




# Chapter 4: VkSwapchainKHR

## O. VkSwapchainCreateInfoKHR


- <https://vkdoc.net/man/VkSwapchainCreateInfoKHR>
  - `.sType`  VK\_STRUCTURE\_TYPE\_SWAPCHAIN\_CREATE\_INFO
  - `.pNext`  nullptr
  - `.flags`  ChapterZZZ
  - `.surface`  Chapter4.2
  -  Image options  Chapter4.4
    - `.minImageCount`
    - `.imageFormat` 
    - `.imageColorSpace` 
    - `.imageExtent` 
    - `.imageArrayLayers`
    - `.imageUsage`
    - `.imageSharingMode`  EXCLUSIVE/CONCURRENT [Toggle]
  - VK\_SHARING\_MODE\_CONCURRENT  ChapterZZZ
    - `.queueFamilyIndexCount` --> if using, must be greated than 1
    - `.pQueueFamilyIndices` --> These two are used only if `.imageSharingMode = CONCURRENT` iguess
  -  Compositing Options  Chapter4.5
    - `.preTransform` :- VkSurfaceTransformFlagBitsKHR
    - `.compositeAlpha` :- VkCompositeAlphaFlagBitsKHR
    - `.presentMode` :- VkPresentModeKHR
    - `.clipped` :- VkBool32
  - `.oldSwapchain`  ChapterZZZ
    -  SwapchainReCration

## 1. amVK wrap Part I

```
#include "amGHOST_VkSurfaceKHR.hh"

// TwT
REY_LOG("");
amVK_Instance::EnumerateInstanceExtensions();
amVK_Instance::addTo_1D_Instance_EXTs_Enabled("VK_KHR_surface");
amVK_Instance::addTo_1D_Instance_EXTs_Enabled(amGHOST_System::get_vulkan_os_surface_ext_name());
// amGHOST_VkSurfaceKHR::create_surface() needs that extension enabled
amVK_Instance::CreateInstance();

REY_LOG("");
VkSurfaceKHR VK_S = amGHOST_VkSurfaceKHR::create_surface(W, amVK_Instance::vk_Instance);


// another  amVK Wrap, at the end of this file
```

## 2. **VkSurfaceKHR**




### Part I:- Enabling **VK\_KHR\_surface** Vulkan Extension

<https://vkdoc.net/man/VkSurfaceKHR>

[https://vkdoc.net/extensions/VK\\_KHR\\_surface](https://vkdoc.net/extensions/VK_KHR_surface)

Yaaaaay, we have reached our first extension to enable  
we need to enable it back in **vkCreateInstance()** from  **Chapter1.2**

#### 1. **vkEnumerateInstanceExtensionProperties()**

- <https://vkdoc.net/man/vkEnumerateInstanceExtensionProperties>
-   **Chapter2.1**
  - This symbol/emoji means "Implement Exactly like in **Chapter2.1** 

#### 2. **IS\_InstanceEXT\_Available(const char\* extName)**

```
bool amVK_InstanceProps::IS_InstanceEXT_Available(const char *extName) {
    for (uint32_t k = 0, lim = amVK_EXT_PROPS.n; k < lim; k++) {
        if (strcmp(amVK_EXT_PROPS[k].extensionName, extName) == 0) { // <cstring>
            return true;
        }
    }
    return false;
}
```

#### 3. **Add\_InstanceEXT\_ToEnable(const char\* extName)**

```
static inline REY_ArrayDYN<char*> s_Enabled_EXTs = REY_ArrayDYN<char*>(nullptr, 0, 0);
// It will be automatically allocated, resize, as we keep adding 😊
#include <string.h>
void amVK_Instance::Add_InstanceEXT_ToEnable(const char* extName)
{
    if (!amVK_InstanceProps::called_EnumerateInstanceExtensions) {
        amVK_InstanceProps::EnumerateInstanceExtensions();
    }

    if (amVK_InstanceProps::IS_InstanceEXT_Available(extName)) {
        char *dont_lose = new char[strlen(extName)];
        strcpy(dont_lose, extName);

        s_Enabled_EXTs.push_back(dont_lose);

        amVK_Instance::CI.enabledExtensionCount = s_Enabled_EXTs.neXt;
        amVK_Instance::CI.ppEnabledExtensionNames = s_Enabled_EXTs.data;
    }
    else {
        REY_LOG_notfound("Vulkan Extension:- " << extName);
    }
}
```

## Part II:- OS Specific SurfaceEXT & Creating it

```
amVK_Instance::Add_InstanceEXT_ToEnable(amGHOST_System::get_vulkan_os_surface_ext_name());  
// or  
amVK_Instance::Add_InstanceEXT_ToEnable("VK_KHR_win32_surface");  
// or some other surface name
```

### 1. Win32SurfaceCI

- <https://vkdoc.net/man/VkWin32SurfaceCreateInfoKHR>

### 2. vkCreateWin32SurfaceKHR()

- <https://vkdoc.net/man/vkCreateWin32SurfaceKHR>

### 3. </> TheCode

```
pure-virtual VkSurfaceKHR amGHOST_VkSurfaceKHR_WIN32::create(VkInstance I)  
{  
    amGHOST_SystemWIN32 *heart_win32 = (amGHOST_SystemWIN32 *) amGHOST_System::heart;  
    VkWin32SurfaceCreateInfoKHR CI = {  
        .sType = VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_WIN32_SURFACE_CREATE_INFO_KHR,  
        .pNext = NULL,  
        .flags = 0,  
        .hInstance = heart_win32->hInstance,  
        .hwnd = this->W->m_hwnd  
        // W = amGHOST_WindowWIN32  
    };  
  
    VkSurfaceKHR S = nullptr;  
    VkResult return_code = vkCreateWin32SurfaceKHR(I, &CI, nullptr, &S);  
    amVK_return_code_log( "vkCreateWin32SurfaceKHR()" );  
    return S;  
}
```

### 4. VkXlibSurfaceCreateInfoKHR & vkCreateXlibSurfaceKHR() ✂ [wip]

### 5. REYDOCS

- you can also check amGHOST\_VkSurfaceKHR::create\_surface() 😊

### 6. 📺 So far, The result

- [4.guide.chapter4.2.amGHOST.hh](#)
- in the end people will just use 1 line

```
VkSurfaceKHR VK_S = amGHOST_VkSurfaceKHR::create_surface(amG_WindowOBJ, amVK_Instance::s_vk);
```

### 3. Naming Patterns

*example naming patterns for storing all these data.... cz it's gonna get overwhelming pretty soon, pretty fast*

#### 1. Arrays

```
class amVK_InstanceProps {
public:
    // Array of `Hardware amVK_1D_GPUs` connected to motherboard
    static inline REY_Array<VkPhysicalDevice> amVK_1D_GPUs;
    static inline REY_Array<REY_Array<VkQueueFamilyProperties>> amVK_2D_GPUs_QFAMs;
    static inline REY_Array<VkExtensionProperties> amVK_1D_InstanceEXTs;
    static inline REY_ArrayDYN<char*> amVK_1D_InstanceEXTs_Enabled;
    static inline REY_ArrayDYN<SurfaceInfo> amVK_1D_SurfaceInfos; // See
Below
    static inline REY_Array<REY_Array<VkExtensionProperties>> amVK_2D_GPUs_EXTs;
    // REY_Array doesn't allocate any memory by default

#define amVK_LOOP_GPUs(_var_) \
    for (uint32_t _var_ = 0, lim = amVK_1D_GPUs.n; _var_ < lim; _var_++)
#define amVK_LOOP_QFAMs(_k_, _var_) \
    for (uint32_t _var_ = 0, lim = amVK_2D_GPUs_QFAMs[_k_].n; _var_ < lim; _var_++)
};
```

#### 2. ChildrenStructs

```
class amVK_InstanceProps {
    class SurfaceInfo {
    public:
        VkSurfaceKHR S = nullptr;
        SurfaceInfo(void) {}
        SurfaceInfo(VkSurfaceKHR pS) {this->S = pS;}

        REY_Array<REY_Array<VkSurfaceFormatKHR>> amVK_2D_GPUs_ImageFMTs;

        bool called_GetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceFormatsKHR = false;
        void GetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceFormatsKHR(void); // amVK_2D_GPUs_ImageFMTs
    };
};
```




#### 3. VkFuncCalls

```
class amVK_InstanceProps {
public:
    static inline bool called_EnumeratePhysicalDevices = false;
    static inline bool called_GetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties = false;
    static inline bool called_EnumerateInstanceExtensions = false;

public:
    static void EnumeratePhysicalDevices(void); // amVK_1D_GPUs
    static void GetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties(void); // amVK_2D_GPUs_QFAMs
    static void EnumerateInstanceExtensions(void); // amVK_1D_InstanceEXTs
};
```

#### • REY\_DOCS




- *Lots of other nice stuffs are happening inside* `amVK_InstanceProps.hh`

- 🎬 So far, The result :-
  -  [4.guide.chapter4.3.Props.hh](#)
  -  [4.guide.chapter4.3.Props.cpp](#)
  -  [4.guide.chapter4.3.PropsOLD.hh](#)










## 4. SwapChain Image Options

`.imageFormat + .imageColorSpace`

### 1. `vkGetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceFormatsKHR()`



- <https://vkdoc.net/man/vkGetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceFormatsKHR>
  - `param surface`
-   Chapter 2.5
  - Only difference is, `Formats` might be a bit different as per `VkSurfaceKHR`
  -  So far, The result :- [4.guide.chapter4.4.5.midway.cpp](#)

### 2. `VkSurfaceFormatKHR`

- <https://vkdoc.net/man/VkSurfaceFormatKHR>
  - `||| .format`   `ImageFormat`
  - `.colorSpace`   `ImageColorSpace`
  - No Other options
-  `REY_DOCS`
  - This is basically a Combo of   `ImageFormat` &   `ColorSpace`
    - so, the gpu kinda expects you to respect these combos, when you are gonna set these into `VkSwapchainCreateInfoKHR` . instead of mumbo-jumbo-ing & mixing random stuffs alltogether....
    - altho, even if you do so, gpu is probably gonna show you the result of WRONG COLORSPACE/IMAGEFORMATs on the screen










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### 3. Life is Hard without Images/Visualization

- So we are gonna Export to JSON/YAML
  - [4.guide.chapter4.4.3.Enum2String.hh](#)
  - [4.guide.chapter4.4.3.data.jsonc](#)
  - [4.guide.chapter4.4.3.Export.cpp](#)
    - `aaaaggghhhh....` ik, the export file, looks a little bit messy.  but, dw, we won't use this export code in the end, it will be refactored & organized in  Chapter 4.4.6

`.minImageCount`  
 + `.imageExtent + .imageArrayLayers + .imageUsage`  
 `.compositeAlpha + .preTransform`

### 4. `VkSurfaceCapabilitiesKHR`

- <https://vkdoc.net/man/VkSurfaceCapabilitiesKHR>
  -  Image options  Chapter 4.4
    - `.minImageCount`
    - `.currentExtent`
      - as the OS Window size changes, `SurfCaps` also change
      - call `vkGetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceCapabilitiesKHR()` to get updated `WindowSize` / `SurfCaps`
    - `.maxImageArrayLayers`
    - `.supportedUsageFlags`
  -   Compositing Options  Chapter 4.5
    - `.supportedTransforms`
    - `.supportedCompositeAlpha`
      - `ALPHA-Blending/Transparency/GlassEffect` :- you'd have to enable blending/transparency @ OS-Level first, iguess 
  - Transparency  Chapter ZZZ
  -   2DriverIMPL
    - This section changed the perspective a little bit. Like, what I mean is that, Official Vulkan Specs requires GPU Driver

Implementations to abide by these requirements 🤖

- `.minImageCount` :- *must* be at least 1
- `.maxImageArrayLayers` :- *must* be at least 1
- `.supportedTransforms` :- at least 1 bit *must* be set.
- `.supportedUsageFlags` :-
  - `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT` *must* be included in the set.
  - Implementations *may* support additional usages.

## 5. `vkGetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceCapabilitiesKHR()`

- <https://vkdoc.net/man/vkGetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceCapabilitiesKHR>
- 📖 REYDOCs
  - we add right beside the function from 📄 Chapter4.4.1 🤖
  - 📦 So far, The result :- [4.guide.chapter4.4.5.midway.cpp](#)

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## 6. Life is Hard without Images/Visualization 2

- Soooooooo many things to keep track of, So here we go again
  - [4.guide.chapter4.4.6.Export.cpp](#)
  - [4.guide.chapter4.4.6.data.jsonc](#)

`.imageSharingMode`

## 7. `VkSharingMode`

- <https://vkdoc.net/man/VkSharingMode>
- it's like a Toggle/Button -> `EXCLUSIVE/CONCURRENT`

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## 8. 📦 So far, The result :-

```
amVK_SwapChain *SC = new amVK_SwapChain(VK_Surface);
SC->CI.imageFormat = VK_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_UNORM;
SC->CI.imageColorSpace = VK_COLOR_SPACE_SRGB_NONLINEAR_KHR;
SC->CI.minImageCount =
amVK_InstanceProps::amVK_1D_SurfaceInfos[0].amVK_1D_GPUs_SurfCAP[0].minImageCount;
SC->CI.imageExtent =
amVK_InstanceProps::amVK_1D_SurfaceInfos[0].amVK_1D_GPUs_SurfCAP[0].currentExtent;
SC->CI.imageArrayLayers =
amVK_InstanceProps::amVK_1D_SurfaceInfos[0].amVK_1D_GPUs_SurfCAP[0].maxImageArrayLayers;
// You can just use "1" too, which is guranteed by DRIVER_IMPLEMENTATION [2DriverIMPL]
SC->CI.imageSharingMode = VK_SHARING_MODE_EXCLUSIVE;
// `EXCLUSIVE/CONCURRENT` [Toggle]
SC->CI.imageUsage = VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT;
// 2DriverIMPL:- VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT is guranteed to be supported by SurfCAP
```

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## 9. Abbreviations

- `PD` -> PhysicalDevice
- `GPUs` -> PhysicalDevices
- `CI` -> CreateInfo

- `QCI` -> `QueueCreateInfo`
  - `QFAM` -> `QueueFamily`
  - `SurfCAP` -> <https://vkdoc.net/man/VkSurfaceCapabilitiesKHR>
  - `SurfFMT` -> <https://vkdoc.net/man/VkSurfaceFormatKHR>
  - `SC` -> `SwapChain`
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## 10. `VkSwapchainCreateInfoKHR`

- <https://vkdoc.net/man/VkSwapchainCreateInfoKHR>
  - `.flags` ☐ ChapterZZZ
  - `.surface` 🐙 Chapter4.2
  - 🖼️ Image options 🔗 Chapter4.4
    - `.minImageCount` = 📏 😊 `SurfCAP.minImageCount`
    - `.imageFormat` = 📏 😊 `SurfFMT[x].format`
    - `.imageColorSpace` = 📏 🌐 `SurfFMT[x].colorSpace`
      - Choosing a Combo ☐ ChapterZZZ
      - Compositing & ColorSpaces ☐ ChapterZZZ
    - `.imageExtent` = 📏 😊 `SurfCAP.minImageCount`
    - `.imageArrayLayers` = 📏 1
      - 🐙🔗 2DriverIMPL Gurantee
    - `.imageUsage` -> `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT`
      - 🐙🔗 2DriverIMPL Gurantee
    - `.imageSharingMode` = 📏 EXCLUSIVE/CONCURRENT [Toggle]
      - `VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT` ☐ ChapterZZZ
        - we aren't gonna use concurrent for now
        - `.queueFamilyIndexCount` -> 0
        - `.pQueueFamilyIndices` -> nullptr



## 5. SwapChain Compositing Options



### 1. .compositeAlpha

- <https://vkdoc.net/man/VkCompositeAlphaFlagBitsKHR>
- REYDOCs
  - **Options** :- Don't use / Pre-multiplied / Post-multiplied / inherit from OS-native window system
  - **Requirement** :-
    - You would have to enable @ OS level first, to enable ALPHA/Transparency/GlassEffect for window-s/surfaces
    - then after that, if you query for `vkGetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceCapabilitiesKHR()`
      - `SurfCAP.supportedCompositeAlpha` will change
    - by default, it's prolly always gonna support
      - `VK_COMPOSITE_ALPHA_OPAQUE_BIT_KHR`
      - i.e. if you haven't done any mastery wizardry yet, to enable ALPHA/Transparency/GlassEffect

### 2. .preTransform

- <https://vkdoc.net/man/VkSurfaceTransformFlagBitsKHR>
- REYDOCs
  - `SurfCAP.currentTransform`
  - you should probably log it if `currentTransform` isn't
    - `VK_SURFACE_TRANSFORM_IDENTITY_BIT_KHR`

### 3. .clipped

- REYDOCs
  - Setting clipped to `VK_TRUE` allows the implementation to discard rendering outside of the surface area

### 4. .presentMode `VkPresentModeKHR`

- <https://vkdoc.net/man/VkPresentModeKHR>
- REYDOCs
  - **Options** :- IMMEDIATE / MAILBOX / FirstInFirstOut / FIFO\_Relaxed

### 5. .oldSwapChain

- REYDOCs
  - if you are "re-creating" swapchain & you had an oldSwapchain
  - We do this when
    - a. Window Size / WindowExtent / Surface was Changed

### 6. So far, The result

```
amVK_SwapChain *SC = new amVK_SwapChain(VK_Surface);
... Image Stuffs
SC->CI.compositeAlpha = VK_COMPOSITE_ALPHA_OPAQUE_BIT_KHR;
SC->CI.preTransform =
amVK_InstanceProps::amVK_1D_SurfaceInfos[0].amVK_1D_GPUs_SurfCAP[0].currentTransform;
SC->CI.clipped = VK_TRUE;
SC->CI.presentMode = VK_PRESENT_MODE_FIFO_KHR;
SC->CI.oldSwapchain = nullptr;
```

## 6. SwapChain Extension Enabling [ VK\_KHR\_swapchain ]

### 1. vkEnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties()

- <https://vkdoc.net/man/vkEnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties>
  - honestly this should be named `vkEnumeratePhysicalDeviceExtensionProperties()`
  - bcz,
    - it doesn't associate with `VkDevice`
    - but rather with `VkPhysicalDevice`
- 📖 REYDOCS

```
class amVK_InstanceProps {  
    ...  
    static inline bool called_EnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties = false;  
    static void EnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties(void); // amVK_2D_GPUs_EXTs  
  
    static inline REY_Array<REY_Array<VkExtensionProperties>> amVK_2D_GPUs_EXTs;  
    #define amVK_LOOP_GPU_EXTs(_k_, _var_) for (uint32_t _var_ = 0, lim = amVK_2D_GPUs_EXTs[_k_].n;  
    _var_ < lim; _var_++)  
  
    static bool IS_GPU_EXT_Available(PD_Index GPU_k, const char *extName); // amVK_2D_GPUs_EXTs  
    // kinda copy of IS_InstanceEXT_Available  
    ...  
};
```

### 2. amVK\_Device::Add\_GPU\_EXT\_ToEnable(const char\* extName)

```
class amVK_Device {  
    ...  
    REY_ArrayDYN<char*> amVK_1D_DeviceEXTs_Enabled;  
    void Log_GPU_EXTs_Enabled(VkResult ret);  
    void Add_GPU_EXT_ToEnable(const char* extName);  
    // Copy of `amVK_InstanceProps::Add_InstanceEXT_ToEnable()` -> but not static anymore... 🤖  
};
```

### 3. 🤖 So far, The result

- [4.guide.chapter4.6.newStuffs.hh](#)
- [4.guide.chapter4.7.Props.hh](#)
- [4.guide.chapter4.7.Props.cpp](#)

## 7. 🌱 vkCreateSwapchainKHR()

- <https://vkdoc.net/man/vkCreateSwapchainKHR>
- [TODO]:- Add the commit-tree Link
- It took me 5days to complete Chapter4 🤔
  - (well, i worked on a houdini project 🤖 for 2 days.... so yeah 🤔)

## 8. amVK wrap 📱 Part II

```
amVK_InstanceProps::EnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties();

amVK_Device* D = new amVK_Device(amVK_InstanceProps::GetARandom_GPU());
D->select_QFAM_Graphics();
D->Add_GPU_EXT_ToEnable("VK_KHR_swapchain");
D->CreateDevice();
```

## 9. amVK wrap 📱 Part III

```
#include "amVK_Surface.hh"
#include "amVK_SwapChain.hh"

// TwT
REY_LOG("")

amVK_Surface *S = new amVK_Surface(VK_S);
amVK_SurfacePresenter *PR = S->PR;
PR->bind_Surface(S);
PR->bind_Device(D);
PR->create_SwapChain_interface();
// This amVK_SwapChain is Bound to this amVK_Surface

amVK_SwapChain *SC = PR->SC;
SC->konf_ImageSharingMode(VK_SHARING_MODE_EXCLUSIVE);
SC->konf_Images(
    amVK_IF::RGBA_8bpc_UNORM, // VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_UNORM
    amVK_CS::sRGB, // VK_COLOR_SPACE_SRGB_NONLINEAR_KHR
    amVK_IU::Color_Display // VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT
);
SC->konf_Compositing(
    amVK_PM::FIFO, // VK_PRESENT_MODE_FIFO_KHR
    amVK_CC::YES, // Clipping:- VK_TRUE
    amVK_TA::Opaque // VK_COMPOSITE_ALPHA_OPAQUE_BIT_KHR
);
SC->sync_SurfCaps(); // refresh/fetch & set/sync ---> latest SurfCaps

SC->CI.oldSwapchain = nullptr;
SC->CreateSwapChain();
```