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# **Vulkan Commands**

# vkAllocateCommandBuffers(3)

#### Name

vkAllocateCommandBuffers - Allocate command buffers from an existing command pool

# **C** Specification

To allocate command buffers, call:

```
VkResult vkAllocateCommandBuffers(
VkDevice device,
const VkCommandBufferAllocateInfo* pAllocateInfo,
VkCommandBuffer* pCommandBuffers);
```

#### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that owns the command pool.
- pAllocateInfo is a pointer to an instance of the 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.

# **Description**

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

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pAllocateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkCommandBufferAllocateInfo structure
- pCommandBuffers **must** be a pointer to an array of pAllocateInfo::commandBufferCount VkCommandBuffer handles

# **Host Synchronization**

• Host access to pAllocateInfo::commandPool must be externally synchronized

## **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

#### See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkCommandBufferAllocateInfo, VkDevice

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkAllocateCommandBuffers

# vkAllocateDescriptorSets(3)

#### Name

vkAllocateDescriptorSets - Allocate one or more descriptor sets

### **C** Specification

To allocate descriptor sets from a descriptor pool, call:

#### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that owns the descriptor pool.
- pAllocateInfo is a pointer to an instance of the 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 array **must** be at least the length specified by the descriptorSetCount member of pAllocateInfo.

# **Description**

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. However, the descriptor set **can** be bound in a command buffer without causing errors or exceptions. All entries that are statically used by a pipeline in a drawing or dispatching command **must** have been populated before the descriptor set is bound for use by that command. Entries that are not statically used by a pipeline **can** have uninitialized descriptors or descriptors of resources that have been destroyed, and executing a draw or dispatch with such a descriptor set bound does not cause undefined behavior. This means applications need not populate unused entries with dummy descriptors.

If an allocation fails due to fragmentation, an indeterminate error is returned with an unspecified error code. Any returned error other than VK\_ERROR\_FRAGMENTED\_POOL does not imply its usual meaning: applications **should** assume that the allocation failed due to fragmentation, and create a new descriptor pool.

Note



Applications **should** check for a negative return value when allocating new descriptor sets, assume that any error effectively means VK\_ERROR\_FRAGMENTED\_POOL, and try to create a new descriptor pool. If VK\_ERROR\_FRAGMENTED\_POOL is the actual return value, it adds certainty to that decision.

The reason for this is that VK\_ERROR\_FRAGMENTED\_POOL was only added in a later revision of the 1.0 specification, and so drivers **may** return other errors if they were written against earlier revisions. To ensure full compatibility with earlier patch revisions, these other errors are allowed.

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pAllocateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo structure
- pDescriptorSets **must** be a pointer to an array of pAllocateInfo::descriptorSetCount VkDescriptorSet handles

# **Host Synchronization**

• Host access to pAllocateInfo::descriptorPool must be externally synchronized

### **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

• VK SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY
- VK ERROR FRAGMENTED POOL

#### See Also

VkDescriptorSet, VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo, VkDevice

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkAllocateDescriptorSets

# vkAllocateMemory(3)

#### Name

vkAllocateMemory - Allocate GPU memory

# **C** Specification

To allocate memory objects, call:

#### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that owns the memory.
- pAllocateInfo is a pointer to an instance of the VkMemoryAllocateInfo structure describing parameters of the allocation. A successful 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.

# **Description**

Allocations returned by vkAllocateMemory are guaranteed to meet any alignment requirement by 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.

There is an implementation-dependent maximum number of memory allocations which **can** be simultaneously created on a device. This is specified by the maxMemoryAllocationCount member of the VkPhysicalDeviceLimits structure. If maxMemoryAllocationCount is exceeded, vkAllocateMemory will return VK\_ERROR\_TOO\_MANY\_OBJECTS.

Note



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 **should** be returned.

# **Valid Usage**

• The number of currently valid memory objects, allocated from device, **must** be less than VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxMemoryAllocationCount

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pAllocateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkMemoryAllocateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pMemory must be a pointer to a VkDeviceMemory handle

#### **Return Codes**

#### Success

VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_TOO\_MANY\_OBJECTS

#### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkDeviceMemory, VkMemoryAllocateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkAllocateMemory

# vkBeginCommandBuffer(3)

#### Name

vkBeginCommandBuffer - Start recording a command buffer

### **C** Specification

To begin recording a command buffer, call:

```
VkResult vkBeginCommandBuffer(
VkCommandBuffer commandBuffer,
const VkCommandBufferBeginInfo* pBeginInfo);
```

#### **Parameters**

- commandBuffer is the handle of the command buffer which is to be put in the recording state.
- pBeginInfo is an instance of the VkCommandBufferBeginInfo structure, which defines additional information about how the command buffer begins recording.

# **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

- commandBuffer must not be in the recording or pending state.
- 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.
- If commandBuffer is a secondary command buffer, the pInheritanceInfo member of pBeginInfo must be a valid VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo structure
- 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, the queryFlags member of the pInheritanceInfo member pBeginInfo must not contain VK\_QUERY\_CONTROL\_PRECISE\_BIT

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- pBeginInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkCommandBufferBeginInfo structure

# **Host Synchronization**

- Host access to commandBuffer must be externally synchronized
- Host access to the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from must be externally synchronized

#### **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

#### See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkCommandBufferBeginInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkBeginCommandBuffer

# vkBindBufferMemory(3)

#### Name

vkBindBufferMemory - Bind device memory to a buffer object

# **C Specification**

To attach memory to a buffer object, call:

```
VkResult vkBindBufferMemory(
VkDevice device,
VkBuffer buffer,
VkDeviceMemory memory,
VkDeviceSize memoryOffset);
```

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

# **Description**

### **Valid Usage**

- buffer must not already be backed by a memory object
- buffer must not have been created with any sparse memory binding flags
- memoryOffset must be less than the size of memory
- If buffer was created with the VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_UNIFORM\_TEXEL\_BUFFER\_BIT or VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_STORAGE\_TEXEL\_BUFFER\_BIT, memoryOffset **must** be a multiple of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::minTexelBufferOffsetAlignment
- If buffer was created with the VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_UNIFORM\_BUFFER\_BIT, memoryOffset **must** be a multiple of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::minUniformBufferOffsetAlignment
- If buffer was created with the VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_STORAGE\_BUFFER\_BIT, memoryOffset **must** be a multiple of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::minStorageBufferOffsetAlignment
- 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
- memoryOffset must be an integer multiple of the alignment member of the VkMemoryRequirements structure returned from a call to vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements with buffer
- 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

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device **must** be a valid VkDevice handle
- buffer must be a valid VkBuffer handle
- memory **must** be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle
- buffer must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device
- 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

#### See Also

VkBuffer, VkDevice, VkDeviceMemory, VkDeviceSize

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkBindBufferMemory

# vkBindImageMemory(3)

#### Name

vkBindImageMemory - Bind device memory to an image object

# **C** Specification

To attach memory to an image object, call:

```
VkResult vkBindImageMemory(
VkDevice device,
VkImage image,
VkDeviceMemory memory,
VkDeviceSize memoryOffset);
```

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

# **Description**

# Valid Usage

- image must not already be backed by a memory object
- image must not have been created with any sparse memory binding flags
- memoryOffset must be less than the size of memory
- 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
- memoryOffset must be an integer multiple of the alignment member of the VkMemoryRequirements structure returned from a call to vkGetImageMemoryRequirements with image
- The size member of the VkMemoryRequirements structure returned from a call to vkGetImageMemoryRequirements with image must be less than or equal to the size of memory minus memoryOffset

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- image must be a valid VkImage handle
- memory **must** be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle
- image must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device
- 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

#### See Also

VkDevice, VkDeviceMemory, VkDeviceSize, VkImage

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkBindImageMemory

# vkCmdBeginQuery(3)

#### Name

vkCmdBeginQuery - Begin a query

# **C** Specification

To begin a query, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

# **Description**

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

- The query identified by queryPool and query must currently not be active
- The query identified by queryPool and query must be unavailable
- 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
- queryPool **must** have been created with a queryType that differs from that of any other queries that have been made active, and are currently still active within commandBuffer
- query must be less than the number of queries in queryPool
- If the queryType used to create queryPool was VK\_QUERY\_TYPE\_OCCLUSION, the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations
- 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
- 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

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- queryPool must be a valid VkQueryPool handle
- flags must be a valid combination of VkQueryControlFlagBits values
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics, or compute operations
- 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	Pipeline Type
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics compute	

## See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkQueryControlFlags, VkQueryPool

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdBeginQuery

# vkCmdBeginRenderPass(3)

#### Name

vkCmdBeginRenderPass - Begin a new render pass

# **C** Specification

To begin a render pass instance, call:

```
void vkCmdBeginRenderPass(
    VkCommandBuffer
    const VkRenderPassBeginInfo*
    VkSubpassContents
```

commandBuffer,
pRenderPassBegin,
contents);

#### **Parameters**

- commandBuffer is the command buffer in which to record the command.
- pRenderPassBegin is a pointer to a VkRenderPassBeginInfo structure (defined below) which indicates 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.

# **Description**

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**

- 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 subresource of the framebuffer specified in the framebuffer member of pRenderPassBegin must have been created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_COLOR\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT\_set
- 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\_STENCIL\_ATTACHMENT\_OPTIMAL or VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_DEPTH\_STENCIL\_READ\_ONLY\_OPTIMAL then the corresponding attachment image subresource of the framebuffer specified in the framebuffer member of pRenderPassBegin must have been created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_DEPTH\_STENCIL\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT set
- 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 subresource of the framebuffer specified in the framebuffer member of pRenderPassBegin must have been created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_SAMPLED\_BIT or VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_INPUT\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT set
- 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 subresource of the framebuffer specified in the framebuffer member of pRenderPassBegin must have been created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_TRANSFER\_SRC\_BIT set
- 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 subresource of the framebuffer specified in the framebuffer member of pRenderPassBegin must have been created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_TRANSFER\_DST\_BIT set
- If any of the initialLayout members 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
- The srcStageMask and 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.

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- pRenderPassBegin must be a pointer to a valid VkRenderPassBeginInfo structure
- contents must be a valid VkSubpassContents value
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations
- This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance
- 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	Pipeline Type	
Primary	Outside	Graphics	Graphics	

#### See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkRenderPassBeginInfo, VkSubpassContents

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdBeginRenderPass

# vkCmdBindDescriptorSets(3)

#### Name

vkCmdBindDescriptorSets - Binds descriptor sets to a command buffer

### **C** Specification

To bind one or more descriptor sets to a command buffer, call:

```
void vkCmdBindDescriptorSets(
    VkCommandBuffer
                                                  commandBuffer,
    VkPipelineBindPoint
                                                  pipelineBindPoint,
    VkPipelineLayout
                                                  layout,
                                                  firstSet,
    uint32 t
                                                  descriptorSetCount,
    uint32_t
    const VkDescriptorSet*
                                                  pDescriptorSets,
                                                  dynamicOffsetCount,
    uint32 t
    const uint32_t*
                                                  pDynamicOffsets);
```

#### **Parameters**

- commandBuffer is the command buffer that the descriptor sets will be bound to.
- pipelineBindPoint is a VkPipelineBindPoint indicating whether the descriptors will be used by graphics pipelines or compute pipelines. There is a separate set of bind points for each of graphics and compute, so binding one does not disturb the other.
- 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 an array of handles to VkDescriptorSet objects describing the descriptor sets to write 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.

# **Description**

vkCmdBindDescriptorSets causes the sets numbered [firstSet.. firstSet+descriptorSetCount-1] to use the bindings stored in pDescriptorSets[0..descriptorSetCount-1] for subsequent rendering commands (either compute or graphics, according to the pipelineBindPoint). Any bindings that were previously applied via these sets are no longer valid.

Once bound, a descriptor set affects rendering of subsequent graphics or compute commands in the command buffer until a different set is bound to the same set number, or else until 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 draw or dispatch 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 length 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 graphics or compute commands, as defined in the Pipeline Layout Compatibility section.

The descriptor set contents bound by a call to vkCmdBindDescriptorSets may be consumed during host execution of the command, or during shader execution of the resulting draws, or any time in between. Thus, the contents must not be altered (overwritten by an update command, or freed) between when the command is recorded 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.

# **Valid Usage**

- Any given 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
- dynamicOffsetCount **must** be equal to the total number of dynamic descriptors in pDescriptorSets
- The sum of firstSet and descriptorSetCount **must** be less than or equal to VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo::setLayoutCount provided when layout was created
- pipelineBindPoint **must** be supported by the commandBuffer's parent VkCommandPool's queue family
- Any given element of pDynamicOffsets must satisfy the required alignment for the corresponding descriptor binding's descriptor type

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- pipelineBindPoint must be a valid VkPipelineBindPoint value
- layout must be a valid VkPipelineLayout handle
- pDescriptorSets **must** be a pointer to an array of descriptorSetCount valid VkDescriptorSet handles
- If dynamicOffsetCount is not 0, pDynamicOffsets **must** be a pointer to an array of dynamicOffsetCount uint32\_t values
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics, or compute operations
- descriptorSetCount must be greater than 0
- 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	Pipeline Type	
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics compute		

#### See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkDescriptorSet, VkPipelineBindPoint, VkPipelineLayout

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdBindDescriptorSets

# vkCmdBindIndexBuffer(3)

#### Name

vkCmdBindIndexBuffer - Bind an index buffer to a command buffer

# **C** Specification

To bind an index buffer to a command buffer, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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 whether indices are treated as 16 bits or 32 bits.

# **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

- offset must be less than the size of buffer
- 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
- buffer must have been created with the VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_INDEX\_BUFFER\_BIT flag
- If buffer is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- buffer must be a valid VkBuffer handle
- indexType must be a valid VkIndexType value
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations
- 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	Pipeline Type				
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics					

#### See Also

VkBuffer, VkCommandBuffer, VkDeviceSize, VkIndexType

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdBindIndexBuffer

# vkCmdBindPipeline(3)

#### Name

vkCmdBindPipeline - Bind a pipeline object to a command buffer

## **C** Specification

Once a pipeline has been created, it **can** be bound to the command buffer using the command:

#### **Parameters**

- commandBuffer is the command buffer that the pipeline will be bound to.
- pipelineBindPoint is a VkPipelineBindPoint value specifying whether to bind to the compute or graphics bind point. Binding one does not disturb the other.
- pipeline is the pipeline to be bound.

## **Description**

Once bound, a pipeline binding affects subsequent graphics or compute commands in the command buffer until a different pipeline is bound to the bind point. The pipeline bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE controls the behavior of vkCmdDispatch and vkCmdDispatchIndirect. The pipeline bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS controls the behavior of vkCmdDraw, vkCmdDrawIndexed, vkCmdDrawIndirect, and vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect. No other commands are affected by the pipeline state.

- If pipelineBindPoint is VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE, the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support compute operations
- If pipelineBindPoint is VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS, the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations
- If pipelineBindPoint is VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE, pipeline **must** be a compute pipeline
- If pipelineBindPoint is VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS, pipeline **must** be a graphics pipeline
- If the variable multisample rate feature is not supported, pipeline is a graphics pipeline, the current subpass has 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)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- pipelineBindPoint must be a valid VkPipelineBindPoint value
- pipeline **must** be a valid VkPipeline handle
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics, or compute operations
- Both of commandBuffer, and pipeline **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	Pipeline Type
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics compute	

## See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkPipeline, VkPipelineBindPoint

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdBindPipeline

# vkCmdBindVertexBuffers(3)

#### Name

vkCmdBindVertexBuffers - Bind vertex buffers to a command buffer

## **C** Specification

To bind vertex buffers to a command buffer for use in subsequent draw commands, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

# Description

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 draw commands.

- firstBinding must be less than VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxVertexInputBindings
- The sum of firstBinding and bindingCount **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxVertexInputBindings
- ullet All elements of pOffsets **must** be less than the size of the corresponding element in pBuffers
- All elements of pBuffers must have been created with the VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_VERTEX\_BUFFER\_BIT flag
- Each element of pBuffers that is non-sparse **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- pBuffers must be a pointer to an array of bindingCount valid VkBuffer handles
- pOffsets **must** be a pointer to an array of bindingCount VkDeviceSize values
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from must support graphics operations
- bindingCount must be greater than 0
- Both of commandBuffer, and the elements of pBuffers **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	Pipeline Type
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics	

## See Also

 $VkBuffer, VkCommandBuffer, {\tt VkDeviceSize}$ 

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdBindVertexBuffers

# vkCmdBlitImage(3)

#### Name

vkCmdBlitImage - Copy regions of an image, potentially performing format conversion,

## **C** Specification

To copy regions of a source image into a destination image, potentially performing format conversion, arbitrary scaling, and filtering, call:

```
void vkCmdBlitImage(
   VkCommandBuffer
                                                  commandBuffer,
    VkImage
                                                  srcImage,
    VkImageLayout
                                                  srcImageLayout,
    VkImage
                                                  dstImage,
    VkImageLayout
                                                  dstImageLayout,
    uint32_t
                                                  regionCount,
    const VkImageBlit*
                                                  pRegions,
    VkFilter
                                                  filter);
```

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

# Description

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_{\text{base}} = i + \frac{1}{2}
```

$$V_{\text{base}} = j + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$W_{\text{base}} = k + \frac{1}{2}$$

• 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 - baseArrayCount<sub>dst</sub>
```

• The scale is determined from the source and destination regions, and applied to the offset coordinates:

$$scale_u = (x_{src1} - x_{src0}) / (x_{dst1} - x_{dst0})$$

$$scale_v = (y_{src1} - y_{src0}) / (y_{dst1} - y_{dst0})$$

$$scale_w = (z_{src1} - z_{src0}) / (z_{dst1} - z_{dst0})$$

$$u_{scaled} = u_{offset} * scale_u$$

$$v_{scaled} = v_{offset} * scale_v$$

$$w_{scaled} = w_{offset} * scale_w$$

• Finally the source offset is added to the scaled coordinates, to determine the final unnormalized coordinates used to sample from srcImage:

```
\begin{split} u &= u_{scaled} + x_{src0} \\ v &= v_{scaled} + y_{src0} \\ w &= w_{scaled} + z_{src0} \\ q &= \text{mipLevel} \\ a &= a_{offset} + \text{baseArrayCount}_{src} \end{split}
```

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.

3D textures are blitted slice by slice. Slices in the source region bounded by srcOffsets[0].z and srcOffsets[1].z are copied to slices in the destination region bounded by dstOffsets[0].z and dstOffsets[1].z. For each destination slice, a source z coordinate is linearly interpolated between 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. If filter parameter is VK\_FILTER\_NEAREST then value sampled from the source image is taken from the single nearest slice (with undefined 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.

- The source region specified by a given element of pRegions **must** be a region that is contained within srcImage
- The destination region specified by a given element of pRegions **must** be a region that is contained within dstImage
- 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
- srcImage **must** use a format that supports VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_BLIT\_SRC\_BIT, which is indicated by VkFormatProperties::linearTilingFeatures (for linearly tiled images) or VkFormatProperties::optimalTilingFeatures (for optimally tiled images) as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties
- srcImage must have been created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_TRANSFER\_SRC\_BIT usage flag
- If srcImage is non-sparse then it must be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- srcImageLayout **must** specify the layout of the image subresources of srcImage specified in pRegions at the time this command is executed on a VkDevice
- srcImageLayout must be VK IMAGE LAYOUT TRANSFER SRC OPTIMAL or VK IMAGE LAYOUT GENERAL
- dstImage must use a format that supports VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_BLIT\_DST\_BIT, which is indicated by VkFormatProperties::linearTilingFeatures (for linearly tiled images) or VkFormatProperties::optimalTilingFeatures (for optimally tiled images) - as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties
- dstImage must have been created with VK IMAGE USAGE TRANSFER DST BIT usage flag
- If dstImage is non-sparse then it must be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- dstImageLayout must specify the layout of the image subresources of dstImage specified in pRegions at the time this command is executed on a VkDevice
- dstImageLayout must be VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_TRANSFER\_DST\_OPTIMAL or VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_GENERAL
- The sample count of srcImage and dstImage must both be equal to VK\_SAMPLE\_COUNT\_1\_BIT
- 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
- 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
- If either of srcImage or dstImage was created with a depth/stencil format, the other must have exactly the same format
- If srcImage was created with a depth/stencil format, filter must be VK\_FILTER\_NEAREST
- srcImage must have been created with a samples value of VK\_SAMPLE\_COUNT\_1\_BIT
- dstImage must have been created with a samples value of VK\_SAMPLE\_COUNT\_1\_BIT
- If filter is VK\_FILTER\_LINEAR, srcImage **must** be of a format which supports linear filtering, as specified by the VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_SAMPLED\_IMAGE\_FILTER\_LINEAR\_BIT flag in

VkFormatProperties::linearTilingFeatures (for a linear image) or VkFormatProperties ::optimalTilingFeatures(for an optimally tiled image) returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- srcImage must be a valid VkImage handle
- srcImageLayout must be a valid VkImageLayout value
- dstImage must be a valid VkImage handle
- dstImageLayout must be a valid VkImageLayout value
- pRegions **must** be a pointer to an array of regionCount valid VkImageBlit structures
- filter must be a valid VkFilter value
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations
- This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance
- regionCount must be greater than 0
- 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 Render Pass Scope Supported Queue Type Levels Primary Outside Graphics Transfer Secondary

#### See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkFilter, VkImage, VkImageBlit, VkImageLayout

# **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html #vkCmdBlitImage

# vkCmdClearAttachments(3)

#### Name

vkCmdClearAttachments - Clear regions within currently bound framebuffer attachments

## **C** Specification

To clear one or more regions of color and depth/stencil attachments inside a render pass instance, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.
- rectCount is the number of entries in the pRects array.
- pRects points to an array of VkClearRect structures defining regions within each selected attachment to clear.

## **Description**

vkCmdClearAttachments can clear multiple regions of each attachment used in the current subpass of a render pass instance. This command must be called only inside a render pass instance, and implicitly selects the images to clear based on the current framebuffer attachments and the command parameters.

- If the aspectMask member of any given element of pAttachments contains VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_COLOR\_BIT, the colorAttachment member of those elements **must** refer to a valid color attachment in the current subpass
- The rectangular region specified by a given element of pRects must be contained within the render area of the current render pass instance
- The layers specified by a given element of pRects must be contained within every attachment that pAttachments refers to

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- pAttachments must be a pointer to an array of attachmentCount valid VkClearAttachment structures
- pRects must be a pointer to an array of rectCount VkClearRect structures
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from must support graphics operations
- This command **must** only be called inside of a render pass instance
- attachmentCount must be greater than 0
- rectCount 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

## **Command Properties**

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types	Pipeline Type
Primary Secondary	Inside	Graphics	Graphics

#### See Also

VkClearAttachment, VkClearRect, VkCommandBuffer

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdClearAttachments

# vkCmdClearColorImage(3)

#### Name

vkCmdClearColorImage - Clear regions of a color image

## **C** Specification

To clear one or more subranges of a color image, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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 that contains the values the image subresource ranges will be cleared to (see html/vkspec.html#clears-values below).
- rangeCount is the number of image subresource range structures in pRanges.
- pRanges points to an array of VkImageSubresourceRange structures that describe a range of mipmap levels, array layers, and aspects to be cleared, as described in Image Views. The aspectMask of all image subresource ranges must only include VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_COLOR\_BIT.

## **Description**

Each specified range in pRanges is cleared to the value specified by pColor.

- image must have been created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_TRANSFER\_DST\_BIT usage flag
- If image is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- 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
- imageLayout **must** be VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_TRANSFER\_DST\_OPTIMAL or VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_GENERAL
- 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
- If the VkImageSubresourceRange::levelCount member of any element of the pRanges array is not VK\_REMAINING\_MIP\_LEVELS, it **must** be non-zero and VkImageSubresourceRange ::baseMipLevel + VkImageSubresourceRange::levelCount for that element of the pRanges array **must** be less than or equal to the mipLevels specified in VkImageCreateInfo when image was created
- 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
- If the VkImageSubresourceRange::layerCount member of any element of the pRanges array is not VK\_REMAINING\_ARRAY\_LAYERS, it must be non-zero and VkImageSubresourceRange ::baseArrayLayer + VkImageSubresourceRange::layerCount for that element of the pRanges array must be less than or equal to the arrayLayers specified in VkImageCreateInfo when image was created
- image must not have a compressed or depth/stencil format

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- image must be a valid VkImage handle
- imageLayout must be a valid VkImageLayout value
- pColor must be a pointer to a valid VkClearColorValue union
- pRanges must be a pointer to an array of rangeCount valid VkImageSubresourceRange structures
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics, or compute operations
- This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance
- rangeCount must be greater than 0
- 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	Pipeline Type				
Primary Secondary	Outside	Graphics compute	Transfer				

#### See Also

VkClearColorValue, VkCommandBuffer, VkImage, VkImageLayout, VkImageSubresourceRange

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdClearColorImage

# vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage(3)

#### Name

vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage - Fill regions of a combined depth/stencil image

## **C Specification**

To clear one or more subranges of a depth/stencil image, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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 that contains the values the depth and stencil image subresource ranges will be cleared to (see html/vkspec.html#clears-values below).
- rangeCount is the number of image subresource range structures in pRanges.
- pRanges points to an array of VkImageSubresourceRange structures that describe a range of mipmap levels, array layers, and aspects to be cleared, as described in Image Views. The aspectMask of each image subresource range in pRanges can include VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_DEPTH\_BIT if the image format has a depth component, and VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_STENCIL\_BIT if the image format has a stencil component. pDepthStencil is a pointer to a VkClearDepthStencilValue structure that contains the values the image subresource ranges will be cleared to (see html/vkspec.html# clears-values below).

## **Description**

- image must have been created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_TRANSFER\_DST\_BIT usage flag
- If image is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- 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
- imageLayout **must** be either of VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_TRANSFER\_DST\_OPTIMAL or VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_GENERAL
- 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
- If the VkImageSubresourceRange::levelCount member of any element of the pRanges array is not VK\_REMAINING\_MIP\_LEVELS, it **must** be non-zero and VkImageSubresourceRange ::baseMipLevel + VkImageSubresourceRange::levelCount for that element of the pRanges array **must** be less than or equal to the mipLevels specified in VkImageCreateInfo when image was created
- 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
- If the VkImageSubresourceRange::layerCount member of any element of the pRanges array is not VK\_REMAINING\_ARRAY\_LAYERS, it must be non-zero and VkImageSubresourceRange ::baseArrayLayer + VkImageSubresourceRange::layerCount for that element of the pRanges array must be less than or equal to the arrayLayers specified in VkImageCreateInfo when image was created
- image must have a depth/stencil format

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- image must be a valid VkImage handle
- imageLayout must be a valid VkImageLayout value
- pDepthStencil must be a pointer to a valid VkClearDepthStencilValue structure
- pRanges must be a pointer to an array of rangeCount valid VkImageSubresourceRange structures
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations
- This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance
- rangeCount must be greater than 0
- 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	Pipeline Type			
Primary Secondary	Outside	Graphics	Transfer			

#### See Also

VkClearDepthStencilValue, VkCommandBuffer, VkImage, VkImageLayout, VkImageSubresourceRange

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage

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# vkCmdCopyBuffer(3)

#### Name

vkCmdCopyBuffer - Copy data between buffer regions

## **C** Specification

To copy data between buffer objects, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

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 result is undefined if the copy regions overlap in memory.

- The size member of a given element of pRegions must be greater than 0
- The srcOffset member of a given element of pRegions **must** be less than the size of srcBuffer
- The dstOffset member of a given element of pRegions must be less than the size of dstBuffer
- The size member of a given element of pRegions **must** be less than or equal to the size of srcBuffer minus srcOffset
- The size member of a given element of pRegions must be less than or equal to the size of dstBuffer minus dstOffset
- The union of the source regions, and the union of the destination regions, specified by the elements of pRegions, **must** not overlap in memory
- srcBuffer must have been created with VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_TRANSFER\_SRC\_BIT usage flag
- If srcBuffer is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- dstBuffer must have been created with VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_TRANSFER\_DST\_BIT usage flag
- If dstBuffer is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- srcBuffer must be a valid VkBuffer handle
- dstBuffer must be a valid VkBuffer handle
- pRegions must be a pointer to an array of regionCount VkBufferCopy structures
- commandBuffer **must** be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from must support transfer, graphics, or compute operations
- This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance
- regionCount must be greater than 0
- 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	Pipeline Type				
Primary Secondary	Outside	Transfer graphics compute	Transfer				

#### See Also

VkBuffer, VkBufferCopy, VkCommandBuffer

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdCopyBuffer

# vkCmdCopyBufferToImage(3)

#### Name

vkCmdCopyBufferToImage - Copy data from a buffer into an image

## **C** Specification

To copy data from a buffer object to an image object, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

Each region in pRegions is copied from the specified region of the source buffer to the specified region of the destination image.

- The buffer region specified by a given element of pRegions **must** be a region that is contained within srcBuffer
- The image region specified by a given element of pRegions **must** be a region that is contained within dstImage
- The union of all source regions, and the union of all destination regions, specified by the elements of pRegions, **must** not overlap in memory
- srcBuffer must have been created with VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_TRANSFER\_SRC\_BIT usage flag
- If srcBuffer is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- dstImage must have been created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_TRANSFER\_DST\_BIT usage flag
- If dstImage is non-sparse then it must be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- dstImage must have a sample count equal to VK\_SAMPLE\_COUNT\_1\_BIT
- dstImageLayout must specify the layout of the image subresources of dstImage specified in pRegions at the time this command is executed on a VkDevice
- dstImageLayout **must** be VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_TRANSFER\_DST\_OPTIMAL or VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_GENERAL

## **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- srcBuffer **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle
- dstImage must be a valid VkImage handle
- dstImageLayout must be a valid VkImageLayout value
- pRegions **must** be a pointer to an array of regionCount valid VkBufferImageCopy structures
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support transfer, graphics, or compute operations
- This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance
- regionCount must be greater than 0
- 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	Pipeline Type				
Primary Secondary	Outside	Transfer graphics compute	Transfer				

## See Also

VkBuffer, VkBufferImageCopy, VkCommandBuffer, VkImage, VkImageLayout

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdCopyBufferToImage

# vkCmdCopyImage(3)

#### Name

vkCmdCopyImage - Copy data between images

## **C** Specification

To copy data between image objects, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

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 considered compatible if their element size is the same between both formats. For example, VK\_FORMAT\_R8G8B8A8\_UNORM is compatible with VK\_FORMAT\_R32\_UINT because both texels are 4 bytes in size. Depth/stencil formats must match exactly.

vkCmdCopyImage allows copying between size-compatible compressed and uncompressed internal formats. Formats are size-compatible if the element size of the uncompressed format is equal to the element size (compressed 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.

vkCmdCopyImage can be used to copy image data between multisample images, but both images must have the same number of samples.

- The source region specified by a given element of pRegions **must** be a region that is contained within srcImage
- The destination region specified by a given element of pRegions **must** be a region that is contained within dstImage
- The union of all source regions, and the union of all destination regions, specified by the elements of pRegions, **must** not overlap in memory
- srcImage must have been created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_TRANSFER\_SRC\_BIT usage flag
- If srcImage is non-sparse then it must be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- srcImageLayout **must** specify the layout of the image subresources of srcImage specified in pRegions at the time this command is executed on a VkDevice
- srcImageLayout must be VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_TRANSFER\_SRC\_OPTIMAL or VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_GENERAL
- dstImage must have been created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_TRANSFER\_DST\_BIT usage flag
- If dstImage is non-sparse then it must be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- dstImageLayout must specify the layout of the image subresources of dstImage specified in pRegions at the time this command is executed on a VkDevice
- dstImageLayout must be VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_TRANSFER\_DST\_OPTIMAL or VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_GENERAL
- The VkFormat of each of srcImage and dstImage must be compatible, as defined below
- The sample count of srcImage and dstImage must match

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- srcImage must be a valid VkImage handle
- srcImageLayout must be a valid VkImageLayout value
- dstImage must be a valid VkImage handle
- dstImageLayout must be a valid VkImageLayout value
- pRegions must be a pointer to an array of regionCount valid VkImageCopy structures
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support transfer, graphics, or compute operations
- This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance
- regionCount must be greater than 0
- 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	Pipeline Type				
Primary Secondary	Outside	Transfer graphics compute	Transfer				

#### See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkImage, VkImageCopy, VkImageLayout

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdCopyImage

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# vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer(3)

#### Name

vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer - Copy image data into a buffer

## **C** Specification

To copy data from an image object to a buffer object, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

Each region in pRegions is copied from the specified region of the source image to the specified region of the destination buffer.

- The image region specified by a given element of pRegions **must** be a region that is contained within srcImage
- The buffer region specified by a given element of pRegions must be a region that is contained within dstBuffer
- The union of all source regions, and the union of all destination regions, specified by the elements of pRegions, **must** not overlap in memory
- srcImage must have been created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_TRANSFER\_SRC\_BIT usage flag
- If srcImage is non-sparse then it must be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- srcImage must have a sample count equal to VK\_SAMPLE\_COUNT\_1\_BIT
- srcImageLayout **must** specify the layout of the image subresources of srcImage specified in pRegions at the time this command is executed on a VkDevice
- srcImageLayout must be VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_TRANSFER\_SRC\_OPTIMAL or VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_GENERAL
- dstBuffer must have been created with VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_TRANSFER\_DST\_BIT usage flag
- If dstBuffer is non-sparse then it must be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- srcImage must be a valid VkImage handle
- srcImageLayout must be a valid VkImageLayout value
- dstBuffer must be a valid VkBuffer handle
- pRegions **must** be a pointer to an array of regionCount valid VkBufferImageCopy structures
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from must support transfer, graphics, or compute operations
- This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance
- regionCount must be greater than 0
- Each of commandBuffer, dstBuffer, 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	Pipeline Type			
Primary Secondary	Outside	Transfer graphics compute	Transfer			

### See Also

VkBuffer, VkBufferImageCopy, VkCommandBuffer, VkImage, VkImageLayout

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer

# vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults(3)

#### Name

vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults - Copy the results of queries in a query pool to a buffer object

### **C** Specification

To copy query statuses and numerical results directly to buffer memory, call:

```
void vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults(
    VkCommandBuffer
                                                  commandBuffer,
    VkQueryPool
                                                  queryPool,
    uint32_t
                                                  firstQuery,
    uint32 t
                                                  queryCount,
    VkBuffer
                                                  dstBuffer,
    VkDeviceSize
                                                  dstOffset,
    VkDeviceSize
                                                  stride,
    VkQueryResultFlags
                                                  flags);
```

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

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.

If no bits are set in flags, results for all requested queries in the available state are written as 32-bit unsigned integer values, and nothing is written for queries in the unavailable state.

If VK\_QUERY\_RESULT\_64\_BIT is set, the results are written as an array of 64-bit unsigned integer values as described for vkGetQueryPoolResults.

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.

- dstOffset must be less than the size of dstBuffer
- firstQuery must be less than the number of queries in queryPool
- The sum of firstQuery and queryCount must be less than or equal to the number of queries in queryPool
- If VK\_QUERY\_RESULT\_64\_BIT is not set in flags then dstOffset and stride must be multiples
  of 4
- If VK\_QUERY\_RESULT\_64\_BIT is set in flags then dstOffset and stride must be multiples of 8
- dstBuffer must have enough storage, from dstOffset, to contain the result of each query, as described here
- dstBuffer must have been created with VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_TRANSFER\_DST\_BIT usage flag
- If dstBuffer is non-sparse then it must be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- If the queryType used to create queryPool was VK\_QUERY\_TYPE\_TIMESTAMP, flags must not contain VK\_QUERY\_RESULT\_PARTIAL\_BIT

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- queryPool must be a valid VkQueryPool handle
- dstBuffer must be a valid VkBuffer handle
- flags must be a valid combination of VkQueryResultFlagBits values
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics, or compute operations
- This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance
- Each of commandBuffer, dstBuffer, 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	Pipeline Type		
Primary Secondary	Outside	Graphics compute	Transfer		

#### See Also

VkBuffer, VkCommandBuffer, VkDeviceSize, VkQueryPool, VkQueryResultFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults

# vkCmdDispatch(3)

#### Name

vkCmdDispatch - Dispatch compute work items

# **C Specification**

To record a dispatch, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

When the command is executed, a global workgroup consisting of groupCountX × groupCountY × groupCountZ local workgroups is assembled.

- groupCountX **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::maxComputeWorkGroupCount[0]
- groupCountY **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::maxComputeWorkGroupCount[1]
- groupCountZ **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::maxComputeWorkGroupCount[2]
- For each set n that is statically used by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE, a descriptor set **must** have been bound to n at VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for set n, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-compatibility
- Descriptors in each bound descriptor set, specified via vkCmdBindDescriptorSets, **must** be valid if they are statically used by the currently bound VkPipeline object, specified via vkCmdBindPipeline
- A valid compute pipeline **must** be bound to the current command buffer with VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE
- For each push constant that is statically used by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE, a push constant value **must** have been set for VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for push constants with the one used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-compatibility
- If any VkSampler object that is accessed from a shader by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE uses unnormalized coordinates, it **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
- If any VkSampler object that is accessed from a shader by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE uses unnormalized coordinates, it **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
- If any VkSampler object that is accessed from a shader by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE uses unnormalized coordinates, it **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
- If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and any shader stage in the VkPipeline object currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE accesses a uniform buffer, it must not access values outside of the range of that buffer specified in the currently bound descriptor set
- If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and any shader stage in the VkPipeline object currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE accesses a storage buffer, it must not access values outside of the range of that buffer specified in the currently bound

#### descriptor set

• Any VkImageView being sampled with VK\_FILTER\_LINEAR as a result of this command must be of a format which supports linear filtering, specified by the VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_SAMPLED\_IMAGE\_FILTER\_LINEAR\_BIT flag in **VkFormatProperties** ::linearTilingFeatures (for a linear image) or VkFormatProperties:: optimalTilingFeatures(for optimally tiled returned an image) by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from must support compute operations
- 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

Command Properties					
Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types	Pipeline Type		
Primary Secondary	Outside	Compute	Compute		

### See Also

VkCommandBuffer

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdDispatch

# vkCmdDispatchIndirect(3)

#### Name

vkCmdDispatchIndirect - Dispatch compute work items using indirect parameters

## **C** Specification

To record an indirect command dispatch, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

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.

- If buffer is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- For each set *n* that is statically used by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE, a descriptor set **must** have been bound to *n* at VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for set *n*, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-compatibility
- Descriptors in each bound descriptor set, specified via vkCmdBindDescriptorSets, must be
  valid if they are statically used by the currently bound VkPipeline object, specified via
  vkCmdBindPipeline
- A valid compute pipeline must be bound to the current command buffer with VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE
- buffer must have been created with the VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_INDIRECT\_BUFFER\_BIT bit set
- offset must be a multiple of 4
- The sum of offset and the size of VkDispatchIndirectCommand must be less than or equal to the size of buffer
- For each push constant that is statically used by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE, a push constant value **must** have been set for VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for push constants with the one used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-compatibility
- If any VkSampler object that is accessed from a shader by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE uses unnormalized coordinates, it **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
- If any VkSampler object that is accessed from a shader by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE uses unnormalized coordinates, it **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
- If any VkSampler object that is accessed from a shader by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE uses unnormalized coordinates, it **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
- If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and any shader stage in the VkPipeline object currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE accesses a uniform buffer, it must not access values outside of the range of that buffer specified in the currently bound descriptor set
- If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and any shader stage in the VkPipeline object currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE accesses a storage buffer, it must not access values outside of the range of that buffer specified in the currently bound

#### descriptor set

• Any VkImageView being sampled with VK\_FILTER\_LINEAR as a result of this command must be of a format which supports linear filtering, specified by the VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_SAMPLED\_IMAGE\_FILTER\_LINEAR\_BIT flag in **VkFormatProperties** ::linearTilingFeatures (for a linear image) or VkFormatProperties:: optimalTilingFeatures(for optimally tiled returned an image) by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- buffer must be a valid VkBuffer handle
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from must support compute operations
- This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance
- 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	Pipeline Type		
Primary Secondary	Outside	Compute	Compute		

#### See Also

VkBuffer, VkCommandBuffer, VkDeviceSize

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdDispatchIndirect

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# vkCmdDraw(3)

#### Name

vkCmdDraw - Draw primitives

## **C** Specification

To record a non-indexed draw, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

# **Description**

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 currently bound graphics pipeline.

- The current render pass **must** be compatible with the renderPass member of the VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo structure specified when creating the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS.
- The subpass index of the current render pass **must** be equal to the subpass member of the VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo structure specified when creating the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS.
- For each set *n* that is statically used by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS, a descriptor set **must** have been bound to *n* at VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for set *n*, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-compatibility
- For each push constant that is statically used by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS, a push constant value **must** have been set for VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for push constants, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-compatibility
- Descriptors in each bound descriptor set, specified via vkCmdBindDescriptorSets, **must** be valid if they are statically used by the currently bound VkPipeline object, specified via vkCmdBindPipeline
- All vertex input bindings accessed via vertex input variables declared in the vertex shader entry point's interface **must** have valid buffers bound
- For a given vertex buffer binding, any attribute data fetched **must** be entirely contained within the corresponding vertex buffer binding, as described in <a href="https://html#fxvertex-input">httml/vkspec.html#fxvertex-input</a>
- A valid graphics pipeline **must** be bound to the current command buffer with VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS
- If the VkPipeline object currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS requires any dynamic state, that state **must** have been set on the current command buffer
- Every input attachment used by the current subpass **must** be bound to the pipeline via a descriptor set
- If any VkSampler object that is accessed from a shader by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS uses unnormalized coordinates, it **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
- If any VkSampler object that is accessed from a shader by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS uses unnormalized coordinates, it **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
- If any VkSampler object that is accessed from a shader by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS uses unnormalized coordinates, it **must** not be used with

- any of the SPIR-V <code>OpImageSample\*</code> or <code>OpImageSparseSample\*</code> instructions that includes a LOD bias or any offset values, in any shader stage
- If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and any shader stage in the VkPipeline object currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS accesses a uniform buffer, it must not access values outside of the range of that buffer specified in the currently bound descriptor set
- If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and any shader stage in the VkPipeline object currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS accesses a storage buffer, it must not access values outside of the range of that buffer specified in the currently bound descriptor set
- Any VkImageView being sampled with VK\_FILTER\_LINEAR as a result of this command must be of a format which supports linear filtering, specified by the VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_SAMPLED\_IMAGE\_FILTER\_LINEAR\_BIT flag in **VkFormatProperties** ::linearTilingFeatures linear (for a image) or VkFormatProperties:: optimalTilingFeatures(for optimally tiled returned an image) by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from must support graphics operations
- 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	Pipeline Type
Primary Secondary	Inside	Graphics	Graphics

#### See Also

VkCommandBuffer

# **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdDraw

# vkCmdDrawIndexed(3)

#### Name

vkCmdDrawIndexed - Issue an indexed draw into a command buffer

### **C** Specification

To record an indexed draw, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

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 currently 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 currently bound graphics pipeline.

- The current render pass **must** be compatible with the renderPass member of the VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo structure specified when creating the VkPipeline currently bound to VK PIPELINE BIND POINT GRAPHICS.
- The subpass index of the current render pass **must** be equal to the subpass member of the VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo structure specified when creating the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS.
- For each set *n* that is statically used by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS, a descriptor set **must** have been bound to *n* at VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for set *n*, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-compatibility
- For each push constant that is statically used by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS, a push constant value **must** have been set for VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for push constants, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-compatibility
- Descriptors in each bound descriptor set, specified via vkCmdBindDescriptorSets, **must** be valid if they are statically used by the currently bound VkPipeline object, specified via vkCmdBindPipeline
- All vertex input bindings accessed via vertex input variables declared in the vertex shader entry point's interface **must** have valid buffers bound
- For a given vertex buffer binding, any attribute data fetched **must** be entirely contained within the corresponding vertex buffer binding, as described in <a href="https://html#fxvertex-input">httml/vkspec.html#fxvertex-input</a>
- A valid graphics pipeline **must** be bound to the current command buffer with VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS
- If the VkPipeline object currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS requires any dynamic state, that state **must** have been set on the current command buffer
- (indexSize \* (firstIndex + indexCount) + offset) **must** be less than or equal to the size of the currently bound index buffer, with indexSize being based on the type specified by indexType, where the index buffer, indexType, and offset are specified via vkCmdBindIndexBuffer
- Every input attachment used by the current subpass **must** be bound to the pipeline via a descriptor set
- If any VkSampler object that is accessed from a shader by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS uses unnormalized coordinates, it **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
- If any VkSampler object that is accessed from a shader by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS uses unnormalized coordinates, it **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
- If any VkSampler object that is accessed from a shader by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS uses unnormalized coordinates, it **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
- If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and any shader stage in the VkPipeline object currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS accesses a uniform buffer, it must not access values outside of the range of that buffer specified in the currently bound descriptor set
- If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and any shader stage in the VkPipeline object currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS accesses a storage buffer, it must not access values outside of the range of that buffer specified in the currently bound descriptor set
- Any VkImageView being sampled with VK\_FILTER\_LINEAR as a result of this command must be of a format which supports linear filtering, specified by the as VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_SAMPLED\_IMAGE\_FILTER\_LINEAR\_BIT flag in VkFormatProperties ::linearTilingFeatures (for a VkFormatProperties:: linear image) or optimalTilingFeatures(for an optimally tiled image) returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- commandBuffer **must** be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations
- 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	Pipeline Type		
Primary Secondary	Inside	Graphics	Graphics		

### See Also

VkCommandBuffer

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdDrawIndexed

# vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect(3)

#### Name

vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect - Perform an indexed indirect draw

## **C** Specification

To record an indexed indirect draw, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

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.

- If buffer is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- offset must be a multiple of 4
- If drawCount is greater than 1, stride **must** be a multiple of 4 and **must** be greater than or equal to sizeof(VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand)
- If the multi-draw indirect feature is not enabled, drawCount must be 0 or 1
- If the drawIndirectFirstInstance feature is not enabled, all the firstInstance members of the VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand structures accessed by this command must be 0
- The current render pass **must** be compatible with the renderPass member of the VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo structure specified when creating the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS.
- The subpass index of the current render pass **must** be equal to the subpass member of the VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo structure specified when creating the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS.
- For each set *n* that is statically used by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS, a descriptor set **must** have been bound to *n* at VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for set *n*, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-compatibility
- For each push constant that is statically used by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS, a push constant value **must** have been set for VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for push constants, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-compatibility
- Descriptors in each bound descriptor set, specified via vkCmdBindDescriptorSets, must be valid if they are statically used by the currently bound VkPipeline object, specified via vkCmdBindPipeline
- All vertex input bindings accessed via vertex input variables declared in the vertex shader entry point's interface **must** have valid buffers bound
- A valid graphics pipeline must be bound to the current command buffer with VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS
- If the VkPipeline object currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS requires any dynamic state, that state **must** have been set on the current command buffer
- If drawCount is equal to 1, (offset + sizeof(VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand)) **must** be less than or equal to the size of buffer
- If drawCount is greater than 1, (stride × (drawCount 1) + offset + sizeof(VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand)) **must** be less than or equal to the size of buffer
- drawCount must be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxDrawIndirectCount
- Every input attachment used by the current subpass must be bound to the pipeline via a

#### descriptor set

- If any VkSampler object that is accessed from a shader by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS uses unnormalized coordinates, it **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
- If any VkSampler object that is accessed from a shader by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS uses unnormalized coordinates, it **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
- If any VkSampler object that is accessed from a shader by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS uses unnormalized coordinates, it **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
- If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and any shader stage in the VkPipeline object currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS accesses a uniform buffer, it must not access values outside of the range of that buffer specified in the currently bound descriptor set
- If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and any shader stage in the VkPipeline object currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS accesses a storage buffer, it must not access values outside of the range of that buffer specified in the currently bound descriptor set
- Any VkImageView being sampled with VK\_FILTER\_LINEAR as a result of this command must be of a format which supports linear filtering, as specified by the VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_SAMPLED\_IMAGE\_FILTER\_LINEAR\_BIT VkFormatProperties flag in ::linearTilingFeatures (for linear image) VkFormatProperties:: a or optimalTilingFeatures(for optimally tiled returned an image) by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- buffer must be a valid VkBuffer handle
- commandBuffer **must** be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations
- This command **must** only be called inside of a render pass instance
- 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	Pipeline Type		
Primary Secondary	Inside	Graphics	Graphics		

#### See Also

VkBuffer, VkCommandBuffer, VkDeviceSize

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect

# vkCmdDrawIndirect(3)

#### Name

vkCmdDrawIndirect - Issue an indirect draw into a command buffer

## **C** Specification

To record a non-indexed indirect draw, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

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.

- If buffer is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- offset must be a multiple of 4
- If drawCount is greater than 1, stride **must** be a multiple of 4 and **must** be greater than or equal to sizeof(VkDrawIndirectCommand)
- If the multi-draw indirect feature is not enabled, drawCount must be 0 or 1
- If the drawIndirectFirstInstance feature is not enabled, all the firstInstance members of the VkDrawIndirectCommand structures accessed by this command must be 0
- The current render pass **must** be compatible with the renderPass member of the VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo structure specified when creating the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS.
- The subpass index of the current render pass **must** be equal to the subpass member of the VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo structure specified when creating the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS.
- For each set *n* that is statically used by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS, a descriptor set **must** have been bound to *n* at VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for set *n*, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-compatibility
- For each push constant that is statically used by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS, a push constant value **must** have been set for VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS, with a VkPipelineLayout that is compatible for push constants, with the VkPipelineLayout used to create the current VkPipeline, as described in html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-compatibility
- Descriptors in each bound descriptor set, specified via vkCmdBindDescriptorSets, must be valid if they are statically used by the currently bound VkPipeline object, specified via vkCmdBindPipeline
- All vertex input bindings accessed via vertex input variables declared in the vertex shader entry point's interface **must** have valid buffers bound
- A valid graphics pipeline must be bound to the current command buffer with VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS
- If the VkPipeline object currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS requires any dynamic state, that state **must** have been set on the current command buffer
- If drawCount is equal to 1, (offset + sizeof(VkDrawIndirectCommand)) must be less than or equal to the size of buffer
- If drawCount is greater than 1, (stride × (drawCount 1) + offset + sizeof(VkDrawIndirectCommand)) must be less than or equal to the size of buffer
- drawCount must be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxDrawIndirectCount
- Every input attachment used by the current subpass **must** be bound to the pipeline via a

#### descriptor set

- If any VkSampler object that is accessed from a shader by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS uses unnormalized coordinates, it **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
- If any VkSampler object that is accessed from a shader by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS uses unnormalized coordinates, it **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
- If any VkSampler object that is accessed from a shader by the VkPipeline currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS uses unnormalized coordinates, it **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
- If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and any shader stage in the VkPipeline object currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS accesses a uniform buffer, it must not access values outside of the range of that buffer specified in the currently bound descriptor set
- If the robust buffer access feature is not enabled, and any shader stage in the VkPipeline object currently bound to VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS accesses a storage buffer, it must not access values outside of the range of that buffer specified in the currently bound descriptor set
- Any VkImageView being sampled with VK\_FILTER\_LINEAR as a result of this command must be of a format which supports linear filtering, as specified by the VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_SAMPLED\_IMAGE\_FILTER\_LINEAR\_BIT **VkFormatProperties** flag in ::linearTilingFeatures (for linear image) VkFormatProperties:: a or optimalTilingFeatures(for optimally tiled returned an image) by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- buffer must be a valid VkBuffer handle
- commandBuffer **must** be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations
- This command **must** only be called inside of a render pass instance
- 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	Pipeline Type		
Primary Secondary	Inside	Graphics	Graphics		

#### See Also

VkBuffer, VkCommandBuffer, VkDeviceSize

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdDrawIndirect

# vkCmdEndQuery(3)

#### Name

vkCmdEndQuery - Ends a query

## **C** Specification

To end a query after the set of desired draw or dispatch commands is executed, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

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.

- The query identified by queryPool and query must currently be active
- query must be less than the number of queries in queryPool

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- queryPool must be a valid VkQueryPool handle
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics, or compute operations
- 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	Pipeline Type		
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics compute			

#### See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkQueryPool

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdEndQuery

# vkCmdEndRenderPass(3)

#### Name

vkCmdEndRenderPass - End the current render pass

### **C** Specification

To record a command to end a render pass instance after recording the commands for the last subpass, call:

void vkCmdEndRenderPass( VkCommandBuffer

commandBuffer);

#### **Parameters**

• commandBuffer is the command buffer in which to end the current render pass instance.

# **Description**

Ending a render pass instance performs any multisample resolve operations on the final subpass.

### **Valid Usage**

• The current subpass index **must** be equal to the number of subpasses in the render pass minus one

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations
- This command **must** only be called inside of a render pass instance
- 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	Pipeline Type			
Primary	Inside	Graphics	Graphics			

### See Also

VkCommandBuffer

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html #vkCmdEndRenderPass

# vkCmdExecuteCommands(3)

#### Name

vkCmdExecuteCommands - Execute a secondary command buffer from a primary command buffer

## **C** Specification

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:

#### **Parameters**

- 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 an array of secondary command buffer handles, which are recorded to execute in the primary command buffer in the order they are listed in the array.

## **Description**

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.

- commandBuffer must have been allocated with a level of VK\_COMMAND\_BUFFER\_LEVEL\_PRIMARY
- Any given element of pCommandBuffers must have been allocated with a level of VK\_COMMAND\_BUFFER\_LEVEL\_SECONDARY
- Any given element of pCommandBuffers must be in the pending or executable state.
- 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, that primary command buffer must not be in the pending state
- If any given element of pCommandBuffers was not recorded with the VK\_COMMAND\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_SIMULTANEOUS\_USE\_BIT flag, it must not be in the pending state.
- If any given 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.
- If any given 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.
- Any given 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
- 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
- If vkCmdExecuteCommands is being called within a render pass instance, any given element of pCommandBuffers must have been recorded with the VK\_COMMAND\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_RENDER\_PASS\_CONTINUE\_BIT
- If vkCmdExecuteCommands is being called within a render pass instance, any given 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
- If vkCmdExecuteCommands is being called within a render pass instance, the render passes specified in the pname::pBeginInfo::pInheritanceInfo::renderPass members of the vkBeginCommandBuffer commands used to begin recording each element of pCommandBuffers must be compatible with the current render pass.
- If vkCmdExecuteCommands is being called within a render pass instance, and any given 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
- If vkCmdExecuteCommands is not being called within a render pass instance, any given element of pCommandBuffers must not have been recorded with the VK\_COMMAND\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_RENDER\_PASS\_CONTINUE\_BIT
- If the inherited queries feature is not enabled, commandBuffer **must** not have any queries active

- 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
- 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
- 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
- Any given element of pCommandBuffers **must** not begin any query types that are active in commandBuffer

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- pCommandBuffers must be a pointer to an array of commandBufferCount valid VkCommandBuffer handles
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support transfer, graphics, or compute operations
- commandBuffer must be a primary VkCommandBuffer
- commandBufferCount must be greater than 0
- Both of commandBuffer, and the elements of pCommandBuffers 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	Pipeline Type
Primary	Both	Transfer graphics compute	

# See Also

VkCommandBuffer

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdExecuteCommands

# vkCmdFillBuffer(3)

#### Name

vkCmdFillBuffer - Fill a region of a buffer with a fixed value

## **C** Specification

To clear buffer data, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

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.

### **Valid Usage**

- dstOffset must be less than the size of dstBuffer
- dst0ffset must be a multiple of 4
- If size is not equal to VK\_WHOLE\_SIZE, size must be greater than 0
- If size is not equal to VK\_WHOLE\_SIZE, size **must** be less than or equal to the size of dstBuffer minus dstOffset
- If size is not equal to VK\_WHOLE\_SIZE, size must be a multiple of 4
- dstBuffer must have been created with VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_TRANSFER\_DST\_BIT usage flag
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics or compute operations
- If dstBuffer is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- dstBuffer must be a valid VkBuffer handle
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics or compute operations
- This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance
- 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	Pipeline Type
Primary Secondary	Outside	Graphics Compute	Transfer

# See Also

 $VkBuffer, VkCommandBuffer, {\tt VkDeviceSize}$ 

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdFillBuffer

# vkCmdNextSubpass(3)

#### Name

vkCmdNextSubpass - Transition to the next subpass of a render pass

### **C** Specification

To transition to the next subpass in the render pass instance after recording the commands for a subpass, call:

```
void vkCmdNextSubpass(
VkCommandBuffer commandBuffer,
VkSubpassContents contents);
```

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

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**

• The current subpass index **must** be less than the number of subpasses in the render pass minus one

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- contents must be a valid VkSubpassContents value
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations
- This command **must** only be called inside of a render pass instance
- 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	l Properties	
Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types	Pipeline Type
Primary	Inside	Graphics	Graphics

#### See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkSubpassContents

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdNextSubpass

# vkCmdPipelineBarrier(3)

#### Name

vkCmdPipelineBarrier - Insert a memory dependency

### **C** Specification

To record a pipeline barrier, call:

```
void vkCmdPipelineBarrier(
    VkCommandBuffer
                                                  commandBuffer,
    VkPipelineStageFlags
                                                  srcStageMask,
    VkPipelineStageFlags
                                                  dstStageMask,
    VkDependencyFlags
                                                  dependencyFlags,
    uint32_t
                                                  memoryBarrierCount,
    const VkMemoryBarrier*
                                                  pMemoryBarriers,
                                                  bufferMemoryBarrierCount,
    uint32 t
    const VkBufferMemoryBarrier*
                                                  pBufferMemoryBarriers,
    uint32 t
                                                  imageMemoryBarrierCount,
    const VkImageMemoryBarrier*
                                                  pImageMemoryBarriers);
```

#### **Parameters**

- commandBuffer is the command buffer into which the command is recorded.
- srcStageMask is a bitmask of VkPipelineStageFlagBits specifying the source stage mask.
- dstStageMask is a bitmask of VkPipelineStageFlagBits specifying the destination stage mask.
- 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.

## **Description**

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 every command submitted to the same queue before it, including those in the same command buffer and batch. If vkCmdPipelineBarrier was recorded inside a render pass instance,

the first synchronization scope includes only commands submitted before it 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 every command submitted to the same queue after it, including those in the same command buffer and batch. If vkCmdPipelineBarrier was recorded inside a render pass instance, the second synchronization scope includes only commands submitted after it 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 access 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 access 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.

### **Valid Usage**

- If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, srcStageMask **must** not contain VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_GEOMETRY\_SHADER\_BIT
- If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, dstStageMask **must** not contain VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_GEOMETRY\_SHADER\_BIT
- 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
- 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
- If vkCmdPipelineBarrier is called within a render pass instance, the render pass **must** have been created with a VkSubpassDependency instance in pDependencies that expresses a dependency from the current subpass to itself.
- If vkCmdPipelineBarrier is called within a render pass instance, srcStageMask **must** contain a subset of the bit values in the srcStageMask member of that instance of VkSubpassDependency
- If vkCmdPipelineBarrier is called within a render pass instance, dstStageMask must contain a subset of the bit values in the dstStageMask member of that instance of VkSubpassDependency
- If vkCmdPipelineBarrier is called within a render pass instance, the srcAccessMask of any element of pMemoryBarriers or pImageMemoryBarriers **must** contain a subset of the bit values the srcAccessMask member of that instance of VkSubpassDependency
- If vkCmdPipelineBarrier is called within a render pass instance, the dstAccessMask of any element of pMemoryBarriers or pImageMemoryBarriers must contain a subset of the bit values the dstAccessMask member of that instance of VkSubpassDependency
- If vkCmdPipelineBarrier is called within a render pass instance, dependencyFlags must be equal to the dependencyFlags member of that instance of VkSubpassDependency
- If vkCmdPipelineBarrier is called within a render pass instance, bufferMemoryBarrierCount must be 0
- If vkCmdPipelineBarrier is called within a render pass instance, the image member of any element of pImageMemoryBarriers must be equal to one of the elements of pAttachments that the current framebuffer was created with, that is also referred to by one of the elements of the pColorAttachments, pResolveAttachments or pDepthStencilAttachment members of the VkSubpassDescription instance that the current subpass was created with
- If vkCmdPipelineBarrier is called within a render pass instance, the oldLayout and newLayout members of any element of pImageMemoryBarriers must be equal to the layout member of an element of the pColorAttachments, pResolveAttachments or pDepthStencilAttachment members of the VkSubpassDescription instance that the current subpass was created with, that refers to the same image
- If vkCmdPipelineBarrier is called within a render pass instance, the oldLayout and newLayout members of an element of pImageMemoryBarriers must be equal

- If vkCmdPipelineBarrier is called within a render pass instance, the srcQueueFamilyIndex and dstQueueFamilyIndex members of any element of pImageMemoryBarriers must be VK\_QUEUE\_FAMILY\_IGNORED
- Any pipeline stage included in srcStageMask or 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 VkCommandPoolCreateInfo</p
- Any given element of pMemoryBarriers, pBufferMemoryBarriers or pImageMemoryBarriers must not have any access flag included in its srcAccessMask member if that bit is not supported by any of the pipeline stages in srcStageMask, as specified in the table of supported access types.
- Any given element of pMemoryBarriers, pBufferMemoryBarriers or pImageMemoryBarriers
  must not have any access flag included in its dstAccessMask member if that bit is not
  supported by any of the pipeline stages in dstStageMask, as specified in the table of
  supported access types.

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- srcStageMask must be a valid combination of VkPipelineStageFlagBits values
- srcStageMask must not be 0
- dstStageMask must be a valid combination of VkPipelineStageFlagBits values
- dstStageMask must not be 0
- dependencyFlags must be a valid combination of VkDependencyFlagBits values
- If memoryBarrierCount is not 0, pMemoryBarriers **must** be a pointer to an array of memoryBarrierCount valid VkMemoryBarrier structures
- If bufferMemoryBarrierCount is not 0, pBufferMemoryBarriers **must** be a pointer to an array of bufferMemoryBarrierCount valid VkBufferMemoryBarrier structures
- If imageMemoryBarrierCount is not 0, pImageMemoryBarriers **must** be a pointer to an array of imageMemoryBarrierCount valid VkImageMemoryBarrier structures
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- 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

Command Properties			
Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types	Pipeline Type
Primary Secondary	Both	Transfer graphics compute	

#### See Also

VkBufferMemoryBarrier, VkCommandBuffer, VkDependencyFlags, VkImageMemoryBarrier, VkMemoryBarrier, VkPipelineStageFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdPipelineBarrier

# vkCmdPushConstants(3)

#### Name

vkCmdPushConstants - Update the values of push constants

## **C** Specification

To update push constants, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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 an array of size bytes containing the new push constant values.

### **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

- stageFlags **must** match exactly the shader stages used in layout for the range specified by offset and size
- offset must be a multiple of 4
- size must be a multiple of 4
- offset must be less than VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxPushConstantsSize
- size must be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxPushConstantsSize minus offset

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- layout **must** be a valid VkPipelineLayout handle
- stageFlags must be a valid combination of VkShaderStageFlagBits values
- stageFlags must not be 0
- pValues must be a pointer to an array of size bytes
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics, or compute operations
- size must be greater than 0
- 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	Pipeline Type
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics compute	

#### See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkPipelineLayout, VkShaderStageFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdPushConstants

# vkCmdResetEvent(3)

#### Name

vkCmdResetEvent - Reset an event object to non-signaled state

## **C** Specification

To set the state of an event to unsignaled from a device, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

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 every command previously submitted to the same queue, including those in the same command buffer and batch. 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**

- stageMask must not include VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_HOST\_BIT
- If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, stageMask **must** not contain VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_GEOMETRY\_SHADER\_BIT
- 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
- When this command executes, event **must** not be waited on by a vkCmdWaitEvents command that is currently executing

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- event must be a valid VkEvent handle
- stageMask must be a valid combination of VkPipelineStageFlagBits values
- stageMask must not be 0
- commandBuffer **must** be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics, or compute operations
- This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance
- 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	Pipeline Type
Primary Secondary	Outside	Graphics compute	

# See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkEvent, VkPipelineStageFlags

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdResetEvent

# vkCmdResetQueryPool(3)

#### Name

vkCmdResetQueryPool - Reset queries in a query pool

## **C** Specification

To reset a range of queries in a query pool, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

When executed on a queue, this command sets the status of query indices [firstQuery, firstQuery + queryCount - 1] to unavailable.

# **Valid Usage**

- firstQuery must be less than the number of gueries in queryPool
- The sum of firstQuery and queryCount **must** be less than or equal to the number of queries in queryPool

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- queryPool must be a valid VkQueryPool handle
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics, or compute operations
- This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance
- 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	Pipeline Type
Primary Secondary	Outside	Graphics compute	

#### See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkQueryPool

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdResetQueryPool

# vkCmdResolveImage(3)

#### Name

vkCmdResolveImage - Resolve regions of an image

## **C** Specification

To resolve a multisample image to a non-multisample image, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

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.

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.

### **Valid Usage**

- The source region specified by a given element of pRegions **must** be a region that is contained within srcImage
- The destination region specified by a given element of pRegions **must** be a region that is contained within dstImage
- The union of all source regions, and the union of all destination regions, specified by the elements of pRegions, **must** not overlap in memory
- If srcImage is non-sparse then it must be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- srcImage must have a sample count equal to any valid sample count value other than VK\_SAMPLE\_COUNT\_1\_BIT
- If dstImage is non-sparse then it must be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- dstImage must have a sample count equal to VK\_SAMPLE\_COUNT\_1\_BIT
- srcImageLayout **must** specify the layout of the image subresources of srcImage specified in pRegions at the time this command is executed on a VkDevice
- srcImageLayout must be VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_TRANSFER\_SRC\_OPTIMAL or VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_GENERAL
- dstImageLayout must specify the layout of the image subresources of dstImage specified in pRegions at the time this command is executed on a VkDevice
- dstImageLayout must be VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_TRANSFER\_DST\_OPTIMAL or VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_GENERAL
- If dstImage was created with tiling equal to VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_LINEAR, dstImage **must** have been created with a format that supports being a color attachment, as specified by the VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_COLOR\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT flag in VkFormatProperties::linearTilingFeatures returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties
- If dstImage was created with tiling equal to VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_OPTIMAL, dstImage **must** have been created with a format that supports being a color attachment, as specified by the VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_COLOR\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT flag in VkFormatProperties::optimalTilingFeatures returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties
- srcImage and dstImage must have been created with the same image format

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- srcImage must be a valid VkImage handle
- srcImageLayout must be a valid VkImageLayout value
- dstImage must be a valid VkImage handle
- dstImageLayout must be a valid VkImageLayout value
- pRegions **must** be a pointer to an array of regionCount valid VkImageResolve structures
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations
- This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance
- regionCount must be greater than 0
- 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	Pipeline Type
Primary Secondary	Outside	Graphics	Transfer

#### See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkImage, VkImageLayout, VkImageResolve

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdResolveImage

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# vkCmdSetBlendConstants(3)

#### Name

vkCmdSetBlendConstants - Set the values of blend constants

### **C** Specification

Otherwise, to dynamically set and change the blend constant, call:

void vkCmdSetBlendConstants(
 VkCommandBuffer
 const float

commandBuffer,
blendConstants[4]);

#### **Parameters**

- commandBuffer is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.
- blendConstants is an array of four values specifying the R, G, B, and A components of the blend constant color used in blending, depending on the blend factor.

### **Description**

### **Valid Usage**

 The currently bound graphics pipeline must have been created with the VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_BLEND\_CONSTANTS dynamic state enabled

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- 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

Command Properties			
Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types	Pipeline Type
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics	

### See Also

VkCommandBuffer

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdSetBlendConstants

# vkCmdSetDepthBias(3)

#### Name

vkCmdSetDepthBias - Set the depth bias dynamic state

### **C** Specification

The depth values of all fragments generated by the rasterization of a polygon **can** be offset by a single value that is computed for that polygon. This behavior is controlled by the depthBiasEnable, depthBiasConstantFactor, depthBiasClamp, and depthBiasSlopeFactor members of VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo, or by the corresponding parameters to the vkCmdSetDepthBias command if depth bias state is dynamic.

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

# **Description**

If depthBiasEnable is VK\_FALSE, no depth bias is applied and the fragment's depth values are unchanged.

depthBiasSlopeFactor scales the maximum depth slope of the polygon, and depthBiasConstantFactor scales an implementation-dependent constant that relates to the usable resolution of the depth buffer. The resulting values are summed to produce the depth bias 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.

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 an implementation-dependent parameter that depends on the depth buffer representation. It is the smallest difference in framebuffer coordinate z values that is guaranteed to remain distinct throughout polygon rasterization and in the depth buffer. 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 buffer representations, r is constant throughout the range of the entire depth buffer. For floating-point depth buffers, 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 buffer is present, r is undefined.

The bias value o for a polygon is

```
o = \begin{cases} m \times depthBiasSlopeFactor + r \times depthBiasConstantFactor & depthBiasClamp = 0 \ or \ NaN \\ \min(m \times depthBiasSlopeFactor + r \times depthBiasConstantFactor, depthBiasClamp) & depthBiasClamp > 0 \\ \max(m \times depthBiasSlopeFactor + r \times depthBiasConstantFactor, depthBiasClamp) & depthBiasClamp < 0 \end{cases}
```

m is computed as described above. If the depth buffer 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.

For fixed-point depth buffers, fragment depth values are always limited to the range [0,1] by clamping after depth bias addition is performed. Fragment depth values are clamped even when the depth buffer uses a floating-point representation.

# **Valid Usage**

- The currently bound graphics pipeline must have been created with the VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_DEPTH\_BIAS dynamic state enabled
- If the depth bias clamping feature is not enabled, depthBiasClamp must be 0.0

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from must support graphics operations

# **Host Synchronization**

- Host access to commandBuffer must be externally synchronized
- $\bullet$  Host access to the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from  $\boldsymbol{must}$  be externally synchronized

Command Properties			
Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types	Pipeline Type
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics	

#### See Also

VkCommandBuffer

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdSetDepthBias

# vkCmdSetDepthBounds(3)

#### Name

vkCmdSetDepthBounds - Set the depth bounds test values for a command buffer

### **C** Specification

The depth bounds test conditionally disables coverage of a sample based on the outcome of a comparison between the value  $z_a$  in the depth attachment at location ( $x_f, y_f$ ) (for the appropriate sample) and a range of values. The test is enabled or disabled by the depthBoundsTestEnable member of VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo: If the pipeline state object is created without the VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_DEPTH\_BOUNDS dynamic state enabled then the range of values used in the depth bounds test are defined by the minDepthBounds and maxDepthBounds members of the VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo structure. Otherwise, to dynamically set the depth bounds range values call:

#### **Parameters**

- commandBuffer is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.
- minDepthBounds is the lower bound of the range of depth values used in the depth bounds test.
- maxDepthBounds is the upper bound of the range.

### **Description**

### **Valid Usage**

- The currently bound graphics pipeline must have been created with the VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_DEPTH\_BOUNDS dynamic state enabled
- minDepthBounds must be between 0.0 and 1.0, inclusive
- maxDepthBounds must be between 0.0 and 1.0, inclusive

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- 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

Command Properties			
Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types	Pipeline Type
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics	

#### See Also

VkCommandBuffer

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdSetDepthBounds

# vkCmdSetEvent(3)

#### Name

vkCmdSetEvent - Set an event object to signaled state

### **C** Specification

To set the state of an event to signaled from a device, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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 when the event is signaled.

### **Description**

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 every command previously submitted to the same queue, including those in the same command buffer and batch. 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**

- stageMask must not include VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_HOST\_BIT
- If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, stageMask **must** not contain VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_GEOMETRY\_SHADER\_BIT
- 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

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- event must be a valid VkEvent handle
- stageMask must be a valid combination of VkPipelineStageFlagBits values
- stageMask must not be 0
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics, or compute operations
- This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance
- 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	Pipeline Type
Primary Secondary	Outside	Graphics compute	

#### See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkEvent, VkPipelineStageFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdSetEvent

# vkCmdSetLineWidth(3)

#### Name

vkCmdSetLineWidth - Set the dynamic line width state

### **C** Specification

The line width is specified by the VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo::lineWidth property of the currently active pipeline, if the pipeline was not created with VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_LINE\_WIDTH enabled.

Otherwise, the line width is set by calling vkCmdSetLineWidth:

#### **Parameters**

- commandBuffer is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.
- lineWidth is the width of rasterized line segments.

# **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

- The currently bound graphics pipeline **must** have been created with the VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_LINE\_WIDTH dynamic state enabled
- If the wide lines feature is not enabled, lineWidth must be 1.0

# **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from must support graphics operations

# **Host Synchronization**

- Host access to commandBuffer must be externally synchronized
- $\bullet$  Host access to the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from  $\boldsymbol{must}$  be externally synchronized

Command Properties					
Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types	Pipeline Type		
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics			

#### See Also

VkCommandBuffer

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdSetLineWidth

# vkCmdSetScissor(3)

#### Name

vkCmdSetScissor - Set the dynamic scissor rectangles on a command buffer

### **C** Specification

The scissor test determines if a fragment's framebuffer coordinates  $(x_p, y_t)$  lie within the scissor rectangle corresponding to the viewport index (see Controlling the Viewport) used by the primitive that generated the fragment. If the pipeline state object is created without VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_SCISSOR enabled then the scissor rectangles are set by the VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo state of the pipeline state object. Otherwise, to dynamically set the scissor rectangles call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

The scissor rectangles taken from element i of pScissors replace the current state for the scissor index firstScissor + i, for i in [0, scissorCount).

Each scissor rectangle is described by a VkRect2D structure, with the offset.x and offset.y values determining the upper left corner of the scissor rectangle, and the extent.width and extent.height values determining the size in pixels.

### **Valid Usage**

- The currently bound graphics pipeline **must** have been created with the VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_SCISSOR dynamic state enabled
- firstScissor **must** be less than VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxViewports
- The sum of firstScissor and scissorCount **must** be between 1 and VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxViewports, inclusive
- If the multiple viewports feature is not enabled, firstScissor must be 0
- If the multiple viewports feature is not enabled, scissorCount must be 1
- The x and y members of offset must be greater than or equal to 0
- Evaluation of (offset.x + extent.width) must not cause a signed integer addition overflow
- Evaluation of (offset.y + extent.height) must not cause a signed integer addition overflow

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- pScissors must be a pointer to an array of scissorCount VkRect2D structures
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations
- scissorCount must be greater than 0

# **Host Synchronization**

- Host access to commandBuffer must be externally synchronized
- $\bullet$  Host access to the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from  $\boldsymbol{must}$  be externally synchronized

# **Command Properties**

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types	Pipeline Type
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics	

### See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkRect2D

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdSetScissor

# vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask(3)

#### Name

vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask - Set the stencil compare mask dynamic state

### **C** Specification

If the pipeline state object is created with the VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_STENCIL\_COMPARE\_MASK dynamic state enabled, then to dynamically set the stencil compare mask call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

# **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

 The currently bound graphics pipeline must have been created with the VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_STENCIL\_COMPARE\_MASK dynamic state enabled

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- faceMask must be a valid combination of VkStencilFaceFlagBits values
- faceMask **must** not be 0
- commandBuffer **must** be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from must support graphics operations

# **Host Synchronization**

- Host access to commandBuffer must be externally synchronized
- $\bullet$  Host access to the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from  $\boldsymbol{must}$  be externally synchronized

Command Properties					
Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types	Pipeline Type		
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics			

#### See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkStencilFaceFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask

# vkCmdSetStencilReference(3)

#### Name

vkCmdSetStencilReference - Set the stencil reference dynamic state

## **C** Specification

If the pipeline state object is created with the VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_STENCIL\_REFERENCE dynamic state enabled, then to dynamically set the stencil reference value call:

## **Parameters**

- 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.

# **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

• The currently bound graphics pipeline **must** have been created with the VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_STENCIL\_REFERENCE dynamic state enabled

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- faceMask must be a valid combination of VkStencilFaceFlagBits values
- faceMask must not be 0
- commandBuffer **must** be in the recording state
- 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

Command Properties				
Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types	Pipeline Type	
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics		

## See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkStencilFaceFlags

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdSetStencilReference

# vkCmdSetStencilWriteMask(3)

#### Name

vkCmdSetStencilWriteMask - Set the stencil write mask dynamic state

## **C** Specification

If the pipeline state object is created with the VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_STENCIL\_WRITE\_MASK dynamic state enabled, then to dynamically set the stencil write mask call:

## **Parameters**

- 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.

# **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

• The currently bound graphics pipeline **must** have been created with the VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_STENCIL\_WRITE\_MASK dynamic state enabled

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- faceMask must be a valid combination of VkStencilFaceFlagBits values
- faceMask **must** not be 0
- commandBuffer **must** be in the recording state
- 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

Command Properties				
Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types	Pipeline Type	
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics		

## See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkStencilFaceFlags

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdSetStencilWriteMask

# vkCmdSetViewport(3)

#### Name

vkCmdSetViewport - Set the viewport on a command buffer

## **C** Specification

If the bound pipeline state object was not created with the VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_VIEWPORT dynamic state enabled, viewport transformation parameters are specified using the pViewports member of VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo in the pipeline state object. If the pipeline state object was created with the VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_VIEWPORT dynamic state enabled, the viewport transformation parameters are dynamically set and changed with the command:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

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**

- The currently bound graphics pipeline **must** have been created with the VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_VIEWPORT dynamic state enabled
- firstViewport **must** be less than VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxViewports
- The sum of firstViewport and viewportCount **must** be between 1 and VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxViewports, inclusive
- If the multiple viewports feature is not enabled, firstViewport must be 0
- If the multiple viewports feature is not enabled, viewportCount must be 1
- pViewports must be a pointer to an array of viewportCount valid VkViewport structures

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics operations
- viewportCount 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

Command Properties				
Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types	Pipeline Type	
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics		

## See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkViewport

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdSetViewport

# vkCmdUpdateBuffer(3)

## Name

vkCmdUpdateBuffer - Update a buffer's contents from host memory

## **C** Specification

To update buffer data inline in a command buffer, call:

## **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

dataSize **must** be less than or equal to 65536 bytes. For larger updates, applications **can** use buffer to buffer copies.

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**

- dstOffset must be less than the size of dstBuffer
- dataSize must be less than or equal to the size of dstBuffer minus dstOffset
- dstBuffer must have been created with VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_TRANSFER\_DST\_BIT usage flag
- If dstBuffer is non-sparse then it must be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- dst0ffset must be a multiple of 4
- dataSize must be less than or equal to 65536
- dataSize must be a multiple of 4

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- dstBuffer must be a valid VkBuffer handle
- pData must be a pointer to an array of dataSize bytes
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from must support transfer, graphics, or compute operations
- This command **must** only be called outside of a render pass instance
- dataSize must be greater than 0
- 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	Pipeline Type
Primary Secondary	Outside	Transfer graphics compute	Transfer

# See Also

 $VkBuffer, VkCommandBuffer, {\tt VkDeviceSize}$ 

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdUpdateBuffer

# vkCmdWaitEvents(3)

#### Name

vkCmdWaitEvents - Wait for one or more events and insert a set of memory

## **C** Specification

To wait for one or more events to enter the signaled state on a device, call:

```
void vkCmdWaitEvents(
   VkCommandBuffer
                                                  commandBuffer,
    uint32 t
                                                  eventCount,
   const VkEvent*
                                                  pEvents,
    VkPipelineStageFlags
                                                  srcStageMask,
   VkPipelineStageFlags
                                                  dstStageMask,
   uint32_t
                                                 memoryBarrierCount,
    const VkMemoryBarrier*
                                                  pMemoryBarriers,
    uint32_t
                                                  bufferMemoryBarrierCount,
                                                  pBufferMemoryBarriers,
    const VkBufferMemoryBarrier*
    uint32 t
                                                  imageMemoryBarrierCount,
    const VkImageMemoryBarrier*
                                                  pImageMemoryBarriers);
```

#### **Parameters**

- commandBuffer is the command buffer into which the command is recorded.
- eventCount is the length of the pEvents array.
- pEvents is 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.

## **Description**

When vkCmdWaitEvents is submitted to a queue, it defines a memory dependency between prior event signal operations, and subsequent commands.

The first synchronization scope only includes event signal operations that operate on members of perents, and the operations that happened-before the event signal operations. Event signal

operations performed by vkCmdSetEvent that were previously submitted to the same queue 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 commands subsequently submitted to the same queue, including those in the same command buffer and batch. 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 access 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 access 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.

#### Note



Applications **should** be careful to avoid race conditions when using events. There is no direct ordering guarantee between a vkCmdResetEvent command and a vkCmdWaitEvents command submitted after it, so some other execution dependency **must** be included between these commands (e.g. a semaphore).

## **Valid Usage**

- srcStageMask must be the bitwise OR of the stageMask parameter used in previous calls to vkCmdSetEvent with any of the members of pEvents and VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_HOST\_BIT if any of the members of pEvents was set using vkSetEvent
- If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, srcStageMask **must** not contain VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_GEOMETRY\_SHADER\_BIT
- If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, dstStageMask **must** not contain VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_GEOMETRY\_SHADER\_BIT
- 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
- 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
- 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
- Any pipeline stage included in srcStageMask or 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.
- Any given element of pMemoryBarriers, pBufferMemoryBarriers or pImageMemoryBarriers
  must not have any access flag included in its srcAccessMask member if that bit is not
  supported by any of the pipeline stages in srcStageMask, as specified in the table of
  supported access types.
- Any given element of pMemoryBarriers, pBufferMemoryBarriers or pImageMemoryBarriers must not have any access flag included in its dstAccessMask member if that bit is not supported by any of the pipeline stages in dstStageMask, as specified in the table of supported access types.

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer must be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- pEvents must be a pointer to an array of eventCount valid VkEvent handles
- srcStageMask must be a valid combination of VkPipelineStageFlagBits values
- srcStageMask must not be 0
- dstStageMask must be a valid combination of VkPipelineStageFlagBits values
- dstStageMask must not be 0
- If memoryBarrierCount is not 0, pMemoryBarriers **must** be a pointer to an array of memoryBarrierCount valid VkMemoryBarrier structures
- If bufferMemoryBarrierCount is not 0, pBufferMemoryBarriers **must** be a pointer to an array of bufferMemoryBarrierCount valid VkBufferMemoryBarrier structures
- If imageMemoryBarrierCount is not 0, pImageMemoryBarriers **must** be a pointer to an array of imageMemoryBarrierCount valid VkImageMemoryBarrier structures
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics, or compute operations
- eventCount must be greater than 0
- 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 Render Pass Scope Supported Queue Types Primary Both Graphics

compute

#### See Also

Secondary

VkBufferMemoryBarrier, VkCommandBuffer, VkEvent, VkImageMemoryBarrier, VkMemoryBarrier, VkPipelineStageFlags

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdWaitEvents

# vkCmdWriteTimestamp(3)

#### Name

vkCmdWriteTimestamp - Write a device timestamp into a query object

## **C** Specification

To request a timestamp, call:

#### **Parameters**

- commandBuffer is the command buffer into which the command will be recorded.
- pipelineStage is one of the VkPipelineStageFlagBits, 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.

## **Description**

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.

vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults can then be called to copy the timestamp value from the query pool into buffer memory, with ordering and synchronization behavior equivalent to how other queries operate. Timestamp values can also be retrieved from the query pool using vkGetQueryPoolResults. As with other queries, the query must be reset using vkCmdResetQueryPool before requesting the timestamp value be written to it.

While vkCmdWriteTimestamp can be called inside or outside of a render pass instance, vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults must only be called outside of a render pass instance.

## **Valid Usage**

- queryPool must have been created with a queryType of VK\_QUERY\_TYPE\_TIMESTAMP
- The query identified by queryPool and query must be unavailable
- The command pool's queue family **must** support a non-zero timestampValidBits

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- pipelineStage must be a valid VkPipelineStageFlagBits value
- queryPool must be a valid VkQueryPool handle
- commandBuffer must be in the recording state
- The VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from **must** support graphics, or compute operations
- 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	Pipeline Type	
Primary Secondary	Both	Graphics compute	Transfer	

## See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkPipelineStageFlagBits, VkQueryPool

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCmdWriteTimestamp

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# vkCreateBuffer(3)

#### Name

vkCreateBuffer - Create a new buffer object

## **C** Specification

To create buffers, call:

## **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that creates the buffer object.
- pCreateInfo is a pointer to an instance of the VkBufferCreateInfo structure containing parameters affecting creation of the buffer.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- pBuffer points to a VkBuffer handle in which the resulting buffer object is returned.

## **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

• 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

- device **must** be a valid VkDevice handle
- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkBufferCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pBuffer must be a pointer to a VkBuffer handle

## **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

## See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkBuffer, VkBufferCreateInfo, VkDevice

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateBuffer

# vkCreateBufferView(3)

#### Name

vkCreateBufferView - Create a new buffer view object

## **C** Specification

To create a buffer view, call:

## **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that creates the buffer view.
- pCreateInfo is a pointer to an instance of the VkBufferViewCreateInfo structure containing parameters to be used to create the buffer.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- pView points to a VkBufferView handle in which the resulting buffer view object is returned.

## **Description**

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkBufferViewCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pView **must** be a pointer to a VkBufferView handle

## **Return Codes**

#### Success

VK\_SUCCESS

#### Failure

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

# See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkBufferView, VkBufferViewCreateInfo, VkDevice

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateBufferView

# vkCreateCommandPool(3)

#### Name

vkCreateCommandPool - Create a new command pool object

## **C** Specification

To create a command pool, call:

#### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that creates the command pool.
- pCreateInfo contains information used to create the command pool.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- pCommandPool points to a VkCommandPool handle in which the created pool is returned.

## **Description**

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkCommandPoolCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pCommandPool must be a pointer to a VkCommandPool handle

## **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

## See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkCommandPool, VkCommandPoolCreateInfo, VkDevice

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateCommandPool

# vkCreateComputePipelines(3)

## Name

vkCreateComputePipelines - Creates a new compute pipeline object

## **C** Specification

To create compute pipelines, call:

## **Parameters**

- 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 an array of VkComputePipelineCreateInfo structures.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- pPipelines is a pointer to an array in which the resulting compute pipeline objects are returned.

## **Description**

## Valid Usage

- If the flags member of any given 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
- If the flags member of any given 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)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- If pipelineCache is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, pipelineCache must be a valid VkPipelineCache handle
- pCreateInfos **must** be a pointer to an array of createInfoCount valid VkComputePipelineCreateInfo structures
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pPipelines must be a pointer to an array of createInfoCount VkPipeline handles
- createInfoCount must be greater than 0
- 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

## See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkComputePipelineCreateInfo, VkDevice, VkPipeline, VkPipelineCache

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateComputePipelines

# vkCreateDescriptorPool(3)

## Name

vkCreateDescriptorPool - Creates a descriptor pool object

## **C** Specification

To create a descriptor pool object, call:

## **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that creates the descriptor pool.
- pCreateInfo is a pointer to an instance of the VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo structure specifying the state of the descriptor pool object.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- pDescriptorPool points to a VkDescriptorPool handle in which the resulting descriptor pool object is returned.

# **Description**

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

The created descriptor pool is returned in pDescriptorPool.

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pDescriptorPool **must** be a pointer to a VkDescriptorPool handle

## **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

## See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDescriptorPool, VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo, VkDevice

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateDescriptorPool

# vkCreateDescriptorSetLayout(3)

## Name

vkCreateDescriptorSetLayout - Create a new descriptor set layout

## **C** Specification

To create descriptor set layout objects, call:

## **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that creates the descriptor set layout.
- pCreateInfo is a pointer to an instance of the VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo structure specifying the state of the descriptor set layout object.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- pSetLayout points to a VkDescriptorSetLayout handle in which the resulting descriptor set layout object is returned.

# **Description**

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pSetLayout **must** be a pointer to a VkDescriptorSetLayout handle

## **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

## See Also

VkAllocation Callbacks, VkDescriptor SetLayout, VkDescriptor SetLayout Create Info, VkDevice

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateDescriptorSetLayout

# vkCreateDevice(3)

#### Name

vkCreateDevice - Create a new device instance

## **C** Specification

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

## **Parameters**

- 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 points to a handle in which the created VkDevice is returned.

# **Description**

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. 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.

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 the other errors). If that occurs, vkCreateDevice will return VK\_ERROR\_TOO\_MANY\_OBJECTS.

## **Valid Usage**

• All required extensions for each extension in the VkDeviceCreateInfo ::ppEnabledExtensionNames list must also be present in that list.

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- physicalDevice **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle
- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkDeviceCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pDevice must be a pointer to a VkDevice 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\_EXTENSION\_NOT\_PRESENT
- VK\_ERROR\_FEATURE\_NOT\_PRESENT
- VK\_ERROR\_TOO\_MANY\_OBJECTS
- VK\_ERROR\_DEVICE\_LOST

## See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkDeviceCreateInfo, VkPhysicalDevice

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateDevice

# vkCreateEvent(3)

#### Name

vkCreateEvent - Create a new event object

## **C** Specification

To create an event, call:

#### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that creates the event.
- pCreateInfo is a pointer to an instance of the VkEventCreateInfo structure which contains information about how the event is to be created.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- pEvent points to a handle in which the resulting event object is returned.

# **Description**

When created, the event object is in the unsignaled state.

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkEventCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pEvent must be a pointer to a VkEvent handle

## **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

## See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkEvent, VkEventCreateInfo

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateEvent

# vkCreateFence(3)

#### Name

vkCreateFence - Create a new fence object

## **C** Specification

To create a fence, call:

## **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that creates the fence.
- pCreateInfo is a pointer to an instance of the VkFenceCreateInfo structure which contains information about how the fence is to be created.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- pFence points to a handle in which the resulting fence object is returned.

## **Description**

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkFenceCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pFence must be a pointer to a VkFence handle

## **Return Codes**

#### Success

VK\_SUCCESS

#### Failure

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

# See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkFence, VkFenceCreateInfo

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateFence

# vkCreateFramebuffer(3)

#### Name

vkCreateFramebuffer - Create a new framebuffer object

## **C** Specification

To create a framebuffer, call:

```
VkResult vkCreateFramebuffer(
VkDevice device,
const VkFramebufferCreateInfo* pCreateInfo,
const VkAllocationCallbacks* pAllocator,
VkFramebuffer* pFramebuffer);
```

## **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that creates the framebuffer.
- pCreateInfo points to a VkFramebufferCreateInfo structure which describes additional information about framebuffer creation.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- pFramebuffer points to a VkFramebuffer handle in which the resulting framebuffer object is returned.

## **Description**

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkFramebufferCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pFramebuffer **must** be a pointer to a VkFramebuffer handle

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkFramebuffer, VkFramebufferCreateInfo

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateFramebuffer

# vkCreateGraphicsPipelines(3)

### Name

vkCreateGraphicsPipelines - Create graphics pipelines

## **C** Specification

To create graphics pipelines, call:

### **Parameters**

- 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 an array of VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo structures.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- pPipelines is a pointer to an array in which the resulting graphics pipeline objects are returned.

### **Description**

The VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo structure includes an array of shader create info structures containing all the desired active shader stages, as well as creation info to define all relevant fixed-function stages, and a pipeline layout.

### **Valid Usage**

- If the flags member of any given 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
- If the flags member of any given 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)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- If pipelineCache is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, pipelineCache must be a valid VkPipelineCache handle
- pCreateInfos **must** be a pointer to an array of createInfoCount valid VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo structures
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pPipelines **must** be a pointer to an array of createInfoCount VkPipeline handles
- createInfoCount must be greater than 0
- 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

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo, VkPipeline, VkPipelineCache

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateGraphicsPipelines

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# vkCreateImage(3)

#### Name

vkCreateImage - Create a new image object

## **C** Specification

To create images, call:

#### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that creates the image.
- pCreateInfo is a pointer to an instance of the VkImageCreateInfo structure containing parameters to be used to create the image.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- pImage points to a VkImage handle in which the resulting image object is returned.

### **Description**

## **Valid Usage**

• 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

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkImageCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pImage must be a pointer to a VkImage handle

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkImage, VkImageCreateInfo

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateImage

# vkCreateImageView(3)

### Name

vkCreateImageView - Create an image view from an existing image

## **C** Specification

To create an image view, call:

### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that creates the image view.
- pCreateInfo is a pointer to an instance of the 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 points to a VkImageView handle in which the resulting image view object is returned.

## **Description**

Some of the image creation parameters are inherited by the view. The remaining parameters are contained in the pcreateInfo.

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkImageViewCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pView must be a pointer to a VkImageView handle

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkImageView, VkImageViewCreateInfo

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateImageView

# vkCreateInstance(3)

#### Name

vkCreateInstance - Create a new Vulkan instance

## **C** Specification

To create an instance object, call:

```
VkResult vkCreateInstance(
const VkInstanceCreateInfo* pCreateInfo,
const VkAllocationCallbacks* pAllocator,
VkInstance* pInstance);
```

#### **Parameters**

- pCreateInfo points to an instance of VkInstanceCreateInfo 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.

### **Description**

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.

## **Valid Usage**

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

- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkInstanceCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator must be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pInstance must be a pointer to a VkInstance handle

#### **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

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkInstance, VkInstanceCreateInfo

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateInstance

# vkCreatePipelineCache(3)

### Name

vkCreatePipelineCache - Creates a new pipeline cache

### **C** Specification

To create pipeline cache objects, call:

#### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that creates the pipeline cache object.
- pCreateInfo is a pointer to a VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo structure that contains the 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.

## **Description**

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 vkCreateGraphicsPipelines and vkCreateComputePipelines commands.

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pPipelineCache **must** be a pointer to a VkPipelineCache handle

### **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkPipelineCache, VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreatePipelineCache

# vkCreatePipelineLayout(3)

### Name

vkCreatePipelineLayout - Creates a new pipeline layout object

## **C** Specification

To create a pipeline layout, call:

```
VkResult vkCreatePipelineLayout(
VkDevice device,
const VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo* pCreateInfo,
const VkAllocationCallbacks* pAllocator,
VkPipelineLayout* pPipelineLayout);
```

### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that creates the pipeline layout.
- pCreateInfo is a pointer to an instance of the VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo structure specifying the state of the pipeline layout object.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- pPipelineLayout points to a VkPipelineLayout handle in which the resulting pipeline layout object is returned.

## **Description**

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pPipelineLayout **must** be a pointer to a VkPipelineLayout handle

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkPipelineLayout, VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreatePipelineLayout

# vkCreateQueryPool(3)

### Name

vkCreateQueryPool - Create a new query pool object

## **C** Specification

To create a query pool, call:

### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that creates the query pool.
- pCreateInfo is a pointer to an instance of the 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.

## **Description**

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkQueryPoolCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pQueryPool must be a pointer to a VkQueryPool handle

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkQueryPool, VkQueryPoolCreateInfo

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateQueryPool

# vkCreateRenderPass(3)

#### Name

vkCreateRenderPass - Create a new render pass object

## **C** Specification

To create a render pass, call:

### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that creates the render pass.
- pCreateInfo is a pointer to an instance of the VkRenderPassCreateInfo structure that describes the parameters of the render pass.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- pRenderPass points to a VkRenderPass handle in which the resulting render pass object is returned.

## **Description**

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkRenderPassCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pRenderPass **must** be a pointer to a VkRenderPass handle

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkRenderPass, VkRenderPassCreateInfo

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateRenderPass

# vkCreateSampler(3)

### Name

vkCreateSampler - Create a new sampler object

## **C** Specification

To create a sampler object, call:

```
VkResult vkCreateSampler(
VkDevice device,
const VkSamplerCreateInfo* pCreateInfo,
const VkAllocationCallbacks* pAllocator,
VkSampler* pSampler);
```

### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that creates the sampler.
- pCreateInfo is a pointer to an instance of the VkSamplerCreateInfo structure specifying the state of the sampler object.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- pSampler points to a VkSampler handle in which the resulting sampler object is returned.

## **Description**

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkSamplerCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pSampler **must** be a pointer to a VkSampler handle

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_TOO\_MANY\_OBJECTS

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkSampler, VkSamplerCreateInfo

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateSampler

# vkCreateSemaphore(3)

### Name

vkCreateSemaphore - Create a new queue semaphore object

## **C** Specification

To create a semaphore, call:

### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that creates the semaphore.
- pCreateInfo is a pointer to an instance of the VkSemaphoreCreateInfo structure which contains information about how the semaphore is to be created.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- pSemaphore points to a handle in which the resulting semaphore object is returned.

## **Description**

When created, the semaphore is in the unsignaled state.

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkSemaphoreCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pSemaphore **must** be a pointer to a VkSemaphore handle

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkSemaphore, VkSemaphoreCreateInfo

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateSemaphore

# vkCreateShaderModule(3)

#### Name

vkCreateShaderModule - Creates a new shader module object

## **C** Specification

To create a shader module, call:

### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that creates the shader module.
- pCreateInfo parameter is a pointer to an instance of the VkShaderModuleCreateInfo structure.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.
- pShaderModule points to a VkShaderModule handle in which the resulting shader module object is returned.

## **Description**

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.

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pCreateInfo must be a pointer to a valid VkShaderModuleCreateInfo structure
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- pShaderModule must be a pointer to a VkShaderModule handle

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkShaderModule, VkShaderModuleCreateInfo

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkCreateShaderModule

# vkDestroyBuffer(3)

### Name

vkDestroyBuffer - Destroy a buffer object

## **C** Specification

To destroy a buffer, call:

### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

- All submitted commands that refer to buffer, either directly or via a VkBufferView, must have completed execution
- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when buffer was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- $\bullet$  If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when buffer was created, pAllocator  $\boldsymbol{must}$  be NULL

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- If buffer is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, buffer must be a valid VkBuffer handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- 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

## See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkBuffer, VkDevice

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroyBuffer

# vkDestroyBufferView(3)

### Name

vkDestroyBufferView - Destroy a buffer view object

## **C** Specification

To destroy a buffer view, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

## Valid Usage

- All submitted commands that refer to bufferView must have completed execution
- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when bufferView was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when bufferView was created, pAllocator must be NULL

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- If bufferView is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, bufferView must be a valid VkBufferView handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- If bufferView is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

# **Host Synchronization**

• Host access to bufferView must be externally synchronized

## See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkBufferView, VkDevice

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroyBufferView

# vkDestroyCommandPool(3)

### Name

vkDestroyCommandPool - Destroy a command pool object

## **C** Specification

To destroy a command pool, call:

### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

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**

- All VkCommandBuffer objects allocated from commandPool must not be in the pending state.
- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when commandPool was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when commandPool was created, pAllocator must be NULL

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- If commandPool is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, commandPool must be a valid VkCommandPool handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- If commandPool is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

## **Host Synchronization**

• Host access to commandPool must be externally synchronized

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkCommandPool, VkDevice

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroyCommandPool

# vkDestroyDescriptorPool(3)

### Name

vkDestroyDescriptorPool - Destroy a descriptor pool object

## **C** Specification

To destroy a descriptor pool, call:

### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

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.

# **Valid Usage**

- All submitted commands that refer to descriptorPool (via any allocated descriptor sets) must have completed execution
- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when descriptorPool was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when descriptorPool was created, pAllocator must be NULL

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- If descriptorPool is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, descriptorPool **must** be a valid VkDescriptorPool handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- If descriptorPool is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

### **Host Synchronization**

• Host access to descriptorPool must be externally synchronized

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDescriptorPool, VkDevice

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroyDescriptorPool

# vkDestroyDescriptorSetLayout(3)

### Name

vkDestroyDescriptorSetLayout - Destroy a descriptor set layout object

## **C** Specification

To destroy a descriptor set layout, call:

### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

## Valid Usage

- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when descriptorSetLayout was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when descriptorSetLayout was created, pAllocator **must** be NULL

- device **must** be a valid VkDevice handle
- If descriptorSetLayout is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, descriptorSetLayout **must** be a valid VkDescriptorSetLayout handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- 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

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDescriptorSetLayout, VkDevice

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroyDescriptorSetLayout

# vkDestroyDevice(3)

### Name

vkDestroyDevice - Destroy a logical device

## **C** Specification

To destroy a device, call:

### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device to destroy.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

## **Description**

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**

- All child objects created on device must have been destroyed prior to destroying device
- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when device was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when device was created, pAllocator must be NULL

## **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- If device is not NULL, device **must** be a valid VkDevice handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

## **Host Synchronization**

• Host access to device must be externally synchronized

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroyDevice

# vkDestroyEvent(3)

#### Name

vkDestroyEvent - Destroy an event object

### **C** Specification

To destroy an event, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

- All submitted commands that refer to event must have completed execution
- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when event was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when event was created, pAllocator must be NULL

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- If event is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, event must be a valid VkEvent handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- If event is a valid handle, it must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

• Host access to event must be externally synchronized

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkEvent

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroyEvent

# vkDestroyFence(3)

#### Name

vkDestroyFence - Destroy a fence object

### **C** Specification

To destroy a fence, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

## **Valid Usage**

- All queue submission commands that refer to fence must have completed execution
- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when fence was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- $\bullet$  If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when fence was created, pAllocator  $\boldsymbol{must}$  be NULL

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- If fence is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, fence must be a valid VkFence handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- If fence is a valid handle, it must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

• Host access to fence must be externally synchronized

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkFence

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroyFence

# vkDestroyFramebuffer(3)

#### Name

vkDestroyFramebuffer - Destroy a framebuffer object

### **C** Specification

To destroy a framebuffer, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

### Valid Usage

- All submitted commands that refer to framebuffer must have completed execution
- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when framebuffer was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when framebuffer was created, pAllocator must be NULL

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- If framebuffer is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, framebuffer **must** be a valid VkFramebuffer handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- If framebuffer is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

• Host access to framebuffer **must** be externally synchronized

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkFramebuffer

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroyFramebuffer

# vkDestroyImage(3)

#### Name

vkDestroyImage - Destroy an image object

### **C** Specification

To destroy an image, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

## **Valid Usage**

- All submitted commands that refer to image, either directly or via a VkImageView, must
  have completed execution
- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when image was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- $\bullet$  If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when image was created, pAllocator  $\boldsymbol{must}$  be NULL

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- If image is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, image must be a valid VkImage handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- If image is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

• Host access to image must be externally synchronized

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkImage

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroyImage

# vkDestroyImageView(3)

#### Name

vkDestroyImageView - Destroy an image view object

### **C** Specification

To destroy an image view, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

### Valid Usage

- All submitted commands that refer to imageView must have completed execution
- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when imageView was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when imageView was created, pAllocator must be NULL

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- If imageView is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, imageView must be a valid VkImageView handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- If imageView is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

• Host access to imageView must be externally synchronized

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkImageView

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroyImageView

# vkDestroyInstance(3)

#### Name

vkDestroyInstance - Destroy an instance of Vulkan

### **C** Specification

To destroy an instance, call:

#### **Parameters**

- instance is the handle of the instance to destroy.
- pAllocator controls host memory allocation as described in the Memory Allocation chapter.

### **Description**

### **Valid Usage**

- All child objects created using instance **must** have been destroyed prior to destroying instance
- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when instance was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when instance was created, pAllocator **must** be NULL

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- If instance is not NULL, instance must be a valid VkInstance handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure

# **Host Synchronization**

Host access to instance must be externally synchronized

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkInstance

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroyInstance

# vkDestroyPipeline(3)

#### Name

vkDestroyPipeline - Destroy a pipeline object

### **C** Specification

To destroy a graphics or compute pipeline, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

## **Valid Usage**

- All submitted commands that refer to pipeline **must** have completed execution
- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when pipeline was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when pipeline was created, pAllocator **must** be NULL

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- If pipeline is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, pipeline must be a valid VkPipeline handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- If pipeline is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

• Host access to pipeline must be externally synchronized

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkPipeline

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroyPipeline

# vkDestroyPipelineCache(3)

#### Name

vkDestroyPipelineCache - Destroy a pipeline cache object

## **C** Specification

To destroy a pipeline cache, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when pipelineCache was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when pipelineCache was created, pAllocator must be NULL

- device **must** be a valid VkDevice handle
- If pipelineCache is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, pipelineCache must be a valid VkPipelineCache handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- If pipelineCache is a valid handle, it must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

• Host access to pipelineCache must be externally synchronized

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkPipelineCache

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroyPipelineCache

# vkDestroyPipelineLayout(3)

#### Name

vkDestroyPipelineLayout - Destroy a pipeline layout object

### **C** Specification

To destroy a pipeline layout, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

## **Valid Usage**

- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when pipelineLayout was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when pipelineLayout was created, pAllocator must be NULL

- device **must** be a valid VkDevice handle
- $\bullet$  If pipelineLayout is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, pipelineLayout  $\boldsymbol{must}$  be a valid VkPipelineLayout handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- If pipelineLayout is a valid handle, it must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

• Host access to pipelineLayout must be externally synchronized

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkPipelineLayout

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroyPipelineLayout

# vkDestroyQueryPool(3)

#### Name

vkDestroyQueryPool - Destroy a query pool object

### **C** Specification

To destroy a query pool, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

### Valid Usage

- All submitted commands that refer to queryPool must have completed execution
- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when queryPool was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when queryPool was created, pAllocator must be NULL

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- If queryPool is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, queryPool must be a valid VkQueryPool handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- If queryPool is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

• Host access to queryPool must be externally synchronized

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkQueryPool

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroyQueryPool

# vkDestroyRenderPass(3)

#### Name

vkDestroyRenderPass - Destroy a render pass object

### **C** Specification

To destroy a render pass, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

### **Valid Usage**

- All submitted commands that refer to renderPass must have completed execution
- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when renderPass was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when renderPass was created, pAllocator must be NULL

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- If renderPass is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, renderPass must be a valid VkRenderPass handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- If renderPass is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

• Host access to renderPass must be externally synchronized

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkRenderPass

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroyRenderPass

# vkDestroySampler(3)

#### Name

vkDestroySampler - Destroy a sampler object

### **C** Specification

To destroy a sampler, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

### **Valid Usage**

- All submitted commands that refer to sampler must have completed execution
- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when sampler was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- $\bullet$  If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when sampler was created, pAllocator  $\boldsymbol{must}$  be NULL

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- If sampler is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, sampler must be a valid VkSampler handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- If sampler is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

• Host access to sampler **must** be externally synchronized

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkSampler

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroySampler

# vkDestroySemaphore(3)

#### Name

vkDestroySemaphore - Destroy a semaphore object

### **C** Specification

To destroy a semaphore, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

## **Valid Usage**

- All submitted batches that refer to semaphore must have completed execution
- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when semaphore was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when semaphore was created, pAllocator must be NULL

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- If semaphore is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, semaphore must be a valid VkSemaphore handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- If semaphore is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

• Host access to semaphore **must** be externally synchronized

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkSemaphore

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroySemaphore

# vkDestroyShaderModule(3)

#### Name

vkDestroyShaderModule - Destroy a shader module module

### **C** Specification

To destroy a shader module, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

A shader module **can** be destroyed while pipelines created using its shaders are still in use.

### **Valid Usage**

- If VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when shaderModule was created, a compatible set of callbacks **must** be provided here
- If no VkAllocationCallbacks were provided when shaderModule was created, pAllocator must be NULL

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- If shaderModule is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, shaderModule **must** be a valid VkShaderModule handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- If shaderModule is a valid handle, it **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

• Host access to shaderModule must be externally synchronized

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkShaderModule

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDestroyShaderModule

# vkDeviceWaitIdle(3)

#### Name

vkDeviceWaitIdle - Wait for a device to become idle

### **C** Specification

To wait on the host for the completion of outstanding queue operations for all queues on a given logical device, call:

VkResult vkDeviceWaitIdle( VkDevice

device);

#### **Parameters**

• device is the logical device to idle.

# **Description**

vkDeviceWaitIdle is equivalent to calling vkQueueWaitIdle for all queues owned by device.

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

• device must be a valid VkDevice handle

# **Host Synchronization**

• Host access to all VkQueue objects created from device must be externally synchronized

### **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_DEVICE\_LOST

#### See Also

**VkDevice** 

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkDeviceWaitIdle

# vkEndCommandBuffer(3)

#### Name

vkEndCommandBuffer - Finish recording a command buffer

### **C** Specification

To complete recording of a command buffer, call:

VkResult vkEndCommandBuffer( VkCommandBuffer

commandBuffer);

#### **Parameters**

• commandBuffer is the command buffer to complete recording.

### **Description**

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**

- commandBuffer must be in the recording state.
- If commandBuffer is a primary command buffer, there **must** not be an active render pass instance
- All queries made active during the recording of commandBuffer **must** have been made inactive

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

• commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle

# **Host Synchronization**

- Host access to commandBuffer must be externally synchronized
- Host access to the VkCommandPool that commandBuffer was allocated from must be externally synchronized

### **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

### See Also

VkCommandBuffer

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkEndCommandBuffer

# vkEnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties(3)

#### Name

vkEnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties - Returns properties of available physical device extensions

### **C** Specification

To query the extensions available to a given physical device, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

# **Description**

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.

- physicalDevice **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle
- If playerName is not NULL, playerName must be a null-terminated UTF-8 string
- pPropertyCount **must** be a pointer to a uint32\_t value
- If the value referenced by pPropertyCount is not 0, and pProperties is not NULL, pProperties **must** be a 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

### See Also

VkExtensionProperties, VkPhysicalDevice

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkEnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties

# vkEnumerateDeviceLayerProperties(3)

#### Name

vkEnumerateDeviceLayerProperties - Returns properties of available physical device layers

### **C** Specification

To enumerate device layers, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

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. If pPropertyCount is smaller than the number of layers available, VK\_INCOMPLETE will be returned instead of VK\_SUCCESS, to indicate that not all the available layer 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.

- physicalDevice must be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle
- pPropertyCount must be a pointer to a uint32\_t value
- If the value referenced by pPropertyCount is not 0, and pProperties is not NULL, pProperties **must** be a pointer to an array of pPropertyCount VkLayerProperties structures

### **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

- VK\_SUCCESS
- VK\_INCOMPLETE

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

### See Also

VkLayerProperties, VkPhysicalDevice

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkEnumerateDeviceLayerProperties

# vkEnumerateInstanceExtensionProperties(3)

### Name

vkEnumerateInstanceExtensionProperties - Returns up to requested number of global extension properties

### **C** Specification

To query the available instance extensions, call:

### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

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. If pPropertyCount is smaller than the number of extensions available, 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.

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- If playerName is not NULL, playerName must be a null-terminated UTF-8 string
- pPropertyCount must be a pointer to a uint32\_t value
- If the value referenced by pPropertyCount is not 0, and pProperties is not NULL, pProperties **must** be a 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

### See Also

VkExtensionProperties

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkEnumerateInstanceExtensionProperties

# vkEnumerateInstanceLayerProperties(3)

### Name

vkEnumerateInstanceLayerProperties - Returns up to requested number of global layer properties

## **C** Specification

To query the available layers, call:

### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

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. If pPropertyCount is smaller than the number of layers available, VK\_INCOMPLETE will be returned instead of VK\_SUCCESS, to indicate that not all the available layer 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)

- pPropertyCount must be a pointer to a uint32\_t value
- If the value referenced by pPropertyCount is not 0, and pProperties is not NULL, pProperties
   must be a pointer to an array of pPropertyCount VkLayerProperties structures

### **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

- VK\_SUCCESS
- VK\_INCOMPLETE

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

### See Also

VkLayerProperties

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkEnumerateInstanceLayerProperties

# vkEnumeratePhysicalDevices(3)

### Name

vkEnumeratePhysicalDevices - Enumerates the physical devices accessible to a Vulkan instance

### **C** Specification

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

```
VkResult vkEnumeratePhysicalDevices(
VkInstance instance,
uint32_t* pPhysicalDeviceCount,
VkPhysicalDevice* pPhysicalDevices);
```

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

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. If pPhysicalDeviceCount is smaller than the number of physical devices available, VK\_INCOMPLETE will be returned instead of VK\_SUCCESS, to indicate that not all the available physical devices were returned.

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- instance must be a valid VkInstance handle
- pPhysicalDeviceCount must be a pointer to a uint32\_t value
- If the value referenced by pPhysicalDeviceCount is not 0, and pPhysicalDevices is not NULL, pPhysicalDevices must be a 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

### See Also

VkInstance, VkPhysicalDevice

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkEnumeratePhysicalDevices

# vkFlushMappedMemoryRanges(3)

#### Name

vkFlushMappedMemoryRanges - Flush mapped memory ranges

## **C** Specification

To flush ranges of non-coherent memory from the host caches, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

vkFlushMappedMemoryRanges guarantees that host writes to the memory ranges described by pMemoryRanges can be made available to device access, via availability operations from the VK ACCESS HOST WRITE BIT access type.

Unmapping non-coherent memory does not implicitly flush the 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)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pMemoryRanges **must** be a pointer to an array of memoryRangeCount valid VkMappedMemoryRange structures
- memoryRangeCount must be greater than 0

### **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

### See Also

VkDevice, VkMappedMemoryRange

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkFlushMappedMemoryRanges

# vkFreeCommandBuffers(3)

#### Name

vkFreeCommandBuffers - Free command buffers

# **C Specification**

To free command buffers, call:

void vkFreeCommandBuffers(
 VkDevice
 VkCommandPool
 uint32\_t
 const VkCommandBuffer\*

device,
commandPool,
commandBufferCount,
pCommandBuffers);

#### **Parameters**

- 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 an array of handles of command buffers to free.

### **Description**

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**

- All elements of pCommandBuffers must not be in the pending state
- pCommandBuffers **must** be a pointer to an array of commandBufferCount VkCommandBuffer handles, each element of which **must** either be a valid handle or NULL

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- commandPool must be a valid VkCommandPool handle
- commandBufferCount must be greater than 0
- commandPool must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device
- Each element of pCommandBuffers that is a valid handle must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from commandPool

# **Host Synchronization**

- Host access to commandPool must be externally synchronized
- Host access to each member of pCommandBuffers must be externally synchronized

### See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkCommandPool, VkDevice

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkFreeCommandBuffers

# vkFreeDescriptorSets(3)

### Name

vkFreeDescriptorSets - Free one or more descriptor sets

### **C** Specification

To free allocated descriptor sets, call:

VkResult vkFreeDescriptorSets(
VkDevice device,
VkDescriptorPool descriptorPool,
uint32\_t descriptorSetCount,
const VkDescriptorSet\* pDescriptorSets);

#### **Parameters**

- 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 an array of handles to VkDescriptorSet objects.

### **Description**

After a successful call to vkFreeDescriptorSets, all descriptor sets in pDescriptorSets are invalid.

## **Valid Usage**

- All submitted commands that refer to any element of pDescriptorSets must have completed execution
- pDescriptorSets **must** be a pointer to an array of descriptorSetCount VkDescriptorSet handles, each element of which **must** either be a valid handle or VK\_NULL\_HANDLE
- Each valid handle in pDescriptorSets must have been allocated from descriptorPool
- descriptorPool must have been created with the VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_POOL\_CREATE\_FREE\_DESCRIPTOR\_SET\_BIT flag

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device **must** be a valid VkDevice handle
- descriptorPool must be a valid VkDescriptorPool handle
- descriptorSetCount must be greater than 0
- descriptorPool must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device
- 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

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

### See Also

VkDescriptorPool, VkDescriptorSet, VkDevice

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkFreeDescriptorSets

# vkFreeMemory(3)

#### Name

vkFreeMemory - Free GPU memory

## **C** Specification

To free a memory object, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

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 queued for execution. The memory **can** remain bound to images or buffers at the time the memory object is freed, but any further use of them (on host or device) for anything other than destroying those objects will result in undefined behavior. If there are still any bound images or buffers, the memory **may** not be immediately released by the implementation, but **must** be released by the time all bound images and buffers have been destroyed. Once memory is 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.





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**

All submitted commands that refer to memory (via images or buffers) must have completed
execution

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- If memory is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, memory **must** be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle
- If pAllocator is not NULL, pAllocator **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAllocationCallbacks structure
- 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

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks, VkDevice, VkDeviceMemory

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkFreeMemory

# vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements(3)

### Name

vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements - Returns the memory requirements for specified Vulkan object

### **C** Specification

To determine the memory requirements for a buffer resource, call:

#### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that owns the buffer.
- buffer is the buffer to query.
- pMemoryRequirements points to an instance of the VkMemoryRequirements structure in which the memory requirements of the buffer object are returned.

### **Description**

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- buffer must be a valid VkBuffer handle
- pMemoryRequirements must be a pointer to a VkMemoryRequirements structure
- buffer must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

### See Also

VkBuffer, VkDevice, VkMemoryRequirements

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements

# vkGetDeviceMemoryCommitment(3)

### Name

vkGetDeviceMemoryCommitment - Query the current commitment for a VkDeviceMemory

## **C** Specification

To determine the amount of lazily-allocated memory that is currently committed for a memory object, call:

### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

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**

 memory must have been created with a memory type that reports VK\_MEMORY\_PROPERTY\_LAZILY\_ALLOCATED\_BIT

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- memory **must** be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle
- pCommittedMemoryInBytes must be a pointer to a VkDeviceSize value
- memory must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

# See Also

VkDevice, VkDeviceMemory, VkDeviceSize

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html #vkGetDeviceMemoryCommitment

# vkGetDeviceProcAddr(3)

#### Name

vkGetDeviceProcAddr - Return a function pointer for a command

### **C** Specification

In order to support systems with multiple Vulkan implementations comprising heterogeneous collections of hardware and software, the function pointers returned by vkGetInstanceProcAddr may point to dispatch code, which calls a different real implementation for different VkDevice objects (and objects created from them). The overhead of this internal dispatch 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:

#### **Parameters**

The table below defines the various use cases for vkGetDeviceProcAddr and expected return value for each case.

### **Description**

The returned function pointer is of type PFN\_vkVoidFunction, and must be cast to the type of the command being queried.

Table 1. vkGetDeviceProcAddr behavior

device	pName	return value
NULL	*	undefined
invalid device	ж	undefined
device	NULL	undefined
device	core Vulkan command	fp <sup>1</sup>
device	enabled extension commands	fp <sup>1</sup>
device	* (any pName not covered above)	NULL

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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)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pName must be a null-terminated UTF-8 string

### See Also

PFN\_vkVoidFunction, VkDevice

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkGetDeviceProcAddr

# vkGetDeviceQueue(3)

### Name

vkGetDeviceQueue - Get a queue handle from a device

## **C** Specification

To retrieve a handle to a VkQueue object, call:

### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

## **Valid Usage**

- queueFamilyIndex **must** be one of the queue family indices specified when device was created, via the VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo structure
- queueIndex must be less than the number of queues created for the specified queue family index when device was created, via the queueCount member of the VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo structure

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pQueue **must** be a pointer to a VkQueue handle

### See Also

VkDevice, VkQueue

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html #vkGetDeviceQueue

# vkGetEventStatus(3)

#### Name

vkGetEventStatus - Retrieve the status of an event object

## **C** Specification

To query the state of an event from the host, call:

```
VkResult vkGetEventStatus(
VkDevice device,
VkEvent event);
```

#### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that owns the event.
- event is the handle of the event to query.

### **Description**

Upon success, vkGetEventStatus returns the state of the event object with the following return codes:

Table 2. 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)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- event must be a valid VkEvent handle
- 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

### See Also

VkDevice, VkEvent

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkGetEventStatus

# vkGetFenceStatus(3)

### Name

vkGetFenceStatus - Return the status of a fence

## **C** Specification

To query the status of a fence from the host, call:

```
VkResult vkGetFenceStatus(
VkDevice device,
VkFence fence);
```

### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that owns the fence.
- fence is the handle of the fence to query.

### **Description**

Upon success, vkGetFenceStatus returns the status of the fence object, with the following return codes:

Table 3. 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_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\_DEVICE\_LOST.

### **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- fence **must** be a valid VkFence handle
- 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

### See Also

VkDevice, VkFence

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkGetFenceStatus

# vkGetImageMemoryRequirements(3)

#### Name

vkGetImageMemoryRequirements - Returns the memory requirements for specified Vulkan object

### **C** Specification

To determine the memory requirements for an image resource, call:

#### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that owns the image.
- image is the image to query.
- pMemoryRequirements points to an instance of the VkMemoryRequirements structure in which the memory requirements of the image object are returned.

### **Description**

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- image must be a valid VkImage handle
- pMemoryRequirements **must** be a pointer to a VkMemoryRequirements structure
- image must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

### See Also

VkDevice, VkImage, VkMemoryRequirements

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkGetImageMemoryRequirements

# vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements(3)

### Name

vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements - Query the memory requirements for a sparse image

### C Specification

To query sparse memory requirements for an image, call:

### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

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 hardware requires unused padding in the address range describing the resource.

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- image must be a valid VkImage handle
- pSparseMemoryRequirementCount must be a pointer to a uint32\_t value
- If the value referenced by pSparseMemoryRequirementCount is not 0, and pSparseMemoryRequirements is not NULL, pSparseMemoryRequirements **must** be a pointer to an array of pSparseMemoryRequirementCount VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements structures
- image must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

### See Also

VkDevice, VkImage, VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements

# vkGetImageSubresourceLayout(3)

### Name

vkGetImageSubresourceLayout - Retrieve information about an image subresource

### **C** Specification

To query the host access layout of an image subresource, for an image created with linear tiling, call:

### **Parameters**

- 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 points to a VkSubresourceLayout structure in which the layout is returned.

### **Description**

vkGetImageSubresourceLayout is invariant for the lifetime of a single image.

## Valid Usage

- image must have been created with tiling equal to VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_LINEAR
- The aspectMask member of pSubresource must only have a single bit set

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- image must be a valid VkImage handle
- pSubresource **must** be a pointer to a valid VkImageSubresource structure
- pLayout must be a pointer to a VkSubresourceLayout structure
- image must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

# See Also

VkDevice, VkImage, VkImageSubresource, VkSubresourceLayout

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkGetImageSubresourceLayout

# vkGetInstanceProcAddr(3)

#### Name

vkGetInstanceProcAddr - Return a function pointer for a command

### **C** Specification

Vulkan commands are not necessarily exposed statically on a platform. Function pointers for all Vulkan commands **can** be obtained with the command:

### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

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. Loaders are encouraged to export function symbols for all other core Vulkan commands as well; if this is done, then applications that use only the core Vulkan commands have no need to use vkGetInstanceProcAddr.

The table below defines the various use cases for vkGetInstanceProcAddr and expected return value ("fp" is function pointer) for each case.

The returned function pointer is of type PFN\_vkVoidFunction, and must be cast to the type of the command being queried.

Table 4. vkGetInstanceProcAddr behavior

instance	pName	return value
*	NULL	undefined
invalid instance	*	undefined
NULL	vkEnumerateInstanceExt ensionProperties	fp
NULL	vkEnumerateInstanceLa yerProperties	fp
NULL	vkCreateInstance	fp

instance	pName	return value
NULL	* (any pName not covered above)	NULL
instance	core Vulkan command	fp <sup>1</sup>
instance	enabled instance extension commands for instance	fp <sup>1</sup>
instance	available device extension <sup>2</sup> commands for instance	$fp^1$
instance	* (any pName not covered above)	NULL

1

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, VkQueue, or VkCommandBuffer.

2

An "available extension" is an extension function supported by any of the loader, driver or layer.

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- If instance is not NULL, instance **must** be a valid VkInstance handle
- pName must be a null-terminated UTF-8 string

### See Also

PFN\_vkVoidFunction, VkInstance

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkGetInstanceProcAddr

# vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures(3)

### Name

vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures - Reports capabilities of a physical device

### **C** Specification

To query supported features, call:

void vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures(
 VkPhysicalDevice
 VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures\*

physicalDevice, pFeatures);

### **Parameters**

- 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 indicates that the feature is supported on this physical device, and VK\_FALSE indicates that the feature is not supported.

### **Description**

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- physicalDevice **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle
- pFeatures **must** be a pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures structure

### See Also

VkPhysicalDevice, VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures

# vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties(3)

#### Name

vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties - Lists physical device's format capabilities

### **C** Specification

To query supported format features which are properties of the physical device, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

### **Description**

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- physicalDevice **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle
- format must be a valid VkFormat value
- pFormatProperties must be a pointer to a VkFormatProperties structure

### See Also

VkFormat, VkFormatProperties, VkPhysicalDevice

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties

# vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties(3)

### Name

vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties - Lists physical device's image format capabilities

### **C** Specification

To query additional capabilities specific to image types, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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 points to an instance of the VkImageFormatProperties structure in which capabilities are returned.

## Description

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)

- physicalDevice **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle
- format must be a valid VkFormat value
- type must be a valid VkImageType value
- tiling must be a valid VkImageTiling value
- usage must be a valid combination of VkImageUsageFlagBits values
- usage must not be 0
- flags must be a valid combination of VkImageCreateFlagBits values
- pImageFormatProperties **must** be a pointer to a VkImageFormatProperties structure

### **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

VK\_SUCCESS

#### Failure

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY
- VK ERROR FORMAT NOT SUPPORTED

### See Also

VkFormat, VkImageCreateFlags, VkImageFormatProperties, VkImageTiling, VkImageType, VkImageUsageFlags, VkPhysicalDevice

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties

# vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties(3)

### Name

vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties - Reports memory information for the specified physical device

## **C** Specification

To query memory properties, call:

```
void vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties(
   VkPhysicalDevice
   VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties*
```

physicalDevice,
pMemoryProperties);

### **Parameters**

- physicalDevice is the handle to the device to query.
- pMemoryProperties points to an instance of VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties structure in which the properties are returned.

## **Description**

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- physicalDevice **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle
- pMemoryProperties **must** be a pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties structure

### See Also

VkPhysicalDevice, VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties

# vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties(3)

### Name

vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties - Returns properties of a physical device

## **C** Specification

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

### **Parameters**

- physicalDevice is the handle to the physical device whose properties will be queried.
- pProperties points to an instance of the VkPhysicalDeviceProperties structure, that will be filled with returned information.

## **Description**

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- physicalDevice **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle
- pProperties must be a pointer to a VkPhysicalDeviceProperties structure

### See Also

VkPhysicalDevice, VkPhysicalDeviceProperties

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties

# vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties(3)

### Name

vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties - Reports properties of the queues of the specified physical device

## **C** Specification

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

### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

If pQueueFamilyProperties is NULL, then the number of queue families available is returned in pQueueFamilyPropertyCount. 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)

- physicalDevice must be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle
- pQueueFamilyPropertyCount must be a pointer to a uint32\_t value
- If the value referenced by pQueueFamilyPropertyCount is not 0, and pQueueFamilyProperties
  is not NULL, pQueueFamilyProperties must be a pointer to an array of
  pQueueFamilyPropertyCount VkQueueFamilyProperties structures

### See Also

VkPhysicalDevice, VkQueueFamilyProperties

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html #vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties

# vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties(3)

### Name

vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties - Retrieve properties of an image format applied to sparse images

## **C** Specification

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.

```
void vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties(
    VkPhysicalDevice
                                                  physicalDevice,
    VkFormat
                                                  format,
    VkImageType
                                                  type,
    VkSampleCountFlagBits
                                                  samples,
    VkImageUsageFlags
                                                  usage,
    VkImageTiling
                                                  tiling,
    uint32_t*
                                                  pPropertyCount,
    VkSparseImageFormatProperties*
                                                  pProperties);
```

### **Parameters**

- physicalDevice is the physical device from which to query the sparse image capabilities.
- format is the image format.
- type is the dimensionality of image.
- samples is the number of samples per pixel as defined in VkSampleCountFlagBits.
- usage is a bitmask describing the intended usage of the image.
- tiling is the tiling arrangement of the data elements 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.

## **Description**

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.

### **Valid Usage**

• 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

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- physicalDevice **must** be a valid VkPhysicalDevice handle
- format must be a valid VkFormat value
- type **must** be a valid VkImageType value
- samples must be a valid VkSampleCountFlagBits value
- usage must be a valid combination of VkImageUsageFlagBits values
- usage must not be 0
- tiling must be a valid VkImageTiling value
- pPropertyCount must be a pointer to a uint32\_t value
- If the value referenced by pPropertyCount is not 0, and pProperties is not NULL, pProperties **must** be a pointer to an array of pPropertyCount VkSparseImageFormatProperties structures

### See Also

VkFormat, VkImageTiling, VkImageType, VkImageUsageFlags, VkPhysicalDevice, VkSampleCountFlagBits, VkSparseImageFormatProperties

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties

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# vkGetPipelineCacheData(3)

### Name

vkGetPipelineCacheData - Get the data store from a pipeline cache

## **C** Specification

Data **can** be retrieved from a pipeline cache object using the command:

```
VkResult vkGetPipelineCacheData(
VkDevice device,
VkPipelineCache pipelineCache,
size_t* pDataSize,
void* pData);
```

### **Parameters**

- 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 value related to the amount of data in the pipeline cache, as described below.
- pData is either NULL or a pointer to a buffer.

## **Description**

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 vkGetPipelineCacheData will return VK\_INCOMPLETE. 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.

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 initial bytes written to pData **must** be a header consisting of the following members:

Table 5. Layout for pipeline cache header version VK\_PIPELINE\_CACHE\_HEADER\_VERSION\_ONE

Offse t	Size	Meaning
0	4	length in bytes of the entire pipeline cache header written as a stream of bytes, with the least significant byte first
4	4	a VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersion value written as a stream of bytes, with the least significant byte first
8	4	a vendor ID equal to VkPhysicalDeviceProperties::vendorID written as a stream of bytes, with the least significant byte first
12	4	a device ID equal to VkPhysicalDeviceProperties::deviceID written as a stream of bytes, with the least significant byte first
16	VK_UUID_SIZE	a pipeline cache ID equal to VkPhysicalDeviceProperties ::pipelineCacheUUID

The first four bytes encode the length of the entire pipeline header, in bytes. This value includes all fields in the header including the pipeline cache version field and the size of the length field.

The next four bytes encode the pipeline cache version, as described for VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersion. A consumer of the pipeline cache **should** use the cache version to interpret the remainder of the cache header.

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.

## **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pipelineCache must be a valid VkPipelineCache handle
- pDataSize must be a pointer to a size\_t value
- If the value referenced by pDataSize is not 0, and pData is not NULL, pData must be a pointer to an array of pDataSize bytes
- pipelineCache must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

### **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

- VK\_SUCCESS
- VK\_INCOMPLETE

### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

## See Also

VkDevice, VkPipelineCache

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkGetPipelineCacheData

# vkGetQueryPoolResults(3)

#### Name

vkGetQueryPoolResults - Copy results of queries in a query pool to a host memory region

### **C** Specification

To retrieve status and results for a set of queries, call:

```
VkResult vkGetQueryPoolResults(
    VkDevice
                                                   device,
    VkQueryPool
                                                   queryPool,
    uint32_t
                                                   firstQuery,
    uint32 t
                                                   queryCount,
    size t
                                                   dataSize,
    void*
                                                   pData,
    VkDeviceSize
                                                   stride,
    VkQueryResultFlags
                                                   flags);
```

#### **Parameters**

- 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. firstQuery and queryCount together define a range of queries. 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.
- 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.

## **Description**

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.

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.

VK\_QUERY\_RESULT\_PARTIAL\_BIT **must** not be used if the pool's queryType is VK\_QUERY\_TYPE\_TIMESTAMP.

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**

- firstQuery must be less than the number of queries in queryPool
- If VK\_QUERY\_RESULT\_64\_BIT is not set in flags then pData and stride must be multiples of 4
- If VK\_QUERY\_RESULT\_64\_BIT is set in flags then pData and stride must be multiples of 8
- The sum of firstQuery and queryCount must be less than or equal to the number of queries in queryPool
- dataSize must be large enough to contain the result of each query, as described here
- If the queryType used to create queryPool was VK\_QUERY\_TYPE\_TIMESTAMP, flags must not contain VK\_QUERY\_RESULT\_PARTIAL\_BIT

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- queryPool must be a valid VkQueryPool handle
- pData must be a pointer to an array of dataSize bytes
- flags must be a valid combination of VkQueryResultFlagBits values
- dataSize must be greater than 0
- queryPool 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

### See Also

VkDevice, VkDeviceSize, VkQueryPool, VkQueryResultFlags

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkGetQueryPoolResults

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# vkGetRenderAreaGranularity(3)

#### Name

vkGetRenderAreaGranularity - Returns the granularity for optimal render area

## **C** Specification

To query the render area granularity, call:

#### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that owns the render pass.
- renderPass is a handle to a render pass.
- pGranularity points to a VkExtent2D structure in which the granularity is returned.

## **Description**

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 of the returned VkExtent2D (the vertical granularity).
- either the offset.width member in renderArea is a multiple of the horizontal granularity or offset.x+offset.width is equal to the width of the framebuffer in the VkRenderPassBeginInfo.
- either the offset.height member in renderArea is a multiple of the vertical granularity or offset.y+offset.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)**

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- renderPass **must** be a valid VkRenderPass handle
- pGranularity **must** be a pointer to a VkExtent2D structure
- renderPass must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

### See Also

VkDevice, VkExtent2D, VkRenderPass

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkGetRenderAreaGranularity

# vkInvalidateMappedMemoryRanges(3)

### Name

vkInvalidateMappedMemoryRanges - Invalidate ranges of mapped memory objects

## **C** Specification

To invalidate ranges of non-coherent memory from the host caches, call:

### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

vkInvalidateMappedMemoryRanges guarantees that device writes to the memory ranges described by pMemoryRanges, which have been made visible to 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.





Mapping non-coherent memory does not implicitly invalidate the mapped memory, and device writes that have not been invalidated **must** be made visible before the host reads or overwrites them.

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pMemoryRanges must be a pointer to an array of memoryRangeCount valid VkMappedMemoryRange structures
- memoryRangeCount must be greater than 0

## **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

### See Also

VkDevice, VkMappedMemoryRange

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkInvalidateMappedMemoryRanges

# vkMapMemory(3)

#### Name

vkMapMemory - Map a memory object into application address space

## **C** Specification

To retrieve a host virtual address pointer to a region of a mappable memory object, call:

```
VkResult vkMapMemory(
VkDevice device,
VkDeviceMemory memory,
VkDeviceSize offset,
VkDeviceSize size,
VkMemoryMapFlags flags,
void** ppData);
```

### **Parameters**

- 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 points to a pointer 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.

## **Description**

It is an application error to call vkMapMemory on a memory object that is already 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 mapped for host access, 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**

- memory must not currently be mapped
- offset must be less than the size of memory
- If size is not equal to VK\_WHOLE\_SIZE, size must be greater than 0
- If size is not equal to VK\_WHOLE\_SIZE, size must be less than or equal to the size of the memory minus offset
- memory must have been created with a memory type that reports VK\_MEMORY\_PROPERTY\_HOST\_VISIBLE\_BIT

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- memory must be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle
- flags must be 0
- ppData must be a pointer to a pointer
- memory must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

## **Host Synchronization**

Host access to memory must be externally synchronized

## **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_MAP\_FAILED

## See Also

VkDevice, VkDeviceMemory, VkDeviceSize, VkMemoryMapFlags

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkMapMemory

# vkMergePipelineCaches(3)

### Name

vkMergePipelineCaches - Combine the data stores of pipeline caches

## **C** Specification

Pipeline cache objects **can** be merged using the command:

### **Parameters**

- 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 an array of pipeline cache handles, which will be merged into dstCache. The previous contents of dstCache are included after the merge.

## **Description**

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**

• dstCache must not appear in the list of source caches

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- dstCache must be a valid VkPipelineCache handle
- pSrcCaches must be a pointer to an array of srcCacheCount valid VkPipelineCache handles
- srcCacheCount must be greater than 0
- dstCache must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device
- Each element of pSrcCaches must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

## **Host Synchronization**

• Host access to dstCache must be externally synchronized

### **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

### See Also

VkDevice, VkPipelineCache

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkMergePipelineCaches

# vkQueueBindSparse(3)

#### Name

vkQueueBindSparse - Bind device memory to a sparse resource object

## **C** Specification

To submit sparse binding operations to a queue, call:

### **Parameters**

- 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 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.

## **Description**

vkQueueBindSparse is a queue submission command, with each batch defined by an element of pBindInfo as an instance of the 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**

- If fence is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, fence must be unsignaled
- 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
- Any given element of the pSignalSemaphores member of any element of pBindInfo must be unsignaled when the semaphore signal operation it defines is executed on the device
- When a semaphore unsignal operation defined by any element of the pWaitSemaphores member of any element of pBindInfo executes on queue, no other queue must be waiting on the same semaphore.
- All elements of the pWaitSemaphores member of all elements of pBindInfo must be semaphores that are signaled, or have semaphore signal operations previously submitted for execution.

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- queue must be a valid VkQueue handle
- If bindInfoCount is not 0, pBindInfo **must** be a pointer to an array of bindInfoCount valid VkBindSparseInfo structures
- If fence is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, fence must be a valid VkFence handle
- The queue **must** support sparse binding operations
- Both of fence, and queue that are valid handles **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[].pWaitSemaphores[] must be externally synchronized
- Host access to pBindInfo[].pSignalSemaphores[] 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	Pipeline Type			
	-	SPARSE_BINDING	-			

### **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_DEVICE\_LOST

### See Also

VkBindSparseInfo, VkFence, VkQueue

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkQueueBindSparse

# vkQueueSubmit(3)

#### Name

vkQueueSubmit - Submits a sequence of semaphores or command buffers to a queue

### **C** Specification

To submit command buffers to a queue, call:

### **Parameters**

- 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. If fence is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, it defines a fence signal operation.

## **Description**



Note

Submission can be a high overhead operation, and applications **should** attempt to batch work together into as few calls to **vkQueueSubmit** as possible.

vkQueueSubmit is a queue submission command, with each batch defined by an element of pSubmits as an instance of the VkSubmitInfo structure. 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 back 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 can not make that guarantee, the implementation must return VK\_ERROR\_DEVICE\_LOST. See Lost Device.

## **Valid Usage**

- If fence is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, fence must be unsignaled
- 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
- 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.
- 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.
- Any given 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
- When a semaphore unsignal operation defined by any element of the pWaitSemaphores member of any element of pSubmits executes on queue, no other queue must be waiting on the same semaphore.
- 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.
- Any given element of the pCommandBuffers member of any element of pSubmits **must** be in the pending or executable state.
- If any given 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.
- Any secondary command buffers recorded into any given element of the pCommandBuffers member of any element of pSubmits must be in the pending or executable state.
- If any secondary command buffers recorded into any given 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.
- Any given element of the pCommandBuffers member of any element of pSubmits must have been allocated from a VkCommandPool that was created for the same queue family queue belongs to.

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- queue must be a valid VkQueue handle
- If submitCount is not 0, pSubmits **must** be a pointer to an array of submitCount valid VkSubmitInfo structures
- If fence is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, fence must be a valid VkFence handle
- Both of fence, and queue that are valid handles **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

## **Host Synchronization**

- Host access to queue must be externally synchronized
- Host access to pSubmits[].pWaitSemaphores[] must be externally synchronized
- Host access to pSubmits[].pSignalSemaphores[] must be externally synchronized
- Host access to fence must be externally synchronized

## **Command Properties**

Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types	Pipeline Type
-	-	Any	-

### **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

• VK SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_DEVICE\_LOST

### See Also

VkFence, VkQueue, VkSubmitInfo

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkQueueSubmit

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# vkQueueWaitIdle(3)

### Name

vkQueueWaitIdle - Wait for a queue to become idle

## **C** Specification

To wait on the host for the completion of outstanding queue operations for a given queue, call:

VkResult vkQueueWaitIdle(
VkQueue queue);

### **Parameters**

• queue is the queue on which to wait.

## **Description**

vkQueueWaitIdle is equivalent to submitting a fence to a queue and waiting with an infinite timeout for that fence to signal.

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

• queue must be a valid VkQueue handle

Command Properties						
Command Buffer Levels	Render Pass Scope	Supported Queue Types	Pipeline Type			
-	-	Any	-			

### **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_DEVICE\_LOST

## See Also

## VkQueue

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkQueueWaitIdle

# vkResetCommandBuffer(3)

#### Name

vkResetCommandBuffer - Reset a command buffer to the initial state

## **C** Specification

To reset command buffers, call:

```
VkResult vkResetCommandBuffer(
VkCommandBuffer commandBuffer,
VkCommandBufferResetFlags flags);
```

### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

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

## Valid Usage

- commandBuffer must not be in the pending state
- commandBuffer must have been allocated from a pool that was created with the VK\_COMMAND\_POOL\_CREATE\_RESET\_COMMAND\_BUFFER\_BIT

## **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- commandBuffer **must** be a valid VkCommandBuffer handle
- flags must be a valid combination of VkCommandBufferResetFlagBits values

## **Host Synchronization**

Host access to commandBuffer must be externally synchronized

## **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

### See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkCommandBufferResetFlags

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkResetCommandBuffer

# vkResetCommandPool(3)

#### Name

vkResetCommandPool - Reset a command pool

## **C** Specification

To reset a command pool, call:

VkResult vkResetCommandPool(
 VkDevice
 VkCommandPool
 VkCommandPoolResetFlags

device,
commandPool,
flags);

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

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**

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

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- commandPool must be a valid VkCommandPool handle
- flags must be a valid combination of VkCommandPoolResetFlagBits values
- commandPool must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

## **Host Synchronization**

• Host access to commandPool must be externally synchronized

#### **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

#### See Also

VkCommandPool, VkCommandPoolResetFlags, VkDevice

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkResetCommandPool

# vkResetDescriptorPool(3)

#### Name

vkResetDescriptorPool - Resets a descriptor pool object

## **C** Specification

To return all descriptor sets allocated from a given pool to the pool, rather than freeing individual descriptor sets, call:

device,

VkResult vkResetDescriptorPool(

VkDevice

VkDescriptorPool descriptorPool,

VkDescriptorPoolResetFlags flags);

#### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that owns the descriptor pool.
- descriptorPool is the descriptor pool to be reset.
- flags is reserved for future use.

## **Description**

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

• All uses of descriptorPool (via any allocated descriptor sets) **must** have completed execution

## **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- descriptorPool must be a valid VkDescriptorPool handle
- flags must be 0
- 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

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

#### See Also

VkDescriptorPool, VkDescriptorPoolResetFlags, VkDevice

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkResetDescriptorPool

# vkResetEvent(3)

#### Name

vkResetEvent - Reset an event to non-signaled state

## **C** Specification

To set the state of an event to unsignaled from the host, call:

```
VkResult vkResetEvent(
VkDevice device,
VkEvent event);
```

#### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that owns the event.
- event is the event to reset.

## **Description**

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.

## **Valid Usage**

• event must not be waited on by a vkCmdWaitEvents command that is currently executing

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- event must be a valid VkEvent handle
- event must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

## **Host Synchronization**

• Host access to event must be externally synchronized

## **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

#### See Also

VkDevice, VkEvent

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkResetEvent

## vkResetFences(3)

#### Name

vkResetFences - Resets one or more fence objects

## **C** Specification

To set the state of fences to unsignaled from the host, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

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.

## **Valid Usage**

• Any given element of pFences must not currently be associated with any queue command that has not yet completed execution on that queue

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device **must** be a valid VkDevice handle
- pFences must be a pointer to an array of fenceCount valid VkFence handles
- fenceCount must be greater than 0
- Each element of pFences must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

## **Host Synchronization**

• Host access to each member of pFences must be externally synchronized

#### **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

#### See Also

VkDevice, VkFence

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkResetFences

# vkSetEvent(3)

#### Name

vkSetEvent - Set an event to signaled state

## **C** Specification

To set the state of an event to signaled from the host, call:

```
VkResult vkSetEvent(
VkDevice device,
VkEvent event);
```

#### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that owns the event.
- event is the event to set.

## **Description**

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.

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- event must be a valid VkEvent handle
- event must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

## **Host Synchronization**

Host access to event must be externally synchronized

## **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

• VK\_SUCCESS

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY

#### See Also

VkDevice, VkEvent

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkSetEvent

# vkUnmapMemory(3)

#### Name

vkUnmapMemory - Unmap a previously mapped memory object

## **C** Specification

To unmap a memory object once host access to it is no longer needed by the application, call:

```
void vkUnmapMemory(
VkDevice device,
VkDeviceMemory memory);
```

#### **Parameters**

- device is the logical device that owns the memory.
- memory is the memory object to be unmapped.

## **Description**

## **Valid Usage**

• memory must currently be mapped

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- memory must be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle
- memory must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

## **Host Synchronization**

• Host access to memory must be externally synchronized

#### See Also

VkDevice, VkDeviceMemory

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

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# vkUpdateDescriptorSets(3)

#### Name

vkUpdateDescriptorSets - Update the contents of a descriptor set object

## **C** Specification

Once allocated, descriptor sets **can** be updated with a combination of write and copy operations. To update descriptor sets, call:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

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 given 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.

## **Valid Usage**

• The dstSet member of any given 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.

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device **must** be a valid VkDevice handle
- If descriptorWriteCount is not 0, pDescriptorWrites **must** be a pointer to an array of descriptorWriteCount valid VkWriteDescriptorSet structures
- If descriptorCopyCount is not 0, pDescriptorCopies **must** be a 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

#### See Also

VkCopyDescriptorSet, VkDevice, VkWriteDescriptorSet

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkUpdateDescriptorSets

# vkWaitForFences(3)

#### Name

vkWaitForFences - Wait for one or more fences to become signaled

## **C** Specification

To wait for one or more fences to enter the signaled state on the host, call:

```
VkResult vkWaitForFences(
VkDevice device,
uint32_t fenceCount,
const VkFence* pFences,
VkBool32 waitAll,
uint64_t timeout);
```

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

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 up to timeout nanoseconds for the condition to become satisfied.

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 specified timeout period expires before the condition is satisfied, vkWaitForFences returns VK\_TIMEOUT. If the condition is satisfied before timeout nanoseconds has expired, vkWaitForFences returns VK\_SUCCESS.

If device loss occurs (see Lost Device) before the timeout has expired, vkWaitForFences **must** return in finite time with either VK\_SUCCESS or VK\_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.

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- device must be a valid VkDevice handle
- pFences must be a pointer to an array of fenceCount valid VkFence handles
- fenceCount must be greater than 0
- Each element of pFences must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from device

#### **Return Codes**

#### **Success**

- VK\_SUCCESS
- VK\_TIMEOUT

#### **Failure**

- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_HOST\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_OUT\_OF\_DEVICE\_MEMORY
- VK\_ERROR\_DEVICE\_LOST

#### See Also

VkBoo132, VkDevice, VkFence

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#vkWaitForFences

# **Object Handles**

## VkBuffer(3)

#### Name

VkBuffer - Opaque handle to a buffer object

## **C** Specification

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:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkBuffer)

## **Description**

#### See Also

VkBufferMemoryBarrier, VkBufferViewCreateInfo, VkDescriptorBufferInfo, VkSparseBufferMemoryBindInfo, vkBindBufferMemory, vkCmdBindIndexBuffer, vkCmdBindVertexBuffers, vkCmdCopyBufferToImage, vkCmdCopyBuffer, vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer, vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults, vkCmdDispatchIndirect, vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect, vkCmdUpdateBuffer, vkCmdDrawIndirect, vkCmdFillBuffer, vkCreateBuffer, vkDestroyBuffer, vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkBuffer

# VkBufferView(3)

#### Name

VkBufferView - Opaque handle to a buffer view object

## **C** Specification

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:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkBufferView)

## **Description**

#### See Also

VkWriteDescriptorSet, vkCreateBufferView, vkDestroyBufferView

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkBufferView

## VkCommandBuffer(3)

#### Name

VkCommandBuffer - Opaque handle to a command buffer object

## **C** Specification

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:

VK\_DEFINE\_HANDLE(VkCommandBuffer)

## **Description**

#### See Also

vkAllocateCommandBuffers, vkBeginCommandBuffer, VkSubmitInfo, vkCmdBeginQuery, vkCmdBeginRenderPass, vkCmdBindDescriptorSets, vkCmdBindIndexBuffer, vkCmdBindPipeline, vkCmdBindVertexBuffers, vkCmdBlitImage, vkCmdClearAttachments, vkCmdClearColorImage, vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage, vkCmdCopyBuffer, vkCmdCopyBufferToImage, vkCmdCopyImage, vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer, vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults, vkCmdDispatch, vkCmdDispatchIndirect, vkCmdDrawIndexed, vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect, vkCmdDraw, vkCmdDrawIndirect, vkCmdExecuteCommands. vkCmdEndQuery, vkCmdEndRenderPass, vkCmdFillBuffer. vkCmdNextSubpass, vkCmdPipelineBarrier, vkCmdPushConstants, vkCmdResetEvent, vkCmdResetQueryPool, vkCmdResolveImage, vkCmdSetBlendConstants, vkCmdSetDepthBias, vkCmdSetEvent, vkCmdSetDepthBounds, vkCmdSetLineWidth, vkCmdSetScissor, vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask, vkCmdSetStencilReference, vkCmdSetStencilWriteMask, vkCmdSetViewport, vkCmdUpdateBuffer, vkCmdWaitEvents, vkCmdWriteTimestamp, vkEndCommandBuffer, vkFreeCommandBuffers, vkResetCommandBuffer

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkCommandBuffer

# VkCommandPool(3)

#### Name

VkCommandPool - Opaque handle to a command pool object

## **C** Specification

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:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkCommandPool)

## **Description**

#### See Also

VkCommandBufferAllocateInfo, vkCreateCommandPool, vkDestroyCommandPool, vkFreeCommandBuffers, vkResetCommandPool

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkCommandPool

# VkDescriptorPool(3)

#### Name

VkDescriptorPool - Opaque handle to a descriptor pool object

## **C** Specification

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:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkDescriptorPool)

### **Description**

#### See Also

VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo, vkCreateDescriptorPool, vkDestroyDescriptorPool, vkFreeDescriptorSets, vkResetDescriptorPool

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDescriptorPool

# VkDescriptorSet(3)

## Name

VkDescriptorSet - Opaque handle to a descriptor set object

## **C** Specification

Descriptor sets are allocated from descriptor pool objects, and are represented by VkDescriptorSet handles:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkDescriptorSet)

## **Description**

#### See Also

 $Vk Copy Descriptor Set, \ Vk Write Descriptor Set, \ vk Allocate Descriptor Sets, \ vk Cmd Bind Descriptor Sets, \ vk Free Descriptor Sets$ 

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDescriptorSet

# VkDescriptorSetLayout(3)

#### Name

VkDescriptorSetLayout - Opaque handle to a descriptor set layout object

## **C** Specification

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:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkDescriptorSetLayout)

## **Description**

#### See Also

VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo, VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo, vkCreateDescriptorSetLayout, vkDestroyDescriptorSetLayout

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDescriptorSetLayout

## VkDevice(3)

#### Name

VkDevice - Opaque handle to a device object

## **C** Specification

Logical devices are represented by VkDevice handles:

VK\_DEFINE\_HANDLE(VkDevice)

### **Description**

#### See Also

vkAllocateCommandBuffers, vkAllocateDescriptorSets, vkAllocateMemory, vkBindBufferMemory, vkBindImageMemory, vkCreateBuffer, vkCreateBufferView, vkCreateCommandPool, vkCreateComputePipelines, vkCreateDescriptorPool, vkCreateDescriptorSetLayout, vkCreateDevice, vkCreateEvent, vkCreateFence, vkCreateFramebuffer, vkCreateGraphicsPipelines, vkCreateImage, vkCreateImageView, vkCreatePipelineCache, vkCreatePipelineLayout, vkCreateQueryPool, vkCreateRenderPass, vkCreateSampler, vkCreateSemaphore, vkCreateShaderModule, vkDestroyBuffer, vkDestroyBufferView, vkDestroyCommandPool, vkDestroyDescriptorPool, vkDestroyDescriptorSetLayout, vkDestroyDevice, vkDestroyEvent, vkDestroyFence, vkDestroyFramebuffer, vkDestroyImage, vkDestroyImageView, vkDestroyPipeline, vkDestroyPipelineCache, vkDestroyPipelineLayout, vkDestroyQueryPool, vkDestroyRenderPass, vkDestroySampler, vkDestroySemaphore, vkDestroyShaderModule, vkDeviceWaitIdle, vkFlushMappedMemoryRanges, vkFreeCommandBuffers, vkFreeDescriptorSets, vkFreeMemory, vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements, vkGetDeviceMemoryCommitment, vkGetDeviceProcAddr, vkGetDeviceQueue, vkGetEventStatus, vkGetFenceStatus, vkGetImageMemoryRequirements, vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements, vkGetImageSubresourceLayout, vkGetPipelineCacheData, vkGetQueryPoolResults, vkGetRenderAreaGranularity, vkInvalidateMappedMemoryRanges, vkMapMemory, vkMergePipelineCaches, vkResetCommandPool, vkResetDescriptorPool, vkResetEvent, vkResetFences, vkSetEvent, vkUnmapMemory, vkUpdateDescriptorSets, vkWaitForFences

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDevice

# VkDeviceMemory(3)

#### Name

VkDeviceMemory - Opaque handle to a device memory object

## **C** Specification

A Vulkan device operates on data in device memory via memory objects that are represented in the API by a VkDeviceMemory handle.

Memory objects are represented by VkDeviceMemory handles:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkDeviceMemory)

## **Description**

#### See Also

VkMappedMemoryRange, VkSparseImageMemoryBind, VkSparseMemoryBind, vkAllocateMemory, vkBindBufferMemory, vkBindImageMemory, vkFreeMemory, vkGetDeviceMemoryCommitment, vkMapMemory, vkUnmapMemory

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDeviceMemory

## VkEvent(3)

#### Name

VkEvent - Opaque handle to a event object

## **C** Specification

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 have two states - signaled and unsignaled. An application **can** signal an event, or unsignal it, on either the host or the device. A device **can** 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:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkEvent)

## **Description**

#### See Also

vkCmdResetEvent, vkCmdSetEvent, vkCmdWaitEvents, vkCreateEvent, vkDestroyEvent, vkGetEventStatus, vkResetEvent, vkSetEvent

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkEvent

# VkFence(3)

#### Name

VkFence - Opaque handle to a fence object

## **C** Specification

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.

Fences are represented by VkFence handles:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkFence)

## **Description**

#### See Also

vkCreateFence, vkDestroyFence, vkGetFenceStatus, vkQueueBindSparse, vkQueueSubmit, vkResetFences, vkWaitForFences

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkFence

# VkFramebuffer(3)

#### Name

VkFramebuffer - Opaque handle to a framebuffer object

## **C** Specification

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:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkFramebuffer)

## **Description**

#### See Also

VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo, vkDestroyFramebuffer

VkRenderPassBeginInfo, vkCreateFramebuffer,

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkFramebuffer

# VkImage(3)

#### Name

VkImage - Opaque handle to a image object

## **C** Specification

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:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkImage)

### **Description**

#### See Also

VkImageMemoryBarrier, VkImageViewCreateInfo, VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo, VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo, vkBindImageMemory, vkCmdBlitImage, vkCmdClearColorImage, vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage, vkCmdCopyBufferToImage, vkCmdCopyImage, vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer, vkCmdResolveImage, vkCreateImage, vkDestroyImage, vkGetImageMemoryRequirements, vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements, vkGetImageSubresourceLayout

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImage

# VkImageView(3)

#### Name

VkImageView - Opaque handle to a image view object

## **C** Specification

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:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkImageView)

## **Description**

#### See Also

VkDescriptorImageInfo, VkFramebufferCreateInfo, vkCreateImageView, vkDestroyImageView

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImageView

# VkInstance(3)

#### Name

VkInstance - Opaque handle to a instance object

## **C** Specification

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:

VK\_DEFINE\_HANDLE(VkInstance)

## **Description**

#### See Also

vkCreateInstance, vkDestroyInstance, vkEnumeratePhysicalDevices, vkGetInstanceProcAddrage and vkCreateInstance a

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkInstance

# VkPhysicalDevice(3)

#### Name

VkPhysicalDevice - Opaque handle to a physical device object

### **C** Specification

Vulkan separates the concept of *physical* and *logical* devices. A physical device usually represents a single device in a system (perhaps made up of several individual hardware devices working together), of which there are a finite number. A logical device represents an application's view of the device.

Physical devices are represented by VkPhysicalDevice handles:

VK\_DEFINE\_HANDLE(VkPhysicalDevice)

## **Description**

#### See Also

vkCreateDevice, vkEnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties, vkEnumerateDeviceLayerProperties, vkEnumeratePhysicalDevices, vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures, vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties, vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties, vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties, vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties, vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties, vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPhysicalDevice

# VkPipeline(3)

## Name

VkPipeline - Opaque handle to a pipeline object

## **C** Specification

Compute and graphics pipelines are each represented by VkPipeline handles:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkPipeline)

## **Description**

#### See Also

VkComputePipelineCreateInfo, VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo, vkCmdBindPipeline, vkCreateComputePipelines, vkCreateGraphicsPipelines, vkDestroyPipeline

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPipeline

# VkPipelineCache(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineCache - Opaque handle to a pipeline cache object

### **C** Specification

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:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkPipelineCache)

## **Description**

#### See Also

vkCreateComputePipelines, vkCreateGraphicsPipelines, vkCreatePipelineCache, vkDestroyPipelineCache, vkGetPipelineCacheData, vkMergePipelineCaches

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPipelineCache

# VkPipelineLayout(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineLayout - Opaque handle to a pipeline layout object

## **C** Specification

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 which describes 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:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkPipelineLayout)

## **Description**

#### See Also

VkComputePipelineCreateInfo, VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo, vkCmdBindDescriptorSets, vkCmdPushConstants, vkCreatePipelineLayout, vkDestroyPipelineLayout

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPipelineLayout

# VkQueryPool(3)

#### Name

VkQueryPool - Opaque handle to a query pool object

## **C** Specification

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:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkQueryPool)

## **Description**

#### See Also

vkCmdBeginQuery, vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults, vkCmdEndQuery, vkCmdResetQueryPool, vkCmdWriteTimestamp, vkCreateQueryPool, vkDestroyQueryPool, vkGetQueryPoolResults

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkQueryPool

# VkQueue(3)

#### Name

VkQueue - Opaque handle to a queue object

## **C** Specification

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:

VK\_DEFINE\_HANDLE(VkQueue)

## **Description**

#### See Also

vkGetDeviceQueue, vkQueueBindSparse, vkQueueSubmit, vkQueueWaitIdle

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkQueue

# VkRenderPass(3)

#### Name

VkRenderPass - Opaque handle to a render pass object

# **C** Specification

A *render pass* represents a collection of attachments, subpasses, and dependencies between the subpasses, and describes how the attachments are used over the course of the subpasses. The use of a render pass in a command buffer is a *render pass instance*.

Render passes are represented by VkRenderPass handles:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkRenderPass)

## **Description**

### See Also

VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo, VkFramebufferCreateInfo, VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo, VkRenderPassBeginInfo, vkCreateRenderPass, vkDestroyRenderPass, vkGetRenderAreaGranularity

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkRenderPass

# VkSampler(3)

### Name

VkSampler - Opaque handle to a sampler object

# **C** Specification

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:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkSampler)

# **Description**

### See Also

VkDescriptorImageInfo, VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding, vkCreateSampler, vkDestroySampler

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSampler

# VkSemaphore(3)

#### Name

VkSemaphore - Opaque handle to a semaphore object

# **C** Specification

Semaphores are a synchronization primitive that **can** be used to insert a dependency between batches submitted to queues. Semaphores have two states - signaled and unsignaled. The state of a semaphore **can** be signaled after execution of a batch of commands is completed. A batch **can** wait for a semaphore to become signaled before it begins execution, and the semaphore is also unsignaled before the batch begins execution.

Semaphores are represented by VkSemaphore handles:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkSemaphore)

### **Description**

### See Also

VkBindSparseInfo, VkSubmitInfo, vkCreateSemaphore, vkDestroySemaphore

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSemaphore

# VkShaderModule(3)

#### Name

VkShaderModule - Opaque handle to a shader module object

# **C** Specification

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:

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE(VkShaderModule)

# **Description**

#### See Also

VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo, vkCreateShaderModule, vkDestroyShaderModule

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkShaderModule

# **Structures**

# VkAllocationCallbacks(3)

#### Name

VkAllocationCallbacks - Structure containing callback function pointers for memory allocation

# **C** Specification

Allocators are provided by the application as a pointer to a VkAllocationCallbacks structure:

### **Members**

- 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 pointer to an application-defined memory allocation function of type PFN vkAllocationFunction.
- pfnReallocation is a pointer to an application-defined memory reallocation function of type PFN vkReallocationFunction.
- pfnFree is a pointer to an application-defined memory free function of type PFN\_vkFreeFunction.
- pfnInternalAllocation is a pointer to an application-defined function that is called by the implementation when the implementation makes internal allocations, and it is of type PFN\_vkInternalAllocationNotification.
- pfnInternalFree is a pointer to an application-defined function that is called by the implementation when the implementation frees internal allocations, and it is of type PFN\_vkInternalFreeNotification.

## **Description**

## **Valid Usage**

- pfnAllocation must be a pointer to a valid user-defined PFN\_vkAllocationFunction
- pfnReallocation must be a pointer to a valid user-defined PFN\_vkReallocationFunction
- pfnFree must be a pointer to a valid user-defined PFN\_vkFreeFunction
- If either of pfnInternalAllocation or pfnInternalFree is not NULL, both **must** be valid callbacks

#### See Also

PFN\_vkAllocationFunction, PFN\_vkFreeFunction, PFN\_vkInternalAllocationNotification, PFN\_vkInternalFreeNotification, PFN\_vkReallocationFunction, vkAllocateMemory, vkCreateBuffer, vkCreateBufferView, vkCreateCommandPool, vkCreateComputePipelines, vkCreateDescriptorPool, vkCreateDescriptorSetLayout, vkCreateDevice, vkCreateEvent, vkCreateFence, vkCreateFramebuffer. vkCreateGraphicsPipelines, vkCreateImageView, vkCreateImage, vkCreateInstance. vkCreatePipelineCache, vkCreatePipelineLayout, vkCreateQueryPool, vkCreateRenderPass, vkCreateSampler, vkCreateSemaphore, vkCreateShaderModule, vkDestroyBuffer, vkDestroyBufferView, vkDestroyCommandPool, vkDestroyDescriptorPool, vkDestroyDescriptorSetLayout, vkDestroyDevice, vkDestroyEvent, vkDestroyFence, vkDestroyImage, vkDestroyImageView, vkDestroyFramebuffer, vkDestroyInstance, vkDestroyPipeline, vkDestroyPipelineCache, vkDestroyPipelineLayout, vkDestroyQueryPool, vkDestroyRenderPass, vkDestroySampler, vkDestroySemaphore, vkDestroyShaderModule, vkFreeMemory

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkAllocationCallbacks

# VkApplicationInfo(3)

#### Name

VkApplicationInfo - Structure specifying application info

## **C** Specification

The VkApplicationInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkApplicationInfo {
    VkStructureType
                        sType;
    const void*
                        pNext;
    const char*
                       pApplicationName;
    uint32 t
                        applicationVersion;
    const char*
                        pEngineName;
                       engineVersion;
    uint32_t
    uint32 t
                        apiVersion;
} VkApplicationInfo;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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 is the version of the Vulkan API against which the application expects to run, encoded as described in the API Version Numbers and Semantics section. If apiVersion is 0 the implementation must ignore it, otherwise if the implementation does not support the requested apiVersion, or an effective substitute for apiVersion, it must return VK\_ERROR\_INCOMPATIBLE\_DRIVER. 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.

## **Description**

# **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- sType **must** be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_APPLICATION\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- If pApplicationName is not NULL, pApplicationName must be a null-terminated UTF-8 string
- If pEngineName is not NULL, pEngineName must be a null-terminated UTF-8 string

### See Also

VkInstanceCreateInfo, VkStructureType

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkApplicationInfo

# VkAttachmentDescription(3)

#### Name

VkAttachmentDescription - Structure specifying an attachment description

## **C** Specification

The VkAttachmentDescription structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkAttachmentDescription {
    VkAttachmentDescriptionFlags
                                     flags;
    VkFormat
                                     format;
   VkSampleCountFlagBits
                                     samples;
   VkAttachmentLoadOp
                                     loadOp;
   VkAttachmentStoreOp
                                     storeOp;
   VkAttachmentLoadOp
                                     stencilLoadOp;
    VkAttachmentStoreOp
                                     stencilStoreOp;
    VkImageLayout
                                     initialLayout;
    VkImageLayout
                                     finalLayout;
} VkAttachmentDescription;
```

#### **Members**

- flags is a bitmask of VkAttachmentDescriptionFlagBits specifying additional properties of the attachment.
- format is a VkFormat value specifying the format of the image that will be used for the attachment.
- samples is the number of samples of the image as defined in VkSampleCountFlagBits.
- 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. During a render pass instance, an attachment **can** use a different layout in each subpass, if desired.

# **Description**

If the attachment uses a color format, then <code>loadOp</code> and <code>storeOp</code> are used, and <code>stencilLoadOp</code> and <code>stencilStoreOp</code> are ignored. If the format has depth and/or stencil components, <code>loadOp</code> and <code>storeOp</code> apply only to the depth data, while <code>stencilLoadOp</code> and <code>stencilStoreOp</code> define how the stencil data is handled. <code>loadOp</code> and <code>stencilLoadOp</code> define the <code>load</code> operations that execute as part of the first subpass that uses the attachment. <code>storeOp</code> and <code>stencilStoreOp</code> define the <code>store</code> operations that execute as part of the last subpass that uses the attachment.

The load operation for each value in an attachment used by a subpass happens-before any command recorded into that subpass reads from that value. 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.

Store operations for each value in an attachment used by a subpass happen-after any command recorded into that subpass writes to that value. 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 <code>loadOp</code>, <code>storeOp</code>, <code>stencilStoreOp</code>, and <code>stencilLoadOp</code> 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 load0p, 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.

# **Valid Usage**

• finalLayout must not be VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_UNDEFINED or VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_PREINITIALIZED

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- flags must be a valid combination of VkAttachmentDescriptionFlagBits values
- format must be a valid VkFormat value
- samples must be a valid VkSampleCountFlagBits value
- loadOp must be a valid VkAttachmentLoadOp value
- storeOp must be a valid VkAttachmentStoreOp value
- stencilLoadOp must be a valid VkAttachmentLoadOp value
- stencilStoreOp must be a valid VkAttachmentStoreOp value
- initialLayout must be a valid VkImageLayout value
- finalLayout must be a valid VkImageLayout value

### See Also

VkAttachmentDescriptionFlags, VkAttachmentLoadOp, VkAttachmentStoreOp, VkFormat, VkImageLayout, VkRenderPassCreateInfo, VkSampleCountFlagBits

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkAttachmentDescription

# VkAttachmentReference(3)

#### Name

VkAttachmentReference - Structure specifying an attachment reference

# **C** Specification

The VkAttachmentReference structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkAttachmentReference {
   uint32_t attachment;
   VkImageLayout layout;
} VkAttachmentReference;
```

#### **Members**

- attachment is the index of the attachment of the render pass, and corresponds to the index of the
  corresponding element in the pAttachments array of the VkRenderPassCreateInfo structure. If any
  color or depth/stencil attachments are VK\_ATTACHMENT\_UNUSED, then no writes occur for those
  attachments.
- layout is a VkImageLayout value specifying the layout the attachment uses during the subpass.

# **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

• layout must not be VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_UNDEFINED or VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_PREINITIALIZED

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

• layout must be a valid VkImageLayout value

#### See Also

VkImageLayout, VkSubpassDescription

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkAttachmentReference

# VkBindSparseInfo(3)

#### Name

VkBindSparseInfo - Structure specifying a sparse binding operation

## **C** Specification

The VkBindSparseInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkBindSparseInfo {
    VkStructureType
                                                  sType;
    const void*
                                                  pNext;
    uint32_t
                                                  waitSemaphoreCount;
    const VkSemaphore*
                                                  pWaitSemaphores;
                                                  bufferBindCount;
    uint32_t
    const VkSparseBufferMemoryBindInfo*
                                                  pBufferBinds;
                                                  imageOpaqueBindCount;
    uint32 t
    const VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo*
                                                  pImageOpaqueBinds;
    uint32 t
                                                  imageBindCount;
                                                  pImageBinds;
    const VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo*
    uint32_t
                                                  signalSemaphoreCount;
    const VkSemaphore*
                                                  pSignalSemaphores;
} VkBindSparseInfo;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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.

## **Description**

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_BIND\_SPARSE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- If waitSemaphoreCount is not 0, pWaitSemaphores **must** be a pointer to an array of waitSemaphoreCount valid VkSemaphore handles
- If bufferBindCount is not 0, pBufferBinds **must** be a pointer to an array of bufferBindCount valid VkSparseBufferMemoryBindInfo structures
- If imageOpaqueBindCount is not 0, pImageOpaqueBinds **must** be a pointer to an array of imageOpaqueBindCount valid VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo structures
- If imageBindCount is not 0, pImageBinds **must** be a pointer to an array of imageBindCount valid VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo structures
- If signalSemaphoreCount is not 0, pSignalSemaphores **must** be a pointer to an array of signalSemaphoreCount valid VkSemaphore handles
- Both of the elements of pSignalSemaphores, and the elements of pWaitSemaphores that are valid handles **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

### See Also

VkSemaphore, VkSparseBufferMemoryBindInfo, VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo, VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo, VkStructureType, vkQueueBindSparse

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkBindSparseInfo

# VkBufferCopy(3)

#### Name

VkBufferCopy - Structure specifying a buffer copy operation

# **C** Specification

The VkBufferCopy structure is defined as:

### **Members**

- 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.

# **Description**

### See Also

VkDeviceSize, vkCmdCopyBuffer

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkBufferCopy

# VkBufferCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkBufferCreateInfo - Structure specifying the parameters of a newly created buffer object

# **C** Specification

The VkBufferCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkBufferCreateInfo {
   VkStructureType
                            sType;
    const void*
                            pNext;
   VkBufferCreateFlags
                            flags;
    VkDeviceSize
                            size;
    VkBufferUsageFlags
                            usage;
   VkSharingMode
                            sharingMode;
    uint32 t
                            queueFamilyIndexCount;
    const uint32_t*
                            pQueueFamilyIndices;
} VkBufferCreateInfo;
```

### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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 list of queue families that will access this buffer (ignored if sharingMode is not VK SHARING MODE CONCURRENT).

# **Description**

## **Valid Usage**

- size must be greater than 0
- If sharingMode is VK\_SHARING\_MODE\_CONCURRENT, pQueueFamilyIndices **must** be a pointer to an array of queueFamilyIndexCount uint32\_t values
- If sharingMode is VK\_SHARING\_MODE\_CONCURRENT, queueFamilyIndexCount **must** be greater than 1
- If sharingMode is VK\_SHARING\_MODE\_CONCURRENT, each element of pQueueFamilyIndices must be
  unique and must be less than pQueueFamilyPropertyCount returned by
  vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties for the physicalDevice that was used to
  create device
- If the sparse bindings feature is not enabled, flags must not contain VK\_BUFFER\_CREATE\_SPARSE\_BINDING\_BIT
- If the sparse buffer residency feature is not enabled, flags **must** not contain VK BUFFER CREATE SPARSE RESIDENCY BIT
- If the sparse aliased residency feature is not enabled, flags **must** not contain VK BUFFER CREATE SPARSE ALIASED BIT
- 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

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_BUFFER\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be a valid combination of VkBufferCreateFlagBits values
- usage must be a valid combination of VkBufferUsageFlagBits values
- usage must not be 0
- sharingMode must be a valid VkSharingMode value

### See Also

VkBufferCreateFlags, VkBufferUsageFlags, VkDeviceSize, VkSharingMode, VkStructureType, vkCreateBuffer

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkBufferCreateInfo

# VkBufferImageCopy(3)

#### Name

VkBufferImageCopy - Structure specifying a buffer image copy operation

## **C** Specification

For both vkCmdCopyBufferToImage and vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer, each element of pRegions is a structure defined as:

#### **Members**

- 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 the data in buffer memory as a subregion of a larger two- or three-dimensional image, and control the addressing calculations of data in buffer memory. 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.
- ullet 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.

# **Description**

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 the range [0,1] or undefined results occur.

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.

## **Valid Usage**

- If the the calling command's VkImage parameter's format is not a depth/stencil format, then bufferOffset must be a multiple of the format's element size
- bufferOffset must be a multiple of 4
- bufferRowLength must be 0, or greater than or equal to the width member of imageExtent
- bufferImageHeight must be 0, or greater than or equal to the height member of imageExtent
- imageOffset.x and (imageExtent.width + imageOffset.x) must both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the image subresource width
- imageOffset.y and (imageExtent.height + imageOffset.y) must both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the image subresource height
- If the calling command's srcImage (vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer) or dstImage (vkCmdCopyBufferToImage) is of type VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_1D, then imageOffset.y must be 0 and imageExtent.height must be 1.
- imageOffset.z and (imageExtent.depth + imageOffset.z) must both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the image subresource depth
- If the calling command's srcImage (vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer) or dstImage
  (vkCmdCopyBufferToImage) is of type VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_1D or VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_2D, then
  imageOffset.z must be 0 and imageExtent.depth must be 1.
- If the calling command's VkImage parameter is a compressed format image, bufferRowLength must be a multiple of the compressed texel block width
- If the calling command's VkImage parameter is a compressed format image, bufferImageHeight must be a multiple of the compressed texel block height
- If the calling command's VkImage parameter is a compressed format image, all members of imageOffset must be a multiple of the corresponding dimensions of the compressed texel block
- If the calling command's VkImage parameter is a compressed format image, bufferOffset must be a multiple of the compressed texel block size in bytes
- If the calling command's VkImage parameter is a compressed format image, imageExtent.width must be a multiple of the compressed texel block width or (imageExtent.width + imageOffset.x) must equal the image subresource width
- If the calling command's VkImage parameter is a compressed format image, imageExtent.height must be a multiple of the compressed texel block height or (imageExtent.height + imageOffset.y) must equal the image subresource height
- If the calling command's VkImage parameter is a compressed format image, imageExtent.depth must be a multiple of the compressed texel block depth or (imageExtent.depth + imageOffset.z) must equal the image subresource depth
- bufferOffset, bufferRowLength, bufferImageHeight and all members of imageOffset and imageExtent must respect the image transfer granularity requirements of the queue family that it will be submitted against, as described in Physical Device Enumeration
- The aspectMask member of imageSubresource must specify aspects present in the calling

command's VkImage parameter

- The aspectMask member of imageSubresource must only have a single bit set
- If the calling command's VkImage parameter is of VkImageType VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_3D, the baseArrayLayer and layerCount members of imageSubresource **must** be 0 and 1, respectively
- When copying to the depth aspect of an image subresource, the data in the source buffer **must** be in the range [0,1]

# **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

• imageSubresource **must** be a valid VkImageSubresourceLayers structure

### See Also

VkDeviceSize, VkExtent3D, VkImageSubresourceLayers, VkOffset3D, vkCmdCopyBufferToImage, vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkBufferImageCopy

# VkBufferMemoryBarrier(3)

#### Name

VkBufferMemoryBarrier - Structure specifying a buffer memory barrier

## **C** Specification

The VkBufferMemoryBarrier structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkBufferMemoryBarrier {
    VkStructureType
                       sType;
    const void*
                       pNext;
    VkAccessFlags
                       srcAccessMask;
    VkAccessFlags
                       dstAccessMask:
                       srcQueueFamilyIndex;
    uint32_t
    uint32_t
                       dstQueueFamilyIndex;
    VkBuffer
                       buffer;
    VkDeviceSize
                       offset;
   VkDeviceSize
                       size;
} VkBufferMemoryBarrier;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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.

## **Description**

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**

- offset must be less than the size of buffer
- If size is not equal to VK\_WHOLE\_SIZE, size must be greater than 0
- If size is not equal to VK\_WHOLE\_SIZE, size must be less than or equal to than the size of buffer minus offset
- If buffer was created with a sharing mode of VK\_SHARING\_MODE\_CONCURRENT, srcQueueFamilyIndex and dstQueueFamilyIndex **must** both be VK\_QUEUE\_FAMILY\_IGNORED
- If buffer was created with a sharing mode of VK\_SHARING\_MODE\_EXCLUSIVE, srcQueueFamilyIndex and dstQueueFamilyIndex must either both be VK\_QUEUE\_FAMILY\_IGNORED, or both be a valid queue family (see <a href="https://html#colored.com/html#">https://html#.com/html#.
- If buffer was created with a sharing mode of VK\_SHARING\_MODE\_EXCLUSIVE, and srcQueueFamilyIndex and dstQueueFamilyIndex are not VK\_QUEUE\_FAMILY\_IGNORED, at least one of them **must** be the same as the family of the queue that will execute this barrier

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_BUFFER\_MEMORY\_BARRIER
- pNext must be NULL
- srcAccessMask must be a valid combination of VkAccessFlagBits values
- dstAccessMask must be a valid combination of VkAccessFlagBits values
- buffer **must** be a valid VkBuffer handle

### See Also

VkAccessFlags, VkBuffer, VkDeviceSize, VkStructureType, vkCmdPipelineBarrier, vkCmdWaitEvents

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

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# VkBufferViewCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkBufferViewCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created buffer view

# **C** Specification

The VkBufferViewCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkBufferViewCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType
                                sType;
    const void*
                                pNext;
    VkBufferViewCreateFlags
                                flags;
    VkBuffer
                                buffer;
    VkFormat
                                format;
    VkDeviceSize
                                offset;
    VkDeviceSize
                                range;
} VkBufferViewCreateInfo;
```

### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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 element size of format, then the nearest smaller multiple is used.

# **Description**

## Valid Usage

- offset must be less than the size of buffer
- offset **must** be a multiple of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::minTexelBufferOffsetAlignment
- If range is not equal to VK\_WHOLE\_SIZE, range must be greater than 0
- If range is not equal to VK\_WHOLE\_SIZE, range **must** be a multiple of the element size of format
- If range is not equal to VK\_WHOLE\_SIZE, range divided by the element size of format **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxTexelBufferElements
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- If buffer is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_BUFFER\_VIEW\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- buffer must be a valid VkBuffer handle
- format must be a valid VkFormat value

#### See Also

VkBuffer, VkBufferViewCreateFlags, VkDeviceSize, VkFormat, VkStructureType, vkCreateBufferView

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkBufferViewCreateInfo

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# VkClearAttachment(3)

#### Name

VkClearAttachment - Structure specifying a clear attachment

# **C** Specification

The VkClearAttachment structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkClearAttachment {
    VkImageAspectFlags aspectMask;
    uint32_t colorAttachment;
    VkClearValue clearValue;
} VkClearAttachment;
```

#### **Members**

- aspectMask is a mask selecting the color, depth and/or stencil aspects of the attachment to be cleared. aspectMask can include VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_COLOR\_BIT for color attachments, VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_DEPTH\_BIT for depth/stencil attachments with a depth component, and VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_STENCIL\_BIT for depth/stencil attachments with a stencil component. If the subpass's depth/stencil attachment is VK\_ATTACHMENT\_UNUSED, then the clear has no effect.
- colorAttachment is only meaningful if VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_COLOR\_BIT is set in aspectMask, in which case it is an index to the pColorAttachments array in the VkSubpassDescription structure of the current subpass which selects the color attachment to clear. If colorAttachment is VK\_ATTACHMENT\_UNUSED then the clear has no effect.
- clearValue is the color or depth/stencil value to clear the attachment to, as described in Clear Values below.

# **Description**

No memory barriers are needed between vkCmdClearAttachments and preceding or subsequent draw or attachment clear commands in the same subpass.

The vkCmdClearAttachments command is not affected by the bound pipeline state.

Attachments **can** also be cleared at the beginning of a render pass instance by setting loadOp (or stencilLoadOp) of VkAttachmentDescription to VK\_ATTACHMENT\_LOAD\_OP\_CLEAR, as described for vkCreateRenderPass.

## **Valid Usage**

- If aspectMask includes VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_COLOR\_BIT, it **must** not include VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_DEPTH\_BIT or VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_STENCIL\_BIT
- aspectMask must not include VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_METADATA\_BIT
- clearValue must be a valid VkClearValue union

# **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- aspectMask must be a valid combination of VkImageAspectFlagBits values
- aspectMask **must** not be 0

### See Also

VkClearValue, VkImageAspectFlags, vkCmdClearAttachments

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkClearAttachment

# VkClearColorValue(3)

#### Name

VkClearColorValue - Structure specifying a clear color value

## **C** Specification

The VkClearColorValue structure is defined as:

```
typedef union VkClearColorValue {
   float     float32[4];
   int32_t     int32[4];
   uint32_t     uint32[4];
} VkClearColorValue;
```

#### **Members**

- 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.

# **Description**

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.

#### See Also

VkClearValue, vkCmdClearColorImage

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

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# VkClearDepthStencilValue(3)

#### Name

VkClearDepthStencilValue - Structure specifying a clear depth stencil value

## **C** Specification

The VkClearDepthStencilValue structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkClearDepthStencilValue {
   float depth;
   uint32_t stencil;
} VkClearDepthStencilValue;
```

#### **Members**

- 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.

# **Description**

# Valid Usage

• depth must be between 0.0 and 1.0, inclusive

### See Also

VkClearValue, vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkClearDepthStencilValue

# VkClearRect(3)

#### Name

VkClearRect - Structure specifying a clear rectangle

# **C** Specification

The VkClearRect structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkClearRect {
    VkRect2D    rect;
    uint32_t    baseArrayLayer;
    uint32_t    layerCount;
} VkClearRect;
```

### **Members**

- 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.

## **Description**

The layers [baseArrayLayer, baseArrayLayer + layerCount) counting from the base layer of the attachment image view are cleared.

#### See Also

VkRect2D, vkCmdClearAttachments

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkClearRect

# VkClearValue(3)

#### Name

VkClearValue - Structure specifying a clear value

# **C** Specification

The VkClearValue union is defined as:

```
typedef union VkClearValue {
    VkClearColorValue color;
    VkClearDepthStencilValue depthStencil;
} VkClearValue;
```

#### **Members**

- 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.

## **Description**

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.

# **Valid Usage**

• depthStencil must be a valid VkClearDepthStencilValue structure

### See Also

VkClearAttachment, VkClearColorValue, VkClearDepthStencilValue, VkRenderPassBeginInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkClearValue

# VkCommandBufferAllocateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkCommandBufferAllocateInfo - Structure specifying the allocation parameters for command buffer object

## **C** Specification

The VkCommandBufferAllocateInfo structure is defined as:

### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- commandPool is the command pool from which the command buffers are allocated.
- level is an VkCommandBufferLevel value specifying the command buffer level.
- commandBufferCount is the number of command buffers to allocate from the pool.

# Description

# **Valid Usage**

• commandBufferCount must be greater than 0

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_COMMAND\_BUFFER\_ALLOCATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- commandPool must be a valid VkCommandPool handle
- level must be a valid VkCommandBufferLevel value

# See Also

VkCommandBufferLevel, VkCommandPool, VkStructureType, vkAllocateCommandBuffers

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkCommandBufferAllocateInfo

# VkCommandBufferBeginInfo(3)

### Name

VkCommandBufferBeginInfo - Structure specifying a command buffer begin operation

### C Specification

The VkCommandBufferBeginInfo structure is defined as:

### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- flags is a bitmask of VkCommandBufferUsageFlagBits specifying usage behavior for the command buffer.
- pInheritanceInfo is a pointer to a VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo structure, which is used if commandBuffer is a secondary command buffer. If this is a primary command buffer, then this value is ignored.

### **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

- If flags contains VK\_COMMAND\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_RENDER\_PASS\_CONTINUE\_BIT, the renderPass member of pInheritanceInfo **must** be a valid VkRenderPass
- 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
- 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)**

- sType **must** be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_COMMAND\_BUFFER\_BEGIN\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be a valid combination of VkCommandBufferUsageFlagBits values

### See Also

VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo, VkCommandBufferUsageFlags, vkBeginCommandBuffer

VkStructureType,

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkCommandBufferBeginInfo

# VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo(3)

#### Name

VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo - Structure specifying command buffer inheritance info

### **C** Specification

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:

```
typedef struct VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo {
   VkStructureType
                                      sType;
    const void*
                                      pNext;
    VkRenderPass
                                      renderPass;
    uint32 t
                                      subpass;
   VkFramebuffer
                                      framebuffer;
    VkBoo132
                                      occlusionQueryEnable;
   VkQueryControlFlags
                                      queryFlags;
    VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlags
                                      pipelineStatistics;
} VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- renderPass is a VkRenderPass object defining which render passes the VkCommandBuffer will be compatible with and can be executed within. If the VkCommandBuffer will not be executed within a render pass instance, renderPass is ignored.
- subpass is the index of the subpass within the render pass instance that the VkCommandBuffer will be executed within. If the VkCommandBuffer will not be executed within a render pass instance, subpass is ignored.
- framebuffer optionally refers 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, or if the VkCommandBuffer will not be executed within a render pass instance.

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 indicates 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 indicates 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.

### **Description**

### **Valid Usage**

- If the inherited queries feature is not enabled, occlusionQueryEnable must be VK\_FALSE
- If the inherited queries feature is enabled, queryFlags must be a valid combination of VkQueryControlFlagBits values
- If the pipeline statistics queries feature is not enabled, pipelineStatistics must be 0

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_COMMAND\_BUFFER\_INHERITANCE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- Both of framebuffer, and renderPass that are valid handles **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

### See Also

VkBool32, VkCommandBufferBeginInfo, VkFramebuffer, VkQueryControlFlags, VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlags, VkRenderPass, VkStructureType

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo

# VkCommandPoolCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkCommandPoolCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created command pool

## **C** Specification

The VkCommandPoolCreateInfo structure is defined as:

### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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.

# **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

 queueFamilyIndex must be the index of a queue family available in the calling command's device parameter

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_COMMAND\_POOL\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be a valid combination of VkCommandPoolCreateFlagBits values

## See Also

Vk Command Pool Create Flags, Vk Structure Type, vk Create Command Pool

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html #VkCommandPoolCreateInfollowers and the state of the command of the state of the command of the state of the command of the state o

# VkComponentMapping(3)

### Name

VkComponentMapping - Structure specifying a color component mapping

## **C** Specification

The VkComponentMapping structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkComponentMapping {
   VkComponentSwizzle    r;
   VkComponentSwizzle    g;
   VkComponentSwizzle    b;
   VkComponentSwizzle    a;
} VkComponentMapping;
```

#### **Members**

- 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.

# **Description**

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- r must be a valid VkComponentSwizzle value
- q must be a valid VkComponentSwizzle value
- b must be a valid VkComponentSwizzle value
- a must be a valid VkComponentSwizzle value

### See Also

VkComponentSwizzle, VkImageViewCreateInfo

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html #VkComponentMapping and the state of the

# VkComputePipelineCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkComputePipelineCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created compute pipeline

### **C** Specification

The VkComputePipelineCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkComputePipelineCreateInfo {
   VkStructureType
                                        sType;
    const void*
                                        pNext;
    VkPipelineCreateFlags
                                        flags;
   VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo
                                        stage;
   VkPipelineLayout
                                        layout;
                                        basePipelineHandle;
   VkPipeline
                                        basePipelineIndex;
    int32 t
} VkComputePipelineCreateInfo;
```

### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- flags is a bitmask of VkPipelineCreateFlagBits specifying how the pipeline will be generated.
- stage is a VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo 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

# **Description**

The parameters basePipelineHandle and basePipelineIndex are described in more detail in Pipeline Derivatives.

stage points to a structure of type VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo.

### **Valid Usage**

- If flags contains the VK\_PIPELINE\_CREATE\_DERIVATIVE\_BIT flag, and basePipelineIndex is -1, basePipelineHandle **must** be a valid handle to a compute VkPipeline
- 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
- If flags contains the VK\_PIPELINE\_CREATE\_DERIVATIVE\_BIT flag, and basePipelineIndex is not -1, basePipelineHandle **must** be VK\_NULL\_HANDLE
- If flags contains the VK\_PIPELINE\_CREATE\_DERIVATIVE\_BIT flag, and basePipelineHandle is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, basePipelineIndex **must** be -1
- The stage member of stage **must** be VK\_SHADER\_STAGE\_COMPUTE\_BIT
- 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
- layout must be consistent with the layout of the compute shader specified in stage

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_COMPUTE\_PIPELINE\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be a valid combination of VkPipelineCreateFlagBits values
- stage **must** be a valid VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo structure
- layout must be a valid VkPipelineLayout handle
- Both of basePipelineHandle, and layout that are valid handles **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

#### See Also

VkPipeline, VkPipelineCreateFlags, VkPipelineLayout, VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo, VkStructureType, vkCreateComputePipelines

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkComputePipelineCreateInfo

# VkCopyDescriptorSet(3)

#### Name

VkCopyDescriptorSet - Structure specifying a copy descriptor set operation

## **C** Specification

The VkCopyDescriptorSet structure is defined as:

```
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;
```

### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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.

## **Description**

### **Valid Usage**

- srcBinding must be a valid binding within srcSet
- 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 html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-updatesconsecutive
- dstBinding must be a valid binding within dstSet
- 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 html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-updatesconsecutive
- 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 html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-updates-consecutive

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_COPY\_DESCRIPTOR\_SET
- pNext must be NULL
- srcSet must be a valid VkDescriptorSet handle
- dstSet must be a valid VkDescriptorSet handle
- Both of dstSet, and srcSet must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

#### See Also

VkDescriptorSet, VkStructureType, vkUpdateDescriptorSets

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkCopyDescriptorSet

# VkDescriptorBufferInfo(3)

#### Name

VkDescriptorBufferInfo - Structure specifying descriptor buffer info

### **C** Specification

The VkDescriptorBufferInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkDescriptorBufferInfo {
   VkBuffer buffer;
   VkDeviceSize offset;
   VkDeviceSize range;
} VkDescriptorBufferInfo;
```

### **Members**

- 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.

# Description

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.

# Valid Usage

- offset must be less than the size of buffer
- If range is not equal to VK WHOLE SIZE, range must be greater than 0
- If range is not equal to VK\_WHOLE\_SIZE, range must be less than or equal to the size of buffer minus offset

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

• buffer must be a valid VkBuffer handle

## See Also

VkBuffer, VkDeviceSize, VkWriteDescriptorSet

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDescriptorBufferInfo

# VkDescriptorImageInfo(3)

#### Name

VkDescriptorImageInfo - Structure specifying descriptor image info

### **C** Specification

The VkDescriptorImageInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkDescriptorImageInfo {
   VkSampler sampler;
   VkImageView imageView;
   VkImageLayout imageLayout;
} VkDescriptorImageInfo;
```

#### **Members**

- 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.

# **Description**

Members of VkDescriptorImageInfo that are not used in an update (as described above) are ignored.

# **Valid Usage**

• imageLayout must match the actual VkImageLayout of each subresource accessible from imageView at the time this descriptor is accessed

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

• Both of imageView, and sampler that are valid handles **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

# See Also

VkImageLayout, VkImageView, VkSampler, VkWriteDescriptorSet

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDescriptorImageInfo

# VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created descriptor pool

### **C** Specification

Additional information about the pool is passed in an instance of the VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo structure:

### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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.

# Description

If multiple VkDescriptorPoolSize structures 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**

• maxSets must be greater than 0

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_DESCRIPTOR\_POOL\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be a valid combination of VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlagBits values
- pPoolSizes must be a pointer to an array of poolSizeCount valid VkDescriptorPoolSize structures
- poolSizeCount must be greater than 0

### See Also

VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlags, VkDescriptorPoolSize, VkStructureType, vkCreateDescriptorPool

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo

# VkDescriptorPoolSize(3)

### Name

VkDescriptorPoolSize - Structure specifying descriptor pool size

## **C** Specification

The VkDescriptorPoolSize structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkDescriptorPoolSize {
    VkDescriptorType type;
    uint32_t descriptorCount;
} VkDescriptorPoolSize;
```

#### **Members**

- type is the type of descriptor.
- descriptorCount is the number of descriptors of that type to allocate.

### **Description**

### **Valid Usage**

• descriptorCount must be greater than 0

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

• type must be a valid VkDescriptorType value

### See Also

VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo, VkDescriptorType

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDescriptorPoolSize

# VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo(3)

### Name

VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo - Structure specifying the allocation parameters for descriptor sets

### **C** Specification

The VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo structure is defined as:

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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 an array of descriptor set layouts, with each member specifying how the corresponding descriptor set is allocated.

# **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

- descriptorSetCount **must** not be greater than the number of sets that are currently available for allocation in descriptorPool
- descriptorPool must have enough free descriptor capacity remaining to allocate the descriptor sets of the specified layouts

## **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_DESCRIPTOR\_SET\_ALLOCATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- descriptorPool must be a valid VkDescriptorPool handle
- pSetLayouts **must** be a pointer to an array of descriptorSetCount valid VkDescriptorSetLayout handles
- descriptorSetCount must be greater than 0
- Both of descriptorPool, and the elements of pSetLayouts must have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

### See Also

VkDescriptorPool, VkDescriptorSetLayout, VkStructureType, vkAllocateDescriptorSets

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo

# VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding(3)

### Name

VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding - Structure specifying a descriptor set layout binding

### **C** Specification

The VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding structure is defined as:

#### **Members**

- 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. There are no limitations on what combinations of stages **can** be used by a descriptor binding, and in particular a binding **can** be used by both graphics stages and the compute stage.

# Description

• 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; later binding a sampler into an immutable sampler slot in a descriptor set is not allowed. If pImmutableSamplers is not NULL, then it is considered to be a pointer to an array of sampler handles that will be consumed by the set layout and used for the corresponding binding. 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 descriptorType is treated as 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**

- 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 pointer to an array of descriptorCount valid VkSampler handles
- If descriptorCount is not 0, stageFlags must be a valid combination of VkShaderStageFlagBits values

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

descriptorType must be a valid VkDescriptorType value

### See Also

VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo, VkDescriptorType, VkSampler, VkShaderStageFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding

# VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo(3)

### Name

VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created descriptor set layout

### **C** Specification

Information about the descriptor set layout is passed in an instance of the VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo structure:

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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.

## **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

• The VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding::binding members of the elements of the pBindings array **must** each have different values.

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_DESCRIPTOR\_SET\_LAYOUT\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be a valid combination of VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlagBits values
- If bindingCount is not 0, pBindings **must** be a pointer to an array of bindingCount valid VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding structures

### See Also

VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding, vkCreateDescriptorSetLayout

VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlags,

VkStructureType,

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo

# VkDeviceCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkDeviceCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created device

### **C** Specification

The VkDeviceCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkDeviceCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType
                                        sType;
    const void*
                                        pNext;
   VkDeviceCreateFlags
                                        flags;
    uint32 t
                                        queueCreateInfoCount;
    const VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo*
                                        pQueueCreateInfos;
                                        enabledLayerCount;
    uint32 t
    const char* const*
                                        ppEnabledLayerNames;
    uint32 t
                                        enabledExtensionCount;
    const char* const*
                                        ppEnabledExtensionNames;
    const VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures*
                                        pEnabledFeatures;
} VkDeviceCreateInfo;
```

### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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 that contains boolean indicators of all the features to be enabled. Refer to the Features section for further details.

### **Description**

## **Valid Usage**

 The queueFamilyIndex member of any given element of pQueueCreateInfos must be unique within pQueueCreateInfos

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_DEVICE\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- pQueueCreateInfos **must** be a pointer to an array of queueCreateInfoCount valid VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo structures
- If enabledLayerCount is not 0, ppEnabledLayerNames **must** be a pointer to an array of enabledLayerCount null-terminated UTF-8 strings
- If enabledExtensionCount is not 0, ppEnabledExtensionNames **must** be a pointer to an array of enabledExtensionCount null-terminated UTF-8 strings
- If pEnabledFeatures is not NULL, pEnabledFeatures **must** be a pointer to a valid VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures structure
- queueCreateInfoCount must be greater than 0

### See Also

VkDeviceCreateFlags, VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo, VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures, VkStructureType, vkCreateDevice

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDeviceCreateInfo

# VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created device queue

### **C** Specification

The VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo structure is defined as:

### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- flags is reserved for future use.
- queueFamilyIndex is an unsigned integer indicating the index of the queue family to create 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 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.

# **Description**

# Valid Usage

- queueFamilyIndex must be less than pQueueFamilyPropertyCount returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties
- queueCount must be less than or equal to the queueCount member of the VkQueueFamilyProperties structure, as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties in the pQueueFamilyProperties[ queueFamilyIndex]
- Each element of pQueuePriorities must be between 0.0 and 1.0 inclusive

## **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- sType **must** be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_DEVICE\_QUEUE\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- pQueuePriorities **must** be a pointer to an array of queueCount float values
- queueCount must be greater than 0

### See Also

VkDevice Create Info, VkDevice Queue Create Flags, VkStructure Type

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo

# VkDispatchIndirectCommand(3)

### Name

VkDispatchIndirectCommand - Structure specifying a dispatch indirect command

### **C** Specification

The VkDispatchIndirectCommand structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkDispatchIndirectCommand {
   uint32_t     x;
   uint32_t     y;
   uint32_t     z;
} VkDispatchIndirectCommand;
```

#### **Members**

- 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.

### **Description**

The members of VkDispatchIndirectCommand have the same meaning as the corresponding parameters of vkCmdDispatch.

# **Valid Usage**

- x must be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxComputeWorkGroupCount[0]
- y must be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxComputeWorkGroupCount[1]
- z must be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxComputeWorkGroupCount[2]

#### See Also

vkCmdDispatchIndirect

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDispatchIndirectCommand

# VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand(3)

#### Name

VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand - Structure specifying a draw indexed indirect command

### C Specification

The VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand {
   uint32_t    indexCount;
   uint32_t    instanceCount;
   uint32_t    firstIndex;
   int32_t    vertexOffset;
   uint32_t    firstInstance;
} VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand;
```

#### **Members**

- 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.

### **Description**

The members of VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand have the same meaning as the similarly named parameters of vkCmdDrawIndexed.

# **Valid Usage**

- For a given vertex buffer binding, any attribute data fetched **must** be entirely contained within the corresponding vertex buffer binding, as described in <a href="https://html#cvertex-input">httml/vkspec.html#cvertex-input</a>
- (indexSize \* (firstIndex + indexCount) + offset) **must** be less than or equal to the size of the currently bound index buffer, with indexSize being based on the type specified by indexType, where the index buffer, indexType, and offset are specified via vkCmdBindIndexBuffer
- If the drawIndirectFirstInstance feature is not enabled, firstInstance must be 0

## See Also

vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand

# VkDrawIndirectCommand(3)

#### Name

VkDrawIndirectCommand - Structure specifying a draw indirect command

### **C** Specification

The VkDrawIndirectCommand structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkDrawIndirectCommand {
   uint32_t    vertexCount;
   uint32_t    instanceCount;
   uint32_t    firstVertex;
   uint32_t    firstInstance;
} VkDrawIndirectCommand;
```

### **Members**

- 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.

### **Description**

The members of VkDrawIndirectCommand have the same meaning as the similarly named parameters of vkCmdDraw.

# Valid Usage

- For a given vertex buffer binding, any attribute data fetched **must** be entirely contained within the corresponding vertex buffer binding, as described in <a href="https://html#cvertex-input">httml/vkspec.html#cvertex-input</a>
- If the drawIndirectFirstInstance feature is not enabled, firstInstance must be 0

### See Also

vkCmdDrawIndirect

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDrawIndirectCommand

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# VkEventCreateInfo(3)

### Name

VkEventCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created event

## **C** Specification

The VkEventCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkEventCreateInfo {
   VkStructureType     sType;
   const void*     pNext;
   VkEventCreateFlags   flags;
} VkEventCreateInfo;
```

### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- flags is reserved for future use.

# **Description**

```
Valid Usage (Implicit)

• sType must be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_EVENT_CREATE_INFO

• pNext must be NULL

• flags must be 0
```

### See Also

VkEventCreateFlags, VkStructureType, vkCreateEvent

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkEventCreateInfo

# VkExtensionProperties(3)

### Name

VkExtensionProperties - Structure specifying a extension properties

## **C** Specification

The VkExtensionProperties structure is defined as:

### **Members**

- extensionName is a null-terminated string specifying the name of the extension.
- specVersion is the version of this extension. It is an integer, incremented with backward compatible changes.

### **Description**

#### See Also

vk Enumerate Device Extension Properties, vk Enumerate Instance Extension Properties

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkExtensionProperties

# VkExtent2D(3)

#### Name

VkExtent2D - Structure specifying a two-dimensional extent

# **C** Specification

A two-dimensional extent is defined by the structure:

```
typedef struct VkExtent2D {
   uint32_t width;
   uint32_t height;
} VkExtent2D;
```

#### **Members**

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

## **Description**

#### See Also

VkRect2D, vkGetRenderAreaGranularity

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkExtent2D

# VkExtent3D(3)

#### Name

VkExtent3D - Structure specifying a three-dimensional extent

## **C** Specification

A three-dimensional extent is defined by the structure:

```
typedef struct VkExtent3D {
    uint32_t width;
    uint32_t height;
    uint32_t depth;
} VkExtent3D;
```

#### **Members**

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

### **Description**

#### See Also

```
VkBufferImageCopy, VkImageCopy, VkImageCreateInfo, VkImageFormatProperties, VkImageResolve, VkQueueFamilyProperties, VkSparseImageFormatProperties, VkSparseImageMemoryBind
```

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkExtent3D

# VkFenceCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkFenceCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created fence

## **C** Specification

The VkFenceCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkFenceCreateInfo {
   VkStructureType     sType;
   const void*     pNext;
   VkFenceCreateFlags   flags;
} VkFenceCreateInfo;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- flags is a bitmask of VkFenceCreateFlagBits specifying the initial state and behavior of the fence.

## **Description**

```
Valid Usage (Implicit)
• sType must be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_FENCE_CREATE_INFO
• pNext must be NULL
• flags must be a valid combination of VkFenceCreateFlagBits values
```

#### See Also

VkFenceCreateFlags, VkStructureType, vkCreateFence

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkFenceCreateInfo

# VkFormatProperties(3)

#### Name

VkFormatProperties - Structure specifying image format properties

## **C** Specification

The VkFormatProperties structure is defined as:

#### **Members**

- 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.

# **Description**

Note



If no format feature flags are supported, then the only possible use would be image transfers - which alone are not useful. As such, 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-compression format, then buffers **must** not support any features for the format.

#### See Also

VkFormatFeatureFlags, vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkFormatProperties

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# VkFramebufferCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkFramebufferCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created framebuffer

## **C** Specification

The VkFramebufferCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
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;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- flags is reserved for future use.
- renderPass is a render pass that defines what render passes the framebuffer will be compatible with. See Render Pass Compatibility for details.
- attachmentCount is the number of attachments.
- pAttachments is 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.

# **Description**

Image subresources used as attachments **must** not be used via any non-attachment usage for the duration of a render pass instance.

Note



This restriction means 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, and rather 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 a given zero-attachment subpass must have the same value for VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo ::rasterizationSamples.

## **Valid Usage**

- attachmentCount must be equal to the attachment count specified in renderPass
- Any given 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
- Any given 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
- Any given 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
- Any given element of pAttachments must have been created with an VkFormat value that
  matches the VkFormat specified by the corresponding VkAttachmentDescription in
  renderPass
- Any given element of pAttachments **must** have been created with a samples value that matches the samples value specified by the corresponding VkAttachmentDescription in renderPass
- Any given element of pAttachments **must** have dimensions at least as large as the corresponding framebuffer dimension
- Any given element of pAttachments must only specify a single mip level
- Any given element of pAttachments must have been created with the identity swizzle
- width must be greater than 0.
- width **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxFramebufferWidth
- height must be greater than 0.
- height **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxFramebufferHeight
- layers **must** be greater than **0**.
- layers **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxFramebufferLayers

## **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_FRAMEBUFFER\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- renderPass must be a valid VkRenderPass handle
- If attachmentCount is not 0, pAttachments **must** be a pointer to an array of attachmentCount valid VkImageView handles
- Both of renderPass, and the elements of pAttachments that are valid handles **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

#### See Also

VkFramebufferCreateFlags, VkImageView, VkRenderPass, VkStructureType, vkCreateFramebuffer

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkFramebufferCreateInfo

# VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created graphics pipeline

# **C Specification**

The VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType
                                                      sType;
    const void*
                                                      pNext;
    VkPipelineCreateFlags
                                                      flags;
                                                      stageCount;
    uint32 t
    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;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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 an array of size stageCount structures of type VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo describing the set of the shader stages to be included in the graphics pipeline.
- pVertexInputState is a pointer to an instance of the VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo structure.
- pInputAssemblyState is a pointer to an instance of the VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo structure which determines input assembly behavior, as described in Drawing Commands.

- pTessellationState is a pointer to an instance of the 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 an instance of the VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo structure, and is ignored if the pipeline has rasterization disabled.
- pRasterizationState is a pointer to an instance of the VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo structure.
- pMultisampleState is a pointer to an instance of the VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo, and is ignored if the pipeline has rasterization disabled.
- pDepthStencilState is a pointer to an instance of the VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo structure, and is ignored if the pipeline has rasterization disabled or if the subpass of the render pass the pipeline is created against does not use a depth/stencil attachment.
- pColorBlendState is a pointer to an instance of the VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo structure, and is ignored if the pipeline has rasterization disabled or if the subpass of the render pass the pipeline is created against does not use any color attachments.
- pDynamicState is a pointer to VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo 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 an instance of any render pass 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.

# **Description**

The parameters basePipelineHandle and basePipelineIndex are described in more detail in Pipeline Derivatives.

pStages points to an array of VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo structures, which were previously described in Compute Pipelines.

pDynamicState points to a structure of type VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo.

### **Valid Usage**

- If flags contains the VK\_PIPELINE\_CREATE\_DERIVATIVE\_BIT flag, and basePipelineIndex is -1, basePipelineHandle **must** be a valid handle to a graphics VkPipeline
- 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
- If flags contains the VK\_PIPELINE\_CREATE\_DERIVATIVE\_BIT flag, and basePipelineIndex is not -1, basePipelineHandle **must** be VK\_NULL\_HANDLE
- If flags contains the VK\_PIPELINE\_CREATE\_DERIVATIVE\_BIT flag, and basePipelineHandle is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, basePipelineIndex **must** be -1
- The stage member of each element of pStages must be unique
- The stage member of one element of pStages must be VK\_SHADER\_STAGE\_VERTEX\_BIT
- The stage member of any given element of pStages must not be VK\_SHADER\_STAGE\_COMPUTE\_BIT
- If pStages includes a tessellation control shader stage, it **must** include a tessellation evaluation shader stage
- If pStages includes a tessellation evaluation shader stage, it **must** include a tessellation control shader stage
- If pStages includes a tessellation control shader stage and a tessellation evaluation shader stage, pTessellationState must be a pointer to a valid VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo structure
- If pStages includes tessellation shader stages, the shader code of at least one stage must contain an OpExecutionMode instruction that specifies the type of subdivision in the pipeline
- If pStages includes tessellation shader stages, and the shader code of both stages contain an OpExecutionMode instruction that specifies the type of subdivision in the pipeline, they must both specify the same subdivision mode
- If pStages includes tessellation shader stages, the shader code of at least one stage must contain an OpExecutionMode instruction that specifies the output patch size in the pipeline
- If pStages includes tessellation shader stages, and the shader code of both contain an OpExecutionMode instruction that specifies the out patch size in the pipeline, they must both specify the same patch size
- If pStages includes tessellation shader stages, the topology member of pInputAssembly must be VK\_PRIMITIVE\_TOPOLOGY\_PATCH\_LIST
- If the topology member of pInputAssembly is VK\_PRIMITIVE\_TOPOLOGY\_PATCH\_LIST, pStages must include tessellation shader stages
- If pStages includes a geometry shader stage, and does not include any tessellation shader stages, its shader code must contain an OpExecutionMode instruction that specifies an input primitive type that is compatible with the primitive topology specified in pInputAssembly
- If pStages includes a geometry shader stage, and also includes tessellation shader stages,

its shader code **must** contain an OpExecutionMode instruction that specifies an input primitive type that is compatible with the primitive topology that is output by the tessellation stages

- If pStages includes a fragment shader stage and a geometry shader stage, 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
- If pStages includes a fragment shader stage, its shader code **must** not read from any input attachment that is defined as VK\_ATTACHMENT\_UNUSED in subpass
- The shader code for the entry points identified by pStages, and the rest of the state identified by this structure **must** adhere to the pipeline linking rules described in the Shader Interfaces chapter
- If rasterization is not disabled and subpass uses a depth/stencil attachment in renderpass that has a layout of VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_DEPTH\_STENCIL\_READ\_ONLY\_OPTIMAL in the VkAttachmentReference defined by subpass, the depthWriteEnable member of pDepthStencilState must be VK\_FALSE
- If rasterization is not disabled and subpass uses a depth/stencil attachment in renderpass that has a layout of VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_DEPTH\_STENCIL\_READ\_ONLY\_OPTIMAL 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
- If rasterization is not disabled and the subpass uses color attachments, then for each color attachment in the subpass the blendEnable member of the corresponding element of the pAttachment member of pColorBlendState **must** be VK\_FALSE if the format of the attachment support color blend operations, as specified by VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_COLOR\_ATTACHMENT\_BLEND\_BIT in **VkFormatProperties** flag ::linearTilingFeatures VkFormatProperties::optimalTilingFeatures or vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties
- If rasterization is not disabled and the subpass uses color attachments, the attachmentCount member of pColorBlendState must be equal to the colorAttachmentCount used to create subpass
- If no element of the pDynamicStates member of pDynamicState is VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_VIEWPORT, the pViewports member of pViewportState **must** be a pointer to an array of pViewportState ::viewportCount VkViewport structures
- If no element of the pDynamicStates member of pDynamicState is VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_SCISSOR, the pScissors member of pViewportState **must** be a pointer to an array of pViewportState ::scissorCount VkRect2D structures
- If 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
- If the rasterizerDiscardEnable member of pRasterizationState is VK\_FALSE, pViewportState **must** be a pointer to a valid VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo structure
- If the rasterizerDiscardEnable member of pRasterizationState is VK\_FALSE,
   pMultisampleState must be a pointer to a valid VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo

#### structure

- If the rasterizerDiscardEnable member of pRasterizationState is VK\_FALSE, and subpass uses a depth/stencil attachment, pDepthStencilState **must** be a pointer to a valid VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo structure
- If the rasterizerDiscardEnable member of pRasterizationState is VK\_FALSE, and subpass uses color attachments, pColorBlendState **must** be a pointer to a valid VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo structure
- If 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 pDepthStencil is VK\_TRUE, the depthBiasClamp member of pDepthStencil must be 0.0
- If no element of the pDynamicStates member of pDynamicState is VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_DEPTH\_BOUNDS, and the depthBoundsTestEnable member of pDepthStencil is VK\_TRUE, the minDepthBounds and maxDepthBounds members of pDepthStencil must be between 0.0 and 1.0, inclusive
- layout must be consistent with all shaders specified in pStages
- 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
- If 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
- subpass **must** be a valid subpass within renderpass

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_GRAPHICS\_PIPELINE\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be a valid combination of VkPipelineCreateFlagBits values
- pStages must be a pointer to an array of stageCount valid VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo structures
- pVertexInputState must be a pointer to a valid VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo structure
- pInputAssemblyState **must** be a pointer to a valid VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo structure
- pRasterizationState **must** be a pointer to a valid VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo structure
- If pDynamicState is not NULL, pDynamicState **must** be a pointer to a valid VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo structure
- layout must be a valid VkPipelineLayout handle
- renderPass must be a valid VkRenderPass handle
- stageCount must be greater than 0
- Each of basePipelineHandle, layout, and renderPass that are valid handles **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

#### See Also

VkPipeline, VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo, VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo, VkRenderPass, VkStructureType, vkCreateGraphicsPipelines

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo

# VkImageBlit(3)

#### Name

VkImageBlit - Structure specifying an image blit operation

## **C** Specification

The VkImageBlit structure is defined as:

#### **Members**

- srcSubresource is the subresource to blit from.
- src0ffsets is an array of two VkOffset3D structures specifying the bounds of the source region within srcSubresource.
- dstSubresource is the subresource to blit into.
- dstOffsets is an array of two VkOffset3D structures specifying the bounds of the destination region within dstSubresource.

# **Description**

For each element of the pRegions array, a blit operation is performed the specified source and destination regions.

### **Valid Usage**

- The aspectMask member of srcSubresource and dstSubresource must match
- The layerCount member of srcSubresource and dstSubresource must match
- If either of the calling command's srcImage or dstImage parameters are of VkImageType
  VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_3D, the baseArrayLayer and layerCount members of both srcSubresource and dstSubresource must be 0 and 1, respectively
- The aspectMask member of srcSubresource **must** specify aspects present in the calling command's srcImage
- The aspectMask member of dstSubresource must specify aspects present in the calling command's dstImage
- srcOffset[0].x and srcOffset[1].x must both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or
  equal to the source image subresource width
- src0ffset[0].y and src0ffset[1].y must both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the source image subresource height
- If the calling command's srcImage is of type VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_1D, then srcOffset[0].y must be 0 and srcOffset[1].y must be 1.
- srcOffset[0].z and srcOffset[1].z must both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or
  equal to the source image subresource depth
- If the calling command's srcImage is of type VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_1D or VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_2D, then srcOffset[0].z must be 0 and srcOffset[1].z must be 1.
- dstOffset[0].x and dstOffset[1].x must both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the destination image subresource width
- dstOffset[0].y and dstOffset[1].y must both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the destination image subresource height
- If the calling command's dstImage is of type VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_1D, then dstOffset[0].y must be 0 and dstOffset[1].y must be 1.
- dstOffset[0].z and dstOffset[1].z must both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the destination image subresource depth
- If the calling command's dstImage is of type VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_1D or VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_2D, then dstOffset[0].z must be 0 and dstOffset[1].z must be 1.

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- srcSubresource **must** be a valid VkImageSubresourceLayers structure
- dstSubresource **must** be a valid VkImageSubresourceLayers structure

# See Also

VkImageSubresourceLayers, VkOffset3D, vkCmdBlitImage

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImageBlit

# VkImageCopy(3)

#### Name

VkImageCopy - Structure specifying an image copy operation

## **C** Specification

The VkImageCopy structure is defined as:

#### **Members**

- srcSubresource and dstSubresource are VkImageSubresourceLayers structures specifying the image subresources of the images used for the source and destination image data, respectively.
- src0ffset and dst0ffset 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 copy in width, height and depth.

## **Description**

Copies are done layer by layer starting with baseArrayLayer member of srcSubresource for the source and dstSubresource for the destination. layerCount layers are copied to the destination image.

### **Valid Usage**

- The aspectMask member of srcSubresource and dstSubresource must match
- The layerCount member of srcSubresource and dstSubresource must match
- If either of the calling command's srcImage or dstImage parameters are of VkImageType
  VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_3D, the baseArrayLayer and layerCount members of both srcSubresource and dstSubresource must be 0 and 1, respectively
- The aspectMask member of srcSubresource must specify aspects present in the calling command's srcImage
- The aspectMask member of dstSubresource must specify aspects present in the calling command's dstImage
- srcOffset.x and (extent.width + srcOffset.x) must both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the source image subresource width
- srcOffset.y and (extent.height + srcOffset.y) must both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the source image subresource height
- If the calling command's srcImage is of type VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_1D, then srcOffset.y **must** be 0 and extent.height **must** be 1.
- srcOffset.z and (extent.depth + srcOffset.z) **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the source image subresource depth
- If the calling command's srcImage is of type VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_1D or VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_2D, then srcOffset.z must be 0 and extent.depth must be 1.
- srcSubresource.baseArrayLayer **must** be less than and (srcSubresource.layerCount + srcSubresource.baseArrayLayer) **must** be less than or equal to the number of layers in the source image
- dstOffset.x and (extent.width + dstOffset.x) must both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the destination image subresource width
- dstOffset.y and (extent.height + dstOffset.y) **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the destination image subresource height
- If the calling command's dstImage is of type VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_1D, then dstOffset.y **must** be 0 and extent.height **must** be 1.
- dstOffset.z and (extent.depth + dstOffset.z) must both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the destination image subresource depth
- If the calling command's dstImage is of type VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_1D or VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_2D, then dstOffset.z must be 0 and extent.depth must be 1.
- dstSubresource.baseArrayLayer **must** be less than and (dstSubresource.layerCount + dstSubresource.baseArrayLayer) **must** be less than or equal to the number of layers in the destination image
- If the calling command's srcImage is a compressed format image, all members of srcOffset
  must be a multiple of the corresponding dimensions of the compressed texel block
- If the calling command's srcImage is a compressed format image, extent.width must be a

- multiple of the compressed texel block width or (extent.width + srcOffset.x) must equal the source image subresource width
- If the calling command's srcImage is a compressed format image, extent.height must be a
  multiple of the compressed texel block height or (extent.height + srcOffset.y) must equal
  the source image subresource height
- If the calling command's srcImage is a compressed format image, extent.depth must be a
  multiple of the compressed texel block depth or (extent.depth + srcOffset.z) must equal
  the source image subresource depth
- If the calling command's dstImage is a compressed format image, all members of dstOffset must be a multiple of the corresponding dimensions of the compressed texel block
- If the calling command's dstImage is a compressed format image, extent.width must be a multiple of the compressed texel block width or (extent.width + dstOffset.x) must equal the destination image subresource width
- If the calling command's dstImage is a compressed format image, extent.height must be a
  multiple of the compressed texel block height or (extent.height + dstOffset.y) must equal
  the destination image subresource height
- If the calling command's dstImage is a compressed format image, extent.depth must be a multiple of the compressed texel block depth or (extent.depth + dstOffset.z) must equal the destination image subresource depth
- srcOffset, dstOffset, and extent **must** respect the image transfer granularity requirements of the queue family that it will be submitted against, as described in Physical Device Enumeration

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- srcSubresource **must** be a valid VkImageSubresourceLayers structure
- dstSubresource **must** be a valid VkImageSubresourceLayers structure

#### See Also

VkExtent3D, VkImageSubresourceLayers, VkOffset3D, vkCmdCopyImage

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImageCopy

# VkImageCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkImageCreateInfo - Structure specifying the parameters of a newly created image object

### **C** Specification

The VkImageCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkImageCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType
                              sType;
    const void*
                              pNext;
    VkImageCreateFlags
                              flags;
                              imageType;
    VkImageType
    VkFormat
                              format;
    VkExtent3D
                              extent;
    uint32 t
                              mipLevels;
    uint32_t
                              arrayLayers;
    VkSampleCountFlagBits
                              samples;
    VkImageTiling
                              tiling;
    VkImageUsageFlags
                              usage;
    VkSharingMode
                              sharingMode;
                              queueFamilyIndexCount;
    uint32 t
    const uint32_t*
                              pQueueFamilyIndices;
    VkImageLayout
                              initialLayout;
} VkImageCreateInfo;
```

### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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 data elements 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 the number of sub-data element samples in the image as defined in VkSampleCountFlagBits. See Multisampling.
- tiling is a VkImageTiling value specifying the tiling arrangement of the data elements 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 list of queue families that will access this image (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.

### **Description**

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

Implementations **may** support additional limits and capabilities beyond those listed above.

To query an implementation's specific capabilities for a given combination of format, imageType, tiling, usage, and flags, call vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties. The return value indicates whether that combination of image settings is supported. On success, the VkImageFormatProperties output parameter indicates the set of valid samples bits and the limits for extent, mipLevels, and arrayLayers.

To determine the set of valid usage bits for a given format, call vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties.

## **Valid Usage**

- The combination of format, imageType, tiling, usage, and flags **must** be supported, as indicated by a VK\_SUCCESS return value from vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties invoked with the same values passed to the corresponding parameters.
- If sharingMode is VK\_SHARING\_MODE\_CONCURRENT, pQueueFamilyIndices **must** be a pointer to an array of queueFamilyIndexCount uint32\_t values
- If sharingMode is VK\_SHARING\_MODE\_CONCURRENT, queueFamilyIndexCount **must** be greater than 1
- If sharingMode is VK\_SHARING\_MODE\_CONCURRENT, each element of pQueueFamilyIndices **must** be unique and **must** be less than pQueueFamilyPropertyCount returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties for the physicalDevice that was used to create device
- format must not be VK\_FORMAT\_UNDEFINED
- extent::width must be greater than 0.
- extent::height must be greater than 0.
- extent::depth must be greater than 0.
- mipLevels must be greater than 0
- arrayLayers must be greater than 0
- If flags contains VK\_IMAGE\_CREATE\_CUBE\_COMPATIBLE\_BIT, imageType **must** be VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_2D
- If imageType is VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_1D, extent.width **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxImageDimension1D, or VkImageFormatProperties::maxExtent.width (as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties with format, imageType, tiling, usage, and flags equal to those in this structure) whichever is higher
- If imageType is VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_2D and flags does not contain VK\_IMAGE\_CREATE\_CUBE\_COMPATIBLE\_BIT, extent.width and extent.height **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxImageDimension2D, or VkImageFormatProperties ::maxExtent.width/height (as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties with format, imageType, tiling, usage, and flags equal to those in this structure) whichever is higher
- If imageType is VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_2D and flags contains VK\_IMAGE\_CREATE\_CUBE\_COMPATIBLE\_BIT, extent.width and extent.height **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::maxImageDimensionCube, or VkImageFormatProperties::maxExtent.width/height (as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties with format, imageType, tiling, usage, and flags equal to those in this structure) whichever is higher
- 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
- If imageType is VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_3D, extent.width, extent.height and extent.depth **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxImageDimension3D, or VkImageFormatProperties ::maxExtent.width/height/depth (as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties

with format, imageType, tiling, usage, and flags equal to those in this structure) - whichever is higher

- If imageType is VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_1D, both extent.height and extent.depth must be 1
- If imageType is VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_2D, extent.depth must be 1
- mipLevels must be less than or equal to  $log_2(max(extent.width, extent.height, extent.depth)) + 1.$
- If any of extent.width, extent.height, or extent.depth are greater than the equivalently named members of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxImageDimension3D, mipLevels **must** be less than or equal to VkImageFormatProperties::maxMipLevels (as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties with format, imageType, tiling, usage, and flags equal to those in this structure)
- arrayLayers **must** be less than or equal to VkImageFormatProperties::maxArrayLayers (as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties with format, imageType, tiling, usage, and flags equal to those in this structure)
- If imageType is VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_3D, arrayLayers **must** be 1.
- If samples is not VK\_SAMPLE\_COUNT\_1\_BIT, imageType **must** be VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_2D, flags **must** not contain VK\_IMAGE\_CREATE\_CUBE\_COMPATIBLE\_BIT, tiling **must** be VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_OPTIMAL, and mipLevels **must** be equal to 1
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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.
- samples **must** be a bit value that is set in VkImageFormatProperties::sampleCounts returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties with format, imageType, tiling, usage, and flags equal to those in this structure
- 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
- If the sparse bindings feature is not enabled, flags must not contain VK\_IMAGE\_CREATE\_SPARSE\_BINDING\_BIT
- If imageType is VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_1D, flags **must** not contain VK\_IMAGE\_CREATE\_SPARSE\_RESIDENCY\_BIT
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- If tiling is VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_LINEAR, format **must** be a format that has at least one supported feature bit present in the value of VkFormatProperties::linearTilingFeatures returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format
- If tiling is VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_LINEAR, and VkFormatProperties::linearTilingFeatures (as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format) does not include VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_SAMPLED\_IMAGE\_BIT, usage **must** not contain VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_SAMPLED\_BIT
- If tiling is VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_LINEAR, and VkFormatProperties::linearTilingFeatures (as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format) does not include VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_STORAGE\_IMAGE\_BIT, usage **must** not contain VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_STORAGE\_BIT
- If tiling is VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_LINEAR, and VkFormatProperties::linearTilingFeatures (as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format) does not include VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_COLOR\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT, usage **must** not contain VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_COLOR\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT
- If tiling is VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_LINEAR, and VkFormatProperties::linearTilingFeatures (as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format) does not include VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_DEPTH\_STENCIL\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT, usage **must** not contain VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_DEPTH\_STENCIL\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT
- If tiling is VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_OPTIMAL, format **must** be a format that has at least one supported feature bit present in the value of VkFormatProperties::optimalTilingFeatures returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format
- If tiling is VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_OPTIMAL, and VkFormatProperties::optimalTilingFeatures (as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format) does not include VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_SAMPLED\_IMAGE\_BIT, usage **must** not contain VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_SAMPLED\_BIT
- If tiling is VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_OPTIMAL, and VkFormatProperties::optimalTilingFeatures (as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format) does not include VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_STORAGE\_IMAGE\_BIT, usage **must** not contain VK IMAGE USAGE STORAGE BIT

- If tiling is VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_OPTIMAL, and VkFormatProperties::optimalTilingFeatures (as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format) does not include VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_COLOR\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT, usage must not contain VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_COLOR\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT
- If tiling is VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_OPTIMAL, and VkFormatProperties::optimalTilingFeatures (as returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format) does not include VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_DEPTH\_STENCIL\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT, usage **must** not contain VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_DEPTH\_STENCIL\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT
- 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
- initialLayout **must** be VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_UNDEFINED or VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_PREINITIALIZED.

## **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_IMAGE\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be a valid combination of VkImageCreateFlagBits values
- imageType must be a valid VkImageType value
- format must be a valid VkFormat value
- samples must be a valid VkSampleCountFlagBits value
- tiling must be a valid VkImageTiling value
- usage must be a valid combination of VkImageUsageFlagBits values
- usage must not be 0
- sharingMode must be a valid VkSharingMode value
- initialLayout must be a valid VkImageLayout value

#### See Also

VkExtent3D, VkFormat, VkImageCreateFlags, VkImageLayout, VkImageTiling, VkImageType, VkImageFlags, VkSampleCountFlagBits, VkSharingMode, VkStructureType, vkCreateImage

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImageCreateInfo

# VkImageFormatProperties(3)

#### Name

VkImageFormatProperties - Structure specifying a image format properties

### **C** Specification

The VkImageFormatProperties structure is defined as:

#### **Members**

- 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 either be equal to 1 (valid only if tiling is VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_LINEAR) or be equal to log<sub>2</sub>(max(width, height, depth)) + 1. width, height, and depth are taken from the corresponding members of maxExtent.
- maxArrayLayers is the maximum number of array layers. maxArrayLayers **must** either be equal to 1 or be greater than or equal to the maxImageArrayLayers member of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits. A value of 1 is valid only if tiling is VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_LINEAR or if type is VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_3D.
- 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<sup>31</sup>.

# **Description**

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 or the image will be invalid. While the advertised limit must be at least 2<sup>31</sup>, 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.

## See Also

VkDeviceSize, VkExtent3D, VkSampleCountFlags, vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImageFormatProperties

# VkImageMemoryBarrier(3)

#### Name

VkImageMemoryBarrier - Structure specifying the parameters of an image memory barrier

## **C** Specification

The VkImageMemoryBarrier structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkImageMemoryBarrier {
    VkStructureType
                                sType;
    const void*
                                pNext;
    VkAccessFlags
                                srcAccessMask;
    VkAccessFlags
                                dstAccessMask;
    VkImageLayout
                                oldLayout;
    VkImageLayout
                                newLayout;
                                srcQueueFamilyIndex;
    uint32 t
    uint32_t
                                dstQueueFamilyIndex;
    VkImage
                                image;
    VkImageSubresourceRange
                                subresourceRange;
} VkImageMemoryBarrier;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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.

## **Description**

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.

If oldLayout is not equal to newLayout, then the memory barrier defines an image layout transition for the specified image subresource range.

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.

### **Valid Usage**

- oldLayout **must** be VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_UNDEFINED or the current layout of the image subresources affected by the barrier
- newLayout **must** not be VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_UNDEFINED or VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_PREINITIALIZED
- If image was created with a sharing mode of VK\_SHARING\_MODE\_CONCURRENT, srcQueueFamilyIndex and dstQueueFamilyIndex **must** both be VK\_QUEUE\_FAMILY\_IGNORED
- If image was created with a sharing mode of VK\_SHARING\_MODE\_EXCLUSIVE, srcQueueFamilyIndex and dstQueueFamilyIndex must either both be VK\_QUEUE\_FAMILY\_IGNORED, or both be a valid queue family (see <a href="https://html#colored.com/html#">https://html#.com/html#.co
- If image was created with a sharing mode of VK\_SHARING\_MODE\_EXCLUSIVE, and srcQueueFamilyIndex and dstQueueFamilyIndex are not VK\_QUEUE\_FAMILY\_IGNORED, at least one of them **must** be the same as the family of the queue that will execute this barrier
- subresourceRange::baseMipLevel **must** be less than the mipLevels specified in VkImageCreateInfo when image was created
- If subresourceRange::levelCount is not VK\_REMAINING\_MIP\_LEVELS, subresourceRange ::levelCount must be non-zero and subresourceRange::baseMipLevel + subresourceRange ::levelCount must be less than or equal to the mipLevels specified in VkImageCreateInfo when image was created
- subresourceRange::baseArrayLayer **must** be less than the arrayLayers specified in VkImageCreateInfo when image was created
- If subresourceRange::layerCount is not VK\_REMAINING\_ARRAY\_LAYERS, 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
- If image has a depth/stencil format with both depth and stencil components, then aspectMask member of subresourceRange must include both VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_DEPTH\_BIT and VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_STENCIL\_BIT
- If either oldLayout or newLayout is VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_COLOR\_ATTACHMENT\_OPTIMAL then image must have been created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_COLOR\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT set
- If either 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 set
- If either 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 set
- If either 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 set
- If either oldLayout or newLayout is VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_TRANSFER\_SRC\_OPTIMAL then image must have been created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_TRANSFER\_SRC\_BIT set
- If either oldLayout or newLayout is VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_TRANSFER\_DST\_OPTIMAL then image **must** have been created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_TRANSFER\_DST\_BIT set

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_IMAGE\_MEMORY\_BARRIER
- pNext must be NULL
- srcAccessMask must be a valid combination of VkAccessFlagBits values
- dstAccessMask must be a valid combination of VkAccessFlagBits values
- oldLayout must be a valid VkImageLayout value
- newLayout must be a valid VkImageLayout value
- image must be a valid VkImage handle
- subresourceRange **must** be a valid VkImageSubresourceRange structure

#### See Also

VkAccessFlags, VkImage, VkImageLayout, VkImageSubresourceRange, VkStructureType, vkCmdPipelineBarrier, vkCmdWaitEvents

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImageMemoryBarrier

# VkImageResolve(3)

#### Name

VkImageResolve - Structure specifying an image resolve operation

## **C** Specification

The VkImageResolve structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkImageResolve {
   VkImageSubresourceLayers srcSubresource;
   VkOffset3D srcOffset;
   VkImageSubresourceLayers dstSubresource;
   VkOffset3D dstOffset;
   VkExtent3D extent;
} VkImageResolve;
```

#### **Members**

- 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.
- src0ffset and dst0ffset 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.

## **Description**

## Valid Usage

- The aspectMask member of srcSubresource and dstSubresource must only contain VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_COLOR\_BIT
- The layerCount member of srcSubresource and dstSubresource must match
- If either of the calling command's srcImage or dstImage parameters are of VkImageType
  VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_3D, the baseArrayLayer and layerCount members of both srcSubresource and dstSubresource must be 0 and 1, respectively
- srcOffset.x and (extent.width + srcOffset.x) must both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the source image subresource width
- src0ffset.y and (extent.height + src0ffset.y) **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the source image subresource height
- If the calling command's srcImage is of type VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_1D, then srcOffset.y must be 0
  and extent.height must be 1.
- srcOffset.z and (extent.depth + srcOffset.z) **must** both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the source image subresource depth
- If the calling command's srcImage is of type VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_1D or VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_2D, then srcOffset.z must be 0 and extent.depth must be 1.
- dstOffset.x and (extent.width + dstOffset.x) must both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the destination image subresource width
- dstOffset.y and (extent.height + dstOffset.y) must both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the destination image subresource height
- If the calling command's dstImage is of type VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_1D, then dstOffset.y must be 0 and extent.height must be 1.
- dstOffset.z and (extent.depth + dstOffset.z) must both be greater than or equal to 0 and less than or equal to the destination image subresource depth
- If the calling command's dstImage is of type VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_1D or VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_2D, then dstOffset.z must be 0 and extent.depth must be 1.

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- srcSubresource must be a valid VkImageSubresourceLayers structure
- dstSubresource **must** be a valid VkImageSubresourceLayers structure

#### See Also

VkExtent3D, VkImageSubresourceLayers, VkOffset3D, vkCmdResolveImage

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

# https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html #VkImageResolve

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# VkImageSubresource(3)

#### Name

VkImageSubresource - Structure specifying a image subresource

# **C Specification**

The VkImageSubresource structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkImageSubresource {
    VkImageAspectFlags aspectMask;
    uint32_t mipLevel;
    uint32_t arrayLayer;
} VkImageSubresource;
```

#### **Members**

- aspectMask is a VkImageAspectFlags selecting the image aspect.
- mipLevel selects the mipmap level.
- arrayLayer selects the array layer.

## **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

- mipLevel must be less than the mipLevels specified in VkImageCreateInfo when the image was created
- arrayLayer **must** be less than the arrayLayers specified in VkImageCreateInfo when the image was created

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- aspectMask must be a valid combination of VkImageAspectFlagBits values
- aspectMask **must** not be 0

#### See Also

VkImageAspectFlags, VkSparseImageMemoryBind, vkGetImageSubresourceLayout

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/	registry/vulkan/s	specs/1.0/html/	vkspec.html#	<sup>‡</sup> VkImageSubr	resource

# VkImageSubresourceLayers(3)

#### Name

VkImageSubresourceLayers - Structure specifying a image subresource layers

### C Specification

The VkImageSubresourceLayers structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkImageSubresourceLayers {
   VkImageAspectFlags aspectMask;
   uint32_t mipLevel;
   uint32_t baseArrayLayer;
   uint32_t layerCount;
} VkImageSubresourceLayers;
```

#### **Members**

- aspectMask is a combination of VkImageAspectFlagBits, selecting the color, depth and/or stencil aspects to be copied.
- mipLevel is the mipmap level to copy from.
- baseArrayLayer and layerCount are the starting layer and number of layers to copy.

# **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

- 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
- aspectMask must not contain VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_METADATA\_BIT
- mipLevel must be less than the mipLevels specified in VkImageCreateInfo when the image was created
- (baseArrayLayer + layerCount) **must** be less than or equal to the arrayLayers specified in VkImageCreateInfo when the image was created

# **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- aspectMask must be a valid combination of VkImageAspectFlagBits values
- aspectMask must not be 0

# See Also

VkBufferImageCopy, VkImageAspectFlags, VkImageBlit, VkImageCopy, VkImageResolve

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImageSubresourceLayers

# VkImageSubresourceRange(3)

#### Name

VkImageSubresourceRange - Structure specifying a image subresource range

### **C** Specification

The VkImageSubresourceRange structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkImageSubresourceRange {
   VkImageAspectFlags aspectMask;
   uint32_t baseMipLevel;
   uint32_t levelCount;
   uint32_t baseArrayLayer;
   uint32_t layerCount;
} VkImageSubresourceRange;
```

#### **Members**

- 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.

# **Description**

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, behavior when indexing the last cube is undefined.

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. 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 using an imageView 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 and selects whether the imageView 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 imageView 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.

The components member is of type VkComponentMapping, and describes a remapping from components of the image to components of the vector returned by shader image instructions. This remapping **must** be identity for storage image descriptors, input attachment descriptors, and framebuffer attachments.

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- aspectMask must be a valid combination of VkImageAspectFlagBits values
- aspectMask must not be 0

#### See Also

VkImageAspectFlags, VkImageMemoryBarrier, VkImageViewCreateInfo, vkCmdClearColorImage, vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImageSubresourceRange

# VkImageViewCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkImageViewCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created image view

### **C Specification**

The VkImageViewCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkImageViewCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType
                                sType;
    const void*
                                pNext;
    VkImageViewCreateFlags
                                flags;
    VkImage
                                image;
    VkImageViewType
                                viewType;
    VkFormat
                                format;
    VkComponentMapping
                                components;
    VkImageSubresourceRange
                                subresourceRange;
} VkImageViewCreateInfo;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- flags is reserved for future use.
- image is a VkImage on which the view will be created.
- viewType is an VkImageViewType value specifying the type of the image view.
- format is a VkFormat describing the format and type used to interpret data elements in the image.
- components is a VkComponentMapping specifies a remapping of color components (or of depth or stencil components after they have been converted into color components).
- subresourceRange is a VkImageSubresourceRange selecting the set of mipmap levels and array layers to be accessible to the view.

### **Description**

If image was created with the VK\_IMAGE\_CREATE\_MUTABLE\_FORMAT\_BIT flag, format can be different from the image's format, but if 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.

Table 6. Image and image view parameter compatibility requirements

Dim, Arrayed, MS	Image parameters	View parameters
	<pre>imageType = ci.imageType width = ci.extent.width height = ci.extent.height depth = ci.extent.depth arrayLayers = ci.arrayLayers samples = ci.samples flags = ci.flags where ci is the VkImageCreateInfo used to create image.</pre>	baseArrayLayer and layerCount are members of the subresourceRange member.
1D, 0, 0	<pre>imageType = VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D width ≥ 1 height = 1 depth = 1 arrayLayers ≥ 1 samples = 1</pre>	<pre>viewType = VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_1D baseArrayLayer ≥ 0 layerCount = 1</pre>
1D, 1, 0	<pre>imageType = VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D width ≥ 1 height = 1 depth = 1 arrayLayers ≥ 1 samples = 1</pre>	<pre>viewType = VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_1D_ARRAY baseArrayLayer ≥ 0 layerCount ≥ 1</pre>
2D, 0, 0	<pre>imageType = VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D width ≥ 1 height ≥ 1 depth = 1 arrayLayers ≥ 1 samples = 1</pre>	<pre>viewType = VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D baseArrayLayer ≥ 0 layerCount = 1</pre>
2D, 1, 0	<pre>imageType = VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D width ≥ 1 height ≥ 1 depth = 1 arrayLayers ≥ 1 samples = 1</pre>	<pre>viewType = VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY baseArrayLayer ≥ 0 layerCount ≥ 1</pre>
2D, 0, 1	<pre>imageType = VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D width ≥ 1 height ≥ 1 depth = 1 arrayLayers ≥ 1 samples &gt; 1</pre>	<pre>viewType = VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D baseArrayLayer ≥ 0 layerCount = 1</pre>
2D, 1, 1	<pre>imageType = VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D width ≥ 1 height ≥ 1 depth = 1 arrayLayers ≥ 1 samples &gt; 1</pre>	<pre>viewType = VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D_ARRAY baseArrayLayer ≥ 0 layerCount ≥ 1</pre>

Dim, Arrayed, MS	Image parameters	View parameters
CUBE, 0, 0	<pre>imageType = VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D width ≥ 1 height = width depth = 1 arrayLayers ≥ 6 samples = 1 flags includes VK_IMAGE_CREATE_CUBE_COMPATIBLE_ BIT</pre>	<pre>viewType = VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE baseArrayLayer ≥ 0 layerCount = 6</pre>
CUBE, 1, 0	<pre>imageType = VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D width <math>\geq 1</math> height = width depth = 1 <math>N \geq 1</math> arrayLayers <math>\geq 6 \times N</math> samples = 1 flags includes VK_IMAGE_CREATE_CUBE_COMPATIBLE_BIT</pre>	viewType = VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_CUBE_ARRAY baseArrayLayer $\geq 0$ layerCount = $6 \times N$ , $N \geq 1$
3D, 0, 0	<pre>imageType = VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D width ≥ 1 height ≥ 1 depth ≥ 1 arrayLayers = 1 samples = 1</pre>	<pre>viewType = VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_3D baseArrayLayer = 0 layerCount = 1</pre>

### **Valid Usage**

- 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
- If the image cubemap arrays feature is not enabled, viewType must not be VK\_IMAGE\_VIEW\_TYPE\_CUBE\_ARRAY
- If image was created with VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_LINEAR, format **must** be format that has at least one supported feature bit present in the value of VkFormatProperties::linearTilingFeatures returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format
- If image was created with VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_LINEAR and usage contains VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_SAMPLED\_BIT, format **must** be supported for sampled images, as specified by the VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_SAMPLED\_IMAGE\_BIT flag in VkFormatProperties::linearTilingFeatures returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format
- If image was created with VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_LINEAR and usage contains VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_STORAGE\_BIT, format **must** be supported for storage images, as specified by the VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_STORAGE\_IMAGE\_BIT flag in VkFormatProperties::linearTilingFeatures returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format
- If image was created with VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_LINEAR and usage contains VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_COLOR\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT, format **must** be supported for color attachments, as specified by the VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_COLOR\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT flag in VkFormatProperties ::linearTilingFeatures returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format
- If image was created with VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_LINEAR and usage contains VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_DEPTH\_STENCIL\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT, format **must** be supported for depth/stencil attachments, as specified by the VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_DEPTH\_STENCIL\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT flag in VkFormatProperties::linearTilingFeatures returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format
- If image was created with VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_OPTIMAL, format **must** be format that has at least one supported feature bit present in the value of VkFormatProperties ::optimalTilingFeatures returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format
- If image was created with VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_OPTIMAL and usage contains VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_SAMPLED\_BIT, format **must** be supported for sampled images, as specified by the VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_SAMPLED\_IMAGE\_BIT flag in VkFormatProperties::optimalTilingFeatures returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format
- If image was created with VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_OPTIMAL and usage contains VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_STORAGE\_BIT, format **must** be supported for storage images, as specified by the VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_STORAGE\_IMAGE\_BIT flag in VkFormatProperties::optimalTilingFeatures returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format

- If image was created with VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_OPTIMAL and usage contains VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_COLOR\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT, format **must** be supported for color attachments, as specified by the VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_COLOR\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT flag in VkFormatProperties ::optimalTilingFeatures returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format
- If image was created with VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_OPTIMAL and usage contains VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_DEPTH\_STENCIL\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT, format **must** be supported for depth/stencil attachments, as specified by the VK\_FORMAT\_FEATURE\_DEPTH\_STENCIL\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT flag in VkFormatProperties::optimalTilingFeatures returned by vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties with the same value of format
- subresourceRange::baseMipLevel **must** be less than the mipLevels specified in VkImageCreateInfo when image was created
- If subresourceRange::levelCount is not VK\_REMAINING\_MIP\_LEVELS, subresourceRange ::levelCount **must** be non-zero and subresourceRange::baseMipLevel + subresourceRange ::levelCount **must** be less than or equal to the mipLevels specified in VkImageCreateInfo when image was created
- subresourceRange::baseArrayLayer **must** be less than the arrayLayers specified in VkImageCreateInfo when image was created
- If subresourceRange::layerCount is not VK\_REMAINING\_ARRAY\_LAYERS, 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
- If image was created with the VK\_IMAGE\_CREATE\_MUTABLE\_FORMAT\_BIT flag, format **must** be compatible with the format used to create image, as defined in Format Compatibility Classes
- If image was not created with the VK\_IMAGE\_CREATE\_MUTABLE\_FORMAT\_BIT flag, format **must** be identical to the format used to create image
- If image is non-sparse then it **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- subresourceRange and viewType must be compatible with the image, as described in the compatibility table

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_IMAGE\_VIEW\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- image must be a valid VkImage handle
- viewType must be a valid VkImageViewType value
- format must be a valid VkFormat value
- components **must** be a valid VkComponentMapping structure
- subresourceRange **must** be a valid VkImageSubresourceRange structure

#### See Also

VkComponentMapping, VkFormat, VkImage, VkImageSubresourceRange, VkImageViewCreateFlags, VkImageViewType, VkStructureType, vkCreateImageView

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImageViewCreateInfo

# VkInstanceCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkInstanceCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created instance

### **C** Specification

The VkInstanceCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkInstanceCreateInfo {
   VkStructureType
                                 sType;
    const void*
                                 pNext;
    VkInstanceCreateFlags
                                 flags;
    const VkApplicationInfo*
                                 pApplicationInfo;
                                 enabledLayerCount;
    uint32_t
    const char* const*
                                 ppEnabledLayerNames;
    uint32 t
                                 enabledExtensionCount;
    const char* const*
                                 ppEnabledExtensionNames;
} VkInstanceCreateInfo;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- flags is reserved for future use.
- pApplicationInfo is NULL or a pointer to an instance of VkApplicationInfo. 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. 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.

# **Description**

## **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_INSTANCE\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- If pApplicationInfo is not NULL, pApplicationInfo **must** be a pointer to a valid VkApplicationInfo structure
- If enabledLayerCount is not 0, ppEnabledLayerNames **must** be a pointer to an array of enabledLayerCount null-terminated UTF-8 strings
- If enabledExtensionCount is not 0, ppEnabledExtensionNames must be a pointer to an array of enabledExtensionCount null-terminated UTF-8 strings

#### See Also

VkApplicationInfo, VkInstanceCreateFlags, VkStructureType, vkCreateInstance

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkInstanceCreateInfo

# VkLayerProperties(3)

#### Name

VkLayerProperties - Structure specifying layer properties

## **C** Specification

The VkLayerProperties structure is defined as:

#### **Members**

- layerName is a null-terminated UTF-8 string specifying 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 the API Version Numbers and Semantics section.
- implementationVersion is the version of this layer. It is an integer, increasing with backward compatible changes.
- description is a null-terminated UTF-8 string providing additional details that **can** be used by the application to identify the layer.

# **Description**

#### See Also

vkEnumerateDeviceLayerProperties, vkEnumerateInstanceLayerProperties

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkLayerProperties

# VkMappedMemoryRange(3)

#### Name

VkMappedMemoryRange - Structure specifying a mapped memory range

## **C** Specification

The VkMappedMemoryRange structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkMappedMemoryRange {
   VkStructureType    sType;
   const void*     pNext;
   VkDeviceMemory     memory;
   VkDeviceSize     offset;
   VkDeviceSize     size;
} VkMappedMemoryRange;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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.

## **Description**

### **Valid Usage**

- memory must currently be mapped
- If size is not equal to VK\_WHOLE\_SIZE, offset and size **must** specify a range contained within the currently mapped range of memory
- If size is equal to VK\_WHOLE\_SIZE, offset must be within the currently mapped range of memory
- If size is equal to VK\_WHOLE\_SIZE, the end of the current mapping of memory **must** be a multiple of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::nonCoherentAtomSize bytes from the beginning of the memory object.
- offset **must** be a multiple of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::nonCoherentAtomSize
- 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.

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_MAPPED\_MEMORY\_RANGE
- pNext must be NULL
- memory **must** be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle

#### See Also

VkDeviceMemory, VkDeviceSize, VkStructureType, vkFlushMappedMemoryRanges, vkInvalidateMappedMemoryRanges

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkMappedMemoryRange

# VkMemoryAllocateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkMemoryAllocateInfo - Structure containing parameters of a memory allocation

### **C** Specification

The VkMemoryAllocateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkMemoryAllocateInfo {
   VkStructureType sType;
   const void* pNext;
   VkDeviceSize allocationSize;
   uint32_t memoryTypeIndex;
} VkMemoryAllocateInfo;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- allocationSize is the size of the allocation in bytes
- memoryTypeIndex is the memory type index, which selects the properties of the memory to be allocated, as well as the heap the memory will come from.

# **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

- allocationSize must be less than or equal to the amount of memory available to the VkMemoryHeap specified by memoryTypeIndex and the calling command's VkDevice
- allocationSize must be greater than 0

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL

#### See Also

VkDeviceSize, VkStructureType, vkAllocateMemory

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkMemoryAllocateInfo

# VkMemoryBarrier(3)

#### Name

VkMemoryBarrier - Structure specifying a global memory barrier

## **C** Specification

The VkMemoryBarrier structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkMemoryBarrier {
   VkStructureType sType;
   const void* pNext;
   VkAccessFlags srcAccessMask;
   VkAccessFlags dstAccessMask;
} VkMemoryBarrier;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- srcAccessMask is a bitmask of VkAccessFlagBits specifying a source access mask.
- dstAccessMask is a bitmask of VkAccessFlagBits specifying a destination access mask.

### **Description**

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.

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType **must** be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_MEMORY\_BARRIER
- pNext must be NULL
- srcAccessMask must be a valid combination of VkAccessFlagBits values
- dstAccessMask must be a valid combination of VkAccessFlagBits values

#### See Also

VkAccessFlags, VkStructureType, vkCmdPipelineBarrier, vkCmdWaitEvents

# **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkMemoryBarrier

# VkMemoryHeap(3)

#### Name

VkMemoryHeap - Structure specifying a memory heap

## **C** Specification

The VkMemoryHeap structure is defined as:

#### **Members**

- size is the total memory size in bytes in the heap.
- flags is a bitmask of VkMemoryHeapFlagBits specifying attribute flags for the heap.

### **Description**

#### See Also

VkDeviceSize, VkMemoryHeapFlags, VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkMemoryHeap

# VkMemoryRequirements(3)

#### Name

VkMemoryRequirements - Structure specifying memory requirements

## **C** Specification

The VkMemoryRequirements structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkMemoryRequirements {
   VkDeviceSize size;
   VkDeviceSize alignment;
   uint32_t memoryTypeBits;
} VkMemoryRequirements;
```

#### **Members**

- 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.

### **Description**

#### See Also

VkDeviceSize, vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements, vkGetImageMemoryRequirements

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkMemoryRequirements

# VkMemoryType(3)

#### Name

VkMemoryType - Structure specifying memory type

## **C** Specification

The VkMemoryType structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkMemoryType {
   VkMemoryPropertyFlags propertyFlags;
   uint32_t heapIndex;
} VkMemoryType;
```

#### **Members**

- 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.

### **Description**

#### See Also

VkMemoryPropertyFlags, VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkMemoryType

# VkOffset2D(3)

#### Name

VkOffset2D - Structure specifying a two-dimensional offset

# **C** Specification

A two-dimensional offsets is defined by the structure:

```
typedef struct VkOffset2D {
  int32_t x;
  int32_t y;
} VkOffset2D;
```

#### **Members**

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

## **Description**

#### See Also

VkRect2D

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkOffset2D

# VkOffset3D(3)

#### Name

VkOffset3D - Structure specifying a three-dimensional offset

# **C Specification**

A three-dimensional offset is defined by the structure:

```
typedef struct VkOffset3D {
   int32_t x;
   int32_t y;
   int32_t z;
} VkOffset3D;
```

#### **Members**

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

## **Description**

#### See Also

VkBufferImageCopy, VkImageBlit, VkImageCopy, VkImageResolve, VkSparseImageMemoryBind

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkOffset3D

# VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures(3)

#### Name

VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures - Structure describing the fine-grained features that can be supported by an implementation

### **C** Specification

The VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures {
    VkBoo132
                robustBufferAccess;
    VkBool32
                fullDrawIndexUint32;
    VkBoo132
                imageCubeArray;
                independentBlend;
    VkBool32
                geometryShader;
   VkBoo132
                tessellationShader;
    VkBool32
    VkBool32
                sampleRateShading;
                dualSrcBlend;
   VkBool32
    VkBool32
                logicOp;
                multiDrawIndirect;
    VkBool32
   VkBoo132
                drawIndirectFirstInstance:
    VkBool32
                depthClamp;
    VkBool32
                depthBiasClamp;
   VkBoo132
                fillModeNonSolid;
    VkBoo132
                depthBounds;
    VkBoo132
                wideLines;
    VkBool32
                largePoints;
    VkBool32
                alphaToOne;
    VkBoo132
                multiViewport;
    VkBool32
                samplerAnisotropy;
   VkBoo132
                textureCompressionETC2;
    VkBoo132
                textureCompressionASTC LDR;
    VkBoo132
                textureCompressionBC;
   VkBoo132
                occlusionQueryPrecise;
    VkBoo132
                pipelineStatisticsQuery;
    VkBool32
                vertexPipelineStoresAndAtomics;
   VkBoo132
                fragmentStoresAndAtomics;
                shaderTessellationAndGeometryPointSize;
    VkBoo132
    VkBool32
                shaderImageGatherExtended;
   VkBool32
                shaderStorageImageExtendedFormats;
    VkBoo132
                shaderStorageImageMultisample;
    VkBool32
                shaderStorageImageReadWithoutFormat;
   VkBoo132
                shaderStorageImageWriteWithoutFormat;
    VkBoo132
                shaderUniformBufferArrayDynamicIndexing;
    VkBoo132
                shaderSampledImageArrayDynamicIndexing;
    VkBool32
                shaderStorageBufferArrayDynamicIndexing;
    VkBoo132
                shaderStorageImageArrayDynamicIndexing;
```

```
shaderClipDistance;
    VkBoo132
    VkBoo132
                shaderCullDistance;
    VkBoo132
                shaderFloat64;
    VkBoo132
                shaderInt64;
    VkBoo132
                shaderInt16;
    VkBoo132
                shaderResourceResidency;
                shaderResourceMinLod;
    VkBoo132
    VkBool32
                sparseBinding;
                sparseResidencyBuffer;
    VkBoo132
                sparseResidencyImage2D;
    VkBoo132
                sparseResidencyImage3D;
    VkBool32
                sparseResidency2Samples;
    VkBoo132
                sparseResidency4Samples;
    VkBool32
                sparseResidency8Samples;
   VkBool32
    VkBoo132
                sparseResidency16Samples;
    VkBool32
                sparseResidencyAliased;
    VkBoo132
                variableMultisampleRate;
    VkBoo132
                inheritedQueries;
} VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures;
```

#### **Members**

The members of the VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures structure describe the following features:

## **Description**

- robustBufferAccess indicates 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 <code>OpImageTexelPointer</code> 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 <code>OpImageTexelPointer</code> and the object pointed to is not wholly contained within the bound range.

#### 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 in a given SPIR-V block is determined to be out of bounds, then any other access of the same type (load, store, or atomic) in the same SPIR-V block that accesses an address less than 16 bytes away from the out of bounds address **may** also be considered out of bounds.

- 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 address of the attribute plus the size of the attribute is greater than the size of the bound buffer. 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, out of bounds accesses **may** corrupt any memory within the process and cause undefined behavior up to and including application termination.
- fullDrawIndexUint32 indicates 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<sup>32</sup>-1 when the VkIndexType is VK\_INDEX\_TYPE\_UINT32). If this feature is supported, maxDrawIndexedIndexValue must be 2<sup>32</sup>-1; otherwise it must be no smaller than 2<sup>24</sup>-1. See maxDrawIndexedIndexValue.
- imageCubeArray indicates 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 indicates 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 indicates 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 indicates whether shader modules **can** declare the Geometry capability.

- tessellationShader indicates 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 indicates whether shader modules can declare the Tessellation capability.
- sampleRateShading indicates whether per-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 indicates whether shader modules **can** declare the SampleRateShading capability.
- dualSrcBlend indicates 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 <a href="https://htt
- logicOp indicates 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 indicates 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 indicates whether indirect draw 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 indicates 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 indicates 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 indicates 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 indicates 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 indicates 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 indicates 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 indicates whether the implementation is able to replace the alpha value of the color fragment output from the fragment shader with the maximum representable alpha value for fixed-point colors or 1.0 for floating-point colors. 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 indicates 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. Similarly, the viewportCount parameter to the vkCmdSetViewport command and the scissorCount parameter to the vkCmdSetScissor command **must** be 1, and the firstViewport parameter to the vkCmdSetViewport command and the firstScissor parameter to the vkCmdSetScissor command **must** be 0.
- samplerAnisotropy indicates whether anisotropic filtering is supported. If this feature is not enabled, the maxAnisotropy member of the VkSamplerCreateInfo structure must be 1.0.
- textureCompressionETC2 indicates 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_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_UNORM_BLOCK
VK_FORMAT_EAC_R11G11_SNORM_BLOCK
```

vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties and vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties can be used to check for additional supported properties of individual formats.

• textureCompressionASTC\_LDR indicates 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

vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties and vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties **can** be used to check for additional supported properties of individual formats.

- textureCompressionBC indicates 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
```

vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties and vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties **can** be used to check for additional supported properties of individual formats.

- occlusionQueryPrecise indicates 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 indicates 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 indicates 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 buffers, and storage buffer variables used by these
  stages in shader modules must be decorated with the NonWriteable decoration (or the readonly
  memory qualifier in GLSL).
- fragmentStoresAndAtomics indicates 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 buffers, and storage buffer variables used by the fragment stage in shader modules **must** be decorated with the NonWriteable decoration (or the readonly memory qualifier in GLSL).
- shaderTessellationAndGeometryPointSize indicates 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 indicates 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 indicates 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 indicates whether shader modules **can** declare the ImageGatherExtended capability.
- shaderStorageImageExtendedFormats indicates whether the extended storage image formats are available in shader code. If this feature is not enabled, the formats requiring the StorageImageExtendedFormats capability are not supported for storage images. This also indicates whether shader modules can declare the StorageImageExtendedFormats capability.
- shaderStorageImageMultisample indicates 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 indicates whether shader modules can declare the StorageImageMultisample capability.
- shaderStorageImageReadWithoutFormat indicates whether storage images require a format qualifier to be specified when reading from storage images. If this feature is not enabled, the OpImageRead instruction must not have an OpTypeImage of Unknown. This also indicates whether shader modules can declare the StorageImageReadWithoutFormat capability.
- shaderStorageImageWriteWithoutFormat indicates whether storage images require a format qualifier to be specified when writing to storage images. If this feature is not enabled, the OpImageWrite instruction must not have an OpTypeImage of Unknown. This also indicates whether shader modules can declare the StorageImageWriteWithoutFormat capability.
- shaderUniformBufferArrayDynamicIndexing indicates 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 indicates whether shader modules can declare the UniformBufferArrayDynamicIndexing capability.
- shaderSampledImageArrayDynamicIndexing indicates 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 indicates whether shader modules can declare the SampledImageArrayDynamicIndexing capability.
- shaderStorageBufferArrayDynamicIndexing indicates 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 indicates whether shader modules can declare the StorageBufferArrayDynamicIndexing capability.
- shaderStorageImageArrayDynamicIndexing indicates 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 indicates whether shader modules can declare the StorageImageArrayDynamicIndexing capability.
- shaderClipDistance indicates 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 indicates whether shader modules **can** declare the ClipDistance capability.

- shaderCullDistance indicates 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 indicates whether shader modules can declare the CullDistance capability.
- shaderFloat64 indicates 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 indicates whether shader modules **can** declare the Float64 capability.
- shaderInt64 indicates 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 indicates whether shader modules **can** declare the Int64 capability.
- shaderInt16 indicates 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 indicates whether shader modules **can** declare the Int16 capability.
- shaderResourceResidency indicates whether image operations that return resource residency information are supported in shader code. If this feature is not enabled, the <code>OpImageSparse\*</code> instructions <code>must</code> not be used in shader code. This also indicates whether shader modules <code>can</code> declare the <code>SparseResidency</code> capability. The feature requires at least one of the <code>sparseResidency\*</code> features to be supported.
- shaderResourceMinLod indicates whether image operations that specify the minimum resource level-of-detail (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 indicates whether shader modules can declare the MinLod capability.
- sparseBinding indicates 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 indicates 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 indicates 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 indicates 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 indicates 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 indicates 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 indicates 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 indicates whether the physical device **can** access partially resident 2D images with 16 samples per pixel. If this feature is not enabled, images with an <code>imageType</code> of <code>VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_2D</code> and <code>samples</code> set to <code>VK\_SAMPLE\_COUNT\_16\_BIT</code> **must** not be created with <code>VK\_IMAGE\_CREATE\_SPARSE\_RESIDENCY\_BIT</code> set in the flags member of the <code>VkImageCreateInfo</code> structure.
- sparseResidencyAliased indicates 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 indicates whether all pipelines that will be bound to a command buffer subpass with no attachments must have the same value VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo::rasterizationSamples. If VK\_TRUE, set to the implementation supports variable multisample rates in a subpass with 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 indicates whether a secondary command buffer **may** be executed while a query is active.

#### See Also

VkBool32, VkDeviceCreateInfo, vkGetPhysicalDeviceFeatures

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures

# VkPhysicalDeviceLimits(3)

#### Name

VkPhysicalDeviceLimits - Structure reporting implementation-dependent physical device limits

### **C** Specification

The VkPhysicalDeviceLimits structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceLimits {
                          maxImageDimension1D;
    uint32 t
    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;
                          sparseAddressSpaceSize;
    VkDeviceSize
    uint32_t
                          maxBoundDescriptorSets;
                          maxPerStageDescriptorSamplers;
    uint32 t
                          maxPerStageDescriptorUniformBuffers;
    uint32 t
                          maxPerStageDescriptorStorageBuffers;
    uint32_t
    uint32_t
                          maxPerStageDescriptorSampledImages;
    uint32 t
                          maxPerStageDescriptorStorageImages;
    uint32_t
                          maxPerStageDescriptorInputAttachments;
                          maxPerStageResources;
    uint32 t
                          maxDescriptorSetSamplers;
    uint32_t
    uint32_t
                          maxDescriptorSetUniformBuffers;
    uint32 t
                          maxDescriptorSetUniformBuffersDynamic;
    uint32_t
                          maxDescriptorSetStorageBuffers;
                          maxDescriptorSetStorageBuffersDynamic;
    uint32_t
                          maxDescriptorSetSampledImages;
    uint32_t
    uint32 t
                          maxDescriptorSetStorageImages;
    uint32_t
                          maxDescriptorSetInputAttachments;
    uint32_t
                          maxVertexInputAttributes;
                          maxVertexInputBindings;
    uint32 t
    uint32 t
                          maxVertexInputAttributeOffset;
    uint32_t
                          maxVertexInputBindingStride;
                          maxVertexOutputComponents;
    uint32_t
                          maxTessellationGenerationLevel;
    uint32_t
                          maxTessellationPatchSize;
    uint32 t
                          maxTessellationControlPerVertexInputComponents;
    uint32 t
    uint32_t
                          maxTessellationControlPerVertexOutputComponents;
    uint32_t
                          maxTessellationControlPerPatchOutputComponents;
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uint32_t
                      maxTessellationControlTotalOutputComponents;
uint32_t
                      maxTessellationEvaluationInputComponents;
                      maxTessellationEvaluationOutputComponents;
uint32_t
uint32_t
                      maxGeometryShaderInvocations;
                      maxGeometryInputComponents;
uint32_t
                      maxGeometryOutputComponents;
uint32 t
                      maxGeometryOutputVertices;
uint32_t
                      maxGeometryTotalOutputComponents;
uint32_t
                      maxFragmentInputComponents;
uint32 t
uint32_t
                      maxFragmentOutputAttachments;
                      maxFragmentDualSrcAttachments;
uint32_t
                      maxFragmentCombinedOutputResources;
uint32 t
                      maxComputeSharedMemorySize;
uint32_t
                      maxComputeWorkGroupCount[3];
uint32_t
uint32 t
                      maxComputeWorkGroupInvocations;
uint32_t
                      maxComputeWorkGroupSize[3];
uint32_t
                      subPixelPrecisionBits;
                      subTexelPrecisionBits;
uint32 t
                      mipmapPrecisionBits;
uint32_t
uint32_t
                      maxDrawIndexedIndexValue;
uint32 t
                      maxDrawIndirectCount;
float
                      maxSamplerLodBias;
float
                      maxSamplerAnisotropy;
                      maxViewports;
uint32 t
                      maxViewportDimensions[2];
uint32_t
                      viewportBoundsRange[2];
float
                      viewportSubPixelBits;
uint32_t
                      minMemoryMapAlignment;
size_t
VkDeviceSize
                      minTexelBufferOffsetAlignment;
VkDeviceSize
                      minUniformBufferOffsetAlignment;
VkDeviceSize
                      minStorageBufferOffsetAlignment;
int32 t
                      minTexelOffset;
uint32 t
                      maxTexelOffset;
int32_t
                      minTexelGatherOffset;
                      maxTexelGatherOffset;
uint32 t
float
                      minInterpolationOffset;
                      maxInterpolationOffset;
float
uint32_t
                      subPixelInterpolationOffsetBits;
uint32 t
                      maxFramebufferWidth;
uint32_t
                      maxFramebufferHeight;
uint32 t
                      maxFramebufferLayers;
VkSampleCountFlags
                      framebufferColorSampleCounts;
VkSampleCountFlags
                      framebufferDepthSampleCounts;
                      framebufferStencilSampleCounts;
VkSampleCountFlags
VkSampleCountFlags
                      framebufferNoAttachmentsSampleCounts;
uint32_t
                      maxColorAttachments;
VkSampleCountFlags
                      sampledImageColorSampleCounts;
                      sampledImageIntegerSampleCounts;
VkSampleCountFlags
                      sampledImageDepthSampleCounts;
VkSampleCountFlags
                      sampledImageStencilSampleCounts;
VkSampleCountFlags
                      storageImageSampleCounts;
VkSampleCountFlags
```

```
uint32_t
                           maxSampleMaskWords;
    VkBool32
                           timestampComputeAndGraphics;
                           timestampPeriod;
    float
                          maxClipDistances;
    uint32_t
    uint32_t
                          maxCullDistances;
    uint32 t
                          maxCombinedClipAndCullDistances;
                          discreteQueuePriorities;
    uint32_t
    float
                           pointSizeRange[2];
    float
                           lineWidthRange[2];
                           pointSizeGranularity;
    float
    float
                          lineWidthGranularity;
    VkBoo132
                           strictLines;
                           standardSampleLocations;
    VkBool32
                          optimalBufferCopyOffsetAlignment;
   VkDeviceSize
    VkDeviceSize
                           optimalBufferCopyRowPitchAlignment;
                           nonCoherentAtomSize;
    VkDeviceSize
} VkPhysicalDeviceLimits;
```

## **Members**

- maxImageDimension1D is the maximum dimension (width) supported for all images created with an imageType of VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_1D.
- maxImageDimension2D is the maximum dimension (width or height) supported for all images created with an imageType of VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_2D and without VK\_IMAGE\_CREATE\_CUBE\_COMPATIBLE\_BIT set in flags.
- maxImageDimension3D is the maximum dimension (width, height, or depth) supported for all images created with an imageType of VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_3D.
- maxImageDimensionCube is the maximum dimension (width or height) supported for all images created with an imageType of VK\_IMAGE\_TYPE\_2D and with VK\_IMAGE\_CREATE\_CUBE\_COMPATIBLE\_BIT set in flags.
- 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 any
   VkDescriptorBufferInfo structures passed to a call 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 any VkDescriptorBufferInfo structures passed to a call 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 size 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 html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-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 html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-sampler and html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-combinedimagesampler.
- 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\_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 html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-uniformbuffer and html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-uniformbufferdynamic.
- 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\_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 html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-storagebuffer and html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-storagebufferdynamic.
- 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 html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-combinedimagesampler, html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-sampledimage, and html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-uniformtexelbuffer.
- 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 html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-storageimage, and html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-storagetexelbuffer.
- 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 html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-inputattachment.
- maxPerStageResources is the maximum number of resources that can be accessible to a single shader stage in pipeline layout. **Descriptors** with a type 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 descriptor bindings in a pipeline layout across all pipeline shader stages and descriptor set numbers. Descriptors with a type of VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_SAMPLER or VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_COMBINED\_IMAGE\_SAMPLER count against this limit. See <a href="https://html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-combinedimagesampler">https://html#descriptorsets-combinedimagesampler</a>.
- maxDescriptorSetUniformBuffers is the maximum number of uniform buffers that **can** be included in descriptor bindings in a pipeline layout across all pipeline shader stages and descriptor set numbers. Descriptors with a type of VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_UNIFORM\_BUFFER or VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_UNIFORM\_BUFFER\_DYNAMIC count against this limit. See <a href="https://html#cescriptorsets-uniformbuffer">https://html#cescriptorsets-uniformbuffer</a> and <a href="https://html#descriptorsets-uniformbufferdynamic">https://html#descriptorsets-uniformbufferdynamic</a>.
- maxDescriptorSetUniformBuffersDynamic is the maximum number of dynamic uniform buffers that **can** be included in descriptor bindings in a pipeline layout across all pipeline shader stages and descriptor set numbers. Descriptors with a type of VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_UNIFORM\_BUFFER\_DYNAMIC count against this limit. See <a href="https://html#descriptorsets-uniformbufferdynamic">https://html#descriptorsets-uniformbufferdynamic</a>.
- maxDescriptorSetStorageBuffers is the maximum number of storage buffers that can be included
  in descriptor bindings in a pipeline layout across all pipeline shader stages and descriptor set
  numbers. Descriptors with a type of VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_BUFFER or
  VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_BUFFER\_DYNAMIC count against this limit. See <a href="https://html#cescriptorsets-storagebufferdynamic">https://html#cescriptorsets-storagebufferdynamic</a>.
- maxDescriptorSetStorageBuffersDynamic is the maximum number of dynamic storage buffers that can be included in descriptor bindings in a pipeline layout across all pipeline shader stages and descriptor set numbers. Descriptors with a type of VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_BUFFER\_DYNAMIC count against this limit. See html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-storagebufferdynamic.
- maxDescriptorSetSampledImages is the maximum number of sampled images that **can** be included in descriptor bindings in a pipeline layout across all pipeline shader stages and descriptor set numbers. 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 html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-combinedimagesampler, html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-sampledimage, and html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-uniformtexelbuffer.
- maxDescriptorSetStorageImages is the maximum number of storage images that can be included
  in descriptor bindings in a pipeline layout across all pipeline shader stages and descriptor set
  numbers. Descriptors with a type of VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_IMAGE, or
  VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_TEXEL\_BUFFER count against this limit. See html/vkspec.html#
  descriptorsets-storageimage, and html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-storagetexelbuffer.
- maxDescriptorSetInputAttachments is the maximum number of input attachments that **can** be included in descriptor bindings in a pipeline layout across all pipeline shader stages and descriptor set numbers. Descriptors with a type of VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_INPUT\_ATTACHMENT count against this limit. See <a href="https://html/vkspec.h
- 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 html/vkspec.html#fxvertex-attrib and html/vkspec.html#fxvertex-input.
- 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 html/vkspec.html#fxvertex-input.
- 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 <a href="https://html/kspec.html#fxvertex-input">https://html#fxvertex-input</a>.
- 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 html/vkspec.html#fxvertex-input.
- maxVertexOutputComponents is the maximum number of components of output variables which can be output by a vertex shader. See html/vkspec.html#shaders-vertex.
- 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 html/vkspec.html#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 perpatch 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 pervertex 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 <a href="https://https
- 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, 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 <a href="https://html#framebuffer-dsb">html/vkspec.html#framebuffer-dsb</a> and dualSrcBlend.
- maxFragmentCombinedOutputResources is the total number of storage buffers, storage images, and output buffers which **can** be used in the fragment shader stage.
- maxComputeSharedMemorySize is the maximum total storage size, in bytes, of all variables declared with the WorkgroupLocal storage class in shader modules (or with the shared storage qualifier in GLSL) in the compute shader stage.
- maxComputeWorkGroupCount[3] is the maximum number of local workgroups that **can** be dispatched by a single dispatch 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 dispatch commands **must** be less than or equal to the corresponding limit. See html/vkspec.html#dispatch.
- 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 and 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 specified by the LocalSize execution mode and 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 html/vkspec.html#primsrast.
- subTexelPrecisionBits is the number of bits of precision in the division along an axis of an image used for minification and magnification filters. 2<sup>subTexelPrecisionBits</sup> is the actual number of divisions along each axis of the image represented. The filtering hardware will snap to these locations when computing 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<sup>mipmapPrecisionBits</sup> is the actual number of divisions.

#### Note



For example, if this value is 2 bits then when linearly filtering between two levels, each level could: contribute: 0%, 33%, 66%, or 100% (this is just an example and the amount of contribution **should** be covered by different equations in the spec).

- 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 0xFFFFFFF. See
  fullDrawIndexUint32.
- maxDrawIndirectCount is the maximum draw count that is supported for indirect draw calls. See multiDrawIndirect.
- maxSamplerLodBias is the maximum absolute sampler level of detail 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 html/vkspec.html#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 html/vkspec.html#samplersmaxAnisotropy.
- 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 =

#### 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 html/vkspec.html#memory-device-hostaccess.
- minTexelBufferOffsetAlignment is the minimum required alignment, in bytes, for the offset member of the VkBufferViewCreateInfo structure for texel buffers. When a buffer view is created for a buffer which was created with VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_UNIFORM\_TEXEL\_BUFFER\_BIT or VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_STORAGE\_TEXEL\_BUFFER\_BIT set in the usage member of the VkBufferCreateInfo structure, the offset must be an integer multiple of this limit.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 or ConstOffsets image operands of any of the OpImage\*Gather image instructions.
- maxTexelGatherOffset is the maximum offset value for the Offset or ConstOffsets image operands of any of the OpImage\*Gather image instructions.
- minInterpolationOffset is the minimum negative offset value for the offset operand of the InterpolateAtOffset extended instruction.
- maxInterpolationOffset is the maximum positive offset value for the offset operand of the InterpolateAtOffset extended instruction.

- subPixelInterpolationOffsetBits is the number of subpixel 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<sup>1</sup> of VkSampleCountFlagBits indicating the color sample counts that are supported for all framebuffer color attachments.
- framebufferDepthSampleCounts is a bitmask¹ 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<sup>1</sup> 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<sup>1</sup> of VkSampleCountFlagBits indicating the supported sample counts for a framebuffer with 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 bitmask¹ 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 bitmask¹ 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 bitmask¹ 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 bitmask¹ of VkSampleCountFlagBits indicating the sample 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 bitmask¹ 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 indicates 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 html/vkspec.html#devsandqueues-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 indicates 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 indicates 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.
- 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.
- nonCoherentAtomSize is the size and alignment in bytes that bounds concurrent access to host-

mapped device memory.

## **Description**

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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.

## See Also

VkBool32, VkDeviceSize, VkPhysicalDeviceProperties, VkSampleCountFlags

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPhysicalDeviceLimits

# VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties(3)

### Name

VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties - Structure specifying physical device memory properties

## **C** Specification

The VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties structure is defined as:

## **Members**

- memoryTypeCount is the number of valid elements in the memoryTypes array.
- memoryTypes is an array of 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 VkMemoryHeap structures describing the *memory heaps* from which memory **can** be allocated.

# **Description**

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 LAZILY ALLOCATED 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.

The memory types are sorted according to a preorder which serves to aid in easily selecting an appropriate memory type. Given two memory types X and Y, the preorder defines  $X \le Y$  if:

- the memory property bits set for X are a strict subset of the memory property bits set for Y. Or,
- the memory property bits set for X are the same as the memory property bits set for Y, and X uses a memory heap with greater or equal performance (as determined in an implementation-specific manner).

Memory types are ordered in the list such that X is assigned a lesser memoryTypeIndex than Y if (X  $\leq$  Y)  $\land \neg$  (Y  $\leq$  X) according to the preorder. Note that the list of all allowed memory property flag combinations above satisfies this preorder, but other orders would as well. The goal of this ordering is to enable applications to use a simple search loop in selecting the proper memory type, along the lines of:

```
// Find a memory type in "memoryTypeBits" that includes all of "properties"
int32_t FindProperties(uint32_t memoryTypeBits, VkMemoryPropertyFlags properties)
{
    for (int32_t i = 0; i < memoryTypeCount; ++i)</pre>
    {
        if ((memoryTypeBits & (1 << i)) &&
            ((memoryTypes[i].propertyFlags & properties) == properties))
            return i;
    return -1;
}
// Try to find an optimal memory type, or if it does not exist
// find any compatible memory type
VkMemoryRequirements memoryRequirements;
vkGetImageMemoryRequirements(device, image, &memoryRequirements);
int32 t memoryType = FindProperties(memoryRequirements.memoryTypeBits,
optimalProperties);
if (memoryType == -1)
    memoryType = FindProperties(memoryRequirements.memoryTypeBits,
requiredProperties);
```

The loop will find the first supported memory type that has all bits requested in properties set. If there is no exact match, it will find a closest match (i.e. a memory type with the fewest additional bits set), which has some additional bits set but which are not detrimental to the behaviors requested by properties. The application **can** first search for the optimal properties, e.g. a memory type that is device-local or supports coherent cached accesses, as appropriate for the intended usage, and if such a memory type is not present **can** fallback to searching for a less optimal but guaranteed set of properties such as "0" or "host-visible and coherent".

### See Also

VkMemoryHeap, VkMemoryType, vkGetPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPhysicalDeviceMemoryProperties

# VkPhysicalDeviceProperties(3)

#### Name

VkPhysicalDeviceProperties - Structure specifying physical device properties

## **C** Specification

The VkPhysicalDeviceProperties structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceProperties {
                                         apiVersion;
    uint32 t
    uint32_t
                                         driverVersion;
   uint32_t
                                         vendorID;
    uint32 t
                                         deviceID;
   VkPhysicalDeviceType
                                         deviceType;
                                         deviceName[VK_MAX_PHYSICAL_DEVICE_NAME_SIZE];
    char
    uint8 t
                                         pipelineCacheUUID[VK_UUID_SIZE];
   VkPhysicalDeviceLimits
                                         limits;
    VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties
                                         sparseProperties;
} VkPhysicalDeviceProperties;
```

### **Members**

- apiVersion is the version of Vulkan supported by the device, encoded as described in the API Version Numbers and Semantics section.
- driverVersion is the vendor-specified version of the driver.
- vendor ID 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 a null-terminated UTF-8 string containing the name of the device.
- pipelineCacheUUID is an array of size VK\_UUID\_SIZE, containing 8-bit values that represent a universally unique identifier for the device.
- limits is the VkPhysicalDeviceLimits structure which specifies device-specific limits of the physical device. See Limits for details.
- sparseProperties is the VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties structure which specifies various sparse related properties of the physical device. See Sparse Properties for details.

## **Description**

The <code>vendorID</code> and <code>deviceID</code> fields are provided to allow applications to adapt to device characteristics that are not adequately exposed by other Vulkan queries. These <code>may</code> include performance profiles, hardware errata, or other characteristics. In PCI-based implementations, the low sixteen bits of <code>vendorID</code> and <code>deviceID</code> <code>must</code> contain (respectively) the PCI vendor and device IDs

associated with the hardware device, and the remaining bits **must** be set to zero. In non-PCI implementations, the choice of what values to return **may** be dictated by operating system or platform policies. It is otherwise at the discretion of the implementer, subject to the following constraints and guidelines:

- For purposes of physical device identification, the *vendor* of a physical device is the entity responsible for the most salient characteristics of the hardware represented by the physical device handle. In the case of a discrete GPU, this **should** be the GPU chipset vendor. In the case of a GPU or other accelerator integrated into a system-on-chip (SoC), this **should** be the supplier of the silicon IP used to create the GPU or other accelerator.
- If the vendor of the physical device has a valid PCI vendor ID issued by PCI-SIG, that ID **should** be used to construct **vendorID** as described above for PCI-based implementations. Implementations that do not return a PCI vendor ID in **vendorID must** return a valid Khronos vendor ID, obtained as described in the **Vulkan Documentation** and **Extensions** 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.
- The vendor of the physical device is responsible for selecting deviceID. The value selected should uniquely identify both the device version and any major configuration options (for example, core count in the case of multicore devices). 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.

## See Also

VkPhysicalDeviceLimits, VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties, VkPhysicalDeviceType, vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPhysicalDeviceProperties

# VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties(3)

### Name

VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties - Structure specifying physical device sparse memory properties

## **C** Specification

The VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties {
   VkBool32    residencyStandard2DBlockShape;
   VkBool32    residencyStandard2DMultisampleBlockShape;
   VkBool32    residencyStandard3DBlockShape;
   VkBool32    residencyAlignedMipSize;
   VkBool32    residencyNonResidentStrict;
} VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties;
```

#### **Members**

- 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 were populated with 0; writes to non-resident regions will be discarded.

## **Description**

## See Also

VkBool32, VkPhysicalDeviceProperties

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties

# VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo(3)

### Name

VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created pipeline cache

## **C** Specification

The VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo structure is defined as:

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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.

# **Description**

# Valid Usage

- If initialDataSize is not 0, it **must** be equal to the size of pInitialData, as returned by vkGetPipelineCacheData when pInitialData was originally retrieved
- If initialDataSize is not 0, pInitialData **must** have been retrieved from a previous call to vkGetPipelineCacheData

## **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- sType **must** be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_PIPELINE\_CACHE\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- If initialDataSize is not 0, pInitialData **must** be a pointer to an array of initialDataSize bytes

## See Also

VkPipelineCacheCreateFlags, VkStructureType, vkCreatePipelineCache

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo

# VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState(3)

### Name

VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState - Structure specifying a pipeline color blend attachment state

## **C** Specification

The VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState {
    VkBool32
                             blendEnable;
    VkBlendFactor
                             srcColorBlendFactor;
   VkBlendFactor
                             dstColorBlendFactor;
   VkBlendOp
                             colorBlendOp;
   VkBlendFactor
                             srcAlphaBlendFactor;
    VkBlendFactor
                             dstAlphaBlendFactor;
   VkBlendOp
                             alphaBlendOp;
   VkColorComponentFlags
                             colorWriteMask;
} VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState;
```

### **Members**

- 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<sub>r</sub>,S<sub>g</sub>,S<sub>b</sub>).
- 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<sub>a</sub>.
- dstAlphaBlendFactor selects which blend factor is used to determine the destination factor Da.
- 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.

## **Description**

- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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)

- srcColorBlendFactor must be a valid VkBlendFactor value
- dstColorBlendFactor must be a valid VkBlendFactor value
- colorBlendOp must be a valid VkBlendOp value
- srcAlphaBlendFactor must be a valid VkBlendFactor value
- dstAlphaBlendFactor must be a valid VkBlendFactor value
- alphaBlendOp must be a valid VkBlendOp value
- colorWriteMask must be a valid combination of VkColorComponentFlagBits values

### See Also

VkBlendFactor, VkBlendOp, VkBool32, VkColorComponentFlags, VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState

# VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo(3)

### Name

VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created pipeline color blend state

## **C** Specification

The VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo {
   VkStructureType
                                                   sType;
    const void*
                                                   pNext;
   VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateFlags
                                                   flags;
                                                   logicOpEnable;
    VkBool32
   VkLogicOp
                                                   logicOp;
    uint32_t
                                                   attachmentCount;
    const VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState*
                                                   pAttachments;
    float
                                                   blendConstants[4];
} VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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. This value **must** equal the colorAttachmentCount for the subpass in which this pipeline is used.
- pAttachments: is a pointer to array of per target attachment states.
- blendConstants is 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.

## **Description**

Each element of the pAttachments array is a VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState structure specifying per-target blending state for each individual color attachment. If the independent blending feature is not enabled on the device, all VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState elements in the pAttachments array must be identical.

- If the <u>independent blending</u> feature is not enabled, all elements of pAttachments **must** be identical
- If the logic operations feature is not enabled, logicOpEnable must be VK\_FALSE
- If logicOpEnable is VK\_TRUE, logicOp must be a valid VkLogicOp value

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_PIPELINE\_COLOR\_BLEND\_STATE\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- If attachmentCount is not 0, pAttachments **must** be a pointer to an array of attachmentCount valid VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState structures

## See Also

VkBool32, VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo, VkLogicOp, VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState, VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateFlags, VkStructureType

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo

# VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created pipeline depth stencil state

## **C** Specification

The VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo {
   VkStructureType
                                                sType;
    const void*
                                                pNext;
    VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateFlags
                                                flags;
                                               depthTestEnable;
    VkBool32
   VkBool32
                                               depthWriteEnable;
    VkCompareOp
                                                depthCompareOp;
   VkBool32
                                               depthBoundsTestEnable;
   VkBool32
                                               stencilTestEnable;
    VkStencilOpState
                                               front;
   VkStencilOpState
                                               back;
    float.
                                               minDepthBounds;
    float
                                               maxDepthBounds;
} VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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 and maxDepthBounds define the range of values used in the depth bounds test.

## **Description**

• If the depth bounds testing feature is not enabled, depthBoundsTestEnable must be VK\_FALSE

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType **must** be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_PIPELINE\_DEPTH\_STENCIL\_STATE\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- depthCompareOp must be a valid VkCompareOp value
- front **must** be a valid VkStencilOpState structure
- back must be a valid VkStencilOpState structure

## See Also

VkBool32, VkCompareOp, VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo, VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateFlags, VkStencilOpState, VkStructureType

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo

# VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo(3)

### Name

VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created pipeline dynamic state

## **C** Specification

The VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo structure is defined as:

## **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- flags is reserved for future use.
- dynamicStateCount is the number of elements in the pDynamicStates array.
- pDynamicStates is 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 info.

# **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

• Each element of pDynamicStates must be unique

## **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- sType **must** be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_PIPELINE\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- pDynamicStates **must** be a pointer to an array of dynamicStateCount valid VkDynamicState values
- dynamicStateCount must be greater than 0

## See Also

VkDynamicState, VkStructureType VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo,

VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateFlags,

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo

# VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created pipeline input assembly state

## **C** Specification

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:

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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.

# Description

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.

- If topology is VK\_PRIMITIVE\_TOPOLOGY\_POINT\_LIST, VK\_PRIMITIVE\_TOPOLOGY\_LINE\_LIST, VK\_PRIMITIVE\_TOPOLOGY\_TRIANGLE\_LIST, VK\_PRIMITIVE\_TOPOLOGY\_LINE\_LIST\_WITH\_ADJACENCY, VK\_PRIMITIVE\_TOPOLOGY\_TRIANGLE\_LIST\_WITH\_ADJACENCY or VK\_PRIMITIVE\_TOPOLOGY\_PATCH\_LIST, primitiveRestartEnable **must** be VK\_FALSE
- If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, topology must not be any of VK\_PRIMITIVE\_TOPOLOGY\_LINE\_LIST\_WITH\_ADJACENCY,

  VK\_PRIMITIVE\_TOPOLOGY\_LINE\_STRIP\_WITH\_ADJACENCY,

  VK\_PRIMITIVE\_TOPOLOGY\_TRIANGLE\_LIST\_WITH\_ADJACENCY

  or VK\_PRIMITIVE\_TOPOLOGY\_TRIANGLE\_STRIP\_WITH\_ADJACENCY
- If the tessellation shaders feature is not enabled, topology **must** not be VK\_PRIMITIVE\_TOPOLOGY\_PATCH\_LIST

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_PIPELINE\_INPUT\_ASSEMBLY\_STATE\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- topology must be a valid VkPrimitiveTopology value

#### See Also

VkBool32, VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo, VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateFlags, VkPrimitiveTopology, VkStructureType

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo

# VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo - Structure specifying the parameters of a newly created pipeline layout object

## **C** Specification

The VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType
                                     sType;
    const void*
                                     pNext;
    VkPipelineLayoutCreateFlags
                                     flags;
    uint32 t
                                     setLayoutCount;
    const VkDescriptorSetLayout*
                                     pSetLayouts;
                                     pushConstantRangeCount;
    uint32_t
    const VkPushConstantRange*
                                     pPushConstantRanges;
} VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo;
```

## **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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.

# **Description**

- setLayoutCount **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::maxBoundDescriptorSets
- The total number of descriptors of the type VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_SAMPLER and VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_COMBINED\_IMAGE\_SAMPLER accessible to any given shader stage across all elements of pSetLayouts **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::maxPerStageDescriptorSamplers
- The total number of descriptors of the type VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_UNIFORM\_BUFFER and VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_UNIFORM\_BUFFER\_DYNAMIC accessible to any given shader stage across all elements of pSetLayouts **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::maxPerStageDescriptorUniformBuffers
- The total number of descriptors of the type VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_BUFFER and VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_BUFFER\_DYNAMIC accessible to any given shader stage across all elements of pSetLayouts must be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::maxPerStageDescriptorStorageBuffers
- 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 given shader stage across all elements of pSetLayouts must be less than
   or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxPerStageDescriptorSampledImages
- The total number of descriptors of the type VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_IMAGE, and VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_TEXEL\_BUFFER accessible to any given shader stage across all elements of pSetLayouts **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::maxPerStageDescriptorStorageImages
- Any two elements of pPushConstantRanges must not include the same stage in stageFlags

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_PIPELINE\_LAYOUT\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- If setLayoutCount is not 0, pSetLayouts **must** be a pointer to an array of setLayoutCount valid VkDescriptorSetLayout handles
- If pushConstantRangeCount is not 0, pPushConstantRanges **must** be a pointer to an array of pushConstantRangeCount valid VkPushConstantRange structures

#### See Also

VkDescriptorSetLayout, VkPipelineLayoutCreateFlags, VkPushConstantRange, VkStructureType, vkCreatePipelineLayout

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo

# VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created pipeline multisample state

## **C** Specification

The VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo {
   VkStructureType
                                              sType;
    const void*
                                              pNext;
   VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateFlags
                                              flags;
   VkSampleCountFlagBits
                                              rasterizationSamples;
   VkBool32
                                              sampleShadingEnable;
    float
                                              minSampleShading;
    const VkSampleMask*
                                              pSampleMask;
   VkBool32
                                              alphaToCoverageEnable;
                                              alphaToOneEnable;
   VkBool32
} VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- flags is reserved for future use.
- rasterizationSamples is a VkSampleCountFlagBits specifying the number of samples per pixel used in rasterization.
- sampleShadingEnable specifies that fragment shading executes per-sample if VK\_TRUE, or per-fragment if VK\_FALSE, as described in Sample Shading.
- minSampleShading is the minimum fraction of sample shading, as described in Sample Shading.
- pSampleMask is a bitmask of static coverage information that is ANDed with the coverage information generated during rasterization, as described in Sample Mask.
- 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.

# **Description**

- If the sample rate shading feature is not enabled, sampleShadingEnable must be VK\_FALSE
- If the alpha to one feature is not enabled, alphaToOneEnable must be VK\_FALSE
- minSampleShading must be in the range [0,1]

## **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_PIPELINE\_MULTISAMPLE\_STATE\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- rasterizationSamples must be a valid VkSampleCountFlagBits value
- If pSampleMask is not NULL, pSampleMask **must** be a pointer to an array of  $\lceil \frac{rasterizationSamples}{32} \rceil$  VkSampleMask values

#### See Also

VkBool32, VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo, VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateFlags, VkSampleCountFlagBits, VkSampleMask, VkStructureType

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo

# VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created pipeline rasterization state

## **C** Specification

The VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo {
   VkStructureType
                                                 sType;
    const void*
                                                 pNext;
    VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateFlags
                                                 flags;
                                                 depthClampEnable;
    VkBool32
   VkBool32
                                                 rasterizerDiscardEnable;
    VkPolygonMode
                                                 polygonMode;
   VkCullModeFlags
                                                 cullMode;
   VkFrontFace
                                                 frontFace:
   VkBoo132
                                                 depthBiasEnable;
                                                 depthBiasConstantFactor;
    float
    float.
                                                 depthBiasClamp;
    float
                                                 depthBiasSlopeFactor;
    float
                                                 lineWidth;
} VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- flags is reserved for future use.
- depthClampEnable controls whether to clamp the fragment's depth values instead of clipping primitives to the z planes of the frustum, 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.

### **Description**

### **Valid Usage**

- If the depth clamping feature is not enabled, depthClampEnable must be VK\_FALSE
- If the non-solid fill modes feature is not enabled, polygonMode **must** be VK\_POLYGON\_MODE\_FILL

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType **must** be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_PIPELINE\_RASTERIZATION\_STATE\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- polygonMode must be a valid VkPolygonMode value
- cullMode must be a valid combination of VkCullModeFlagBits values
- frontFace **must** be a valid VkFrontFace value

### See Also

VkBool32, VkCullModeFlags, VkFrontFace, VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo, VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateFlags, VkPolygonMode, VkStructureType

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo

# VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created pipeline shader stage

### **C** Specification

The VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo {
   VkStructureType
                                         sType;
    const void*
                                         pNext;
    VkPipelineShaderStageCreateFlags
                                         flags;
   VkShaderStageFlagBits
                                         stage;
   VkShaderModule
                                         module;
    const char*
                                         pName;
    const VkSpecializationInfo*
                                         pSpecializationInfo;
} VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- flags is reserved for future use.
- stage is a VkShaderStageFlagBits value specifying a single pipeline stage.
- module is a VkShaderModule object that contains 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 VkSpecializationInfo, as described in Specialization Constants, and can be NULL.

# **Description**

### Valid Usage

- If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, stage **must** not be VK\_SHADER\_STAGE\_GEOMETRY\_BIT
- 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
- stage must not be VK\_SHADER\_STAGE\_ALL\_GRAPHICS, or VK\_SHADER\_STAGE\_ALL
- pName **must** be the name of an OpEntryPoint in module with an execution model that matches stage
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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 that specifies a patch size with OutputVertices, the patch size must be greater than 0 and less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::maxTessellationPatchSize
- If stage is VK\_SHADER\_STAGE\_GEOMETRY\_BIT, the identified entry point **must** have an OpExecutionMode instruction that specifies a maximum output vertex count that is greater than 0 and less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxGeometryOutputVertices
- If stage is VK\_SHADER\_STAGE\_GEOMETRY\_BIT, the identified entry point **must** have an OpExecutionMode instruction that specifies an invocation count that is greater than 0 and less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxGeometryShaderInvocations
- If stage is VK\_SHADER\_STAGE\_GEOMETRY\_BIT, 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
- If stage is VK\_SHADER\_STAGE\_GEOMETRY\_BIT, 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
- If stage is VK\_SHADER\_STAGE\_FRAGMENT\_BIT, the identified entry point **must** not include any output variables in its interface decorated with CullDistance

• 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

# **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_PIPELINE\_SHADER\_STAGE\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- stage must be a valid VkShaderStageFlagBits value
- module must be a valid VkShaderModule handle
- pName must be a null-terminated UTF-8 string
- If pSpecializationInfo is not NULL, pSpecializationInfo **must** be a pointer to a valid VkSpecializationInfo structure

#### See Also

VkComputePipelineCreateInfo, VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo, VkPipelineShaderStageCreateFlags, VkShaderModule, VkShaderStageFlagBits, VkSpecializationInfo, VkStructureType

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo

# VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created pipeline tessellation state

### **C** Specification

The VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo structure is defined as:

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- flags is reserved for future use.
- patchControlPoints number of control points per patch.

### **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

 patchControlPoints must be greater than zero and less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxTessellationPatchSize

# **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_PIPELINE\_TESSELLATION\_STATE\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0

#### See Also

VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo, VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateFlags, VkStructureType

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo

# VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created pipeline vertex input state

## **C** Specification

The VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo {
   VkStructureType
                                                 sType;
    const void*
                                                 pNext;
    VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateFlags
                                                 flags;
                                                 vertexBindingDescriptionCount;
    uint32 t
    const VkVertexInputBindingDescription*
                                                 pVertexBindingDescriptions;
                                                 vertexAttributeDescriptionCount;
    uint32_t
    const VkVertexInputAttributeDescription*
                                                 pVertexAttributeDescriptions;
} VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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.

### **Description**

### **Valid Usage**

- vertexBindingDescriptionCount **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::maxVertexInputBindings
- vertexAttributeDescriptionCount **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::maxVertexInputAttributes
- For every binding specified by any given element of pVertexAttributeDescriptions, a VkVertexInputBindingDescription **must** exist in pVertexBindingDescriptions with the same value of binding
- All elements of pVertexBindingDescriptions must describe distinct binding numbers
- All elements of pVertexAttributeDescriptions must describe distinct attribute locations

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_PIPELINE\_VERTEX\_INPUT\_STATE\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- If vertexBindingDescriptionCount is not 0, pVertexBindingDescriptions **must** be a pointer to an array of vertexBindingDescriptionCount valid VkVertexInputBindingDescription structures
- If vertexAttributeDescriptionCount is not 0, pVertexAttributeDescriptions **must** be a pointer to an array of vertexAttributeDescriptionCount valid VkVertexInputAttributeDescription structures

#### See Also

VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo, VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateFlags, VkStructureType, VkVertexInputAttributeDescription, VkVertexInputBindingDescription

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo

# VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created pipeline viewport state

# **C Specification**

The VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo {
   VkStructureType
                                           sType;
    const void*
                                           pNext;
    VkPipelineViewportStateCreateFlags
                                           flags;
    uint32 t
                                           viewportCount;
    const VkViewport*
                                           pViewports;
    uint32_t
                                           scissorCount;
    const VkRect2D*
                                           pScissors;
} VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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 which define the rectangular bounds of the scissor for the corresponding viewport. If the scissor state is dynamic, this member is ignored.

### **Description**

### **Valid Usage**

- If the multiple viewports feature is not enabled, viewportCount must be 1
- If the multiple viewports feature is not enabled, scissorCount must be 1
- viewportCount must be between 1 and VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxViewports, inclusive
- scissorCount must be between 1 and VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxViewports, inclusive
- scissorCount and viewportCount must be identical

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_PIPELINE\_VIEWPORT\_STATE\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- viewportCount must be greater than 0
- scissorCount must be greater than 0

#### See Also

VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo, VkPipelineViewportStateCreateFlags, VkRect2D, VkStructureType, VkViewport

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo

# VkPushConstantRange(3)

#### Name

VkPushConstantRange - Structure specifying a push constant range

## **C** Specification

The VkPushConstantRange structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkPushConstantRange {
   VkShaderStageFlags stageFlags;
   uint32_t offset;
   uint32_t size;
} VkPushConstantRange;
```

#### **Members**

- 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 result in undefined data being read.
- 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.

# **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

- offset **must** be less than VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxPushConstantsSize
- offset must be a multiple of 4
- size must be greater than 0
- size must be a multiple of 4
- size must be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxPushConstantsSize minus offset

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- stageFlags must be a valid combination of VkShaderStageFlagBits values
- stageFlags must not be 0

# See Also

VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo, VkShaderStageFlags

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPushConstantRange

# VkQueryPoolCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkQueryPoolCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created query pool

## **C** Specification

The VkQueryPoolCreateInfo structure is defined as:

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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 html/vkspec.html#queries-pipestats.

### **Description**

pipelineStatistics is ignored if queryType is not VK\_QUERY\_TYPE\_PIPELINE\_STATISTICS.

# **Valid Usage**

- If the pipeline statistics queries feature is not enabled, queryType must not be VK\_QUERY\_TYPE\_PIPELINE\_STATISTICS
- If queryType is VK\_QUERY\_TYPE\_PIPELINE\_STATISTICS, pipelineStatistics **must** be a valid combination of VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlagBits values

## **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- sType **must** be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_QUERY\_POOL\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- queryType must be a valid VkQueryType value

### See Also

VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlags, VkQueryPoolCreateFlags, VkQueryType, VkStructureType, vkCreateQueryPool

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkQueryPoolCreateInfo

# VkQueueFamilyProperties(3)

### Name

VkQueueFamilyProperties - Structure providing information about a queue family

### **C** Specification

The VkQueueFamilyProperties structure is defined as:

#### **Members**

- 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.
- 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.

# **Description**

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) which indicates 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<sub>x</sub>, A<sub>y</sub>, and A<sub>z</sub>,

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<sub>y</sub>, 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.

#### See Also

VkExtent3D, VkQueueFlags, vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkQueueFamilyProperties

# VkRect2D(3)

#### Name

VkRect2D - Structure specifying a two-dimensional subregion

## **C** Specification

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

```
typedef struct VkRect2D {
   VkOffset2D offset;
   VkExtent2D extent;
} VkRect2D;
```

#### **Members**

- offset is a VkOffset2D specifying the rectangle offset.
- extent is a VkExtent2D specifying the rectangle extent.

# **Description**

#### See Also

VkClearRect, VkExtent2D, VkOffset2D, VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo, VkRenderPassBeginInfo, vkCmdSetScissor

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkRect2D

# VkRenderPassBeginInfo(3)

#### Name

VkRenderPassBeginInfo - Structure specifying render pass begin info

### **C** Specification

The VkRenderPassBeginInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkRenderPassBeginInfo {
    VkStructureType
                           sType;
    const void*
                           pNext;
    VkRenderPass
                           renderPass;
    VkFramebuffer
                           framebuffer;
    VkRect2D
                           renderArea;
    uint32_t
                           clearValueCount;
    const VkClearValue*
                           pClearValues;
} VkRenderPassBeginInfo;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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 an array of VkClearValue structures that contains 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.

### **Description**

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, otherwise the pixels outside of the render area become undefined and shader side effects **may** occur for fragments outside the render area. The render area **must** be contained within the framebuffer dimensions.

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**

- clearValueCount must be greater than the largest attachment index in renderPass that specifies a loadOp (or stencilLoadOp, if the attachment has a depth/stencil format) of VK\_ATTACHMENT\_LOAD\_OP\_CLEAR
- If clearValueCount is not 0, pClearValues must be a pointer to an array of clearValueCount valid VkClearValue unions
- renderPass must be compatible with the renderPass member of the VkFramebufferCreateInfo structure specified when creating framebuffer.

### Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_RENDER\_PASS\_BEGIN\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- renderPass must be a valid VkRenderPass handle
- framebuffer **must** be a valid VkFramebuffer handle
- Both of framebuffer, and renderPass **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

#### See Also

VkClearValue, VkFramebuffer, VkRect2D, VkRenderPass, VkStructureType, vkCmdBeginRenderPass

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkRenderPassBeginInfo

# VkRenderPassCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkRenderPassCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created render pass

### **C** Specification

The VkRenderPassCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkRenderPassCreateInfo {
   VkStructureType
                                       sType;
    const void*
                                       pNext;
   VkRenderPassCreateFlags
                                       flags;
                                       attachmentCount;
    uint32 t
    const VkAttachmentDescription*
                                       pAttachments;
                                       subpassCount;
    uint32_t
    const VkSubpassDescription*
                                       pSubpasses;
    uint32_t
                                       dependencyCount;
    const VkSubpassDependency*
                                       pDependencies;
} VkRenderPassCreateInfo;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- flags is reserved for future use.
- attachmentCount is the number of attachments used by this render pass, or zero indicating no attachments. Attachments are referred to by zero-based indices in the range [0,attachmentCount).
- pAttachments points to an array of attachmentCount number of VkAttachmentDescription structures describing properties of the attachments, or NULL if attachmentCount is zero.
- subpassCount is the number of subpasses to create for this render pass. Subpasses are referred to by zero-based indices in the range [0,subpassCount). A render pass **must** have at least one subpass.
- pSubpasses points to an array of subpassCount number of VkSubpassDescription structures describing properties of the subpasses.
- dependencyCount is the number of dependencies between pairs of subpasses, or zero indicating no dependencies.
- pDependencies points to an array of dependencyCount number of VkSubpassDependency structures describing dependencies between pairs of subpasses, or NULL if dependencyCount is zero.

### **Description**

### **Valid Usage**

- If any two subpasses operate on attachments with overlapping ranges of the same VkDeviceMemory object, and at least one subpass writes to that area of VkDeviceMemory, a subpass dependency **must** be included (either directly or via some intermediate subpasses) between them
- If the attachment member of any element of pInputAttachments, pColorAttachments, pResolveAttachments or pDepthStencilAttachment, or the attachment indexed by any element of pPreserveAttachments in any given element of pSubpasses is bound to a range of a VkDeviceMemory object that overlaps with any other attachment in any subpass (including the same subpass), the VkAttachmentDescription structures describing them must include VK\_ATTACHMENT\_DESCRIPTION\_MAY\_ALIAS\_BIT in flags
- If the attachment member of any element of pInputAttachments, pColorAttachments, pResolveAttachments or pDepthStencilAttachment, or any element of pPreserveAttachments in any given element of pSubpasses is not VK\_ATTACHMENT\_UNUSED, it **must** be less than attachmentCount
- The value of any element of the pPreserveAttachments member in any given element of pSubpasses must not be VK\_ATTACHMENT\_UNUSED
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 source subpass.

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_RENDER\_PASS\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- If attachmentCount is not 0, pAttachments **must** be a pointer to an array of attachmentCount valid VkAttachmentDescription structures
- pSubpasses must be a pointer to an array of subpassCount valid VkSubpassDescription structures
- If dependencyCount is not 0, pDependencies **must** be a pointer to an array of dependencyCount valid VkSubpassDependency structures
- subpassCount must be greater than 0

#### See Also

VkAttachmentDescription, VkRenderPassCreateFlags, VkStructureType, VkSubpassDependency, VkSubpassDescription, vkCreateRenderPass

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkRenderPassCreateInfo

# VkSamplerCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkSamplerCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created sampler

### **C** Specification

The VkSamplerCreateInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkSamplerCreateInfo {
    VkStructureType
                             sType;
    const void*
                             pNext;
    VkSamplerCreateFlags
                             flags;
    VkFilter
                             magFilter;
    VkFilter
                             minFilter;
    VkSamplerMipmapMode
                             mipmapMode;
    VkSamplerAddressMode
                             addressModeU;
    VkSamplerAddressMode
                             addressModeV;
                             addressModeW:
    VkSamplerAddressMode
    float
                             mipLodBias;
    VkBool32
                             anisotropyEnable;
    float
                             maxAnisotropy;
    VkBool32
                             compareEnable;
    VkCompareOp
                             compareOp;
    float
                             minLod;
    float
                             maxLod;
    VkBorderColor
                             borderColor;
    VkBoo132
                             unnormalizedCoordinates;
} VkSamplerCreateInfo;
```

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- flags is reserved for future use.
- 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 outside [0..1] range for U coordinate.
- addressModeV is a VkSamplerAddressMode value specifying the addressing mode for outside [0..1] range for V coordinate.
- addressModeW is a VkSamplerAddressMode value specifying the addressing mode for outside [0..1] range for W coordinate.

- mipLodBias is the bias to be added to mipmap LOD 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.
- 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 and maxLod are the values used to clamp the computed level-of-detail value, as described in the Level-of-Detail Operation section. maxLod must be greater than or equal to minLod.
- 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 dimensions for x, y and z. When set to VK\_FALSE the range of image coordinates is zero to one. When unnormalizedCoordinates is VK\_TRUE, samplers have the following requirements:
  - minFilter and magFilter must be equal.
  - mipmapMode **must** be VK SAMPLER MIPMAP MODE NEAREST.
  - minLod and maxLod must be zero.
  - addressModeU and addressModeV **must** each be either VK\_SAMPLER\_ADDRESS\_MODE\_CLAMP\_TO\_EDGE or VK\_SAMPLER\_ADDRESS\_MODE\_CLAMP\_TO\_BORDER.
  - anisotropyEnable **must** be VK\_FALSE.
  - compareEnable **must** be VK\_FALSE.
- 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.

# **Description**

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  $\lambda$  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. If maxSamplerAllocationCount is exceeded, vkCreateSampler will return VK\_ERROR\_TOO\_MANY\_OBJECTS.

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.

### **Valid Usage**

- The absolute value of mipLodBias **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::maxSamplerLodBias
- If the anisotropic sampling feature is not enabled, anisotropyEnable must be VK\_FALSE
- If anisotropyEnable is VK\_TRUE, maxAnisotropy **must** be between 1.0 and VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxSamplerAnisotropy, inclusive
- If unnormalizedCoordinates is VK TRUE, minFilter and magFilter **must** be equal
- If unnormalizedCoordinates is VK\_TRUE, mipmapMode must be VK\_SAMPLER\_MIPMAP\_MODE\_NEAREST
- If unnormalizedCoordinates is VK\_TRUE, minLod and maxLod must be zero
- 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
- If unnormalizedCoordinates is VK\_TRUE, anisotropyEnable must be VK\_FALSE
- If unnormalizedCoordinates is VK\_TRUE, compareEnable **must** be VK\_FALSE
- If any of addressModeU, addressModeV or addressModeW are VK\_SAMPLER\_ADDRESS\_MODE\_CLAMP\_TO\_BORDER, borderColor **must** be a valid VkBorderColor value
- 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
- If compareEnable is VK\_TRUE, compareOp must be a valid VkCompareOp value

# **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_SAMPLER\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- magFilter must be a valid VkFilter value
- minFilter must be a valid VkFilter value
- mipmapMode must be a valid VkSamplerMipmapMode value
- addressModeU must be a valid VkSamplerAddressMode value
- addressModeV must be a valid VkSamplerAddressMode value
- addressModeW must be a valid VkSamplerAddressMode value

#### See Also

VkBool32, VkBorderColor, VkCompareOp, VkFilter, VkSamplerAddressMode, VkSamplerCreateFlags, VkSamplerMipmapMode, VkStructureType, vkCreateSampler

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html #VkSamplerCreateInfollowers and the property of the prope

# VkSemaphoreCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkSemaphoreCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created semaphore

### **C** Specification

The VkSemaphoreCreateInfo structure is defined as:

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- flags is reserved for future use.

# **Description**

```
Valid Usage (Implicit)
• sType must be VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SEMAPHORE_CREATE_INFO
• pNext must be NULL
• flags must be 0
```

#### See Also

VkSemaphoreCreateFlags, VkStructureType, vkCreateSemaphore

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSemaphoreCreateInfo

# VkShaderModuleCreateInfo(3)

#### Name

VkShaderModuleCreateInfo - Structure specifying parameters of a newly created shader module

## **C** Specification

The VkShaderModuleCreateInfo structure is defined as:

#### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific structure.
- flags is reserved for future use.
- codeSize is the size, in bytes, of the code pointed to by pCode.
- pCode points 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.

## **Description**

### **Valid Usage**

- codeSize must be greater than 0
- codeSize must be a multiple of 4
- pCode must point to valid SPIR-V code, formatted and packed as described by the Khronos SPIR-V Specification
- pCode must adhere to the validation rules described by the Validation Rules within a Module section of the SPIR-V Environment appendix
- pCode must declare the Shader capability for SPIR-V code
- 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
- If pCode declares any of the capabilities that are listed as not required by the implementation, the relevant feature **must** be enabled, as listed in the SPIR-V Environment appendix

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType **must** be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_SHADER\_MODULE\_CREATE\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- flags must be 0
- pCode must be a pointer to an array of codeSiz<sup>e</sup>/<sub>4</sub> uint32\_t values

#### See Also

VkShaderModuleCreateFlags, VkStructureType, vkCreateShaderModule

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkShaderModuleCreateInfo

# VkSparseBufferMemoryBindInfo(3)

#### Name

VkSparseBufferMemoryBindInfo - Structure specifying a sparse buffer memory bind operation

### **C** Specification

Memory is bound to VkBuffer objects created with the VK\_BUFFER\_CREATE\_SPARSE\_BINDING\_BIT flag using the following structure:

#### **Members**

- buffer is the VkBuffer object to be bound.
- bindCount is the number of VkSparseMemoryBind structures in the pBinds array.
- pBinds is a pointer to array of VkSparseMemoryBind structures.

## **Description**

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- buffer must be a valid VkBuffer handle
- pBinds must be a pointer to an array of bindCount valid VkSparseMemoryBind structures
- bindCount must be greater than 0

#### See Also

VkBindSparseInfo, VkBuffer, VkSparseMemoryBind

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkSparseBufferMemoryBindInfo

# VkSparseImageFormatProperties(3)

#### Name

VkSparseImageFormatProperties - Structure specifying sparse image format properties

### **C** Specification

The VkSparseImageFormatProperties structure is defined as:

#### **Members**

- 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.

# **Description**

#### See Also

VkExtent3D, VkImageAspectFlags, VkSparseImageFormatFlags, VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements, vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkSparseImageFormatProperties

# VkSparseImageMemoryBind(3)

#### Name

VkSparseImageMemoryBind - Structure specifying sparse image memory bind

## **C** Specification

The VkSparseImageMemoryBind structure is defined as:

#### **Members**

- subresource is the aspectMask 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.

## **Description**

### **Valid Usage**

- 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
- memory and memoryOffset **must** match the memory requirements of the calling command's image, as described in section html/vkspec.html#resources-association
- subresource **must** be a valid image subresource for image (see html/vkspec.html# resources-image-views)
- offset.x **must** be a multiple of the sparse image block width (VkSparseImageFormatProperties::imageGranularity.width) of the image
- 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
- offset.y **must** be a multiple of the sparse image block height (VkSparseImageFormatProperties::imageGranularity.height) of the image
- 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
- offset.z **must** be a multiple of the sparse image block depth (VkSparseImageFormatProperties::imageGranularity.depth) of the image
- 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

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- subresource **must** be a valid VkImageSubresource structure
- If memory is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, memory must be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle
- flags must be a valid combination of VkSparseMemoryBindFlagBits values

#### See Also

VkDeviceMemory, VkDeviceSize, VkExtent3D, VkImageSubresource, VkOffset3D, VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo, VkSparseMemoryBindFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSparseImageMemoryBind

# VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo(3)

#### Name

VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo - Structure specifying sparse image memory bind info

### **C** Specification

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:

#### **Members**

- image is the VkImage object to be bound
- bindCount is the number of VkSparseImageMemoryBind structures in pBinds array
- pBinds is a pointer to array of VkSparseImageMemoryBind structures

## **Description**

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- image must be a valid VkImage handle
- pBinds must be a pointer to an array of bindCount valid VkSparseImageMemoryBind structures
- bindCount must be greater than 0

#### See Also

VkBindSparseInfo, VkImage, VkSparseImageMemoryBind

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkSparseImageMemoryBindInfo

# VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements(3)

#### Name

VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements - Structure specifying sparse image memory requirements

### **C** Specification

The VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements {
   VkSparseImageFormatProperties formatProperties;
   uint32_t imageMipTailFirstLod;
   VkDeviceSize imageMipTailSize;
   VkDeviceSize imageMipTailOffset;
   VkDeviceSize imageMipTailStride;
} VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements;
```

#### **Members**

- formatProperties.aspectMask is the set of aspects of the image that this sparse memory requirement applies to. This will usually have a single aspect specified. However, depth/stencil images may have depth and stencil data interleaved in the same sparse block, in which case both VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_DEPTH\_BIT and VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_STENCIL\_BIT would be present.
- formatProperties.imageGranularity describes the dimensions of a single bindable sparse image block in pixel units. For aspect VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_METADATA\_BIT, all dimensions will be zero pixels. All metadata is located in the mip tail region.
- formatProperties.flags is a bitmask of VkSparseImageFormatFlagBits:
  - If VK\_SPARSE\_IMAGE\_FORMAT\_SINGLE\_MIPTAIL\_BIT is set the image uses a single mip tail region for all array layers.
  - If VK\_SPARSE\_IMAGE\_FORMAT\_ALIGNED\_MIP\_SIZE\_BIT is set the dimensions of mip levels **must** be integer multiples of the corresponding dimensions of the sparse image block for levels not located in the mip tail.
  - If VK\_SPARSE\_IMAGE\_FORMAT\_NONSTANDARD\_BLOCK\_SIZE\_BIT is set the image uses non-standard sparse image block dimensions. The formatProperties.imageGranularity values do not match the standard sparse image block dimension corresponding to the image's pixel 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).

## **Description**

### See Also

VkDeviceSize, VkSparseImageFormatProperties, vkGetImageSparseMemoryRequirements

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements

# VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo(3)

### Name

VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo - Structure specifying sparse image opaque memory bind info

## **C** Specification

Memory is bound to opaque regions of VkImage objects created with the VK\_IMAGE\_CREATE\_SPARSE\_BINDING\_BIT flag using the following structure:

#### **Members**

- image is the VkImage object to be bound.
- bindCount is the number of VkSparseMemoryBind structures in the pBinds array.
- pBinds is a pointer to array of VkSparseMemoryBind structures.

## **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

• For any given element of pBinds, if the flags member of that element 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)

- image must be a valid VkImage handle
- pBinds must be a pointer to an array of bindCount valid VkSparseMemoryBind structures
- bindCount must be greater than 0

### See Also

VkBindSparseInfo, VkImage, VkSparseMemoryBind

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo

# VkSparseMemoryBind(3)

#### Name

VkSparseMemoryBind - Structure specifying a sparse memory bind operation

## **C** Specification

The VkSparseMemoryBind structure is defined as:

#### **Members**

- 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.

# Description

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

## **Valid Usage**

- If memory is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, memory and memoryOffset must match the memory requirements of the resource, as described in section html/vkspec.html#resources-association
- 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
- size must be greater than 0
- resourceOffset must be less than the size of the resource
- size must be less than or equal to the size of the resource minus resourceOffset
- memoryOffset must be less than the size of memory
- size must be less than or equal to the size of memory minus memoryOffset

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- If memory is not VK\_NULL\_HANDLE, memory must be a valid VkDeviceMemory handle
- flags must be a valid combination of VkSparseMemoryBindFlagBits values

### See Also

VkDeviceMemory, VkDeviceSize, VkSparseBufferMemoryBindInfo, VkSparseImageOpaqueMemoryBindInfo, VkSparseMemoryBindFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSparseMemoryBind

# VkSpecializationInfo(3)

### Name

VkSpecializationInfo - Structure specifying specialization info

## **C** Specification

The VkSpecializationInfo structure is defined as:

## **Members**

- mapEntryCount is the number of entries in the pMapEntries array.
- pMapEntries is a pointer to an array of VkSpecializationMapEntry which maps constant IDs to offsets in pData.
- dataSize is the byte size of the pData buffer.
- pData contains the actual constant values to specialize with.

## **Description**

pMapEntries points to a structure of type VkSpecializationMapEntry.

# **Valid Usage**

- The offset member of any given element of pMapEntries must be less than dataSize
- For any given element of pMapEntries, size must be less than or equal to dataSize minus offset
- If mapEntryCount is not 0, pMapEntries **must** be a pointer to an array of mapEntryCount valid VkSpecializationMapEntry structures

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

• If dataSize is not 0, pData must be a pointer to an array of dataSize bytes

# See Also

Vk Pipeline Shader Stage Create Info, Vk Specialization Map Entry

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSpecializationInfo

# VkSpecializationMapEntry(3)

### Name

VkSpecializationMapEntry - Structure specifying a specialization map entry

## **C** Specification

The VkSpecializationMapEntry structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkSpecializationMapEntry {
    uint32_t constantID;
    uint32_t offset;
    size_t size;
} VkSpecializationMapEntry;
```

#### **Members**

- constant ID 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.

## **Description**

If a constant ID value is not a specialization constant ID used in the shader, that map entry does not affect the behavior of the pipeline.

# **Valid Usage**

• 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

### See Also

VkSpecializationInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSpecializationMapEntry

# VkStencilOpState(3)

### Name

VkStencilOpState - Structure specifying stencil operation state

## **C** Specification

The VkStencilOpState structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkStencilOpState {
    VkStencilOp
                   failOp;
   VkStencilOp
                   passOp;
   VkStencilOp
                   depthFailOp;
    VkCompareOp
                   compareOp;
    uint32_t
                   compareMask;
    uint32_t
                   writeMask;
    uint32 t
                   reference;
} VkStencilOpState;
```

#### **Members**

- 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.

# **Description**

# Valid Usage (Implicit)

- failOp must be a valid VkStencilOp value
- passOp must be a valid VkStencilOp value
- depthFailOp must be a valid VkStencilOp value
- compareOp must be a valid VkCompareOp value

# See Also

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkStencilOpState

# VkSubmitInfo(3)

#### Name

VkSubmitInfo - Structure specifying a queue submit operation

## **C** Specification

The VkSubmitInfo structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkSubmitInfo {
    VkStructureType
                                    sType;
    const void*
                                    pNext;
   uint32_t
                                    waitSemaphoreCount;
    const VkSemaphore*
                                    pWaitSemaphores;
    const VkPipelineStageFlags*
                                    pWaitDstStageMask;
                                    commandBufferCount;
    uint32_t
    const VkCommandBuffer*
                                    pCommandBuffers;
    uint32 t
                                    signalSemaphoreCount;
    const VkSemaphore*
                                    pSignalSemaphores;
} VkSubmitInfo;
```

### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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 semaphores 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 command buffers 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 semaphores 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.

# **Description**

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.

## **Valid Usage**

- ullet Any given element of pCommandBuffers must not have been allocated with VK\_COMMAND\_BUFFER\_LEVEL\_SECONDARY
- If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, any given element of pWaitDstStageMask must not contain VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_GEOMETRY\_SHADER\_BIT
- If the tessellation shaders feature is not enabled, any given element of pWaitDstStageMask must not contain VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_TESSELLATION\_CONTROL\_SHADER\_BIT or VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_TESSELLATION\_EVALUATION\_SHADER\_BIT
- Any given element of pWaitDstStageMask must not include VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_HOST\_BIT.

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- sType must be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_SUBMIT\_INFO
- pNext must be NULL
- If waitSemaphoreCount is not 0, pWaitSemaphores **must** be a pointer to an array of waitSemaphoreCount valid VkSemaphore handles
- If waitSemaphoreCount is not 0, pWaitDstStageMask **must** be a pointer to an array of waitSemaphoreCount valid combinations of VkPipelineStageFlagBits values
- Each element of pWaitDstStageMask must not be 0
- If commandBufferCount is not 0, pCommandBuffers **must** be a pointer to an array of commandBufferCount valid VkCommandBuffer handles
- If signalSemaphoreCount is not 0, pSignalSemaphores **must** be a pointer to an array of signalSemaphoreCount valid VkSemaphore handles
- Each of the elements of pCommandBuffers, the elements of pSignalSemaphores, and the elements of pWaitSemaphores that are valid handles **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

### See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkPipelineStageFlags, VkSemaphore, VkStructureType, vkQueueSubmit

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSubmitInfo

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# VkSubpassDependency(3)

### Name

VkSubpassDependency - Structure specifying a subpass dependency

## **C** Specification

The VkSubpassDependency structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkSubpassDependency {
    uint32 t
                            srcSubpass;
    uint32_t
                            dstSubpass;
   VkPipelineStageFlags
                            srcStageMask;
    VkPipelineStageFlags
                            dstStageMask;
    VkAccessFlags
                            srcAccessMask;
   VkAccessFlags
                            dstAccessMask;
    VkDependencyFlags
                            dependencyFlags;
} VkSubpassDependency;
```

#### **Members**

- 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.

## **Description**

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 submitted to the queue before the render pass instance began. 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 submitted after the render pass instance is ended. 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 access 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 access 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.

## **Valid Usage**

- If srcSubpass is not VK\_SUBPASS\_EXTERNAL, srcStageMask **must** not include VK PIPELINE STAGE HOST BIT
- If dstSubpass is not VK\_SUBPASS\_EXTERNAL, dstStageMask must not include VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_HOST\_BIT
- If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, srcStageMask **must** not contain VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_GEOMETRY\_SHADER\_BIT
- If the geometry shaders feature is not enabled, dstStageMask **must** not contain VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_GEOMETRY\_SHADER\_BIT
- 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
- If the tessellation shaders feature is not enabled, dstStageMask must not contain VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_TESSELLATION\_CONTROL\_SHADER\_BIT
   VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_TESSELLATION\_EVALUATION\_SHADER\_BIT
- 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
- srcSubpass and dstSubpass must not both be equal to VK\_SUBPASS\_EXTERNAL
- If srcSubpass is equal to dstSubpass, srcStageMask and dstStageMask must only contain one
   of VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_TOP\_OF\_PIPE\_BIT, VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_DRAW\_INDIRECT\_BIT,
   VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_VERTEX\_INPUT\_BIT, VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_VERTEX\_SHADER\_BIT,
   VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_TESSELLATION\_CONTROL\_SHADER\_BIT,
   VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_TESSELLATION\_EVALUATION\_SHADER\_BIT,
   VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_GEOMETRY\_SHADER\_BIT, VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_FRAGMENT\_SHADER\_BIT,
   VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_EARLY\_FRAGMENT\_TESTS\_BIT, VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_LATE\_FRAGMENT\_TESTS\_BIT,
   VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_COLOR\_ATTACHMENT\_OUTPUT\_BIT, VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_BOTTOM\_OF\_PIPE\_BIT, or
   VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_ALL\_GRAPHICS\_BIT
- 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
- 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.
- 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.

## Valid Usage (Implicit)

- srcStageMask must be a valid combination of VkPipelineStageFlagBits values
- srcStageMask must not be 0
- dstStageMask must be a valid combination of VkPipelineStageFlagBits values
- dstStageMask must not be 0
- srcAccessMask must be a valid combination of VkAccessFlagBits values
- dstAccessMask must be a valid combination of VkAccessFlagBits values
- dependencyFlags must be a valid combination of VkDependencyFlagBits values

### See Also

VkAccessFlags, VkDependencyFlags, VkPipelineStageFlags, VkRenderPassCreateInfo

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSubpassDependency

# VkSubpassDescription(3)

### Name

VkSubpassDescription - Structure specifying a subpass description

## **C** Specification

The VkSubpassDescription structure is defined as:

```
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;
```

#### **Members**

- flags is a bitmask of VkSubpassDescriptionFlagBits specifying usage of the subpass.
- pipelineBindPoint is a VkPipelineBindPoint value specifying whether this is a compute or graphics subpass. Currently, only graphics subpasses are supported.
- inputAttachmentCount is the number of input attachments.
- pInputAttachments is an array of VkAttachmentReference structures (defined below) that lists which of the render pass's attachments can be read in the shader during the subpass, and what layout each attachment will be in during the subpass. Each element of the array corresponds to an input attachment unit number in the shader, i.e. if the shader declares an input variable layout(input\_attachment\_index=X, set=Y, binding=Z) then it uses the attachment provided in pInputAttachments[X]. Input attachments must also be bound to the pipeline with a descriptor set, with the input attachment descriptor written in the location (set=Y, binding=Z).
- colorAttachmentCount is the number of color attachments.
- pColorAttachments is an array of colorAttachmentCount VkAttachmentReference structures that lists which of the render pass's attachments will be used as color attachments in the subpass, and what layout each attachment will be in during the subpass. Each element of the array corresponds to a fragment shader output location, i.e. if the shader declared an output variable layout(location=X) then it uses the attachment provided in pColorAttachments[X].
- pResolveAttachments is NULL or an array of colorAttachmentCount VkAttachmentReference structures that lists which of the render pass's attachments are resolved to at the end of the subpass, and what layout each attachment will be in during the multisample resolve operation.

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 to the same pixel location in the corresponding resolve attachments, unless the resolve attachment index is VK\_ATTACHMENT\_UNUSED. If the first use of an attachment in a render pass is as a resolve attachment, then the loadOp is effectively ignored as the resolve is guaranteed to overwrite all pixels in the render area.

- pDepthStencilAttachment is a pointer to a VkAttachmentReference specifying which attachment will be used for depth/stencil data and the layout it will be in during the subpass. Setting the attachment index to VK\_ATTACHMENT\_UNUSED or leaving this pointer as NULL indicates that no depth/stencil attachment will be used in the subpass.
- preserveAttachmentCount is the number of preserved attachments.
- pPreserveAttachments is an array of preserveAttachmentCount render pass attachment indices describing the attachments that are not used by a subpass, but whose contents **must** be preserved throughout the subpass.

## **Description**

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.

## **Valid Usage**

- pipelineBindPoint **must** be VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS
- colorAttachmentCount **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::maxColorAttachments
- 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
- If pResolveAttachments is not NULL, for each resolve attachment that does not have the value VK\_ATTACHMENT\_UNUSED, the corresponding color attachment **must** not have the value VK\_ATTACHMENT\_UNUSED
- If pResolveAttachments is not NULL, the sample count of each element of pColorAttachments must be anything other than VK\_SAMPLE\_COUNT\_1\_BIT
- ullet Any given element of pResolveAttachments  ${f must}$  have a sample count of VK\_SAMPLE\_COUNT\_1\_BIT
- Any given element of pResolveAttachments **must** have the same VkFormat as its corresponding color attachment
- All attachments in pColorAttachments that are not VK\_ATTACHMENT\_UNUSED **must** have the same sample count
- If pDepthStencilAttachment is not VK\_ATTACHMENT\_UNUSED and any attachments in pColorAttachments are not VK\_ATTACHMENT\_UNUSED, they **must** have the same sample count
- If any input attachments are VK\_ATTACHMENT\_UNUSED, then any pipelines bound during the subpass **must** not access those input attachments from the fragment shader
- The attachment member of any element of pPreserveAttachments must not be VK\_ATTACHMENT\_UNUSED
- Any given element of pPreserveAttachments must not also be an element of any other member of the subpass description
- If any attachment is used as both an input attachment and a color or depth/stencil attachment, then each use **must** use the same layout

## **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- flags must be a valid combination of VkSubpassDescriptionFlagBits values
- pipelineBindPoint must be a valid VkPipelineBindPoint value
- If inputAttachmentCount is not 0, pInputAttachments **must** be a pointer to an array of inputAttachmentCount valid VkAttachmentReference structures
- If colorAttachmentCount is not 0, pColorAttachments **must** be a pointer to an array of colorAttachmentCount valid VkAttachmentReference structures
- If colorAttachmentCount is not 0, and pResolveAttachments is not NULL, pResolveAttachments **must** be a pointer to an array of colorAttachmentCount valid VkAttachmentReference structures
- If pDepthStencilAttachment is not NULL, pDepthStencilAttachment **must** be a pointer to a valid VkAttachmentReference structure
- If preserveAttachmentCount is not 0, pPreserveAttachments must be a pointer to an array of preserveAttachmentCount uint32\_t values

### See Also

VkAttachmentReference, VkSubpassDescriptionFlags VkPipelineBindPoint,

VkRenderPassCreateInfo,

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSubpassDescription

# VkSubresourceLayout(3)

#### Name

VkSubresourceLayout - Structure specifying subresource layout

## **C** Specification

Information about the layout of the image subresource is returned in a VkSubresourceLayout structure:

```
typedef struct VkSubresourceLayout {
   VkDeviceSize offset;
   VkDeviceSize size;
   VkDeviceSize rowPitch;
   VkDeviceSize arrayPitch;
   VkDeviceSize depthPitch;
} VkSubresourceLayout;
```

## **Members**

- offset is the byte offset from the start of the image 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.

# **Description**

For images created with linear tiling, 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;
```

arrayPitch is undefined for images that were not created as arrays. depthPitch is defined only for 3D images.

For color formats, the aspectMask member of VkImageSubresource be must VK\_IMAGE\_ASPECT\_COLOR\_BIT. For depth/stencil formats, aspectMask must 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.

### See Also

VkDeviceSize, vkGetImageSubresourceLayout

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSubresourceLayout

# VkVertexInputAttributeDescription(3)

### Name

VkVertexInputAttributeDescription - Structure specifying vertex input attribute description

## **C** Specification

Each vertex input attribute is specified by an instance of the VkVertexInputAttributeDescription structure.

The VkVertexInputAttributeDescription structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkVertexInputAttributeDescription {
   uint32_t location;
   uint32_t binding;
   VkFormat format;
   uint32_t offset;
} VkVertexInputAttributeDescription;
```

## **Members**

- location is the shader binding 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.

# **Description**

## **Valid Usage**

- location **must** be less than VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxVertexInputAttributes
- binding **must** be less than VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxVertexInputBindings
- offset **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::maxVertexInputAttributeOffset
- 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)

• format must be a valid VkFormat value

# See Also

VkFormat, VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html #VkVertexInputAttributeDescription

# VkVertexInputBindingDescription(3)

#### Name

VkVertexInputBindingDescription - Structure specifying vertex input binding description

## **C** Specification

The VkVertexInputBindingDescription structure is defined as:

### **Members**

- binding is the binding number that this structure describes.
- stride is the distance in bytes between two 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.

## **Description**

# **Valid Usage**

- binding must be less than VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxVertexInputBindings
- stride **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxVertexInputBindingStride

# **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

inputRate must be a valid VkVertexInputRate value

### See Also

VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo, VkVertexInputRate

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkVertexInputBindingDescription

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# VkViewport(3)

### Name

VkViewport - Structure specifying a viewport

## **C** Specification

The VkViewport structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkViewport {
   float    x;
   float    y;
   float    width;
   float    height;
   float    minDepth;
   float    maxDepth;
} VkViewport;
```

## **Members**

- 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. It is valid for minDepth to be greater than or equal to maxDepth.

# **Description**

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  $k \in \{0, 1, ..., 2^m-1\}$ , 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 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**

- width **must** be greater than 0.0 and less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::maxViewportDimensions[0]
- height **must** be greater than 0.0 and less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::maxViewportDimensions[1]
- x and y **must** each be between viewportBoundsRange[0] and viewportBoundsRange[1], inclusive
- (x + width) **must** be less than or equal to viewportBoundsRange[1]
- (y + height) **must** be less than or equal to viewportBoundsRange[1]
- minDepth must be between 0.0 and 1.0, inclusive
- maxDepth must be between 0.0 and 1.0, inclusive

### See Also

VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo, vkCmdSetViewport

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkViewport

# VkWriteDescriptorSet(3)

#### Name

VkWriteDescriptorSet - Structure specifying the parameters of a descriptor set write operation

## **C** Specification

The VkWriteDescriptorSet structure is defined as:

```
typedef struct VkWriteDescriptorSet {
    VkStructureType
                                      sType;
    const void*
                                      pNext;
    VkDescriptorSet
                                      dstSet;
                                      dstBinding;
    uint32 t
    uint32_t
                                      dstArrayElement;
    uint32_t
                                      descriptorCount;
    VkDescriptorType
                                      descriptorType;
    const VkDescriptorImageInfo*
                                      pImageInfo;
    const VkDescriptorBufferInfo*
                                      pBufferInfo;
    const VkBufferView*
                                      pTexelBufferView;
} VkWriteDescriptorSet;
```

### **Members**

- sType is the type of this structure.
- pNext is NULL or a pointer to an extension-specific 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 (the number of elements in pImageInfo, pBufferInfo, or 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 that specified in VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding for dstSet at dstBinding. The type of the descriptor also controls which array the descriptors are taken from.
- pImageInfo points to an array of VkDescriptorImageInfo structures or is ignored, as described below.
- pBufferInfo points to an array of VkDescriptorBufferInfo structures or is ignored, as described below.
- pTexelBufferView points to an array of VkBufferView handles as described in the Buffer Views section or is ignored, as described below.

# Description

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.

## **Valid Usage**

- 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
- dstBinding must be a binding with a non-zero descriptorCount
- All consecutive bindings updated via a single VkWriteDescriptorSet structure, except those with a descriptorCount of zero, **must** have identical descriptorType and stageFlags.
- 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.
- descriptorType **must** match the type of dstBinding within dstSet
- dstSet must be a valid VkDescriptorSet handle
- 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 html/vkspec.html#descriptorsets-updatesconsecutive
- If 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, pImageInfo must be a pointer to an array of descriptorCount valid VkDescriptorImageInfo structures
- If descriptorType is VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_UNIFORM\_TEXEL\_BUFFER or VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_TEXEL\_BUFFER, pTexelBufferView **must** be a pointer to an array of descriptorCount valid VkBufferView handles
- 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 pointer to an array of descriptorCount valid VkDescriptorBufferInfo structures
- 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 any given element of pImageInfo must be a valid VkSampler object
- 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 and imageLayout members of any given element of pImageInfo must be a valid VkImageView and VkImageLayout, respectively
- If descriptorType is VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_IMAGE, for each descriptor that will be
  accessed via load or store operations the imageLayout member for corresponding elements
  of pImageInfo must be VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_GENERAL
- If descriptorType is VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_UNIFORM\_BUFFER or VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_UNIFORM\_BUFFER\_DYNAMIC, the offset member of any given element of pBufferInfo **must** be a multiple of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits

## ::minUniformBufferOffsetAlignment

- If descriptorType is VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_BUFFER or VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_BUFFER\_DYNAMIC, the offset member of any given element of pBufferInfo **must** be a multiple of VkPhysicalDeviceLimits ::minStorageBufferOffsetAlignment
- If descriptorType is VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_UNIFORM\_BUFFER, VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_UNIFORM\_BUFFER, or VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_BUFFER\_DYNAMIC, the buffer member of any given element of pBufferInfo that is non-sparse **must** be bound completely and contiguously to a single VkDeviceMemory object
- If descriptorType is VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_UNIFORM\_BUFFER or VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_UNIFORM\_BUFFER\_DYNAMIC, the buffer member of any given element of pBufferInfo **must** have been created with VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_UNIFORM\_BUFFER\_BIT set
- If descriptorType is VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_BUFFER or VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_BUFFER\_DYNAMIC, the buffer member of any given element of pBufferInfo **must** have been created with VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_STORAGE\_BUFFER\_BIT set
- If descriptorType is VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_UNIFORM\_BUFFER or VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_UNIFORM\_BUFFER\_DYNAMIC, the range member of any given element of pBufferInfo, or the effective range if range is VK\_WHOLE\_SIZE, **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxUniformBufferRange
- If descriptorType is VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_BUFFER or VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_BUFFER\_DYNAMIC, the range member of any given element of pBufferInfo, or the effective range if range is VK\_WHOLE\_SIZE, **must** be less than or equal to VkPhysicalDeviceLimits::maxStorageBufferRange
- If descriptorType is VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_UNIFORM\_TEXEL\_BUFFER, the VkBuffer that any given element of pTexelBufferView was created from **must** have been created with VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_UNIFORM\_TEXEL\_BUFFER\_BIT set
- If descriptorType is VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_TEXEL\_BUFFER, the VkBuffer that any given element of pTexelBufferView was created from **must** have been created with VK\_BUFFER\_USAGE\_STORAGE\_TEXEL\_BUFFER\_BIT set
- If descriptorType is VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_IMAGE or VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_INPUT\_ATTACHMENT, the imageView member of any given element of pImageInfo must have been created with the identity swizzle
- If descriptorType is VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_SAMPLED\_IMAGE or VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_COMBINED\_IMAGE\_SAMPLER, the imageView member of any given element of pImageInfo **must** have been created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_SAMPLED\_BIT set
- If descriptorType is VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_SAMPLED\_IMAGE or VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_COMBINED\_IMAGE\_SAMPLER, the imageLayout member of any given element of pImageInfo **must** be VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_SHADER\_READ\_ONLY\_OPTIMAL, VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_DEPTH\_STENCIL\_READ\_ONLY\_OPTIMAL or VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_GENERAL
- If descriptorType is VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_INPUT\_ATTACHMENT, the imageView member of any given element of pImageInfo **must** have been created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_INPUT\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT set

• If descriptorType is VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_IMAGE, the imageView member of any given element of pImageInfo **must** have been created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_STORAGE\_BIT set

## **Valid Usage (Implicit)**

- sType **must** be VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_WRITE\_DESCRIPTOR\_SET
- pNext must be NULL
- descriptorType must be a valid VkDescriptorType value
- descriptorCount must be greater than 0
- Both of dstSet, and the elements of pTexelBufferView that are valid handles **must** have been created, allocated, or retrieved from the same VkDevice

## See Also

VkBufferView, VkDescriptorBufferInfo, VkDescriptorImageInfo, VkDescriptorSet, VkDescriptorType, VkStructureType, vkUpdateDescriptorSets

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkWriteDescriptorSet

# **Enumerations**

# VkAccessFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkAccessFlagBits - Bitmask specifying memory access types that will participate in a memory dependency

## **C** Specification

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. Each access type corresponds to a bit flag in VkAccessFlagBits.

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.

Access types that **can** be set in an access mask include:

```
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 = 0 \times 00002000,
    VK\_ACCESS\_HOST\_WRITE\_BIT = 0x00004000,
    VK\_ACCESS\_MEMORY\_READ\_BIT = 0x00008000,
    VK_ACCESS_MEMORY_WRITE_BIT = 0x00010000,
} VkAccessFlagBits;
```

# **Description**

• VK\_ACCESS\_INDIRECT\_COMMAND\_READ\_BIT specifies read access to an indirect command structure read as part of an indirect drawing or dispatch command.

- VK\_ACCESS\_INDEX\_READ\_BIT specifies read access to an index buffer as part of an indexed drawing command, bound by vkCmdBindIndexBuffer.
- VK\_ACCESS\_VERTEX\_ATTRIBUTE\_READ\_BIT specifies read access to a vertex buffer as part of a drawing command, bound by vkCmdBindVertexBuffers.
- VK\_ACCESS\_UNIFORM\_READ\_BIT specifies read access to a uniform buffer.
- VK\_ACCESS\_INPUT\_ATTACHMENT\_READ\_BIT specifies read access to an input attachment within a renderpass during fragment shading.
- VK\_ACCESS\_SHADER\_READ\_BIT specifies read access to a storage buffer, uniform texel buffer, storage texel buffer, sampled image, or storage image.
- VK\_ACCESS\_SHADER\_WRITE\_BIT specifies write access to a storage buffer, storage texel buffer, or storage image.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- VK\_ACCESS\_MEMORY\_READ\_BIT specifies read access via non-specific entities. These entities include
  the Vulkan device and host, but may also include entities external to the Vulkan device or
  otherwise not part of the core Vulkan pipeline. When included in a destination access mask,
  makes all available writes visible to all future read accesses on entities known to the Vulkan
  device.
- VK\_ACCESS\_MEMORY\_WRITE\_BIT specifies write access via non-specific entities. These entities include the Vulkan device and host, but **may** also include entities external to the Vulkan device or otherwise not part of the core Vulkan pipeline. When included in a source access mask, all writes that are performed by entities known to the Vulkan device are made available. When included in a destination access mask, makes all available writes visible to all future write accesses on entities known to the Vulkan device.

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 7. 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_SHAD ER_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_SHADER_READ_BIT	VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_VERTEX_SHADER_BIT, VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_ BIT, VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHAD ER_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_SHAD ER_BIT, VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_GEOMETRY_SHADER_BIT, VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_FRAGMENT_SHADER_BIT, or VK_PIPELINE_STAGE_COMPUTE_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
VK_ACCESS_MEMORY_READ_BIT	N/A
VK_ACCESS_MEMORY_WRITE_BIT	N/A

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 visible to the VK\_ACCESS\_HOST\_WRITE\_BIT access type, where it **can** be further made available to the device by synchronization commands. Similarly, vkInvalidateMappedMemoryRanges **must** be called to guarantee that writes which are visible to the VK\_ACCESS\_HOST\_READ\_BIT access type 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 visible to the VK\_ACCESS\_HOST\_WRITE\_BIT access type. Similarly, writes made visible to the VK\_ACCESS\_HOST\_READ\_BIT access type are automatically made visible to the host.

Note



The vkQueueSubmit command automatically guarantees that host writes flushed to VK\_ACCESS\_HOST\_WRITE\_BIT are made available if they were flushed before the command executed, 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.

#### See Also

VkAccessFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkAccessFlagBits

# VkAttachmentDescriptionFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkAttachmentDescriptionFlagBits - Bitmask specifying additional properties of an attachment

## **C** Specification

Bits which **can** be set in VkAttachmentDescription::flags describing additional properties of the attachment are:

```
typedef enum VkAttachmentDescriptionFlagBits {
    VK_ATTACHMENT_DESCRIPTION_MAY_ALIAS_BIT = 0x00000001,
} VkAttachmentDescriptionFlagBits;
```

### **Description**

• VK\_ATTACHMENT\_DESCRIPTION\_MAY\_ALIAS\_BIT specifies that the attachment aliases the same device memory as other attachments.

#### See Also

VkAttachmentDescriptionFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkAttachmentDescriptionFlagBits

## VkAttachmentLoadOp(3)

#### Name

VkAttachmentLoadOp - Specify how contents of an attachment are treated at the beginning of a subpass

## **C Specification**

Possible values of VkAttachmentDescription::loadOp and stencilLoadOp, specifying how the contents of the attachment are treated, are:

```
typedef enum VkAttachmentLoadOp {
    VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_LOAD = 0,
    VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_CLEAR = 1,
    VK_ATTACHMENT_LOAD_OP_DONT_CARE = 2,
} VkAttachmentLoadOp;
```

## **Description**

- 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.

#### See Also

VkAttachmentDescription

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkAttachmentLoadOp

## VkAttachmentStoreOp(3)

#### Name

VkAttachmentStoreOp - Specify how contents of an attachment are treated at the end of a subpass

## **C** Specification

Possible values of VkAttachmentDescription::storeOp and stencilStoreOp, specifying how the contents of the attachment are treated, are:

```
typedef enum VkAttachmentStoreOp {
   VK_ATTACHMENT_STORE_OP_STORE = 0,
   VK_ATTACHMENT_STORE_OP_DONT_CARE = 1,
} VkAttachmentStoreOp;
```

### **Description**

- 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.

#### See Also

VkAttachmentDescription

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkAttachmentStoreOp

## VkBlendFactor(3)

#### Name

VkBlendFactor - Framebuffer blending factors

## **C** Specification

The source and destination color and alpha blending factors are selected from the enum:

```
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;
```

## **Description**

The semantics of each enum value is described in the table below:

Table 8. Blend Factors

VkBlendFactor	RGB Blend Factors ( $S_r$ , $S_g$ , $S_b$ ) or ( $D_r$ , $D_g$ , $D_b$ )	Alpha Blend Factor (S <sub>a</sub> or D <sub>a</sub> )
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 <sub>s0</sub>
VK_BLEND_FACTOR_DST_COLOR	$(R_d, G_d, B_d)$	$A_d$

VkBlendFactor	RGB Blend Factors ( $S_r$ , $S_g$ , $S_b$ ) or ( $D_r$ , $D_g$ , $D_b$ )	Alpha Blend Factor (S <sub>a</sub> or D <sub>a</sub> )
VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_DST_COLOR	$(1-R_d, 1-G_d, 1-B_d)$	1-A <sub>d</sub>
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 <sub>s0</sub>
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 <sub>d</sub>
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 <sub>c</sub>
VK_BLEND_FACTOR_CONSTANT_ALPHA	$(A_c,A_c,A_c)$	$A_{c}$
VK_BLEND_FACTOR_ONE_MINUS_CONSTANT_ALPHA	$(1-A_c, 1-A_c, 1-A_c)$	1-A <sub>c</sub>
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 <sub>s1</sub>
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 <sub>s1</sub>

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<sub>c</sub>,G<sub>c</sub>,B<sub>c</sub> and A<sub>c</sub> represent the blend constant R, G, B, and A components, respectively.

#### See Also

VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkBlendFactor

# VkBlendOp(3)

#### Name

VkBlendOp - Framebuffer blending operations

## **C Specification**

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:

```
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;
```

## **Description**

The semantics of each basic blend operations is described in the table below:

Table 9. Basic Blend Operations

VkBlendOp	<b>RGB</b> 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<sub>d</sub>, G<sub>d</sub>, B<sub>d</sub> and A<sub>d</sub> 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<sub>r</sub>, S<sub>g</sub>, S<sub>b</sub> and S<sub>a</sub> represent the source blend factor R, G, B, and A components, respectively.
- D<sub>r</sub>, D<sub>g</sub>, D<sub>b</sub> and D<sub>a</sub> 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.

#### See Also

VkPipeline Color Blend Attachment State

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkBlendOp

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## VkBorderColor(3)

#### Name

VkBorderColor - Specify border color used for texture lookups

## **C** Specification

Possible values of VkSamplerCreateInfo::borderColor, specifying the border color used for texture lookups, are:

```
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;
```

## **Description**

- 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.

#### See Also

Vk Sampler Create Info

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkBorderColor

## VkBufferCreateFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkBufferCreateFlagBits - Bitmask specifying additional parameters of a buffer

### **C** Specification

Bits which **can** be set in VkBufferCreateInfo::flags, specifying additional parameters of a buffer, are:

```
typedef enum VkBufferCreateFlagBits {
    VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_RESIDENCY_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_BUFFER_CREATE_SPARSE_ALIASED_BIT = 0x00000004,
} VkBufferCreateFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

- 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.

See Sparse Resource Features and Physical Device Features for details of the sparse memory features supported on a device.

#### See Also

VkBufferCreateFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkBufferCreateFlagBits

## VkBufferUsageFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkBufferUsageFlagBits - Bitmask specifying allowed usage of a buffer

## **C** Specification

Bits which **can** be set in VkBufferCreateInfo::usage, specifying usage behavior of a buffer, are:

```
typedef enum VkBufferUsageFlagBits {
    VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_BUFFER_USAGE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT = 0x000000004,
    VK_BUFFER_USAGE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT = 0x000000008,
    VK_BUFFER_USAGE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_BIT = 0x000000010,
    VK_BUFFER_USAGE_STORAGE_BUFFER_BIT = 0x000000020,
    VK_BUFFER_USAGE_INDEX_BUFFER_BIT = 0x000000040,
    VK_BUFFER_USAGE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT = 0x000000080,
    VK_BUFFER_USAGE_INDIRECT_BUFFER_BIT = 0x000000100,
} VkBufferUsageFlagBits;
```

### **Description**

- 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\_OYNAMIC.
- 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.

### **See Also**

VkBufferUsageFlags

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkBufferUsageFlagBits

# VkColorComponentFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkColorComponentFlagBits - Bitmask controlling which components are written to the framebuffer

## **C** Specification

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:

```
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;
```

## **Description**

- 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.

#### See Also

VkColorComponentFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkColorComponentFlagBits

## VkCommandBufferLevel(3)

#### Name

VkCommandBufferLevel - Enumerant specifying a command buffer level

## **C** Specification

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

```
typedef enum VkCommandBufferLevel {
    VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_LEVEL_PRIMARY = 0,
    VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_LEVEL_SECONDARY = 1,
} VkCommandBufferLevel;
```

## **Description**

- VK\_COMMAND\_BUFFER\_LEVEL\_PRIMARY specifies a primary command buffer.
- VK\_COMMAND\_BUFFER\_LEVEL\_SECONDARY specifies a secondary command buffer.

#### See Also

VkCommandBufferAllocateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkCommandBufferLevel

# VkCommandBufferResetFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkCommandBufferResetFlagBits - Bitmask controlling behavior of a command buffer reset

## **C** Specification

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

```
typedef enum VkCommandBufferResetFlagBits {
    VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_RESET_RELEASE_RESOURCES_BIT = 0x000000001,
} VkCommandBufferResetFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

• 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.

#### See Also

VkCommandBufferResetFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkCommandBufferResetFlagBits

## VkCommandBufferUsageFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkCommandBufferUsageFlagBits - Bitmask specifying usage behavior for command buffer

## **C** Specification

Bits which **can** be set in VkCommandBufferBeginInfo::flags to specify usage behavior for a command buffer are:

```
typedef enum VkCommandBufferUsageFlagBits {
    VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_ONE_TIME_SUBMIT_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_RENDER_PASS_CONTINUE_BIT = 0x000000002,
    VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_USAGE_SIMULTANEOUS_USE_BIT = 0x000000004,
} VkCommandBufferUsageFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

- 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.

#### See Also

VkCommandBufferUsageFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkCommandBufferUsageFlagBits

## VkCommandPoolCreateFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkCommandPoolCreateFlagBits - Bitmask specifying usage behavior for a command pool

## **C** Specification

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

```
typedef enum VkCommandPoolCreateFlagBits {
    VK_COMMAND_POOL_CREATE_TRANSIENT_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_COMMAND_POOL_CREATE_RESET_COMMAND_BUFFER_BIT = 0x000000002,
} VkCommandPoolCreateFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

- VK\_COMMAND\_POOL\_CREATE\_TRANSIENT\_BIT indicates 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.

#### See Also

VkCommandPoolCreateFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkCommandPoolCreateFlagBits

## VkCommandPoolResetFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkCommandPoolResetFlagBits - Bitmask controlling behavior of a command pool reset

## **C** Specification

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

```
typedef enum VkCommandPoolResetFlagBits {
    VK_COMMAND_POOL_RESET_RELEASE_RESOURCES_BIT = 0x00000001,
} VkCommandPoolResetFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

• 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.

#### See Also

VkCommandPoolResetFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkCommandPoolResetFlagBits

## VkCompareOp(3)

#### Name

VkCompareOp - Stencil comparison function

## **C** Specification

Possible values of VkStencilOpState::compareOp, specifying the stencil comparison function, are:

```
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;
```

## **Description**

- VK\_COMPARE\_OP\_NEVER specifies that the test never passes.
- VK\_COMPARE\_OP\_LESS specifies that the test passes when R < S.
- VK\_COMPARE\_OP\_EQUAL specifies that the test passes when R = S.
- VK\_COMPARE\_OP\_LESS\_OR\_EQUAL specifies that the test passes when  $R \le S$ .
- VK\_COMPARE\_OP\_GREATER specifies that the test passes when R > S.
- VK\_COMPARE\_OP\_NOT\_EQUAL specifies that the test passes when R ≠ S.
- VK\_COMPARE\_OP\_GREATER\_OR\_EQUAL specifies that the test passes when  $R \ge S$ .
- VK\_COMPARE\_OP\_ALWAYS specifies that the test always passes.

#### See Also

VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo, VkSamplerCreateInfo, VkStencilOpState

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkCompareOp

## VkComponentSwizzle(3)

#### Name

VkComponentSwizzle - Specify how a component is swizzled

## **C** Specification

Possible values of the members of VkComponentMapping, specifying the component values placed in each component of the output vector, are:

```
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;
```

### **Description**

- 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 10. Component Mappings Equivalent To VK\_COMPONENT\_SWIZZLE\_IDENTITY

Component	Identity Mapping
components.r	VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_R
components.g	VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_G

Component	Identity Mapping
components.b	VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_B
components.a	VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_A

## See Also

VkComponentMapping

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkComponentSwizzle

## VkCullModeFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkCullModeFlagBits - Bitmask controlling triangle culling

## **C** Specification

Once the orientation of triangles is determined, they are culled according to the VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo::cullMode property of the currently active pipeline. Possible values are:

```
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;
```

## **Description**

- 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.

#### See Also

VkCullModeFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkCullModeFlagBits

# VkDependencyFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkDependencyFlagBits - Bitmask specifying how execution and memory dependencies are formed

## **C** Specification

Bits which **can** be set in vkCmdPipelineBarrier::dependencyFlags, specifying how execution and memory dependencies are formed, are:

```
typedef enum VkDependencyFlagBits {
    VK_DEPENDENCY_BY_REGION_BIT = 0x00000001,
} VkDependencyFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

• VK\_DEPENDENCY\_BY\_REGION\_BIT specifies that dependencies will be framebuffer-local.

#### See Also

VkDependencyFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDependencyFlagBits

# VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlagBits - Bitmask specifying certain supported operations on a descriptor pool

## **C** Specification

Bits which **can** be set in VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo::flags to enable operations on a descriptor pool are:

```
typedef enum VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlagBits {
    VK_DESCRIPTOR_POOL_CREATE_FREE_DESCRIPTOR_SET_BIT = 0x00000001,
} VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

• 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.

#### See Also

VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlagBits

# VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlagBits - Bitmask specifying descriptor set layout properties

## **C** Specification

Bits which **can** be set in VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo::flags to specify options for descriptor set layout are:

```
typedef enum VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlagBits {
} VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

#### See Also

VkDescriptor SetLayout Create Flags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlagBits

## VkDescriptorType(3)

#### Name

VkDescriptorType - Specifies the type of a descriptor in a descriptor set

## **C** Specification

The type of descriptors in a descriptor set is specified by VkWriteDescriptorSet::descriptorType, which **must** be one of the values:

```
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_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC = 8,
   VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC = 9,
   VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT = 10,
} VkDescriptorType;
```

## **Description**

- VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_UNIFORM\_BUFFER,
   VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_BUFFER,
   VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_BUFFER\_DYNAMIC,
   VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_BUFFER\_DYNAMIC
   Specify that the elements of the VkWriteDescriptorSet::pBufferInfo array of VkDescriptorBufferInfo structures will be used to update the descriptors, and other arrays will be ignored.
- VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_UNIFORM\_TEXEL\_BUFFER or VK\_DESCRIPTOR\_TYPE\_STORAGE\_TEXEL\_BUFFER specify that the VkWriteDescriptorSet::pTexelBufferView array will be used to update the descriptors, and other arrays will be ignored.
- 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 specify that the elements of the VkWriteDescriptorSet ::pImageInfo array of VkDescriptorImageInfo structures will be used to update the descriptors, and other arrays will be ignored.

#### See Also

VkDescriptorPoolSize, VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding, VkWriteDescriptorSet

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html #VkDescriptorType

## VkDynamicState(3)

#### Name

VkDynamicState - Indicate which dynamic state is taken from dynamic state commands

### **C** Specification

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:

```
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;
```

## **Description**

- VK\_DYNAMIC\_STATE\_VIEWPORT specifies that the pViewports state in VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo will be ignored and **must** be set dynamically with vkCmdSetViewport before any draw 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 draw 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 draw 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 <a href="https://www.wkCmdSetDepthBias">wkCmdSetDepthBias</a> 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

#### See Also

VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDynamicState

# VkFenceCreateFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkFenceCreateFlagBits - Bitmask specifying initial state and behavior of a fence

## **C** Specification

```
typedef enum VkFenceCreateFlagBits {
    VK_FENCE_CREATE_SIGNALED_BIT = 0x00000001,
} VkFenceCreateFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

• VK\_FENCE\_CREATE\_SIGNALED\_BIT specifies that the fence object is created in the signaled state. Otherwise, it is created in the unsignaled state.

#### See Also

VkFenceCreateFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkFenceCreateFlagBits

# VkFilter(3)

#### Name

VkFilter - Specify filters used for texture lookups

## **C** Specification

Possible values of the VkSamplerCreateInfo::magFilter and minFilter parameters, specifying filters used for texture lookups, are:

```
typedef enum VkFilter {
   VK_FILTER_NEAREST = 0,
   VK_FILTER_LINEAR = 1,
} VkFilter;
```

## **Description**

- VK\_FILTER\_NEAREST specifies nearest filtering.
- VK\_FILTER\_LINEAR specifies linear filtering.

These filters are described in detail in Texel Filtering.

#### See Also

VkSamplerCreateInfo, vkCmdBlitImage

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkFilter

## VkFormat(3)

#### Name

VkFormat - Available image formats

## **C** Specification

Image formats which **can** be passed to, and **may** be returned from Vulkan commands, are:

```
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,
    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,
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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,
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,
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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,
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,
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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,
    VK FORMAT ASTC 8x6 UNORM BLOCK = 169,
    VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x6_SRGB_BLOCK = 170,
    VK_FORMAT_ASTC_8x8_UNORM_BLOCK = 171,
    VK FORMAT ASTC 8x8 SRGB BLOCK = 172,
    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,
    VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x10_UNORM_BLOCK = 179,
    VK_FORMAT_ASTC_10x10_SRGB_BLOCK = 180,
    VK FORMAT ASTC 12 \times 10 UNORM BLOCK = 181,
    VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x10_SRGB_BLOCK = 182,
   VK_FORMAT_ASTC_12x12_UNORM_BLOCK = 183,
    VK FORMAT ASTC 12x12 SRGB BLOCK = 184,
} VkFormat;
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## Description

- VK\_FORMAT\_UNDEFINED indicates 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\_R868\_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\_R868\_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\_R868\_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\_R868\_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\_R868\_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.
- VK\_FORMAT\_R8G8B8A8\_SSCALED specifies a four-component, 32-bit signed 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.
- 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\_B868R8A8\_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\_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 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.
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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.
- VK\_FORMAT\_R16G16B16\_USCALED specifies a three-component, 48-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, and a 16-bit B component in bytes 4..5.
- VK\_FORMAT\_R16G16B16\_SSCALED specifies a three-component, 48-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, and a 16-bit B component in bytes 4..5.
- 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\_UFL0AT\_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 html/vkspec.html#fundamentals-fp10 and html/vkspec.html#fundamentals-fp11.
- 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\_R868B8A8\_SR6B\_BLOCK specifies a four-component, ETC2 compressed format where each 64-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.

## See Also

VkAttachmentDescription, VkBufferViewCreateInfo, VkImageCreateInfo, VkImageViewCreateInfo, VkVertexInputAttributeDescription, vkGetPhysicalDeviceFormatProperties, vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkFormat

# VkFormatFeatureFlagBits(3)

### Name

VkFormatFeatureFlagBits - Bitmask specifying features supported by a buffer

## **C** Specification

Bits which **can** be set in the VkFormatProperties features linearTilingFeatures, optimalTilingFeatures, and bufferFeatures are:

```
typedef enum VkFormatFeatureFlagBits {
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT = 0x000000002,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_ATOMIC_BIT = 0x000000004,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT = 0x000000008,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_BIT = 0x000000010,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER_ATOMIC_BIT = 0x00000020,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_VERTEX_BUFFER_BIT = 0x000000040,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT = 0x000000080,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT = 0x000000100,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT = 0x000000200,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT = 0x000000400,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT = 0x000000800,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT = 0x000000800,
    VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT = 0x00001000,
} VKFORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT = 0x000001000,
```

## Description

The following bits **may** be set in linearTilingFeatures and optimalTilingFeatures, specifying that the features are supported by images or image views 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 images.
- 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 indicates 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. If this bit is not present, linear filtering with depth compare disabled is unsupported and linear filtering with depth compare enabled is supported, but **may** compute the filtered value 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.

The following bits **may** be set in bufferFeatures, specifying that the features are supported by buffers or buffer views created with the queried vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties::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).

### See Also

VkFormatFeatureFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkFormatFeatureFlagBits

# VkFrontFace(3)

#### Name

VkFrontFace - Interpret polygon front-facing orientation

## **C** Specification

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:

```
typedef enum VkFrontFace {
   VK_FRONT_FACE_COUNTER_CLOCKWISE = 0,
   VK_FRONT_FACE_CLOCKWISE = 1,
} VkFrontFace;
```

## **Description**

- 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.

### See Also

**VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo** 

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkFrontFace

# VkImageAspectFlagBits(3)

### Name

VkImageAspectFlagBits - Bitmask specifying which aspects of an image are included in a view

## **C** Specification

Bits which **can** be set in an aspect mask to specify aspects of an image for purposes such as identifying a subresource, are:

```
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,
} VkImageAspectFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

- 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 sparse resource operations.

#### See Also

VkImageAspectFlags

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImageAspectFlagBits

# VkImageCreateFlagBits(3)

### Name

VkImageCreateFlagBits - Bitmask specifying additional parameters of an image

## **C** Specification

Bits which **can** be set in VkImageCreateInfo::flags, specifying additional parameters of an image, are:

```
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 = 0x000000010,
} VkImageCreateFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

- 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.
- 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.

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.

See Sparse Resource Features and Sparse Physical Device Features for more details.

#### See Also

VkImageCreateFlags

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html #VkImageCreateFlagBits

# VkImageLayout(3)

### Name

VkImageLayout - Layout of image and image subresources

## **C** Specification

The set of image layouts consists of:

```
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,
} VkImageLayout;
```

## **Description**

The type(s) of device access supported by each layout are:

- VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_UNDEFINED does not support device access. This layout must only be used as the
  initialLayout member of VkImageCreateInfo or VkAttachmentDescription, or as the oldLayout in
  an image transition. When transitioning out of this layout, the contents of the memory are not
  guaranteed to be preserved.
- VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_PREINITIALIZED does not support device access. This layout **must** only be used as the initialLayout member of VkImageCreateInfo or VkAttachmentDescription, or as the oldLayout in an image transition. When transitioning out of this layout, the contents of the memory are preserved. 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 VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_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 **must** only be used as a depth/stencil attachment in a VkFramebuffer. This layout is valid only for image subresources of images created with the VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_DEPTH\_STENCIL\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT usage bit enabled.

- VK IMAGE LAYOUT DEPTH STENCIL READ ONLY OPTIMAL **must** only be used as a read-only depth/stencil attachment in a VkFramebuffer and/or as a read-only image in a shader (which can be read as a sampled image, combined image/sampler and/or input attachment). This layout is of valid only for image subresources images created with the VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_DEPTH\_STENCIL\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT usage bit enabled. Only image subresources of images created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_SAMPLED\_BIT can be used as sampled image or combined image/sampler in a shader. Similarly, only image subresources of images created with VK\_IMAGE\_USAGE\_INPUT\_ATTACHMENT\_BIT can be used as input attachments.
- VK\_IMAGE\_LAYOUT\_SHADER\_READ\_ONLY\_OPTIMAL **must** only be used as a read-only image in a shader (which **can** be read as a sampled image, combined image/sampler and/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 bit 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.

For each mechanism of accessing an image in the API, there is a parameter or structure member that controls the image layout used to access the image. For transfer commands, this is a parameter to the command (see <a href="https://html/vkspec.htm

The image layout of each image subresource **must** be well-defined at each point in the image subresource's lifetime. This means that when performing a layout transition on the 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.

### See Also

VkAttachmentDescription, VkAttachmentReference, VkDescriptorImageInfo, VkImageCreateInfo, VkImageMemoryBarrier, vkCmdBlitImage, vkCmdClearColorImage, vkCmdClearDepthStencilImage, vkCmdCopyBufferToImage, vkCmdCopyImageToBuffer, vkCmdResolveImage

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

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# VkImageTiling(3)

### Name

VkImageTiling - Specifies the tiling arrangement of data in an image

## **C** Specification

Possible values of VkImageCreateInfo::tiling, specifying the tiling arrangement of data elements in an image, are:

```
typedef enum VkImageTiling {
   VK_IMAGE_TILING_OPTIMAL = 0,
   VK_IMAGE_TILING_LINEAR = 1,
} VkImageTiling;
```

## **Description**

- VK\_IMAGE\_TILING\_OPTIMAL specifies optimal tiling (texels are laid out in an implementation-dependent arrangement, for more optimal 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).

## See Also

VkImageCreateInfo, vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties

vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties,

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImageTiling

# VkImageType(3)

### Name

VkImageType - Specifies the type of an image object

## **C** Specification

Possible values of VkImageCreateInfo::imageType, specifying the basic dimensionality of an image, are:

```
typedef enum VkImageType {
   VK_IMAGE_TYPE_1D = 0,
   VK_IMAGE_TYPE_2D = 1,
   VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D = 2,
} VkImageType;
```

## **Description**

- 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.

### See Also

VkImageCreateInfo, vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties

vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties,

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImageType

# VkImageUsageFlagBits(3)

### Name

VkImageUsageFlagBits - Bitmask specifying intended usage of an image

## **C** Specification

Bits which **can** be set in VkImageCreateInfo::usage, specifying intended usage of an image, are:

```
typedef enum VkImageUsageFlagBits {
   VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT = 0x00000001,
   VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT = 0x00000002,
   VK_IMAGE_USAGE_SAMPLED_BIT = 0x000000004,
   VK_IMAGE_USAGE_STORAGE_BIT = 0x000000008,
   VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT = 0x000000010,
   VK_IMAGE_USAGE_DEPTH_STENCIL_ATTACHMENT_BIT = 0x000000020,
   VK_IMAGE_USAGE_TRANSIENT_ATTACHMENT_BIT = 0x000000040,
   VK_IMAGE_USAGE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_BIT = 0x000000080,
} VkImageUsageFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

- 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 the memory bound to this image will have been allocated with the VK\_MEMORY\_PROPERTY\_LAZILY\_ALLOCATED\_BIT (see <a href="https://html#">httml/vkspec.html#</a> memory for more detail). 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.

## See Also

VkImageUsageFlags

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImageUsageFlagBits

# VkImageViewType(3)

#### Name

VkImageViewType - Image view types

## **C** Specification

The types of image views that **can** be created are:

```
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;
```

## **Description**

The exact image view type is partially implicit, based on the image's type and sample count, as well as the view creation parameters as described in the image view compatibility table for vkCreateImageView. This table also shows which SPIR-V OpTypeImage Dim and Arrayed parameters correspond to each image view type.

### See Also

VkImageViewCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImageViewType

# VkIndexType(3)

### Name

VkIndexType - Type of index buffer indices

## **C** Specification

Possible values of vkCmdBindIndexBuffer::indexType, specifying the size of indices, are:

```
typedef enum VkIndexType {
   VK_INDEX_TYPE_UINT16 = 0,
   VK_INDEX_TYPE_UINT32 = 1,
} VkIndexType;
```

## **Description**

- 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.

## See Also

vkCmdBindIndexBuffer

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkIndexType

# VkInternalAllocationType(3)

### Name

VkInternalAllocationType - Allocation type

## **C** Specification

The allocationType parameter to the pfnInternalAllocation and pfnInternalFree functions **may** be one of the following values:

```
typedef enum VkInternalAllocationType {
    VK_INTERNAL_ALLOCATION_TYPE_EXECUTABLE = 0,
} VkInternalAllocationType;
```

## **Description**

• VK\_INTERNAL\_ALLOCATION\_TYPE\_EXECUTABLE specifies that the allocation is intended for execution by the host.

### See Also

PFN\_vkInternalAllocationNotification, PFN\_vkInternalFreeNotification

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkInternalAllocationType

# VkLogicOp(3)

## Name

VkLogicOp - Framebuffer logical operations

## **C** Specification

Logical operations are controlled by the <code>logicOpEnable</code> and <code>logicOp</code> members of <code>VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo</code>. If <code>logicOpEnable</code> is <code>VK\_TRUE</code>, then a logical operation selected by <code>logicOp</code> 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 <code>logicOp</code> is selected from the following operations:

```
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;
```

## **Description**

The logical operations supported by Vulkan are summarized in the following table in which

- ¬ is bitwise invert,
- A is bitwise and,
- v is bitwise or,
- $\oplus$  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 11. 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	$s \oplus d$		
VK_LOGIC_OP_OR	s v d		
VK_LOGIC_OP_NOR	¬ (s v d)		
VK_LOGIC_OP_EQUIVALENT	¬ (s ⊕ d)		
VK_LOGIC_OP_INVERT	¬ d		
VK_LOGIC_OP_OR_REVERSE	s v ¬ d		
VK_LOGIC_OP_COPY_INVERTED	¬ S		
VK_LOGIC_OP_OR_INVERTED	¬svd		
VK_LOGIC_OP_NAND	$\neg (s \land d)$		
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.

### See Also

VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkLogicOp

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# VkMemoryHeapFlagBits(3)

### Name

VkMemoryHeapFlagBits - Bitmask specifying attribute flags for a heap

## **C** Specification

Bits which **may** be set in VkMemoryHeap::flags, indicating attribute flags for the heap, are:

```
typedef enum VkMemoryHeapFlagBits {
    VK_MEMORY_HEAP_DEVICE_LOCAL_BIT = 0x00000001,
} VkMemoryHeapFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

• VK\_MEMORY\_HEAP\_DEVICE\_LOCAL\_BIT indicates 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.

#### See Also

VkMemoryHeapFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkMemoryHeapFlagBits

# VkMemoryPropertyFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkMemoryPropertyFlagBits - Bitmask specifying properties for a memory type

## **C** Specification

Bits which **may** be set in VkMemoryType::propertyFlags, indicating properties of a memory heap, are:

```
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,
} VkMemoryPropertyFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

- VK\_MEMORY\_PROPERTY\_DEVICE\_LOCAL\_BIT bit indicates that memory allocated with this type is the most efficient for device access. This property will only be set for memory types belonging to heaps with the VK\_MEMORY\_HEAP\_DEVICE\_LOCAL\_BIT set.
- VK\_MEMORY\_PROPERTY\_HOST\_VISIBLE\_BIT bit indicates that memory allocated with this type **can** be mapped for host access using vkMapMemory.
- VK\_MEMORY\_PROPERTY\_HOST\_COHERENT\_BIT bit indicates 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 indicates 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 indicates 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.

#### See Also

VkMemoryPropertyFlags

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

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# VkObjectType(3)

#### Name

VkObjectType - Specify an enumeration to track object handle types

### **C** Specification

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.

```
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,
} VkObjectType;
```

## **Description**

#### See Also

No cross-references are available

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkObjectType

# VkPhysicalDeviceType(3)

#### Name

VkPhysicalDeviceType - Supported physical device types

## **C** Specification

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

```
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;
```

## **Description**

- 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.

#### See Also

VkPhysicalDeviceProperties

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPhysicalDeviceType

# VkPipelineBindPoint(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineBindPoint - Specify the bind point of a pipeline object to a command buffer

## **C** Specification

Possible values of vkCmdBindPipeline::pipelineBindPoint, specifying the bind point of a pipeline object, are:

```
typedef enum VkPipelineBindPoint {
   VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_GRAPHICS = 0,
   VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_COMPUTE = 1,
} VkPipelineBindPoint;
```

## **Description**

- VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_COMPUTE specifies binding as a compute pipeline.
- VK\_PIPELINE\_BIND\_POINT\_GRAPHICS specifies binding as a graphics pipeline.

#### See Also

VkSubpassDescription, vkCmdBindDescriptorSets, vkCmdBindPipeline

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPipelineBindPoint

# VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersion(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersion - Encode pipeline cache version

## **C** Specification

Possible values of the second group of four bytes in the header returned by vkGetPipelineCacheData, encoding the pipeline cache version, are:

```
typedef enum VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersion {
    VK_PIPELINE_CACHE_HEADER_VERSION_ONE = 1,
} VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersion;
```

### **Description**

• VK\_PIPELINE\_CACHE\_HEADER\_VERSION\_ONE specifies version one of the pipeline cache.

#### See Also

vkCreatePipelineCache, vkGetPipelineCacheData

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineCacheHeaderVersion

# VkPipelineCreateFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineCreateFlagBits - Bitmask controlling how a pipeline is created

### **C** Specification

Possible values of the flags member of VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo and VkComputePipelineCreateInfo, specifying how a pipeline is created, are:

```
typedef enum VkPipelineCreateFlagBits {
    VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DISABLE_OPTIMIZATION_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_ALLOW_DERIVATIVES_BIT = 0x000000002,
    VK_PIPELINE_CREATE_DERIVATIVE_BIT = 0x000000004,
} VkPipelineCreateFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

- 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 call to vkCreateGraphicsPipelines.
- VK\_PIPELINE\_CREATE\_DERIVATIVE\_BIT specifies that the pipeline to be created will be a child of a previously created parent pipeline.

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.

#### See Also

**VkPipelineCreateFlags** 

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPipelineCreateFlagBits

# VkPipelineStageFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineStageFlagBits - Bitmask specifying pipeline stages

## **C** Specification

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, specifying pipeline stages, are:

```
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;
```

## Description

- VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_TOP\_OF\_PIPE\_BIT specifies the stage of the pipeline where any commands are initially received by the queue.
- VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_DRAW\_INDIRECT\_BIT specifies the stage of the pipeline where Draw/DispatchIndirect 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\_TRANSFER\_BIT specifies the execution of copy commands. This includes the operations resulting from all copy commands, clear commands (with the exception of vkCmdClearAttachments), and vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults.
- VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_COMPUTE\_SHADER\_BIT specifies the execution of a compute shader.
- VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_BOTTOM\_OF\_PIPE\_BIT specifies the final stage in the pipeline where operations generated by all commands complete execution.
- 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\_TOP\_OF\_PIPE\_BIT
  - 。 VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_DRAW\_INDIRECT\_BIT
  - 。 VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_VERTEX\_INPUT\_BIT
  - 。 VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_VERTEX\_SHADER\_BIT
  - 。 VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_TESSELLATION\_CONTROL\_SHADER\_BIT
  - 。 VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_TESSELLATION\_EVALUATION\_SHADER\_BIT
  - 。 VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_GEOMETRY\_SHADER\_BIT
  - 。 VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_FRAGMENT\_SHADER\_BIT
  - 。 VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_EARLY\_FRAGMENT\_TESTS\_BIT
  - 。 VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_LATE\_FRAGMENT\_TESTS\_BIT
  - 。 VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_COLOR\_ATTACHMENT\_OUTPUT\_BIT
  - 。 VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_BOTTOM\_OF\_PIPE\_BIT
- VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_ALL\_COMMANDS\_BIT is equivalent to the logical OR of every other pipeline stage flag that is supported on the queue it is used with.

Note

An execution dependency with only VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_BOTTOM\_OF\_PIPE\_BIT in the destination stage mask will only prevent that stage from executing in subsequently submitted commands. As this stage does not perform any actual execution, this is not observable - in effect, it does not delay processing of subsequent commands. Similarly an execution dependency with only VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_TOP\_OF\_PIPE\_BIT in the source stage mask will effectively not wait for any prior commands to complete.



When defining a memory dependency, using only VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_BOTTOM\_OF\_PIPE\_BIT or VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_TOP\_OF\_PIPE\_BIT would never make any accesses available and/or visible because these stages do not access memory.

VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_BOTTOM\_OF\_PIPE\_BIT and VK\_PIPELINE\_STAGE\_TOP\_OF\_PIPE\_BIT are useful for accomplishing layout transitions and queue ownership operations when the required execution dependency is satisfied by other means - for example, semaphore operations between queues.

#### See Also

VkPipelineStageFlags, vkCmdWriteTimestamp

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPipelineStageFlagBits

## VkPolygonMode(3)

#### Name

VkPolygonMode - Control polygon rasterization mode

## **C** Specification

Possible values of the VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo::polygonMode property of the currently active pipeline, specifying the method of rasterization for polygons, are:

```
typedef enum VkPolygonMode {
    VK_POLYGON_MODE_FILL = 0,
    VK_POLYGON_MODE_LINE = 1,
    VK_POLYGON_MODE_POINT = 2,
} VkPolygonMode;
```

## **Description**

- 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.

#### See Also

VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPolygonMode

## VkPrimitiveTopology(3)

#### Name

VkPrimitiveTopology - Supported primitive topologies

## **C** Specification

*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. Supported topologies are defined by VkPrimitiveTopology and include:

```
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_TRIANGLE_STRIP_WITH_ADJACENCY = 9,
   VK_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_PATCH_LIST = 10,
} VkPrimitiveTopology;
```

## **Description**

#### See Also

VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPrimitiveTopology

# VkQueryControlFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkQueryControlFlagBits - Bitmask specifying constraints on a query

## **C** Specification

Bits which **can** be set in vkCmdBeginQuery::flags, specifying constraints on the types of queries that **can** be performed, are:

```
typedef enum VkQueryControlFlagBits {
    VK_QUERY_CONTROL_PRECISE_BIT = 0x00000001,
} VkQueryControlFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

• VK\_QUERY\_CONTROL\_PRECISE\_BIT specifies the precision of occlusion queries.

#### See Also

VkQueryControlFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkQueryControlFlagBits

## VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlagBits - Bitmask specifying queried pipeline statistics

## **C** Specification

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:

```
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 = 0x000000008,
   VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_GEOMETRY_SHADER_PRIMITIVES_BIT = 0x000000010,
   VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_CLIPPING_INVOCATIONS_BIT = 0x000000020,
   VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_CLIPPING_PRIMITIVES_BIT = 0x000000040,
   VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_FRAGMENT_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT = 0x000000080,
   VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_SHADER_PATCHES_BIT = 0x000000100,
   VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT =
0x00000200,
   VK_QUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_COMPUTE_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT = 0x000000400,
} VKQUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_COMPUTE_SHADER_INVOCATIONS_BIT = 0x000000400,
} VKQUERY_PIPELINE_STATISTIC_FIPELINE_STATISTIC_FIPELINE_STATISTIC_FIPELINE_STATISTIC_FIPELINE_STATISTIC_FIPELINE_STATISTIC_FIPELINE_STATISTIC_FIPELINE_STATISTIC_FIPELINE_STATISTIC_FIPELINE_STATISTIC_FIPELINE_STATISTIC_FIPELINE_STATISTIC_FIP
```

## **Description**

- 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 <code>OpEndPrimitive</code> or <code>OpEndStreamPrimitive</code> 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.



#### 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 vertex processing 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).

## See Also

VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlags

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlagBits

# VkQueryResultFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkQueryResultFlagBits - Bitmask specifying how and when query results are returned

## **C** Specification

Bits which **can** be set in vkGetQueryPoolResults::flags and vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults::flags, specifying how and when results are returned, are:

```
typedef enum VkQueryResultFlagBits {
   VK_QUERY_RESULT_64_BIT = 0x00000001,
   VK_QUERY_RESULT_WAIT_BIT = 0x00000002,
   VK_QUERY_RESULT_WITH_AVAILABILITY_BIT = 0x000000004,
   VK_QUERY_RESULT_PARTIAL_BIT = 0x000000008,
} VkQueryResultFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

- 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.

### See Also

VkQueryResultFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkQueryResultFlagBits

# VkQueryType(3)

#### Name

VkQueryType - Specify the type of queries managed by a query pool

## **C** Specification

Possible values of VkQueryPoolCreateInfo::queryType, specifying the type of queries managed by the pool, are:

```
typedef enum VkQueryType {
   VK_QUERY_TYPE_OCCLUSION = 0,
   VK_QUERY_TYPE_PIPELINE_STATISTICS = 1,
   VK_QUERY_TYPE_TIMESTAMP = 2,
} VkQueryType;
```

## **Description**

- 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.

#### See Also

VkQueryPoolCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkQueryType

# VkQueueFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkQueueFlagBits - Bitmask specifying capabilities of queues in a queue family

## **C** Specification

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

```
typedef enum VkQueueFlagBits {
   VK_QUEUE_GRAPHICS_BIT = 0x00000001,
   VK_QUEUE_COMPUTE_BIT = 0x00000002,
   VK_QUEUE_TRANSFER_BIT = 0x00000004,
   VK_QUEUE_SPARSE_BINDING_BIT = 0x000000008,
} VkQueueFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

- VK\_QUEUE\_GRAPHICS\_BIT indicates that queues in this queue family support graphics operations.
- VK\_QUEUE\_COMPUTE\_BIT indicates that queues in this queue family support compute operations.
- VK\_QUEUE\_TRANSFER\_BIT indicates that queues in this queue family support transfer operations.
- VK\_QUEUE\_SPARSE\_BINDING\_BIT indicates 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.

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.

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.

#### See Also

VkQueueFlags

## **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html #VkQueueFlagBits

## VkResult(3)

#### Name

VkResult - Vulkan command return codes

### **C** Specification

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 run time. All run time error codes are negative values.

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

```
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,
} VkResult;
```

## **Description**

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.

If a command returns a run time error, it will leave any result pointers unmodified, unless other behavior is explicitly defined in the specification.

Out of memory errors do not damage any currently existing Vulkan objects. Objects that have already been successfully created **can** still be used by the application.

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

#### See Also

No cross-references are available

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkResult

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# VkSampleCountFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkSampleCountFlagBits - Bitmask specifying sample counts supported for an image used for storage operations

## **C** Specification

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:

```
typedef enum VkSampleCountFlagBits {
   VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_1_BIT = 0x00000001,
   VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_2_BIT = 0x00000002,
   VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_4_BIT = 0x000000004,
   VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_8_BIT = 0x000000008,
   VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_16_BIT = 0x000000010,
   VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_32_BIT = 0x000000020,
   VK_SAMPLE_COUNT_64_BIT = 0x000000040,
} VkSampleCountFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

- 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.

#### See Also

VkAttachmentDescription, VkImageCreateInfo, VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo, VkSampleCountFlags, vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSampleCountFlagBits

# VkSamplerAddressMode(3)

#### Name

VkSamplerAddressMode - Specify behavior of sampling with texture coordinates outside an image

## **C** Specification

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:

```
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,
   VK_SAMPLER_ADDRESS_MODE_MIRROR_CLAMP_TO_EDGE = 4,
} VkSamplerAddressMode;
```

## **Description**

- 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.
- VK\_SAMPLER\_ADDRESS\_MODE\_MIRROR\_CLAMP\_TO\_EDGE specifies that the mirror clamp to edge wrap mode will be used. This is only valid if the VK\_KHR\_mirror\_clamp\_to\_edge extension is enabled.

#### See Also

VkSamplerCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSamplerAddressMode

# VkSamplerMipmapMode(3)

#### Name

VkSamplerMipmapMode - Specify mipmap mode used for texture lookups

## **C** Specification

Possible values of the VkSamplerCreateInfo::mipmapMode, specifying the mipmap mode used for texture lookups, are:

```
typedef enum VkSamplerMipmapMode {
   VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_NEAREST = 0,
   VK_SAMPLER_MIPMAP_MODE_LINEAR = 1,
} VkSamplerMipmapMode;
```

## **Description**

- 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.

#### See Also

VkSamplerCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSamplerMipmapMode

## VkShaderStageFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkShaderStageFlagBits - Bitmask specifying a pipeline stage

## **C** Specification

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:

```
typedef enum VkShaderStageFlagBits {
   VK_SHADER_STAGE_VERTEX_BIT = 0x00000001,
   VK_SHADER_STAGE_TESSELLATION_CONTROL_BIT = 0x00000002,
   VK_SHADER_STAGE_TESSELLATION_EVALUATION_BIT = 0x000000004,
   VK_SHADER_STAGE_GEOMETRY_BIT = 0x000000008,
   VK_SHADER_STAGE_FRAGMENT_BIT = 0x000000010,
   VK_SHADER_STAGE_COMPUTE_BIT = 0x000000020,
   VK_SHADER_STAGE_ALL_GRAPHICS = 0x00000001F,
   VK_SHADER_STAGE_ALL = 0x7FFFFFFFF,
} VkShaderStageFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

- 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.

#### See Also

VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo, VkShaderStageFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkShaderStageFlagBits

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## VkSharingMode(3)

#### Name

VkSharingMode - Buffer and image sharing modes

## **C** Specification

Buffer and image objects are created with a *sharing mode* controlling how they **can** be accessed from queues. The supported sharing modes are:

```
typedef enum VkSharingMode {
    VK_SHARING_MODE_EXCLUSIVE = 0,
    VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT = 1,
} VkSharingMode;
```

## **Description**

- 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 same queue family at any given time. In order for a different queue family to be able to interpret the memory contents of a range or image subresource, the application must perform a queue family ownership transfer.

Upon creation, resources using VK\_SHARING\_MODE\_EXCLUSIVE are not owned by any queue family. A buffer or image memory barrier is not required to acquire *ownership* when no queue family owns the resource - it is implicitly acquired upon first use within a queue.



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.

#### See Also

VkBufferCreateInfo, VkImageCreateInfo

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSharingMode

## VkSparseImageFormatFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkSparseImageFormatFlagBits - Bitmask specifying additional information about a sparse image resource

## **C** Specification

Bits which **can** be set in VkSparseImageFormatProperties::flags, specifying additional information about the sparse resource, are:

```
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 = 0x000000004,
} VkSparseImageFormatFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

- 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 pixel format.

#### See Also

VkSparseImageFormatFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkSparseImageFormatFlagBits

# VkSparseMemoryBindFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkSparseMemoryBindFlagBits - Bitmask specifying usage of a sparse memory binding operation

## **C** Specification

Bits which **can** be set in VkSparseMemoryBind::flags, specifying usage of a sparse memory binding operation, are:

```
typedef enum VkSparseMemoryBindFlagBits {
    VK_SPARSE_MEMORY_BIND_METADATA_BIT = 0x00000001,
} VkSparseMemoryBindFlagBits;
```

### **Description**

• VK\_SPARSE\_MEMORY\_BIND\_METADATA\_BIT specifies that the memory being bound is only for the metadata aspect.

#### See Also

VkSparseMemoryBindFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSparseMemoryBindFlagBits

# VkStencilFaceFlagBits(3)

#### Name

VkStencilFaceFlagBits - Bitmask specifying sets of stencil state for which to update the compare mask

## **C** Specification

Bits which **can** be set in the vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask::faceMask parameter, and similar parameters of other commands specifying which stencil state to update stencil masks for, are:

```
typedef enum VkStencilFaceFlagBits {
    VK_STENCIL_FACE_FRONT_BIT = 0x00000001,
    VK_STENCIL_FACE_BACK_BIT = 0x00000002,
    VK_STENCIL_FRONT_AND_BACK = 0x00000003,
} VkStencilFaceFlagBits;
```

## **Description**

- 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\_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.

#### See Also

VkStencilFaceFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkStencilFaceFlagBits

## VkStencilOp(3)

#### Name

VkStencilOp - Stencil comparison function

## **C** Specification

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:

```
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_INVERT = 5,
   VK_STENCIL_OP_INCREMENT_AND_WRAP = 6,
   VK_STENCIL_OP_DECREMENT_AND_WRAP = 7,
} VkStencilOp;
```

## **Description**

- 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.

If the stencil test fails, the sample's coverage bit is cleared in the fragment. If there is no stencil framebuffer attachment, stencil modification **cannot** occur, and it is as if the stencil tests always pass.

If the stencil test passes, the writeMask member of the VkStencilOpState structures controls how the updated stencil value is written to the stencil framebuffer attachment.

The least significant s bits of writeMask, where s is the number of bits in the stencil framebuffer attachment, specify an integer mask. Where a 1 appears in this mask, the corresponding bit in the stencil value in the depth/stencil attachment is written; where a 0 appears, the bit is not written. The writeMask value uses either the front-facing or back-facing state based on the facingness of the fragment. Fragments generated by front-facing primitives use the front mask and fragments generated by back-facing primitives use the back mask.

## See Also

VkStencilOpState

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkStencilOp

## VkStructureType(3)

#### Name

VkStructureType - Vulkan structure types (stype)

## **C** Specification

Vulkan structures containing sType members **must** have a value of sType matching the type of the structure, as described more fully in Valid Usage for Structure Types. Structure types supported by the Vulkan API include:

```
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,
```

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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,

VKSTRUCTURE_TYPE_LOADER_DEVICE_CREATE_INFO = 48,
```

### **Description**

#### See Also

VkApplicationInfo, VkBindSparseInfo, VkBufferCreateInfo, VkBufferMemoryBarrier, VkBufferViewCreateInfo, VkCommandBufferAllocateInfo, VkCommandBufferBeginInfo, VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo, VkCommandPoolCreateInfo, VkComputePipelineCreateInfo, VkCopyDescriptorSet, VkDescriptorPoolCreateInfo, VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo, VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo, VkDeviceCreateInfo, VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo, VkEventCreateInfo, VkFenceCreateInfo, VkFramebufferCreateInfo, VkGraphicsPipelineCreateInfo, VkImageCreateInfo, VkImageMemoryBarrier, VkImageViewCreateInfo, VkInstanceCreateInfo, VkMappedMemoryRange, VkMemoryAllocateInfo, VkMemoryBarrier, VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo, VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo, VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo, VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo, VkQueryPoolCreateInfo, VkRenderPassBeginInfo, VkRenderPassCreateInfo, VkSamplerCreateInfo, VkSemaphoreCreateInfo, VkShaderModuleCreateInfo, VkSubmitInfo, VkWriteDescriptorSet

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkStructureType

## VkSubpassContents(3)

#### Name

VkSubpassContents - Specify how commands in the first subpass of a render pass are provided

### **C** Specification

Possible values of vkCmdBeginRenderPass::contents, specifying how the commands in the first subpass will be provided, are:

```
typedef enum VkSubpassContents {
   VK_SUBPASS_CONTENTS_INLINE = 0,
   VK_SUBPASS_CONTENTS_SECONDARY_COMMAND_BUFFERS = 1,
} VkSubpassContents;
```

### **Description**

- 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.

### See Also

vkCmdBeginRenderPass, vkCmdNextSubpass

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSubpassContents

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# VkSubpassDescriptionFlagBits(3)

### Name

VkSubpassDescriptionFlagBits - Bitmask specifying usage of a subpass

## **C** Specification

Bits which can be set in VkSubpassDescription::flags, specifying usage of the subpass, are:

```
typedef enum VkSubpassDescriptionFlagBits {
} VkSubpassDescriptionFlagBits;
```

### **Description**

### See Also

VkSubpassDescriptionFlags

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSubpassDescriptionFlagBits

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## VkSystemAllocationScope(3)

#### Name

VkSystemAllocationScope - Allocation scope

### **C** Specification

Each allocation has an *allocation scope* which defines 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:

```
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;
```

### **Description**

- 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 an object of type VkPipelineCache, the allocator will use the VK\_SYSTEM\_ALLOCATION\_SCOPE\_CACHE allocation scope. The most specific allocator available is used (pipeline 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.

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSystemAllocationScope

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## VkVertexInputRate(3)

#### Name

VkVertexInputRate - Specify rate at which vertex attributes are pulled from buffers

## **C** Specification

Possible values of VkVertexInputBindingDescription::inputRate, specifying the rate at which vertex attributes are pulled from buffers, are:

```
typedef enum VkVertexInputRate {
    VK_VERTEX_INPUT_RATE_VERTEX = 0,
    VK_VERTEX_INPUT_RATE_INSTANCE = 1,
} VkVertexInputRate;
```

### **Description**

- 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.

### See Also

VkVertexInputBindingDescription

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkVertexInputRate

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# **Flags**

## VkAccessFlags(3)

### Name

VkAccessFlags - Bitmask of VkAccessFlagBits

### **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkAccessFlags;

### **Description**

VkAccessFlags is a mask of zero or more VkAccessFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkAccessFlagBits, VkBufferMemoryBarrier, VkImageMemoryBarrier, VkMemoryBarrier, VkSubpassDependency

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkAccessFlags

# VkAttachmentDescriptionFlags(3)

### Name

VkAttachmentDescriptionFlags - Bitmask of VkAttachmentDescriptionFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkAttachmentDescriptionFlags;

### **Description**

VkAttachmentDescriptionFlags is a mask of zero or more VkAttachmentDescriptionFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkAttachmentDescription, VkAttachmentDescriptionFlagBits

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkAttachmentDescriptionFlags

## VkBufferCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkBufferCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkBufferCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkBufferCreateFlags;

## **Description**

VkBufferCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkBufferCreateFlagBits, VkBufferCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkBufferCreateFlags

# VkBufferUsageFlags(3)

### Name

VkBufferUsageFlags - Bitmask of VkBufferUsageFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkBufferUsageFlags;

## **Description**

VkBufferUsageFlags is a mask of zero or more VkBufferUsageFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkBufferCreateInfo, VkBufferUsageFlagBits

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkBufferUsageFlags

## VkBufferViewCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkBufferViewCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkBufferViewCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkBufferViewCreateFlags;

## **Description**

VkBufferViewCreateFlagBits is a mask of zero or more VkBufferViewCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkBufferViewCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkBufferViewCreateFlags

# VkColorComponentFlags(3)

### Name

VkColorComponentFlags - Bitmask of VkColorComponentFlagBits

## **C Specification**

typedef VkFlags VkColorComponentFlags;

## **Description**

VkColorComponentFlags is a mask of zero or more VkColorComponentFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

Vk Color Component Flag Bits, Vk Pipeline Color Blend Attachment State

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkColorComponentFlags

## VkCommandBufferResetFlags(3)

#### Name

VkCommandBufferResetFlags - Bitmask of VkCommandBufferResetFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkCommandBufferResetFlags;

## **Description**

VkCommandBufferResetFlags is a mask of zero or more VkCommandBufferResetFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

Vk Command Buffer Reset Flag Bits, vk Reset Command Buffer

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkCommandBufferResetFlags

## VkCommandBufferUsageFlags(3)

### Name

VkCommandBufferUsageFlags - Bitmask of VkCommandBufferUsageFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkCommandBufferUsageFlags;

## **Description**

VkCommandBufferUsageFlags is a mask of zero or more VkCommandBufferUsageFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkCommandBufferBeginInfo, VkCommandBufferUsageFlagBits

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkCommandBufferUsageFlags

## VkCommandPoolCreateFlags(3)

#### Name

VkCommandPoolCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkCommandPoolCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkCommandPoolCreateFlags;

## **Description**

VkCommandPoolCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkCommandPoolCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

Vk Command Pool Create Flag Bits, Vk Command Pool Create Info

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkCommandPoolCreateFlags

## VkCommandPoolResetFlags(3)

### Name

VkCommandPoolResetFlags - Bitmask of VkCommandPoolResetFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkCommandPoolResetFlags;

### **Description**

VkCommandPoolResetFlags is a mask of zero or more VkCommandPoolResetFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkCommandPoolResetFlagBits, vkResetCommandPool

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkCommandPoolResetFlags

# VkCullModeFlags(3)

### Name

VkCullModeFlags - Bitmask of VkCullModeFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkCullModeFlags;

## **Description**

VkCullModeFlags is a mask of zero or more VkCullModeFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

Vk Cull Mode Flag Bits, Vk Pipeline Rasterization State Create Info

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkCullModeFlags

# VkDependencyFlags(3)

### Name

VkDependencyFlags - Bitmask of VkDependencyFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkDependencyFlags;

### **Description**

VkDependencyFlags is a mask of zero or more VkDependencyFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkDependencyFlagBits, VkSubpassDependency, vkCmdPipelineBarrier

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDependencyFlags

## VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlags;

### **Description**

VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkDescriptor Pool Create Flag Bits, VkDescriptor Pool Create Info

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDescriptorPoolCreateFlags

# VkDescriptorPoolResetFlags(3)

### Name

VkDescriptorPoolResetFlags - Bitmask of VkDescriptorPoolResetFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkDescriptorPoolResetFlags;

### **Description**

VkDescriptorPoolResetFlags is a mask of zero or more VkDescriptorPoolResetFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

vkResetDescriptorPool

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDescriptorPoolResetFlags

## VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlags(3)

### Name

 $VkDescriptor SetLayout Create Flags-Bitmask\ of\ VkDescriptor SetLayout Create FlagBits$ 

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlags;

## **Description**

VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlagBits, VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateInfo

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDescriptorSetLayoutCreateFlags

# VkDeviceCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkDeviceCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkDeviceCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkDeviceCreateFlags;

### **Description**

VkDeviceCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkDeviceCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkDeviceCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDeviceCreateFlags

# VkDeviceQueueCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkDeviceQueueCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkDeviceQueueCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkDeviceQueueCreateFlags;

## **Description**

VkDeviceQueueCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkDeviceQueueCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDeviceQueueCreateFlags

## VkEventCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkEventCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkEventCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkEventCreateFlags;

## **Description**

VkEventCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkEventCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkEventCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkEventCreateFlags

## VkFenceCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkFenceCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkFenceCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkFenceCreateFlags;

### **Description**

VkFenceCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkFenceCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkFenceCreateFlagBits, VkFenceCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkFenceCreateFlags

# VkFormatFeatureFlags(3)

### Name

VkFormatFeatureFlags - Bitmask of VkFormatFeatureFlagBits

## **C Specification**

typedef VkFlags VkFormatFeatureFlags;

## **Description**

VkFormatFeatureFlags is a mask of zero or more VkFormatFeatureFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkFormatFeatureFlagBits, VkFormatProperties

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkFormatFeatureFlags

# VkFramebufferCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkFramebufferCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkFramebufferCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkFramebufferCreateFlags;

## **Description**

VkFramebufferCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkFramebufferCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkFramebufferCreateFlags

## VkImageAspectFlags(3)

### Name

VkImageAspectFlags - Bitmask of VkImageAspectFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkImageAspectFlags;

## **Description**

VkImageAspectFlags is a mask of zero or more VkImageAspectFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkClearAttachment, VkImageAspectFlagBits, VkImageSubresource, VkImageSubresourceLayers, VkImageSubresourceRange, VkSparseImageFormatProperties

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImageAspectFlags

## VkImageCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkImageCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkImageCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkImageCreateFlags;

### **Description**

VkImageCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkImageCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkImageCreateFlagBits, VkImageCreateInfo, vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImageCreateFlags

## VkImageUsageFlags(3)

### Name

VkImageUsageFlags - Bitmask of VkImageUsageFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkImageUsageFlags;

### **Description**

VkImageUsageFlags is a mask of zero or more VkImageUsageFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkImageCreateInfo, VkImageUsageFlagBits, vkGetPhysicalDeviceImageFormatProperties, vkGetPhysicalDeviceSparseImageFormatProperties

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImageUsageFlags

## VkImageViewCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkImageViewCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkImageViewCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkImageViewCreateFlags;

### **Description**

VkImageViewCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkImageViewCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkImageViewCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkImageViewCreateFlags

## VkInstanceCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkInstanceCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkInstanceCreateFlagBits

## **C Specification**

typedef VkFlags VkInstanceCreateFlags;

## **Description**

VkInstanceCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkInstanceCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkInstanceCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkInstanceCreateFlags

# VkMemoryHeapFlags(3)

### Name

VkMemoryHeapFlags - Bitmask of VkMemoryHeapFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkMemoryHeapFlags;

### **Description**

VkMemoryHeapFlags is a mask of zero or more VkMemoryHeapFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkMemoryHeap, VkMemoryHeapFlagBits

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkMemoryHeapFlags

# VkMemoryMapFlags(3)

### Name

VkMemoryMapFlags - Bitmask of VkMemoryMapFlagBits

## **C Specification**

typedef VkFlags VkMemoryMapFlags;

### **Description**

VkMemoryMapFlags is a mask of zero or more VkMemoryMapFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

vkMapMemory

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkMemoryMapFlags

# VkMemoryPropertyFlags(3)

### Name

VkMemoryPropertyFlags - Bitmask of VkMemoryPropertyFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkMemoryPropertyFlags;

### **Description**

VkMemoryPropertyFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkMemoryPropertyFlagBits, VkMemoryType

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkMemoryPropertyFlags

# VkPipelineCacheCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkPipelineCacheCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkPipelineCacheCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkPipelineCacheCreateFlags;

### **Description**

VkPipelineCacheCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkPipelineCacheCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkPipelineCacheCreateInfo

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPipelineCacheCreateFlags

# VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateFlags;

### **Description**

VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateFlagS is a mask of zero or more VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateFlags

# VkPipelineCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkPipelineCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkPipelineCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkPipelineCreateFlags;

### **Description**

VkPipelineCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkPipelineCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

Vk Compute Pipeline Create Info, Vk Graphics Pipeline Create Info, Vk Pipeline Create Flag Bits

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPipelineCreateFlags

# VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateFlags(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateFlags;

### **Description**

VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

#### See Also

VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateFlags

# VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateFlags;

## **Description**

VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateFlagS is a mask of zero or more VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

#### See Also

VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineDynamicStateCreateFlags

# VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateFlags(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateFlags;

### **Description**

VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

#### See Also

VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateFlags

# VkPipelineLayoutCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkPipelineLayoutCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkPipelineLayoutCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkPipelineLayoutCreateFlags;

## **Description**

VkPipelineLayoutCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkPipelineLayoutCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkPipelineLayoutCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPipelineLayoutCreateFlags

# VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateFlags(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateFlags;

## **Description**

VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

#### See Also

**VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo** 

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateFlags

# VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateFlags(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateFlags;

### **Description**

VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

#### See Also

VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateFlags

# VkPipelineShaderStageCreateFlags(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineShaderStageCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkPipelineShaderStageCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkPipelineShaderStageCreateFlags;

## **Description**

VkPipelineShaderStageCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkPipelineShaderStageCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

#### See Also

VkPipelineShaderStageCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineShaderStageCreateFlags

# VkPipelineStageFlags(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineStageFlags - Bitmask of VkPipelineStageFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkPipelineStageFlags;

### **Description**

VkPipelineStageFlags is a mask of zero or more VkPipelineStageFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkPipelineStageFlagBits, VkSubmitInfo, VkSubpassDependency, vkCmdPipelineBarrier, vkCmdResetEvent, vkCmdWaitEvents

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkPipelineStageFlags

# VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateFlags(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateFlags;

## **Description**

VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

#### See Also

VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineTessellationStateCreateFlags

# VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateFlags(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateFlags;

### **Description**

VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

#### See Also

VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineVertexInputStateCreateFlags

# VkPipelineViewportStateCreateFlags(3)

#### Name

VkPipelineViewportStateCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkPipelineViewportStateCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkPipelineViewportStateCreateFlags;

### **Description**

VkPipelineViewportStateCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkPipelineViewportStateCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

#### See Also

VkPipelineViewportStateCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# VkPipelineViewportStateCreateFlags

# VkQueryControlFlags(3)

### Name

VkQueryControlFlags - Bitmask of VkQueryControlFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkQueryControlFlags;

## **Description**

VkQueryControlFlags is a mask of zero or more VkQueryControlFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkCommandBufferInheritanceInfo, VkQueryControlFlagBits, vkCmdBeginQuery

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkQueryControlFlags

# VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlags(3)

### Name

VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlags - Bitmask of VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlags;

## **Description**

VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlags is a mask of zero or more VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

#### See Also

Vk Command Buffer Inheritance Info, Vk Query Pipeline Statistic Flag Bits, Vk Query Pool Create Info Pipeline Statistic Flag Bits, Vk Query

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkQueryPipelineStatisticFlags

# VkQueryPoolCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkQueryPoolCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkQueryPoolCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkQueryPoolCreateFlags;

### **Description**

VkQueryPoolCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkQueryPoolCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkQueryPoolCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkQueryPoolCreateFlags

# VkQueryResultFlags(3)

### Name

VkQueryResultFlags - Bitmask of VkQueryResultFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkQueryResultFlags;

### **Description**

VkQueryResultFlags is a mask of zero or more VkQueryResultFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkQuery Result Flag Bits, vkCmdCopyQuery PoolResults, vkGetQuery PoolResults

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkQueryResultFlags

# VkQueueFlags(3)

### Name

VkQueueFlags - Bitmask of VkQueueFlagBits

# **C Specification**

typedef VkFlags VkQueueFlags;

## **Description**

VkQueueFlags is a mask of zero or more VkQueueFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkQueueFamilyProperties, VkQueueFlagBits

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkQueueFlags

# VkRenderPassCreateFlags(3)

#### Name

VkRenderPassCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkRenderPassCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkRenderPassCreateFlags;

### **Description**

VkRenderPassCreateFlagBits is a mask of zero or more VkRenderPassCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

#### See Also

VkRenderPassCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkRenderPassCreateFlags

# VkSampleCountFlags(3)

### Name

VkSampleCountFlags - Bitmask of VkSampleCountFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkSampleCountFlags;

## **Description**

VkSampleCountFlags is a mask of zero or more VkSampleCountFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkImageFormatProperties, VkPhysicalDeviceLimits, VkSampleCountFlagBits

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSampleCountFlags

# VkSamplerCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkSamplerCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkSamplerCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkSamplerCreateFlags;

## **Description**

VkSamplerCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkSamplerCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkSamplerCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSamplerCreateFlags

# VkSemaphoreCreateFlags(3)

### Name

VkSemaphoreCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkSemaphoreCreateFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkSemaphoreCreateFlags;

## **Description**

VkSemaphoreCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkSemaphoreCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkSemaphoreCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSemaphoreCreateFlags

# VkShaderModuleCreateFlags(3)

#### Name

VkShaderModuleCreateFlags - Bitmask of VkShaderModuleCreateFlagBits

# **C Specification**

typedef VkFlags VkShaderModuleCreateFlags;

## **Description**

VkShaderModuleCreateFlags is a mask of zero or more VkShaderModuleCreateFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

#### See Also

VkShaderModuleCreateInfo

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkShaderModuleCreateFlags

# VkShaderStageFlags(3)

#### Name

VkShaderStageFlags - Bitmask of VkShaderStageFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkShaderStageFlags;

### **Description**

VkShaderStageFlags is a mask of zero or more VkShaderStageFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding, vkCmdPushConstants

VkPushConstantRange,

VkShaderStageFlagBits,

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkShaderStageFlags

# VkSparseImageFormatFlags(3)

#### Name

VkSparseImageFormatFlags - Bitmask of VkSparseImageFormatFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkSparseImageFormatFlags;

### **Description**

VkSparseImageFormatFlags is a mask of zero or more VkSparseImageFormatFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkSparseImageFormatFlagBits, VkSparseImageFormatProperties

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSparseImageFormatFlags

# VkSparseMemoryBindFlags(3)

### Name

VkSparseMemoryBindFlags - Bitmask of VkSparseMemoryBindFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkSparseMemoryBindFlags;

## **Description**

VkSparseMemoryBindFlags is a mask of zero or more VkSparseMemoryBindFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkSparseImageMemoryBind, VkSparseMemoryBind, VkSparseMemoryBindFlagBits

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSparseMemoryBindFlags

# VkStencilFaceFlags(3)

#### Name

VkStencilFaceFlags - Bitmask of VkStencilFaceFlagBits

# **C Specification**

typedef VkFlags VkStencilFaceFlags;

### **Description**

VkStencilFaceFlags is a mask of zero or more VkStencilFaceFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkStencilFaceFlagBits, vkCmdSetStencilWriteMask

vkCmdSetStencilCompareMask,

vkCmdSetStencilReference,

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkStencilFaceFlags

# VkSubpassDescriptionFlags(3)

### Name

VkSubpassDescriptionFlags - Bitmask of VkSubpassDescriptionFlagBits

## **C** Specification

typedef VkFlags VkSubpassDescriptionFlags;

## **Description**

VkSubpassDescriptionFlags is a mask of zero or more VkSubpassDescriptionFlagBits. It is used as a member and/or parameter of the structures and commands in the See Also section below.

### See Also

VkSubpassDescription, VkSubpassDescriptionFlagBits

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSubpassDescriptionFlags

# **Function Pointer Types**

# PFN\_vkAllocationFunction(3)

#### Name

PFN\_vkAllocationFunction - Application-defined memory allocation function

## **C** Specification

The type of pfnAllocation is:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

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 run-time 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.

### **See Also**

VkAllocationCallbacks

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#PFN\_vkAllocationFunction

# PFN\_vkFreeFunction(3)

#### Name

PFN\_vkFreeFunction - Application-defined memory free function

## **C** Specification

The type of pfnFree is:

#### **Parameters**

- pUserData is the value specified for VkAllocationCallbacks::pUserData in the allocator specified by the application.
- pMemory is the allocation to be freed.

### **Description**

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.

#### See Also

**VkAllocationCallbacks** 

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#PFN\_vkFreeFunction

# PFN\_vkInternalAllocationNotification(3)

#### Name

PFN\_vkInternalAllocationNotification - Application-defined memory allocation notification function

## **C** Specification

The type of pfnInternalAllocation is:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

This is a purely informational callback.

#### See Also

**VkAllocationCallbacks** 

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html# PFN\_vkInternalAllocationNotification

# PFN\_vkInternalFreeNotification(3)

#### Name

PFN\_vkInternalFreeNotification - Application-defined memory free notification function

## **C** Specification

The type of pfnInternalFree is:

#### **Parameters**

- 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.

## **Description**

#### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#PFN\_vkInternalFreeNotification

# PFN\_vkReallocationFunction(3)

#### Name

PFN\_vkReallocationFunction - Application-defined memory reallocation function

## **C** Specification

The type of pfnReallocation is:

#### **Parameters**

- 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 the same 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.

### **Description**

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.

### See Also

VkAllocationCallbacks

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

 $https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html \verb|#PFN_vkReallocationFunction|| the property of the prope$ 

# PFN\_vkVoidFunction(3)

### Name

PFN\_vkVoidFunction - Dummy function pointer type returned by queries

## **C** Specification

The definition of PFN\_vkVoidFunction is:

typedef void (VKAPI\_PTR \*PFN\_vkVoidFunction)(void);

#### **Parameters**

## **Description**

#### See Also

vkGetDeviceProcAddr, vkGetInstanceProcAddr

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#PFN\_vkVoidFunction

# **Vulkan Scalar types**

# VkBool32(3)

#### Name

VkBool32 - Vulkan boolean type

### **C** Specification

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

typedef uint32\_t VkBool32;

### **Description**

VK TRUE represents a boolean True (integer 1) value, and VK FALSE a boolean False (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.

### See Also

VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures, VkPhysicalDeviceLimits, VkPhysicalDeviceSparseProperties, VkPipelineColorBlendAttachmentState, VkPipelineColorBlendStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineDepthStencilStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineInputAssemblyStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineMultisampleStateCreateInfo, VkPipelineRasterizationStateCreateInfo, VkSamplerCreateInfo, vkWaitForFences

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkBool32

## VkDeviceSize(3)

#### Name

VkDeviceSize - Vulkan device memory size and offsets

### **C** Specification

VkDeviceSize represents device memory size and offset values:

typedef uint64\_t VkDeviceSize;

### **Description**

### See Also

VkBufferCopy, VkBufferCreateInfo, VkBufferImageCopy, VkBufferMemoryBarrier, VkBufferViewCreateInfo, VkDescriptorBufferInfo, VkImageFormatProperties, VkMappedMemoryRange, VkMemoryAllocateInfo, VkMemoryHeap, VkMemoryRequirements, VkPhysicalDeviceLimits, VkSparseImageMemoryBind, VkSparseImageMemoryRequirements, VkSparseMemoryBind, VkSubresourceLayout, vkBindBufferMemory, vkBindImageMemory, vkCmdBindIndexBuffer, vkCmdBindVertexBuffers, vkCmdCopyQueryPoolResults, vkCmdDispatchIndirect, vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect, vkCmdDrawIndirect, vkCmdFillBuffer, vkCmdUpdateBuffer, vkGetDeviceMemoryCommitment, vkGetQueryPoolResults, vkMapMemory

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkDeviceSize

## VkFlags(3)

#### Name

VkFlags - Vulkan bitmasks

## **C** Specification

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

typedef uint32\_t VkFlags;

## **Description**

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. These aliases are described in the Flag Types appendix of the Specification.

### See Also

VkColorComponentFlags

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkFlags

## VkSampleMask(3)

### Name

VkSampleMask - Mask of sample coverage information

## **C** Specification

The elements of the sample mask array are of type VkSampleMask, each representing 32 bits of coverage information:

typedef uint32\_t VkSampleMask;

## **Description**

### See Also

VkPipeline Multisample State Create Info

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VkSampleMask

# **C Macro Definitions**

## VK\_API\_VERSION(3)

### Name

VK\_API\_VERSION - Deprecated version number macro

### **C** Specification

VK\_API\_VERSION is now commented out of vulkan.h and cannot be used.

// 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

### **Description**

### See Also

No cross-references are available

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VK\_API\_VERSION

## VK\_API\_VERSION\_1\_0(3)

### Name

VK\_API\_VERSION\_1\_0 - Return API version number for Vulkan 1.0

## **C** Specification

VK\_API\_VERSION\_1\_0 returns the API version number for Vulkan 1.0. The patch version number in this macro will always be zero. The supported patch version for a physical device **can** be queried with vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties.

```
// Vulkan 1.0 version number #define VK_API_VERSION_1_0 VK_MAKE_VERSION(1, 0, 0)// Patch version should always be set to 0
```

### **Description**

### See Also

vkCreateInstance, vkGetPhysicalDeviceProperties

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VK\_API\_VERSION\_1\_0

## VK\_DEFINE\_HANDLE(3)

#### Name

VK\_DEFINE\_HANDLE - Declare a dispatchable object handle

## **C** Specification

VK\_DEFINE\_HANDLE defines a dispatchable handle type.

#define VK\_DEFINE\_HANDLE(object) typedef struct object##\_T\* object;

### **Description**

• 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.

### See Also

VkCommandBuffer, VkDevice, VkInstance, VkPhysicalDevice, VkQueue

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VK\_DEFINE\_HANDLE

## VK DEFINE NON DISPATCHABLE HANDLE(3)

#### Name

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE - Declare a non-dispatchable object handle

## **C** Specification

VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE defines a non-dispatchable handle type.

### **Description**

• object is the name of the resulting C type.

Most Vulkan handle types, such as VkBuffer, are non-dispatchable.

Note



The vulkan.h header allows the VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE definition to be overridden by the application. If VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE is already defined when the vulkan.h header is compiled the default definition is 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. Behavior is undefined if the application defines a non-binary-compatible handle and may result in memory corruption or application termination. Binary compatibility is platform dependent so the application must be careful if it overrides the default VK\_DEFINE\_NON\_DISPATCHABLE\_HANDLE definition.

### See Also

**VkBuffer** 

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#

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## VK\_HEADER\_VERSION(3)

#### Name

VK\_HEADER\_VERSION - Vulkan header file version number

## **C** Specification

VK\_HEADER\_VERSION is the version number of the vulkan.h header. This value is currently kept synchronized with the release number of the Specification. However, it is not guaranteed to remain synchronized, since most Specification updates have no effect on vulkan.h.

// Version of this file
#define VK\_HEADER\_VERSION 55

### **Description**

### See Also

No cross-references are available

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VK\_HEADER\_VERSION

## VK\_MAKE\_VERSION(3)

#### Name

VK\_MAKE\_VERSION - Construct an API version number

## **C** Specification

VK\_MAKE\_VERSION constructs an API version number.

```
#define VK_MAKE_VERSION(major, minor, patch) \
  (((major) << 22) | ((minor) << 12) | (patch))</pre>
```

### **Description**

- major is the major version number.
- minor is the minor version number.
- patch is the patch version number.

This macro **can** be used when constructing the VkApplicationInfo::apiVersion parameter passed to vkCreateInstance.

#### See Also

VkApplicationInfo, vkCreateInstance

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VK\_MAKE\_VERSION

## VK\_NULL\_HANDLE(3)

### Name

VK\_NULL\_HANDLE - Reserved non-valid object handle

## **C** Specification

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.

#define VK\_NULL\_HANDLE 0

## **Description**

### See Also

No cross-references are available

#### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VK\_NULL\_HANDLE

## VK\_VERSION\_MAJOR(3)

### Name

VK\_VERSION\_MAJOR - Extract API major version number

## **C** Specification

VK\_VERSION\_MAJOR extracts the API major version number from a packed version number:

#define VK\_VERSION\_MAJOR(version) ((uint32\_t)(version) >> 22)

### **Description**

### See Also

No cross-references are available

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VK\_VERSION\_MAJOR

## VK\_VERSION\_MINOR(3)

### Name

VK\_VERSION\_MINOR - Extract API minor version number

## **C** Specification

VK\_VERSION\_MINOR extracts the API minor version number from a packed version number:

#define VK\_VERSION\_MINOR(version) (((uint32\_t)(version) >> 12) & 0x3ff)

### **Description**

### See Also

No cross-references are available

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VK\_VERSION\_MINOR

## VK\_VERSION\_PATCH(3)

### Name

VK\_VERSION\_PATCH - Extract API patch version number

## **C** Specification

VK\_VERSION\_PATCH extracts the API patch version number from a packed version number:

#define VK\_VERSION\_PATCH(version) ((uint32\_t)(version) & 0xfff)

### **Description**

### See Also

No cross-references are available

### **Document Notes**

For more information, see the Vulkan Specification at URL

https://www.khronos.org/registry/vulkan/specs/1.0/html/vkspec.html#VK\_VERSION\_PATCH