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What is VDPAU?

- Unix API for
  - GPU-accelerated video decoding
  - Post-processing
  - Simple UI compositing
  - Display
  - Customization via interop
Status

- Shipping since late 2008
- Advanced interop APIs shipping since early 2010
- Supported on GeForce 8 series and higher
  - With just a few exceptions
- Runs on Linux, Solaris, and FreeBSD
- Supported by many media player applications
- Well supported by NVIDIA
Objects and Data Flow

- **CPU buffer: Bitmap Data**
  - VdpBitmapSurface
  - Rendering
  - VdpOutputSurface
  - VdpVideoSurface
  - VdpVideoMixer
  - PresentationQueue
  - Display

- **CPU buffer: Bitstream Data**
  - VdpDecoder
Features – Decoding

- All formats supported by the GPU
  - MPEG-1/2
  - H.264 / AVC / MPEG-4 Part 10
  - VC-1 / WMV3
  - MPEG-4 Part 2 / DivX

- VLD level API only
  - Applications work the same way on all HW
Features – Post-Processing

- De-interlacing
  - Weave, Bob, and two more advanced algorithms
  - Inverse-telecine
- Color-space conversion
- “Procamp” (brightness, contrast, saturation, hue)
- Noise reduction
- Sharpness
Compositing

- During post-processing of video ...
- Scale video
- Extract a sub-rectangle
- Alpha-blending with other $n$ surfaces
  - Each scaled and with a sub-rectangle extracted
- Result can be looped back to blend $n$ video streams
Presentation Queue

for ever:
parse bitstream
vdp_decoder_render(bitstream, vid_surf)
vdp_mixer_render(vid_surf, out_surf)
vdp_pq_display(out_surf, timestamp)

Surf 1 @ t1
Surf 2 @ t2
Surf 3 @ t3
Surf 4 @ t4
Surf 5 @ t5

Push asynchronously
Pop at first VSYNC after t
Interop – CPU

- “Put Bits”: Upload surface content from CPU to GPU
  - VdpVideoSurface, VdpOutputSurface, VdpBitmapSurface
- “Get Bits”: Download surface content from GPU to CPU
  - VdpVideoSurface, VdpOutputSurface
- Limited format conversions available in some cases
- CPU memory can be used by any other API
  - File I/O, X11 rendering, OpenGL texture upload, ...
- Slowest path if extracted data to be processed on GPU
Interop – X Pixmaps

- Presentation Queue can render to
  - X Window, for end-user display
  - X Pixmap, for interop
    - GLX_EXT_texture_from_pixmap

- Only a single X pixmap per presentation queue
  - Limits pipelining/concurrency
Interop – VdpOutputSurface

- Native format is a single w×h ARGB surface
Interop – VdpVideoSurface

- Each field exposed as separate sub-surfaces
- Luma and chroma exposed as separate sub-surfaces
  - \( \Rightarrow \) Two \( w \times (h/2) \) surfaces for luma
  - With appropriate chroma sub-sampling
  - \( \Rightarrow \) Two \( w \times (h/2) \) or \( w \times (h/4) \) surfaces for chroma
Interop – CUDA

- Exposes VDPAU surfaces as CUDA arrays
- VDPAU surfaces readable and writable
- Well-defined ordering between VDPAU and CUDA accesses
- Access $n$ surfaces at a time
- Fits into standard CUDA interop API style in CUDA 3.1
- Both driver-level and toolkit-level APIs
Interop – CUDA

- cuVDPAAUCtxCreate
- cuGraphicsVDPAURegister{Video,Output}Surface
- cuGraphicsMapResources
- cuGraphicsSubResourceGetMappedArray
- Read from CUDA array, or memcpy to it
- cuGraphicsUnmapResources
- cuGraphicsUnregisterResource
Interop – OpenGL

- Gives VDPAU surfaces OpenGL texture names
- VDPAU surfaces readable and writable
- Well-defined ordering between VDPAU and GL rendering
- Access \( n \) surfaces at a time
- GL_NV_vdpau_interop
Interop - OpenGL

- VDPAUInitNV
- VDPAURegister{Video,Output}SurfaceNV
- VDPAUMapSurfacesNV
- Texture from the surface, or render to it
- VDPAUUnmapSurfacesNV
- VDPAUUnregisterSurfaceNV
- VDPAUFiniNV
Demos

- Basic Decoding
- Interop with CUDA
- Interop with OpenGL
Questions?