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1 Overview

This document explains how to use the DMPGL 2.0 hardware driver to manipulate texture and vertex buffer data, and to specify the location of the regions allocated for the render and display buffers.

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2 Texture and Vertex Buffers

This chapter explains how to manipulate data in the texture and vertex buffers.

2.1 Uploading Data to the Texture and Vertex Buffers

The following two types of macros specify how to upload data for the texture and vertex buffers.

- Macros that specify the region accessed by PICA
 (NN_GX_MEM_FCRAM, NN_GX_MEM_VRAMA, NN_GX_MEM_VRAMB)
- Macros that specify whether to copy data into FCRAM (GL_COPY_FCRAM_DMP, GL_NO_COPY_FCRAM_DMP)

These macros are specified using a bitwise OR as the target argument to the glTexImage2D, glCompressedTexImage2D, and glBufferData functions.

Combinations of the aforementioned macros result in the following four configurations.

- No FCRAM copies and FCRAM access from PICA
- FCRAM copies and FCRAM access from PICA
- No FCRAM copies and VRAM(A/B) access from PICA
- FCRAM copies and VRAM(A/B) access from PICA

Each configuration changes behaviors, such as region allocation and DMA transfers. Further details are given in the following sections.

2.1.1 No FCRAM Copies and FCRAM Access from PICA

Code 2-1 Sample Specification 1

PICA accesses the FCRAM address as it is specified by the <code>data</code> argument of the <code>glTexImage2D</code>, <code>glCompressedTexImage2D</code>, and <code>glBufferData</code> functions. The function does not allocate memory. The application must preserve the specified FCRAM data while it is used for rendering. A <code>GL_INVALID_OPERATION</code> error is generated when <code>NULL</code> is specified as the data address or when the texture does not use the native PICA format.

2.1.2 FCRAM Copies and FCRAM Access from PICA

Specify the bitwise OR of NN_GX_MEM_FCRAM and GL_COPY_FCRAM_DMP as the target argument.

Code 2-2 Sample Specification 2

The function allocates a region in FCRAM into which the CPU copies the FCRAM data specified by the <code>data</code> argument of the <code>glTexImage2D</code>, <code>glCompressedTexImage2D</code>, and <code>glBufferData</code> functions. PICA accesses the copied region. The application can discard the specified FCRAM data immediately after the function call finishes. If <code>NULL</code> is specified as the data address, a region is allocated but data is not copied.

2.1.3 No FCRAM Copies and VRAM(A/B) Access from PICA

Specify the bitwise OR of NN_GX_MEM_VRAMA(B) and GL_NO_COPY_FCRAM_DMP as the target argument.

Code 2-3 Sample Specification 3

The function allocates a region in VRAM(A/B) into which a DMA transfer copies the FCRAM data specified by the *data* argument of the gltexImage2D, glCompressedTexImage2D, and glBufferData functions. PICA accesses the target region of the DMA transfer. The application must preserve the specified FCRAM data until the DMA transfer is complete. If NULL is specified as the data address, a region is allocated but no DMA transfer is run. A GL_INVALID_OPERATION error occurs if the texture is not in the native PICA format and the data address is not NULL.

2.1.4 FCRAM Copies and VRAM(A/B) Access from PICA

Specify the bitwise OR of NN_GX MEM_VRAMA(B) and GL_COPY_FCRAM_DMP as the target argument.

Code 2-4 Sample Specification 4

The function allocates a region in both VRAM(A/B) and FCRAM. Next, the CPU copies the FCRAM data specified by the <code>data</code> argument of the <code>glTexImage2D</code>, <code>glCompressedTexImage2D</code>, and <code>glBufferData</code> functions into the FCRAM region. Finally, DMA is used to transfer the copied data into the VRAM region. PICA accesses the VRAM region into which DMA was used to transfer data. The application can discard the specified FCRAM data immediately after the function call finishes. A <code>GL_INVALID_OPERATION</code> error occurs if NULL is specified as the data address.

2.2 Copying a Color Buffer to a Texture

When the content of a color buffer is copied into a texture, the following macros are used to specify the destination.

Macros that specify the region accessed by PICA
 (NN GX MEM FCRAM, NN GX MEM VRAMA, NN GX MEM VRAMB)

These macros are specified using a bitwise OR as the target argument to the glCopyTexImage2D function.

Code 2-5 Copying a Color Buffer to a Texture

Memory is allocated in the specified region and color buffer content is transferred there via DMA. PICA accesses the transferred data.

2.3 Default Settings

The default settings are applied when macros are not specified. The default settings are applied if macros are not specified for specifying the PICA access memory, or for specifying whether to copy FCRAM.

NN_GX_MEM_FCRAM and GL_COPY_FCRAM_DMP are specified for the glbufferData, glTexImage2D, and glCompressedTexImage2D functions by default. NN_GX_MEM_FCRAM is specified for the glCopyTexImage2D function by default. However, NN_GX_MEM_VRAMB and GL_NO_COPY_FCRAM_DMP are specified for the glTexImage2D function by default when NULL is specified as the data argument.

2.4 Updating Partial Regions of a Vertex Buffer

When you use the <code>glBufferSubData</code> function to partially update a vertex buffer, you cannot specify how the data is uploaded. Instead, the original settings made by the <code>glBufferData</code> function are used. If the <code>glBufferData</code> function has disabled FCRAM copies and configured PICA to access FCRAM (<code>NN_GX_MEM_FCRAM</code> | <code>GL_NO_COPY_FCRAM_DMP</code>), the vertex buffer region is in application memory and the <code>glBufferSubData</code> function therefore only flushes the specified subset of the cache without updating the subset. The subset of the cache should be updated by the application. In this case, the <code>data</code> argument to the <code>glBufferSubData</code> function must be the sum of <code>offset</code> argument and the original buffer address set by the <code>glBufferData</code> function. Otherwise, a <code>GL_INVALID_VALUE</code> error will be generated.

When the glBufferData function has disabled FCRAM copies and configured PICA to access VRAM (NN_GX_MEM_VRAMA(B) | GL_NO_COPY_FCRAM_DMP), you must guarantee the integrity of the region specified to the glBufferSubData function through data until the DMA finishes.

3 Render Buffer

Use the following macros to specify where to allocate the render buffer region.

- NN_GX_MEM_VRAMA
- NN_GX_MEM_VRAMB

These macros are specified using a bitwise OR as the <code>target</code> argument to the <code>glrenderbufferstorage</code> function. The <code>NN_GX_MEM_VRAMA</code> macro is considered to be specified if no others are.

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4 Display Buffer

Use the following macros to specify where to allocate the display buffer region.

- NN_GX_MEM_FCRAM
- NN_GX_MEM_VRAMA
- NN_GX_MEM_VRAMB

These macros are specified using a bitwise OR as the area argument to the nngxDisplaybufferStorage function.

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