



Chapter 4: VkSwapchainKHR

0. 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"

1. amVK wrap 1

```
// TwT

    REY_LOG("");
    amVK_GlobalProps::EnumerateInstanceExtensions();
    amVK_Instance::Add_InstanceEXT_ToEnable("VK_KHR_surface");
    amVK_Instance::Add_InstanceEXT_ToEnable(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

- <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 Chapter 1.2

1. `vkEnumerateInstanceExtensionProperties()`

- <https://vkdoc.net/man/vkEnumerateInstanceExtensionProperties>
- Implement Exactly like Chapter 2.1 
 - `vkEnumeratePhysicalDevices()`

2. `IS_InstanceEXT_Available(const char* extName)`

```
bool amVK_GlobalProps::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_GlobalProps::called_EnumerateInstanceExtensions) {
        amVK_GlobalProps::EnumerateInstanceExtensions();
    }

    if (amVK_GlobalProps::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_GlobalProps {
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>
static inline REY_Array<REY_Array<VkExtensionProperties>>
    // 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_GlobalProps {
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_ImageFMTs;

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

```

3. VkFuncCalls

```

class amVK_GlobalProps {
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_GlobalProps.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
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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](#)
 - dw, don't use this code, it will be refactored & organized in Chapter4.4.6
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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_GlobalProps::amVK_1D_SurfaceInfos[0].amVK_1D_GPUs_SurfCAP[0].minImageCount;
SC->CI.imageExtent =
amVK_GlobalProps::amVK_1D_SurfaceInfos[0].amVK_1D_GPUs_SurfCAP[0].currentExtent;
SC->CI.imageArrayLayers =
amVK_GlobalProps::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
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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>
 - **REY_DOCs**
 - 🐉 `SurfCAP.currentTransform`
 - 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**

- **REY_DOCS**
 - 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_GlobalProps::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_GlobalProps {
...
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_GlobalProps::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 2

```

{
    amVK_GlobalProps::EnumerateDeviceExtensionProperties();

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

```

9. amVK wrap 3

```

// TwT

REY_LOG("")
amVK_Surface *S = new amVK_Surface(VK_S);
amVK_Presenter *PR = S->PR;
    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();

```