WebGL Update from Browser Implementers

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Demos

Filament

Wolfenstein Ray-Traced with WebGL 1.0

Babylon.js

Three.js
WebGL 2.0 Update

- WebGL working group is focusing on conformance - getting all implementations to pass the top-of-tree conformance test suites
  - James Darpinian, Google; Jeff Gilbert, Mozilla; Lin Sun, Intel
- Many corner cases of the OpenGL and OpenGL ES specs have been uncovered and resolved since last snapshot
- Will lead to improved portability of applications
- Also resolving bug reports from customers and turning these into conformance tests where applicable and possible
- Please keep these coming!
WebGL 2.0 Compute

- Single largest recent WebGL advancement is support for compute shaders
- Developed by Intel’s Web Graphics team in Shanghai
  - Jiajia/Jiawei/Xinghua/Jie/Jiajie/Yunfei/Yizhou/Yunchao
- Adds OpenGL ES 3.1 compute shaders to WebGL
- [Draft specification](#) is online
- Available in current Chromium builds on Windows and Linux
Trying WebGL 2.0 Compute

- Use Chrome Canary on Windows or Dev Channel on Linux
- On Windows:
  - --use-cmd-decoder=passthrough --enable-webgl2-compute-context
  - Optionally: --use-angle=gl
- On Linux:
  - --use-cmd-decoder=passthrough --enable-webgl2-compute-context --use-gl=angle
- First [ComputeBoids demo from Intel](#)
- More [compute shader demos](#) coming online
- Good way to start experimenting with compute shaders on the web today
- Discuss on [webgl-dev-list](#)
KHR_parallel_shader_compile

- **Extension** being developed by Intel’s Web Graphics team in Shanghai
  - Jie Chen
- Fixes longstanding customer complaints about slow WebGL shader compiles
- Compiles become async and parallel with small app changes
- Try in Chrome today with --enable-webgl-draft-extensions

![Performance Improvement Chart](image)
Multi-Draw

- **WEBGL_multi_draw** and **WEBGL_multi_draw_instanced** decrease the CPU overhead of issuing draw calls
  - Austin Eng and Kai Ninomiya, Google
- Application receives **gl_DrawID** in shaders; works well with uniform updates batched into UBOs with WebGL 2.0
- Supported via emulation even on platforms without the native multi-draw extensions
- **Results from microbenchmarks** are impressive: 3-6x improvements in common case, up to 70x (!) in some situations
### Mac AMD Thread Breakdown

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#### Animometer w/ Attrib Arrays

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Trying multi-draw today

- Test in Chromium with --enable-webgl-draft-extensions
- Please tell us how it’s working for you on webgl-dev-list
WEBGL_video_texture

- **Extension** being developed by Intel’s Web Graphics team in Shanghai
  - Shaobo Yan
- Supports zero-copy video uploads into WebGL textures
- **Implementation** is landing in Chromium now
- Seeing up to 47% speedups on some content
- Will appreciate your feedback; please watch Khronos’ [public WebGL](https://www.khronos.org/webgl/list) list
WebGL in Multi-threaded WebAssembly

- Support for multithreading in WebAssembly is beginning to ship in browsers
- This makes it increasingly possible to take large, complex C++ code bases and just “compile for the web”
- **Unreal Engine** and **Unity**’s HTML5 export paths both contain experimental WebAssembly multithreading support
- Can even access this functionality from **Rust**!
- Try it in your projects via **Emscripten** and please report any problems you encounter
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