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gDEDebugger - Advanced OpenGL Debugger and profiler

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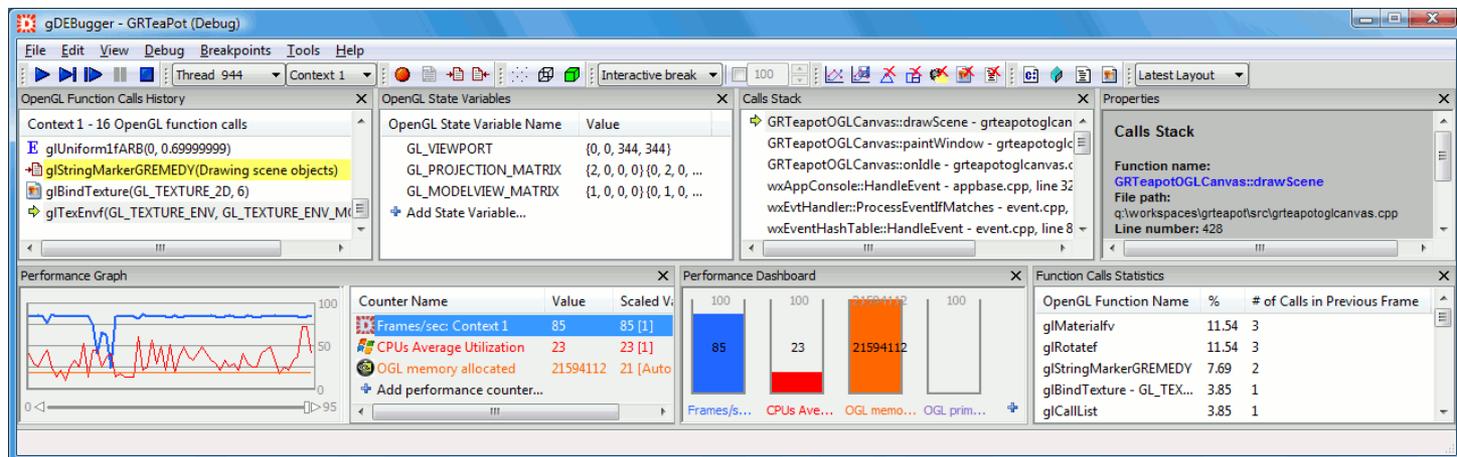
The problem

- Debugging and profiling 3D applications are both hard and time consuming tasks
- Companies find it extremely hard to deliver a robust and bug-free 3D application
- It is almost impossible to optimize a 3D application to fully utilize the graphic system performance

Graphic Remedy offers a unique solution

gDEBugger

- OpenGL and OpenGL ES Debugger and Profiler
- Exposes internal graphic system information needed to find bugs
- Locates graphic system performance bottlenecks



Customer Benefits

- Reduces the time needed to debug and optimize 3D graphic applications
- Improves application robustness and quality
- Optimizes application performance

Current markets segments

- Our products are being used in various fields such as:
 - Graphic chips manufacturing
 - Games industry
 - Movies production
 - CAD
 - Medical imaging
 - Aerospace
 - Construction engineering
 - Industrial and scientific visualization
 - Telecom industry
 - Electronic devices
 - Defense
 - Being taught and used by universities worldwide

gDEDebugger ES (for OpenGL ES)

- Brings all of gDEDebugger's Debugging and Profiling abilities to the OpenGL ES developer's world
- Acts as an OpenGL ES implementation when working on Windows PC



gDEDebugger Linux

- Brings all of gDEDebugger's Debugging and Profiling abilities to the Linux developers' world

The screenshot displays the gDEDebugger - GRTeaPot application window. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Debug, Breakpoints, Tools, Help) and a toolbar with various debugging controls. The main workspace is divided into several panels:

- OpenGL Function Calls History:** Lists recent function calls such as `glLightfv(GL_LIGHT0, GL_POSITION, (0.00, 0.00, 1.00, 1.00, 1.00, 1.00))` and `glStringMarkerGREMEDY(Drawing scene objects)`.
- OpenGL State Variables:** Shows the current state of OpenGL variables, including `GL_VIEWPORT` (0, 0, 375, 375) and `GL_PROJECTION_MATRIX` (2.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00).
- Calls Stack:** Displays the current call stack, with the top frame being `wxGLCanvas::SwapBuffers - libwx_gtk2_gl-2.8.so.0`.
- Properties:** Shows the details of the selected OpenGL state variable, `GL_PROJECTION_MATRIX`, with its value: `(2.00, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00) (0.00, 2.00, 0.00, 0.00) (0.00, 0.00, -2.00, -1.00) (0.00, 0.00, -3.00, 0.00)`.
- Performance Graph:** A line graph showing performance metrics over time.
- Counter Name Table:**

Counter Name	Value	Scale
Frames/sec: Context 1	34	34
OGL calls/frame: Context 1	28	28
CPU 0 Utilization	100	100
- Debugged Process Events:** Lists events such as "Process run started", "GDB string: [Thread deb", "Thread created: 15943", and "Process event - Break".
- Performance Dashboard:** A bar chart showing performance metrics for Frames, OGL calls, and CPU utilization.
- Function Calls Statistics:** A table showing the frequency of various OpenGL function calls:

OpenGL Function Name	%	# of Calls in Previous Frame
glMaterialfv	10.71	3
glRotatef	10.71	3
glStringMarkerGREMEDY	10.71	3
glLightfv	7.14	2



The Problem...

The developer sees OpenGL as a "Black box"!

Application is sending API calls

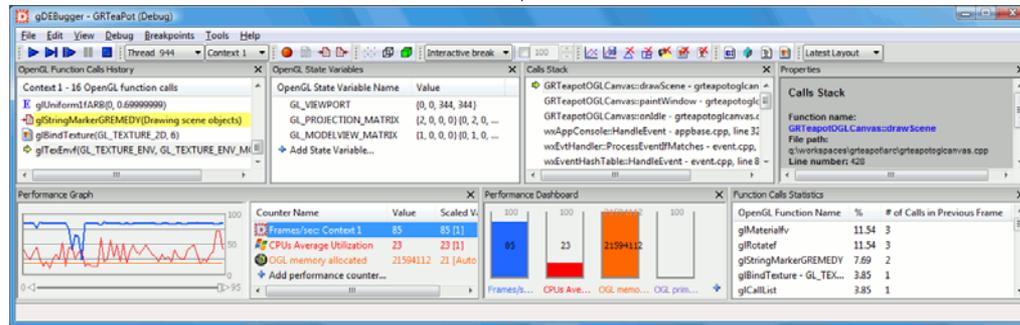


Something happens here!



gDEDebugger Debugging & Profiling model

Application is sending API calls



Debugging - Demo



GUI Overview

- GUI layouts
- Toolbars and commands
- Views
- Viewers

The screenshot displays the gDebugger - GRTeaPot (Debug) interface, which is a comprehensive tool for debugging and profiling OpenGL applications. The interface is divided into several panels:

- OpenGL Function Calls History:** Shows a list of function calls for the current context, including `glUniform1fARB(0, 0.69999999)`, `glStringMarkerGREMEDY(Drawing scene objects)`, `glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 6)`, and `glTexEnvf(GL_TEXTURE_ENV, GL_TEXTURE_ENV_M...`.
- OpenGL State Variables:** A table showing the current state of various OpenGL variables:

OpenGL State Variable Name	Value
GL_VIEWPORT	{0, 0, 344, 344}
GL_PROJECTION_MATRIX	{2, 0, 0, 0}{0, 2, 0, ...}
GL_MODELVIEW_MATRIX	{1, 0, 0, 0}{0, 1, 0, ...}
- Calls Stack:** Displays the current call stack, with the top frame being `GRTeapotOGLCanvas::drawScene - grteapotoglcan`.
- Properties:** Shows the current function's name (`GRTeapotOGLCanvas::drawScene`) and file path.
- Performance Graph:** A line graph showing performance metrics over time, including frames per second and CPU usage.
- Performance Dashboard:** A summary of performance metrics:

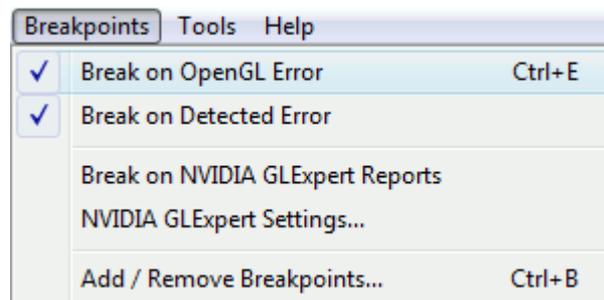
Counter Name	Value	Scaled Value
Frames/sec: Context 1	85	85 [1]
CPU's Average Utilization	23	23 [1]
OGL memory allocated	21594112	21 [Auto]
- Function Calls Statistics:** A table showing the frequency of various OpenGL function calls:

OpenGL Function Name	%	# of Calls in Previous Frame
glMaterialfv	11.54	3
glRotatf	11.54	3
glStringMarkerGREMEDY	7.69	2
glBindTexture - GL_TEX...	3.85	1
glCallList	3.85	1

Automatic errors detection mechanism

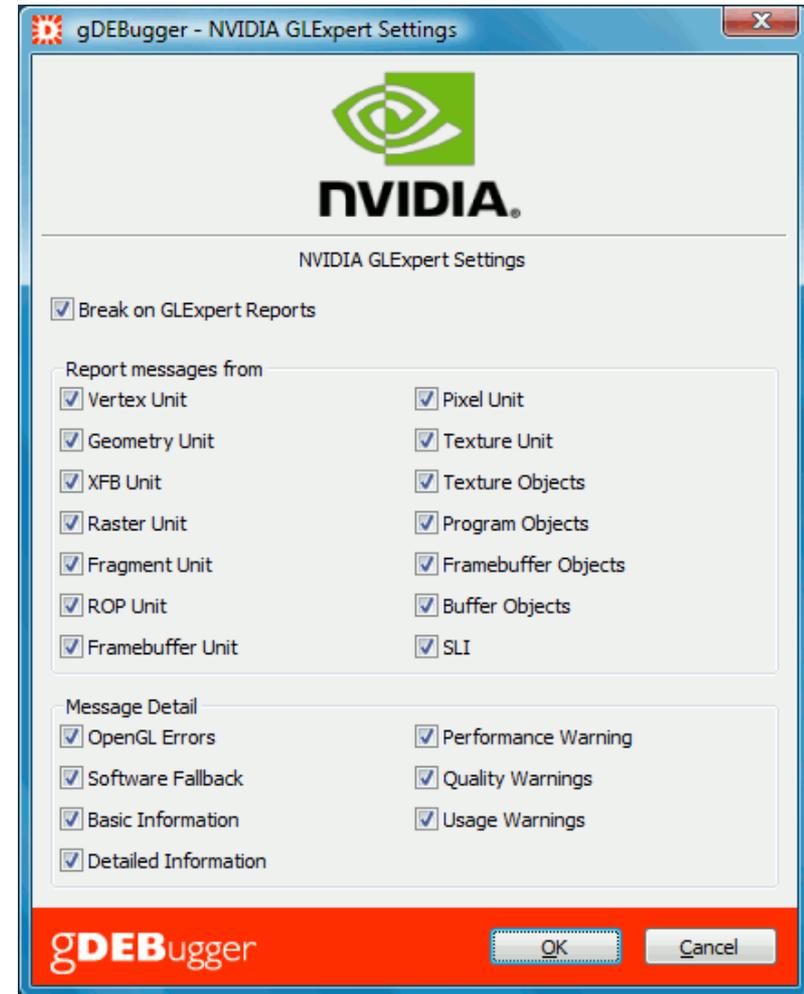
gDEDebugger can automatically break on:

- OpenGL errors
- gDEDebugger detected errors: a unique and more comprehensive errors detection mechanism
- NVIDIA GLExpert driver reports



gDEDebugger and GLExpert driver reports

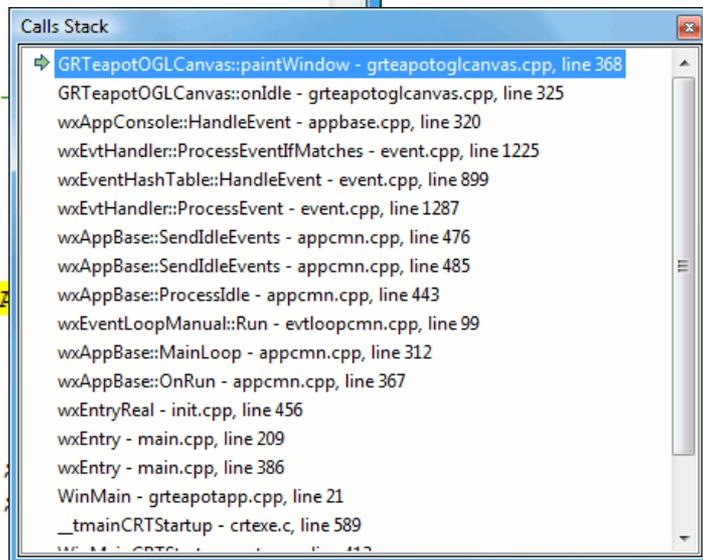
- Breaks the application run on GLExpert reports
- Views the call stack and source code that led to the GLExpert report
- Sets the GLExpert report areas and message details from within gDEDebugger



Call stack and Source code views

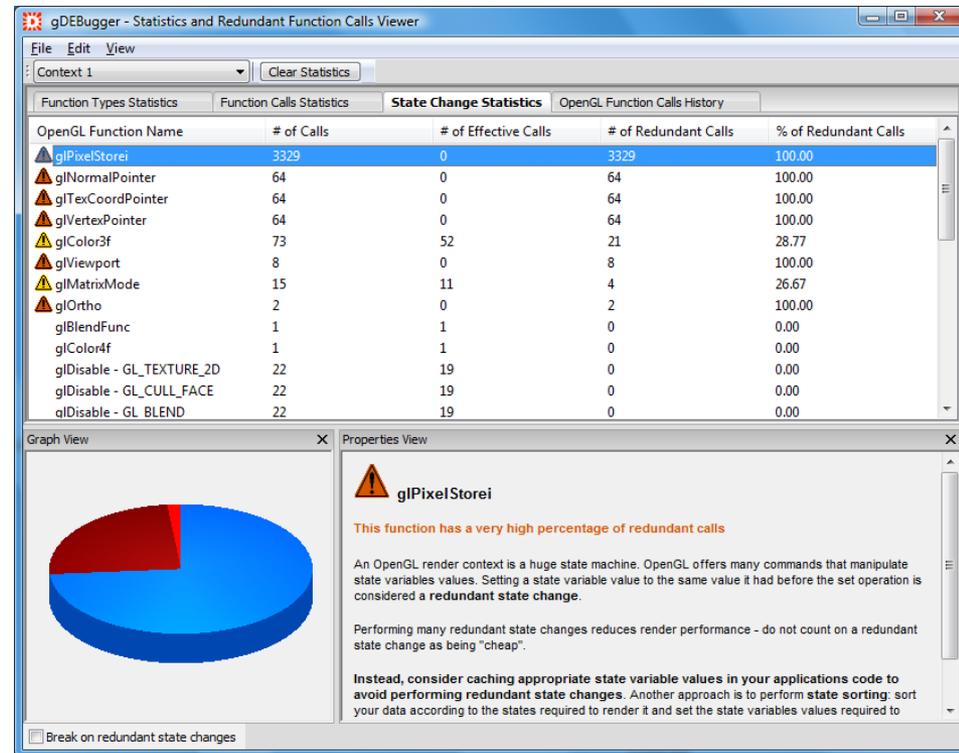
- View the call stack and source code that led to the error / OpenGL function call

```
// -----  
// Name:          GRTeapotOGLCanvas::setMaterial  
// Description:   Sets the current OpenGL material  
// -----  
void GRTeapotOGLCanvas::setMaterial()  
{  
    // Add a string marker:  
    if (_glStringMarkerGREMEDY != NULL)  
    {  
        _glStringMarkerGREMEDY(0, TP_SETTING_UP_MATERIAL_M  
    }  
  
    glShadeModel(GL_SMOOTH);  
  
    glMaterialfv(GL_FRONT_AND_BACK, GL_AMBIENT, s_ambient);  
    glMaterialfv(GL_FRONT_AND_BACK, GL_DIFFUSE, s_diffuse);  
}
```



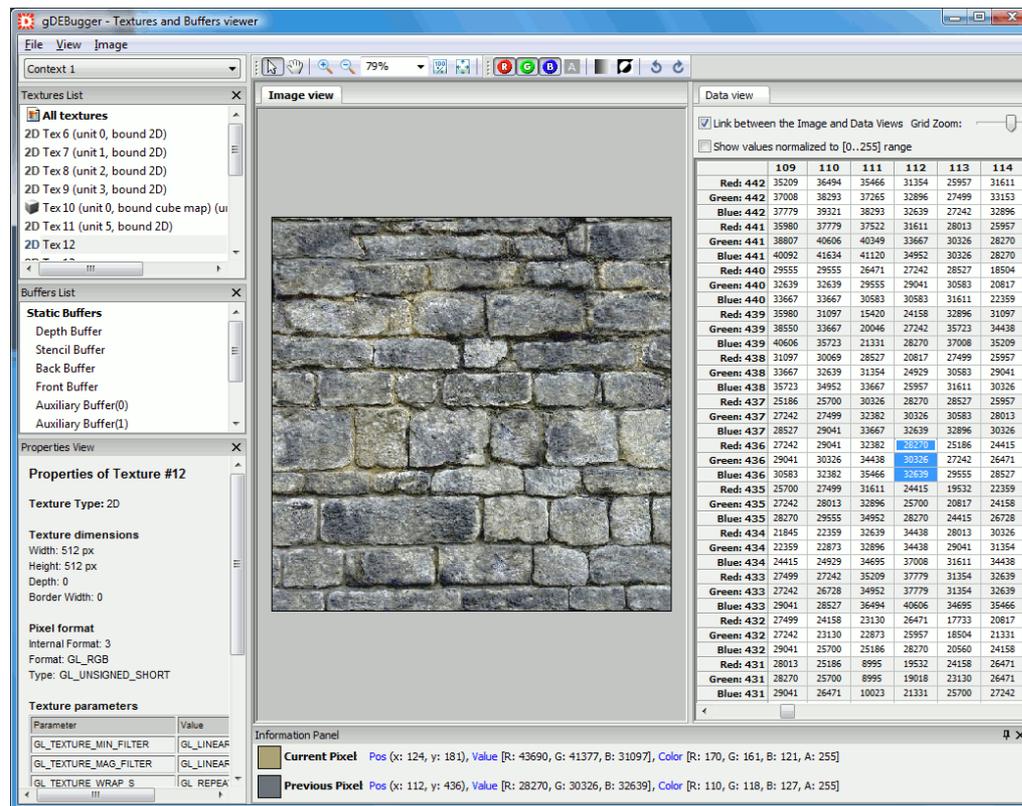
Statistical and Redundant calls viewer

- Displays the number of times each OpenGL function was called
- Display redundant state changes
- Break on redundant state change



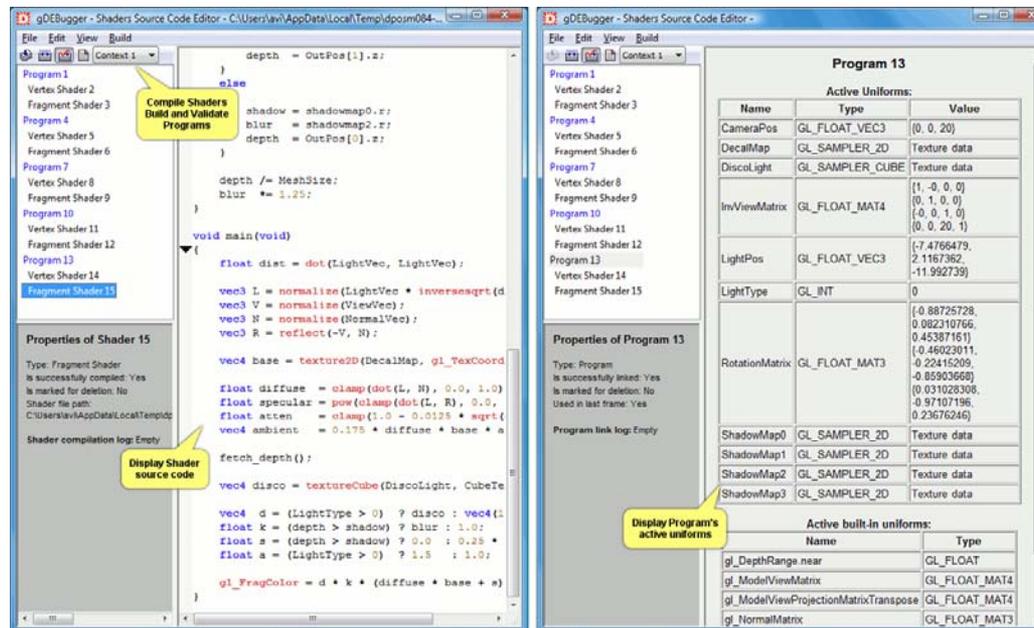
Textures and Buffers viewer

Displays all texture types, FBOs, pBuffers, Depth, Stencil, etc.



Shader's Source Code Editor

- Displays shader's source code
- Displays programs active uniform values
- Edit shader's source code, re-compile, link and validate "on the fly"



Profiling Graphic applications



Remove redundant OpenGL calls

Find and remove:

- Redundant state changes
 - Repeatedly turning on and off the same OpenGL mechanisms
 - Redundant OpenGL API calls
 - Immediate mode rendering
 - etc.
- ➡ Do not invest time in removing calls that do not seem to have significant impact on render performance!

Steps for optimizing render performance

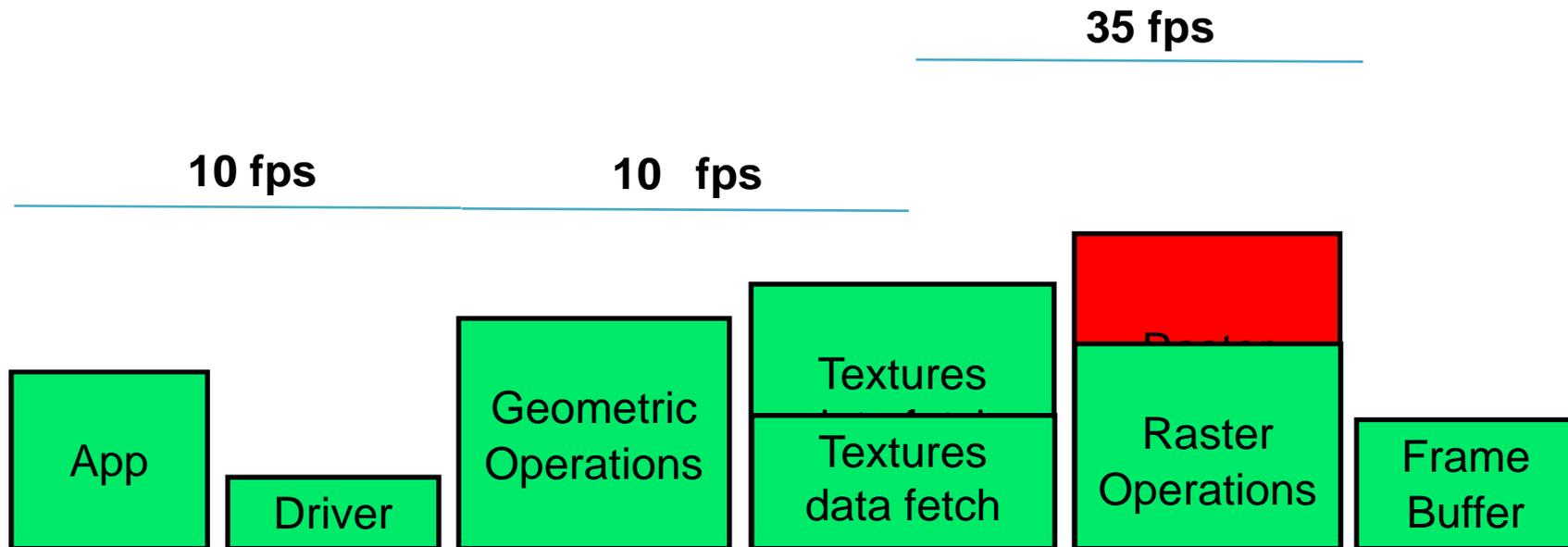
1. Remove redundant calls and state changes
2. Identify a performance bottleneck
3. Optimize the pipeline stage that causes the bottleneck

Repeat 2 and 3 until reaching the desired performance level or until the performance cannot be improved anymore

- If you cannot improve performance anymore, you can add workload to pipeline stages that are not fully utilized (to improve visual effects / visual fidelity)

Pipeline speed

- The pipeline runs as fast as its slowest stage!



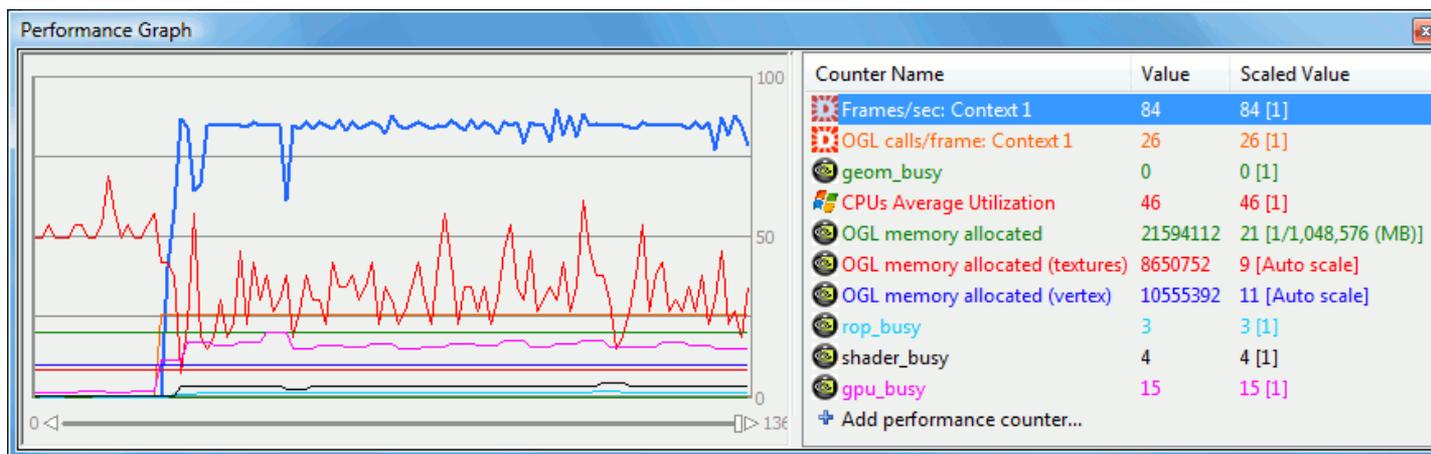
Profiling Demo



Performance graph

Displays performance counters graphs of

- Windows and Linux OS
- NVIDIA's GPUs and drivers through NVPerfKit
- gDEBugger OpenGL Server



Available performance counters

gDEDebugger	NVIDIA	OS (windows & Linux)
Frames / sec	% GPU Idle	CPU utilization
# OGL function calls	% Driver Waiting	CPU user mode utilization
# Texture objects	% Vertex Shader Busy	CPU privilege mode utilization
# Loaded texels	% Pixel Shader Busy	Available physical memory
* All counters are "per render context" and available on all graphic hardware's	% ROP Busy	Virtual memory usage
	% Shader Waits for Texture	Virtual memory pages / sec
	% Shader Waits for ROP	Drivers virtual memory usage
	Video Memory Usage	And more...
	AGP / PCI-E Memory Usage	
	# Vertex Count	
	# Frame Batch	
	# Frame Vertex	
	# Frame Primitive	
	And more...	

Performance Analysis Toolbar

- Turn off the graphic pipeline stages one after the other
- If the performance improves when turning off a certain stage, you have found a graphic pipeline bottleneck



These commands include

-  • Enter profiling mode
-  • Eliminate draw commands
-  • Eliminate raster operations
-  • Eliminate fixed pipeline lights
-  • Eliminate texture data fetch operations
-  • Eliminate geometry shader operations
-  • Eliminate fragment shader operations

gDEDebugger offers many other features

- Launches any OpenGL or OpenGL ES application for debug or profile session. Instrumentation or recompilation are not needed!
- Adds breakpoints for any OpenGL, OpenGL ES or extensions entry point
- Views a list of active and deleted OpenGL render contexts
- Display debugged process events such as: thread created, dll loaded and unloaded, breakpoint hit, etc.
- Forces OpenGL to render directly into the front buffer and controls the rendering speed
- Forces the OpenGL Polygon Raster mode to see the rendered geometry and test your applications culling
- gDEDebugger ES is being used as an “out of the box” OpenGL ES implementation for the embedded systems on a Windows PC machine
- Displays implementation-specific OpenGL run-time information such as pixel formats and available extensions
- Saves textures as image files to disk
- Views OpenGL state variables values in a watch view and comparison viewer
- Supports applications that render using multiple threads and multiple render contexts
- Saves performance counters data into a file (.csv). This enables performing performance and regression tests using different hardware and driver configurations
- Output an OpenGL calls log into a formatted HTML file, containing texture imaged, vertex and fragment shaders source code
- Supports GL_GREMEDY_string_marker extension that allows adding string markers into the reported and recorded calls log, making the calls log much clearer
- Support OpenGL 2.1 standard and many additional extensions (OpenGL 3.0 will be supported soon)
- And more...

Questions?



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