GRIPWorkx SDK



Video capture and GPGPU processing framework

GRIPWorkx is Vision4ce's video capture, processing and display software development kit. The SDK provides a framework for the development of real-time video acquisition, GPGPU processing and display software applications on Vision4ce GRIP hardware.



Real-time video processing using the GPU. Video data is streamed from a frame grabber into main memory using a DMA process and an interrupt is generated when a complete frame is available for processing. The frame is then transferred to the GPU into CUDA memory space for processing with a CUDA kernel. After processing the data can be transferred back to the host or marshaled into a compatible memory space in OpenGL texture memory. This OpenGL texture memory can then be displayed on a monitor. GRIPWorkx simplifies all of these allocation and marshalling tasks, accelerating the development process.

The main component of the GRIPWorkx SDK is the **CoreLib** '**C**' **API**, which provides functions for image capture and display. The CoreLib API also links to the **NVidia CUDA driver API** and provides functions for the transfer of image data to and from CUDA enabled GPU hardware for processing. The CoreLib API also provides for rapid image transfer from CUDA device memory to OpenGL display buffers for visualization.

The GRIPWorkx SDK includes source code for a number of **sample applications**. The AcqProcDemo sample application shows how to integrate the CoreLib API with CUDA runtime kernels for development of GPU processing algorithms.



CoreLib Image Sources

The Vision4ce GRIP hardware can encapsulate different types of video capture devices, each of which has a different vendorspecific API. In order to unify the capture process across all GRIP hardware configurations and protect end-users from changes to capture hardware, GRIPWorkx implements a software abstraction layer based on the concept of generic *image sources*. Image sources are loaded and controlled by

V4_DispCreate
V4_XferCapToGPU
V4 XferHostToGPU
V4_XferToHost
Image Display
V4 DispRefresh
V4_DispUpdate
High Precision Timing
V4 TimerCreate
V4 TimerStart
V4_TimerRead

Example API Functions

V4 CapCreateSource

V4_CapContinuous V4 CapSingle

Image Capture

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the CoreLib. At run-time, image sources produce GRIPWorkx compatible images at the capture rate and notify the user application via a capture callback. Image sources themselves are libraries that wrap vendor specific APIs and are loaded under user control by the GRIPWorkx CoreLib. With GRIPWorkx the developer needs to learn only one capture API and is free to decide from application to application which platform and capture hardware is required. Vision4ce GRIP hardware supports a wide variety of acquisition hardware from different OEM vendors, but with GRIPWorkx, hardware from different

vendors can be interchanged, effectively isolating the end user from future hardware changes.



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