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Entering the Golden Age of Heterogeneous Computing

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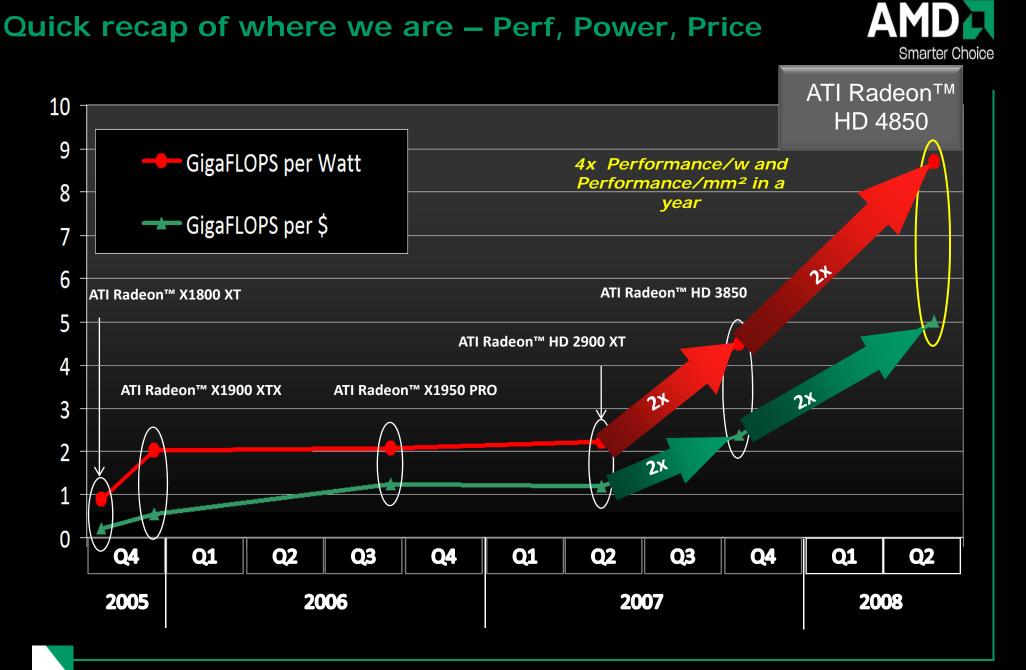
The 4 Pillars of massively parallel compute offload



- Performance
- Power
- Price
- Programming Models

Moore's Law $\rightarrow 2x < 18$ Months Frequency\Power\Complexity Wall Parallel \rightarrow Opportunity for growth

GPU is the first successful massively parallel COMMODITY architecture with a programming model that managed to tame 1000's of parallel threads in hardware to perform useful work efficiently



Source of GigaFLOPS per watt: maximum theoretical performance divided by maximum board power. Source of GigaFLOPS per \$: maximum theoretical performance divided by price as reported on <u>www.buy.com</u> as of 9/24/08

ATI Radeon[™]HD 4850



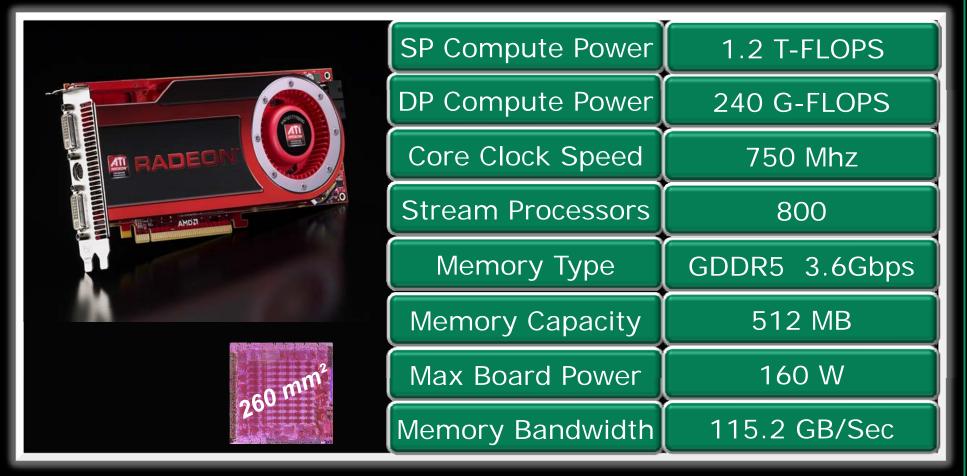
Designed to Perform in Single Slot

	SP Compute Power	1.0 T-FLOPS
	DP Compute Power	200 G-FLOPS
	Core Clock Speed	625 Mhz
	Stream Processors	800
	Memory Type	GDDR3
	Memory Capacity	512 MB
co mm²	Max Board Power	110W
	Memory Bandwidth	64 GB/Sec

ATI Radeon[™]HD 4870



First Graphics with GDDR5



ATI RadeonTMHD 4870 X2 AMD

Incredible Balance of Performance, Power, Price

	Compute Power	2.4 TFLOPS
	DP Compute Power	480 G-FLOPS
	Core Clock Speed	750 Mhz
	Stream Processors	1600
	Memory Type	GDDR5 3.6Gbps
	Memory Capacity	2 GB
520 mm ²	Max Board Power	285W
	Memory Bandwidth	230 GB/Sec

AMD FireStream[™] 9250

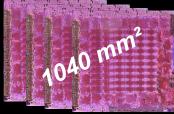


- AMD's Second Generation Stream Computing Product
- Single PCI Slot
- Computational Power
 - One T-FLOPS Single Precision Float
 - 200 GFLOPS Double Precision
- 1 GB GDDR3
- 150 Watts → 8GFLOPS/Watt
- Familiar 32 and 64 bit Linux® and Windows® Environment
- Stream software supports multiple GPUs per system
- Brook+ (Open Source C-level language & Compiler)
 - GPU Shader Analyzer
 - AMD Code Analyst
- AMD's Compute Abstraction Layer (CAL)

Crossfire FragBox QuadFire @ Falcon Northwest AND Smarter Choice







- QuadFire 2x ATI Radeon[™] 4870X2 2 GB
- 3200 Single Precision Stream Processer
- Or 160 DP units with 160 SP units

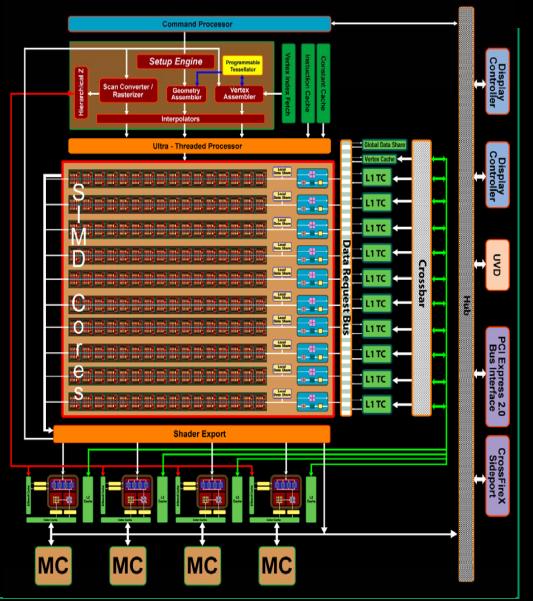


Rapid Advances for Compute Today !!

Meet the ATI Radeon[™] HD48xx Architecture

Terascale Unified Graphics Engine

- 800 highly optimized stream processing units
- New Unified SIMD core layout
- Optimized texture units
- New texture cache design
- New memory architecture
- Optimized render back-ends for fast anti-aliasing performance
- Enhanced geometry shader & tessellator performance

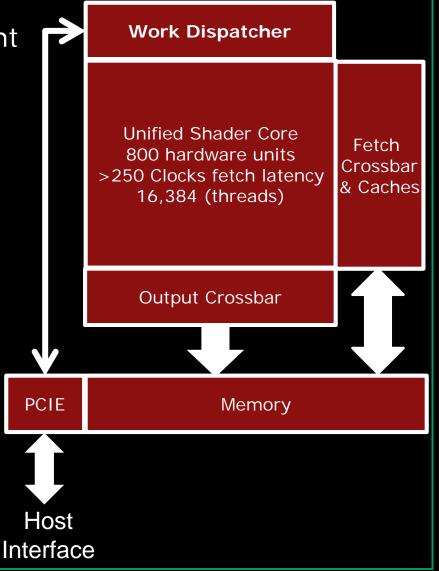




Simple View of a Unified Data Parallel Throughput Machine



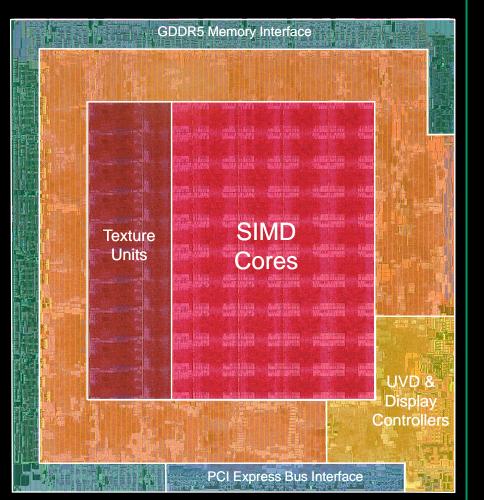
- Highly threaded to hide latency for light ALU loads and I/O constrained Apps
 - Hardware has support for ~16,000 shader program invocations
 - Hardware has register & resources for each invocation
- I/O bound with low ALU count
 - 16 arrive per clock,
 - 16 leave per clock
 - 40 threads issue fetch per clock
 - Fetch latency
 - 300 clks latency → 4,800 threads
 - 1 dependant fetch → 9,600 threads
 - 2 dependant fetch → 14,400 threads



ATI Radeon™ HD 4800 Series Architecture

- 10 SIMD cores
 - Each with 80 32-bit Stream Processing Units (800 total)
 - Dual Identity 16 64-bit & 16 32-bit
 Stream Processing Units
- 40 Texture Units
- 115+ GB/sec GDDR5 memory interface

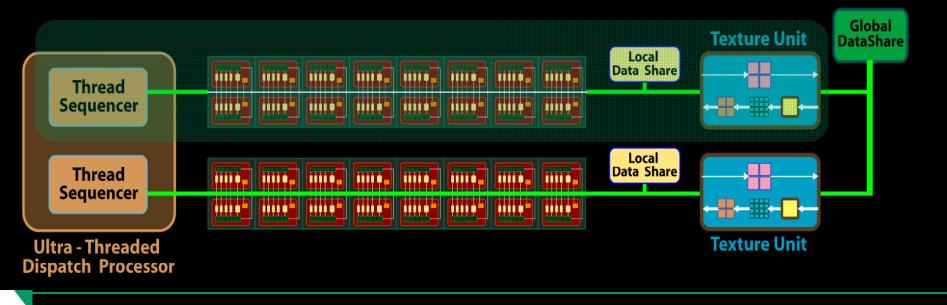
	ATI Radeon™ HD 3870	ATI Radeon™ HD 4870	Difference
Die Size	190 mm ²	260 mm ²	1.4x
Memory	72 GB/sec	115 GB/sec	1.6x
AA Resolve	32	64	2x
Z/Stencil	32	64	2x
Texture	16	40	2.5x
Shader	320	800	2.5x





SIMD Cores

- Each core:
 - Includes 80 scalar stream processing units in total + 16KB Local Data Share
 - Has its own control logic and runs from a shared set of threads
 - Has 4 dedicated texture units + L1 cache
 - Communicates with other SIMD cores via 16KB global data share
- New design allows texture fetch capability to scale efficiently with shader power, maintaining 4:1 ALU:TEX ratio



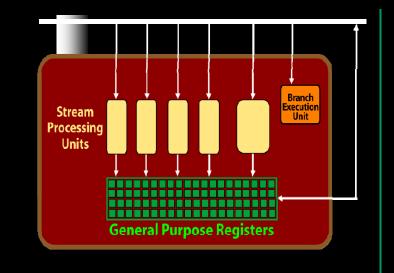


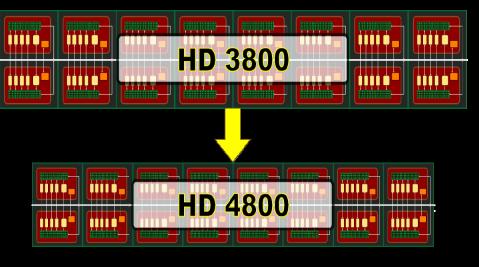
Stream Processing Units



- 40% increase in performance per mm^{2*}
- More aggressive clock gating for improved Performance per Watt
- Fast double precision processing (240 GigaFLOPS)
- Integer bit shift operations for all units

(12.5x improvement *)



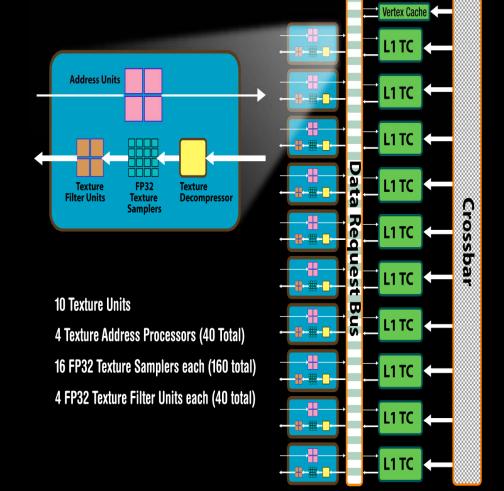




Source of performance per mm²: maximum theoretical performance divided by surface area of aSIMD Source of 12.5x improvement: for ATI Radeon[™] HD 3800 Series 4 SIMDs x 16 shift operations per SIMD = 64 shift operations. For ATI Radeon 4800 Series 10 SIMDs x 80 shift operations = 800 shift operations.

Texture Units

- Streamlined design
 - 70% increase in performance/mm²*
- More performance
 - Double the texture cache bandwidth of the ATI Radeon[™] HD 3800 SERIES
 - 2.5x increase in 32-bit filter rate
 - 1.25x increase in 64-bit filter rate
 - Up to 160 fetches per clock





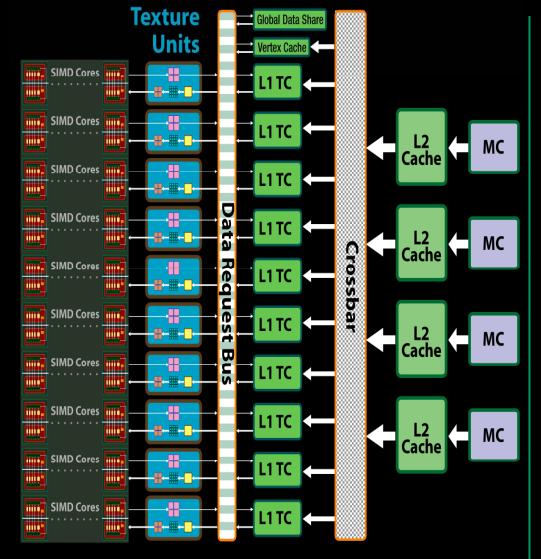


Global Data Share

Texture Units



- New cache design
 - L2s aligned with memory channels
 - L1s store unique data per SIMD
 - 2.5x increase aggregate L1*
 - Separate vertex cache
 - Increased bandwidth
 - Up to 480 GB/sec of L1 texture fetch bandwidth
 - Up to 384 GB/sec between L1 & L2

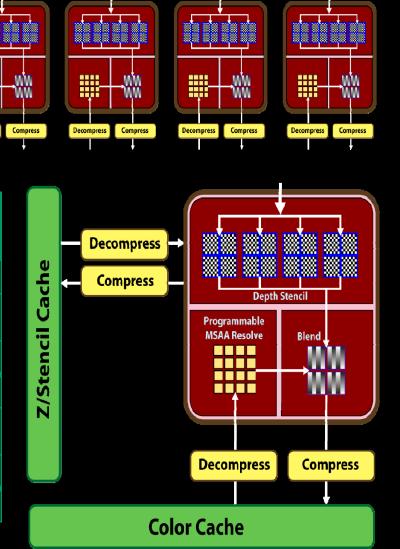


Render Back-Ends

- Focus on improving AA performance per mm²
 - Doubled peak rate for depth/stencil ops to 64 per clock
 - Doubled AA peak fill rate for 32-bit & 64-bit color *
 - Doubled non-AA peak fill rate for 64-bit color
- Supports both fixed function (MSAA) and programmable (CFAA) modes

	Color	ATI Radeon [™] HD 3800 series	ATI Radeon [™] HD 4800 series	Difference
No MSAA		16 pix/clk	16 pix/clk	1x
2x/4x MSAA	32- bit	8 pix/clk	16 pix/clk	2x
8x MSAA		4 pix/clk	8 pix/clk	2x
No MSAA		8 pix/clk	16 pix/clk	2x
2x/4x MSAA	64- bit	8 pix/clk	16 pix/clk	2x
8x MSAA		4 pix/clk	8 pix/clk	2x
Depth/stencil only		32 pix/clk	64 pix/clk	2x





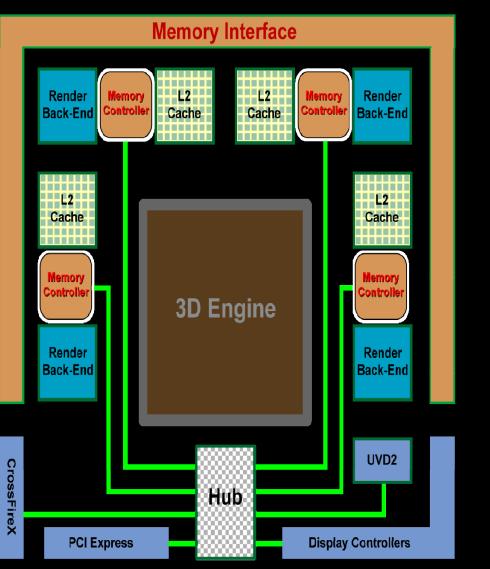
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Decompress

Memory Controller Architecture



- New distributed design with hub
- Controllers distributed around periphery of chip, adjacent to primary bandwidth consumers
- Memory tiling & 256-bit interface allows reduced latency, silicon area, and power consumption
- Hub handles relatively low bandwidth traffic
 - PCI Express®, CrossFireX[™] interconnect,
 UVD2, display controllers,
 intercommunication)



ATI Radeon[™] HD 4870 Computation Highlights



- >100 GB/s memory bandwidth
 - 256b GDDR5 interface
- Targeted for handling thousands of simultaneous lightweight threads
- 800 (160x5) stream processors
 - 640 (160x4) basic units (FMAC, ADD/SUB, CMP, etc.)
 - ~1.2 TFlops theoretical peak
 - 160 enhanced transcendental units (adds COS, LOG, EXP, RSQ, etc.)
 - Support for INT/UINT in all units (ADD/SUB, AND, XOR, NOT, OR, etc.)
 - 64-bit double precision FP support

1/5 single precision rate (~240GFlops theoretical performance)

- 4 SIMDs -> 10 SIMDs
 - -2.5X peak theoretical performance increase over ATI Radeon[™] 3870
 - -~1.2 TFlops FP32 theoretical peak
 - -~240 GFlops FP64 theoretical peak

Scratch-pad memories

- -16KB per SIMD (LDS)
- -16KB across SIMDs (GDS)

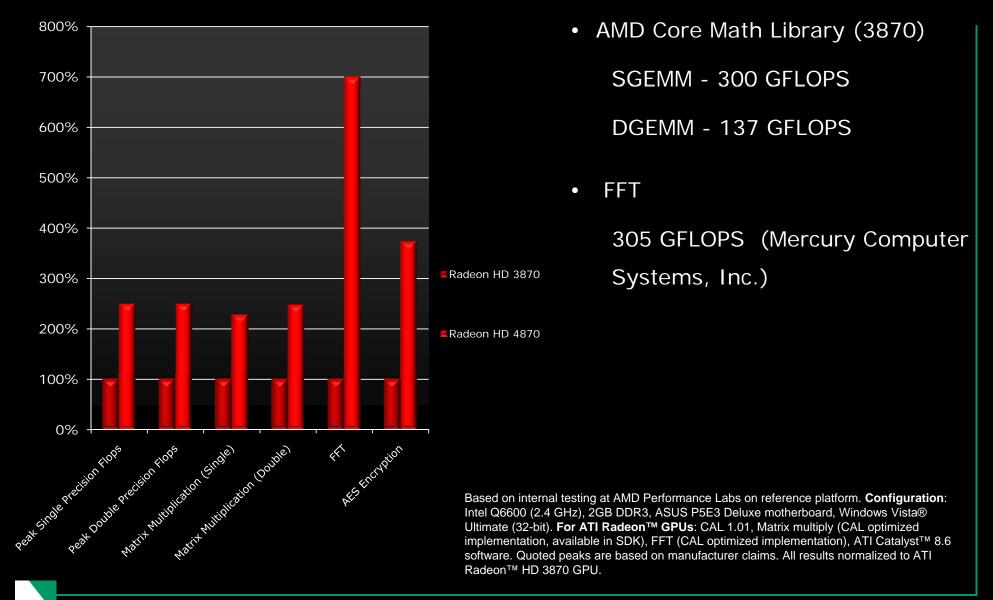
Synchronization capabilities

Compute Shader

- -Launch work without rasterization
- -"Linear" scheduling
- -Faster thread launch

Performance





ATI Radeon[™] HD 4800 Series Stream Architecture



- Several enhancements done for stream computing
 - Fast compute dispatch
 - Local /Global data shares
 - Increased Integer Processing Abilities
 - Fast Mem import/export

 Significant increases in performance on many important stream processing workloads





Stream SDK strategy update

Stream implication for professional and consumer markets

Brook+

AMD's Compute Abstraction Layer (CAL)

DirectX® 11.0 Compute Shader Introduction

OpenCL Introduction

Stream SDK Momentum



- AMD was the first company to offer a freely downloadable, open set of programming tools for GPGPU programming
- Adoption of Stream SDK, launched in 2006, continues to grow
- Hundreds of topics have been posted and discussed on the AMD Stream Developer Forum, making it the most active developer forum at AMD
- <u>http://developer.amd.com/devforum</u>
- <u>http://ati.amd.com/technology/streamcomputing/sdkdwnld.html</u>

Key imperatives for the growth of an application eco-system



- Industry standard Programming models
- Tools, Libraries, Middleware
- Services
- Research community and early adopters

AMD Stream Processing Strategy



Applications (Game Computing, Video Computing, Scientific Computing, Productivity)

Tools, Libraries, Middleware (ACML, Brook+, Cobra, RapidMind, Havok etc)

> Industry Standard Interfaces (OpenCL, DirectX 11®, etc.)

Compute Abstraction Layer (CAL)



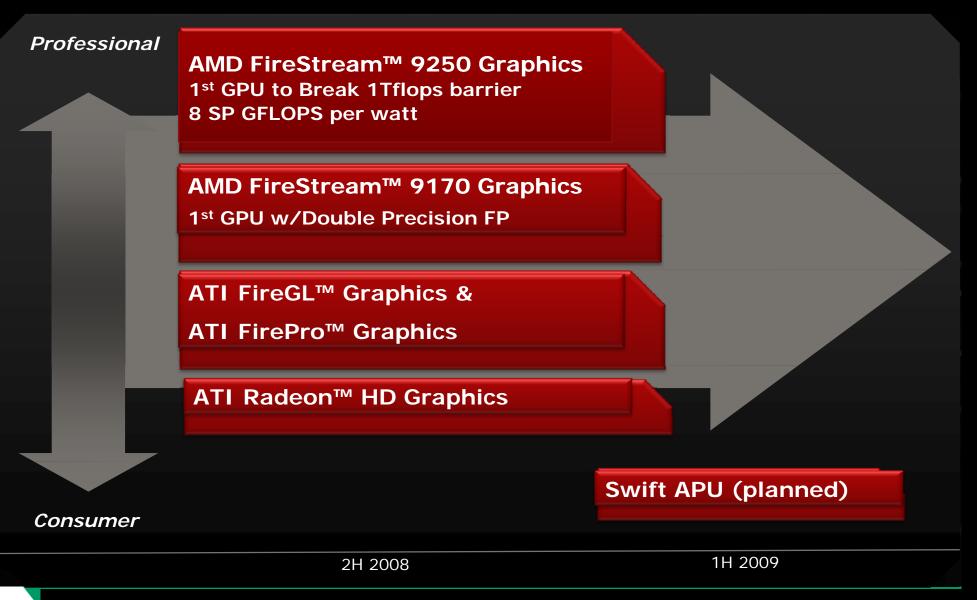


AMD Stream Platform

Single Programming Environment

Top to bottom support of stream applications on AMD GPUs







Brook+

Computing Language

What is Brook+?



Brook is an extension to the C-language for stream programming originally developed by Stanford University

Brook + is an implementation by AMD of the Brook GPU spec on AMD's compute abstraction layer with some enhancements

Asynchronous CPU->GPU transfers (GPU->CPU still synchronous)

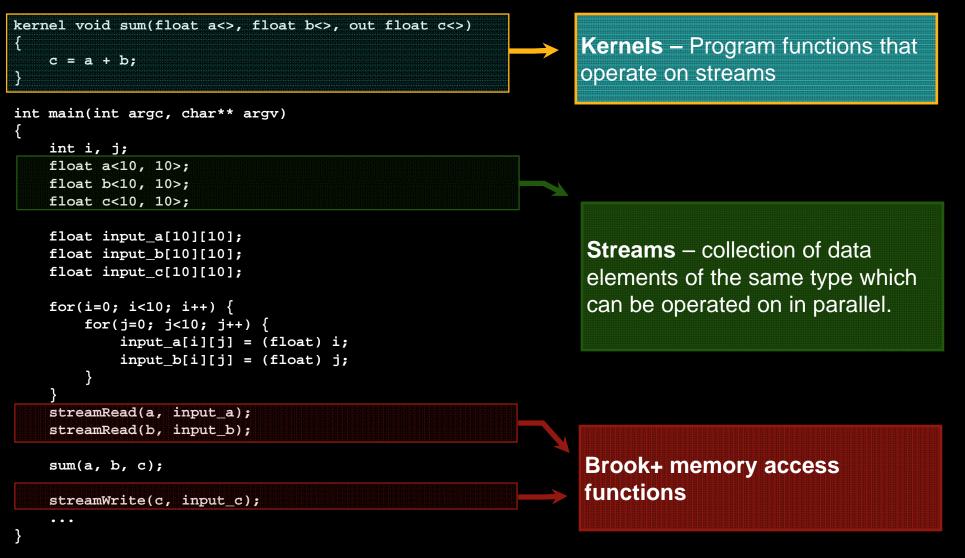
Linux®, Windows Vista®, Microsoft® Windows® XP 32 & 64-bit

Extension Mechanism

Allow ASIC specific features to be exposed without 'sullying' core language

Simple Example





Brook+ kernels



{ }	c = a	+ b;		a<>, f]						Standard Streams - implicit and predictable access pattern
ker {	cernel void sum(float a[], float b[], out float c<>)									
} ker { }	<pre>} kernel void sum(float a<>, float b<>, out float c[]) { int idx = indexof(c); c[idx] = a + b; }</pre>							Gather Streams - dynamic read access patternScatter Stream - dynamic write access pattern		
	a[0]	a[1]	a[2]	a[3]	a[4]	a[5]	a[6]	a[7]		
	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		
	b[0]	b[1]	b[2]	b[3]	b[4]	b[5]	b[6]	b[7]		
	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=		
	c[0]	c[1]	c[2]	c[3]	c[4]	c[5]	c[6]	c[7]		

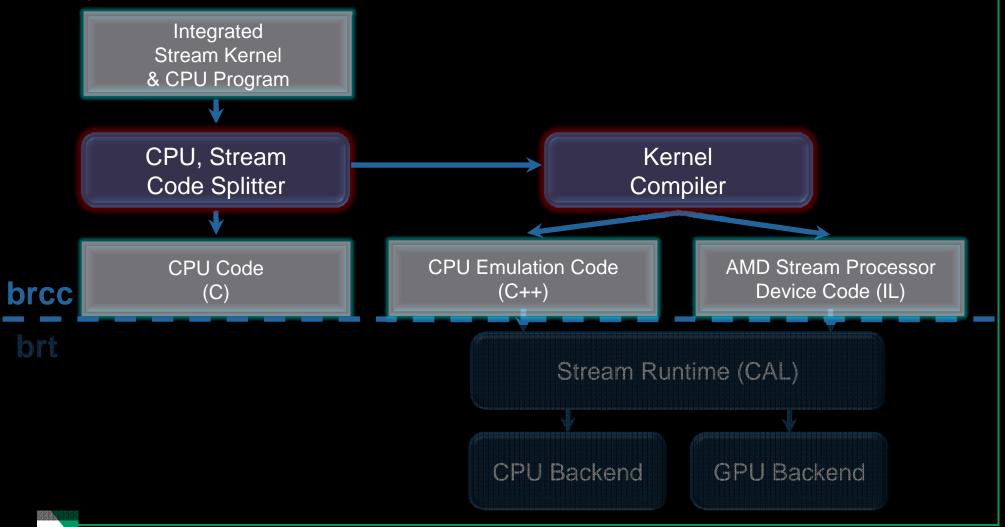
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Brook + Compiler



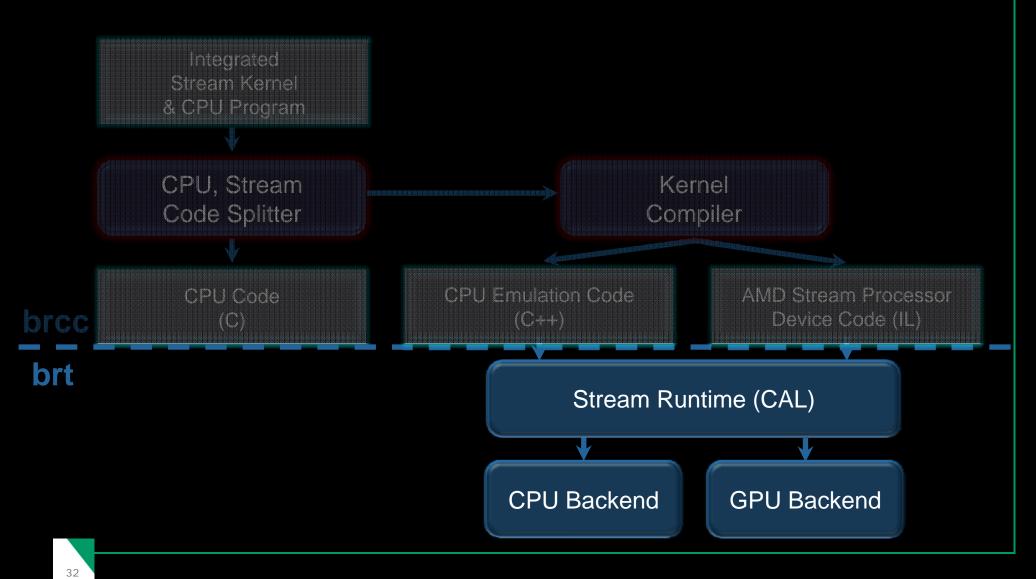
Converts Brook+ files into C++ code. Kernels, written in C, are compiled to AMD's IL code for the GPU or C code for the CPU.



Brook + Compiler



IL code is executed on the GPU. The backend is written in CAL.



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Improving and Evolving Brook+



- Improve and evolve Brook+ programming language, compiler and runtime, including:
 - improved error handling
 - data transfer optimizations
 - C++ runtime API
 - access to CAL-level functionality

Aims to provide a stable, highperformance platform for accelerating applications today, paving migration path towards OpenCL/DirectX® <u>Compute</u>





Compute Abstraction Layer

Compute Abstraction Layer (CAL) goals



Expose relevant compute aspects of the GPU

- **Command Processor**
- Data Parallel Processor(s)
- Memory Controller
- Hide all other graphics-specific features

Provide direct & asynchronous communication to device

Eliminate driver implemented procedural API Push policy decisions back to application Remove constraints imposed by graphics APIs



CAL Highlights



Memory managed

Don't have to manually maintain offsets, etc Asynchronous DMA: CPU→GPU, GPU→GPU, GPU→CPU Multiple GPUs can share the same "system" memory

Core CAL API is device agnostic

Enables multi-device optimizations

e.g. Multiple GPUs working together concurrently Multiple GPUs show up as multiple CAL devices

Extensions to CAL provide opportunities for device specific optimization



Industry standards and open collaboration is key to driving development of stream applications and ensuring these applications work on the broadest range of hardware

Proprietary Solutions

- Helps to drive experimentation of new technology
- Appropriate when no standards in place

Industry Standards

- As hardware and software evolves, key to making it accessible in a unified way
- Stream processing has evolved to a point where proprietary solutions are not helping to drive broader technology acceptance





Compute Shaders

An evolving processing model for GPUs

DirectX® 11.0 Siggraph2008 slides courtesy of Chas Boyd Architect @ Microsoft Windows Desktop and Graphics Technology

Introducing: the Compute Shader

- A new processing model for GPUs
 - Data—parallel programming for mass market client apps
- Integrated with Direct3D
 - For efficient inter-op with graphics in client scenarios
- Supports more general constructs than before
 - Cross thread data sharing
 - Un-ordered access I/O operations
- Enables more general data structures
 Irregular arrays, trees, etc.
- Enables more general algorithms
 Far beyond shading



Target: Interactive Graphics/Games

- Image/Post processing:
 - Image Reduction, Histogram, Convolution, FFT
- Effect physics
 - Particles, smoke, water, cloth, etc.
- Advanced renderers:
 - A-Buffer/OIT, Reyes, Ray-tracing, radiosity, etc.
- Game play physics, AI, etc.
- Production pipelines



Target: Media Processing

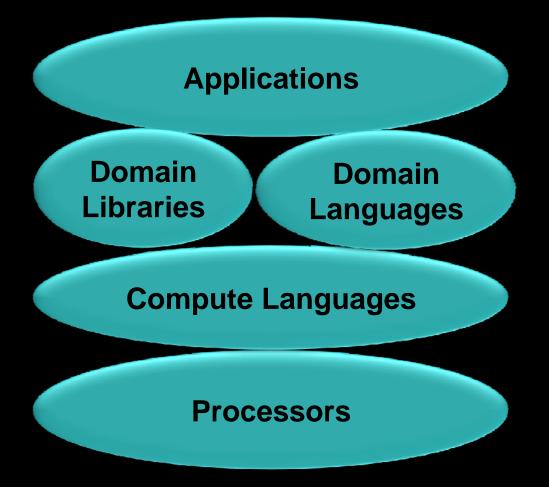
• Video:

- Transcode, Super Resolution, etc.

- Photo/imaging:
 - Consumer applications
- Non-client scenarios:
 - HPC, server workloads, etc.



Component Relationships



Media playback or processing, media UI, recognition, etc.

Accelerator, Brook+, Rapidmind, Ct MKL, ACML, cuFFT, D3DX, etc.

DirectX® 11.0 Compute, CUDA, CAL, OpenCL, LRB Native, etc.

CPU, GPU, Larrabee nVidia, Intel, AMD, S3, etc.



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Compute Shader Features

- Predictable Thread Invocation
 - Regular arrays of threads: 1-D, 2-D, 3-D
 - Don't have to 'draw a quad' anymore
- Shared registers between threads
 - Reduces register pressure
 - Can eliminate redundant compute and i/o
- Scattered Writes
 - Can read/write arbitrary data structures
 - Enables new classes of algorithms
 - Integrates with Direct3D resources

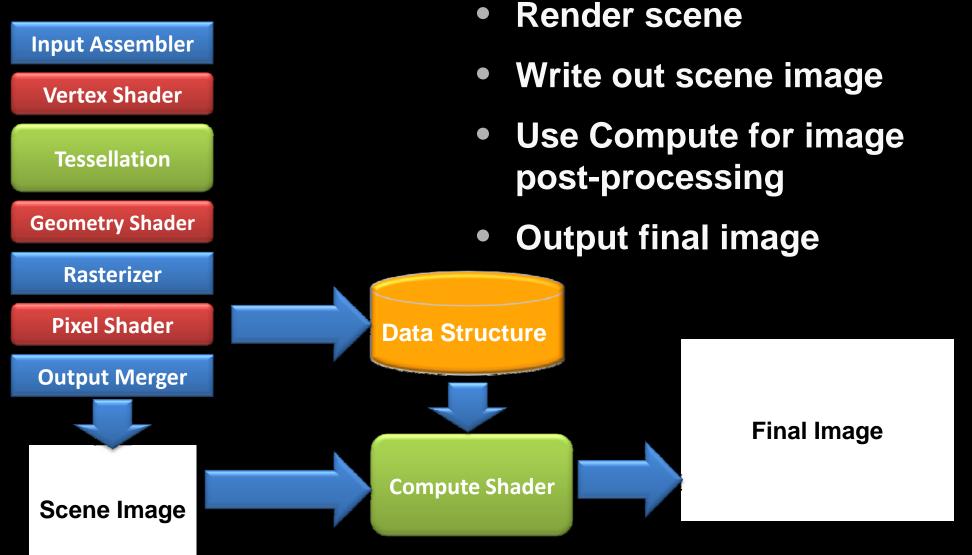


Integrated with Direct3D

- Fully supports all Direct3D resources
- Targets graphics/media data types
- Evolution of DirectX® HLSL
- Graphics pipeline updated to emit general data structures via addressable writes
- Which can then be manipulated by compute shader
- And then rendered by Direct3D again



Integration with Graphics Pipeline





Memory Objects

- DXGI Resources
 - Used for textures, images, vertices, hulls, etc.
 - Enables out-of-bounds memory checking
 - Returns 0 on reads
 - Writes are No-Ops
 - Improves security, reliability of shipped code
- Exposed as HLSL 'Resource Variables'
 - Declared in the language as data objects



Optimized I/O Intrinsics

- Textures & Buffers
 - RWTexture2D, RWBuffer
 - Act just like existing types

Structured I/O

- RWStructuredBuffer
- StructuredBuffer (read-only)
- Template type can be any struct definition

Fast Structured I/O

- AppendStructuredBuffer, ConsumeStructuredBuffer
- Work like streams
- Do not preserve ordering

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Atomic Operator Intrinsics

Enable basic operations w/o lock/contention:

InterlockedAdd(rVar, val);

InterlockedMin(rVar, val);

InterlockedMax(rVar, val);

InterlockedOr(rVar, val);

InterlockedXOr(rVar, val);

InterlockedCompareWrite(rVar, val);

InterlockedCompareExchange(rVar, val);



Reduction Compute Code

```
Buffer<uint> Values;
OutputBuffer<uint> Result;
ImageAverage()
ł
  groupshared uint Total;
                                           // Total so far
                                           // Count added
  groupshared uint Count;
  float3 vPixel = load( sampler, sv ThreadID );
  float fluminance = dot( vPixel, LUM VECTOR );
  uint value = fLuminance*65536;
  InterlockedAdd( Count, 1 );
  InterlockedAdd( Total, value );
```

GroupMemoryBarrier(); // Let all threads in group complete



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Summary

- DirectX® 11.0 Compute Shader expected to deliver the performance of 3-D games to new applications
- Tight integration between computation and rendering
- Scalable parallel processing model
 - Code should scale for several generations







Open Computing Language

Siggraph2008 slides courtesy of Aaftab Munshi Architect @ Apple & Khronos OpenCL Workgroup Member

Update on OpenCL



- Khronos OpenCL working group making aggressive progress: OpenCl 1.0 Specification and introduction slides available since December 2008 SIGGRAPH Asia (www.khronos.org/opencl/)
- Contributing Industry leaders of task/data parallel processors
- Standardize framework and language for multiple heterogeneous processors
- PC developers are expected to have early version in Q1 2009
- Based on a proposal by Apple
 - OpenCL Parallel Computing on GPU and CPU (Munshi @ SigGraph 2008)

Developed in collaboration with industry leaders

OpenCL – A Brief Preview

SIGGRAPH2008

Beyond Programmable Shading Fundamentals Siggraph2008 slides courtesy of Aaftab Munshi

Design Goals of OpenCL

- Use all computational resources in system
 - GPUs and CPUs as peers
 - Data- and task- parallel compute model
- Efficient parallel programming model
 - Based on C
 - Abstract the specifics of underlying hardware
- Specify accuracy of floating-point computations
 - IEEE 754 compliant rounding behavior
 - Define maximum allowable error of math functions
- Drive future hardware requirements



OpenCL Software Stack

- Platform Layer
 - query and select compute devices in the system
 - initialize a compute device(s)
 - create compute contexts and work-queues
- Runtime
 - resource management
 - execute compute kernels
- Compiler
 - A subset of ISO C99 with appropriate language additions
 - Compile and build compute program executables
 - online or offline





OpenCL Execution Model

- Compute Kernel
 - Basic unit of executable code similar to a C function
 - Data-parallel or task-parallel
- Compute Program
 - Collection of compute kernels and internal functions
 - Analogous to a dynamic library
- Applications queue compute kernel execution instances
 - Queued in-order
 - Executed in-order or out-of-order
 - Events are used to implement appropriate synchronization of execution instances



OpenCL Data-Parallel Execution Model

- Define N-Dimensional computation domain
 - Each independent element of execution in N-D domain is called a work-item
 - The N-D domain defines the total number of work-items that execute in parallel global work size.
- Work-items can be grouped together work-group
 - Work-items in group can communicate with each other
 - Can synchronize execution among work-items in group to coordinate memory access
- Execute multiple work-groups in parallel
- Mapping of global work size to work-groups
 - implicit or explicit



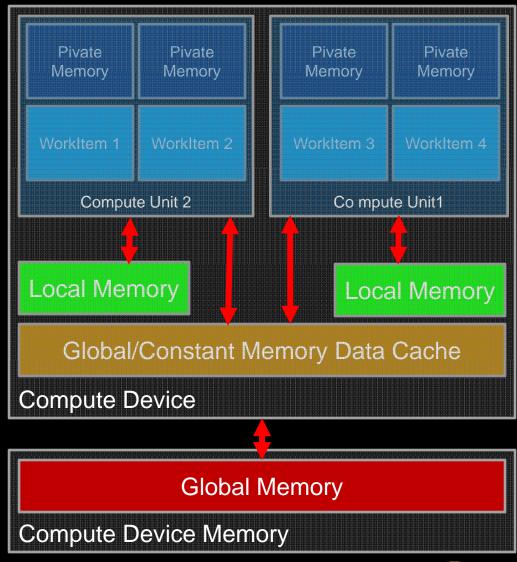
OpenCL Task Parallel Execution Model

- Data-parallel execution model must be implemented by all OpenCL compute devices
- Some compute devices such as CPUs can also execute task parallel compute kernels
 - Executes as a single work-item
 - A compute kernel written in OpenCL
 - A native C / C++ function



OpenCL Memory Model

- Implements a relaxed consistency, shared memory model
- Multiple distinct address spaces
 - Address spaces can be collapsed depending on the device's memory subsystem
 - Address Qualifiers
 - __private
 - __local
 - ____constant and ___global
 - Example:
 - global float4 *p;





Language for writing compute kernals

- Derived from ISO C99
- A few restrictions
 - Recursion, function pointers, functions in C99 standard headers ...
- Preprocessing directives defined by C99 are supported
- Built-in Data Types
 - Scalar and vector data types
 - Pointers
 - Data-type conversion functions
 - convert_type<_sat><_roundingmode>
 - Image types
 - image2d_t, image3d_t and sampler_t



Language for writing compute kernels

- Built-in Functions Required
 - work-item functions
 - math.h
 - read and write image
 - relational
 - geometric functions
 - synchronization functions
- Built-in Functions Optional
 - double precision
 - atomics to global and local memory
 - selection of rounding mode
 - writes to image3d_t surface



Summary

- A new compute language that works across GPUs and CPUs
 - C99 with extensions
 - Familiar to developers
 - Includes a rich set of built-in functions
 - Makes it easy to develop data- and task- parallel compute programs
- Defines hardware and numerical precision requirements
- Open standard for heterogeneous parallel computing



Summarizing AMD's Industry Standards Efforts



• Easing cross-platform development with major enhancements for stream software

 Single development environment for open, flexible software development and support for a broad range of GPU solutions

• A clear path to OpenCL and DirectX® 11

AMD FireStream[™] Go-to-Market: Commercial Verticals Focus





Building the Ecosystem: AMD Stream Application Successes



Telanetix

The Telanetix Digital Presence product line enables fully immersive and interactive meeting environments that incorporate voice, video and data from multiple locations into a single environment

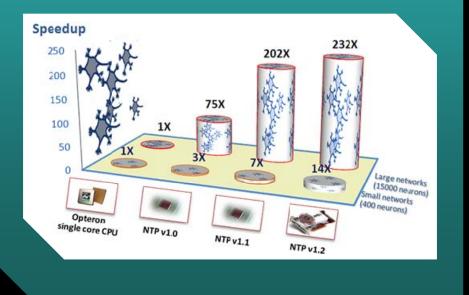
Stream computing drives optimal performance, maximum flexibility for future enhancements





Developing Neurala Technology Platform for advanced brain-based machine learning applications – applicable to finance, image processing, etc.

Achieving 10-200x speedups* on biologically inspired neural models



 •AMD FireStream[™] 9150 versus dual AMD Opteron[™] 248 processor (using only a single processor for comparison) w/ 2GB SDRAM DDR 400 ECC dual channel and SUSE Linux 10 (custom kernel)
 •Performance information supplied by customer(s). AMD has not independently verified these results

Building the Ecosystem: Stream Research Breakthroughs

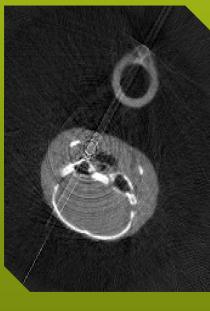


Centre de Physique des Particules de Marseille

Tomographic Reconstruction: Feldkamp, Davis, Krell Algorithm. Done by Alain Bonissent.

Widely used for tomographic reconstruction of X-Ray CT scanner data

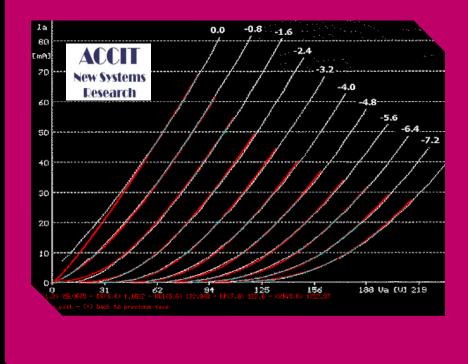
- Achieving 42-60x* speedups
- This image: 7 minutes in optimized C++; 10 seconds in Brook+



ACCIT

Parallel solutions for computationally-intensive EDA simulation engines

Currently beta testing applications demonstrating >10x speedup**



* AMD FireStream[™] 9150 versus Intel[®] Core[™] 2 Duo E6550 2.33 MHz running Windows XP 32-bit

** AMD FireStream[™] 9150 versus quad-core AMD Phenom[™] 9500 processor (2 GHz) w/ 8GB ECC DDR2 running at 667 MHz and AMD 790FX motherboard running Windows XP 64-bit Performance information supplied by customer(s). AMD has not independently verified these results

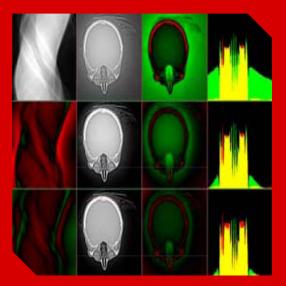
Building the Ecosystem: Stream Development Tools Successes



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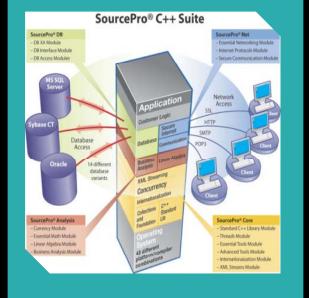
Development Environment for multi-core CPUs and GPUs

Demonstrating 55x speedup* on binomial options pricing calculator



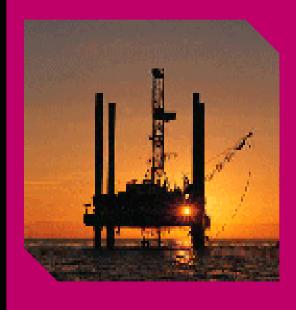


Facilitating parallel computing for financial applications





HMPP Toolkit for development on accelerators; industry solutions for oil and gas, defense, finance, life sciences



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Expansion of Stream Strategy into Consumer Applications

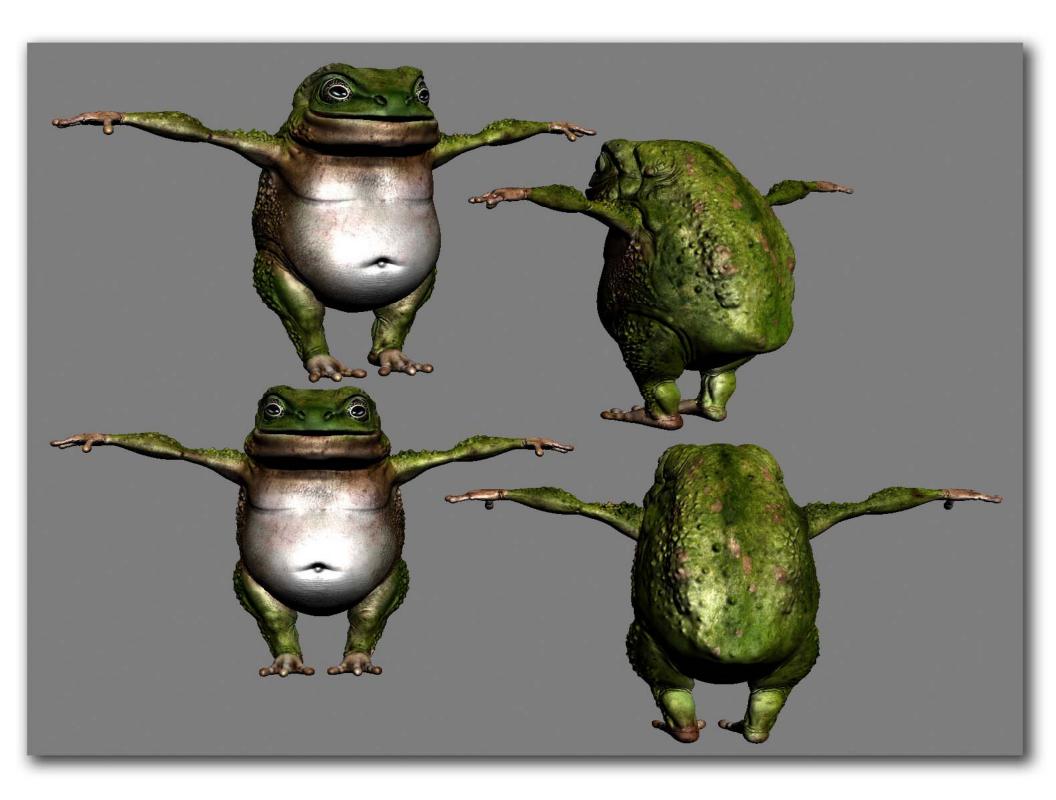


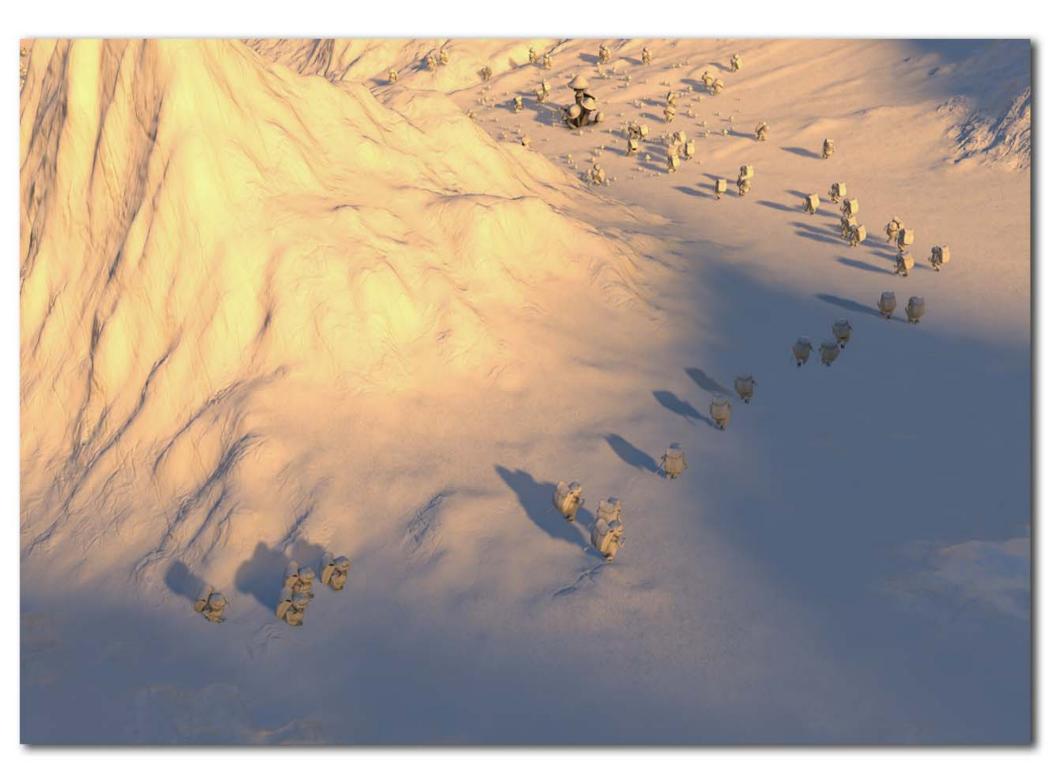




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Summary & Questions



Easing cross-platform development with major enhancements for stream software strategy

Aggressively expanding stream strategy to consumer segment

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