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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Choice of graphic rendering API

There are 3 main APIs for graphical rendering

- DirectX
- OpenGL
- Vulkan

DirectX developed by Microsoft focuses on Windows operating systems and Microsoft line of consoles Xbox, it is deemed as being harder with more low level programming and requiring better understanding of how underlying mechanisms work but in turn offers functionalities and better performance. It does not have free license.

OpenGL is developed by Khronos Group and offers good compatibility, especially if using OpenGL ES subset which works on Windows, Linux, Mac OS, Android, iOS and all major consoles. It is widely recognized as easiest of APIs and most popular choice for writing first game engine. On the other hand it lacks some of more advanced features which have to be written manually. It uses open source license similar to BSD

Vulkan is also developed by Khronos Group and as such is deemed as a spiritual successor of OpenGL with focus on using modern C++ features and fixing issues created by OpenGL 30 years old development time. Out of these three it is recognized as the hardest one as it is both complicated and newest. Similarly as OpenGL it uses open source license, namely Apache License 2.0.

Considering all of those characteristics I decided to go with OpenGL API, specifically OpenGL ES subset with its focus on compatibility as making a multiplatform application is one of the focuses of this thesis. I decided that since this will be my first attempt at game engine development I need something that is relatively easy and has a lot of resources online. I would most likely not use advanced features of Vulkan and DirectX and therefore finish my thesis before approaching problems where OpenGL does not deliver more complicated architecture. From my own private preferences I also prefer software with open source license.