

# DrawIndirect

传统情况下实现多个物体同一个DrawCall绘制的办法就是GPU Instance，通过指定同一套材质属性，同一套管线状态和同一个模型，在屏幕上同时绘制多次，**然而GPU Instance限制非常大顶点数量必须一致**。所以大多数情况下都是用于同样模型，同样的材质的情况下的提交(注意的是Transform不用相同),如，在instancing 例子中：

```
// Instanced rocks
vkCmdBindDescriptorSets(drawCmdBuffers[i], VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_GRAPHICS, pipelineLayout, 0, 1, &descriptorSets.instancedRocks, 0,
vkCmdBindPipeline(drawCmdBuffers[i], VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_GRAPHICS, pipelines.instancedRocks);
// Binding point 0 : Mesh vertex buffer
vkCmdBindVertexBuffers(drawCmdBuffers[i], VERTEX_BUFFER_BIND_ID, 1, &models.rock.vertices.buffer, offsets);
// Binding point 1 : Instance data buffer
vkCmdBindVertexBuffers(drawCmdBuffers[i], INSTANCE_BUFFER_BIND_ID, 1, &instanceBuffer.buffer, offsets);
// Bind index buffer
vkCmdBindIndexBuffer(drawCmdBuffers[i], models.rock.indices.buffer, 0, VK_INDEX_TYPE_UINT32);

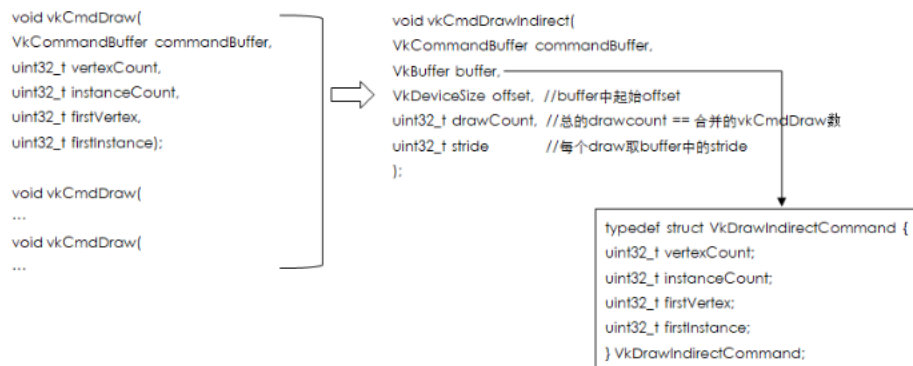
// Render instances
vkCmdDrawIndexed(drawCmdBuffers[i], models.rock.indices.count, INSTANCE_COUNT, 0, 0, 0);
```

会将需要提交的都放在同一个Buffer中让其进行提交。

Nvidia在2012年提出AZDO（For Approaching Zero Driver Overhead）的思想后，也推出了Multi-draw-indirect的思想，并提出了GL\_ARB\_multi\_draw\_indirect的extension，里面也提到了如果当你想要绘制的场景中，存在着很多类似的model，但是却需要通过大量的drawcall来绘制的时候，可以考虑采用MultiDrawIndirect的技术来降低API的调用，从而减少CPU侧的开销。在介绍中，nvidia也给出了一个demo，来展示使用GL\_ARB\_multi\_draw\_indirect来绘制很多类似的物体时候，CPU侧开销非常低，同时帧率也保持较高。

Vulkan中目前也已经有MultiDrawIndirect的API：分别是vkCmdDrawIndirect和vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect。可以具体查看官方的文档。可以说MDI的提出，是对CPU侧的进一步释放。

## Vulkan MDI



可以看到，当存在多个vkCmdDraw，并且其中并未发生pipeline的切换时，可以通过vkCmdDrawIndirect将这些vkCmdDraw打包成一个API。在vkCmdDrawIndirect中，会有一个指向VkDrawIndirectCommand的buffer，它记载的是每个draw的vertexCount，instanceCount等的信息。同样的，多个vkCmdDrawIndexed也是可以组合成vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect。

```
void vkCmdDrawIndexed(
    VkCommandBuffer commandBuffer,
    uint32_t indexCount,
    uint32_t instanceCount,
    uint32_t firstIndex,
    int32_t vertexOffset,
    uint32_t firstInstance);
```



```
void vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect(
    VkCommandBuffer commandBuffer,
    VkBuffer buffer,
    VkDeviceSize offset,
    uint32_t drawCount,
    uint32_t stride);
```

```
typedef struct VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand {
    uint32_t indexCount;
    uint32_t instanceCount;
    uint32_t firstIndex;
    int32_t vertexOffset;
    uint32_t firstInstance;
} VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand;
```

```
// If the multi draw feature is supported:
// One draw call for an arbitrary number of objects
// Index offsets and instance count are taken from the indirect buffer
if (vulkanDevice->features.multiDrawIndirect)
{
    vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect(drawCmdBuffers[i], indirectCommandsBuffer.buffer, 0, indirectDrawCount, sizeof(VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand), 1, sizeof(VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand));
}
else
{
    // If multi draw is not available, we must issue separate draw commands
    for (auto j = 0; j < indirectCommands.size(); j++)
    {
        vkCmdDrawIndexedIndirect(drawCmdBuffers[i], indirectCommandsBuffer.buffer, j * sizeof(VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand), 1, sizeof(VkDrawIndexedIndirectCommand));
    }
}
```

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