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Mali Tools

Mali Graphics Debugger

- API Trace & Debug
- OpenGL ES, OpenCL
- Debug and improve performance at frame level

Mali GPU Tools

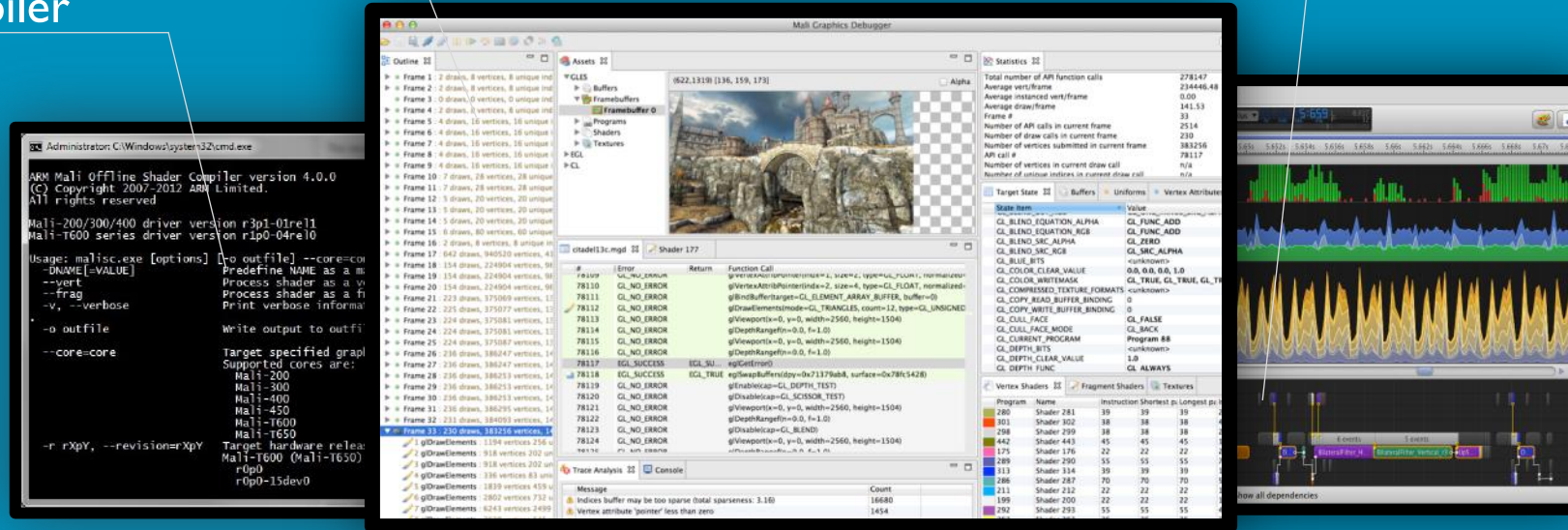
Performance Analysis, Debug, and Software Development

ARM DS-5 Streamline

Profile CPUs and Mali GPUs
Timeline
HW Counters
OpenCL visualizer

Mali Offline Compiler

- Analyze shader performance
- Command line tool
- Number of cycles
- Registers utilization



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

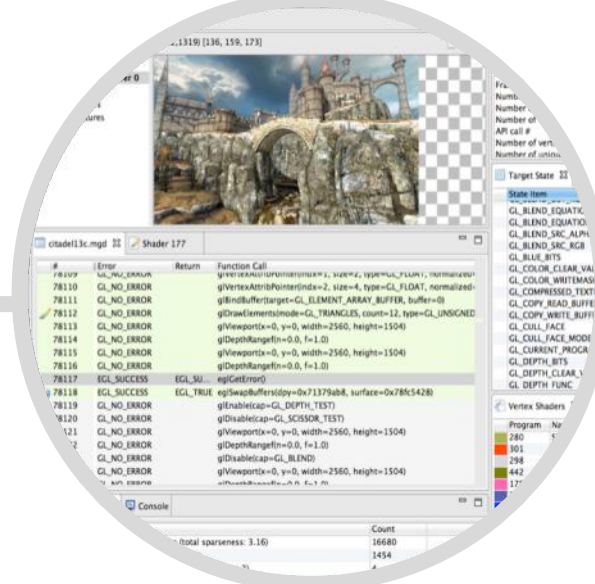
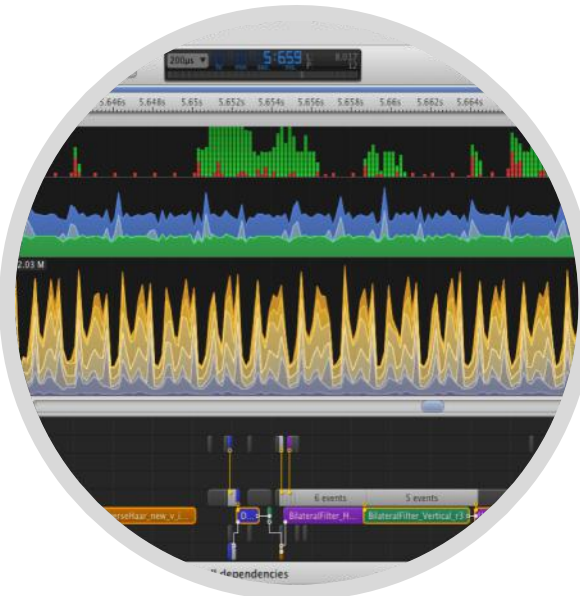
- Available on GitHub

Performance Analysis and Debug with tools from ARM

Analyze

DS-5 Streamline

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Debug

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Optimize

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Mali Graphics Debugger

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

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

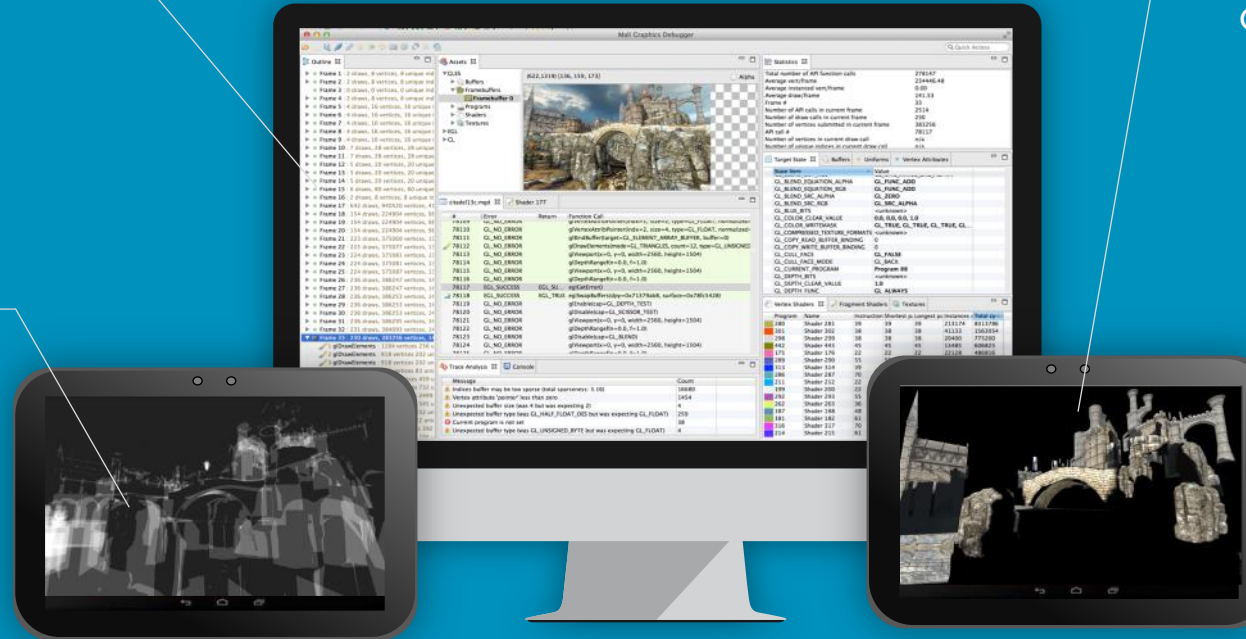
Advanced API

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



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



Speed Up Your Code

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

ARM DS-5

Streamline

Performance Analyzer

OpenCL™ Visualizer

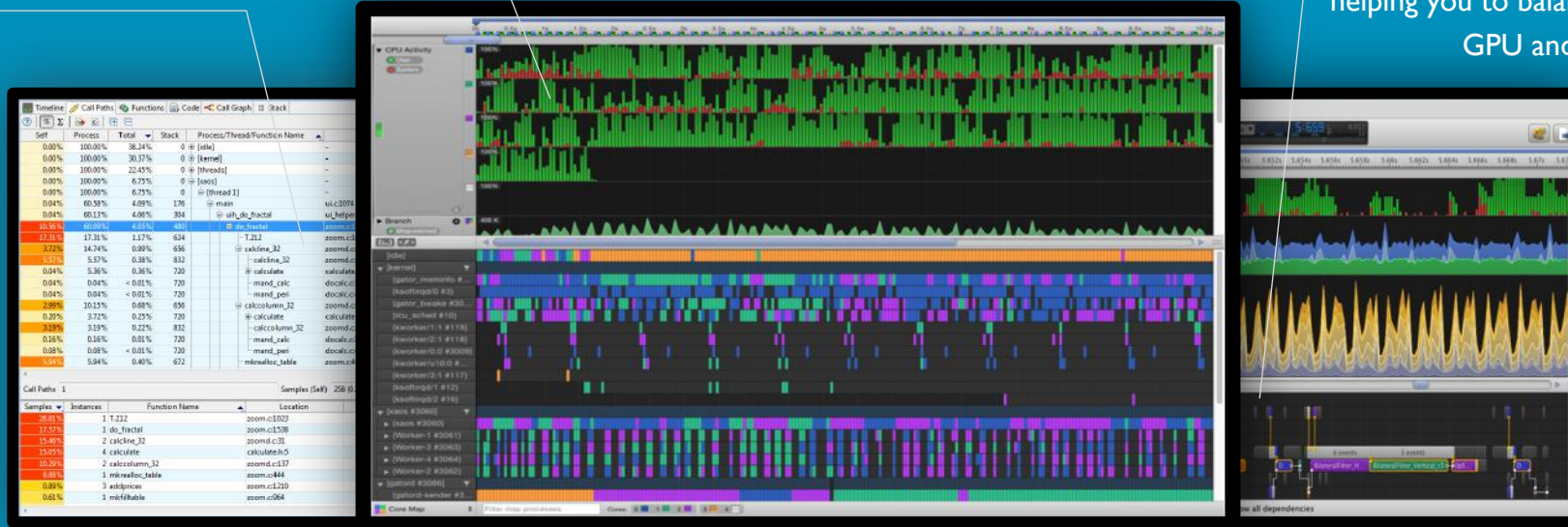


Visualization of OpenCL dependencies, helping you to balance resources between GPU and CPU better than ever



Drill down to the Source Code

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



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

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

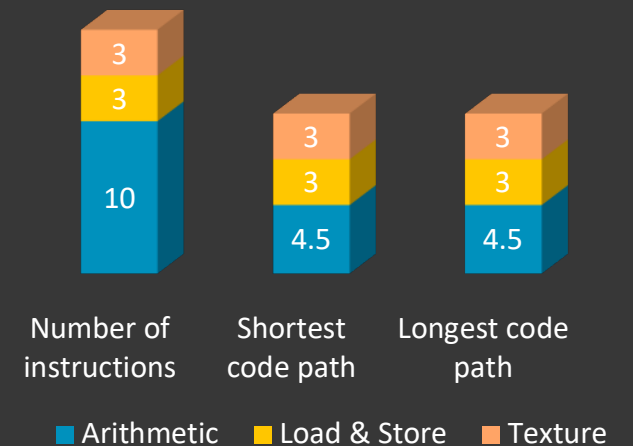
Support for Mali-300, Mali-400, Mali-450, Mali-T604, Mali-T628, Mali-T760, Mali-T880, Mali-G71

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

```
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.glsl.OLD"
0 error(s), 0 warning(s)

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Section 2: Deep Dive MGD and Streamline

Overview of the ARM Mali Graphics Debugger

Assets View

Frame Statistics

Frame Outline

Frame Capture:
Framebuffers

API Trace

States
Uniforms
Vertex Attributes
Buffers

Textures
Shaders

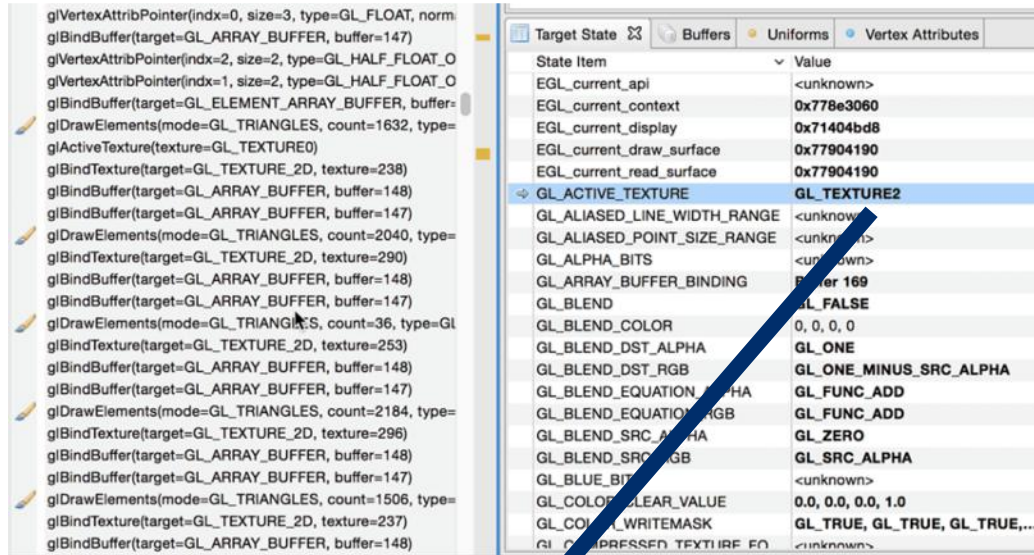
Dynamic Help

The screenshot displays the ARM Mali Graphics Debugger interface with several panels and callouts:

- Assets View:** A tree view on the left showing the hierarchy of assets including GLES, Buffers, Framebuffers, Programs, Shaders, Textures, EGL, and CL.
- Frame Outline:** A list of frames on the left, each showing draw calls, vertices, and unique indices. Frame 33 is highlighted.
- Frame Capture: Framebuffers:** A central window showing a captured frame of a castle scene with a checkerboard overlay.
- API Trace:** A table of API calls with columns for #, Error, Return, and Function Call. Frame 33 is selected.
- Dynamic Help:** A panel at the bottom left showing a list of draw calls and their statistics.
- Frame Statistics:** A table on the right showing overall statistics for the selected frame, including total API calls, average vertices per frame, and number of draw calls.
- States, Uniforms, Vertex Attributes, Buffers:** A panel on the right showing the current state of the graphics pipeline, including blend equations, color masks, and texture formats.
- Textures, Shaders:** A panel on the right showing a list of textures and shaders with their names, instruction counts, and memory usage.
- Trace Analysis:** A panel at the bottom right showing a list of messages and their counts, including warnings about sparse indices and unexpected buffer types.

Mali Graphics Debugger

Target state



State Item	Value
EGL_current_context	<unknown>
EGL_current_display	0x71404bd8
EGL_current_draw_surface	0x77904190
EGL_current_read_surface	0x77904190
GL_ACTIVE_TEXTURE	GL_TEXTURE2
GL_ALIASED_LINE_WIDTH_RANGE	<unknown>
GL_ALIASED_POINT_SIZE_RANGE	<unknown>
GL_ALPHA_BITS	<unknown>
GL_ARRAY_BUFFER_BINDING	Buffer 111
GL_BLEND	GL_FALSE
GL_BLEND_COLOR	0, 0, 0, 0
GL_BLEND_DST_ALPHA	GL_ONE
GL_BLEND_DST_RGB	GL_ONE_M

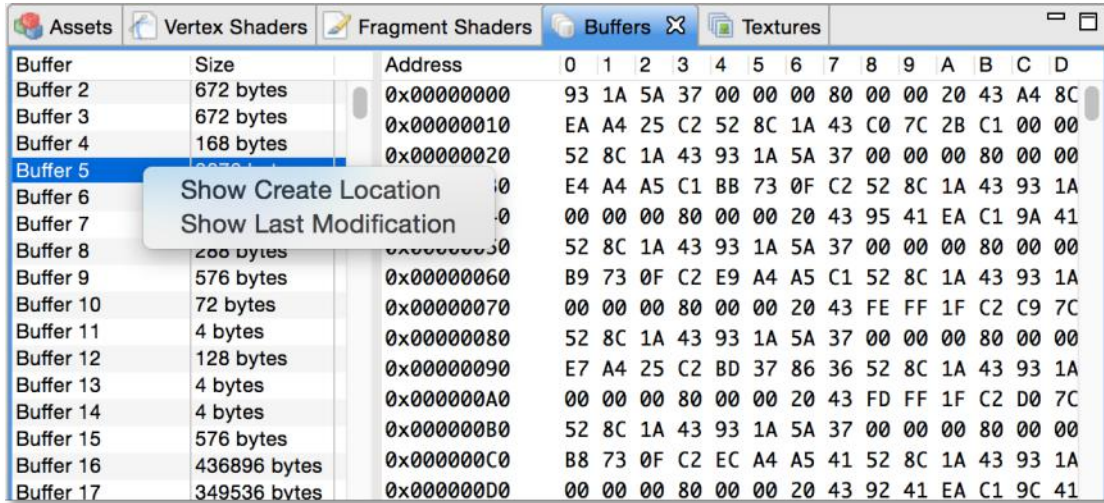
Shows the current state of the API at any point of the trace

- 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

Mali Graphics Debugger

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

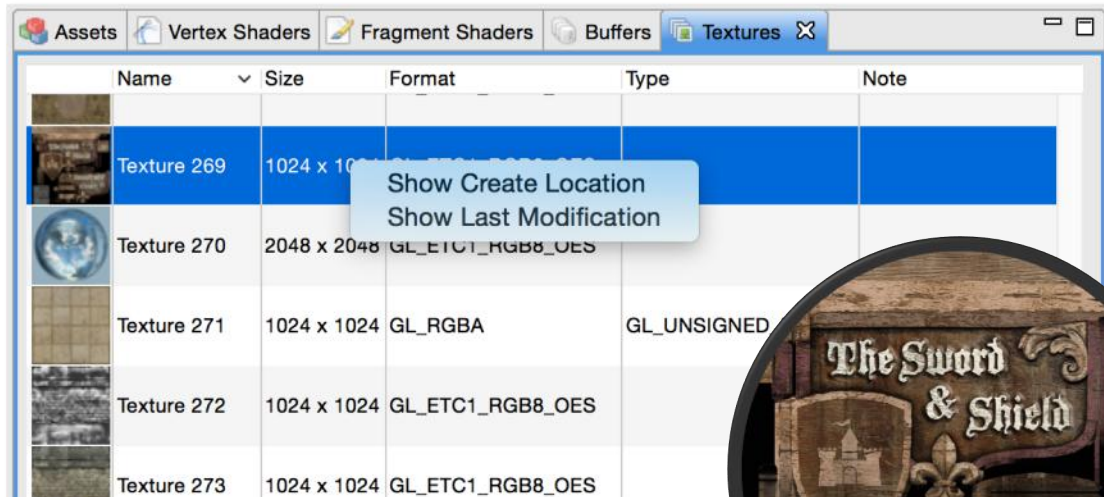


Buffer	Size	Address	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D
Buffer 2	672 bytes	0x00000000	93	1A	5A	37	00	00	00	80	00	00	20	43	A4	8C
Buffer 3	672 bytes	0x00000010	EA	A4	25	C2	52	8C	1A	43	C0	7C	2B	C1	00	00
Buffer 4	168 bytes	0x00000020	52	8C	1A	43	93	1A	5A	37	00	00	00	80	00	00
Buffer 5	672 bytes	0x00000030	E4	A4	A5	C1	BB	73	0F	C2	52	8C	1A	43	93	1A
Buffer 6	672 bytes	0x00000040	00	00	00	80	00	00	20	43	95	41	EA	C1	9A	41
Buffer 7	672 bytes	0x00000050	52	8C	1A	43	93	1A	5A	37	00	00	00	80	00	00
Buffer 8	288 bytes	0x00000060	B9	73	0F	C2	E9	A4	A5	C1	52	8C	1A	43	93	1A
Buffer 9	576 bytes	0x00000070	00	00	00	80	00	00	20	43	FE	FF	1F	C2	C9	7C
Buffer 10	72 bytes	0x00000080	52	8C	1A	43	93	1A	5A	37	00	00	00	80	00	00
Buffer 11	4 bytes	0x00000090	E7	A4	25	C2	BD	37	86	36	52	8C	1A	43	93	1A
Buffer 12	128 bytes	0x000000A0	00	00	00	80	00	00	20	43	FD	FF	1F	C2	D0	7C
Buffer 13	4 bytes	0x000000B0	52	8C	1A	43	93	1A	5A	37	00	00	00	80	00	00
Buffer 14	4 bytes	0x000000C0	B8	73	0F	C2	EC	A4	A5	41	52	8C	1A	43	93	1A
Buffer 15	576 bytes	0x000000D0	00	00	00	80	00	00	20	43	92	41	EA	C1	9C	41
Buffer 16	436896 bytes															
Buffer 17	349536 bytes															

Buffers

Client and server side buffers are captured every time they change

See how each API call affects them



Name	Size	Format	Type	Note
Texture 269	1024 x 1024			
Texture 270	2048 x 2048	GL_ETC1_RGB8_OES		
Texture 271	1024 x 1024	GL_RGBA	GL_UNSIGNED	
Texture 272	1024 x 1024	GL_ETC1_RGB8_OES		
Texture 273	1024 x 1024	GL_ETC1_RGB8_OES		

Textures

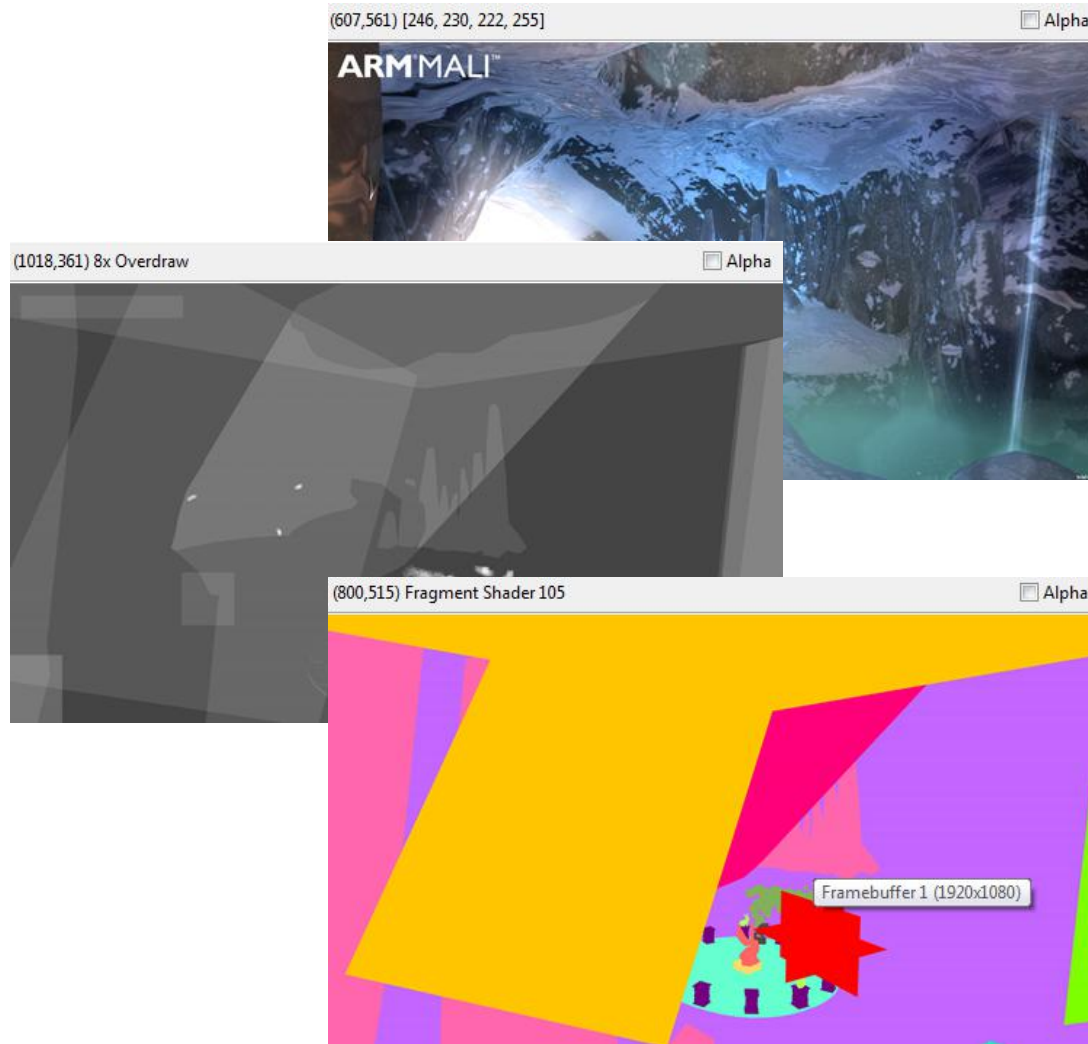
All the textures being uploaded are captured at native resolution

Check their size, format and type



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

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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Shader	Cycles	A	L/S	T	Uniform Regis...	Work Registers	
2	7	9	7	0	7	3	
4	4	4	4	0	2	2	
8	This shader has been flagged for deletion.			3	0	6	2
11	12	22	12	0	14	4	
14	14	25	14	0	17	7	
17	15	25	15	0	17	7	
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	

Estimation of Vertex and Fragment Cost

Vertex Count

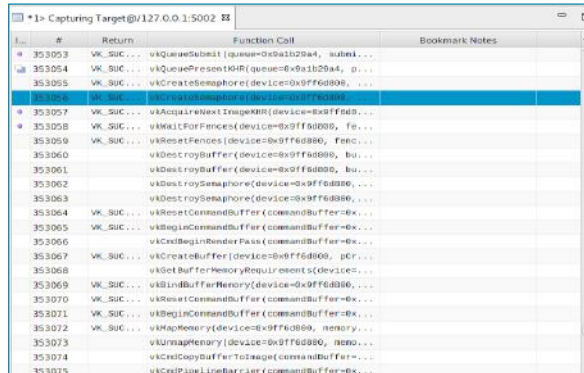
- For every drawcall MGD knows how many vertices are being drawn.
- Therefore it can estimate how expensive each shader
- Report this to the user in a sortable table.

Program	Name	A	L/S	T	Total	Vertices	Total cycles	% cycles
163	Shader 164	24	16	0	40	95,856	2,683,968	37.0%
157	Shader 158	32	25	0	57	32,256	1,322,496	18.2%
172	Shader 173	44	32	0	76	16,893	861,543	11.9%
175	Shader 176	47	28	0	75	14,010	700,500	9.6%
171	Shader 169	9	10	0	19	35,739	536,085	7.4%
97	Shader 98	8	3	0	11	70,722	495,054	6.8%
154	Shader 155	25	20	0	45	12,240	403,920	5.6%
195	Shader 193	9	13	0	22	3,360	60,480	0.8%
130	Shader 131	10	6	0	16	4,836	58,032	0.8%
160	Shader 161	25	20	0	45	984	32,472	0.4%
166	Shader 167	38	31	0	69	432	21,168	0.3%
85	Shader 86	11	6	0	17	1,752	21,024	0.3%
187	Shader 188	9	7	0	16	1,176	14,112	0.2%
181	Shader 182	38	20	0	58	324	13,608	0.2%
109	Shader 110	24	7	0	31	600	10,800	0.1%
82	Shader 83	9	7	0	16	858	10,296	0.1%

Fragment Count

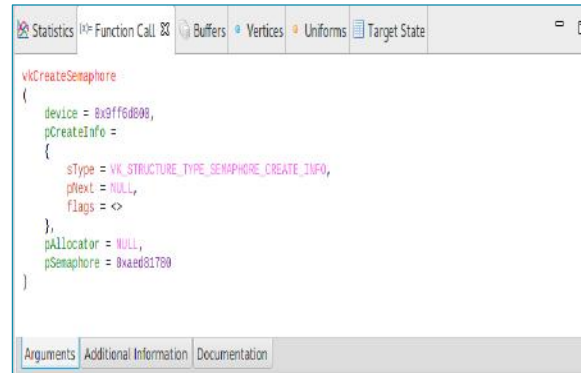
- At API level there is no way of finding out how many fragments are drawn.
- MGD does several calculations on the Framebuffer to detect how many fragments have been drawn
- This can produce an estimated cost much like the vertex count

Mali Graphics Debugger – Vulkan Support



Address	Return	Function Call	Bookmark Notes
353053	VK_SUC...	vkQueueSubmit (queue=0x9a1b29a4, submit...	
353054	VK_SUC...	vkQueuePresentKHR (queue=0x9a1b29a4, p...	
353055	VK_SUC...	vkCreateSemaphore (device=0x9ff6d800, ...	
353056	VK_SUC...	vkCreateSemaphore (device=0x9ff6d800, ...	
353057	VK_SUC...	vkAcquireNextImageKHR (device=0x9ff6d800, ...	
353058	VK_SUC...	vkWaitForFences (device=0x9ff6d800, fe...	
353059	VK_SUC...	vkResetFences (device=0x9ff6d800, fence...	
353060		vkDestroyBuffer (device=0x9ff6d800, bu...	
353061		vkDestroyBuffer (device=0x9ff6d800, bu...	
353062		vkDestroySemaphore (device=0x9ff6d800, ...	
353063		vkDestroySemaphore (device=0x9ff6d800, ...	
353064	VK_SUC...	vkResetCommandBuffer (commandBuffer=0x...	
353065	VK_SUC...	vkBeginCommandBuffer (commandBuffer=0x...	
353066		vkCmdBeginRenderPass (commandBuffer=0x...	
353067	VK_SUC...	vkCreateBuffer (device=0x9ff6d800, pCr...	
353068		vkGetBufferMemoryRequirements (device=...	
353069	VK_SUC...	vkAllocateMemory (device=0x9ff6d800, ...	
353070	VK_SUC...	vkResetCommandBuffer (commandBuffer=0x...	
353071	VK_SUC...	vkBeginCommandBuffer (commandBuffer=0x...	
353072	VK_SUC...	vkMapMemory (device=0x9ff6d800, memo...	
353073		vkUnmapMemory (device=0x9ff6d800, memo...	
353074		vkCmdCopyBufferToImage (commandBuffer=...	
353075		vkCmdPipelineBarrier (commandBuffer=0x...	

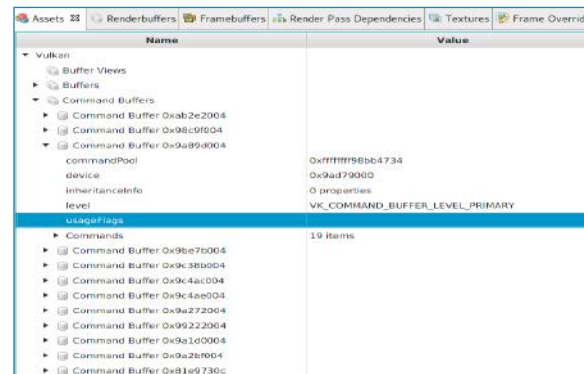
Trace



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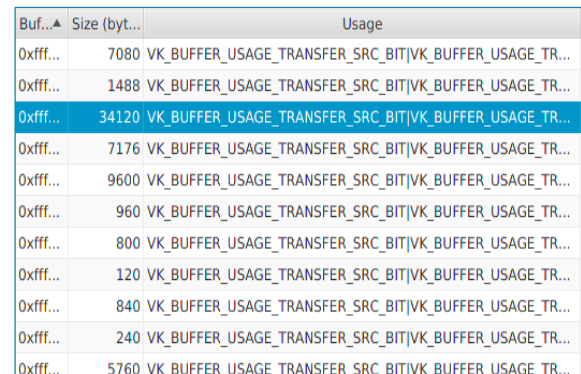
vkCreateSemaphore
{
    device = 0x9ff6d800,
    pCreateInfo =
    {
        sType = VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_SEMAPHORE_CREATE_INFO,
        pNext = NULL,
        flags = 0,
    },
    pAllocator = NULL,
    pSemaphore = 0x9a8d1700
}
    
```

Function Parameters



Name	Value
Vulkan	
Buffer Views	
Buffers	
Command Buffers	
Command Buffer 0xab2e2004	
Command Buffer 0x98c0f004	
Command Buffer 0x9a898004	
commandPool	0x7ffff98bb4734
device	0x9ad79000
inheritanceInfo	0 properties
level	VK_COMMAND_BUFFER_LEVEL_PRIMARY
Commands	
Command Buffer 0x9be7b004	19 items
Command Buffer 0x9c5b0004	
Command Buffer 0x9c4ac004	
Command Buffer 0x9c4ee004	
Command Buffer 0x9a272004	
Command Buffer 0x99222004	
Command Buffer 0x9a3d0004	
Command Buffer 0x9a280004	
Command Buffer 0x81e9730c	

Assets View



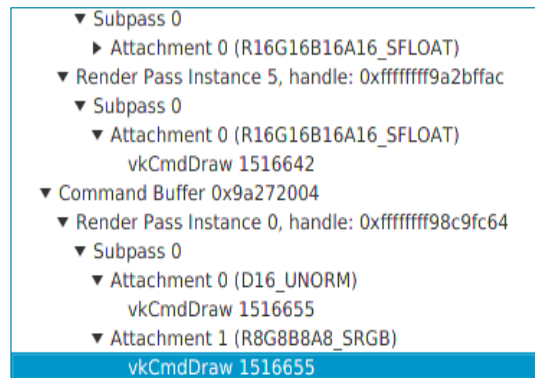
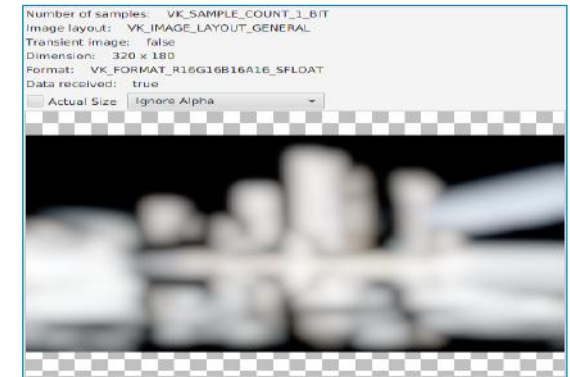
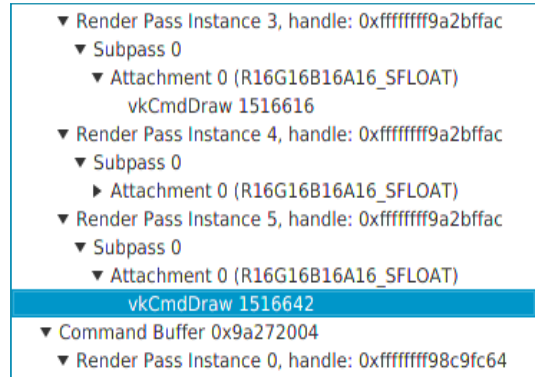
Buf...	Size (byt...	Usage
0xffff...	7080	VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TR...
0xffff...	1488	VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TR...
0xffff...	34120	VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TR...
0xffff...	7176	VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TR...
0xffff...	9600	VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TR...
0xffff...	960	VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TR...
0xffff...	800	VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TR...
0xffff...	120	VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TR...
0xffff...	840	VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TR...
0xffff...	240	VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TR...
0xffff...	5760	VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT VK_BUFFER_USAGE_TR...

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

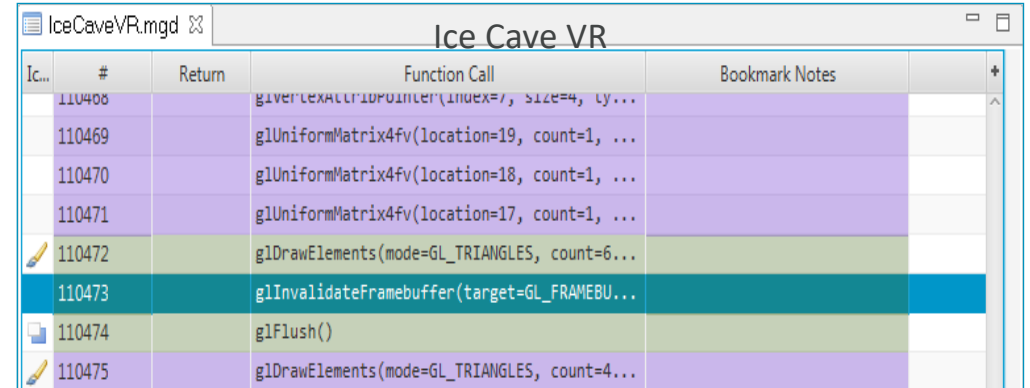
Mali Graphics Debugger – Vulkan Frame Capture

- 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.



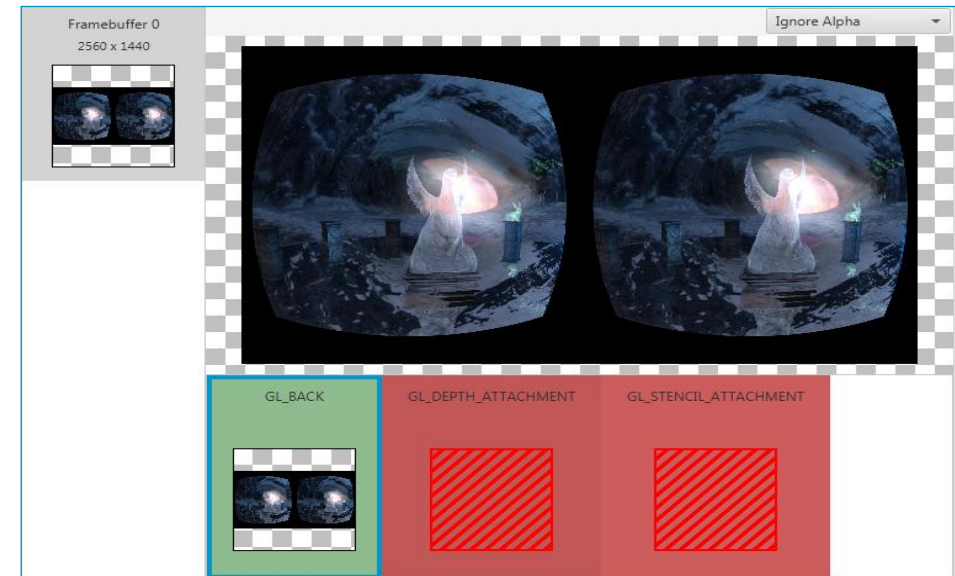
Mali Graphics Debugger – VR Update

- 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



The screenshot shows the Mali Graphics Debugger (MGD) interface with a log of function calls for a file named 'IceCaveVR.mgd'. The log is titled 'Ice Cave VR' and contains the following entries:

Icon	#	Return	Function Call	Bookmark Notes
	110468		glVertexAttribPointer(index=7, size=4, ty...	
	110469		glUniformMatrix4fv(location=19, count=1, ...	
	110470		glUniformMatrix4fv(location=18, count=1, ...	
	110471		glUniformMatrix4fv(location=17, count=1, ...	
	110472		glDrawElements(mode=GL_TRIANGLES, count=6...	
	110473		glInvalidateFramebuffer(target=GL_FRAMEBU...	
	110474		glFlush()	
	110475		glDrawElements(mode=GL_TRIANGLES, count=4...	

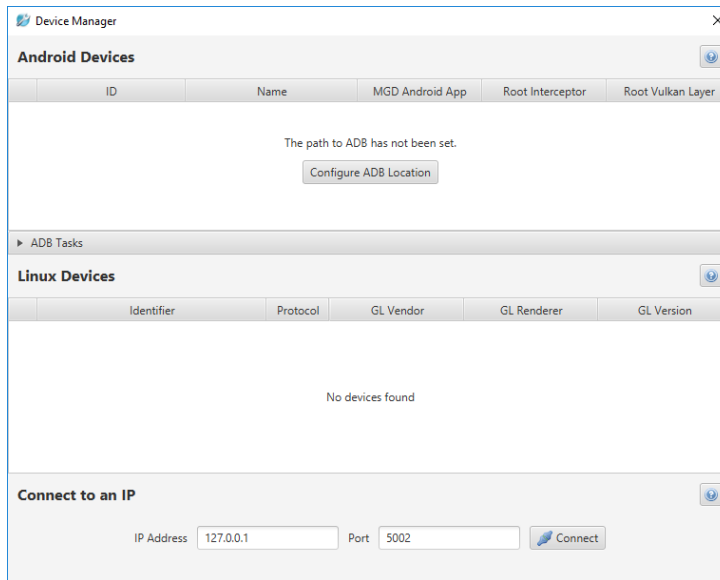


How to use MGD

Rooted Setup Mode

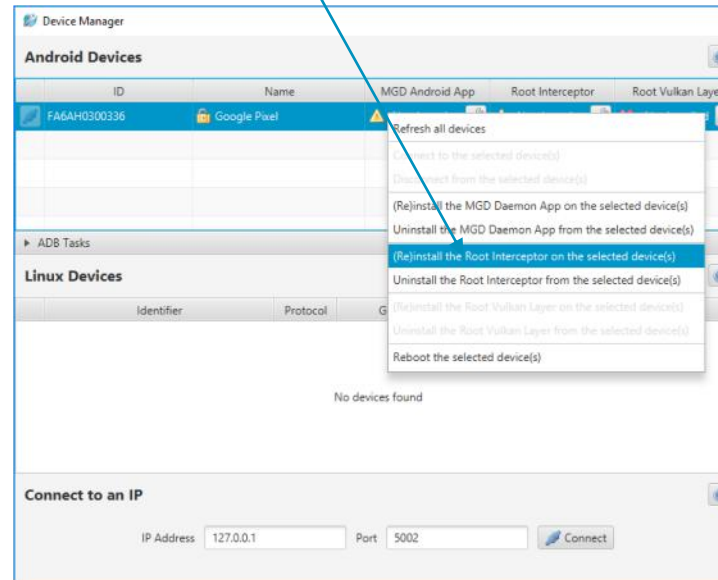
Step 1: Connection

- Tell MGD where adb is located on the system.



Step 2:

- Click on the device you want to install MGD onto



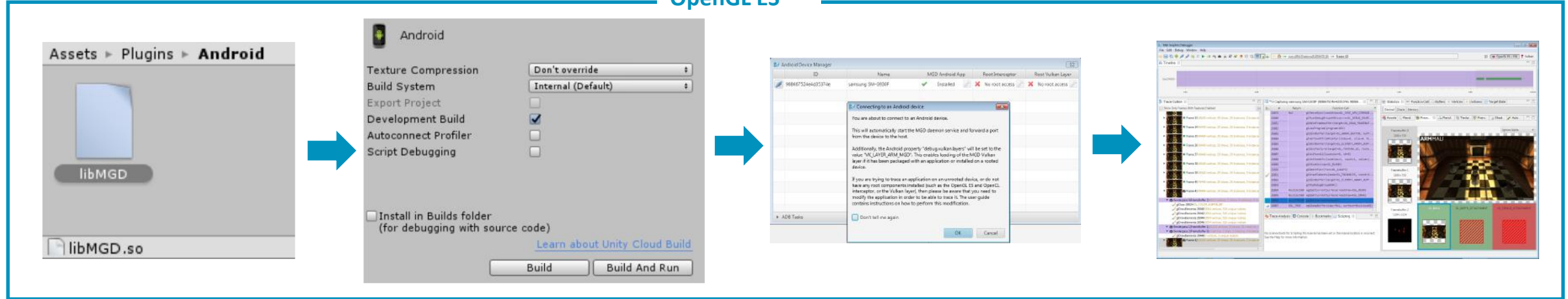
Step 3:

- Connect and then select the application you want to trace



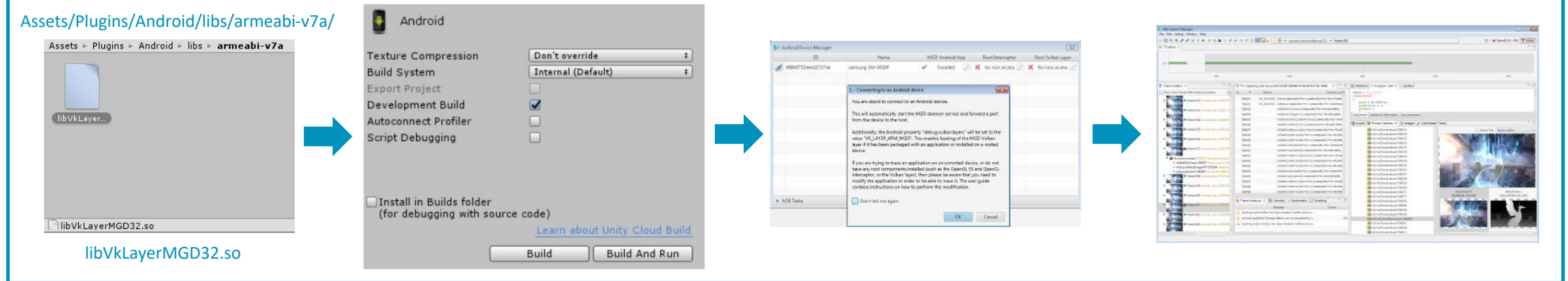
Unity Setup

OpenGL ES



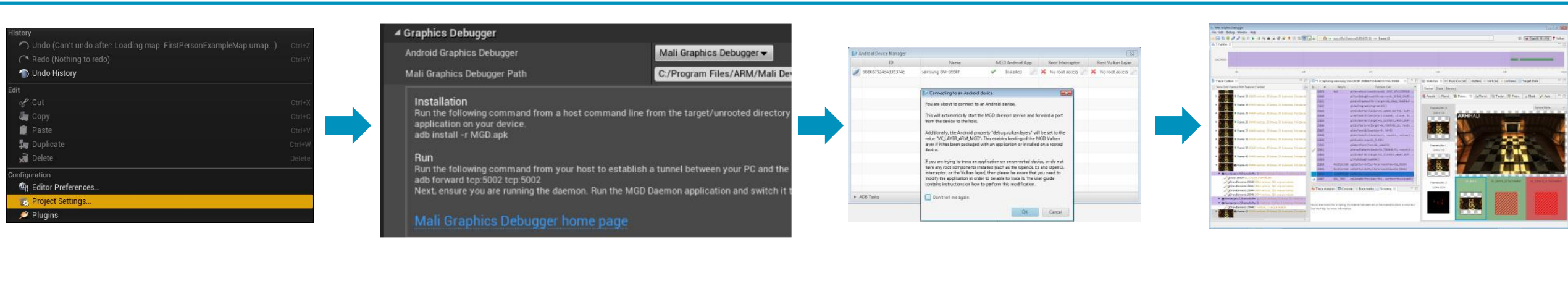
Vulkan

Assets/Plugins/Android/libs/armeabi-v7a/



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.



How to Use Mali Graphics Debugger

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

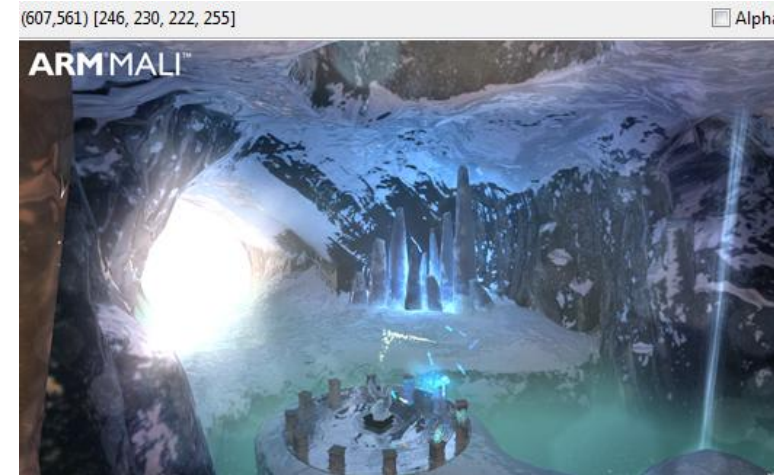
2) Get to the perceived problem area in your application

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

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 and isn't making any visual difference.

Vertex shading and excess vertices

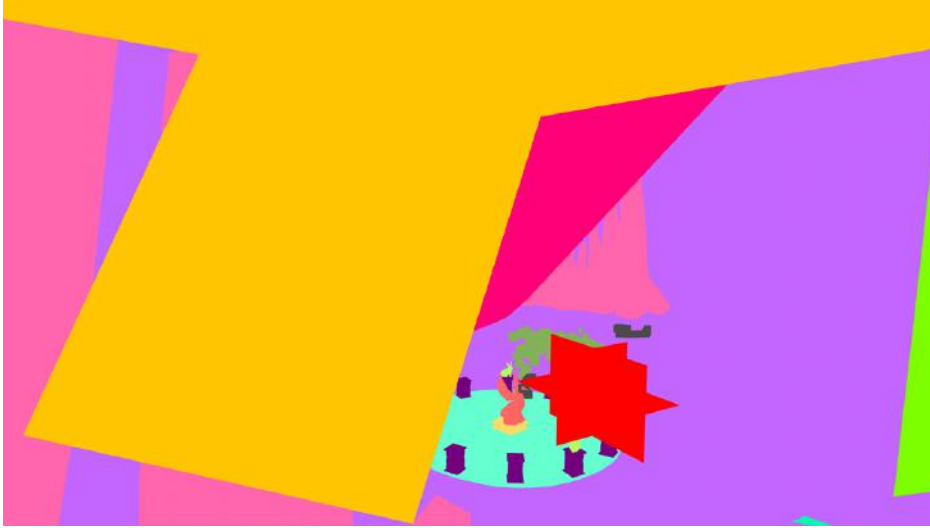


- The geometry viewer is great to see the complexity of the model you are using.
- This is a great way to see if the model you are using is fitting to its position in the scene.
- For instance this particular model wouldn't be recommended for use in the distance as it is too detailed.

	Program	Name	A	L/S	T	Total	Vertices	Total cycles	% cycles
	163	Shader 164	24	16	0	40	95,856	2,683,968	37.0%
	157	Shader 158	32	25	0	57	32,256	1,322,496	18.2%
	172	Shader 173	44	32	0	76	16,893	861,543	11.9%
	175	Shader 176	47	28	0	75	14,010	700,500	9.6%
	171	Shader 169	9	10	0	19	35,739	536,085	7.4%
	97	Shader 98	8	3	0	11	70,722	495,054	6.8%
	154	Shader 155	25	20	0	45	12,240	403,920	5.6%
	195	Shader 193	9	13	0	22	3,360	60,480	0.8%
	130	Shader 131	10	6	0	16	4,836	58,032	0.8%
	160	Shader 161	25	20	0	45	984	32,472	0.4%
	166	Shader 167	38	31	0	69	432	21,168	0.3%
	85	Shader 86	11	6	0	17	1,752	21,024	0.3%
	187	Shader 188	9	7	0	16	1,176	14,112	0.2%
	181	Shader 182	38	20	0	58	324	13,608	0.2%
	109	Shader 110	24	7	0	31	600	10,800	0.1%
	82	Shader 83	9	7	0	16	858	10,296	0.1%

- 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.

Shadermap and Fragment Count



- 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.

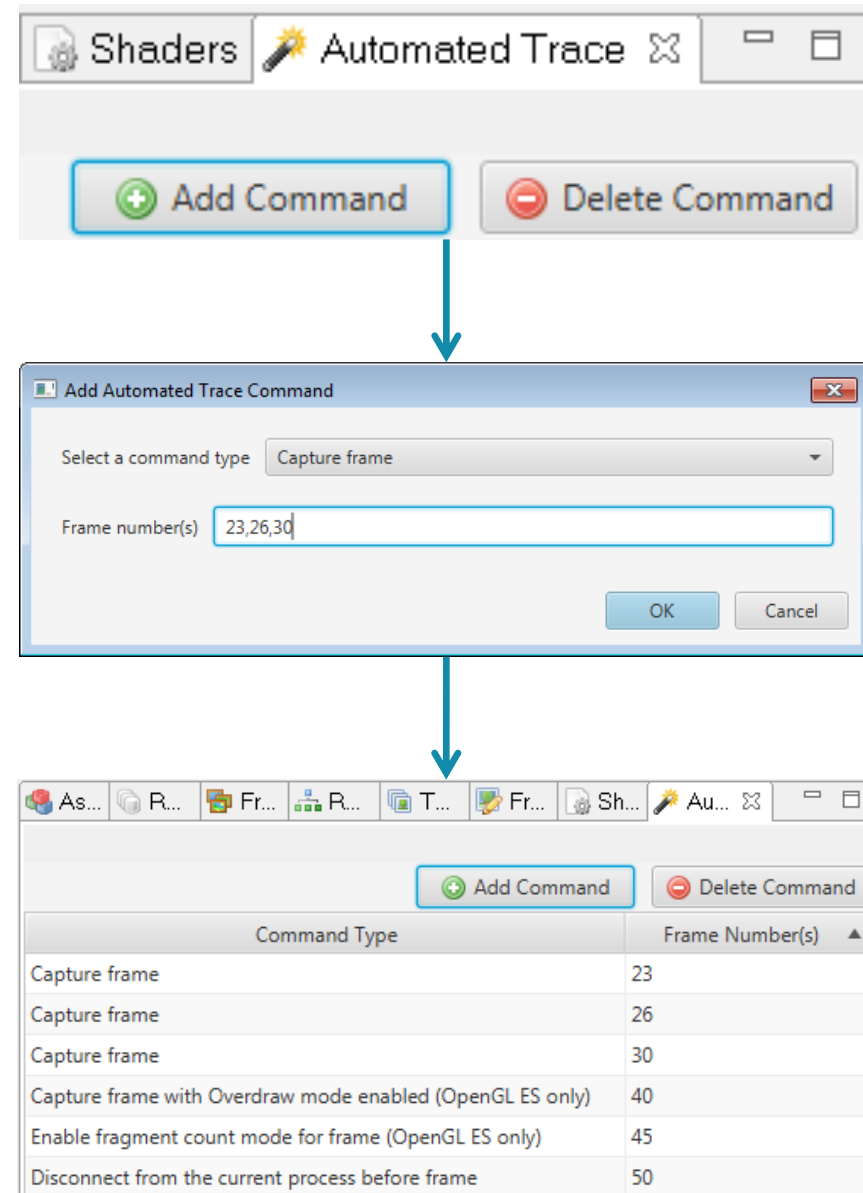
Assets		Vertex Shaders		Fragment Shaders		Textures	
	Program	Name	Instructions	Shortest	Longest	Instances	Total cycles▲
	175	Shader 177	5	5	5	7537773	37688865
	280	Shader 282	5	5	5	1459254	7296270
	181	Shader 183	5	5	5	415710	2078550
	187	Shader 189	6	6	6	197329	1183974
	73	Shader 75	4	4	4	279555	1118220
	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

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

<https://developer.arm.com/products/software-development-tools/ds-5-development-studio/resources/ds-5-media-articles>

