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BRIEFING & NETWORKING RECEPTION

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Khronos Briefing and Reception

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Khronos Connects Software to Silicon

Founded in 2000
~ 150 Members | ~ 40% US, 30% Europe, 30% Asia

KHRONOS GROUP

Consortium creating open, royalty-free interoperability standards and open source to harness the power of GPU, XR and multiprocessor hardware

3D graphics, AI, augmented and virtual reality, parallel processing, and spatial computing

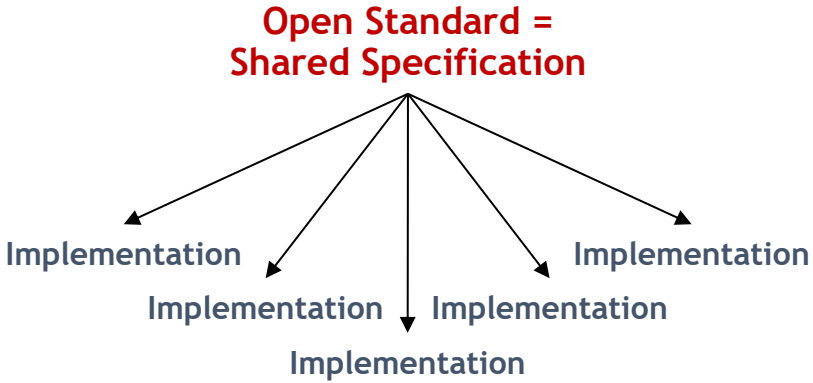
Non-profit, member-driven standards organization, open to any company

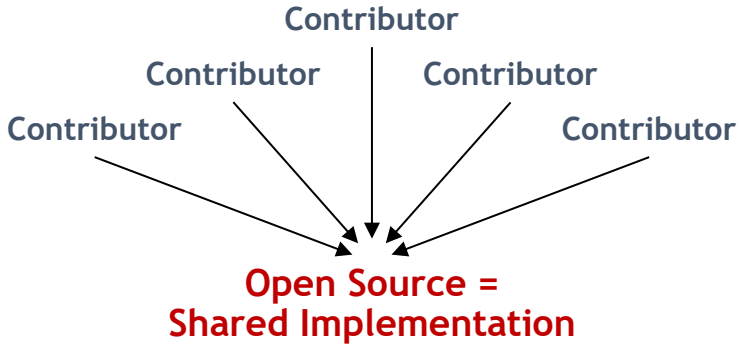
Proven multi-company governance and Intellectual Property Rights Framework

What is an Interoperability Standard?

INTEROPERABILITY standards define precise COMMUNICATION
E.g., software to hardware APIs, client to server networking protocols, common asset formats

Successful standards are thoughtful about level of abstraction
Enable and encourage *implementation* differentiation





Open standards often need open source to grow and enable their ecosystems
Conformance testing, tooling, sample implementations

Sometimes open source is a better ecosystem solution than an open standard
E.g., kernel and shading language compilers

For Standards…

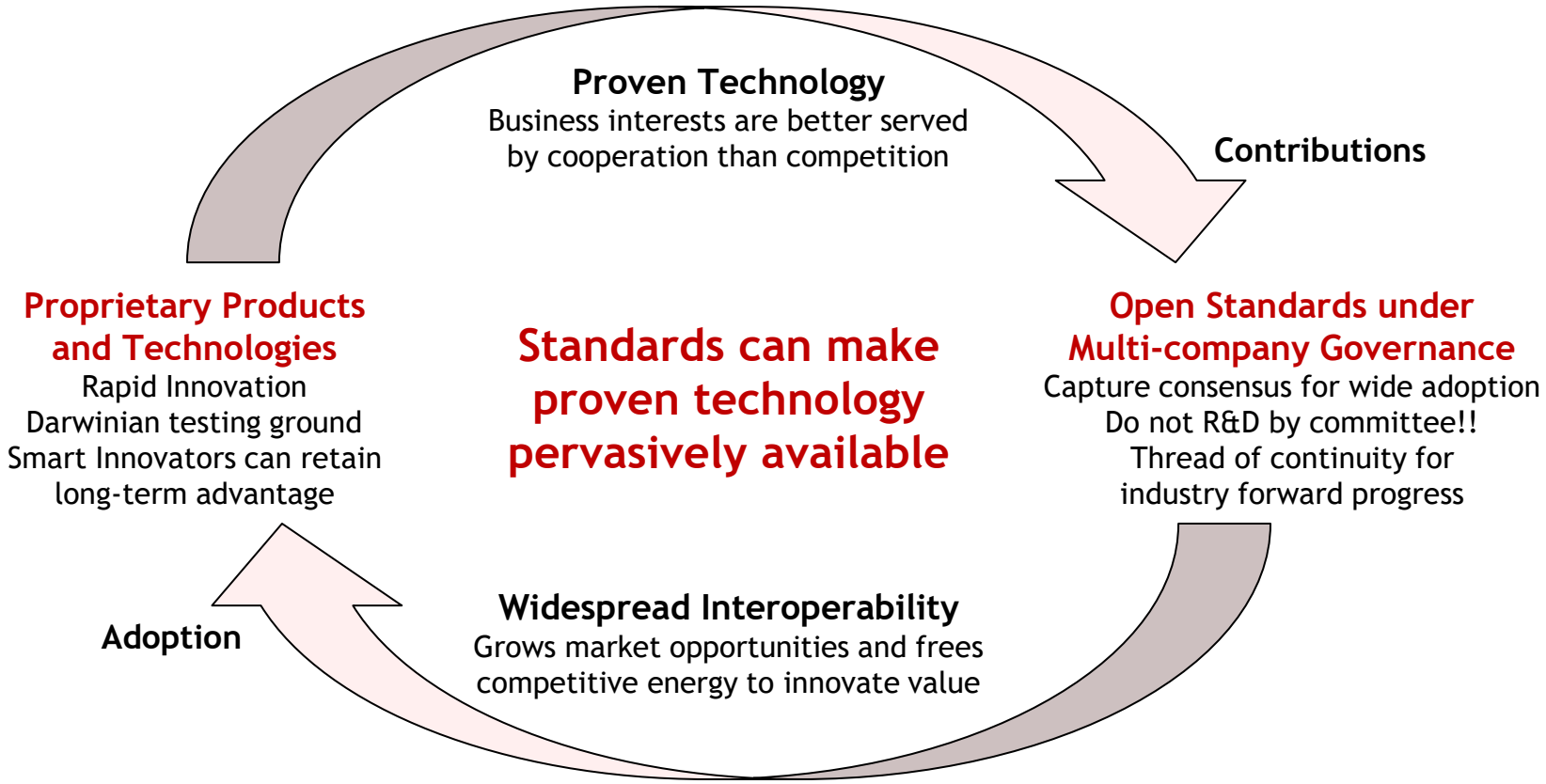
‘Open’ means…

Open to all who wish to participate in their creation
No restrictions on who can implement and adopt
Genuine multi-company governance is essential for industry confidence and adoption
Longevity not dependent on resources or current business focus of any one company

‘Free’ means…

No charge for access to specification documents
No charge to users of specifications
Royalty-free patent license to implementers from all involved in creating the specification
Well designed IP framework means more creator patents == MORE protection

Open Standards and Product Innovation



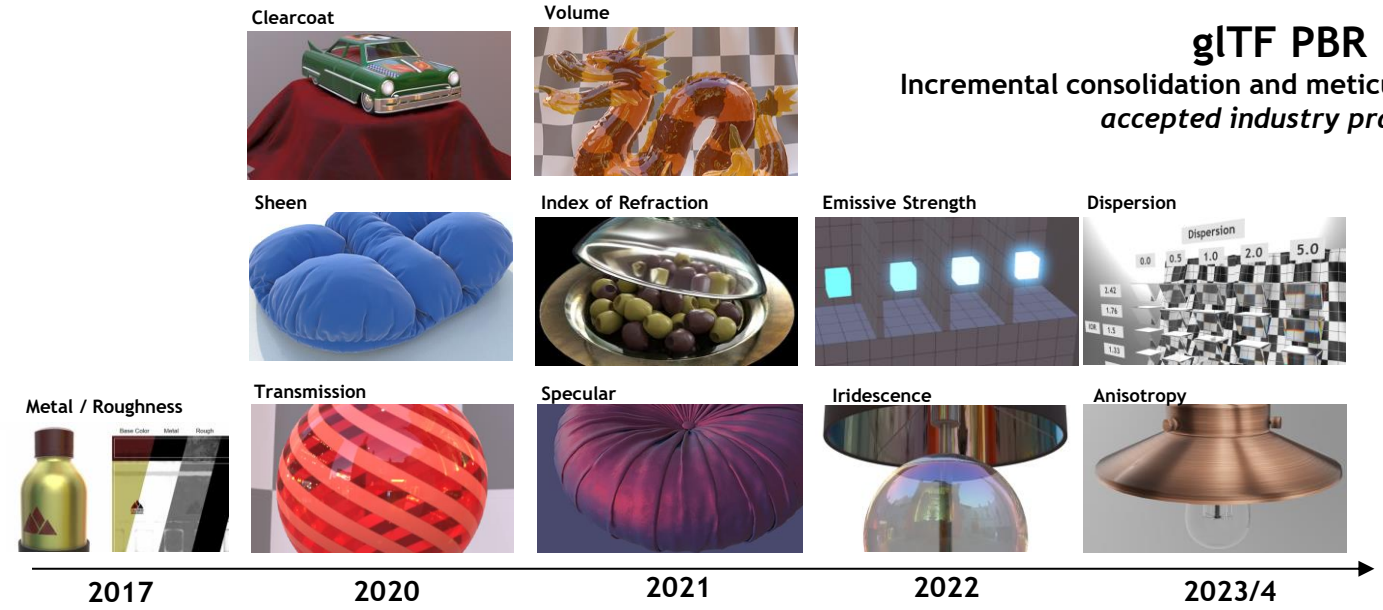
Open Standard Why's, When's and How's

Why?	**Grow Markets** Reduced consumer confusions and increased capabilities and usability	**Reduce Costs** Shared development between many companies and driving volume
	Speed Time to Market Well-proven functionality, testing and interoperability	**Enable Innovation** Free resources to compete on quality, performance, power etc.
When?	**When Technologies are Proven** Avoid research and development by standards committee	**Consensus Need** The downsides of not having a standard are obvious
How?	**Multi-company governance** Avoid single-company control or dependency	**Well-defined IPR Policy** Royalty-free standards have clearer path to wide adoption
	With Extensibility Enable a responsive innovation pipeline to meet customer and market needs	**Thoughtful Abstraction** Encourage innovation through freedom to innovate implementation details

Lesson 1: Timing is Everything

The optimal window for standardization is when:

A technology is just becoming proven – DON'T do R&D by standards committee!
There is strong consensus on the pain of NOT having a standard



glTF PBR

Incremental consolidation and meticulous specification of
accepted industry practice

Lesson 2: Test, Test and Test

What isn't tested is not working

Bugs and inconsistencies undermine the fundamental value of a standard

If 'dialects' evolve, industry and community collapse in trust in a standard can be swift and fatal

Content Developers
test and validate assets

The equivalent of an API
Conformance Test Suite
(Vulkan has >3M tests)

Public comparative showcase between
multiple engines provides:
1) Early warning of inconsistencies
2) Incentive to implement functionality

Sample Viewer
Asset Display Exemplar

Validator
Asset Correctness

Asset Library
Showcase & Test Assets

Asset Generator
Generate unit tests

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Web-based display comparisons

Lesson 3: Embrace Darwinism

The market knows best

Extensible standards enable community exploration of new functionality
Notice and react to what actually gets built and adopted and WHY
Strong industry Adoption is essential to sustain momentum and ongoing investment

These stages are aspirational - often spec evolution will not follow exact steps - that's OK	Proposal (optional)	Initial Draft	Review Draft	Release Candidate	Ratified	International Standard	Archived
Qualifying Criteria to enter stage	Draft with emphasis on motivation and 'philosophy'	Draft specification but not yet ready for wide review	Well-formed specification JSON schema Detailed design	Stable Draft incorporating feedback from primary stakeholders >1 implementations Notice for final Public Review	Only non-IP-breaking updates during Ratification Review	Stable and widely adopted	Advise against new usage Enables legacy assets
Work undertaken during stage			Spec incorporates initial input and feedback Initial Test Assets >0 implementations	Spec incorporates additional received feedback Full Test Asset suite Validator and Viewer Support Initial additional Tools support	Ratified PDF and HTML specs posted on Registry Expanded Tools support	Included in PAS Submission to JTC 1	
External Messaging	Alternative proposals or directional discussions?	High-level or directional feedback?	Detailed technical review requested	Last chance for feedback	Please report bugs and issues	Press Release	Archival Notice

Lesson 4: Don’t Be in a Bubble

Standardization is a cooperative endeavor

Reach out to other initiatives to seek synergies and avoid needless differences
Can strengthen understanding and focus on your core values to the industry

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Metaverse STANDARDS FORUM™

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Khronos Principles of Organization

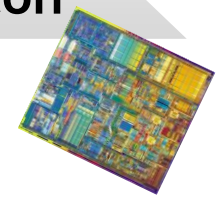
Any company is welcome to join.
One company one vote

Strong IP Framework to enable ROYALTY-FREE specifications: all members agree not assert patents against conformant implementations

Only invest where there is strong industry momentum to ensure industry relevance - let Darwinism rule!

Software

Silicon

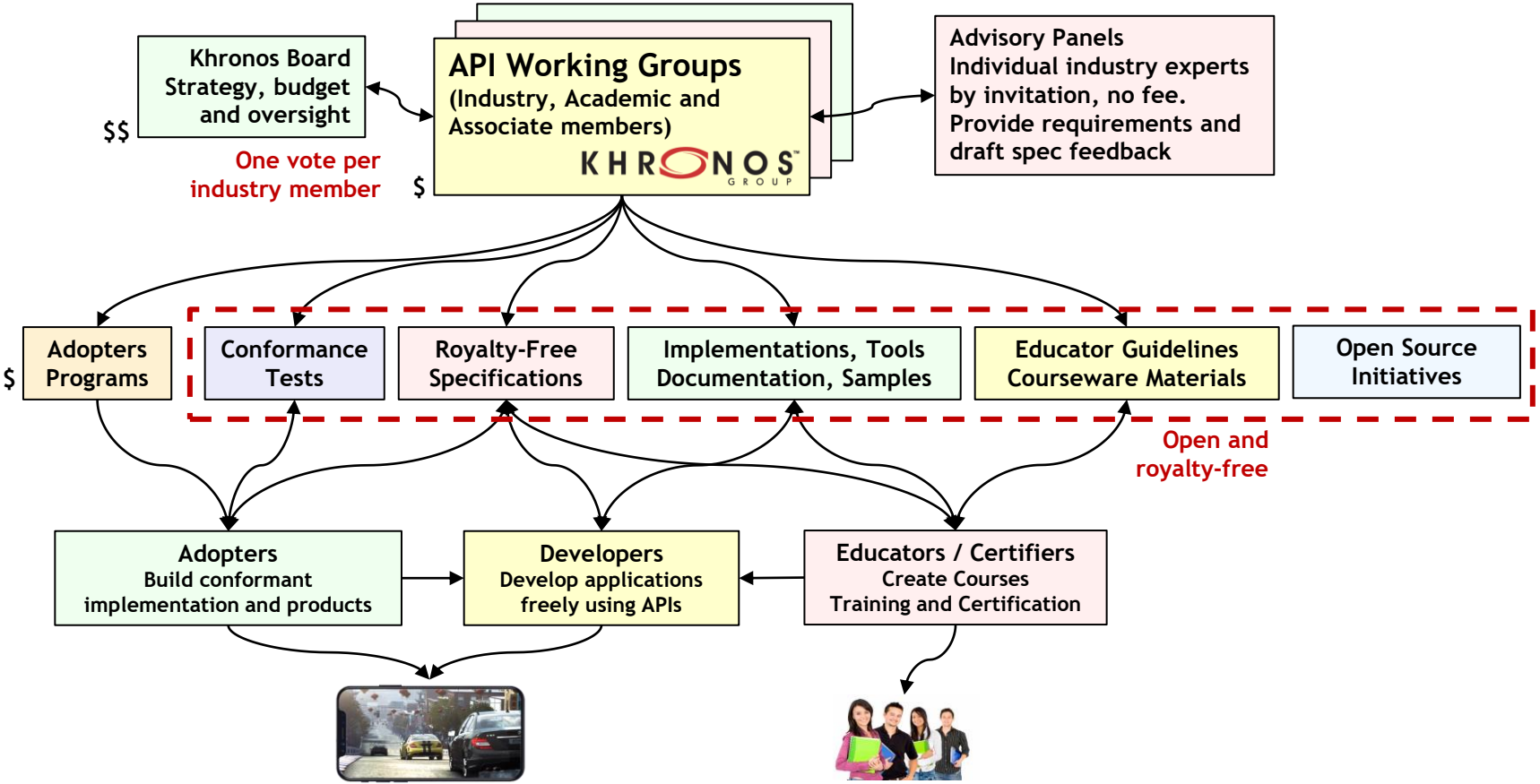


Defined process for members and non-members to propose new standards initiatives

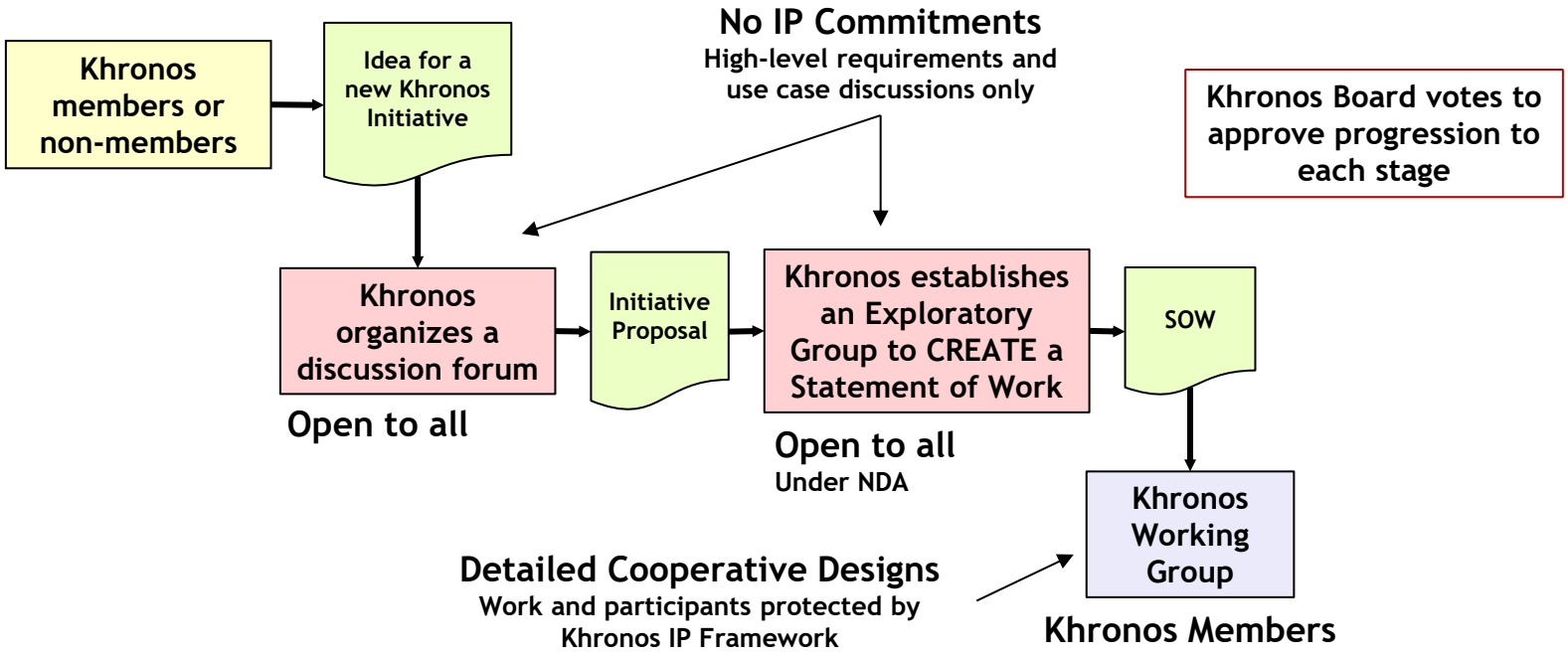
Conformance Tests and Adopters Programs for defining conformance, specification integrity and cross-vendor portability

Non-profit organization - All revenue is reinvested into developing standards that benefit the industry

Khronos Cooperative Framework



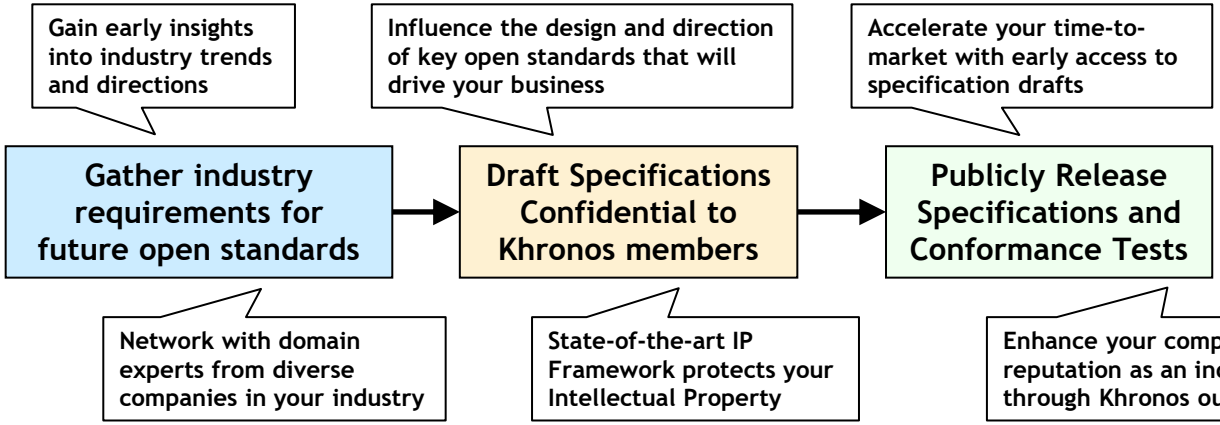
Khronos New Initiative Process



The Exploratory Group Process enables Khronos, and its members, to explore whether to undertake a new initiative without committing any member to IP licensing obligations

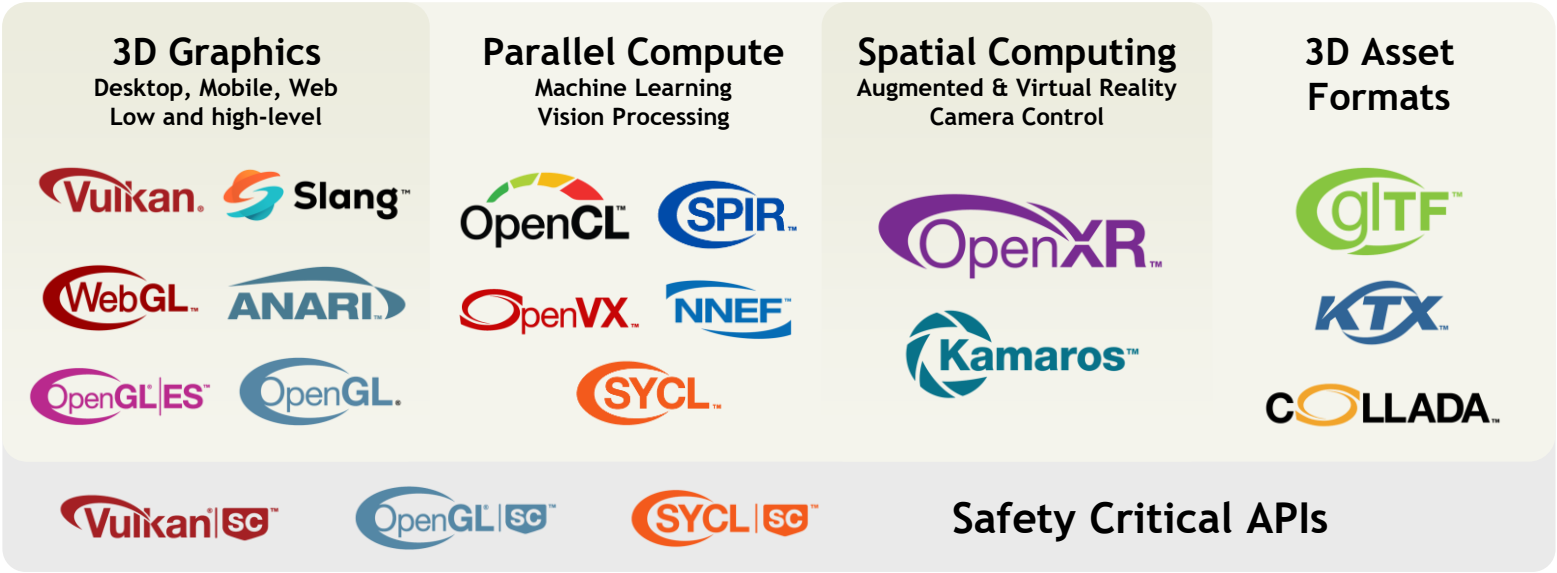
The Value of Khronos Participation

Proven processes for building multi-company consensus for generation and governance of open interoperability standards

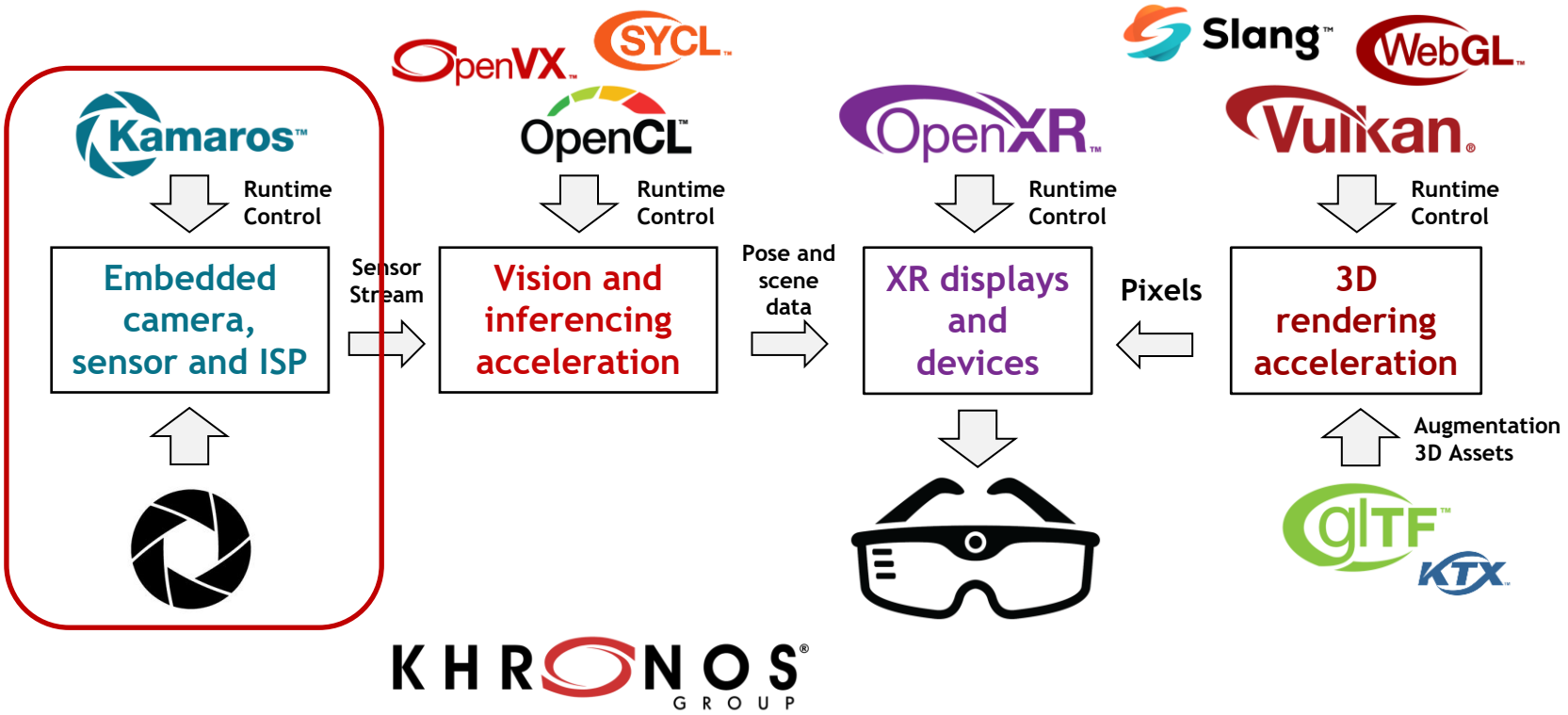


Khronos membership is open to any company for access to all standardization initiatives
Annual membership fees start at $4,000 for smaller companies
https://www.khronos.org/members/

Khronos Active Standards



Khronos Standards for Spatial Computing



Needs for an Embedded Camera API Standard

Increasing Sensor Diversity
Including camera arrays and depth sensors such as Lidar

Multiple Sensors Per System
Synchronization and coordination become essential

Proprietary camera APIs often hide full camera capabilities to protect implementation IP

Cost and time to integrate and utilize sensors is major industry friction point

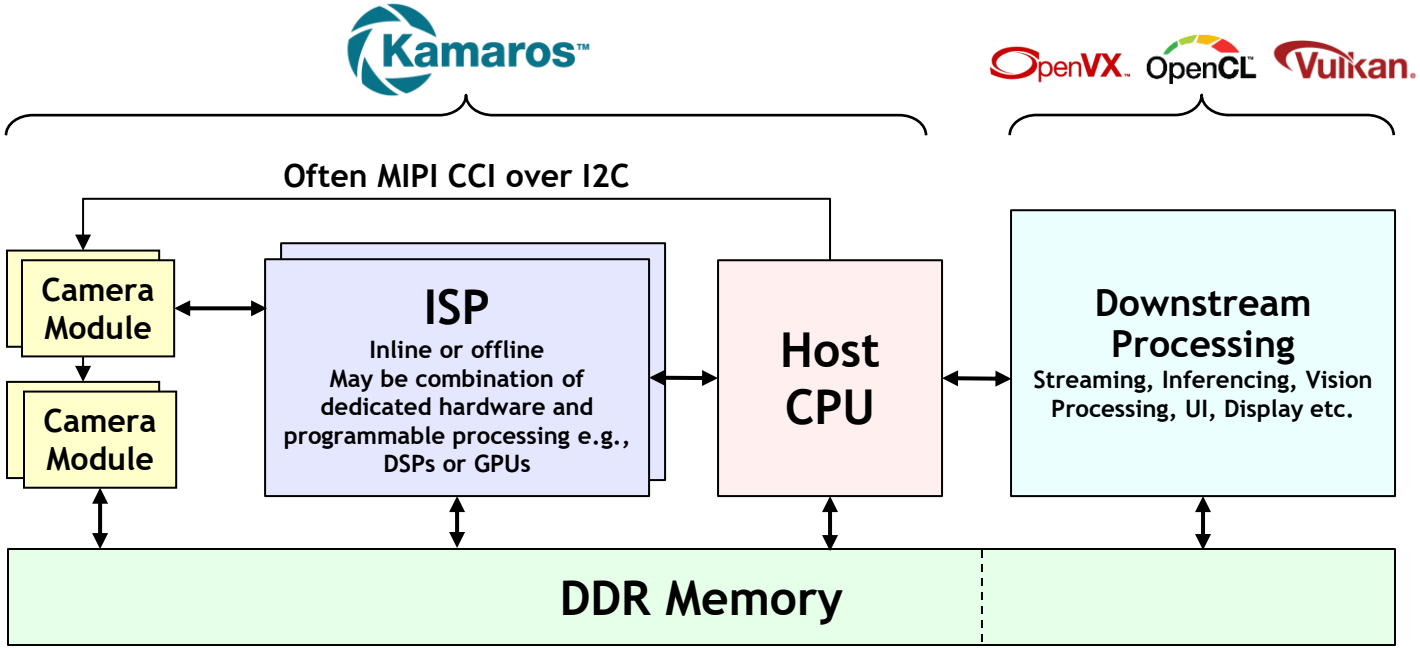
Tighter Accelerator Integration
Sensors feeding machine learning and traditional acceleration pipelines

Efficiency and Low Latency
Real-time interactive on power-constrained systems

Kamaros Scope

In Development!

Kamaros API provides controls for Camera Modules and close-to-sensor Image Signal Processing (ISP) hardware



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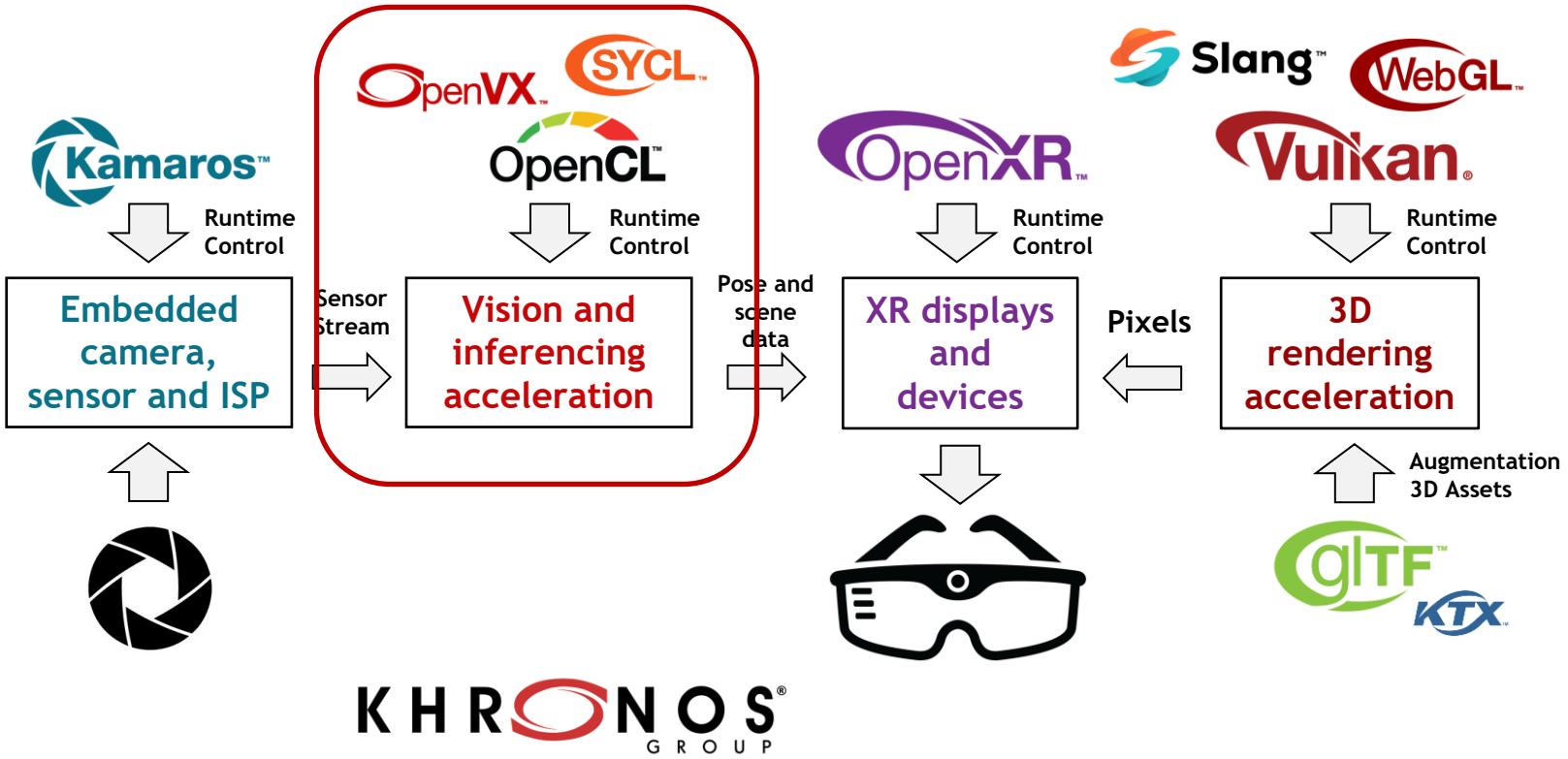

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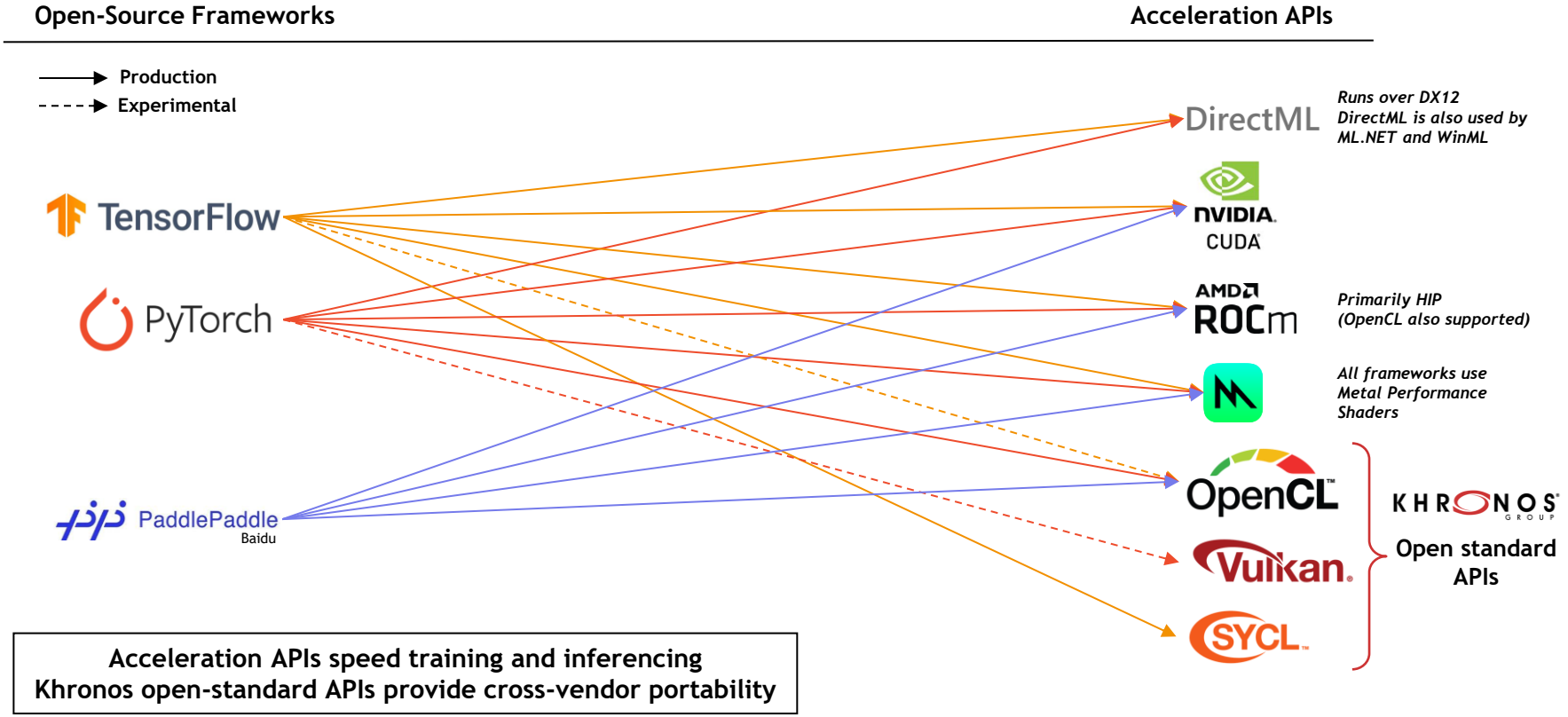

Acceleration APIs speed training and inferencing
Khronos open-standard APIs provide cross-vendor portability

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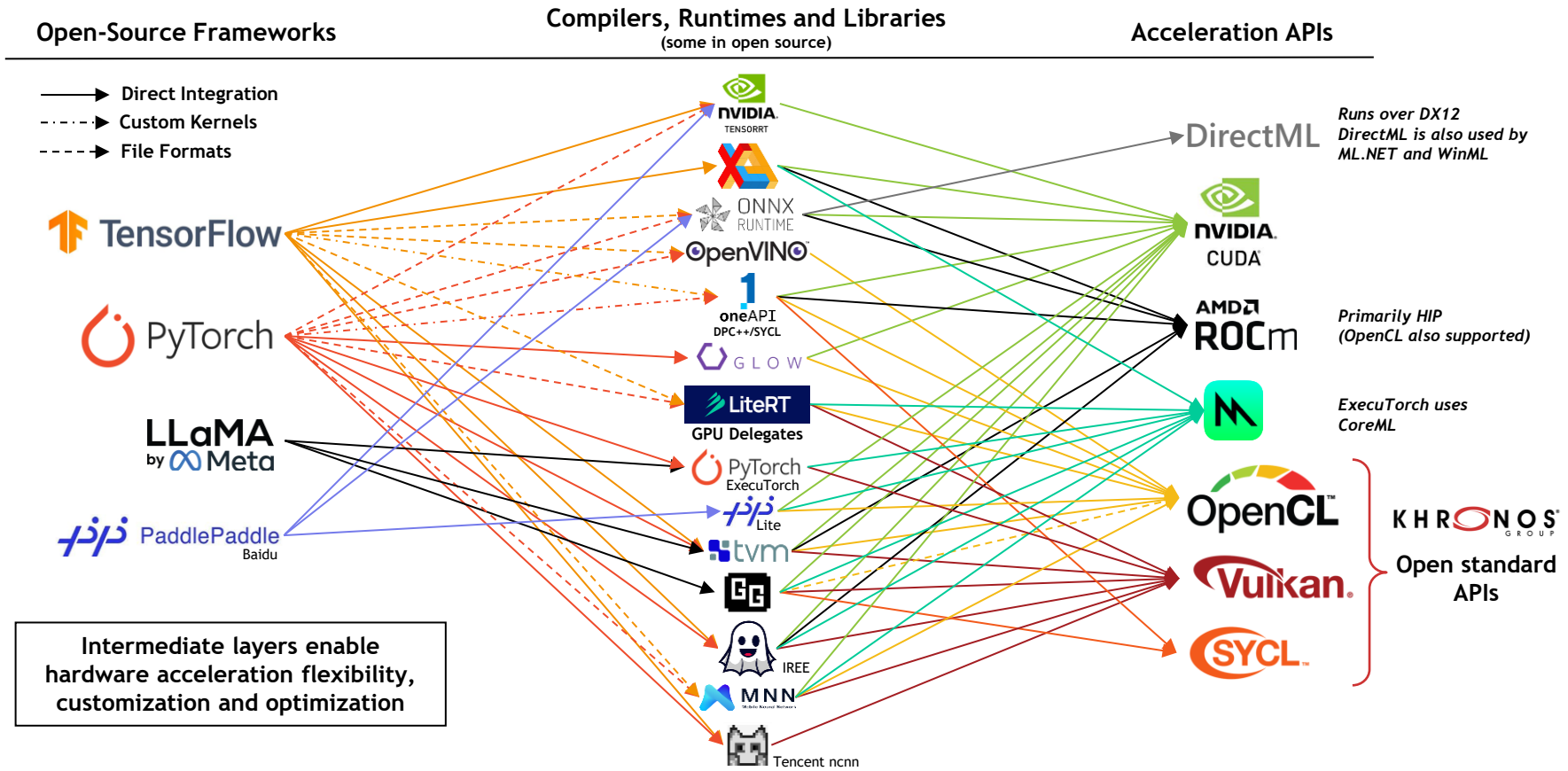

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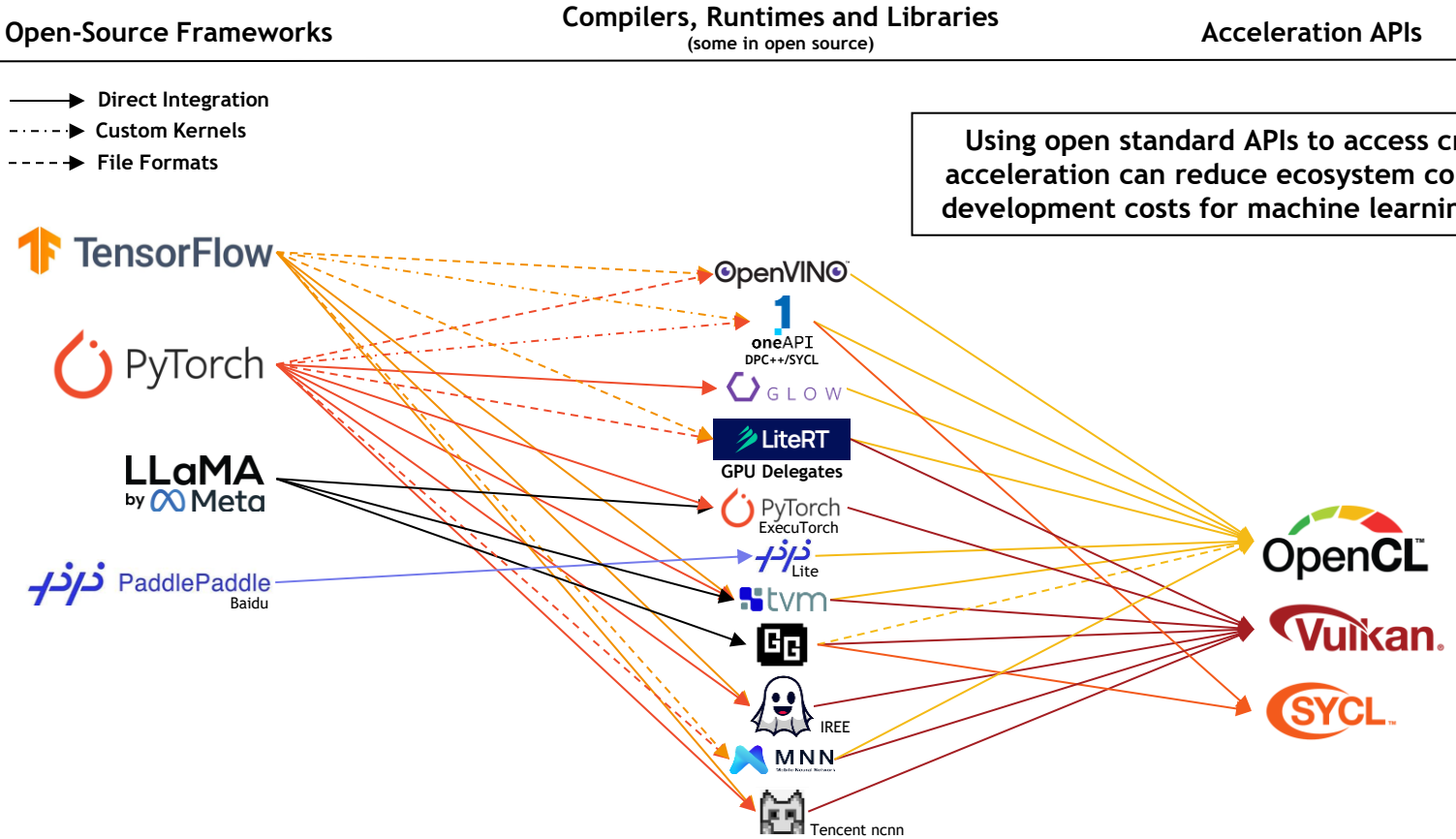


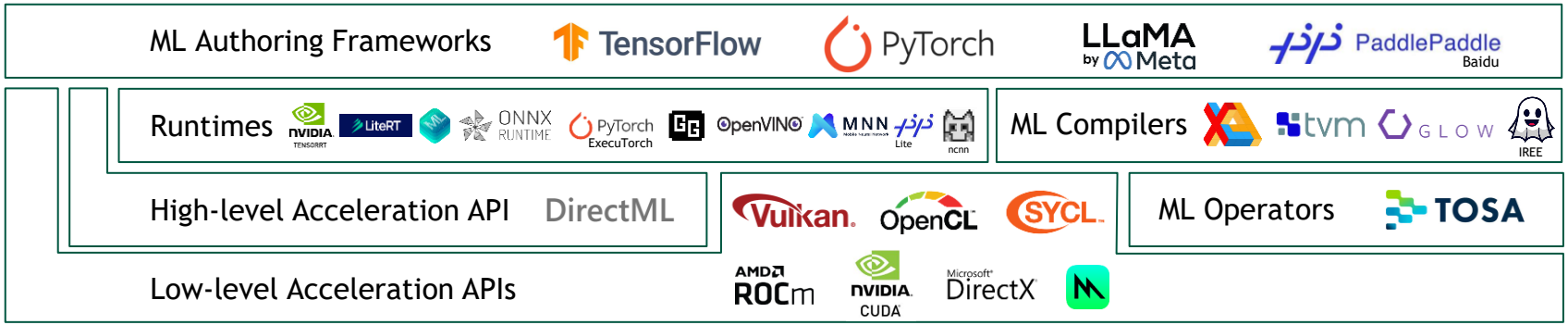
Embedded Machine Learning

Name	Type	Authoring Frameworks	Acceleration APIs
Cadence Xtensa Neural Network Compiler (XNNC)	Compiler	TensorFlow, PyTorch, ONNX	OpenCL OpenVX
CEVA Deep Neural Network compiler (CDNN)	Compiler	TensorFlow, PyTorch, Caffe, ONNX	OpenCL OpenVX
Synopsis MetaWare EV	Runtime	TensorFlow, PyTorch, Caffe, ONNX	OpenCL OpenVX
Texas Instruments DL Library (TIDL)	Runtime	TensorFlow, PyTorch, Caffe, ONNX	OpenCL OpenVX
VeriSilicon Acuity	Runtime		OpenCL OpenVX
Xiaomi Mace	Runtime	TensorFlow, Caffe, ONNX	OpenCL Vulkan
Xilinx Vitis AI	Runtime	TensorFlow, PyTorch	OpenCL Native

OpenCL and OpenVX are the open standard APIs of choice for inferencing acceleration in embedded (and often mobile) devices

Accelerated ML Industry Discussions

- Do intermediate runtimes or compilers deliver best performance?
- Do high-level or low-level acceleration APIs deliver the best performance?
- What functionality should APIs provide for effective tensor acceleration?
- What is the most effective way to balance inferencing and other loads on a GPU?
- How can APIs provide acceleration across diverse hardware - such as GPUs and NPUs?
- Should the industry agree on a standard tensor operator set such as Arm's TOSA?



Native machine learning stack

Similar discussions happening in the JavaScript stack for machine learning in the Web

ANARI

Rendering Engine API

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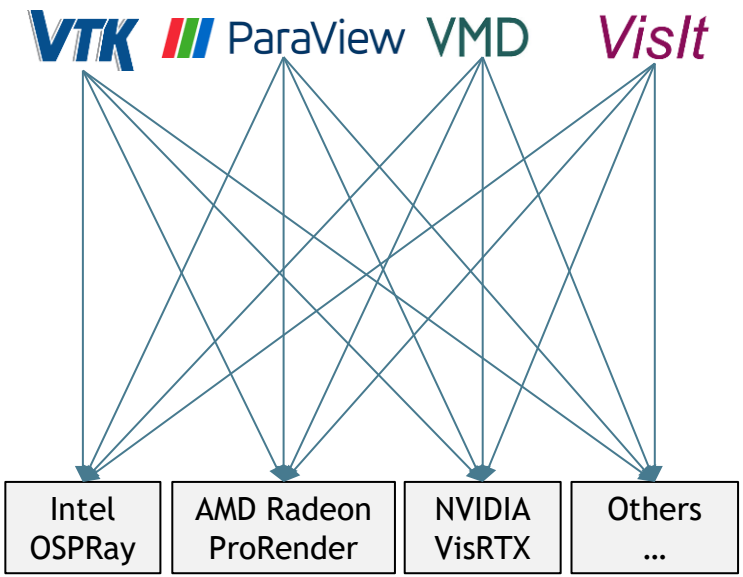
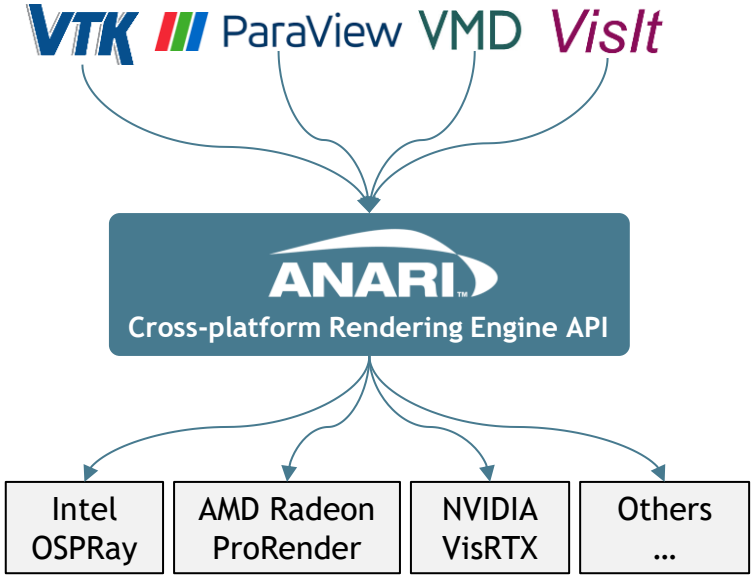
Scientific Visualization Before and After ANARI



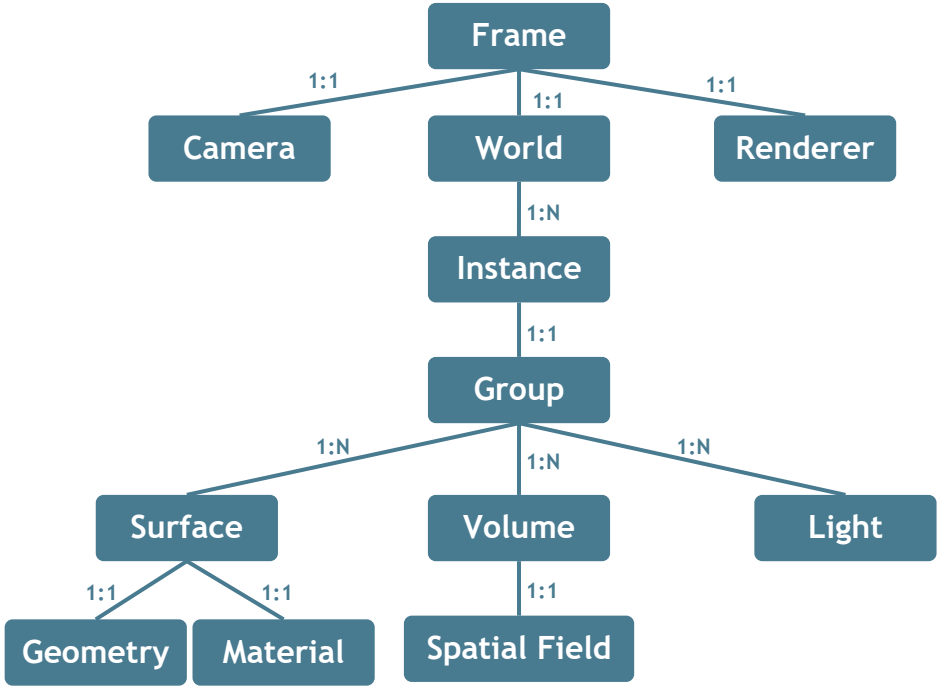
Before ANARI



After ANARI

ANARI applications are portable to any engine supporting the ANARI API
Independently of vendor, platform or ecosystem

ANARI Scene Representation



ANARI API used to build in-memory scene representation

Hierarchical object tree that expresses the complete scene for a single frame

Sections of the tree can be re-used to optimize resource utilization

Scene representation can be used to drive any rendering backend - rasterization techniques are NOT prescribed

ANARI only defines "what" and "when" not "how"

ANARI - Simplified and Portable Rendering

ANARI 1.0 Specification shipped in 2023

ANARI can be used by any type of application for portable access to diverse rendering engines including those using ray tracing and global illumination

Shipping implementations

AMD ProRender
Intel OSPRay
NVIDIA Omniverse
NVIDIA VisRTX
Helide open-source sample implementation

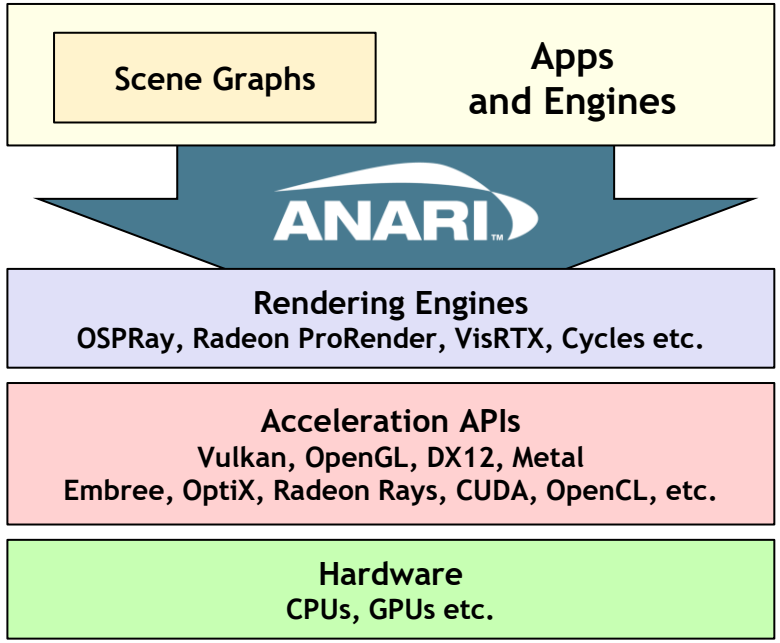
New implementations coming online

Visionaray (CPU/CUDA
Barney (OptiX + MPI)
Cycles (prototype)
...

ANARI bindings for C99, C++, Python ...

Engines use in-memory scene representation to drive rendering operations

Low-level APIs provide explicit control over hardware resources and operations



ANARI Virtual Hackathon 2024

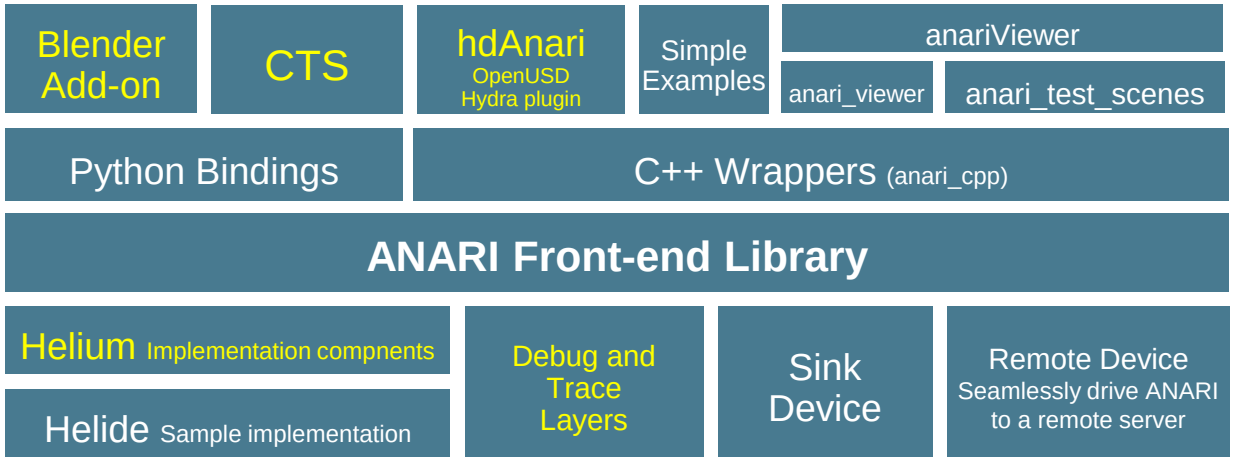
- **Developers from around the globe gathered for three days**
  - To push the boundaries of 3D rendering with ANARI
- **Results included:**
  - Overhaul to VTK-ANARI integration
  - New VTK-m implementation
  - Volume rendering with the Blender Cycles renderer

For presentations, results and news of future events go to [ANARI Virtual Hackathon 2024]

ANARI Updates

- **Adopters Program Released**
  - Improved Conformance Test Suite (with more on the way!)
- **Many SDK improvements and additions**
  - Initial version of an OpenUSD Hydra plugin ‘hdAnari’ now available
  - New Blender add-on - contributions welcome!
  - Application debug layer can be enabled without code changes
  - Helium now provides a generic host-side array implementation

ANARI SDK is in open source on GitHub



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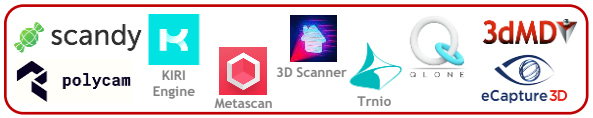
3D Authoring Tools

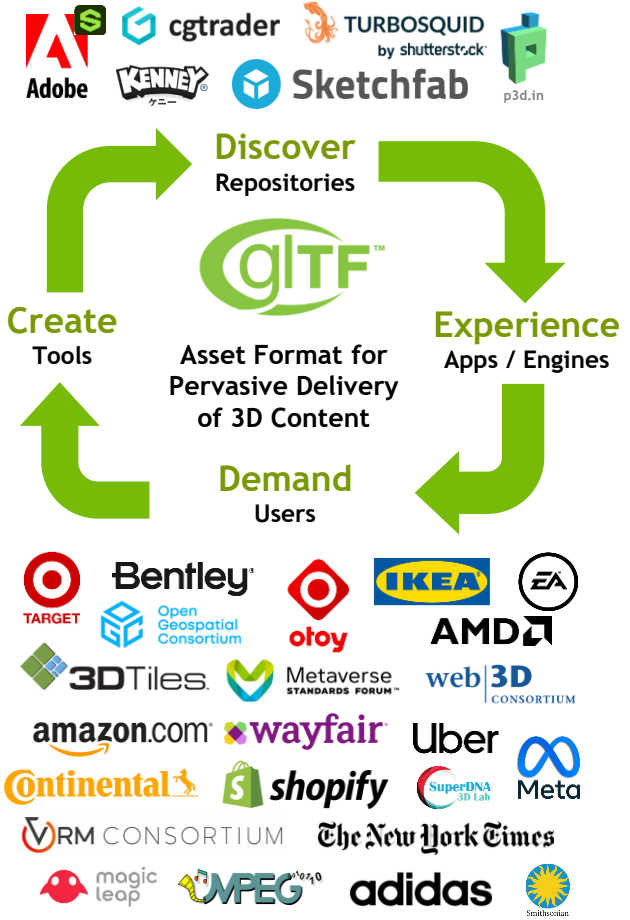
VR / AR Authoring Tools



3D Scanning Tools

Convertors, Optimizers and Loaders

Validation and Reference Tools



Game Engines

Web Engines

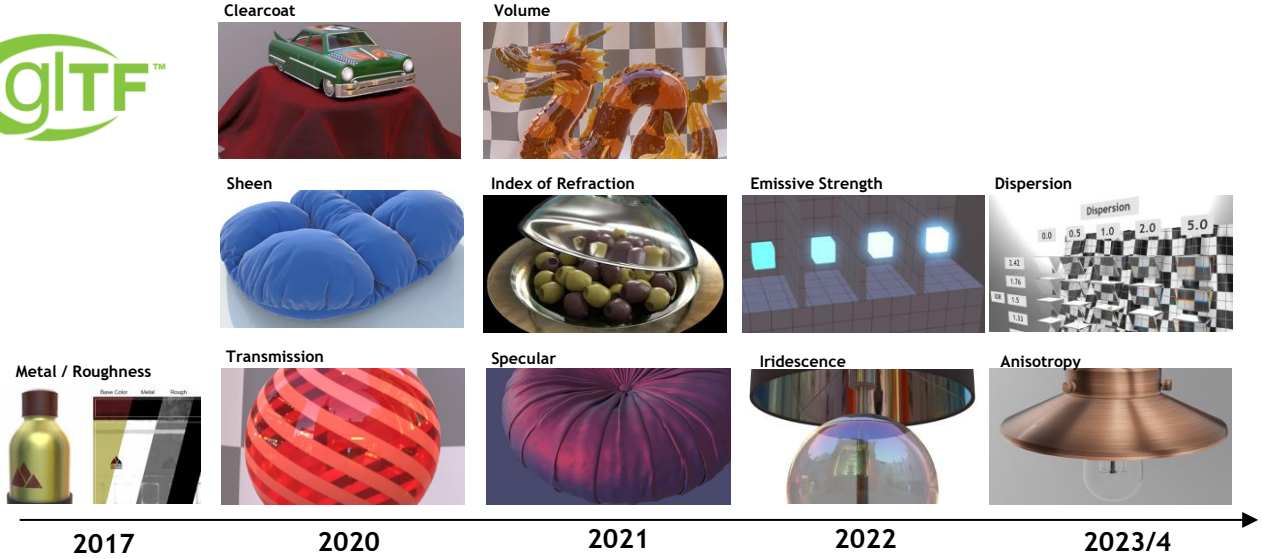
Apps and Engines

VR / AR Apps and Engines

Productivity and Social Apps

glTF PBR Materials Roadmap

Incremental consolidation and meticulous specification of *proven and accepted industry practice*



Subsurface
In development

MaterialX
1) Export glTF PBR as MaterialX node graph
2) Use MaterialX to drive procedural texture inputs into glTF PBR

OpenPBR
Working to align glTF and OpenPBR

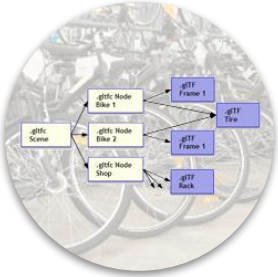
Industry Collaboration

glTF Spatial Computing Roadmap

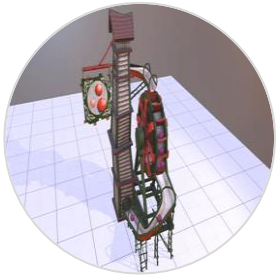
Interactivity

Node-based graph handling of user actions or events
Distillation of widespread accepted practice
Flexible computed scene state updates and animations

Compose complex scenes from referenced glTF assets
Efficiency and flexibility in transmission/delivery use cases
Placement, configuration, cache reuse, personalization, deferred loading, LODs, mesh variants etc.



Complex Scenes



Physics

Describes physical properties of assets
Distillation of widespread accepted practice
Rigid Bodies: motions, collisions, materials , joints filters

Triggered and controlled from interactivity node graph
3D spatialized audio with 6DoF source/listener capabilities,
Play, stop, pause, loop, and speed controls
Splitting, merging, up/down-mixing, reverb, filtering

Audio

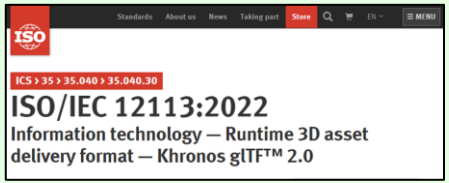
Market Segment Industry Collaboration

Khronos welcomes working collaboratively to leverage glTF extensibility

Market-specific extensions and use of glTF controlled by partner standards organization
Accelerates development of market segment functionality
Avoid needless duplication and fragmentation

VRM	Open Geospatial Consortium 3DTiles	MPEG	X3D	PDF	Additional Market Segments
Avatar Format *.vrm extension*	*.b3dm and .i3dm extensions*	ISO 23090-14:2023 MPEG-I *.mp4, miv, ivr*	ISO 19775-1:2023 X3D4 *.x3d extension*	ISO/TS 32007 glTF in PDF *.PDF extension*	

Foundation of
Core specification and
glTF working group extensions



Khronos 3D Commerce

Making 3D Pervasive - in the Real World

Build Once, Use Everywhere

Developing tools and techniques for 3D assets to be reliably and consistently used and displayed across diverse platforms and engines

Multiple Projects Underway

Render Showcase - evolve and expand Render Fidelity Site

Tone Mapping (PBR Neutral), exposure and lighting

Apparel: Skeletal & Facial Anchoring, Virtual Try-On, Stitching / detailing, Simulation

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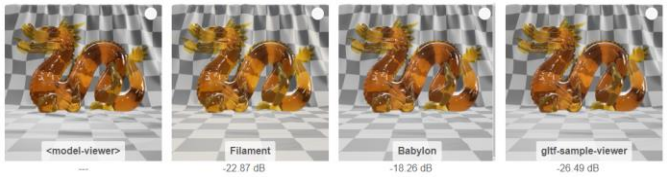
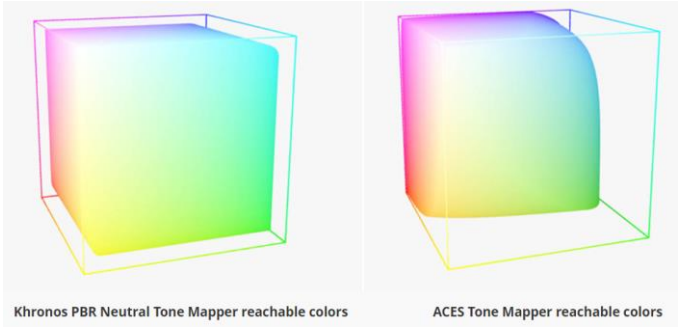


Khronos PBR Neutral Tone Mapper

- **True-to-Life Color Rendering of 3D Products**
  - Released in May 2024
  - Specification and sample implementation
- **1:1 match for colors up to a certain maximum value**
  - The remainder of color space used as headroom for compressed highlights
- **Wide adoption and support by 3D tools and engines**
  - <model-viewer>, Autodesk, Babylon.js, Blender, Dassault, Filament
  - London Dynamics, Phasmatic, Three.js, and ThreeKit



glTF Roadmap Overview

	Baseline Today	Short Term **Roadmap (23-24)**	Roadmap **Discussions**
Geometry	Draco Mesh Compression meshopt Compression		Quads, SubDiv Vector Displacement Implicit spheres and strands? Nerfs, Gaussian Splats
External References		Placement, Configuration, Cache Reuse, Personalization, Deferred Loading, LODs, Mesh Variants	
Textures and Materials	KTX 2.0 textures w Basis Universal Material Variants PBR Core + PBR Extension Wave 1-4	PBR Wave 5: Subsurface Scattering MaterialX Node graph update HDR Universal Textures Video Textures, Procedural Textures	PBR: Diffuse Transmission, Material X Procedural Textures
Animations	Keyframe/Skinned	Blender-compatible animation	Multi-track animation/blending Skeletons, Rigs and Anchors Animation Compression
Lights	Punctual Point, spot, and directional		IES, Rectangular Area Dome/Image
Interactivity		Node-based Behavior Graph	
Physics		Collisions, Rigid Bodies, Joints	Deformable Bodies
Audio		Playback (e.g., play, stop, loop), Spatial audio, Signal processing (gain, delay, pitch, reverb, filtering), multiple channels with splitting, merging Animation control and dynamic update of node properties	

glTF/USD 3D Asset Interoperability

The Metaverse Standards Forum

A neutral venue for pre- and post-standardization cooperation

Enable standards organizations to leverage each other's work and minimize overlaps/fragmentation

The Forum's glTF/USD 3D Asset Interoperability Working Group is enabling communication and cooperation between the glTF and USD communities

Asset format to enable 3D content to be pervasively delivered and displayed on a wide diversity of native and web viewers, applications and engines

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W3C

WebGL

WebGPU

glTF

WebXR

Forging the Immersive Web BOF

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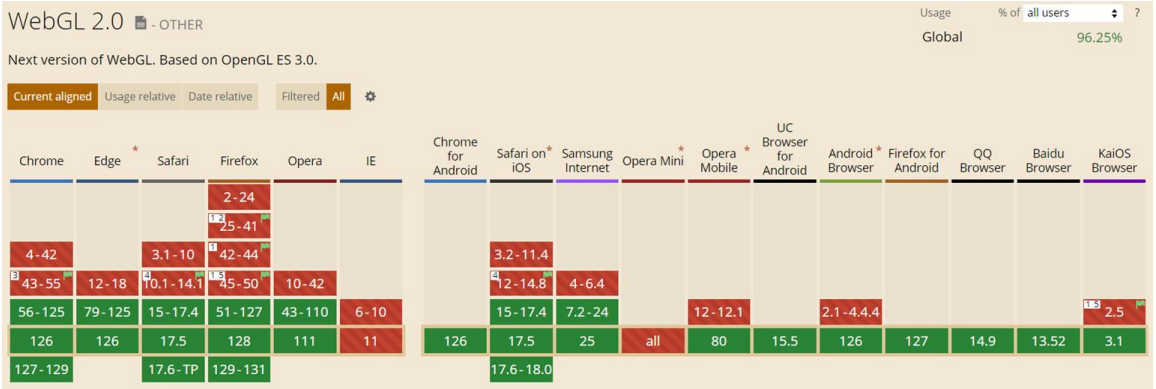
WebGL Update

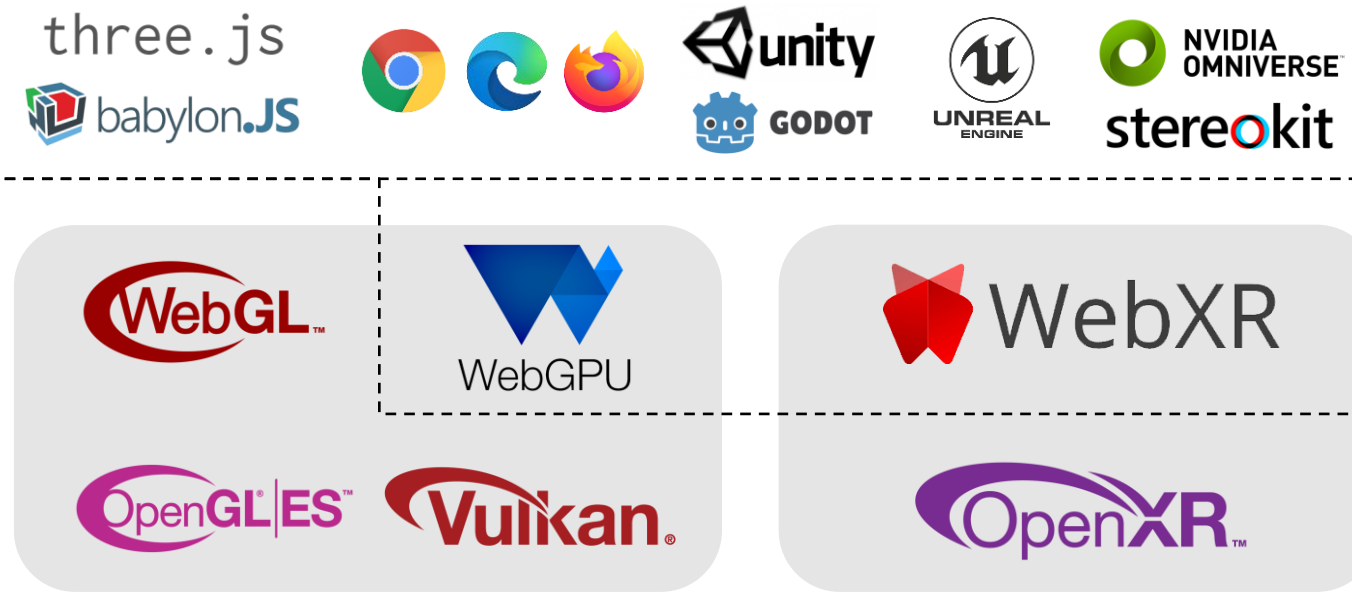
- **Khronos is fully supporting development of WebGPU at W3C**
  - Working for a smooth transition for developers between WebGL and WebGPU
  - WebGPU brings GPU Compute to the Web using Vulkan/DX12/Metal backends
- **WebGL is pervasive and will be used by many applications for many years**
  - Khronos is evolving the WebGL specification and supporting multiple implementations
  - New extensions: Pixel Local Storage and more OpenGL ES functionality

WebGL 2.0 is available on >96% of browsers



Khronos and W3C - XR Cooperation

XR Applications and Engines have access to native and JavaScript APIs with aligned functionality

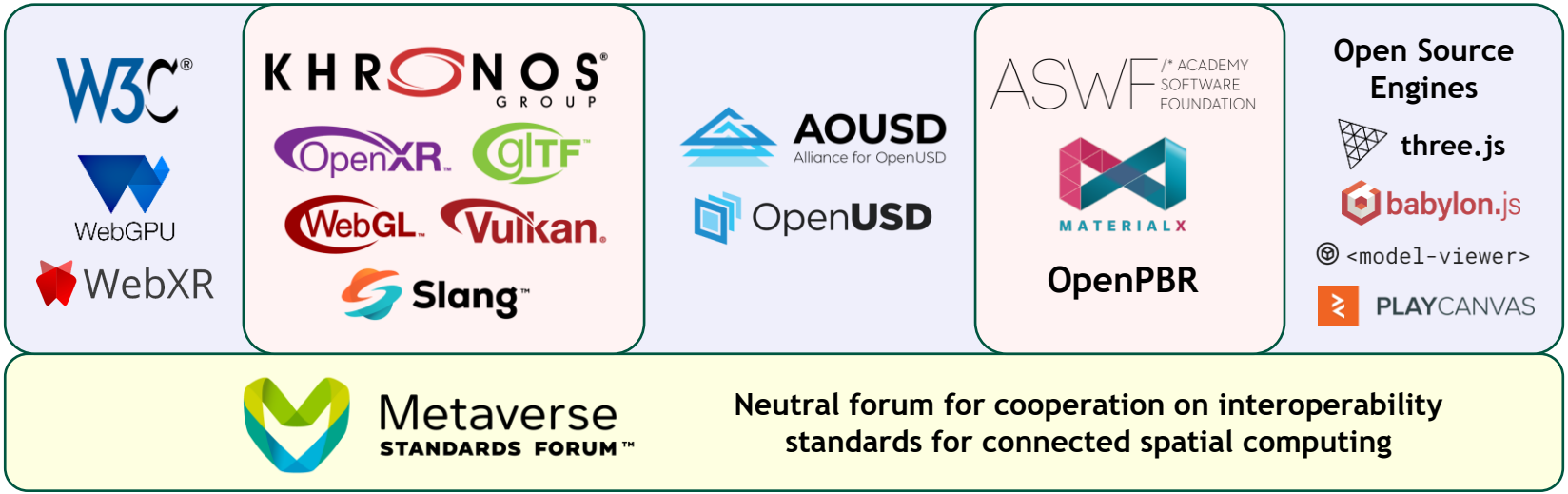


Immersive Web: Standards & Open Source

Creating the Immersive Web will need and leverage the work of many standards organizations, consortia and open-source projects

Standardization is a cooperative endeavor!

The Immersive Web BOF will provide latest updates and how the industry is working together



Vulkan: Forging Ahead!

Ralph Potter (Samsung), Vulkan Working Group chair

Vulkan

An explicit API for graphics and compute on GPUs

- Radically cross-platform, from embedded to desktop
- Focus on high performance and user control

Driving the future evolution of graphics hardware

- Setting requirements for new hardware
- Ensuring compatibility with current hardware
- Focus on solving issues raised by industry experts

Developed collaboratively by industry experts

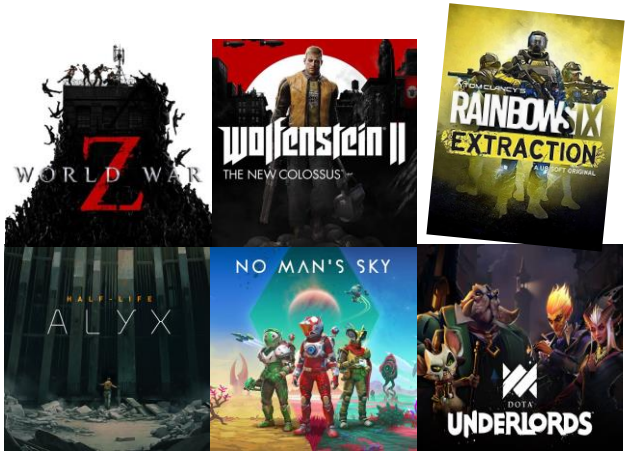
- Input considered from a wide range of sources

Vulkan is Everywhere

Desktop and Mobile GPUs and SOCs

AMD, BROADCOM, arm, Google, HUAWEI, Imagination, intel, NVIDIA, MEDIATEK, QUALCOMM, SAMSUNG, VeriSilicon

http://vulkan.gpuinfo.org/



Desktop Games

Mobile Games

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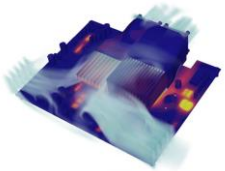
Cross-platform post-processing and display of simulation results



Adobe, Substance 3D

Substance 3D Stager
Cross-platform ray tracing

Applications

Engines

CIDER, GODOT, CINDER, XENKO, CRYENGINE, Unity, source, id, UNREAL ENGINE, Croteam Serious Engine, UX3D, NetEase Games

Note: The version of Vulkan available will depend on platform and vendor

Vulkan is Unique

Vulkan is the *only open standard* modern GPU API

Under multi-company governance

Supported by all major GPU vendors

Cross-platform support reduces developer porting effort and costs

Used extensively by games and applications

Windows and Linux Desktops and Cloud

Mobile

Game Streaming Platforms

Gaming Platforms

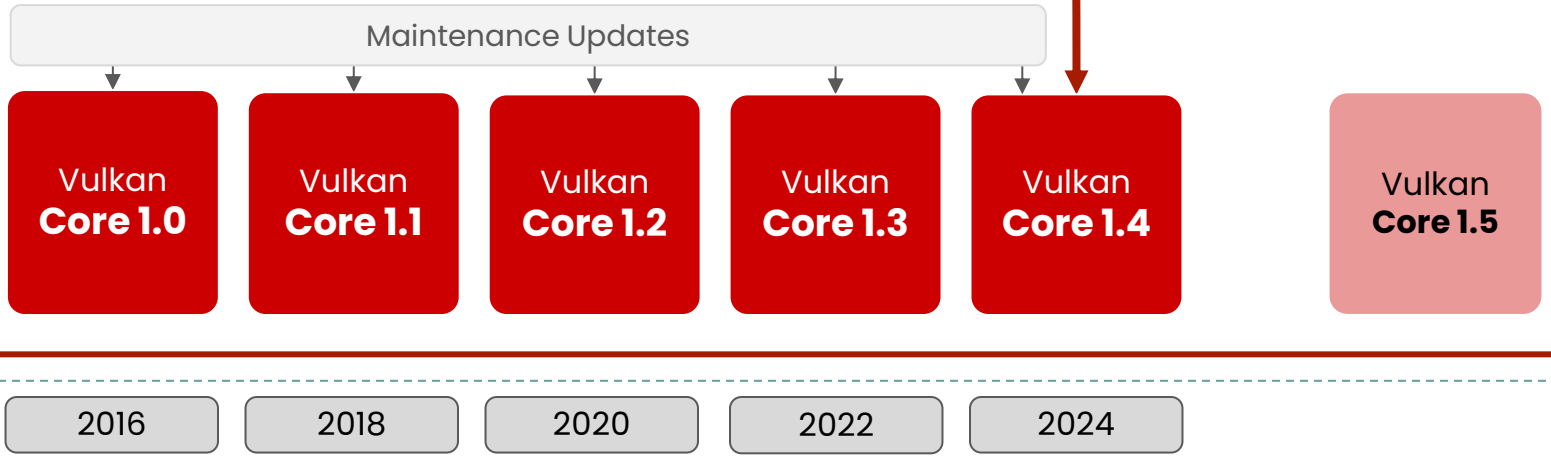
Apple Platforms
(via translation layer)

Vulkan Roadmap: Setting industry direction

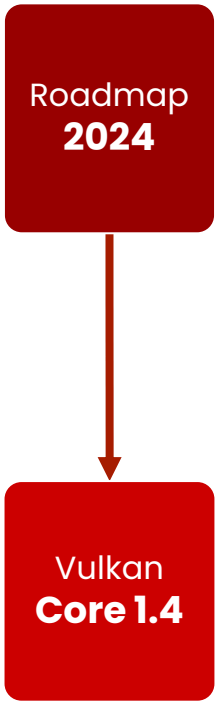
The roadmap sets forward-looking targets for new hardware, with milestones established for new mid-to-high-end GPUs in the year of their release

Core Specifications: Support for Current GPUs

Features that can be supported on current GPUs are brought into core



Roadmap Sets Direction, Core Solidifies It



- **Vulkan 1.4 is the first core version derived from the roadmap**
  - Notable benefits both in design and development
  - Enabled huge increase in supported features
- **Most of the tough questions for 1.4 largely already answered**
  - Future direction already set with the roadmap
  - Features already designed, shipped, and implemented
  - Vendors already knew which hardware could support what
- **“Just” had to put the pieces together**
  - Much easier development cycle than previous cores
  - Allowed us to focus on future roadmap items

Vulkan 1.4 Core Specification

Integrates significant requested functionality proven as extensions

Mandated support for new functionality ensures availability on all Vulkan 1.4 implementations

Dynamic rendering local read bringing subpass support to the dynamic rendering API

Streaming transfers via host image copy or mandatory async transfer queue support

Fine-grained control of floating point optimization behavior

Mandating previously optional features such as scalar block layout and 8/16 integer support

Maintenance extensions up to VK_KHR_maintenance6

Several limit increases, including 8K rendering with up to eight separate render targets

And more…

16 extensions in total

Raising the Bar

Vulkan 1.0 was designed to run on GLES 3.1-class GPUs (circa 2014)

Core versions need to run on the broadest set of devices

Vulkan 1.4 raises minimum hardware requirements

Optional functionality and artificially low limits increase complexity for developers

Makes 28 previously optional features mandatory, including scalar block layout and 8/16 bit integer support in shaders

Raises minimum limits on 31 properties

Provides reliable access to functionality across all supported platforms

Streaming Transfers

Streaming image resources without interrupting rendering

Previously required copies on GPU timeline

VK_EXT_host_image_copy (optionally) promoted to core

Enables CPU-side image copies

If host copy is not supported, then a dedicated asynchronous transfer queue is mandatory

https://www.khronos.org/blog/copying-images-on-the-host-in-vulkan

Dynamic Rendering Local Read

Vulkan 1.3 promoted dynamic rendering to core…

- Removed the need for render pass and framebuffer objects
- Greatly simplified the programming model

…but the original extension didn't address input attachments or subpasses

- Critical for performance on tile-based GPUs

Vulkan 1.4 includes local reads for color attachments/storage resources

- Closes the gap versus legacy render passes
- Local reads for depth/stencil/multisampled attachments are optional

https://www.khronos.org/blog/streamlining-subpasses

Vulkan 1.4 Release Schedule

- **Specification - Available Now**
  - https://docs.vulkan.org
- **API Headers - Available Now**
  - https://github.com/KhronosGroup/Vulkan-Headers
- **Conformance Tests - Available Now**
  - https://github.com/KhronosGroup/VK-GL-CTS
- **Vulkan Loader - Available Now**
  - https://github.com/KhronosGroup/Vulkan-Loader
- **Vulkan Validation Layers - MR in review**
  - https://github.com/KhronosGroup/Vulkan-ValidationLayers/pull/8955
- **Complete Vulkan SDK release - January 2025**
  - https://www.lunarg.com/vulkan-sdk
- **Implementations**
  - AMD, Arm, Imagination, Intel, NVIDIA, Qualcomm, and Samsung passing conformance today
  - NVIDIA and Mesa drivers publicly available today
  - Other vendors coming soon

Releasing Today!

https://khr.io/vulkan14

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Slang™

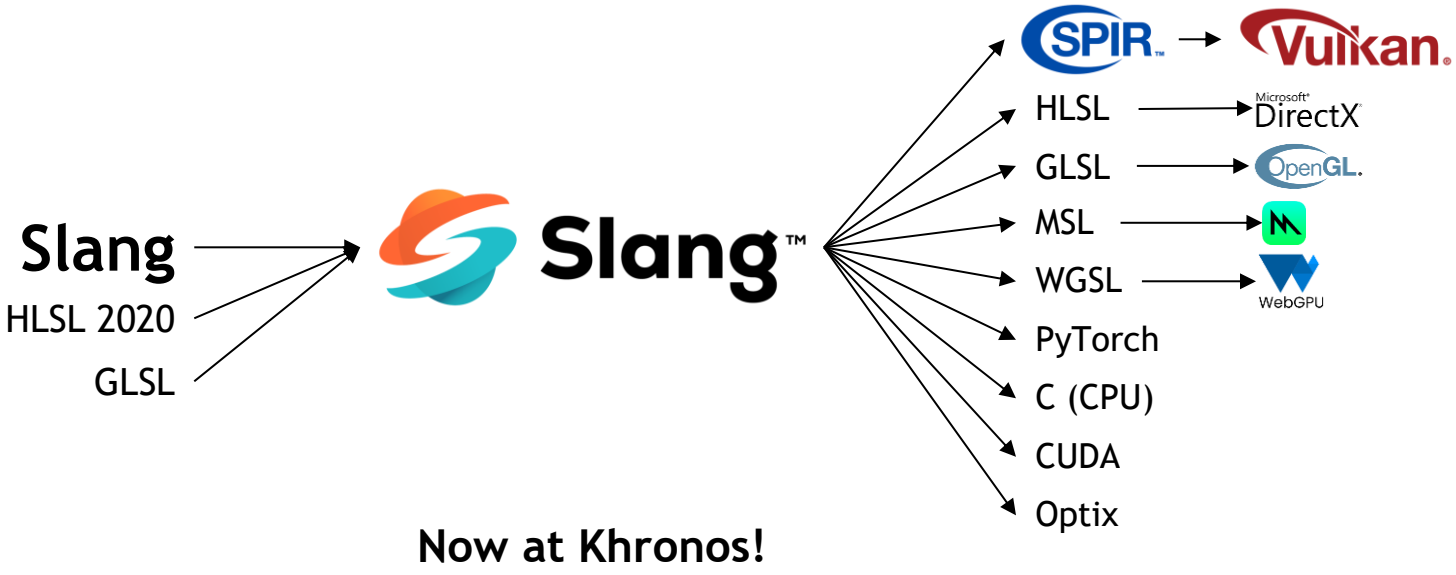
Slang Fast Forward

Shannon Woods
NVIDIA, Slang Working Group Chair

The Shading Language Landscape Today

- Shader codebases have become incredibly large & complex
- Developers need to deploy to many platforms
- Shader combinatorial explosion
- New graphics techniques & neural graphics discontinuity
- GLSL no longer innovating new language features

Open-Source, Cross-Platform Compiler



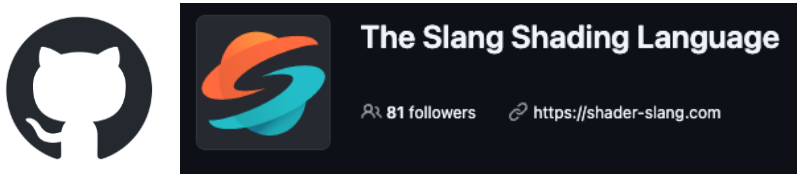
Now at Khronos!

Slang + Khronos = Developers Win

- Shading language diversity means more competition & innovation
- No single company controls the language, so it can evolve as developers need

For developers, by developers

- Community structure built from OSS best practices
- **Any company or individual** is welcome to become a contributor, not just Khronos members
- Decision-making and development in the open – you can join technical conversations today on Discord, or propose features directly to the repository.
- Slang developers make the decisions about what goes into the language, and you can become one



Why Another Shading Language?

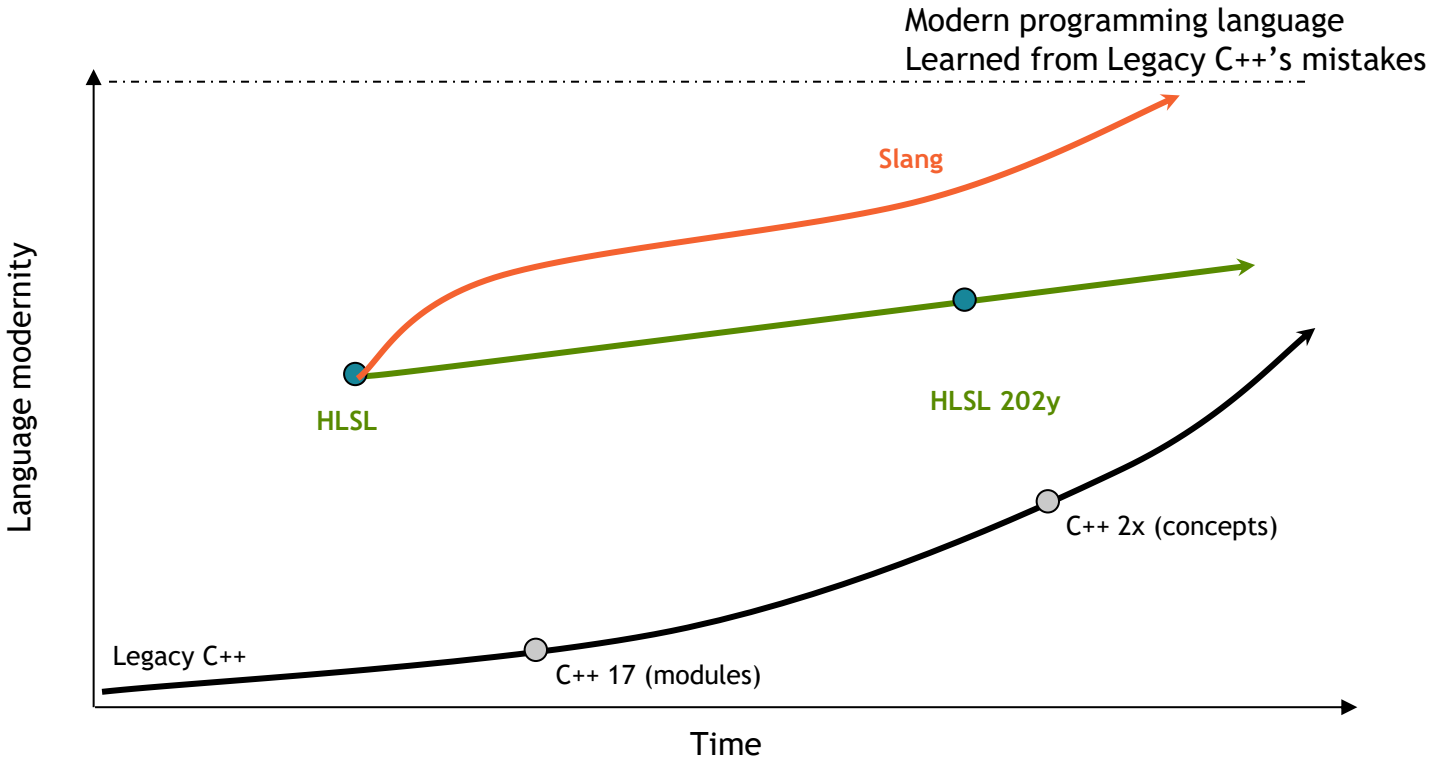
	GLSL	MSL	WGSL	HLSL	Slang
Actively Evolving	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
Modular Code Management	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Converging with C++	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO*
Auto-diff / Neural Shading	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
Diverse Backend Targets	NO	NO	NO	DXIL and SPIR-V	YES
Open-Source Compiler(s)	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
Open Governance	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES

*** Slang and HLSL are taking complementary evolutionary paths**

HLSL will remain and evolve as a critically important shading language for many developers

Language diversity and choice is good for the graphics ecosystem!

Language Evolution



What makes Slang special?

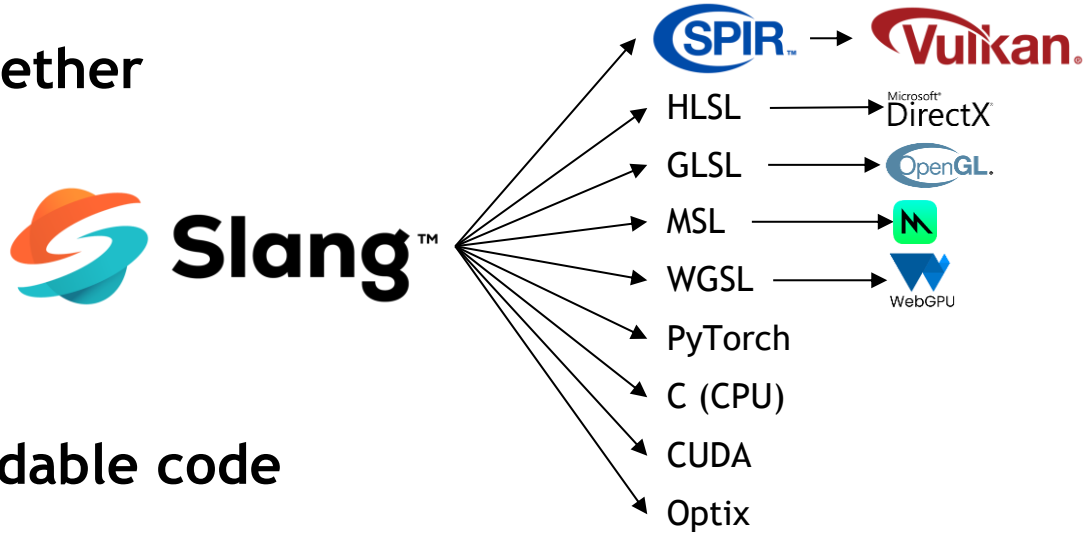
- **Cross-compilation in Slang is easy and ergonomic**
  - a seamless way – integrated in one place
  - tooling just works

- **Automatic differentiation**
  - unique among shading languages
  - starting to show up as a necessity
  - for most AI graphics work

- **Proper solve for modularity, permutations, compile time explosion, and "string pasting"**
  - Drawing on advances from the broader language space, Slang addresses these issues with modules, generics, and interfaces

Seamless Cross-Compilation in Slang

- No need to chain together multiple libraries
- Tooling just works
- Produces human-readable code



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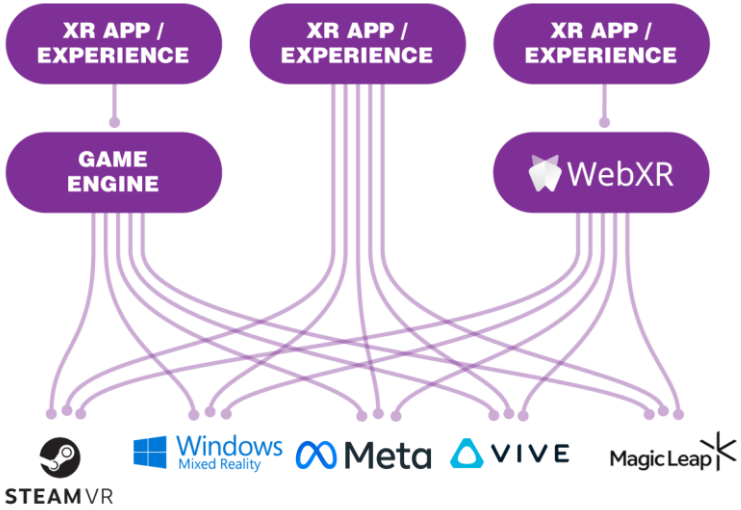
OpenXR™

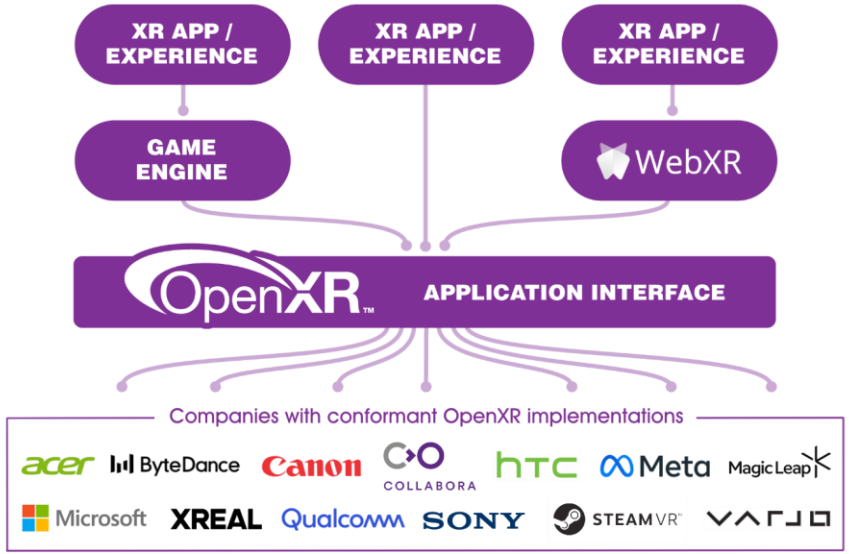
OpenXR Fast Forward

Jian Zhang
Head of XR Foundation Engineering, PICO

OpenXR Cross-Platform Portability



Before OpenXR: Applications and engines needed separate proprietary code for each device on the market.



OpenXR provides a single cross-platform, high-performance API between applications and all conformant devices.

Applications and engines can portably access any OpenXR-conformant hardware

Conformant OpenXR Devices

 Microsoft	 Meta	 htc
HoloLens and Mixed Reality Headsets. Hand and eye tracking extensions	Rift S, Quest 3, Quest 2 and Quest Pro Meta Deprecated own API for OpenXR	Vive Focus 3, Vive Cosmos, Vive XR Elite, Vive Wave Runtime
 VALVE	 VARJO	 Canon
Valve Index Valve Deprecated OpenVR APIs for OpenXR	All Varjo Headsets are fully compliant XR-3, XR-4	MREAL X1
 Magic Leap	 XREAL	 Snapdragon spaces
Magic Leap 2	XREAL Air 2, Air 2 Pro, Air 2 Ultra	Qualcomm Snapdragon Spaces XR Development Platform
 acer	 PICO	 SONY
Spatial Labs Display Series	Neo 3, PICO 4, PICO 4 Pro, PICO 4 Ultra	Spatial Reality Displays

The OpenXR Story So Far…

Empowering Cross-platform Immersive Experiences

OpenXR 1.1
Consolidates multiple extensions to streamline application development and reduce fragmentation
Adds new functionality with spec improvements

Vendor Proprietary API fragmentation
Clear industry demand need for a cross-platform XR open standard

Establishing baseline XR functionality
Though industry consensus and contributed designs

OpenXR 1.0 specification drafted

OpenXR achieves wide industry adoption

OpenXR is foundation for experimentation
New functionality introduced through extensions

Increased focus on regular core spec updates
Balancing the need to ship new functionality *AND* consolidate widely proven technology

Leverage OpenXR's flexible design to explore new use cases
e.g., body tracking and advanced spatial computing

New!

OpenXR Working Group Formed — 2017

OpenXR 1.0 Released — 2019

OpenXR 1.1 Released — April 2024

OpenXR 1.1 Key Extensions Promoted to Core

- **Local Floor Reference Space**
  - Gravity-aligned world-locked origin for standing-scale content
  - Estimated floor height built in
  - Recenter to current user position at the press of a button without a calibration procedure
- **Grip Surface**
  - Anchors visual content relative to the user's physical hand
  - Can be tracked directly or inferred from a physical controller’s position and orientation
- **Stereo with Foveated Rendering for XR headsets**
  - Runtimes MAY optionally expose eye-tracked or fixed foveated rendering
  - Portable across multiple graphics rendering APIs
- **Additional enhancements**
  - Interaction Profile improvements
  - Spec language cleanup and clarifications

Coming Soon to OpenXR

- **Extending hand tracking**
  - To include full body tracking
- **Enhanced handling of spatial entities**
  - Standardized methods to interact with the user's environment
  - Support for advanced spatial computing applications
- **Expanded haptics support**
  - Support immersive experiences through PCM, vibrotractiles, and transients
- **Controller render models (glTF)**
  - Showing and animating a model of the user's actual controller

OpenXR Specification

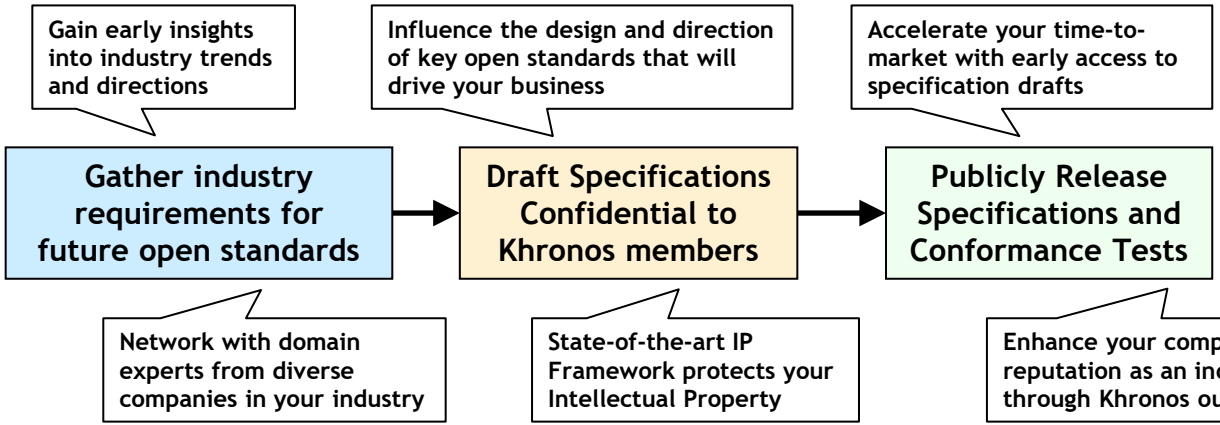
OpenXR SDK GitHub

OpenXR BOF Direction Discussions

- **Empowering Cross-Platform Immersive Experiences**
  - The long-term goal of OpenXR
- **Enabling Multi-Application Support in XR**
  - Extend the XR use cases beyond Fully Immersive experiences: Multi-App
  - Rendering Architecture: Unified Rendering vs Self Rendering
  - *Jian Zhang, Praveen Babu J D (PICO)*
- **Secured and private access to XR device cameras / Sensors**
  - Framework to run your own ML model on XR devices
  - Developer driven mixed reality effects
  - *Jimmy Alamparambil, Jane Tian (PICO)*

The Value of Khronos Participation

Proven processes for building multi-company consensus for generation and governance of open interoperability standards



Khronos membership is open to any company for access to all standardization initiatives
Annual membership fees start at $4,000 for smaller companies
https://www.khronos.org/members/

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Khronos IP Framework and Processes

April 2024

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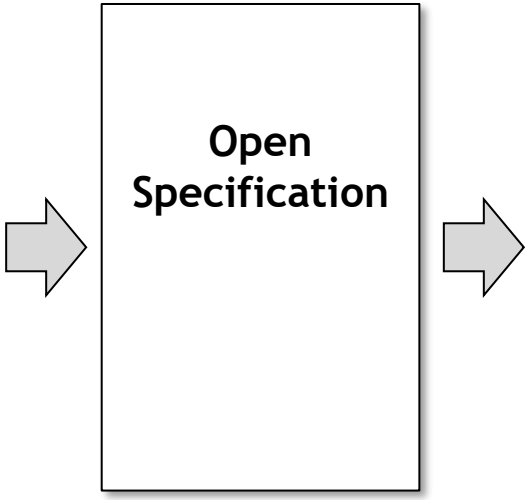
‘Traditional’ IP Frameworks

SDO Members

Explicit identification of patent licenses needed by specification implementers

Limits on scope of grant to protect Members’ IP portfolios



Implementers

Need clarity on patent license terms from the specification creators to decide whether to adopt

Fewer fees and restrictions encourages wider adoption

Typical Traditional IP Frameworks

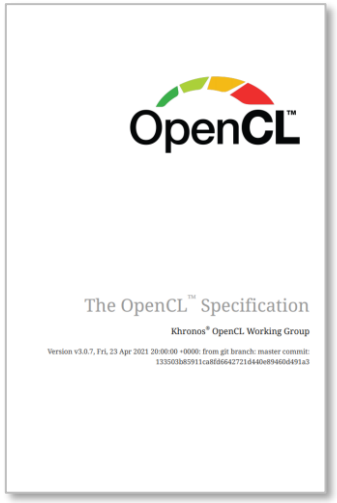
SDO Members are asked to list essential patents they are aware of (with license terms for their own)
Some SDOs allow terms with royalties - but typically must at least be reasonable and non-discriminatory (RAND)
Implementers negotiate licenses with SDO Members individually or through a ‘patent pool’

Khronos IP Framework

Khronos Members

Agree to a ROYALTY-FREE reciprocal license to any essential patents they own for any CONFORMANT implementation of a ratified specification
(fail-safe and no patents need be disclosed)

License covers only the explicit contents of the specification – not other possible implementation technologies
(key to protecting member IP portfolios)



Implementers

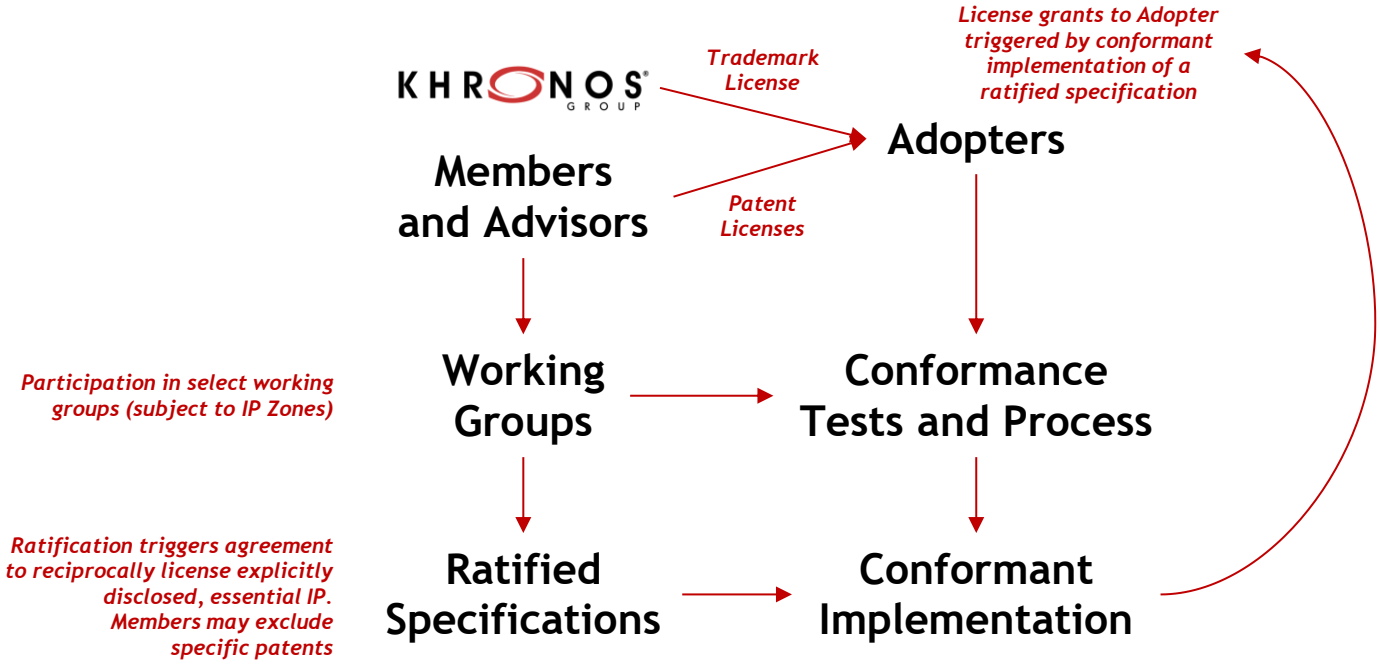
Any entity can use a Khronos specification with no trademark or patent licenses at any time

Formal Adopters are enabled to submit Conformance Test Results for trademark license and (optional) reciprocal patent licenses
(no negotiation with Khronos or Khronos Members is needed)

Explicit reciprocal patent license in Membership and Adopter Agreements

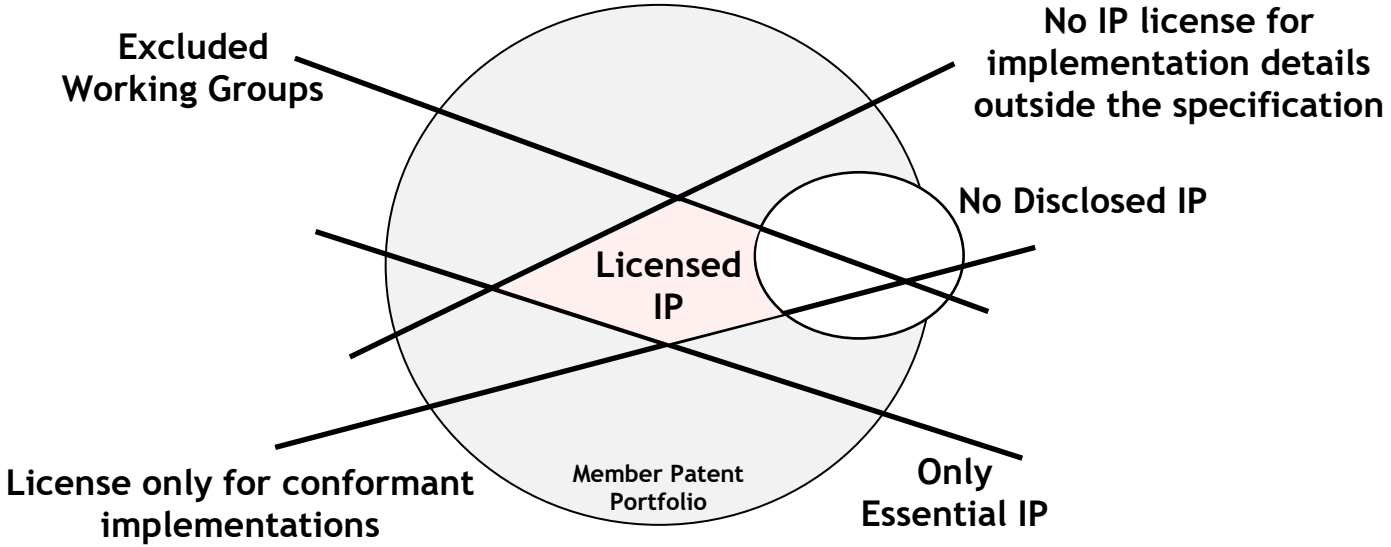
Enhances mutual protection and clarity
Builds network of licensing protection for the standard from Members *and* Adopters

Khronos IP Framework Flow



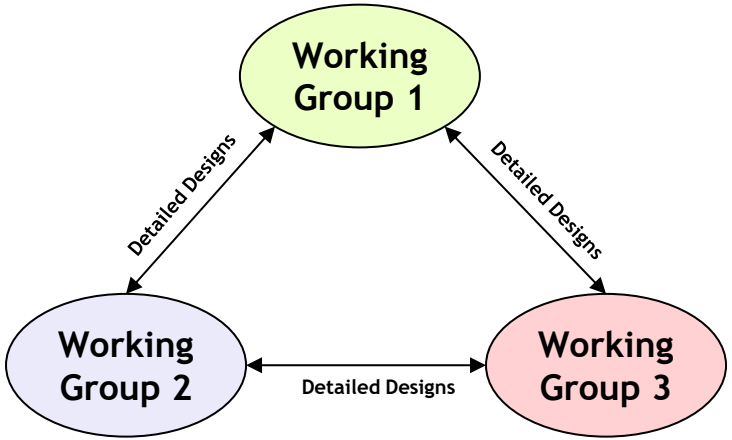
Khronos – Balanced IP Protection

Khronos Members agree not to assert IP claims against Adopters for CONFORMANT IMPLEMENTATIONS OF RATIFIED Specifications



Scope of licensed IP is precisely and narrowly defined to protect Members IP BUT it is the IP needed to protect the specification for use in the industry

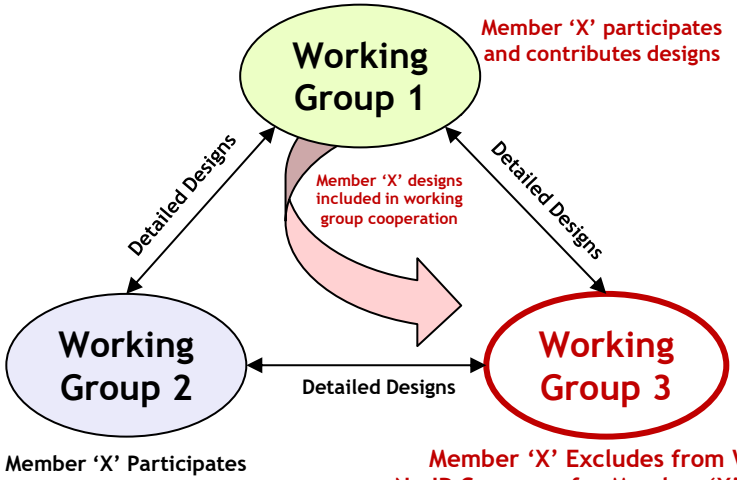
Khronos IP Zones



Many working groups need to share designs e.g.:

OpenGL and OpenGL ES
Vulkan and OpenGL
Vulkan, OpenCL and SPIR-V
glTF and 3D Commerce

"Submarined IP" Danger



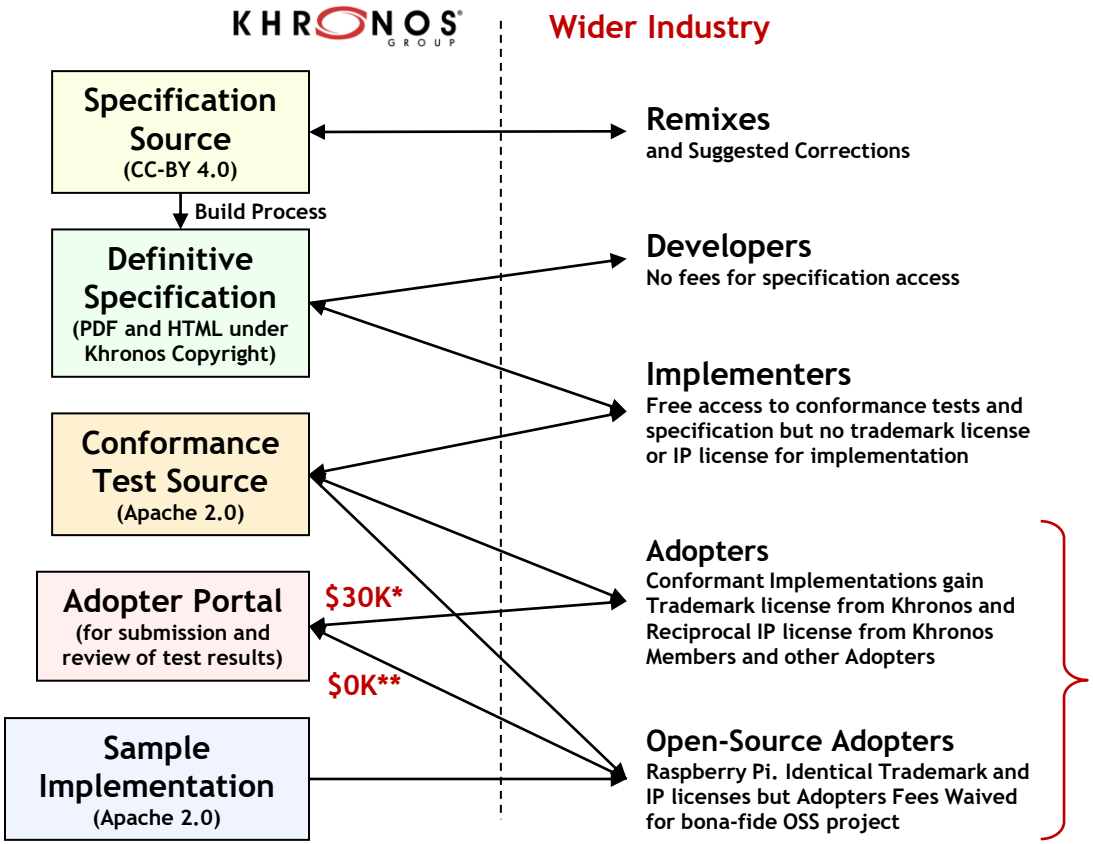
Member 'X' Participates

Member 'X' Excludes from WG3
No IP Coverage for Member 'X' design contributions in specs created by WG3

Solution = IP Zones

Board maintained lists of working groups that share designs. Members should participate in ALL working groups within an IP Zone or none

IP Framework and OSS in Action: OpenVX



Working Group also releases samples and other educational materials as Open Source

OpenVX

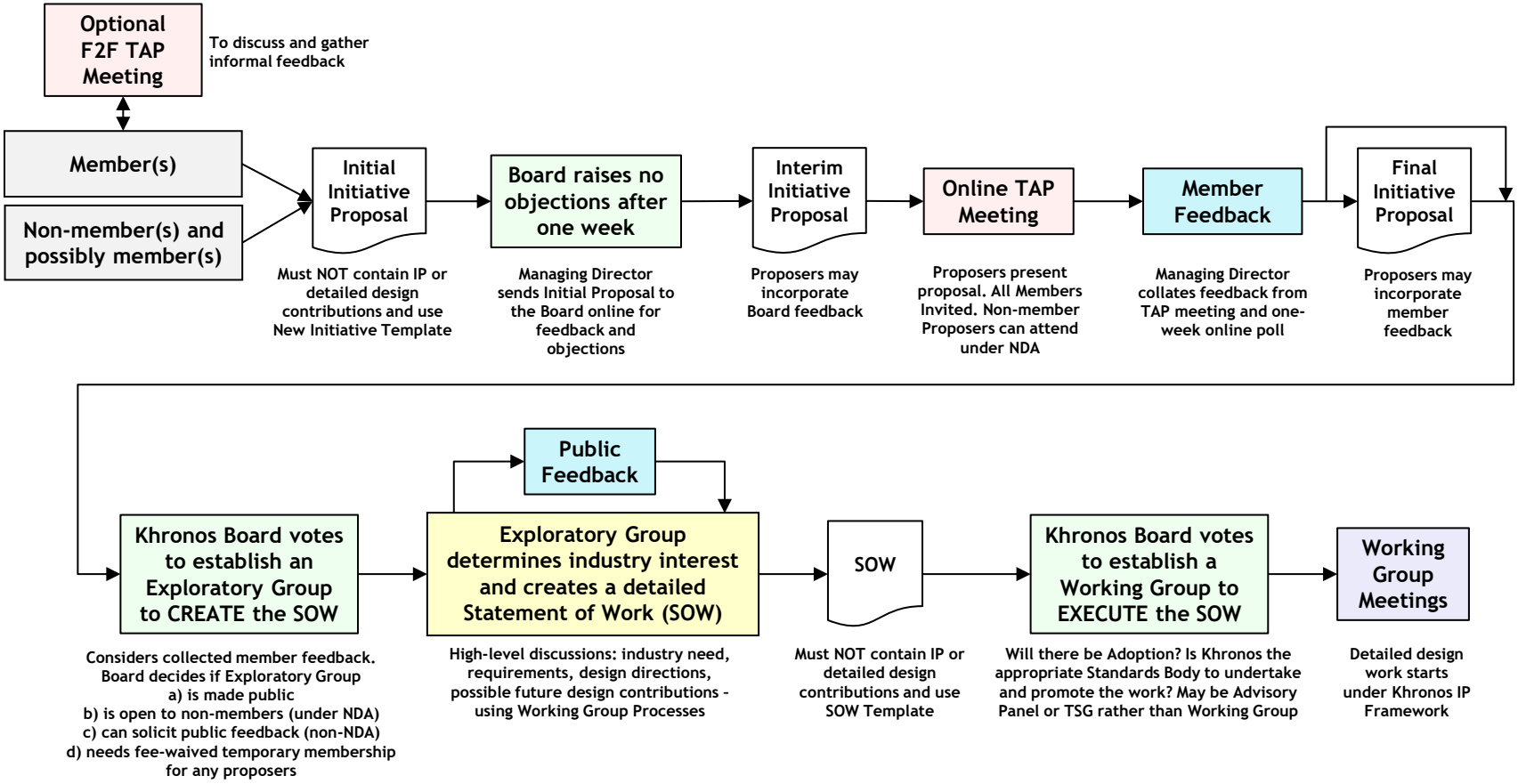
Essential patents from all participating Khronos Members are licensed, royalty-free, to provide protection to conformant implementations

* One-off Adopter Fee for unlimited number of products (partially covers Khronos costs)

** Adopters Fees waived for bona-fide open-source projects

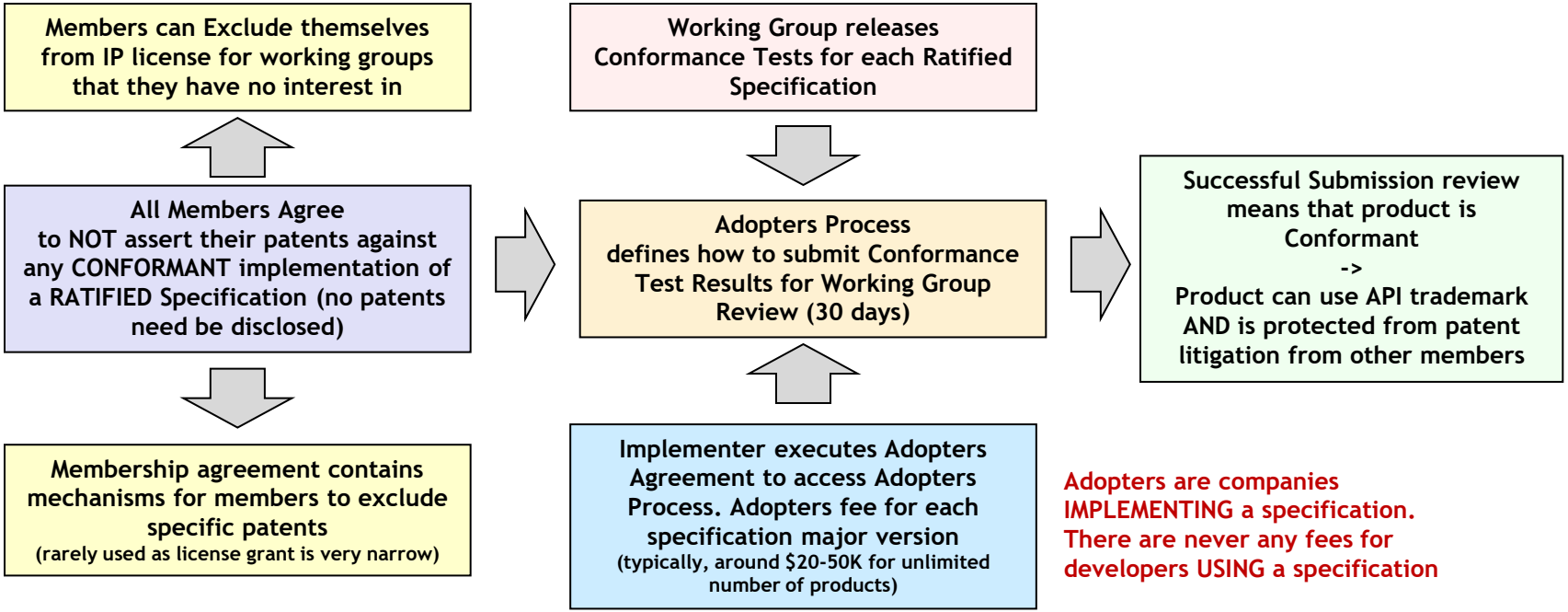
New Initiative Process

Khronos New Initiative Process Details



Conformance and Adoption

Khronos IP and Adopters Framework



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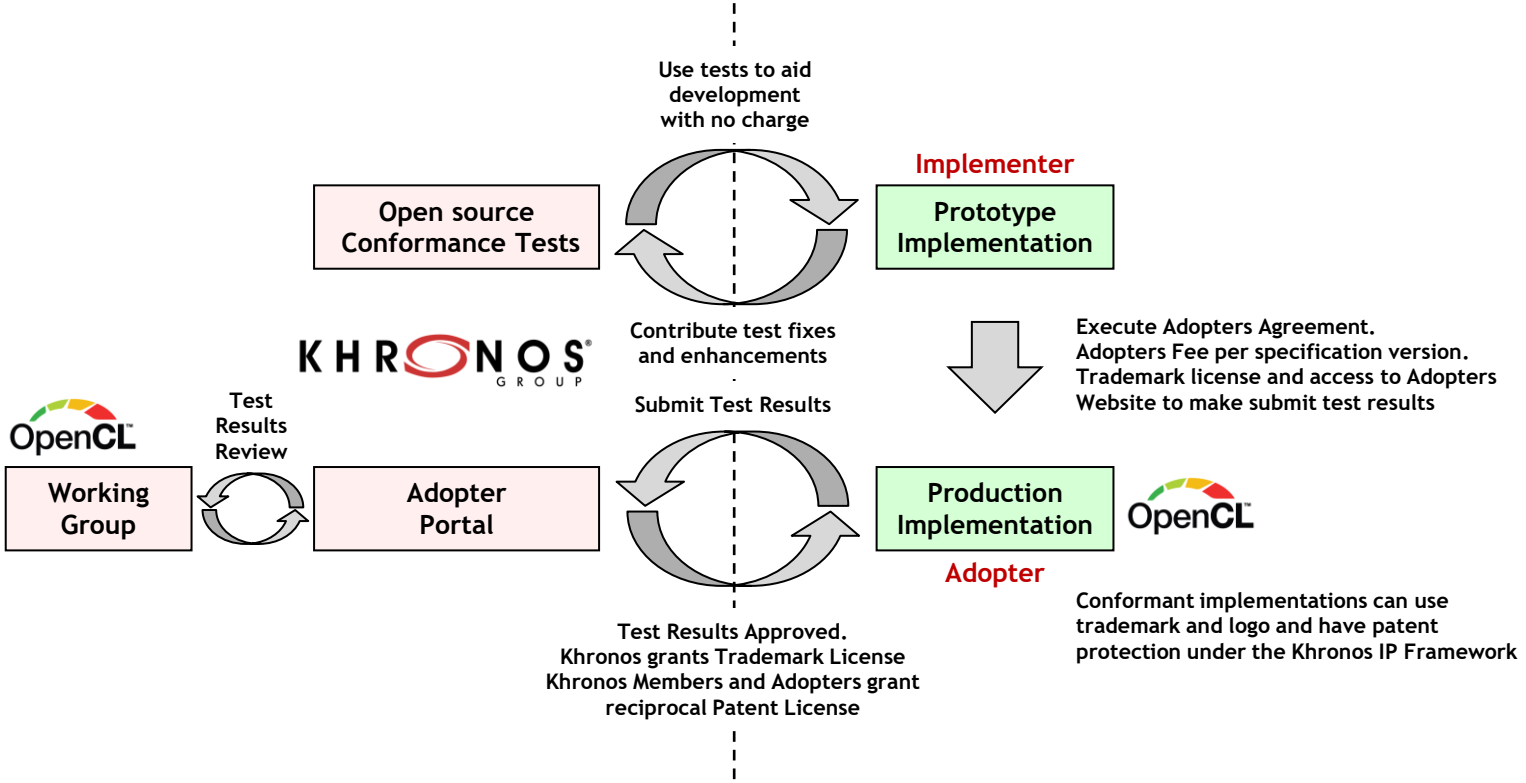

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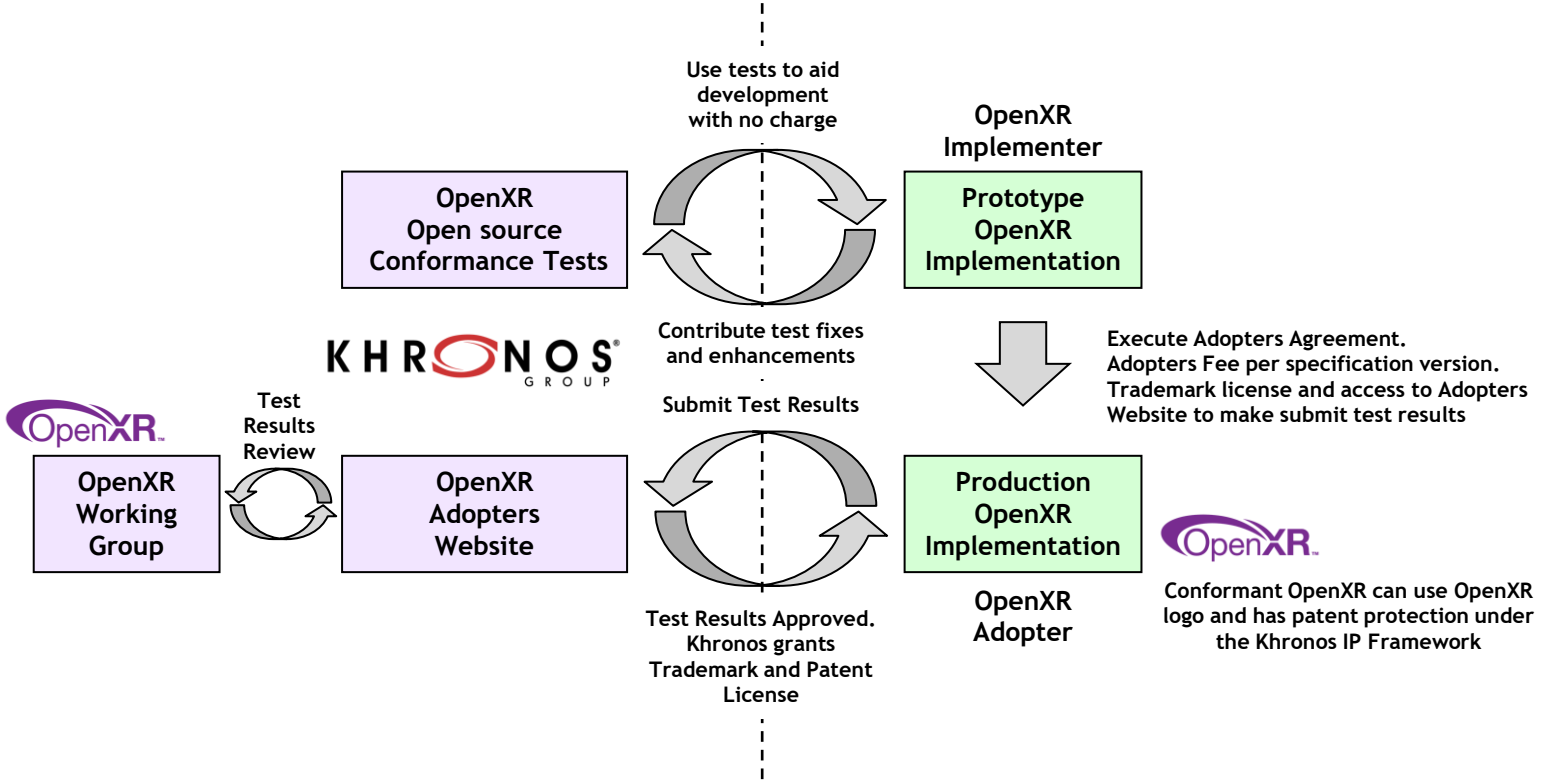


Khronos Specification and Adoption Flow

Contributions under Khronos IP Framework

Spec and Ref Language Source

Redistribution under CC-BY 4.0

Contributions and Distribution under Apache 2.0

Spec Build System and Scripts

Redistribution under CC-BY 4.0

Community built documentation and tools

Ratified* Core Specs and KHR Extensions

* ARB and OES extensions are also ratified. Vendor extensions and multi-vendor EXT extensions are not

Royalty-free use and redistribution - BUT no grant of trademark of patent licenses

Implementations of Khronos Specifications

Contributions and Distribution under Apache 2.0

Conformance Test Suite Source

Submit Conformance Test results for Working Group review and approval. Fee per spec version. Defines what product configurations covered by a submission

Khronos Adopters Program ($)

Adopters fees waived on request for bona-fide open source implementations. E.g. SPI/X.org/MESA are Adopters for OpenGL, OpenGL ES, OpenCL and Vulkan. Test results must be submitted to become conformant SPI has made submissions for Vulkan 1.0/1.1 so far

License grants for use of Khronos trademark and member patents

No license granted for use of trademark or patents

Khronos members agree to NOT assert patents against any CONFORMANT implementations of RATIFIED Specifications

Conformant Implementations can use trademark and are covered by Khronos IP Framework

Anyone can test any implementation at any time

Participation and Processes

Khronos Spec Standardization Process

Khronos processes is designed to encourage and create consensus
Working Groups are goal-focused with very few 'politics'
Voting rarely needed to break deadlock

Working Group Passes Finalized Specification to Board
Board votes to Ratify Specification
Specification and Conformance Tests Publicly Released

Working Groups
Chair & specification editor elected from WG members
Design Contributions welcome from any WG member
Consensus-based decision process - one company one vote
All work is discussed and documented online
Typically, one teleconference per week (in English)
2-3 Khronos F2F Meetings a year - open to all members

Anyone with member email address can create account for full access to Khronos resources under Khronos NDA
Draft specifications, CTS and materials for all working groups
Email reflectors for each working group

Any Company Can Become Member
Board - $90K/year
Contributor - $22K/year
Non-Profit - $9K/year
Associate (<100 employees) from $4K/year ($175/emp)
Academic - $1K/year

Working Groups invite individuals to Advisory Panel
Sign Advisory Panel Agreement that includes NDA and IP Framework

Khronos Conformance Submission Process

Company implementing Khronos spec wishes to use trademark E.g., “We have implemented OpenGL ES”

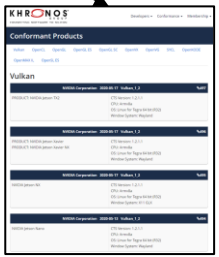
Can be member or non-member

Company executes Adopters Agreement with per-version or subscription fee (~$10Ks for unlimited submissions) to enter API Adopters program

Port Test Source to products and generate test results

Upload test results to Khronos private web-site. Peer review by members/Adopters

Successful Review enables products to use Khronos trademarks, be IP Protected and to be listed on Khronos website



Restricted use of trademark (not logo) with disclaimer language while conformance testing in progress

Full use of logo and trademark with small disclaimer while in review

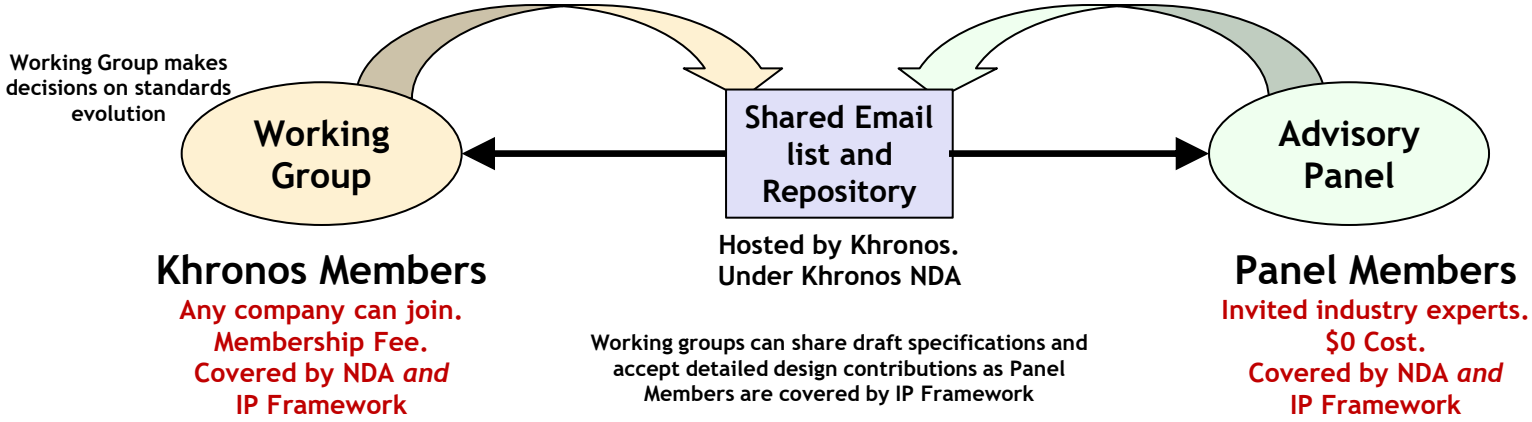
Full use of logo and trademark AND IP Protection

Vulkan, Vulkan SC and OpenXR charge an annual subscription Adopters fee for the ability to make conformance submissions

Adopter Benefits

At each stage of the Adoption Process

Khronos Advisory Panels



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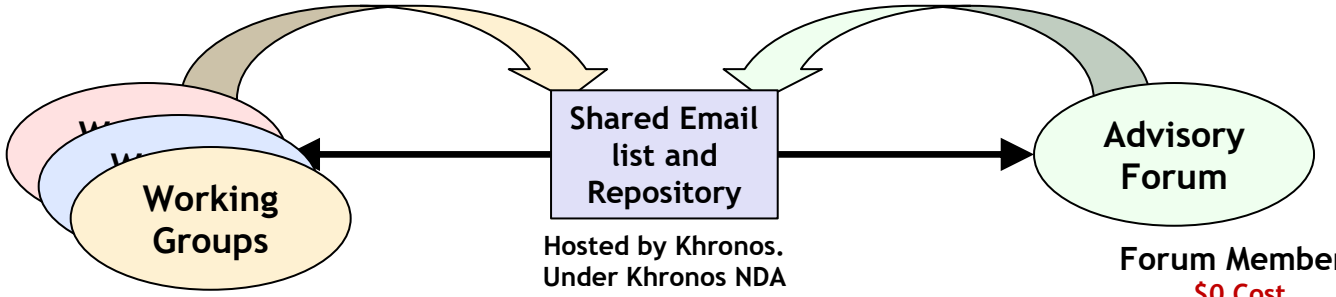

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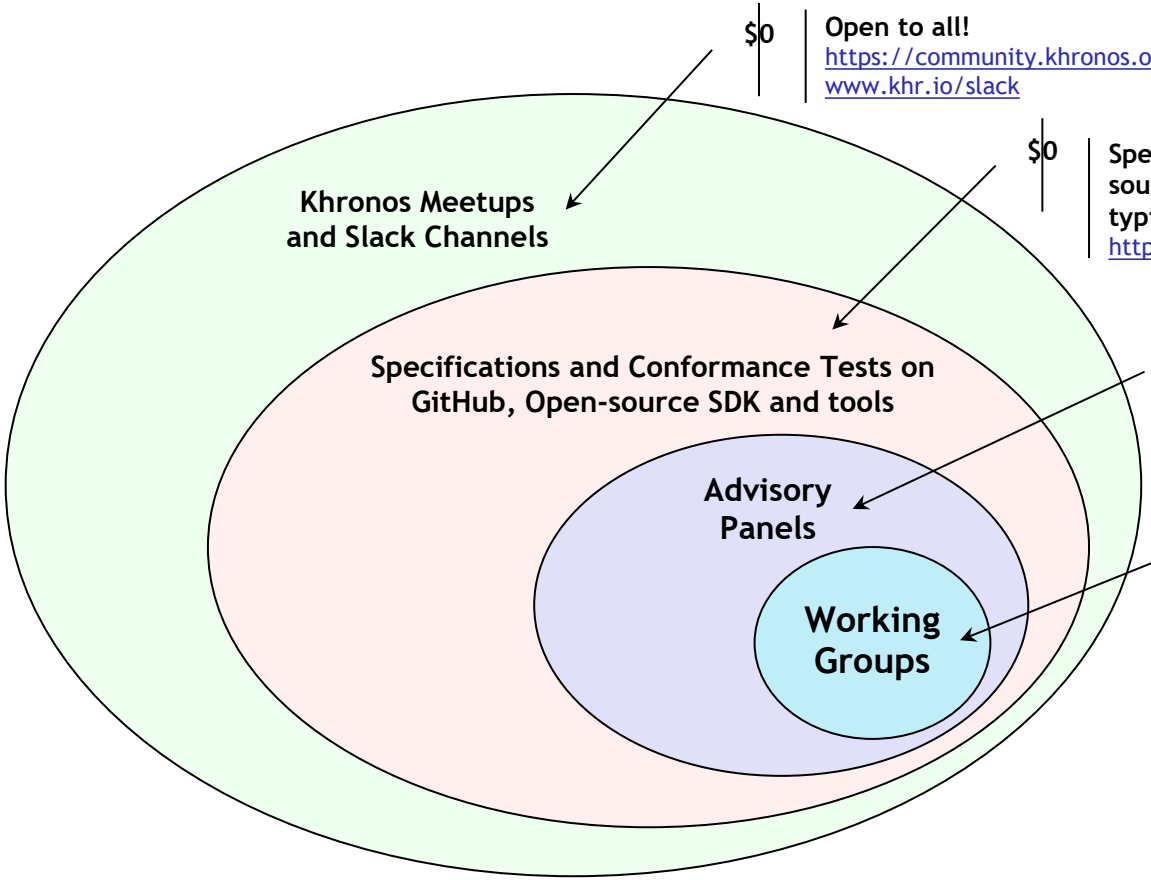

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