

Nouveau

Recap, on-going and future work

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Introduction

Introduction

- Last nouveau update was at FOSDEM 2012;
- Many improvements since then :).

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Kepler support

Kepler

- New NVIDIA card family released in March 2012;
- Modesetting support released on the same day;
- Un-released 3D support happened a few days later;
- 2D/3D accel support released less than a month after (after libdrm2).

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Kernel updates

Kernel updates

- Nouveau left stalling (Linux 3.4);
- Major internal re-architecturing, called core (Linux 3.7);

The core architecture

- Separate code per-chipset;
- Kind of object-oriented (ctor, dtor, init & fini);
- Should limit regressions when adding support to new cards;
- Contribution by Ben Skeggs.

Optimus/prime

Optimus/Prime support

- Offloading support added by Dave Airlie in Linux 3.9;
- Synchronisation between drivers, worked on by mlankhorst;

More information + how to

<http://nouveau.freedesktop.org/wiki/Optimus/>

Power Management

Thermal management

- Temperature monitoring support added for most cards;
- Except for the i2c-only temperature probes.

Fan management

- Static fan management added in Linux 3.7;
- Experimental automatic fan management added in Linux 3.9;
- Enabled by default in Linux 3.??.

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Userspace updates - Libdrm_nouveau2

Libdrm_nouveau2

- Expose BOs' VM addresses;
- Support multiple threads per channel;
- Rework the relocation mechanism;
- Reduce the occurrences of -ENOSPC;
- Released in April 2012 by Ben Skeggs.

Libdrm_nouveau2 : Mesa updates

- Mesa drivers updated to use Libdrm_nouveau2;
- Nvfx rewritten and renamed nv30;
- Various fixes to the other drivers.

Userspace updates - Video decoding

Video decoding : Maarten Lankhorst

- Fermi+ support added by Maarten Lankhorst;
- Rely on user-extracted firmwares (mmiotrace).

Video decoding : Ilia Mirkin

- VP2/3/4 support added by Ilia Mirkin;
- Wrote a script to extract firmwares from the blob;
- Work on video planes on older generations.

More information

<http://nouveau.freedesktop.org/wiki/VideoAcceleration>

Nine: a d3d9 state tracker

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- Started by Joakim Sindholt;
- Completed by Christoph Bumiller
- Runs Skyrim, Civilization 5, Anno 1404 and StarCraft 2;
- Up to 2 times faster than Wine's d3d implementation.

Announcement

<http://lists.freedesktop.org/archives/mesa-dev/2013-July/041900.html>

Source tree

<https://github.com/chrisbmr/Mesa-3D/tree/gallium-nine>

Performance counters

Performance counters

- MP-counters support for Fermi+;
- Exposed through Gallium-HUD;
- Kepler support by Christoph Bumiller;
- Fermi support by Samuel Pitoise (GSOC 2013).

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- Envytools repo moved
- RESTification of the documentation
- Falcon C Compiler
- Falcon & other NVIDIA ISAs Decompiler!

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Envytools

Envytools

- is a collection of nvidia-related tools and docs;
- was primarily hosted by Pathscale;
- but was also hosted by mwk & sourceforge;
- moved to one repo with every dev as admins.

More information

<http://lists.freedesktop.org/archives/nouveau/2013-July/013089.html>

Envytools : documentation

hwdocs before

- text-based documentation of NVIDIA hw;
- links written as plain text.

hwdocs after

- text-based documentation of NVIDIA hw;
- can generate pretty html documentations.
- Example: `http://envytools.github.io/envytools/`.

Falcon C compiler

Falcon C compiler

- Started by Shinpei Kato;
- work for PGRAPH firmwares;
- can be extended to support PDAEMON.

Links

- Source: <https://github.com/CS005/guc>
- Paper: <http://hgpu.org/?p=10251>

NVIDIA ISAs decompiler

decompiler

- Decompiler project started by Marcin Kościelnicki;
- works on falcon & vp2macro;
- will support xtensa & possibly vuc;
- will be released after Marcin's master thesis (soon);
- Example: <http://ng.0x04.net/~mwk/deco.txt>.

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 - Bugzilla cleaning
 - Wiki portage & rewrite
 - New member!

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Bugzilla cleaning

- Started by Ilia Mirkin;
- closed all bugs not updated since 2011;
- asking people to reproduce on current Nouveau;
- Reduced bug reports from 410 to 167;
- Helped fixing some actual bugs along the way.

Community

Wiki portage

- Freedesktop moved to ikiwiki;
- killed a lot of spam along the way;
- but it is now harder to add content.

Wiki clean up & rewrite

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Community - Welcome NVIDIA!

Flash news

- NVIDIA released NDA-free documentation today!;
- Documentation on the DCB vbios table;
- Welcome to the Nouveau community, NVIDIA!