

Introduction to Computer Graphics

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Vulkan Lecture Series, Episode 3:

Resources & Descriptors

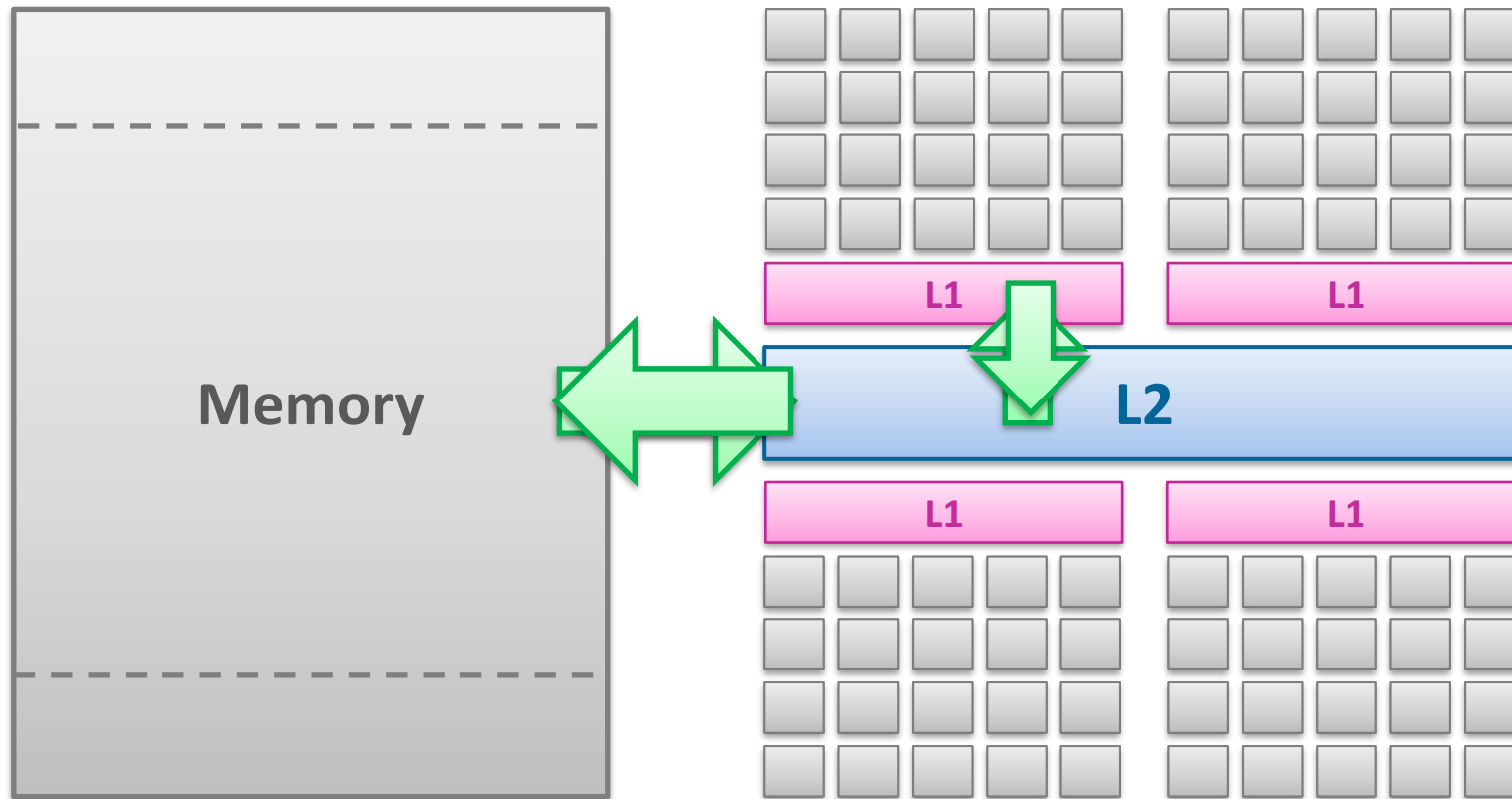
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GPU Activity Depiction



- ~Four fundamentally different types of **resources**

- Buffers
- Images
- Samplers
- Acceleration

- **Descriptors** describe

- + usage type
- + offsets, sometimes
- + some meta data, sometimes
- + combinations of resources, sometimes

Vulkan supports two primary resource types: *buffers* and *images*. Resources are views of memory with associated formatting and dimensionality. Buffers are essentially unformatted arrays of bytes whereas images contain format information, can be multidimensional and **may** have associated metadata.

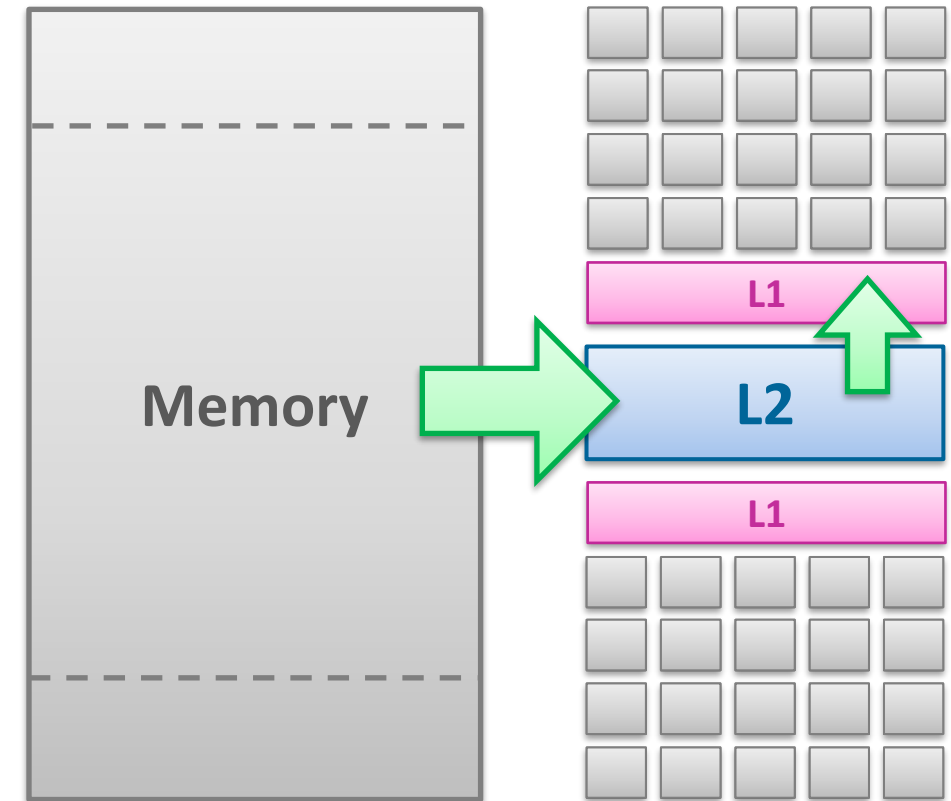
The Khronos Group. Vulkan 1.2.196 Specification



■ Different usage types of **buffers**

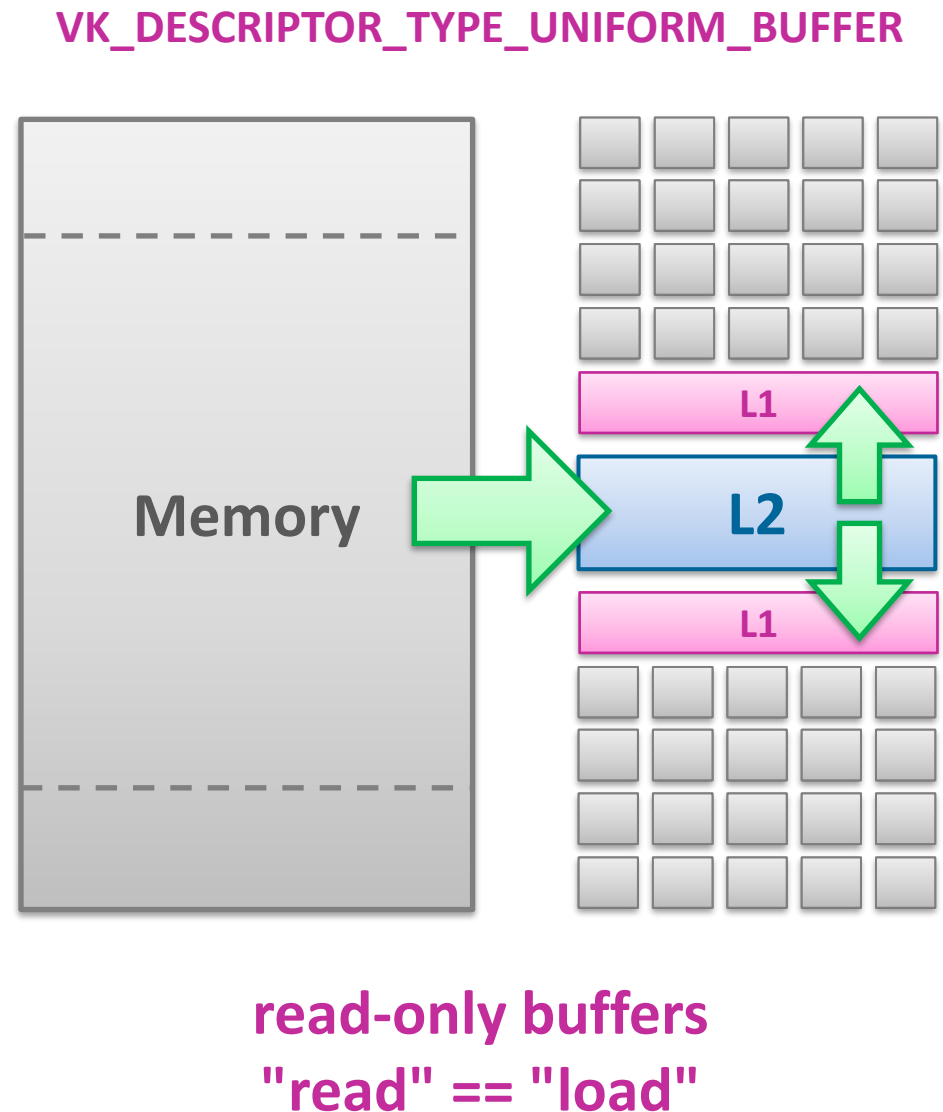
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- (Inline uniform block)

VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER



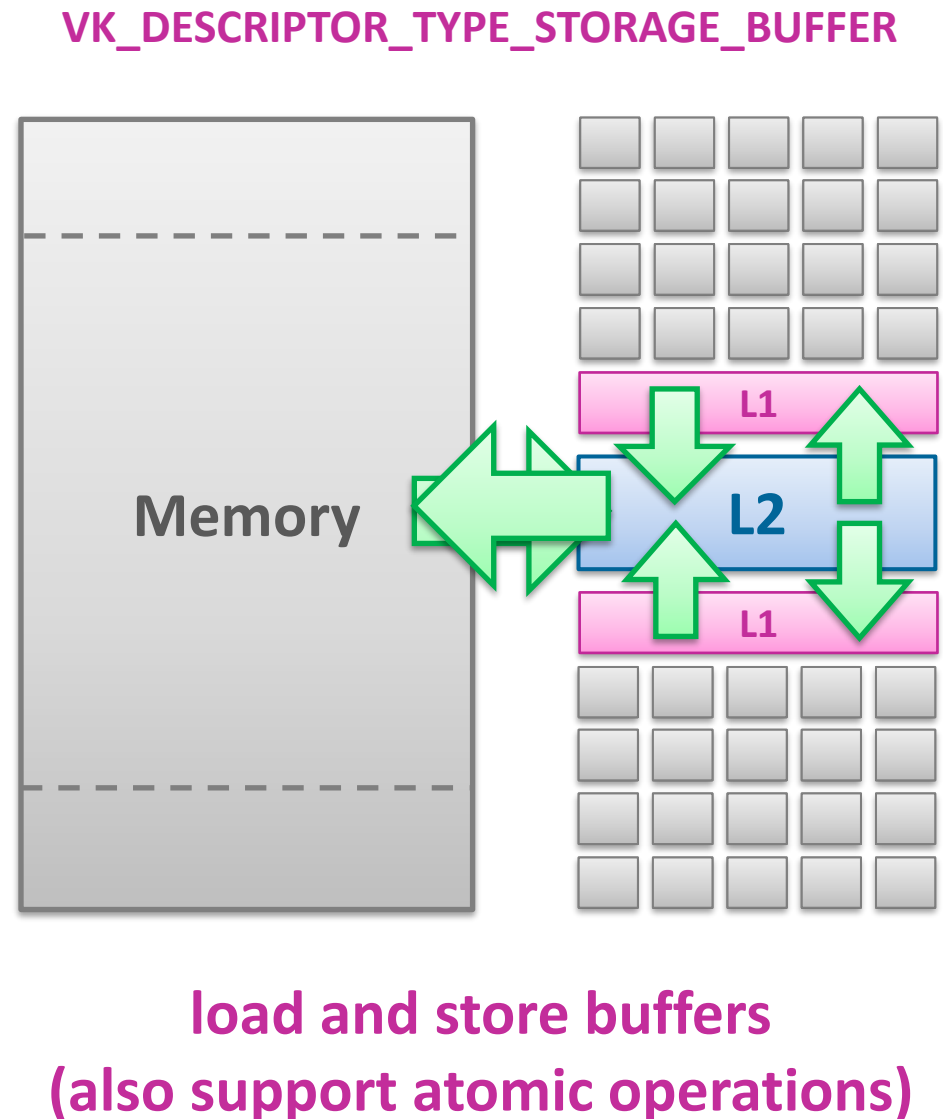
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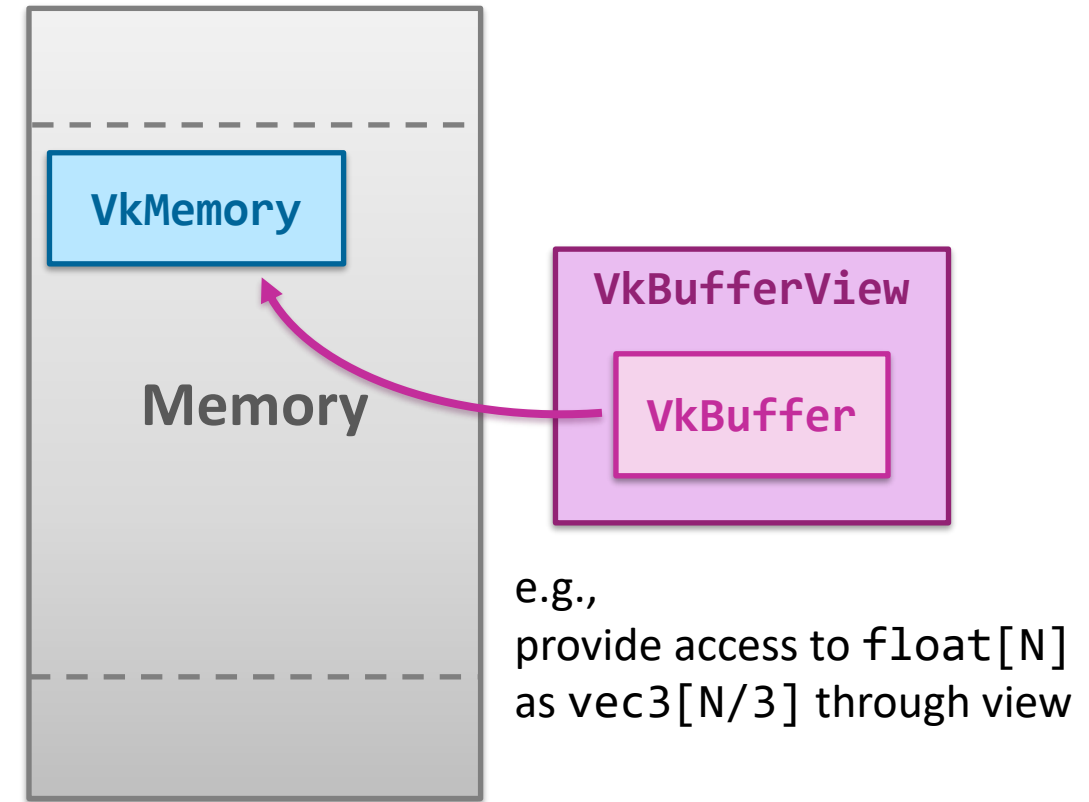
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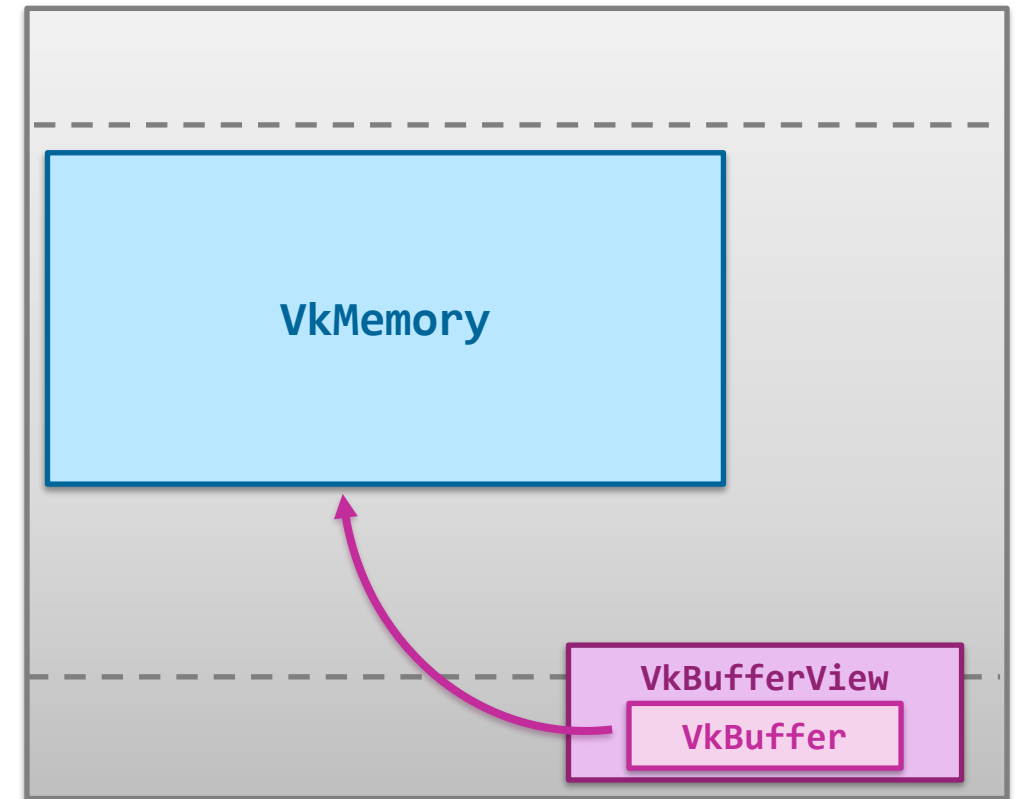
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Example: Uniform Texel Buffer

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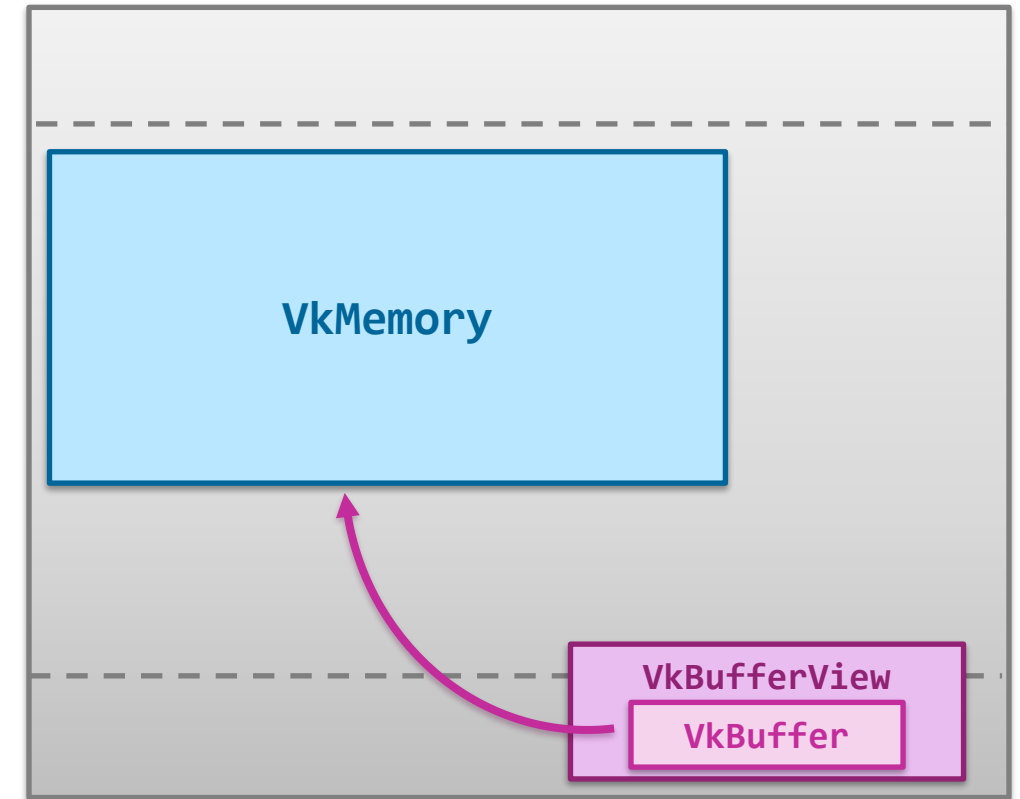
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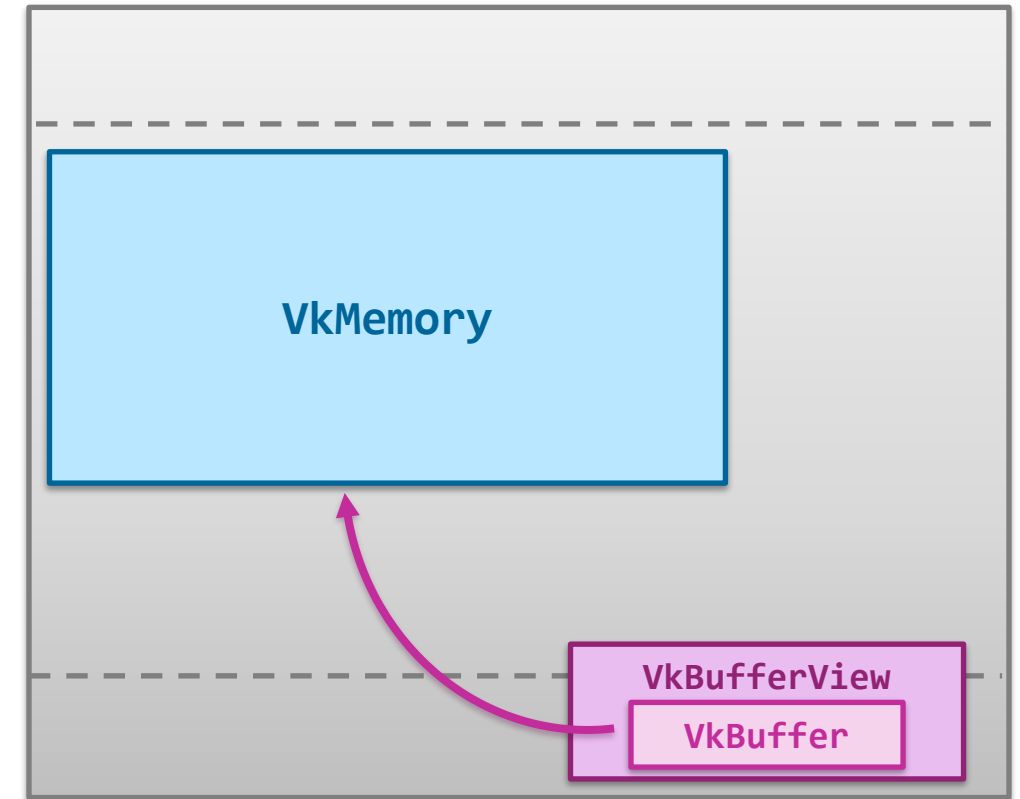
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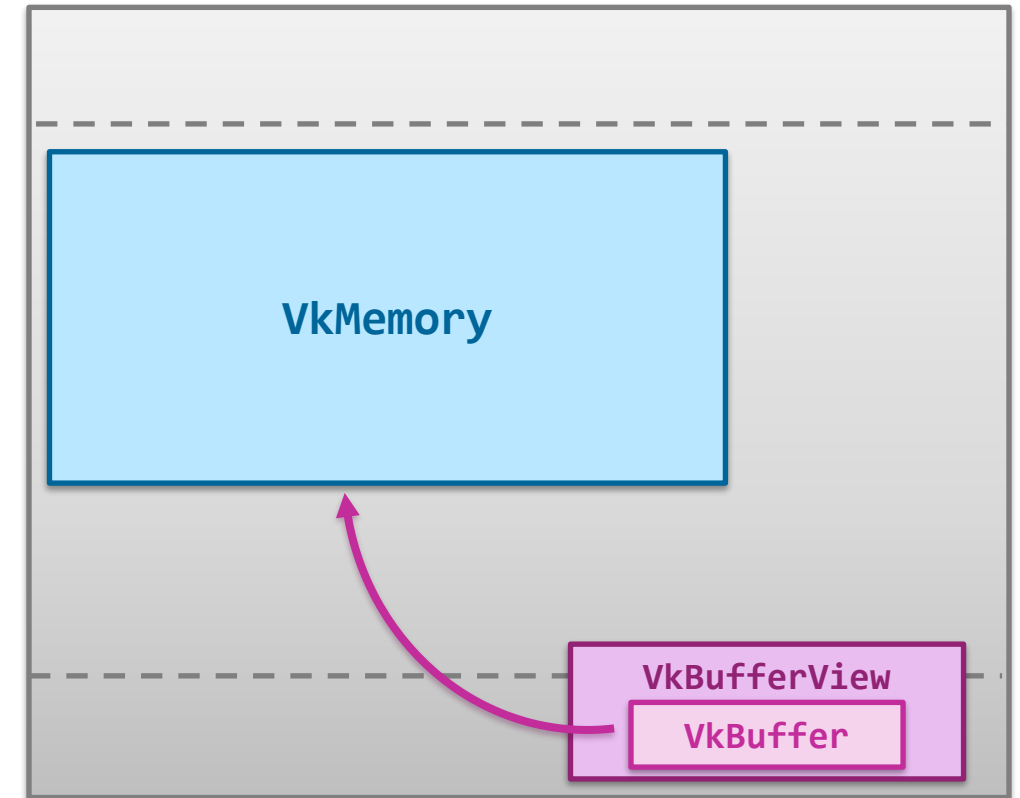
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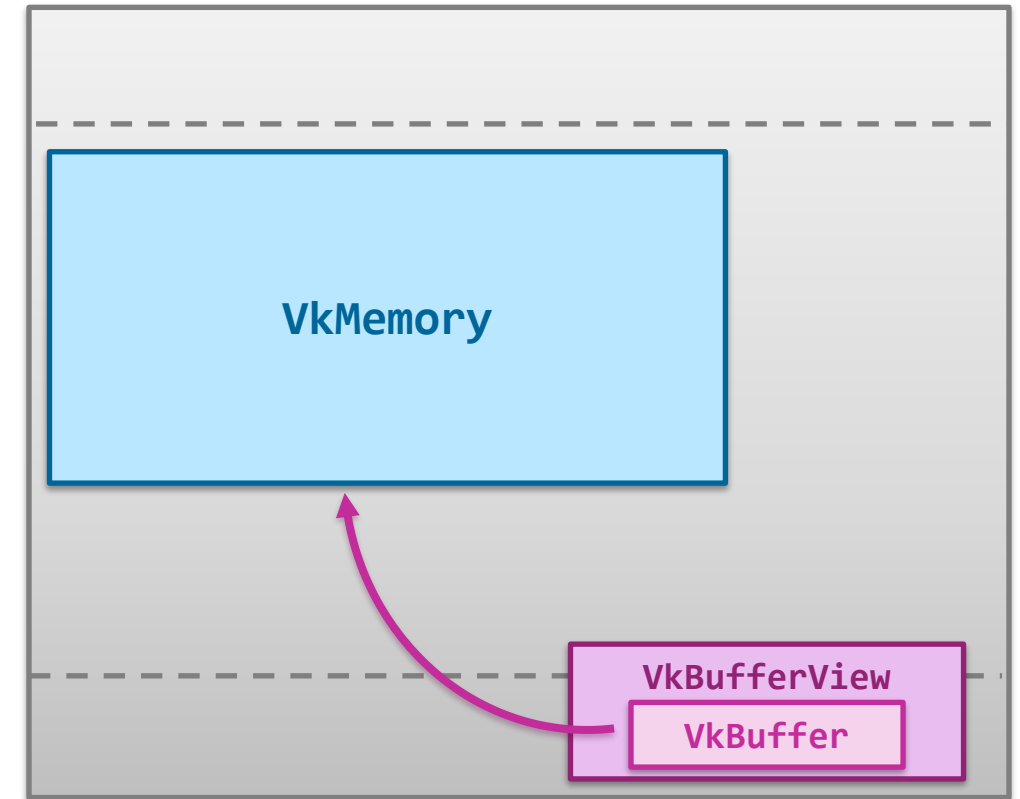
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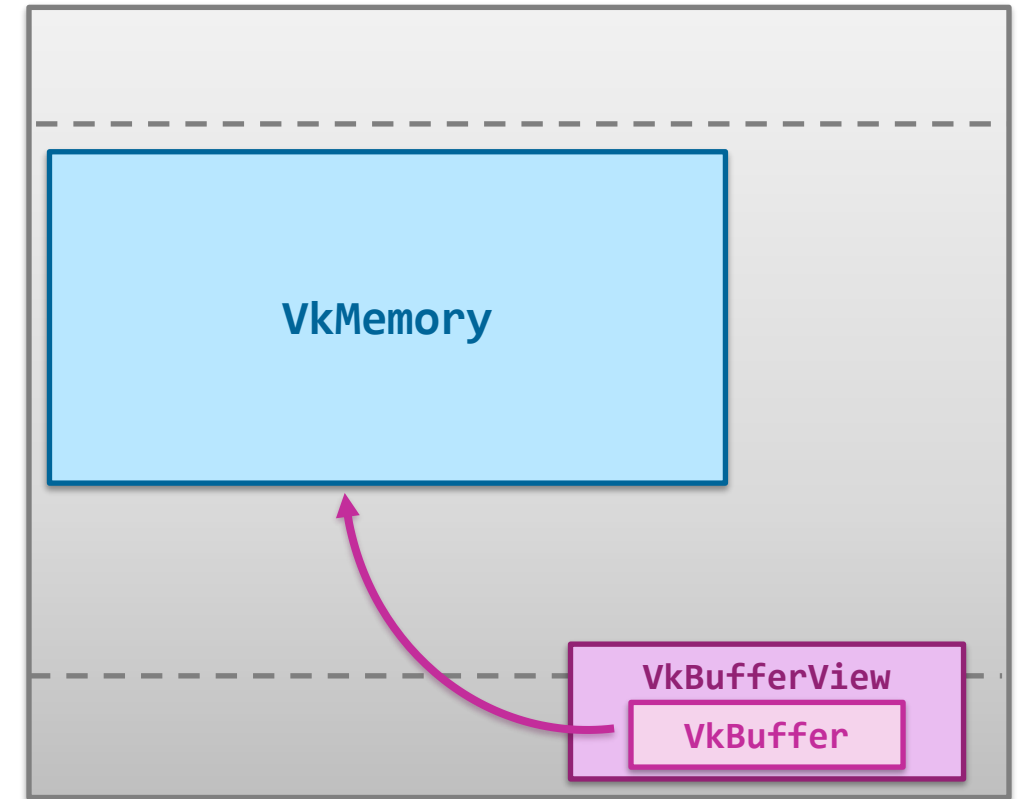
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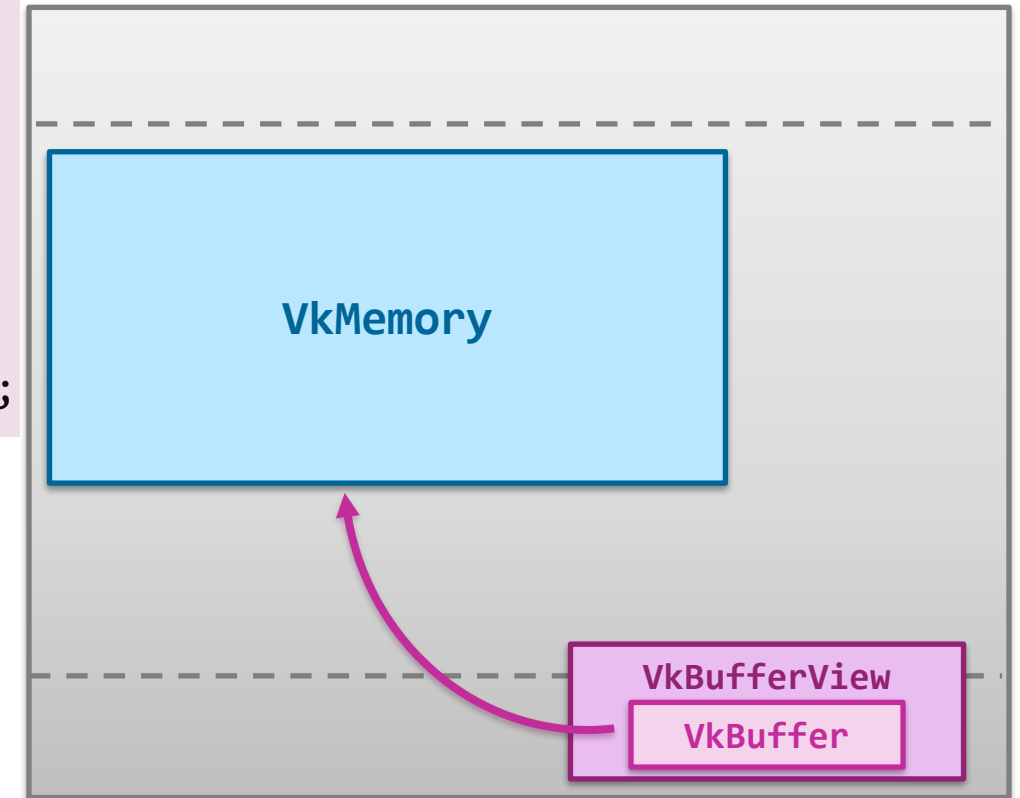


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```

```
VkBufferViewCreateInfo viewInfo = {};  
viewInfo.sType = VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_BUFFER_VIEW_CREATE_INFO;  
viewInfo.buffer = buffer;  
viewInfo.format = VK_FORMAT_R32G32B32_SFLOAT;  
viewInfo.offset = 0;  
viewInfo.range = VK_WHOLE_SIZE;  
  
VkBufferView bufferView;  
vkCreateBufferView(device, &viewInfo, nullptr, &bufferView);
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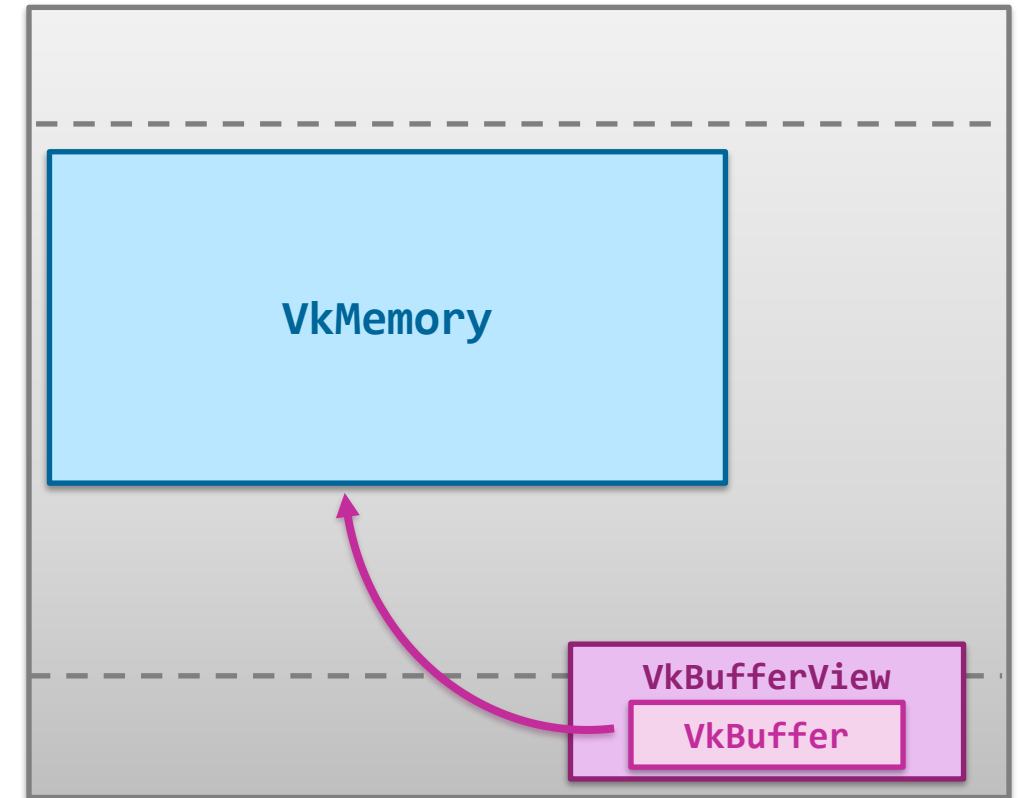
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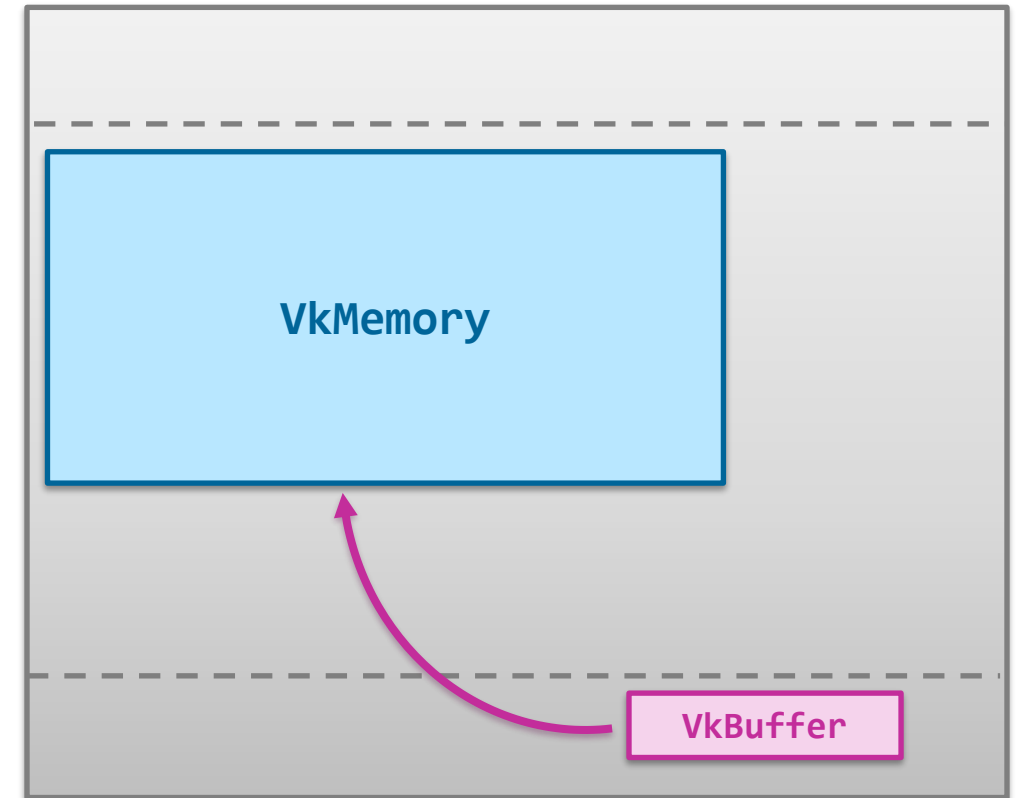
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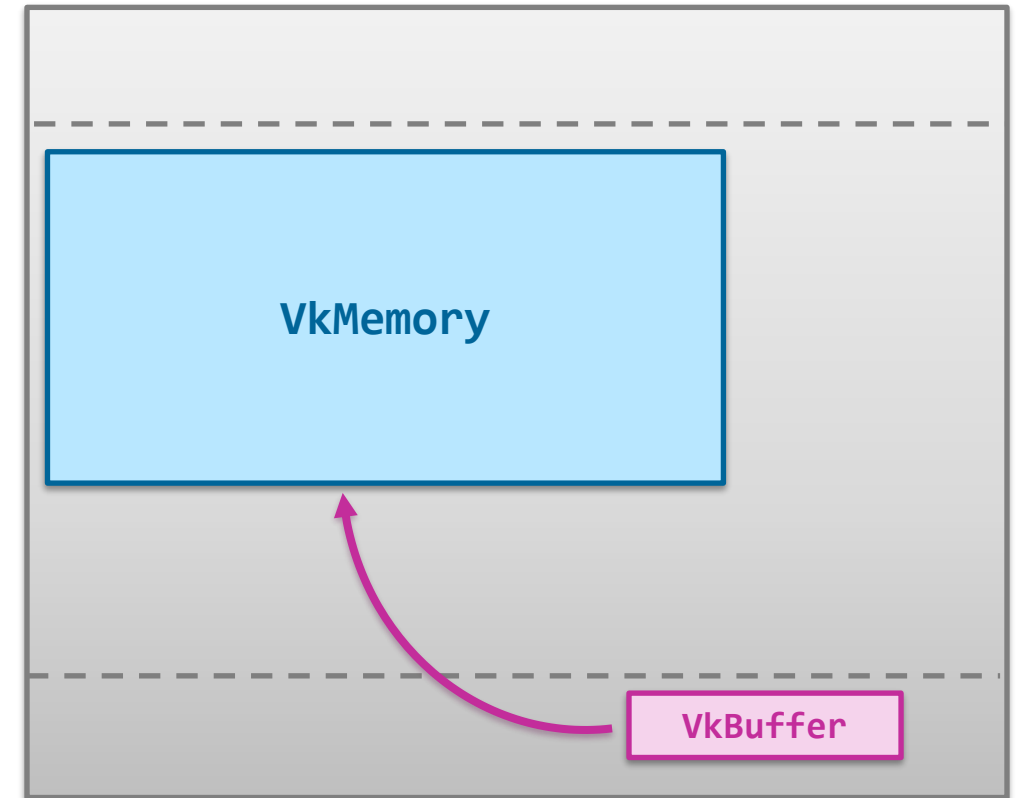
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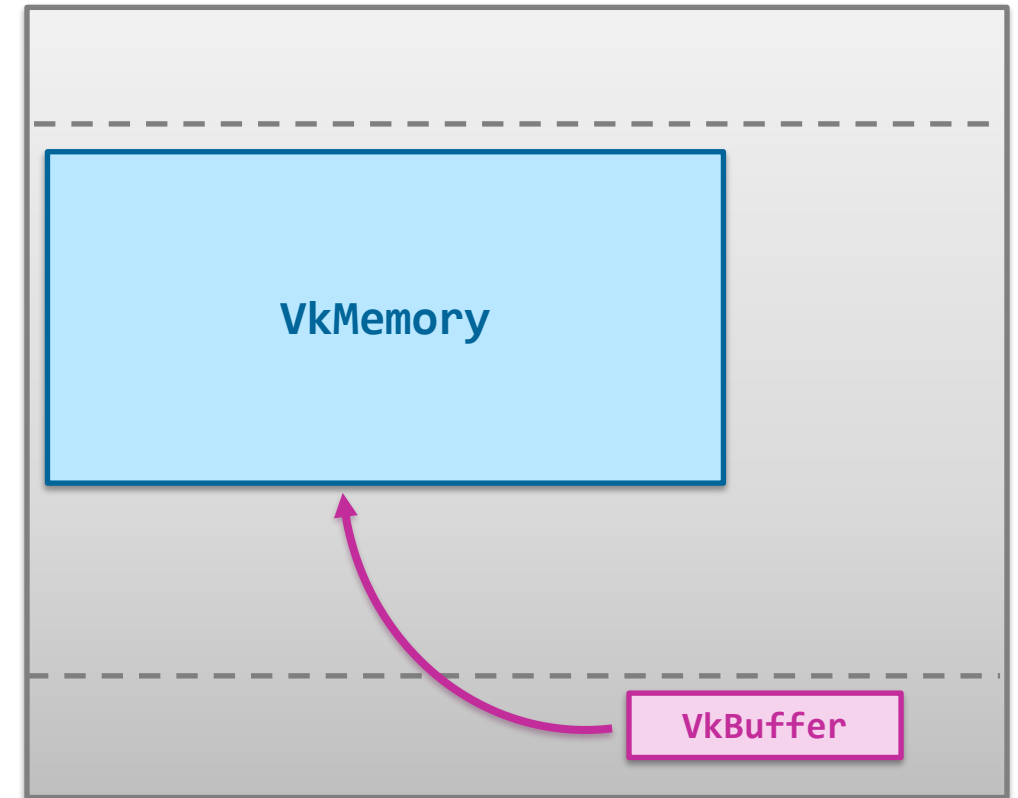
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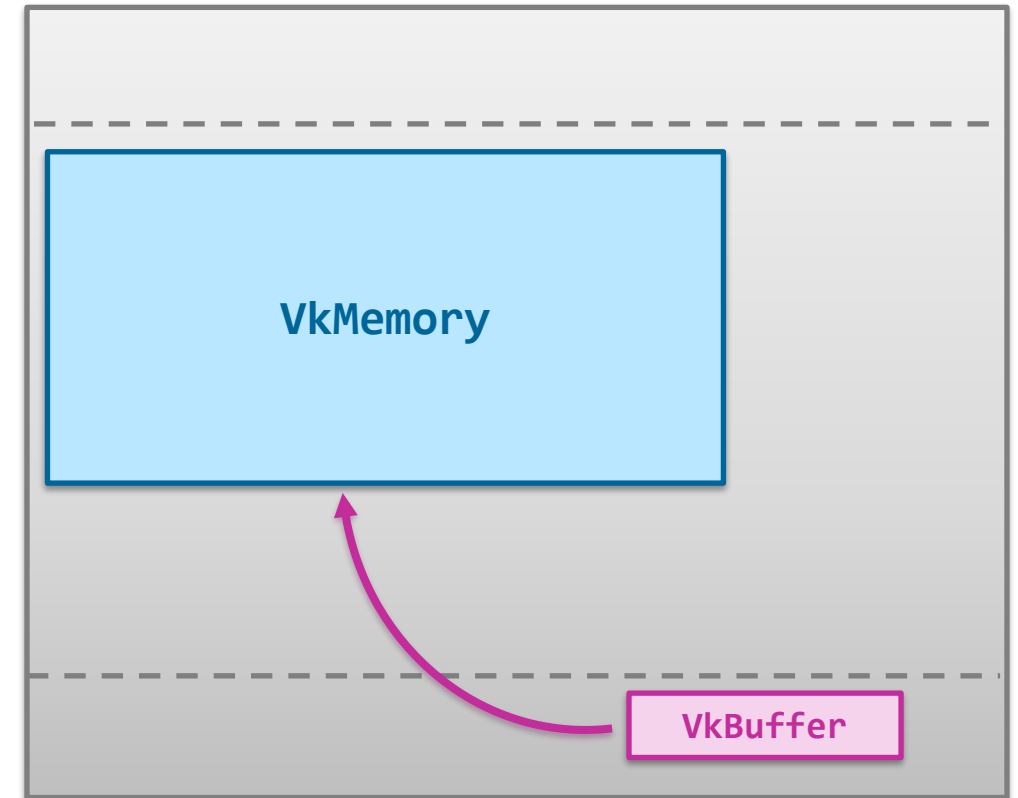
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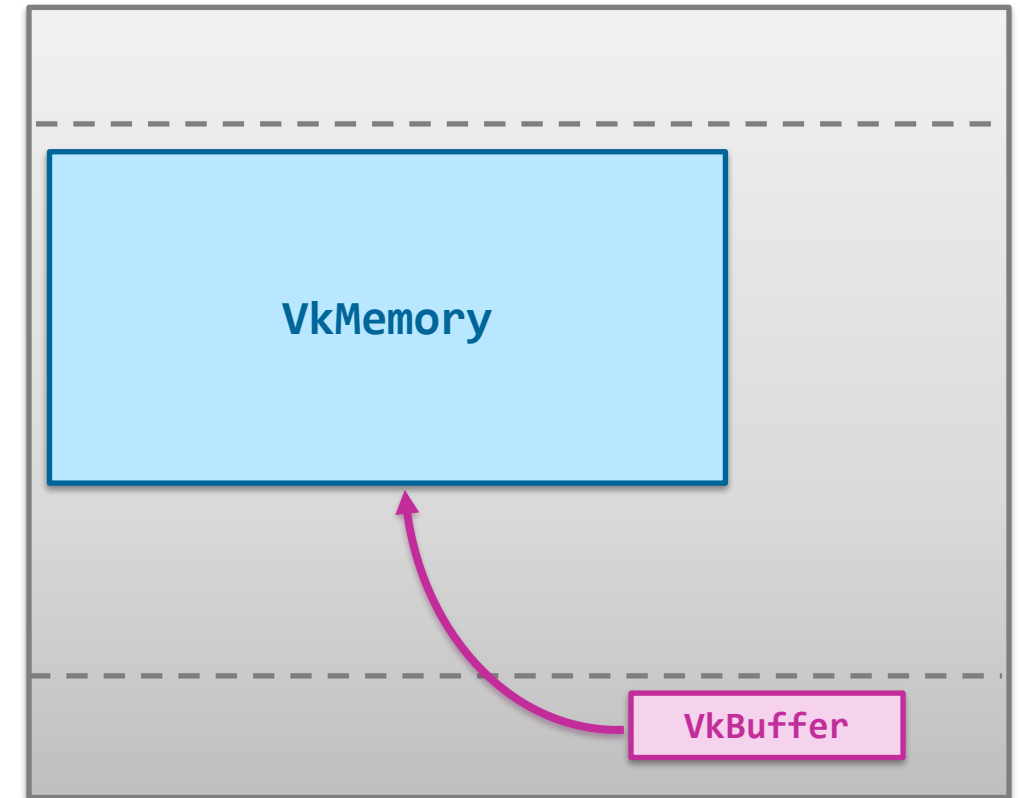
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changeable at run-time with little overhead



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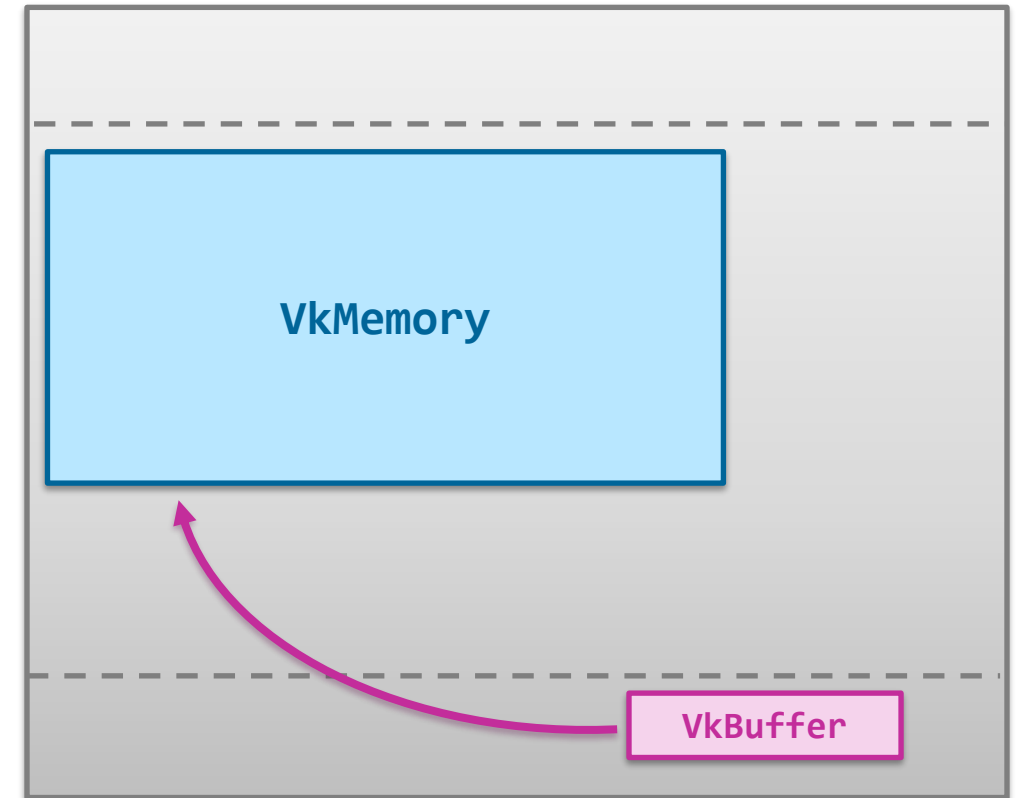
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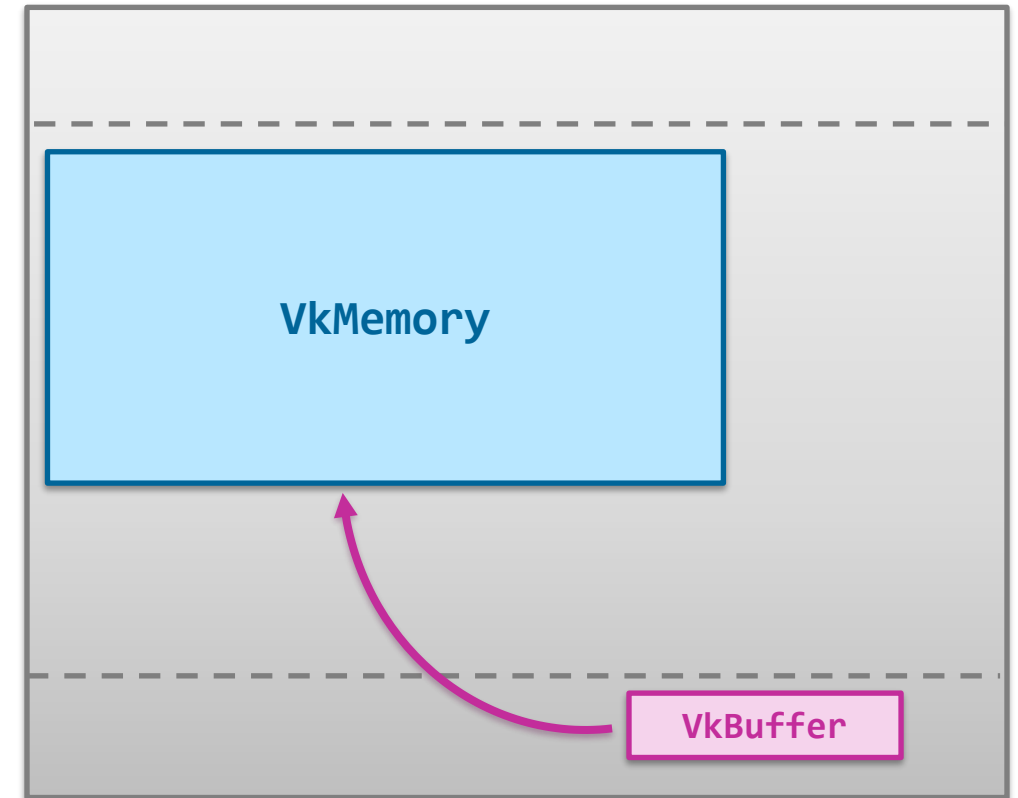
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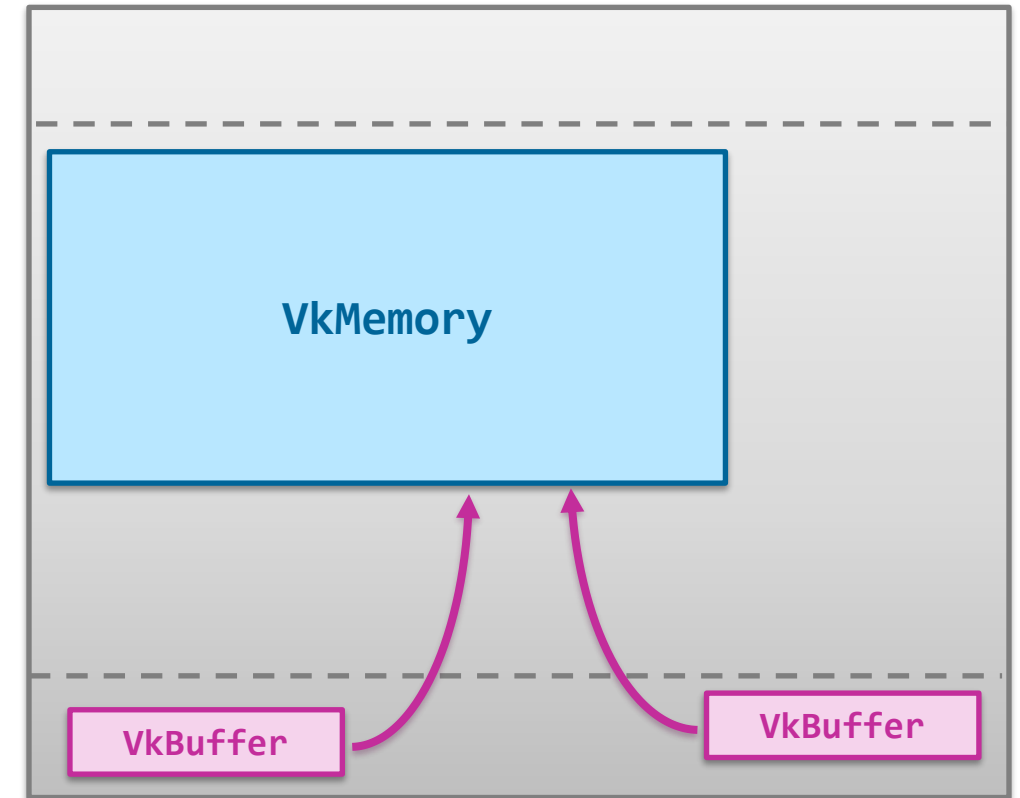
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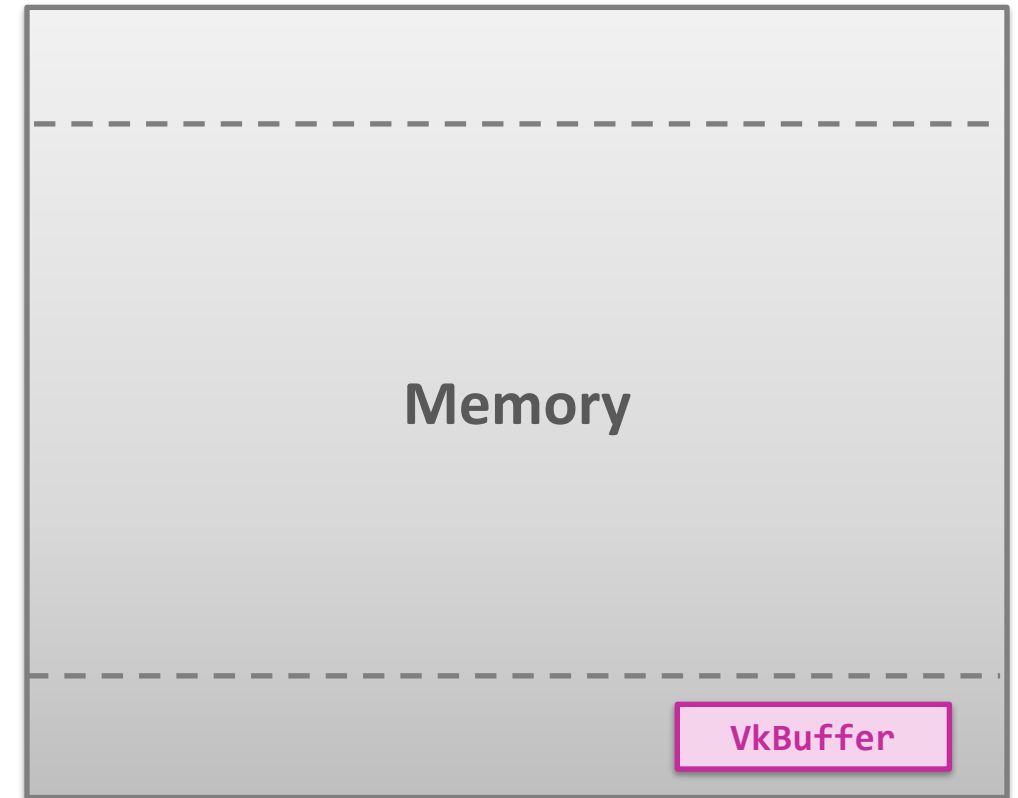
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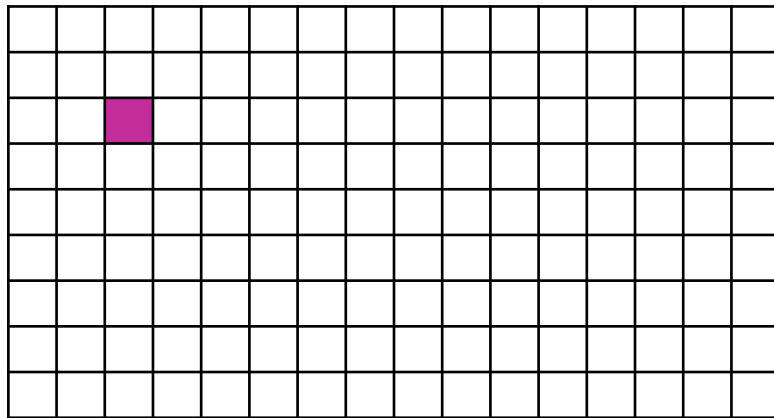
VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INLINE_UNIFORM_BLOCK_EXT



Images

■ Different usage types of **images**

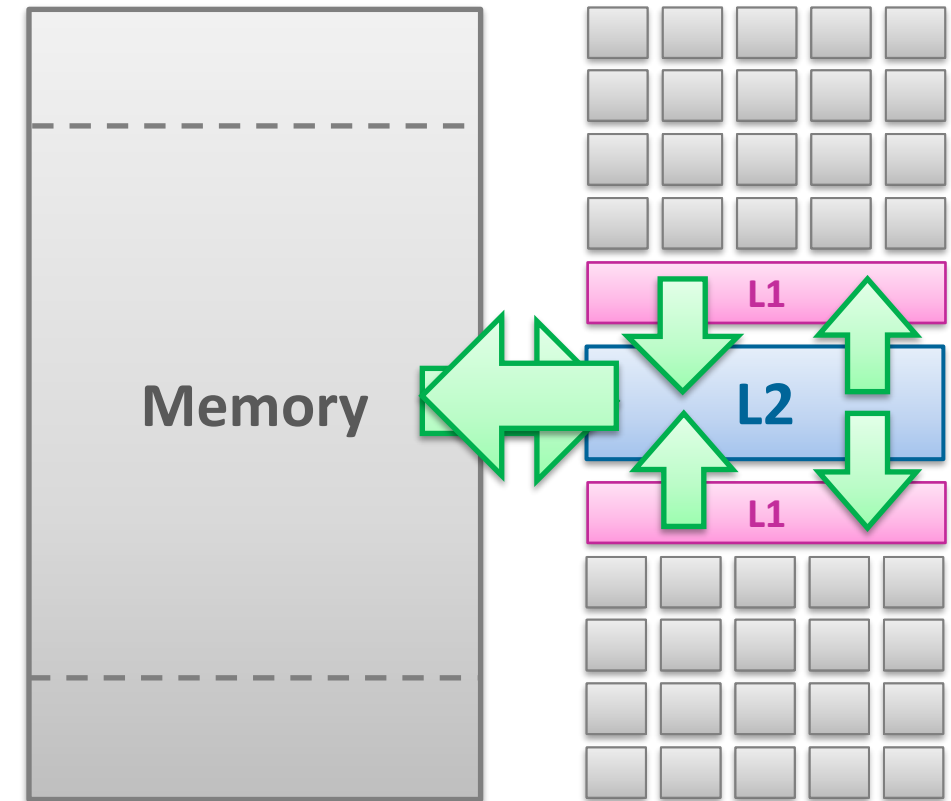
- As **storage image**
- As sampled image
- As input attachment



Extents: 16 x 9 pixel

Marked pixel at coordinates: (2, 2)

VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE



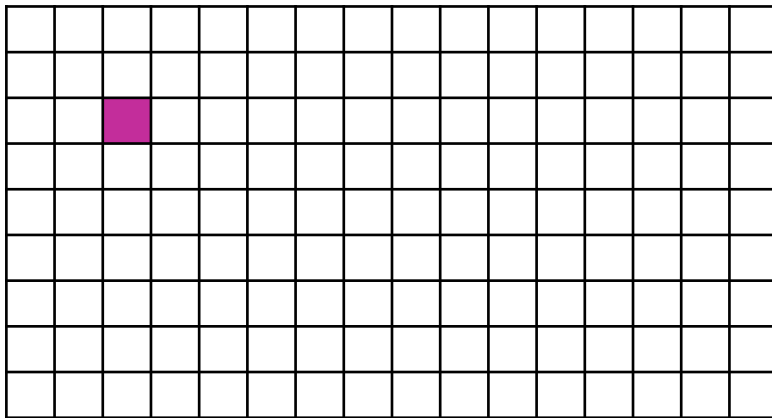
load and store image
(also support atomic operations)



Images

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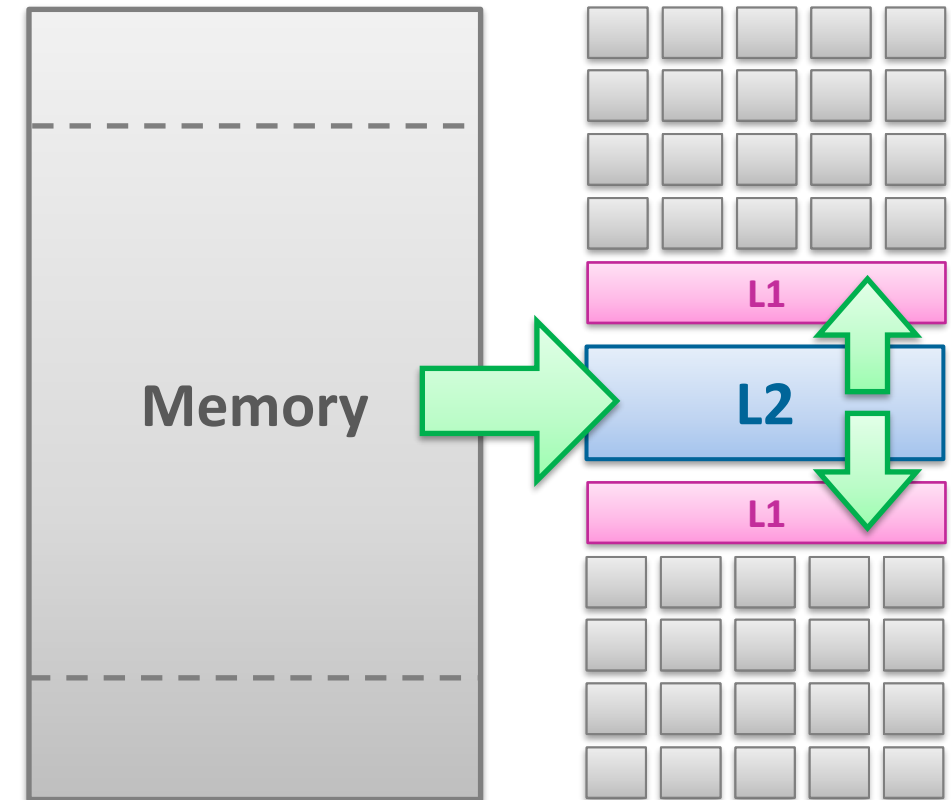


Extents: 16 x 9 pixel

Normalized range: [0, 1] for x and y

Marked pixel's *center* at coordinates: (0.15625, 0.27777)

VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE



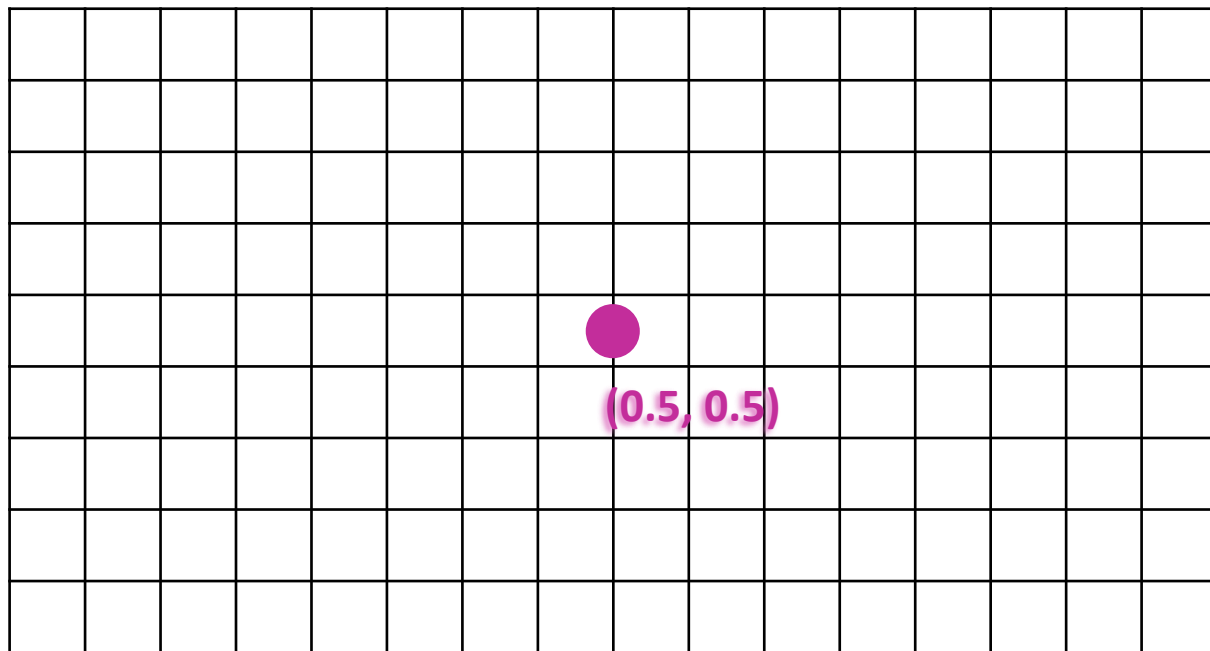
**sampled load operations
from image**



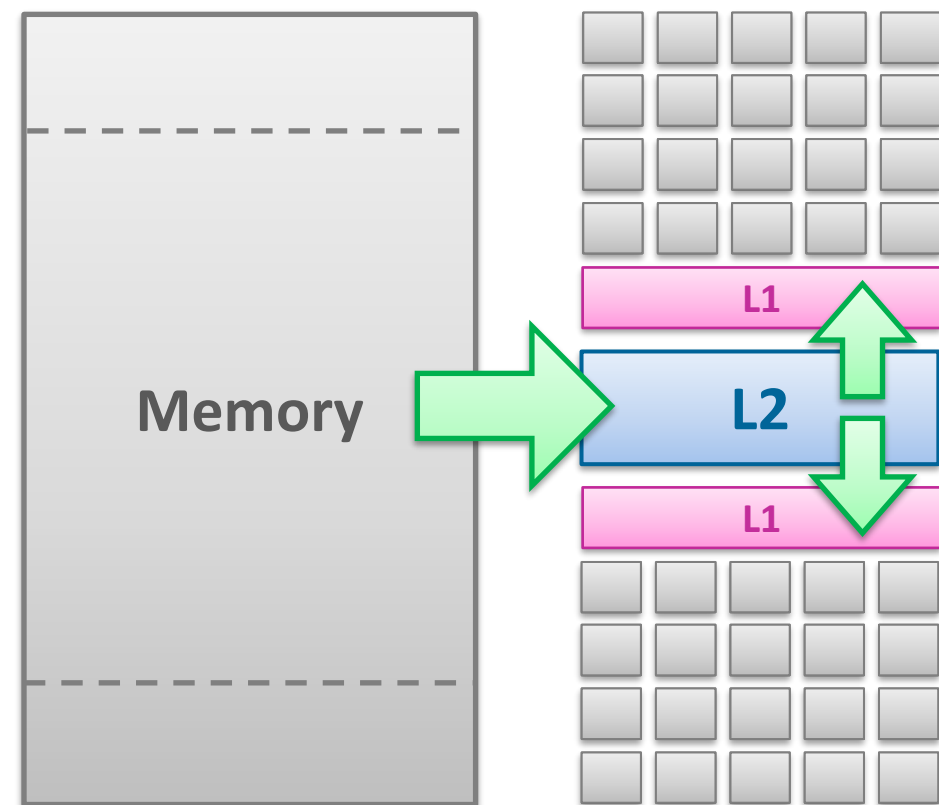
Images

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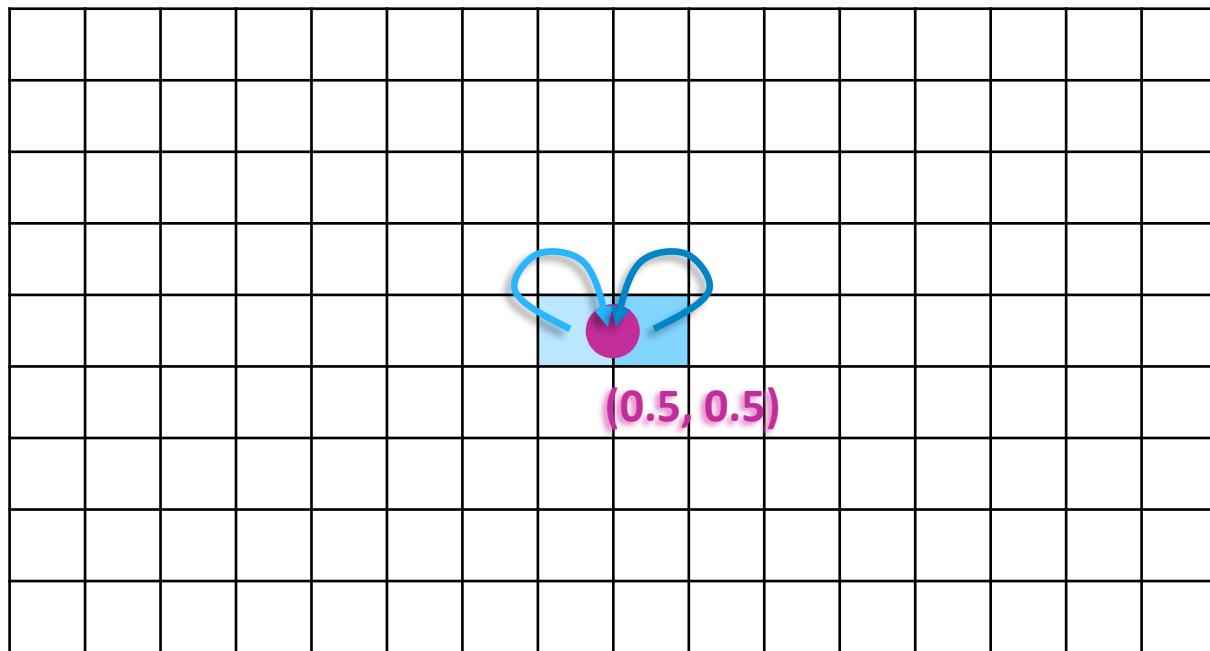
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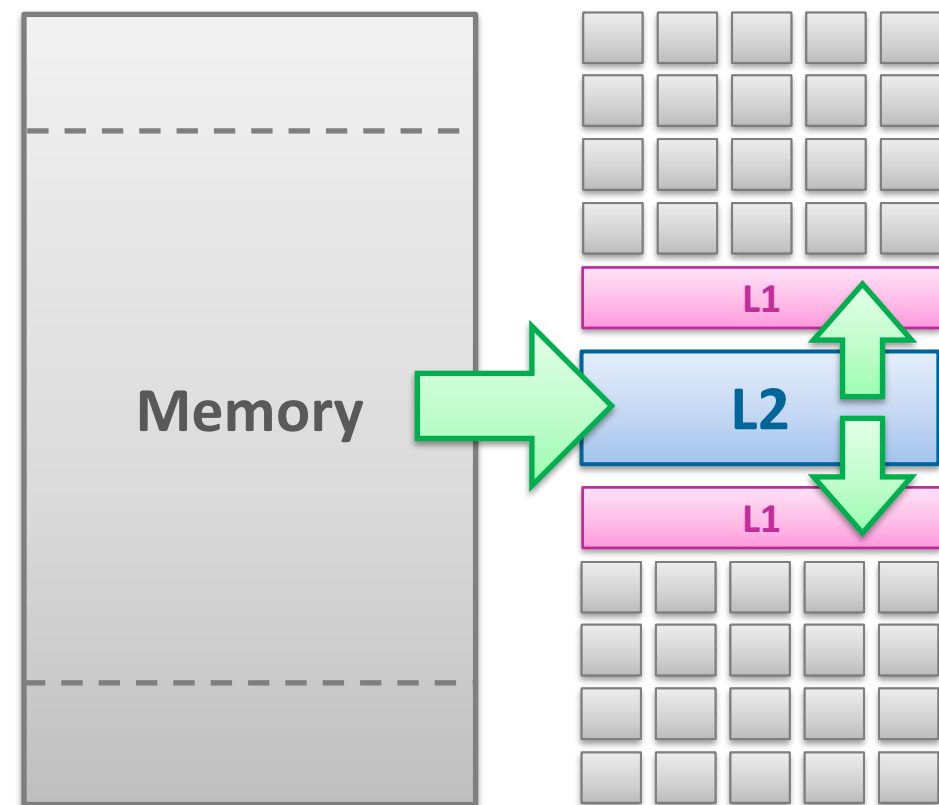
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**sampled load operations
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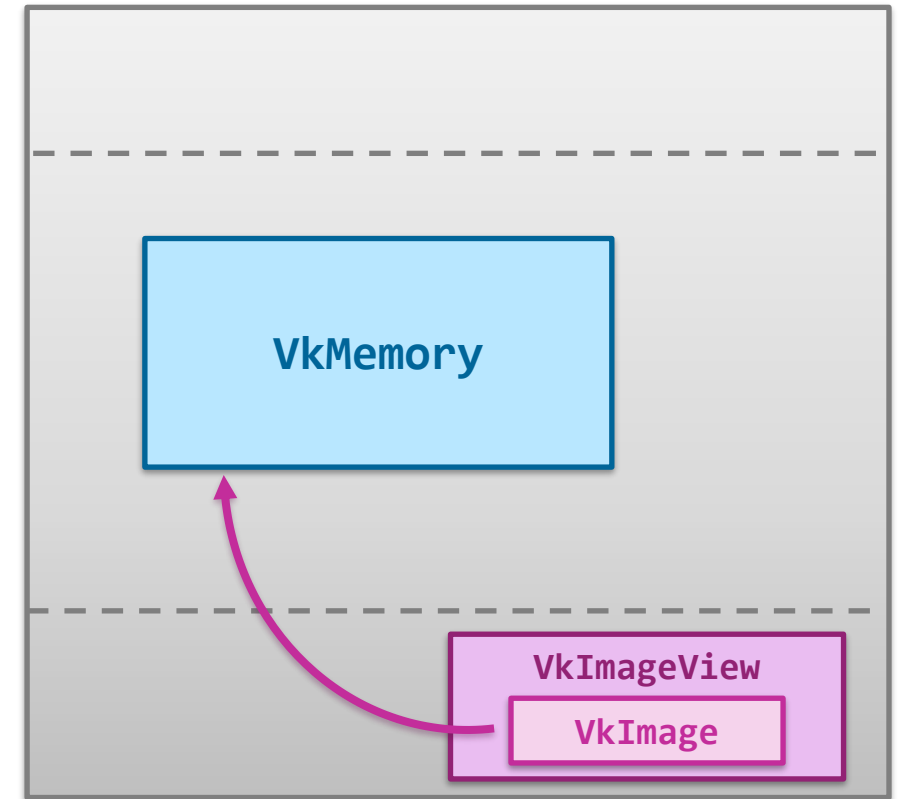
■ Different usage types of **images**

VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT

- As storage image
- As sampled image
- As **input attachment**
 - Load-only
 - Within renderpass
 - Framebuffer-local, meaning:
Access to one single coordinate only,
No access to other coordinates in that image



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 - As sampled image
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Images

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VkDevice device = // ...

VkImageCreateInfo imageInfo = {};
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// Set image info data...

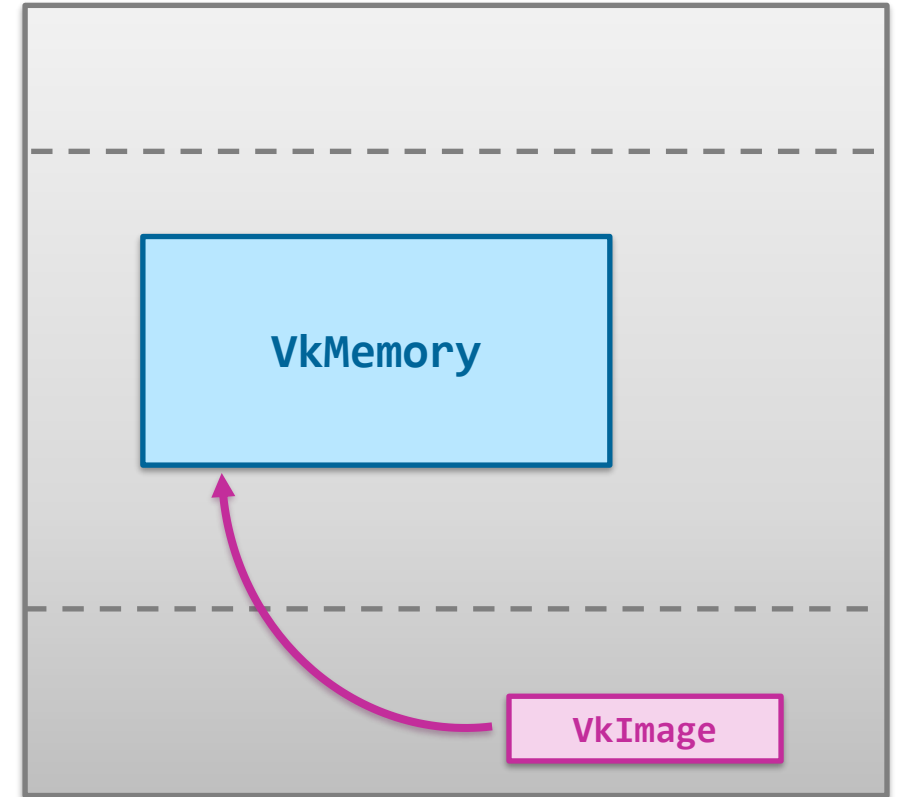
VkImage image;
vkCreateImage(device, &imageInfo, nullptr, &image);

VkMemoryRequirements req;
vkGetImageMemoryRequirements(device, image, &req);

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VkDeviceMemory memory;
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vkBindImageMemory(device, image, memory, 0);
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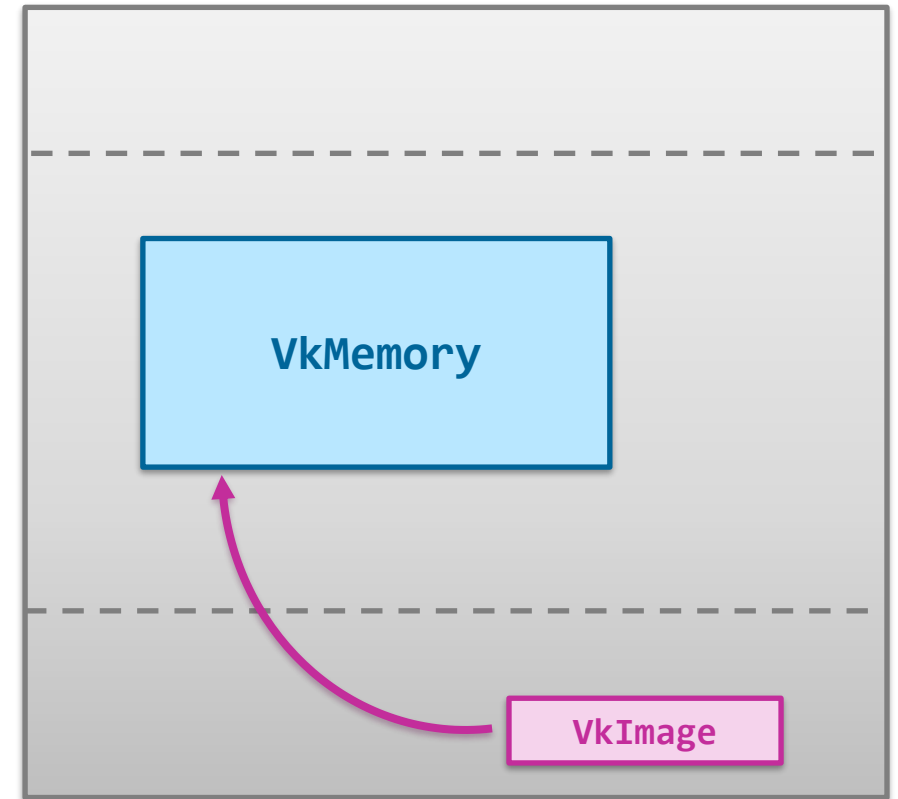
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VkDeviceMemory memory;  
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```

```
vkBindImageMemory(device, image, memory, 0);
```



Images

```
VkDevice device = // ...
```

```
VkImageCreateInfo imageInfo = {};  
imageInfo.sType = VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_CREATE_INFO;  
// Set image info data...
```

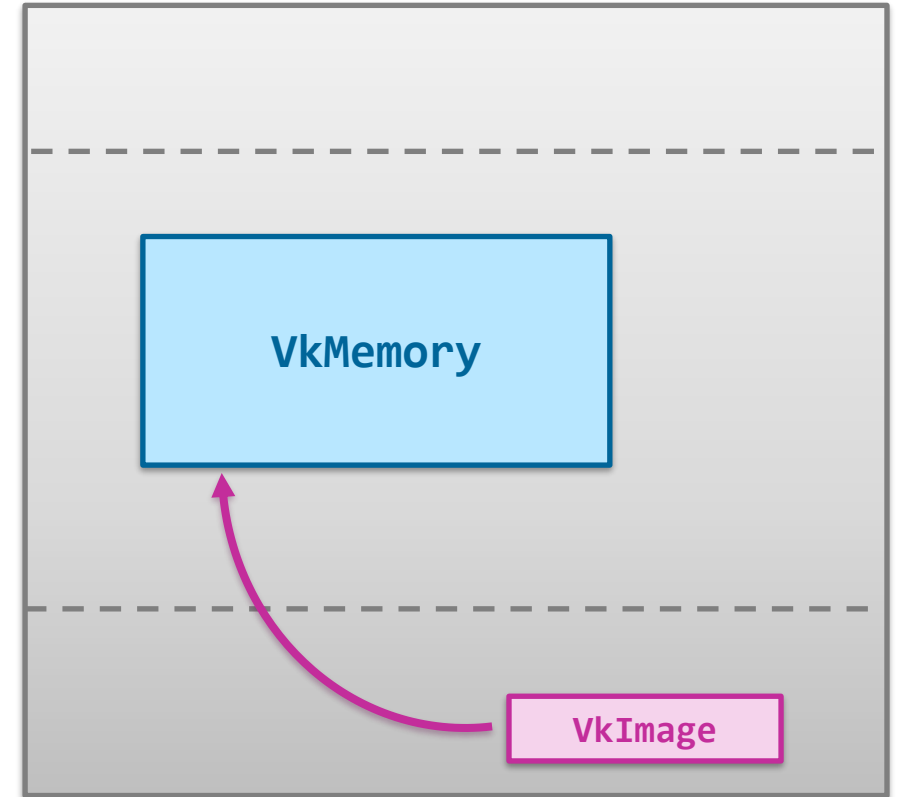
```
VkImage image;  
vkCreateImage(device, &imageInfo, nullptr, &image);
```

```
VkMemoryRequirements req;  
vkGetImageMemoryRequirements(device, image, &req);
```

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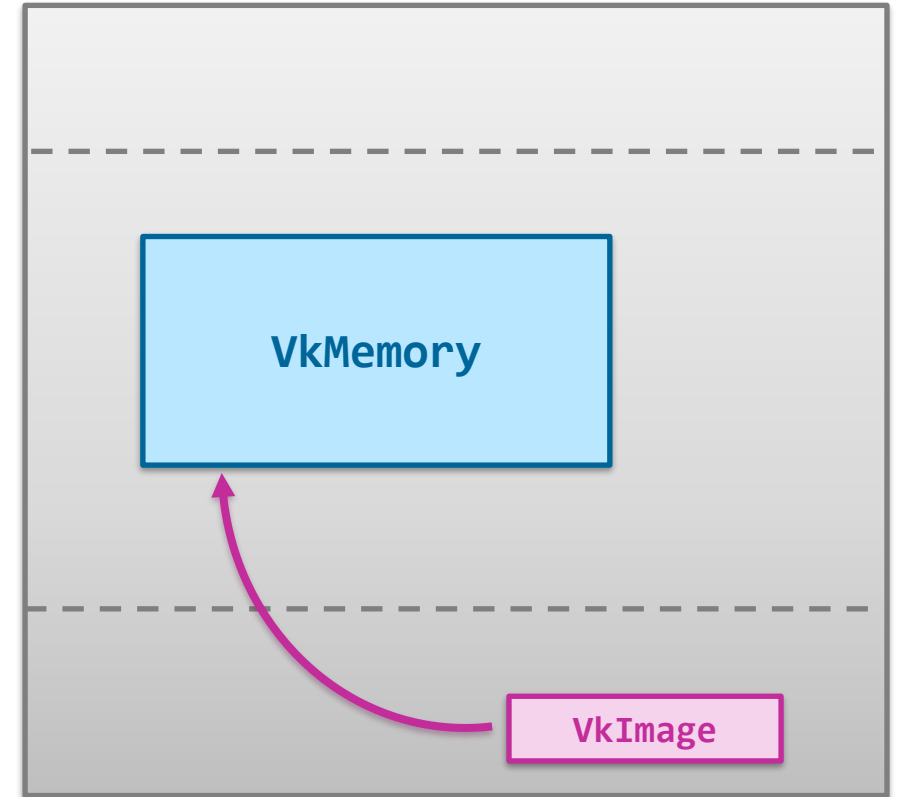
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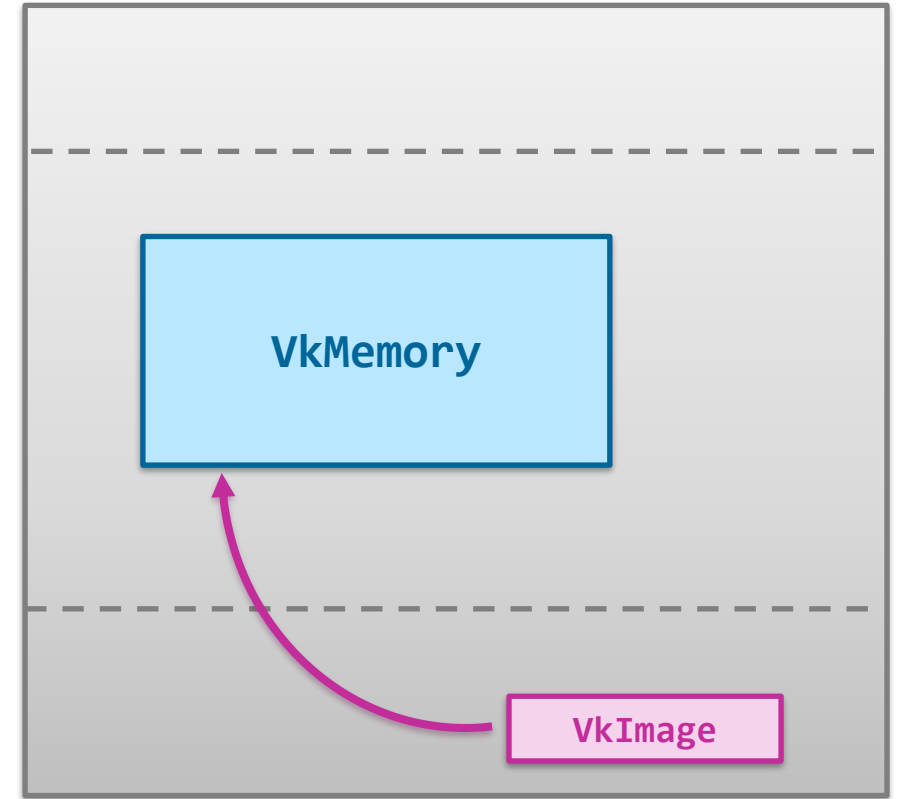


Image Views

```
VkImageViewCreateInfo viewInfo = {};  
viewInfo.sType = VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_VIEW_CREATE_INFO;  
viewInfo.image = image;  
viewInfo.viewType = VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D;  
viewInfo.format = VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SNORM;  
// ^ image must have been created with  
//   VK_IMAGE_CREATE_MUTABLE_FORMAT_BIT if a different  
//   format than the image's format is specified here.  
  
viewInfo.components.r = VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_B;  
viewInfo.components.g = VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_G;  
viewInfo.components.b = VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_R;  
viewInfo.components.a = VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_A;  
  
viewInfo.subresourceRange.aspectMask = VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT;  
viewInfo.subresourceRange.baseMipLevel = 0;  
viewInfo.subresourceRange.levelCount = 1;  
viewInfo.subresourceRange.baseArrayLayer = 0;  
viewInfo.subresourceRange.layerCount = 1;  
  
VkImageView imageView;  
vkCreateImageView(device, &viewInfo, nullptr, &imageView);
```

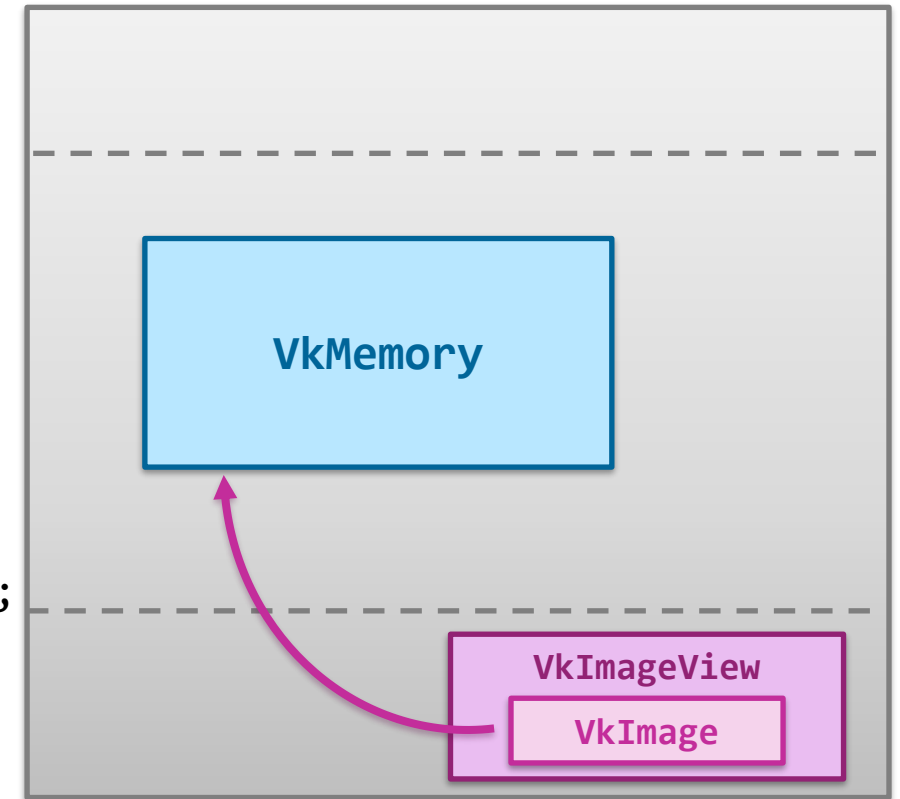


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viewInfo.sType = VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_IMAGE_VIEW_CREATE_INFO;  
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viewInfo.viewType = VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D;  
viewInfo.format = VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SNORM;  
// ^ image must have been created with  
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```

```
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```

```
viewInfo.subresourceRange.aspectMask = VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT;  
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viewInfo.subresourceRange.layerCount = 1;
```

```
VkImageView imageView;  
vkCreateImageView(device, &viewInfo, nullptr, &imageView);
```

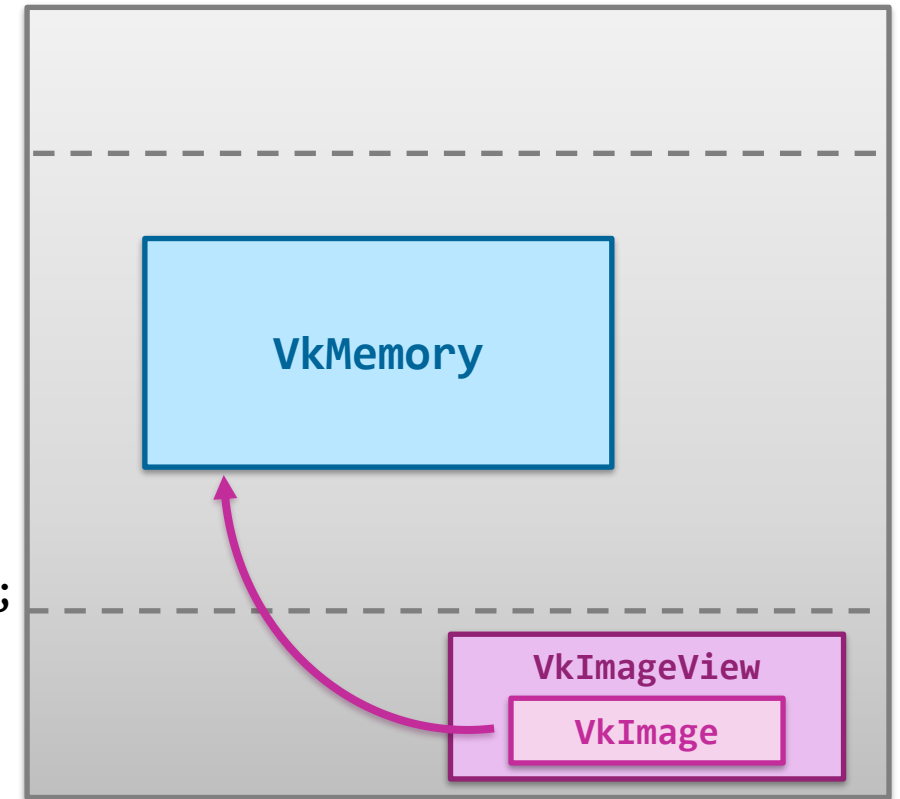


Image Views

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viewInfo.image = image;
viewInfo.viewType = VK_IMAGE_VIEW_TYPE_2D;
viewInfo.format = VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_UNORM;
// ^ image must have been created with the same
//   VK_IMAGE_CREATE_MUTABLE_FORMAT_BIT
//   format than the image
```

```
viewInfo.components.r = VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_B;
viewInfo.components.g = VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_G;
viewInfo.components.b = VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_R;
viewInfo.components.a = VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_A;
```

```
viewInfo.subresourceRange.aspectMask = VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT;
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```

```
VkImageView imageView;
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```

This remapping must be the identity swizzle for storage image descriptors, input attachment descriptors, framebuffer attachments, and any `VkImageView` used with a combined image sampler that enables sampler $Y'C_B C_R$ conversion.

The Khronos Group. Vulkan 1.2.196 Specification

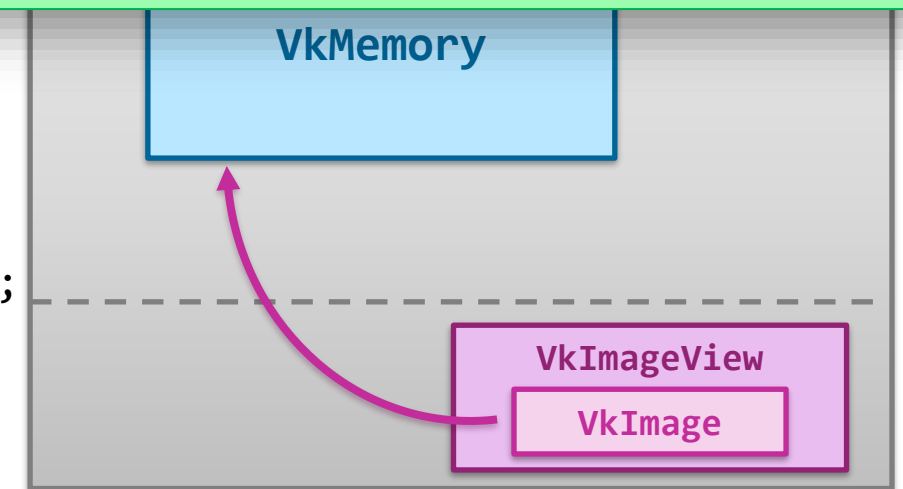


Image Views

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viewInfo.format = VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_SNORM;  
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```

```
viewInfo.components.r = VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_B;  
viewInfo.components.g = VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_G;  
viewInfo.components.b = VK_COMPONENT_SWIZZLE_R;  
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```

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viewInfo.subresourceRange.aspectMask = VK_IMAGE_ASPECT_COLOR_BIT;  
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```

```
VkImageView imageView;  
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```

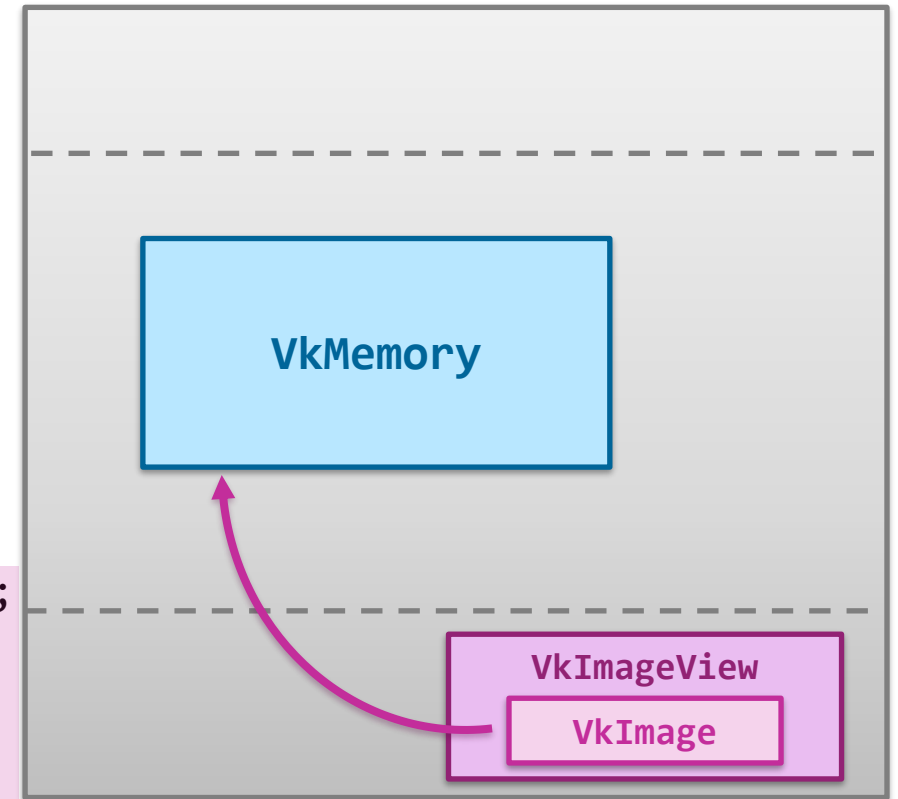
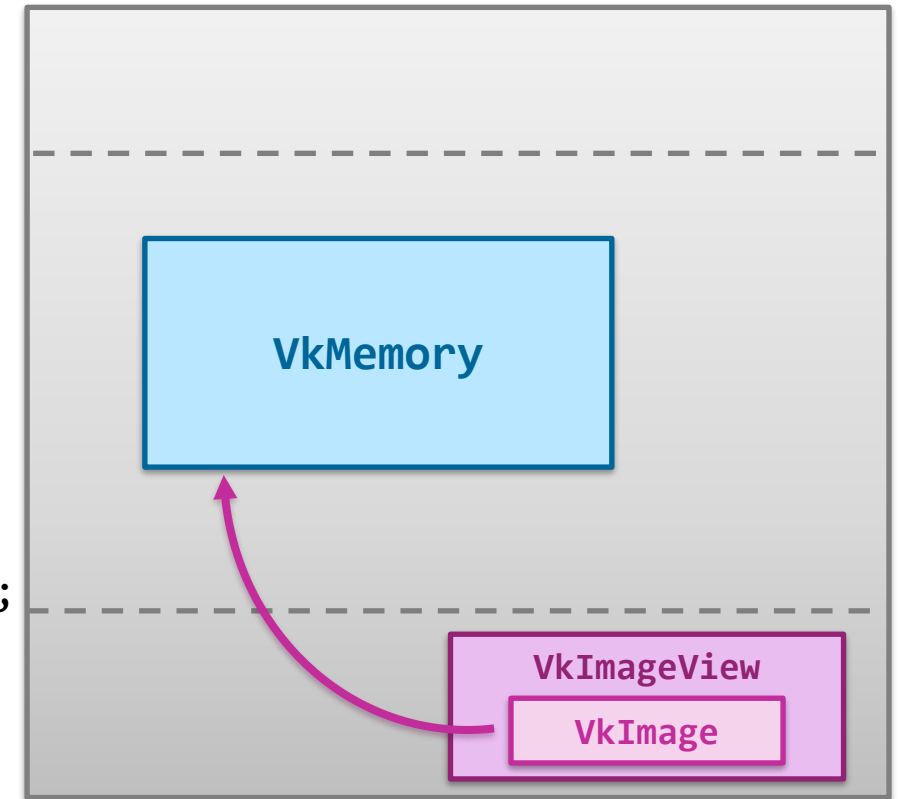


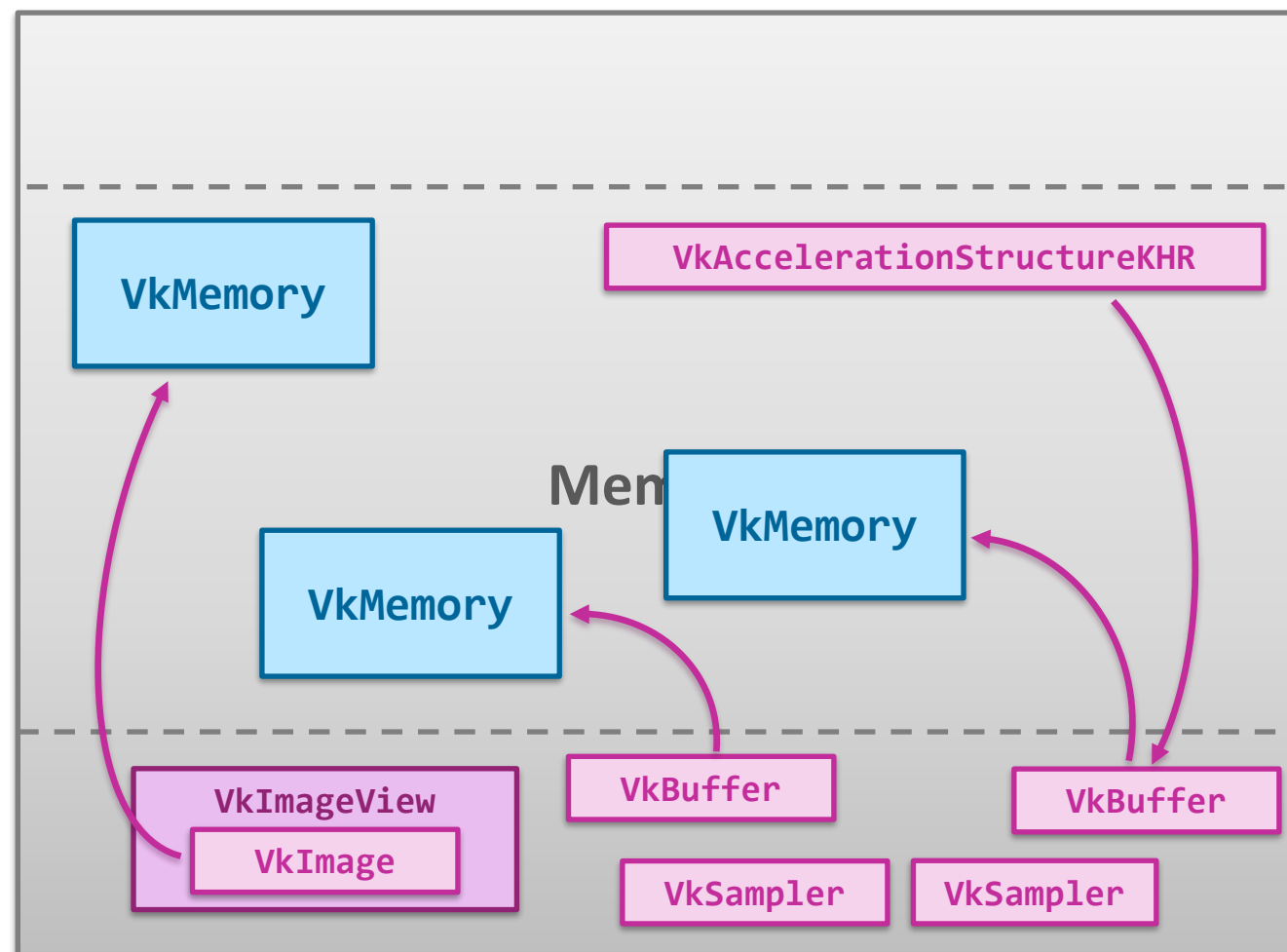
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viewInfo.subresourceRange.baseArrayLayer = 0;  
viewInfo.subresourceRange.layerCount = 1;
```

```
VkImageView imageView;  
vkCreateImageView(device, &viewInfo, nullptr, &imageView);
```



- ~Four fundamentally different types of **resources**
 - Buffers
 - Images
 - Samplers
 - Acceleration structures

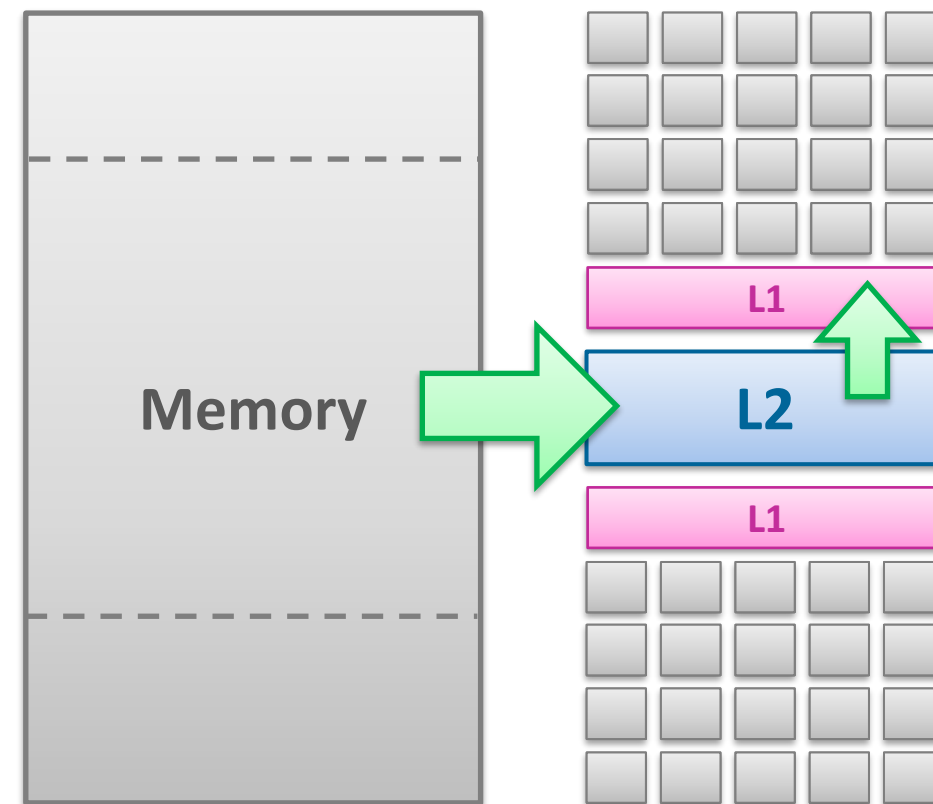


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- Buffers
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- **Descriptors** describe where to find a resource

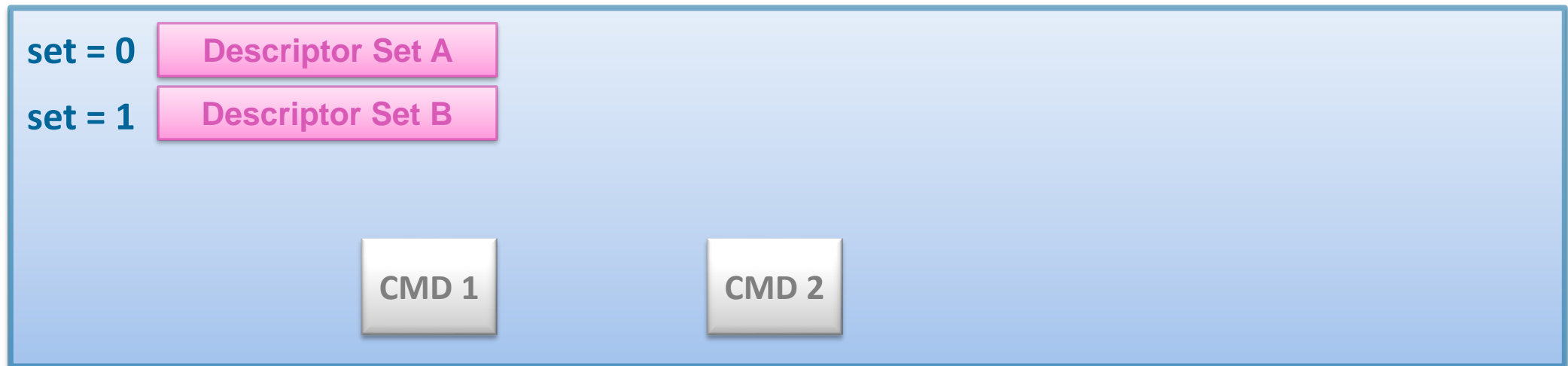
- + usage type of a resource
- + some meta data, sometimes
- + combinations of resources, sometimes



Descriptors and Descriptor Sets

- One descriptor describes one resource
- Descriptors are always organized in descriptor sets
 - One or multiple descriptors contained
 - Combine descriptors which are used in conjunction!
- Multiple sets can be used

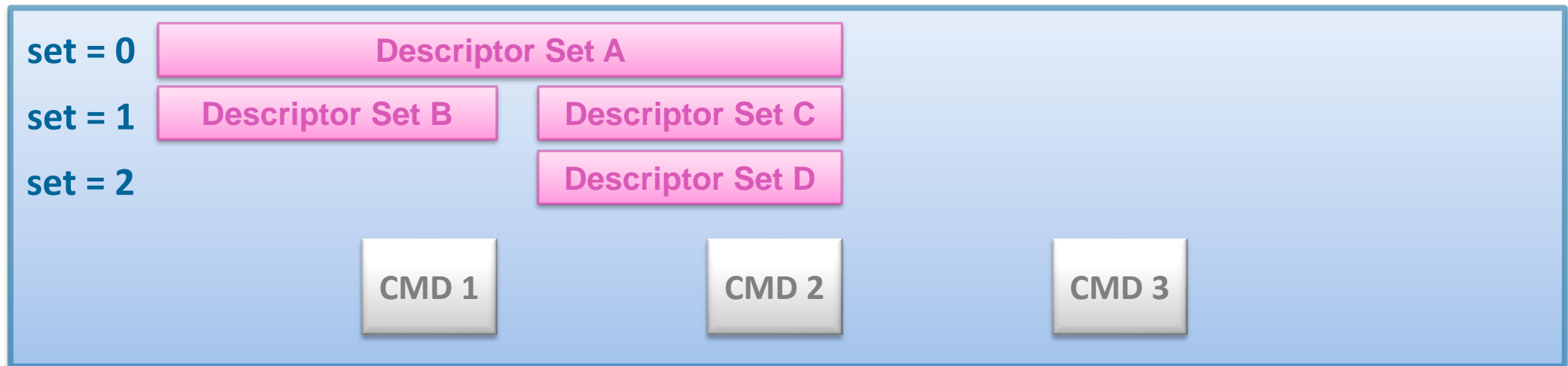
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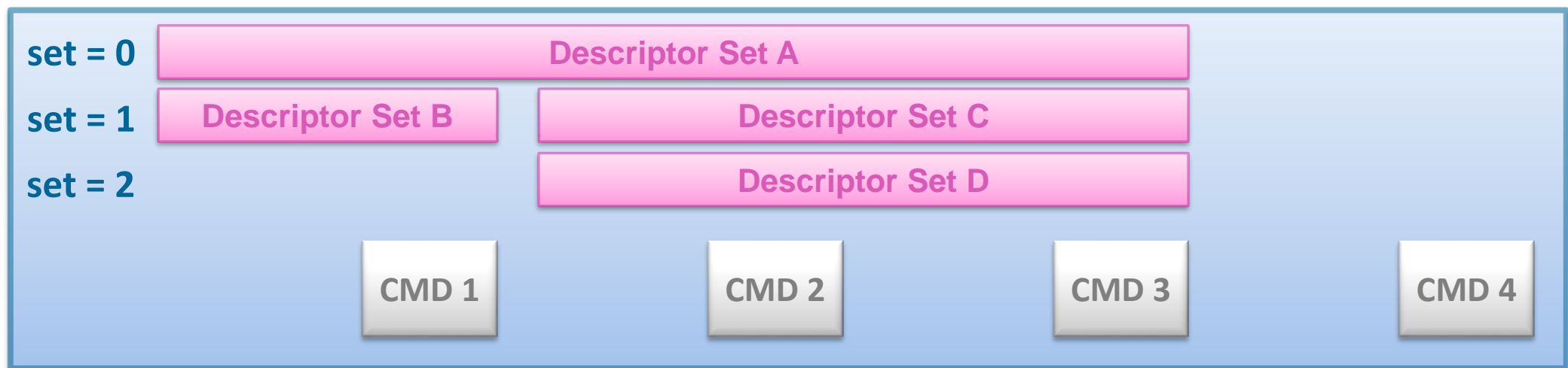
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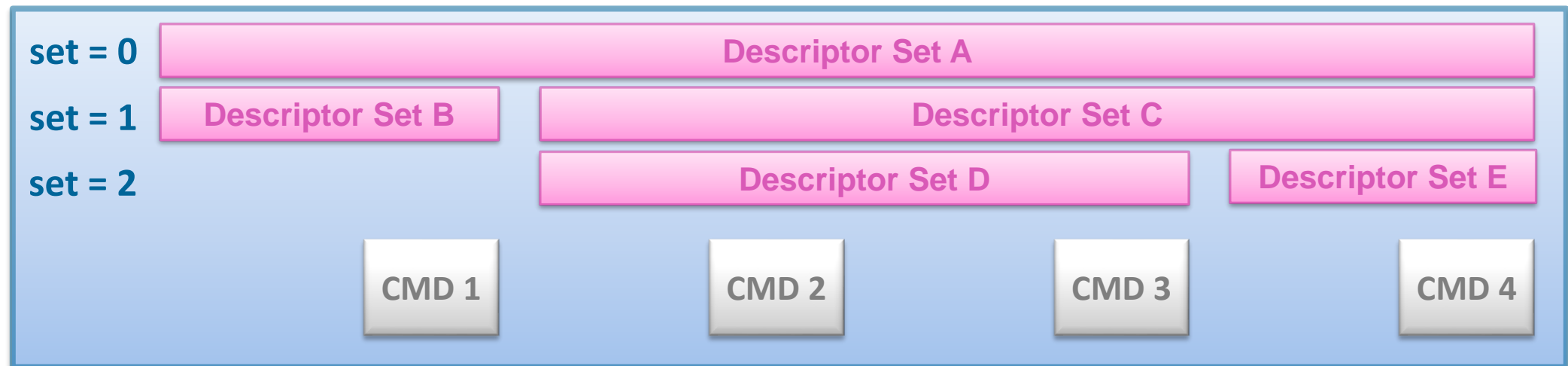
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Descriptor Set A

1x VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE
50x VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE
2x VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER

Descriptor Set C

1x VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER
3x VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER
1x VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_ACCELERATION_STRUCTURE_KHR

Descriptor Set B

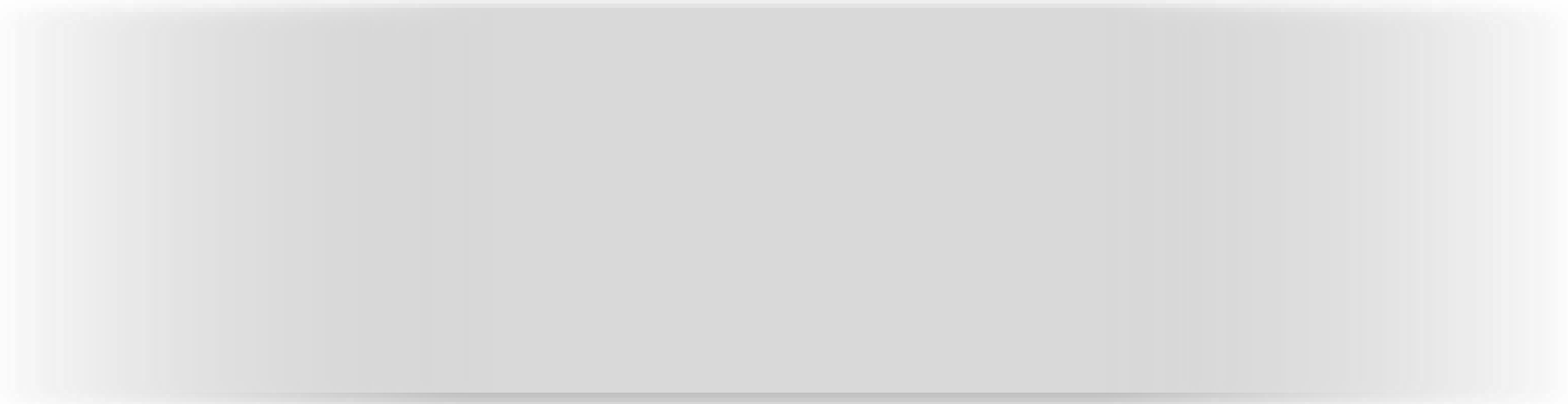
1x VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER
3x VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER



QUEUE



QUEUE



Descriptor Set A

Descriptor Set C

Descriptor Set E

Descriptor Set B

Descriptor Set D

CMD 1

CMD 2

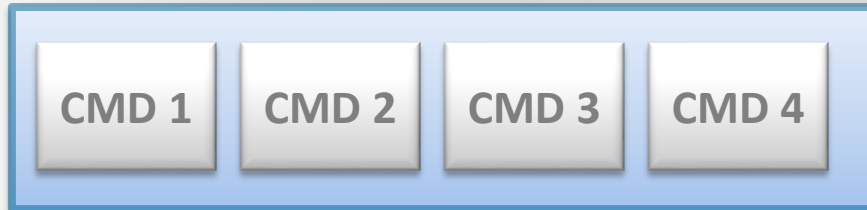
CMD 3

CMD 4



Descriptors and Descriptor Sets

QUEUE



Descriptor Set A

Descriptor Set C

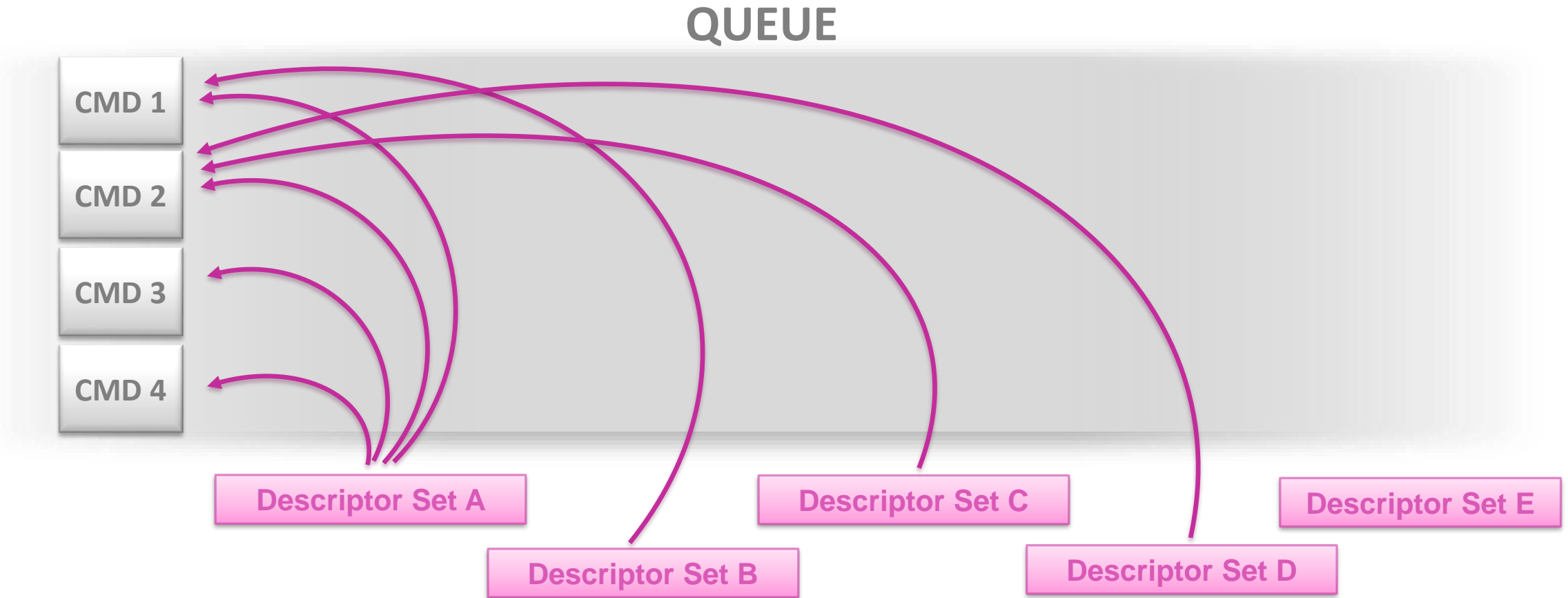
Descriptor Set E

Descriptor Set B

Descriptor Set D



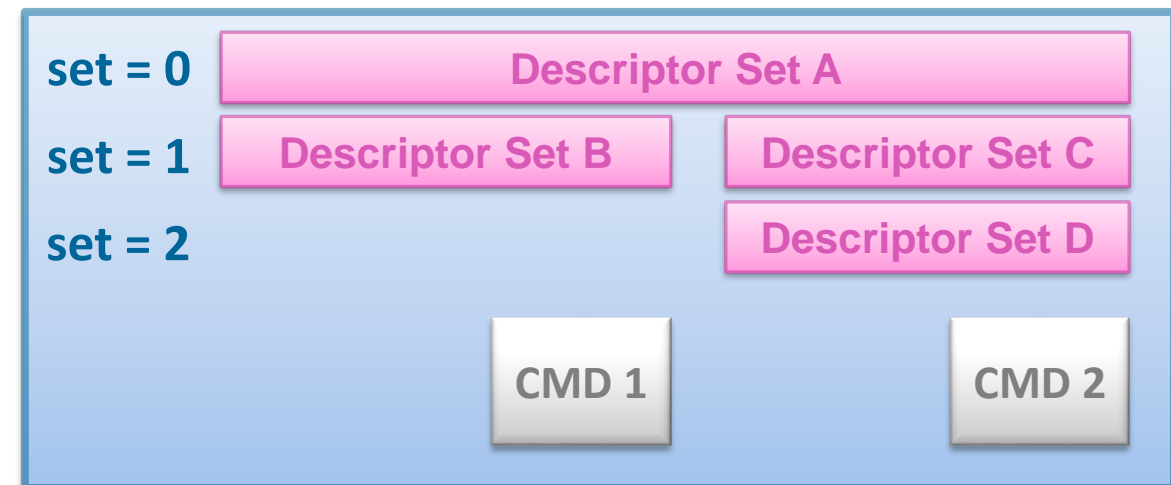
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- **Important:**
 - Bound descriptor state tracked at command-buffer level!
 - Not at queue-level, not globally, not otherwise

COMMAND BUFFER



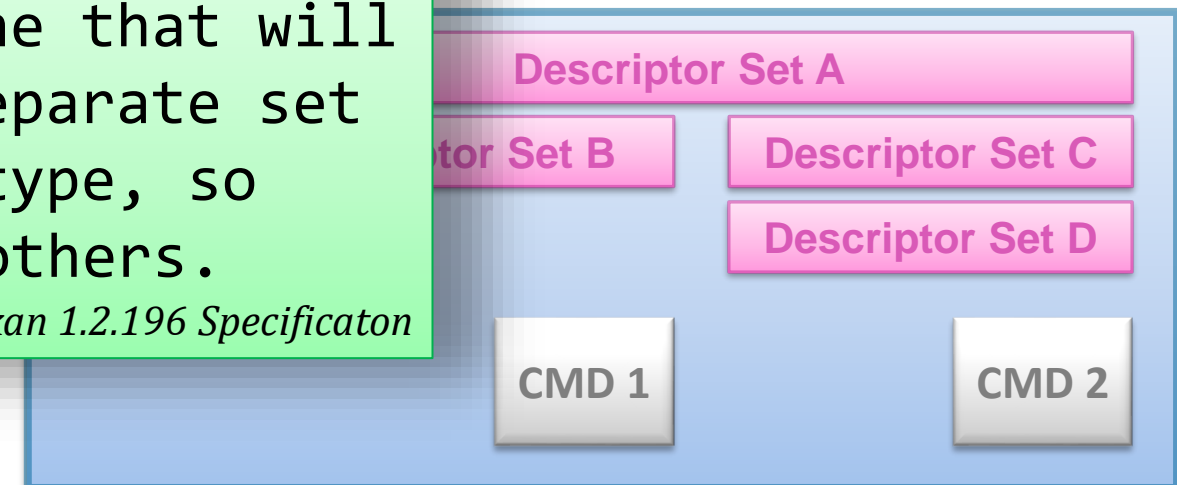
Descriptors and Descriptor Sets

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 - VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_GRAPHICS
 - VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_COMPUTE
 - VK_PIPELINE_BIND_POINT_RAY_TRACING_KHR

pipelineBindPoint is a VkPipelineBindPoint indicating the type of the pipeline that will use the descriptors. There is a separate set of bind points for each pipeline type, so binding one does not disturb the others.

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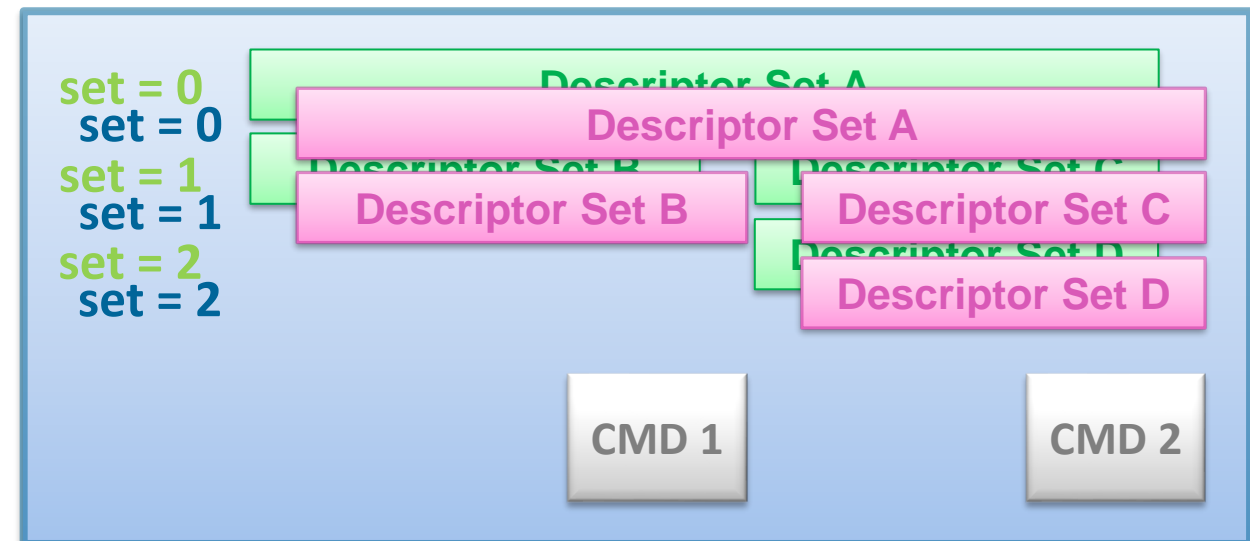
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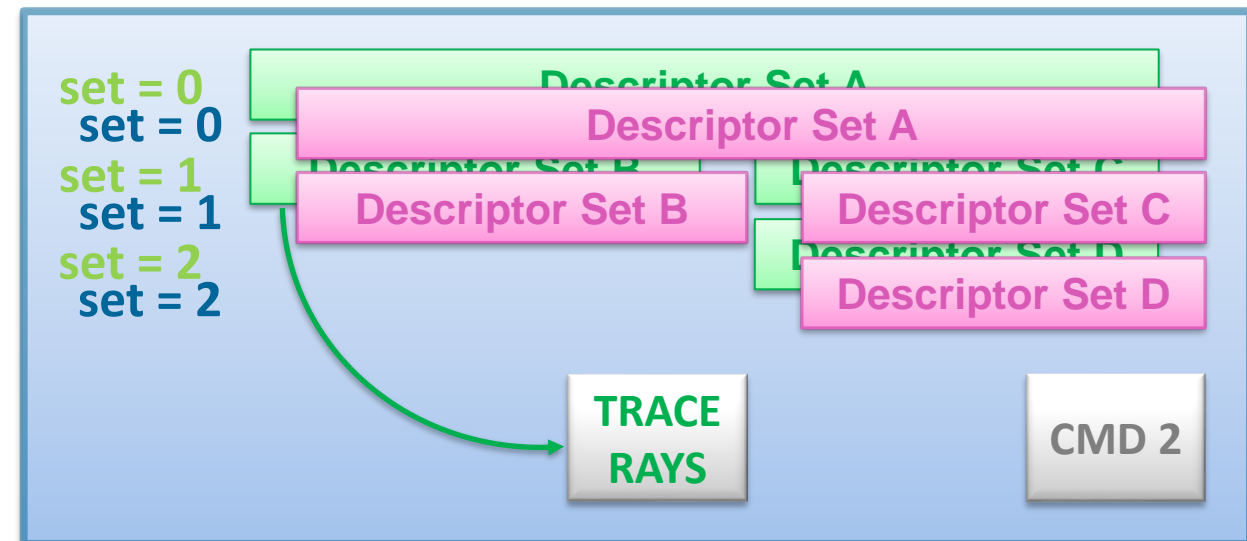
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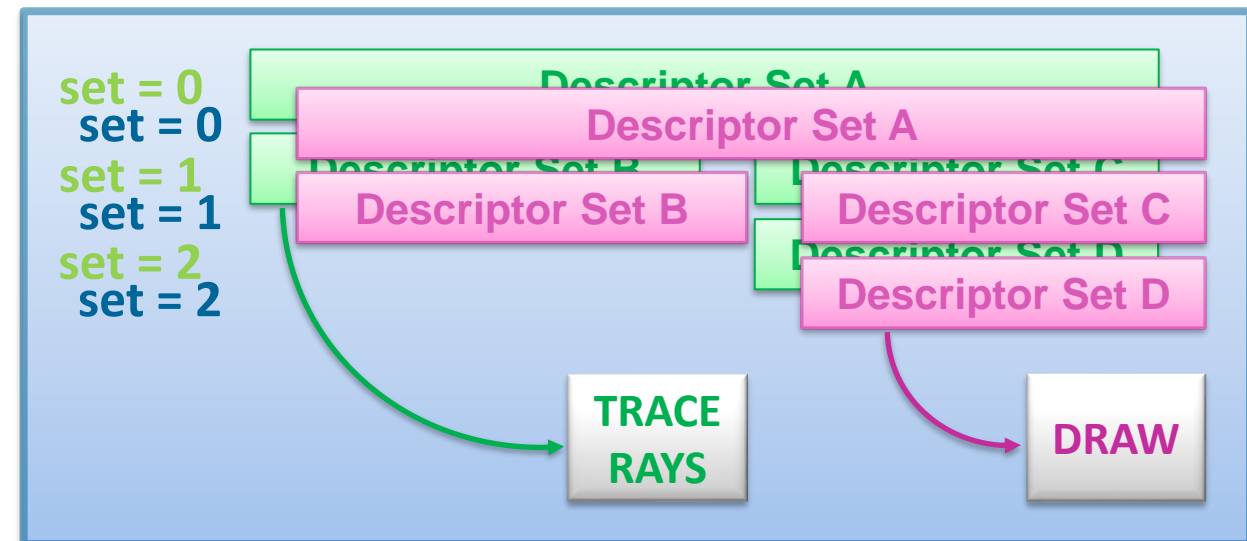
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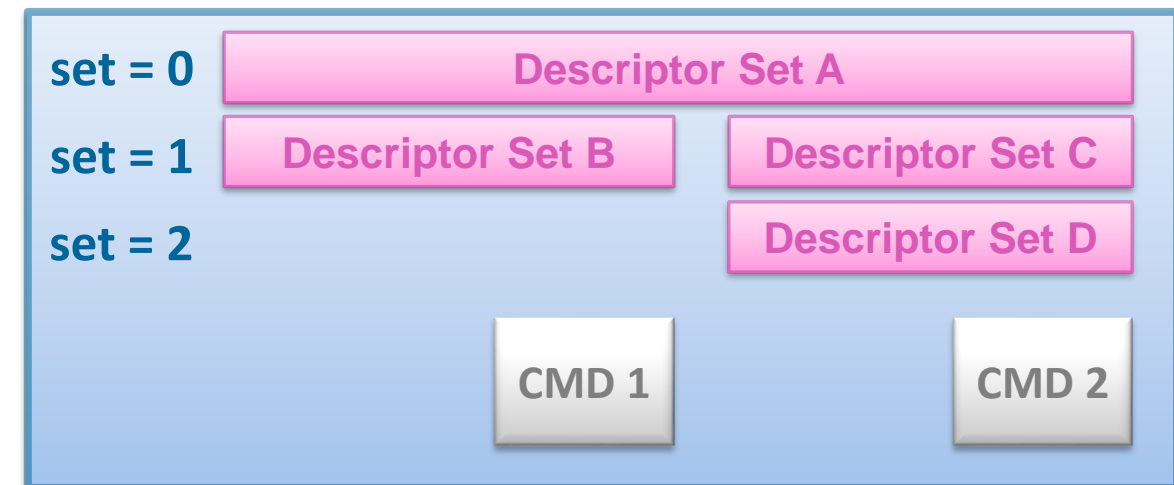
COMMAND BUFFER



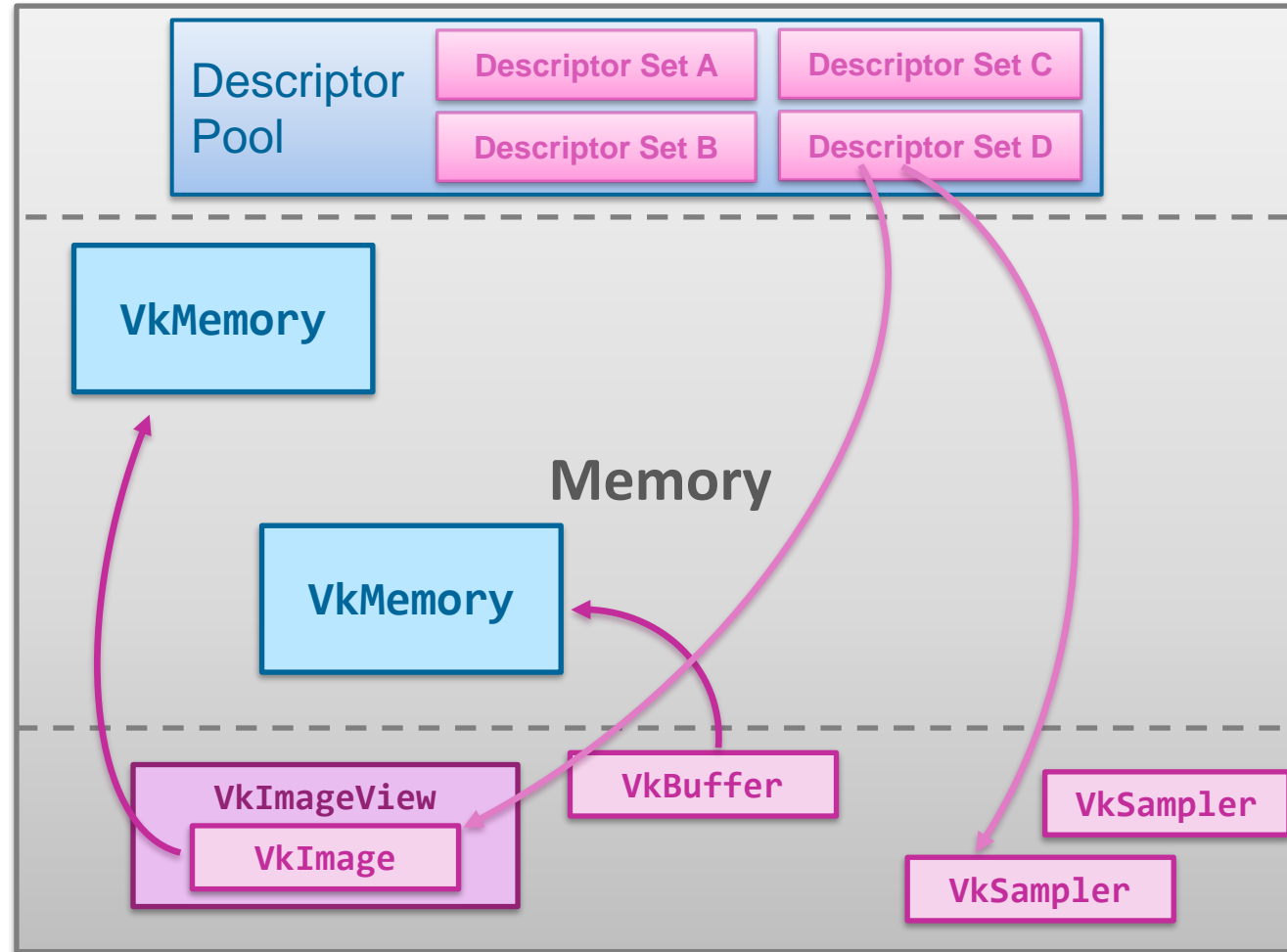
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COMMAND BUFFER



Descriptor Pool, Allocation, and Update/Write



- How to **allocate** descriptor sets:
 - 1. Create a pool of sufficient size (use multiple [VkDescriptorPoolSize](#))
 - Use [vkCreateDescriptorPool](#) to actually create the pool on the GPU
 - 2. Create a [VkDescriptorSetLayout](#) **for each** descriptor set
 - Specify the resource bindings *within* the descriptor set using [VkDescriptorSetLayoutBinding](#) elements per resource
 - 3. Allocate a new set from the pool using [vkAllocateDescriptorSets](#)
 - The reference to the [VkDescriptorPool](#) is specified in the associated [VkDescriptorSetAllocateInfo](#) config struct.
- Bind all relevant [VkDescriptorSet](#) handles (from step 3.) for draw/compute/ray tracing via [vkCmdBindDescriptorSets](#)



- How to get **usable descriptors onto the GPU**:
 - Allocating descriptor sets is *not* sufficient
 - They must still be filled with data (referencing the actual resources!)
=> **For each** resource *within* a descriptor set:
 - Create a [VkWriteDescriptorSet](#)
 - Specify the binding IDs within the descriptor set
 - Add the handles to buffers, buffer views, images, samplers, acceleration structures (via [pNext](#))
 - If a binding refers to an array of descriptors, pass the count and multiple handles
 - Write to the GPU using [vkUpdateDescriptorSets](#)



Descriptor Types

- Different descriptor types (see [VkDescriptorType](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER (set only the [VkSampler](#) member of [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER (set all members of [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE (set [VkImageView](#) and [VkImageLayout](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE (set [VkImageView](#) and [VkImageLayout](#))
(^ passing one or multiple [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#) handles to [VkWriteDescriptorSet::pImageInfo](#) ^)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER (set [VkWriteDescriptorSet::pTexelBufferView](#) ...)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER (... passing one multiple [VkBufferView](#) handles)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER (set members of [VkDescriptorBufferInfo](#) accordingly, ...)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER (...one or multiple via [VkWriteDescriptorSet::pBufferInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC (^ Same as with uniform/storage buffers ^)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC (^ Same ^)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT (^ Same as with image-type descriptors at the top ^)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INLINE_UNIFORM_BLOCK_EXT (see [dstArrayElement](#) and [descriptorCount](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_ACCELERATION_STRUCTURE_KHR ([VkWriteDescriptorSet::pNext](#) chain contains pointer to [VkWriteDescriptorSetAccelerationStructureKHR](#))



Descriptor Types and Usage in GLSL

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 - `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE` (set [VkImageView](#) and [VkImageLayout](#))
 - `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE` (set [VkImageView](#) and [VkImageLayout](#))
(^ passing one or multiple [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#) handles to [VkWriteDescriptorSet::pImageInfo](#) ^)
 - `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER` (set [VkTexelBufferView](#) and [VkImageLayout](#))
 - `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER` (set [VkTexelBufferView](#) and [VkImageLayout](#))
 - `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER` (set [VkBufferView](#) and [VkImageLayout](#))
 - `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER` (set [VkBufferView](#) and [VkImageLayout](#))
 - `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC` (set [VkBufferView](#) and [VkImageLayout](#))
 - `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC` (set [VkBufferView](#) and [VkImageLayout](#))
 - `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT` (set [VkImageLayout](#))
 - `VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INLINE_UNIFORM_BLOCK` (set [VkImageLayout](#))
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GLSL

```
#version 450

layout (set = 0, binding = 0) uniform sampler s;

layout (set = 0, binding = 1) uniform texture2D sampledImage;

// ...

vec4 rgba = texture(sampler2D(sampledImage, s), vec2(0.5, 0.5));
```



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 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INLINE_UNIFORM_BLOCK
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INLINE_UNIFORM_BLOCK_EXT (see [dstArrayElement](#) and [descriptorCount](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_ACCELERATION_STRUCTURE_KHR ([VkWriteDescriptorSet::pNext](#) chain contains pointer to [VkWriteDescriptorSetAccelerationStructureKHR](#))

GLSL

```
#version 450

layout (set = 1, binding = 0) uniform sampler2D combinedImageSampler;

// ...

vec4 rgba = texture(combinedImageSampler, vec2(0.5, 0.5));
```



Descriptor Types and Usage in GLSL

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(^ passing one or multiple [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#) handles to [VkWriteDescriptorSet::pImageInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER (set [VkTexelBufferView](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER (set [VkTexelBufferView](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER (set [VkBufferView](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER (set [VkBufferView](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC (set [VkBufferView](#) and [VkDescriptorBufferInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC (set [VkBufferView](#) and [VkDescriptorBufferInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INLINE_UNIFORM_BLOCK_EXT (see [dstArrayElement](#) and [descriptorCount](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_ACCELERATION_STRUCTURE_KHR ([VkWriteDescriptorSet::pNext](#) chain contains pointer to [VkWriteDescriptorSetAccelerationStructureKHR](#))

GLSL

```
#version 450

layout (set = 2, binding = 0, rgba8) uniform image2D storageImage;

// ...

vec4 rgba = imageLoad(storageImage, ivec2(2, 2));

imageStore(storageImage, ivec2(2, 2), vec4(0.299, 0.587, 0.114, 1.0));
```



Descriptor Types and Usage in GLSL

- Different descriptor types (see [VkDescriptorType](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER (set only the [VkSampler](#) member of [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER (set all members of [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE (set [VkImageView](#) and [VkImageLayout](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE (set [VkImageView](#) and [VkImageLayout](#))
(^ passing one or multiple [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#) handles to [VkWriteDescriptorSet::pImageInfo](#) ^)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER (set [VkWriteDescriptorSet::pTexelBufferView](#) ...)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER (set [VkWriteDescriptorSet::pTexelBufferView](#) ...)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_ACCELERATION_STRUCTURE_KHR (VK_WRITE_DESCRIPTOR_SETpNext chain contains pointer to [VkWriteDescriptorSetAccelerationStructureKHR](#))

GLSL

```
#version 450

layout (set = 3, binding = 0) uniform samplerBuffer uniformTexelBuffer;

// ...

int index = 0;
vec4 formattedValue = texelFetch(uniformTexelBuffer, index);
```



Descriptor Types and Usage in GLSL

- Different descriptor types (see [VkDescriptorType](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER (set only the [VkSampler](#) member of [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER (set all members of [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE (set [VkImageView](#) and [VkImageLayout](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE (set [VkImageView](#) and [VkImageLayout](#))
(^ passing one or multiple [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#) handles to [VkWriteDescriptorSet::pImageInfo](#) ^)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER (set [VkWriteDescriptorSet::pTexelBufferView](#) ...)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER (... passing one multiple [VkBufferView](#) handles)

GLSL

```
#version 450

layout (set = 4, binding = 0, rgba32f) uniform imageBuffer storageTexelBuffer;

// ...

int index = 0;
vec4 formattedValue = imageLoad(storageTexelBuffer, index);
imageStore(storageTexelBuffer, index, vec4(1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0));
```



Descriptor Types and Usage in GLSL

GLSL

- Different descriptor types (see [VkDescriptorType](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER (set only the [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER (set only the [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE (set [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE (set [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER (set [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER (set [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER (set [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER (...or [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC (set [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC (^ Same ^)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT (^ Same as with image-type descriptors at the top ^)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INLINE_UNIFORM_BLOCK_EXT (see [dstArrayElement](#) and [descriptorCount](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_ACCELERATION_STRUCTURE_KHR ([VkWriteDescriptorSet::pNext](#) chain contains pointer to [VkWriteDescriptorSetAccelerationStructureKHR](#))

```
#version 450

struct Particle {
    vec4 position;
    vec4 velocity;
};

layout (set = 5, binding = 1) buffer StorageBuffer {
    Particle particles[];
} storageBuffer;

// ...

int i = 0;
vec3 p = storageBuffer.particles[i].position.xyz;
```



Descriptor Types and Usage in GLSL

GLSL

- Different descriptor types (see [VkDescriptorType](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLER (set only)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER (set only)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE (set only)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE (set only)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_TEXEL_BUFFER (set only)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_TEXEL_BUFFER (set only)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER (set only)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER (set only)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC (set only)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_BUFFER_DYNAMIC (set only)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT_IMAGE (set only)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INLINE_UNIFORM_BLOCK (set only)
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_ACCELERATION_STRUCTURE_KHR (set only)
- contains pointer to

```
#version 450

layout (set = 5, binding = 0) uniform UniformBuffer {
    float deltaTime;
} uniformBuffer;

struct Particle {
    vec4 position;
    vec4 velocity;
};

layout (set = 5, binding = 1) buffer StorageBuffer {
    Particle particles[];
} storageBuffer;

// ...

int i = 0;
vec3 p = storageBuffer.particles[i].position.xyz;
vec3 v = storageBuffer.particles[i].velocity.xyz;
float dt = uniformBuffer.deltaTime;
storageBuffer.particles[i].position.xyz = p + p * v * dt;
```

Descriptor Types and Usage in GLSL

- Different descriptor types (see [VkDescriptorType](#))
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 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_COMBINED_IMAGE_SAMPLER (set all members of [VkDescriptorImageInfo](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_SAMPLED_IMAGE (set [VkImageView](#) and [VkImageLayout](#))
 - VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_STORAGE_IMAGE (set [VkImageView](#) and [VkImageLayout](#))
- (^ pass to shader)
- VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_UNIFORM_BUFFER_DYNAMIC (^ Same as with image-type descriptors at the top ^)
- VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INPUT_ATTACHMENT (^ Same as with image-type descriptors at the top ^)
- VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_INLINE_UNIFORM_BLOCK_EXT (see [dstArrayElement](#) and [descriptorCount](#))
- VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_ACCELERATION_STRUCTURE_KHR ([VkWriteDescriptorSet::pNext](#) chain contains pointer to [VkWriteDescriptorSetAccelerationStructureKHR](#))

GLSL

```
#version 450

layout (input_attachment_index = 0, set = 6, binding = 0) uniform subpassInput depthImage;

// ...

float depthAtCurrentFramebufferLocation = subpassLoad(depthImage).r;
```



Descriptor Types and Usage in GLSL

GLSL

```
#version 450
#extension GL_EXT_ray_tracing : require
#extension GL_EXT_ray_query : require

layout(set = 7, binding = 0) uniform accelerationStructureEXT topLevelAS;

// ...

vec3 orig = vec3(0.0, 0.0, 0.0);
vec3 dir  = vec3(0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
float tMin = 0.01;
float tMax = 1000.0;

traceRayEXT(topLevelAS, gl_RayFlagsNoneEXT, 0xFF, 0, 0, 0, origin, tMin, dir, tMax, 0);

// ...

rayQueryEXT rayQuery;
rayQueryInitializeEXT(rayQuery, topLevelAS, gl_RayFlagsNoneEXT, 0xFF, origin, tMin, dir, tMax);
```

- **VK_DESCRIPTOR_TYPE_ACCELERATION_STRUCTURE_KHR** (`VkWriteDescriptorSet::pNext` chain contains pointer to `VkWriteDescriptorSetAccelerationStructureKHR`)





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