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Debugging your GPU Workflow

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Some quick information about me

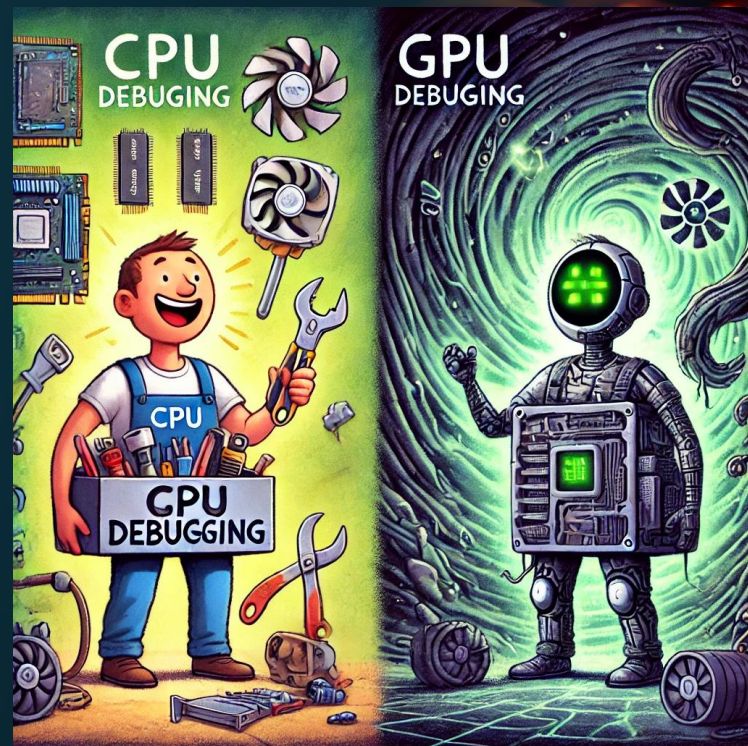
- Been working with Vulkan since 2017
- Been part of the Vulkan Working Group since 2019
- Been LunarG since October 2022
 - Technical Lead for the Validation Layer
 - Help maintain various SPIR-V tools
- Working on building GPU debugging tools over the last year
- Will talk to you forever afterwards about this presentation or anything Vulkan related
 - (personal disclaimer)

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Goals of this talk

- Showcase various ways to use Vulkan API to debug
- Show tools to help debug
- Show how easy it is to use the tools!



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When debugging on the GPU, you want all the tools!



「Toolbox」 Robustness

- Features that can be enabled at device creation time
 - Some implementations will have slight performance reduction when feature is enabled
- Will prevent various out-of-bounds from crashing
- More info: <https://docs.vulkan.org/guide/latest/robustness.html>


「Toolbox」 Robustness – example



```
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Might be larger than the bound VkBuffer!

「Toolbox」 Robustness – example

- Enable `VkPhysicalDeviceFeatures::robustBufferAccess`
 - OOB writes are ignored
 - OOB loads return zero
- Did the crash/issue go away?
 - If it did, likely found source of issue
 - Can catch various OOB issue

「Toolbox」 Robustness – example 2



```
layout buffer SSB0 {  
    uint payload;  
} descriptors[4]; // 4 VkBuffer
```

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void main() {  
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}
```

「Toolbox」 Robustness – example 2

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}
```

What if you forgot to bind a buffer?
(hint, it will hang most devices)

「Toolbox」 Robustness – example 2

- Enable `VkPhysicalDeviceRobustness2FeaturesEXT::nullDescriptor`
- Initialize everything with `VK_NULL_HANDLE`

```
// On CPU  
// vkUpdateDescriptorSets  
  
InitDescriptors() {  
    {0, valid_buffer_handle},  
    {1, VK_NULL_HANDLE},  
    {2, another_buffer_handle},  
    {3, VK_NULL_HANDLE},  
}
```

Robustness limitations

Very subtle difference!

Going to need another tool!

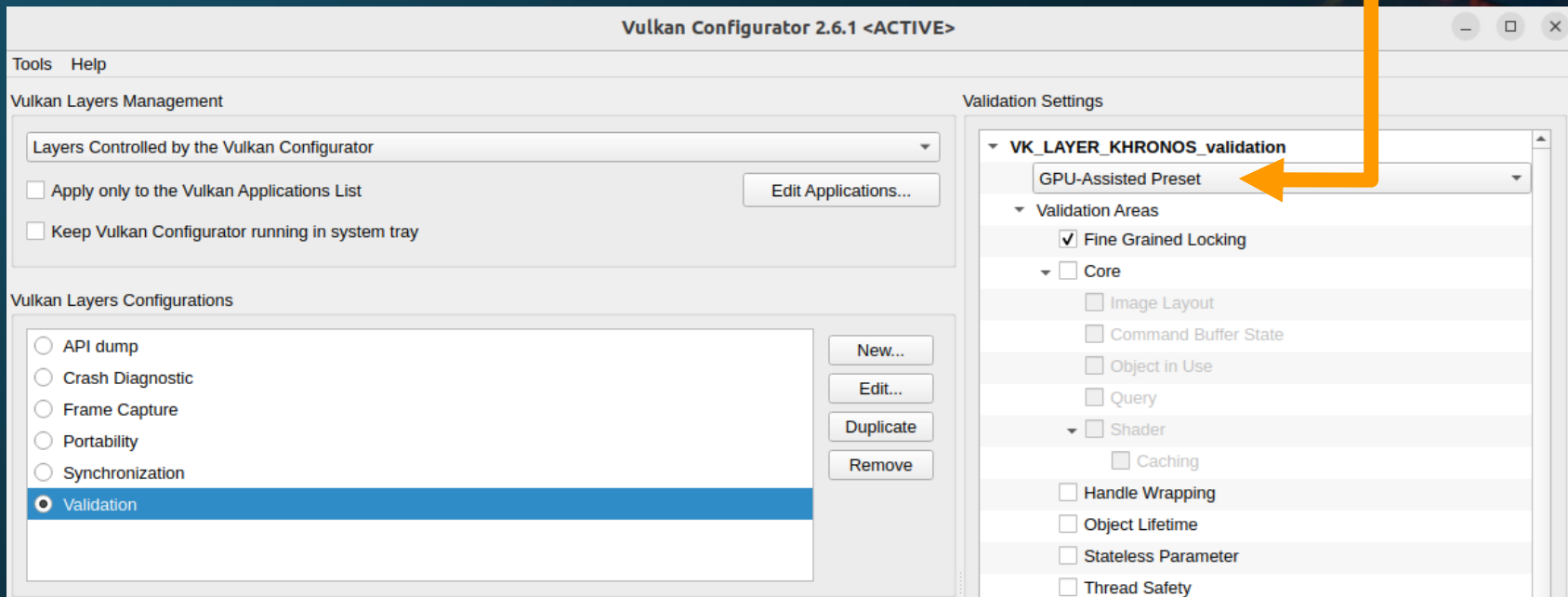
```
layout buffer SSB0 {  
    uint payload;  
} descriptors[4];  
  
void main() {  
    // caught by nullDescriptor  
    descriptors[3].payload = 1;  
  
    // index will be 4 or higher  
    descriptors[index].payload = 1;  
}
```

「Toolbox」 GPU-AV

- GPU Assisted Validation
 - Optional setting in the Validation Layers
- Everything that can't be detected on the CPU
- Add “hooks” to see what the GPU is doing at runtime and report back
- Has been top priority for us over the last year
 - we are only getting more and more GPU Centric world now.

「Toolbox」 GPU-AV - turning on*

- VkConfig (recommended)



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```
VkBool32 enable = VK_TRUE;
VkLayerSettingEXT layer_setting = {
    VVL_LAYER_NAME, "gpuav_enable", VK_LAYER_SETTING_TYPE_BOOL32_EXT, 1, &gpuav_value
};

VkLayerSettingsCreateInfoEXT layer_settings_create_info;
layer_settings_create_info.settingCount = 1;
layer_settings_create_info.pSettings = &layer_setting;

VkInstanceCreateInfo instance_create_info;
instance_create_info.pNext = &layer_settings_create_info;
```

「Toolbox」 GPU-AV - turning on*

- VkConfig (recommended)
- VK_EXT_layer_settings
- Environment variables
 - **Warning** - this will still have Core Validation and will be extra slow

```
VK_LAYER_GPUAV_ENABLE=1 ./myApp
```

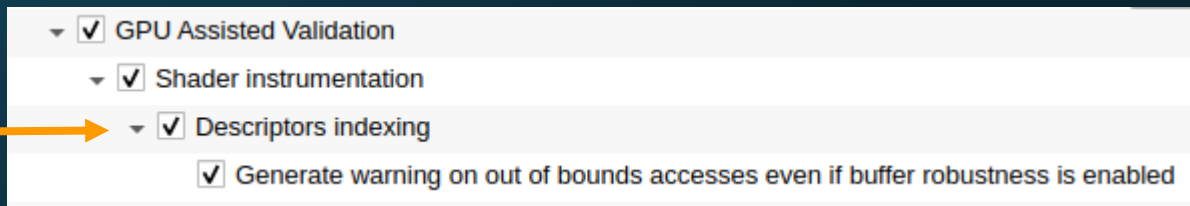
「Toolbox」 GPU-AV - turning on*

- VkConfig (recommended)
- VK_EXT_layer_settings
- Environment variables
- VK_EXT_validation_features (deprecated)

```
// Provided by VK_EXT_validation_features
typedef enum VkValidationFeatureEnableEXT {
    VK_VALIDATION_FEATURE_ENABLE_GPU_ASSISTED_EXT = 0,
    VK_VALIDATION_FEATURE_ENABLE_GPU_ASSISTED_RESERVE_BINDING_SLOT_EXT = 1,
    VK_VALIDATION_FEATURE_ENABLE_BEST_PRACTICES_EXT = 2,
    VK_VALIDATION_FEATURE_ENABLE_DEBUG_PRINTF_EXT = 3,
    VK_VALIDATION_FEATURE_ENABLE_SYNCHRONIZATION_VALIDATION_EXT = 4,
} VkValidationFeatureEnableEXT;
```

「Toolbox」 GPU-AV - Descriptor Indexing

- Detects OOB descriptor index accesses
- Detects if descriptor is uninitialized or destroyed
- Detects if the descriptor itself is valid
 - Ex. Storage buffer is not accessed OOB
 - Ex. A 3D image accessed is bound to a `VkImage` with `VK_IMAGE_TYPE_3D`



(Options from VkConfig)

「Toolbox」 GPU-AV - Buffer Device Address

- aka - buffer reference
- aka - `PhysicalStorageBuffer`
(`SPV_KHR_physical_storage_buffer`)
- aka - pointers in your shader

「Toolbox」 GPU-AV - Buffer Device Address



```
layout(buffer_reference) buffer Node {
    uint payload;
};

layout(set = 0, binding = 0) uniform Buffer {
    uint64_t ptr;
};


void main() {
    Node node = Node(ptr);
    node.payload = 0;
}
```

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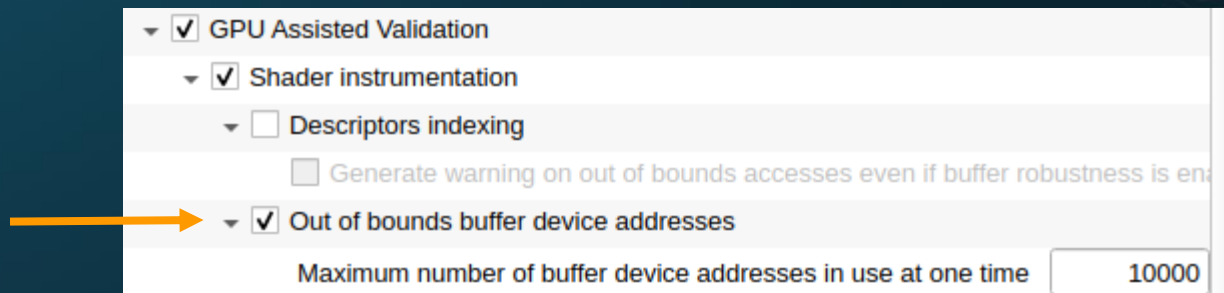
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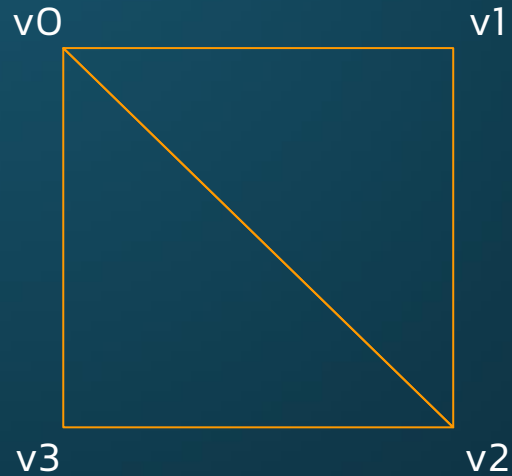
「Toolbox」 GPU-AV - Buffer Device Address

- Detects if address is not properly aligned
- Detects if address is not inside a valid VkBuffer range



(Options from VkConfig)

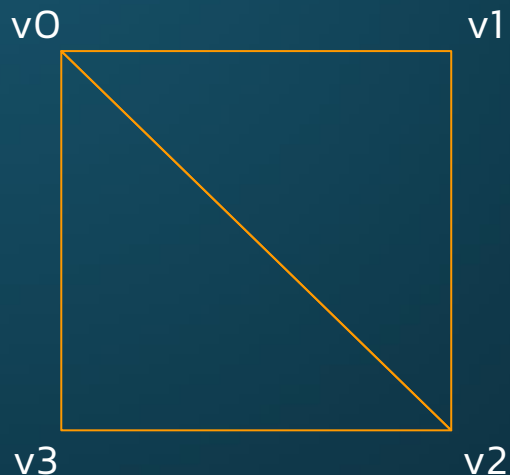
Index Buffer gone wrong



Index
Buffer

0	1	2	2	3	0
---	---	---	---	---	---

Index Buffer gone wrong



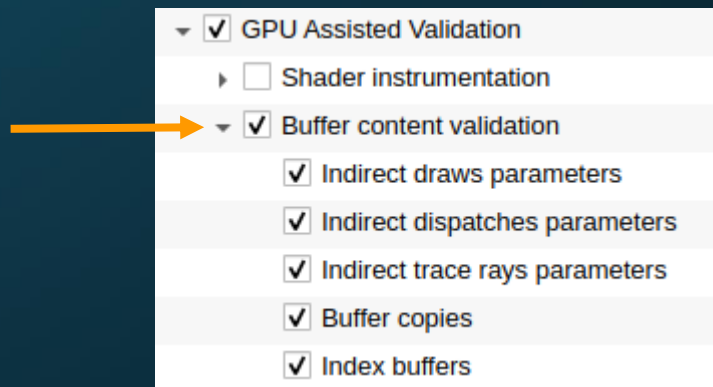
```
vkBeginCommandBuffer();  
vkCmdPipelineBarrier(VK_ACCESS_INDEX_READ_BIT);  
vkCmdDispatch(); // invalid update to index buffer  
vkCmdPipelineBarrier(VK_ACCESS_INDEX_READ_BIT);  
vkCmdDrawIndexed();  
vkEndCommandBuffer();
```

Index
Buffer



「Toolbox」 GPU-AV - Buffer Contents

- Detects invalid indirect draw/dispatch/traceRay parameters
- Detects if depth/stencil buffer copies have invalid contents
- Detects invalid values inside index buffer



(Options from VkConfig)

「Toolbox」 GPU-AV is still growing!

- Many new things planned for 2025
 - Making it faster!
 - Better error messages!
 - VK_EXT_descriptor_buffer
 - VK_EXT_device_generated_commands
 - Ray Tracing
 - Mesh Shaders
- Please contact me (after the talk, Github issue, email, knocking on my front door) with GPU Validation you would find helpful!
 - Important to know which things to focus on first

GPU-AV (and other tools) limitations

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GPU-AV (and other tools) limitations

- Can't read/examine your source code
 - Can use your variable names
- Can't read your mind
 - Don't know why you are trying to do what you are doing

「Toolbox」 VK_EXT_debug_utils

- Give names to Vulkan handles
- Give names to section of command buffer
- Give name to VkQueue
- Will print out in Validation Layer errors (and other tools!)

「Toolbox」 VK_EXT_debug_utils



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```
Engine::CreateBuffer(/* */, const char* debug_name) {  
    VkBuffer buffer;  
    vkCreateBuffer(device, info, nullptr, &buffer);  
  
    const VkDebugUtilsObjectNameInfoEXT debug_utils = {  
        .objectType = VK_OBJECT_TYPE_BUFFER,  
        .objectHandle = (uint64_t)buffer,  
        .pObjectName = debug_name,  
    };  
  
    vkSetDebugUtilsObjectNameEXT(device, &debug_utils);  
}
```

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        .pObjectName = debug_name,  
    };  
  
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        .objectHandle = (uint64_t)buffer,  
        .pObjectName = debug_name, ←  
    };  
  
    vkSetDebugUtilsObjectNameEXT(device, &debug_utils);  
}
```

「Toolbox」 VK_EXT_debug_utils



Validation Error: [VUID-XXXX] vkCmdDraw() you did something bad in `VkBuffer 0xb9181f0000000029`[Material Buffer]

Some people do LOTS of draws



```
vkBeginCommandBuffer()  
vkCmdDraw()  
// ...  
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// ...  
vkCmdDraw()
```

Validation Error: the 53rd vkCmdDraw() was bad
(this is not helpful for most people)

```
vkCmdDraw()  
// ...  
vkCmdDraw()  
// ...  
vkCmdDraw()  
  
//.....
```

「Toolbox」 VK_EXT_debug_utils



```
VkDebugUtilsLabelEXT debug_util;

command_buffer.Begin();

debug_util.pLabelName = "region_0";
vkCmdBeginDebugUtilsLabelEXT(command_buffer, &debug_util);

// Draws and other work

debug_util.pLabelName = "region_1";
vkCmdBeginDebugUtilsLabelEXT(command_buffer, &debug_util);

// Do more work (but something was invalid!)

vkCmdEndDebugUtilsLabelEXT(command_buffer); // End of region 1
vkCmdEndDebugUtilsLabelEXT(command_buffer); // End of region 0

command_buffer.End();
```

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「Toolbox」 VK_EXT_debug_utils



```
Validation Error: [ VUID-XXXX ] [ Debug region: region_0::region_1 ] vkCmdDraw() you did something bad
```

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The GPU should **not** be any different!

「Toolbox」 NonSemantic Shader

DebugInfo

- Allows SPIR-V to be mapped back out to source language
 - This is what allows RenderDoc to let you [step through a shader](#)
 - Allows Validation Layers to report source code in error message

「Toolbox」 NonSemantic Shader DebugInfo

```
SPIR-V Instruction Index = 41
```

VS

```
SPIR-V Instruction Index = 41  
Shader validation error occurred in file a.comp at line 6, column 14
```

```
x = data.indices[16];  
                ^
```

How to get this to work?

- **App** – make sure device supports `VK_KHR_shader_non_semantic_info`
 - Promoted in Vulkan 1.3
- **Shading Language** – Produce the debug info
 - They likely do already!
- **Tools** – Consume the debug info

「Toolbox」 NonSemantic Shader DebugInfo

- Simple way to turn add to your SPIR-V
- Create a “debug” build of your shaders
- Same idea of **relwithdebuginfo**

```
./glslang -gV # generate nonsemantic shader debug information
./glslang -gVS # generate nonsemantic shader debug information with source

./dxc -fspv-extension=SPV_KHR_non_semantic_info -fspv-debug=vulkan-with-source

./slangc -g2
./slangc -gstandard # same as -g2
```

2025 is the year of better shader debugging

- Thank Baldur!
- Many tools still need to improve usage of this
- Created SPIR-V Guide article to help https://github.com/KhronosGroup/SPIRV-Guide/blob/main/chapters/shader_debug_info.md
- File bug reports on your tools if they use incorrectly!

「Toolbox」 Debug Printf

- Lets you use `printf()` inside your shader
- Great to find values inside your shader
- Great to know if hit Ray Tracing stages
- Can produce a **LOT** of data
 - Would suggest wrapping with things such as `if (gl_VertexIndex == 0)`

「Toolbox」 Debug Printf

- Simple idea
 - Store values in a buffer, read afterwards and use `sprintf()`
- Standardized with `SPV_KHR_non_semantic_info`
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- Need 2 things
 1. Add to your shader
 2. Have a tool consume it (and display the results)

「Toolbox」 Debug Printf Example

GLSL

```
● ● ●  
  
#version 450  
#extension GL_EXT_debug_printf : enable  
layout(set = 0, binding = 0) buffer SSB0 {  
    uint index;  
};  
  
void main() {  
    debugPrintfEXT("index = %u\n", index);  
}
```

HLSL / Slang

```
● ● ●  
  
RWStructuredBuffer<uint> SSB0;  
  
[shader("compute")]  
[numthreads(1, 1, 1)]  
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    uint index = SSB0[0];  
    printf("index = %u\n", index);  
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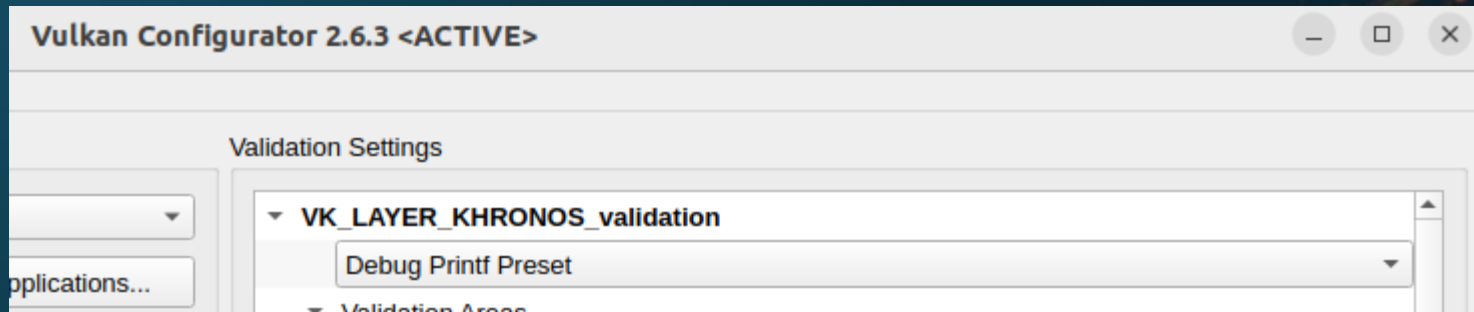
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It is really this simple to add to your shader!

「Toolbox」 Debug Printf Example

- Super fast to get going with in VkConfig



`printf()` results in same spot as normal validation layer error messages

「Toolbox」 Debug Printf Example

- New way to quickly turn on Debug Printf
 - Need 1.4.304 SDK (or later)
 - Will disable the rest of Validation Layers for you
 - Still recommend using VkConfig if you can instead



```
$ export VK_LAYER_PRINTF_ONLY_PRESET=1
```

```
# Optional - will bypass debug callback and send directly to stdout
```

```
$ export VK_LAYER_PRINTF_TO_STDOUT=1
```

```
$ ./myVulkanApp
```

```
frag_pos = -3.19, -1.44, 4.69
frag_pos = -1.22, 0.43, 7.29
frag_pos = -3.19, 2.70, 5.72
frag_pos = 3.19, -2.70, 5.56
frag_pos = -1.22, -3.71, 6.26
frag_pos = -1.22, 0.43, 7.29
frag_pos = 1.22, 3.71, 5.02
frag_pos = 3.19, -2.70, 5.56
frag_pos = 1.22, -0.43, 3.99
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frag_pos = 1.44, 3.66, 5.06
frag_pos = 3.09, -2.81, 5.64
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frag_pos = -1.66, -3.61, 6.19
frag_pos = -2.99, -1.22, 4.54
frag_pos = -1.66, 0.53, 7.22
frag_pos = -2.99, 2.92, 5.57
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Links examples of Debug Printf

- Compiler Explorer (Godbolt) links to play with online
 - GLSL - <https://godbolt.org/z/4fafn75Wq>
 - HLSL - <https://godbolt.org/z/d84qs4rca>
 - Slang - <https://godbolt.org/z/xz8v9hnK1>
- Shameless plug – did you know SPIR-V and GPU Shading languages are now on Compiler Explorer!

「Toolbox」 Debug Printf - final note

- As of the 1.4.304 SDK can now be simultaneously used with GPU-AV

Help me!

I am getting
VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST
and don't know what to do!

「Toolbox」 VK_EXT_device_fault

- Can provide great information on `VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST`
 - Unfortunately still not supported everywhere

```
● ● ●  
  
VkResult result = vkQueueSubmit(queue, 1, submit_info, fence);  
  
if (result == VK_ERROR_DEVICE_LOST) {  
    VkDeviceFaultCountsEXT count;  
    vkGetDeviceFaultInfoEXT(device, &count, nullptr);  
    vector<VkDeviceFaultInfoEXT> info(count);  
    vkGetDeviceFaultInfoEXT(device, &count, info.data());  
  
    // GPU virtual address  
    info->pAddressInfos->reportedAddress  
    // Human readable description of the fault  
    info->pVendorInfos->description  
}
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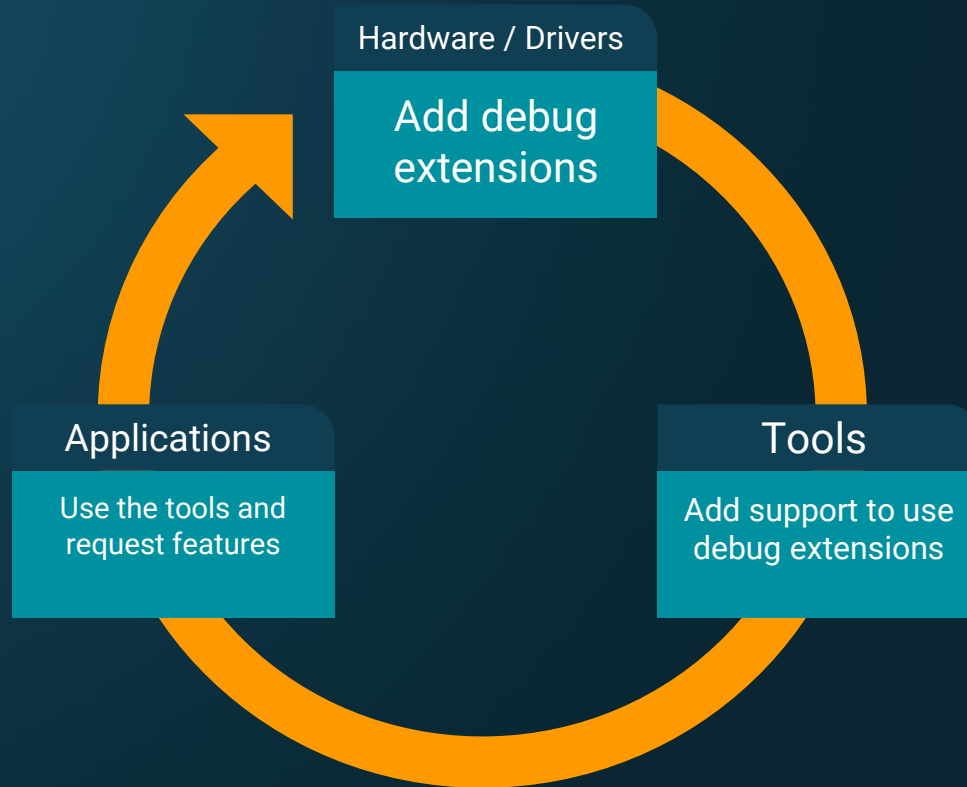
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- Even simpler options – just use Crash Diagnostic Layer
 - See Jeremy's talk after me

The toolbox is large

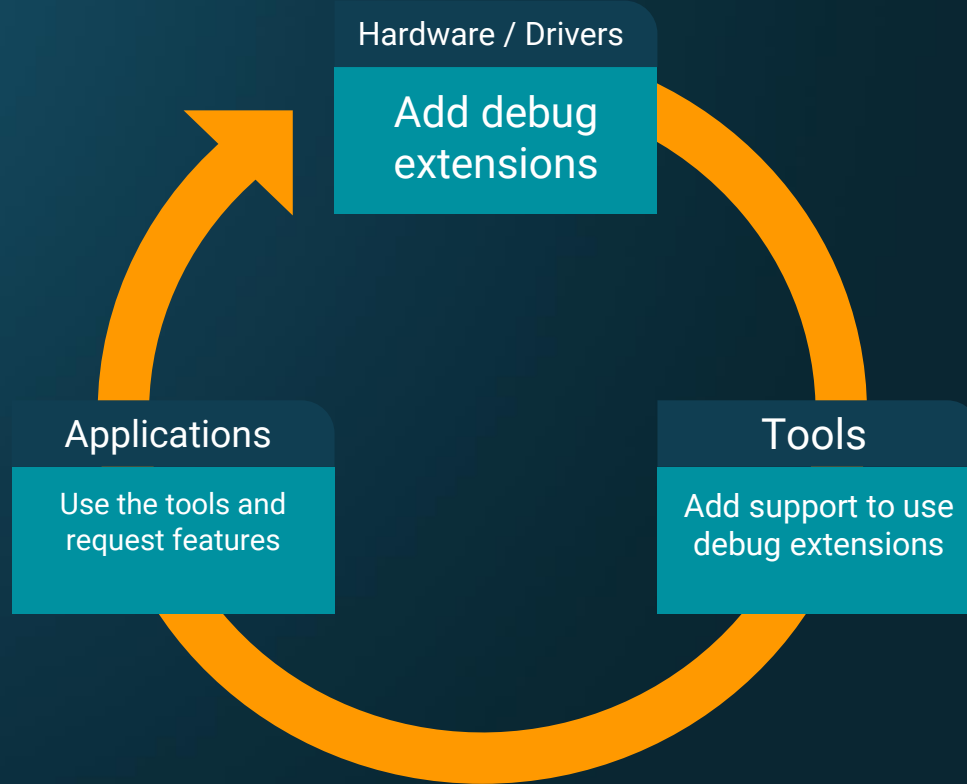
- Many other tools I didn't have time to mention
 - [RenderDoc](#)
 - [Crash Diagnostic Layer](#)
 - [GPU Reshape](#)
 - Vendor specific tools
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 - Etc
 - Platform specific tools
 - [Android GPU Inspector \(AGI\)](#)

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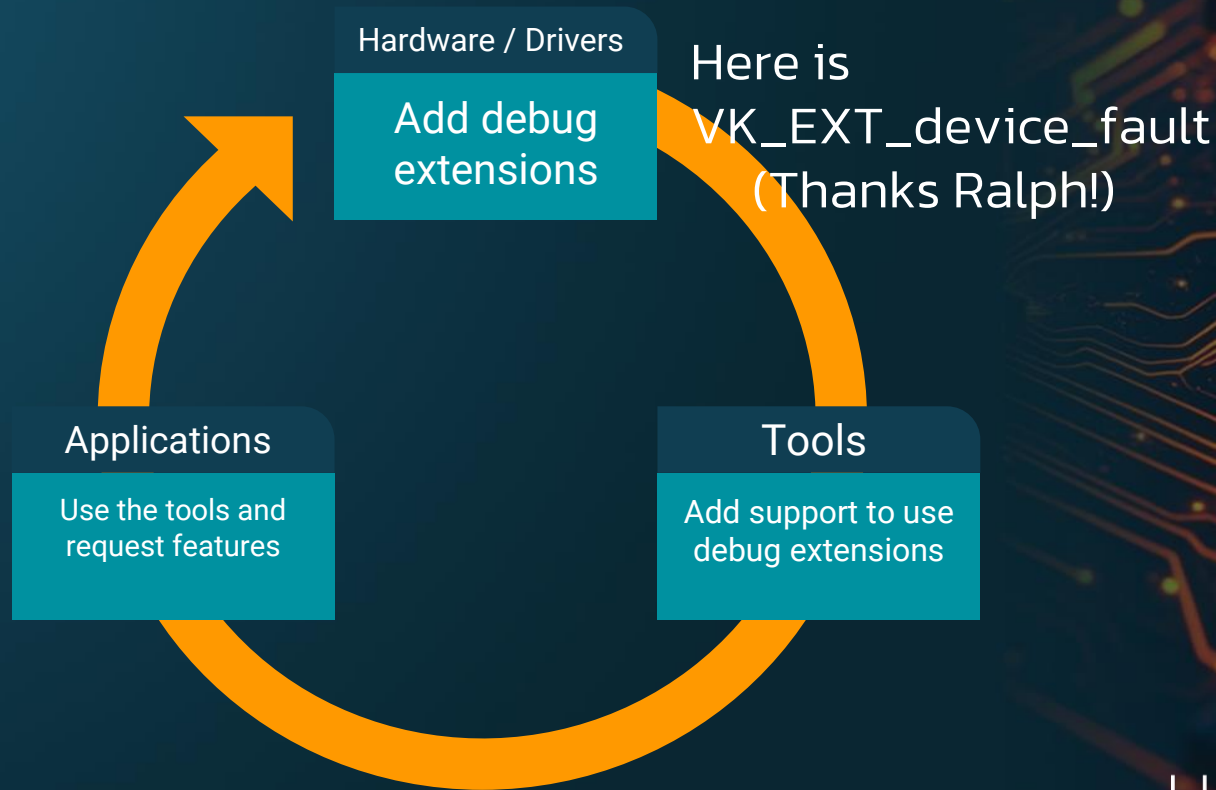


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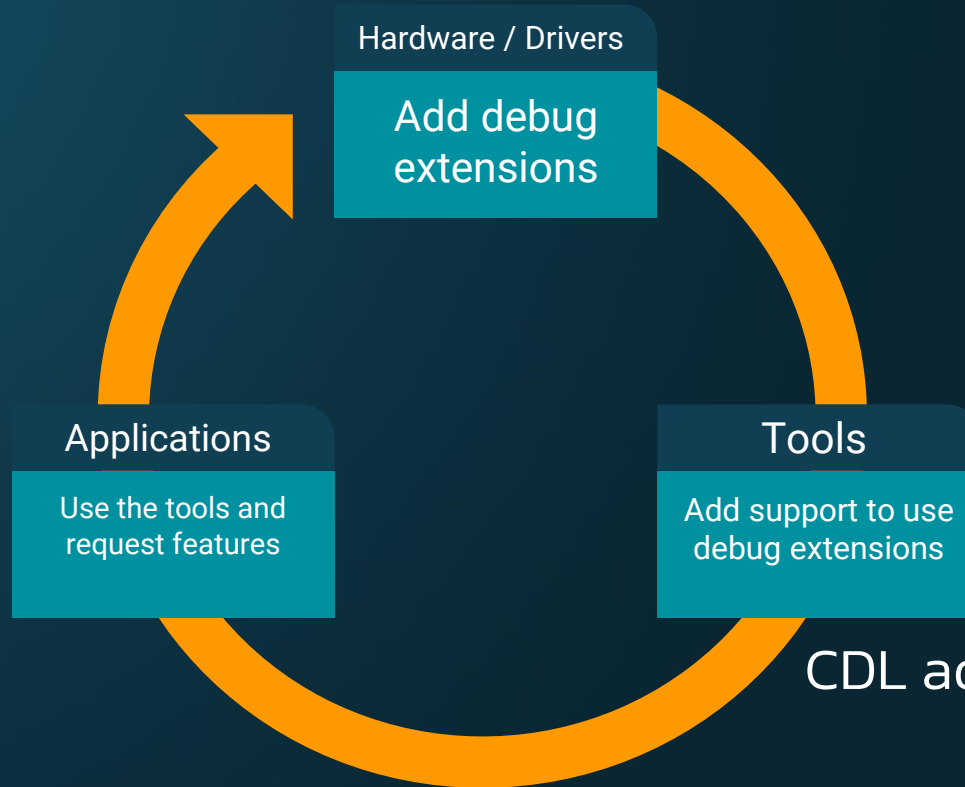
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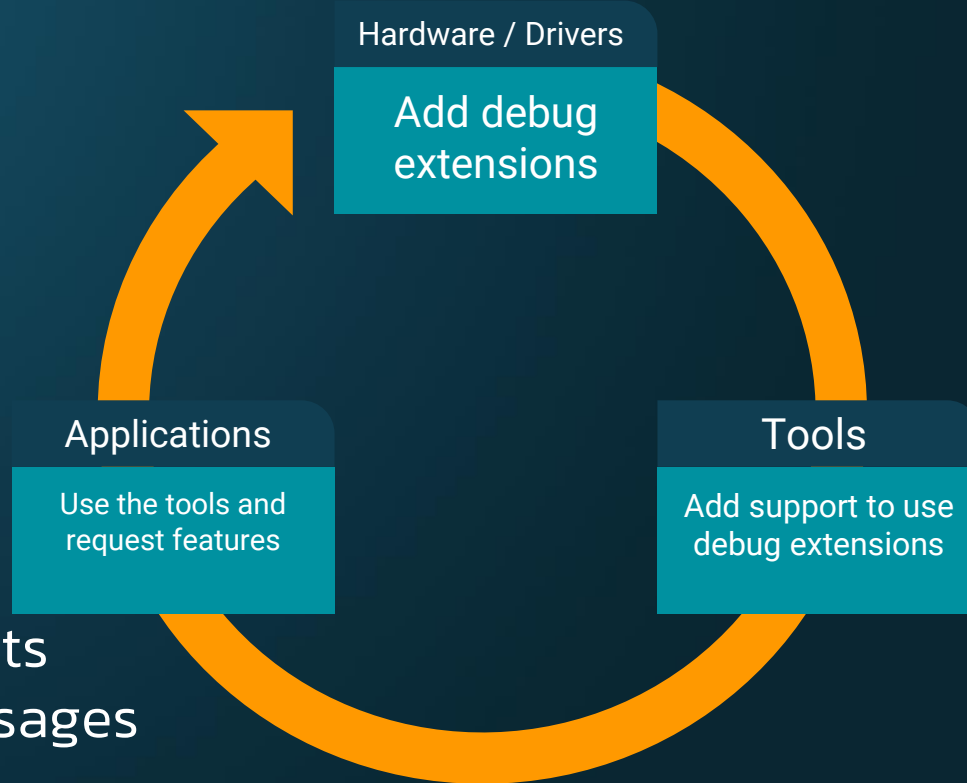
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Uses CDL and gets better error messages

Final Reminder

- Tell me your feedback what tools **you** want!
 - After the talk
 - Online
 - Over coffee if you are in the Raleigh, NC area!
- Community feedback helps drives a lot of decisions

Thank you!

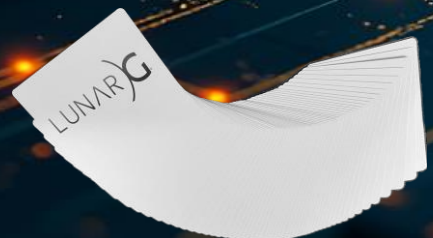
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