Mali Tools

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Performance Analysis, Debug, and Software Development

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- Command line tool
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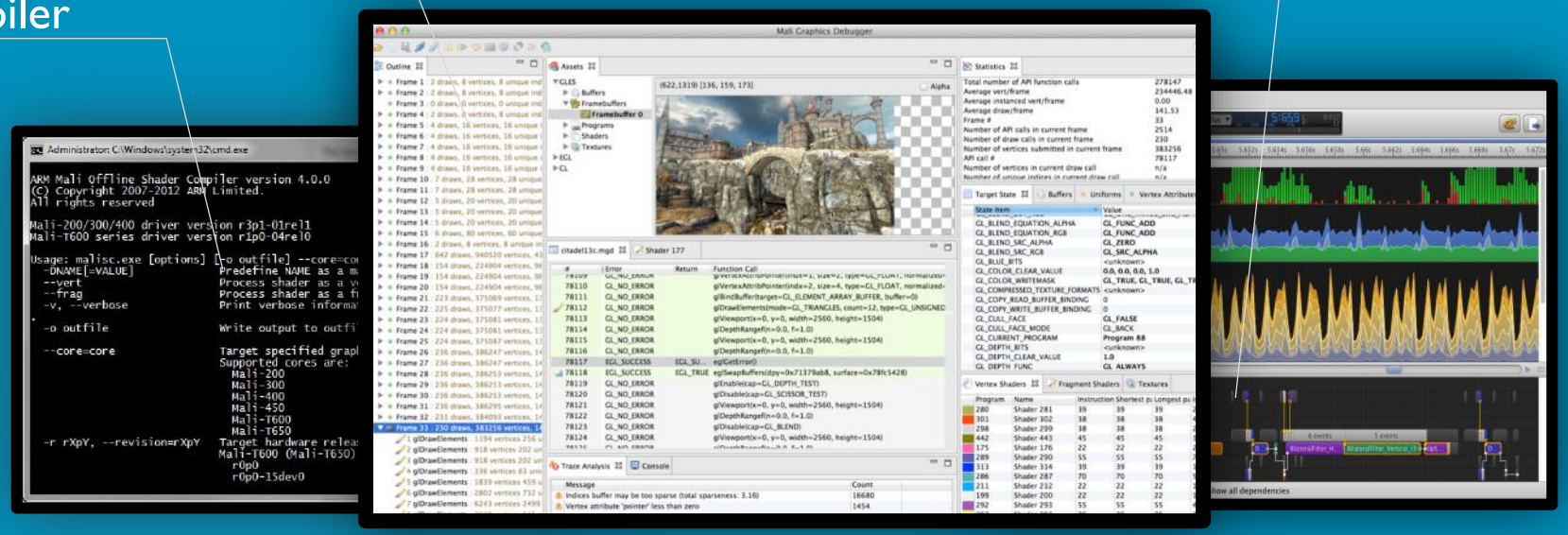

ARM DS-5 Streamline

Profile CPUs and Mali GPUs
Timeline
HW Counters
OpenCL visualizer

OpenGL ES Emulator

- Emulate OpenGL ES 2.0, 3.1
- Supports Android Extension Pack
- Windows and Linux
- Benchmarked against Khronos Conformance Suite

Texture Compression Tool

- Command line and GUI
- ETC, ETC2, ASTC, 3D textures

ASTC encoder

- Available on GitHub

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Performance Analysis and Debug with tools from ARM

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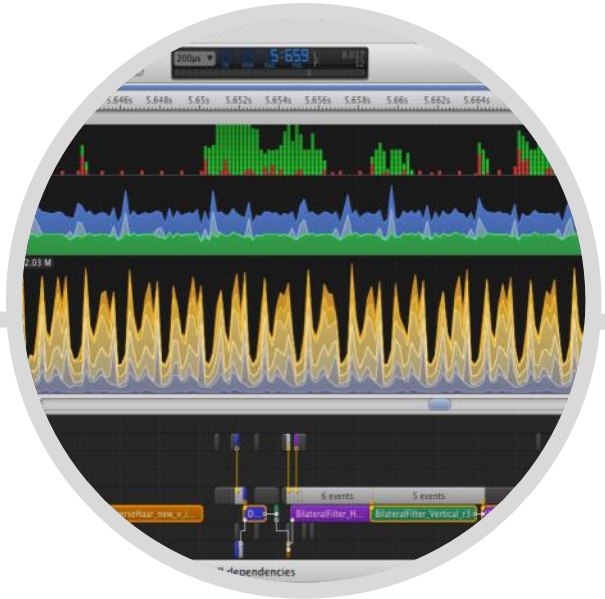

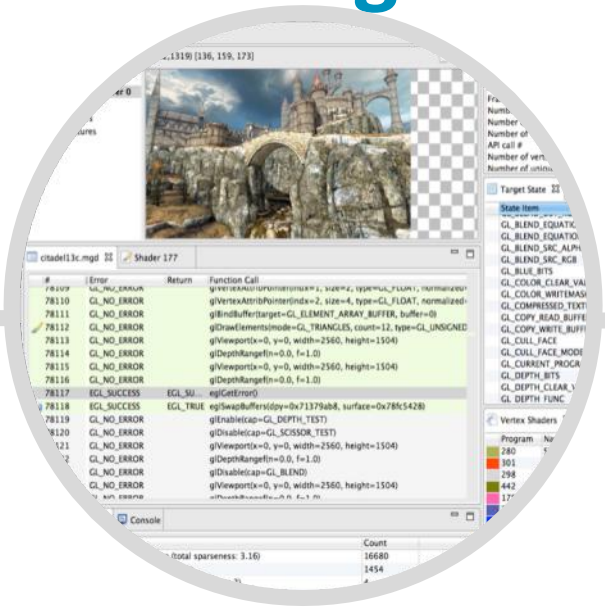

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Optimize

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Mali Graphics Debugger

Trace graphics and compute applications to debug issues and analyze the performance

Advanced API Debugger

- Graphics debugging for content developers
- OpenGL® ES 1.1, 2.0, 3.1, EGL, OpenCL™

Advanced Drawing Modes

- Native mode
- Overdraw mode
- Shader map mode
- Fragment count mode

Frame Analyzer

Understand issues and causes at frame level
Complimentary to ARM® DS-5 Streamline

Android Application

Start/stop daemon
List all the debuggable processes
Launch application to debug

Graphics State Visibility

- Shows the current state of the API at any point of the trace
- Discover when and how a certain state was changed

Analyse shaders and kernels

- All the shaders being used by the application are reported
- Shader statistics
- Each shader is compiled with the Mali Offline Compiler and is statically analyzed

Flexible and cross platform

- Runs on Windows, Linux and Mac
- Traces from Android and Linux targets

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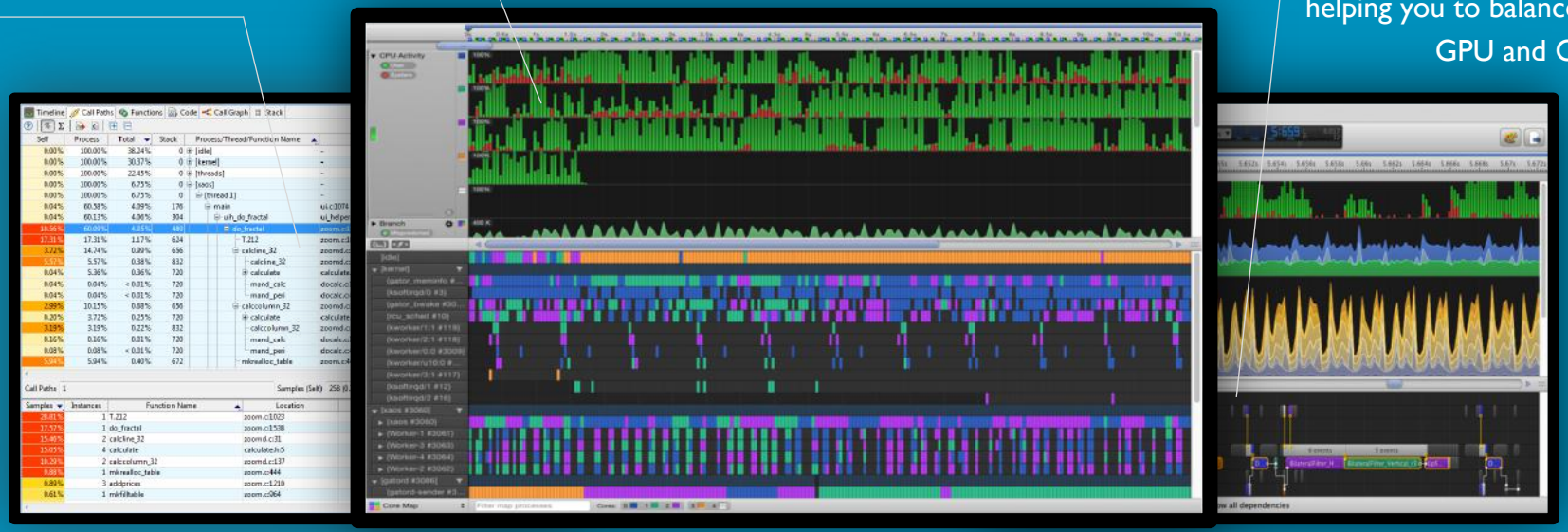
Performance Analyzer

Speed Up Your Code

- Find out where the CPU is spending the most time
- Tune code for optimal cache usage

Drill down to the Source Code

- Break performance down by function
- View it alongside the disassembly



OpenCL™ Visualizer

Visualization of OpenCL dependencies, helping you to balance resources between GPU and CPU better than ever

Mali GPU Support

- Analyze and optimize Mali™ GPU utilization
- Monitor CPU and GPU cache usage

Optimize energy efficiency

- Monitor actual power consumption with the ARM Energy Probe
- Correlate software execution to actual power consumption

Customize it for Your System

- Flexible architecture permits easy addition of new counters
- Open source driver and daemon gives developers ultimate flexibility

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Mali Offline Compiler

Compile and statically analyze your shaders ahead of execution

Compiles shader code written in OpenGL ES Shading Language (ESSL) offline

Provides verbose shader performance & error messages for optimization and debug

Support for Mali-300, Mali-400, Mali-450, Mali-T604, Mali-T628, Mali-T760, Mali-T880, Mali-G71

- Integration with Mali Graphics Debugger
- Integration with OpenGL ES Emulator

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C:\Program Files (x86)\ARM\Mali Developer Tools\Mali Offline Shader Compiler v4.
0.0\bin>malisc.exe -v --frag --core=Mali-T600 "C:\Documents\Presentations\Own\gd
c\Example_FresnelFp.glsles.OLD"
0 error(s), 0 warning(s)

2 work registers used, 1 uniform registers used

Pipelines:                                    A / L / T / Overall
Number of instruction words emitted:          10 + 3 + 3 = 16
Number of cycles for shortest code path: 4.5 / 3 / 3 = 4.5 (A bound)
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Note: The cycle counts do not include possible stalls due to cache misses.
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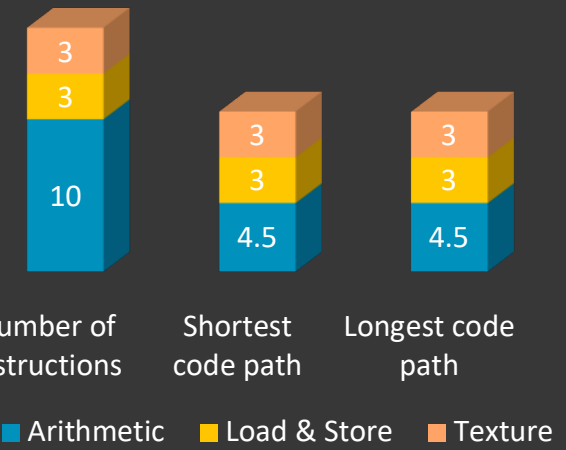

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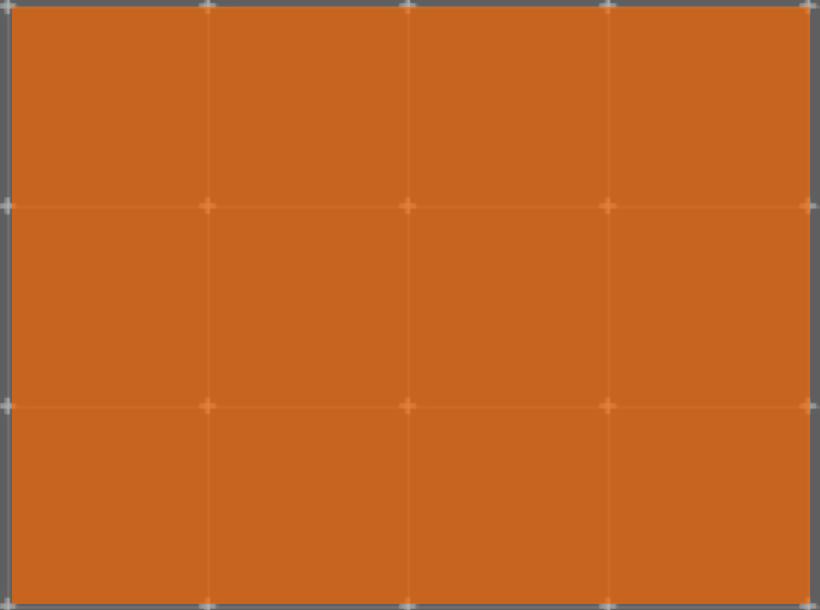
Section 2: Deep Dive
MGD and Streamline





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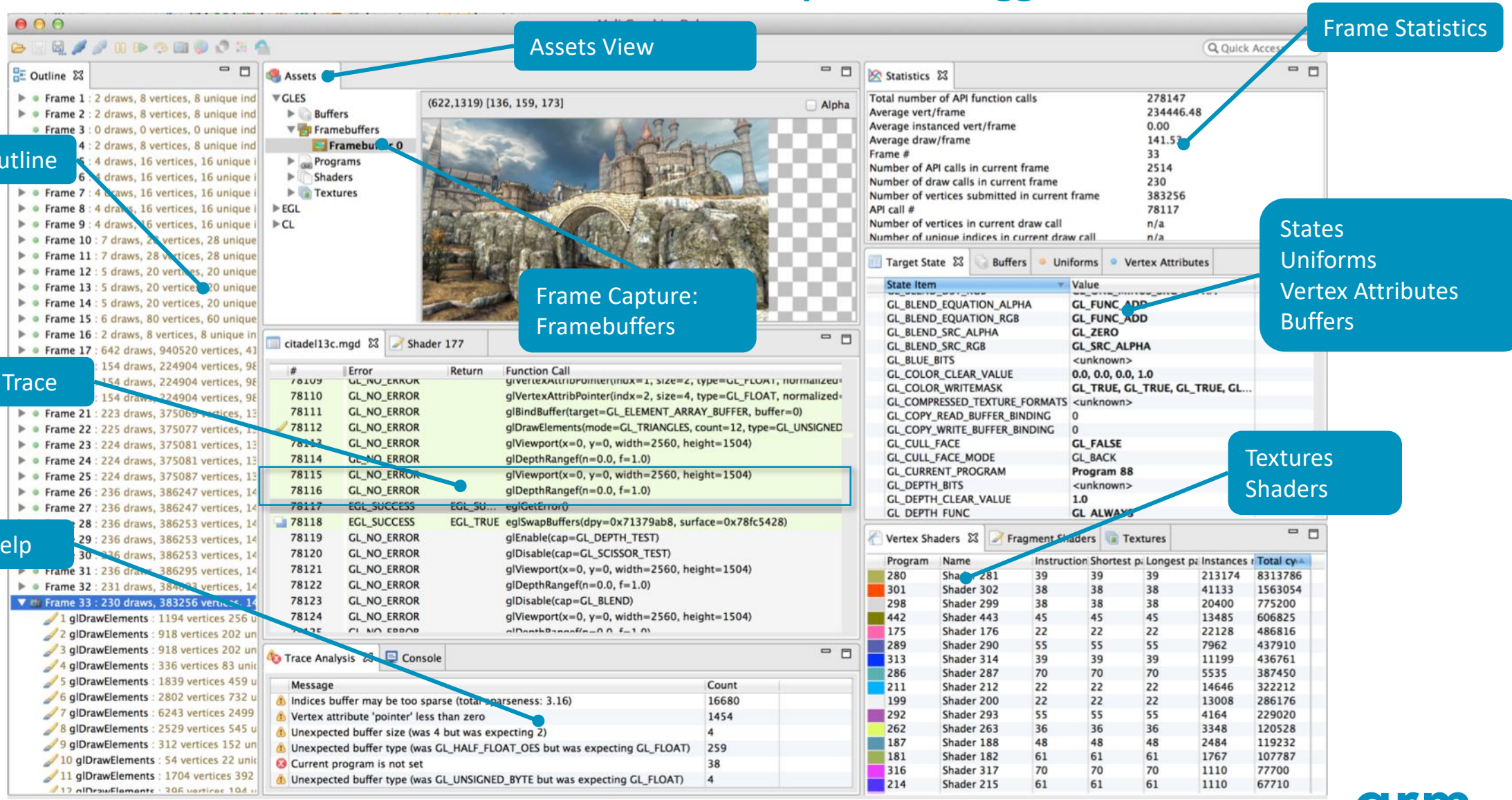
Overview of the ARM Mali Graphics Debugger



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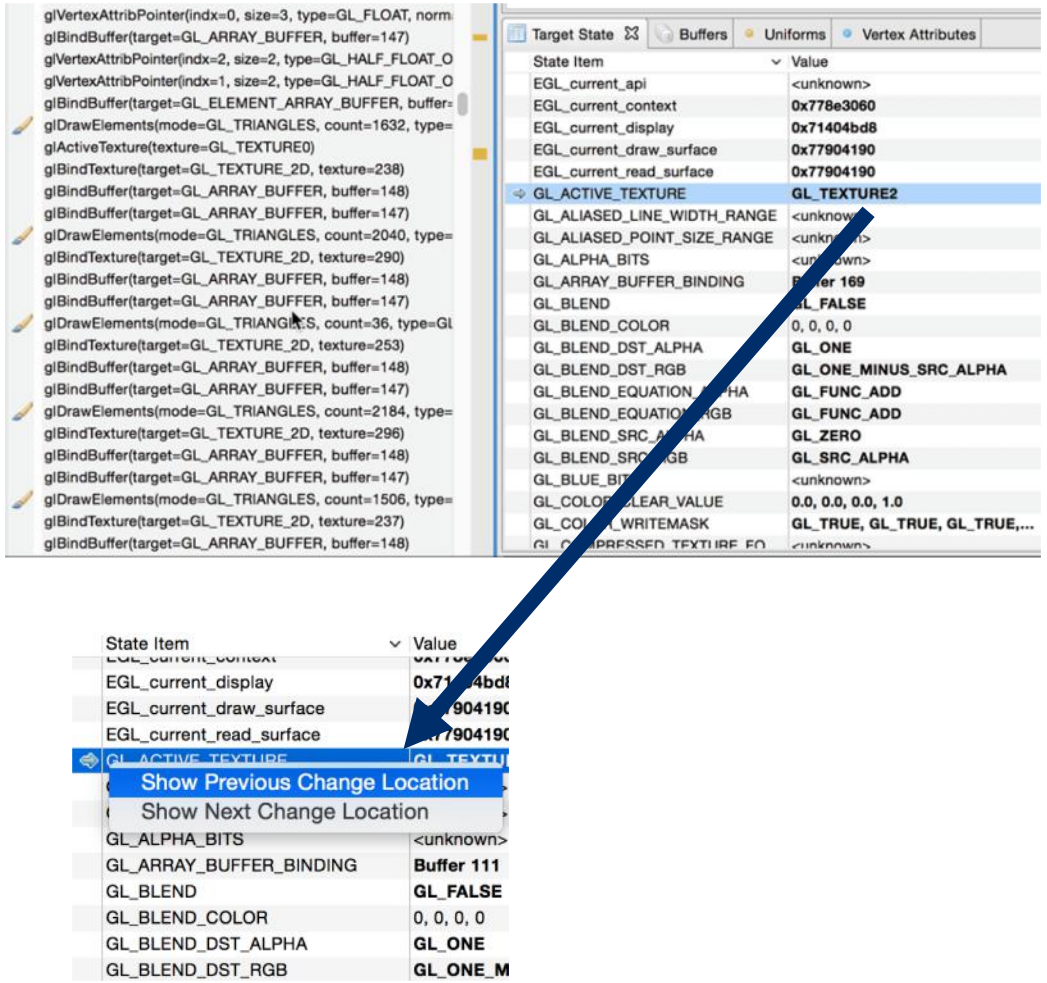

Shows the current state of the API at any point of the trace

- Every time a new API call is selected in the trace the state is updated
- Useful to debug problems and understand causes for performance issues

Discover when and how a certain state was changed

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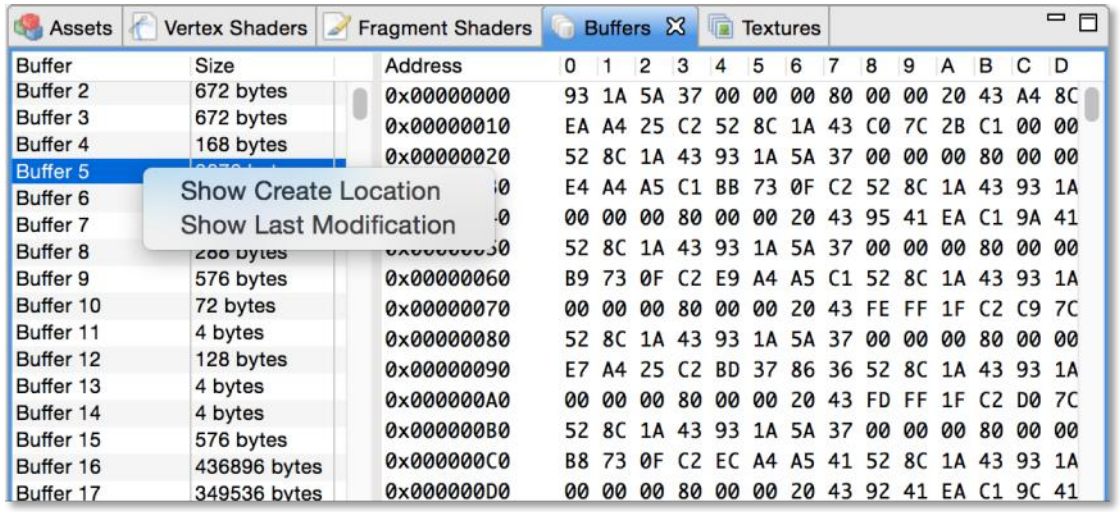
Mali Graphics Debugger

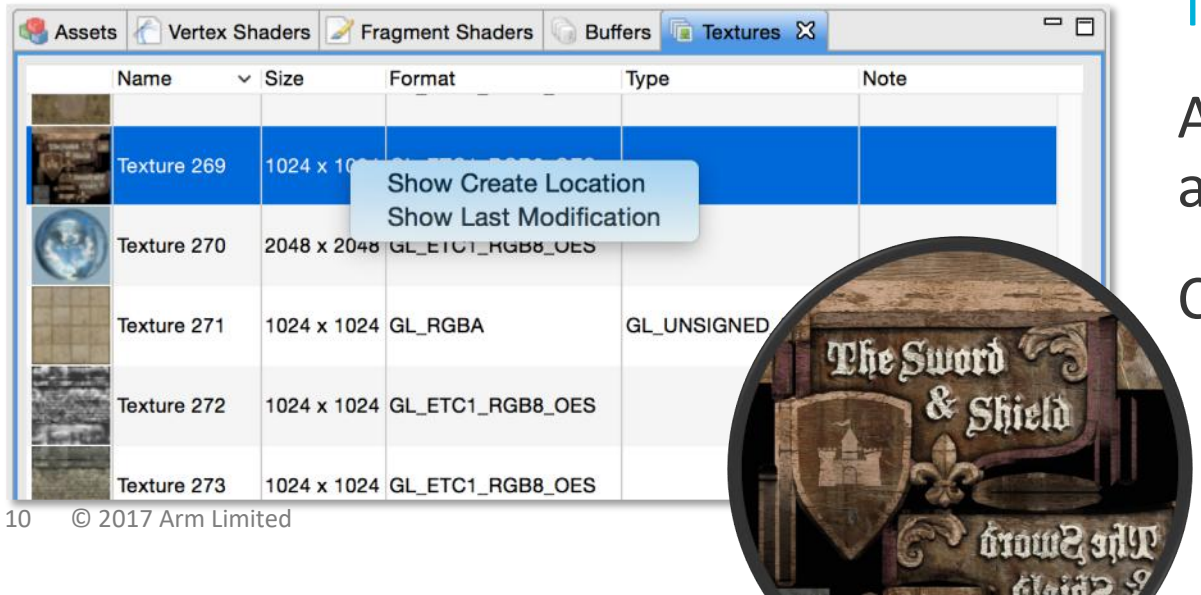
All the heavy assets are available for debugging, including data buffers and textures



Buffers

Client and server side buffers are captured every time they change

See how each API call affects them



Textures

All the textures being uploaded are captured at native resolution

Check their size, format and type

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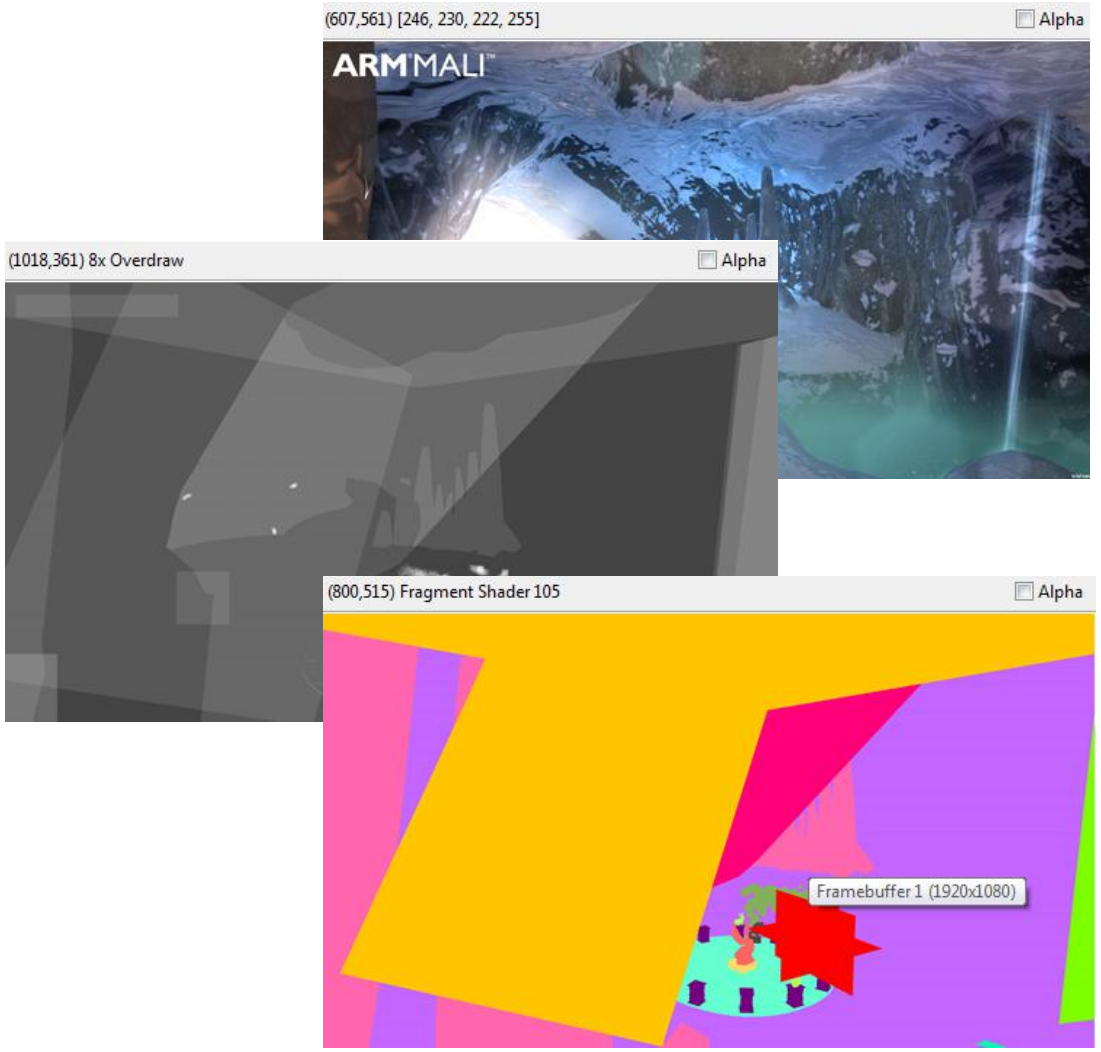
Mali Graphics Debugger

Alternative drawing modes



Different drawing modes can be forced and used both for live rendering and frame captures

Native mode

- Frames are rendered with the original shaders

Overdraw mode

- Highlights where overdraw happens (ie. objects are drawn on top of each other)

Shader map mode

- Native shaders are replaced with different solid colors

Fragment count mode

- All the fragments that are processed by each frame are counted

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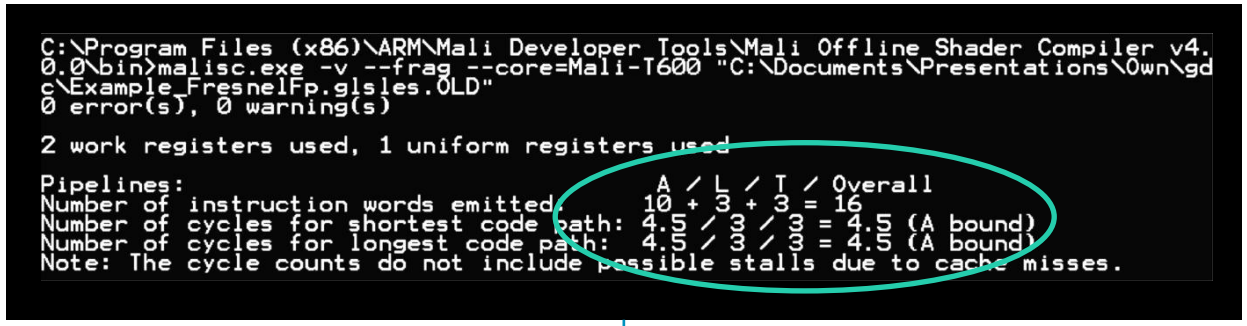
Running through offline Compiler

- The Mali Offline Compiler is integrated into MGD.
- Every shader that is in your application is automatically ran through the compiler.
- The results are placed in a table so you can quickly see which shaders are the most expensive.



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11	12	22	12	0	14	4
14	14	25	14	0	17	7
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20	6.6	31	4	0	19	4
23	14	25	14	0	17	7
26	6.5	15	7	0	11	3
29	14	28	14	0	18	6
32	16	27	16	0	16	8

This shader has been flagged for deletion.

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Estimation of Vertex and Fragment Cost

Vertex Count

- For every drawcall MGD knows how many vertices are being drawn.
- Therefore it can estimate how expensive each shader
- Report this to the user in a sortable table.

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Fragment Count

- At API level there is no way of finding out how many fragments are drawn.
- MGD does several calculations on the Framebuffer to detect how many fragments have been drawn
- This can produce an estimated cost much like the vertex count

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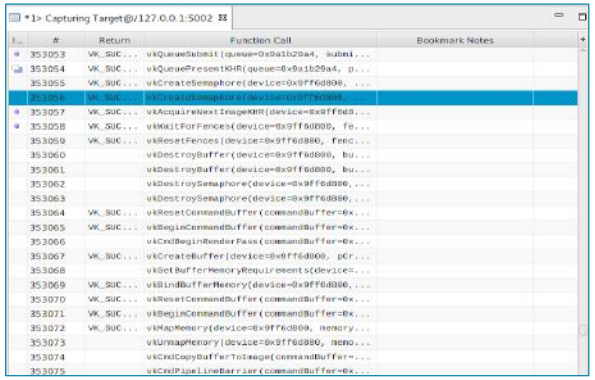
Mali Graphics Debugger – Vulkan Support



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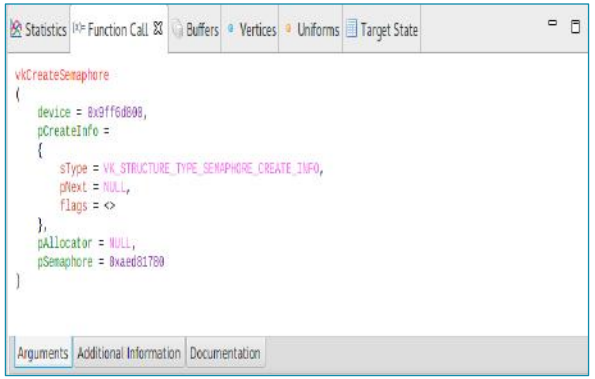

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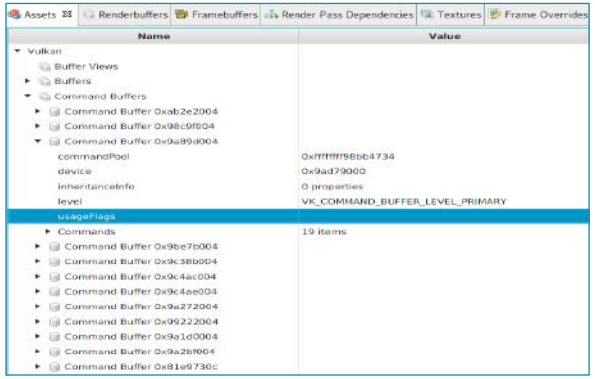
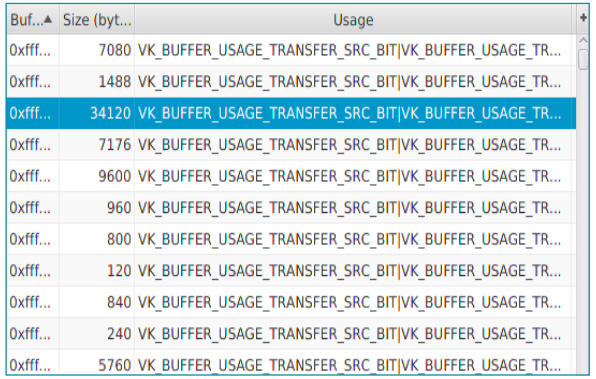


Assets View



Buffers

- Allows full API trace of Vulkan applications.
- Shows you easily all of the function parameters available.
- Implemented as a Vulkan layer which shows easy loading.
- Also shows Asset data and buffer information.
- Implemented perspectives to hide information that isn't related to a particular API

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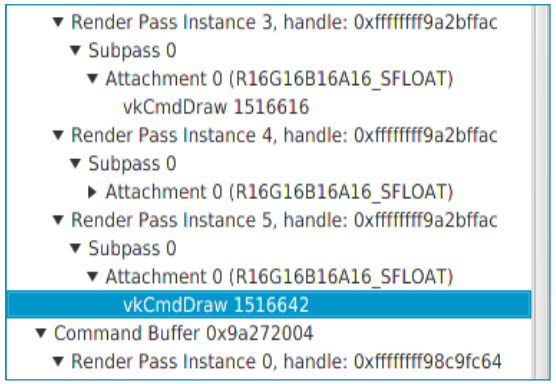
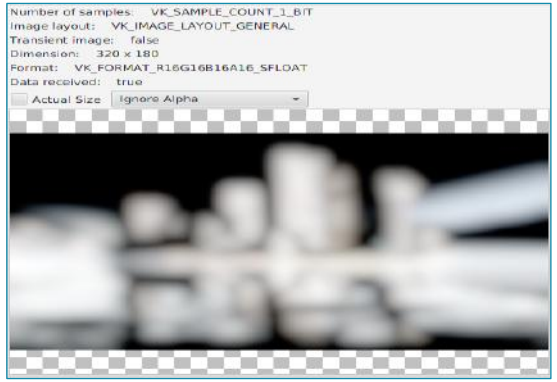
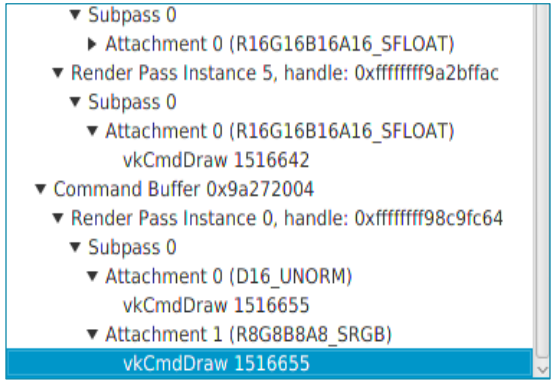
Mali Graphics Debugger – Vulkan Frame Capture

- MGD will now let you do a Frame Capture just like OpenGL ES.
- Frame Capture allows you to see how the scene is composed draw call by draw call.
- Great to catch any render abnormalities in the scene.







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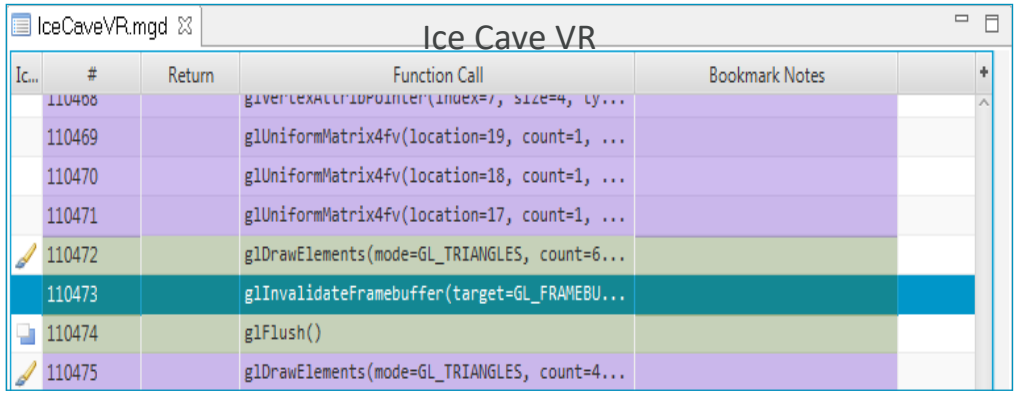
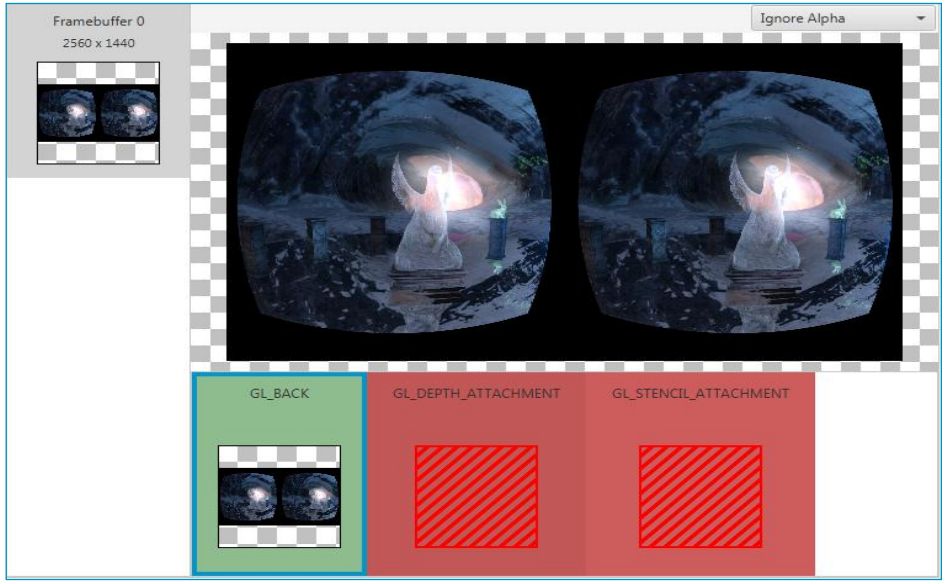
Mali Graphics Debugger – VR Update

- VR is becoming more and more popular with every month.
- MGD has supported VR with Oculus Gear VR and the Oculus SDK for over a year now.
- In V4.6 of MGD support for daydream has now been added and works as well as Samsung Gear VR.
- It works by using a series of heuristics to understand whether to treat glFlush as the end of Frame or not.
- Works with Unity, Unreal and internal demos





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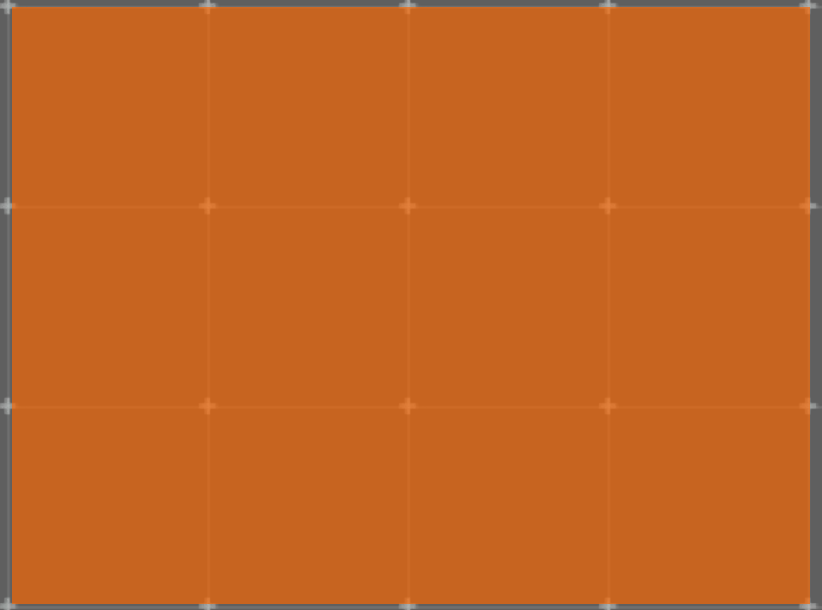

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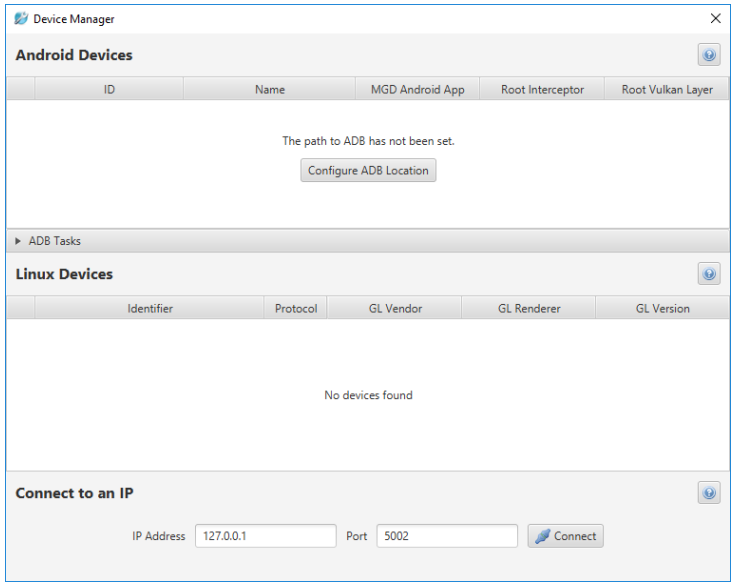
Rooted Setup Mode

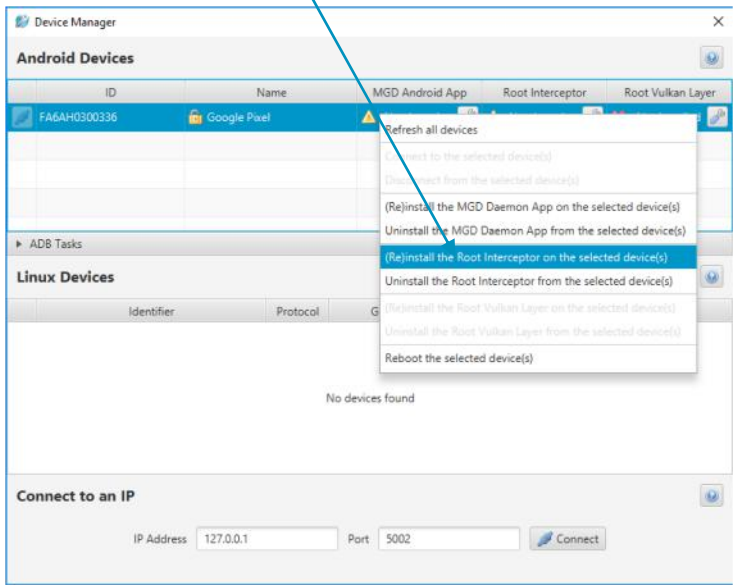
Step 1: Connection

- Tell MGD where adb is located on the system.



Step 2:

- Click on the device you want to install MGD onto



Step 3:

- Connect and then select the application you want to trace

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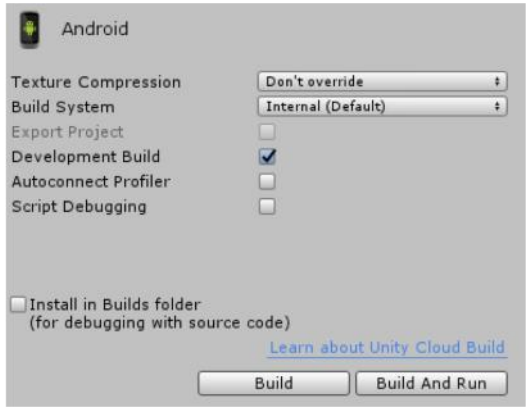
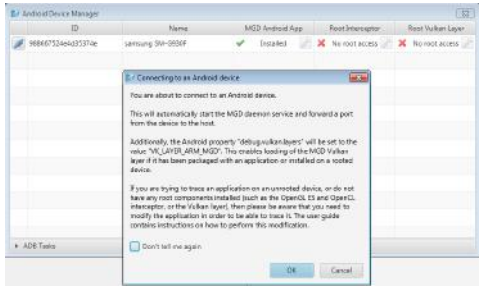
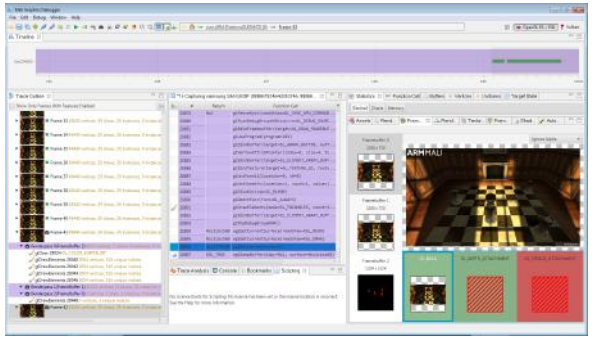
Unity Setup

OpenGL ES







Vulkan

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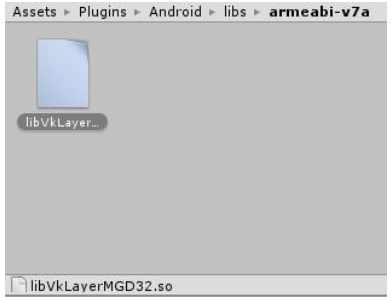

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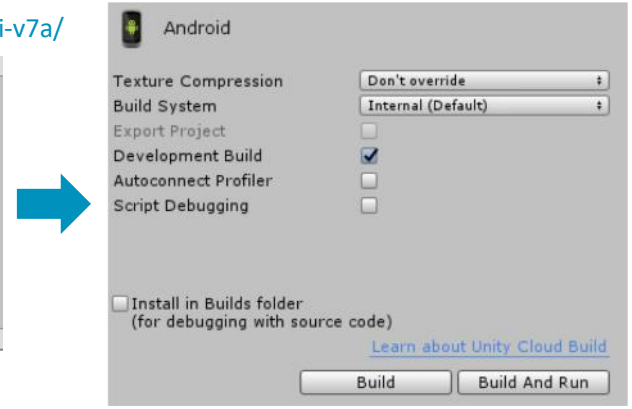
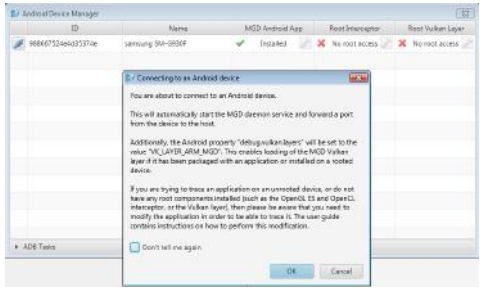
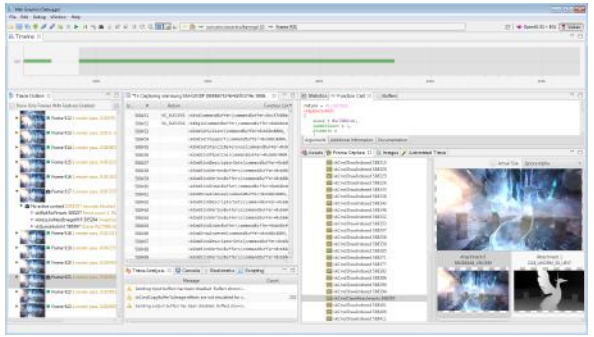
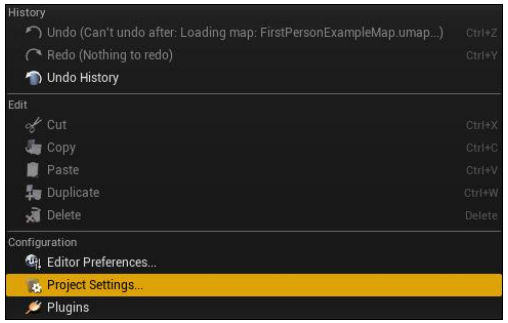


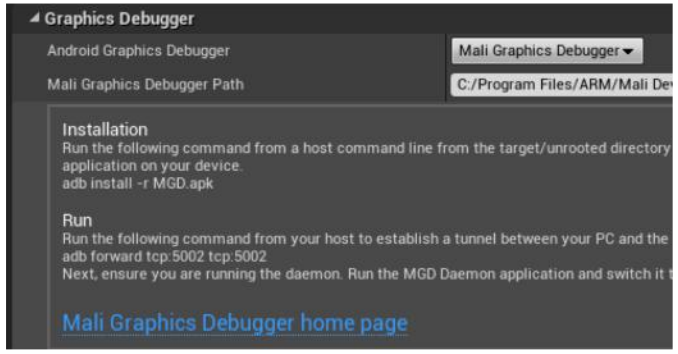


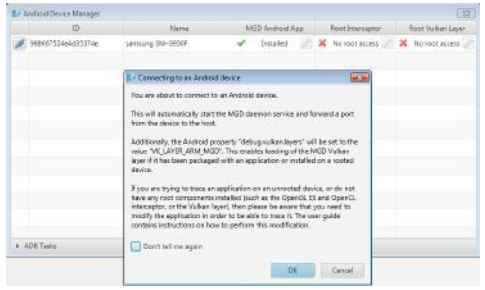


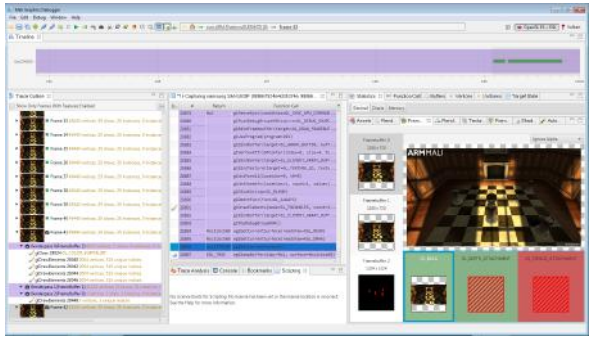
Unreal Setup

- Unreal is just as simple
- Just select project settings -> Android -> Graphics Debugger and select Mali Graphics Debugger.
- Give the location of your MGD installation and Unreal will do the rest.









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How to Use Mali Graphics Debugger

1) Connect Mali Graphics Debugger from the beginning of your application

2) Get to the perceived problem area in your application

3) Pause the application

4) Run a frame capture, overdraw capture, shader map and fragment count

5) Disconnect the application as you have everything you need

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Checking GPU useless jobs – excess fragments

- Overdraw mode will tell you how many times the Same pixel was drawn to in a single Frame.
- Ideally you should only draw to the screen once per Frame.
- Any more this and you are wasting GPU cycles.
- Sometimes you can't help this though: Clearing the screen, doing some blending effects or transparency.

- Frame capture captures the state of all Framebuffers after every draw call.
- It is a great way to see how each draw call contributes to the scene and how to match rendering to the screen with a particular draw command.
- If you click on a draw call and you can't see any addition to the screen, you should consider removing the draw call as it is extra work an isn't making any visual difference.

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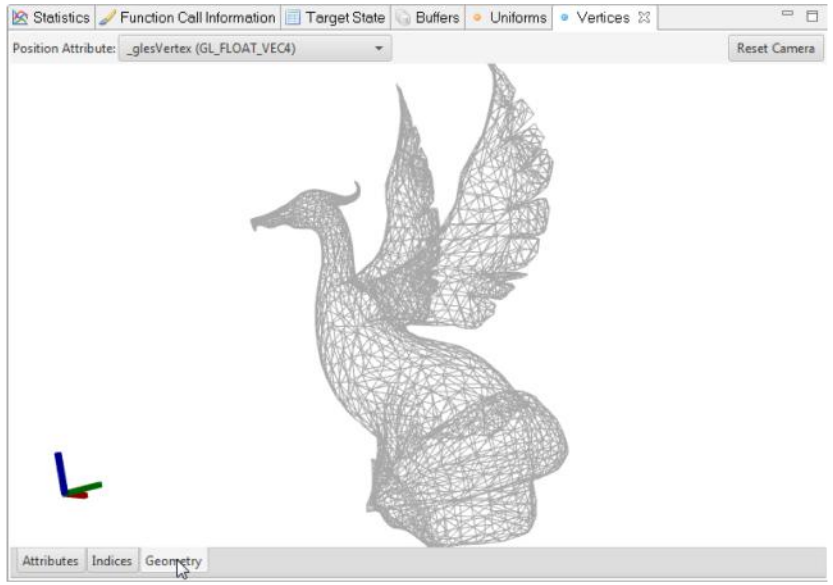
Vertex shading and excess vertices



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- The geometry viewer is great to see the complexity of the model you are using.
- This is a great way to see if the model you are using is fitting to its position in the scene.
- For instance this particular model wouldn't be recommends for use in the distance as it is too detailed.

- Mali Graphics Debugger automatically runs all vertex shaders through the offline compiler.
- You can then easily rank the shaders in how many cycles they contribute to the scene.
- The higher up they are in this table the more time should be spent optimizing them.

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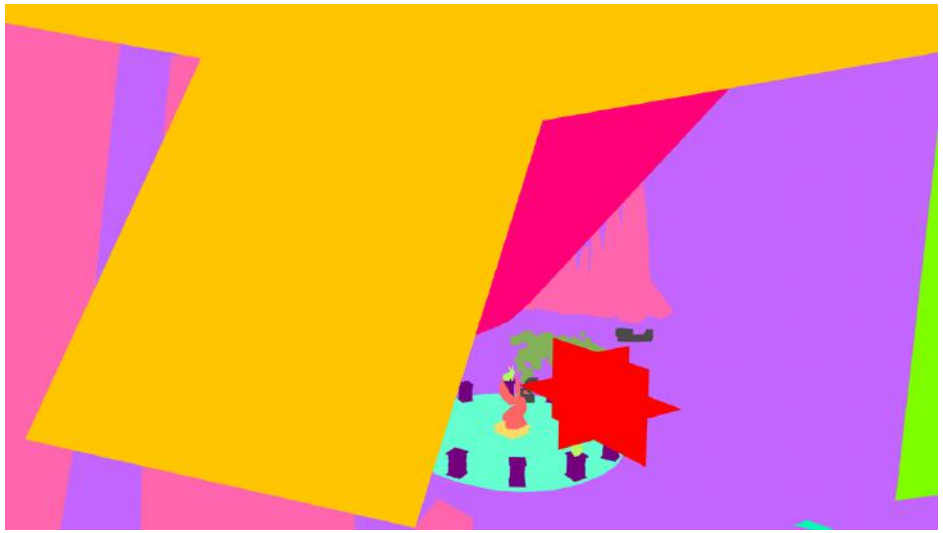
Shadermap and Fragment Count



Assets | Vertex Shaders | Fragment Shaders | Textures

Program	Name	Instructions	Shortest	Longest	Instances	Total cycles
175	Shader 177	5	5	5	7537773	37688865
280	Shader 282	5	5	5	1459254	7296270
181	Shader 183	5	5	5	415710	2078550
187	Shader 189	6	6	6	197329	1183974
73	Shader 75	4	4	4	279555	1118220
382	Shader 384	8	8	8	129913	1039304
289	Shader 291	6	6	6	16856	101136
208	Shader 210	7	3	6	7975	39875
262	Shader 264	5	5	5	6025	30125
400	Shader 402	5	5	5	914	4570

- For fragment shading we don’t know how many fragments were rasterized
- This presents a problem when trying to show which shaders contributed to the scene the most.
- Using the “Fragment count” feature we can get this information.
- We can also use the “Shadermap” feature to see where on the framebuffer a particular shader drew.

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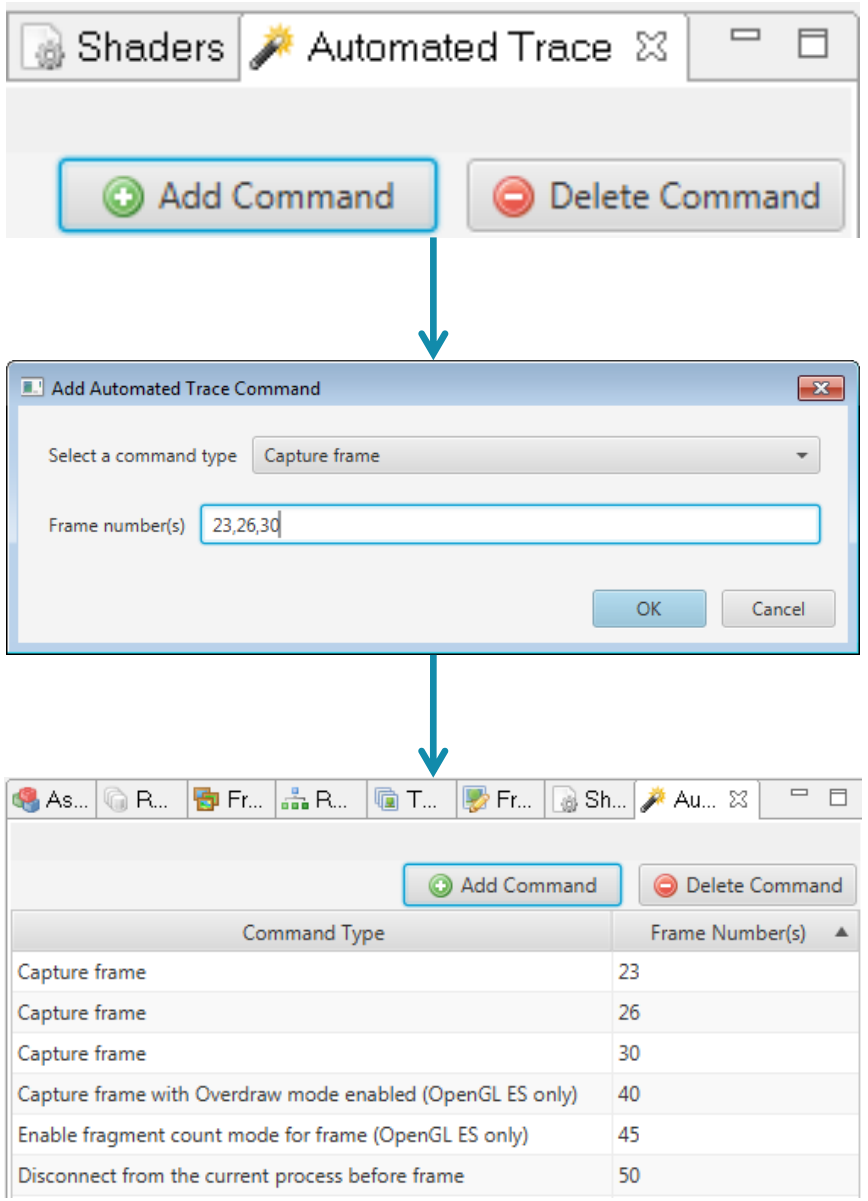
Automated Trace - Introduction

- Sometimes the user knows exactly at what point they want to capture a Frame in MGD or use any of the other MGD features.
- This can be many minutes into a trace.
- The user can now set MGD to automatically do captures on a numbered Frame. When MGD traces this frame it will automatically do the desired function.
- This frees the user up to do other things while MGD generates their perfect trace for them.
- It can even disconnect the device when finished so there is no extra data captured.

How to use it

- **Step 1**: Start your trace normally
- **Step 2**: Pause the trace when tracing information starts being provided
- **Step 3**: Select the automated trace dialog and then select add command
- **Step 4**: Select the Automated trace dialog and then select add command
- **Step 5**: Select the feature you want to use and then give a comma selected list of frames you want that feature to be active for
- **Step 6**: Continue to run the application



Resources

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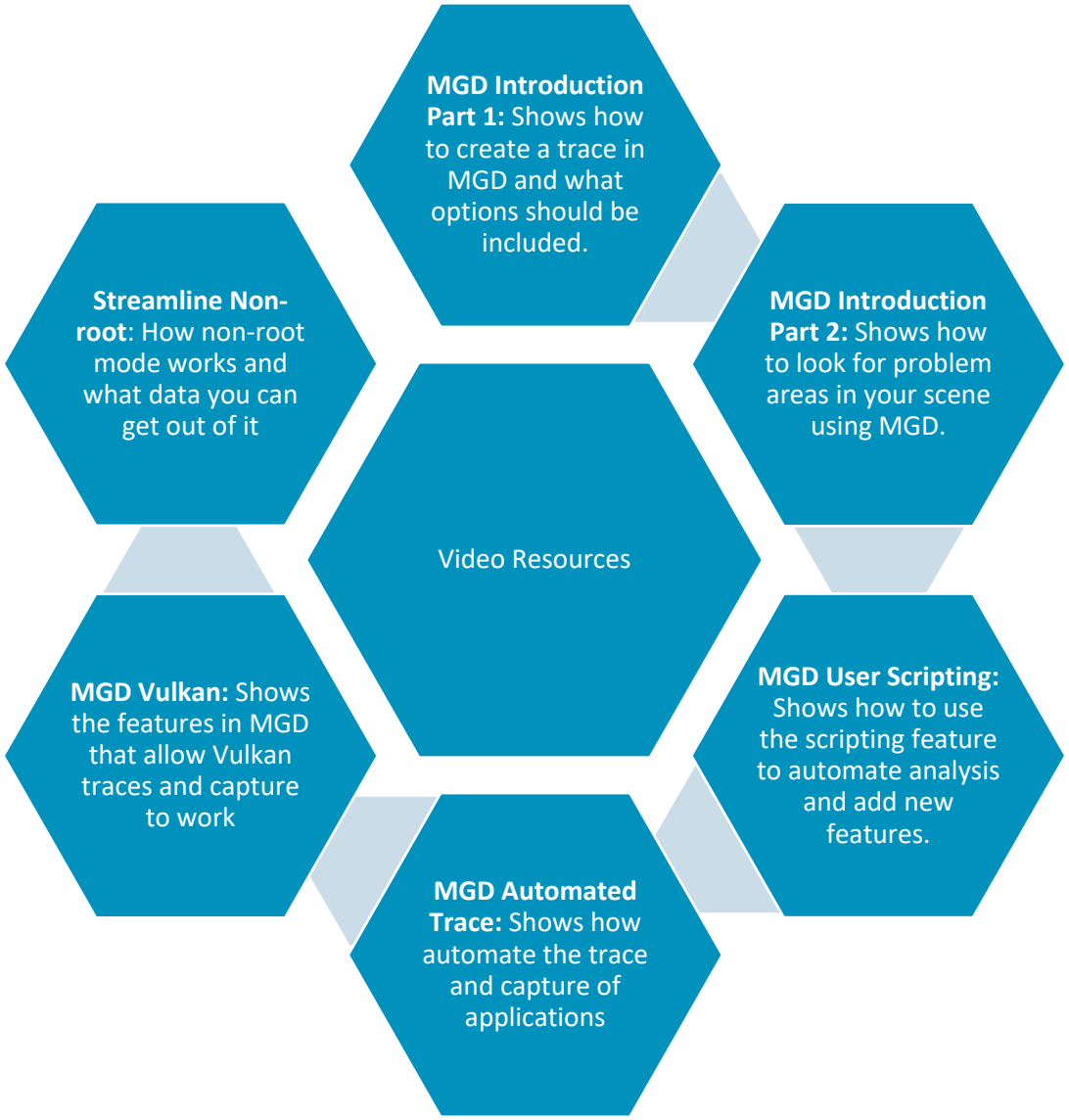

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