` value used to create the currently active pipeline,

for both front and back faces.

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics

To dynamically set the stencil reference value, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdSetStencilReference(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkStencilFaceFlags                          faceMask,
    uint32_t                                    reference);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- `faceMask` is a bitmask of VkStencilFaceFlagBits specifying the set of stencil state for which to update the reference value, as described above for vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask.

- `reference` is the new value to use as the stencil reference value.

This command sets the stencil reference value for subsequent drawing commands when the graphics pipeline is created with `VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_STENCIL_REFERENCE` set in VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo::`pDynamicStates`. Otherwise, this state is specified by the VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo::`reference` value used to create the currently active pipeline, for both front and back faces.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdSetStencilReference-commandBuffer-parameter
  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdSetStencilReference-faceMask-parameter
  `faceMask` **must** be a valid combination of VkStencilFaceFlagBits values

- VUID-vkCmdSetStencilReference-faceMask-requiredbitmask
  `faceMask` **must** not be `0`

- VUID-vkCmdSetStencilReference-commandBuffer-recording
  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdSetStencilReference-commandBuffer-cmdpool
  The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

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Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

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Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics

Possible values of VkStencilOpState::`compareOp`, specifying the stencil comparison function, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkCompareOp {
    VK_COMPARE_OP_NEVER = 0,
    VK_COMPARE_OP_LESS = 1,
    VK_COMPARE_OP_EQUAL = 2,
    VK_COMPARE_OP_LESS_OR_EQUAL = 3,
    VK_COMPARE_OP_GREATER = 4,
    VK_COMPARE_OP_NOT_EQUAL = 5,
    VK_COMPARE_OP_GREATER_OR_EQUAL = 6,
    VK_COMPARE_OP_ALWAYS = 7,
} VkCompareOp;
```

- `VK_COMPARE_OP_NEVER` specifies that the test evaluates to false.

- `VK_COMPARE_OP_LESS` specifies that the test evaluates A < B.

- `VK_COMPARE_OP_EQUAL` specifies that the test evaluates A = B.

- `VK_COMPARE_OP_LESS_OR_EQUAL` specifies that the test evaluates A ≤ B.

- `VK_COMPARE_OP_GREATER` specifies that the test evaluates A > B.

- `VK_COMPARE_OP_NOT_EQUAL` specifies that the test evaluates A ≠ B.

- `VK_COMPARE_OP_GREATER_OR_EQUAL` specifies that the test evaluates A ≥ B.

- `VK_COMPARE_OP_ALWAYS` specifies that the test evaluates to true.

Possible values of the `failOp`, `passOp`, and `depthFailOp` members of VkStencilOpState, specifying what happens to the stored stencil value if this or certain subsequent tests fail or pass, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkStencilOp {
    VK_STENCIL_OP_KEEP = 0,
    VK_STENCIL_OP_ZERO = 1,
    VK_STENCIL_OP_REPLACE = 2,
    VK_STENCIL_OP_INCREMENT_AND_CLAMP = 3,
    VK_STENCIL_OP_DECREMENT_AND_CLAMP = 4,
    VK_STENCIL_OP_INVERT = 5,
    VK_STENCIL_OP_INCREMENT_AND_WRAP = 6,
    VK_STENCIL_OP_DECREMENT_AND_WRAP = 7,
} VkStencilOp;
```

- `VK_STENCIL_OP_KEEP` keeps the current value.

- `VK_STENCIL_OP_ZERO` sets the value to 0.

- `VK_STENCIL_OP_REPLACE` sets the value to `reference`.

- `VK_STENCIL_OP_INCREMENT_AND_CLAMP` increments the current value and clamps to the maximum representable unsigned value.

- `VK_STENCIL_OP_DECREMENT_AND_CLAMP` decrements the current value and clamps to 0.

- `VK_STENCIL_OP_INVERT` bitwise-inverts the current value.

- `VK_STENCIL_OP_INCREMENT_AND_WRAP` increments the current value and wraps to 0 when the maximum value would have been exceeded.

- `VK_STENCIL_OP_DECREMENT_AND_WRAP` decrements the current value and wraps to the maximum possible value when the value would go below 0.

For purposes of increment and decrement, the stencil bits are considered as an unsigned integer.

26.8. Depth Test

The depth test compares the depth value z_a in the depth/stencil attachment at each sample's framebuffer coordinates (x_f, y_f) and sample index i against the sample's depth value z_f. If there is no depth attachment then the depth test is skipped.

The depth test occurs in three stages, as detailed in the following sections.

26.8.1. Depth Clamping and Range Adjustment

If VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo::`depthClampEnable` is enabled, before the sample's z_f is compared to z_a, z_f is clamped to [min(n,f),max(n,f)], where n and f are the `minDepth` and `maxDepth` depth range values of the viewport used by this fragment, respectively.

If depth clamping is not enabled and z_f is not in the range [0, 1] then z_f is undefined following this step.

26.8.2. Depth Comparison

If the depth test is not enabled, as specified by VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo ::`depthTestEnable`, then this step is skipped.

The comparison performed is based on the VkCompareOp, set by VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo::`depthCompareOp` during pipeline creation. z_f and z_a are used as A and B, respectively, in the operation specified by the VkCompareOp.

If the comparison evaluates to false, the coverage for the sample is set to `0`.

26.8.3. Depth Attachment Writes

If depth writes are enabled, as specified by VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo ::`depthWriteEnable`, and the comparison evaluated to true, the depth attachment value z_a is set to the sample's depth value z_f. If there is no depth attachment, no value is written.

26.9. Sample Counting

Occlusion queries use query pool entries to track the number of samples that pass all the per-fragment tests. The mechanism of collecting an occlusion query value is described in Occlusion Queries.

The occlusion query sample counter increments by one for each sample with a coverage value of 1

in each fragment that survives all the per-fragment tests, including scissor, sample mask, alpha to coverage, stencil, and depth tests.

26.10. Coverage Reduction

Coverage reduction takes the coverage information for a fragment and converts that to a boolean coverage value for each color sample in each pixel covered by the fragment.

26.10.1. Pixel Coverage

Coverage for each pixel is first extracted from the total fragment coverage mask. This consists of `rasterizationSamples` unique coverage samples for each pixel in the fragment area, each with a unique sample index. If the fragment only contains a single pixel, coverage for the pixel is equivalent to the fragment coverage.

26.10.2. Color Sample Coverage

Once pixel coverage is determined, coverage for each individual color sample corresponding to that pixel is determined.

The number of `rasterizationSamples` is identical to the number of samples in the color attachments. A color sample is covered if the pixel coverage sample with the same sample index i is covered.

Chapter 27. The Framebuffer

27.1. Blending

Blending combines the incoming *source* fragment's R, G, B, and A values with the *destination* R, G, B, and A values of each sample stored in the framebuffer at the fragment's (x_f,y_f) location. Blending is performed for each color sample covered by the fragment, rather than just once for each fragment.

Source and destination values are combined according to the blend operation, quadruplets of source and destination weighting factors determined by the blend factors, and a blend constant, to obtain a new set of R, G, B, and A values, as described below.

Blending is computed and applied separately to each color attachment used by the subpass, with separate controls for each attachment.

Prior to performing the blend operation, signed and unsigned normalized fixed-point color components undergo an implied conversion to floating-point as specified by Conversion from Normalized Fixed-Point to Floating-Point. Blending computations are treated as if carried out in floating-point, and basic blend operations are performed with a precision and dynamic range no lower than that used to represent destination components.

> **Note**
>
> Blending is only defined for floating-point, UNORM, SNORM, and sRGB formats. Within those formats, the implementation may only support blending on some subset of them. Which formats support blending is indicated by `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT`.

The pipeline blend state is included in the `VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo` structure during graphics pipeline creation:

The `VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType                               sType;
    const void*                                   pNext;
    VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateFlags          flags;
    VkBool32                                      logicOpEnable;
    VkLogicOp                                     logicOp;
    uint32_t                                      attachmentCount;
    const VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState*    pAttachments;
    float                                         blendConstants[4];
} VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is reserved for future use.

- `logicOpEnable` controls whether to apply Logical Operations.

- `logicOp` selects which logical operation to apply.

- `attachmentCount` is the number of VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState elements in `pAttachments`.

- `pAttachments` is a pointer to an array of VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState structures defining blend state for each color attachment.

- `blendConstants` is a pointer to an array of four values used as the R, G, B, and A components of the blend constant that are used in blending, depending on the blend factor.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo-pAttachments-00605
  If the independent blending feature is not enabled, all elements of `pAttachments` **must** be identical

- VUID-VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo-logicOpEnable-00606
  If the logic operations feature is not enabled, `logicOpEnable` **must** be `VK_FALSE`

- VUID-VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo-logicOpEnable-00607
  If `logicOpEnable` is `VK_TRUE`, `logicOp` **must** be a valid VkLogicOp value

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo-sType-sType
  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_COLOR_BLEND_STATE_CREATE_INFO`

- VUID-VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo-pNext-pNext
  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo-flags-zerobitmask
  `flags` **must** be `0`

- VUID-VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo-pAttachments-parameter
  If `attachmentCount` is not `0`, `pAttachments` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `attachmentCount` valid VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState structures

---

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateFlags;
```

`VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask, but is currently reserved for future use.

The `VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState {
    VkBool32                 blendEnable;
    VkBlendFactor            srcColorBlendFactor;
    VkBlendFactor            dstColorBlendFactor;
    VkBlendOp                colorBlendOp;
    VkBlendFactor            srcAlphaBlendFactor;
    VkBlendFactor            dstAlphaBlendFactor;
    VkBlendOp                alphaBlendOp;
    VkColorComponentFlags    colorWriteMask;
} VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState;
```

- `blendEnable` controls whether blending is enabled for the corresponding color attachment. If blending is not enabled, the source fragment's color for that attachment is passed through unmodified.

- `srcColorBlendFactor` selects which blend factor is used to determine the source factors (S_r, S_g, S_b).

- `dstColorBlendFactor` selects which blend factor is used to determine the destination factors (D_r, D_g, D_b).

- `colorBlendOp` selects which blend operation is used to calculate the RGB values to write to the color attachment.

- `srcAlphaBlendFactor` selects which blend factor is used to determine the source factor S_a.

- `dstAlphaBlendFactor` selects which blend factor is used to determine the destination factor D_a.

- `alphaBlendOp` selects which blend operation is use to calculate the alpha values to write to the color attachment.

- `colorWriteMask` is a bitmask of VkColorComponentFlagBits specifying which of the R, G, B, and/or A components are enabled for writing, as described for the Color Write Mask.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState-srcColorBlendFactor-00608

  If the dual source blending feature is not enabled, srcColorBlendFactor **must** not be VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC1_COLOR, VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC1_COLOR, VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC1_ALPHA, or VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC1_ALPHA

- VUID-VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState-dstColorBlendFactor-00609

  If the dual source blending feature is not enabled, dstColorBlendFactor **must** not be VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC1_COLOR, VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC1_COLOR, VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC1_ALPHA, or VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC1_ALPHA

- VUID-VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState-srcAlphaBlendFactor-00610

  If the dual source blending feature is not enabled, srcAlphaBlendFactor **must** not be VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC1_COLOR, VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC1_COLOR, VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC1_ALPHA, or VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC1_ALPHA

- VUID-VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState-dstAlphaBlendFactor-00611

  If the dual source blending feature is not enabled, dstAlphaBlendFactor **must** not be VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC1_COLOR, VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC1_COLOR, VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC1_ALPHA, or VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC1_ALPHA

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState-srcColorBlendFactor-parameter

  srcColorBlendFactor **must** be a valid VkBlendFactor value

- VUID-VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState-dstColorBlendFactor-parameter

  dstColorBlendFactor **must** be a valid VkBlendFactor value

- VUID-VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState-colorBlendOp-parameter

  colorBlendOp **must** be a valid VkBlendOp value

- VUID-VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState-srcAlphaBlendFactor-parameter

  srcAlphaBlendFactor **must** be a valid VkBlendFactor value

- VUID-VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState-dstAlphaBlendFactor-parameter

  dstAlphaBlendFactor **must** be a valid VkBlendFactor value

- VUID-VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState-alphaBlendOp-parameter

  alphaBlendOp **must** be a valid VkBlendOp value

- VUID-VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState-colorWriteMask-parameter

  colorWriteMask **must** be a valid combination of VkColorComponentFlagBits values

27.1.1. Blend Factors

The source and destination color and alpha blending factors are selected from the enum:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkBlendFactor {
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ZERO = 0,
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE = 1,
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC_COLOR = 2,
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC_COLOR = 3,
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_DST_COLOR = 4,
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_DST_COLOR = 5,
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC_ALPHA = 6,
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC_ALPHA = 7,
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_DST_ALPHA = 8,
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_DST_ALPHA = 9,
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_CONSTANT_COLOR = 10,
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_CONSTANT_COLOR = 11,
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_CONSTANT_ALPHA = 12,
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_CONSTANT_ALPHA = 13,
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC_ALPHA_SATURATE = 14,
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC1_COLOR = 15,
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC1_COLOR = 16,
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC1_ALPHA = 17,
    VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC1_ALPHA = 18,
} VkBlendFactor;
```

The semantics of the enum values are described in the table below:

Table 23. Blend Factors

VkBlendFactor	RGB Blend Factors (S_r,S_g,S_b) or (D_r,D_g,D_b)	Alpha Blend Factor (S_a or D_a)
VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ZERO	(0,0,0)	0
VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE	(1,1,1)	1
VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC_COLOR	(R_{s0},G_{s0},B_{s0})	A_{s0}
VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC_COLOR	($1-R_{s0},1-G_{s0},1-B_{s0}$)	$1-A_{s0}$
VK_BLEND_FACTOR_DST_COLOR	(R_d,G_d,B_d)	A_d
VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_DST_COLOR	($1-R_d,1-G_d,1-B_d$)	$1-A_d$
VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC_ALPHA	(A_{s0},A_{s0},A_{s0})	A_{s0}
VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC_ALPHA	($1-A_{s0},1-A_{s0},1-A_{s0}$)	$1-A_{s0}$
VK_BLEND_FACTOR_DST_ALPHA	(A_d,A_d,A_d)	A_d
VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_DST_ALPHA	($1-A_d,1-A_d,1-A_d$)	$1-A_d$
VK_BLEND_FACTOR_CONSTANT_COLOR	(R_c,G_c,B_c)	A_c
VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_CONSTANT_COLOR	($1-R_c,1-G_c,1-B_c$)	$1-A_c$
VK_BLEND_FACTOR_CONSTANT_ALPHA	(A_c,A_c,A_c)	A_c

VkBlendFactor	RGB Blend Factors (S_r,S_g,S_b) or (D_r,D_g,D_b)	Alpha Blend Factor (S_a or D_a)
`VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_CONSTANT_ALPHA`	$(1-A_c,1-A_c,1-A_c)$	$1-A_c$
`VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC_ALPHA_SATURATE`	$(f,f,f); f = min(A_{s0},1-A_d)$	1
`VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC1_COLOR`	(R_{s1},G_{s1},B_{s1})	A_{s1}
`VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC1_COLOR`	$(1-R_{s1},1-G_{s1},1-B_{s1})$	$1-A_{s1}$
`VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC1_ALPHA`	(A_{s1},A_{s1},A_{s1})	A_{s1}
`VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC1_ALPHA`	$(1-A_{s1},1-A_{s1},1-A_{s1})$	$1-A_{s1}$

In this table, the following conventions are used:

- R_{s0},G_{s0},B_{s0} and A_{s0} represent the first source color R, G, B, and A components, respectively, for the fragment output location corresponding to the color attachment being blended.

- R_{s1},G_{s1},B_{s1} and A_{s1} represent the second source color R, G, B, and A components, respectively, used in dual source blending modes, for the fragment output location corresponding to the color attachment being blended.

- R_d,G_d,B_d and A_d represent the R, G, B, and A components of the destination color. That is, the color currently in the corresponding color attachment for this fragment/sample.

- R_c,G_c,B_c and A_c represent the blend constant R, G, B, and A components, respectively.

To dynamically set and change the blend constants, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdSetBlendConstants(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    const float                                 blendConstants[4]);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- `blendConstants` is a pointer to an array of four values specifying the R_c, G_c, B_c, and A_c components of the blend constant color used in blending, depending on the blend factor.

This command sets blend constants for subsequent drawing commands when the graphics pipeline is created with `VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_BLEND_CONSTANTS` set in VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo ::`pDynamicStates`. Otherwise, this state is specified by the VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo ::`blendConstants` values used to create the currently active pipeline.

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

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- VUID-vkCmdSetBlendConstants-commandBuffer-parameter
  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdSetBlendConstants-commandBuffer-recording
  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdSetBlendConstants-commandBuffer-cmdpool
  The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support graphics operations

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Host Synchronization

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- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

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Command Properties

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Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics

27.1.2. Dual-Source Blending

Blend factors that use the secondary color input $(R_{s1},G_{s1},B_{s1},A_{s1})$ (`VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC1_COLOR`, `VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC1_COLOR`, `VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC1_ALPHA`, and `VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC1_ALPHA`) **may** consume implementation resources that could otherwise be used for rendering to multiple color attachments. Therefore, the number of color attachments that **can** be used in a framebuffer **may** be lower when using dual-source blending.

Dual-source blending is only supported if the `dualSrcBlend` feature is enabled.

The maximum number of color attachments that **can** be used in a subpass when using dual-source blending functions is implementation-dependent and is reported as the `maxFragmentDualSrcAttachments` member of `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`.

When using a fragment shader with dual-source blending functions, the color outputs are bound to the first and second inputs of the blender using the `Index` decoration, as described in Fragment Output Interface. If the second color input to the blender is not written in the shader, or if no output is bound to the second input of a blender, the result of the blending operation is not defined.

27.1.3. Blend Operations

Once the source and destination blend factors have been selected, they along with the source and destination components are passed to the blending operations. RGB and alpha components **can** use different operations. Possible values of VkBlendOp, specifying the operations, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkBlendOp {
    VK_BLEND_OP_ADD = 0,
    VK_BLEND_OP_SUBTRACT = 1,
    VK_BLEND_OP_REVERSE_SUBTRACT = 2,
    VK_BLEND_OP_MIN = 3,
    VK_BLEND_OP_MAX = 4,
} VkBlendOp;
```

The semantics of the basic blend operations are described in the table below:

Table 24. Basic Blend Operations

VkBlendOp	RGB Components	Alpha Component
VK_BLEND_OP_ADD	$R = R_{s0} \times S_r + R_d \times D_r$ $G = G_{s0} \times S_g + G_d \times D_g$ $B = B_{s0} \times S_b + B_d \times D_b$	$A = A_{s0} \times S_a + A_d \times D_a$
VK_BLEND_OP_SUBTRACT	$R = R_{s0} \times S_r - R_d \times D_r$ $G = G_{s0} \times S_g - G_d \times D_g$ $B = B_{s0} \times S_b - B_d \times D_b$	$A = A_{s0} \times S_a - A_d \times D_a$
VK_BLEND_OP_REVERSE_SUBTRACT	$R = R_d \times D_r - R_{s0} \times S_r$ $G = G_d \times D_g - G_{s0} \times S_g$ $B = B_d \times D_b - B_{s0} \times S_b$	$A = A_d \times D_a - A_{s0} \times S_a$
VK_BLEND_OP_MIN	$R = \min(R_{s0}, R_d)$ $G = \min(G_{s0}, G_d)$ $B = \min(B_{s0}, B_d)$	$A = \min(A_{s0}, A_d)$
VK_BLEND_OP_MAX	$R = \max(R_{s0}, R_d)$ $G = \max(G_{s0}, G_d)$ $B = \max(B_{s0}, B_d)$	$A = \max(A_{s0}, A_d)$

In this table, the following conventions are used:

- R_{s0}, G_{s0}, B_{s0} and A_{s0} represent the first source color R, G, B, and A components, respectively.

- R_d, G_d, B_d and A_d represent the R, G, B, and A components of the destination color. That is, the color currently in the corresponding color attachment for this fragment/sample.

- S_r, S_g, S_b and S_a represent the source blend factor R, G, B, and A components, respectively.

- D_r, D_g, D_b and D_a represent the destination blend factor R, G, B, and A components, respectively.

The blending operation produces a new set of values R, G, B and A, which are written to the framebuffer attachment. If blending is not enabled for this attachment, then R, G, B and A are assigned R_{s0}, G_{s0}, B_{s0} and A_{s0}, respectively.

If the color attachment is fixed-point, the components of the source and destination values and blend factors are each clamped to [0,1] or [-1,1] respectively for an unsigned normalized or signed normalized color attachment prior to evaluating the blend operations. If the color attachment is floating-point, no clamping occurs.

If the numeric format of a framebuffer attachment uses sRGB encoding, the R, G, and B destination color values (after conversion from fixed-point to floating-point) are considered to be encoded for the sRGB color space and hence are linearized prior to their use in blending. Each R, G, and B component is converted from nonlinear to linear as described in the "sRGB EOTF" section of the Khronos Data Format Specification. If the format is not sRGB, no linearization is performed.

If the numeric format of a framebuffer attachment uses sRGB encoding, then the final R, G and B values are converted into the nonlinear sRGB representation before being written to the framebuffer attachment as described in the "sRGB EOTF^{-1}" section of the Khronos Data Format

Specification.

If the numeric format of a framebuffer color attachment is not sRGB encoded then the resulting c_s values for R, G and B are unmodified. The value of A is never sRGB encoded. That is, the alpha component is always stored in memory as linear.

If the framebuffer color attachment is `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED`, no writes are performed through that attachment. Writes are not performed to framebuffer color attachments greater than or equal to the `VkSubpassDescription`::`colorAttachmentCount` value.

27.2. Logical Operations

The application **can** enable a *logical operation* between the fragment's color values and the existing value in the framebuffer attachment. This logical operation is applied prior to updating the framebuffer attachment. Logical operations are applied only for signed and unsigned integer and normalized integer framebuffers. Logical operations are not applied to floating-point or sRGB format color attachments.

Logical operations are controlled by the `logicOpEnable` and `logicOp` members of `VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo`. If `logicOpEnable` is `VK_TRUE`, then a logical operation selected by `logicOp` is applied between each color attachment and the fragment's corresponding output value, and blending of all attachments is treated as if it were disabled. Any attachments using color formats for which logical operations are not supported simply pass through the color values unmodified. The logical operation is applied independently for each of the red, green, blue, and alpha components. The `logicOp` is selected from the following operations:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkLogicOp {
    VK_LOGIC_OP_CLEAR = 0,
    VK_LOGIC_OP_AND = 1,
    VK_LOGIC_OP_AND_REVERSE = 2,
    VK_LOGIC_OP_COPY = 3,
    VK_LOGIC_OP_AND_INVERTED = 4,
    VK_LOGIC_OP_NO_OP = 5,
    VK_LOGIC_OP_XOR = 6,
    VK_LOGIC_OP_OR = 7,
    VK_LOGIC_OP_NOR = 8,
    VK_LOGIC_OP_EQUIVALENT = 9,
    VK_LOGIC_OP_INVERT = 10,
    VK_LOGIC_OP_OR_REVERSE = 11,
    VK_LOGIC_OP_COPY_INVERTED = 12,
    VK_LOGIC_OP_OR_INVERTED = 13,
    VK_LOGIC_OP_NAND = 14,
    VK_LOGIC_OP_SET = 15,
} VkLogicOp;
```

The logical operations supported by Vulkan are summarized in the following table in which

- ¬ is bitwise invert,
- ∧ is bitwise and,
- ∨ is bitwise or,
- ⊕ is bitwise exclusive or,
- s is the fragment's R_{s0}, G_{s0}, B_{s0} or A_{s0} component value for the fragment output corresponding to the color attachment being updated, and
- d is the color attachment's R, G, B or A component value:

Table 25. Logical Operations

Mode	Operation
VK_LOGIC_OP_CLEAR	0
VK_LOGIC_OP_AND	s ∧ d
VK_LOGIC_OP_AND_REVERSE	s ∧ ¬ d
VK_LOGIC_OP_COPY	s
VK_LOGIC_OP_AND_INVERTED	¬ s ∧ d
VK_LOGIC_OP_NO_OP	d
VK_LOGIC_OP_XOR	s ⊕ d
VK_LOGIC_OP_OR	s ∨ d
VK_LOGIC_OP_NOR	¬ (s ∨ d)
VK_LOGIC_OP_EQUIVALENT	¬ (s ⊕ d)
VK_LOGIC_OP_INVERT	¬ d
VK_LOGIC_OP_OR_REVERSE	s ∨ ¬ d
VK_LOGIC_OP_COPY_INVERTED	¬ s
VK_LOGIC_OP_OR_INVERTED	¬ s ∨ d
VK_LOGIC_OP_NAND	¬ (s ∧ d)
VK_LOGIC_OP_SET	all 1s

The result of the logical operation is then written to the color attachment as controlled by the component write mask, described in Blend Operations.

27.3. Color Write Mask

Bits which **can** be set in VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState::colorWriteMask to determine whether the final color values R, G, B and A are written to the framebuffer attachment are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkColorComponentFlagBits {
    VK_COLOR_COMPONENT_R_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_COLOR_COMPONENT_G_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_COLOR_COMPONENT_B_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_COLOR_COMPONENT_A_BIT = 0x00000008,
} VkColorComponentFlagBits;
```

- VK_COLOR_COMPONENT_R_BIT specifies that the R value is written to the color attachment for the appropriate sample. Otherwise, the value in memory is unmodified.

- VK_COLOR_COMPONENT_G_BIT specifies that the G value is written to the color attachment for the appropriate sample. Otherwise, the value in memory is unmodified.

- VK_COLOR_COMPONENT_B_BIT specifies that the B value is written to the color attachment for the appropriate sample. Otherwise, the value in memory is unmodified.

- VK_COLOR_COMPONENT_A_BIT specifies that the A value is written to the color attachment for the appropriate sample. Otherwise, the value in memory is unmodified.

The color write mask operation is applied regardless of whether blending is enabled.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkColorComponentFlags;
```

VkColorComponentFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkColorComponentFlagBits.

Chapter 28. Dispatching Commands

Dispatching commands (commands with `Dispatch` in the name) provoke work in a compute pipeline. Dispatching commands are recorded into a command buffer and when executed by a queue, will produce work which executes according to the bound compute pipeline. A compute pipeline **must** be bound to a command buffer before any dispatching commands are recorded in that command buffer.

To record a dispatch, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdDispatch(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    uint32_t                                    groupCountX,
    uint32_t                                    groupCountY,
    uint32_t                                    groupCountZ);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- `groupCountX` is the number of local workgroups to dispatch in the X dimension.

- `groupCountY` is the number of local workgroups to dispatch in the Y dimension.

- `groupCountZ` is the number of local workgroups to dispatch in the Z dimension.

When the command is executed, a global workgroup consisting of `groupCountX` × `groupCountY` × `groupCountZ` local workgroups is assembled.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-magFilter-04553

  If a VkSampler created with `magFilter` or `minFilter` equal to `VK_FILTER_LINEAR` and `compareEnable` equal to `VK_FALSE` is used to sample a VkImageView as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-mipmapMode-04770

  If a VkSampler created with `mipmapMode` equal to `VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_LINEAR` and `compareEnable` equal to `VK_FALSE` is used to sample a VkImageView as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-aspectMask-06478

  If a VkImageView is sampled with depth comparison, the image view **must** have been created with an `aspectMask` that contains `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT`.

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-None-02691

  If a VkImageView is accessed using atomic operations as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT`

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-None-02697

  For each set n that is statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command, a descriptor set **must** have been bound to n at the same pipeline bind point, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for set n, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in Pipeline Layout Compatibility

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-None-02698

  For each push constant that is statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command, a push constant value **must** have been set for the same pipeline bind point, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for push constants, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in Pipeline Layout Compatibility

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-None-02699

  Descriptors in each bound descriptor set, specified via `vkCmdBindDescriptorSets`, **must** be valid if they are statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-None-02700

  A valid pipeline **must** be bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-commandBuffer-02701

  If the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command requires any dynamic state, that state **must** have been set or inherited (if the `VK_NV_inherited_viewport_scissor` extension is enabled) for `commandBuffer`, and done so after any previously bound pipeline with the corresponding state not specified as dynamic

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-None-02859

  There **must** not have been any calls to dynamic state setting commands for any state not specified as dynamic in the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this

command, since that pipeline was bound

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-None-02702

  If the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a VkSampler object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used to sample from any VkImage with a VkImageView of the type VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_3D, VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE, VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_1D_ARRAY, VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY or VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE_ARRAY, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-None-02703

  If the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a VkSampler object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used with any of the SPIR-V OpImageSample* or OpImageSparseSample* instructions with ImplicitLod, Dref or Proj in their name, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-None-02704

  If the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a VkSampler object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used with any of the SPIR-V OpImageSample* or OpImageSparseSample* instructions that includes a LOD bias or any offset values, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-None-02705

  If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and if the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a uniform buffer, it **must** not access values outside of the range of the buffer as specified in the descriptor set bound to the same pipeline bind point

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-None-02706

  If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and if the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a storage buffer, it **must** not access values outside of the range of the buffer as specified in the descriptor set bound to the same pipeline bind point

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-commandBuffer-02707

  If commandBuffer is an unprotected command buffer and protectedNoFault is not supported, any resource accessed by the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command **must** not be a protected resource

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-None-04115

  If a VkImageView is accessed using OpImageWrite as a result of this command, then the Type of the Texel operand of that instruction **must** have at least as many components as the image view's format

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-OpImageWrite-04469

  If a VkBufferView is accessed using OpImageWrite as a result of this command, then the Type of the Texel operand of that instruction **must** have at least as many components as the buffer view's format

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-commandBuffer-02712

  If commandBuffer is a protected command buffer and protectedNoFault is not supported, any resource written to by the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command **must** not be an unprotected resource

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-commandBuffer-02713

  If `commandBuffer` is a protected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, pipeline stages other than the framebuffer-space and compute stages in the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command **must** not write to any resource

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-commandBuffer-04617

  If any of the shader stages of the `VkPipeline` bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command uses the RayQueryKHR capability, then `commandBuffer` **must** not be a protected command buffer

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-groupCountX-00386

  `groupCountX` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`maxComputeWorkGroupCount`[0]

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-groupCountY-00387

  `groupCountY` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`maxComputeWorkGroupCount`[1]

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-groupCountZ-00388

  `groupCountZ` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`maxComputeWorkGroupCount`[2]

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-commandBuffer-parameter

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-commandBuffer-recording

  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support compute operations

- VUID-vkCmdDispatch-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

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To record an indirect dispatching command, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkCmdDispatchIndirect(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    VkBuffer                                    buffer,
    VkDeviceSize                                offset);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- `buffer` is the buffer containing dispatch parameters.

- `offset` is the byte offset into `buffer` where parameters begin.

`vkCmdDispatchIndirect` behaves similarly to `vkCmdDispatch` except that the parameters are read by the device from a buffer during execution. The parameters of the dispatch are encoded in a VkDispatchIndirectCommand structure taken from `buffer` starting at `offset`.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-magFilter-04553

  If a VkSampler created with magFilter or minFilter equal to VK_FILTER_LINEAR and compareEnable equal to VK_FALSE is used to sample a VkImageView as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-mipmapMode-04770

  If a VkSampler created with mipmapMode equal to VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_LINEAR and compareEnable equal to VK_FALSE is used to sample a VkImageView as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-aspectMask-06478

  If a VkImageView is sampled with depth comparison, the image view **must** have been created with an aspectMask that contains VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT.

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-None-02691

  If a VkImageView is accessed using atomic operations as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-None-02697

  For each set n that is statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command, a descriptor set **must** have been bound to n at the same pipeline bind point, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for set n, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in Pipeline Layout Compatibility

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-None-02698

  For each push constant that is statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command, a push constant value **must** have been set for the same pipeline bind point, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for push constants, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in Pipeline Layout Compatibility

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-None-02699

  Descriptors in each bound descriptor set, specified via vkCmdBindDescriptorSets, **must** be valid if they are statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-None-02700

  A valid pipeline **must** be bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-commandBuffer-02701

  If the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command requires any dynamic state, that state **must** have been set or inherited (if the VK_NV_inherited_viewport_scissor extension is enabled) for commandBuffer, and done so after any previously bound pipeline with the corresponding state not specified as dynamic

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-None-02859

  There **must** not have been any calls to dynamic state setting commands for any state not specified as dynamic in the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this

command, since that pipeline was bound

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-None-02702

  If the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a `VkSampler` object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used to sample from any `VkImage` with a `VkImageView` of the type `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_3D`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_1D_ARRAY`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY` or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE_ARRAY`, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-None-02703

  If the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a `VkSampler` object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used with any of the SPIR-V `OpImageSample*` or `OpImageSparseSample*` instructions with `ImplicitLod`, `Dref` or `Proj` in their name, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-None-02704

  If the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a `VkSampler` object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used with any of the SPIR-V `OpImageSample*` or `OpImageSparseSample*` instructions that includes a LOD bias or any offset values, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-None-02705

  If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and if the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a uniform buffer, it **must** not access values outside of the range of the buffer as specified in the descriptor set bound to the same pipeline bind point

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-None-02706

  If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and if the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a storage buffer, it **must** not access values outside of the range of the buffer as specified in the descriptor set bound to the same pipeline bind point

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-commandBuffer-02707

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, any resource accessed by the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command **must** not be a protected resource

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-None-04115

  If a `VkImageView` is accessed using `OpImageWrite` as a result of this command, then the `Type` of the `Texel` operand of that instruction **must** have at least as many components as the image view's format

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-OpImageWrite-04469

  If a `VkBufferView` is accessed using `OpImageWrite` as a result of this command, then the `Type` of the `Texel` operand of that instruction **must** have at least as many components as the buffer view's format

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-buffer-02708

  If `buffer` is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-buffer-02709

buffer **must** have been created with the `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_INDIRECT_BUFFER_BIT` bit set

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-offset-02710

  `offset` **must** be a multiple of `4`

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-commandBuffer-02711

  `commandBuffer` **must** not be a protected command buffer

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-offset-00407

  The sum of `offset` and the size of `VkDispatchIndirectCommand` **must** be less than or equal to the size of `buffer`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-commandBuffer-parameter

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-buffer-parameter

  `buffer` **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-commandBuffer-recording

  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support compute operations

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchIndirect-commonparent

  Both of `buffer`, and `commandBuffer` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `commandBuffer` **must** be externally synchronized

- Host access to the `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Outside	Compute

The `VkDispatchIndirectCommand` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkDispatchIndirectCommand {
    uint32_t    x;
    uint32_t    y;
    uint32_t    z;
} VkDispatchIndirectCommand;
```

- `x` is the number of local workgroups to dispatch in the X dimension.

- `y` is the number of local workgroups to dispatch in the Y dimension.

- `z` is the number of local workgroups to dispatch in the Z dimension.

The members of `VkDispatchIndirectCommand` have the same meaning as the corresponding parameters of `vkCmdDispatch`.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkDispatchIndirectCommand-x-00417
  x **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxComputeWorkGroupCount`[0]

- VUID-VkDispatchIndirectCommand-y-00418
  y **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxComputeWorkGroupCount`[1]

- VUID-VkDispatchIndirectCommand-z-00419
  z **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxComputeWorkGroupCount`[2]

To record a dispatch using non-zero base values for the components of `WorkgroupId`, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkCmdDispatchBase(
    VkCommandBuffer                             commandBuffer,
    uint32_t                                    baseGroupX,
    uint32_t                                    baseGroupY,
    uint32_t                                    baseGroupZ,
    uint32_t                                    groupCountX,
    uint32_t                                    groupCountY,
    uint32_t                                    groupCountZ);
```

- `commandBuffer` is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.

- `baseGroupX` is the start value for the X component of `WorkgroupId`.

- `baseGroupY` is the start value for the Y component of `WorkgroupId`.

- `baseGroupZ` is the start value for the Z component of `WorkgroupId`.

- `groupCountX` is the number of local workgroups to dispatch in the X dimension.

- `groupCountY` is the number of local workgroups to dispatch in the Y dimension.

- `groupCountZ` is the number of local workgroups to dispatch in the Z dimension.

When the command is executed, a global workgroup consisting of `groupCountX` × `groupCountY` × `groupCountZ` local workgroups is assembled, with `WorkgroupId` values ranging from [`baseGroup*`, `baseGroup*` + `groupCount*`) in each component. vkCmdDispatch is equivalent to `vkCmdDispatchBase(0,0,0,groupCountX,groupCountY,groupCountZ)`.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-magFilter-04553

  If a VkSampler created with magFilter or minFilter equal to VK_FILTER_LINEAR and compareEnable equal to VK_FALSE is used to sample a VkImageView as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-mipmapMode-04770

  If a VkSampler created with mipmapMode equal to VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_LINEAR and compareEnable equal to VK_FALSE is used to sample a VkImageView as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-aspectMask-06478

  If a VkImageView is sampled with depth comparison, the image view **must** have been created with an aspectMask that contains VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT.

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-None-02691

  If a VkImageView is accessed using atomic operations as a result of this command, then the image view's format features **must** contain VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-None-02697

  For each set n that is statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command, a descriptor set **must** have been bound to n at the same pipeline bind point, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for set n, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in Pipeline Layout Compatibility

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-None-02698

  For each push constant that is statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command, a push constant value **must** have been set for the same pipeline bind point, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for push constants, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in Pipeline Layout Compatibility

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-None-02699

  Descriptors in each bound descriptor set, specified via vkCmdBindDescriptorSets, **must** be valid if they are statically used by the VkPipeline bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-None-02700

  A valid pipeline **must** be bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-commandBuffer-02701

  If the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command requires any dynamic state, that state **must** have been set or inherited (if the VK_NV_inherited_viewport_scissor extension is enabled) for commandBuffer, and done so after any previously bound pipeline with the corresponding state not specified as dynamic

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-None-02859

  There **must** not have been any calls to dynamic state setting commands for any state not specified as dynamic in the VkPipeline object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this

command, since that pipeline was bound

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-None-02702

  If the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a `VkSampler` object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used to sample from any `VkImage` with a `VkImageView` of the type `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_3D`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_1D_ARRAY`, `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY` or `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE_ARRAY`, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-None-02703

  If the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a `VkSampler` object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used with any of the SPIR-V `OpImageSample*` or `OpImageSparseSample*` instructions with `ImplicitLod`, `Dref` or `Proj` in their name, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-None-02704

  If the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a `VkSampler` object that uses unnormalized coordinates, that sampler **must** not be used with any of the SPIR-V `OpImageSample*` or `OpImageSparseSample*` instructions that includes a LOD bias or any offset values, in any shader stage

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-None-02705

  If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and if the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a uniform buffer, it **must** not access values outside of the range of the buffer as specified in the descriptor set bound to the same pipeline bind point

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-None-02706

  If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and if the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command accesses a storage buffer, it **must** not access values outside of the range of the buffer as specified in the descriptor set bound to the same pipeline bind point

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-commandBuffer-02707

  If `commandBuffer` is an unprotected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, any resource accessed by the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command **must** not be a protected resource

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-None-04115

  If a `VkImageView` is accessed using `OpImageWrite` as a result of this command, then the `Type` of the `Texel` operand of that instruction **must** have at least as many components as the image view's format

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-OpImageWrite-04469

  If a `VkBufferView` is accessed using `OpImageWrite` as a result of this command, then the `Type` of the `Texel` operand of that instruction **must** have at least as many components as the buffer view's format

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-commandBuffer-02712

  If `commandBuffer` is a protected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, any resource written to by the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command **must** not be an unprotected resource

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-commandBuffer-02713

  If `commandBuffer` is a protected command buffer and `protectedNoFault` is not supported, pipeline stages other than the framebuffer-space and compute stages in the `VkPipeline` object bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command **must** not write to any resource

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-commandBuffer-04617

  If any of the shader stages of the `VkPipeline` bound to the pipeline bind point used by this command uses the RayQueryKHR capability, then `commandBuffer` **must** not be a protected command buffer

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-baseGroupX-00421

  `baseGroupX` **must** be less than `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`maxComputeWorkGroupCount`[0]

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-baseGroupX-00422

  `baseGroupY` **must** be less than `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`maxComputeWorkGroupCount`[1]

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-baseGroupZ-00423

  `baseGroupZ` **must** be less than `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`maxComputeWorkGroupCount`[2]

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-groupCountX-00424

  `groupCountX` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`maxComputeWorkGroupCount`[0] minus `baseGroupX`

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-groupCountY-00425

  `groupCountY` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`maxComputeWorkGroupCount`[1] minus `baseGroupY`

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-groupCountZ-00426

  `groupCountZ` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`maxComputeWorkGroupCount`[2] minus `baseGroupZ`

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-baseGroupX-00427

  If any of `baseGroupX`, `baseGroupY`, or `baseGroupZ` are not zero, then the bound compute pipeline **must** have been created with the `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DISPATCH_BASE` flag

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-commandBuffer-parameter

  `commandBuffer` **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-commandBuffer-recording

  `commandBuffer` **must** be in the recording state

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-commandBuffer-cmdpool

  The `VkCommandPool` that `commandBuffer` was allocated from **must** support compute operations

- VUID-vkCmdDispatchBase-renderpass

  This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
Primary Secondary	Outside	Compute

Chapter 29. Sparse Resources

As documented in Resource Memory Association, `VkBuffer` and `VkImage` resources in Vulkan **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single `VkDeviceMemory` object. This binding **must** be done before the resource is used, and the binding is immutable for the lifetime of the resource.

Sparse resources relax these restrictions and provide these additional features:

- Sparse resources **can** be bound non-contiguously to one or more `VkDeviceMemory` allocations.

- Sparse resources **can** be re-bound to different memory allocations over the lifetime of the resource.

- Sparse resources **can** have descriptors generated and used orthogonally with memory binding commands.

29.1. Sparse Resource Features

Sparse resources have several features that **must** be enabled explicitly at resource creation time. The features are enabled by including bits in the `flags` parameter of VkImageCreateInfo or VkBufferCreateInfo. Each feature also has one or more corresponding feature enables specified in VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures.

- Sparse binding is the base feature, and provides the following capabilities:

  - Resources **can** be bound at some defined (sparse block) granularity.

  - The entire resource **must** be bound to memory before use regardless of regions actually accessed.

  - No specific mapping of image region to memory offset is defined, i.e. the location that each texel corresponds to in memory is implementation-dependent.

  - Sparse buffers have a well-defined mapping of buffer range to memory range, where an offset into a range of the buffer that is bound to a single contiguous range of memory corresponds to an identical offset within that range of memory.

  - Requested via the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` and `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` bits.

  - A sparse image created using `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` (but not `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`) supports all formats that non-sparse usage supports, and supports both `VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL` and `VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR` tiling.

- *Sparse Residency* builds on (and requires) the `sparseBinding` feature. It includes the following capabilities:

  - Resources do not have to be completely bound to memory before use on the device.

  - Images have a prescribed sparse image block layout, allowing specific rectangular regions of the image to be bound to specific offsets in memory allocations.

  - Consistency of access to unbound regions of the resource is defined by the absence or presence of `VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties`::`residencyNonResidentStrict`. If this property is present, accesses to unbound regions of the resource are well defined and behave as if the

data bound is populated with all zeros; writes are discarded. When this property is absent, accesses are considered safe, but reads will return undefined values.

○ Requested via the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` and `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` bits.

○ Sparse residency support is advertised on a finer grain via the following features:

- `sparseResidencyBuffer`: Support for creating `VkBuffer` objects with the `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`.

- `sparseResidencyImage2D`: Support for creating 2D single-sampled `VkImage` objects with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`.

- `sparseResidencyImage3D`: Support for creating 3D `VkImage` objects with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`.

- `sparseResidency2Samples`: Support for creating 2D `VkImage` objects with 2 samples and `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`.

- `sparseResidency4Samples`: Support for creating 2D `VkImage` objects with 4 samples and `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`.

- `sparseResidency8Samples`: Support for creating 2D `VkImage` objects with 8 samples and `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`.

- `sparseResidency16Samples`: Support for creating 2D `VkImage` objects with 16 samples and `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`.

Implementations supporting `sparseResidencyImage2D` are only **required** to support sparse 2D, single-sampled images. Support for sparse 3D and MSAA images is **optional** and **can** be enabled via `sparseResidencyImage3D`, `sparseResidency2Samples`, `sparseResidency4Samples`, `sparseResidency8Samples`, and `sparseResidency16Samples`.

○ A sparse image created using `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` supports all non-compressed color formats with power-of-two element size that non-sparse usage supports. Additional formats **may** also be supported and **can** be queried via vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties. `VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR` tiling is not supported.

• Sparse aliasing provides the following capability that **can** be enabled per resource:

Allows physical memory ranges to be shared between multiple locations in the same sparse resource or between multiple sparse resources, with each binding of a memory location observing a consistent interpretation of the memory contents.

See Sparse Memory Aliasing for more information.

29.2. Sparse Buffers and Fully-Resident Images

Both `VkBuffer` and `VkImage` objects created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` or `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` bits **can** be thought of as a linear region of address space. In the `VkImage` case if `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` is not used, this linear region is entirely opaque, meaning that there is no application-visible mapping between texel location and memory

offset.

Unless `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` or `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` are also used, the entire resource **must** be bound to one or more `VkDeviceMemory` objects before use.

29.2.1. Sparse Buffer and Fully-Resident Image Block Size

The sparse block size in bytes for sparse buffers and fully-resident images is reported as `VkMemoryRequirements`::`alignment`. `alignment` represents both the memory alignment requirement and the binding granularity (in bytes) for sparse resources.

29.3. Sparse Partially-Resident Buffers

`VkBuffer` objects created with the `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` bit allow the buffer to be made only partially resident. Partially resident `VkBuffer` objects are allocated and bound identically to `VkBuffer` objects using only the `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` feature. The only difference is the ability for some regions of the buffer to be unbound during device use.

29.4. Sparse Partially-Resident Images

`VkImage` objects created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` bit allow specific rectangular regions of the image called sparse image blocks to be bound to specific ranges of memory. This allows the application to manage residency at either image subresource or sparse image block granularity. Each image subresource (outside of the mip tail) starts on a sparse block boundary and has dimensions that are integer multiples of the corresponding dimensions of the sparse image block.

> *Note*
>
> Applications **can** use these types of images to control LOD based on total memory consumption. If memory pressure becomes an issue the application **can** unbind and disable specific mipmap levels of images without having to recreate resources or modify texel data of unaffected levels.
>
> The application **can** also use this functionality to access subregions of the image in a "megatexture" fashion. The application **can** create a large image and only populate the region of the image that is currently being used in the scene.

29.4.1. Accessing Unbound Regions

The following member of `VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties` affects how data in unbound regions of sparse resources are handled by the implementation:

- `residencyNonResidentStrict`

If this property is not present, reads of unbound regions of the image will return undefined values. Both reads and writes are still considered *safe* and will not affect other resources or populated regions of the image.

If this property is present, all reads of unbound regions of the image will behave as if the region was bound to memory populated with all zeros; writes will be discarded.

Formatted accesses to unbound memory **may** still alter some component values in the natural way for those accesses, e.g. substituting a value of one for alpha in formats that do not have an alpha component.

Example: Reading the alpha component of an unbacked `VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM` image will return a value of 1.0f.

See Physical Device Enumeration for instructions for retrieving physical device properties.

> ### Implementor's Note
>
> For implementations that **cannot** natively handle access to unbound regions of a resource, the implementation **may** allocate and bind memory to the unbound regions. Reads and writes to unbound regions will access the implementation-managed memory instead.
>
> Given that the values resulting from reads of unbound regions are undefined in this scenario, implementations **may** use the same physical memory for all unbound regions of multiple resources within the same process.

29.4.2. Mip Tail Regions

Sparse images created using `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` (without also using `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`) have no specific mapping of image region or image subresource to memory offset defined, so the entire image **can** be thought of as a linear opaque address region. However, images created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` do have a prescribed sparse image block layout, and hence each image subresource **must** start on a sparse block boundary. Within each array layer, the set of mip levels that have a smaller size than the sparse block size in bytes are grouped together into a *mip tail region*.

If the `VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_ALIGNED_MIP_SIZE_BIT` flag is present in the `flags` member of `VkSparseImageFormatProperties`, for the image's `format`, then any mip level which has dimensions that are not integer multiples of the corresponding dimensions of the sparse image block, and all subsequent mip levels, are also included in the mip tail region.

The following member of `VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties` **may** affect how the implementation places mip levels in the mip tail region:

- `residencyAlignedMipSize`

Each mip tail region is bound to memory as an opaque region (i.e. **must** be bound using a VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo structure) and **may** be of a size greater than or equal to the sparse block size in bytes. This size is guaranteed to be an integer multiple of the sparse block size in bytes.

An implementation **may** choose to allow each array-layer's mip tail region to be bound to memory independently or require that all array-layer's mip tail regions be treated as one. This is dictated by VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_SINGLE_MIPTAIL_BIT in VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements::flags.

The following diagrams depict how VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_ALIGNED_MIP_SIZE_BIT and VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_SINGLE_MIPTAIL_BIT alter memory usage and requirements.

Figure 17. Sparse Image

In the absence of VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_ALIGNED_MIP_SIZE_BIT and VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_SINGLE_MIPTAIL_BIT, each array layer contains a mip tail region containing texel data for all mip levels smaller than the sparse image block in any dimension.

Mip levels that are as large or larger than a sparse image block in all dimensions **can** be bound individually. Right-edges and bottom-edges of each level are allowed to have partially used sparse blocks. Any bound partially-used-sparse-blocks **must** still have their full sparse block size in bytes allocated in memory.
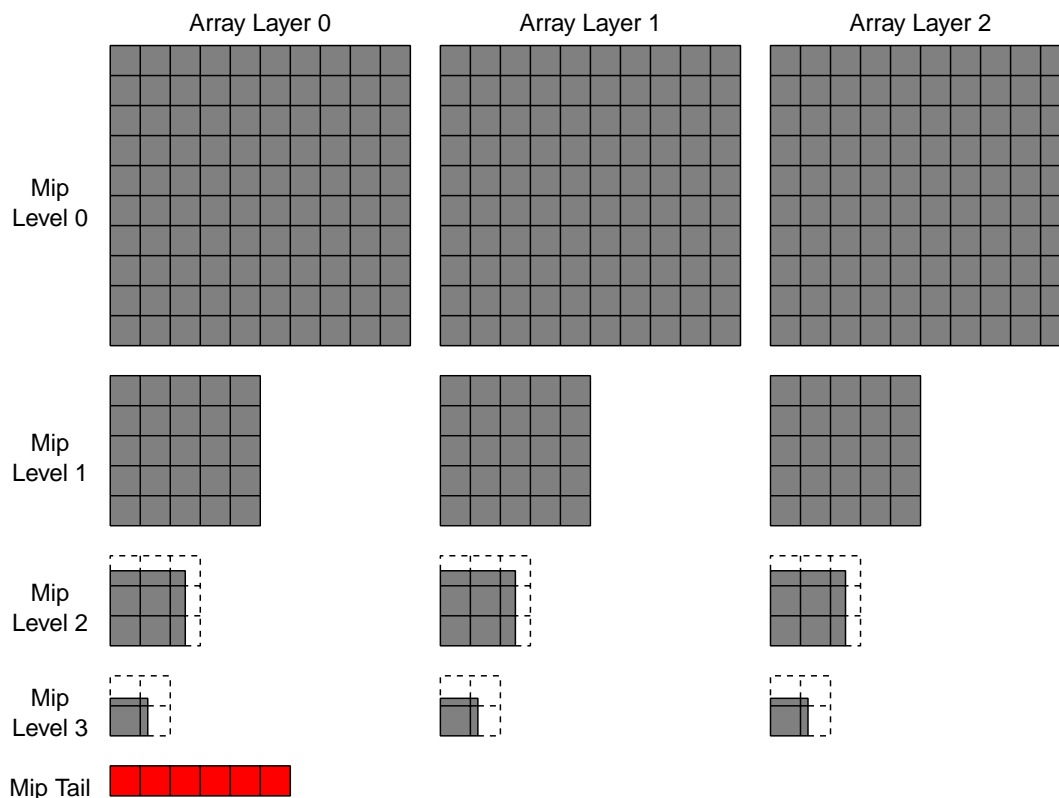
Figure 18. Sparse Image with Single Mip Tail

When `VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_SINGLE_MIPTAIL_BIT` is present all array layers will share a single mip tail region.
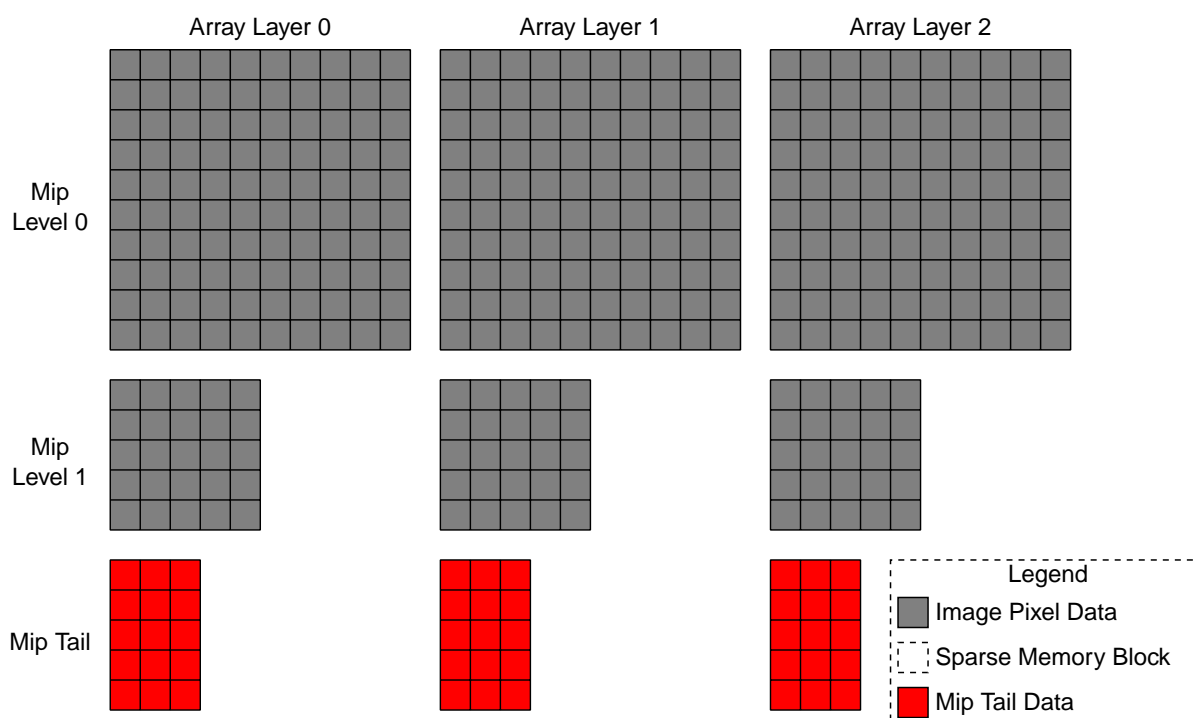
Figure 19. Sparse Image with Aligned Mip Size

> *Note*
>
> ℹ The mip tail regions are presented here in 2D arrays simply for figure size reasons. Each mip tail is logically a single array of sparse blocks with an implementation-dependent mapping of texels or compressed texel blocks to sparse blocks.

When `VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_ALIGNED_MIP_SIZE_BIT` is present the first mip level that would contain partially used sparse blocks begins the mip tail region. This level and all subsequent levels are placed in the mip tail. Only the first N mip levels whose dimensions are an exact multiple of the sparse image block dimensions **can** be bound and unbound on a sparse block basis.
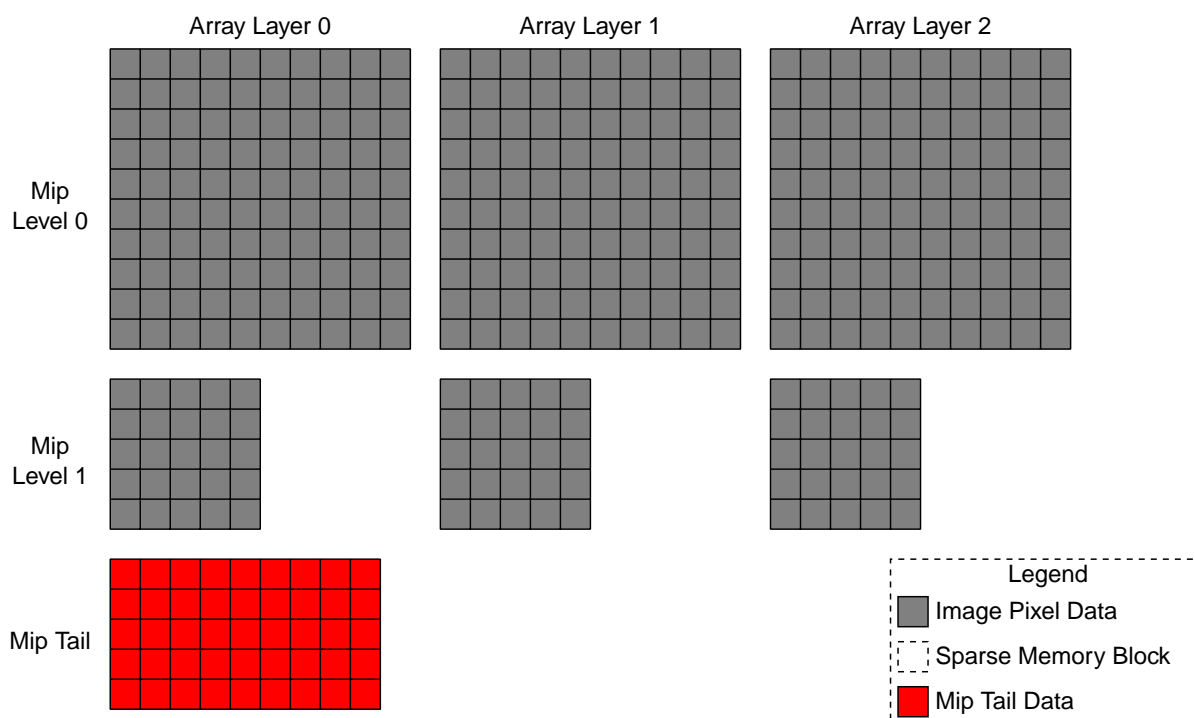
Figure 20. Sparse Image with Aligned Mip Size and Single Mip Tail

> **Note**
>
> The mip tail region is presented here in a 2D array simply for figure size reasons. It is logically a single array of sparse blocks with an implementation-dependent mapping of texels or compressed texel blocks to sparse blocks.

When both `VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_ALIGNED_MIP_SIZE_BIT` and `VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_SINGLE_MIPTAIL_BIT` are present the constraints from each of these flags are in effect.

29.4.3. Standard Sparse Image Block Shapes

Standard sparse image block shapes define a standard set of dimensions for sparse image blocks that depend on the format of the image. Layout of texels or compressed texel blocks within a sparse image block is implementation-dependent. All currently defined standard sparse image block shapes are 64 KB in size.

For block-compressed formats (e.g. `VK_FORMAT_BC5_UNORM_BLOCK`), the texel size is the size of the compressed texel block (e.g. 128-bit for `BC5`) thus the dimensions of the standard sparse image block shapes apply in terms of compressed texel blocks.

Note

For block-compressed formats, the dimensions of a sparse image block in terms of texels **can** be calculated by multiplying the sparse image block dimensions by the compressed texel block dimensions.

Table 26. Standard Sparse Image Block Shapes (Single Sample)

TEXEL SIZE (bits)	Block Shape (2D)	Block Shape (3D)
8-Bit	256 × 256 × 1	64 × 32 × 32
16-Bit	256 × 128 × 1	32 × 32 × 32
32-Bit	128 × 128 × 1	32 × 32 × 16
64-Bit	128 × 64 × 1	32 × 16 × 16
128-Bit	64 × 64 × 1	16 × 16 × 16

Table 27. Standard Sparse Image Block Shapes (MSAA)

TEXEL SIZE (bits)	Block Shape (2X)	Block Shape (4X)	Block Shape (8X)	Block Shape (16X)
8-Bit	128 × 256 × 1	128 × 128 × 1	64 × 128 × 1	64 × 64 × 1
16-Bit	128 × 128 × 1	128 × 64 × 1	64 × 64 × 1	64 × 32 × 1
32-Bit	64 × 128 × 1	64 × 64 × 1	32 × 64 × 1	32 × 32 × 1
64-Bit	64 × 64 × 1	64 × 32 × 1	32 × 32 × 1	32 × 16 × 1
128-Bit	32 × 64 × 1	32 × 32 × 1	16 × 32 × 1	16 × 16 × 1

Implementations that support the standard sparse image block shape for all formats listed in the Standard Sparse Image Block Shapes (Single Sample) and Standard Sparse Image Block Shapes (MSAA) tables **may** advertise the following `VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties`:

- `residencyStandard2DBlockShape`

- `residencyStandard2DMultisampleBlockShape`

- `residencyStandard3DBlockShape`

Reporting each of these features does *not* imply that all possible image types are supported as sparse. Instead, this indicates that no supported sparse image of the corresponding type will use custom sparse image block dimensions for any formats that have a corresponding standard sparse image block shape.

29.4.4. Custom Sparse Image Block Shapes

An implementation that does not support a standard image block shape for a particular sparse partially-resident image **may** choose to support a custom sparse image block shape for it instead. The dimensions of such a custom sparse image block shape are reported in `VkSparseImageFormatProperties`::`imageGranularity`. As with standard sparse image block shapes, the size in bytes of the custom sparse image block shape will be reported in `VkMemoryRequirements`::`alignment`.

Custom sparse image block dimensions are reported through `vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties` and `vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements`.

An implementation **must** not support both the standard sparse image block shape and a custom

sparse image block shape for the same image. The standard sparse image block shape **must** be used if it is supported.

29.4.5. Multiple Aspects

Partially resident images are allowed to report separate sparse properties for different aspects of the image. One example is for depth/stencil images where the implementation separates the depth and stencil data into separate planes. Another reason for multiple aspects is to allow the application to manage memory allocation for implementation-private *metadata* associated with the image. See the figure below:
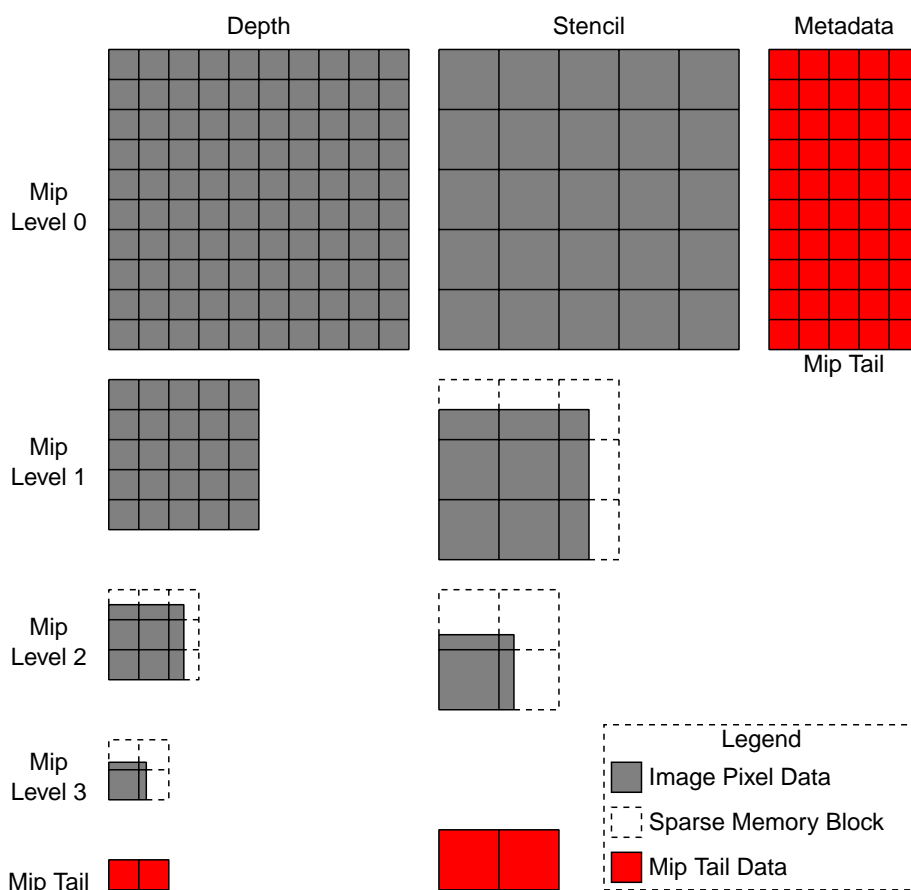
Figure 21. Multiple Aspect Sparse Image

> **Note**
>
> The mip tail regions are presented here in 2D arrays simply for figure size reasons. Each mip tail is logically a single array of sparse blocks with an implementation-dependent mapping of texels or compressed texel blocks to sparse blocks.

In the figure above the depth, stencil, and metadata aspects all have unique sparse properties. The per-texel stencil data is ¼ the size of the depth data, hence the stencil sparse blocks include 4 × the number of texels. The sparse block size in bytes for all of the aspects is identical and defined by `VkMemoryRequirements`::`alignment`.

Metadata

The metadata aspect of an image has the following constraints:

- All metadata is reported in the mip tail region of the metadata aspect.
- All metadata **must** be bound prior to device use of the sparse image.

29.5. Sparse Memory Aliasing

By default sparse resources have the same aliasing rules as non-sparse resources. See Memory Aliasing for more information.

`VkDevice` objects that have the sparseResidencyAliased feature enabled are able to use the `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT` and `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT` flags for resource creation. These flags allow resources to access physical memory bound into multiple locations within one or more sparse resources in a *data consistent* fashion. This means that reading physical memory from multiple aliased locations will return the same value.

Care **must** be taken when performing a write operation to aliased physical memory. Memory dependencies **must** be used to separate writes to one alias from reads or writes to another alias. Writes to aliased memory that are not properly guarded against accesses to different aliases will have undefined results for all accesses to the aliased memory.

Applications that wish to make use of data consistent sparse memory aliasing **must** abide by the following guidelines:

- All sparse resources that are bound to aliased physical memory **must** be created with the `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT` / `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT` flag.
- All resources that access aliased physical memory **must** interpret the memory in the same way. This implies the following:
  - Buffers and images **cannot** alias the same physical memory in a data consistent fashion. The physical memory ranges **must** be used exclusively by buffers or used exclusively by images for data consistency to be guaranteed.
  - Memory in sparse image mip tail regions **cannot** access aliased memory in a data consistent fashion.
  - Sparse images that alias the same physical memory **must** have compatible formats and be using the same sparse image block shape in order to access aliased memory in a data consistent fashion.

Failure to follow any of the above guidelines will require the application to abide by the normal, non-sparse resource aliasing rules. In this case memory **cannot** be accessed in a data consistent fashion.

> *Note*
>
> Enabling sparse resource memory aliasing **can** be a way to lower physical memory use, but it **may** reduce performance on some implementations. An application developer **can** test on their target HW and balance the memory / performance trade-offs measured.

29.6. Sparse Resource Implementation Guidelines (Informative)

This section is Informative. It is included to aid in implementors' understanding of sparse resources.

Device Virtual Address

The basic `sparseBinding` feature allows the resource to reserve its own device virtual address range at resource creation time rather than relying on a bind operation to set this. Without any other creation flags, no other constraints are relaxed compared to normal resources. All pages **must** be bound to physical memory before the device accesses the resource.

The [sparse residency](#) features allow sparse resources to be used even when not all pages are bound to memory. Implementations that support access to unbound pages without causing a fault **may** support `residencyNonResidentStrict`.

Not faulting on access to unbound pages is not enough to support `residencyNonResidentStrict`. An implementation **must** also guarantee that reads after writes to unbound regions of the resource always return data for the read as if the memory contains zeros. Depending on any caching hierarchy of the implementation this **may** not always be possible.

Any implementation that does not fault, but does not guarantee correct read values **must** not support `residencyNonResidentStrict`.

Any implementation that **cannot** access unbound pages without causing a fault will require the implementation to bind the entire device virtual address range to physical memory. Any pages that the application does not bind to memory **may** be bound to one (or more) "`placeholder" physical page(s) allocated by the implementation. Given the following properties:

- A process **must** not access memory from another process
- Reads return undefined values

It is sufficient for each host process to allocate these placeholder pages and use them for all resources in that process. Implementations **may** allocate more often (per instance, per device, or per resource).

Binding Memory

The byte size reported in `VkMemoryRequirements::size` **must** be greater than or equal to the amount of physical memory **required** to fully populate the resource. Some implementations require "holes" in the device virtual address range that are never accessed. These holes **may** be included in the `size` reported for the resource.

Including or not including the device virtual address holes in the resource size will alter how the implementation provides support for `VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo`. This operation **must** be supported for all sparse images, even ones created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`.

- If the holes are included in the size, this bind function becomes very easy. In most cases the `resourceOffset` is simply a device virtual address offset and the implementation can easily determine what device virtual address to bind. The cost is that the application **may**

> allocate more physical memory for the resource than it needs.
>
> - If the holes are not included in the size, the application **can** allocate less physical memory than otherwise for the resource. However, in this case the implementation **must** account for the holes when mapping `resourceOffset` to the actual device virtual address intended to be mapped.
>
> > *Note*
> >
> > If the application always uses `VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo` to bind memory for the non-tail mip levels, any holes that are present in the resource size **may** never be bound.
> >
> > Since `VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo` uses texel locations to determine which device virtual addresses to bind, it is impossible to bind device virtual address holes with this operation.
>
> *Binding Metadata Memory*
>
> All metadata for sparse images have their own sparse properties and are embedded in the mip tail region for said properties. See the Multiaspect section for details.
>
> Given that metadata is in a mip tail region, and the mip tail region **must** be reported as contiguous (either globally or per-array-layer), some implementations will have to resort to complicated offset → device virtual address mapping for handling `VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo`.
>
> To make this easier on the implementation, the `VK_SPARSE_MEMORY_BIND_METADATA_BIT` explicitly specifies when metadata is bound with `VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo`. When this flag is not present, the `resourceOffset` **may** be treated as a strict device virtual address offset.
>
> When `VK_SPARSE_MEMORY_BIND_METADATA_BIT` is present, the `resourceOffset` **must** have been derived explicitly from the `imageMipTailOffset` in the sparse resource properties returned for the metadata aspect. By manipulating the value returned for `imageMipTailOffset`, the `resourceOffset` does not have to correlate directly to a device virtual address offset, and **may** instead be whatever value makes it easiest for the implementation to derive the correct device virtual address.

29.7. Sparse Resource API

The APIs related to sparse resources are grouped into the following categories:

- Physical Device Features
- Physical Device Sparse Properties
- Sparse Image Format Properties
- Sparse Resource Creation
- Sparse Resource Memory Requirements
- Binding Resource Memory

29.7.1. Physical Device Features

Some sparse-resource related features are reported and enabled in `VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures`. These features **must** be supported and enabled on the `VkDevice` object before applications **can** use them. See Physical Device Features for information on how to get and set enabled device features, and for more detailed explanations of these features.

Sparse Physical Device Features

- `sparseBinding`: Support for creating `VkBuffer` and `VkImage` objects with the `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` and `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` flags, respectively.

- `sparseResidencyBuffer`: Support for creating `VkBuffer` objects with the `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` flag.

- `sparseResidencyImage2D`: Support for creating 2D single-sampled `VkImage` objects with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`.

- `sparseResidencyImage3D`: Support for creating 3D `VkImage` objects with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`.

- `sparseResidency2Samples`: Support for creating 2D `VkImage` objects with 2 samples and `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`.

- `sparseResidency4Samples`: Support for creating 2D `VkImage` objects with 4 samples and `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`.

- `sparseResidency8Samples`: Support for creating 2D `VkImage` objects with 8 samples and `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`.

- `sparseResidency16Samples`: Support for creating 2D `VkImage` objects with 16 samples and `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`.

- `sparseResidencyAliased`: Support for creating `VkBuffer` and `VkImage` objects with the `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT` and `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT` flags, respectively.

29.7.2. Physical Device Sparse Properties

Some features of the implementation are not possible to disable, and are reported to allow applications to alter their sparse resource usage accordingly. These read-only capabilities are reported in the `VkPhysicalDeviceProperties`::`sparseProperties` member, which is a `VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties` structure.

The `VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties {
    VkBool32    residencyStandard2DBlockShape;
    VkBool32    residencyStandard2DMultisampleBlockShape;
    VkBool32    residencyStandard3DBlockShape;
    VkBool32    residencyAlignedMipSize;
    VkBool32    residencyNonResidentStrict;
} VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties;
```

- `residencyStandard2DBlockShape` is `VK_TRUE` if the physical device will access all single-sample 2D sparse resources using the standard sparse image block shapes (based on image format), as described in the Standard Sparse Image Block Shapes (Single Sample) table. If this property is not supported the value returned in the `imageGranularity` member of the `VkSparseImageFormatProperties` structure for single-sample 2D images is not **required** to match the standard sparse image block dimensions listed in the table.

- `residencyStandard2DMultisampleBlockShape` is `VK_TRUE` if the physical device will access all multisample 2D sparse resources using the standard sparse image block shapes (based on image format), as described in the Standard Sparse Image Block Shapes (MSAA) table. If this property is not supported, the value returned in the `imageGranularity` member of the `VkSparseImageFormatProperties` structure for multisample 2D images is not **required** to match the standard sparse image block dimensions listed in the table.

- `residencyStandard3DBlockShape` is `VK_TRUE` if the physical device will access all 3D sparse resources using the standard sparse image block shapes (based on image format), as described in the Standard Sparse Image Block Shapes (Single Sample) table. If this property is not supported, the value returned in the `imageGranularity` member of the `VkSparseImageFormatProperties` structure for 3D images is not **required** to match the standard sparse image block dimensions listed in the table.

- `residencyAlignedMipSize` is `VK_TRUE` if images with mip level dimensions that are not integer multiples of the corresponding dimensions of the sparse image block **may** be placed in the mip tail. If this property is not reported, only mip levels with dimensions smaller than the `imageGranularity` member of the `VkSparseImageFormatProperties` structure will be placed in the mip tail. If this property is reported the implementation is allowed to return `VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_ALIGNED_MIP_SIZE_BIT` in the `flags` member of `VkSparseImageFormatProperties`, indicating that mip level dimensions that are not integer multiples of the corresponding dimensions of the sparse image block will be placed in the mip tail.

- `residencyNonResidentStrict` specifies whether the physical device **can** consistently access non-resident regions of a resource. If this property is `VK_TRUE`, access to non-resident regions of resources will be guaranteed to return values as if the resource was populated with 0; writes to non-resident regions will be discarded.

29.7.3. Sparse Image Format Properties

Given that certain aspects of sparse image support, including the sparse image block dimensions, **may** be implementation-dependent, vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties **can** be used to query for sparse image format properties prior to resource creation. This command is used to check whether a given set of sparse image parameters is supported and what the sparse image block shape will be.

Sparse Image Format Properties API

The `VkSparseImageFormatProperties` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkSparseImageFormatProperties {
    VkImageAspectFlags          aspectMask;
    VkExtent3D                  imageGranularity;
    VkSparseImageFormatFlags    flags;
} VkSparseImageFormatProperties;
```

- `aspectMask` is a bitmask VkImageAspectFlagBits specifying which aspects of the image the properties apply to.

- `imageGranularity` is the width, height, and depth of the sparse image block in texels or compressed texel blocks.

- `flags` is a bitmask of VkSparseImageFormatFlagBits specifying additional information about the sparse resource.

Bits which **may** be set in VkSparseImageFormatProperties::`flags`, specifying additional information about the sparse resource, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkSparseImageFormatFlagBits {
    VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_SINGLE_MIPTAIL_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_ALIGNED_MIP_SIZE_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_NONSTANDARD_BLOCK_SIZE_BIT = 0x00000004,
} VkSparseImageFormatFlagBits;
```

- `VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_SINGLE_MIPTAIL_BIT` specifies that the image uses a single mip tail region for all array layers.

- `VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_ALIGNED_MIP_SIZE_BIT` specifies that the first mip level whose dimensions are not integer multiples of the corresponding dimensions of the sparse image block begins the mip tail region.

- `VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_NONSTANDARD_BLOCK_SIZE_BIT` specifies that the image uses non-standard sparse image block dimensions, and the `imageGranularity` values do not match the standard sparse image block dimensions for the given format.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkSparseImageFormatFlags;
```

VkSparseImageFormatFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkSparseImageFormatFlagBits.

vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties returns an array of VkSparseImageFormatProperties. Each element will describe properties for one set of image aspects that are bound simultaneously in the image. This is usually one element for each aspect in the image, but for interleaved depth/stencil images there is only one element describing the combined aspects.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties(
    VkPhysicalDevice                        physicalDevice,
    VkFormat                                format,
    VkImageType                             type,
    VkSampleCountFlagBits                   samples,
    VkImageUsageFlags                       usage,
    VkImageTiling                           tiling,
    uint32_t*                               pPropertyCount,
    VkSparseImageFormatProperties*          pProperties);
```

- `physicalDevice` is the physical device from which to query the sparse image format properties.

- `format` is the image format.

- `type` is the dimensionality of image.

- `samples` is a VkSampleCountFlagBits value specifying the number of samples per texel.

- `usage` is a bitmask describing the intended usage of the image.

- `tiling` is the tiling arrangement of the texel blocks in memory.

- `pPropertyCount` is a pointer to an integer related to the number of sparse format properties available or queried, as described below.

- `pProperties` is either `NULL` or a pointer to an array of VkSparseImageFormatProperties structures.

If `pProperties` is `NULL`, then the number of sparse format properties available is returned in `pPropertyCount`. Otherwise, `pPropertyCount` **must** point to a variable set by the user to the number of elements in the `pProperties` array, and on return the variable is overwritten with the number of structures actually written to `pProperties`. If `pPropertyCount` is less than the number of sparse format properties available, at most `pPropertyCount` structures will be written.

If `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` is not supported for the given arguments, `pPropertyCount` will be set to zero upon return, and no data will be written to `pProperties`.

Multiple aspects are returned for depth/stencil images that are implemented as separate planes by the implementation. The depth and stencil data planes each have unique `VkSparseImageFormatProperties` data.

Depth/stencil images with depth and stencil data interleaved into a single plane will return a single `VkSparseImageFormatProperties` structure with the `aspectMask` set to `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_DEPTH_BIT` | `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_STENCIL_BIT`.

`vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties2` returns an array of VkSparseImageFormatProperties2. Each element will describe properties for one set of image aspects that are bound simultaneously in the image. This is usually one element for each aspect in the image, but for interleaved depth/stencil images there is only one element describing the combined aspects.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties2(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    const VkPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatInfo2* pFormatInfo,
    uint32_t*                                   pPropertyCount,
    VkSparseImageFormatProperties2*             pProperties);
```

- `physicalDevice` is the physical device from which to query the sparse image format properties.

- `pFormatInfo` is a pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatInfo2 structure containing input parameters to the command.

- `pPropertyCount` is a pointer to an integer related to the number of sparse format properties available or queried, as described below.

- `pProperties` is either `NULL` or a pointer to an array of VkSparseImageFormatProperties2 structures.

vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties2 behaves identically to vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties, with the ability to return extended information by adding extending structures to the `pNext` chain of its `pProperties` parameter.

The VkPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatInfo2 structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatInfo2 {
    VkStructureType         sType;
    const void*             pNext;
    VkFormat                format;
    VkImageType             type;
    VkSampleCountFlagBits   samples;
    VkImageUsageFlags       usage;
    VkImageTiling           tiling;
} VkPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatInfo2;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `format` is the image format.

- `type` is the dimensionality of image.

- `samples` is a VkSampleCountFlagBits value specifying the number of samples per texel.

- `usage` is a bitmask describing the intended usage of the image.

- `tiling` is the tiling arrangement of the texel blocks in memory.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatInfo2-samples-01095

  `samples` **must** be a bit value that is set in `VkImageFormatProperties`::`sampleCounts` returned by `vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties` with `format`, `type`, `tiling`, and `usage` equal to those in this command and `flags` equal to the value that is set in `VkImageCreateInfo`::`flags` when the image is created

The `VkSparseImageFormatProperties2` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkSparseImageFormatProperties2 {
    VkStructureType                sType;
    void*                          pNext;
    VkSparseImageFormatProperties  properties;
} VkSparseImageFormatProperties2;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `properties` is a VkSparseImageFormatProperties structure which is populated with the same values as in vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties.

29.7.4. Sparse Resource Creation

Sparse resources require that one or more sparse feature flags be specified (as part of the `VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures` structure described previously in the Physical Device Features section) when calling `vkCreateDevice`. When the appropriate device features are enabled, the `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_*` and `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_*` flags **can** be used. See vkCreateBuffer and vkCreateImage for details of the resource creation APIs.

> *Note*
>
> Specifying `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` or `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` requires specifying `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` or `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT`, respectively, as well. This means that resources **must** be created with the appropriate `*_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` to be used with the sparse binding command (`vkQueueBindSparse`).

29.7.5. Sparse Resource Memory Requirements

Sparse resources have specific memory requirements related to binding sparse memory. These memory requirements are reported differently for `VkBuffer` objects and `VkImage` objects.

Buffer and Fully-Resident Images

Buffers (both fully and partially resident) and fully-resident images **can** be bound to memory using only the data from `VkMemoryRequirements`. For all sparse resources the `VkMemoryRequirements` ::`alignment` member specifies both the bindable sparse block size in bytes and **required** alignment of `VkDeviceMemory`.

Partially Resident Images

Partially resident images have a different method for binding memory. As with buffers and fully resident images, the `VkMemoryRequirements`::`alignment` field specifies the bindable sparse block size in bytes for the image.

Requesting sparse memory requirements for `VkImage` objects using `vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements` will return an array of one or more `VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements` structures. Each structure describes the sparse memory requirements for a group of aspects of the image.

The sparse image **must** have been created using the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` flag to retrieve valid sparse image memory requirements.

Sparse Image Memory Requirements

The `VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements {
    VkSparseImageFormatProperties    formatProperties;
    uint32_t                         imageMipTailFirstLod;
    VkDeviceSize                     imageMipTailSize;
    VkDeviceSize                     imageMipTailOffset;
    VkDeviceSize                     imageMipTailStride;
} VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements;
```

- `formatProperties` is a VkSparseImageFormatProperties structure specifying properties of the image format.

- `imageMipTailFirstLod` is the first mip level at which image subresources are included in the mip tail region.

- `imageMipTailSize` is the memory size (in bytes) of the mip tail region. If `formatProperties.flags` contains `VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_SINGLE_MIPTAIL_BIT`, this is the size of the whole mip tail, otherwise this is the size of the mip tail of a single array layer. This value is guaranteed to be a multiple of the sparse block size in bytes.

- `imageMipTailOffset` is the opaque memory offset used with VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo to bind the mip tail region(s).

- `imageMipTailStride` is the offset stride between each array-layer's mip tail, if `formatProperties.flags` does not contain `VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_SINGLE_MIPTAIL_BIT` (otherwise the value is undefined).

To query sparse memory requirements for an image, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    VkImage                                     image,
    uint32_t*                                   pSparseMemoryRequirementCount,
    VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements*            pSparseMemoryRequirements);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the image.

- `image` is the VkImage object to get the memory requirements for.

- `pSparseMemoryRequirementCount` is a pointer to an integer related to the number of sparse memory requirements available or queried, as described below.

- `pSparseMemoryRequirements` is either `NULL` or a pointer to an array of VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements structures.

If `pSparseMemoryRequirements` is `NULL`, then the number of sparse memory requirements available is returned in `pSparseMemoryRequirementCount`. Otherwise, `pSparseMemoryRequirementCount` **must** point to a variable set by the user to the number of elements in the `pSparseMemoryRequirements` array, and on return the variable is overwritten with the number of structures actually written to `pSparseMemoryRequirements`. If `pSparseMemoryRequirementCount` is less than the number of sparse

memory requirements available, at most `pSparseMemoryRequirementCount` structures will be written.

If the image was not created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` then `pSparseMemoryRequirementCount` will be set to zero and `pSparseMemoryRequirements` will not be written to.

> **Note**
>
> It is legal for an implementation to report a larger value in `VkMemoryRequirements::size` than would be obtained by adding together memory sizes for all `VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements` returned by `vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements`. This **may** occur when the implementation requires unused padding in the address range describing the resource.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements-device-parameter
  `device` **must** be a valid [VkDevice](#) handle

- VUID-vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements-image-parameter
  `image` **must** be a valid [VkImage](#) handle

- VUID-vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements-pSparseMemoryRequirementCount-parameter
  `pSparseMemoryRequirementCount` **must** be a valid pointer to a `uint32_t` value

- VUID-vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements-pSparseMemoryRequirements-parameter
  If the value referenced by `pSparseMemoryRequirementCount` is not `0`, and `pSparseMemoryRequirements` is not `NULL`, `pSparseMemoryRequirements` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `pSparseMemoryRequirementCount` [VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements](#) structures

- VUID-vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements-image-parent
  `image` **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from `device`

To query sparse memory requirements for an image, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements2(
    VkDevice                                    device,
    const VkImageSparseMemoryRequirementsInfo2* pInfo,
    uint32_t*                                   pSparseMemoryRequirementCount,
    VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements2*           pSparseMemoryRequirements);
```

- `device` is the logical device that owns the image.

- `pInfo` is a pointer to a `VkImageSparseMemoryRequirementsInfo2` structure containing parameters required for the memory requirements query.

- `pSparseMemoryRequirementCount` is a pointer to an integer related to the number of sparse memory requirements available or queried, as described below.

- pSparseMemoryRequirements is either NULL or a pointer to an array of VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements2 structures.

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements2-device-parameter
  device **must** be a valid VkDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements2-pInfo-parameter
  pInfo **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkImageSparseMemoryRequirementsInfo2 structure

- VUID-vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements2-pSparseMemoryRequirementCount-parameter
  pSparseMemoryRequirementCount **must** be a valid pointer to a uint32_t value

- VUID-vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements2-pSparseMemoryRequirements-parameter
  If the value referenced by pSparseMemoryRequirementCount is not 0, and pSparseMemoryRequirements is not NULL, pSparseMemoryRequirements **must** be a valid pointer to an array of pSparseMemoryRequirementCount VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements2 structures

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The VkImageSparseMemoryRequirementsInfo2 structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkImageSparseMemoryRequirementsInfo2 {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    const void*        pNext;
    VkImage            image;
} VkImageSparseMemoryRequirementsInfo2;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- image is the image to query.

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkImageSparseMemoryRequirementsInfo2-sType-sType
  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_SPARSE_MEMORY_REQUIREMENTS_INFO_2

- VUID-VkImageSparseMemoryRequirementsInfo2-pNext-pNext
  pNext **must** be NULL

- VUID-VkImageSparseMemoryRequirementsInfo2-image-parameter
  image **must** be a valid VkImage handle

</div>

The VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements2 structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements2 {
    VkStructureType                 sType;
    void*                           pNext;
    VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements memoryRequirements;
} VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements2;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `memoryRequirements` is a `VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements` structure describing the memory requirements of the sparse image.

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

</div>

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements2-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SPARSE_IMAGE_MEMORY_REQUIREMENTS_2`

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements2-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

29.7.6. Binding Resource Memory

Non-sparse resources are backed by a single physical allocation prior to device use (via `vkBindImageMemory` or `vkBindBufferMemory`), and their backing **must** not be changed. On the other hand, sparse resources **can** be bound to memory non-contiguously and these bindings **can** be altered during the lifetime of the resource.

> **Note**
>
> It is important to note that freeing a `VkDeviceMemory` object with `vkFreeMemory` will not cause resources (or resource regions) bound to the memory object to become unbound. Applications **must** not access resources bound to memory that has been freed.

Sparse memory bindings execute on a queue that includes the `VK_QUEUE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` bit. Applications **must** use synchronization primitives to guarantee that other queues do not access ranges of memory concurrently with a binding change. Applications **can** access other ranges of the same resource while a bind operation is executing.

> **Note**
>
> Implementations **must** provide a guarantee that simultaneously binding sparse blocks while another queue accesses those same sparse blocks via a sparse resource **must** not access memory owned by another process or otherwise corrupt the system.

While some implementations **may** include `VK_QUEUE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` support in queue families

that also include graphics and compute support, other implementations **may** only expose a
`VK_QUEUE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT`-only queue family. In either case, applications **must** use
synchronization primitives to explicitly request any ordering dependencies between sparse
memory binding operations and other graphics/compute/transfer operations, as sparse binding
operations are not automatically ordered against command buffer execution, even within a single
queue.

When binding memory explicitly for the `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_METADATA_BIT` the application **must** use the
`VK_SPARSE_MEMORY_BIND_METADATA_BIT` in the `VkSparseMemoryBind`::`flags` field when binding memory.
Binding memory for metadata is done the same way as binding memory for the mip tail, with the
addition of the `VK_SPARSE_MEMORY_BIND_METADATA_BIT` flag.

Binding the mip tail for any aspect **must** only be performed using
VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo. If `formatProperties.flags` contains
`VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_SINGLE_MIPTAIL_BIT`, then it **can** be bound with a single
VkSparseMemoryBind structure, with `resourceOffset` = `imageMipTailOffset` and `size` =
`imageMipTailSize`.

If `formatProperties.flags` does not contain `VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_SINGLE_MIPTAIL_BIT` then the
offset for the mip tail in each array layer is given as:

```
arrayMipTailOffset = imageMipTailOffset + arrayLayer * imageMipTailStride;
```

and the mip tail **can** be bound with `layerCount` VkSparseMemoryBind structures, each using `size` =
`imageMipTailSize` and `resourceOffset` = `arrayMipTailOffset` as defined above.

Sparse memory binding is handled by the following APIs and related data structures.

Sparse Memory Binding Functions

The `VkSparseMemoryBind` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkSparseMemoryBind {
    VkDeviceSize            resourceOffset;
    VkDeviceSize            size;
    VkDeviceMemory          memory;
    VkDeviceSize            memoryOffset;
    VkSparseMemoryBindFlags flags;
} VkSparseMemoryBind;
```

- `resourceOffset` is the offset into the resource.

- `size` is the size of the memory region to be bound.

- `memory` is the VkDeviceMemory object that the range of the resource is bound to. If `memory` is
  VK_NULL_HANDLE, the range is unbound.

- `memoryOffset` is the offset into the VkDeviceMemory object to bind the resource range to. If
  `memory` is VK_NULL_HANDLE, this value is ignored.

- `flags` is a bitmask of VkSparseMemoryBindFlagBits specifying usage of the binding operation.

The *binding range* [`resourceOffset`, `resourceOffset` + `size`) has different constraints based on `flags`. If `flags` contains `VK_SPARSE_MEMORY_BIND_METADATA_BIT`, the binding range **must** be within the mip tail region of the metadata aspect. This metadata region is defined by:

metadataRegion = [base, base + `imageMipTailSize`)

base = `imageMipTailOffset` + `imageMipTailStride` × n

and `imageMipTailOffset`, `imageMipTailSize`, and `imageMipTailStride` values are from the VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements corresponding to the metadata aspect of the image, and n is a valid array layer index for the image,

`imageMipTailStride` is considered to be zero for aspects where VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements ::`formatProperties.flags` contains `VK_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_SINGLE_MIPTAIL_BIT`.

If `flags` does not contain `VK_SPARSE_MEMORY_BIND_METADATA_BIT`, the binding range **must** be within the range [0,VkMemoryRequirements::`size`).

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkSparseMemoryBind-memory-01096

  If `memory` is not `VK_NULL_HANDLE`, `memory` and `memoryOffset` **must** match the memory requirements of the resource, as described in section Resource Memory Association

- VUID-VkSparseMemoryBind-memory-01097

  If `memory` is not `VK_NULL_HANDLE`, `memory` **must** not have been created with a memory type that reports `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_LAZILY_ALLOCATED_BIT` bit set

- VUID-VkSparseMemoryBind-size-01098

  `size` **must** be greater than `0`

- VUID-VkSparseMemoryBind-resourceOffset-01099

  `resourceOffset` **must** be less than the size of the resource

- VUID-VkSparseMemoryBind-size-01100

  `size` **must** be less than or equal to the size of the resource minus `resourceOffset`

- VUID-VkSparseMemoryBind-memoryOffset-01101

  `memoryOffset` **must** be less than the size of `memory`

- VUID-VkSparseMemoryBind-size-01102

  `size` **must** be less than or equal to the size of `memory` minus `memoryOffset`

- VUID-VkSparseMemoryBind-memory-02730

  If `memory` was created with VkExportMemoryAllocateInfo::`handleTypes` not equal to `0`, at least one handle type it contained **must** also have been set in VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo::`handleTypes` or VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo::`handleTypes` when the resource was created

- VUID-VkSparseMemoryBind-memory-02731

  If `memory` was created by a memory import operation, the external handle type of the imported memory **must** also have been set in VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo::`handleTypes` or VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo::`handleTypes` when the resource was created

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkSparseMemoryBind-memory-parameter

  If `memory` is not `VK_NULL_HANDLE`, `memory` **must** be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle

- VUID-VkSparseMemoryBind-flags-parameter

  `flags` **must** be a valid combination of VkSparseMemoryBindFlagBits values

Bits which **can** be set in VkSparseMemoryBind::`flags`, specifying usage of a sparse memory binding operation, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkSparseMemoryBindFlagBits {
    VK_SPARSE_MEMORY_BIND_METADATA_BIT = 0x00000001,
} VkSparseMemoryBindFlagBits;
```

- VK_SPARSE_MEMORY_BIND_METADATA_BIT specifies that the memory being bound is only for the metadata aspect.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkSparseMemoryBindFlags;
```

VkSparseMemoryBindFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkSparseMemoryBindFlagBits.

Memory is bound to VkBuffer objects created with the VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT flag using the following structure:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkSparseBufferMemoryBindInfo {
    VkBuffer                    buffer;
    uint32_t                    bindCount;
    const VkSparseMemoryBind*   pBinds;
} VkSparseBufferMemoryBindInfo;
```

- buffer is the VkBuffer object to be bound.
- bindCount is the number of VkSparseMemoryBind structures in the pBinds array.
- pBinds is a pointer to an array of VkSparseMemoryBind structures.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkSparseBufferMemoryBindInfo-buffer-parameter
  buffer **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

- VUID-VkSparseBufferMemoryBindInfo-pBinds-parameter
  pBinds **must** be a valid pointer to an array of bindCount valid VkSparseMemoryBind structures

- VUID-VkSparseBufferMemoryBindInfo-bindCount-arraylength
  bindCount **must** be greater than 0

Memory is bound to opaque regions of VkImage objects created with the VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT flag using the following structure:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo {
    VkImage                    image;
    uint32_t                   bindCount;
    const VkSparseMemoryBind*  pBinds;
} VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo;
```

- image is the VkImage object to be bound.

- bindCount is the number of VkSparseMemoryBind structures in the pBinds array.

- pBinds is a pointer to an array of VkSparseMemoryBind structures.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo-pBinds-01103
  If the flags member of any element of pBinds contains
  VK_SPARSE_MEMORY_BIND_METADATA_BIT, the binding range defined **must** be within the mip
  tail region of the metadata aspect of image

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo-image-parameter
  image **must** be a valid VkImage handle

- VUID-VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo-pBinds-parameter
  pBinds **must** be a valid pointer to an array of bindCount valid VkSparseMemoryBind
  structures

- VUID-VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo-bindCount-arraylength
  bindCount **must** be greater than 0

This operation is normally used to bind memory to fully-resident sparse images or for mip tail regions of partially resident images. However, it **can** also be used to bind memory for the entire binding range of partially resident images.

In case `flags` does not contain `VK_SPARSE_MEMORY_BIND_METADATA_BIT`, the `resourceOffset` is in the range [0, `VkMemoryRequirements`::`size`), This range includes data from all aspects of the image, including metadata. For most implementations this will probably mean that the `resourceOffset` is a simple device address offset within the resource. It is possible for an application to bind a range of memory that includes both resource data and metadata. However, the application would not know what part of the image the memory is used for, or if any range is being used for metadata.

When `flags` contains `VK_SPARSE_MEMORY_BIND_METADATA_BIT`, the binding range specified **must** be within the mip tail region of the metadata aspect. In this case the `resourceOffset` is not **required** to be a simple device address offset within the resource. However, it *is* defined to be within [`imageMipTailOffset`, `imageMipTailOffset` + `imageMipTailSize`) for the metadata aspect. See `VkSparseMemoryBind` for the full constraints on binding region with this flag present.

Memory **can** be bound to sparse image blocks of `VkImage` objects created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` flag using the following structure:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo {
    VkImage                         image;
    uint32_t                        bindCount;
    const VkSparseImageMemoryBind*  pBinds;
} VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo;
```

- `image` is the VkImage object to be bound

- `bindCount` is the number of VkSparseImageMemoryBind structures in `pBinds` array

- `pBinds` is a pointer to an array of VkSparseImageMemoryBind structures

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo-subresource-01722

  The `subresource.mipLevel` member of each element of `pBinds` **must** be less than the `mipLevels` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `image` was created

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo-subresource-01723

  The `subresource.arrayLayer` member of each element of `pBinds` **must** be less than the `arrayLayers` specified in VkImageCreateInfo when `image` was created

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo-image-02901

  `image` **must** have been created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` set

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo-image-parameter

  `image` **must** be a valid VkImage handle

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo-pBinds-parameter

  `pBinds` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `bindCount` valid VkSparseImageMemoryBind structures

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo-bindCount-arraylength

  `bindCount` **must** be greater than `0`

The `VkSparseImageMemoryBind` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkSparseImageMemoryBind {
    VkImageSubresource        subresource;
    VkOffset3D                offset;
    VkExtent3D                extent;
    VkDeviceMemory            memory;
    VkDeviceSize              memoryOffset;
    VkSparseMemoryBindFlags   flags;
} VkSparseImageMemoryBind;
```

- `subresource` is the image *aspect* and region of interest in the image.

- `offset` are the coordinates of the first texel within the image subresource to bind.

- `extent` is the size in texels of the region within the image subresource to bind. The extent **must** be a multiple of the sparse image block dimensions, except when binding sparse image blocks along the edge of an image subresource it **can** instead be such that any coordinate of `offset + extent` equals the corresponding dimensions of the image subresource.

- `memory` is the VkDeviceMemory object that the sparse image blocks of the image are bound to. If `memory` is VK_NULL_HANDLE, the sparse image blocks are unbound.

- `memoryOffset` is an offset into VkDeviceMemory object. If `memory` is VK_NULL_HANDLE, this value

is ignored.

- `flags` are sparse memory binding flags.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryBind-memory-01104

  If the [sparse aliased residency](#) feature is not enabled, and if any other resources are bound to ranges of `memory`, the range of `memory` being bound **must** not overlap with those bound ranges

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryBind-memory-01105

  `memory` and `memoryOffset` **must** match the memory requirements of the calling command's `image`, as described in section [Resource Memory Association](#)

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryBind-subresource-01106

  `subresource` **must** be a valid image subresource for `image` (see [Image Views](#))

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryBind-offset-01107

  `offset.x` **must** be a multiple of the sparse image block width (`VkSparseImageFormatProperties::imageGranularity.width`) of the image

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryBind-extent-01108

  `extent.width` **must** either be a multiple of the sparse image block width of the image, or else (`extent.width` + `offset.x`) **must** equal the width of the image subresource

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryBind-offset-01109

  `offset.y` **must** be a multiple of the sparse image block height (`VkSparseImageFormatProperties::imageGranularity.height`) of the image

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryBind-extent-01110

  `extent.height` **must** either be a multiple of the sparse image block height of the image, or else (`extent.height` + `offset.y`) **must** equal the height of the image subresource

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryBind-offset-01111

  `offset.z` **must** be a multiple of the sparse image block depth (`VkSparseImageFormatProperties::imageGranularity.depth`) of the image

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryBind-extent-01112

  `extent.depth` **must** either be a multiple of the sparse image block depth of the image, or else (`extent.depth` + `offset.z`) **must** equal the depth of the image subresource

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryBind-memory-02732

  If `memory` was created with [VkExportMemoryAllocateInfo](#)::`handleTypes` not equal to `0`, at least one handle type it contained **must** also have been set in [VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo](#)::`handleTypes` when the image was created

- VUID-VkSparseImageMemoryBind-memory-02733

  If `memory` was created by a memory import operation, the external handle type of the imported memory **must** also have been set in [VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo](#)::`handleTypes` when `image` was created

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To submit sparse binding operations to a queue, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkQueueBindSparse(
    VkQueue                                     queue,
    uint32_t                                    bindInfoCount,
    const VkBindSparseInfo*                     pBindInfo,
    VkFence                                     fence);
```

- queue is the queue that the sparse binding operations will be submitted to.

- bindInfoCount is the number of elements in the pBindInfo array.

- pBindInfo is a pointer to an array of VkBindSparseInfo structures, each specifying a sparse binding submission batch.

- fence is an **optional** handle to a fence to be signaled. If fence is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, it defines a fence signal operation.

vkQueueBindSparse is a queue submission command, with each batch defined by an element of pBindInfo as a VkBindSparseInfo structure. Batches begin execution in the order they appear in pBindInfo, but **may** complete out of order.

Within a batch, a given range of a resource **must** not be bound more than once. Across batches, if a range is to be bound to one allocation and offset and then to another allocation and offset, then the application **must** guarantee (usually using semaphores) that the binding operations are executed in the correct order, as well as to order binding operations against the execution of command buffer submissions.

As no operation to vkQueueBindSparse causes any pipeline stage to access memory, synchronization primitives used in this command effectively only define execution dependencies.

Additional information about fence and semaphore operation is described in the synchronization chapter.

Valid Usage

- VUID-vkQueueBindSparse-fence-01113

  If `fence` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `fence` **must** be unsignaled

- VUID-vkQueueBindSparse-fence-01114

  If `fence` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `fence` **must** not be associated with any other queue command that has not yet completed execution on that queue

- VUID-vkQueueBindSparse-pSignalSemaphores-01115

  Each element of the `pSignalSemaphores` member of each element of `pBindInfo` **must** be unsignaled when the semaphore signal operation it defines is executed on the device

- VUID-vkQueueBindSparse-pWaitSemaphores-01116

  When a semaphore wait operation referring to a binary semaphore defined by any element of the `pWaitSemaphores` member of any element of `pBindInfo` executes on `queue`, there **must** be no other queues waiting on the same semaphore

- VUID-vkQueueBindSparse-pWaitSemaphores-01117

  All elements of the `pWaitSemaphores` member of all elements of the `pBindInfo` parameter referring to a binary semaphore **must** be semaphores that are signaled, or have semaphore signal operations previously submitted for execution

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkQueueBindSparse-queue-parameter

  `queue` **must** be a valid VkQueue handle

- VUID-vkQueueBindSparse-pBindInfo-parameter

  If `bindInfoCount` is not `0`, `pBindInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `bindInfoCount` valid VkBindSparseInfo structures

- VUID-vkQueueBindSparse-fence-parameter

  If `fence` is not VK_NULL_HANDLE, `fence` **must** be a valid VkFence handle

- VUID-vkQueueBindSparse-queuetype

  The `queue` **must** support sparse binding operations

- VUID-vkQueueBindSparse-commonparent

  Both of `fence`, and `queue` that are valid handles of non-ignored parameters **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

Host Synchronization

- Host access to `queue` **must** be externally synchronized
- Host access to `pBindInfo`[].pBufferBinds[].buffer **must** be externally synchronized
- Host access to `pBindInfo`[].pImageOpaqueBinds[].image **must** be externally synchronized
- Host access to `pBindInfo`[].pImageBinds[].image **must** be externally synchronized
- Host access to `fence` **must** be externally synchronized

Command Properties

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types
-	-	SPARSE_BINDING

Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`
- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`
- `VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST`

The `VkBindSparseInfo` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkBindSparseInfo {
    VkStructureType                             sType;
    const void*                                 pNext;
    uint32_t                                    waitSemaphoreCount;
    const VkSemaphore*                          pWaitSemaphores;
    uint32_t                                    bufferBindCount;
    const VkSparseBufferMemoryBindInfo*         pBufferBinds;
    uint32_t                                    imageOpaqueBindCount;
    const VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo*    pImageOpaqueBinds;
    uint32_t                                    imageBindCount;
    const VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo*          pImageBinds;
    uint32_t                                    signalSemaphoreCount;
    const VkSemaphore*                          pSignalSemaphores;
} VkBindSparseInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `waitSemaphoreCount` is the number of semaphores upon which to wait before executing the sparse binding operations for the batch.

- `pWaitSemaphores` is a pointer to an array of semaphores upon which to wait on before the sparse binding operations for this batch begin execution. If semaphores to wait on are provided, they define a semaphore wait operation.

- `bufferBindCount` is the number of sparse buffer bindings to perform in the batch.

- `pBufferBinds` is a pointer to an array of VkSparseBufferMemoryBindInfo structures.

- `imageOpaqueBindCount` is the number of opaque sparse image bindings to perform.

- `pImageOpaqueBinds` is a pointer to an array of VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo structures, indicating opaque sparse image bindings to perform.

- `imageBindCount` is the number of sparse image bindings to perform.

- `pImageBinds` is a pointer to an array of VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo structures, indicating sparse image bindings to perform.

- `signalSemaphoreCount` is the number of semaphores to be signaled once the sparse binding operations specified by the structure have completed execution.

- `pSignalSemaphores` is a pointer to an array of semaphores which will be signaled when the sparse binding operations for this batch have completed execution. If semaphores to be signaled are provided, they define a semaphore signal operation.

- VUID-VkBindSparseInfo-sType-sType

  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BIND_SPARSE_INFO

- VUID-VkBindSparseInfo-pNext-pNext

  pNext **must** be NULL or a pointer to a valid instance of VkDeviceGroupBindSparseInfo

- VUID-VkBindSparseInfo-sType-unique

  The sType value of each struct in the pNext chain **must** be unique

- VUID-VkBindSparseInfo-pWaitSemaphores-parameter

  If waitSemaphoreCount is not 0, pWaitSemaphores **must** be a valid pointer to an array of waitSemaphoreCount valid VkSemaphore handles

- VUID-VkBindSparseInfo-pBufferBinds-parameter

  If bufferBindCount is not 0, pBufferBinds **must** be a valid pointer to an array of bufferBindCount valid VkSparseBufferMemoryBindInfo structures

- VUID-VkBindSparseInfo-pImageOpaqueBinds-parameter

  If imageOpaqueBindCount is not 0, pImageOpaqueBinds **must** be a valid pointer to an array of imageOpaqueBindCount valid VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo structures

- VUID-VkBindSparseInfo-pImageBinds-parameter

  If imageBindCount is not 0, pImageBinds **must** be a valid pointer to an array of imageBindCount valid VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo structures

- VUID-VkBindSparseInfo-pSignalSemaphores-parameter

  If signalSemaphoreCount is not 0, pSignalSemaphores **must** be a valid pointer to an array of signalSemaphoreCount valid VkSemaphore handles

- VUID-VkBindSparseInfo-commonparent

  Both of the elements of pSignalSemaphores, and the elements of pWaitSemaphores that are valid handles of non-ignored parameters **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

If the pNext chain of VkBindSparseInfo includes a VkDeviceGroupBindSparseInfo structure, then that structure includes device indices specifying which instance of the resources and memory are bound.

The VkDeviceGroupBindSparseInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkDeviceGroupBindSparseInfo {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    const void*        pNext;
    uint32_t           resourceDeviceIndex;
    uint32_t           memoryDeviceIndex;
} VkDeviceGroupBindSparseInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `resourceDeviceIndex` is a device index indicating which instance of the resource is bound.

- `memoryDeviceIndex` is a device index indicating which instance of the memory the resource instance is bound to.

These device indices apply to all buffer and image memory binds included in the batch pointing to this structure. The semaphore waits and signals for the batch are executed only by the physical device specified by the `resourceDeviceIndex`.

If this structure is not present, `resourceDeviceIndex` and `memoryDeviceIndex` are assumed to be zero.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkDeviceGroupBindSparseInfo-resourceDeviceIndex-01118

  `resourceDeviceIndex` and `memoryDeviceIndex` **must** both be valid device indices

- VUID-VkDeviceGroupBindSparseInfo-memoryDeviceIndex-01119

  Each memory allocation bound in this batch **must** have allocated an instance for `memoryDeviceIndex`

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkDeviceGroupBindSparseInfo-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DEVICE_GROUP_BIND_SPARSE_INFO`

Chapter 30. Extending Vulkan

New functionality **may** be added to Vulkan via either new extensions or new versions of the core, or new versions of an extension in some cases.

This chapter describes how Vulkan is versioned, how compatibility is affected between different versions, and compatibility rules that are followed by the Vulkan Working Group.

30.1. Instance and Device Functionality

Commands that enumerate instance properties, or that accept a VkInstance object as a parameter, are considered instance-level functionality. Commands that enumerate physical device properties, or that accept a VkDevice object or any of a device's child objects as a parameter, are considered device-level functionality.

> *Note*
>
> Applications usually interface to Vulkan using a loader that implements only instance-level functionality, passing device-level functionality to implementations of the full Vulkan API on the system. In some circumstances, as these may be implemented independently, it is possible that the loader and device implementations on a given installation will support different versions. To allow for this and call out when it happens, the Vulkan specification enumerates device and instance level functionality separately - they have independent version queries.

> *Note*
>
> Vulkan 1.0 initially specified new physical device enumeration functionality as instance-level, requiring it to be included in an instance extension. As the capabilities of device-level functionality require discovery via physical device enumeration, this led to the situation where many device extensions required an instance extension as well. To alleviate this extra work, `VK_KHR_get_physical_device_properties2` (and subsequently Vulkan 1.1) redefined device-level functionality to include physical device enumeration.

30.2. Core Versions

The Vulkan Specification is regularly updated with bug fixes and clarifications. Occasionally new functionality is added to the core and at some point it is expected that there will be a desire to perform a large, breaking change to the API. In order to indicate to developers how and when these changes are made to the specification, and to provide a way to identify each set of changes, the Vulkan API maintains a version number.

30.2.1. Version Numbers

The Vulkan version number comprises four parts indicating the variant, major, minor and patch version of the Vulkan API Specification.

The *variant* indicates the variant of the Vulkan API supported by the implementation. This is always 0 for the Vulkan API.

> **ⓘ**
>
> *Note*
>
> A non-zero variant indicates the API is a variant of the Vulkan API and applications will typically need to be modified to run against it. The variant field was a later addition to the version number, added in version 1.2.175 of the Specification. As Vulkan uses variant 0, this change is fully backwards compatible with the previous version number format for Vulkan implementations. New version number macros have been added for this change and the old macros deprecated. For existing applications using the older format and macros, an implementation with non-zero variant will decode as a very high Vulkan version. The high version number should be detectable by applications performing suitable version checking.

The *major version* indicates a significant change in the API, which will encompass a wholly new version of the specification.

The *minor version* indicates the incorporation of new functionality into the core specification.

The *patch version* indicates bug fixes, clarifications, and language improvements have been incorporated into the specification.

Compatibility guarantees made about versions of the API sharing any of the same version numbers are documented in [Core Versions](#)

The version number is used in several places in the API. In each such use, the version numbers are packed into a 32-bit integer as follows:

- The variant is a 3-bit integer packed into bits 31-29.
- The major version is a 7-bit integer packed into bits 28-22.
- The minor version number is a 10-bit integer packed into bits 21-12.
- The patch version number is a 12-bit integer packed into bits 11-0.

`VK_API_VERSION_VARIANT` extracts the API variant number from a packed version number:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
#define VK_API_VERSION_VARIANT(version) ((uint32_t)(version) >> 29)
```

`VK_API_VERSION_MAJOR` extracts the API major version number from a packed version number:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
#define VK_API_VERSION_MAJOR(version) (((uint32_t)(version) >> 22) & 0x7FU)
```

`VK_VERSION_MAJOR` extracts the API major version number from a packed version number:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
// DEPRECATED: This define is deprecated. VK_API_VERSION_MAJOR should be used instead.
#define VK_VERSION_MAJOR(version) ((uint32_t)(version) >> 22)
```

VK_API_VERSION_MINOR extracts the API minor version number from a packed version number:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
#define VK_API_VERSION_MINOR(version) (((uint32_t)(version) >> 12) & 0x3FFU)
```

VK_VERSION_MINOR extracts the API minor version number from a packed version number:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
// DEPRECATED: This define is deprecated. VK_API_VERSION_MINOR should be used instead.
#define VK_VERSION_MINOR(version) (((uint32_t)(version) >> 12) & 0x3FFU)
```

VK_API_VERSION_PATCH extracts the API patch version number from a packed version number:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
#define VK_API_VERSION_PATCH(version) ((uint32_t)(version) & 0xFFFU)
```

VK_VERSION_PATCH extracts the API patch version number from a packed version number:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
// DEPRECATED: This define is deprecated. VK_API_VERSION_PATCH should be used instead.
#define VK_VERSION_PATCH(version) ((uint32_t)(version) & 0xFFFU)
```

VK_MAKE_API_VERSION constructs an API version number.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
#define VK_MAKE_API_VERSION(variant, major, minor, patch) \
    ((((uint32_t)(variant)) << 29) | (((uint32_t)(major)) << 22) |
(((uint32_t)(minor)) << 12) | ((uint32_t)(patch)))
```

- variant is the variant number.
- major is the major version number.
- minor is the minor version number.
- patch is the patch version number.

VK_MAKE_VERSION constructs an API version number.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
// DEPRECATED: This define is deprecated. VK_MAKE_API_VERSION should be used instead.
#define VK_MAKE_VERSION(major, minor, patch) \
    ((((uint32_t)(major)) << 22) | (((uint32_t)(minor)) << 12) | ((uint32_t)(patch)))
```

- `major` is the major version number.

- `minor` is the minor version number.

- `patch` is the patch version number.

`VK_API_VERSION_1_0` returns the API version number for Vulkan 1.0.0.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
// Vulkan 1.0 version number
#define VK_API_VERSION_1_0 VK_MAKE_API_VERSION(0, 1, 0, 0)// Patch version should
always be set to 0
```

`VK_API_VERSION_1_1` returns the API version number for Vulkan 1.1.0.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
// Vulkan 1.1 version number
#define VK_API_VERSION_1_1 VK_MAKE_API_VERSION(0, 1, 1, 0)// Patch version should
always be set to 0
```

30.2.2. Querying Version Support

The version of instance-level functionality can be queried by calling vkEnumerateInstanceVersion.

The version of device-level functionality can be queried by calling vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties or vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties2, and is returned in VkPhysicalDeviceProperties::`apiVersion`, encoded as described in Version Numbers.

30.3. Layers

When a layer is enabled, it inserts itself into the call chain for Vulkan commands the layer is interested in. Layers **can** be used for a variety of tasks that extend the base behavior of Vulkan beyond what is required by the specification - such as call logging, tracing, validation, or providing additional extensions.

> *Note*
>
> For example, an implementation is not expected to check that the value of enums used by the application fall within allowed ranges. Instead, a validation layer would do those checks and flag issues. This avoids a performance penalty during production use of the application because those layers would not be enabled in production.

> *Note*
>
> Vulkan layers **may** wrap object handles (i.e. return a different handle value to the application than that generated by the implementation). This is generally discouraged, as it increases the probability of incompatibilities with new extensions. The validation layers wrap handles in order to track the proper use and destruction of each object. See the "Architecture of the Vulkan Loader Interfaces" document for additional information.

To query the available layers, call:

```c
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkEnumerateInstanceLayerProperties(
    uint32_t*                                   pPropertyCount,
    VkLayerProperties*                          pProperties);
```

- `pPropertyCount` is a pointer to an integer related to the number of layer properties available or queried, as described below.

- `pProperties` is either `NULL` or a pointer to an array of `VkLayerProperties` structures.

If `pProperties` is `NULL`, then the number of layer properties available is returned in `pPropertyCount`. Otherwise, `pPropertyCount` **must** point to a variable set by the user to the number of elements in the `pProperties` array, and on return the variable is overwritten with the number of structures actually written to `pProperties`. If `pPropertyCount` is less than the number of layer properties available, at most `pPropertyCount` structures will be written, and `VK_INCOMPLETE` will be returned instead of `VK_SUCCESS`, to indicate that not all the available properties were returned.

The list of available layers may change at any time due to actions outside of the Vulkan implementation, so two calls to `vkEnumerateInstanceLayerProperties` with the same parameters **may** return different results, or retrieve different `pPropertyCount` values or `pProperties` contents. Once an instance has been created, the layers enabled for that instance will continue to be enabled and valid for the lifetime of that instance, even if some of them become unavailable for future instances.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkEnumerateInstanceLayerProperties-pPropertyCount-parameter
  `pPropertyCount` **must** be a valid pointer to a `uint32_t` value

- VUID-vkEnumerateInstanceLayerProperties-pProperties-parameter
  If the value referenced by `pPropertyCount` is not `0`, and `pProperties` is not `NULL`, `pProperties` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `pPropertyCount` `VkLayerProperties` structures

The VkLayerProperties structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkLayerProperties {
    char        layerName[VK_MAX_EXTENSION_NAME_SIZE];
    uint32_t    specVersion;
    uint32_t    implementationVersion;
    char        description[VK_MAX_DESCRIPTION_SIZE];
} VkLayerProperties;
```

- layerName is an array of VK_MAX_EXTENSION_NAME_SIZE char containing a null-terminated UTF-8 string which is the name of the layer. Use this name in the ppEnabledLayerNames array passed in the VkInstanceCreateInfo structure to enable this layer for an instance.

- specVersion is the Vulkan version the layer was written to, encoded as described in Version Numbers.

- implementationVersion is the version of this layer. It is an integer, increasing with backward compatible changes.

- description is an array of VK_MAX_DESCRIPTION_SIZE char containing a null-terminated UTF-8 string which provides additional details that **can** be used by the application to identify the layer.

VK_MAX_EXTENSION_NAME_SIZE is the length in char values of an array containing a layer or extension name string, as returned in VkLayerProperties::layerName, VkExtensionProperties::extensionName, and other queries.

```
#define VK_MAX_EXTENSION_NAME_SIZE          256U
```

VK_MAX_DESCRIPTION_SIZE is the length in char values of an array containing a string with additional descriptive information about a query, as returned in VkLayerProperties::description and other queries.

```
#define VK_MAX_DESCRIPTION_SIZE          256U
```

To enable a layer, the name of the layer **should** be added to the ppEnabledLayerNames member of

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VkInstanceCreateInfo when creating a VkInstance.

Loader implementations **may** provide mechanisms outside the Vulkan API for enabling specific layers. Layers enabled through such a mechanism are *implicitly enabled*, while layers enabled by including the layer name in the ppEnabledLayerNames member of VkInstanceCreateInfo are *explicitly enabled*. Implicitly enabled layers are loaded before explicitly enabled layers, such that implicitly enabled layers are closer to the application, and explicitly enabled layers are closer to the driver. Except where otherwise specified, implicitly enabled and explicitly enabled layers differ only in the way they are enabled, and the order in which they are loaded. Explicitly enabling a layer that is implicitly enabled results in this layer being loaded as an implicitly enabled layer; it has no additional effect.

30.3.1. Device Layer Deprecation

Previous versions of this specification distinguished between instance and device layers. Instance layers were only able to intercept commands that operate on VkInstance and VkPhysicalDevice, except they were not able to intercept vkCreateDevice. Device layers were enabled for individual devices when they were created, and could only intercept commands operating on that device or its child objects.

Device-only layers are now deprecated, and this specification no longer distinguishes between instance and device layers. Layers are enabled during instance creation, and are able to intercept all commands operating on that instance or any of its child objects. At the time of deprecation there were no known device-only layers and no compelling reason to create one.

In order to maintain compatibility with implementations released prior to device-layer deprecation, applications **should** still enumerate and enable device layers. The behavior of vkEnumerateDeviceLayerProperties and valid usage of the ppEnabledLayerNames member of VkDeviceCreateInfo maximizes compatibility with applications written to work with the previous requirements.

To enumerate device layers, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkEnumerateDeviceLayerProperties(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    uint32_t*                                   pPropertyCount,
    VkLayerProperties*                          pProperties);
```

- pPropertyCount is a pointer to an integer related to the number of layer properties available or queried.
- pProperties is either NULL or a pointer to an array of VkLayerProperties structures.

If pProperties is NULL, then the number of layer properties available is returned in pPropertyCount. Otherwise, pPropertyCount **must** point to a variable set by the user to the number of elements in the pProperties array, and on return the variable is overwritten with the number of structures actually written to pProperties. If pPropertyCount is less than the number of layer properties available, at most pPropertyCount structures will be written, and VK_INCOMPLETE will be returned instead of

`VK_SUCCESS`, to indicate that not all the available properties were returned.

The list of layers enumerated by `vkEnumerateDeviceLayerProperties` **must** be exactly the sequence of layers enabled for the instance. The members of `VkLayerProperties` for each enumerated layer **must** be the same as the properties when the layer was enumerated by `vkEnumerateInstanceLayerProperties`.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkEnumerateDeviceLayerProperties-physicalDevice-parameter

  `physicalDevice` **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle

- VUID-vkEnumerateDeviceLayerProperties-pPropertyCount-parameter

  `pPropertyCount` **must** be a valid pointer to a `uint32_t` value

- VUID-vkEnumerateDeviceLayerProperties-pProperties-parameter

  If the value referenced by `pPropertyCount` is not `0`, and `pProperties` is not `NULL`, `pProperties` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `pPropertyCount` VkLayerProperties structures

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Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

- `VK_INCOMPLETE`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

The `ppEnabledLayerNames` and `enabledLayerCount` members of VkDeviceCreateInfo are deprecated and their values **must** be ignored by implementations. However, for compatibility, only an empty list of layers or a list that exactly matches the sequence enabled at instance creation time are valid, and validation layers **should** issue diagnostics for other cases.

Regardless of the enabled layer list provided in VkDeviceCreateInfo, the sequence of layers active for a device will be exactly the sequence of layers enabled when the parent instance was created.

30.4. Extensions

Extensions **may** define new Vulkan commands, structures, and enumerants. For compilation purposes, the interfaces defined by registered extensions, including new structures and enumerants as well as function pointer types for new commands, are defined in the Khronos-supplied `vulkan_core.h` together with the core API. However, commands defined by extensions **may** not be available for static linking - in which case function pointers to these commands **should** be queried at runtime as described in Command Function Pointers. Extensions **may** be provided by layers as well as by a Vulkan implementation.

Because extensions **may** extend or change the behavior of the Vulkan API, extension authors **should** add support for their extensions to the Khronos validation layers. This is especially important for new commands whose parameters have been wrapped by the validation layers. See the "Architecture of the Vulkan Loader Interfaces" document for additional information.

> *Note*
>
> To enable an instance extension, the name of the extension **can** be added to the `ppEnabledExtensionNames` member of VkInstanceCreateInfo when creating a `VkInstance`.
>
> To enable a device extension, the name of the extension **can** be added to the `ppEnabledExtensionNames` member of VkDeviceCreateInfo when creating a `VkDevice`.
>
> Physical-Device-Level functionality does not have any enabling mechanism and **can** be used as long as the VkPhysicalDevice supports the device extension as determined by vkEnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties.
>
> Enabling an extension (with no further use of that extension) does not change the behavior of functionality exposed by the core Vulkan API or any other extension, other than making valid the use of the commands, enums and structures defined by that extension.
>
> Valid Usage sections for individual commands and structures do not currently contain which extensions have to be enabled in order to make their use valid, although they might do so in the future. It is defined only in the Valid Usage for Extensions section.

30.4.1. Instance Extensions

Instance extensions add new instance-level functionality to the API, outside of the core specification.

To query the available instance extensions, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkEnumerateInstanceExtensionProperties(
    const char*                                 pLayerName,
    uint32_t*                                   pPropertyCount,
    VkExtensionProperties*                      pProperties);
```

- `pLayerName` is either `NULL` or a pointer to a null-terminated UTF-8 string naming the layer to retrieve extensions from.
- `pPropertyCount` is a pointer to an integer related to the number of extension properties available or queried, as described below.
- `pProperties` is either `NULL` or a pointer to an array of VkExtensionProperties structures.

When `pLayerName` parameter is `NULL`, only extensions provided by the Vulkan implementation or by

implicitly enabled layers are returned. When `pLayerName` is the name of a layer, the instance extensions provided by that layer are returned.

If `pProperties` is `NULL`, then the number of extensions properties available is returned in `pPropertyCount`. Otherwise, `pPropertyCount` **must** point to a variable set by the user to the number of elements in the `pProperties` array, and on return the variable is overwritten with the number of structures actually written to `pProperties`. If `pPropertyCount` is less than the number of extension properties available, at most `pPropertyCount` structures will be written, and `VK_INCOMPLETE` will be returned instead of `VK_SUCCESS`, to indicate that not all the available properties were returned.

Because the list of available layers may change externally between calls to vkEnumerateInstanceExtensionProperties, two calls may retrieve different results if a `pLayerName` is available in one call but not in another. The extensions supported by a layer may also change between two calls, e.g. if the layer implementation is replaced by a different version between those calls.

Implementations **must** not advertise any pair of extensions that cannot be enabled together due to behavioral differences, or any extension that cannot be enabled against the advertised version.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkEnumerateInstanceExtensionProperties-pLayerName-parameter
  If `pLayerName` is not `NULL`, `pLayerName` **must** be a null-terminated UTF-8 string

- VUID-vkEnumerateInstanceExtensionProperties-pPropertyCount-parameter
  `pPropertyCount` **must** be a valid pointer to a `uint32_t` value

- VUID-vkEnumerateInstanceExtensionProperties-pProperties-parameter
  If the value referenced by `pPropertyCount` is not `0`, and `pProperties` is not `NULL`, `pProperties` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `pPropertyCount` VkExtensionProperties structures

---

Return Codes

Success

- VK_SUCCESS

- VK_INCOMPLETE

Failure

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY

- VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY

- VK_ERROR_LAYER_NOT_PRESENT

30.4.2. Device Extensions

Device extensions add new device-level functionality to the API, outside of the core specification.

To query the extensions available to a given physical device, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkEnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    const char*                                 pLayerName,
    uint32_t*                                   pPropertyCount,
    VkExtensionProperties*                      pProperties);
```

- `physicalDevice` is the physical device that will be queried.

- `pLayerName` is either `NULL` or a pointer to a null-terminated UTF-8 string naming the layer to retrieve extensions from.

- `pPropertyCount` is a pointer to an integer related to the number of extension properties available or queried, and is treated in the same fashion as the vkEnumerateInstanceExtensionProperties ::`pPropertyCount` parameter.

- `pProperties` is either `NULL` or a pointer to an array of VkExtensionProperties structures.

When `pLayerName` parameter is `NULL`, only extensions provided by the Vulkan implementation or by implicitly enabled layers are returned. When `pLayerName` is the name of a layer, the device extensions provided by that layer are returned.

Implementations **must** not advertise any pair of extensions that cannot be enabled together due to behavioral differences, or any extension that cannot be enabled against the advertised version.

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkEnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties-physicalDevice-parameter
  `physicalDevice` **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle

- VUID-vkEnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties-pLayerName-parameter
  If `pLayerName` is not `NULL`, `pLayerName` **must** be a null-terminated UTF-8 string

- VUID-vkEnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties-pPropertyCount-parameter
  `pPropertyCount` **must** be a valid pointer to a `uint32_t` value

- VUID-vkEnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties-pProperties-parameter
  If the value referenced by `pPropertyCount` is not `0`, and `pProperties` is not `NULL`, `pProperties` **must** be a valid pointer to an array of `pPropertyCount` VkExtensionProperties structures

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Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

- `VK_INCOMPLETE`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_LAYER_NOT_PRESENT`

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The `VkExtensionProperties` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkExtensionProperties {
    char        extensionName[VK_MAX_EXTENSION_NAME_SIZE];
    uint32_t    specVersion;
} VkExtensionProperties;
```

- `extensionName` is an array of `VK_MAX_EXTENSION_NAME_SIZE char` containing a null-terminated UTF-8 string which is the name of the extension.

- `specVersion` is the version of this extension. It is an integer, incremented with backward compatible changes.

30.5. Extension Dependencies

Some extensions are dependent on other extensions, or on specific core API versions, to function. To enable extensions with dependencies, any *required extensions* **must** also be enabled through the same API mechanisms when creating an instance with vkCreateInstance or a device with vkCreateDevice. Each extension which has such dependencies documents them in the appendix summarizing that extension.

If an extension is supported (as queried by vkEnumerateInstanceExtensionProperties or vkEnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties), then *required extensions* of that extension **must** also be supported for the same instance or physical device.

Any device extension that has an instance extension dependency that is not enabled by vkCreateInstance is considered to be unsupported, hence it **must** not be returned by vkEnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties for any VkPhysicalDevice child of the instance. Instance extensions do not have dependencies on device extensions.

If a required extension has been promoted to another extension or to a core API version, then as a *general* rule, the dependency is also satisfied by the promoted extension or core version. This will be true so long as any features required by the original extension are also required or enabled by the promoted extension or core version. However, in some cases an extension is promoted while

making some of its features optional in the promoted extension or core version. In this case, the dependency **may** not be satisfied. The only way to be certain is to look at the descriptions of the original dependency and the promoted version in the Layers & Extensions and Core Revisions appendices.

> **Note**
>
> There is metadata in `vk.xml` describing some aspects of promotion, especially `requires`, `promotedto` and `deprecatedby` attributes of `<extension>` tags. However, the metadata does not yet fully describe this scenario. In the future, we may extend the XML schema to describe the full set of extensions and versions satisfying a dependency.

30.6. Compatibility Guarantees (Informative)

This section is marked as informal as there is no binding responsibility on implementations of the Vulkan API - these guarantees are however a contract between the Vulkan Working Group and developers using this Specification.

30.6.1. Core Versions

Each of the major, minor, and patch versions of the Vulkan specification provide different compatibility guarantees.

Patch Versions

A difference in the patch version indicates that a set of bug fixes or clarifications have been made to the Specification. Informative enums returned by Vulkan commands that will not affect the runtime behavior of a valid application may be added in a patch version (e.g. VkVendorId).

The specification's patch version is strictly increasing for a given major version of the specification; any change to a specification as described above will result in the patch version being increased by 1. Patch versions are applied to all minor versions, even if a given minor version is not affected by the provoking change.

Specifications with different patch versions but the same major and minor version are *fully compatible* with each other - such that a valid application written against one will work with an implementation of another.

> **Note**
>
> If a patch version includes a bug fix or clarification that could have a significant impact on developer expectations, these will be highlighted in the change log. Generally the Vulkan Working Group tries to avoid these kinds of changes, instead fixing them in either an extension or core version.

Minor Versions

Changes in the minor version of the specification indicate that new functionality has been added to the core specification. This will usually include new interfaces in the header, and **may** also include

behavior changes and bug fixes. Core functionality **may** be deprecated in a minor version, but will not be obsoleted or removed.

The specification's minor version is strictly increasing for a given major version of the specification; any change to a specification as described above will result in the minor version being increased by 1. Changes that can be accommodated in a patch version will not increase the minor version.

Specifications with a lower minor version are *backwards compatible* with an implementation of a specification with a higher minor version for core functionality and extensions issued with the KHR vendor tag. Vendor and multi-vendor extensions are not guaranteed to remain functional across minor versions, though in general they are with few exceptions - see Obsoletion for more information.

Major Versions

A difference in the major version of specifications indicates a large set of changes which will likely include interface changes, behavioral changes, removal of deprecated functionality, and the modification, addition, or replacement of other functionality.

The specification's major version is monotonically increasing; any change to the specification as described above will result in the major version being increased. Changes that can be accommodated in a patch or minor version will not increase the major version.

The Vulkan Working Group intends to only issue a new major version of the Specification in order to realise significant improvements to the Vulkan API that will necessarily require breaking compatibility.

A new major version will likely include a wholly new version of the specification to be issued - which could include an overhaul of the versioning semantics for the minor and patch versions. The patch and minor versions of a specification are therefore not meaningful across major versions. If a major version of the specification includes similar versioning semantics, it is expected that the patch and the minor version will be reset to 0 for that major version.

30.6.2. Extensions

A KHR extension **must** be able to be enabled alongside any other KHR extension, and for any minor or patch version of the core Specification beyond the minimum version it requires. A multi-vendor extension **should** be able to be enabled alongside any KHR extension or other multi-vendor extension, and for any minor or patch version of the core Specification beyond the minimum version it requires. A vendor extension **should** be able to be enabled alongside any KHR extension, multi-vendor extension, or other vendor extension from the same vendor, and for any minor or patch version of the core Specification beyond the minimum version it requires. A vendor extension **may** be able to be enabled alongside vendor extensions from another vendor.

The one other exception to this is if a vendor or multi-vendor extension is made obsolete by either a core version or another extension, which will be highlighted in the extension appendix.

Promotion

Extensions, or features of an extension, **may** be promoted to a new core version of the API, or a newer extension which an equal or greater number of implementors are in favour of.

When extension functionality is promoted, minor changes **may** be introduced, limited to the following:

- Naming
- Non-intrusive parameters changes
- Feature advertisement/enablement
- Combining structure parameters into larger structures
- Author ID suffixes changed or removed

> *Note*
>
> If extension functionality is promoted, there is no guarantee of direct compatibility, however it should require little effort to port code from the original feature to the promoted one.
>
> The Vulkan Working Group endeavours to ensure that larger changes are marked as either deprecated or obsoleted as appropriate, and can do so retroactively if necessary.

Extensions that are promoted are listed as being promoted in their extension appendices, with reference to where they were promoted to.

When an extension is promoted, any backwards compatibility aliases which exist in the extension will **not** be promoted.

> *Note*
>
> As a hypothetical example, if the `VK_KHR_surface` extension were promoted to part of a future core version, the `VK_COLOR_SPACE_SRGB_NONLINEAR_KHR` token defined by that extension would be promoted to `VK_COLOR_SPACE_SRGB_NONLINEAR`. However, the `VK_COLORSPACE_SRGB_NONLINEAR_KHR` token aliases `VK_COLOR_SPACE_SRGB_NONLINEAR_KHR`. The `VK_COLORSPACE_SRGB_NONLINEAR_KHR` would not be promoted, because it is a backwards compatibility alias that exists only due to a naming mistake when the extension was initially published.

Deprecation

Extensions **may** be marked as deprecated when the intended use cases either become irrelevant or can be solved in other ways. Generally, a new feature will become available to solve the use case in another extension or core version of the API, but it is not guaranteed.

Extensions that are deprecated are listed as being deprecated in their extension appendices, with an explanation of the deprecation and any features that are relevant.

Obsoletion

Occasionally, an extension will be marked as obsolete if a new version of the core API or a new extension is fundamentally incompatible with it. An obsoleted extension **must** not be used with the extension or core version that obsoleted it.

Extensions that are obsoleted are listed as being obsoleted in their extension appendices, with reference to what they were obsoleted by.

Aliases

When an extension is promoted or deprecated by a newer feature, some or all of its functionality **may** be replicated into the newer feature. Rather than duplication of all the documentation and definitions, the specification instead identifies the identical commands and types as *aliases* of one another. Each alias is mentioned together with the definition it aliases, with the older aliases marked as "equivalents". Each alias of the same command has identical behavior, and each alias of the same type has identical meaning - they can be used interchangeably in an application with no compatibility issues.

> **Note**
>
> For promoted types, the aliased extension type is semantically identical to the new core type. The C99 headers simply `typedef` the older aliases to the promoted types.
>
> For promoted command aliases, however, there are two separate entry point definitions, due to the fact that the C99 ABI has no way to alias command definitions without resorting to macros. Calling via either entry point definition will produce identical behavior within the bounds of the specification, and should still invoke the same entry point in the implementation. Debug tools may use separate entry points with different debug behavior; to write the appropriate command name to an output log, for instance.

Special Use Extensions

Some extensions exist only to support a specific purpose or specific class of application. These are referred to as "special use extensions". Use of these extensions in applications not meeting the special use criteria is not recommended.

Special use cases are restricted, and only those defined below are used to describe extensions:

Table 28. Extension Special Use Cases

Special Use	XML Tag	Full Description
CAD support	cadsupport	Extension is intended to support specialized functionality used by CAD/CAM applications.
D3D support	d3demulation	Extension is intended to support D3D emulation layers, and applications ported from D3D, by adding functionality specific to D3D.
Developer tools	devtools	Extension is intended to support developer tools such as capture-replay libraries.
Debugging tools	debugging	Extension is intended for use by applications when debugging.
OpenGL / ES support	glemulation	Extension is intended to support OpenGL and/or OpenGL ES emulation layers, and applications ported from those APIs, by adding functionality specific to those APIs.

Special use extensions are identified in the metadata for each such extension in the Layers & Extensions appendix, using the name in the "Special Use" column above.

Special use extensions are also identified in `vk.xml` with the short name in "XML Tag" column above, as described in the "API Extensions (`extension` tag)" section of the registry schema documentation.

Chapter 31. Features

Features describe functionality which is not supported on all implementations. Features are properties of the physical device. Features are **optional**, and **must** be explicitly enabled before use. Support for features is reported and enabled on a per-feature basis.

> **Note**
>
> Features are reported via the basic VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures structure, as well as the extensible structure `VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2`, which was added in the `VK_KHR_get_physical_device_properties2` extension and included in Vulkan 1.1. When new features are added in future Vulkan versions or extensions, each extension **should** introduce one new feature structure, if needed. This structure **can** be added to the `pNext` chain of the `VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2` structure.

For convenience, new core versions of Vulkan **may** introduce new unified feature structures for features promoted from extensions. At the same time, the extension's original feature structure (if any) is also promoted to the core API, and is an alias of the extension's structure. This results in multiple names for the same feature: in the original extension's feature structure and the promoted structure alias, in the unified feature structure. When a feature was implicitly supported and enabled in the extension, but an explicit name was added during promotion, then the extension itself acts as an alias for the feature as listed in the table below.

All aliases of the same feature in the core API **must** be reported consistently: either all **must** be reported as supported, or none of them. When a promoted extension is available, any corresponding feature aliases **must** be supported.

Table 29. Extension Feature Aliases

Extension	Feature(s)

To query supported features, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures*                   pFeatures);
```

- `physicalDevice` is the physical device from which to query the supported features.

- `pFeatures` is a pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures structure in which the physical device features are returned. For each feature, a value of `VK_TRUE` specifies that the feature is supported on this physical device, and `VK_FALSE` specifies that the feature is not supported.

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures-physicalDevice-parameter

  `physicalDevice` **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures-pFeatures-parameter

  `pFeatures` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures structure

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Fine-grained features used by a logical device **must** be enabled at VkDevice creation time. If a feature is enabled that the physical device does not support, VkDevice creation will fail and return `VK_ERROR_FEATURE_NOT_PRESENT`.

The fine-grained features are enabled by passing a pointer to the VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures structure via the `pEnabledFeatures` member of the VkDeviceCreateInfo structure that is passed into the `vkCreateDevice` call. If a member of `pEnabledFeatures` is set to `VK_TRUE` or `VK_FALSE`, then the device will be created with the indicated feature enabled or disabled, respectively. Features **can** also be enabled by using the VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2 structure.

If an application wishes to enable all features supported by a device, it **can** simply pass in the VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures structure that was previously returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures. To disable an individual feature, the application **can** set the desired member to `VK_FALSE` in the same structure. Setting `pEnabledFeatures` to `NULL` and not including a VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2 in the `pNext` chain of VkDeviceCreateInfo is equivalent to setting all members of the structure to `VK_FALSE`.

> **Note**
>
> Some features, such as `robustBufferAccess`, **may** incur a runtime performance cost. Application writers **should** carefully consider the implications of enabling all supported features.

To query supported features defined by the core or extensions, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures2(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2*                  pFeatures);
```

- `physicalDevice` is the physical device from which to query the supported features.

- `pFeatures` is a pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2 structure in which the physical device features are returned.

Each structure in `pFeatures` and its `pNext` chain contains members corresponding to fine-grained features. `vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures2` writes each member to a boolean value indicating whether that feature is supported.

The VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2 structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2 {
    VkStructureType            sType;
    void*                      pNext;
    VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures   features;
} VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- features is a VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures structure describing the fine-grained features of the Vulkan 1.0 API.

The pNext chain of this structure is used to extend the structure with features defined by extensions. This structure **can** be used in vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures2 or **can** be included in the pNext chain of a VkDeviceCreateInfo structure, in which case it controls which features are enabled in the device in lieu of pEnabledFeatures.

The VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures {
    VkBool32    robustBufferAccess;
    VkBool32    fullDrawIndexUint32;
    VkBool32    imageCubeArray;
    VkBool32    independentBlend;
    VkBool32    geometryShader;
    VkBool32    tessellationShader;
    VkBool32    sampleRateShading;
    VkBool32    dualSrcBlend;
    VkBool32    logicOp;
    VkBool32    multiDrawIndirect;
```

```
    VkBool32    drawIndirectFirstInstance;
    VkBool32    depthClamp;
    VkBool32    depthBiasClamp;
    VkBool32    fillModeNonSolid;
    VkBool32    depthBounds;
    VkBool32    wideLines;
    VkBool32    largePoints;
    VkBool32    alphaToOne;
    VkBool32    multiViewport;
    VkBool32    samplerAnisotropy;
    VkBool32    textureCompressionETC2;
    VkBool32    textureCompressionASTC_LDR;
    VkBool32    textureCompressionBC;
    VkBool32    occlusionQueryPrecise;
    VkBool32    pipelineStatisticsQuery;
    VkBool32    vertexPipelineStoresAndAtomics;
    VkBool32    fragmentStoresAndAtomics;
    VkBool32    shaderTessellationAndGeometryPointSize;
    VkBool32    shaderImageGatherExtended;
    VkBool32    shaderStorageImageExtendedFormats;
    VkBool32    shaderStorageImageMultisample;
    VkBool32    shaderStorageImageReadWithoutFormat;
    VkBool32    shaderStorageImageWriteWithoutFormat;
    VkBool32    shaderUniformBufferArrayDynamicIndexing;
    VkBool32    shaderSampledImageArrayDynamicIndexing;
    VkBool32    shaderStorageBufferArrayDynamicIndexing;
    VkBool32    shaderStorageImageArrayDynamicIndexing;
    VkBool32    shaderClipDistance;
    VkBool32    shaderCullDistance;
    VkBool32    shaderFloat64;
    VkBool32    shaderInt64;
    VkBool32    shaderInt16;
    VkBool32    shaderResourceResidency;
    VkBool32    shaderResourceMinLod;
    VkBool32    sparseBinding;
    VkBool32    sparseResidencyBuffer;
    VkBool32    sparseResidencyImage2D;
    VkBool32    sparseResidencyImage3D;
    VkBool32    sparseResidency2Samples;
    VkBool32    sparseResidency4Samples;
    VkBool32    sparseResidency8Samples;
    VkBool32    sparseResidency16Samples;
    VkBool32    sparseResidencyAliased;
    VkBool32    variableMultisampleRate;
    VkBool32    inheritedQueries;
} VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures;
```

This structure describes the following features:

- robustBufferAccess specifies that accesses to buffers are bounds-checked against the range of
  the buffer descriptor (as determined by VkDescriptorBufferInfo::range,

[VkBufferViewCreateInfo](#)::`range`, or the size of the buffer). Out of bounds accesses **must** not cause application termination, and the effects of shader loads, stores, and atomics **must** conform to an implementation-dependent behavior as described below.

- A buffer access is considered to be out of bounds if any of the following are true:

  - The pointer was formed by `OpImageTexelPointer` and the coordinate is less than zero or greater than or equal to the number of whole elements in the bound range.

  - The pointer was not formed by `OpImageTexelPointer` and the object pointed to is not wholly contained within the bound range. This includes accesses performed via *variable pointers* where the buffer descriptor being accessed cannot be statically determined. Uninitialized pointers and pointers equal to `OpConstantNull` are treated as pointing to a zero-sized object, so all accesses through such pointers are considered to be out of bounds.

    > **Note**
    >
    > If a SPIR-V `OpLoad` instruction loads a structure and the tail end of the structure is out of bounds, then all members of the structure are considered out of bounds even if the members at the end are not statically used.

  - If any buffer access is determined to be out of bounds, then any other access of the same type (load, store, or atomic) to the same buffer that accesses an address less than 16 bytes away from the out of bounds address **may** also be considered out of bounds.

  - If the access is a load that reads from the same memory locations as a prior store in the same shader invocation, with no other intervening accesses to the same memory locations in that shader invocation, then the result of the load **may** be the value stored by the store instruction, even if the access is out of bounds. If the load is `Volatile`, then an out of bounds load **must** return the appropriate out of bounds value.

- Out-of-bounds buffer loads will return any of the following values:

  - Values from anywhere within the memory range(s) bound to the buffer (possibly including bytes of memory past the end of the buffer, up to the end of the bound range).

  - Zero values, or (0,0,0,x) vectors for vector reads where x is a valid value represented in the type of the vector components and **may** be any of:

    - 0, 1, or the maximum representable positive integer value, for signed or unsigned integer components

    - 0.0 or 1.0, for floating-point components

- Out-of-bounds writes **may** modify values within the memory range(s) bound to the buffer, but **must** not modify any other memory.

- Out-of-bounds atomics **may** modify values within the memory range(s) bound to the buffer, but **must** not modify any other memory, and return an undefined value.

- Vertex input attributes are considered out of bounds if the offset of the attribute in the bound vertex buffer range plus the size of the attribute is greater than either:

  - `vertexBufferRangeSize`, if `bindingStride` == 0; or

- (`vertexBufferRangeSize` - (`vertexBufferRangeSize` % `bindingStride`))

  where `vertexBufferRangeSize` is the byte size of the memory range bound to the vertex buffer binding and `bindingStride` is the byte stride of the corresponding vertex input binding. Further, if any vertex input attribute using a specific vertex input binding is out of bounds, then all vertex input attributes using that vertex input binding for that vertex shader invocation are considered out of bounds.

  - If a vertex input attribute is out of bounds, it will be assigned one of the following values:

    - Values from anywhere within the memory range(s) bound to the buffer, converted according to the format of the attribute.

    - Zero values, format converted according to the format of the attribute.

    - Zero values, or (0,0,0,x) vectors, as described above.

  ○ If `robustBufferAccess` is not enabled, applications **must** not perform out of bounds accesses.

- `fullDrawIndexUint32` specifies the full 32-bit range of indices is supported for indexed draw calls when using a `VkIndexType` of `VK_INDEX_TYPE_UINT32`. `maxDrawIndexedIndexValue` is the maximum index value that **may** be used (aside from the primitive restart index, which is always 2^{32}-1 when the `VkIndexType` is `VK_INDEX_TYPE_UINT32`). If this feature is supported, `maxDrawIndexedIndexValue` **must** be 2^{32}-1; otherwise it **must** be no smaller than 2^{24}-1. See maxDrawIndexedIndexValue.

- `imageCubeArray` specifies whether image views with a `VkImageViewType` of `VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE_ARRAY` **can** be created, and that the corresponding `SampledCubeArray` and `ImageCubeArray` SPIR-V capabilities **can** be used in shader code.

- `independentBlend` specifies whether the `VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState` settings are controlled independently per-attachment. If this feature is not enabled, the `VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState` settings for all color attachments **must** be identical. Otherwise, a different `VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState` **can** be provided for each bound color attachment.

- `geometryShader` specifies whether geometry shaders are supported. If this feature is not enabled, the `VK_SHADER_STAGE_GEOMETRY_BIT` and `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT` enum values **must** not be used. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the `Geometry` capability.

- `tessellationShader` specifies whether tessellation control and evaluation shaders are supported. If this feature is not enabled, the `VK_SHADER_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_BIT`, `VK_SHADER_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_BIT`, `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_BIT`, `VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_BIT`, and `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_TESSELLATION_STATE_CREATE_INFO` enum values **must** not be used. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the `Tessellation` capability.

- `sampleRateShading` specifies whether Sample Shading and multisample interpolation are supported. If this feature is not enabled, the `sampleShadingEnable` member of the VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo structure **must** be set to `VK_FALSE` and the `minSampleShading` member is ignored. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the `SampleRateShading` capability.

- `dualSrcBlend` specifies whether blend operations which take two sources are supported. If this feature is not enabled, the `VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC1_COLOR`, `VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC1_COLOR`, `VK_BLEND_FACTOR_SRC1_ALPHA`, and `VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_SRC1_ALPHA` enum values **must** not be used as source or destination blending factors. See Dual-Source Blending.

- `logicOp` specifies whether logic operations are supported. If this feature is not enabled, the `logicOpEnable` member of the VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo structure **must** be set to `VK_FALSE`, and the `logicOp` member is ignored.

- `multiDrawIndirect` specifies whether multiple draw indirect is supported. If this feature is not enabled, the `drawCount` parameter to the `vkCmdDrawIndirect` and `vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect` commands **must** be 0 or 1. The `maxDrawIndirectCount` member of the VkPhysicalDeviceLimits structure **must** also be 1 if this feature is not supported. See maxDrawIndirectCount.

- `drawIndirectFirstInstance` specifies whether indirect drawing calls support the `firstInstance` parameter. If this feature is not enabled, the `firstInstance` member of all VkDrawIndirectCommand and VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand structures that are provided to the `vkCmdDrawIndirect` and `vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect` commands **must** be 0.

- `depthClamp` specifies whether depth clamping is supported. If this feature is not enabled, the `depthClampEnable` member of the VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo structure **must** be set to `VK_FALSE`. Otherwise, setting `depthClampEnable` to `VK_TRUE` will enable depth clamping.

- `depthBiasClamp` specifies whether depth bias clamping is supported. If this feature is not enabled, the `depthBiasClamp` member of the VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo structure **must** be set to 0.0 unless the `VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_DEPTH_BIAS` dynamic state is enabled, and the `depthBiasClamp` parameter to `vkCmdSetDepthBias` **must** be set to 0.0.

- `fillModeNonSolid` specifies whether point and wireframe fill modes are supported. If this feature is not enabled, the `VK_POLYGON_MODE_POINT` and `VK_POLYGON_MODE_LINE` enum values **must** not be used.

- `depthBounds` specifies whether depth bounds tests are supported. If this feature is not enabled, the `depthBoundsTestEnable` member of the VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo structure **must** be set to `VK_FALSE`. When `depthBoundsTestEnable` is set to `VK_FALSE`, the `minDepthBounds` and `maxDepthBounds` members of the VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo structure are ignored.

- `wideLines` specifies whether lines with width other than 1.0 are supported. If this feature is not enabled, the `lineWidth` member of the VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo structure **must** be set to 1.0 unless the `VK_DYNAMIC_STATE_LINE_WIDTH` dynamic state is enabled, and the `lineWidth` parameter to `vkCmdSetLineWidth` **must** be set to 1.0. When this feature is supported, the range and granularity of supported line widths are indicated by the `lineWidthRange` and `lineWidthGranularity` members of the VkPhysicalDeviceLimits structure, respectively.

- `largePoints` specifies whether points with size greater than 1.0 are supported. If this feature is not enabled, only a point size of 1.0 written by a shader is supported. The range and granularity of supported point sizes are indicated by the `pointSizeRange` and `pointSizeGranularity` members of the VkPhysicalDeviceLimits structure, respectively.

- `alphaToOne` specifies whether the implementation is able to replace the alpha value of the fragment shader color output in the Multisample Coverage fragment operation. If this feature is not enabled, then the `alphaToOneEnable` member of the VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo structure **must** be set to `VK_FALSE`. Otherwise setting `alphaToOneEnable` to `VK_TRUE` will enable alpha-to-one behavior.

- `multiViewport` specifies whether more than one viewport is supported. If this feature is not enabled:

  - The `viewportCount` and `scissorCount` members of the VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo structure **must** be set to 1.

  - The `firstViewport` and `viewportCount` parameters to the `vkCmdSetViewport` command **must** be set to 0 and 1, respectively.

  - The `firstScissor` and `scissorCount` parameters to the `vkCmdSetScissor` command **must** be set to 0 and 1, respectively.

- `samplerAnisotropy` specifies whether anisotropic filtering is supported. If this feature is not enabled, the `anisotropyEnable` member of the VkSamplerCreateInfo structure **must** be `VK_FALSE`.

- `textureCompressionETC2` specifies whether all of the ETC2 and EAC compressed texture formats are supported. If this feature is enabled, then the `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT`, `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT` and `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT` features **must** be supported in `optimalTilingFeatures` for the following formats:

  - `VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8_UNORM_BLOCK`

  - `VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8_SRGB_BLOCK`

  - `VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A1_UNORM_BLOCK`

  - `VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A1_SRGB_BLOCK`

  - `VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A8_UNORM_BLOCK`

  - `VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A8_SRGB_BLOCK`

  - `VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11_UNORM_BLOCK`

  - `VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11_SNORM_BLOCK`

  - `VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11G11_UNORM_BLOCK`

  - `VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11G11_SNORM_BLOCK`

  To query for additional properties, or if the feature is not enabled, vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties and vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties **can** be used to check for supported properties of individual formats as normal.

- `textureCompressionASTC_LDR` specifies whether all of the ASTC LDR compressed texture formats are supported. If this feature is enabled, then the `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT`, `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT` and `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT` features **must** be supported in `optimalTilingFeatures` for the following formats:

  - `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_4x4_UNORM_BLOCK`

  - `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_4x4_SRGB_BLOCK`

  - `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x4_UNORM_BLOCK`

  - `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x4_SRGB_BLOCK`

  - `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x5_UNORM_BLOCK`

  - `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x5_SRGB_BLOCK`

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x5_UNORM_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x5_SRGB_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x6_UNORM_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x6_SRGB_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x5_UNORM_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x5_SRGB_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x6_UNORM_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x6_SRGB_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x8_UNORM_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x8_SRGB_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x5_UNORM_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x5_SRGB_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x6_UNORM_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x6_SRGB_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x8_UNORM_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x8_SRGB_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x10_UNORM_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x10_SRGB_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x10_UNORM_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x10_SRGB_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x12_UNORM_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x12_SRGB_BLOCK

To query for additional properties, or if the feature is not enabled, vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties and vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties **can** be used to check for supported properties of individual formats as normal.

- textureCompressionBC specifies whether all of the BC compressed texture formats are supported. If this feature is enabled, then the VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT, VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT and VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT features **must** be supported in optimalTilingFeatures for the following formats:

  - VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGB_UNORM_BLOCK

  - VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGB_SRGB_BLOCK

  - VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGBA_UNORM_BLOCK

  - VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGBA_SRGB_BLOCK

  - VK_FORMAT_BC2_UNORM_BLOCK

  - VK_FORMAT_BC2_SRGB_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_BC3_UNORM_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_BC3_SRGB_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_BC4_UNORM_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_BC4_SNORM_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_BC5_UNORM_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_BC5_SNORM_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_BC6H_UFLOAT_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_BC6H_SFLOAT_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_BC7_UNORM_BLOCK

- VK_FORMAT_BC7_SRGB_BLOCK

To query for additional properties, or if the feature is not enabled, vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties and vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties **can** be used to check for supported properties of individual formats as normal.

- occlusionQueryPrecise specifies whether occlusion queries returning actual sample counts are supported. Occlusion queries are created in a VkQueryPool by specifying the queryType of VK_QUERY_TYPE_OCCLUSION in the VkQueryPoolCreateInfo structure which is passed to vkCreateQueryPool. If this feature is enabled, queries of this type **can** enable VK_QUERY_CONTROL_PRECISE_BIT in the flags parameter to vkCmdBeginQuery. If this feature is not supported, the implementation supports only boolean occlusion queries. When any samples are passed, boolean queries will return a non-zero result value, otherwise a result value of zero is returned. When this feature is enabled and VK_QUERY_CONTROL_PRECISE_BIT is set, occlusion queries will report the actual number of samples passed.

- pipelineStatisticsQuery specifies whether the pipeline statistics queries are supported. If this feature is not enabled, queries of type VK_QUERY_TYPE_PIPELINE_STATISTICS **cannot** be created, and none of the VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlagBits bits **can** be set in the pipelineStatistics member of the VkQueryPoolCreateInfo structure.

- vertexPipelineStoresAndAtomics specifies whether storage buffers and images support stores and atomic operations in the vertex, tessellation, and geometry shader stages. If this feature is not enabled, all storage image, storage texel buffer, and storage buffer variables used by these stages in shader modules **must** be decorated with the NonWritable decoration (or the readonly memory qualifier in GLSL).

- fragmentStoresAndAtomics specifies whether storage buffers and images support stores and atomic operations in the fragment shader stage. If this feature is not enabled, all storage image, storage texel buffer, and storage buffer variables used by the fragment stage in shader modules **must** be decorated with the NonWritable decoration (or the readonly memory qualifier in GLSL).

- shaderTessellationAndGeometryPointSize specifies whether the PointSize built-in decoration is available in the tessellation control, tessellation evaluation, and geometry shader stages. If this feature is not enabled, members decorated with the PointSize built-in decoration **must** not be read from or written to and all points written from a tessellation or geometry shader will have a size of 1.0. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the TessellationPointSize capability for tessellation control and evaluation shaders, or if the shader modules **can** declare

the `GeometryPointSize` capability for geometry shaders. An implementation supporting this feature **must** also support one or both of the `tessellationShader` or `geometryShader` features.

- `shaderImageGatherExtended` specifies whether the extended set of image gather instructions are available in shader code. If this feature is not enabled, the `OpImage*Gather` instructions do not support the `Offset` and `ConstOffsets` operands. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the `ImageGatherExtended` capability.

- `shaderStorageImageExtendedFormats` specifies whether all the "storage image extended formats" below are supported; if this feature is supported, then the `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT` **must** be supported in `optimalTilingFeatures` for the following formats:

  - `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SFLOAT`
  - `VK_FORMAT_B10G11R11_UFLOAT_PACK32`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R16_SFLOAT`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_UNORM`
  - `VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_UNORM_PACK32`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_UNORM`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R8G8_UNORM`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R16_UNORM`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SNORM`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SNORM`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SNORM`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R16_SNORM`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R8_SNORM`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SINT`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SINT`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R16_SINT`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R8_SINT`
  - `VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_UINT_PACK32`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_UINT`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R8G8_UINT`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R16_UINT`
  - `VK_FORMAT_R8_UINT`

Note

shaderStorageImageExtendedFormats feature only adds a guarantee of format support, which is specified for the whole physical device. Therefore enabling or disabling the feature via vkCreateDevice has no practical effect.

To query for additional properties, or if the feature is not supported, vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties and vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties **can** be used to check for supported properties of individual formats, as usual rules allow.

VK_FORMAT_R32G32_UINT, VK_FORMAT_R32G32_SINT, and VK_FORMAT_R32G32_SFLOAT from StorageImageExtendedFormats SPIR-V capability, are already covered by core Vulkan mandatory format support.

- shaderStorageImageMultisample specifies whether multisampled storage images are supported. If this feature is not enabled, images that are created with a usage that includes VK_IMAGE_USAGE_STORAGE_BIT **must** be created with samples equal to VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the StorageImageMultisample and ImageMSArray capabilities.

- shaderStorageImageReadWithoutFormat specifies whether storage images require a format qualifier to be specified when reading.

- shaderStorageImageWriteWithoutFormat specifies whether storage images require a format qualifier to be specified when writing.

- shaderUniformBufferArrayDynamicIndexing specifies whether arrays of uniform buffers **can** be indexed by *dynamically uniform* integer expressions in shader code. If this feature is not enabled, resources with a descriptor type of VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC **must** be indexed only by constant integral expressions when aggregated into arrays in shader code. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the UniformBufferArrayDynamicIndexing capability.

- shaderSampledImageArrayDynamicIndexing specifies whether arrays of samplers or sampled images **can** be indexed by dynamically uniform integer expressions in shader code. If this feature is not enabled, resources with a descriptor type of VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER, VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER, or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE **must** be indexed only by constant integral expressions when aggregated into arrays in shader code. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the SampledImageArrayDynamicIndexing capability.

- shaderStorageBufferArrayDynamicIndexing specifies whether arrays of storage buffers **can** be indexed by dynamically uniform integer expressions in shader code. If this feature is not enabled, resources with a descriptor type of VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER or VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC **must** be indexed only by constant integral expressions when aggregated into arrays in shader code. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the StorageBufferArrayDynamicIndexing capability.

- shaderStorageImageArrayDynamicIndexing specifies whether arrays of storage images **can** be indexed by dynamically uniform integer expressions in shader code. If this feature is not enabled, resources with a descriptor type of VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE **must** be indexed

only by constant integral expressions when aggregated into arrays in shader code. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the `StorageImageArrayDynamicIndexing` capability.

- `shaderClipDistance` specifies whether clip distances are supported in shader code. If this feature is not enabled, any members decorated with the `ClipDistance` built-in decoration **must** not be read from or written to in shader modules. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the `ClipDistance` capability.

- `shaderCullDistance` specifies whether cull distances are supported in shader code. If this feature is not enabled, any members decorated with the `CullDistance` built-in decoration **must** not be read from or written to in shader modules. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the `CullDistance` capability.

- `shaderFloat64` specifies whether 64-bit floats (doubles) are supported in shader code. If this feature is not enabled, 64-bit floating-point types **must** not be used in shader code. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the `Float64` capability. Declaring and using 64-bit floats is enabled for all storage classes that SPIR-V allows with the `Float64` capability.

- `shaderInt64` specifies whether 64-bit integers (signed and unsigned) are supported in shader code. If this feature is not enabled, 64-bit integer types **must** not be used in shader code. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the `Int64` capability. Declaring and using 64-bit integers is enabled for all storage classes that SPIR-V allows with the `Int64` capability.

- `shaderInt16` specifies whether 16-bit integers (signed and unsigned) are supported in shader code. If this feature is not enabled, 16-bit integer types **must** not be used in shader code. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the `Int16` capability. However, this only enables a subset of the storage classes that SPIR-V allows for the `Int16` SPIR-V capability: Declaring and using 16-bit integers in the `Private`, `Workgroup`, and `Function` storage classes is enabled, while declaring them in the interface storage classes (e.g., `UniformConstant`, `Uniform`, `StorageBuffer`, `Input`, `Output`, and `PushConstant`) is not enabled.

- `shaderResourceResidency` specifies whether image operations that return resource residency information are supported in shader code. If this feature is not enabled, the `OpImageSparse*` instructions **must** not be used in shader code. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the `SparseResidency` capability. The feature requires at least one of the `sparseResidency*` features to be supported.

- `shaderResourceMinLod` specifies whether image operations specifying the minimum resource LOD are supported in shader code. If this feature is not enabled, the `MinLod` image operand **must** not be used in shader code. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the `MinLod` capability.

- `sparseBinding` specifies whether resource memory **can** be managed at opaque sparse block level instead of at the object level. If this feature is not enabled, resource memory **must** be bound only on a per-object basis using the `vkBindBufferMemory` and `vkBindImageMemory` commands. In this case, buffers and images **must** not be created with `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` and `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT` set in the `flags` member of the VkBufferCreateInfo and VkImageCreateInfo structures, respectively. Otherwise resource memory **can** be managed as described in Sparse Resource Features.

- `sparseResidencyBuffer` specifies whether the device **can** access partially resident buffers. If this feature is not enabled, buffers **must** not be created with `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` set in the `flags` member of the VkBufferCreateInfo structure.

- `sparseResidencyImage2D` specifies whether the device **can** access partially resident 2D images with 1 sample per pixel. If this feature is not enabled, images with an `imageType` of `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D` and `samples` set to `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT` **must** not be created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` set in the `flags` member of the VkImageCreateInfo structure.

- `sparseResidencyImage3D` specifies whether the device **can** access partially resident 3D images. If this feature is not enabled, images with an `imageType` of `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D` **must** not be created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` set in the `flags` member of the VkImageCreateInfo structure.

- `sparseResidency2Samples` specifies whether the physical device **can** access partially resident 2D images with 2 samples per pixel. If this feature is not enabled, images with an `imageType` of `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D` and `samples` set to `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_2_BIT` **must** not be created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` set in the `flags` member of the VkImageCreateInfo structure.

- `sparseResidency4Samples` specifies whether the physical device **can** access partially resident 2D images with 4 samples per pixel. If this feature is not enabled, images with an `imageType` of `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D` and `samples` set to `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_4_BIT` **must** not be created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` set in the `flags` member of the VkImageCreateInfo structure.

- `sparseResidency8Samples` specifies whether the physical device **can** access partially resident 2D images with 8 samples per pixel. If this feature is not enabled, images with an `imageType` of `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D` and `samples` set to `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_8_BIT` **must** not be created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` set in the `flags` member of the VkImageCreateInfo structure.

- `sparseResidency16Samples` specifies whether the physical device **can** access partially resident 2D images with 16 samples per pixel. If this feature is not enabled, images with an `imageType` of `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D` and `samples` set to `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_16_BIT` **must** not be created with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT` set in the `flags` member of the VkImageCreateInfo structure.

- `sparseResidencyAliased` specifies whether the physical device **can** correctly access data aliased into multiple locations. If this feature is not enabled, the `VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT` and `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT` enum values **must** not be used in `flags` members of the VkBufferCreateInfo and VkImageCreateInfo structures, respectively.

- `variableMultisampleRate` specifies whether all pipelines that will be bound to a command buffer during a subpass which uses no attachments **must** have the same value for VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo::`rasterizationSamples`. If set to `VK_TRUE`, the implementation supports variable multisample rates in a subpass which uses no attachments. If set to `VK_FALSE`, then all pipelines bound in such a subpass **must** have the same multisample rate. This has no effect in situations where a subpass uses any attachments.

- `inheritedQueries` specifies whether a secondary command buffer **may** be executed while a query is active.

The `VkPhysicalDeviceVariablePointersFeatures` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceVariablePointersFeatures {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    void*              pNext;
    VkBool32           variablePointersStorageBuffer;
    VkBool32           variablePointers;
} VkPhysicalDeviceVariablePointersFeatures;
```

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef VkPhysicalDeviceVariablePointersFeatures
VkPhysicalDeviceVariablePointerFeatures;
```

This structure describes the following features:

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `variablePointersStorageBuffer` specifies whether the implementation supports the SPIR-V `VariablePointersStorageBuffer` capability. When this feature is not enabled, shader modules **must** not declare the `SPV_KHR_variable_pointers` extension or the `VariablePointersStorageBuffer` capability.

- `variablePointers` specifies whether the implementation supports the SPIR-V `VariablePointers` capability. When this feature is not enabled, shader modules **must** not declare the `VariablePointers` capability.

If the `VkPhysicalDeviceVariablePointersFeatures` structure is included in the `pNext` chain of the `VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2` structure passed to `vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures2`, it is filled in to indicate whether each corresponding feature is supported. `VkPhysicalDeviceVariablePointersFeatures` **can** also be used in the `pNext` chain of `VkDeviceCreateInfo` to selectively enable these features.

Valid Usage

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceVariablePointersFeatures-variablePointers-01431
  If `variablePointers` is enabled then `variablePointersStorageBuffer` **must** also be enabled

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceVariablePointersFeatures-sType-sType
  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_VARIABLE_POINTERS_FEATURES`

The `VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewFeatures` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewFeatures {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    void*              pNext;
    VkBool32           multiview;
    VkBool32           multiviewGeometryShader;
    VkBool32           multiviewTessellationShader;
} VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewFeatures;
```

This structure describes the following features:

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `multiview` specifies whether the implementation supports multiview rendering within a render pass. If this feature is not enabled, the view mask of each subpass **must** always be zero.

- `multiviewGeometryShader` specifies whether the implementation supports multiview rendering within a render pass, with geometry shaders. If this feature is not enabled, then a pipeline compiled against a subpass with a non-zero view mask **must** not include a geometry shader.

- `multiviewTessellationShader` specifies whether the implementation supports multiview rendering within a render pass, with tessellation shaders. If this feature is not enabled, then a pipeline compiled against a subpass with a non-zero view mask **must** not include any tessellation shaders.

If the `VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewFeatures` structure is included in the `pNext` chain of the `VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2` structure passed to `vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures2`, it is filled in to indicate whether each corresponding feature is supported. `VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewFeatures` **can** also be used in the `pNext` chain of `VkDeviceCreateInfo` to selectively enable these features.

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Valid Usage

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewFeatures-multiviewGeometryShader-00580
  If `multiviewGeometryShader` is enabled then `multiview` **must** also be enabled

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewFeatures-multiviewTessellationShader-00581
  If `multiviewTessellationShader` is enabled then `multiview` **must** also be enabled

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewFeatures-sType-sType
  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_MULTIVIEW_FEATURES`

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The VkPhysicalDevice16BitStorageFeatures structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDevice16BitStorageFeatures {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    void*              pNext;
    VkBool32           storageBuffer16BitAccess;
    VkBool32           uniformAndStorageBuffer16BitAccess;
    VkBool32           storagePushConstant16;
    VkBool32           storageInputOutput16;
} VkPhysicalDevice16BitStorageFeatures;
```

This structure describes the following features:

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `storageBuffer16BitAccess` specifies whether objects in the `StorageBuffer`, storage class with the `Block` decoration **can** have 16-bit integer and 16-bit floating-point members. If this feature is not enabled, 16-bit integer or 16-bit floating-point members **must** not be used in such objects. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the `StorageBuffer16BitAccess` capability.

- `uniformAndStorageBuffer16BitAccess` specifies whether objects in the `Uniform` storage class with the `Block` decoration **can** have 16-bit integer and 16-bit floating-point members. If this feature is not enabled, 16-bit integer or 16-bit floating-point members **must** not be used in such objects. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the `UniformAndStorageBuffer16BitAccess` capability.

- `storagePushConstant16` specifies whether objects in the `PushConstant` storage class **can** have 16-bit integer and 16-bit floating-point members. If this feature is not enabled, 16-bit integer or floating-point members **must** not be used in such objects. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the `StoragePushConstant16` capability.

- `storageInputOutput16` specifies whether objects in the `Input` and `Output` storage classes **can** have 16-bit integer and 16-bit floating-point members. If this feature is not enabled, 16-bit integer or 16-bit floating-point members **must** not be used in such objects. This also specifies whether shader modules **can** declare the `StorageInputOutput16` capability.

If the `VkPhysicalDevice16BitStorageFeatures` structure is included in the `pNext` chain of the VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2 structure passed to vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures2, it is filled in to indicate whether each corresponding feature is supported. `VkPhysicalDevice16BitStorageFeatures` **can** also be used in the `pNext` chain of VkDeviceCreateInfo to selectively enable these features.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPhysicalDevice16BitStorageFeatures-sType-sType
  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_16BIT_STORAGE_FEATURES`

The `VkPhysicalDeviceSamplerYcbcrConversionFeatures` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceSamplerYcbcrConversionFeatures {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    void*              pNext;
    VkBool32           samplerYcbcrConversion;
} VkPhysicalDeviceSamplerYcbcrConversionFeatures;
```

This structure describes the following feature:

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `samplerYcbcrConversion` specifies whether the implementation supports sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion. If `samplerYcbcrConversion` is `VK_FALSE`, sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion is not supported, and samplers using sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion **must** not be used.

If the `VkPhysicalDeviceSamplerYcbcrConversionFeatures` structure is included in the `pNext` chain of the VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2 structure passed to vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures2, it is filled in to indicate whether each corresponding feature is supported. `VkPhysicalDeviceSamplerYcbcrConversionFeatures` **can** also be used in the `pNext` chain of VkDeviceCreateInfo to selectively enable these features.

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

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- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceSamplerYcbcrConversionFeatures-sType-sType
  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_SAMPLER_YCBCR_CONVERSION_FEATURES

The `VkPhysicalDeviceProtectedMemoryFeatures` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceProtectedMemoryFeatures {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    void*              pNext;
    VkBool32           protectedMemory;
} VkPhysicalDeviceProtectedMemoryFeatures;
```

This structure describes the following feature:

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `protectedMemory` specifies whether protected memory is supported.

If the `VkPhysicalDeviceProtectedMemoryFeatures` structure is included in the `pNext` chain of the VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2 structure passed to vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures2, it is filled in to indicate whether each corresponding feature is supported.

VkPhysicalDeviceProtectedMemoryFeatures **can** also be used in the pNext chain of VkDeviceCreateInfo to selectively enable these features.

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceProtectedMemoryFeatures-sType-sType

    sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_PROTECTED_MEMORY_FEATURES

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The VkPhysicalDeviceShaderDrawParametersFeatures structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceShaderDrawParametersFeatures {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    void*              pNext;
    VkBool32           shaderDrawParameters;
} VkPhysicalDeviceShaderDrawParametersFeatures;
```

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef VkPhysicalDeviceShaderDrawParametersFeatures
VkPhysicalDeviceShaderDrawParameterFeatures;
```

This structure describes the following feature:

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- shaderDrawParameters specifies whether the implementation supports the SPIR-V DrawParameters capability. When this feature is not enabled, shader modules **must** not declare the SPV_KHR_shader_draw_parameters extension or the DrawParameters capability.

If the VkPhysicalDeviceShaderDrawParametersFeatures structure is included in the pNext chain of the VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2 structure passed to vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures2, it is filled in to indicate whether each corresponding feature is supported. VkPhysicalDeviceShaderDrawParametersFeatures **can** also be used in the pNext chain of VkDeviceCreateInfo to selectively enable these features.

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceShaderDrawParametersFeatures-sType-sType

    sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_SHADER_DRAW_PARAMETERS_FEATURES

</div>

nullDescriptor support requires the VK_EXT_robustness2 extension.

31.1. Feature Requirements

All Vulkan graphics implementations **must** support the following features:

- `robustBufferAccess`

- `multiview`, if Vulkan 1.1 is supported.

- `storageBuffer16BitAccess`, if `uniformAndStorageBuffer16BitAccess` is enabled.

All other features defined in the Specification are **optional**.

Chapter 32. Limits

Limits are implementation-dependent minimums, maximums, and other device characteristics that an application **may** need to be aware of.

> *Note*
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> Limits are reported via the basic VkPhysicalDeviceLimits structure as well as the extensible structure VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2, which was added in VK_KHR_get_physical_device_properties2 and included in Vulkan 1.1. When limits are added in future Vulkan versions or extensions, each extension **should** introduce one new limit structure, if needed. This structure **can** be added to the pNext chain of the VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2 structure.

The VkPhysicalDeviceLimits structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceLimits {
    uint32_t              maxImageDimension1D;
    uint32_t              maxImageDimension2D;
    uint32_t              maxImageDimension3D;
    uint32_t              maxImageDimensionCube;
    uint32_t              maxImageArrayLayers;
    uint32_t              maxTexelBufferElements;
    uint32_t              maxUniformBufferRange;
    uint32_t              maxStorageBufferRange;
    uint32_t              maxPushConstantsSize;
    uint32_t              maxMemoryAllocationCount;
    uint32_t              maxSamplerAllocationCount;
    VkDeviceSize          bufferImageGranularity;
    VkDeviceSize          sparseAddressSpaceSize;
    uint32_t              maxBoundDescriptorSets;
    uint32_t              maxPerStageDescriptorSamplers;
    uint32_t              maxPerStageDescriptorUniformBuffers;
    uint32_t              maxPerStageDescriptorStorageBuffers;
    uint32_t              maxPerStageDescriptorSampledImages;
    uint32_t              maxPerStageDescriptorStorageImages;
    uint32_t              maxPerStageDescriptorInputAttachments;
    uint32_t              maxPerStageResources;
    uint32_t              maxDescriptorSetSamplers;
    uint32_t              maxDescriptorSetUniformBuffers;
    uint32_t              maxDescriptorSetUniformBuffersDynamic;
    uint32_t              maxDescriptorSetStorageBuffers;
    uint32_t              maxDescriptorSetStorageBuffersDynamic;
    uint32_t              maxDescriptorSetSampledImages;
    uint32_t              maxDescriptorSetStorageImages;
    uint32_t              maxDescriptorSetInputAttachments;
    uint32_t              maxVertexInputAttributes;
    uint32_t              maxVertexInputBindings;
    uint32_t              maxVertexInputAttributeOffset;
```

```
    uint32_t              maxVertexInputBindingStride;
    uint32_t              maxVertexOutputComponents;
    uint32_t              maxTessellationGenerationLevel;
    uint32_t              maxTessellationPatchSize;
    uint32_t              maxTessellationControlPerVertexInputComponents;
    uint32_t              maxTessellationControlPerVertexOutputComponents;
    uint32_t              maxTessellationControlPerPatchOutputComponents;
    uint32_t              maxTessellationControlTotalOutputComponents;
    uint32_t              maxTessellationEvaluationInputComponents;
    uint32_t              maxTessellationEvaluationOutputComponents;
    uint32_t              maxGeometryShaderInvocations;
    uint32_t              maxGeometryInputComponents;
    uint32_t              maxGeometryOutputComponents;
    uint32_t              maxGeometryOutputVertices;
    uint32_t              maxGeometryTotalOutputComponents;
    uint32_t              maxFragmentInputComponents;
    uint32_t              maxFragmentOutputAttachments;
    uint32_t              maxFragmentDualSrcAttachments;
    uint32_t              maxFragmentCombinedOutputResources;
    uint32_t              maxComputeSharedMemorySize;
    uint32_t              maxComputeWorkGroupCount[3];
    uint32_t              maxComputeWorkGroupInvocations;
    uint32_t              maxComputeWorkGroupSize[3];
    uint32_t              subPixelPrecisionBits;
    uint32_t              subTexelPrecisionBits;
    uint32_t              mipmapPrecisionBits;
    uint32_t              maxDrawIndexedIndexValue;
    uint32_t              maxDrawIndirectCount;
    float                 maxSamplerLodBias;
    float                 maxSamplerAnisotropy;
    uint32_t              maxViewports;
    uint32_t              maxViewportDimensions[2];
    float                 viewportBoundsRange[2];
    uint32_t              viewportSubPixelBits;
    size_t                minMemoryMapAlignment;
    VkDeviceSize          minTexelBufferOffsetAlignment;
    VkDeviceSize          minUniformBufferOffsetAlignment;
    VkDeviceSize          minStorageBufferOffsetAlignment;
    int32_t               minTexelOffset;
    uint32_t              maxTexelOffset;
    int32_t               minTexelGatherOffset;
    uint32_t              maxTexelGatherOffset;
    float                 minInterpolationOffset;
    float                 maxInterpolationOffset;
    uint32_t              subPixelInterpolationOffsetBits;
    uint32_t              maxFramebufferWidth;
    uint32_t              maxFramebufferHeight;
    uint32_t              maxFramebufferLayers;
    VkSampleCountFlags    framebufferColorSampleCounts;
    VkSampleCountFlags    framebufferDepthSampleCounts;
    VkSampleCountFlags    framebufferStencilSampleCounts;
```

```
    VkSampleCountFlags    framebufferNoAttachmentsSampleCounts;
    uint32_t              maxColorAttachments;
    VkSampleCountFlags    sampledImageColorSampleCounts;
    VkSampleCountFlags    sampledImageIntegerSampleCounts;
    VkSampleCountFlags    sampledImageDepthSampleCounts;
    VkSampleCountFlags    sampledImageStencilSampleCounts;
    VkSampleCountFlags    storageImageSampleCounts;
    uint32_t              maxSampleMaskWords;
    VkBool32              timestampComputeAndGraphics;
    float                 timestampPeriod;
    uint32_t              maxClipDistances;
    uint32_t              maxCullDistances;
    uint32_t              maxCombinedClipAndCullDistances;
    uint32_t              discreteQueuePriorities;
    float                 pointSizeRange[2];
    float                 lineWidthRange[2];
    float                 pointSizeGranularity;
    float                 lineWidthGranularity;
    VkBool32              strictLines;
    VkBool32              standardSampleLocations;
    VkDeviceSize          optimalBufferCopyOffsetAlignment;
    VkDeviceSize          optimalBufferCopyRowPitchAlignment;
    VkDeviceSize          nonCoherentAtomSize;
} VkPhysicalDeviceLimits;
```

The `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits` are properties of the physical device. These are available in the `limits` member of the VkPhysicalDeviceProperties structure which is returned from vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties.

- `maxImageDimension1D` is the largest dimension (`width`) that is guaranteed to be supported for all images created with an `imageType` of `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D`. Some combinations of image parameters (format, usage, etc.) **may** allow support for larger dimensions, which **can** be queried using vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties.

- `maxImageDimension2D` is the largest dimension (`width` or `height`) that is guaranteed to be supported for all images created with an `imageType` of `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D` and without `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_CUBE_COMPATIBLE_BIT` set in `flags`. Some combinations of image parameters (format, usage, etc.) **may** allow support for larger dimensions, which **can** be queried using vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties.

- `maxImageDimension3D` is the largest dimension (`width`, `height`, or `depth`) that is guaranteed to be supported for all images created with an `imageType` of `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D`. Some combinations of image parameters (format, usage, etc.) **may** allow support for larger dimensions, which **can** be queried using vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties.

- `maxImageDimensionCube` is the largest dimension (`width` or `height`) that is guaranteed to be supported for all images created with an `imageType` of `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D` and with `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_CUBE_COMPATIBLE_BIT` set in `flags`. Some combinations of image parameters (format, usage, etc.) **may** allow support for larger dimensions, which **can** be queried using vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties.

- `maxImageArrayLayers` is the maximum number of layers (`arrayLayers`) for an image.

- `maxTexelBufferElements` is the maximum number of addressable texels for a buffer view created on a buffer which was created with the `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT` or `VK_BUFFER_USAGE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT` set in the `usage` member of the VkBufferCreateInfo structure.

- `maxUniformBufferRange` is the maximum value that **can** be specified in the `range` member of a VkDescriptorBufferInfo structure passed to vkUpdateDescriptorSets for descriptors of type `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC`.

- `maxStorageBufferRange` is the maximum value that **can** be specified in the `range` member of a VkDescriptorBufferInfo structure passed to vkUpdateDescriptorSets for descriptors of type `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC`.

- `maxPushConstantsSize` is the maximum size, in bytes, of the pool of push constant memory. For each of the push constant ranges indicated by the `pPushConstantRanges` member of the VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo structure, (`offset` + `size`) **must** be less than or equal to this limit.

- `maxMemoryAllocationCount` is the maximum number of device memory allocations, as created by vkAllocateMemory, which **can** simultaneously exist.

- `maxSamplerAllocationCount` is the maximum number of sampler objects, as created by vkCreateSampler, which **can** simultaneously exist on a device.

- `bufferImageGranularity` is the granularity, in bytes, at which buffer or linear image resources, and optimal image resources **can** be bound to adjacent offsets in the same `VkDeviceMemory` object without aliasing. See Buffer-Image Granularity for more details.

- `sparseAddressSpaceSize` is the total amount of address space available, in bytes, for sparse memory resources. This is an upper bound on the sum of the sizes of all sparse resources, regardless of whether any memory is bound to them.

- `maxBoundDescriptorSets` is the maximum number of descriptor sets that **can** be simultaneously used by a pipeline. All `DescriptorSet` decorations in shader modules **must** have a value less than `maxBoundDescriptorSets`. See Descriptor Sets.

- `maxPerStageDescriptorSamplers` is the maximum number of samplers that **can** be accessible to a single shader stage in a pipeline layout. Descriptors with a type of `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER` count against this limit. A descriptor is accessible to a shader stage when the `stageFlags` member of the `VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding` structure has the bit for that shader stage set. See Sampler and Combined Image Sampler.

- `maxPerStageDescriptorUniformBuffers` is the maximum number of uniform buffers that **can** be accessible to a single shader stage in a pipeline layout. Descriptors with a type of `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC` count against this limit. A descriptor is accessible to a shader stage when the `stageFlags` member of the `VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding` structure has the bit for that shader stage set. See Uniform Buffer and Dynamic Uniform Buffer.

- `maxPerStageDescriptorStorageBuffers` is the maximum number of storage buffers that **can** be accessible to a single shader stage in a pipeline layout. Descriptors with a type of `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC` count against this limit. A descriptor is accessible to a pipeline shader stage when the `stageFlags` member of the `VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding` structure has the bit for that shader stage set. See Storage Buffer and Dynamic Storage Buffer.

- `maxPerStageDescriptorSampledImages` is the maximum number of sampled images that **can** be accessible to a single shader stage in a pipeline layout. Descriptors with a type of `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER`, `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE`, or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER` count against this limit. A descriptor is accessible to a pipeline shader stage when the `stageFlags` member of the `VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding` structure has the bit for that shader stage set. See Combined Image Sampler, Sampled Image, and Uniform Texel Buffer.

- `maxPerStageDescriptorStorageImages` is the maximum number of storage images that **can** be accessible to a single shader stage in a pipeline layout. Descriptors with a type of `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE`, or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER` count against this limit. A descriptor is accessible to a pipeline shader stage when the `stageFlags` member of the `VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding` structure has the bit for that shader stage set. See Storage Image, and Storage Texel Buffer.

- `maxPerStageDescriptorInputAttachments` is the maximum number of input attachments that **can** be accessible to a single shader stage in a pipeline layout. Descriptors with a type of `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT` count against this limit. A descriptor is accessible to a pipeline shader stage when the `stageFlags` member of the `VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding` structure has the bit for that shader stage set. These are only supported for the fragment stage. See Input Attachment.

- `maxPerStageResources` is the maximum number of resources that **can** be accessible to a single shader stage in a pipeline layout. Descriptors with a type of `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER`, `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE`, `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE`, `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER`, `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER`, `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER`, `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER`, `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC`, `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC`, or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT` count against this limit. For the fragment shader stage the framebuffer color attachments also count against this limit.

- `maxDescriptorSetSamplers` is the maximum number of samplers that **can** be included in a pipeline layout. Descriptors with a type of `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER` count against this limit. See Sampler and Combined Image Sampler.

- `maxDescriptorSetUniformBuffers` is the maximum number of uniform buffers that **can** be included in a pipeline layout. Descriptors with a type of `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC` count against this limit. See Uniform Buffer and Dynamic Uniform Buffer.

- `maxDescriptorSetUniformBuffersDynamic` is the maximum number of dynamic uniform buffers that **can** be included in a pipeline layout. Descriptors with a type of `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC` count against this limit. See Dynamic Uniform Buffer.

- `maxDescriptorSetStorageBuffers` is the maximum number of storage buffers that **can** be included in a pipeline layout. Descriptors with a type of `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC` count against this limit. See Storage Buffer and Dynamic Storage Buffer.

- `maxDescriptorSetStorageBuffersDynamic` is the maximum number of dynamic storage buffers that

can be included in a pipeline layout. Descriptors with a type of `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC` count against this limit. See Dynamic Storage Buffer.

- `maxDescriptorSetSampledImages` is the maximum number of sampled images that **can** be included in a pipeline layout. Descriptors with a type of `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER`, `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE`, or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER` count against this limit. See Combined Image Sampler, Sampled Image, and Uniform Texel Buffer.

- `maxDescriptorSetStorageImages` is the maximum number of storage images that **can** be included in a pipeline layout. Descriptors with a type of `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE`, or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER` count against this limit. See Storage Image, and Storage Texel Buffer.

- `maxDescriptorSetInputAttachments` is the maximum number of input attachments that **can** be included in a pipeline layout. Descriptors with a type of `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT` count against this limit. See Input Attachment.

- `maxVertexInputAttributes` is the maximum number of vertex input attributes that **can** be specified for a graphics pipeline. These are described in the array of `VkVertexInputAttributeDescription` structures that are provided at graphics pipeline creation time via the `pVertexAttributeDescriptions` member of the VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo structure. See Vertex Attributes and Vertex Input Description.

- `maxVertexInputBindings` is the maximum number of vertex buffers that **can** be specified for providing vertex attributes to a graphics pipeline. These are described in the array of `VkVertexInputBindingDescription` structures that are provided at graphics pipeline creation time via the `pVertexBindingDescriptions` member of the VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo structure. The `binding` member of `VkVertexInputBindingDescription` **must** be less than this limit. See Vertex Input Description.

- `maxVertexInputAttributeOffset` is the maximum vertex input attribute offset that **can** be added to the vertex input binding stride. The `offset` member of the `VkVertexInputAttributeDescription` structure **must** be less than or equal to this limit. See Vertex Input Description.

- `maxVertexInputBindingStride` is the maximum vertex input binding stride that **can** be specified in a vertex input binding. The `stride` member of the `VkVertexInputBindingDescription` structure **must** be less than or equal to this limit. See Vertex Input Description.

- `maxVertexOutputComponents` is the maximum number of components of output variables which **can** be output by a vertex shader. See Vertex Shaders.

- `maxTessellationGenerationLevel` is the maximum tessellation generation level supported by the fixed-function tessellation primitive generator. See Tessellation.

- `maxTessellationPatchSize` is the maximum patch size, in vertices, of patches that **can** be processed by the tessellation control shader and tessellation primitive generator. The `patchControlPoints` member of the VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo structure specified at pipeline creation time and the value provided in the `OutputVertices` execution mode of shader modules **must** be less than or equal to this limit. See Tessellation.

- `maxTessellationControlPerVertexInputComponents` is the maximum number of components of input variables which **can** be provided as per-vertex inputs to the tessellation control shader stage.

- `maxTessellationControlPerVertexOutputComponents` is the maximum number of components of

per-vertex output variables which **can** be output from the tessellation control shader stage.

- `maxTessellationControlPerPatchOutputComponents` is the maximum number of components of per-patch output variables which **can** be output from the tessellation control shader stage.

- `maxTessellationControlTotalOutputComponents` is the maximum total number of components of per-vertex and per-patch output variables which **can** be output from the tessellation control shader stage.

- `maxTessellationEvaluationInputComponents` is the maximum number of components of input variables which **can** be provided as per-vertex inputs to the tessellation evaluation shader stage.

- `maxTessellationEvaluationOutputComponents` is the maximum number of components of per-vertex output variables which **can** be output from the tessellation evaluation shader stage.

- `maxGeometryShaderInvocations` is the maximum invocation count supported for instanced geometry shaders. The value provided in the `Invocations` execution mode of shader modules **must** be less than or equal to this limit. See Geometry Shading.

- `maxGeometryInputComponents` is the maximum number of components of input variables which **can** be provided as inputs to the geometry shader stage.

- `maxGeometryOutputComponents` is the maximum number of components of output variables which **can** be output from the geometry shader stage.

- `maxGeometryOutputVertices` is the maximum number of vertices which **can** be emitted by any geometry shader.

- `maxGeometryTotalOutputComponents` is the maximum total number of components of output variables, across all emitted vertices, which **can** be output from the geometry shader stage.

- `maxFragmentInputComponents` is the maximum number of components of input variables which **can** be provided as inputs to the fragment shader stage.

- `maxFragmentOutputAttachments` is the maximum number of output attachments which **can** be written to by the fragment shader stage.

- `maxFragmentDualSrcAttachments` is the maximum number of output attachments which **can** be written to by the fragment shader stage when blending is enabled and one of the dual source blend modes is in use. See Dual-Source Blending and dualSrcBlend.

- `maxFragmentCombinedOutputResources` is the total number of storage buffers, storage images, and output `Location` decorated color attachments (described in Fragment Output Interface) which **can** be used in the fragment shader stage.

- `maxComputeSharedMemorySize` is the maximum total storage size, in bytes, available for variables declared with the `Workgroup` storage class in shader modules (or with the `shared` storage qualifier in GLSL) in the compute shader stage. The amount of storage consumed by the variables declared with the `Workgroup` storage class is implementation-dependent. However, the amount of storage consumed may not exceed the largest block size that would be obtained if all active variables declared with `Workgroup` storage class were assigned offsets in an arbitrary order by successively taking the smallest valid offset according to the Standard Storage Buffer Layout rules. (This is equivalent to using the GLSL std430 layout rules.)

- `maxComputeWorkGroupCount`[3] is the maximum number of local workgroups that **can** be dispatched by a single dispatching command. These three values represent the maximum

number of local workgroups for the X, Y, and Z dimensions, respectively. The workgroup count parameters to the dispatching commands **must** be less than or equal to the corresponding limit. See Dispatching Commands.

- `maxComputeWorkGroupInvocations` is the maximum total number of compute shader invocations in a single local workgroup. The product of the X, Y, and Z sizes, as specified by the `LocalSize` execution mode in shader modules or by the object decorated by the `WorkgroupSize` decoration, **must** be less than or equal to this limit.

- `maxComputeWorkGroupSize`[3] is the maximum size of a local compute workgroup, per dimension. These three values represent the maximum local workgroup size in the X, Y, and Z dimensions, respectively. The `x`, `y`, and `z` sizes, as specified by the `LocalSize` execution mode or by the object decorated by the `WorkgroupSize` decoration in shader modules, **must** be less than or equal to the corresponding limit.

- `subPixelPrecisionBits` is the number of bits of subpixel precision in framebuffer coordinates x_f and y_f. See Rasterization.

- `subTexelPrecisionBits` is the number of bits of precision in the division along an axis of an image used for minification and magnification filters. $2^{subTexelPrecisionBits}$ is the actual number of divisions along each axis of the image represented. Sub-texel values calculated during image sampling will snap to these locations when generating the filtered results.

- `mipmapPrecisionBits` is the number of bits of division that the LOD calculation for mipmap fetching get snapped to when determining the contribution from each mip level to the mip filtered results. $2^{mipmapPrecisionBits}$ is the actual number of divisions.

- `maxDrawIndexedIndexValue` is the maximum index value that **can** be used for indexed draw calls when using 32-bit indices. This excludes the primitive restart index value of 0xFFFFFFFF. See fullDrawIndexUint32.

- `maxDrawIndirectCount` is the maximum draw count that is supported for indirect drawing calls. See multiDrawIndirect.

- `maxSamplerLodBias` is the maximum absolute sampler LOD bias. The sum of the `mipLodBias` member of the VkSamplerCreateInfo structure and the `Bias` operand of image sampling operations in shader modules (or 0 if no `Bias` operand is provided to an image sampling operation) are clamped to the range [-`maxSamplerLodBias`,+`maxSamplerLodBias`]. See [samplers-mipLodBias].

- `maxSamplerAnisotropy` is the maximum degree of sampler anisotropy. The maximum degree of anisotropic filtering used for an image sampling operation is the minimum of the `maxAnisotropy` member of the VkSamplerCreateInfo structure and this limit. See [samplers-maxAnisotropy].

- `maxViewports` is the maximum number of active viewports. The `viewportCount` member of the VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo structure that is provided at pipeline creation **must** be less than or equal to this limit.

- `maxViewportDimensions`[2] are the maximum viewport dimensions in the X (width) and Y (height) dimensions, respectively. The maximum viewport dimensions **must** be greater than or equal to the largest image which **can** be created and used as a framebuffer attachment. See Controlling the Viewport.

- `viewportBoundsRange`[2] is the [minimum, maximum] range that the corners of a viewport **must** be contained in. This range **must** be at least [-2 × `size`, 2 × `size` - 1], where `size` =

max(`maxViewportDimensions`[0], `maxViewportDimensions`[1]). See [Controlling the Viewport](#).

> *Note*
>
> The intent of the `viewportBoundsRange` limit is to allow a maximum sized viewport to be arbitrarily shifted relative to the output target as long as at least some portion intersects. This would give a bounds limit of [`-size` + 1, 2 × `size` - 1] which would allow all possible non-empty-set intersections of the output target and the viewport. Since these numbers are typically powers of two, picking the signed number range using the smallest possible number of bits ends up with the specified range.

- `viewportSubPixelBits` is the number of bits of subpixel precision for viewport bounds. The subpixel precision that floating-point viewport bounds are interpreted at is given by this limit.

- `minMemoryMapAlignment` is the minimum **required** alignment, in bytes, of host visible memory allocations within the host address space. When mapping a memory allocation with [vkMapMemory](#), subtracting `offset` bytes from the returned pointer will always produce an integer multiple of this limit. See [Host Access to Device Memory Objects](#). The value **must** be a power of two.

- `minTexelBufferOffsetAlignment` is the minimum **required** alignment, in bytes, for the `offset` member of the [VkBufferViewCreateInfo](#) structure for texel buffers. The value **must** be a power of two. [VkBufferViewCreateInfo](#)::`offset` **must** be a multiple of this value.

- `minUniformBufferOffsetAlignment` is the minimum **required** alignment, in bytes, for the `offset` member of the [VkDescriptorBufferInfo](#) structure for uniform buffers. When a descriptor of type `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC` is updated, the `offset` **must** be an integer multiple of this limit. Similarly, dynamic offsets for uniform buffers **must** be multiples of this limit. The value **must** be a power of two.

- `minStorageBufferOffsetAlignment` is the minimum **required** alignment, in bytes, for the `offset` member of the [VkDescriptorBufferInfo](#) structure for storage buffers. When a descriptor of type `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER` or `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC` is updated, the `offset` **must** be an integer multiple of this limit. Similarly, dynamic offsets for storage buffers **must** be multiples of this limit. The value **must** be a power of two.

- `minTexelOffset` is the minimum offset value for the `ConstOffset` image operand of any of the `OpImageSample*` or `OpImageFetch*` image instructions.

- `maxTexelOffset` is the maximum offset value for the `ConstOffset` image operand of any of the `OpImageSample*` or `OpImageFetch*` image instructions.

- `minTexelGatherOffset` is the minimum offset value for the `Offset`, `ConstOffset`, or `ConstOffsets` image operands of any of the `OpImage*Gather` image instructions.

- `maxTexelGatherOffset` is the maximum offset value for the `Offset`, `ConstOffset`, or `ConstOffsets` image operands of any of the `OpImage*Gather` image instructions.

- `minInterpolationOffset` is the base minimum (inclusive) negative offset value for the `Offset` operand of the `InterpolateAtOffset` extended instruction.

- `maxInterpolationOffset` is the base maximum (inclusive) positive offset value for the `Offset` operand of the `InterpolateAtOffset` extended instruction.

- `subPixelInterpolationOffsetBits` is the number of fractional bits that the `x` and `y` offsets to the `InterpolateAtOffset` extended instruction **may** be rounded to as fixed-point values.

- `maxFramebufferWidth` is the maximum width for a framebuffer. The `width` member of the VkFramebufferCreateInfo structure **must** be less than or equal to this limit.

- `maxFramebufferHeight` is the maximum height for a framebuffer. The `height` member of the VkFramebufferCreateInfo structure **must** be less than or equal to this limit.

- `maxFramebufferLayers` is the maximum layer count for a layered framebuffer. The `layers` member of the VkFramebufferCreateInfo structure **must** be less than or equal to this limit.

- `framebufferColorSampleCounts` is a bitmask[1] of VkSampleCountFlagBits indicating the color sample counts that are supported for all framebuffer color attachments with floating- or fixed-point formats. There is no limit specifying the color sample counts that are supported for all color attachments with integer formats.

- `framebufferDepthSampleCounts` is a bitmask[1] of VkSampleCountFlagBits indicating the supported depth sample counts for all framebuffer depth/stencil attachments, when the format includes a depth component.

- `framebufferStencilSampleCounts` is a bitmask[1] of VkSampleCountFlagBits indicating the supported stencil sample counts for all framebuffer depth/stencil attachments, when the format includes a stencil component.

- `framebufferNoAttachmentsSampleCounts` is a bitmask[1] of VkSampleCountFlagBits indicating the supported sample counts for a subpass which uses no attachments.

- `maxColorAttachments` is the maximum number of color attachments that **can** be used by a subpass in a render pass. The `colorAttachmentCount` member of the `VkSubpassDescription` structure **must** be less than or equal to this limit.

- `sampledImageColorSampleCounts` is a bitmask[1] of VkSampleCountFlagBits indicating the sample counts supported for all 2D images created with `VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL`, `usage` containing `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_SAMPLED_BIT`, and a non-integer color format.

- `sampledImageIntegerSampleCounts` is a bitmask[1] of VkSampleCountFlagBits indicating the sample counts supported for all 2D images created with `VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL`, `usage` containing `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_SAMPLED_BIT`, and an integer color format.

- `sampledImageDepthSampleCounts` is a bitmask[1] of VkSampleCountFlagBits indicating the sample counts supported for all 2D images created with `VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL`, `usage` containing `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_SAMPLED_BIT`, and a depth format.

- `sampledImageStencilSampleCounts` is a bitmask[1] of VkSampleCountFlagBits indicating the sample counts supported for all 2D images created with `VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL`, `usage` containing `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_SAMPLED_BIT`, and a stencil format.

- `storageImageSampleCounts` is a bitmask[1] of VkSampleCountFlagBits indicating the sample counts supported for all 2D images created with `VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL`, and `usage` containing `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_STORAGE_BIT`.

- `maxSampleMaskWords` is the maximum number of array elements of a variable decorated with the `SampleMask` built-in decoration.

- `timestampComputeAndGraphics` specifies support for timestamps on all graphics and compute queues. If this limit is set to `VK_TRUE`, all queues that advertise the `VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT` or

`VK_QUEUE_COMPUTE_BIT` in the `VkQueueFamilyProperties`::`queueFlags` support `VkQueueFamilyProperties`::`timestampValidBits` of at least 36. See Timestamp Queries.

- `timestampPeriod` is the number of nanoseconds **required** for a timestamp query to be incremented by 1. See Timestamp Queries.

- `maxClipDistances` is the maximum number of clip distances that **can** be used in a single shader stage. The size of any array declared with the `ClipDistance` built-in decoration in a shader module **must** be less than or equal to this limit.

- `maxCullDistances` is the maximum number of cull distances that **can** be used in a single shader stage. The size of any array declared with the `CullDistance` built-in decoration in a shader module **must** be less than or equal to this limit.

- `maxCombinedClipAndCullDistances` is the maximum combined number of clip and cull distances that **can** be used in a single shader stage. The sum of the sizes of any pair of arrays declared with the `ClipDistance` and `CullDistance` built-in decoration used by a single shader stage in a shader module **must** be less than or equal to this limit.

- `discreteQueuePriorities` is the number of discrete priorities that **can** be assigned to a queue based on the value of each member of VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo::`pQueuePriorities`. This **must** be at least 2, and levels **must** be spread evenly over the range, with at least one level at 1.0, and another at 0.0. See Queue Priority.

- `pointSizeRange`[2] is the range [`minimum`,`maximum`] of supported sizes for points. Values written to variables decorated with the `PointSize` built-in decoration are clamped to this range.

- `lineWidthRange`[2] is the range [`minimum`,`maximum`] of supported widths for lines. Values specified by the `lineWidth` member of the VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo or the `lineWidth` parameter to `vkCmdSetLineWidth` are clamped to this range.

- `pointSizeGranularity` is the granularity of supported point sizes. Not all point sizes in the range defined by `pointSizeRange` are supported. This limit specifies the granularity (or increment) between successive supported point sizes.

- `lineWidthGranularity` is the granularity of supported line widths. Not all line widths in the range defined by `lineWidthRange` are supported. This limit specifies the granularity (or increment) between successive supported line widths.

- `strictLines` specifies whether lines are rasterized according to the preferred method of rasterization. If set to `VK_FALSE`, lines **may** be rasterized under a relaxed set of rules. If set to `VK_TRUE`, lines are rasterized as per the strict definition. See Basic Line Segment Rasterization.

- `standardSampleLocations` specifies whether rasterization uses the standard sample locations as documented in Multisampling. If set to `VK_TRUE`, the implementation uses the documented sample locations. If set to `VK_FALSE`, the implementation **may** use different sample locations.

- `optimalBufferCopyOffsetAlignment` is the optimal buffer offset alignment in bytes for `vkCmdCopyBufferToImage` and `vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer`. The per texel alignment requirements are enforced, but applications **should** use the optimal alignment for optimal performance and power use. The value **must** be a power of two.

- `optimalBufferCopyRowPitchAlignment` is the optimal buffer row pitch alignment in bytes for `vkCmdCopyBufferToImage` and `vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer`. Row pitch is the number of bytes between texels with the same X coordinate in adjacent rows (Y coordinates differ by one). The per texel alignment requirements are enforced, but applications **should** use the optimal

alignment for optimal performance and power use. The value **must** be a power of two.

- nonCoherentAtomSize is the size and alignment in bytes that bounds concurrent access to host-mapped device memory. The value **must** be a power of two.

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>
> For all bitmasks of VkSampleCountFlagBits, the sample count limits defined above represent the minimum supported sample counts for each image type. Individual images **may** support additional sample counts, which are queried using vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties as described in Supported Sample Counts.

Bits which **may** be set in the sample count limits returned by VkPhysicalDeviceLimits, as well as in other queries and structures representing image sample counts, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkSampleCountFlagBits {
    VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_2_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_4_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_8_BIT = 0x00000008,
    VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_16_BIT = 0x00000010,
    VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_32_BIT = 0x00000020,
    VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_64_BIT = 0x00000040,
} VkSampleCountFlagBits;
```

- VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT specifies an image with one sample per pixel.
- VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_2_BIT specifies an image with 2 samples per pixel.
- VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_4_BIT specifies an image with 4 samples per pixel.
- VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_8_BIT specifies an image with 8 samples per pixel.
- VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_16_BIT specifies an image with 16 samples per pixel.
- VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_32_BIT specifies an image with 32 samples per pixel.
- VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_64_BIT specifies an image with 64 samples per pixel.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkSampleCountFlags;
```

VkSampleCountFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkSampleCountFlagBits.

The VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewProperties structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewProperties {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    void*              pNext;
    uint32_t           maxMultiviewViewCount;
    uint32_t           maxMultiviewInstanceIndex;
} VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewProperties;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- maxMultiviewViewCount is one greater than the maximum view index that **can** be used in a subpass.

- maxMultiviewInstanceIndex is the maximum valid value of instance index allowed to be generated by a drawing command recorded within a subpass of a multiview render pass instance.

If the VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewProperties structure is included in the pNext chain of the VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2 structure passed to vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties2, it is filled in with each corresponding implementation-dependent property.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewProperties-sType-sType
  sType **must** be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_MULTIVIEW_PROPERTIES

The VkPhysicalDevicePointClippingProperties structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDevicePointClippingProperties {
    VkStructureType            sType;
    void*                      pNext;
    VkPointClippingBehavior    pointClippingBehavior;
} VkPhysicalDevicePointClippingProperties;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- pointClippingBehavior is a VkPointClippingBehavior value specifying the point clipping behavior supported by the implementation.

If the VkPhysicalDevicePointClippingProperties structure is included in the pNext chain of the VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2 structure passed to vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties2, it is filled in with each corresponding implementation-dependent property.

The VkPhysicalDeviceSubgroupProperties structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceSubgroupProperties {
    VkStructureType            sType;
    void*                      pNext;
    uint32_t                   subgroupSize;
    VkShaderStageFlags         supportedStages;
    VkSubgroupFeatureFlags     supportedOperations;
    VkBool32                   quadOperationsInAllStages;
} VkPhysicalDeviceSubgroupProperties;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- subgroupSize is the default number of invocations in each subgroup. subgroupSize is at least 1 if any of the physical device's queues support VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT or VK_QUEUE_COMPUTE_BIT. subgroupSize is a power-of-two.

- supportedStages is a bitfield of VkShaderStageFlagBits describing the shader stages that group operations with subgroup scope are supported in. supportedStages will have the VK_SHADER_STAGE_COMPUTE_BIT bit set if any of the physical device's queues support VK_QUEUE_COMPUTE_BIT.

- supportedOperations is a bitmask of VkSubgroupFeatureFlagBits specifying the sets of group operations with subgroup scope supported on this device. supportedOperations will have the VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_BASIC_BIT bit set if any of the physical device's queues support VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT or VK_QUEUE_COMPUTE_BIT.

- quadOperationsInAllStages is a boolean specifying whether quad group operations are available in all stages, or are restricted to fragment and compute stages.

If the VkPhysicalDeviceSubgroupProperties structure is included in the pNext chain of the VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2 structure passed to vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties2, it is filled in with each corresponding implementation-dependent property.

If supportedOperations includes VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_QUAD_BIT, subgroupSize **must** be greater than or equal to 4.

Bits which **can** be set in VkPhysicalDeviceSubgroupProperties::supportedOperations to specify supported group operations with subgroup scope are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef enum VkSubgroupFeatureFlagBits {
    VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_BASIC_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_VOTE_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_ARITHMETIC_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_BALLOT_BIT = 0x00000008,
    VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_SHUFFLE_BIT = 0x00000010,
    VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_SHUFFLE_RELATIVE_BIT = 0x00000020,
    VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_CLUSTERED_BIT = 0x00000040,
    VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_QUAD_BIT = 0x00000080,
} VkSubgroupFeatureFlagBits;
```

- VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_BASIC_BIT specifies the device will accept SPIR-V shader modules containing the GroupNonUniform capability.

- VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_VOTE_BIT specifies the device will accept SPIR-V shader modules containing the GroupNonUniformVote capability.

- VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_ARITHMETIC_BIT specifies the device will accept SPIR-V shader modules containing the GroupNonUniformArithmetic capability.

- VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_BALLOT_BIT specifies the device will accept SPIR-V shader modules containing the GroupNonUniformBallot capability.

- VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_SHUFFLE_BIT specifies the device will accept SPIR-V shader modules containing the GroupNonUniformShuffle capability.

- VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_SHUFFLE_RELATIVE_BIT specifies the device will accept SPIR-V shader modules containing the GroupNonUniformShuffleRelative capability.

- VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_CLUSTERED_BIT specifies the device will accept SPIR-V shader modules containing the GroupNonUniformClustered capability.

- VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_QUAD_BIT specifies the device will accept SPIR-V shader modules containing the GroupNonUniformQuad capability.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef VkFlags VkSubgroupFeatureFlags;
```

VkSubgroupFeatureFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkSubgroupFeatureFlagBits.

The `VkPhysicalDeviceProtectedMemoryProperties` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceProtectedMemoryProperties {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    void*              pNext;
    VkBool32           protectedNoFault;
} VkPhysicalDeviceProtectedMemoryProperties;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `protectedNoFault` specifies how an implementation behaves when an application attempts to write to unprotected memory in a protected queue operation, read from protected memory in an unprotected queue operation, or perform a query in a protected queue operation. If this limit is `VK_TRUE`, such writes will be discarded or have undefined values written, reads and queries will return undefined values. If this limit is `VK_FALSE`, applications **must** not perform these operations. See Protected Memory Access Rules for more information.

If the `VkPhysicalDeviceProtectedMemoryProperties` structure is included in the `pNext` chain of the VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2 structure passed to vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties2, it is filled in with each corresponding implementation-dependent property.

The `VkPhysicalDeviceMaintenance3Properties` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceMaintenance3Properties {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    void*              pNext;
    uint32_t           maxPerSetDescriptors;
    VkDeviceSize       maxMemoryAllocationSize;
} VkPhysicalDeviceMaintenance3Properties;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `maxPerSetDescriptors` is a maximum number of descriptors (summed over all descriptor types) in a single descriptor set that is guaranteed to satisfy any implementation-dependent constraints on the size of a descriptor set itself. Applications **can** query whether a descriptor set that goes beyond this limit is supported using vkGetDescriptorSetLayoutSupport.

- `maxMemoryAllocationSize` is the maximum size of a memory allocation that **can** be created, even if there is more space available in the heap.

If the `VkPhysicalDeviceMaintenance3Properties` structure is included in the `pNext` chain of the `VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2` structure passed to `vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties2`, it is filled in with each corresponding implementation-dependent property.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- `VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceMaintenance3Properties-sType-sType`
  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_MAINTENANCE_3_PROPERTIES`

32.1. Limit Requirements

The following table specifies the **required** minimum/maximum for all Vulkan graphics implementations. Where a limit corresponds to a fine-grained device feature which is **optional**, the feature name is listed with two **required** limits, one when the feature is supported and one when it is not supported. If an implementation supports a feature, the limits reported are the same whether or not the feature is enabled.

Table 30. Required Limit Types

Type	Limit	Feature
`uint32_t`	`maxImageDimension1D`	-
`uint32_t`	`maxImageDimension2D`	-
`uint32_t`	`maxImageDimension3D`	-
`uint32_t`	`maxImageDimensionCube`	-
`uint32_t`	`maxImageArrayLayers`	-
`uint32_t`	`maxTexelBufferElements`	-
`uint32_t`	`maxUniformBufferRange`	-
`uint32_t`	`maxStorageBufferRange`	-
`uint32_t`	`maxPushConstantsSize`	-
`uint32_t`	`maxMemoryAllocationCount`	-
`uint32_t`	`maxSamplerAllocationCount`	-
`VkDeviceSize`	`bufferImageGranularity`	-
`VkDeviceSize`	`sparseAddressSpaceSize`	`sparseBinding`
`uint32_t`	`maxBoundDescriptorSets`	-
`uint32_t`	`maxPerStageDescriptorSamplers`	-
`uint32_t`	`maxPerStageDescriptorUniformBuffers`	-
`uint32_t`	`maxPerStageDescriptorStorageBuffers`	-

Type	Limit	Feature
uint32_t	maxPerStageDescriptorSampledImages	-
uint32_t	maxPerStageDescriptorStorageImages	-
uint32_t	maxPerStageDescriptorInputAttachments	-
uint32_t	maxPerStageResources	-
uint32_t	maxDescriptorSetSamplers	-
uint32_t	maxDescriptorSetUniformBuffers	-
uint32_t	maxDescriptorSetUniformBuffersDynamic	-
uint32_t	maxDescriptorSetStorageBuffers	-
uint32_t	maxDescriptorSetStorageBuffersDynamic	-
uint32_t	maxDescriptorSetSampledImages	-
uint32_t	maxDescriptorSetStorageImages	-
uint32_t	maxDescriptorSetInputAttachments	-
uint32_t	maxVertexInputAttributes	-
uint32_t	maxVertexInputBindings	-
uint32_t	maxVertexInputAttributeOffset	-
uint32_t	maxVertexInputBindingStride	-
uint32_t	maxVertexOutputComponents	-
uint32_t	maxTessellationGenerationLevel	tessellationShader
uint32_t	maxTessellationPatchSize	tessellationShader
uint32_t	maxTessellationControlPerVertexInputComponents	tessellationShader
uint32_t	maxTessellationControlPerVertexOutputComponents	tessellationShader
uint32_t	maxTessellationControlPerPatchOutputComponents	tessellationShader
uint32_t	maxTessellationControlTotalOutputComponents	tessellationShader
uint32_t	maxTessellationEvaluationInputComponents	tessellationShader
uint32_t	maxTessellationEvaluationOutputComponents	tessellationShader
uint32_t	maxGeometryShaderInvocations	geometryShader
uint32_t	maxGeometryInputComponents	geometryShader
uint32_t	maxGeometryOutputComponents	geometryShader
uint32_t	maxGeometryOutputVertices	geometryShader
uint32_t	maxGeometryTotalOutputComponents	geometryShader
uint32_t	maxFragmentInputComponents	-
uint32_t	maxFragmentOutputAttachments	-
uint32_t	maxFragmentDualSrcAttachments	dualSrcBlend
uint32_t	maxFragmentCombinedOutputResources	-
uint32_t	maxComputeSharedMemorySize	-

Type	Limit	Feature
3 × `uint32_t`	`maxComputeWorkGroupCount`	-
`uint32_t`	`maxComputeWorkGroupInvocations`	-
3 × `uint32_t`	`maxComputeWorkGroupSize`	-
`uint32_t`	`subPixelPrecisionBits`	-
`uint32_t`	`subTexelPrecisionBits`	-
`uint32_t`	`mipmapPrecisionBits`	-
`uint32_t`	`maxDrawIndexedIndexValue`	`fullDrawIndexUint32`
`uint32_t`	`maxDrawIndirectCount`	`multiDrawIndirect`
`float`	`maxSamplerLodBias`	-
`float`	`maxSamplerAnisotropy`	`samplerAnisotropy`
`uint32_t`	`maxViewports`	`multiViewport`
2 × `uint32_t`	`maxViewportDimensions`	-
2 × `float`	`viewportBoundsRange`	-
`uint32_t`	`viewportSubPixelBits`	-
`size_t`	`minMemoryMapAlignment`	-
`VkDeviceSize`	`minTexelBufferOffsetAlignment`	-
`VkDeviceSize`	`minUniformBufferOffsetAlignment`	-
`VkDeviceSize`	`minStorageBufferOffsetAlignment`	-
`int32_t`	`minTexelOffset`	-
`uint32_t`	`maxTexelOffset`	-
`int32_t`	`minTexelGatherOffset`	`shaderImageGatherExtended`
`uint32_t`	`maxTexelGatherOffset`	`shaderImageGatherExtended`
`float`	`minInterpolationOffset`	`sampleRateShading`
`float`	`maxInterpolationOffset`	`sampleRateShading`
`uint32_t`	`subPixelInterpolationOffsetBits`	`sampleRateShading`
`uint32_t`	`maxFramebufferWidth`	-
`uint32_t`	`maxFramebufferHeight`	-
`uint32_t`	`maxFramebufferLayers`	-
VkSampleCountFlags	`framebufferColorSampleCounts`	-
VkSampleCountFlags	`framebufferDepthSampleCounts`	-
VkSampleCountFlags	`framebufferStencilSampleCounts`	-
VkSampleCountFlags	`framebufferNoAttachmentsSampleCounts`	-

Type	Limit	Feature
uint32_t	maxColorAttachments	-
VkSampleCountFlags	sampledImageColorSampleCounts	-
VkSampleCountFlags	sampledImageIntegerSampleCounts	-
VkSampleCountFlags	sampledImageDepthSampleCounts	-
VkSampleCountFlags	sampledImageStencilSampleCounts	-
VkSampleCountFlags	storageImageSampleCounts	shaderStorageImageMultisample
uint32_t	maxSampleMaskWords	-
VkBool32	timestampComputeAndGraphics	-
float	timestampPeriod	-
uint32_t	maxClipDistances	shaderClipDistance
uint32_t	maxCullDistances	shaderCullDistance
uint32_t	maxCombinedClipAndCullDistances	shaderCullDistance
uint32_t	discreteQueuePriorities	-
2 × float	pointSizeRange	largePoints
2 × float	lineWidthRange	wideLines
float	pointSizeGranularity	largePoints
float	lineWidthGranularity	wideLines
VkBool32	strictLines	-
VkBool32	standardSampleLocations	-
VkDeviceSize	optimalBufferCopyOffsetAlignment	-
VkDeviceSize	optimalBufferCopyRowPitchAlignment	-
VkDeviceSize	nonCoherentAtomSize	-

Table 31. Required Limits

Limit	Unsupported Limit	Supported Limit	Limit Type[1]
maxImageDimension1D	-	4096	min
maxImageDimension2D	-	4096	min
maxImageDimension3D	-	256	min
maxImageDimensionCube	-	4096	min
maxImageArrayLayers	-	256	min

Limit	Unsupported Limit	Supported Limit	Limit Type[1]
`maxTexelBufferElements`	-	65536	min
`maxUniformBufferRange`	-	16384	min
`maxStorageBufferRange`	-	2^{27}	min
`maxPushConstantsSize`	-	128	min
`maxMemoryAllocationCount`	-	4096	min
`maxSamplerAllocationCount`	-	4000	min
`bufferImageGranularity`	-	131072	max
`sparseAddressSpaceSize`	0	2^{31}	min
`maxBoundDescriptorSets`	-	4	min
`maxPerStageDescriptorSamplers`	-	16	min
`maxPerStageDescriptorUniformBuffers`	-	12	min
`maxPerStageDescriptorStorageBuffers`	-	4	min
`maxPerStageDescriptorSampledImages`	-	16	min
`maxPerStageDescriptorStorageImages`	-	4	min
`maxPerStageDescriptorInputAttachments`	-	4	min
`maxPerStageResources`	-	128 [2]	min
`maxDescriptorSetSamplers`	-	96 [8]	min, $n \times$ PerStage
`maxDescriptorSetUniformBuffers`	-	72 [8]	min, $n \times$ PerStage
`maxDescriptorSetUniformBuffersDynamic`	-	8	min
`maxDescriptorSetStorageBuffers`	-	24 [8]	min, $n \times$ PerStage
`maxDescriptorSetStorageBuffersDynamic`	-	4	min
`maxDescriptorSetSampledImages`	-	96 [8]	min, $n \times$ PerStage
`maxDescriptorSetStorageImages`	-	24 [8]	min, $n \times$ PerStage
`maxDescriptorSetInputAttachments`	-	4	min
`maxVertexInputAttributes`	-	16	min
`maxVertexInputBindings`	-	16	min
`maxVertexInputAttributeOffset`	-	2047	min
`maxVertexInputBindingStride`	-	2048	min
`maxVertexOutputComponents`	-	64	min

Limit	Unsupported Limit	Supported Limit	Limit Type[1]
`maxTessellationGenerationLevel`	0	64	min
`maxTessellationPatchSize`	0	32	min
`maxTessellationControlPerVertexInputComponents`	0	64	min
`maxTessellationControlPerVertexOutputComponents`	0	64	min
`maxTessellationControlPerPatchOutputComponents`	0	120	min
`maxTessellationControlTotalOutputComponents`	0	2048	min
`maxTessellationEvaluationInputComponents`	0	64	min
`maxTessellationEvaluationOutputComponents`	0	64	min
`maxGeometryShaderInvocations`	0	32	min
`maxGeometryInputComponents`	0	64	min
`maxGeometryOutputComponents`	0	64	min
`maxGeometryOutputVertices`	0	256	min
`maxGeometryTotalOutputComponents`	0	1024	min
`maxFragmentInputComponents`	-	64	min
`maxFragmentOutputAttachments`	-	4	min
`maxFragmentDualSrcAttachments`	0	1	min
`maxFragmentCombinedOutputResources`	-	4	min
`maxComputeSharedMemorySize`	-	16384	min
`maxComputeWorkGroupCount`	-	(65535,65535,65535)	min
`maxComputeWorkGroupInvocations`	-	128	min
`maxComputeWorkGroupSize`	-	(128,128,64)	min
`subPixelPrecisionBits`	-	4	min
`subTexelPrecisionBits`	-	4	min
`mipmapPrecisionBits`	-	4	min
`maxDrawIndexedIndexValue`	$2^{24}-1$	$2^{32}-1$	min
`maxDrawIndirectCount`	1	$2^{16}-1$	min
`maxSamplerLodBias`	-	2	min
`maxSamplerAnisotropy`	1	16	min
`maxViewports`	1	16	min
`maxViewportDimensions`	-	(4096,4096) [3]	min
`viewportBoundsRange`	-	(-8192,8191) [4]	(max,min)
`viewportSubPixelBits`	-	0	min

Limit	Unsupported Limit	Supported Limit	Limit Type[1]
minMemoryMapAlignment	-	64	min
minTexelBufferOffsetAlignment	-	256	max
minUniformBufferOffsetAlignment	-	256	max
minStorageBufferOffsetAlignment	-	256	max
minTexelOffset	-	-8	max
maxTexelOffset	-	7	min
minTexelGatherOffset	0	-8	max
maxTexelGatherOffset	0	7	min
minInterpolationOffset	0.0	-0.5 [5]	max
maxInterpolationOffset	0.0	0.5 - (1 ULP) [5]	min
subPixelInterpolationOffsetBits	0	4 [5]	min
maxFramebufferWidth	-	4096	min
maxFramebufferHeight	-	4096	min
maxFramebufferLayers	-	256	min
framebufferColorSampleCounts	-	(VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT | VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_4_BIT)	min
framebufferDepthSampleCounts	-	(VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT | VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_4_BIT)	min
framebufferStencilSampleCounts	-	(VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT | VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_4_BIT)	min
framebufferNoAttachmentsSampleCounts	-	(VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT | VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_4_BIT)	min
maxColorAttachments	-	4	min
sampledImageColorSampleCounts	-	(VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT | VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_4_BIT)	min
sampledImageIntegerSampleCounts	-	VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT	min

Limit	Unsupported Limit	Supported Limit	Limit Type[1]
sampledImageDepthSampleCounts	-	(VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT | VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_4_BIT)	min
sampledImageStencilSampleCounts	-	(VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT | VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_4_BIT)	min
storageImageSampleCounts	VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT	(VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT | VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_4_BIT)	min
maxSampleMaskWords	-	1	min
timestampComputeAndGraphics	-	-	implementation-dependent
timestampPeriod	-	-	duration
maxClipDistances	0	8	min
maxCullDistances	0	8	min
maxCombinedClipAndCullDistances	0	8	min
discreteQueuePriorities	-	2	min
pointSizeRange	(1.0,1.0)	(1.0,64.0 - ULP)[6]	(max,min)
lineWidthRange	(1.0,1.0)	(1.0,8.0 - ULP)[7]	(max,min)
pointSizeGranularity	0.0	1.0 [6]	max, fixed point increment
lineWidthGranularity	0.0	1.0 [7]	max, fixed point increment
strictLines	-	-	implementation-dependent
standardSampleLocations	-	-	implementation-dependent
optimalBufferCopyOffsetAlignment	-	-	recommendation
optimalBufferCopyRowPitchAlignment	-	-	recommendation
nonCoherentAtomSize	-	256	max
maxMultiviewViewCount	-	6	min

Limit	Unsupported Limit	Supported Limit	Limit Type[1]
`maxMultiviewInstanceIndex`	-	$2^{27}-1$	min
`maxPerSetDescriptors`	-	1024	min
`maxMemoryAllocationSize`	-	2^{30}	min

1

The **Limit Type** column specifies the limit is either the minimum limit all implementations **must** support, the maximum limit all implementations **must** support, or the exact value all implementations **must** support. For bitmasks a minimum limit is the least bits all implementations **must** set, but they **may** have additional bits set beyond this minimum.

2

The `maxPerStageResources` **must** be at least the smallest of the following:

- the sum of the `maxPerStageDescriptorUniformBuffers`, `maxPerStageDescriptorStorageBuffers`, `maxPerStageDescriptorSampledImages`, `maxPerStageDescriptorStorageImages`, `maxPerStageDescriptorInputAttachments`, `maxColorAttachments` limits, or
- 128.

It **may** not be possible to reach this limit in every stage.

3

See `maxViewportDimensions` for the **required** relationship to other limits.

4

See `viewportBoundsRange` for the **required** relationship to other limits.

5

The values `minInterpolationOffset` and `maxInterpolationOffset` describe the closed interval of supported interpolation offsets: [`minInterpolationOffset`, `maxInterpolationOffset`]. The ULP is determined by `subPixelInterpolationOffsetBits`. If `subPixelInterpolationOffsetBits` is 4, this provides increments of $(1/2^4) = 0.0625$, and thus the range of supported interpolation offsets would be [-0.5, 0.4375].

6

The point size ULP is determined by `pointSizeGranularity`. If the `pointSizeGranularity` is 0.125, the range of supported point sizes **must** be at least [1.0, 63.875].

7

The line width ULP is determined by `lineWidthGranularity`. If the `lineWidthGranularity` is 0.0625, the range of supported line widths **must** be at least [1.0, 7.9375].

8

The minimum `maxDescriptorSet*` limit is n times the corresponding *specification* minimum `maxPerStageDescriptor*` limit, where n is the number of shader stages supported by the VkPhysicalDevice. If all shader stages are supported, n = 6 (vertex, tessellation control,

tessellation evaluation, geometry, fragment, compute).

Chapter 33. Formats

Supported buffer and image formats **may** vary across implementations. A minimum set of format features are guaranteed, but others **must** be explicitly queried before use to ensure they are supported by the implementation.

The features for the set of formats (VkFormat) supported by the implementation are queried individually using the vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties command.

33.1. Format Definition

The following image formats **can** be passed to, and **may** be returned from Vulkan commands. The memory required to store each format is discussed with that format, and also summarized in the Representation and Texel Block Size section and the Compatible formats table.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkFormat {
    VK_FORMAT_UNDEFINED = 0,
    VK_FORMAT_R4G4_UNORM_PACK8 = 1,
    VK_FORMAT_R4G4B4A4_UNORM_PACK16 = 2,
    VK_FORMAT_B4G4R4A4_UNORM_PACK16 = 3,
    VK_FORMAT_R5G6B5_UNORM_PACK16 = 4,
    VK_FORMAT_B5G6R5_UNORM_PACK16 = 5,
    VK_FORMAT_R5G5B5A1_UNORM_PACK16 = 6,
    VK_FORMAT_B5G5R5A1_UNORM_PACK16 = 7,
    VK_FORMAT_A1R5G5B5_UNORM_PACK16 = 8,
    VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM = 9,
    VK_FORMAT_R8_SNORM = 10,
    VK_FORMAT_R8_USCALED = 11,
    VK_FORMAT_R8_SSCALED = 12,
    VK_FORMAT_R8_UINT = 13,
    VK_FORMAT_R8_SINT = 14,
    VK_FORMAT_R8_SRGB = 15,
    VK_FORMAT_R8G8_UNORM = 16,
    VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SNORM = 17,
    VK_FORMAT_R8G8_USCALED = 18,
    VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SSCALED = 19,
    VK_FORMAT_R8G8_UINT = 20,
    VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SINT = 21,
    VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SRGB = 22,
    VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_UNORM = 23,
    VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_SNORM = 24,
    VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_USCALED = 25,
    VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_SSCALED = 26,
    VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_UINT = 27,
    VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_SINT = 28,
    VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_SRGB = 29,
    VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_UNORM = 30,
    VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_SNORM = 31,
```

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VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_USCALED = 32,
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_SSCALED = 33,
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_UINT = 34,
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_SINT = 35,
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_SRGB = 36,
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_UNORM = 37,
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SNORM = 38,
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_USCALED = 39,
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SSCALED = 40,
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_UINT = 41,
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SINT = 42,
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SRGB = 43,
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_UNORM = 44,
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_SNORM = 45,
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_USCALED = 46,
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_SSCALED = 47,
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_UINT = 48,
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_SINT = 49,
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_SRGB = 50,
VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_UNORM_PACK32 = 51,
VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SNORM_PACK32 = 52,
VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_USCALED_PACK32 = 53,
VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SSCALED_PACK32 = 54,
VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_UINT_PACK32 = 55,
VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SINT_PACK32 = 56,
VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SRGB_PACK32 = 57,
VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_UNORM_PACK32 = 58,
VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_SNORM_PACK32 = 59,
VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_USCALED_PACK32 = 60,
VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_SSCALED_PACK32 = 61,
VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_UINT_PACK32 = 62,
VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_SINT_PACK32 = 63,
VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_UNORM_PACK32 = 64,
VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_SNORM_PACK32 = 65,
VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_USCALED_PACK32 = 66,
VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_SSCALED_PACK32 = 67,
VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_UINT_PACK32 = 68,
VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_SINT_PACK32 = 69,
VK_FORMAT_R16_UNORM = 70,
VK_FORMAT_R16_SNORM = 71,
VK_FORMAT_R16_USCALED = 72,
VK_FORMAT_R16_SSCALED = 73,
VK_FORMAT_R16_UINT = 74,
VK_FORMAT_R16_SINT = 75,
VK_FORMAT_R16_SFLOAT = 76,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16_UNORM = 77,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SNORM = 78,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16_USCALED = 79,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SSCALED = 80,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16_UINT = 81,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SINT = 82,
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VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SFLOAT = 83,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_UNORM = 84,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_SNORM = 85,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_USCALED = 86,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_SSCALED = 87,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_UINT = 88,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_SINT = 89,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_SFLOAT = 90,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_UNORM = 91,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SNORM = 92,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_USCALED = 93,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SSCALED = 94,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_UINT = 95,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SINT = 96,
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SFLOAT = 97,
VK_FORMAT_R32_UINT = 98,
VK_FORMAT_R32_SINT = 99,
VK_FORMAT_R32_SFLOAT = 100,
VK_FORMAT_R32G32_UINT = 101,
VK_FORMAT_R32G32_SINT = 102,
VK_FORMAT_R32G32_SFLOAT = 103,
VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32_UINT = 104,
VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32_SINT = 105,
VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32_SFLOAT = 106,
VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_UINT = 107,
VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_SINT = 108,
VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_SFLOAT = 109,
VK_FORMAT_R64_UINT = 110,
VK_FORMAT_R64_SINT = 111,
VK_FORMAT_R64_SFLOAT = 112,
VK_FORMAT_R64G64_UINT = 113,
VK_FORMAT_R64G64_SINT = 114,
VK_FORMAT_R64G64_SFLOAT = 115,
VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64_UINT = 116,
VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64_SINT = 117,
VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64_SFLOAT = 118,
VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64A64_UINT = 119,
VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64A64_SINT = 120,
VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64A64_SFLOAT = 121,
VK_FORMAT_B10G11R11_UFLOAT_PACK32 = 122,
VK_FORMAT_E5B9G9R9_UFLOAT_PACK32 = 123,
VK_FORMAT_D16_UNORM = 124,
VK_FORMAT_X8_D24_UNORM_PACK32 = 125,
VK_FORMAT_D32_SFLOAT = 126,
VK_FORMAT_S8_UINT = 127,
VK_FORMAT_D16_UNORM_S8_UINT = 128,
VK_FORMAT_D24_UNORM_S8_UINT = 129,
VK_FORMAT_D32_SFLOAT_S8_UINT = 130,
VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGB_UNORM_BLOCK = 131,
VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGB_SRGB_BLOCK = 132,
VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGBA_UNORM_BLOCK = 133,
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VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGBA_SRGB_BLOCK = 134,
VK_FORMAT_BC2_UNORM_BLOCK = 135,
VK_FORMAT_BC2_SRGB_BLOCK = 136,
VK_FORMAT_BC3_UNORM_BLOCK = 137,
VK_FORMAT_BC3_SRGB_BLOCK = 138,
VK_FORMAT_BC4_UNORM_BLOCK = 139,
VK_FORMAT_BC4_SNORM_BLOCK = 140,
VK_FORMAT_BC5_UNORM_BLOCK = 141,
VK_FORMAT_BC5_SNORM_BLOCK = 142,
VK_FORMAT_BC6H_UFLOAT_BLOCK = 143,
VK_FORMAT_BC6H_SFLOAT_BLOCK = 144,
VK_FORMAT_BC7_UNORM_BLOCK = 145,
VK_FORMAT_BC7_SRGB_BLOCK = 146,
VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8_UNORM_BLOCK = 147,
VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8_SRGB_BLOCK = 148,
VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A1_UNORM_BLOCK = 149,
VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A1_SRGB_BLOCK = 150,
VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A8_UNORM_BLOCK = 151,
VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A8_SRGB_BLOCK = 152,
VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11_UNORM_BLOCK = 153,
VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11_SNORM_BLOCK = 154,
VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11G11_UNORM_BLOCK = 155,
VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11G11_SNORM_BLOCK = 156,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_4x4_UNORM_BLOCK = 157,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_4x4_SRGB_BLOCK = 158,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x4_UNORM_BLOCK = 159,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x4_SRGB_BLOCK = 160,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x5_UNORM_BLOCK = 161,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x5_SRGB_BLOCK = 162,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x5_UNORM_BLOCK = 163,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x5_SRGB_BLOCK = 164,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x6_UNORM_BLOCK = 165,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x6_SRGB_BLOCK = 166,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x5_UNORM_BLOCK = 167,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x5_SRGB_BLOCK = 168,
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VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x6_SRGB_BLOCK = 170,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x8_UNORM_BLOCK = 171,
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VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x5_UNORM_BLOCK = 173,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x5_SRGB_BLOCK = 174,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x6_UNORM_BLOCK = 175,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x6_SRGB_BLOCK = 176,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x8_UNORM_BLOCK = 177,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x8_SRGB_BLOCK = 178,
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VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x10_SRGB_BLOCK = 182,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x12_UNORM_BLOCK = 183,
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x12_SRGB_BLOCK = 184,
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    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_G8B8G8R8_422_UNORM = 1000156000,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8G8_422_UNORM = 1000156001,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_G8_B8_R8_3PLANE_420_UNORM = 1000156002,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_G8_B8R8_2PLANE_420_UNORM = 1000156003,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_G8_B8_R8_3PLANE_422_UNORM = 1000156004,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_G8_B8R8_2PLANE_422_UNORM = 1000156005,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_G8_B8_R8_3PLANE_444_UNORM = 1000156006,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_R10X6_UNORM_PACK16 = 1000156007,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_R10X6G10X6_UNORM_2PACK16 = 1000156008,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_R10X6G10X6B10X6A10X6_UNORM_4PACK16 = 1000156009,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_G10X6B10X6G10X6R10X6_422_UNORM_4PACK16 = 1000156010,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_B10X6G10X6R10X6G10X6_422_UNORM_4PACK16 = 1000156011,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16 = 1000156012,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6R10X6_2PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16 = 1000156013,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16 = 1000156014,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6R10X6_2PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16 = 1000156015,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_444_UNORM_3PACK16 = 1000156016,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_R12X4_UNORM_PACK16 = 1000156017,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_R12X4G12X4_UNORM_2PACK16 = 1000156018,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_R12X4G12X4B12X4A12X4_UNORM_4PACK16 = 1000156019,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_G12X4B12X4G12X4R12X4_422_UNORM_4PACK16 = 1000156020,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_B12X4G12X4R12X4G12X4_422_UNORM_4PACK16 = 1000156021,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16 = 1000156022,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4R12X4_2PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16 = 1000156023,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16 = 1000156024,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
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      VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4R12X4_2PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16 = 1000156025,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
      VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_444_UNORM_3PACK16 = 1000156026,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
      VK_FORMAT_G16B16G16R16_422_UNORM = 1000156027,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
      VK_FORMAT_B16G16R16G16_422_UNORM = 1000156028,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
      VK_FORMAT_G16_B16_R16_3PLANE_420_UNORM = 1000156029,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
      VK_FORMAT_G16_B16R16_2PLANE_420_UNORM = 1000156030,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
      VK_FORMAT_G16_B16_R16_3PLANE_422_UNORM = 1000156031,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
      VK_FORMAT_G16_B16R16_2PLANE_422_UNORM = 1000156032,
    // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
      VK_FORMAT_G16_B16_R16_3PLANE_444_UNORM = 1000156033,
} VkFormat;
```

- VK_FORMAT_UNDEFINED specifies that the format is not specified.

- VK_FORMAT_R4G4_UNORM_PACK8 specifies a two-component, 8-bit packed unsigned normalized format that has a 4-bit R component in bits 4..7, and a 4-bit G component in bits 0..3.

- VK_FORMAT_R4G4B4A4_UNORM_PACK16 specifies a four-component, 16-bit packed unsigned normalized format that has a 4-bit R component in bits 12..15, a 4-bit G component in bits 8..11, a 4-bit B component in bits 4..7, and a 4-bit A component in bits 0..3.

- VK_FORMAT_B4G4R4A4_UNORM_PACK16 specifies a four-component, 16-bit packed unsigned normalized format that has a 4-bit B component in bits 12..15, a 4-bit G component in bits 8..11, a 4-bit R component in bits 4..7, and a 4-bit A component in bits 0..3.

- VK_FORMAT_R5G6B5_UNORM_PACK16 specifies a three-component, 16-bit packed unsigned normalized format that has a 5-bit R component in bits 11..15, a 6-bit G component in bits 5..10, and a 5-bit B component in bits 0..4.

- VK_FORMAT_B5G6R5_UNORM_PACK16 specifies a three-component, 16-bit packed unsigned normalized format that has a 5-bit B component in bits 11..15, a 6-bit G component in bits 5..10, and a 5-bit R component in bits 0..4.

- VK_FORMAT_R5G5B5A1_UNORM_PACK16 specifies a four-component, 16-bit packed unsigned normalized format that has a 5-bit R component in bits 11..15, a 5-bit G component in bits 6..10, a 5-bit B component in bits 1..5, and a 1-bit A component in bit 0.

- VK_FORMAT_B5G5R5A1_UNORM_PACK16 specifies a four-component, 16-bit packed unsigned normalized format that has a 5-bit B component in bits 11..15, a 5-bit G component in bits 6..10, a 5-bit R component in bits 1..5, and a 1-bit A component in bit 0.

- VK_FORMAT_A1R5G5B5_UNORM_PACK16 specifies a four-component, 16-bit packed unsigned normalized format that has a 1-bit A component in bit 15, a 5-bit R component in bits 10..14, a 5-bit G component in bits 5..9, and a 5-bit B component in bits 0..4.

- VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM specifies a one-component, 8-bit unsigned normalized format that has a single 8-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8_SNORM` specifies a one-component, 8-bit signed normalized format that has a single 8-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8_USCALED` specifies a one-component, 8-bit unsigned scaled integer format that has a single 8-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8_SSCALED` specifies a one-component, 8-bit signed scaled integer format that has a single 8-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8_UINT` specifies a one-component, 8-bit unsigned integer format that has a single 8-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8_SINT` specifies a one-component, 8-bit signed integer format that has a single 8-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8_SRGB` specifies a one-component, 8-bit unsigned normalized format that has a single 8-bit R component stored with sRGB nonlinear encoding.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8_UNORM` specifies a two-component, 16-bit unsigned normalized format that has an 8-bit R component in byte 0, and an 8-bit G component in byte 1.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SNORM` specifies a two-component, 16-bit signed normalized format that has an 8-bit R component in byte 0, and an 8-bit G component in byte 1.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8_USCALED` specifies a two-component, 16-bit unsigned scaled integer format that has an 8-bit R component in byte 0, and an 8-bit G component in byte 1.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SSCALED` specifies a two-component, 16-bit signed scaled integer format that has an 8-bit R component in byte 0, and an 8-bit G component in byte 1.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8_UINT` specifies a two-component, 16-bit unsigned integer format that has an 8-bit R component in byte 0, and an 8-bit G component in byte 1.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SINT` specifies a two-component, 16-bit signed integer format that has an 8-bit R component in byte 0, and an 8-bit G component in byte 1.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SRGB` specifies a two-component, 16-bit unsigned normalized format that has an 8-bit R component stored with sRGB nonlinear encoding in byte 0, and an 8-bit G component stored with sRGB nonlinear encoding in byte 1.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_UNORM` specifies a three-component, 24-bit unsigned normalized format that has an 8-bit R component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, and an 8-bit B component in byte 2.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_SNORM` specifies a three-component, 24-bit signed normalized format that has an 8-bit R component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, and an 8-bit B component in byte 2.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_USCALED` specifies a three-component, 24-bit unsigned scaled format that has an 8-bit R component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, and an 8-bit B component in byte 2.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_SSCALED` specifies a three-component, 24-bit signed scaled format that has an 8-bit R component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, and an 8-bit B component in byte 2.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_UINT` specifies a three-component, 24-bit unsigned integer format that has an 8-bit R component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, and an 8-bit B component in byte 2.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_SINT` specifies a three-component, 24-bit signed integer format that has an 8-bit R component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, and an 8-bit B component in byte 2.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_SRGB` specifies a three-component, 24-bit unsigned normalized format that has an 8-bit R component stored with sRGB nonlinear encoding in byte 0, an 8-bit G component stored with sRGB nonlinear encoding in byte 1, and an 8-bit B component stored with sRGB nonlinear encoding in byte 2.

- `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_UNORM` specifies a three-component, 24-bit unsigned normalized format that has an 8-bit B component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, and an 8-bit R component in byte 2.

- `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_SNORM` specifies a three-component, 24-bit signed normalized format that has an 8-bit B component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, and an 8-bit R component in byte 2.

- `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_USCALED` specifies a three-component, 24-bit unsigned scaled format that has an 8-bit B component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, and an 8-bit R component in byte 2.

- `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_SSCALED` specifies a three-component, 24-bit signed scaled format that has an 8-bit B component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, and an 8-bit R component in byte 2.

- `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_UINT` specifies a three-component, 24-bit unsigned integer format that has an 8-bit B component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, and an 8-bit R component in byte 2.

- `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_SINT` specifies a three-component, 24-bit signed integer format that has an 8-bit B component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, and an 8-bit R component in byte 2.

- `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_SRGB` specifies a three-component, 24-bit unsigned normalized format that has an 8-bit B component stored with sRGB nonlinear encoding in byte 0, an 8-bit G component stored with sRGB nonlinear encoding in byte 1, and an 8-bit R component stored with sRGB nonlinear encoding in byte 2.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_UNORM` specifies a four-component, 32-bit unsigned normalized format that has an 8-bit R component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, an 8-bit B component in byte 2, and an 8-bit A component in byte 3.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SNORM` specifies a four-component, 32-bit signed normalized format that has an 8-bit R component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, an 8-bit B component in byte 2, and an 8-bit A component in byte 3.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_USCALED` specifies a four-component, 32-bit unsigned scaled format that has an 8-bit R component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, an 8-bit B component in byte 2, and an 8-bit A component in byte 3.

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- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_UINT` specifies a four-component, 32-bit unsigned integer format that has an 8-bit R component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, an 8-bit B component in byte 2, and an 8-bit A component in byte 3.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SINT` specifies a four-component, 32-bit signed integer format that has an 8-bit R component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, an 8-bit B component in byte 2, and an 8-bit A component in byte 3.

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SRGB` specifies a four-component, 32-bit unsigned normalized format that has an 8-bit R component stored with sRGB nonlinear encoding in byte 0, an 8-bit G component

stored with sRGB nonlinear encoding in byte 1, an 8-bit B component stored with sRGB nonlinear encoding in byte 2, and an 8-bit A component in byte 3.

- `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_UNORM` specifies a four-component, 32-bit unsigned normalized format that has an 8-bit B component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, an 8-bit R component in byte 2, and an 8-bit A component in byte 3.

- `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_SNORM` specifies a four-component, 32-bit signed normalized format that has an 8-bit B component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, an 8-bit R component in byte 2, and an 8-bit A component in byte 3.

- `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_USCALED` specifies a four-component, 32-bit unsigned scaled format that has an 8-bit B component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, an 8-bit R component in byte 2, and an 8-bit A component in byte 3.

- `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_SSCALED` specifies a four-component, 32-bit signed scaled format that has an 8-bit B component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, an 8-bit R component in byte 2, and an 8-bit A component in byte 3.

- `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_UINT` specifies a four-component, 32-bit unsigned integer format that has an 8-bit B component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, an 8-bit R component in byte 2, and an 8-bit A component in byte 3.

- `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_SINT` specifies a four-component, 32-bit signed integer format that has an 8-bit B component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component in byte 1, an 8-bit R component in byte 2, and an 8-bit A component in byte 3.

- `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_SRGB` specifies a four-component, 32-bit unsigned normalized format that has an 8-bit B component stored with sRGB nonlinear encoding in byte 0, an 8-bit G component stored with sRGB nonlinear encoding in byte 1, an 8-bit R component stored with sRGB nonlinear encoding in byte 2, and an 8-bit A component in byte 3.

- `VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_UNORM_PACK32` specifies a four-component, 32-bit packed unsigned normalized format that has an 8-bit A component in bits 24..31, an 8-bit B component in bits 16..23, an 8-bit G component in bits 8..15, and an 8-bit R component in bits 0..7.

- `VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SNORM_PACK32` specifies a four-component, 32-bit packed signed normalized format that has an 8-bit A component in bits 24..31, an 8-bit B component in bits 16..23, an 8-bit G component in bits 8..15, and an 8-bit R component in bits 0..7.

- `VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_USCALED_PACK32` specifies a four-component, 32-bit packed unsigned scaled integer format that has an 8-bit A component in bits 24..31, an 8-bit B component in bits 16..23, an 8-bit G component in bits 8..15, and an 8-bit R component in bits 0..7.

- `VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SSCALED_PACK32` specifies a four-component, 32-bit packed signed scaled integer format that has an 8-bit A component in bits 24..31, an 8-bit B component in bits 16..23, an 8-bit G component in bits 8..15, and an 8-bit R component in bits 0..7.

- `VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_UINT_PACK32` specifies a four-component, 32-bit packed unsigned integer format that has an 8-bit A component in bits 24..31, an 8-bit B component in bits 16..23, an 8-bit G component in bits 8..15, and an 8-bit R component in bits 0..7.

- `VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SINT_PACK32` specifies a four-component, 32-bit packed signed integer format that has an 8-bit A component in bits 24..31, an 8-bit B component in bits 16..23, an 8-bit G component in bits 8..15, and an 8-bit R component in bits 0..7.

- `VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SRGB_PACK32` specifies a four-component, 32-bit packed unsigned normalized format that has an 8-bit A component in bits 24..31, an 8-bit B component stored with sRGB nonlinear encoding in bits 16..23, an 8-bit G component stored with sRGB nonlinear encoding in bits 8..15, and an 8-bit R component stored with sRGB nonlinear encoding in bits 0..7.

- `VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_UNORM_PACK32` specifies a four-component, 32-bit packed unsigned normalized format that has a 2-bit A component in bits 30..31, a 10-bit R component in bits 20..29, a 10-bit G component in bits 10..19, and a 10-bit B component in bits 0..9.

- `VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_SNORM_PACK32` specifies a four-component, 32-bit packed signed normalized format that has a 2-bit A component in bits 30..31, a 10-bit R component in bits 20..29, a 10-bit G component in bits 10..19, and a 10-bit B component in bits 0..9.

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- `VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_UINT_PACK32` specifies a four-component, 32-bit packed unsigned integer format that has a 2-bit A component in bits 30..31, a 10-bit R component in bits 20..29, a 10-bit G component in bits 10..19, and a 10-bit B component in bits 0..9.

- `VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_SINT_PACK32` specifies a four-component, 32-bit packed signed integer format that has a 2-bit A component in bits 30..31, a 10-bit R component in bits 20..29, a 10-bit G component in bits 10..19, and a 10-bit B component in bits 0..9.

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- `VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_UINT_PACK32` specifies a four-component, 32-bit packed unsigned integer format that has a 2-bit A component in bits 30..31, a 10-bit B component in bits 20..29, a 10-bit G component in bits 10..19, and a 10-bit R component in bits 0..9.

- `VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_SINT_PACK32` specifies a four-component, 32-bit packed signed integer format that has a 2-bit A component in bits 30..31, a 10-bit B component in bits 20..29, a 10-bit G component in bits 10..19, and a 10-bit R component in bits 0..9.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16_UNORM` specifies a one-component, 16-bit unsigned normalized format that has a single 16-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16_SNORM` specifies a one-component, 16-bit signed normalized format that has a single 16-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16_USCALED` specifies a one-component, 16-bit unsigned scaled integer format that has a single 16-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16_SSCALED` specifies a one-component, 16-bit signed scaled integer format that has a single 16-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16_UINT` specifies a one-component, 16-bit unsigned integer format that has a single 16-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16_SINT` specifies a one-component, 16-bit signed integer format that has a single 16-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16_SFLOAT` specifies a one-component, 16-bit signed floating-point format that has a single 16-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_UNORM` specifies a two-component, 32-bit unsigned normalized format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, and a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SNORM` specifies a two-component, 32-bit signed normalized format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, and a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_USCALED` specifies a two-component, 32-bit unsigned scaled integer format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, and a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SSCALED` specifies a two-component, 32-bit signed scaled integer format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, and a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_UINT` specifies a two-component, 32-bit unsigned integer format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, and a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SINT` specifies a two-component, 32-bit signed integer format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, and a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SFLOAT` specifies a two-component, 32-bit signed floating-point format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, and a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_UNORM` specifies a three-component, 48-bit unsigned normalized format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3, and a 16-bit B component in bytes 4..5.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_SNORM` specifies a three-component, 48-bit signed normalized format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3, and a 16-bit B component in bytes 4..5.

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- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_UINT` specifies a three-component, 48-bit unsigned integer format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3, and a 16-bit B component in bytes 4..5.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_SINT` specifies a three-component, 48-bit signed integer format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3, and a 16-bit B component in bytes 4..5.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_SFLOAT` specifies a three-component, 48-bit signed floating-point format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3, and a 16-bit B component in bytes 4..5.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_UNORM` specifies a four-component, 64-bit unsigned normalized format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3, a 16-bit B component in bytes 4..5, and a 16-bit A component in bytes 6..7.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SNORM` specifies a four-component, 64-bit signed normalized format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3, a 16-bit B component in bytes 4..5, and a 16-bit A component in bytes 6..7.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_USCALED` specifies a four-component, 64-bit unsigned scaled integer format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3, a 16-bit B component in bytes 4..5, and a 16-bit A component in bytes 6..7.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SSCALED` specifies a four-component, 64-bit signed scaled integer format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3, a 16-bit B component in bytes 4..5, and a 16-bit A component in bytes 6..7.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_UINT` specifies a four-component, 64-bit unsigned integer format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3, a 16-bit B component in bytes 4..5, and a 16-bit A component in bytes 6..7.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SINT` specifies a four-component, 64-bit signed integer format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3, a 16-bit B component in bytes 4..5, and a 16-bit A component in bytes 6..7.

- `VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SFLOAT` specifies a four-component, 64-bit signed floating-point format that has a 16-bit R component in bytes 0..1, a 16-bit G component in bytes 2..3, a 16-bit B component in bytes 4..5, and a 16-bit A component in bytes 6..7.

- `VK_FORMAT_R32_UINT` specifies a one-component, 32-bit unsigned integer format that has a single 32-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R32_SINT` specifies a one-component, 32-bit signed integer format that has a single 32-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R32_SFLOAT` specifies a one-component, 32-bit signed floating-point format that has a single 32-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R32G32_UINT` specifies a two-component, 64-bit unsigned integer format that has a 32-bit R component in bytes 0..3, and a 32-bit G component in bytes 4..7.

- `VK_FORMAT_R32G32_SINT` specifies a two-component, 64-bit signed integer format that has a 32-bit R component in bytes 0..3, and a 32-bit G component in bytes 4..7.

- `VK_FORMAT_R32G32_SFLOAT` specifies a two-component, 64-bit signed floating-point format that has a 32-bit R component in bytes 0..3, and a 32-bit G component in bytes 4..7.

- `VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32_UINT` specifies a three-component, 96-bit unsigned integer format that has a 32-bit R component in bytes 0..3, a 32-bit G component in bytes 4..7, and a 32-bit B component in bytes 8..11.

- `VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32_SINT` specifies a three-component, 96-bit signed integer format that has a 32-bit R component in bytes 0..3, a 32-bit G component in bytes 4..7, and a 32-bit B component in bytes 8..11.

- `VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32_SFLOAT` specifies a three-component, 96-bit signed floating-point format that has a 32-bit R component in bytes 0..3, a 32-bit G component in bytes 4..7, and a 32-bit B component in bytes 8..11.

- `VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_UINT` specifies a four-component, 128-bit unsigned integer format that has a 32-bit R component in bytes 0..3, a 32-bit G component in bytes 4..7, a 32-bit B component in bytes 8..11, and a 32-bit A component in bytes 12..15.

- `VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_SINT` specifies a four-component, 128-bit signed integer format that has a 32-bit R component in bytes 0..3, a 32-bit G component in bytes 4..7, a 32-bit B component in bytes 8..11, and a 32-bit A component in bytes 12..15.

- `VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_SFLOAT` specifies a four-component, 128-bit signed floating-point format that has a 32-bit R component in bytes 0..3, a 32-bit G component in bytes 4..7, a 32-bit B component in bytes 8..11, and a 32-bit A component in bytes 12..15.

- `VK_FORMAT_R64_UINT` specifies a one-component, 64-bit unsigned integer format that has a single 64-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R64_SINT` specifies a one-component, 64-bit signed integer format that has a single 64-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R64_SFLOAT` specifies a one-component, 64-bit signed floating-point format that has a single 64-bit R component.

- `VK_FORMAT_R64G64_UINT` specifies a two-component, 128-bit unsigned integer format that has a 64-bit R component in bytes 0..7, and a 64-bit G component in bytes 8..15.

- `VK_FORMAT_R64G64_SINT` specifies a two-component, 128-bit signed integer format that has a 64-bit R component in bytes 0..7, and a 64-bit G component in bytes 8..15.

- `VK_FORMAT_R64G64_SFLOAT` specifies a two-component, 128-bit signed floating-point format that has a 64-bit R component in bytes 0..7, and a 64-bit G component in bytes 8..15.

- `VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64_UINT` specifies a three-component, 192-bit unsigned integer format that has a 64-bit R component in bytes 0..7, a 64-bit G component in bytes 8..15, and a 64-bit B component in bytes 16..23.

- `VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64_SINT` specifies a three-component, 192-bit signed integer format that has a 64-bit R component in bytes 0..7, a 64-bit G component in bytes 8..15, and a 64-bit B component in bytes 16..23.

- `VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64_SFLOAT` specifies a three-component, 192-bit signed floating-point format that has a 64-bit R component in bytes 0..7, a 64-bit G component in bytes 8..15, and a 64-bit B component in bytes 16..23.

- `VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64A64_UINT` specifies a four-component, 256-bit unsigned integer format that has a 64-bit R component in bytes 0..7, a 64-bit G component in bytes 8..15, a 64-bit B component in bytes 16..23, and a 64-bit A component in bytes 24..31.

- `VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64A64_SINT` specifies a four-component, 256-bit signed integer format that has a 64-bit R component in bytes 0..7, a 64-bit G component in bytes 8..15, a 64-bit B component in bytes 16..23, and a 64-bit A component in bytes 24..31.

- `VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64A64_SFLOAT` specifies a four-component, 256-bit signed floating-point format that has a 64-bit R component in bytes 0..7, a 64-bit G component in bytes 8..15, a 64-bit B component in bytes 16..23, and a 64-bit A component in bytes 24..31.

- `VK_FORMAT_B10G11R11_UFLOAT_PACK32` specifies a three-component, 32-bit packed unsigned floating-point format that has a 10-bit B component in bits 22..31, an 11-bit G component in bits 11..21, an 11-bit R component in bits 0..10. See Unsigned 10-Bit Floating-Point Numbers and Unsigned 11-Bit Floating-Point Numbers.

- `VK_FORMAT_E5B9G9R9_UFLOAT_PACK32` specifies a three-component, 32-bit packed unsigned floating-point format that has a 5-bit shared exponent in bits 27..31, a 9-bit B component mantissa in bits 18..26, a 9-bit G component mantissa in bits 9..17, and a 9-bit R component mantissa in bits 0..8.

- `VK_FORMAT_D16_UNORM` specifies a one-component, 16-bit unsigned normalized format that has a single 16-bit depth component.

- `VK_FORMAT_X8_D24_UNORM_PACK32` specifies a two-component, 32-bit format that has 24 unsigned normalized bits in the depth component and, **optionally**, 8 bits that are unused.

- `VK_FORMAT_D32_SFLOAT` specifies a one-component, 32-bit signed floating-point format that has 32 bits in the depth component.

- `VK_FORMAT_S8_UINT` specifies a one-component, 8-bit unsigned integer format that has 8 bits in the stencil component.

- `VK_FORMAT_D16_UNORM_S8_UINT` specifies a two-component, 24-bit format that has 16 unsigned normalized bits in the depth component and 8 unsigned integer bits in the stencil component.

- `VK_FORMAT_D24_UNORM_S8_UINT` specifies a two-component, 32-bit packed format that has 8 unsigned integer bits in the stencil component, and 24 unsigned normalized bits in the depth component.

- `VK_FORMAT_D32_SFLOAT_S8_UINT` specifies a two-component format that has 32 signed float bits in the depth component and 8 unsigned integer bits in the stencil component. There are **optionally** 24 bits that are unused.

- `VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGB_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a three-component, block-compressed format where each 64-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGB texel data. This format has no alpha and is considered opaque.

- `VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGB_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a three-component, block-compressed format where each 64-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGB texel data with sRGB nonlinear encoding. This format has no alpha and is considered opaque.

- `VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGBA_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, block-compressed format where each 64-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGB texel data, and provides 1 bit of alpha.

- `VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGBA_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, block-compressed format where each 64-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGB texel data with sRGB nonlinear encoding, and provides 1 bit of alpha.

- `VK_FORMAT_BC2_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, block-compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with the first 64 bits encoding alpha values followed by 64 bits encoding RGB values.

- `VK_FORMAT_BC2_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, block-compressed format where each

128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with the first 64 bits encoding alpha values followed by 64 bits encoding RGB values with sRGB nonlinear encoding.

- `VK_FORMAT_BC3_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, block-compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with the first 64 bits encoding alpha values followed by 64 bits encoding RGB values.

- `VK_FORMAT_BC3_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, block-compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with the first 64 bits encoding alpha values followed by 64 bits encoding RGB values with sRGB nonlinear encoding.

- `VK_FORMAT_BC4_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a one-component, block-compressed format where each 64-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized red texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_BC4_SNORM_BLOCK` specifies a one-component, block-compressed format where each 64-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of signed normalized red texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_BC5_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a two-component, block-compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RG texel data with the first 64 bits encoding red values followed by 64 bits encoding green values.

- `VK_FORMAT_BC5_SNORM_BLOCK` specifies a two-component, block-compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of signed normalized RG texel data with the first 64 bits encoding red values followed by 64 bits encoding green values.

- `VK_FORMAT_BC6H_UFLOAT_BLOCK` specifies a three-component, block-compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned floating-point RGB texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_BC6H_SFLOAT_BLOCK` specifies a three-component, block-compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of signed floating-point RGB texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_BC7_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, block-compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_BC7_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, block-compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with sRGB nonlinear encoding applied to the RGB components.

- `VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a three-component, ETC2 compressed format where each 64-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGB texel data. This format has no alpha and is considered opaque.

- `VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a three-component, ETC2 compressed format where each 64-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGB texel data with sRGB nonlinear encoding. This format has no alpha and is considered opaque.

- `VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A1_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ETC2 compressed format where each 64-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGB texel data, and provides 1 bit of alpha.

- `VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A1_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ETC2 compressed format where each 64-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGB

texel data with sRGB nonlinear encoding, and provides 1 bit of alpha.

- `VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A8_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ETC2 compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with the first 64 bits encoding alpha values followed by 64 bits encoding RGB values.

- `VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A8_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ETC2 compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with the first 64 bits encoding alpha values followed by 64 bits encoding RGB values with sRGB nonlinear encoding applied.

- `VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a one-component, ETC2 compressed format where each 64-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized red texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11_SNORM_BLOCK` specifies a one-component, ETC2 compressed format where each 64-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of signed normalized red texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11G11_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a two-component, ETC2 compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RG texel data with the first 64 bits encoding red values followed by 64 bits encoding green values.

- `VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11G11_SNORM_BLOCK` specifies a two-component, ETC2 compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of signed normalized RG texel data with the first 64 bits encoding red values followed by 64 bits encoding green values.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_4x4_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_4x4_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 4×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with sRGB nonlinear encoding applied to the RGB components.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x4_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 5×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x4_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 5×4 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with sRGB nonlinear encoding applied to the RGB components.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x5_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 5×5 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x5_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 5×5 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with sRGB nonlinear encoding applied to the RGB components.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x5_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 6×5 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x5_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 6×5 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel

data with sRGB nonlinear encoding applied to the RGB components.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x6_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 6×6 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x6_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 6×6 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with sRGB nonlinear encoding applied to the RGB components.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x5_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes an 8×5 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x5_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes an 8×5 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with sRGB nonlinear encoding applied to the RGB components.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x6_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes an 8×6 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x6_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes an 8×6 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with sRGB nonlinear encoding applied to the RGB components.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x8_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes an 8×8 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x8_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes an 8×8 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with sRGB nonlinear encoding applied to the RGB components.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x5_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 10×5 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x5_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 10×5 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with sRGB nonlinear encoding applied to the RGB components.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x6_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 10×6 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x6_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 10×6 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with sRGB nonlinear encoding applied to the RGB components.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x8_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 10×8 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x8_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 10×8 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA

texel data with sRGB nonlinear encoding applied to the RGB components.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x10_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 10×10 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x10_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 10×10 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with sRGB nonlinear encoding applied to the RGB components.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x10_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 12×10 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x10_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 12×10 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with sRGB nonlinear encoding applied to the RGB components.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x12_UNORM_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 12×12 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data.

- `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x12_SRGB_BLOCK` specifies a four-component, ASTC compressed format where each 128-bit compressed texel block encodes a 12×12 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGBA texel data with sRGB nonlinear encoding applied to the RGB components.

- `VK_FORMAT_G8B8G8R8_422_UNORM` specifies a four-component, 32-bit format containing a pair of G components, an R component, and a B component, collectively encoding a 2×1 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGB texel data. One G value is present at each i coordinate, with the B and R values shared across both G values and thus recorded at half the horizontal resolution of the image. This format has an 8-bit G component for the even i coordinate in byte 0, an 8-bit B component in byte 1, an 8-bit G component for the odd i coordinate in byte 2, and an 8-bit R component in byte 3. This format only supports images with a width that is a multiple of two. For the purposes of the constraints on copy extents, this format is treated as a compressed format with a 2×1 compressed texel block.

- `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8G8_422_UNORM` specifies a four-component, 32-bit format containing a pair of G components, an R component, and a B component, collectively encoding a 2×1 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGB texel data. One G value is present at each i coordinate, with the B and R values shared across both G values and thus recorded at half the horizontal resolution of the image. This format has an 8-bit B component in byte 0, an 8-bit G component for the even i coordinate in byte 1, an 8-bit R component in byte 2, and an 8-bit G component for the odd i coordinate in byte 3. This format only supports images with a width that is a multiple of two. For the purposes of the constraints on copy extents, this format is treated as a compressed format with a 2×1 compressed texel block.

- `VK_FORMAT_G8_B8_R8_3PLANE_420_UNORM` specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has an 8-bit G component in plane 0, an 8-bit B component in plane 1, and an 8-bit R component in plane 2. The horizontal and vertical dimensions of the R and B planes are halved relative to the image dimensions, and each R and B component is shared with the G components for which $\lfloor i_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = i_B = i_R$ and $\lfloor j_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = j_B = j_R$. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, using `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` for the G plane, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` for the B plane, and

`VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT` for the R plane. This format only supports images with a width and height that is a multiple of two.

- `VK_FORMAT_G8_B8R8_2PLANE_420_UNORM` specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has an 8-bit G component in plane 0, and a two-component, 16-bit BR plane 1 consisting of an 8-bit B component in byte 0 and an 8-bit R component in byte 1. The horizontal and vertical dimensions of the BR plane are halved relative to the image dimensions, and each R and B value is shared with the G components for which $\lfloor i_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = i_B = i_R$ and $\lfloor j_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = j_B = j_R$. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, using `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` for the G plane, and `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` for the BR plane. This format only supports images with a width and height that is a multiple of two.

- `VK_FORMAT_G8_B8_R8_3PLANE_422_UNORM` specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has an 8-bit G component in plane 0, an 8-bit B component in plane 1, and an 8-bit R component in plane 2. The horizontal dimension of the R and B plane is halved relative to the image dimensions, and each R and B value is shared with the G components for which $\lfloor i_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = i_B = i_R$. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, using `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` for the G plane, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` for the B plane, and `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT` for the R plane. This format only supports images with a width that is a multiple of two.

- `VK_FORMAT_G8_B8R8_2PLANE_422_UNORM` specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has an 8-bit G component in plane 0, and a two-component, 16-bit BR plane 1 consisting of an 8-bit B component in byte 0 and an 8-bit R component in byte 1. The horizontal dimension of the BR plane is halved relative to the image dimensions, and each R and B value is shared with the G components for which $\lfloor i_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = i_B = i_R$. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, using `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` for the G plane, and `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` for the BR plane. This format only supports images with a width that is a multiple of two.

- `VK_FORMAT_G8_B8_R8_3PLANE_444_UNORM` specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has an 8-bit G component in plane 0, an 8-bit B component in plane 1, and an 8-bit R component in plane 2. Each plane has the same dimensions and each R, G and B component contributes to a single texel. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, using `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` for the G plane, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` for the B plane, and `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT` for the R plane.

- `VK_FORMAT_R10X6_UNORM_PACK16` specifies a one-component, 16-bit unsigned normalized format that has a single 10-bit R component in the top 10 bits of a 16-bit word, with the bottom 6 bits unused.

- `VK_FORMAT_R10X6G10X6_UNORM_2PACK16` specifies a two-component, 32-bit unsigned normalized format that has a 10-bit R component in the top 10 bits of the word in bytes 0..1, and a 10-bit G component in the top 10 bits of the word in bytes 2..3, with the bottom 6 bits of each word unused.

- `VK_FORMAT_R10X6G10X6B10X6A10X6_UNORM_4PACK16` specifies a four-component, 64-bit unsigned normalized format that has a 10-bit R component in the top 10 bits of the word in bytes 0..1, a 10-bit G component in the top 10 bits of the word in bytes 2..3, a 10-bit B component in the top 10 bits of the word in bytes 4..5, and a 10-bit A component in the top 10 bits of the word in bytes 6..7, with the bottom 6 bits of each word unused.

- `VK_FORMAT_G10X6B10X6G10X6R10X6_422_UNORM_4PACK16` specifies a four-component, 64-bit format containing a pair of G components, an R component, and a B component, collectively encoding a 2×1 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGB texel data. One G value is present at each i coordinate, with the B and R values shared across both G values and thus recorded at half the horizontal resolution of the image. This format has a 10-bit G component for the even i coordinate in the top 10 bits of the word in bytes 0..1, a 10-bit B component in the top 10 bits of the word in bytes 2..3, a 10-bit G component for the odd i coordinate in the top 10 bits of the word in bytes 4..5, and a 10-bit R component in the top 10 bits of the word in bytes 6..7, with the bottom 6 bits of each word unused. This format only supports images with a width that is a multiple of two. For the purposes of the constraints on copy extents, this format is treated as a compressed format with a 2×1 compressed texel block.

- `VK_FORMAT_B10X6G10X6R10X6G10X6_422_UNORM_4PACK16` specifies a four-component, 64-bit format containing a pair of G components, an R component, and a B component, collectively encoding a 2×1 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGB texel data. One G value is present at each i coordinate, with the B and R values shared across both G values and thus recorded at half the horizontal resolution of the image. This format has a 10-bit B component in the top 10 bits of the word in bytes 0..1, a 10-bit G component for the even i coordinate in the top 10 bits of the word in bytes 2..3, a 10-bit R component in the top 10 bits of the word in bytes 4..5, and a 10-bit G component for the odd i coordinate in the top 10 bits of the word in bytes 6..7, with the bottom 6 bits of each word unused. This format only supports images with a width that is a multiple of two. For the purposes of the constraints on copy extents, this format is treated as a compressed format with a 2×1 compressed texel block.

- `VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16` specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has a 10-bit G component in the top 10 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 0, a 10-bit B component in the top 10 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 1, and a 10-bit R component in the top 10 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 2, with the bottom 6 bits of each word unused. The horizontal and vertical dimensions of the R and B planes are halved relative to the image dimensions, and each R and B component is shared with the G components for which $\lfloor i_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = i_B = i_R$ and $\lfloor j_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = j_B = j_R$. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via [vkGetImageSubresourceLayout](), using `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` for the G plane, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` for the B plane, and `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT` for the R plane. This format only supports images with a width and height that is a multiple of two.

- `VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6R10X6_2PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16` specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has a 10-bit G component in the top 10 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 0, and a two-component, 32-bit BR plane 1 consisting of a 10-bit B component in the top 10 bits of the word in bytes 0..1, and a 10-bit R component in the top 10 bits of the word in bytes 2..3, with the bottom 6 bits of each word unused. The horizontal and vertical dimensions of the BR plane are halved relative to the image dimensions, and each R and B value is shared with the G components for which $\lfloor i_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = i_B = i_R$ and $\lfloor j_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = j_B = j_R$. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via [vkGetImageSubresourceLayout](), using `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` for the G plane, and `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` for the BR plane. This format only supports images with a width and height that is a multiple of two.

- `VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16` specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has a 10-bit G component in the top 10 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 0, a 10-bit B component in the top 10 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 1, and a 10-bit R component in

the top 10 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 2, with the bottom 6 bits of each word unused. The horizontal dimension of the R and B plane is halved relative to the image dimensions, and each R and B value is shared with the G components for which $\lfloor i_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = i_B = i_R$. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, using `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` for the G plane, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` for the B plane, and `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT` for the R plane. This format only supports images with a width that is a multiple of two.

- `VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6R10X6_2PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16` specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has a 10-bit G component in the top 10 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 0, and a two-component, 32-bit BR plane 1 consisting of a 10-bit B component in the top 10 bits of the word in bytes 0..1, and a 10-bit R component in the top 10 bits of the word in bytes 2..3, with the bottom 6 bits of each word unused. The horizontal dimension of the BR plane is halved relative to the image dimensions, and each R and B value is shared with the G components for which $\lfloor i_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = i_B = i_R$. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, using `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` for the G plane, and `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` for the BR plane. This format only supports images with a width that is a multiple of two.

- `VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_444_UNORM_3PACK16` specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has a 10-bit G component in the top 10 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 0, a 10-bit B component in the top 10 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 1, and a 10-bit R component in the top 10 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 2, with the bottom 6 bits of each word unused. Each plane has the same dimensions and each R, G and B component contributes to a single texel. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, using `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` for the G plane, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` for the B plane, and `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT` for the R plane.

- `VK_FORMAT_R12X4_UNORM_PACK16` specifies a one-component, 16-bit unsigned normalized format that has a single 12-bit R component in the top 12 bits of a 16-bit word, with the bottom 4 bits unused.

- `VK_FORMAT_R12X4G12X4_UNORM_2PACK16` specifies a two-component, 32-bit unsigned normalized format that has a 12-bit R component in the top 12 bits of the word in bytes 0..1, and a 12-bit G component in the top 12 bits of the word in bytes 2..3, with the bottom 4 bits of each word unused.

- `VK_FORMAT_R12X4G12X4B12X4A12X4_UNORM_4PACK16` specifies a four-component, 64-bit unsigned normalized format that has a 12-bit R component in the top 12 bits of the word in bytes 0..1, a 12-bit G component in the top 12 bits of the word in bytes 2..3, a 12-bit B component in the top 12 bits of the word in bytes 4..5, and a 12-bit A component in the top 12 bits of the word in bytes 6..7, with the bottom 4 bits of each word unused.

- `VK_FORMAT_G12X4B12X4G12X4R12X4_422_UNORM_4PACK16` specifies a four-component, 64-bit format containing a pair of G components, an R component, and a B component, collectively encoding a 2×1 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGB texel data. One G value is present at each *i* coordinate, with the B and R values shared across both G values and thus recorded at half the horizontal resolution of the image. This format has a 12-bit G component for the even *i* coordinate in the top 12 bits of the word in bytes 0..1, a 12-bit B component in the top 12 bits of the word in bytes 2..3, a 12-bit G component for the odd *i* coordinate in the top 12 bits of the word in bytes 4..5, and a 12-bit R component in the top 12 bits of the word in bytes 6..7, with the

bottom 4 bits of each word unused. This format only supports images with a width that is a multiple of two. For the purposes of the constraints on copy extents, this format is treated as a compressed format with a 2×1 compressed texel block.

- `VK_FORMAT_B12X4G12X4R12X4G12X4_422_UNORM_4PACK16` specifies a four-component, 64-bit format containing a pair of G components, an R component, and a B component, collectively encoding a 2×1 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGB texel data. One G value is present at each i coordinate, with the B and R values shared across both G values and thus recorded at half the horizontal resolution of the image. This format has a 12-bit B component in the top 12 bits of the word in bytes 0..1, a 12-bit G component for the even i coordinate in the top 12 bits of the word in bytes 2..3, a 12-bit R component in the top 12 bits of the word in bytes 4..5, and a 12-bit G component for the odd i coordinate in the top 12 bits of the word in bytes 6..7, with the bottom 4 bits of each word unused. This format only supports images with a width that is a multiple of two. For the purposes of the constraints on copy extents, this format is treated as a compressed format with a 2×1 compressed texel block.

- `VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16` specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has a 12-bit G component in the top 12 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 0, a 12-bit B component in the top 12 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 1, and a 12-bit R component in the top 12 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 2, with the bottom 4 bits of each word unused. The horizontal and vertical dimensions of the R and B planes are halved relative to the image dimensions, and each R and B component is shared with the G components for which $\lfloor i_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = i_B = i_R$ and $\lfloor j_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = j_B = j_R$. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, using `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` for the G plane, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` for the B plane, and `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT` for the R plane. This format only supports images with a width and height that is a multiple of two.

- `VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4R12X4_2PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16` specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has a 12-bit G component in the top 12 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 0, and a two-component, 32-bit BR plane 1 consisting of a 12-bit B component in the top 12 bits of the word in bytes 0..1, and a 12-bit R component in the top 12 bits of the word in bytes 2..3, with the bottom 4 bits of each word unused. The horizontal and vertical dimensions of the BR plane are halved relative to the image dimensions, and each R and B value is shared with the G components for which $\lfloor i_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = i_B = i_R$ and $\lfloor j_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = j_B = j_R$. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, using `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` for the G plane, and `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` for the BR plane. This format only supports images with a width and height that is a multiple of two.

- `VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16` specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has a 12-bit G component in the top 12 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 0, a 12-bit B component in the top 12 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 1, and a 12-bit R component in the top 12 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 2, with the bottom 4 bits of each word unused. The horizontal dimension of the R and B plane is halved relative to the image dimensions, and each R and B value is shared with the G components for which $\lfloor i_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = i_B = i_R$. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, using `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` for the G plane, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` for the B plane, and `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT` for the R plane. This format only supports images with a width that is a multiple of two.

- `VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4R12X4_2PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16` specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-*

planar format that has a 12-bit G component in the top 12 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 0, and a two-component, 32-bit BR plane 1 consisting of a 12-bit B component in the top 12 bits of the word in bytes 0..1, and a 12-bit R component in the top 12 bits of the word in bytes 2..3, with the bottom 4 bits of each word unused. The horizontal dimension of the BR plane is halved relative to the image dimensions, and each R and B value is shared with the G components for which $\lfloor i_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = i_B = i_R$. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, using VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT for the G plane, and VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT for the BR plane. This format only supports images with a width that is a multiple of two.

- VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_444_UNORM_3PACK16 specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has a 12-bit G component in the top 12 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 0, a 12-bit B component in the top 12 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 1, and a 12-bit R component in the top 12 bits of each 16-bit word of plane 2, with the bottom 4 bits of each word unused. Each plane has the same dimensions and each R, G and B component contributes to a single texel. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, using VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT for the G plane, VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT for the B plane, and VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT for the R plane.

- VK_FORMAT_G16B16G16R16_422_UNORM specifies a four-component, 64-bit format containing a pair of G components, an R component, and a B component, collectively encoding a 2×1 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGB texel data. One G value is present at each *i* coordinate, with the B and R values shared across both G values and thus recorded at half the horizontal resolution of the image. This format has a 16-bit G component for the even *i* coordinate in the word in bytes 0..1, a 16-bit B component in the word in bytes 2..3, a 16-bit G component for the odd *i* coordinate in the word in bytes 4..5, and a 16-bit R component in the word in bytes 6..7. This format only supports images with a width that is a multiple of two. For the purposes of the constraints on copy extents, this format is treated as a compressed format with a 2×1 compressed texel block.

- VK_FORMAT_B16G16R16G16_422_UNORM specifies a four-component, 64-bit format containing a pair of G components, an R component, and a B component, collectively encoding a 2×1 rectangle of unsigned normalized RGB texel data. One G value is present at each *i* coordinate, with the B and R values shared across both G values and thus recorded at half the horizontal resolution of the image. This format has a 16-bit B component in the word in bytes 0..1, a 16-bit G component for the even *i* coordinate in the word in bytes 2..3, a 16-bit R component in the word in bytes 4..5, and a 16-bit G component for the odd *i* coordinate in the word in bytes 6..7. This format only supports images with a width that is a multiple of two. For the purposes of the constraints on copy extents, this format is treated as a compressed format with a 2×1 compressed texel block.

- VK_FORMAT_G16_B16_R16_3PLANE_420_UNORM specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has a 16-bit G component in each 16-bit word of plane 0, a 16-bit B component in each 16-bit word of plane 1, and a 16-bit R component in each 16-bit word of plane 2. The horizontal and vertical dimensions of the R and B planes are halved relative to the image dimensions, and each R and B component is shared with the G components for which $\lfloor i_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = i_B = i_R$ and $\lfloor j_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = j_B = j_R$. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, using VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT for the G plane, VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT for the B plane, and VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT for the R plane. This format only supports images with a width and height that is a multiple of two.

- VK_FORMAT_G16_B16R16_2PLANE_420_UNORM specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has a 16-bit G component in each 16-bit word of plane 0, and a two-component, 32-bit BR

plane 1 consisting of a 16-bit B component in the word in bytes 0..1, and a 16-bit R component in the word in bytes 2..3. The horizontal and vertical dimensions of the BR plane are halved relative to the image dimensions, and each R and B value is shared with the G components for which $\lfloor i_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = i_B = i_R$ and $\lfloor j_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = j_B = j_R$. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, using `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` for the G plane, and `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` for the BR plane. This format only supports images with a width and height that is a multiple of two.

- `VK_FORMAT_G16_B16_R16_3PLANE_422_UNORM` specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has a 16-bit G component in each 16-bit word of plane 0, a 16-bit B component in each 16-bit word of plane 1, and a 16-bit R component in each 16-bit word of plane 2. The horizontal dimension of the R and B plane is halved relative to the image dimensions, and each R and B value is shared with the G components for which $\lfloor i_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = i_B = i_R$. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, using `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` for the G plane, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` for the B plane, and `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT` for the R plane. This format only supports images with a width that is a multiple of two.

- `VK_FORMAT_G16_B16R16_2PLANE_422_UNORM` specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has a 16-bit G component in each 16-bit word of plane 0, and a two-component, 32-bit BR plane 1 consisting of a 16-bit B component in the word in bytes 0..1, and a 16-bit R component in the word in bytes 2..3. The horizontal dimension of the BR plane is halved relative to the image dimensions, and each R and B value is shared with the G components for which $\lfloor i_G \times 0.5 \rfloor = i_B = i_R$. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, using `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` for the G plane, and `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` for the BR plane. This format only supports images with a width that is a multiple of two.

- `VK_FORMAT_G16_B16_R16_3PLANE_444_UNORM` specifies an unsigned normalized *multi-planar format* that has a 16-bit G component in each 16-bit word of plane 0, a 16-bit B component in each 16-bit word of plane 1, and a 16-bit R component in each 16-bit word of plane 2. Each plane has the same dimensions and each R, G and B component contributes to a single texel. The location of each plane when this image is in linear layout can be determined via vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, using `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT` for the G plane, `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT` for the B plane, and `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT` for the R plane.

33.1.1. Compatible formats of planes of multi-planar formats

Individual planes of multi-planar formats are *compatible* with single-plane formats if they occupy the same number of bits per texel block. In the following table, individual planes of a *multi-planar* format are compatible with the format listed against the relevant plane index for that multi-planar format, and any format compatible with the listed single-plane format according to Format Compatibility Classes.

Table 32. Plane Format Compatibility Table

Plane	Compatible format for plane	Width relative to the width w of the plane with the largest dimensions	Height relative to the height h of the plane with the largest dimensions
VK_FORMAT_G8_B8_R8_3PLANE_420_UNORM			
0	VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM	w/2	h/2
2	VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM	w/2	h/2
VK_FORMAT_G8_B8R8_2PLANE_420_UNORM			
0	VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R8G8_UNORM	w/2	h/2
VK_FORMAT_G8_B8_R8_3PLANE_422_UNORM			
0	VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM	w/2	h
2	VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM	w/2	h
VK_FORMAT_G8_B8R8_2PLANE_422_UNORM			
0	VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R8G8_UNORM	w/2	h
VK_FORMAT_G8_B8_R8_3PLANE_444_UNORM			
0	VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM	w	h
2	VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM	w	h
VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16			
0	VK_FORMAT_R10X6_UNORM_PACK16	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R10X6_UNORM_PACK16	w/2	h/2
2	VK_FORMAT_R10X6_UNORM_PACK16	w/2	h/2
VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6R10X6_2PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16			
0	VK_FORMAT_R10X6_UNORM_PACK16	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R10X6G10X6_UNORM_2PACK16	w/2	h/2
VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16			
0	VK_FORMAT_R10X6_UNORM_PACK16	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R10X6_UNORM_PACK16	w/2	h
2	VK_FORMAT_R10X6_UNORM_PACK16	w/2	h
VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6R10X6_2PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16			
0	VK_FORMAT_R10X6_UNORM_PACK16	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R10X6G10X6_UNORM_2PACK16	w/2	h

Plane	Compatible format for plane	Width relative to the width w of the plane with the largest dimensions	Height relative to the height h of the plane with the largest dimensions
VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_444_UNORM_3PACK16			
0	VK_FORMAT_R10X6_UNORM_PACK16	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R10X6_UNORM_PACK16	w	h
2	VK_FORMAT_R10X6_UNORM_PACK16	w	h
VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16			
0	VK_FORMAT_R12X4_UNORM_PACK16	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R12X4_UNORM_PACK16	w/2	h/2
2	VK_FORMAT_R12X4_UNORM_PACK16	w/2	h/2
VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4R12X4_2PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16			
0	VK_FORMAT_R12X4_UNORM_PACK16	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R12X4G12X4_UNORM_2PACK16	w/2	h/2
VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16			
0	VK_FORMAT_R12X4_UNORM_PACK16	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R12X4_UNORM_PACK16	w/2	h
2	VK_FORMAT_R12X4_UNORM_PACK16	w/2	h
VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4R12X4_2PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16			
0	VK_FORMAT_R12X4_UNORM_PACK16	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R12X4G12X4_UNORM_2PACK16	w/2	h
VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_444_UNORM_3PACK16			
0	VK_FORMAT_R12X4_UNORM_PACK16	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R12X4_UNORM_PACK16	w	h
2	VK_FORMAT_R12X4_UNORM_PACK16	w	h
VK_FORMAT_G16_B16_R16_3PLANE_420_UNORM			
0	VK_FORMAT_R16_UNORM	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R16_UNORM	w/2	h/2
2	VK_FORMAT_R16_UNORM	w/2	h/2
VK_FORMAT_G16_B16R16_2PLANE_420_UNORM			
0	VK_FORMAT_R16_UNORM	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R16G16_UNORM	w/2	h/2
VK_FORMAT_G16_B16_R16_3PLANE_422_UNORM			
0	VK_FORMAT_R16_UNORM	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R16_UNORM	w/2	h

Plane	Compatible format for plane	Width relative to the width w of the plane with the largest dimensions	Height relative to the height h of the plane with the largest dimensions
2	VK_FORMAT_R16_UNORM	w/2	h
VK_FORMAT_G16_B16R16_2PLANE_422_UNORM			
0	VK_FORMAT_R16_UNORM	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R16G16_UNORM	w/2	h
VK_FORMAT_G16_B16_R16_3PLANE_444_UNORM			
0	VK_FORMAT_R16_UNORM	w	h
1	VK_FORMAT_R16_UNORM	w	h
2	VK_FORMAT_R16_UNORM	w	h

33.1.2. Packed Formats

For the purposes of address alignment when accessing buffer memory containing vertex attribute or texel data, the following formats are considered *packed* - components of the texels or attributes are stored in bitfields packed into one or more 8-, 16-, or 32-bit fundamental data type.

- Packed into 8-bit data types:
  - VK_FORMAT_R4G4_UNORM_PACK8
- Packed into 16-bit data types:
  - VK_FORMAT_R4G4B4A4_UNORM_PACK16
  - VK_FORMAT_B4G4R4A4_UNORM_PACK16
  - VK_FORMAT_R5G6B5_UNORM_PACK16
  - VK_FORMAT_B5G6R5_UNORM_PACK16
  - VK_FORMAT_R5G5B5A1_UNORM_PACK16
  - VK_FORMAT_B5G5R5A1_UNORM_PACK16
  - VK_FORMAT_A1R5G5B5_UNORM_PACK16
  - VK_FORMAT_R10X6_UNORM_PACK16
  - VK_FORMAT_R12X4_UNORM_PACK16
  - VK_FORMAT_R10X6G10X6_UNORM_2PACK16
  - VK_FORMAT_R12X4G12X4_UNORM_2PACK16
  - VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16
  - VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6R10X6_2PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16
  - VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16
  - VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6R10X6_2PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16
  - VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_444_UNORM_3PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4R12X4_2PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4R12X4_2PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_444_UNORM_3PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6R10X6_2PLANE_444_UNORM_3PACK16_EXT

- VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4R12X4_2PLANE_444_UNORM_3PACK16_EXT

- VK_FORMAT_R10X6G10X6B10X6A10X6_UNORM_4PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G10X6B10X6G10X6R10X6_422_UNORM_4PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_B10X6G10X6R10X6G10X6_422_UNORM_4PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_R12X4G12X4B12X4A12X4_UNORM_4PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G12X4B12X4G12X4R12X4_422_UNORM_4PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_B12X4G12X4R12X4G12X4_422_UNORM_4PACK16

- Packed into 32-bit data types:

  - VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_UNORM_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SNORM_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_USCALED_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SSCALED_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_UINT_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SINT_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SRGB_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_UNORM_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_SNORM_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_USCALED_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_SSCALED_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_UINT_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_SINT_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_UNORM_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_SNORM_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_USCALED_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_SSCALED_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_UINT_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_SINT_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_B10G11R11_UFLOAT_PACK32

  - VK_FORMAT_E5B9G9R9_UFLOAT_PACK32

- ◦ VK_FORMAT_X8_D24_UNORM_PACK32

33.1.3. Identification of Formats

A "format" is represented by a single enum value. The name of a format is usually built up by using the following pattern:

```
VK_FORMAT_{component-format|compression-scheme}_{numeric-format}
```

The component-format indicates either the size of the R, G, B, and A components (if they are present) in the case of a color format, or the size of the depth (D) and stencil (S) components (if they are present) in the case of a depth/stencil format (see below). An X indicates a component that is unused, but **may** be present for padding.

Table 33. Interpretation of Numeric Format

Numeric format	SPIR-V *Sampled Type*	Description
UNORM	OpTypeFloat	The components are unsigned normalized values in the range [0,1]
SNORM	OpTypeFloat	The components are signed normalized values in the range [-1,1]
USCALED	OpTypeFloat	The components are unsigned integer values that get converted to floating-point in the range $[0, 2^n-1]$
SSCALED	OpTypeFloat	The components are signed integer values that get converted to floating-point in the range $[-2^{n-1}, 2^{n-1}-1]$
UINT	OpTypeInt	The components are unsigned integer values in the range $[0, 2^n-1]$
SINT	OpTypeInt	The components are signed integer values in the range $[-2^{n-1}, 2^{n-1}-1]$
UFLOAT	OpTypeFloat	The components are unsigned floating-point numbers (used by packed, shared exponent, and some compressed formats)
SFLOAT	OpTypeFloat	The components are signed floating-point numbers
SRGB	OpTypeFloat	The R, G, and B components are unsigned normalized values that represent values using sRGB nonlinear encoding, while the A component (if one exists) is a regular unsigned normalized value
n is the number of bits in the component.		

The suffix `_PACKnn` indicates that the format is packed into an underlying type with `nn` bits. The suffix `_mPACKnn` is a short-hand that indicates that the format has `m` groups of components (which may or may not be stored in separate *planes*) that are each packed into an underlying type with `nn` bits.

The suffix `_BLOCK` indicates that the format is a block-compressed format, with the representation of multiple pixels encoded interdependently within a region.

Table 34. Interpretation of Compression Scheme

Compression scheme	Description
BC	Block Compression. See Block-Compressed Image Formats.
ETC2	Ericsson Texture Compression. See ETC Compressed Image Formats.
EAC	ETC2 Alpha Compression. See ETC Compressed Image Formats.
ASTC	Adaptive Scalable Texture Compression (LDR Profile). See ASTC Compressed Image Formats.

For *multi-planar* images, the components in separate *planes* are separated by underscores, and the

number of planes is indicated by the addition of a `_2PLANE` or `_3PLANE` suffix. Similarly, the separate aspects of depth-stencil formats are separated by underscores, although these are not considered separate planes. Formats are suffixed by `_422` to indicate that planes other than the first are reduced in size by a factor of two horizontally or that the R and B values appear at half the horizontal frequency of the G values, `_420` to indicate that planes other than the first are reduced in size by a factor of two both horizontally and vertically, and `_444` for consistency to indicate that all three planes of a three-planar image are the same size.

> **Note**
>
> No common format has a single plane containing both R and B components but does not store these components at reduced horizontal resolution.

33.1.4. Representation and Texel Block Size

Color formats **must** be represented in memory in exactly the form indicated by the format's name. This means that promoting one format to another with more bits per component and/or additional components **must** not occur for color formats. Depth/stencil formats have more relaxed requirements as discussed below.

Each format has a *texel block size*, the number of bytes used to store one *texel block* (a single addressable element of an uncompressed image, or a single compressed block of a compressed image). The texel block size for each format is shown in the Compatible formats table.

The representation of non-packed formats is that the first component specified in the name of the format is in the lowest memory addresses and the last component specified is in the highest memory addresses. See Byte mappings for non-packed/compressed color formats. The in-memory ordering of bytes within a component is determined by the host endianness.

Table 35. Byte mappings for non-packed/compressed color formats

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	← **Byte**
R																VK_FORMAT_R8_*
R	G															VK_FORMAT_R8G8_*
R	G	B														VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_*
B	G	R														VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_*
R	G	B	A													VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_*
B	G	R	A													VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_*
G_0	B	G_1	R													VK_FORMAT_G8B8G8R8_422_UNORM
B	G_0	R	G_1													VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8G8_422_UNORM
R																VK_FORMAT_R16_*
R		G														VK_FORMAT_R16G16_*
R		G		B												VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_*
R		G		B		A										VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_*

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	← Byte
G_0		B		G_1		R										VK_FORMAT_G10X6B10X6G10X6R10X6_4PACK16_422_UNORM VK_FORMAT_G12X4B12X4G12X4R12X4_4PACK16_422_UNORM VK_FORMAT_G16B16G16R16_UNORM
B		G_0		R		G_1										VK_FORMAT_B10X6G10X6R10X6G10X6_4PACK16_422_UNORM VK_FORMAT_B12X4G12X4R12X4G12X4_4PACK16_422_UNORM VK_FORMAT_B16G16R16G16_422_UNORM
R																VK_FORMAT_R32_*
R				G												VK_FORMAT_R32G32_*
R				G				B								VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32_*
R				G				B				A				VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_*
R																VK_FORMAT_R64_*
R								G								VK_FORMAT_R64G64_*
VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64_* **as** VK_FORMAT_R64G64_* **but with B in bytes 16-23**																
VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64A64_* **as** VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64_* **but with A in bytes 24-31**																

Packed formats store multiple components within one underlying type. The bit representation is that the first component specified in the name of the format is in the most-significant bits and the last component specified is in the least-significant bits of the underlying type. The in-memory ordering of bytes comprising the underlying type is determined by the host endianness.

Table 36. Bit mappings for packed 8-bit formats

Bit							
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
VK_FORMAT_R4G4_UNORM_PACK8							
R				**G**			
3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0

Table 37. Bit mappings for packed 16-bit formats

Bit															
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
VK_FORMAT_R4G4B4A4_UNORM_PACK16															
R				**G**				**B**				**A**			
3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0
VK_FORMAT_B4G4R4A4_UNORM_PACK16															
B				**G**				**R**				**A**			
3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0
VK_FORMAT_R5G6B5_UNORM_PACK16															
R					**G**						**B**				
4	3	2	1	0	5	4	3	2	1	0	4	3	2	1	0
VK_FORMAT_B5G6R5_UNORM_PACK16															

Bit															
B					G						R				
4	3	2	1	0	5	4	3	2	1	0	4	3	2	1	0
VK_FORMAT_R5G5B5A1_UNORM_PACK16															
R					G					B					A
4	3	2	1	0	4	3	2	1	0	4	3	2	1	0	0
VK_FORMAT_B5G5R5A1_UNORM_PACK16															
B					G					R					A
4	3	2	1	0	4	3	2	1	0	4	3	2	1	0	0
VK_FORMAT_A1R5G5B5_UNORM_PACK16															
A	R					G					B				
0	4	3	2	1	0	4	3	2	1	0	4	3	2	1	0
VK_FORMAT_R10X6_UNORM_PACK16															
R										X					
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	5	4	3	2	1	0
VK_FORMAT_R12X4_UNORM_PACK16															
R												X			
11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	3	2	1	0

Table 38. Bit mappings for packed 32-bit formats

Bit																															
31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_*_PACK32																															
A								B								G								R							
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_*_PACK32																															
A		R										G										B									
1	0	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_*_PACK32																															
A		B										G										R									
1	0	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
VK_FORMAT_B10G11R11_UFLOAT_PACK32																															
B										G											R										
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
VK_FORMAT_E5B9G9R9_UFLOAT_PACK32																															
E					B									G									R								
4	3	2	1	0	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
VK_FORMAT_X8_D24_UNORM_PACK32																															
X								D																							
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

33.1.5. Depth/Stencil Formats

Depth/stencil formats are considered opaque and need not be stored in the exact number of bits per texel or component ordering indicated by the format enum. However, implementations **must** not substitute a different depth or stencil precision than is described in the format (e.g. D16 **must** not be implemented as D24 or D32).

33.1.6. Format Compatibility Classes

Uncompressed color formats are *compatible* with each other if they occupy the same number of bits per texel block. Compressed color formats are compatible with each other if the only difference between them is the numerical type of the uncompressed pixels (e.g. signed vs. unsigned, or SRGB vs. UNORM encoding). Each depth/stencil format is only compatible with itself. In the following table, all the formats in the same row are compatible.

Table 39. Compatible Formats

Class, Texel Block Size, # Texels/Block	Formats
8-bit Block size 1 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	`VK_FORMAT_R4G4_UNORM_PACK8`, `VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM`, `VK_FORMAT_R8_SNORM`, `VK_FORMAT_R8_USCALED`, `VK_FORMAT_R8_SSCALED`, `VK_FORMAT_R8_UINT`, `VK_FORMAT_R8_SINT`, `VK_FORMAT_R8_SRGB`

Class, Texel Block Size, # Texels/Block	Formats
16-bit Block size 2 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_R4G4B4A4_UNORM_PACK16, VK_FORMAT_B4G4R4A4_UNORM_PACK16, VK_FORMAT_R5G6B5_UNORM_PACK16, VK_FORMAT_B5G6R5_UNORM_PACK16, VK_FORMAT_R5G5B5A1_UNORM_PACK16, VK_FORMAT_B5G5R5A1_UNORM_PACK16, VK_FORMAT_A1R5G5B5_UNORM_PACK16, VK_FORMAT_R8G8_UNORM, VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SNORM, VK_FORMAT_R8G8_USCALED, VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SSCALED, VK_FORMAT_R8G8_UINT, VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SINT, VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SRGB, VK_FORMAT_R16_UNORM, VK_FORMAT_R16_SNORM, VK_FORMAT_R16_USCALED, VK_FORMAT_R16_SSCALED, VK_FORMAT_R16_UINT, VK_FORMAT_R16_SINT, VK_FORMAT_R16_SFLOAT, VK_FORMAT_R10X6_UNORM_PACK16, VK_FORMAT_R12X4_UNORM_PACK16, VK_FORMAT_A4R4G4B4_UNORM_PACK16_EXT, VK_FORMAT_A4B4G4R4_UNORM_PACK16_EXT
24-bit Block size 3 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_UNORM, VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_SNORM, VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_USCALED, VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_SSCALED, VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_UINT, VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_SINT, VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_SRGB, VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_UNORM, VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_SNORM, VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_USCALED, VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_SSCALED, VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_UINT, VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_SINT, VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_SRGB

Class, Texel Block Size, # Texels/Block	Formats
32-bit Block size 4 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	`VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_UNORM`, `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SNORM`, `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_USCALED`, `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SSCALED`, `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_UINT`, `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SINT`, `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SRGB`, `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_UNORM`, `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_SNORM`, `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_USCALED`, `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_SSCALED`, `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_UINT`, `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_SINT`, `VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_SRGB`, `VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_UNORM_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SNORM_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_USCALED_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SSCALED_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_UINT_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SINT_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SRGB_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_UNORM_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_SNORM_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_USCALED_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_SSCALED_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_UINT_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_SINT_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_UNORM_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_SNORM_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_USCALED_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_SSCALED_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_UINT_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_SINT_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_UNORM`, `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SNORM`, `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_USCALED`, `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SSCALED`, `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_UINT`, `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SINT`, `VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SFLOAT`, `VK_FORMAT_R32_UINT`, `VK_FORMAT_R32_SINT`, `VK_FORMAT_R32_SFLOAT`, `VK_FORMAT_B10G11R11_UFLOAT_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_E5B9G9R9_UFLOAT_PACK32`, `VK_FORMAT_R10X6G10X6_UNORM_2PACK16`, `VK_FORMAT_R12X4G12X4_UNORM_2PACK16`

Class, Texel Block Size, # Texels/Block	Formats
48-bit Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_UNORM, VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_SNORM, VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_USCALED, VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_SSCALED, VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_UINT, VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_SINT, VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_SFLOAT
64-bit Block size 8 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_UNORM, VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SNORM, VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_USCALED, VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SSCALED, VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_UINT, VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SINT, VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SFLOAT, VK_FORMAT_R32G32_UINT, VK_FORMAT_R32G32_SINT, VK_FORMAT_R32G32_SFLOAT, VK_FORMAT_R64_UINT, VK_FORMAT_R64_SINT, VK_FORMAT_R64_SFLOAT
96-bit Block size 12 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32_UINT, VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32_SINT, VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32_SFLOAT
128-bit Block size 16 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_UINT, VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_SINT, VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_SFLOAT, VK_FORMAT_R64G64_UINT, VK_FORMAT_R64G64_SINT, VK_FORMAT_R64G64_SFLOAT
192-bit Block size 24 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64_UINT, VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64_SINT, VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64_SFLOAT
256-bit Block size 32 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64A64_UINT, VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64A64_SINT, VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64A64_SFLOAT
D16 Block size 2 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_D16_UNORM

Class, Texel Block Size, # Texels/Block	Formats
D24 Block size 4 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_X8_D24_UNORM_PACK32
D32 Block size 4 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_D32_SFLOAT
S8 Block size 1 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_S8_UINT
D16S8 Block size 3 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_D16_UNORM_S8_UINT
D24S8 Block size 4 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_D24_UNORM_S8_UINT
D32S8 Block size 5 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_D32_SFLOAT_S8_UINT
BC1_RGB Block size 8 byte 4x4x1 block extent 16 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGB_UNORM_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGB_SRGB_BLOCK
BC1_RGBA Block size 8 byte 4x4x1 block extent 16 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGBA_UNORM_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGBA_SRGB_BLOCK
BC2 Block size 16 byte 4x4x1 block extent 16 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_BC2_UNORM_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_BC2_SRGB_BLOCK
BC3 Block size 16 byte 4x4x1 block extent 16 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_BC3_UNORM_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_BC3_SRGB_BLOCK

Class, Texel Block Size, # Texels/Block	Formats
BC4 Block size 8 byte 4x4x1 block extent 16 texel/block	`VK_FORMAT_BC4_UNORM_BLOCK`, `VK_FORMAT_BC4_SNORM_BLOCK`
BC5 Block size 16 byte 4x4x1 block extent 16 texel/block	`VK_FORMAT_BC5_UNORM_BLOCK`, `VK_FORMAT_BC5_SNORM_BLOCK`
BC6H Block size 16 byte 4x4x1 block extent 16 texel/block	`VK_FORMAT_BC6H_UFLOAT_BLOCK`, `VK_FORMAT_BC6H_SFLOAT_BLOCK`
BC7 Block size 16 byte 4x4x1 block extent 16 texel/block	`VK_FORMAT_BC7_UNORM_BLOCK`, `VK_FORMAT_BC7_SRGB_BLOCK`
ETC2_RGB Block size 8 byte 4x4x1 block extent 16 texel/block	`VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8_UNORM_BLOCK`, `VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8_SRGB_BLOCK`
ETC2_RGBA Block size 8 byte 4x4x1 block extent 16 texel/block	`VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A1_UNORM_BLOCK`, `VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A1_SRGB_BLOCK`
ETC2_EAC_RGBA Block size 16 byte 4x4x1 block extent 16 texel/block	`VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A8_UNORM_BLOCK`, `VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A8_SRGB_BLOCK`
EAC_R Block size 8 byte 4x4x1 block extent 16 texel/block	`VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11_UNORM_BLOCK`, `VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11_SNORM_BLOCK`
EAC_RG Block size 16 byte 4x4x1 block extent 16 texel/block	`VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11G11_UNORM_BLOCK`, `VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11G11_SNORM_BLOCK`
ASTC_4x4 Block size 16 byte 4x4x1 block extent 16 texel/block	`VK_FORMAT_ASTC_4x4_UNORM_BLOCK`, `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_4x4_SRGB_BLOCK`, `VK_FORMAT_ASTC_4x4_SFLOAT_BLOCK_EXT`

Class, Texel Block Size, # Texels/Block	Formats
ASTC_5x4 Block size 16 byte 5x4x1 block extent 20 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x4_UNORM_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x4_SRGB_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x4_SFLOAT_BLOCK_EXT
ASTC_5x5 Block size 16 byte 5x5x1 block extent 25 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x5_UNORM_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x5_SRGB_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x5_SFLOAT_BLOCK_EXT
ASTC_6x5 Block size 16 byte 6x5x1 block extent 30 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x5_UNORM_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x5_SRGB_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x5_SFLOAT_BLOCK_EXT
ASTC_6x6 Block size 16 byte 6x6x1 block extent 36 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x6_UNORM_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x6_SRGB_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x6_SFLOAT_BLOCK_EXT
ASTC_8x5 Block size 16 byte 8x5x1 block extent 40 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x5_UNORM_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x5_SRGB_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x5_SFLOAT_BLOCK_EXT
ASTC_8x6 Block size 16 byte 8x6x1 block extent 48 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x6_UNORM_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x6_SRGB_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x6_SFLOAT_BLOCK_EXT
ASTC_8x8 Block size 16 byte 8x8x1 block extent 64 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x8_UNORM_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x8_SRGB_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x8_SFLOAT_BLOCK_EXT
ASTC_10x5 Block size 16 byte 10x5x1 block extent 50 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x5_UNORM_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x5_SRGB_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x5_SFLOAT_BLOCK_EXT
ASTC_10x6 Block size 16 byte 10x6x1 block extent 60 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x6_UNORM_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x6_SRGB_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x6_SFLOAT_BLOCK_EXT
ASTC_10x8 Block size 16 byte 10x8x1 block extent 80 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x8_UNORM_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x8_SRGB_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x8_SFLOAT_BLOCK_EXT

Class, Texel Block Size, # Texels/Block	Formats
ASTC_10x10 Block size 16 byte 10x10x1 block extent 100 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x10_UNORM_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x10_SRGB_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x10_SFLOAT_BLOCK_EXT
ASTC_12x10 Block size 16 byte 12x10x1 block extent 120 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x10_UNORM_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x10_SRGB_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x10_SFLOAT_BLOCK_EXT
ASTC_12x12 Block size 16 byte 12x12x1 block extent 144 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x12_UNORM_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x12_SRGB_BLOCK, VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x12_SFLOAT_BLOCK_EXT
32-bit G8B8G8R8 Block size 4 byte 2x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G8B8G8R8_422_UNORM
32-bit B8G8R8G8 Block size 4 byte 2x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8G8_422_UNORM
8-bit 3-plane 420 Block size 3 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G8_B8_R8_3PLANE_420_UNORM
8-bit 2-plane 420 Block size 3 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G8_B8R8_2PLANE_420_UNORM
8-bit 3-plane 422 Block size 3 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G8_B8_R8_3PLANE_422_UNORM
8-bit 2-plane 422 Block size 3 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G8_B8R8_2PLANE_422_UNORM
8-bit 3-plane 444 Block size 3 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G8_B8_R8_3PLANE_444_UNORM

Class, Texel Block Size, # Texels/Block	Formats
64-bit R10G10B10A10 Block size 8 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_R10X6G10X6B10X6A10X6_UNORM_4PACK16
64-bit G10B10G10R10 Block size 8 byte 2x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G10X6B10X6G10X6R10X6_422_UNORM_4PACK16
64-bit B10G10R10G10 Block size 8 byte 2x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_B10X6G10X6R10X6G10X6_422_UNORM_4PACK16
10-bit 3-plane 420 Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16
10-bit 2-plane 420 Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6R10X6_2PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16
10-bit 3-plane 422 Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16
10-bit 2-plane 422 Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6R10X6_2PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16
10-bit 3-plane 444 Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_444_UNORM_3PACK16
64-bit R12G12B12A12 Block size 8 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_R12X4G12X4B12X4A12X4_UNORM_4PACK16
64-bit G12B12G12R12 Block size 8 byte 2x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G12X4B12X4G12X4R12X4_422_UNORM_4PACK16

Class, Texel Block Size, # Texels/Block	Formats
64-bit B12G12R12G12 Block size 8 byte 2x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_B12X4G12X4R12X4G12X4_422_UNORM_4PACK16
12-bit 3-plane 420 Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16
12-bit 2-plane 420 Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4R12X4_2PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16
12-bit 3-plane 422 Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16
12-bit 2-plane 422 Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4R12X4_2PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16
12-bit 3-plane 444 Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_444_UNORM_3PACK16
64-bit G16B16G16R16 Block size 8 byte 2x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G16B16G16R16_422_UNORM
64-bit B16G16R16G16 Block size 8 byte 2x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_B16G16R16G16_422_UNORM
16-bit 3-plane 420 Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G16_B16_R16_3PLANE_420_UNORM
16-bit 2-plane 420 Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G16_B16R16_2PLANE_420_UNORM

Class, Texel Block Size, # Texels/Block	Formats
16-bit 3-plane 422 Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G16_B16_R16_3PLANE_422_UNORM
16-bit 2-plane 422 Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G16_B16R16_2PLANE_422_UNORM
16-bit 3-plane 444 Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G16_B16_R16_3PLANE_444_UNORM
PVRTC1_2BPP Block size 8 byte 8x4x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_PVRTC1_2BPP_UNORM_BLOCK_IMG, VK_FORMAT_PVRTC1_2BPP_SRGB_BLOCK_IMG
PVRTC1_4BPP Block size 8 byte 4x4x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_PVRTC1_4BPP_UNORM_BLOCK_IMG, VK_FORMAT_PVRTC1_4BPP_SRGB_BLOCK_IMG
PVRTC2_2BPP Block size 8 byte 8x4x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_PVRTC2_2BPP_UNORM_BLOCK_IMG, VK_FORMAT_PVRTC2_2BPP_SRGB_BLOCK_IMG
PVRTC2_4BPP Block size 8 byte 4x4x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_PVRTC2_4BPP_UNORM_BLOCK_IMG, VK_FORMAT_PVRTC2_4BPP_SRGB_BLOCK_IMG
8-bit 2-plane 444 Block size 3 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G8_B8R8_2PLANE_444_UNORM_EXT
10-bit 2-plane 444 Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6R10X6_2PLANE_444_UNORM_3PACK16_EXT
12-bit 2-plane 444 Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4R12X4_2PLANE_444_UNORM_3PACK16_EXT

Class, Texel Block Size, # Texels/Block	Formats
16-bit 2-plane 444 Block size 6 byte 1x1x1 block extent 1 texel/block	VK_FORMAT_G16_B16R16_2PLANE_444_UNORM_EXT

33.2. Format Properties

To query supported format features which are properties of the physical device, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
void vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    VkFormat                                    format,
    VkFormatProperties*                         pFormatProperties);
```

- `physicalDevice` is the physical device from which to query the format properties.

- `format` is the format whose properties are queried.

- `pFormatProperties` is a pointer to a VkFormatProperties structure in which physical device properties for `format` are returned.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties-physicalDevice-parameter
  `physicalDevice` **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties-format-parameter
  `format` **must** be a valid VkFormat value

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties-pFormatProperties-parameter
  `pFormatProperties` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkFormatProperties structure

The `VkFormatProperties` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkFormatProperties {
    VkFormatFeatureFlags    linearTilingFeatures;
    VkFormatFeatureFlags    optimalTilingFeatures;
    VkFormatFeatureFlags    bufferFeatures;
} VkFormatProperties;
```

- `linearTilingFeatures` is a bitmask of VkFormatFeatureFlagBits specifying features supported by images created with a `tiling` parameter of `VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR`.

- `optimalTilingFeatures` is a bitmask of VkFormatFeatureFlagBits specifying features supported

by images created with a `tiling` parameter of `VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL`.

- `bufferFeatures` is a bitmask of VkFormatFeatureFlagBits specifying features supported by buffers.

> **ⓘ** *Note*
>
> If no format feature flags are supported, the format itself is not supported, and images of that format cannot be created.

If `format` is a block-compressed format, then `bufferFeatures` **must** not support any features for the format.

If `format` is not a multi-plane format then `linearTilingFeatures` and `optimalTilingFeatures` **must** not contain `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DISJOINT_BIT`.

Bits which **can** be set in the VkFormatProperties features `linearTilingFeatures`, `optimalTilingFeatures`, and `bufferFeatures` are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkFormatFeatureFlagBits {
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT = 0x00000008,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT = 0x00000010,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_ATOMIC_BIT = 0x00000020,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT = 0x00000040,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT = 0x00000080,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT = 0x00000100,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT = 0x00000200,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT = 0x00000400,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT = 0x00000800,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT = 0x00001000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT = 0x00004000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT = 0x00008000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_MIDPOINT_CHROMA_SAMPLES_BIT = 0x00020000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_LINEAR_FILTER_BIT = 0x00040000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1

VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_SEPARATE_RECONSTRUCTION_FILTER_BIT =
0x00080000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1

VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_CHROMA_RECONSTRUCTION_EXPLICIT_BIT =
0x00100000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1

VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_CHROMA_RECONSTRUCTION_EXPLICIT_FORCEA
BLE_BIT = 0x00200000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DISJOINT_BIT = 0x00400000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COSITED_CHROMA_SAMPLES_BIT = 0x00800000,
} VkFormatFeatureFlagBits;
```

These values **may** be set in `linearTilingFeatures` and `optimalTilingFeatures`, specifying that the features are supported by images or image views or sampler Y′$C_B$$C_R$ conversion objects created with the queried vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties::`format`:

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT` specifies that an image view **can** be sampled from.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT` specifies that an image view **can** be used as a storage image.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT` specifies that an image view **can** be used as storage

image that supports atomic operations.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT` specifies that an image view **can** be used as a framebuffer color attachment and as an input attachment.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT` specifies that an image view **can** be used as a framebuffer color attachment that supports blending and as an input attachment.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT` specifies that an image view **can** be used as a framebuffer depth/stencil attachment and as an input attachment.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT` specifies that an image **can** be used as `srcImage` for the `vkCmdBlitImage` command.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT` specifies that an image **can** be used as `dstImage` for the `vkCmdBlitImage` command.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT` specifies that if `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT` is also set, an image view **can** be used with a sampler that has either of `magFilter` or `minFilter` set to `VK_FILTER_LINEAR`, or `mipmapMode` set to `VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_LINEAR`. If `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT` is also set, an image can be used as the `srcImage` to `vkCmdBlitImage` with a `filter` of `VK_FILTER_LINEAR`. This bit **must** only be exposed for formats that also support the `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT` or `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT`.

  If the format being queried is a depth/stencil format, this bit only specifies that the depth aspect (not the stencil aspect) of an image of this format supports linear filtering, and that linear filtering of the depth aspect is supported whether depth compare is enabled in the sampler or not. Where depth comparison is supported it **may** be linear filtered whether this bit is present or not, but where this bit is not present the filtered value **may** be computed in an implementation-dependent manner which differs from the normal rules of linear filtering. The resulting value **must** be in the range [0,1] and **should** be proportional to, or a weighted average of, the number of comparison passes or failures.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT` specifies that an image **can** be used as a source image for copy commands.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT` specifies that an image **can** be used as a destination image for copy commands and clear commands.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_MIDPOINT_CHROMA_SAMPLES_BIT` specifies that an application **can** define a sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion using this format as a source, and that an image of this format **can** be used with a VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo `xChromaOffset` and/or `yChromaOffset` of `VK_CHROMA_LOCATION_MIDPOINT`. Otherwise both `xChromaOffset` and `yChromaOffset` **must** be `VK_CHROMA_LOCATION_COSITED_EVEN`. If a format does not incorporate chroma downsampling (it is not a "422" or "420" format) but the implementation supports sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion for this format, the implementation **must** set `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_MIDPOINT_CHROMA_SAMPLES_BIT`.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COSITED_CHROMA_SAMPLES_BIT` specifies that an application **can** define a sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion using this format as a source, and that an image of this format **can** be used with a VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo `xChromaOffset` and/or `yChromaOffset` of `VK_CHROMA_LOCATION_COSITED_EVEN`. Otherwise both `xChromaOffset` and `yChromaOffset` **must** be `VK_CHROMA_LOCATION_MIDPOINT`. If neither `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COSITED_CHROMA_SAMPLES_BIT` nor `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_MIDPOINT_CHROMA_SAMPLES_BIT` is set, the application **must** not define a sampler

Y'C~B~C~R~ conversion using this format as a source.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_LINEAR_FILTER_BIT` specifies that an application **can** define a sampler Y'C~B~C~R~ conversion using this format as a source with `chromaFilter` set to `VK_FILTER_LINEAR`.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_SEPARATE_RECONSTRUCTION_FILTER_BIT` specifies that the format can have different chroma, min, and mag filters.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_CHROMA_RECONSTRUCTION_EXPLICIT_BIT` specifies that reconstruction is explicit, as described in Chroma Reconstruction. If this bit is not present, reconstruction is implicit by default.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_CHROMA_RECONSTRUCTION_EXPLICIT_FORCEABLE_BIT` specifies that reconstruction **can** be forcibly made explicit by setting VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo::`forceExplicitReconstruction` to `VK_TRUE`. If the format being queried supports `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_CHROMA_RECONSTRUCTION_EXPLICIT_BIT` it **must** also support `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_CHROMA_RECONSTRUCTION_EXPLICIT_FORCEABLE_BIT`.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DISJOINT_BIT` specifies that a multi-planar image **can** have the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_DISJOINT_BIT` set during image creation. An implementation **must** not set `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DISJOINT_BIT` for *single-plane formats*.

The following bits **may** be set in `bufferFeatures`, specifying that the features are supported by buffers or buffer views created with the queried vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties::`format`:

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT` specifies that the format **can** be used to create a buffer view that **can** be bound to a `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER` descriptor.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT` specifies that the format **can** be used to create a buffer view that **can** be bound to a `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER` descriptor.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_ATOMIC_BIT` specifies that atomic operations are supported on `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER` with this format.

- `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT` specifies that the format **can** be used as a vertex attribute format (VkVertexInputAttributeDescription::`format`).

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef VkFlags VkFormatFeatureFlags;
```

VkFormatFeatureFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkFormatFeatureFlagBits.

To query supported format features which are properties of the physical device, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties2(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    VkFormat                                    format,
    VkFormatProperties2*                        pFormatProperties);
```

- `physicalDevice` is the physical device from which to query the format properties.

- `format` is the format whose properties are queried.

- `pFormatProperties` is a pointer to a VkFormatProperties2 structure in which physical device properties for `format` are returned.

`vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties2` behaves similarly to vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties, with the ability to return extended information in a `pNext` chain of output structures.

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties2-physicalDevice-parameter
  `physicalDevice` **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties2-format-parameter
  `format` **must** be a valid VkFormat value

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties2-pFormatProperties-parameter
  `pFormatProperties` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkFormatProperties2 structure

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The VkFormatProperties2 structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkFormatProperties2 {
    VkStructureType       sType;
    void*                 pNext;
    VkFormatProperties    formatProperties;
} VkFormatProperties2;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `formatProperties` is a VkFormatProperties structure describing features supported by the requested format.

33.2.1. Potential Format Features

Some valid usage conditions depend on the format features supported by an VkImage whose VkImageTiling is unknown. In such cases the exact VkFormatFeatureFlagBits supported by the VkImage cannot be determined, so the valid usage conditions are expressed in terms of the *potential format features* of the VkImage format.

The *potential format features* of a VkFormat are defined as follows:

- The union of VkFormatFeatureFlagBits supported when the VkImageTiling is VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL or VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR

33.3. Required Format Support

Implementations **must** support at least the following set of features on the listed formats. For images, these features **must** be supported for every VkImageType (including arrayed and cube variants) unless otherwise noted. These features are supported on existing formats without needing to advertise an extension or needing to explicitly enable them. Support for additional functionality beyond the requirements listed here is queried using the vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties command.

> **Note**
>
> Unless otherwise excluded below, the required formats are supported for all VkImageCreateFlags values as long as those flag values are otherwise allowed.

The following tables show which feature bits **must** be supported for each format. Formats that are required to support VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT **must** also support VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT and VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT.

Table 40. Key for format feature tables

✓	This feature **must** be supported on the named format
†	This feature **must** be supported on at least some of the named formats, with more information in the table where the symbol appears
‡	This feature **must** be supported with some caveats or preconditions, with more information in the table where the symbol appears

Table 41. Feature bits in `optimalTilingFeatures`

VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT
VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT
VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT
VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT
VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT
VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT
VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT
VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT
VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT
VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT
VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT

Table 42. Feature bits in `bufferFeatures`

VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT
VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT
VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT
VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_ATOMIC_BIT

Table 43. Mandatory format support: sub-byte components

Format	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_ATOMIC_BIT
VK_FORMAT_UNDEFINED													
VK_FORMAT_R4G4_UNORM_PACK8													
VK_FORMAT_R4G4B4A4_UNORM_PACK16													
VK_FORMAT_B4G4R4A4_UNORM_PACK16	✓	✓	✓										
VK_FORMAT_R5G6B5_UNORM_PACK16	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓					
VK_FORMAT_B5G6R5_UNORM_PACK16													
VK_FORMAT_R5G5B5A1_UNORM_PACK16													
VK_FORMAT_B5G5R5A1_UNORM_PACK16													
VK_FORMAT_A1R5G5B5_UNORM_PACK16	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓					

Table 44. Mandatory format support: 1-3 byte-sized components

Format	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_ATOMIC_BIT
VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM	✓	✓	✓	‡		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R8_SNORM	✓	✓	✓	‡							✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R8_USCALED													
VK_FORMAT_R8_SSCALED													
VK_FORMAT_R8_UINT	✓	✓		‡		✓	✓				✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R8_SINT	✓	✓		‡		✓	✓				✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R8_SRGB													
VK_FORMAT_R8G8_UNORM	✓	✓	✓	‡		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SNORM	✓	✓	✓	‡							✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R8G8_USCALED													
VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SSCALED													
VK_FORMAT_R8G8_UINT	✓	✓		‡		✓	✓				✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SINT	✓	✓		‡		✓	✓				✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SRGB													
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_UNORM													
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_SNORM													
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_USCALED													
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_SSCALED													
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_UINT													
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_SINT													
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8_SRGB													
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_UNORM													
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_SNORM													

VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_USCALED													
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_SSCALED													
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_UINT													
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_SINT													
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8_SRGB													
Format features marked with ‡ **must** be supported for `optimalTilingFeatures` if the `VkPhysicalDevice` supports the `shaderStorageImageExtendedFormats` feature.													

Table 45. Mandatory format support: 4 byte-sized components

Format	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_ATOMIC_BIT
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_UNORM	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SNORM	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_USCALED													
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SSCALED													
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_UINT	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SINT	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SRGB	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓					
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_UNORM	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_SNORM													
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_USCALED													
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_SSCALED													
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_UINT													
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_SINT													
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_SRGB	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓					
VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_UNORM_PACK32	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SNORM_PACK32	✓	✓	✓							✓	✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_USCALED_PACK32													
VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SSCALED_PACK32													
VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_UINT_PACK32	✓	✓				✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SINT_PACK32	✓	✓				✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_A8B8G8R8_SRGB_PACK32	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓					

Table 46. *Mandatory format support: 10- and 12-bit components*

Format	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_ATOMIC_BIT
VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_UNORM_PACK32													
VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_SNORM_PACK32													
VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_USCALED_PACK32													
VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_SSCALED_PACK32													
VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_UINT_PACK32													
VK_FORMAT_A2R10G10B10_SINT_PACK32													
VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_UNORM_PACK32	✓	✓	✓	‡		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_SNORM_PACK32													
VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_USCALED_PACK32													
VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_SSCALED_PACK32													
VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_UINT_PACK32	✓	✓		‡		✓	✓				✓		
VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_SINT_PACK32													
VK_FORMAT_R10X6_UNORM_PACK16													
VK_FORMAT_R10X6G10X6_UNORM_2PACK16													
VK_FORMAT_R12X4_UNORM_PACK16													
VK_FORMAT_R12X4G12X4_UNORM_2PACK16													

Format features marked with ‡ **must** be supported for `optimalTilingFeatures` if the `VkPhysicalDevice` supports the `shaderStorageImageExtendedFormats` feature.

Table 47. Mandatory format support: 16-bit components

Format	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_ATOMIC_BIT
VK_FORMAT_R16_UNORM				‡							✓		
VK_FORMAT_R16_SNORM				‡							✓		
VK_FORMAT_R16_USCALED													
VK_FORMAT_R16_SSCALED													
VK_FORMAT_R16_UINT	✓	✓		‡		✓	✓				✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R16_SINT	✓	✓		‡		✓	✓				✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R16_SFLOAT	✓	✓	✓	‡		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R16G16_UNORM				‡							✓		
VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SNORM				‡							✓		
VK_FORMAT_R16G16_USCALED													
VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SSCALED													
VK_FORMAT_R16G16_UINT	✓	✓		‡		✓	✓				✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SINT	✓	✓		‡		✓	✓				✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SFLOAT	✓	✓	✓	‡		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_UNORM													
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_SNORM													
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_USCALED													
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_SSCALED													
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_UINT													
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_SINT													
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16_SFLOAT													
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_UNORM				‡							✓		
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SNORM				‡							✓		

Format													
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_USCALED													
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SSCALED													
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_UINT	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SINT	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SFLOAT	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	

Format features marked with ‡ **must** be supported for optimalTilingFeatures if the VkPhysicalDevice supports the shaderStorageImageExtendedFormats feature.

Table 48. Mandatory format support: 32-bit components

Format	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_ATOMIC_BIT
VK_FORMAT_R32_UINT	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
VK_FORMAT_R32_SINT	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
VK_FORMAT_R32_SFLOAT	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R32G32_UINT	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R32G32_SINT	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R32G32_SFLOAT	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32_UINT										✓			
VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32_SINT										✓			
VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32_SFLOAT										✓			
VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_UINT	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_SINT	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	
VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_SFLOAT	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	

Table 49. Mandatory format support: 64-bit/uneven components

Format	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_ATOMIC_BIT
VK_FORMAT_R64_UINT													
VK_FORMAT_R64_SINT													
VK_FORMAT_R64_SFLOAT													
VK_FORMAT_R64G64_UINT													
VK_FORMAT_R64G64_SINT													
VK_FORMAT_R64G64_SFLOAT													
VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64_UINT													
VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64_SINT													
VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64_SFLOAT													
VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64A64_UINT													
VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64A64_SINT													
VK_FORMAT_R64G64B64A64_SFLOAT													
VK_FORMAT_B10G11R11_UFLOAT_PACK32	✓	✓	✓	‡							✓		
VK_FORMAT_E5B9G9R9_UFLOAT_PACK32	✓	✓	✓										

Format features marked with ‡ **must** be supported for `optimalTilingFeatures` if the `VkPhysicalDevice` supports the `shaderStorageImageExtendedFormats` feature.

Table 50. Mandatory format support: depth/stencil with VkImageType VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D

Format	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_ATOMIC_BIT
VK_FORMAT_D16_UNORM	✓	✓							✓				
VK_FORMAT_X8_D24_UNORM_PACK32									†				
VK_FORMAT_D32_SFLOAT	✓	✓							†				
VK_FORMAT_S8_UINT													
VK_FORMAT_D16_UNORM_S8_UINT													
VK_FORMAT_D24_UNORM_S8_UINT									†				
VK_FORMAT_D32_SFLOAT_S8_UINT									†				

VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT feature **must** be supported for at least one of VK_FORMAT_X8_D24_UNORM_PACK32 and VK_FORMAT_D32_SFLOAT, and **must** be supported for at least one of VK_FORMAT_D24_UNORM_S8_UINT and VK_FORMAT_D32_SFLOAT_S8_UINT.

bufferFeatures **must** not support any features for these formats

Table 51. Mandatory format support: BC compressed formats with VkImageType VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D and VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D

	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT ↓	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT ↓	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT ↓	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT ↓	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT ↓	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT ↓	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT ↓	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT ↓	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT ↓	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT ↓	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT ↓	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT ↓	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_ATOMIC_BIT ↓
Format													
VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGB_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGB_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGBA_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGBA_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_BC2_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_BC2_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_BC3_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_BC3_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_BC4_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_BC4_SNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_BC5_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_BC5_SNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_BC6H_UFLOAT_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_BC6H_SFLOAT_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_BC7_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_BC7_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†										

The VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT, VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT and VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT features **must** be supported in optimalTilingFeatures for all the formats in at least one of: this table, Mandatory format support: ETC2 and EAC compressed formats with VkImageType VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D, or Mandatory format support: ASTC LDR compressed formats with VkImageType VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D.

Table 52. Mandatory format support: ETC2 and EAC compressed formats with `VkImageType` `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`

Format	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_ATOMIC_BIT
VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A1_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A1_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A8_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A8_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11_SNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11G11_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11G11_SNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										

The `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT`, `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT` and `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT` features **must** be supported in `optimalTilingFeatures` for all the formats in at least one of: this table, Mandatory format support: BC compressed formats with VkImageType VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D and VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D, or Mandatory format support: ASTC LDR compressed formats with VkImageType VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D.

Table 53. Mandatory format support: ASTC LDR compressed formats with `VkImageType` `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`

Format	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT	VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_ATOMIC_BIT
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_4x4_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_4x4_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x4_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x4_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x5_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x5_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x5_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x5_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x6_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x6_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x5_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x5_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x6_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x6_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x8_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x8_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x5_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x5_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x6_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x6_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†										
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x8_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†										

VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x8_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†			
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x10_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†			
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x10_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†			
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x10_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†			
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x10_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†			
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x12_UNORM_BLOCK	†	†	†			
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x12_SRGB_BLOCK	†	†	†			

The `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT`, `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT` and `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT` features **must** be supported in `optimalTilingFeatures` for all the formats in at least one of: this table, Mandatory format support: BC compressed formats with VkImageType VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D and VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D, or Mandatory format support: ETC2 and EAC compressed formats with VkImageType VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D.

To be used with `VkImageView` with `subresourceRange.aspectMask` equal to `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT`, sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion **must** be enabled for the following formats:

Table 54. Formats requiring sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion for `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT` *image views*

Feature bits (columns, left to right after Planes):
- VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DISJOINT_BIT
- VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT
- VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT
- VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT
- VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COSITED_CHROMA_SAMPLES_BIT
- VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_MIDPOINT_CHROMA_SAMPLES_BIT
- VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_LINEAR_FILTER_BIT
- VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_SEPARATE_RECONSTRUCTION_FILTER_BIT
- VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_CHROMA_RECONSTRUCTION_EXPLICIT_BIT
- VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_CHROMA_RECONSTRUCTION_EXPLICIT_FORCEABLE_BIT

Format	Planes	DISJOINT	SAMPLED_IMAGE	TRANSFER_SRC	TRANSFER_DST	COSITED	MIDPOINT	LINEAR	SEPARATE	EXPLICIT	FORCEABLE
VK_FORMAT_G8B8G8R8_422_UNORM	1										
VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8G8_422_UNORM	1										
VK_FORMAT_G8_B8_R8_3PLANE_420_UNORM	3	†	†	†	†						
VK_FORMAT_G8_B8R8_2PLANE_420_UNORM	2	†	†	†	†						
VK_FORMAT_G8_B8_R8_3PLANE_422_UNORM	3										
VK_FORMAT_G8_B8R8_2PLANE_422_UNORM	2										
VK_FORMAT_G8_B8_R8_3PLANE_444_UNORM	3										
VK_FORMAT_R10X6G10X6B10X6A10X6_UNORM_4PACK16	1										
VK_FORMAT_G10X6B10X6G10X6R10X6_422_UNORM_4PACK16	1										
VK_FORMAT_B10X6G10X6R10X6G10X6_422_UNORM_4PACK16	1										

VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16	3									
VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6R10X6_2PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16	2									
VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16	3									
VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6R10X6_2PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16	2									
VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_444_UNORM_3PACK16	3									
VK_FORMAT_R12X4G12X4B12X4A12X4_UNORM_4PACK16	1									
VK_FORMAT_G12X4B12X4G12X4R12X4_422_UNORM_4PACK16	1									
VK_FORMAT_B12X4G12X4R12X4G12X4_422_UNORM_4PACK16	1									
VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16	3									
VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4R12X4_2PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16	2									
VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16	3									
VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4R12X4_2PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16	2									
VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_444_UNORM_3PACK16	3									
VK_FORMAT_G16B16G16R16_422_UNORM	1									
VK_FORMAT_B16G16R16G16_422_UNORM	1									
VK_FORMAT_G16_B16_R16_3PLANE_420_UNORM	3									
VK_FORMAT_G16_B16R16_2PLANE_420_UNORM	2									
VK_FORMAT_G16_B16_R16_3PLANE_422_UNORM	3									
VK_FORMAT_G16_B16R16_2PLANE_422_UNORM	2									
VK_FORMAT_G16_B16_R16_3PLANE_444_UNORM	3									

Format features marked † **must** be supported for `optimalTilingFeatures` with VkImageType `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D` if the `VkPhysicalDevice` supports the VkPhysicalDeviceSamplerYcbcrConversionFeatures feature.

Implementations are not required to support the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT`, `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT`, or `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT` VkImageCreateFlags for the above formats that require sampler Y′C$_B$C$_R$ conversion. To determine whether the implementation supports sparse image creation flags with these formats use vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties or vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties2.

33.3.1. Formats without shader storage format

The device-level features for using a storage image with an image format of Unknown, shaderStorageImageReadWithoutFormat and shaderStorageImageWriteWithoutFormat, only apply to the following formats:

- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_UNORM`
- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SNORM`
- `VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_UINT`

- VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SINT

- VK_FORMAT_R32_UINT

- VK_FORMAT_R32_SINT

- VK_FORMAT_R32_SFLOAT

- VK_FORMAT_R32G32_UINT

- VK_FORMAT_R32G32_SINT

- VK_FORMAT_R32G32_SFLOAT

- VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_UINT

- VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_SINT

- VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_SFLOAT

- VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_UINT

- VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SINT

- VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SFLOAT

- VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SFLOAT

- VK_FORMAT_B10G11R11_UFLOAT_PACK32

- VK_FORMAT_R16_SFLOAT

- VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_UNORM_PACK32

- VK_FORMAT_R16G16_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_R8G8_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_R16_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SNORM

- VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SNORM

- VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SNORM

- VK_FORMAT_R16_SNORM

- VK_FORMAT_R8_SNORM

- VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SINT

- VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SINT

- VK_FORMAT_R16_SINT

- VK_FORMAT_R8_SINT

- VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_UINT_PACK32

- VK_FORMAT_R16G16_UINT

- VK_FORMAT_R8G8_UINT

- VK_FORMAT_R16_UINT

- `VK_FORMAT_R8_UINT`

> *Note*
>
> This list of formats is the union of required storage formats from Required Format Support section and formats listed in `shaderStorageImageExtendedFormats`.

Chapter 34. Additional Capabilities

This chapter describes additional capabilities beyond the minimum capabilities described in the
Limits and Formats chapters, including:

- Additional Image Capabilities

- Additional Buffer Capabilities

- Optional Semaphore Capabilities

- Optional Fence Capabilities

34.1. Additional Image Capabilities

Additional image capabilities, such as larger dimensions or additional sample counts for certain
image types, or additional capabilities for *linear* tiling format images, are described in this section.

To query additional capabilities specific to image types, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
VkResult vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    VkFormat                                    format,
    VkImageType                                 type,
    VkImageTiling                               tiling,
    VkImageUsageFlags                           usage,
    VkImageCreateFlags                          flags,
    VkImageFormatProperties*                    pImageFormatProperties);
```

- `physicalDevice` is the physical device from which to query the image capabilities.

- `format` is a VkFormat value specifying the image format, corresponding to VkImageCreateInfo
  ::`format`.

- `type` is a VkImageType value specifying the image type, corresponding to VkImageCreateInfo
  ::`imageType`.

- `tiling` is a VkImageTiling value specifying the image tiling, corresponding to
  VkImageCreateInfo::`tiling`.

- `usage` is a bitmask of VkImageUsageFlagBits specifying the intended usage of the image,
  corresponding to VkImageCreateInfo::`usage`.

- `flags` is a bitmask of VkImageCreateFlagBits specifying additional parameters of the image,
  corresponding to VkImageCreateInfo::`flags`.

- `pImageFormatProperties` is a pointer to a VkImageFormatProperties structure in which
  capabilities are returned.

The `format`, `type`, `tiling`, `usage`, and `flags` parameters correspond to parameters that would be
consumed by vkCreateImage (as members of VkImageCreateInfo).

If `format` is not a supported image format, or if the combination of `format`, `type`, `tiling`, `usage`, and `flags` is not supported for images, then `vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties` returns `VK_ERROR_FORMAT_NOT_SUPPORTED`.

The limitations on an image format that are reported by `vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties` have the following property: if `usage1` and `usage2` of type VkImageUsageFlags are such that the bits set in `usage1` are a subset of the bits set in `usage2`, and `flags1` and `flags2` of type VkImageCreateFlags are such that the bits set in `flags1` are a subset of the bits set in `flags2`, then the limitations for `usage1` and `flags1` **must** be no more strict than the limitations for `usage2` and `flags2`, for all values of `format`, `type`, and `tiling`.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties-physicalDevice-parameter
  `physicalDevice` **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties-format-parameter
  `format` **must** be a valid VkFormat value

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties-type-parameter
  `type` **must** be a valid VkImageType value

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties-tiling-parameter
  `tiling` **must** be a valid VkImageTiling value

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties-usage-parameter
  `usage` **must** be a valid combination of VkImageUsageFlagBits values

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties-usage-requiredbitmask
  `usage` **must** not be `0`

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties-flags-parameter
  `flags` **must** be a valid combination of VkImageCreateFlagBits values

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties-pImageFormatProperties-parameter
  `pImageFormatProperties` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkImageFormatProperties structure

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Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_FORMAT_NOT_SUPPORTED`

The `VkImageFormatProperties` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef struct VkImageFormatProperties {
    VkExtent3D          maxExtent;
    uint32_t            maxMipLevels;
    uint32_t            maxArrayLayers;
    VkSampleCountFlags  sampleCounts;
    VkDeviceSize        maxResourceSize;
} VkImageFormatProperties;
```

- `maxExtent` are the maximum image dimensions. See the Allowed Extent Values section below for how these values are constrained by `type`.

- `maxMipLevels` is the maximum number of mipmap levels. `maxMipLevels` **must** be equal to the number of levels in the complete mipmap chain based on the `maxExtent.width`, `maxExtent.height`, and `maxExtent.depth`, except when one of the following conditions is true, in which case it **may** instead be 1:

  - vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties::`tiling` was `VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR`

  - the VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2::`pNext` chain included a VkPhysicalDeviceExternalImageFormatInfo structure with a handle type included in the `handleTypes` member for which mipmap image support is not required

  - image `format` is one of the formats that require a sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion

- `maxArrayLayers` is the maximum number of array layers. `maxArrayLayers` **must** be no less than VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::`maxImageArrayLayers`, except when one of the following conditions is true, in which case it **may** instead be 1:

  - `tiling` is `VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR`

  - `tiling` is `VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL` and `type` is `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D`

  - `format` is one of the formats that require a sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion

- `sampleCounts` is a bitmask of VkSampleCountFlagBits specifying all the supported sample counts for this image as described below.

- `maxResourceSize` is an upper bound on the total image size in bytes, inclusive of all image subresources. Implementations **may** have an address space limit on total size of a resource, which is advertised by this property. `maxResourceSize` **must** be at least 2^{31}.

> **Note**
>
> There is no mechanism to query the size of an image before creating it, to compare that size against `maxResourceSize`. If an application attempts to create an image that exceeds this limit, the creation will fail and vkCreateImage will return `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`. While the advertised limit **must** be at least 2^{31}, it **may** not be possible to create an image that approaches that size, particularly for `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D`.

If the combination of parameters to `vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties` is not supported by the implementation for use in vkCreateImage, then all members of VkImageFormatProperties will be filled with zero.

> **Note**
>
> Filling `VkImageFormatProperties` with zero for unsupported formats is an exception to the usual rule that output structures have undefined contents on error. This exception was unintentional, but is preserved for backwards compatibility.

To query additional capabilities specific to image types, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
VkResult vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties2(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    const VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2*     pImageFormatInfo,
    VkImageFormatProperties2*                   pImageFormatProperties);
```

- `physicalDevice` is the physical device from which to query the image capabilities.

- `pImageFormatInfo` is a pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2 structure describing the parameters that would be consumed by vkCreateImage.

- `pImageFormatProperties` is a pointer to a VkImageFormatProperties2 structure in which capabilities are returned.

vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties2 behaves similarly to vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties, with the ability to return extended information in a `pNext` chain of output structures.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties2-physicalDevice-parameter
  `physicalDevice` **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties2-pImageFormatInfo-parameter
  `pImageFormatInfo` **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2 structure

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties2-pImageFormatProperties-parameter
  `pImageFormatProperties` **must** be a valid pointer to a VkImageFormatProperties2 structure

Return Codes

Success

- `VK_SUCCESS`

Failure

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_HOST_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_DEVICE_MEMORY`

- `VK_ERROR_FORMAT_NOT_SUPPORTED`

The VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2 structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2 {
    VkStructureType        sType;
    const void*            pNext;
    VkFormat               format;
    VkImageType            type;
    VkImageTiling          tiling;
    VkImageUsageFlags      usage;
    VkImageCreateFlags     flags;
} VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure. The pNext chain of VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2 is used to provide additional image parameters to vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties2.

- format is a VkFormat value indicating the image format, corresponding to VkImageCreateInfo::format.

- type is a VkImageType value indicating the image type, corresponding to VkImageCreateInfo::imageType.

- tiling is a VkImageTiling value indicating the image tiling, corresponding to VkImageCreateInfo::tiling.

- usage is a bitmask of VkImageUsageFlagBits indicating the intended usage of the image, corresponding to VkImageCreateInfo::usage.

- flags is a bitmask of VkImageCreateFlagBits indicating additional parameters of the image, corresponding to VkImageCreateInfo::flags.

The members of VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2 correspond to the arguments to vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties, with sType and pNext added for extensibility.

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_IMAGE_FORMAT_INFO_2`

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2-pNext-pNext

  `pNext` **must** be `NULL` or a pointer to a valid instance of VkPhysicalDeviceExternalImageFormatInfo

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2-sType-unique

  The `sType` value of each struct in the `pNext` chain **must** be unique

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2-format-parameter

  `format` **must** be a valid VkFormat value

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2-type-parameter

  `type` **must** be a valid VkImageType value

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2-tiling-parameter

  `tiling` **must** be a valid VkImageTiling value

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2-usage-parameter

  `usage` **must** be a valid combination of VkImageUsageFlagBits values

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2-usage-requiredbitmask

  `usage` **must** not be `0`

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2-flags-parameter

  `flags` **must** be a valid combination of VkImageCreateFlagBits values

The `VkImageFormatProperties2` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkImageFormatProperties2 {
    VkStructureType            sType;
    void*                      pNext;
    VkImageFormatProperties    imageFormatProperties;
} VkImageFormatProperties2;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure. The `pNext` chain of `VkImageFormatProperties2` is used to allow the specification of additional capabilities to be returned from `vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties2`.

- `imageFormatProperties` is a VkImageFormatProperties structure in which capabilities are returned.

If the combination of parameters to `vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties2` is not supported by the implementation for use in `vkCreateImage`, then all members of `imageFormatProperties` will be filled with zero.

> *Note*
>
> Filling `imageFormatProperties` with zero for unsupported formats is an exception to the usual rule that output structures have undefined contents on error. This exception was unintentional, but is preserved for backwards compatibility. This exception only applies to `imageFormatProperties`, not `sType`, `pNext`, or any structures chained from `pNext`.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkImageFormatProperties2-sType-sType

  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_FORMAT_PROPERTIES_2`

- VUID-VkImageFormatProperties2-pNext-pNext

  Each `pNext` member of any structure (including this one) in the `pNext` chain **must** be either `NULL` or a pointer to a valid instance of VkExternalImageFormatProperties or VkSamplerYcbcrConversionImageFormatProperties

- VUID-VkImageFormatProperties2-sType-unique

  The `sType` value of each struct in the `pNext` chain **must** be unique

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To determine the image capabilities compatible with an external memory handle type, add a VkPhysicalDeviceExternalImageFormatInfo structure to the `pNext` chain of the VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2 structure and a `VkExternalImageFormatProperties` structure to the `pNext` chain of the VkImageFormatProperties2 structure.

The `VkPhysicalDeviceExternalImageFormatInfo` structure is defined as:

```c
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceExternalImageFormatInfo {
    VkStructureType                   sType;
    const void*                       pNext;
    VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlagBits    handleType;
} VkPhysicalDeviceExternalImageFormatInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `handleType` is a VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlagBits value specifying the memory handle type that will be used with the memory associated with the image.

If `handleType` is 0, vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties2 will behave as if VkPhysicalDeviceExternalImageFormatInfo was not present, and VkExternalImageFormatProperties will be ignored.

If `handleType` is not compatible with the `format`, `type`, `tiling`, `usage`, and `flags` specified in VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2, then vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties2 returns `VK_ERROR_FORMAT_NOT_SUPPORTED`.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceExternalImageFormatInfo-sType-sType

    sType **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_EXTERNAL_IMAGE_FORMAT_INFO`

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceExternalImageFormatInfo-handleType-parameter

    If `handleType` is not `0`, `handleType` **must** be a valid VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlagBits value

Possible values of VkPhysicalDeviceExternalImageFormatInfo::`handleType`, specifying an external memory handle type, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef enum VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlagBits {
    VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_FD_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_WIN32_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_WIN32_KMT_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D11_TEXTURE_BIT = 0x00000008,
    VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D11_TEXTURE_KMT_BIT = 0x00000010,
    VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D12_HEAP_BIT = 0x00000020,
    VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D12_RESOURCE_BIT = 0x00000040,
} VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlagBits;
```

- `VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_FD_BIT` specifies a POSIX file descriptor handle that has only limited valid usage outside of Vulkan and other compatible APIs. It **must** be compatible with the POSIX system calls `dup`, `dup2`, `close`, and the non-standard system call `dup3`. Additionally, it **must** be transportable over a socket using an `SCM_RIGHTS` control message. It owns a reference to the underlying memory resource represented by its Vulkan memory object.

- `VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_WIN32_BIT` specifies an NT handle that has only limited valid usage outside of Vulkan and other compatible APIs. It **must** be compatible with the functions `DuplicateHandle`, `CloseHandle`, `CompareObjectHandles`, `GetHandleInformation`, and `SetHandleInformation`. It owns a reference to the underlying memory resource represented by its Vulkan memory object.

- `VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_WIN32_KMT_BIT` specifies a global share handle that has only limited valid usage outside of Vulkan and other compatible APIs. It is not compatible with any native APIs. It does not own a reference to the underlying memory resource represented by its Vulkan memory object, and will therefore become invalid when all Vulkan memory objects associated with it are destroyed.

- `VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D11_TEXTURE_BIT` specifies an NT handle returned by `IDXGIResource1::CreateSharedHandle` referring to a Direct3D 10 or 11 texture resource. It owns a reference to the memory used by the Direct3D resource.

- `VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D11_TEXTURE_KMT_BIT` specifies a global share handle returned by `IDXGIResource::GetSharedHandle` referring to a Direct3D 10 or 11 texture resource. It does not own a reference to the underlying Direct3D resource, and will therefore become invalid when all Vulkan memory objects and Direct3D resources associated with it are destroyed.

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- `VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D12_HEAP_BIT` specifies an NT handle returned by `ID3D12Device::CreateSharedHandle` referring to a Direct3D 12 heap resource. It owns a reference to the resources used by the Direct3D heap.

- `VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D12_RESOURCE_BIT` specifies an NT handle returned by `ID3D12Device::CreateSharedHandle` referring to a Direct3D 12 committed resource. It owns a reference to the memory used by the Direct3D resource.

Some external memory handle types can only be shared within the same underlying physical device and/or the same driver version, as defined in the following table:

Table 55. External memory handle types compatibility

Handle type	VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties::driverUUID	VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties::deviceUUID
VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_FD_BIT	Must match	Must match
VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_WIN32_BIT	Must match	Must match
VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_WIN32_KMT_BIT	Must match	Must match
VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D11_TEXTURE_BIT	Must match	Must match
VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D11_TEXTURE_KMT_BIT	Must match	Must match
VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D12_HEAP_BIT	Must match	Must match
VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D12_RESOURCE_BIT	Must match	Must match

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef VkFlags VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlags;
```

VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlagBits.

The VkExternalImageFormatProperties structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkExternalImageFormatProperties {
    VkStructureType             sType;
    void*                       pNext;
    VkExternalMemoryProperties  externalMemoryProperties;
} VkExternalImageFormatProperties;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- externalMemoryProperties is a VkExternalMemoryProperties structure specifying various capabilities of the external handle type when used with the specified image creation parameters.

The VkExternalMemoryProperties structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkExternalMemoryProperties {
    VkExternalMemoryFeatureFlags        externalMemoryFeatures;
    VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlags     exportFromImportedHandleTypes;
    VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlags     compatibleHandleTypes;
} VkExternalMemoryProperties;
```

- externalMemoryFeatures is a bitmask of VkExternalMemoryFeatureFlagBits specifying the features of handleType.

- exportFromImportedHandleTypes is a bitmask of VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlagBits specifying which types of imported handle handleType **can** be exported from.

- compatibleHandleTypes is a bitmask of VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlagBits specifying handle types which **can** be specified at the same time as handleType when creating an image compatible with external memory.

compatibleHandleTypes **must** include at least handleType. Inclusion of a handle type in compatibleHandleTypes does not imply the values returned in VkImageFormatProperties2 will be the same when VkPhysicalDeviceExternalImageFormatInfo::handleType is set to that type. The application is responsible for querying the capabilities of all handle types intended for concurrent use in a single image and intersecting them to obtain the compatible set of capabilities.

Bits which **may** be set in VkExternalMemoryProperties::externalMemoryFeatures, specifying features of an external memory handle type, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef enum VkExternalMemoryFeatureFlagBits {
    VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_FEATURE_DEDICATED_ONLY_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_FEATURE_EXPORTABLE_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_FEATURE_IMPORTABLE_BIT = 0x00000004,
} VkExternalMemoryFeatureFlagBits;
```

- VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_FEATURE_DEDICATED_ONLY_BIT specifies that images or buffers created with the specified parameters and handle type **must** use the mechanisms defined by VkMemoryDedicatedRequirements and VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo to create (or import) a dedicated allocation for the image or buffer.

- VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_FEATURE_EXPORTABLE_BIT specifies that handles of this type **can** be exported from Vulkan memory objects.

- `VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_FEATURE_IMPORTABLE_BIT` specifies that handles of this type **can** be imported as Vulkan memory objects.

Because their semantics in external APIs roughly align with that of an image or buffer with a dedicated allocation in Vulkan, implementations are **required** to report `VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_FEATURE_DEDICATED_ONLY_BIT` for the following external handle types:

- `VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D11_TEXTURE_BIT`

- `VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D11_TEXTURE_KMT_BIT`

- `VK_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D12_RESOURCE_BIT`

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef VkFlags VkExternalMemoryFeatureFlags;
```

`VkExternalMemoryFeatureFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more `VkExternalMemoryFeatureFlagBits`.

To determine the number of combined image samplers required to support a multi-planar format, add `VkSamplerYcbcrConversionImageFormatProperties` to the `pNext` chain of the `VkImageFormatProperties2` structure in a call to `vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties2`.

The `VkSamplerYcbcrConversionImageFormatProperties` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkSamplerYcbcrConversionImageFormatProperties {
    VkStructureType    sType;
    void*              pNext;
    uint32_t           combinedImageSamplerDescriptorCount;
} VkSamplerYcbcrConversionImageFormatProperties;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `combinedImageSamplerDescriptorCount` is the number of combined image sampler descriptors that the implementation uses to access the format.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkSamplerYcbcrConversionImageFormatProperties-sType-sType
  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SAMPLER_YCBCR_CONVERSION_IMAGE_FORMAT_PROPERTIES`

`combinedImageSamplerDescriptorCount` is a number between 1 and the number of planes in the format. A descriptor set layout binding with immutable $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion samplers will have a maximum `combinedImageSamplerDescriptorCount` which is the maximum across all formats supported by its samplers of the `combinedImageSamplerDescriptorCount` for each format. Descriptor sets with that layout will internally use that maximum `combinedImageSamplerDescriptorCount`

descriptors for each descriptor in the binding. This expanded number of descriptors will be consumed from the descriptor pool when a descriptor set is allocated, and counts towards the `maxDescriptorSetSamplers`, `maxDescriptorSetSampledImages`, `maxPerStageDescriptorSamplers`, and `maxPerStageDescriptorSampledImages` limits.

> *Note*
>
> All descriptors in a binding use the same maximum `combinedImageSamplerDescriptorCount` descriptors to allow implementations to use a uniform stride for dynamic indexing of the descriptors in the binding.
>
> For example, consider a descriptor set layout binding with two descriptors and immutable samplers for multi-planar formats that have `VkSamplerYcbcrConversionImageFormatProperties`::`combinedImageSamplerDescriptorCount` values of `2` and `3` respectively. There are two descriptors in the binding and the maximum `combinedImageSamplerDescriptorCount` is `3`, so descriptor sets with this layout consume `6` descriptors from the descriptor pool. To create a descriptor pool that allows allocating four descriptor sets with this layout, `descriptorCount` must be at least `24`.

34.1.1. Supported Sample Counts

`vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties` returns a bitmask of VkSampleCountFlagBits in `sampleCounts` specifying the supported sample counts for the image parameters.

`sampleCounts` will be set to `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT` if at least one of the following conditions is true:

- `tiling` is `VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR`

- `type` is not `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D`

- `flags` contains `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_CUBE_COMPATIBLE_BIT`

- Neither the `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT` flag nor the `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT` flag in `VkFormatProperties`::`optimalTilingFeatures` returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties is set

- VkPhysicalDeviceExternalImageFormatInfo::`handleType` is an external handle type for which multisampled image support is not required.

- `format` is one of the formats that require a sampler Y'C$_B$C$_R$ conversion

Otherwise, the bits set in `sampleCounts` will be the sample counts supported for the specified values of `usage` and `format`. For each bit set in `usage`, the supported sample counts relate to the limits in `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits` as follows:

- If `usage` includes `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT` and `format` is a floating- or fixed-point color format, a superset of `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`framebufferColorSampleCounts`

- If `usage` includes `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT`, and `format` includes a depth aspect, a superset of `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`framebufferDepthSampleCounts`

- If `usage` includes `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT`, and `format` includes a stencil aspect, a superset of `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`framebufferStencilSampleCounts`

- If `usage` includes `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_SAMPLED_BIT`, and `format` includes a color aspect, a superset of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::sampledImageColorSampleCounts

- If `usage` includes `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_SAMPLED_BIT`, and `format` includes a depth aspect, a superset of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::sampledImageDepthSampleCounts

- If `usage` includes `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_SAMPLED_BIT`, and `format` is an integer format, a superset of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::sampledImageIntegerSampleCounts

- If `usage` includes `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_STORAGE_BIT`, a superset of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::storageImageSampleCounts

If multiple bits are set in `usage`, `sampleCounts` will be the intersection of the per-usage values described above.

If none of the bits described above are set in `usage`, then there is no corresponding limit in VkPhysicalDeviceLimits. In this case, `sampleCounts` **must** include at least `VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT`.

34.1.2. Allowed Extent Values Based On Image Type

Implementations **may** support extent values larger than the required minimum/maximum values for certain types of images. VkImageFormatProperties::`maxExtent` for each type is subject to the constraints below.

> **Note**
>
> Implementations **must** support images with dimensions up to the required minimum/maximum values for all types of images. It follows that the query for additional capabilities **must** return extent values that are at least as large as the required values.

For `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D`:

- `maxExtent.width` ≥ VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxImageDimension1D
- `maxExtent.height` = 1
- `maxExtent.depth` = 1

For `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D` when `flags` does not contain `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_CUBE_COMPATIBLE_BIT`:

- `maxExtent.width` ≥ VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxImageDimension2D
- `maxExtent.height` ≥ VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxImageDimension2D
- `maxExtent.depth` = 1

For `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D` when `flags` contains `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_CUBE_COMPATIBLE_BIT`:

- `maxExtent.width` ≥ VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxImageDimensionCube
- `maxExtent.height` ≥ VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxImageDimensionCube
- `maxExtent.depth` = 1

For `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D`:

- maxExtent.width ≥ VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxImageDimension3D

- maxExtent.height ≥ VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxImageDimension3D

- maxExtent.depth ≥ VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxImageDimension3D

34.2. Additional Buffer Capabilities

To query the external handle types supported by buffers, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkGetPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferProperties(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    const VkPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferInfo*   pExternalBufferInfo,
    VkExternalBufferProperties*                 pExternalBufferProperties);
```

- physicalDevice is the physical device from which to query the buffer capabilities.

- pExternalBufferInfo is a pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferInfo structure describing the parameters that would be consumed by vkCreateBuffer.

- pExternalBufferProperties is a pointer to a VkExternalBufferProperties structure in which capabilities are returned.

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Valid Usage (Implicit)

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- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferProperties-physicalDevice-parameter
  physicalDevice **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferProperties-pExternalBufferInfo-parameter
  pExternalBufferInfo **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferInfo structure

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferProperties-pExternalBufferProperties-parameter
  pExternalBufferProperties **must** be a valid pointer to a VkExternalBufferProperties structure

The VkPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferInfo {
    VkStructureType                     sType;
    const void*                         pNext;
    VkBufferCreateFlags                 flags;
    VkBufferUsageFlags                  usage;
    VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlagBits  handleType;
} VkPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `flags` is a bitmask of VkBufferCreateFlagBits describing additional parameters of the buffer, corresponding to VkBufferCreateInfo::`flags`.

- `usage` is a bitmask of VkBufferUsageFlagBits describing the intended usage of the buffer, corresponding to VkBufferCreateInfo::`usage`.

- `handleType` is a VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlagBits value specifying the memory handle type that will be used with the memory associated with the buffer.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferInfo-sType-sType
  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_EXTERNAL_BUFFER_INFO`

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferInfo-pNext-pNext
  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferInfo-flags-parameter
  `flags` **must** be a valid combination of VkBufferCreateFlagBits values

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferInfo-usage-parameter
  `usage` **must** be a valid combination of VkBufferUsageFlagBits values

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferInfo-usage-requiredbitmask
  `usage` **must** not be `0`

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferInfo-handleType-parameter
  `handleType` **must** be a valid VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlagBits value

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The `VkExternalBufferProperties` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkExternalBufferProperties {
    VkStructureType              sType;
    void*                        pNext;
    VkExternalMemoryProperties   externalMemoryProperties;
} VkExternalBufferProperties;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `externalMemoryProperties` is a VkExternalMemoryProperties structure specifying various capabilities of the external handle type when used with the specified buffer creation parameters.

34.3. Optional Semaphore Capabilities

Semaphores **may** support import and export of their payload to external handles. To query the external handle types supported by semaphores, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkGetPhysicalDeviceExternalSemaphoreProperties(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    const VkPhysicalDeviceExternalSemaphoreInfo* pExternalSemaphoreInfo,
    VkExternalSemaphoreProperties*              pExternalSemaphoreProperties);
```

- physicalDevice is the physical device from which to query the semaphore capabilities.

- pExternalSemaphoreInfo is a pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceExternalSemaphoreInfo structure describing the parameters that would be consumed by vkCreateSemaphore.

- pExternalSemaphoreProperties is a pointer to a VkExternalSemaphoreProperties structure in which capabilities are returned.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceExternalSemaphoreProperties-physicalDevice-parameter

  physicalDevice **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceExternalSemaphoreProperties-pExternalSemaphoreInfo-parameter

  pExternalSemaphoreInfo **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkPhysicalDeviceExternalSemaphoreInfo structure

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceExternalSemaphoreProperties-pExternalSemaphoreProperties-parameter

  pExternalSemaphoreProperties **must** be a valid pointer to a VkExternalSemaphoreProperties structure

The VkPhysicalDeviceExternalSemaphoreInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceExternalSemaphoreInfo {
    VkStructureType                      sType;
    const void*                          pNext;
    VkExternalSemaphoreHandleTypeFlagBits    handleType;
} VkPhysicalDeviceExternalSemaphoreInfo;
```

- `sType` is the type of this structure.

- `pNext` is `NULL` or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- `handleType` is a VkExternalSemaphoreHandleTypeFlagBits value specifying the external semaphore handle type for which capabilities will be returned.

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceExternalSemaphoreInfo-sType-sType
  `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_INFO`

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceExternalSemaphoreInfo-pNext-pNext
  `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

- VUID-VkPhysicalDeviceExternalSemaphoreInfo-handleType-parameter
  `handleType` **must** be a valid VkExternalSemaphoreHandleTypeFlagBits value

Bits which **may** be set in VkPhysicalDeviceExternalSemaphoreInfo::`handleType`, specifying an external semaphore handle type, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef enum VkExternalSemaphoreHandleTypeFlagBits {
    VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_FD_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_WIN32_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_WIN32_KMT_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D12_FENCE_BIT = 0x00000008,
    VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_SYNC_FD_BIT = 0x00000010,
    VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D11_FENCE_BIT =
VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D12_FENCE_BIT,
} VkExternalSemaphoreHandleTypeFlagBits;
```

- `VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_FD_BIT` specifies a POSIX file descriptor handle that has only limited valid usage outside of Vulkan and other compatible APIs. It **must** be compatible with the POSIX system calls `dup`, `dup2`, `close`, and the non-standard system call `dup3`. Additionally, it **must** be transportable over a socket using an `SCM_RIGHTS` control message. It owns a reference to the underlying synchronization primitive represented by its Vulkan semaphore object.

- `VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_WIN32_BIT` specifies an NT handle that has only limited valid usage outside of Vulkan and other compatible APIs. It **must** be compatible with the functions `DuplicateHandle`, `CloseHandle`, `CompareObjectHandles`, `GetHandleInformation`, and `SetHandleInformation`. It owns a reference to the underlying synchronization primitive

represented by its Vulkan semaphore object.

- `VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_WIN32_KMT_BIT` specifies a global share handle that has only limited valid usage outside of Vulkan and other compatible APIs. It is not compatible with any native APIs. It does not own a reference to the underlying synchronization primitive represented by its Vulkan semaphore object, and will therefore become invalid when all Vulkan semaphore objects associated with it are destroyed.

- `VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D12_FENCE_BIT` specifies an NT handle returned by `ID3D12Device::CreateSharedHandle` referring to a Direct3D 12 fence, or `ID3D11Device5::CreateFence` referring to a Direct3D 11 fence. It owns a reference to the underlying synchronization primitive associated with the Direct3D fence.

- `VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D11_FENCE_BIT` is an alias of `VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D12_FENCE_BIT` with the same meaning. It is provided for convenience and code clarity when interacting with D3D11 fences.

- `VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_SYNC_FD_BIT` specifies a POSIX file descriptor handle to a Linux Sync File or Android Fence object. It can be used with any native API accepting a valid sync file or fence as input. It owns a reference to the underlying synchronization primitive associated with the file descriptor. Implementations which support importing this handle type **must** accept any type of sync or fence FD supported by the native system they are running on.

> *Note*
>
> Handles of type `VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_SYNC_FD_BIT` generated by the implementation may represent either Linux Sync Files or Android Fences at the implementation's discretion. Applications **should** only use operations defined for both types of file descriptors, unless they know via means external to Vulkan the type of the file descriptor, or are prepared to deal with the system-defined operation failures resulting from using the wrong type.

Some external semaphore handle types can only be shared within the same underlying physical device and/or the same driver version, as defined in the following table:

Table 56. External semaphore handle types compatibility

Handle type	VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties::driverUUID	VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties::deviceUUID
VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_FD_BIT	Must match	Must match
VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_WIN32_BIT	Must match	Must match
VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_WIN32_KMT_BIT	Must match	Must match
VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_D3D12_FENCE_BIT	Must match	Must match
VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_SYNC_FD_BIT	No restriction	No restriction
VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_HANDLE_TYPE_ZIRCON_EVENT_BIT_FUCHSIA	No restriction	No restriction

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef VkFlags VkExternalSemaphoreHandleTypeFlags;
```

VkExternalSemaphoreHandleTypeFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkExternalSemaphoreHandleTypeFlagBits.

The VkExternalSemaphoreProperties structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkExternalSemaphoreProperties {
    VkStructureType                    sType;
    void*                              pNext;
    VkExternalSemaphoreHandleTypeFlags exportFromImportedHandleTypes;
    VkExternalSemaphoreHandleTypeFlags compatibleHandleTypes;
    VkExternalSemaphoreFeatureFlags    externalSemaphoreFeatures;
} VkExternalSemaphoreProperties;
```

- sType is the type of this structure

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- exportFromImportedHandleTypes is a bitmask of VkExternalSemaphoreHandleTypeFlagBits specifying which types of imported handle handleType **can** be exported from.

- compatibleHandleTypes is a bitmask of VkExternalSemaphoreHandleTypeFlagBits specifying handle types which **can** be specified at the same time as handleType when creating a semaphore.

- externalSemaphoreFeatures is a bitmask of VkExternalSemaphoreFeatureFlagBits describing the features of handleType.

If `handleType` is not supported by the implementation, then VkExternalSemaphoreProperties ::externalSemaphoreFeatures will be set to zero.

> **Valid Usage (Implicit)**
>
> - VUID-VkExternalSemaphoreProperties-sType-sType
>   `sType` **must** be `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_PROPERTIES`
> - VUID-VkExternalSemaphoreProperties-pNext-pNext
>   `pNext` **must** be `NULL`

Possible values of VkExternalSemaphoreProperties::externalSemaphoreFeatures, specifying the features of an external semaphore handle type, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef enum VkExternalSemaphoreFeatureFlagBits {
    VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_FEATURE_EXPORTABLE_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_FEATURE_IMPORTABLE_BIT = 0x00000002,
} VkExternalSemaphoreFeatureFlagBits;
```

- `VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_FEATURE_EXPORTABLE_BIT` specifies that handles of this type **can** be exported from Vulkan semaphore objects.
- `VK_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_FEATURE_IMPORTABLE_BIT` specifies that handles of this type **can** be imported as Vulkan semaphore objects.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef VkFlags VkExternalSemaphoreFeatureFlags;
```

VkExternalSemaphoreFeatureFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkExternalSemaphoreFeatureFlagBits.

34.4. Optional Fence Capabilities

Fences **may** support import and export of their payload to external handles. To query the external handle types supported by fences, call:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
void vkGetPhysicalDeviceExternalFenceProperties(
    VkPhysicalDevice                            physicalDevice,
    const VkPhysicalDeviceExternalFenceInfo*    pExternalFenceInfo,
    VkExternalFenceProperties*                  pExternalFenceProperties);
```

- `physicalDevice` is the physical device from which to query the fence capabilities.
- `pExternalFenceInfo` is a pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceExternalFenceInfo structure describing the

parameters that would be consumed by vkCreateFence.

- pExternalFenceProperties is a pointer to a VkExternalFenceProperties structure in which capabilities are returned.

<div class="valid-usage">

Valid Usage (Implicit)

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceExternalFenceProperties-physicalDevice-parameter

  physicalDevice **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceExternalFenceProperties-pExternalFenceInfo-parameter

  pExternalFenceInfo **must** be a valid pointer to a valid VkPhysicalDeviceExternalFenceInfo structure

- VUID-vkGetPhysicalDeviceExternalFenceProperties-pExternalFenceProperties-parameter

  pExternalFenceProperties **must** be a valid pointer to a VkExternalFenceProperties structure

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The VkPhysicalDeviceExternalFenceInfo structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceExternalFenceInfo {
    VkStructureType                   sType;
    const void*                       pNext;
    VkExternalFenceHandleTypeFlagBits handleType;
} VkPhysicalDeviceExternalFenceInfo;
```

- sType is the type of this structure.

- pNext is NULL or a pointer to a structure extending this structure.

- handleType is a VkExternalFenceHandleTypeFlagBits value specifying an external fence handle type for which capabilities will be returned.

> *Note*
>
> Handles of type VK_EXTERNAL_FENCE_HANDLE_TYPE_SYNC_FD_BIT generated by the implementation may represent either Linux Sync Files or Android Fences at the implementation's discretion. Applications **should** only use operations defined for both types of file descriptors, unless they know via means external to Vulkan the type of the file descriptor, or are prepared to deal with the system-defined operation failures resulting from using the wrong type.

Bits which **may** be set in VkPhysicalDeviceExternalFenceInfo::handleType, and in the exportFromImportedHandleTypes and compatibleHandleTypes members of VkExternalFenceProperties, to indicate external fence handle types, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef enum VkExternalFenceHandleTypeFlagBits {
    VK_EXTERNAL_FENCE_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_FD_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_EXTERNAL_FENCE_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_WIN32_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_EXTERNAL_FENCE_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_WIN32_KMT_BIT = 0x00000004,
    VK_EXTERNAL_FENCE_HANDLE_TYPE_SYNC_FD_BIT = 0x00000008,
} VkExternalFenceHandleTypeFlagBits;
```

- VK_EXTERNAL_FENCE_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_FD_BIT specifies a POSIX file descriptor handle that has only limited valid usage outside of Vulkan and other compatible APIs. It **must** be compatible with the POSIX system calls dup, dup2, close, and the non-standard system call dup3. Additionally, it **must** be transportable over a socket using an SCM_RIGHTS control message. It owns a reference to the underlying synchronization primitive represented by its Vulkan fence object.

- VK_EXTERNAL_FENCE_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_WIN32_BIT specifies an NT handle that has only limited valid usage outside of Vulkan and other compatible APIs. It **must** be compatible with the functions DuplicateHandle, CloseHandle, CompareObjectHandles, GetHandleInformation, and SetHandleInformation. It owns a reference to the underlying synchronization primitive represented by its Vulkan fence object.

- VK_EXTERNAL_FENCE_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_WIN32_KMT_BIT specifies a global share handle that has only limited valid usage outside of Vulkan and other compatible APIs. It is not compatible with any native APIs. It does not own a reference to the underlying synchronization primitive represented by its Vulkan fence object, and will therefore become invalid when all Vulkan fence objects associated with it are destroyed.

- VK_EXTERNAL_FENCE_HANDLE_TYPE_SYNC_FD_BIT specifies a POSIX file descriptor handle to a Linux Sync File or Android Fence. It can be used with any native API accepting a valid sync file or fence as input. It owns a reference to the underlying synchronization primitive associated with the file descriptor. Implementations which support importing this handle type **must** accept any type of sync or fence FD supported by the native system they are running on.

Some external fence handle types can only be shared within the same underlying physical device and/or the same driver version, as defined in the following table:

Table 57. External fence handle types compatibility

Handle type	VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties::driverUUID	VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties::deviceUUID
`VK_EXTERNAL_FENCE_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_FD_BIT`	Must match	Must match
`VK_EXTERNAL_FENCE_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_WIN32_BIT`	Must match	Must match
`VK_EXTERNAL_FENCE_HANDLE_TYPE_OPAQUE_WIN32_KMT_BIT`	Must match	Must match
`VK_EXTERNAL_FENCE_HANDLE_TYPE_SYNC_FD_BIT`	No restriction	No restriction

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef VkFlags VkExternalFenceHandleTypeFlags;
```

`VkExternalFenceHandleTypeFlags` is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more `VkExternalFenceHandleTypeFlagBits`.

The `VkExternalFenceProperties` structure is defined as:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef struct VkExternalFenceProperties {
    VkStructureType                 sType;
    void*                           pNext;
    VkExternalFenceHandleTypeFlags  exportFromImportedHandleTypes;
    VkExternalFenceHandleTypeFlags  compatibleHandleTypes;
    VkExternalFenceFeatureFlags     externalFenceFeatures;
} VkExternalFenceProperties;
```

- `exportFromImportedHandleTypes` is a bitmask of `VkExternalFenceHandleTypeFlagBits` indicating which types of imported handle `handleType` **can** be exported from.

- `compatibleHandleTypes` is a bitmask of `VkExternalFenceHandleTypeFlagBits` specifying handle types which **can** be specified at the same time as `handleType` when creating a fence.

- `externalFenceFeatures` is a bitmask of `VkExternalFenceFeatureFlagBits` indicating the features of `handleType`.

If `handleType` is not supported by the implementation, then `VkExternalFenceProperties`::`externalFenceFeatures` will be set to zero.

Bits which **may** be set in VkExternalFenceProperties::externalFenceFeatures, indicating features of a fence external handle type, are:

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef enum VkExternalFenceFeatureFlagBits {
    VK_EXTERNAL_FENCE_FEATURE_EXPORTABLE_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_EXTERNAL_FENCE_FEATURE_IMPORTABLE_BIT = 0x00000002,
} VkExternalFenceFeatureFlagBits;
```

- VK_EXTERNAL_FENCE_FEATURE_EXPORTABLE_BIT specifies handles of this type **can** be exported from Vulkan fence objects.

- VK_EXTERNAL_FENCE_FEATURE_IMPORTABLE_BIT specifies handles of this type **can** be imported to Vulkan fence objects.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
typedef VkFlags VkExternalFenceFeatureFlags;
```

VkExternalFenceFeatureFlags is a bitmask type for setting a mask of zero or more VkExternalFenceFeatureFlagBits.

Chapter 35. Debugging

To aid developers in tracking down errors in the application's use of Vulkan, particularly in combination with an external debugger or profiler, *debugging extensions* may be available.

The VkObjectType enumeration defines values, each of which corresponds to a specific Vulkan handle type. These values **can** be used to associate debug information with a particular type of object through one or more extensions.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
typedef enum VkObjectType {
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_UNKNOWN = 0,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_INSTANCE = 1,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE = 2,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_DEVICE = 3,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_QUEUE = 4,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_SEMAPHORE = 5,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_COMMAND_BUFFER = 6,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_FENCE = 7,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_DEVICE_MEMORY = 8,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_BUFFER = 9,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_IMAGE = 10,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_EVENT = 11,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_QUERY_POOL = 12,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_BUFFER_VIEW = 13,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_IMAGE_VIEW = 14,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_SHADER_MODULE = 15,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_PIPELINE_CACHE = 16,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_PIPELINE_LAYOUT = 17,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_RENDER_PASS = 18,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_PIPELINE = 19,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET_LAYOUT = 20,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_SAMPLER = 21,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_POOL = 22,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET = 23,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_FRAMEBUFFER = 24,
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_COMMAND_POOL = 25,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_SAMPLER_YCBCR_CONVERSION = 1000156000,
  // Provided by VK_VERSION_1_1
    VK_OBJECT_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_UPDATE_TEMPLATE = 1000085000,
} VkObjectType;
```

Table 58. `VkObjectType` *and Vulkan Handle Relationship*

VkObjectType	Vulkan Handle Type
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_UNKNOWN	Unknown/Undefined Handle
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_INSTANCE	VkInstance

VkObjectType	Vulkan Handle Type
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE	VkPhysicalDevice
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_DEVICE	VkDevice
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_QUEUE	VkQueue
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_SEMAPHORE	VkSemaphore
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_COMMAND_BUFFER	VkCommandBuffer
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_FENCE	VkFence
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_DEVICE_MEMORY	VkDeviceMemory
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_BUFFER	VkBuffer
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_IMAGE	VkImage
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_EVENT	VkEvent
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_QUERY_POOL	VkQueryPool
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_BUFFER_VIEW	VkBufferView
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_IMAGE_VIEW	VkImageView
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_SHADER_MODULE	VkShaderModule
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_PIPELINE_CACHE	VkPipelineCache
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_PIPELINE_LAYOUT	VkPipelineLayout
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_RENDER_PASS	VkRenderPass
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_PIPELINE	VkPipeline
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET_LAYOUT	VkDescriptorSetLayout
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_SAMPLER	VkSampler
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_POOL	VkDescriptorPool
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET	VkDescriptorSet
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_FRAMEBUFFER	VkFramebuffer
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_COMMAND_POOL	VkCommandPool
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_SAMPLER_YCBCR_CONVERSION	VkSamplerYcbcrConversion
VK_OBJECT_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_UPDATE_TEMPLATE	VkDescriptorUpdateTemplate

If this Specification was generated with any such extensions included, they will be described in the remainder of this chapter.

Appendix A: Vulkan Environment for SPIR-V

Shaders for Vulkan are defined by the Khronos SPIR-V Specification as well as the Khronos SPIR-V Extended Instructions for GLSL Specification. This appendix defines additional SPIR-V requirements applying to Vulkan shaders.

Versions and Formats

A Vulkan 1.1 implementation **must** support the 1.0, 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 versions of SPIR-V and the 1.0 version of the SPIR-V Extended Instructions for GLSL.

A SPIR-V module passed into vkCreateShaderModule is interpreted as a series of 32-bit words in host endianness, with literal strings packed as described in section 2.2 of the SPIR-V Specification. The first few words of the SPIR-V module **must** be a magic number and a SPIR-V version number, as described in section 2.3 of the SPIR-V Specification.

Capabilities

The table below lists the set of SPIR-V capabilities that **may** be supported in Vulkan implementations. The application **must** not use any of these capabilities in SPIR-V passed to vkCreateShaderModule unless one of the following conditions is met for the VkDevice specified in the `device` parameter of vkCreateShaderModule:

- The corresponding field in the table is blank.
- Any corresponding Vulkan feature is enabled.
- Any corresponding Vulkan extension is enabled.
- Any corresponding Vulkan property is supported.
- The corresponding core version is supported (as returned by VkPhysicalDeviceProperties ::`apiVersion`).

Table 59. List of SPIR-V Capabilities and corresponding Vulkan features, extensions, or core version

SPIR-V `OpCapability` Vulkan feature, extension, or core version
`Matrix` VK_VERSION_1_0
`Shader` VK_VERSION_1_0
`InputAttachment` VK_VERSION_1_0
`Sampled1D` VK_VERSION_1_0
`Image1D` VK_VERSION_1_0

SPIR-V OpCapability	
Vulkan feature, extension, or core version	
SampledBuffer	
VK_VERSION_1_0	
ImageBuffer	
VK_VERSION_1_0	
ImageQuery	
VK_VERSION_1_0	
DerivativeControl	
VK_VERSION_1_0	
Geometry	
VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::geometryShader	
Tessellation	
VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::tessellationShader	
Float64	
VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::shaderFloat64	
Int64	
VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::shaderInt64	
Int16	
VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::shaderInt16	
TessellationPointSize	
VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::shaderTessellationAndGeometryPointSize	
GeometryPointSize	
VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::shaderTessellationAndGeometryPointSize	
ImageGatherExtended	
VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::shaderImageGatherExtended	
StorageImageMultisample	
VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::shaderStorageImageMultisample	
UniformBufferArrayDynamicIndexing	
VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::shaderUniformBufferArrayDynamicIndexing	
SampledImageArrayDynamicIndexing	
VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::shaderSampledImageArrayDynamicIndexing	
StorageBufferArrayDynamicIndexing	
VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::shaderStorageBufferArrayDynamicIndexing	
StorageImageArrayDynamicIndexing	
VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::shaderStorageImageArrayDynamicIndexing	
ClipDistance	
VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::shaderClipDistance	
CullDistance	
VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::shaderCullDistance	

SPIR-V `OpCapability`
Vulkan feature, extension, or core version
`ImageCubeArray`
`VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::imageCubeArray`
`SampleRateShading`
`VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::sampleRateShading`
`SparseResidency`
`VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::shaderResourceResidency`
`MinLod`
`VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::shaderResourceMinLod`
`SampledCubeArray`
`VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::imageCubeArray`
`ImageMSArray`
`VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::shaderStorageImageMultisample`
`StorageImageExtendedFormats`
VK_VERSION_1_0
`InterpolationFunction`
`VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::sampleRateShading`
`StorageImageReadWithoutFormat`
`VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::shaderStorageImageReadWithoutFormat`
`StorageImageWriteWithoutFormat`
`VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::shaderStorageImageWriteWithoutFormat`
`MultiViewport`
`VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::multiViewport`
`DrawParameters`
`VkPhysicalDeviceShaderDrawParametersFeatures::shaderDrawParameters`
`DeviceGroup`
VK_VERSION_1_1
`GroupNonUniform`
VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_BASIC_BIT
`GroupNonUniformVote`
VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_VOTE_BIT
`GroupNonUniformArithmetic`
VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_ARITHMETIC_BIT
`GroupNonUniformBallot`
VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_BALLOT_BIT
`GroupNonUniformShuffle`
VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_SHUFFLE_BIT
`GroupNonUniformShuffleRelative`
VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_SHUFFLE_RELATIVE_BIT

SPIR-V `OpCapability`
Vulkan feature, extension, or core version
`GroupNonUniformClustered`
VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_CLUSTERED_BIT
`GroupNonUniformQuad`
VK_SUBGROUP_FEATURE_QUAD_BIT

The application **must** not pass a SPIR-V module containing any of the following to vkCreateShaderModule:

- any `OpCapability` not listed above,

- an unsupported capability, or

- a capability which corresponds to a Vulkan feature or extension which has not been enabled.

SPIR-V Extensions

The following table lists SPIR-V extensions that implementations **may** support. The application **must** not pass a SPIR-V module to vkCreateShaderModule that uses the following SPIR-V extensions unless one of the following conditions is met for the VkDevice specified in the `device` parameter of vkCreateShaderModule:

- Any corresponding Vulkan extension is enabled.

- The corresponding core version is supported (as returned by VkPhysicalDeviceProperties ::`apiVersion`).

Table 60. List of SPIR-V Extensions and corresponding Vulkan extensions or core version

SPIR-V `OpExtension`
Vulkan extension or core version
`SPV_KHR_variable_pointers`
VK_VERSION_1_1
`SPV_KHR_shader_draw_parameters`
VK_VERSION_1_1
`SPV_KHR_16bit_storage`
VK_VERSION_1_1
`SPV_KHR_storage_buffer_storage_class`
VK_VERSION_1_1
`SPV_KHR_multiview`
VK_VERSION_1_1

Validation Rules within a Module

A SPIR-V module passed to vkCreateShaderModule **must** conform to the following rules:

Standalone SPIR-V Validation

The following rules **can** be validated with only the SPIR-V module itself. They do not depend on knowledge of the implementation and its capabilities or knowledge of runtime information, such as enabled features.

Valid Usage

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-None-04633

  Every entry point **must** have no return value and accept no arguments

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-None-04634

  The static function-call graph for an entry point **must** not contain cycles; that is, static recursion is not allowed

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-None-04635

  The **Logical** or **PhysicalStorageBuffer64** addressing model **must** be selected

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-None-04636

  Scope for execution **must** be limited to **Workgroup** or **Subgroup**

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-None-04637

  If the **Scope** for execution is **Workgroup**, then it **must** only be used in the task, mesh, tessellation control, or compute execution models

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-None-04638

  Scope for memory **must** be limited to **Device**, **QueueFamily**, **Workgroup**, **ShaderCallKHR**, **Subgroup**, or **Invocation**

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-None-04639

  If the **Scope** for memory is **Workgroup**, then it **must** only be used in the task, mesh, or compute execution models

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-None-04640

  If the **Scope** for memory is **ShaderCallKHR**, then it **must** only be used in ray generation, intersection, closest hit, any-hit, miss, and callable execution models

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-None-04641

  If the **Scope** for memory is **Invocation**, then memory semantics **must** be **None**

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-None-04642

  Scope for group operations **must** be limited to **Subgroup**

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-None-04643

  Storage Class must be limited to **UniformConstant**, **Input**, **Uniform**, **Output**, **Workgroup**, **Private**, **Function**, **PushConstant**, **Image**, **StorageBuffer**, **RayPayloadKHR**, **IncomingRayPayloadKHR**, **HitAttributeKHR**, **CallableDataKHR**, **IncomingCallableDataKHR**, **ShaderRecordBufferKHR**, or **PhysicalStorageBuffer**

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-None-04644

  If the **Storage Class** is **Output**, then it **must** not be used in the **GlCompute**, **RayGenerationKHR**, **IntersectionKHR**, **AnyHitKHR**, **ClosestHitKHR**, **MissKHR**, or **CallableKHR** execution models

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-None-04645

  If the **Storage Class** is **Workgroup**, then it **must** only be used in the task, mesh, or compute execution models

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpAtomicStore-04730

  `OpAtomicStore` **must** not use **Acquire**, **AcquireRelease**, or **SequentiallyConsistent** memory semantics

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpAtomicLoad-04731

  `OpAtomicLoad` **must** not use **Release**, **AcquireRelease**, or **SequentiallyConsistent** memory semantics

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpMemoryBarrier-04732

  `OpMemoryBarrier` **must** use one of **Acquire**, **Release**, **AcquireRelease**, or **SequentiallyConsistent** memory semantics

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpMemoryBarrier-04733

  `OpMemoryBarrier` **must** include at least one storage class

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpControlBarrier-04650

  If the semantics for `OpControlBarrier` includes one of **Acquire**, **Release**, **AcquireRelease**, or **SequentiallyConsistent** memory semantics, then it **must** include at least one storage class

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpVariable-04651

  Any `OpVariable` with an `Initializer` operand **must** have **Output**, **Private**, **Function**, or **Workgroup** as its **Storage Class** operand

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpVariable-04734

  Any `OpVariable` with an `Initializer` operand and **Workgroup** as its **Storage Class** operand **must** use `OpConstantNull` as the initializer

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpReadClockKHR-04652

  Scope for `OpReadClockKHR` **must** be limited to **Subgroup** or **Device**

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OriginLowerLeft-04653

  The `OriginLowerLeft` execution mode **must** not be used; fragment entry points **must** declare `OriginUpperLeft`

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-PixelCenterInteger-04654

  The `PixelCenterInteger` execution mode **must** not be used (pixels are always centered at half-integer coordinates)

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-UniformConstant-04655

  Any variable in the `UniformConstant` storage class **must** be typed as either `OpTypeImage`, `OpTypeSampler`, `OpTypeSampledImage`, `OpTypeAccelerationStructureKHR`, or an array of one of these types

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpTypeImage-04656

  `OpTypeImage` **must** declare a scalar 32-bit float, 64-bit integer, or 32-bit integer type for the "Sampled Type" (`RelaxedPrecision` **can** be applied to a sampling instruction and to the variable holding the result of a sampling instruction)

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpTypeImage-04657

  `OpTypeImage` **must** have a "Sampled" operand of 1 (sampled image) or 2 (storage image)

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Image-04965

  The converted bit width, signedness, and numeric type of the `Image Format` operand of an `OpTypeImage` **must** match the `Sampled Type`, as defined in Image Format and Type Matching

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpImageTexelPointer-04658

  If an `OpImageTexelPointer` is used in an atomic operation, the image type of the `image` parameter to `OpImageTexelPointer` **must** have an image format of `R64i`, `R64ui`, `R32f`, `R32i`, or `R32ui`

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpImageQuerySizeLod-04659

  `OpImageQuerySizeLod`, `OpImageQueryLod`, and `OpImageQueryLevels` **must** only consume an "Image" operand whose type has its "Sampled" operand set to 1

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpTypeImage-06214

  An `OpTypeImage` with a "Dim" operand of `SubpassData` **must** have an "Arrayed" operand of 0 (non-arrayed) and a "Sampled" operand of 2 (storage image)

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-SubpassData-04660

  The (u,v) coordinates used for a `SubpassData` **must** be the <id> of a constant vector (0,0), or if a layer coordinate is used, **must** be a vector that was formed with constant 0 for the u and v components

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpTypeImage-04661

  Objects of types `OpTypeImage`, `OpTypeSampler`, `OpTypeSampledImage`, and arrays of these types **must** not be stored to or modified

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Offset-04662

  Any image operation **must** use at most one of the `Offset`, `ConstOffset`, and `ConstOffsets` image operands

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Offset-04663

  Image operand `Offset` **must** only be used with `OpImage*Gather` instructions

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Offset-04865

  Any image instruction which uses an `Offset`, `ConstOffset`, or `ConstOffsets` image operand, must only consume a "Sampled Image" operand whose type has its "Sampled" operand set to 1

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpImageGather-04664

  The "Component" operand of `OpImageGather`, and `OpImageSparseGather` **must** be the <id> of a constant instruction

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpImage-04777

  `OpImage*Dref` **must** not consume an image whose `Dim` is 3D

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpTypeAccelerationStructureKHR-04665

  Objects of types `OpTypeAccelerationStructureKHR` and arrays of this type **must** not be stored to or modified

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpReportIntersectionKHR-04666

  The value of the "Hit Kind" operand of `OpReportIntersectionKHR` **must** be in the range [0,127]

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-None-04667

  Structure types **must** not contain opaque types

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-BuiltIn-04668

  Any `BuiltIn` decoration not listed in Built-In Variables **must** not be used

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Location-04915

  The `Location` or `Component` decorations **must** not be used with `BuiltIn`

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Location-04916

  The `Location` decorations **must** be used on user-defined variables

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Location-04917

The `Location` decorations **must** be used on an `OpVariable` with a structure type that is not a block

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Location-04918

  The `Location` decorations **must** not be used on the members of `OpVariable` with a structure type that is decorated with `Location`

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Location-04919

  The `Location` decorations **must** be used on each member of `OpVariable` with a structure type that is a block not decorated with `Location`

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Component-04920

  The `Component` decoration value **must** not be greater than 3

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Component-04921

  If the `Component` decoration is used on an `OpVariable` that has a `OpTypeVector` type with a `Component Type` with a `Width` that is less than or equal to 32, the sum of its `Component Count` and the `Component` decoration value **must** be less than 4

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Component-04922

  If the `Component` decoration is used on an `OpVariable` that has a `OpTypeVector` type with a `Component Type` with a `Width` that is equal to 64, the sum of two times its `Component Count` and the `Component` decoration value **must** be less than 4

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Component-04923

  The `Component` decorations value **must** not be 1 or 3 for scalar or two-component 64-bit data types

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Component-04924

  The `Component` decorations **must** not used with any type that is not a scalar or vector

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-GLSLShared-04669

  The `GLSLShared` and `GLSLPacked` decorations **must** not be used

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Flat-04670

  The `Flat`, `NoPerspective`, `Sample`, and `Centroid` decorations **must** only be used on variables with the `Output` or `Input` storage class

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Flat-06201

  The `Flat`, `NoPerspective`, `Sample`, and `Centroid` decorations **must** not be used on variables with the `Output` storage class in a fragment shader

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Flat-06202

  The `Flat`, `NoPerspective`, `Sample`, and `Centroid` decorations **must** not be used on variables with the `Input` storage class in a vertex shader

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Flat-04744

  Any variable with integer or double-precision floating-point type and with `Input` storage class in a fragment shader, **must** be decorated `Flat`

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-ViewportRelativeNV-04672

  The `ViewportRelativeNV` decoration **must** only be used on a variable decorated with `Layer` in the vertex, tessellation evaluation, or geometry shader stages

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-ViewportRelativeNV-04673

  The `ViewportRelativeNV` decoration **must** not be used unless a variable decorated with one

of `ViewportIndex` or `ViewportMaskNV` is also statically used by the same `OpEntryPoint`

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-ViewportMaskNV-04674

  The `ViewportMaskNV` and `ViewportIndex` decorations **must** not both be statically used by one or more `OpEntryPoint`'s that form the pre-rasterization shader stages of a graphics pipeline

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-FPRoundingMode-04675

  Rounding modes other than round-to-nearest-even and round-towards-zero **must** not be used for the `FPRoundingMode` decoration

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-FPRoundingMode-04676

  The `FPRoundingMode` decoration **must** only be used for a width-only conversion instruction whose only uses are `Object` operands of `OpStore` instructions storing through a pointer to a 16-bit floating-point object in the `StorageBuffer`, `PhysicalStorageBuffer`, `Uniform`, or `Output` storage class

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Invariant-04677

  Variables decorated with `Invariant` and variables with structure types that have any members decorated with `Invariant` **must** be in the `Output` or `Input` storage class, `Invariant` used on an `Input` storage class variable or structure member has no effect

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-VulkanMemoryModel-04678

  If the `VulkanMemoryModel` capability is not declared, the `Volatile` decoration **must** be used on any variable declaration that includes one of the `SMIDNV`, `WarpIDNV`, `SubgroupSize`, `SubgroupLocalInvocationId`, `SubgroupEqMask`, `SubgroupGeMask`, `SubgroupGtMask`, `SubgroupLeMask`, or `SubgroupLtMask BuiltIn` decorations when used in the ray generation, closest hit, miss, intersection, or callable shaders, or with the `RayTmaxKHR Builtin` decoration when used in an intersection shader

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-VulkanMemoryModel-04679

  If the `VulkanMemoryModel` capability is declared, the `OpLoad` instruction **must** use the `Volatile` memory semantics when it accesses into any variable that includes one of the `SMIDNV`, `WarpIDNV`, `SubgroupSize`, `SubgroupLocalInvocationId`, `SubgroupEqMask`, `SubgroupGeMask`, `SubgroupGtMask`, `SubgroupLeMask`, or `SubgroupLtMask BuiltIn` decorations when used in the ray generation, closest hit, miss, intersection, or callable shaders, or with the `RayTmaxKHR Builtin` decoration when used in an intersection shader

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpTypeRuntimeArray-04680

  `OpTypeRuntimeArray` **must** only be used for the last member of an `OpTypeStruct` that is in the `StorageBuffer` or `PhysicalStorageBuffer` storage class decorated as `Block`, or that is in the `Uniform` storage class decorated as `BufferBlock`

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Function-04681

  A type *T* that is an array sized with a specialization constant **must** neither be, nor be contained in, the type *T2* of a variable *V*, unless either: a) *T* is equal to *T2*, b) *V* is declared in the `Function`, or `Private` storage classes, c) *V* is a non-Block variable in the `Workgroup` storage class, or d) *V* is an interface variable with an additional level of arrayness, as described in interface matching, and *T* is the member type of the array type *T2*

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpControlBarrier-04682

  If `OpControlBarrier` is used in ray generation, intersection, any-hit, closest hit, miss, fragment, vertex, tessellation evaluation, or geometry shaders, the execution Scope **must** be `Subgroup`

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-LocalSize-06426

  For each compute shader entry point, either a `LocalSize` or `LocalSizeId` execution mode, or an object decorated with the `WorkgroupSize` decoration **must** be specified

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-DerivativeGroupQuadsNV-04684

  For compute shaders using the `DerivativeGroupQuadsNV` execution mode, the first two dimensions of the local workgroup size **must** be a multiple of two

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-DerivativeGroupLinearNV-04778

  For compute shaders using the `DerivativeGroupLinearNV` execution mode, the product of the dimensions of the local workgroup size **must** be a multiple of four

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpGroupNonUniformBallotBitCount-04685

  If `OpGroupNonUniformBallotBitCount` is used, the group operation **must** be limited to **Reduce**, **InclusiveScan**, or **ExclusiveScan**

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-None-04686

  The *Pointer* operand of all atomic instructions **must** have a **Storage Class** limited to **Uniform**, **Workgroup**, **Image**, **StorageBuffer**, or **PhysicalStorageBuffer**

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Offset-04687

  Output variables or block members decorated with `Offset` that have a 64-bit type, or a composite type containing a 64-bit type, **must** specify an `Offset` value aligned to a 8 byte boundary

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Offset-04689

  The size of any output block containing any member decorated with `Offset` that is a 64-bit type **must** be a multiple of 8

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Offset-04690

  The first member of an output block specifying a `Offset` decoration **must** specify a `Offset` value that is aligned to an 8 byte boundary if that block contains any member decorated with `Offset` and is a 64-bit type

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Offset-04691

  Output variables or block members decorated with `Offset` that have a 32-bit type, or a composite type contains a 32-bit type, **must** specify an `Offset` value aligned to a 4 byte boundary

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Offset-04692

  Output variables, blocks or block members decorated with `Offset` **must** only contain base types that have components that are either 32-bit or 64-bit in size

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Offset-04716

  Only variables or block members in the output interface decorated with `Offset` **can** be captured for transform feedback, and those variables or block members **must** also be decorated with `XfbBuffer` and `XfbStride`, or inherit `XfbBuffer` and `XfbStride` decorations from a block containing them

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-XfbBuffer-04693

  All variables or block members in the output interface of the entry point being compiled decorated with a specific `XfbBuffer` value **must** all be decorated with identical `XfbStride` values

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Stream-04694

If any variables or block members in the output interface of the entry point being compiled are decorated with `Stream`, then all variables belonging to the same `XfbBuffer` **must** specify the same `Stream` value

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-XfbBuffer-04696

  For any two variables or block members in the output interface of the entry point being compiled with the same `XfbBuffer` value, the ranges determined by the `Offset` decoration and the size of the type **must** not overlap

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-XfbBuffer-04697

  All block members in the output interface of the entry point being compiled that are in the same block and have a declared or inherited `XfbBuffer` decoration **must** specify the same `XfbBuffer` value

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-RayPayloadKHR-04698

  `RayPayloadKHR` storage class **must** only be used in ray generation, closest hit or miss shaders

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-IncomingRayPayloadKHR-04699

  `IncomingRayPayloadKHR` storage class **must** only be used in closest hit, any-hit, or miss shaders

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-IncomingRayPayloadKHR-04700

  There **must** be at most one variable with the `IncomingRayPayloadKHR` storage class in the input interface of an entry point

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-HitAttributeKHR-04701

  `HitAttributeKHR` storage class **must** only be used in intersection, any-hit, or closest hit shaders

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-HitAttributeKHR-04702

  There **must** be at most one variable with the `HitAttributeKHR` storage class in the input interface of an entry point

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-HitAttributeKHR-04703

  A variable with `HitAttributeKHR` storage class **must** only be written to in an intersection shader

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-CallableDataKHR-04704

  `CallableDataKHR` storage class **must** only be used in ray generation, closest hit, miss, and callable shaders

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-IncomingCallableDataKHR-04705

  `IncomingCallableDataKHR` storage class **must** only be used in callable shaders

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-IncomingCallableDataKHR-04706

  There **must** be at most one variable with the `IncomingCallableDataKHR` storage class in the input interface of an entry point

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Base-04707

  The `Base` operand of `OpPtrAccessChain` **must** point to one of the following: **Workgroup**, if `VariablePointers` is enabled; **StorageBuffer**, if `VariablePointers` or `VariablePointersStorageBuffer` is enabled; **PhysicalStorageBuffer**, if the `PhysicalStorageBuffer64` addressing model is enabled

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-PhysicalStorageBuffer64-04708

If the `PhysicalStorageBuffer64` addressing model is enabled, all instructions that support memory access operands and that use a physical pointer **must** include the `Aligned` operand

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-PhysicalStorageBuffer64-04709

  If the `PhysicalStorageBuffer64` addressing model is enabled, any access chain instruction that accesses into a `RowMajor` matrix **must** only be used as the `Pointer` operand to `OpLoad` or `OpStore`

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-PhysicalStorageBuffer64-04710

  If the `PhysicalStorageBuffer64` addressing model is enabled, `OpConvertUToPtr` and `OpConvertPtrToU` **must** use an integer type whose `Width` is 64

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-OpTypeForwardPointer-04711

  `OpTypeForwardPointer` **must** have a storage class of `PhysicalStorageBuffer`

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-None-04745

  All variables with a storage class of **PushConstant** declared as an array **must** only be accessed by dynamically uniform indices

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Result-04780

  The `Result Type` operand of any `OpImageRead` or `OpImageSparseRead` instruction **must** be a vector of four components

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-Base-04781

  The `Base` operand of any `OpBitCount`, `OpBitReverse`, `OpBitFieldInsert`, `OpBitFieldSExtract`, or `OpBitFieldUExtract` instruction **must** be a 32-bit integer scalar or a vector of 32-bit integers

- VUID-StandaloneSpirv-DescriptorSet-06491

  If a variable is decorated by `DescriptorSet` or `Binding`, the storage class **must** correspond to an entry in Shader Resource and Storage Class Correspondence

Runtime SPIR-V Validation

The following rules **must** be validated at runtime. These rules depend on knowledge of the implementation and its capabilities and knowledge of runtime information, such as enabled features.

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Valid Usage

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- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-OpTypeImage-06269

  If shaderStorageImageWriteWithoutFormat is not enabled, any variable created with a "Type" of `OpTypeImage` that has a "Sampled" operand of 2 and an "Image Format" operand of `Unknown` **must** be decorated with `NonWritable`.

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-OpTypeImage-06270

  If shaderStorageImageReadWithoutFormat is not enabled, any variable created with a "Type" of `OpTypeImage` that has a "Sampled" operand of 2 and an "Image Format" operand of `Unknown` **must** be decorated with `NonReadable`.

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-Location-06272

  The sum of `Location` and the number of locations the variable it decorates consumes **must** be less than or equal to the value for the matching `Execution Model` defined in Shader Input and Output Locations

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-Fragment-06427

  When blending is enabled and one of the dual source blend modes is in use, the maximum number of output attachments written to in the `Fragment Execution Model` **must** be less than or equal to `maxFragmentDualSrcAttachments`

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-Location-06428

  The maximum number of storage buffers, storage images, and output `Location` decorated color attachments written to in the `Fragment Execution Model` **must** be less than or equal to `maxFragmentCombinedOutputResources`

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-DescriptorSet-06323

  `DescriptorSet` and `Binding` decorations **must** obey the constraints on storage class, type, and descriptor type described in DescriptorSet and Binding Assignment

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-NonWritable-06340

  If fragmentStoresAndAtomics is not enabled, then all storage image, storage texel buffer, and storage buffer variables in the fragment stage **must** be decorated with the `NonWritable` decoration.

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-NonWritable-06341

  If vertexPipelineStoresAndAtomics is not enabled, then all storage image, storage texel buffer, and storage buffer variables in the vertex, tessellation, and geometry stages **must** be decorated with the `NonWritable` decoration.

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-None-06342

  If subgroupQuadOperationsInAllStages is `VK_FALSE`, then quad subgroup operations **must** not be used except for in fragment and compute stages.

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-None-06343

  Group operations with subgroup scope **must** not be used if the shader stage is not in subgroupSupportedStages.

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-Offset-06344

  The first element of the `Offset` operand of `InterpolateAtOffset` **must** be greater than or equal to:

$$\text{frag}_{width} \times \texttt{minInterpolationOffset}$$

where frag_{width} is the width of the current fragment in pixels.

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-Offset-06345

  The first element of the `Offset` operand of `InterpolateAtOffset` **must** be less than or equal to:

  $$\text{frag}_{width} \times (\texttt{maxInterpolationOffset} + \text{ULP}) - \text{ULP}$$

  where frag_{width} is the width of the current fragment in pixels and ULP = 1 / $2^{\texttt{subPixelInterpolationOffsetBits}}$.

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-Offset-06346

  The second element of the `Offset` operand of `InterpolateAtOffset` **must** be greater than or equal to:

  $$\text{frag}_{height} \times \texttt{minInterpolationOffset}$$

  where frag_{height} is the height of the current fragment in pixels.

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-Offset-06347

  The second element of the `Offset` operand of `InterpolateAtOffset` **must** be less than or equal to:

  $$\text{frag}_{height} \times (\texttt{maxInterpolationOffset} + \text{ULP}) - \text{ULP}$$

  where frag_{height} is the height of the current fragment in pixels and ULP = 1 / $2^{\texttt{subPixelInterpolationOffsetBits}}$.

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-x-06429

  The `x` size in `LocalSize` or `LocalSizeId` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`maxComputeWorkGroupSize`[0]

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-y-06430

  The `y` size in `LocalSize` or `LocalSizeId` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`maxComputeWorkGroupSize`[1]

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-z-06431

  The `z` size in `LocalSize` or `LocalSizeId` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`maxComputeWorkGroupSize`[2]

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-x-06432

  The product of `x` size, `y` size, and `z` size in `LocalSize` or `LocalSizeId` **must** be less than or equal to `VkPhysicalDeviceLimits`::`maxComputeWorkGroupInvocations`

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-LocalSizeId-06433

  The execution mode `LocalSizeId` **must** not be used

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-Workgroup-06530

  The sum of size in bytes for variables and padding in the `Workgroup` storage class in the `GLCompute Execution Model` **must** be less than or equal to `maxComputeSharedMemorySize`

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-OpVariable-06373

  Any `OpVariable` with **Workgroup** as its **Storage Class must** not have an `Initializer` operand

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-OpImage-06376

  If an `OpImage*Gather` operation has an image operand of `Offset`, `ConstOffset`, or `ConstOffsets` the offset value **must** be greater than or equal to minTexelGatherOffset

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-OpImage-06377

  If an `OpImage*Gather` operation has an image operand of `Offset`, `ConstOffset`, or `ConstOffsets` the offset value **must** be less than or equal to maxTexelGatherOffset

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-OpImageSample-06435

  If an `OpImageSample*` or `OpImageFetch*` operation has an image operand of `ConstOffset` then the offset value **must** be greater than or equal to minTexelOffset

- VUID-RuntimeSpirv-OpImageSample-06436

  If an `OpImageSample*` or `OpImageFetch*` operation has an image operand of `ConstOffset` then the offset value **must** be less than or equal to maxTexelOffset

Precision and Operation of SPIR-V Instructions

The following rules apply to half, single, and double-precision floating point instructions:

- Positive and negative infinities and positive and negative zeros are generated as dictated by IEEE 754, but subject to the precisions allowed in the following table.

- Dividing a non-zero by a zero results in the appropriately signed IEEE 754 infinity.

- Signaling NaNs are not required to be generated and exceptions are never raised. Signaling NaN **may** be converted to quiet NaNs values by any floating point instruction.

- By default, the implementation **may** perform optimizations on half, single, or double-precision floating-point instructions that ignore sign of a zero, or assume that arguments and results are not NaNs or infinities.

- The following instructions **must** not flush denormalized values: `OpConstant`, `OpConstantComposite`, `OpSpecConstant`, `OpSpecConstantComposite`, `OpLoad`, `OpStore`, `OpBitcast`, `OpPhi`, `OpSelect`, `OpFunctionCall`, `OpReturnValue`, `OpVectorExtractDynamic`, `OpVectorInsertDynamic`, `OpVectorShuffle`, `OpCompositeConstruct`, `OpCompositeExtract`, `OpCompositeInsert`, `OpCopyMemory`, `OpCopyObject`.

- Any denormalized value input into a shader or potentially generated by any instruction in a shader (except those listed above) **may** be flushed to 0.

- The rounding mode **cannot** be set, and results will be correctly rounded, as described below.

- NaNs **may** not be generated. Instructions that operate on a NaN **may** not result in a NaN.

The precision of double-precision instructions is at least that of single precision.

The precision of operations is defined either in terms of rounding, as an error bound in ULP, or as inherited from a formula as follows.

Correctly Rounded

Operations described as "correctly rounded" will return the infinitely precise result, x, rounded so as to be representable in floating-point. The rounding mode used is not defined but **must** obey the following rules. If x is exactly representable then x will be returned. Otherwise, either the floating-point value closest to and no less than x or the value closest to and no greater than x will be returned.

ULP

Where an error bound of n ULP (units in the last place) is given, for an operation with infinitely precise result x the value returned **must** be in the range [x - n × ulp(x), x + n × ulp(x)]. The function ulp(x) is defined as follows:

> If there exist non-equal floating-point numbers a and b such that a ≤ x ≤ b then ulp(x) is the minimum possible distance between such numbers, $ulp(x) = \min_{a,b}|b - a|$. If such numbers do not exist then ulp(x) is defined to be the difference between the two finite floating-point numbers nearest to x.

Where the range of allowed return values includes any value of magnitude larger than that of the largest representable finite floating-point number, operations **may**, additionally, return either an infinity of the appropriate sign or the finite number with the largest magnitude of the appropriate sign. If the infinitely precise result of the operation is not mathematically defined then the value returned is undefined.

Inherited From …

Where an operation's precision is described as being inherited from a formula, the result returned **must** be at least as accurate as the result of computing an approximation to x using a formula equivalent to the given formula applied to the supplied inputs. Specifically, the formula given may be transformed using the mathematical associativity, commutativity and distributivity of the operators involved to yield an equivalent formula. The SPIR-V precision rules, when applied to each such formula and the given input values, define a range of permitted values. If NaN is one of the permitted values then the operation may return any result, otherwise let the largest permitted value in any of the ranges be F_{max} and the smallest be F_{min}. The operation **must** return a value in the range [x - E, x + E] where $E = \max(|x - F_{min}|, |x - F_{max}|)$.

For single precision (32 bit) instructions, precisions are **required** to be at least as follows, unless decorated with RelaxedPrecision:

Table 61. Precision of core SPIR-V Instructions

Instruction	Precision
OpFAdd	Correctly rounded.
OpFSub	Correctly rounded.
OpFMul, OpVectorTimesScalar, OpMatrixTimesScalar	Correctly rounded.

Instruction	Precision
`OpFOrdEqual`, `OpFUnordEqual`	Correct result.
`OpFOrdLessThan`, `OpFUnordLessThan`	Correct result.
`OpFOrdGreaterThan`, `OpFUnordGreaterThan`	Correct result.
`OpFOrdLessThanEqual`, `OpFUnordLessThanEqual`	Correct result.
`OpFOrdGreaterThanEqual`, `OpFUnordGreaterThanEqual`	Correct result.
`OpFDiv`(x,y)	2.5 ULP for |y| in the range $[2^{-126}, 2^{126}]$.
conversions between types	Correctly rounded.

Table 62. Precision of GLSL.std.450 Instructions

Instruction	Precision
`fma`()	Inherited from `OpFMul` followed by `OpFAdd`.
`exp`(x), `exp2`(x)	$3 + 2 \times \|x\|$ ULP.
`log`(), `log2`()	3 ULP outside the range [0.5, 2.0]. Absolute error $< 2^{-21}$ inside the range [0.5, 2.0].
`pow`(x, y)	Inherited from `exp2`(y × `log2`(x)).
`sqrt`()	Inherited from 1.0 / `inversesqrt`().
`inversesqrt`()	2 ULP.

GLSL.std.450 extended instructions specifically defined in terms of the above instructions inherit the above errors. GLSL.std.450 extended instructions not listed above and not defined in terms of the above have undefined precision.

For the `OpSRem` and `OpSMod` instructions, if either operand is negative the result is undefined.

> **Note**
>
> While the `OpSRem` and `OpSMod` instructions are supported by the Vulkan environment, they require non-negative values and thus do not enable additional functionality beyond what `OpUMod` provides.

Signedness of SPIR-V Image Accesses

SPIR-V associates a signedness with all integer image accesses. This is required in certain parts of the SPIR-V and the Vulkan image access pipeline to ensure defined results. The signedness is determined from a combination of the access instruction's `Image Operands` and the underlying image's `Sampled Type` as follows:

1. If the instruction's `Image Operands` contains the `SignExtend` operand then the access is signed.

2. If the instruction's `Image Operands` contains the `ZeroExtend` operand then the access is unsigned.

3. Otherwise, the image accesses signedness matches that of the `Sampled Type` of the `OpTypeImage`

being accessed.

Image Format and Type Matching

When specifying the `Image Format` of an `OpTypeImage`, the converted bit width and type, as shown in the table below, **must** match the `Sampled Type`. The signedness **must** match the signedness of any access to the image.

> **ℹ** *Note*
>
> Formatted accesses are always converted from a shader readable type to the resource's format or vice versa via Format Conversion for reads and Texel Output Format Conversion for writes. As such, the bit width and format below do not necessarily match 1:1 with what might be expected for some formats.

For a given `Image Format`, the `Sampled Type` **must** be the type described in the *Type* column of the below table, with its `Literal Width` set to that in the *Bit Width* column. Every access that is made to the image **must** have a signedness equal to that in the *Signedness* column (where applicable).

Image Format	Type	Bit Width	Signedness
Unknown	Any	Any	Any
Rgba32f	OpTypeFloat	32	N/A
Rg32f			
R32f			
Rgba16f			
Rg16f			
R16f			
Rgba16			
Rg16			
R16			
Rgba16Snorm			
Rg16Snorm			
R16Snorm			
Rgb10A2			
R11fG11fB10f			
Rgba8			
Rg8			
R8			
Rgba8Snorm			
Rg8Snorm			
R8Snorm			

Image Format	Type	Bit Width	Signedness
Rgba32i	OpTypeInt	32	1
Rg32i			
R32i			
Rgba16i			
Rg16i			
R16i			
Rgba8i			
Rg8i			
R8i			
Rgba32ui			0
Rg32ui			
R32ui			
Rgba16ui			
Rg16ui			
R16ui			
Rgb10a2ui			
Rgba8ui			
Rg8ui			
R8ui			
R64i	OpTypeInt	64	1
R64ui			0

Compatibility Between SPIR-V Image Formats And Vulkan Formats

SPIR-V `Image Format` values are compatible with VkFormat values as defined below:

Table 63. SPIR-V and Vulkan Image Format Compatibility

SPIR-V Image Format	Compatible Vulkan Format
Unknown	Any
Rgba32f	VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_SFLOAT
Rgba16f	VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SFLOAT
R32f	VK_FORMAT_R32_SFLOAT
Rgba8	VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_UNORM
Rgba8Snorm	VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SNORM
Rg32f	VK_FORMAT_R32G32_SFLOAT
Rg16f	VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SFLOAT

SPIR-V Image Format	Compatible Vulkan Format
R11fG11fB10f	VK_FORMAT_B10G11R11_UFLOAT_PACK32
R16f	VK_FORMAT_R16_SFLOAT
Rgba16	VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_UNORM
Rgb10A2	VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_UNORM_PACK32
Rg16	VK_FORMAT_R16G16_UNORM
Rg8	VK_FORMAT_R8G8_UNORM
R16	VK_FORMAT_R16_UNORM
R8	VK_FORMAT_R8_UNORM
Rgba16Snorm	VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SNORM
Rg16Snorm	VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SNORM
Rg8Snorm	VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SNORM
R16Snorm	VK_FORMAT_R16_SNORM
R8Snorm	VK_FORMAT_R8_SNORM
Rgba32i	VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_SINT
Rgba16i	VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_SINT
Rgba8i	VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SINT
R32i	VK_FORMAT_R32_SINT
Rg32i	VK_FORMAT_R32G32_SINT
Rg16i	VK_FORMAT_R16G16_SINT
Rg8i	VK_FORMAT_R8G8_SINT
R16i	VK_FORMAT_R16_SINT
R8i	VK_FORMAT_R8_SINT
Rgba32ui	VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32A32_UINT
Rgba16ui	VK_FORMAT_R16G16B16A16_UINT
Rgba8ui	VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_UINT
R32ui	VK_FORMAT_R32_UINT
Rgb10a2ui	VK_FORMAT_A2B10G10R10_UINT_PACK32
Rg32ui	VK_FORMAT_R32G32_UINT
Rg16ui	VK_FORMAT_R16G16_UINT
Rg8ui	VK_FORMAT_R8G8_UINT
R16ui	VK_FORMAT_R16_UINT
R8ui	VK_FORMAT_R8_UINT
R64i	VK_FORMAT_R64_SINT
R64ui	VK_FORMAT_R64_UINT

Appendix B: Compressed Image Formats

The compressed texture formats used by Vulkan are described in the specifically identified sections of the Khronos Data Format Specification, version 1.3.

Unless otherwise described, the quantities encoded in these compressed formats are treated as normalized, unsigned values.

Those formats listed as sRGB-encoded have in-memory representations of R, G and B components which are nonlinearly-encoded as R', G', and B'; any alpha component is unchanged. As part of filtering, the nonlinear R', G', and B' values are converted to linear R, G, and B components; any alpha component is unchanged. The conversion between linear and nonlinear encoding is performed as described in the "KHR_DF_TRANSFER_SRGB" section of the Khronos Data Format Specification.

Block-Compressed Image Formats

BC1, BC2 and BC3 formats are described in "S3TC Compressed Texture Image Formats" chapter of the Khronos Data Format Specification. BC4 and BC5 are described in the "RGTC Compressed Texture Image Formats" chapter. BC6H and BC7 are described in the "BPTC Compressed Texture Image Formats" chapter.

Table 64. Mapping of Vulkan BC formats to descriptions

VkFormat	Khronos Data Format Specification description
Formats described in the "S3TC Compressed Texture Image Formats" chapter	
`VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGB_UNORM_BLOCK`	BC1 with no alpha
`VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGB_SRGB_BLOCK`	BC1 with no alpha, sRGB-encoded
`VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGBA_UNORM_BLOCK`	BC1 with alpha
`VK_FORMAT_BC1_RGBA_SRGB_BLOCK`	BC1 with alpha, sRGB-encoded
`VK_FORMAT_BC2_UNORM_BLOCK`	BC2
`VK_FORMAT_BC2_SRGB_BLOCK`	BC2, sRGB-encoded
`VK_FORMAT_BC3_UNORM_BLOCK`	BC3
`VK_FORMAT_BC3_SRGB_BLOCK`	BC3, sRGB-encoded
Formats described in the "RGTC Compressed Texture Image Formats" chapter	
`VK_FORMAT_BC4_UNORM_BLOCK`	BC4 unsigned
`VK_FORMAT_BC4_SNORM_BLOCK`	BC4 signed
`VK_FORMAT_BC5_UNORM_BLOCK`	BC5 unsigned
`VK_FORMAT_BC5_SNORM_BLOCK`	BC5 signed
Formats described in the "BPTC Compressed Texture Image Formats" chapter	
`VK_FORMAT_BC6H_UFLOAT_BLOCK`	BC6H (unsigned version)
`VK_FORMAT_BC6H_SFLOAT_BLOCK`	BC6H (signed version)
`VK_FORMAT_BC7_UNORM_BLOCK`	BC7
`VK_FORMAT_BC7_SRGB_BLOCK`	BC7, sRGB-encoded

ETC Compressed Image Formats

The following formats are described in the "ETC2 Compressed Texture Image Formats" chapter of the Khronos Data Format Specification.

Table 65. Mapping of Vulkan ETC formats to descriptions

VkFormat	Khronos Data Format Specification description
VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8_UNORM_BLOCK	RGB ETC2
VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8_SRGB_BLOCK	RGB ETC2 with sRGB encoding
VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A1_UNORM_BLOCK	RGB ETC2 with punch-through alpha
VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A1_SRGB_BLOCK	RGB ETC2 with punch-through alpha and sRGB
VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A8_UNORM_BLOCK	RGBA ETC2
VK_FORMAT_ETC2_R8G8B8A8_SRGB_BLOCK	RGBA ETC2 with sRGB encoding
VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11_UNORM_BLOCK	Unsigned R11 EAC
VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11_SNORM_BLOCK	Signed R11 EAC
VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11G11_UNORM_BLOCK	Unsigned RG11 EAC
VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11G11_SNORM_BLOCK	Signed RG11 EAC

ASTC Compressed Image Formats

ASTC formats are described in the "ASTC Compressed Texture Image Formats" chapter of the Khronos Data Format Specification.

Table 66. Mapping of Vulkan ASTC formats to descriptions

VkFormat	Compressed texel block dimensions	Requested mode
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_4x4_UNORM_BLOCK	4 × 4	Linear LDR
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_4x4_SRGB_BLOCK	4 × 4	sRGB
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x4_UNORM_BLOCK	5 × 4	Linear LDR
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x4_SRGB_BLOCK	5 × 4	sRGB
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x5_UNORM_BLOCK	5 × 5	Linear LDR
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_5x5_SRGB_BLOCK	5 × 5	sRGB
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x5_UNORM_BLOCK	6 × 5	Linear LDR
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x5_SRGB_BLOCK	6 × 5	sRGB
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x6_UNORM_BLOCK	6 × 6	Linear LDR
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_6x6_SRGB_BLOCK	6 × 6	sRGB
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x5_UNORM_BLOCK	8 × 5	Linear LDR
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x5_SRGB_BLOCK	8 × 5	sRGB
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x6_UNORM_BLOCK	8 × 6	Linear LDR
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x6_SRGB_BLOCK	8 × 6	sRGB
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x8_UNORM_BLOCK	8 × 8	Linear LDR
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x8_SRGB_BLOCK	8 × 8	sRGB
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x5_UNORM_BLOCK	10 × 5	Linear LDR
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x5_SRGB_BLOCK	10 × 5	sRGB
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x6_UNORM_BLOCK	10 × 6	Linear LDR
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x6_SRGB_BLOCK	10 × 6	sRGB
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x8_UNORM_BLOCK	10 × 8	Linear LDR
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x8_SRGB_BLOCK	10 × 8	sRGB
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x10_UNORM_BLOCK	10 × 10	Linear LDR
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x10_SRGB_BLOCK	10 × 10	sRGB
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x10_UNORM_BLOCK	12 × 10	Linear LDR
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x10_SRGB_BLOCK	12 × 10	sRGB
VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x12_UNORM_BLOCK	12 × 12	Linear LDR

VkFormat	Compressed texel block dimensions	Requested mode
`VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x12_SRGB_BLOCK`	12 × 12	sRGB

ASTC textures containing any HDR blocks **should** not be passed into the API using an sRGB or UNORM texture format.

> *Note*
>
> An HDR block in a texture passed using a LDR UNORM format will return the appropriate ASTC error color if the implementation supports only the ASTC LDR profile, but may result in either the error color or a decompressed HDR color if the implementation supports HDR decoding.

The ASTC decode mode is decode_float16.

Note that an implementation **may** use HDR mode when linear LDR mode is requested.

Appendix C: Core Revisions (Informative)

New minor versions of the Vulkan API are defined periodically by the Khronos Vulkan Working Group. These consist of some amount of additional functionality added to the core API, potentially including both new functionality and functionality promoted from extensions.

It is possible to build the specification for earlier versions, but to aid readability of the latest versions, this appendix gives an overview of the changes as compared to earlier versions.

Version 1.1

Vulkan Version 1.1 promoted a number of key extensions into the core API:

- `VK_KHR_16bit_storage`

- `VK_KHR_bind_memory2`

- `VK_KHR_dedicated_allocation`

- `VK_KHR_descriptor_update_template`

- `VK_KHR_device_group`

- `VK_KHR_device_group_creation`

- `VK_KHR_external_fence`

- `VK_KHR_external_fence_capabilities`

- `VK_KHR_external_memory`

- `VK_KHR_external_memory_capabilities`

- `VK_KHR_external_semaphore`

- `VK_KHR_external_semaphore_capabilities`

- `VK_KHR_get_memory_requirements2`

- `VK_KHR_get_physical_device_properties2`

- `VK_KHR_maintenance1`

- `VK_KHR_maintenance2`

- `VK_KHR_maintenance3`

- `VK_KHR_multiview`

- `VK_KHR_relaxed_block_layout`

- `VK_KHR_sampler_ycbcr_conversion`

- `VK_KHR_shader_draw_parameters`

- `VK_KHR_storage_buffer_storage_class`

- `VK_KHR_variable_pointers`

All differences in behavior between these extensions and the corresponding Vulkan 1.1 functionality are summarized below.

Differences relative to `VK_KHR_16bit_storage`

If the `VK_KHR_16bit_storage` extension is not supported, support for the `storageBuffer16BitAccess` feature is optional. Support for this feature is defined by VkPhysicalDevice16BitStorageFeatures ::`storageBuffer16BitAccess` when queried via vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures2.

Differences relative to `VK_KHR_sampler_ycbcr_conversion`

If the `VK_KHR_sampler_ycbcr_conversion` extension is not supported, support for the `samplerYcbcrConversion` feature is optional. Support for this feature is defined by VkPhysicalDeviceSamplerYcbcrConversionFeatures::`samplerYcbcrConversion` when queried via vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures2.

Differences relative to `VK_KHR_shader_draw_parameters`

If the `VK_KHR_shader_draw_parameters` extension is not supported, support for the `SPV_KHR_shader_draw_parameters` SPIR-V extension is optional. Support for this feature is defined by VkPhysicalDeviceShaderDrawParametersFeatures::`shaderDrawParameters` when queried via vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures2.

Differences relative to `VK_KHR_variable_pointers`

If the `VK_KHR_variable_pointers` extension is not supported, support for the `variablePointersStorageBuffer` feature is optional. Support for this feature is defined by VkPhysicalDeviceVariablePointersFeatures::`variablePointersStorageBuffer` when queried via vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures2.

Additional Vulkan 1.1 Feature Support

In addition to the promoted extensions described above, Vulkan 1.1 added support for:

- The group operations and subgroup scope.
- The protected memory feature.
- A new command to enumerate the instance version: vkEnumerateInstanceVersion.
- The VkPhysicalDeviceShaderDrawParametersFeatures feature query struct (where the `VK_KHR_shader_draw_parameters` extension did not have one).

New Macros

- VK_API_VERSION_1_1

New Object Types

- VkDescriptorUpdateTemplate

- VkSamplerYcbcrConversion

New Commands

- vkBindBufferMemory2
- vkBindImageMemory2
- vkCmdDispatchBase
- vkCmdSetDeviceMask
- vkCreateDescriptorUpdateTemplate
- vkCreateSamplerYcbcrConversion
- vkDestroyDescriptorUpdateTemplate
- vkDestroySamplerYcbcrConversion
- vkEnumerateInstanceVersion
- vkEnumeratePhysicalDeviceGroups
- vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements2
- vkGetDescriptorSetLayoutSupport
- vkGetDeviceGroupPeerMemoryFeatures
- vkGetDeviceQueue2
- vkGetImageMemoryRequirements2
- vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements2
- vkGetPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferProperties
- vkGetPhysicalDeviceExternalFenceProperties
- vkGetPhysicalDeviceExternalSemaphoreProperties
- vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures2
- vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties2
- vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties2
- vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties2
- vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties2
- vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties2
- vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties2
- vkTrimCommandPool
- vkUpdateDescriptorSetWithTemplate

New Structures

- VkBindBufferMemoryInfo
- VkBindImageMemoryInfo

- VkBufferMemoryRequirementsInfo2
- VkDescriptorSetLayoutSupport
- VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateInfo
- VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateEntry
- VkDeviceQueueInfo2
- VkExternalBufferProperties
- VkExternalFenceProperties
- VkExternalMemoryProperties
- VkExternalSemaphoreProperties
- VkFormatProperties2
- VkImageFormatProperties2
- VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2
- VkImageSparseMemoryRequirementsInfo2
- VkInputAttachmentAspectReference
- VkMemoryRequirements2
- VkPhysicalDeviceExternalBufferInfo
- VkPhysicalDeviceExternalFenceInfo
- VkPhysicalDeviceExternalSemaphoreInfo
- VkPhysicalDeviceGroupProperties
- VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2
- VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties2
- VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2
- VkPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatInfo2
- VkQueueFamilyProperties2
- VkSamplerYcbcrConversionCreateInfo
- VkSparseImageFormatProperties2
- VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements2
- Extending VkBindBufferMemoryInfo:
  - VkBindBufferMemoryDeviceGroupInfo
- Extending VkBindImageMemoryInfo:
  - VkBindImageMemoryDeviceGroupInfo
  - VkBindImagePlaneMemoryInfo
- Extending VkBindSparseInfo:
  - VkDeviceGroupBindSparseInfo
- Extending VkBufferCreateInfo:

- ◦ VkExternalMemoryBufferCreateInfo
- Extending VkCommandBufferBeginInfo:
  - ◦ VkDeviceGroupCommandBufferBeginInfo
- Extending VkDeviceCreateInfo:
  - ◦ VkDeviceGroupDeviceCreateInfo
  - ◦ VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2
- Extending VkFenceCreateInfo:
  - ◦ VkExportFenceCreateInfo
- Extending VkImageCreateInfo:
  - ◦ VkExternalMemoryImageCreateInfo
- Extending VkImageFormatProperties2:
  - ◦ VkExternalImageFormatProperties
  - ◦ VkSamplerYcbcrConversionImageFormatProperties
- Extending VkImageMemoryRequirementsInfo2:
  - ◦ VkImagePlaneMemoryRequirementsInfo
- Extending VkImageViewCreateInfo:
  - ◦ VkImageViewUsageCreateInfo
- Extending VkMemoryAllocateInfo:
  - ◦ VkExportMemoryAllocateInfo
  - ◦ VkMemoryAllocateFlagsInfo
  - ◦ VkMemoryDedicatedAllocateInfo
- Extending VkMemoryRequirements2:
  - ◦ VkMemoryDedicatedRequirements
- Extending VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures2, VkDeviceCreateInfo:
  - ◦ VkPhysicalDevice16BitStorageFeatures
  - ◦ VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewFeatures
  - ◦ VkPhysicalDeviceProtectedMemoryFeatures
  - ◦ VkPhysicalDeviceSamplerYcbcrConversionFeatures
  - ◦ VkPhysicalDeviceShaderDrawParameterFeatures
  - ◦ VkPhysicalDeviceShaderDrawParametersFeatures
  - ◦ VkPhysicalDeviceVariablePointerFeatures
  - ◦ VkPhysicalDeviceVariablePointersFeatures
- Extending VkPhysicalDeviceImageFormatInfo2:
  - ◦ VkPhysicalDeviceExternalImageFormatInfo
- Extending VkPhysicalDeviceProperties2:

- VkPhysicalDeviceIDProperties

- VkPhysicalDeviceMaintenance3Properties

- VkPhysicalDeviceMultiviewProperties

- VkPhysicalDevicePointClippingProperties

- VkPhysicalDeviceProtectedMemoryProperties

- VkPhysicalDeviceSubgroupProperties

- Extending VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo:

  - VkPipelineTessellationDomainOriginStateCreateInfo

- Extending VkRenderPassBeginInfo, `VkRenderingInfoKHR`:

  - VkDeviceGroupRenderPassBeginInfo

- Extending VkRenderPassCreateInfo:

  - VkRenderPassInputAttachmentAspectCreateInfo

  - VkRenderPassMultiviewCreateInfo

- Extending VkSamplerCreateInfo, VkImageViewCreateInfo:

  - VkSamplerYcbcrConversionInfo

- Extending VkSemaphoreCreateInfo:

  - VkExportSemaphoreCreateInfo

- Extending VkSubmitInfo:

  - VkDeviceGroupSubmitInfo

  - VkProtectedSubmitInfo

New Enums

- VkChromaLocation

- VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateType

- VkDeviceQueueCreateFlagBits

- VkExternalFenceFeatureFlagBits

- VkExternalFenceHandleTypeFlagBits

- VkExternalMemoryFeatureFlagBits

- VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlagBits

- VkExternalSemaphoreFeatureFlagBits

- VkExternalSemaphoreHandleTypeFlagBits

- VkFenceImportFlagBits

- VkMemoryAllocateFlagBits

- VkPeerMemoryFeatureFlagBits

- VkPointClippingBehavior

- VkSamplerYcbcrModelConversion

- VkSamplerYcbcrRange

- VkSemaphoreImportFlagBits

- VkSubgroupFeatureFlagBits

- VkTessellationDomainOrigin

New Bitmasks

- VkCommandPoolTrimFlags

- VkDescriptorUpdateTemplateCreateFlags

- VkExternalFenceFeatureFlags

- VkExternalFenceHandleTypeFlags

- VkExternalMemoryFeatureFlags

- VkExternalMemoryHandleTypeFlags

- VkExternalSemaphoreFeatureFlags

- VkExternalSemaphoreHandleTypeFlags

- VkFenceImportFlags

- VkMemoryAllocateFlags

- VkPeerMemoryFeatureFlags

- VkSemaphoreImportFlags

- VkSubgroupFeatureFlags

New Enum Constants

- VK_LUID_SIZE

- VK_MAX_DEVICE_GROUP_SIZE

- VK_QUEUE_FAMILY_EXTERNAL

- Extending VkBufferCreateFlagBits:

    - VK_BUFFER_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT

- Extending VkCommandPoolCreateFlagBits:

    - VK_COMMAND_POOL_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT

- Extending VkDependencyFlagBits:

    - VK_DEPENDENCY_DEVICE_GROUP_BIT

    - VK_DEPENDENCY_VIEW_LOCAL_BIT

- Extending VkDeviceQueueCreateFlagBits:

    - VK_DEVICE_QUEUE_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT

- Extending VkFormat:

- VK_FORMAT_B10X6G10X6R10X6G10X6_422_UNORM_4PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_B12X4G12X4R12X4G12X4_422_UNORM_4PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_B16G16R16G16_422_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8G8_422_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_G10X6B10X6G10X6R10X6_422_UNORM_4PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6R10X6_2PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6R10X6_2PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G10X6_B10X6_R10X6_3PLANE_444_UNORM_3PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G12X4B12X4G12X4R12X4_422_UNORM_4PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4R12X4_2PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4R12X4_2PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_420_UNORM_3PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_422_UNORM_3PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G12X4_B12X4_R12X4_3PLANE_444_UNORM_3PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_G16B16G16R16_422_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_G16_B16R16_2PLANE_420_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_G16_B16R16_2PLANE_422_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_G16_B16_R16_3PLANE_420_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_G16_B16_R16_3PLANE_422_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_G16_B16_R16_3PLANE_444_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_G8B8G8R8_422_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_G8_B8R8_2PLANE_420_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_G8_B8R8_2PLANE_422_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_G8_B8_R8_3PLANE_420_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_G8_B8_R8_3PLANE_422_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_G8_B8_R8_3PLANE_444_UNORM

- VK_FORMAT_R10X6G10X6B10X6A10X6_UNORM_4PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_R10X6G10X6_UNORM_2PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_R10X6_UNORM_PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_R12X4G12X4B12X4A12X4_UNORM_4PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_R12X4G12X4_UNORM_2PACK16

- VK_FORMAT_R12X4_UNORM_PACK16

- Extending VkFormatFeatureFlagBits:

- ◦ `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COSITED_CHROMA_SAMPLES_BIT`

- ◦ `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DISJOINT_BIT`

- ◦ `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_MIDPOINT_CHROMA_SAMPLES_BIT`

- ◦ `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_CHROMA_RECONSTRUCTION_EXPLICIT_BIT`

- ◦ `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_CHROMA_RECONSTRUCTION_EXPLICIT_FORCEABLE_BIT`

- ◦ `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_LINEAR_FILTER_BIT`

- ◦ `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_YCBCR_CONVERSION_SEPARATE_RECONSTRUCTION_FILTER_BIT`

- ◦ `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT`

- ◦ `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT`

- Extending VkImageAspectFlagBits:

  - ◦ `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_0_BIT`

  - ◦ `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_1_BIT`

  - ◦ `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_PLANE_2_BIT`

- Extending VkImageCreateFlagBits:

  - ◦ `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_2D_ARRAY_COMPATIBLE_BIT`

  - ◦ `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_ALIAS_BIT`

  - ◦ `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_BLOCK_TEXEL_VIEW_COMPATIBLE_BIT`

  - ◦ `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_DISJOINT_BIT`

  - ◦ `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_EXTENDED_USAGE_BIT`

  - ◦ `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_PROTECTED_BIT`

  - ◦ `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_SPLIT_INSTANCE_BIND_REGIONS_BIT`

- Extending VkImageLayout:

  - ◦ `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT_STENCIL_READ_ONLY_OPTIMAL`

  - ◦ `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_DEPTH_READ_ONLY_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_OPTIMAL`

- Extending VkMemoryHeapFlagBits:

  - ◦ `VK_MEMORY_HEAP_MULTI_INSTANCE_BIT`

- Extending VkMemoryPropertyFlagBits:

  - ◦ `VK_MEMORY_PROPERTY_PROTECTED_BIT`

- Extending VkObjectType:

  - ◦ `VK_OBJECT_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_UPDATE_TEMPLATE`

  - ◦ `VK_OBJECT_TYPE_SAMPLER_YCBCR_CONVERSION`

- Extending VkPipelineCreateFlagBits:

  - ◦ `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DISPATCH_BASE`

  - ◦ `VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DISPATCH_BASE_BIT`

- ◦ VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_VIEW_INDEX_FROM_DEVICE_INDEX_BIT
- Extending VkQueueFlagBits:
  - ◦ VK_QUEUE_PROTECTED_BIT
- Extending VkResult:
  - ◦ VK_ERROR_INVALID_EXTERNAL_HANDLE
  - ◦ VK_ERROR_OUT_OF_POOL_MEMORY
- Extending VkStructureType:
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BIND_BUFFER_MEMORY_DEVICE_GROUP_INFO
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BIND_BUFFER_MEMORY_INFO
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BIND_IMAGE_MEMORY_DEVICE_GROUP_INFO
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BIND_IMAGE_MEMORY_INFO
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BIND_IMAGE_PLANE_MEMORY_INFO
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BUFFER_MEMORY_REQUIREMENTS_INFO_2
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_SET_LAYOUT_SUPPORT
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DESCRIPTOR_UPDATE_TEMPLATE_CREATE_INFO
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DEVICE_GROUP_BIND_SPARSE_INFO
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DEVICE_GROUP_COMMAND_BUFFER_BEGIN_INFO
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DEVICE_GROUP_DEVICE_CREATE_INFO
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DEVICE_GROUP_RENDER_PASS_BEGIN_INFO
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DEVICE_GROUP_SUBMIT_INFO
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DEVICE_QUEUE_INFO_2
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXPORT_FENCE_CREATE_INFO
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXPORT_MEMORY_ALLOCATE_INFO
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXPORT_SEMAPHORE_CREATE_INFO
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXTERNAL_BUFFER_PROPERTIES
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXTERNAL_FENCE_PROPERTIES
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXTERNAL_IMAGE_FORMAT_PROPERTIES
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_BUFFER_CREATE_INFO
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXTERNAL_MEMORY_IMAGE_CREATE_INFO
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_PROPERTIES
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_FORMAT_PROPERTIES_2
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_FORMAT_PROPERTIES_2
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_MEMORY_REQUIREMENTS_INFO_2
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_PLANE_MEMORY_REQUIREMENTS_INFO
  - ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_SPARSE_MEMORY_REQUIREMENTS_INFO_2

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_VIEW_USAGE_CREATE_INFO

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_MEMORY_ALLOCATE_FLAGS_INFO

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_MEMORY_DEDICATED_ALLOCATE_INFO

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_MEMORY_DEDICATED_REQUIREMENTS

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_MEMORY_REQUIREMENTS_2

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_16BIT_STORAGE_FEATURES

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_EXTERNAL_BUFFER_INFO

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_EXTERNAL_FENCE_INFO

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_EXTERNAL_IMAGE_FORMAT_INFO

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_EXTERNAL_SEMAPHORE_INFO

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_FEATURES_2

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_GROUP_PROPERTIES

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_ID_PROPERTIES

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_IMAGE_FORMAT_INFO_2

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_MAINTENANCE_3_PROPERTIES

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_MEMORY_PROPERTIES_2

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_MULTIVIEW_FEATURES

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_MULTIVIEW_PROPERTIES

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_POINT_CLIPPING_PROPERTIES

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_PROPERTIES_2

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_PROTECTED_MEMORY_FEATURES

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_PROTECTED_MEMORY_PROPERTIES

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_SAMPLER_YCBCR_CONVERSION_FEATURES

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_SHADER_DRAW_PARAMETERS_FEATURES

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_SHADER_DRAW_PARAMETER_FEATURES

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_INFO_2

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_SUBGROUP_PROPERTIES

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_VARIABLE_POINTERS_FEATURES

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_VARIABLE_POINTER_FEATURES

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PIPELINE_TESSELLATION_DOMAIN_ORIGIN_STATE_CREATE_INFO

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_PROTECTED_SUBMIT_INFO

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_QUEUE_FAMILY_PROPERTIES_2

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_RENDER_PASS_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_ASPECT_CREATE_INFO

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_RENDER_PASS_MULTIVIEW_CREATE_INFO

- VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SAMPLER_YCBCR_CONVERSION_CREATE_INFO

- ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SAMPLER_YCBCR_CONVERSION_IMAGE_FORMAT_PROPERTIES
- ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SAMPLER_YCBCR_CONVERSION_INFO
- ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SPARSE_IMAGE_FORMAT_PROPERTIES_2
- ◦ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SPARSE_IMAGE_MEMORY_REQUIREMENTS_2

Version 1.0

Vulkan Version 1.0 was the initial release of the Vulkan API.

New Macros

- VK_API_VERSION
- VK_API_VERSION_1_0
- VK_API_VERSION_MAJOR
- VK_API_VERSION_MINOR
- VK_API_VERSION_PATCH
- VK_API_VERSION_VARIANT
- VK_DEFINE_HANDLE
- VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE
- VK_HEADER_VERSION
- VK_HEADER_VERSION_COMPLETE
- VK_MAKE_API_VERSION
- VK_MAKE_VERSION
- VK_NULL_HANDLE
- VK_USE_64_BIT_PTR_DEFINES
- VK_VERSION_MAJOR
- VK_VERSION_MINOR
- VK_VERSION_PATCH

New Base Types

- VkBool32
- VkDeviceAddress
- VkDeviceSize
- VkFlags
- VkSampleMask

New Object Types

- VkBuffer

- VkBufferView

- VkCommandBuffer

- VkCommandPool

- VkDescriptorPool

- VkDescriptorSet

- VkDescriptorSetLayout

- VkDevice

- VkDeviceMemory

- VkEvent

- VkFence

- VkFramebuffer

- VkImage

- VkImageView

- VkInstance

- VkPhysicalDevice

- VkPipeline

- VkPipelineCache

- VkPipelineLayout

- VkQueryPool

- VkQueue

- VkRenderPass

- VkSampler

- VkSemaphore

- VkShaderModule

New Commands

- vkAllocateCommandBuffers

- vkAllocateDescriptorSets

- vkAllocateMemory

- vkBeginCommandBuffer

- vkBindBufferMemory

- vkBindImageMemory

- vkCmdBeginQuery

- vkCmdBeginRenderPass

- vkCmdBindDescriptorSets

- vkCmdBindIndexBuffer

- vkCmdBindPipeline

- vkCmdBindVertexBuffers

- vkCmdBlitImage

- vkCmdClearAttachments

- vkCmdClearColorImage

- vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage

- vkCmdCopyBuffer

- vkCmdCopyBufferToImage

- vkCmdCopyImage

- vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer

- vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults

- vkCmdDispatch

- vkCmdDispatchIndirect

- vkCmdDraw

- vkCmdDrawIndexed

- vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect

- vkCmdDrawIndirect

- vkCmdEndQuery

- vkCmdEndRenderPass

- vkCmdExecuteCommands

- vkCmdFillBuffer

- vkCmdNextSubpass

- vkCmdPipelineBarrier

- vkCmdPushConstants

- vkCmdResetEvent

- vkCmdResetQueryPool

- vkCmdResolveImage

- vkCmdSetBlendConstants

- vkCmdSetDepthBias

- vkCmdSetDepthBounds

- vkCmdSetEvent

- vkCmdSetLineWidth

- vkCmdSetScissor

- vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask

- vkCmdSetStencilReference

- vkCmdSetStencilWriteMask

- vkCmdSetViewport

- vkCmdUpdateBuffer

- vkCmdWaitEvents

- vkCmdWriteTimestamp

- vkCreateBuffer

- vkCreateBufferView

- vkCreateCommandPool

- vkCreateComputePipelines

- vkCreateDescriptorPool

- vkCreateDescriptorSetLayout

- vkCreateDevice

- vkCreateEvent

- vkCreateFence

- vkCreateFramebuffer

- vkCreateGraphicsPipelines

- vkCreateImage

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- vkCreateInstance

- vkCreatePipelineCache

- vkCreatePipelineLayout

- vkCreateQueryPool

- vkCreateRenderPass

- vkCreateSampler

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- vkCreateShaderModule

- vkDestroyBuffer

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- vkDestroyCommandPool

- vkDestroyDescriptorPool

- vkDestroyDescriptorSetLayout

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- vkDestroyPipeline

- vkDestroyPipelineCache

- vkDestroyPipelineLayout

- vkDestroyQueryPool

- vkDestroyRenderPass

- vkDestroySampler

- vkDestroySemaphore

- vkDestroyShaderModule

- vkDeviceWaitIdle

- vkEndCommandBuffer

- vkEnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties

- vkEnumerateDeviceLayerProperties

- vkEnumerateInstanceExtensionProperties

- vkEnumerateInstanceLayerProperties

- vkEnumeratePhysicalDevices

- vkFlushMappedMemoryRanges

- vkFreeCommandBuffers

- vkFreeDescriptorSets

- vkFreeMemory

- vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements

- vkGetDeviceMemoryCommitment

- vkGetDeviceProcAddr

- vkGetDeviceQueue

- vkGetEventStatus

- vkGetFenceStatus

- vkGetImageMemoryRequirements

- vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements

- vkGetImageSubresourceLayout

- vkGetInstanceProcAddr

- vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures

- vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties

- vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties

- vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties

- vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties

- vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties

- vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties

- vkGetPipelineCacheData

- vkGetQueryPoolResults

- vkGetRenderAreaGranularity

- vkInvalidateMappedMemoryRanges

- vkMapMemory

- vkMergePipelineCaches

- vkQueueBindSparse

- vkQueueSubmit

- vkQueueWaitIdle

- vkResetCommandBuffer

- vkResetCommandPool

- vkResetDescriptorPool

- vkResetEvent

- vkResetFences

- vkSetEvent

- vkUnmapMemory

- vkUpdateDescriptorSets

- vkWaitForFences

New Structures

- VkAllocationCallbacks

- VkApplicationInfo

- VkAttachmentDescription

- VkAttachmentReference

- VkBaseInStructure

- VkBaseOutStructure

- VkBindSparseInfo

- VkBufferCopy

- VkBufferCreateInfo

- VkBufferImageCopy

- VkBufferMemoryBarrier

- VkBufferViewCreateInfo

- VkClearAttachment

- VkClearDepthStencilValue

- VkClearRect

- VkCommandBufferAllocateInfo

- VkCommandBufferBeginInfo

- VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo

- VkCommandPoolCreateInfo

- VkComponentMapping

- VkComputePipelineCreateInfo

- VkCopyDescriptorSet

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- VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo

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- VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo

- VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding

- VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo

- VkDeviceCreateInfo

- VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo

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- VkDrawIndirectCommand

- VkEventCreateInfo

- VkExtensionProperties

- VkExtent2D

- VkExtent3D

- VkFenceCreateInfo

- VkFormatProperties

- VkFramebufferCreateInfo

- VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo

- VkImageBlit

- VkImageCopy

- VkImageCreateInfo

- VkImageFormatProperties

- VkImageMemoryBarrier

- VkImageResolve

- VkImageSubresource

- VkImageSubresourceLayers

- VkImageSubresourceRange

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- VkInstanceCreateInfo

- VkLayerProperties

- VkMappedMemoryRange

- VkMemoryAllocateInfo

- VkMemoryBarrier

- VkMemoryHeap

- VkMemoryRequirements

- VkMemoryType

- VkOffset2D

- VkOffset3D

- VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures

- VkPhysicalDeviceLimits

- VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties

- VkPhysicalDeviceProperties

- VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties

- VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo

- VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersionOne

- VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState

- VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo

- VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo

- VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo

- VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo

- VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo

- VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo

- VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo

- VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo

- VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo

- VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo

- VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo

- VkPushConstantRange

- VkQueryPoolCreateInfo

- VkQueueFamilyProperties

- VkRect2D

- VkRenderPassBeginInfo

- VkRenderPassCreateInfo

- VkSamplerCreateInfo

- VkSemaphoreCreateInfo

- VkShaderModuleCreateInfo

- VkSparseBufferMemoryBindInfo

- VkSparseImageFormatProperties

- VkSparseImageMemoryBind

- VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo

- VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements

- VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo

- VkSparseMemoryBind

- VkSpecializationInfo

- VkSpecializationMapEntry

- VkStencilOpState

- VkSubmitInfo

- VkSubpassDependency

- VkSubpassDescription

- VkSubresourceLayout

- VkVertexInputAttributeDescription

- VkVertexInputBindingDescription

- VkViewport

- VkWriteDescriptorSet

New Unions

- VkClearColorValue

- VkClearValue

New Function Pointers

- PFN_vkAllocationFunction
- PFN_vkFreeFunction
- PFN_vkInternalAllocationNotification
- PFN_vkInternalFreeNotification
- PFN_vkReallocationFunction
- PFN_vkVoidFunction

New Enums

- VkAccessFlagBits
- VkAttachmentDescriptionFlagBits
- VkAttachmentLoadOp
- VkAttachmentStoreOp
- VkBlendFactor
- VkBlendOp
- VkBorderColor
- VkBufferCreateFlagBits
- VkBufferUsageFlagBits
- VkColorComponentFlagBits
- VkCommandBufferLevel
- VkCommandBufferResetFlagBits
- VkCommandBufferUsageFlagBits
- VkCommandPoolCreateFlagBits
- VkCommandPoolResetFlagBits
- VkCompareOp
- VkComponentSwizzle
- VkCullModeFlagBits
- VkDependencyFlagBits
- VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlagBits
- VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlagBits
- VkDescriptorType
- VkDynamicState
- VkEventCreateFlagBits
- VkFenceCreateFlagBits

- VkFilter

- VkFormat

- VkFormatFeatureFlagBits

- VkFramebufferCreateFlagBits

- VkFrontFace

- VkImageAspectFlagBits

- VkImageCreateFlagBits

- VkImageLayout

- VkImageTiling

- VkImageType

- VkImageUsageFlagBits

- VkImageViewCreateFlagBits

- VkImageViewType

- VkIndexType

- VkInternalAllocationType

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- VkMemoryHeapFlagBits

- VkMemoryPropertyFlagBits

- VkObjectType

- VkPhysicalDeviceType

- VkPipelineBindPoint

- VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersion

- VkPipelineCreateFlagBits

- VkPipelineShaderStageCreateFlagBits

- VkPipelineStageFlagBits

- VkPolygonMode

- VkPrimitiveTopology

- VkQueryControlFlagBits

- VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlagBits

- VkQueryResultFlagBits

- VkQueryType

- VkQueueFlagBits

- VkRenderPassCreateFlagBits

- VkResult

- VkSampleCountFlagBits

- VkSamplerAddressMode

- VkSamplerCreateFlagBits

- VkSamplerMipmapMode

- VkShaderStageFlagBits

- VkSharingMode

- VkSparseImageFormatFlagBits

- VkSparseMemoryBindFlagBits

- VkStencilFaceFlagBits

- VkStencilOp

- VkStructureType

- VkSubpassContents

- VkSubpassDescriptionFlagBits

- VkSystemAllocationScope

- VkVendorId

- VkVertexInputRate

New Bitmasks

- VkAccessFlags

- VkAttachmentDescriptionFlags

- VkBufferCreateFlags

- VkBufferUsageFlags

- VkBufferViewCreateFlags

- VkColorComponentFlags

- VkCommandBufferResetFlags

- VkCommandBufferUsageFlags

- VkCommandPoolCreateFlags

- VkCommandPoolResetFlags

- VkCullModeFlags

- VkDependencyFlags

- VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlags

- VkDescriptorPoolResetFlags

- VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlags

- VkDeviceCreateFlags

- VkDeviceQueueCreateFlags

- VkEventCreateFlags

- VkFenceCreateFlags

- VkFormatFeatureFlags

- VkFramebufferCreateFlags

- VkImageAspectFlags

- VkImageCreateFlags

- VkImageUsageFlags

- VkImageViewCreateFlags

- VkInstanceCreateFlags

- VkMemoryHeapFlags

- VkMemoryMapFlags

- VkMemoryPropertyFlags

- VkPipelineCacheCreateFlags

- VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateFlags

- VkPipelineCreateFlags

- VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateFlags

- VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateFlags

- VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateFlags

- VkPipelineLayoutCreateFlags

- VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateFlags

- VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateFlags

- VkPipelineShaderStageCreateFlags

- VkPipelineStageFlags

- VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateFlags

- VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateFlags

- VkPipelineViewportStateCreateFlags

- VkQueryControlFlags

- VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlags

- VkQueryPoolCreateFlags

- VkQueryResultFlags

- VkQueueFlags

- VkRenderPassCreateFlags

- VkSampleCountFlags

- VkSamplerCreateFlags

- VkSemaphoreCreateFlags

- VkShaderModuleCreateFlags

- VkShaderStageFlags

- VkSparseImageFormatFlags

- VkSparseMemoryBindFlags

- VkStencilFaceFlags

- VkSubpassDescriptionFlags

New Headers

- `vk_platform`

New Enum Constants

- `VK_ATTACHMENT_UNUSED`

- `VK_FALSE`

- `VK_LOD_CLAMP_NONE`

- `VK_QUEUE_FAMILY_IGNORED`

- `VK_REMAINING_ARRAY_LAYERS`

- `VK_REMAINING_MIP_LEVELS`

- `VK_SUBPASS_EXTERNAL`

- `VK_TRUE`

- `VK_WHOLE_SIZE`

Appendix D: Layers & Extensions (Informative)

Extensions to the Vulkan API **can** be defined by authors, groups of authors, and the Khronos Vulkan Working Group. In order not to compromise the readability of the Vulkan Specification, the core Specification does not incorporate most extensions. The online Registry of extensions is available at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/

and allows generating versions of the Specification incorporating different extensions.

Most of the content previously in this appendix does not specify **use** of specific Vulkan extensions and layers, but rather specifies the processes by which extensions and layers are created. As of version 1.0.21 of the Vulkan Specification, this content has been migrated to the Vulkan Documentation and Extensions document. Authors creating extensions and layers **must** follow the mandatory procedures in that document.

The remainder of this appendix documents a set of extensions chosen when this document was built. Versions of the Specification published in the Registry include:

- Core API + mandatory extensions required of all Vulkan implementations.
- Core API + all registered and published Khronos (KHR) extensions.
- Core API + all registered and published extensions.

Extensions are grouped as Khronos KHR, multivendor EXT, and then alphabetically by author ID. Within each group, extensions are listed in alphabetical order by their name.

> *Note*
>
> As of the initial Vulkan 1.1 public release, the KHX author ID is no longer used. All KHX extensions have been promoted to KHR status. Previously, this author ID was used to indicate that an extension was experimental, and is being considered for standardization in future KHR or core Vulkan API versions. We no longer use this mechanism for exposing experimental functionality.
>
> Some vendors may use an alternate author ID ending in X for some of their extensions. The exact meaning of such an author ID is defined by each vendor, and may not be equivalent to KHX, but it is likely to indicate a lesser degree of interface stability than a non-X extension from the same vendor.

List of Extensions

Appendix E: API Boilerplate

This appendix defines Vulkan API features that are infrastructure required for a complete functional description of Vulkan, but do not logically belong elsewhere in the Specification.

Vulkan Header Files

Vulkan is defined as an API in the C99 language. Khronos provides a corresponding set of header files for applications using the API, which may be used in either C or C++ code. The interface descriptions in the specification are the same as the interfaces defined in these header files, and both are derived from the `vk.xml` XML API Registry, which is the canonical machine-readable description of the Vulkan API. The Registry, scripts used for processing it into various forms, and documentation of the registry schema are available as described at https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/#apiregistry .

Language bindings for other languages can be defined using the information in the Specification and the Registry. Khronos does not provide any such bindings, but third-party developers have created some additional bindings.

Vulkan Combined API Header `vulkan.h` (Informative)

Applications normally will include the header `vulkan.h`. In turn, `vulkan.h` always includes the following headers:

- `vk_platform.h`, defining platform-specific macros and headers.
- `vulkan_core.h`, defining APIs for the Vulkan core and all registered extensions *other* than window system-specific and provisional extensions, which are included in separate header files.

In addition, specific preprocessor macros defined at the time `vulkan.h` is included cause header files for the corresponding window system-specific and provisional interfaces to be included, as described below.

Vulkan Platform-Specific Header `vk_platform.h` (Informative)

Platform-specific macros and interfaces are defined in `vk_platform.h`. These macros are used to control platform-dependent behavior, and their exact definitions are under the control of specific platforms and Vulkan implementations.

Platform-Specific Calling Conventions

On many platforms the following macros are empty strings, causing platform- and compiler-specific default calling conventions to be used.

`VKAPI_ATTR` is a macro placed before the return type in Vulkan API function declarations. This macro controls calling conventions for C++11 and GCC/Clang-style compilers.

`VKAPI_CALL` is a macro placed after the return type in Vulkan API function declarations. This macro controls calling conventions for MSVC-style compilers.

`VKAPI_PTR` is a macro placed between the '(' and '*' in Vulkan API function pointer declarations. This macro also controls calling conventions, and typically has the same definition as `VKAPI_ATTR` or `VKAPI_CALL`, depending on the compiler.

With these macros, a Vulkan function declaration takes the form of:

```
VKAPI_ATTR <return_type> VKAPI_CALL <command_name>(<command_parameters>);
```

Additionally, a Vulkan function pointer type declaration takes the form of:

```
typedef <return_type> (VKAPI_PTR *PFN_<command_name>)(<command_parameters>);
```

Platform-Specific Header Control

If the `VK_NO_STDINT_H` macro is defined by the application at compile time, extended integer types used by the Vulkan API, such as `uint8_t`, **must** also be defined by the application. Otherwise, the Vulkan headers will not compile. If `VK_NO_STDINT_H` is not defined, the system `<stdint.h>` is used to define these types. There is a fallback path when Microsoft Visual Studio version 2008 and earlier versions are detected at compile time.

If the `VK_NO_STDDEF_H` macro is defined by the application at compile time, `size_t`, **must** also be defined by the application. Otherwise, the Vulkan headers will not compile. If `VK_NO_STDDEF_H` is not defined, the system `<stddef.h>` is used to define this type.

Vulkan Core API Header `vulkan_core.h`

Applications that do not make use of window system-specific extensions may simply include `vulkan_core.h` instead of `vulkan.h`, although there is usually no reason to do so. In addition to the Vulkan API, `vulkan_core.h` also defines a small number of C preprocessor macros that are described below.

Vulkan Header File Version Number

`VK_HEADER_VERSION` is the version number of the `vulkan_core.h` header. This value is kept synchronized with the patch version of the released Specification.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
// Version of this file
#define VK_HEADER_VERSION 203
```

`VK_HEADER_VERSION_COMPLETE` is the complete version number of the `vulkan_core.h` header, comprising the major, minor, and patch versions. The major/minor values are kept synchronized with the complete version of the released Specification. This value is intended for use by automated tools to identify exactly which version of the header was used during their generation.

Applications should not use this value as their VkApplicationInfo::`apiVersion`. Instead applications

should explicitly select a specific fixed major/minor API version using, for example, one of the
`VK_API_VERSION_*_*` values.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
// Complete version of this file
#define VK_HEADER_VERSION_COMPLETE VK_MAKE_API_VERSION(0, 1, 2, VK_HEADER_VERSION)
```

`VK_API_VERSION` is now commented out of `vulkan_core.h` and **cannot** be used.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0
// DEPRECATED: This define has been removed. Specific version defines (e.g.
VK_API_VERSION_1_0), or the VK_MAKE_VERSION macro, should be used instead.
//#define VK_API_VERSION VK_MAKE_VERSION(1, 0, 0) // Patch version should always be
set to 0
```

Vulkan Handle Macros

`VK_DEFINE_HANDLE` defines a dispatchable handle type.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0

#define VK_DEFINE_HANDLE(object) typedef struct object##_T* object;
```

- `object` is the name of the resulting C type.

The only dispatchable handle types are those related to device and instance management, such as
VkDevice.

`VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE` defines a non-dispatchable handle type.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0

#ifndef VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE
    #if (VK_USE_64_BIT_PTR_DEFINES==1)
        #define VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(object) typedef struct object##_T
*object;
    #else
        #define VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE(object) typedef uint64_t object;
    #endif
#endif
```

- `object` is the name of the resulting C type.

Most Vulkan handle types, such as VkBuffer, are non-dispatchable.

> *Note*
>
> The `vulkan_core.h` header allows the `VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE` and `VK_NULL_HANDLE` definitions to be overridden by the application. If `VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE` is already defined when `vulkan_core.h` is compiled, the default definitions for `VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE` and `VK_NULL_HANDLE` are skipped. This allows the application to define a binary-compatible custom handle which **may** provide more type-safety or other features needed by the application. Applications **must** not define handles in a way that is not binary compatible - where binary compatibility is platform dependent.

`VK_NULL_HANDLE` is a reserved value representing a non-valid object handle. It may be passed to and returned from Vulkan commands only when [specifically allowed](#).

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0

#ifndef VK_DEFINE_NON_DISPATCHABLE_HANDLE
    #if (VK_USE_64_BIT_PTR_DEFINES==1)
        #if (defined(__cplusplus) && (__cplusplus >= 201103L)) || (defined(_MSVC_LANG)
&& (_MSVC_LANG >= 201103L))
            #define VK_NULL_HANDLE nullptr
        #else
            #define VK_NULL_HANDLE ((void*)0)
        #endif
    #else
        #define VK_NULL_HANDLE 0ULL
    #endif
#endif
#ifndef VK_NULL_HANDLE
    #define VK_NULL_HANDLE 0
#endif
```

`VK_USE_64_BIT_PTR_DEFINES` defines whether the default non-dispatchable handles are declared using either a 64-bit pointer type or a 64-bit unsigned integer type.

`VK_USE_64_BIT_PTR_DEFINES` is set to '1' to use a 64-bit pointer type or any other value to use a 64-bit unsigned integer type.

```
// Provided by VK_VERSION_1_0

#ifndef VK_USE_64_BIT_PTR_DEFINES
    #if defined(__LP64__) || defined(_WIN64) || (defined(__x86_64__) &&
!defined(__ILP32__) ) || defined(_M_X64) || defined(__ia64) || defined (_M_IA64) ||
defined(__aarch64__) || defined(__powerpc64__)
        #define VK_USE_64_BIT_PTR_DEFINES 1
    #else
        #define VK_USE_64_BIT_PTR_DEFINES 0
    #endif
#endif
```

> *Note*
>
> The `vulkan_core.h` header allows the `VK_USE_64_BIT_PTR_DEFINES` definition to be overridden by the application. This allows the application to select either a 64-bit pointer type or a 64-bit unsigned integer type for non-dispatchable handles in the case where the predefined preprocessor check does not identify the desired configuration.

Window System-Specific Header Control (Informative)

To use a Vulkan extension supporting a platform-specific window system, header files for that window systems **must** be included at compile time, or platform-specific types **must** be forward-declared. The Vulkan header files cannot determine whether or not an external header is available at compile time, so platform-specific extensions are provided in separate headers from the core API and platform-independent extensions, allowing applications to decide which ones should be defined and how the external headers are included.

Extensions dependent on particular sets of platform headers, or that forward-declare platform-specific types, are declared in a header named for that platform. Before including these platform-specific Vulkan headers, applications **must** include both `vulkan_core.h` and any external native headers the platform extensions depend on.

As a convenience for applications that do not need the flexibility of separate platform-specific Vulkan headers, `vulkan.h` includes `vulkan_core.h`, and then conditionally includes platform-specific Vulkan headers and the external headers they depend on. Applications control which platform-specific headers are included by #defining macros before including `vulkan.h`.

The correspondence between platform-specific extensions, external headers they require, the platform-specific header which declares them, and the preprocessor macros which enable inclusion by `vulkan.h` are shown in the following table.

Table 67. Window System Extensions and Headers

Extension Name	Window System Name	Platform-specific Header	Required External Headers	Controlling `vulkan.h` Macro
`VK_KHR_android_surface`	Android	`vulkan_android.h`	None	`VK_USE_PLATFORM_ANDROID_KHR`
`VK_KHR_wayland_surface`	Wayland	`vulkan_wayland.h`	`<wayland-client.h>`	`VK_USE_PLATFORM_WAYLAND_KHR`
`VK_KHR_win32_surface`, `VK_KHR_external_memory_win32`, `VK_KHR_win32_keyed_mutex`, `VK_KHR_external_semaphore_win32`, `VK_KHR_external_fence_win32`,	Microsoft Windows	`vulkan_win32.h`	`<windows.h>`	`VK_USE_PLATFORM_WIN32_KHR`
`VK_KHR_xcb_surface`	X11 Xcb	`vulkan_xcb.h`	`<xcb/xcb.h>`	`VK_USE_PLATFORM_XCB_KHR`
`VK_KHR_xlib_surface`	X11 Xlib	`vulkan_xlib.h`	`<X11/Xlib.h>`	`VK_USE_PLATFORM_XLIB_KHR`

> *Note*
>
> This section describes the purpose of the headers independently of the specific underlying functionality of the window system extensions themselves. Each extension name will only link to a description of that extension when viewing a specification built with that extension included.

Provisional Extension Header Control (Informative)

Provisional extensions **should** not be used in production applications. The functionality defined by such extensions **may** change in ways that break backwards compatibility between revisions, and before final release of a non-provisional version of that extension.

Provisional extensions are defined in a separate *provisional header*, `vulkan_beta.h`, allowing applications to decide whether or not to include them. The mechanism is similar to window system-specific headers: before including `vulkan_beta.h`, applications **must** include `vulkan_core.h`.

> *Note*
>
> Sometimes a provisional extension will include a subset of its interfaces in `vulkan_core.h`. This may occur if the provisional extension is promoted from an existing vendor or EXT extension and some of the existing interfaces are defined as aliases of the provisional extension interfaces. All other interfaces of that provisional extension which are not aliased will be included in `vulkan_beta.h`.

As a convenience for applications, `vulkan.h` conditionally includes `vulkan_beta.h`. Applications **can** control inclusion of `vulkan_beta.h` by #defining the macro `VK_ENABLE_BETA_EXTENSIONS` before including `vulkan.h`.

Note

Starting in version 1.2.171 of the Specification, all provisional enumerants are protected by the macro `VK_ENABLE_BETA_EXTENSIONS`. Applications needing to use provisional extensions must always define this macro, even if they are explicitly including `vulkan_beta.h`. This is a minor change to behavior, affecting only provisional extensions.

Note

This section describes the purpose of the provisional header independently of the specific provisional extensions which are contained in that header at any given time. The extension appendices for provisional extensions note their provisional status, and link back to this section for more information. Provisional extensions are intended to provide early access for bleeding-edge developers, with the understanding that extension interfaces may change in response to developer feedback. Provisional extensions are very likely to eventually be updated and released as non-provisional extensions, but there is no guarantee this will happen, or how long it will take if it does happen.

Appendix F: Invariance

The Vulkan specification is not pixel exact. It therefore does not guarantee an exact match between images produced by different Vulkan implementations. However, the specification does specify exact matches, in some cases, for images produced by the same implementation. The purpose of this appendix is to identify and provide justification for those cases that require exact matches.

Repeatability

The obvious and most fundamental case is repeated issuance of a series of Vulkan commands. For any given Vulkan and framebuffer state vector, and for any Vulkan command, the resulting Vulkan and framebuffer state **must** be identical whenever the command is executed on that initial Vulkan and framebuffer state. This repeatability requirement does not apply when using shaders containing side effects (image and buffer variable stores and atomic operations), because these memory operations are not guaranteed to be processed in a defined order.

One purpose of repeatability is avoidance of visual artifacts when a double-buffered scene is redrawn. If rendering is not repeatable, swapping between two buffers rendered with the same command sequence **may** result in visible changes in the image. Such false motion is distracting to the viewer. Another reason for repeatability is testability.

Repeatability, while important, is a weak requirement. Given only repeatability as a requirement, two scenes rendered with one (small) polygon changed in position might differ at every pixel. Such a difference, while within the law of repeatability, is certainly not within its spirit. Additional invariance rules are desirable to ensure useful operation.

Multi-pass Algorithms

Invariance is necessary for a whole set of useful multi-pass algorithms. Such algorithms render multiple times, each time with a different Vulkan mode vector, to eventually produce a result in the framebuffer. Examples of these algorithms include:

- "Erasing" a primitive from the framebuffer by redrawing it, either in a different color or using the XOR logical operation.
- Using stencil operations to compute capping planes.

Invariance Rules

For a given Vulkan device:

Rule 1 *For any given Vulkan and framebuffer state vector, and for any given Vulkan command, the resulting Vulkan and framebuffer state **must** be identical each time the command is executed on that initial Vulkan and framebuffer state.*

Rule 2 *Changes to the following state values have no side effects (the use of any other state value is not affected by the change):*

Required:

- *Color and depth/stencil attachment contents*
- *Scissor parameters (other than enable)*
- *Write masks (color, depth, stencil)*
- *Clear values (color, depth, stencil)*

Strongly suggested:

- *Stencil parameters (other than enable)*
- *Depth test parameters (other than enable)*
- *Blend parameters (other than enable)*
- *Logical operation parameters (other than enable)*

Corollary 1 *Fragment generation is invariant with respect to the state values listed in Rule 2.*

Rule 3 *The arithmetic of each per-fragment operation is invariant except with respect to parameters that directly control it.*

Corollary 2 *Images rendered into different color attachments of the same framebuffer, either simultaneously or separately using the same command sequence, are pixel identical.*

Rule 4 *Identical pipelines will produce the same result when run multiple times with the same input. The wording "Identical pipelines" means* VkPipeline *objects that have been created with identical SPIR-V binaries and identical state, which are then used by commands executed using the same Vulkan state vector. Invariance is relaxed for shaders with side effects, such as performing stores or atomics.*

Rule 5 *All fragment shaders that either conditionally or unconditionally assign* FragCoord.z *to* FragDepth *are depth-invariant with respect to each other, for those fragments where the assignment to* FragDepth *actually is done.*

If a sequence of Vulkan commands specifies primitives to be rendered with shaders containing side effects (image and buffer variable stores and atomic operations), invariance rules are relaxed. In particular, rule 1, corollary 2, and rule 4 do not apply in the presence of shader side effects.

The following weaker versions of rules 1 and 4 apply to Vulkan commands involving shader side effects:

Rule 6 *For any given Vulkan and framebuffer state vector, and for any given Vulkan command, the contents of any framebuffer state not directly or indirectly affected by results of shader image or buffer variable stores or atomic operations* **must** *be identical each time the command is executed on that initial Vulkan and framebuffer state.*

Rule 7 *Identical pipelines will produce the same result when run multiple times with the same input as long as:*

- *shader invocations do not use image atomic operations;*

- *no framebuffer memory is written to more than once by image stores, unless all such stores write the same value; and*

- *no shader invocation, or other operation performed to process the sequence of commands, reads memory written to by an image store.*

> *Note*
>
> The OpenGL specification has the following invariance rule: Consider a primitive p' obtained by translating a primitive p through an offset (x, y) in window coordinates, where x and y are integers. As long as neither p' nor p is clipped, it **must** be the case that each fragment f' produced from p' is identical to a corresponding fragment f from p except that the center of f' is offset by (x, y) from the center of f.
>
> This rule does not apply to Vulkan and is an intentional difference from OpenGL.

When any sequence of Vulkan commands triggers shader invocations that perform image stores or atomic operations, and subsequent Vulkan commands read the memory written by those shader invocations, these operations **must** be explicitly synchronized.

Tessellation Invariance

When using a pipeline containing tessellation evaluation shaders, the fixed-function tessellation primitive generator consumes the input patch specified by an application and emits a new set of primitives. The following invariance rules are intended to provide repeatability guarantees. Additionally, they are intended to allow an application with a carefully crafted tessellation evaluation shader to ensure that the sets of triangles generated for two adjacent patches have identical vertices along shared patch edges, avoiding "cracks" caused by minor differences in the positions of vertices along shared edges.

Rule 1 *When processing two patches with identical outer and inner tessellation levels, the tessellation primitive generator will emit an identical set of point, line, or triangle primitives as long as the pipeline used to process the patch primitives has tessellation evaluation shaders specifying the same tessellation mode, spacing, vertex order, and point mode decorations. Two sets of primitives are considered identical if and only if they contain the same number and type of primitives and the generated tessellation coordinates for the vertex numbered m of the primitive numbered n are identical for all values of m and n.*

Rule 2 *The set of vertices generated along the outer edge of the subdivided primitive in triangle and quad tessellation, and the tessellation coordinates of each, depend only on the corresponding outer tessellation level and the spacing decorations in the tessellation shaders of the pipeline.*

Rule 3 *The set of vertices generated when subdividing any outer primitive edge is always symmetric. For triangle tessellation, if the subdivision generates a vertex with tessellation coordinates of the form (0, x, 1-x), (x, 0, 1-x), or (x, 1-x, 0), it will also generate a vertex with coordinates of exactly (0, 1-x, x), (1-x, 0, x), or (1-x, x, 0), respectively. For quad tessellation, if the subdivision generates a vertex with coordinates of (x, 0) or (0, x), it will also generate a vertex with coordinates of exactly (1-x, 0) or (0, 1-x), respectively. For isoline tessellation, if it generates vertices at (0, x) and (1, x) where x is not zero, it will also generate vertices at exactly (0, 1-x) and (1, 1-x), respectively.*

Rule 4 *The set of vertices generated when subdividing outer edges in triangular and quad tessellation* ***must*** *be independent of the specific edge subdivided, given identical outer tessellation levels and spacing. For example, if vertices at (x, 1 - x, 0) and (1-x, x, 0) are generated when subdividing the w = 0 edge in triangular tessellation, vertices* ***must*** *be generated at (x, 0, 1-x) and (1-x, 0, x) when subdividing an otherwise identical v = 0 edge. For quad tessellation, if vertices at (x, 0) and (1-x, 0) are generated when subdividing the v = 0 edge, vertices* ***must*** *be generated at (0, x) and (0, 1-x) when subdividing an otherwise identical u = 0 edge.*

Rule 5 *When processing two patches that are identical in all respects enumerated in rule 1 except for vertex order, the set of triangles generated for triangle and quad tessellation* ***must*** *be identical except for vertex and triangle order. For each triangle n1 produced by processing the first patch, there* ***must*** *be a triangle n2 produced when processing the second patch each of whose vertices has the same tessellation coordinates as one of the vertices in n1.*

Rule 6 *When processing two patches that are identical in all respects enumerated in rule 1 other than matching outer tessellation levels and/or vertex order, the set of interior triangles generated for triangle and quad tessellation* ***must*** *be identical in all respects except for vertex and triangle order. For each interior triangle n1 produced by processing the first patch, there* ***must*** *be a triangle n2 produced when processing the second patch each of whose vertices has the same tessellation coordinates as one of the vertices in n1. A triangle produced by the tessellator is considered an interior triangle if none of its vertices lie on an outer edge of the subdivided primitive.*

Rule 7 *For quad and triangle tessellation, the set of triangles connecting an inner and outer edge depends only on the inner and outer tessellation levels corresponding to that edge and the spacing decorations.*

Rule 8 *The value of all defined components of* `TessCoord` *will be in the range [0, 1]. Additionally, for any defined component x of* `TessCoord`*, the results of computing 1.0-x in a tessellation evaluation shader will be exact. If any floating-point values in the range [0, 1] fail to satisfy this property, such values* ***must*** *not be used as tessellation coordinate components.*

Appendix G: Lexicon

This appendix defines terms, abbreviations, and API prefixes used in the Specification.

Glossary

The terms defined in this section are used consistently throughout the Specification and may be used with or without capitalization.

Accessible (Descriptor Binding)

A descriptor binding is accessible to a shader stage if that stage is included in the `stageFlags` of the descriptor binding. Descriptors using that binding **can** only be used by stages in which they are accessible.

Acquire Operation (Resource)

An operation that acquires ownership of an image subresource or buffer range.

Adjacent Vertex

A vertex in an adjacency primitive topology that is not part of a given primitive, but is accessible in geometry shaders.

Alias (API type/command)

An identical definition of another API type/command with the same behavior but a different name.

Aliased Range (Memory)

A range of a device memory allocation that is bound to multiple resources simultaneously.

Allocation Scope

An association of a host memory allocation to a parent object or command, where the allocation's lifetime ends before or at the same time as the parent object is freed or destroyed, or during the parent command.

Aspect (Image)

An image **may** contain multiple kinds, or aspects, of data for each pixel, where each aspect is used in a particular way by the pipeline and **may** be stored differently or separately from other aspects. For example, the color components of an image format make up the color aspect of the image, and **may** be used as a framebuffer color attachment. Some operations, like depth testing, operate only on specific aspects of an image.

Attachment (Render Pass)

A zero-based integer index name used in render pass creation to refer to a framebuffer attachment that is accessed by one or more subpasses. The index also refers to an attachment description which includes information about the properties of the image view that will later be attached.

Availability Operation

An operation that causes the values generated by specified memory write accesses to become available for future access.

Available

A state of values written to memory that allows them to be made visible.

Back-Facing

See Facingness.

Batch

A single structure submitted to a queue as part of a queue submission command, describing a set of queue operations to execute.

Backwards Compatibility

A given version of the API is backwards compatible with an earlier version if an application, relying only on valid behavior and functionality defined by the earlier specification, is able to correctly run against each version without any modification. This assumes no active attempt by that application to not run when it detects a different version.

Binary Semaphore

A semaphore with a boolean payload indicating whether the semaphore is signaled or unsignaled. Represented by a VkSemaphore object .

Binding (Memory)

An association established between a range of a resource object and a range of a memory object. These associations determine the memory locations affected by operations performed on elements of a resource object. Memory bindings are established using the vkBindBufferMemory command for non-sparse buffer objects, using the vkBindImageMemory command for non-sparse image objects, and using the vkQueueBindSparse command for sparse resources.

Blend Constant

Four floating point (RGBA) values used as an input to blending.

Blending

Arithmetic operations between a fragment color value and a value in a color attachment that produce a final color value to be written to the attachment.

Buffer

A resource that represents a linear array of data in device memory. Represented by a VkBuffer object.

Buffer View

An object that represents a range of a specific buffer, and state controlling how the contents are interpreted. Represented by a VkBufferView object.

Built-In Variable

A variable decorated in a shader, where the decoration makes the variable take values provided

by the execution environment or values that are generated by fixed-function pipeline stages.

Built-In Interface Block

A block defined in a shader containing only variables decorated with built-in decorations, and is used to match against other shader stages.

Clip Coordinates

The homogeneous coordinate space that vertex positions (`Position` decoration) are written in by [pre-rasterization shader stages](#).

Clip Distance

A built-in output from [pre-rasterization shader stages](#) defining a clip half-space against which the primitive is clipped.

Clip Volume

The intersection of the view volume with all clip half-spaces.

Color Attachment

A subpass attachment point, or image view, that is the target of fragment color outputs and blending.

Color Renderable Format

A `VkFormat` where `VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT` is set in one of the following, depending on the image's tiling:

- `VkFormatProperties`::`linearTilingFeatures`
- `VkFormatProperties`::`optimalTilingFeatures`

Combined Image Sampler

A descriptor type that includes both a sampled image and a sampler.

Command Buffer

An object that records commands to be submitted to a queue. Represented by a `VkCommandBuffer` object.

Command Pool

An object that command buffer memory is allocated from, and that owns that memory. Command pools aid multithreaded performance by enabling different threads to use different allocators, without internal synchronization on each use. Represented by a `VkCommandPool` object.

Compatible Allocator

When allocators are compatible, allocations from each allocator **can** be freed by the other allocator.

Compatible Image Formats

When formats are compatible, images created with one of the formats **can** have image views created from it using any of the compatible formats. Also see *Size-Compatible Image Formats*.

Compatible Queues

Queues within a queue family. Compatible queues have identical properties.

Complete Mipmap Chain

The entire set of miplevels that can be provided for an image, from the largest application specified miplevel size down to the *minimum miplevel size*. See Image Miplevel Sizing.

Component (Format)

A distinct part of a format. Color components are represented with R, G, B, and A. Depth and stencil components are represented with D and S. Formats **can** have multiple instances of the same component. Some formats have other notations such as E or X which are not considered a component of the format.

Compressed Texel Block

An element of an image having a block-compressed format, comprising a rectangular block of texel values that are encoded as a single value in memory. Compressed texel blocks of a particular block-compressed format have a corresponding width, height, and depth defining the dimensions of these elements in units of texels, and a size in bytes of the encoding in memory.

Constant Integral Expressions

A SPIR-V constant instruction whose type is OpTypeInt. See *Constant Instruction* in section 2.2.1 "Instructions" of the Khronos SPIR-V Specification.

Coverage Index

The index of a sample in the coverage mask.

Coverage Mask

A bitfield associated with a fragment representing the samples that were determined to be covered based on the result of rasterization, and then subsequently modified by fragment operations or the fragment shader.

Cull Distance

A built-in output from pre-rasterization shader stages defining a cull half-space where the primitive is rejected if all vertices have a negative value for the same cull distance.

Cull Volume

The intersection of the view volume with all cull half-spaces.

Decoration (SPIR-V)

Auxiliary information such as built-in variables, stream numbers, invariance, interpolation type, relaxed precision, etc., added to variables or structure-type members through decorations.

Deprecated (feature)

A feature is deprecated if it is no longer recommended as the correct or best way to achieve its intended purpose.

Depth/Stencil Attachment

A subpass attachment point, or image view, that is the target of depth and/or stencil test

operations and writes.

Depth/Stencil Format

A VkFormat that includes depth and/or stencil components.

Depth/Stencil Image (or ImageView)

A VkImage (or VkImageView) with a depth/stencil format.

Derivative Group

A set of fragment shader invocations that cooperate to compute derivatives, including implicit derivatives for sampled image operations.

Descriptor

Information about a resource or resource view written into a descriptor set that is used to access the resource or view from a shader.

Descriptor Binding

An entry in a descriptor set layout corresponding to zero or more descriptors of a single descriptor type in a set. Defined by a VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding structure.

Descriptor Pool

An object that descriptor sets are allocated from, and that owns the storage of those descriptor sets. Descriptor pools aid multithreaded performance by enabling different threads to use different allocators, without internal synchronization on each use. Represented by a VkDescriptorPool object.

Descriptor Set

An object that resource descriptors are written into via the API, and that **can** be bound to a command buffer such that the descriptors contained within it **can** be accessed from shaders. Represented by a VkDescriptorSet object.

Descriptor Set Layout

An object defining the set of resources (types and counts) and their relative arrangement (in the binding namespace) within a descriptor set. Used when allocating descriptor sets and when creating pipeline layouts. Represented by a VkDescriptorSetLayout object.

Device

The processor(s) and execution environment that perform tasks requested by the application via the Vulkan API.

Device Group

A set of physical devices that support accessing each other's memory and recording a single command buffer that **can** be executed on all the physical devices.

Device Index

A zero-based integer that identifies one physical device from a logical device. A device index is valid if it is less than the number of physical devices in the logical device.

Device Mask

A bitmask where each bit represents one device index. A device mask value is valid if every bit that is set in the mask is at a bit position that is less than the number of physical devices in the logical device.

Device Memory

Memory accessible to the device. Represented by a VkDeviceMemory object.

Device-Level Command

Any command that is dispatched from a logical device, or from a child object of a logical device.

Device-Level Functionality

All device-level commands and objects, and their structures, enumerated types, and enumerants.

Device-Level Object

Logical device objects and their child objects. For example, VkDevice, VkQueue, and VkCommandBuffer objects are device-level objects.

Device-Local Memory

Memory that is connected to the device, and **may** be more performant for device access than host-local memory.

Direct Drawing Commands

Drawing commands that take all their parameters as direct arguments to the command (and not sourced via structures in buffer memory as the *indirect drawing commands*). Includes vkCmdDraw, and vkCmdDrawIndexed.

Disjoint

Disjoint planes are *image planes* to which memory is bound independently.

A *disjoint image* consists of multiple *disjoint planes*, and is created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_DISJOINT_BIT` bit set.

Dispatchable Command

A non-global command. The first argument to each dispatchable command is a dispatchable handle type.

Dispatchable Handle

A handle of a pointer handle type which **may** be used by layers as part of intercepting API commands.

Dispatching Commands

Commands that provoke work using a compute pipeline. Includes vkCmdDispatch and vkCmdDispatchIndirect.

Drawing Commands

Commands that provoke work using a graphics pipeline. Includes vkCmdDraw, vkCmdDrawIndexed, vkCmdDrawIndirect, and vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect.

Duration (Command)

The *duration* of a Vulkan command refers to the interval between calling the command and its return to the caller.

Dynamic Storage Buffer

A storage buffer whose offset is specified each time the storage buffer is bound to a command buffer via a descriptor set.

Dynamic Uniform Buffer

A uniform buffer whose offset is specified each time the uniform buffer is bound to a command buffer via a descriptor set.

Dynamically Uniform

See *Dynamically Uniform* in section 2.2 "Terms" of the Khronos SPIR-V Specification.

Element

Arrays are composed of multiple elements, where each element exists at a unique index within that array. Used primarily to describe data passed to or returned from the Vulkan API.

Explicitly-Enabled Layer

A layer enabled by the application by adding it to the enabled layer list in vkCreateInstance or vkCreateDevice.

Event

A synchronization primitive that is signaled when execution of previous commands completes through a specified set of pipeline stages. Events can be waited on by the device and polled by the host. Represented by a VkEvent object.

Executable State (Command Buffer)

A command buffer that has ended recording commands and **can** be executed. See also Initial State and Recording State.

Execution Dependency

A dependency that guarantees that certain pipeline stages' work for a first set of commands has completed execution before certain pipeline stages' work for a second set of commands begins execution. This is accomplished via pipeline barriers, subpass dependencies, events, or implicit ordering operations.

Execution Dependency Chain

A sequence of execution dependencies that transitively act as a single execution dependency.

Explicit chroma reconstruction

An implementation of sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion which reconstructs reduced-resolution chroma samples to luma resolution and then separately performs texture sample interpolation. This is distinct from an implicit implementation, which incorporates chroma sample reconstruction into texture sample interpolation.

Extension Scope

The set of objects and commands that **can** be affected by an extension. Extensions are either device scope or instance scope.

Extending Structure

A structure type which may appear in the `pNext` *chain* of another structure, extending the functionality of the other structure. Extending structures may be defined by either core API versions or extensions.

External Handle

A resource handle which has meaning outside of a specific Vulkan device or its parent instance. External handles **may** be used to share resources between multiple Vulkan devices in different instances, or between Vulkan and other APIs. Some external handle types correspond to platform-defined handles, in which case the resource **may** outlive any particular Vulkan device or instance and **may** be transferred between processes, or otherwise manipulated via functionality defined by the platform for that handle type.

External synchronization

A type of synchronization **required** of the application, where parameters defined to be externally synchronized **must** not be used simultaneously in multiple threads.

Facingness (Polygon)

A classification of a polygon as either front-facing or back-facing, depending on the orientation (winding order) of its vertices.

Facingness (Fragment)

A fragment is either front-facing or back-facing, depending on the primitive it was generated from. If the primitive was a polygon (regardless of polygon mode), the fragment inherits the facingness of the polygon. All other fragments are front-facing.

Fence

A synchronization primitive that is signaled when a set of batches or sparse binding operations complete execution on a queue. Fences **can** be waited on by the host. Represented by a VkFence object.

Flat Shading

A property of a vertex attribute that causes the value from a single vertex (the provoking vertex) to be used for all vertices in a primitive, and for interpolation of that attribute to return that single value unaltered.

Format Features

A set of features from VkFormatFeatureFlagBits that a VkFormat is capable of using for various commands. The list is determined by factors such as VkImageTiling.

Fragment

A rectangular framebuffer region with associated data produced by rasterization and processed by fragment operations including the fragment shader.

Fragment Area

The width and height, in pixels, of a fragment.

Fragment Input Attachment Interface

Variables with `UniformConstant` storage class and a decoration of `InputAttachmentIndex` that are statically used by a fragment shader's entry point, which receive values from input attachments.

Fragment Output Interface

A fragment shader entry point's variables with `Output` storage class, which output to color and/or depth/stencil attachments.

Framebuffer

A collection of image views and a set of dimensions that, in conjunction with a render pass, define the inputs and outputs used by drawing commands. Represented by a VkFramebuffer object.

Framebuffer Attachment

One of the image views used in a framebuffer.

Framebuffer Coordinates

A coordinate system in which adjacent pixels' coordinates differ by 1 in x and/or y, with (0,0) in the upper left corner and pixel centers at half-integers.

Framebuffer-Space

Operating with respect to framebuffer coordinates.

Framebuffer-Local

A framebuffer-local dependency guarantees that only for a single framebuffer region, the first set of operations happens-before the second set of operations.

Framebuffer-Global

A framebuffer-global dependency guarantees that for all framebuffer regions, the first set of operations happens-before the second set of operations.

Framebuffer Region

A framebuffer region is a set of sample (x, y, layer, sample) coordinates that is a subset of the entire framebuffer.

Front-Facing

See Facingness.

Full Compatibility

A given version of the API is fully compatible with another version if an application, relying only on valid behavior and functionality defined by either of those specifications, is able to correctly run against each version without any modification. This assumes no active attempt by that application to not run when it detects a different version.

Global Command

A Vulkan command for which the first argument is not a dispatchable handle type.

Global Workgroup

A collection of local workgroups dispatched by a single dispatching command.

Handle

An opaque integer or pointer value used to refer to a Vulkan object. Each object type has a unique handle type.

Happen-after, happens-after

A transitive, irreflexive and antisymmetric ordering relation between operations. An execution dependency with a source of **A** and a destination of **B** enforces that **B** happens-after **A**. The inverse relation of happens-before.

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Helper Invocation

A fragment shader invocation that is created solely for the purposes of evaluating derivatives for use in non-helper fragment shader invocations, and which does not have side effects.

Host

The processor(s) and execution environment that the application runs on, and that the Vulkan API is exposed on.

Host Mapped Device Memory

Device memory that is mapped for host access using vkMapMemory.

Host Memory

Memory not accessible to the device, used to store implementation data structures.

Host-Accessible Subresource

A buffer, or a linear image subresource in either the `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_PREINITIALIZED` or `VK_IMAGE_LAYOUT_GENERAL` layout. Host-accessible subresources have a well-defined addressing scheme which can be used by the host.

Host-Local Memory

Memory that is not local to the device, and **may** be less performant for device access than device-local memory.

Host-Visible Memory

Device memory that **can** be mapped on the host and **can** be read and written by the host.

Identically Defined Objects

Objects of the same type where all arguments to their creation or allocation functions, with the

exception of `pAllocator`, are

1. Vulkan handles which refer to the same object or

2. identical scalar or enumeration values or

3. Host pointers which point to an array of values or structures which also satisfy these three constraints.

Image

A resource that represents a multi-dimensional formatted interpretation of device memory. Represented by a VkImage object.

Image Subresource

A specific mipmap level and layer of an image.

Image Subresource Range

A set of image subresources that are contiguous mipmap levels and layers.

Image View

An object that represents an image subresource range of a specific image, and state controlling how the contents are interpreted. Represented by a VkImageView object.

Immutable Sampler

A sampler descriptor provided at descriptor set layout creation time, and that is used for that binding in all descriptor sets allocated from the layout, and cannot be changed.

Implicit chroma reconstruction

An implementation of sampler $Y'C_BC_R$ conversion which reconstructs the reduced-resolution chroma samples directly at the sample point, as part of the normal texture sampling operation. This is distinct from an *explicit chroma reconstruction* implementation, which reconstructs the reduced-resolution chroma samples to the resolution of the luma samples, then filters the result as part of texture sample interpolation.

Implicitly-Enabled Layer

A layer enabled by a loader-defined mechanism outside the Vulkan API, rather than explicitly by the application during instance or device creation.

Index Buffer

A buffer bound via vkCmdBindIndexBuffer which is the source of index values used to fetch vertex attributes for a vkCmdDrawIndexed or vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect command.

Indexed Drawing Commands

Drawing commands which use an *index buffer* as the source of index values used to fetch vertex attributes for a drawing command. Includes vkCmdDrawIndexed, and vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect.

Indirect Commands

Drawing or dispatching commands that source some of their parameters from structures in buffer memory. Includes vkCmdDrawIndirect, vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect, and

vkCmdDispatchIndirect.

Indirect Drawing Commands

Drawing commands that source some of their parameters from structures in buffer memory. Includes vkCmdDrawIndirect, and vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect.

Initial State (Command Buffer)

A command buffer that has not begun recording commands. See also Recording State and Executable State.

Input Attachment

A descriptor type that represents an image view, and supports unfiltered read-only access in a shader, only at the fragment's location in the view.

Instance

The top-level Vulkan object, which represents the application's connection to the implementation. Represented by a VkInstance object.

Instance-Level Command

Any command that is dispatched from an instance, or from a child object of an instance, except for physical devices and their children.

Instance-Level Functionality

All instance-level commands and objects, and their structures, enumerated types, and enumerants.

Instance-Level Object

High-level Vulkan objects, which are not physical devices, nor children of physical devices. For example, VkInstance is an instance-level object.

Instance (Memory)

In a logical device representing more than one physical device, some device memory allocations have the requested amount of memory allocated multiple times, once for each physical device in a device mask. Each such replicated allocation is an instance of the device memory.

Instance (Resource)

In a logical device representing more than one physical device, buffer and image resources exist on all physical devices but **can** be bound to memory differently on each. Each such replicated resource is an instance of the resource.

Internal Synchronization

A type of synchronization **required** of the implementation, where parameters not defined to be externally synchronized **may** require internal mutexing to avoid multithreaded race conditions.

Invocation (Shader)

A single execution of an entry point in a SPIR-V module. For example, a single vertex's execution of a vertex shader or a single fragment's execution of a fragment shader.

Invocation Group

A set of shader invocations that are executed in parallel and that **must** execute the same control flow path in order for control flow to be considered dynamically uniform.

Linear Resource

A resource is *linear* if it is one of the following:

- a VkBuffer
- a VkImage created with `VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR`

A resource is *non-linear* if it is one of the following:

- a VkImage created with `VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL`

Local Workgroup

A collection of compute shader invocations invoked by a single dispatching command, which share data via `WorkgroupLocal` variables and can synchronize with each other.

Logical Device

An object that represents the application's interface to the physical device. The logical device is the parent of most Vulkan objects. Represented by a VkDevice object.

Logical Operation

Bitwise operations between a fragment color value and a value in a color attachment, that produce a final color value to be written to the attachment.

Lost Device

A state that a logical device **may** be in as a result of unrecoverable implementation errors, or other exceptional conditions.

Mappable

See Host-Visible Memory.

Memory Dependency

A memory dependency is an execution dependency which includes availability and visibility operations such that:

- The first set of operations happens-before the availability operation
- The availability operation happens-before the visibility operation
- The visibility operation happens-before the second set of operations

Memory Domain

A memory domain is an abstract place to which memory writes are made available by availability operations and memory domain operations. The memory domains correspond to the set of agents that the write **can** then be made visible to. The memory domains are *host, device, shader, workgroup instance* (for workgroup instance there is a unique domain for each compute workgroup) and *subgroup instance* (for subgroup instance there is a unique domain for each subgroup).

Memory Domain Operation

An operation that makes the writes that are available to one memory domain available to another memory domain.

Memory Heap

A region of memory from which device memory allocations **can** be made.

Memory Type

An index used to select a set of memory properties (e.g. mappable, cached) for a device memory allocation.

Minimum Miplevel Size

The smallest size that is permitted for a miplevel. For conventional images this is 1x1x1. See Image Miplevel Sizing.

Mip Tail Region

The set of mipmap levels of a sparse residency texture that are too small to fill a sparse block, and that **must** all be bound to memory collectively and opaquely.

Multi-planar

A *multi-planar format* (or "planar format") is an image format consisting of more than one *plane*, identifiable with a `_2PLANE` or `_3PLANE` component to the format name and listed in Formats requiring sampler Y′$C_B$$C_R$ conversion for `VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT` image views. A *multi-planar image* (or "planar image") is an image of a multi-planar format.

Non-Dispatchable Handle

A handle of an integer handle type. Handle values **may** not be unique, even for two objects of the same type.

Non-Indexed Drawing Commands

Drawing commands for which the vertex attributes are sourced in linear order from the vertex input attributes for a drawing command (i.e. they do not use an *index buffer*). Includes vkCmdDraw, and vkCmdDrawIndirect.

Normalized

A value that is interpreted as being in the range [0,1] as a result of being implicitly divided by some other value.

Normalized Device Coordinates

A coordinate space after perspective division is applied to clip coordinates, and before the viewport transformation converts to framebuffer coordinates.

Obsoleted (feature)

A feature is obsolete if it can no longer be used.

Overlapped Range (Aliased Range)

The aliased range of a device memory allocation that intersects a given image subresource of an image or range of a buffer.

Ownership (Resource)

If an entity (e.g. a queue family) has ownership of a resource, access to that resource is well-defined for access by that entity.

Packed Format

A format whose components are stored as a single texel block in memory, with their relative locations defined within that element.

Payload

Importable or exportable reference to the internal data of an object in Vulkan.

Peer Memory

An instance of memory corresponding to a different physical device than the physical device performing the memory access, in a logical device that represents multiple physical devices.

Physical Device

An object that represents a single device in the system. Represented by a VkPhysicalDevice object.

Physical-Device-Level Command

Any command that is dispatched from a physical device.

Physical-Device-Level Functionality

All physical-device-level commands and objects, and their structures, enumerated types, and enumerants.

Physical-Device-Level Object

Physical device objects. For example, VkPhysicalDevice is a physical-device-level object.

Pipeline

An object controlling how graphics or compute work is executed on the device. A pipeline includes one or more shaders, as well as state controlling any non-programmable stages of the pipeline. Represented by a VkPipeline object.

Pipeline Barrier

An execution and/or memory dependency recorded as an explicit command in a command buffer, that forms a dependency between the previous and subsequent commands.

Pipeline Cache

An object that **can** be used to collect and retrieve information from pipelines as they are created, and **can** be populated with previously retrieved information in order to accelerate pipeline creation. Represented by a VkPipelineCache object.

Pipeline Layout

An object defining the set of resources (via a collection of descriptor set layouts) and push constants used by pipelines that are created using the layout. Used when creating a pipeline and when binding descriptor sets and setting push constant values. Represented by a VkPipelineLayout object.

Pipeline Stage

A logically independent execution unit that performs some of the operations defined by an action command.

pNext Chain

A set of structures chained together through their pNext members.

Planar

See *multi-planar*.

Plane

An *image plane* is part of the representation of an image, containing a subset of the color components required to represent the texels in the image and with a contiguous mapping of coordinates to bound memory. Most images consist only of a single plane, but some formats spread the components across multiple image planes. The host-accessible properties of each image plane are accessed in a linear layout using vkGetImageSubresourceLayout. If a multi-planar image is created with the `VK_IMAGE_CREATE_DISJOINT_BIT` bit set, the image is described as *disjoint*, and its planes are therefore bound to memory independently.

Point Sampling (Rasterization)

A rule that determines whether a fragment sample location is covered by a polygon primitive by testing whether the sample location is in the interior of the polygon in framebuffer-space, or on the boundary of the polygon according to the tie-breaking rules.

Potential Format Features

The union of all VkFormatFeatureFlagBits that the implementation supports for a specified VkFormat, over all supported image tilings.

Pre-rasterization

Operations that execute before rasterization, and any state associated with those operations.

Preserve Attachment

One of a list of attachments in a subpass description that is not read or written by the subpass, but that is read or written on earlier and later subpasses and whose contents **must** be preserved through this subpass.

Primary Command Buffer

A command buffer that **can** execute secondary command buffers, and **can** be submitted directly to a queue.

Primitive Topology

State controlling how vertices are assembled into primitives, e.g. as lists of triangles, strips of lines, etc..

Promoted (feature)

A feature from an older extension is considered promoted if it is made available as part of a new core version or newer extension with wider support.

Protected Buffer

A buffer to which protected device memory **can** be bound.

Protected-capable Device Queue

A device queue to which protected command buffers **can** be submitted.

Protected Command Buffer

A command buffer which **can** be submitted to a protected-capable device queue.

Protected Device Memory

Device memory which **can** be visible to the device but **must** not be visible to the host.

Protected Image

An image to which protected device memory **can** be bound.

Provisional

A feature is released provisionally in order to get wider feedback on the functionality before it is finalized. Provisional features may change in ways that break backwards compatibility, and thus are not recommended for use in production applications.

Provoking Vertex

The vertex in a primitive from which flat shaded attribute values are taken. This is generally the "first" vertex in the primitive, and depends on the primitive topology.

Push Constants

A small bank of values writable via the API and accessible in shaders. Push constants allow the application to set values used in shaders without creating buffers or modifying and binding descriptor sets for each update.

Push Constant Interface

The set of variables with `PushConstant` storage class that are statically used by a shader entry point, and which receive values from push constant commands.

Descriptor Update Template

An object specifying a mapping from descriptor update information in host memory to elements in a descriptor set, which helps enable more efficient descriptor set updates.

Query Pool

An object containing a number of query entries and their associated state and results. Represented by a VkQueryPool object.

Queue

An object that executes command buffers and sparse binding operations on a device. Represented by a VkQueue object.

Queue Family

A set of queues that have common properties and support the same functionality, as advertised in VkQueueFamilyProperties.

Queue Operation

A unit of work to be executed by a specific queue on a device, submitted via a queue submission command. Each queue submission command details the specific queue operations that occur as a result of calling that command. Queue operations typically include work that is specific to each command, and synchronization tasks.

Queue Submission

Zero or more batches and an optional fence to be signaled, passed to a command for execution on a queue. See the Devices and Queues chapter for more information.

Recording State (Command Buffer)

A command buffer that is ready to record commands. See also Initial State and Executable State.

Release Operation (Resource)

An operation that releases ownership of an image subresource or buffer range.

Render Pass

An object that represents a set of framebuffer attachments and phases of rendering using those attachments. Represented by a VkRenderPass object.

Render Pass Instance

A use of a render pass in a command buffer.

Required Extensions

Extensions that **must** be enabled alongside extensions dependent on them (see Extension Dependencies).

Reset (Command Buffer)

Resetting a command buffer discards any previously recorded commands and puts a command buffer in the initial state.

Residency Code

An integer value returned by sparse image instructions, indicating whether any sparse unbound texels were accessed.

Resolve Attachment

A subpass attachment point, or image view, that is the target of a multisample resolve operation from the corresponding color attachment at the end of the subpass.

Sample Index

The index of a sample within a single set of samples.

Sample Shading

Invoking the fragment shader multiple times per fragment, with the covered samples partitioned among the invocations.

Sampled Image

A descriptor type that represents an image view, and supports filtered (sampled) and unfiltered

read-only access in a shader.

Sampler

An object containing state controlling how sampled image data is sampled (or filtered) when accessed in a shader. Also a descriptor type describing the object. Represented by a VkSampler object.

Secondary Command Buffer

A command buffer that **can** be executed by a primary command buffer, and **must** not be submitted directly to a queue.

Self-Dependency

A subpass dependency from a subpass to itself, i.e. with srcSubpass equal to dstSubpass. A self-dependency is not automatically performed during a render pass instance, rather a subset of it **can** be performed via vkCmdPipelineBarrier during the subpass.

Semaphore

A synchronization primitive that supports signal and wait operations, and **can** be used to synchronize operations within a queue or across queues. Represented by a VkSemaphore object.

Shader

Instructions selected (via an entry point) from a shader module, which are executed in a shader stage.

Shader Code

A stream of instructions used to describe the operation of a shader.

Shader Module

A collection of shader code, potentially including several functions and entry points, that is used to create shaders in pipelines. Represented by a VkShaderModule object.

Shader Stage

A stage of the graphics or compute pipeline that executes shader code.

Side Effect

A store to memory or atomic operation on memory from a shader invocation.

Single-plane format

A format that is not *multi-planar*.

Size-Compatible Image Formats

When a compressed image format and an uncompressed image format are size-compatible, it means that the texel block size of the uncompressed format **must** equal the texel block size of the compressed format.

Sparse Block

An element of a sparse resource that can be independently bound to memory. Sparse blocks of a particular sparse resource have a corresponding size in bytes that they use in the bound

memory.

Sparse Image Block

A sparse block in a sparse partially-resident image. In addition to the sparse block size in bytes, sparse image blocks have a corresponding width, height, and depth defining the dimensions of these elements in units of texels or compressed texel blocks, the latter being used in case of sparse images having a block-compressed format.

Sparse Unbound Texel

A texel read from a region of a sparse texture that does not have memory bound to it.

Static Use

An object in a shader is statically used by a shader entry point if any function in the entry point's call tree contains an instruction using the object. Static use is used to constrain the set of descriptors used by a shader entry point.

Storage Buffer

A descriptor type that represents a buffer, and supports reads, writes, and atomics in a shader.

Storage Image

A descriptor type that represents an image view, and supports unfiltered loads, stores, and atomics in a shader.

Storage Texel Buffer

A descriptor type that represents a buffer view, and supports unfiltered, formatted reads, writes, and atomics in a shader.

Subgroup

A set of shader invocations that **can** synchronize and share data with each other efficiently. In compute shaders, the *local workgroup* is a superset of the subgroup.

Subgroup Mask

A bitmask for all invocations in the current subgroup with one bit per invocation, starting with the least significant bit in the first vector component, continuing to the last bit (less than `SubgroupSize`) in the last required vector component.

Subpass

A phase of rendering within a render pass, that reads and writes a subset of the attachments.

Subpass Dependency

An execution and/or memory dependency between two subpasses described as part of render pass creation, and automatically performed between subpasses in a render pass instance. A subpass dependency limits the overlap of execution of the pair of subpasses, and **can** provide guarantees of memory coherence between accesses in the subpasses.

Subpass Description

Lists of attachment indices for input attachments, color attachments, depth/stencil attachment, resolve attachments, and preserve attachments used by the subpass in a render pass.

Subset (Self-Dependency)

A subset of a self-dependency is a pipeline barrier performed during the subpass of the self-dependency, and whose stage masks and access masks each contain a subset of the bits set in the identically named mask in the self-dependency.

Texel Block

A single addressable element of an image with an uncompressed VkFormat, or a single compressed block of an image with a compressed VkFormat.

Texel Block Size

The size (in bytes) used to store a texel block of a compressed or uncompressed image.

Texel Coordinate System

One of three coordinate systems (normalized, unnormalized, integer) defining how texel coordinates are interpreted in an image or a specific mipmap level of an image.

Uniform Texel Buffer

A descriptor type that represents a buffer view, and supports unfiltered, formatted, read-only access in a shader.

Uniform Buffer

A descriptor type that represents a buffer, and supports read-only access in a shader.

Units in the Last Place (ULP)

A measure of floating-point error loosely defined as the smallest representable step in a floating-point format near a given value. For the precise definition see Precision and Operation of SPIR-V instructions or Jean-Michel Muller, "On the definition of ulp(x)", RR-5504, INRIA. Other sources may also use the term "unit of least precision".

Unnormalized

A value that is interpreted according to its conventional interpretation, and is not normalized.

Unprotected Buffer

A buffer to which unprotected device memory **can** be bound.

Unprotected Command Buffer

A command buffer which **can** be submitted to an unprotected device queue or a protected-capable device queue.

Unprotected Device Memory

Device memory which **can** be visible to the device and **can** be visible to the host.

Unprotected Image

An image to which unprotected device memory **can** be bound.

User-Defined Variable Interface

A shader entry point's variables with `Input` or `Output` storage class that are not built-in variables.

Vertex Input Attribute

A graphics pipeline resource that produces input values for the vertex shader by reading data from a vertex input binding and converting it to the attribute's format.

Vertex Input Binding

A graphics pipeline resource that is bound to a buffer and includes state that affects addressing calculations within that buffer.

Vertex Input Interface

A vertex shader entry point's variables with `Input` storage class, which receive values from vertex input attributes.

View Mask

When multiview is enabled, a view mask is a property of a subpass controlling which views the rendering commands are broadcast to.

View Volume

A subspace in homogeneous coordinates, corresponding to post-projection x and y values between -1 and +1, and z values between 0 and +1.

Viewport Transformation

A transformation from normalized device coordinates to framebuffer coordinates, based on a viewport rectangle and depth range.

Visibility Operation

An operation that causes available values to become visible to specified memory accesses.

Visible

A state of values written to memory that allows them to be accessed by a set of operations.

Common Abbreviations

The abbreviations and acronyms defined in this section are sometimes used in the Specification and the API where they are considered clear and commonplace.

Src

Source

Dst

Destination

Min

Minimum

Max

Maximum

Rect

Rectangle

Info

Information

LOD

Level of Detail

ID

Identifier

UUID

Universally Unique Identifier

Op

Operation

R

Red color component

G

Green color component

B

Blue color component

A

Alpha color component

RTZ

Round towards zero

RTE

Round to nearest even

Prefixes

Prefixes are used in the API to denote specific semantic meaning of Vulkan names, or as a label to avoid name clashes, and are explained here:

VK/Vk/vk

Vulkan namespace
All types, commands, enumerants and defines in this specification are prefixed with these two characters.

PFN/pfn

Function Pointer

Denotes that a type is a function pointer, or that a variable is of a pointer type.

p

Pointer
Variable is a pointer.

vkCmd

Commands that record commands in command buffers
These API commands do not result in immediate processing on the device. Instead, they record the requested action in a command buffer for execution when the command buffer is submitted to a queue.

s

Structure
Used to denote the `VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE*` member of each structure in `sType`

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