
Subject: U++ Allocator & Vulkan

Posted by [Xemuth](#) on Sat, 21 Aug 2021 15:47:39 GMT

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    createInfo.pApplicationInfo = &applInfo;
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    if (vkCreateInstance(&createInfo, nullptr, &instance) != VK_SUCCESS) {
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Hello Mirek, thanks for your time.

To prevent the fact Vulkan would use system new/delete instead of U++ one. I did a Custom memory allocator for Vulkan (Vulkan allow you to set up some callback to execute in order to allocate memory instead of using Vulkan default way.

Here is my 2 memory functions :

```
void* UVkCustomAllocator::DefaultAllocation(size_t size, size_t alignment,
VkSystemAllocationScope allocationScope){
void* ptr;
if(alignement < size){
ptr = malloc(size);
ASSERT_(ptr, "Error during malloc for size of " + AsString(size));
}else{
int rc = posix_memalign(&ptr, alignment, size);
ASSERT_(rc == 0, "Error code : "+ AsString(rc) +" during posix_memalign for size of " +
```

```
AsString(size) + " and alignement of " + AsString(alignement));  
}  
    return ptr;  
}
```

```
void UVkCustomAllocator::DefaultFree(void* pMemory){  
    if(pMemory){  
        return free(pMemory);  
    }  
}
```

Thoses functions are really simple and is based on malloc and posix_memalign. Right after implementing this (Test with some LOG), all my Vulkan call to allocate some memory use boths functions.

After tracking each malloc and free call, all the memory allocated by vulkan are correctly freed. So I don't understand why I still have some memory leaks when Vulkan don't use U++ allocator ? (or maybe I think he don't use it anymore)

PS: Moreover, when I launch my test program on Windows, (without USEMALLOC flag) I don't have any memory leak (CLANG / MVSC)

PS2: Using USEMALLOC or STD_NEWDELETE work fine even without custom memory allocator
