

Better Vulkan Application Deployment thank to Vulkan Profiles

A.k.a. “Using the Vulkan Profiles Tools to develop and deploy a Vulkan application”

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A Vulkan Profiles introduction

Why they matters to develop and deploy a Vulkan application?

What are Vulkan Profiles?

- Released with Vulkan 1.3
 - But it's not really a part of the Vulkan specification, they are essentially developer tools.
- A collection of Vulkan Capabilities
 - Extensions
 - Features
 - Properties
 - Queue properties
 - Formats

- A formalized dialogue method between the applications and the drivers, between components of the Vulkan ecosystem.

Vulkan Profiles use cases:

- **Roadmap profiles:** to express guidance on the future direction of Vulkan devices. Eg: Khronos Roadmap 2024.
- **Platform profiles:** to express the Vulkan support actually available on a platform. Eg: Android Baseline 2021.
- **Device profiles:** to express the Vulkan support of a single Vulkan driver for a Vulkan device. Eg: [GPUinfo.org reports](https://gpuinfo.org/reports)
- **Architecture profiles:** to express the Vulkan support of a class of GPUs. Eg: D3D12 Feature Level 12.1
- **Engine profiles:** to express some rendering code paths requirements of an engine. Eg: VP_UE_Vulkan_SM6_RT in Unreal Engine.
- Etc.

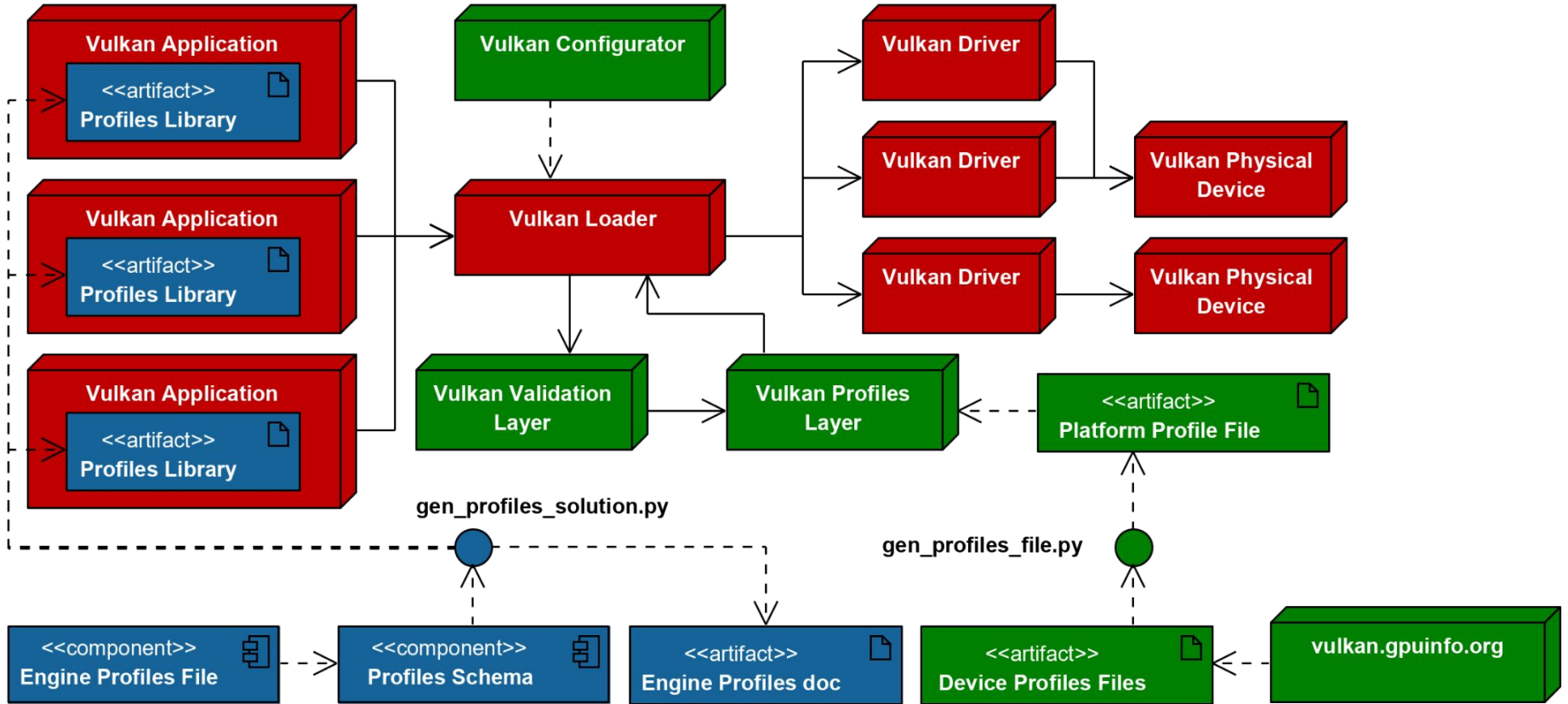
Vulkan Profiles by the Vulkan community

- [DXVK](#): D3D9 - D3D11 to Vulkan
 - To document the Vulkan driver requirements to run D3D9 - D3D11 applications
 - Eg: VP_DXVK_d3d9_baseline, VP_DXVK_d3d11_level_12_0_optimal
- [vkd3d-proton](#): D3D12 to Vulkan
 - To document the Vulkan driver requirements to run D3D12 applications
 - Eg: VP_D3D12_FL_11_0_baseline, VP_D3D12_FL_12_2_optimal, VP_D3D12_maximum_radv
- [Zink](#): OpenGL 2.1 - 4.6 to Vulkan
 - To document the Vulkan driver requirements to run OpenGL applications
 - Eg: VP_ZINK_g121_baseline, VP_ZINK_g146_optimal
- Unreal Engine profiles:
 - To check the Vulkan support of the user system and select the available rendering code paths.
 - Eg: VP_UE_Vulkan_SM5_Android_RT, VP_UE_Vulkan_SM6_RT, VP_UE_Vulkan_SM5

List of the Vulkan Profiles Tools:

- Vulkan Profiles JSON schema
 - One JSON schema per Vulkan Header revision to check the correctness of a Vulkan Profiles JSON file
- Vulkan Profiles file generation
 - [Vulkaninfo](#) and [GPUInfo.org](#) export *Device Profile JSON files*
 - `gen_profiles_file.py` python script for multiple profiles intersection or union of capabilities
 - `VP_LUNARG_desktop_baseline_2022/2023/2024` provided as examples
- Vulkan Profiles layer
 - A layer to emulate/clamp profile capabilities on Vulkan developer system
- Vulkan Profiles API library
 - Convert JSON files into C++ code
 - A library for Vulkan applications code to check profiles support, to create `VkDevice` with features enabled
 - [A KhronosGroup/Vulkan-Samples sample](#) is available on github for demonstrating the library usage
- Vulkan Profiles comparison table
 - [Markdown documentation](#), to easily read, search, compare capabilities across profiles

Vulkan Profiles Tools: How it all comes together?



Creating and Using a Vulkan developer-defined Engine profile

Writing the Engine JSON profile

```
"$schema": "https://schema.khronos.org/vulkan/profiles-0.8.2-276.json#",  
"capabilities": {  
  "my_block_name": {  
    "extensions":{...}, "features":{...},  
    "properties":{...}, "formats":{...},  
  }  
},  
"profiles": {  
  "VP_LUNARG_example_2024": {  
    "version": 1, "api-version": "1.3.204",  
    "label": "Vulkan Example 2024 profile",  
    "description": "Description of Example 2024 profile",  
    "profiles": [ "VP_LUNARG_minimum_requirements_1_3" ],  
    "capabilities": [ "my_block_name" ]  
  }  
}
```

Writing the Engine JSON profile

```
"capabilities": {  
  "my_block_name": {  
    "features": {  
      "VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures": {  
        "multiDrawIndirect": true  
      }  
    },  
    "properties": {  
      "VkPhysicalDeviceProperties": {  
        "limits": {  
          "maxColorAttachments": 8,  
          "maxBoundDescriptorSets": 7  
        }  
      }  
    },  
    "formats": {...}  
  }  
}
```

Writing the Engine JSON profile

```
"capabilities": {
  "my_block_name": {
    "formats": {
      "VK_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_UNORM": {
        "VkFormatProperties": {
          "linearTilingFeatures": [ "VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT",
"VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT", "VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT",
"VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT", "VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT" ],
          "optimalTilingFeatures": [ "VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_BIT",
"VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_STORAGE_IMAGE_BIT", "VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BIT",
"VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_COLOR_ATTACHMENT_BLEND_BIT", "VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_SRC_BIT",
"VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_BLIT_DST_BIT", "VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_SAMPLED_IMAGE_FILTER_LINEAR_BIT",
"VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_SRC_BIT", "VK_FORMAT_FEATURE_TRANSFER_DST_BIT" ],
          "bufferFeatures": []
        }
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Validating the JSON profile

- To validate Vulkan Profiles file against the schema
 - It can be done online with <http://www.jsonschemavalidator.net/>
 - It can be done in C++ with libraries such as [Valijson](#)
 - It can be done in python with module like [jsonschema](#)
- For each Vulkan Header version, we generate a Profiles JSON schema
 - Profiles JSON schemas are available since Vulkan Header 96
 - On [Khronos Schema website](#)
 - In [Khronos Schema Git repository](#)

Finding the required Vulkan API version for a profile

- Following an example with the Vulkan Roadmap Profiles file
 - Using <http://www.jsonschemavalidator.net/>

Schema for Vulkan Header 275

An online, interactive JSON Schema validator. Supports JSON Schema Draft 3, Draft 4, Draft 6, Draft 7 and Draft 2019-09.

[View source code](#)

Select schema:

Custom

```
1 {
2   "$schema": "http://json-schema.org/draft-07/schema#",
3   "$id": "https://schema.khronos.org/vulkan/profiles-0.8.2-275.json#",
4   "title": "Vulkan Profiles Schema for Vulkan 1.3.275",
5   "additionalProperties": true,
6   "required": [
7     "capabilities",
8     "profiles"
9   ],
10  "definitions": {
11    "status": {
12      "description": "The development status of the setting. When missing, this property is inherited from parent nodes. If no parent node defines it, the default value is 'STABLE'.",
13      "type": "string",
14      "enum": [
15        "ALPHA",
16        "BETA",
17        "STABLE",
18        "DEPRECATED"
19      ]
20    },
21    "contributor": {
22      "type": "object",
23      "additionalProperties": false,
24      "required": [
```

Input JSON: ✖ Found 9 error(s)

```
1 {
2   "$schema": "https://schema.khronos.org/vulkan/profiles-0.8.2-276.json#",
3   "capabilities": {
4     "vulkan10requirements": {
5       "features": {
6         "VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures": {
7           "robustBufferAccess": true
8         }
9       }
10    },
11    "vulkan11requirements": {
12      "features": {
13        "VkPhysicalDeviceVulkan11Features": {
14          "multiview": true
15        }
16      },
17      "properties": {
18        "VkPhysicalDeviceVulkan11Properties": {
19          "maxMultiviewViewCount": 6,
20          "maxMultiviewInstanceIndex": 134217727
21        }
22      }
23    },
24    "vulkan12requirements": {
25      "features": {
26        "VkPhysicalDeviceVulkan12Features": {
27          "uniformBufferStandardLayout": true.
```

✖ Found 9 error(s)

Message: **Property 'VK_KHR_dynamic_rendering_local_read' has not been defined and the schema does not allow additional properties.**

Schema path: <https://schema.khronos.org/vulkan/profiles-0.8.2-275.json#/properties/capabilities/additionalProperties/properties/extensions/additionalProperties>

Message: **Property 'VK_KHR_load_store_op_none' has not been defined and the schema does not allow additional properties.**

Schema path: <https://schema.khronos.org/vulkan/profiles-0.8.2-275.json#/properties/capabilities/additionalProperties/properties/extensions/additionalProperties>

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```

✓ No errors found. JSON validates against the schema

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Generating the Profiles API library using the Engine profile

- The Vulkan SDK ships with the `gen_profiles_solution.py` script
 - To convert Vulkan Profiles from JSON to C++
- This script is used generate the *Vulkan Profiles API library* with any Profiles needed by the Vulkan application developer

Generating the Profiles API library using the engine profile

```
python gen_profiles_solution.py
  --registry vk.xml
  --input ./my_profiles/
  --output-library-inc ./my_library/
  --output-library-src ./my_library/
  --debug
```

Using the Profiles API library to check the support of profiles

```
VkBool32 supported = VK_FALSE;
VpProfileProperties profile{
    VP_LUNARG_EXAMPLE_2024_NAME, VP_LUNARG_EXAMPLE_2024_SPEC_VERSION};

VkResult result = vpGetInstanceProfileSupport(
    nullptr, &profile, &supported);
if (result != VK_SUCCESS) {
    // something went wrong
    ...
}
else if (supported != VK_TRUE) {
    // profile is not supported at the instance level
    ...
}
```

Using the Profiles API library to check the support of profiles

```
VkBool32 supported = VK_FALSE;
VpProfileProperties profile{
    VP_LUNARG_EXAMPLE_2024_NAME, VP_LUNARG_EXAMPLE_2024_SPEC_VERSION};

VkResult result = vpGetPhysicalDeviceProfileSupport(
    instance, physicalDevice, &profile, &supported);
if (result != VK_SUCCESS) {
    // something went wrong
    ...
}
else if (supported != VK_TRUE) {
    // profile is not supported at the device level
    ...
}
```

Using the Profiles API library to check the support of profiles

An iterative process to create Engine profiles:

- Hit an assert or validation layer error that check Vulkan requirements in the engine code
- Add these requirements to the Engine profiles file
- Regenerated the library
- The Vulkan application now check correctly the system capabilities on start

Checking Vulkan Profiles variants support

```
VkResult vpGetInstanceProfileVariantsSupport(  
    const char*                pLayerName,  
    const VpProfileProperties*  pProfile,  
    VkBool32*                  pSupported,  
    uint32_t*                  pPropertyCount,  
    VpBlockProperties*         pProperties);
```

```
VkResult vpGetPhysicalDeviceProfileVariantsSupport(  
    VkInstance                instance,  
    VkPhysicalDevice          physicalDevice,  
    const VpProfileProperties* pProfile,  
    VkBool32*                  pSupported,  
    uint32_t*                  pPropertyCount,  
    VpBlockProperties*         pProperties);
```

Using the Profiles API library to create instances

```
VpProfileProperties profile{
    VP_LUNARG_EXAMPLE_2024_NAME, VP_LUNARG_EXAMPLE_2024_SPEC_VERSION};

// Set API version to the minimum API version required by the profile
vkAppInfo.apiVersion = VP_LUNARG_EXAMPLE_2024_MIN_API_VERSION;
VkInstanceCreateInfo vkCreateInfo{ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_INSTANCE_CREATE_INFO };
vkCreateInfo.pApplicationInfo = &vkAppInfo;
// For additional Vulkan Extensions, add those to vkCreateInfo as usual.
...

VpInstanceCreateInfo vpCreateInfo{};
createInfo.pCreateInfo = &vkCreateInfo;
createInfo.enabledFullProfileCount = 1;
createInfo.pEnabledFullProfiles = &profile;

VkInstance instance = VK_NULL_HANDLE;
VkResult result = vpCreateInstance(&vpCreateInfo, nullptr, &instance);
```


Using the Profiles API library to create instances

```
VpProfileProperties profile{
    VP_LUNARG_EXAMPLE_2024_NAME, VP_LUNARG_EXAMPLE_2024_SPEC_VERSION};

VkDeviceCreateInfo vkCreateInfo{ VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_DEVICE_CREATE_INFO };
// For additional Vulkan Extensions and Features, add those to vkCreateInfo
// as usual.
...

VpDeviceCreateInfo vpCreateInfo{};
createInfo.pCreateInfo = &vkCreateInfo;
createInfo.pProfile = &profile;

VkDevice device = VK_NULL_HANDLE;
result = vpCreateDevice(physicalDevice, &vpCreateInfo, nullptr, &device);
```

Generating human readable documentation of the profiles



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Vulkan Profiles Definitions

Vulkan Profiles List

Profiles	VP_KHR_roadmap_2022	VP_ANDROID_baseline_2021	VP_ANDROID_baseline_2022	VP_LUNARG_desktop_baseline_2023	VP_LUNARG_desktop_baseline_2024
Label	Khronos Vulkan Roadmap 2022 profile	Android Vulkan Baseline 2021 profile	Android Vulkan Baseline 2022 profile	LunarG Vulkan Desktop Baseline 2023 profile	LunarG Vulkan Desktop Baseline 2024 profile
Description	This roadmap profile is intended to be supported by newer devices shipping in 2022 across mainstream smartphone, tablet, laptops, console and desktop devices.	Collection of functionality that is broadly supported on Android	Collection of functionality that is broadly supported on Android	A profile generated by the intersection of a collection of GPUInfo.org device reports to support a large number of actual systems in the Vulkan ecosystem. This profile is meant to be a usage example for Vulkan application developer.	A profile generated by the intersection of a collection of GPUInfo.org device reports to support a large number of actual systems in the Vulkan ecosystem. This profile is meant to be a usage example for Vulkan application developer.
Version	1	2	1	1	1
Required API version	1.3.204	1.0.68	1.1.106	1.2.148	1.2.197
Required profiles				VP_LUNARG_minimum_requirements_1_2	VP_LUNARG_minimum_requirements_1_2
Fallback profiles	-	-	-	-	-

Generating human readable documentation of the profiles



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Vulkan Profiles Extensions

- ✔ indicates that the extension is defined in the profile
- "X.X Core" indicates that the extension is not defined in the profile but the extension is promoted to the specified core API version that is smaller than or equal to the minimum required API version of the profile
- ✘ indicates that the extension is neither defined in the profile nor it is promoted to a core API version that is smaller than or equal to the minimum required API version of the profile

Profiles	VP_KHR_roadmap_2022	VP_ANDROID_baseline_2021	VP_ANDROID_baseline_2022	VP_LUNARG_desktop_baseline_2023	VP
Instance extensions					
VK_KHR_android_surface	✘	✔	✔	✘	✘
VK_KHR_device_group_creation	1.1 Core	✘	1.1 Core	1.1 Core	1.1
VK_KHR_external_fence_capabilities	1.1 Core	✔	✔	1.1 Core	1.1
VK_KHR_external_memory_capabilities	1.1 Core	✔	✔	1.1 Core	1.1
VK_KHR_external_semaphore_capabilities	1.1 Core	✔	✔	1.1 Core	1.1
VK_KHR_get_physical_device_properties2	1.1 Core	✔	✔	1.1 Core	1.1
VK_KHR_get_surface_capabilities2	✘	✔	✔	✘	✘
VK_KHR_surface	✘	✔	✔	✘	✘
VK_EXT_swapchain_colorspace	✘	✔	✔	✘	✘
Device extensions					
VK_KHR_16bit_storage	1.1 Core	✘	1.1 Core	✔	✔
VK_KHR_8bit_storage	1.2 Core	✘	✘	✔	✔
VK_KHR_bind_memory2	1.1 Core	✘	1.1 Core	✔	✔



Generating human readable documentation of the profiles

This table can be generated for any set of profiles using the following command:

```
python gen_profiles_solution.py
  --registry vk.xml
  --input ./my_engine_profiles/
  --output-doc ./PROFILES.md
```

Creating and Using a Vulkan developer-defined Platform profile

Selecting supported devices

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Listing all devices

All platforms

Windows

Linux

Android

macOS

iOS

Type to filter	Type to filter	Type to filter				
Device	Max. API version	Latest Driver version	Last submission	Count	Compare	
Microsoft Corporation Subsystem for Android(TM)	1.3.0	551.23.0.0	2024-01-25 18:46:45	138	Add	
Intel(R) Arc(TM) A750 Graphics	1.3.271	101.5186	2024-01-25 18:38:14	22	Add	
NVIDIA GeForce RTX 2080	1.3.271	551.23.0.0	2024-01-25 18:38:03	96	Add	
llvmpipe (LLVM 18.1.0, 256 bits)	1.3.276	0.0.1	2024-01-25 18:35:13	3	Add	
llvmpipe (LLVM 17.0.6, 256 bits)	1.3.276	0.0.1	2024-01-25 18:35:05	20	Add	
llvmpipe (LLVM 16.0.6, 256 bits)	1.3.276	0.0.1	2024-01-25 18:34:58	144	Add	
llvmpipe (LLVM 15.0.7, 256 bits)	1.3.276	0.0.1	2024-01-25 18:34:49	140	Add	
Intel(R) Arc(TM) A770 Graphics	1.3.267	101.5085	2024-01-25 18:31:04	37	Add	

Device report for Intel(R) Arc(TM) A750 Graphics on Windows

Device

Properties

Features

Extensions 135

Formats 140

Queue families 4


Memory 4

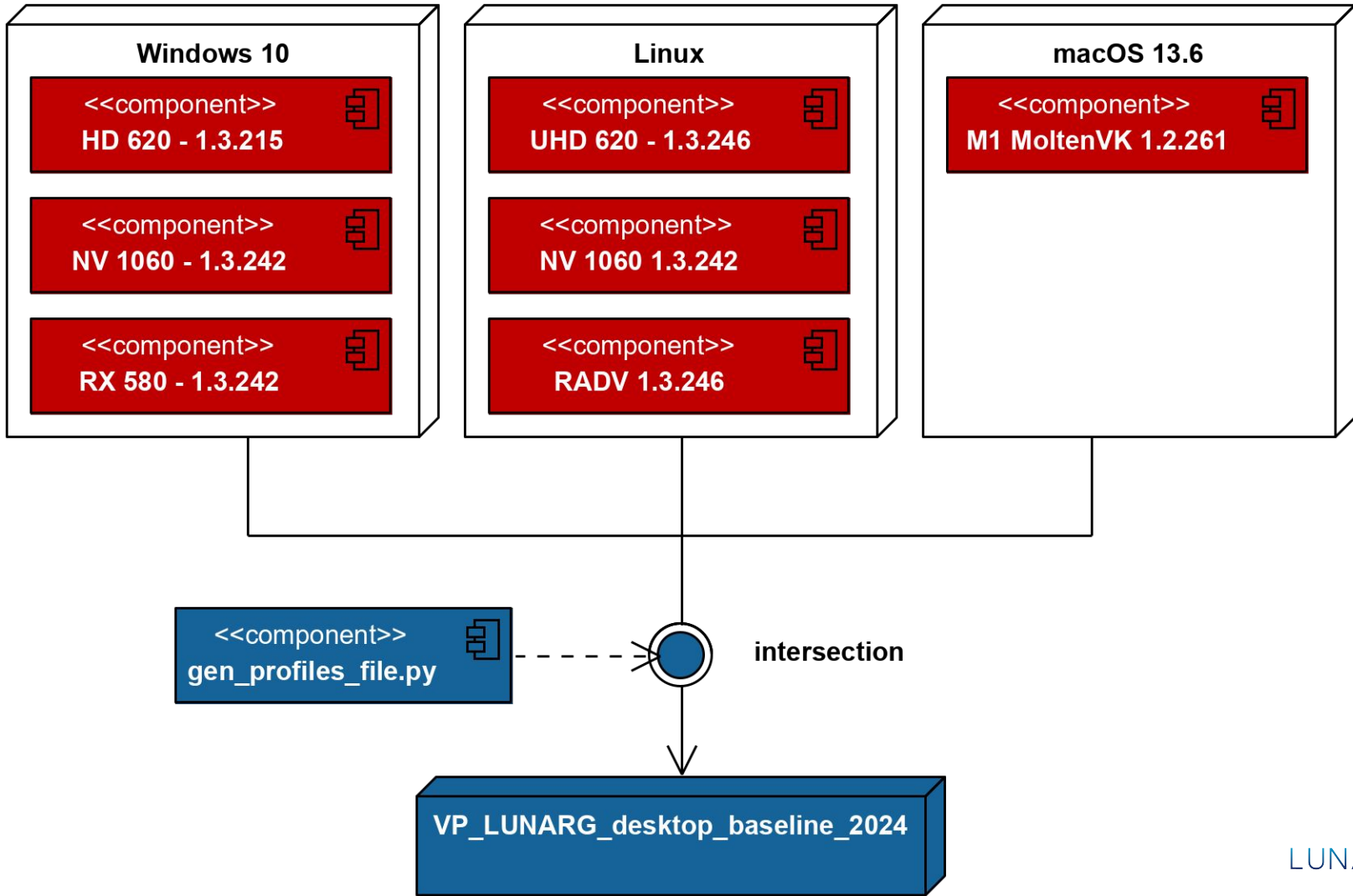
Surface

Instance

Profiles

Search:

Property	Value
Device	
Name	Intel(R) Arc(TM) A750 Graphics
Driver version	101.5186
Type	DISCRETE_GPU
API Version	1.3.271
Vendor	INTEL
Platform	
Name	Windows
Architecture	x86_64
Version	10
Submitted at	2024-01-25 18:38:14
Reportversion	3.2
Profile JSON [?]	 Full JSON profile



Generating the Vulkan platform JSON profile

```
python gen_profiles_file.py
  --registry vk.xml
  --input ./VP_LUNARG_desktop_baseline_2024
  --output-path ./VP_LUNARG_desktop_baseline_2024.json
  --output-profile VP_LUNARG_desktop_baseline_2024
  --profile-label "LunarG Desktop Baseline 2024 profile"
  --profile-desc "LunarG Desktop Baseline 2024 description"
  --profile-date 2023-11-01
  --profile-api-version "1.2.197"
  --profile-required-profiles "VP_LUNARG_minimum_requirements_1_2"
  --strip-duplicate-structs
```

Configuring the layers on the developer system

- Based on [Configuring Vulkan Layers whitepaper](#)
 - Using the GUI application called *Vulkan Configurator*
 - Using environment variables
 - Using the Vulkan API: `vkCreateInstance()` and `VK_EXT_layer_settings`
- The layer settings are documented by each layer:
 - [Profiles layer documentation](#)
 - [Validation layer documentation](#)

Tools Help

Vulkan Layers Management

- Layers Fully Controlled by the Vulkan Applications
- Overriding Layers by the Vulkan Configurator
- Apply only to the Vulkan Applications List
- Continue Overriding Layers on Exit

Edit Applications...

Vulkan Layers Configurations

- API dump
- Frame Capture
- Portability
- Synchronization
- Validation

New...

Edit...

Duplicate

Remove

Vulkan Application Launcher

> Application vkcube

Clear log at launch Clear Vulkan Loader Messages: none Launch

Vulkan Development Status:

```
- Layers override: "Portability" configuration
- VULKAN_SDK environment variable: E:\VulkanSDK\1.3.275.0-beta
- Vulkan Loader version: 1.3.250
- User-Defined Layers locations:
  - VK_LAYER_PATH variable: None
  - Per-configuration paths: None
  - VK_ADD_LAYER_PATH variable: None
- `vk_layer_settings.txt` uses the default platform path:
  C:\Users\Piranha\AppData\Local\LunarG\vkconfig\override
- Available Layers:
  - VK_LAYER_NV_optimus
  - VK_LAYER_RENDERDOC_Capture
```

Portability Settings

Vulkan Applications

- VK_LAYER_KHRONOS_validation**
 - Standard Preset
 - Validation Areas
 - Debug Action
 - Log Message
 - Log Filename: stdout
 - Debug Output
 - Break
 - Message Severity
 - Info
 - Warning
 - Performance
 - Error
 - Limit Duplicated Messages
 - Max Duplicated Messages: 10
 - Mute Message VUIDs
- VK_LAYER_KHRONOS_profiles**
 - Emulate a Vulkan Portability Profile Preset
 - Force Device (BETA): Off
 - Emulate a Vulkan Profile
 - Profiles Directories: C:\Program Files\LunarG\Tools\VK_LAYER_KHRONOS_profiles
 - VP_LUNARG_desktop_baseline_2023
 - Schema Validation
 - Simulate Profile Capabilities

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Portability Settings

Vulkan Applications

- ▼ **VK_LAYER_KHRONOS_profiles**
- User-Defined Settings
 - ▼ Force Device (BETA) Using Device Name
 - Device Name: Intel(R) Arc(TM) A750 Graphics
 - ▼ Emulate a Vulkan Profile
 - ▼ Profiles Directories
 - a2\Config\VK_LAYER_KHRONOS_profiles
 - VP_LUNARG_desktop_baseline_2023
 - Schema Validation
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Vulkan Application Launcher

> Application vkcube

Clear log at launch [Clear](#) Vulkan Loader Messages: none [Launch](#)

```
Vulkan Development Status:
- Layers override: "Portability" configuration
- VULKAN_SDK environment variable: E:\VulkanSDK\1.3.275.0-beta2
- Vulkan Loader version: 1.3.250
- User-Defined Layers locations:
  - VK_LAYER_PATH variable: None
  - Per-configuration paths: None
  - VK_ADD_LAYER_PATH variable: None
- `vk_layer_settings.txt` uses the default platform path:
  C:\Users\Piranha\AppData\Local\LunarG\vkconfig\override
- Available Layers:
  - VK_LAYER_NV_optimus
  - VK_LAYER_RENDERDOC_Capture
```

Portability Settings

Vulkan Applications

- VK_LAYER_KHRONOS_profiles**
 - User-Defined Settings
 - Force Device (BETA) Using Device Name
 - Device Name: Intel(R) Arc(TM) A750 Graphics
 - Emulate a Vulkan Profile
 - Profiles Directories
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Reload Default Configurations

Order Messages: none

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- VULKAN_SD
- Vulkan Loader version: 1.3.250
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- Available Layers:
 - VK_LAYER_MV_ontinu

Portability Settings

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- ▼ VK_LAYER_KHRONOS_validation

User-Defined Settings

- > Validation Areas

- ▼ Debug Action

- ▼ Log Message

- ▼ Log Filename

stdout

 Debug Output Break

- ▼ Message Severity

 Info Warning Performance Error

- ▼ Limit Duplicated Messages

Max Duplicated Messages 10

Mute Message VUIDs +

- ▼ VK_LAYER_KHRONOS_profiles

Emulate a Vulkan Portability Profile Preset

Force Device (BETA) Off

- ▼ Emulate a Vulkan Profile

- ▼ Profiles Directories

a2\Config\VK_LAYER_KHRONOS_profiles

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 Schema Validation

Configuring the layers for C.I.

Override the layers configuration on the system:

```
$ vkconfig layers --override configuration-file.json
```

Stop overriding the layers configuration on the system:

```
$ vkconfig layers --surrender
```

Configuring the layers on the C.I. platforms

Enabling and ordering the Vulkan Layers with environment variables:

```
C:\> set VK_INSTANCE_LAYERS=VK_LAYER_KHRONOS_validation;VK_LAYER_KHRONOS_profiles
```

Stop overriding the layers configuration on the system:

```
C:\> set VK_KHRONOS_VALIDATION_VALIDATE_SYNC=true
```

```
C:\> set VK_KHRONOS_VALIDATION_DUPLICATE_MESSAGE_LIMIT=3
```

```
C:\> set VK_KHRONOS_PROFILES_PROFILE_DIRS=$VULKAN_SDK/Config/VK_LAYER_KHRONOS_profiles
```

```
C:\> set VK_KHRONOS_PROFILES_PROFILE_NAME=VP_LUNARG_desktop_baseline_2024
```

```
C:\> set VK_KHRONOS_PROFILES_FORCE_DEVICE_UUID=8680A15608000000E0000000000000
```

- [Profiles layer documentation](#)
- [Validation layer documentation](#)

Configuring the layers programmatically

- Using vkCreateInstance API
- Using the VK_EXT_layer_settings extension

```

const          char*          val_name          =          "VK_LAYER_KHRONOS_validation";
const char* pfl_name = "VK_LAYER_KHRONOS_profiles";

const char* setting_profile_dirs[] = {"$VULKAN_SDK/Config/VK_LAYER_KHRONOS_profiles"};
const char* setting_profile_name[] = {"VP_LUNARG_desktop_baseline_2024"};
const VkBool32 setting_thread_safety = VK_TRUE;
const char* setting_debug_action[] = {"VK_DBG_LAYER_ACTION_LOG_MSG"};
const char* setting_report_flags[] = {"info", "warn", "perf", "error", "debug"};

const          VkLayerSettingEXT          settings[]          =          {
    {pfl_name, "profile_dirs", VK_LAYER_SETTING_TYPE_STRING_EXT, 1, &setting_profile_dirs},
    {pfl_name, "profile_name", VK_LAYER_SETTING_TYPE_STRING_EXT, 1, &setting_profile_name},
    {val_name, "thread_safety", VK_LAYER_SETTING_TYPE_BOOL32_EXT, 1, &setting_thread_safety},
    {val_name, "debug_action", VK_LAYER_SETTING_TYPE_STRING_EXT, 1, setting_debug_action},
    {val_name, "report_flags", VK_LAYER_SETTING_TYPE_STRING_EXT,
static_cast<uint32_t>(std::size(setting_report_flags)), setting_report_flags}

const          VkLayerSettingsCreateInfoEXT          layer_settings_create_info          =          {
          VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_LAYER_SETTINGS_CREATE_INFO_EXT,          nullptr,
static_cast<uint32_t>(std::size(settings)), settings};

```

```

const VkApplicationInfo app_info = initAppInfo();

const          char*          layers[]          =          {
    "VK_LAYER_KHRONOS_validation",    "VK_LAYER_KHRONOS_profiles"};
const          char*          extensions[]       =          {"VK_EXT_layer_settings"};

const          VkInstanceCreateInfo          inst_create_info          =          {
    VK_STRUCTURE_TYPE_INSTANCE_CREATE_INFO,    &layer_settings_create_info,
                                                0,          &app_info,
    static_cast<uint32_t>(std::size(layers)),    layers,
    static_cast<uint32_t>(std::size(extensions)), extensions};

VkInstance          instance          =          VK_NULL_HANDLE;
VkResult result = vkCreateInstance(&inst_create_info, nullptr, &instance);

```

Using Vulkaninfo to generate Device profiles

Useful for the Vulkan application developer to know on what platform the C.I. was running:

```
$ vulkaninfo --json -o ci_instance_with_native_capabilities_profile.json
$ test_runs.sh -o native_capabilities_test_results.txt
$ vkconfig layers --override configuration-file.json
$ vulkaninfo --json -o ci_instance_with_platform_capabilities_profile.json
$ test_runs.sh -o platform_capabilities_test_results.txt
```



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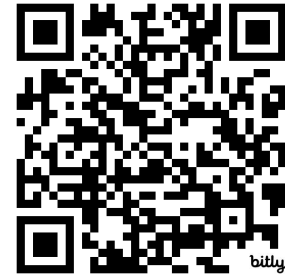
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