

Khronos Mission



Software



Silicon

Khronos is an International Industry Consortium of over 100 companies creating royalty-free, open standard APIs to enable software to access hardware acceleration for 3D graphics, Virtual and Augmented Reality, Parallel Computing, Neural Networks and Vision Processing

OpenCL SC TSG



SPIR-V Ecosystem

Khronos has open sourced these tools and translators

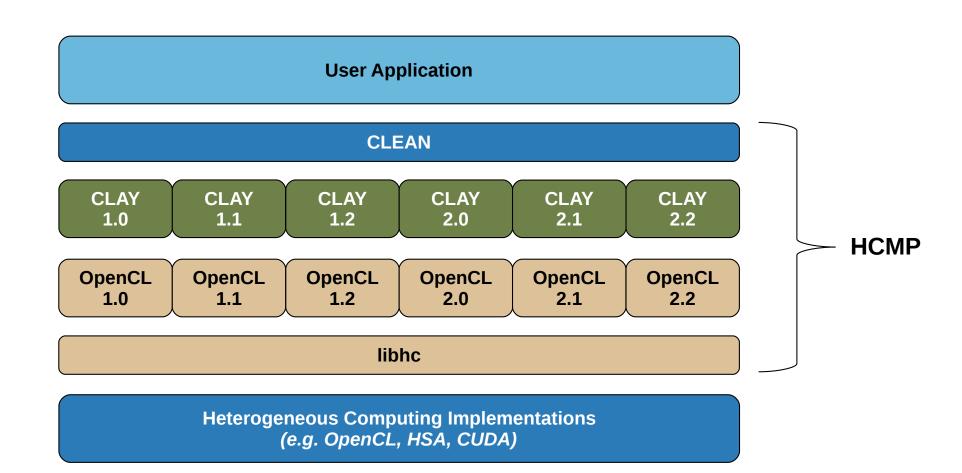
https://github.com/KhronosGroup/SPIRV-Tools

SPIR. **HLSL GLSL** Third party kernel and shader Languages glslang OpenCL C OpenCL C++ SPIR-V Magic #: 0x07230203 Front-end Front-end SPIR-V Version 99 Builder's Magic #: 0x051a00BB <id> bound is 50 OpMemory Model SPIR-V (Dis)Assembler Logical GLSL450 **OpEntryPoint** Fragment shader function <id> 4 OpTypeVoid **LLVM SPIR-V Validator** <id> is 2 OpTypeFunction <id> is 3 LLVM to SPIR-V return type <id> is 2 **Bi-directional** Other **Translator** Result Type <id> is 2 Intermediate Result <id> is 4 **Forms** Function Type <id> is 3 SPIR. **IHV Driver** Vulkan. **Runtimes**

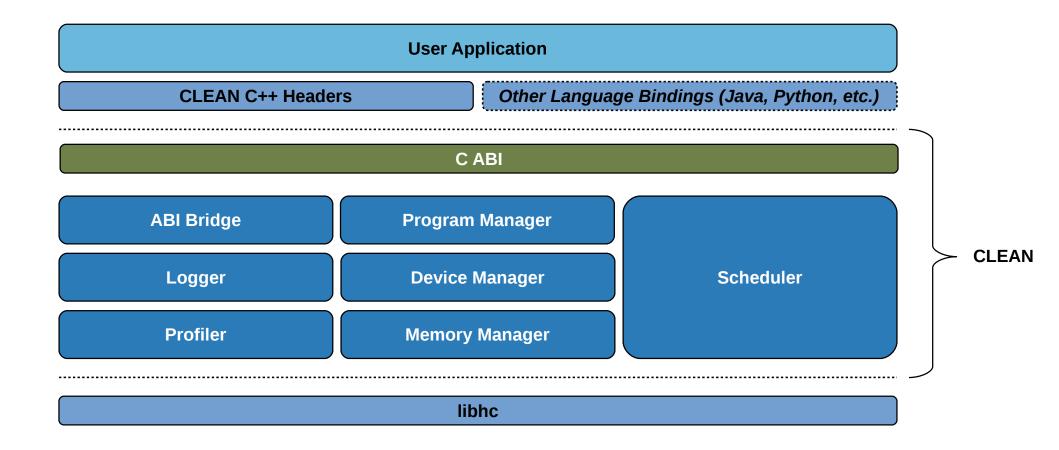
SPIR-V

- Khronos defined and controlled cross-API intermediate language
 - Native support for graphics and parallel constructs
 - 32-bit Word Stream
- Extensible and easily parsed
- Retains data object and control flow information for effective code generation and translation

HCMP Architecture

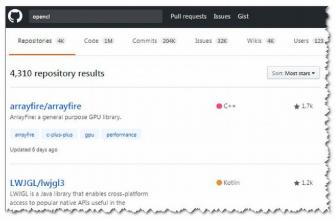


CLEAN Architecture



Lessons from OpenCL's First Eight Years

- OpenCL is really needed
 - Almost every silicon vendor shipping OpenCL implementations
 - 100s of software products relying OpenCL acceleration
 - Over 4,000 GitHub repositories building on OpenCL
- A layered ecosystem is the way to go
 - Low-level should provide explicit hardware access
 - Complex drivers get in the way keep the lowest level as simple as possible
 - 'Ease-of-use' can be provided by higher layers
- Performance Portability can't be done by magic
 - Responsibility of higher levels with system/domain context
- Users love language flexibility
 - SPIR-V is awesome choice of language front-ends
- Market segments need deployment flexibility
 - DSP inferencing should not be forced to ship IEEE FP32
 - Feature sets toggle capabilities within a coherent framework
- Industry adoption paths matter
 - Apple, Google, NVIDIA...

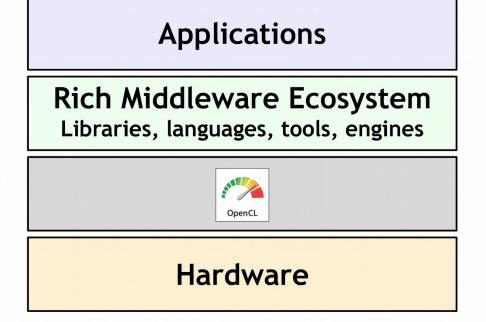


Embrace the Layered Ecosystem

OpenCL mixes providing low-level hardware access with 'ease-of-use'

Didn't make it clear that lowlevel performance portability is impossible

Did not focus on rapidly porting efficient libraries



Middleware just needs direct access to hardware. Driver should 'get out of the way'

Middleware can provide ease of use

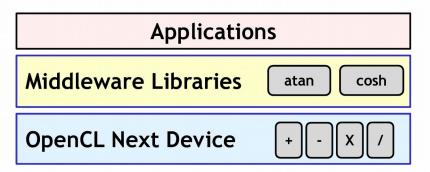
Middleware has the system/domain context to try to provide performance portability

Run-time abstraction to compute hardware IS needed:

- Software vendors can't afford to port to every type/generation hardware
 - Hardware vendors want to keep innovating under an abstraction

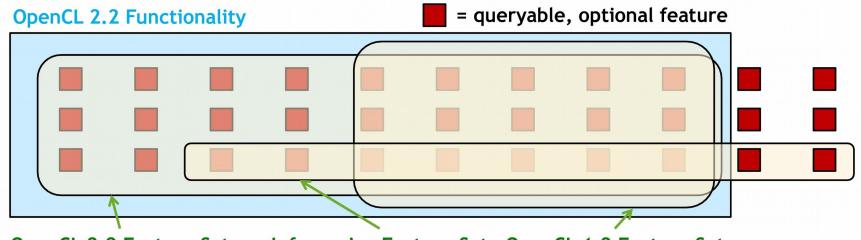
OpenCL Next

- Enable diverse, heterogenous computing architectures
 - Not just GPUs
- Enable vendors to ship targeted functionality for their customers/markets
 - While still being formally conformant
- Empower middleware + libraries to emulate features
 - Reduces implementation cost
 - Enables portability without vendors implementing all features
- · More features in OpenCL become optional e.g. floating point
 - Enable smaller devices to support recent OpenCL versions
 - Dependency tree between features
- Enhanced query mechanisms
 - Application queries which OpenCL features are supported by a device



OpenCL Next Feature Sets

- Optional Feature Sets to reduce market fragmentation
 - Opportunity for industry to flexibly agree on commonly supported functionality
 - Features optional in both language and API
- Vendor can support ANY combination of features
 - Not necessary to support any Feature Set as long as supported features are conformant
 - If features include 100% of a Feature Set can claim conformance to that Feature Set
 - Supporting popular Feature Sets may help drive sales
 - An Implementation may support multiple Feature Sets



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