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Developing and Porting PC Level Graphics Games for Android TV

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This Talk

- What is necessary to port a AAA PC/Console title to SHIELD?

- Functionality
- Performance

- We want SHIELD/Android to be your easiest porting platform!

Borderlands 2 and Pre-Sequel

Images from borderlands2.com and borderlandsthegame.com

Borderlands 2 and Pre-Sequel

- Developed by Gearbox, 2K Games, 2K Australia

- Borderlands 2 (BL2), released September 2012
- Borderlands: The Pre-Sequel! (TPS), released October 2014

- Based on modified Unreal Engine 3 (June 2011 build)
- Originally released on Windows, X360, PS3, Linux, Mac

- PC renderer based on D3D9
  - OpenGL support added later for Linux port (TPS had it at launch)

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Unreal Engine 3 and Android

- Existing UE3 support for Android…
  - Base engine, kind of
  - Libraries
  - ES2 mobile renderer
  - Some sample apps
- What we can re-use…
- What we want to add/replace…

Libraries

- The newer your engine build, the better
- For us (June 2011)
  - Google protobuf
  - AkAudio/Wwise
  - PhysX
  - Bink
  - FaceFX
  - Scaleform!!!
- Integration varies in difficulty

Renderer

- Our building blocks
  - D3D9 Renderer
  - OpenGL 3.2 PC Renderer
  - OpenGL ES2 Renderer
- Addition: OpenGL ES3.1 backend

	PC	SHIELD	Other Android
D3D9	YES	NO	NO
GL 3.2	YES	YES	NO
ES 2.0	YES*	YES	YES
ES 3.1	YES*	YES	YES

PC OpenGL Functionality

- Already have OpenGL support? Good!
- Otherwise…

OpenGL Correctness

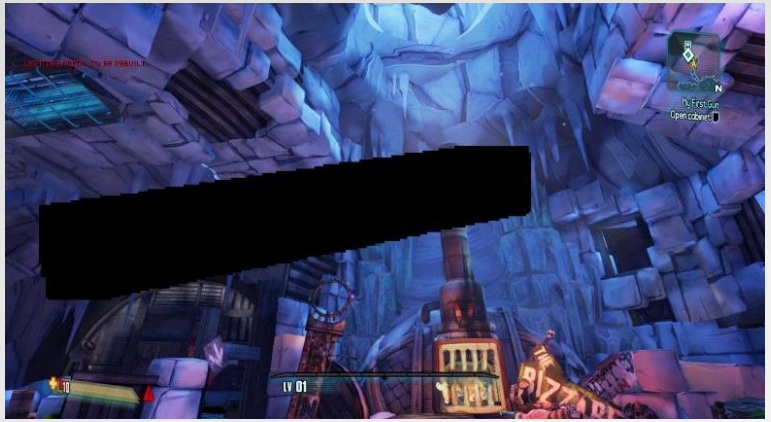
- Inversions! Artifacts!
- Or worst of all…nothing…

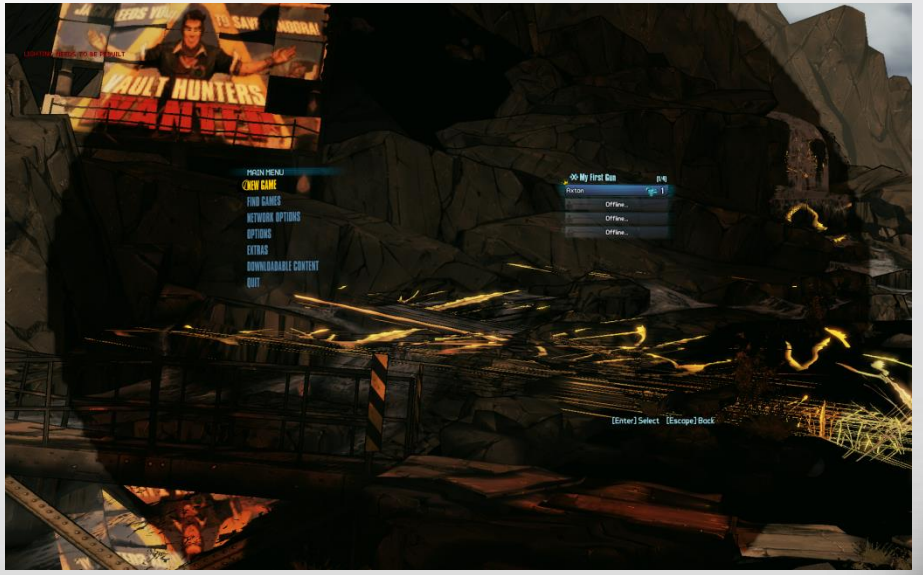
- Stock UE3 effects
- Custom effects

- Common fixes
  - Texture space inversions (t = 1.0 – t)
    - Static versus dynamically generated versus render buffers
  - Clip space Z difference (z = 2z – 1.0)
  - NaN/inf behavior (abs/epsilon)

- NSight OpenGL will help you out here

More Bug Examples

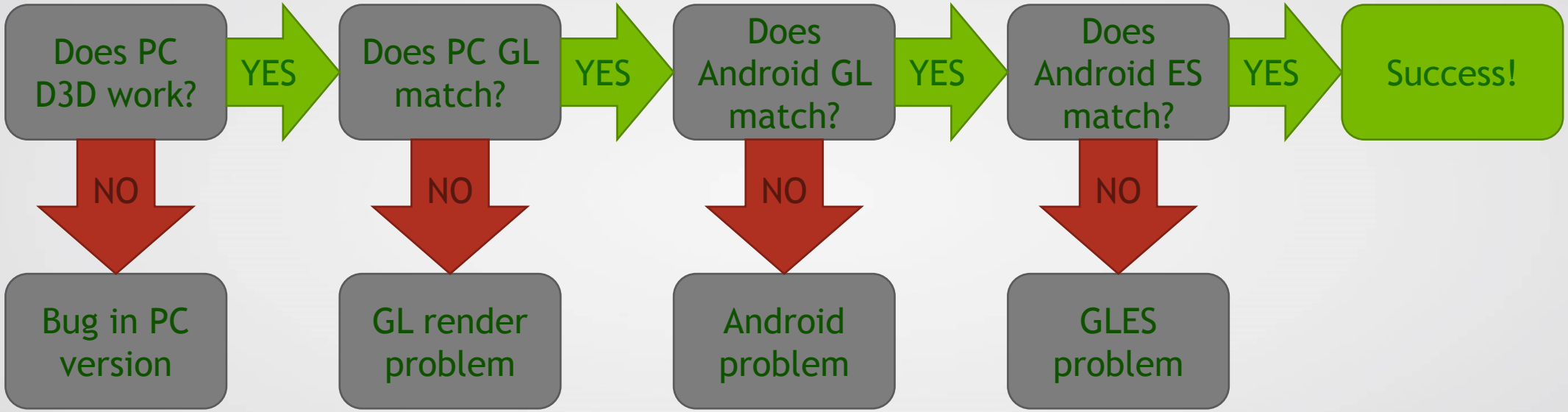




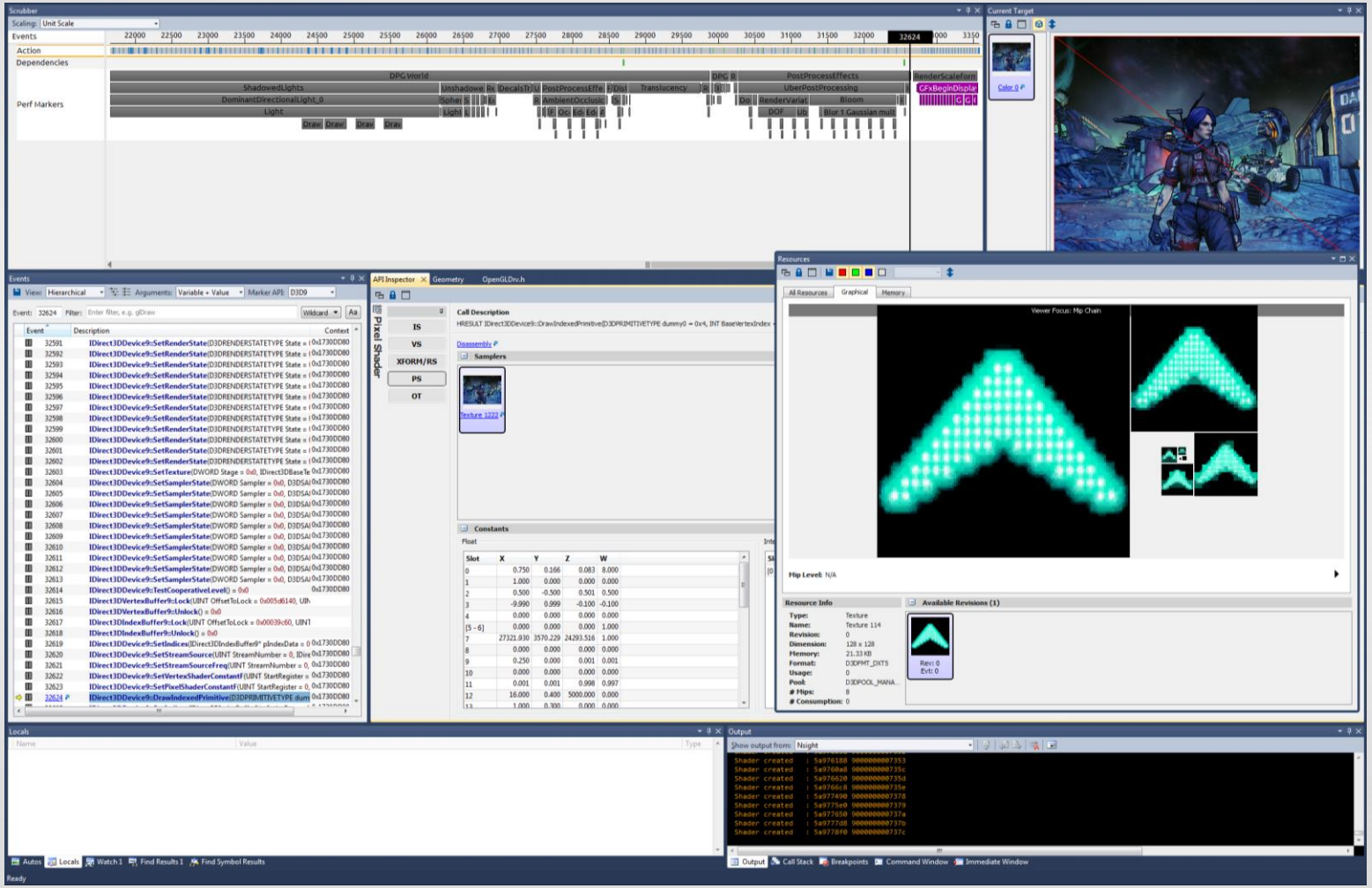
Android OpenGL Functionality

- UE3's existing Android support is limited
  - Special case ES2 mobile renderer
- Our solution: convert everything over to desktop GL codepath
  - New RHI GL backend using EGL that supports both GL 3.2 and ES 3.1

Debugging Android



Debug View (D3D)



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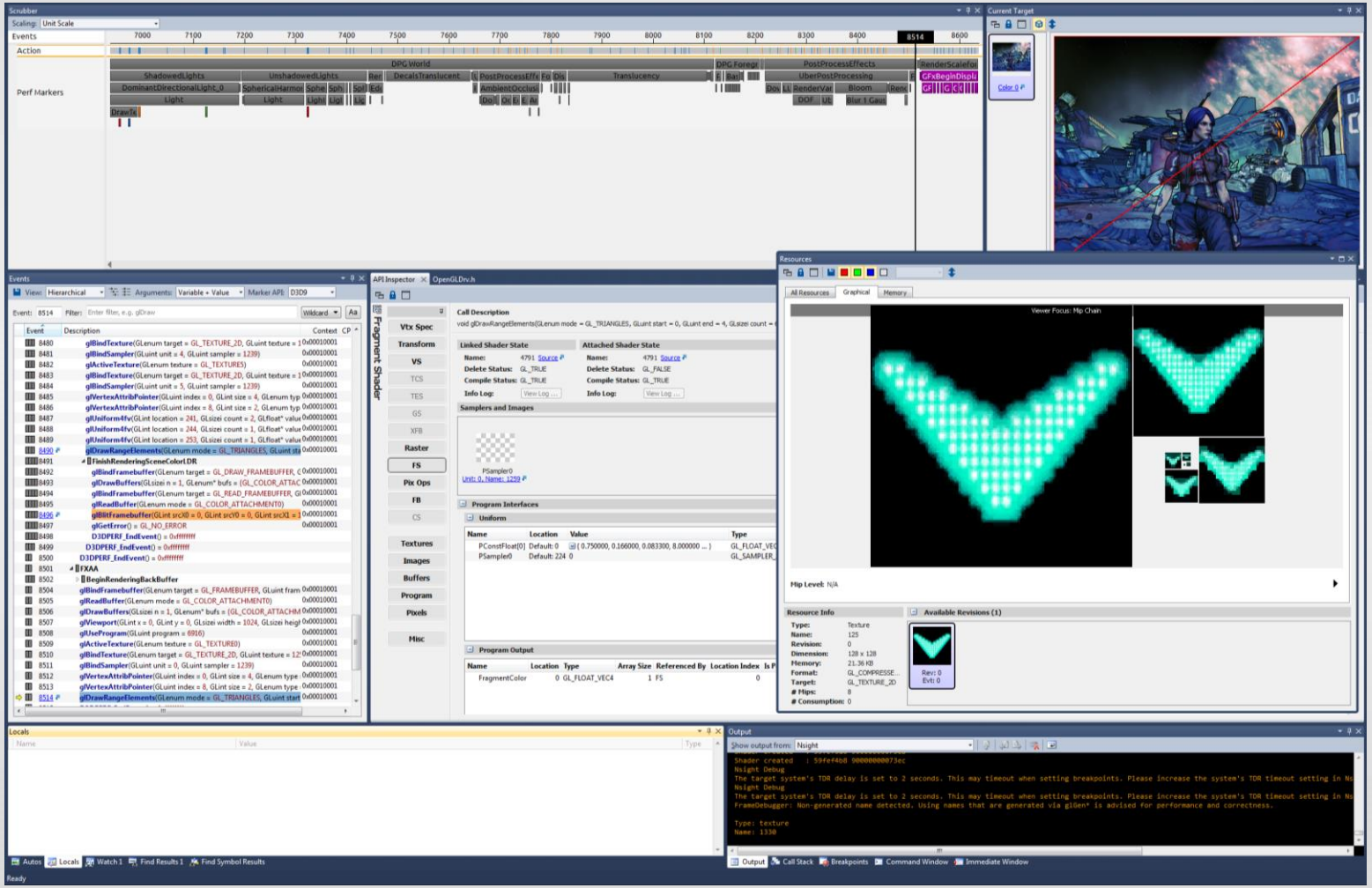

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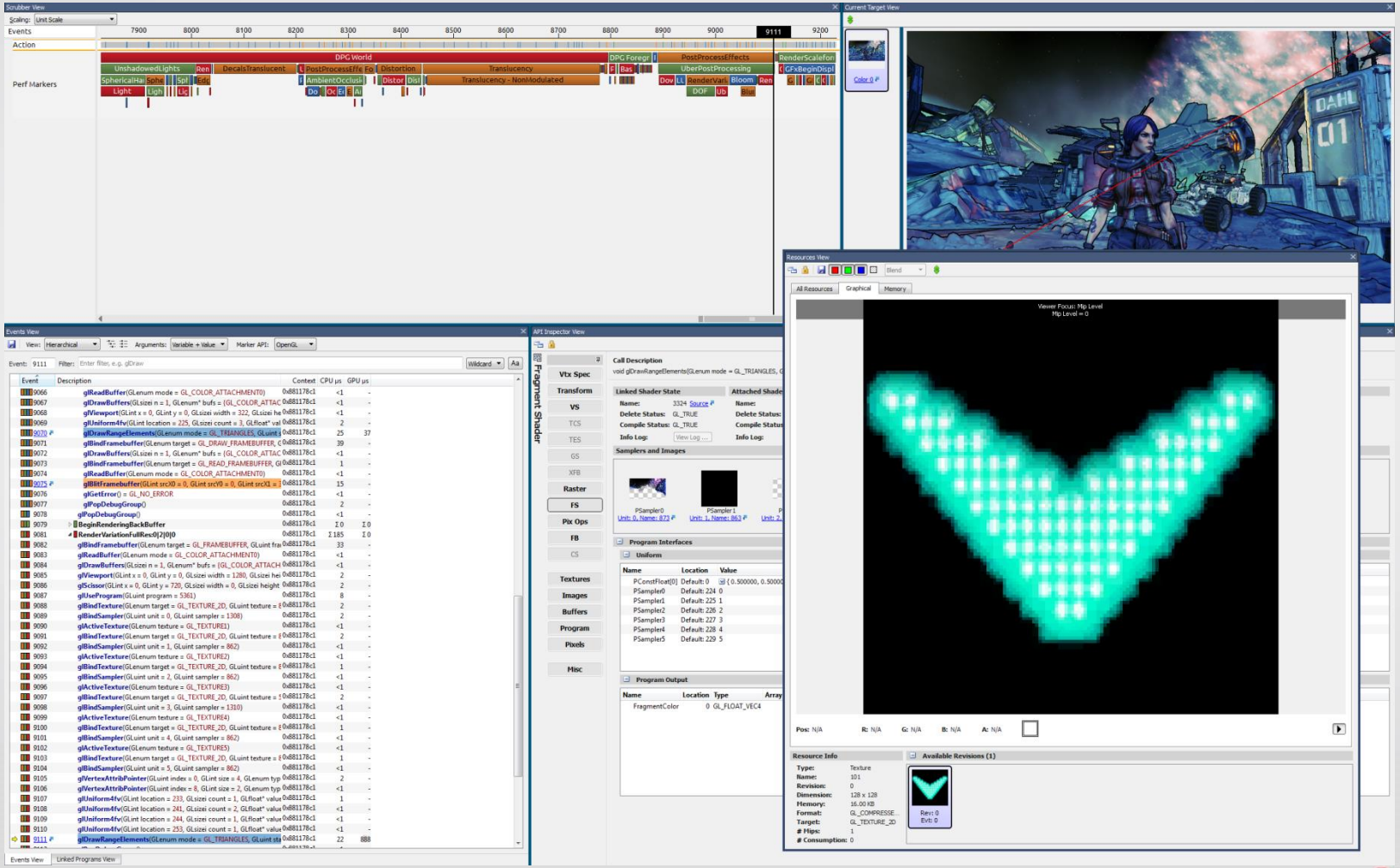


Checkpoint

- At this point, we have a (mostly) functionally complete, playable game
- Framerate may vary
- Next step is to boost performance to make it more enjoyable

Initial Performance Notes

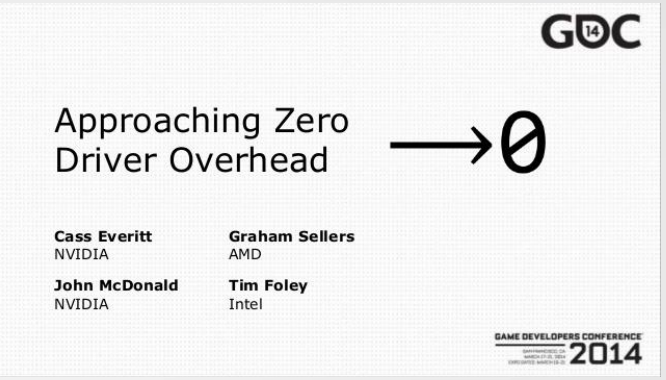
- A mix of CPU and GPU bound cases in the render thread
- More hitching on Android versus PC

- Example scene: main menu
  - 15-30FPS, GPU bound on TX1 1080p
- Example scene: first level
  - 26-28FPS, CPU/GPU bound on TX1 810p
  - Null GPU runs at 40FPS

- Game thread 10-12ms on TX1 during play

State of the UE3 GL RHI

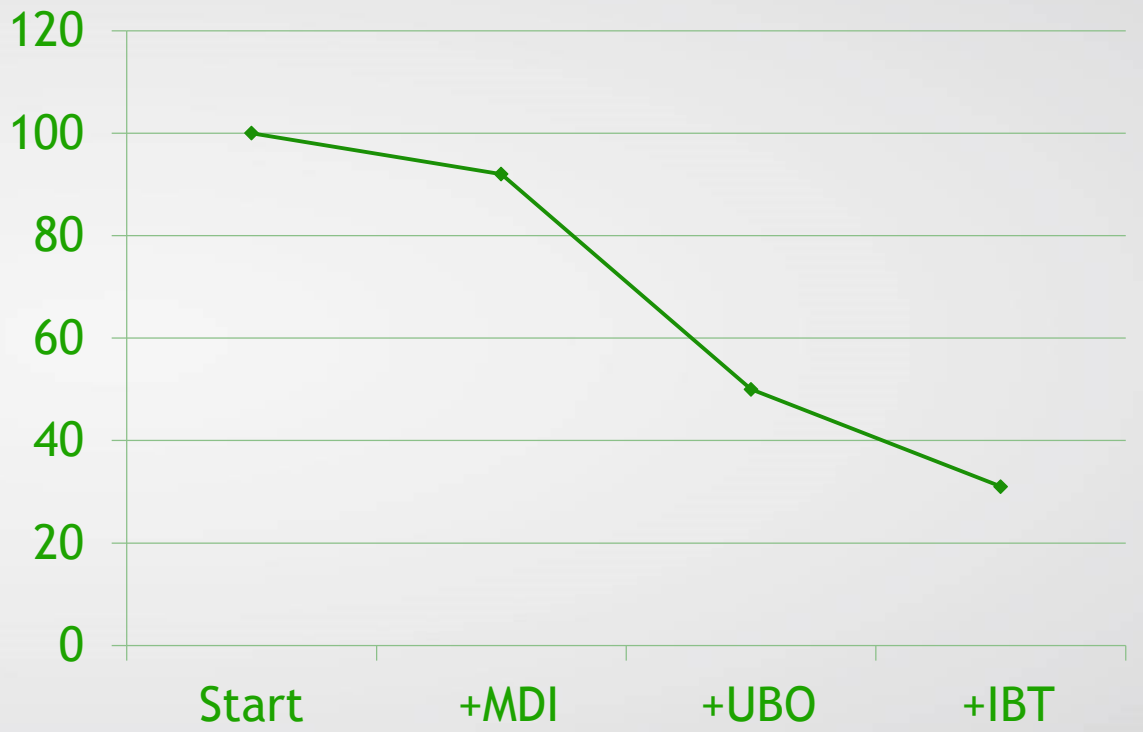
- OpenGL 3.2, mostly core
- Pros
  - Feature parity with D3D9
  - Ease of use
  - API idiosyncrasies
- Cons
  - Performance and efficiency



- There are many known ways to increase GL API efficiency
  - See “Approaching Zero Driver Overhead” from GDC 2014

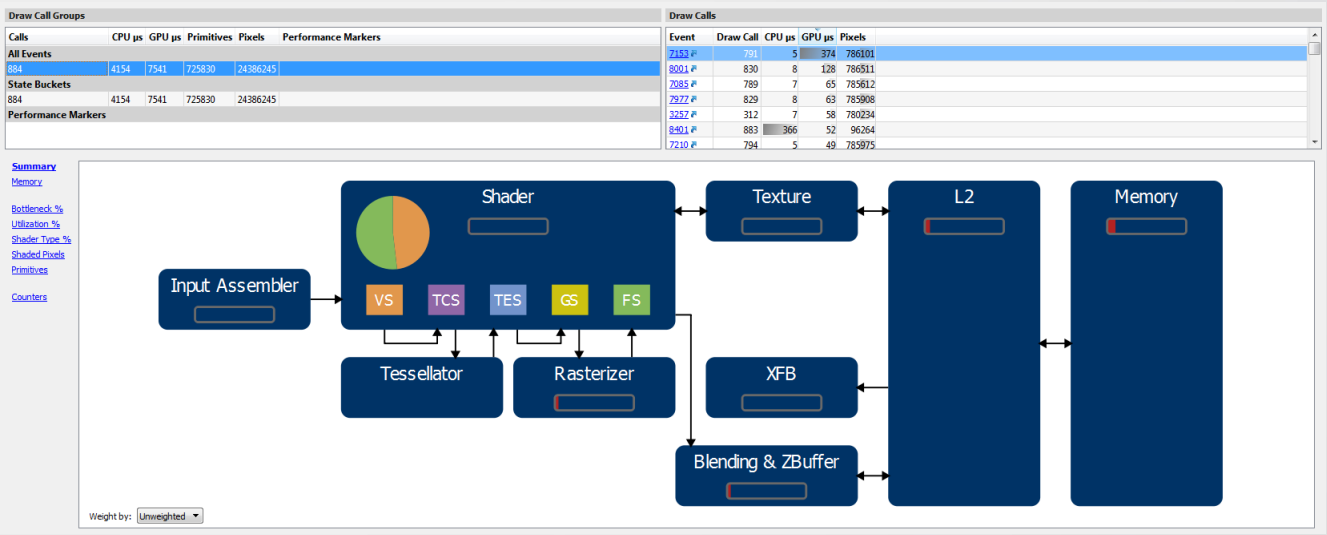
OpenGL API Optimizations

- First level test scene
  - 10K+ events reported by debugger
  - 1636 draw calls
- MultiDrawIndirect
  - 1494 draw calls (-8% from start)
- Ongoing work…
- One large UBO indexed by vertex
  - 809 draw calls (-50%)
  - Fewer uniform-related binds
- Indexed bindless textures
  - 502 draw calls (-69%)



GPU Performance

- Ongoing work on GPU bottlenecks
- Possible techniques
  - Z-prepass
  - Post-process quality
  - Anti-aliasing options
  - Resolutions
  - Shader optimization
- Depends on specific needs



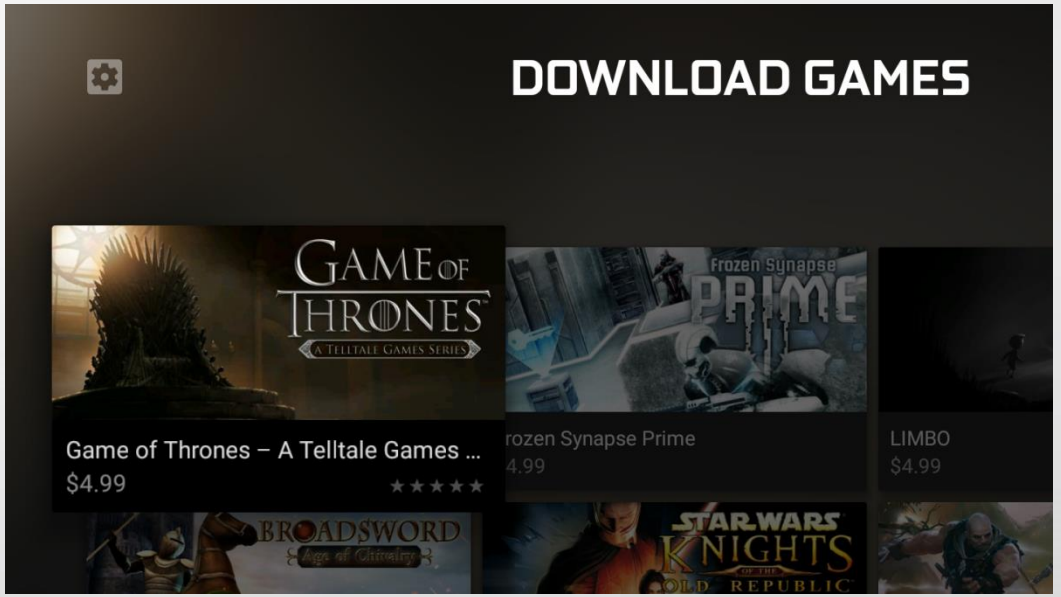
Miscellaneous Notes and Pitfalls

- Debug context
- BGRA support on OpenGL ES
- PF_V8U8 bump maps
- ARM NEON support
- Array cookie size
- Memory alignment

Online Functionality

- Adjusted for Android

- Multiplayer
- Cloud saves, achievements
- DLC/add-on content
- Storefront integration



Borderlands: TPS Footage

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