



Chapter 4: VkSwapchainKHR

1. VkSwapchainCreateInfoKHR

- <https://vkdoc.net/man/VkSwapchainCreateInfoKHR>
 - `.flags` -> "ChapterZZZ"
 - `.surface` -> next part [Chapter4.2]
 - *image options* -> next part [Chapter4.4]
 - `.minImageCount` ->
 - `.imageFormat` -> 🤖
 - `.imageColorSpace` -> 🤖
 - `.imageExtent` -> 😊
 - `.imageArrayLayers`
 - `.imageUsage`
 - `.imageSharingMode` -> EXCLUSIVE/CONCURRENT [Toggle]
 - `VK_SHARING_MODE_CONCURRENT` -> "ChapterZZZ"
 - `.queueFamilyIndexCount` -> if using, must be greater than 1
 - `.pQueueFamilyIndices`
 - *more image options* -> next part
 - `.preTransform` :- `VkSurfaceTransformFlagBitsKHR`
 - `.compositeAlpha` :- `VkCompositeAlphaFlagBitsKHR`
 - `.presentMode` :- `VkPresentModeKHR`
 - `.clipped` :- `VkBool32`
 - `.oldSwapchain` -> "ChapterZZZ"

2. VkSurfaceKHR

- <https://vkdoc.net/man/VkSurfaceKHR>
- https://vkdoc.net/extensions/VK_KHR_surface
 - Yaaaay, 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>
- Implement Exactly like Chapter2.1 😊
 - `vkEnumeratePhysicalDevices()`

2. `IS_InstanceEXT_Available(const char* extName)`

```
bool amVK_Props::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_Props::called_EnumerateInstanceExtensions) {
        amVK_Props::EnumerateInstanceExtensions();
    }

    if (amVK_Props::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);
    }
}
```

4. 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
```

i. VkWin32SurfaceCreateInfoKHR & vkCreateWin32SurfaceKHR()

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

```
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;
}
```

ii. VkXlibSurfaceCreateInfoKHR & vkCreateXlibSurfaceKHR() 🌀 [wip]

iii. **REY_DOCs**

- you can also check `amGHOST_VkSurfaceKHR::create_surface()` ☺

iv. **So far, The result:-** [4.guide.chapter4.2.TheEnd.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_Props {
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;
    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_Props {
public:
    /**
     * VULKAN-EXT:- `VK_KHR_surface`
     *          IMPL:- `amVK_1D_SurfaceInfos`
     */
    class SurfaceInfo {
    public:
        VkSurfaceKHR S = nullptr;
        SurfaceInfo(void) {}
        SurfaceInfo(VkSurfaceKHR pS) {this->S = pS;}
    };
};
```

```

        REY_Array<REY_Array<VkSurfaceFormatKHR>> amVK_2D_GPUs_ImageFormats;

        bool called_GetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceFormatsKHR = false;
        void GetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceFormatsKHR(void); // amVK_2D_GPUs_ImageFormats
    };
};

```

3. VkFuncCalls

```

class amVK_Props {
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_Props.hh`

- **So far, The result:-**

- [4.guide.chapter4.3.Props.hh](#)
 - [4.guide.chapter4.3.Props.cpp](#)
 - [4.guide.chapter4.3.PropsOLD.hh](#)
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4. SwapChain Image Options 🏠

1. `vkGetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceFormatsKHR()`
 - <https://vkdoc.net/man/vkGetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceFormatsKHR>
 - `param surface`
 - **REY_DOCs**
 - Implement Exactly like Chapter2.5 😊
 - `vkGetPhysicalDeviceQueueFamilyProperties()`
 - Only difference is, `Formats` might be a bit different as per `VkSurfaceKHR`
2. `VkSurfaceFormatKHR`
 - <https://vkdoc.net/man/VkSurfaceFormatKHR>
 - **REY_DOCs**
 - Combo of `ImageFormat` & `ColorSpace`
 - so, the gpu kinda expects you to respect these combos, 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
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](#)
 - dw, don't use this code, it will be refactored & organized in Chapter4.4.6
4. `VkSurfaceCapabilitiesKHR`
 - <https://vkdoc.net/man/VkSurfaceCapabilitiesKHR>
 - **REY_DOCs**
 - `.minImageCount`
 - 2DriverIMPL:- must be at least 1
 - `.currentExtent`
 - as the OS Window size changes, `SurfCaps` also change
 - call `vkGetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceCapabilitiesKHR()` to get updated `WindowSize` / `SurfCaps`
 - `.maxImageArrayLayers`
 - 2DriverIMPL:- must be at least 1
 - `.supportedTransforms`
 - 2DriverIMPL:- at least 1 bit must be set.
 - `.supportedUsageFlags`
 - 2DriverIMPL:- `VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT` must be included in the set. Implementations *may* support additional usages.
 - `.supportedCompositeAlpha`
 - ALPHA-Blending/Transparency/GlassEffect :- you'd have to enable blending/transparency @ OS-Level first, iguess 🤔
 - Transparency -> "ChapterZZZ"
5. `vkGetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceCapabilitiesKHR()`
 - <https://vkdoc.net/man/vkGetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceCapabilitiesKHR>
 - **REY_DOCs**
 - we add on top of Chapter4.4.1 😊
 - `vkGetPhysicalDeviceSurfaceFormatsKHR()`
 - [4.guide.chapter4.4.5.midway.cpp](#)
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](#)
7. `VkSharingMode`
 - <https://vkdoc.net/man/VkSharingMode>
 - it's like a Toggle/Button -> `EXCLUSIVE/CONCURRENT`
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_Props::amVK_1D_SurfaceInfos[0].amVK_1D_GPUs_SurfCAP[0].minImageCount;
    SC->CI.imageExtent =
amVK_Props::amVK_1D_SurfaceInfos[0].amVK_1D_GPUs_SurfCAP[0].currentExtent;
    SC->CI.imageArrayLayers =
amVK_Props::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

```

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

10. VkSwapchainCreateInfoKHR


- <https://vkdoc.net/man/VkSwapchainCreateInfoKHR>
 - **.flags** -> "ChapterZZZ"
 - **.surface** -> Chapter4.2 **VkSurfaceKHR** 🐼
 - **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
 - DriverGurantee
 - **.imageUsage** -> **VK_IMAGE_USAGE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT**
 - DriverGurantee
 - **.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>
- **REY_DOCs**
 - **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>
-  `SurfCAP.currentTransform`
- **REY_DOCs**
 - you should probably log it if `currentTransform` isn't
 - `VK_SURFACE_TRANSFORM_IDENTITY_BIT_KHR`

3. `.clipped`

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

4. `.presentMode` `VkPresentModeKHR`

- <https://vkdoc.net/man/VkPresentModeKHR>
- **REY_DOCs**
 - **Options** :- IMMEDIATE / MAILBOX / FirstInFirstOut / FIFO_Relaxed

5. `.oldSwapChain`

- if you are "re-creating" swapchain & you had an oldSwapchain
- **REY_DOCs**
 - 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_Props::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`
- REY_DOCS

```
class amVK_Props {
    ...
    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;
    Add_GPU_EXT_ToEnable(const char* extName);
    // Copy of `amVK_Props::Add_InstanceEXT_ToEnable()` -> but not static anymore... 🤖
};
```

7. vkCreateSwapchainKHR()

- <https://vkdoc.net/man/vkCreateSwapchainKHR>
- It took me 5days to complete **Chapter4** 
 - (well, i worked on a houdini project 🤖 for 2 days.... so yeah 🤖)