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Vulkan DevU

The Vulkan Working Group

Vancouver
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Schedule - Morning

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
9:00-9:45	Introduction	Tom Olson / ARM
	When and why should you use Vulkan?	Michael Worcester / Imagination
	Performance benefits of using Vulkan	Cort Stratton / Google
9:45-10:30	Getting started with Vulkan: Loader, layers, and other resources	Mark Young / LunarG
10:30-10:45	BREAK	
10:45-11:00	vkTrace for the desktop and Android	Karl Schultz / LunarG
11:00-11:15	Vulkan C++ bindings	Markus Tavenrath / NVIDIA
11:15-11:45	Making SPIR-V modules	John Kessenich / Google
11:45-12:45	LUNCH	

Schedule - Afternoon

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
12:45-1:45	Vulkan Tutorial: Let's get into some code!	Karl Schulz / LunarG
1:45-2:15	Synchronization: Keep your GPU fed without getting bitten	Tobias Hector / Imagination
2:15-2:30	BREAK	
2:30-3:15	Android game development case study: Porting Vainglory to Vulkan	Alon Or-bach / Samsung
3:15-4:00	Bringing Vulkan to VR	Cass Everitt / Oculus VR
4:00-4:15	BREAK	
4:15-5:15	Q&A / Panel / Beer	Everyone
5:15-5:30	About Khronos	Neil Trevett / NVIDIA / Khronos President

- Wifi: SSID <>, psw

Who are we, and why are we here?



- Members of the Vulkan Working Group include
 - Game and middleware developers
 - CPU and GPU silicon IHVs
 - Consumer device manufacturers
 - Platform owners

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Team Vulkan in Seattle, January 2016

What is Vulkan?

- A 3D graphics API for the next 20 years
 - Logical successor to OpenGL / OpenGL ES
 - *THE* cross-platform API for programming graphics HW
 - Modern, efficient design
 - An open, industry-controlled standard



- Almost one year old!
 - Released in February 2016
 - Widely supported on desktop
 - Exposed in Android 7.0



Problems with traditional 3D APIs

- Programming model doesn't match GPU HW
 - Driver magic hides the mismatch
- CPU intensive
 - Lots of state validation, dependency tracking
- Complex, buggy, unpredictable drivers
 - Different bugs and fast-paths on every GPU
- Fundamentally single-threaded
 - Can't use multi-core CPUs effectively
- ...not to mention twenty years of legacy cruft



All of these problems are solved in Vulkan

Vulkan and the Community

- A strong commitment to openness
 - All of our resources are in open source
 - ...including the specification!
 - All of our SW is under Apache 2.0
 - See <https://github.com/KhronosGroup/>
- Working hard to be responsive
 - Weekly meeting devoted to GitHub input

