Android Graphics & Rendering Pipeline

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To enable libraries to do more, library should provide
new low-level capabilities that expose the possibilities
of the underlying platform as closely as possible.

2D Graphics in Android

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Basic Terminology

- **2D computer graphics** is the computer-based generation of digital images—mostly from **two-dimensional models** (such as 2D **geometric models**, **text**, and digital **images**) and by techniques specific to them.
- **3D computer graphics** (in contrast to 2D computer graphics) are graphics that use a **three-dimensional representation of geometric data** (often Cartesian) that is stored in the computer for the purposes of **performing calculations** and **rendering 2D images**.
- 3D computer graphics rely on many of the same algorithms as 2D computer **vector graphics** in the wire-frame model and 2D computer **raster graphics** in the final rendered display.
- **Vector graphics** is the use of geometrical primitives such as **points**, **lines**, **curves**, and **shapes** or **polygons**—all of which are based on mathematical expressions—to represent images in computer graphics. Vector graphics are based on **vectors** (also called **paths**), which lead through locations called control points or nodes.
- A **raster graphics** image is a dot matrix data structure representing a generally rectangular grid of **pixels**, or points of **color**, viewable via a monitor, paper, or other display medium.
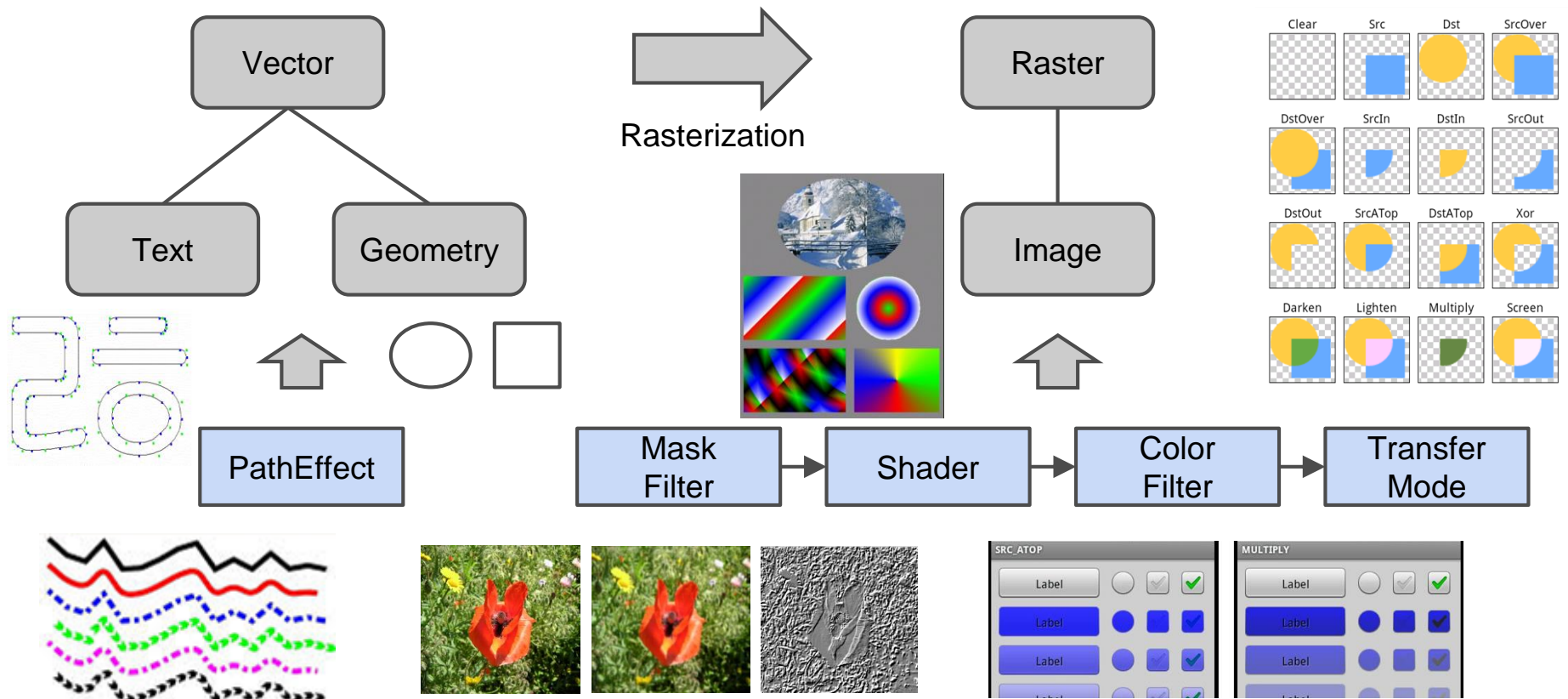
From Wikipedia

Source: http://austinvisuals.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/mario2d3d.jpg

Raster (PNG)   Vector (SVG)

Source: http://zyanger.blogspot.kr/2010/09/week-6-clear-raster-vs-vector-graphics.html

What 2D graphics must support?

- Types of 2D Drawable: Texts, Geometries, Images
- Types of 2D Effects: Path Effects, Mask Filters, Shaders, Color Filters, Transfer(or Blend) Modes

Rasterization

Source: http://lodev.org/cgtutor/filtering.html

"Image filtering modify the pixels in an image based on some function of a local neighborhood of the pixels."
From http://alumni.media.mit.edu/~maov/classes/vision09/lect/09_Image_Filtering_Edge_Detection_09.pdf

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How Android supports 2D graphics?

Source: "Skia and Freetype - Android 2D Graphics Essentials" at 10th Kandroid Conference (2012)

Skia-era: Why Skia?

Skia is the open source 2D graphics library used by Chrome, Chrome OS, Firefox, Firefox OS, Android, and other products. We strive to provide a single set of APIs for **accurate**, **high performance** rendering across **a variety** of hardware and software platforms.

Source: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Q4-YN8wDY9Q3L7gkqOJmmCLM73dj3tr9epUHL1vMZm4/

Skia : Overview

- portable graphics engine
- 2D transformations + perspective
- primitives: text, geometry, images
- effects: shaders, filters, antialiasing, blending

Skia : Porting

- C++ and some SIMD assembly
- Fonts : CoreText, FreeType, GDI, DirectWrite
- Threads : wrappers for native apis
- Memory : wrappers for [new, malloc, discardable]

Source: "Skia Update" at BlinkOn 3 (2014)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SU58JHK0-3o

Light-weight (?)

Performance

Correctness

Portability

Skia

?

Next Skia

Skia-era: Skia API


```
SkPath path;
path.moveTo(50, 50);
// Specify endpoint using absolute coordinates
path.lineTo(100, 100);
// Specify endpoint using a relative offset from the last point
path.rLineTo(50, 50);
// Specify endpoint using absolute coordinates
path.quadTo(120, 125, 150, 150);
// Specify endpoint using a relative offset from the last point
path.rQuadTo(20, 25, 50, 50);
// Specify endpoint using absolute coordinates
path.cubicTo(175, 175, 140, 120, 200, 200);
// Specify endpoint using a relative offset from the last point
path.rQuadTo(25, 25, -10, -30, 50, 50);
canvas->drawPath(path, shapePaint);
```
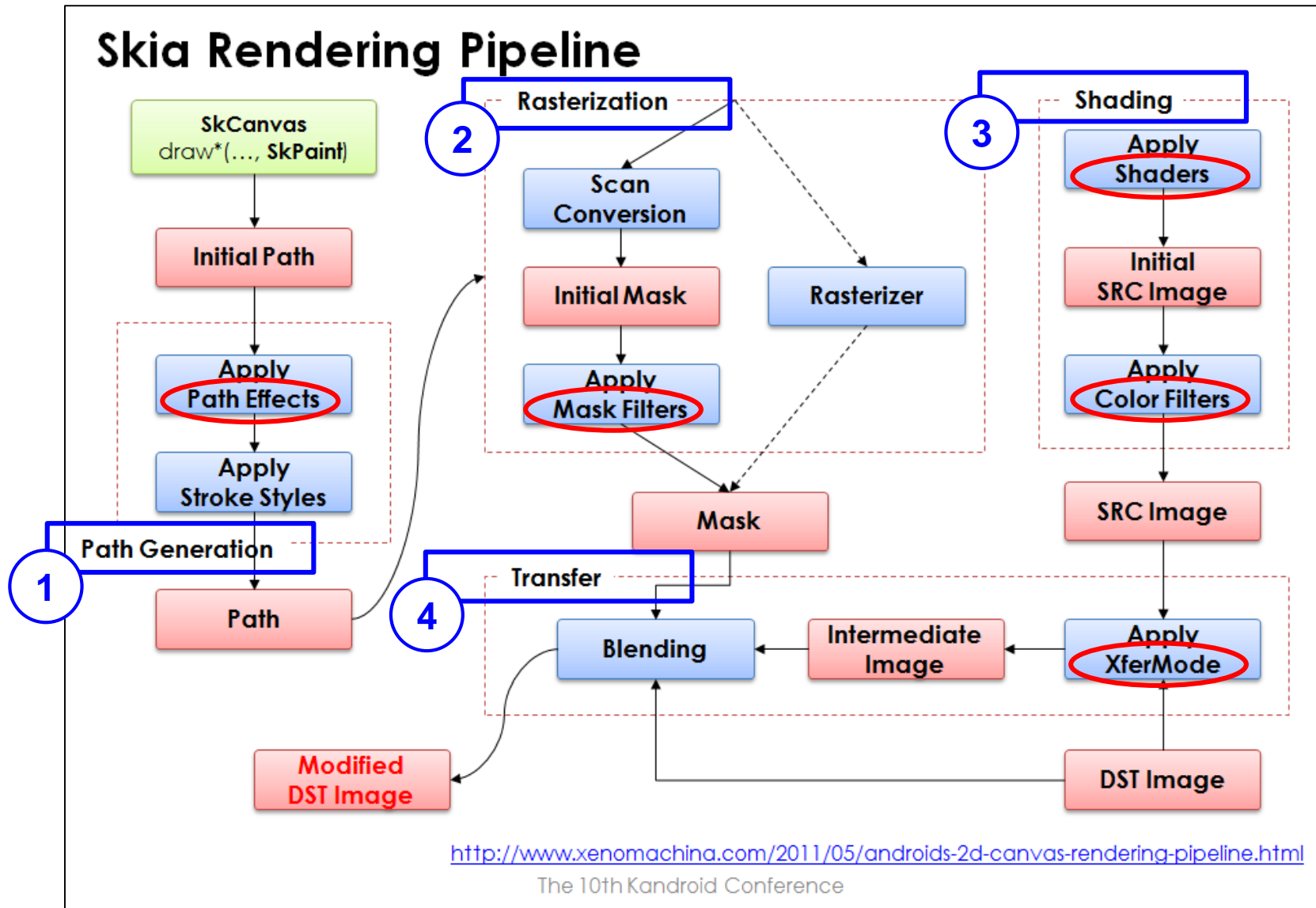
```
SkRect rect;
rect.set(0, 0, 150, 120);
canvas->drawRect(rect, shapePaint);
canvas->drawRoundRect(rect, 15, 15, shapePaint);
canvas->drawOval(rect, shapePaint);
canvas->drawCircle(60, 60, 60, shapePaint);
// Arc without a wedge
canvas->drawArc(rect, 0, 255, false, shapePaint);
// Arc with a wedge from the center
canvas->drawArc(rect, 0, 255, true, shapePaint);
canvas->drawLine(0, 0, 150, 120, shapePaint);
const char str[] = "Hello World!";
canvas->drawText(str, strlen(str), 75, 145, textPaint);
// Load a bitmap from an image and draw it only if the load succeeds
SkBitmap bitmap;
if (SkImageDecoder::DecodeFile("app/native/icon.png", bitmap)) {
    canvas->drawBitmap(*bitmap, 0, 0, NULL);
}
```

Source: "Skia and Freetype - Android 2D Graphics Essentials" at 10th Kandroid Conference (2012)
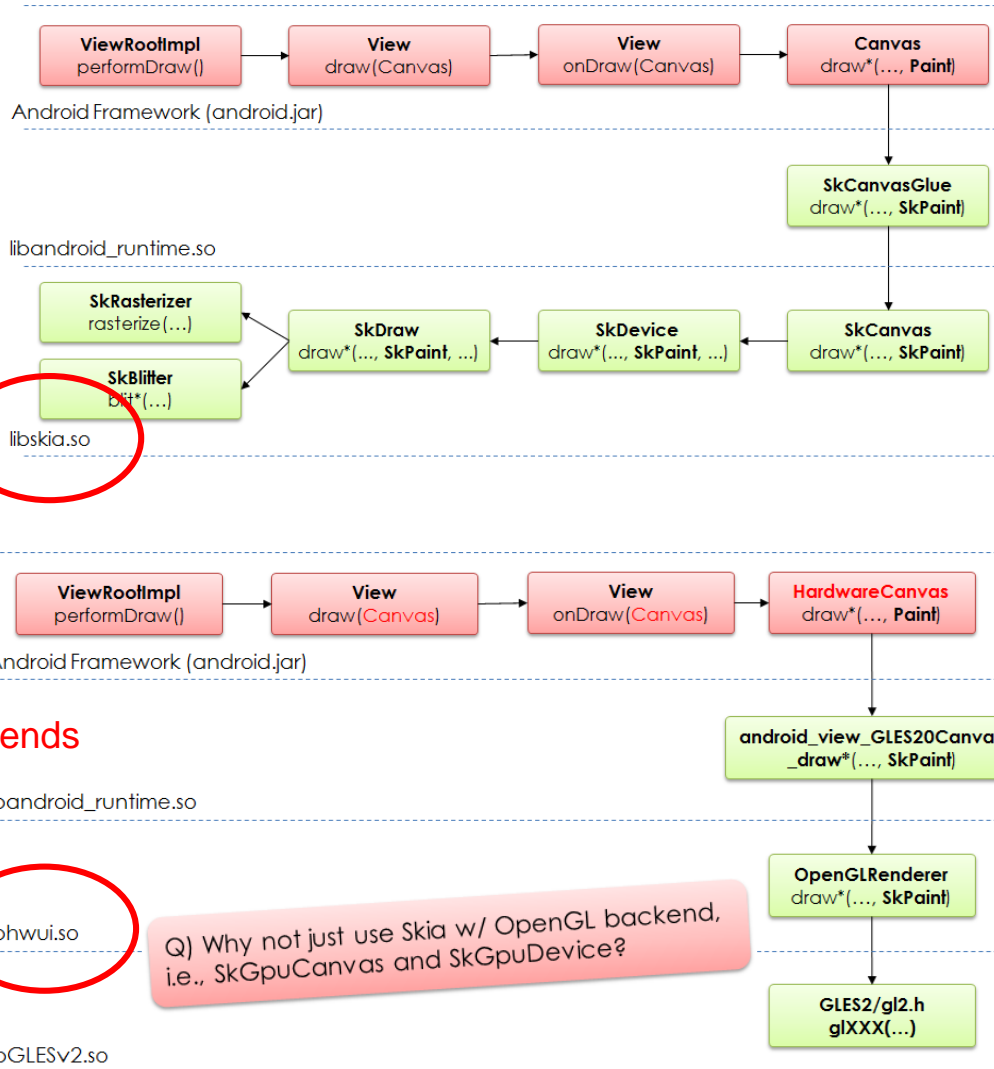
- **SkCanvas**: main drawing API (drawRect, drawText, drawLine, drawPath, etc)
- **SkPaint**: encapsulates styling of draw calls (color, path style, blending mode, font, etc)
- **SkDevice**: abstracts the backend (**SkBitmapDevice**, **SkGpuDevice**, **SkPDFDevice**, etc)
- **SkPicture**, **SkPicturePlayback**: records and replays draw operations

Skia-era: Skia Rendering Pipeline

HWUI-era: Why not Skia's GPU backend?

Source: "Skia and Freetype - Android 2D Graphics Essentials" at 10th Kandroid Conference (2012)

HWUI-era: Display List

Source: "Skia and Freetype - Android 2D Graphics Essentials" at 10th Kandroid Conference (2012)

HWUI-era: Display List Properties => Render Properties

Display List Properties (since 4.1)


```
+ bool mClipChildren;
+ float mAlpha;
+ int mMultipliedAlpha;
+ bool mHasOverlappingRendering;
+ float mTranslationX, mTranslationY;
+ float mRotation, mRotationX, mRotationY;
+ float mScaleX, mScaleY;
+ float mPivotX, mPivotY;
+ float mCameraDistance;
+ int mLeft, mTop, mRight, mBottom;
+ int mWidth, mHeight;
+ int mPrevWidth, mPrevHeight;
+ bool mPivotExplicitlySet;
+ bool mMatrixDirty;
+ bool mMatrixIsIdentity;
+ uint32_t mMatrixFlags;
+ SkMatrix* mTransformMatrix;
+ Sk3DView* mTransformCamera;
+ SkMatrix* mTransformMatrix3D;
+ SkMatrix* mStaticMatrix;
+ SkMatrix* mAnimationMatrix;
+ bool mCaching;
```
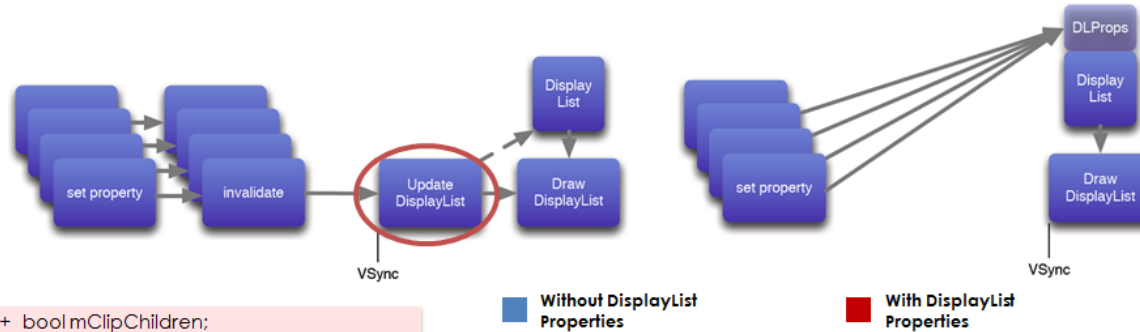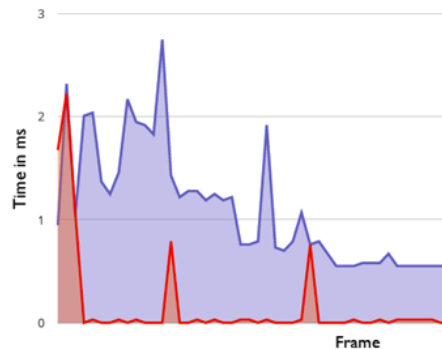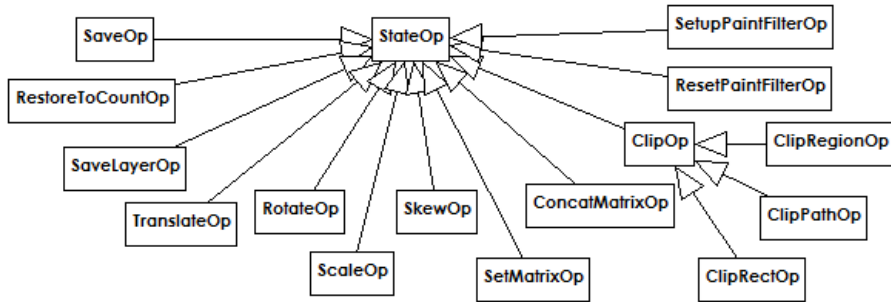
Source: For Butter or Worse, Google I/O

The 10th Kandroid Conference

Source: "Skia and Freetype - Android 2D Graphics Essentials"
at 10th Kandroid Conference (2012)

```
class LayerProperties
    LayerType mType;
    bool mOpaque;
    uint8_t mAlpha;
    SkXfermode::Mode mMode;
    SkColorFilter* mColorFilter;
```

```
class RenderProperties
    struct PrimitiveFields {
        Outline mOutline;
        RevealClip mRevealClip;
        int mClippingFlags;
        bool mProjectBackwards;
        bool mProjectionReceiver;
        float mAlpha;
        bool mHasOverlappingRendering;
        float mElevation;
        float mTranslationX, mTranslationY, mTranslationZ;
        float mRotation, mRotationX, mRotationY;
        float mScaleX, mScaleY;
        float mPivotX, mPivotY;
        int mLeft, mTop, mRight, mBottom;
        int mWidth, mHeight;
        bool mPivotExplicitlySet;
        bool mMatrixOrPivotDirty;
        Rect mClipBounds;
    } mPrimitiveFields;
    SkMatrix* mStaticMatrix;
    SkMatrix* mAnimationMatrix;
    LayerProperties mLayerProperties;
```
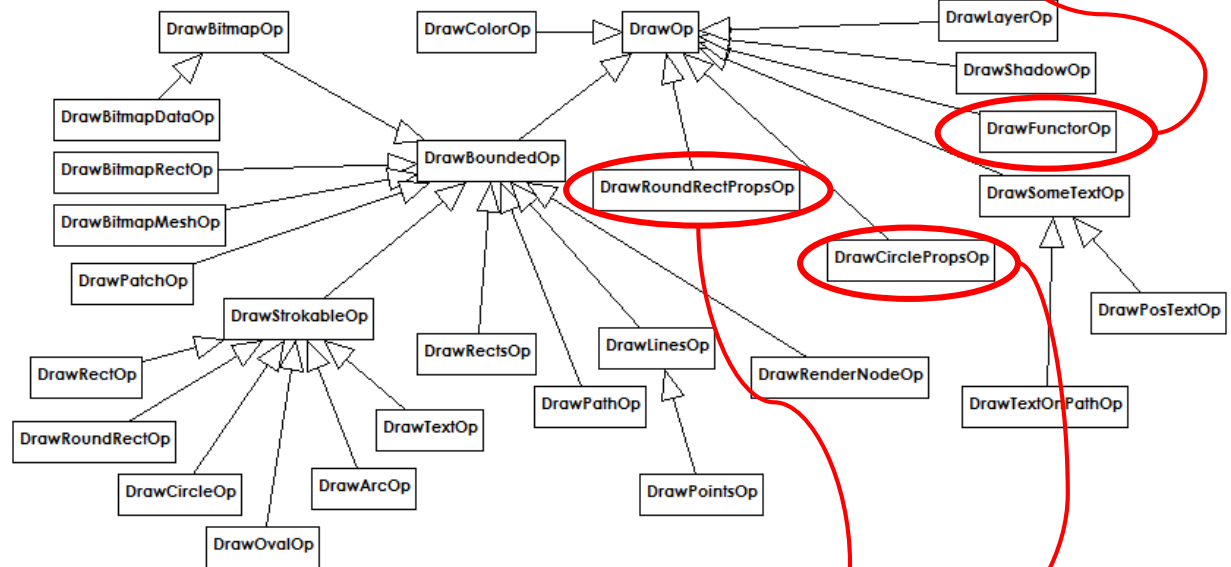
HWUI-era: DisplayListOp

```
class DrawFunctorOp : public DrawOp {
public:
  virtual status_t applyDraw(OpenGLRenderer& renderer,
                             Rect& dirty) {
    renderer.startMark("GL functor");
    status_t ret = renderer.callDrawGLFunction(mFunctor, dirty);
    renderer.endMark();
    return ret;
  }
private:
  Functor* mFunctor;
};
```

**Support custom drawing callback
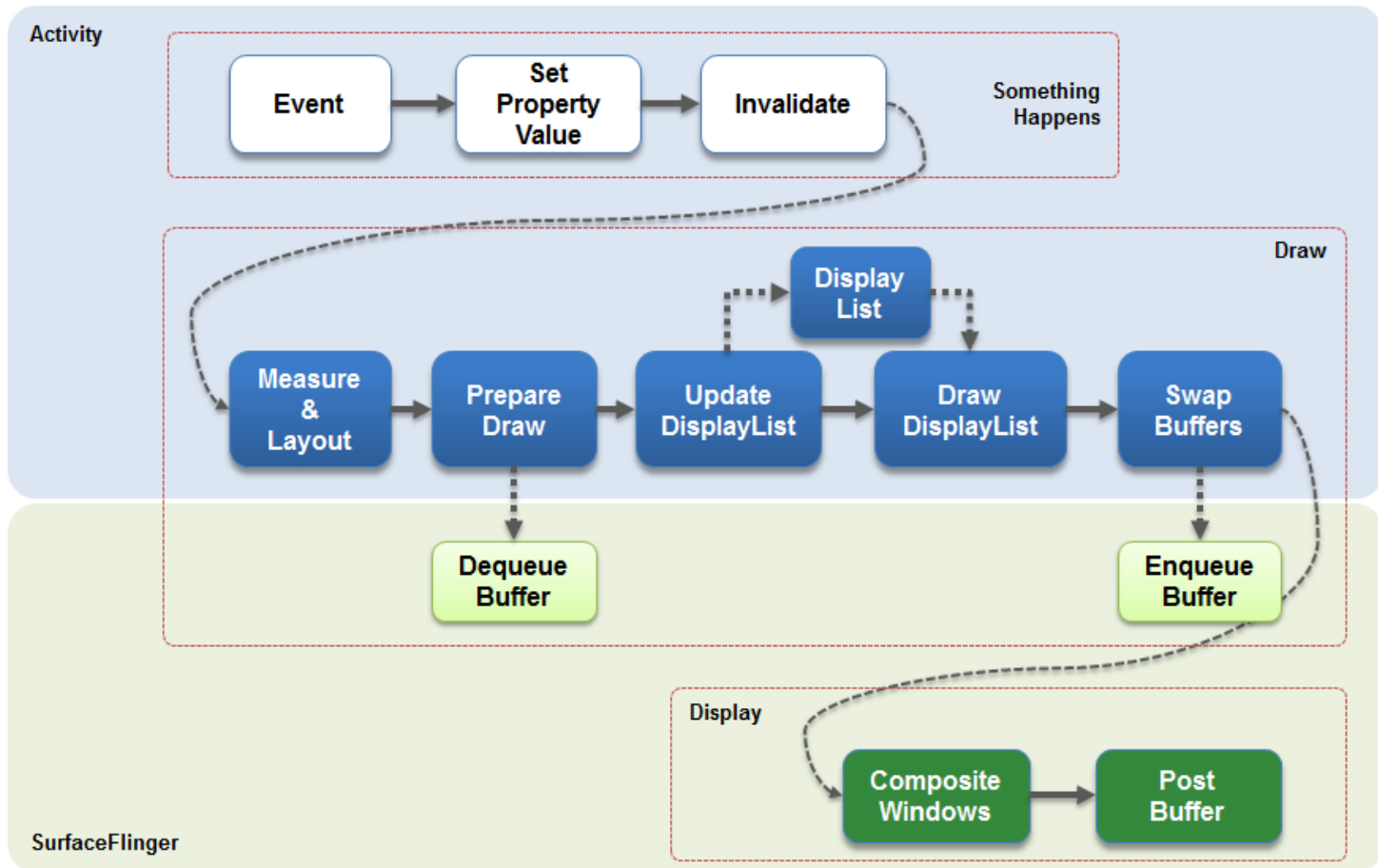(used by Chromium-powered WebView)**

Added for RippleAnimation

```
frameworks\base\libs\hwui\DisplayListRenderer.h
virtual status_t drawRoundRect(float left, float top, float right, float bottom,
        float rx, float ry, const SkPaint* paint);
virtual status_t drawRoundRect(CanvasPropertyPrimitive* left, CanvasPropertyPrimitive* top,
        CanvasPropertyPrimitive* right, CanvasPropertyPrimitive* bottom,
        CanvasPropertyPrimitive* rx, CanvasPropertyPrimitive* ry,
        CanvasPropertyPaint* paint);
virtual status_t drawCircle(float x, float y, float radius, const SkPaint* paint);
virtual status_t drawCircle(CanvasPropertyPrimitive* x, CanvasPropertyPrimitive* y,
        CanvasPropertyPrimitive* radius, CanvasPropertyPaint* paint);
```

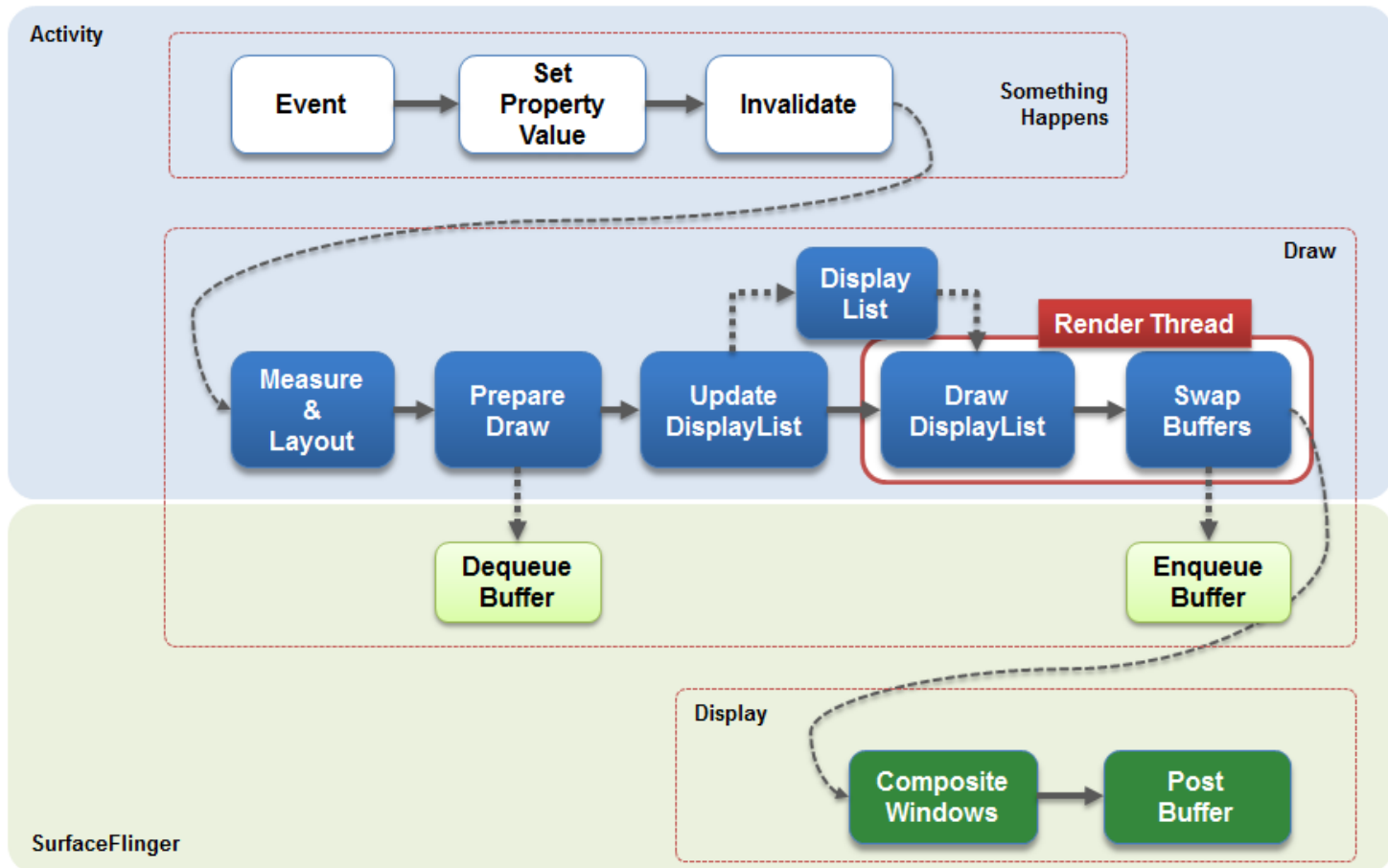# HWUI-era: UI and Render Thread

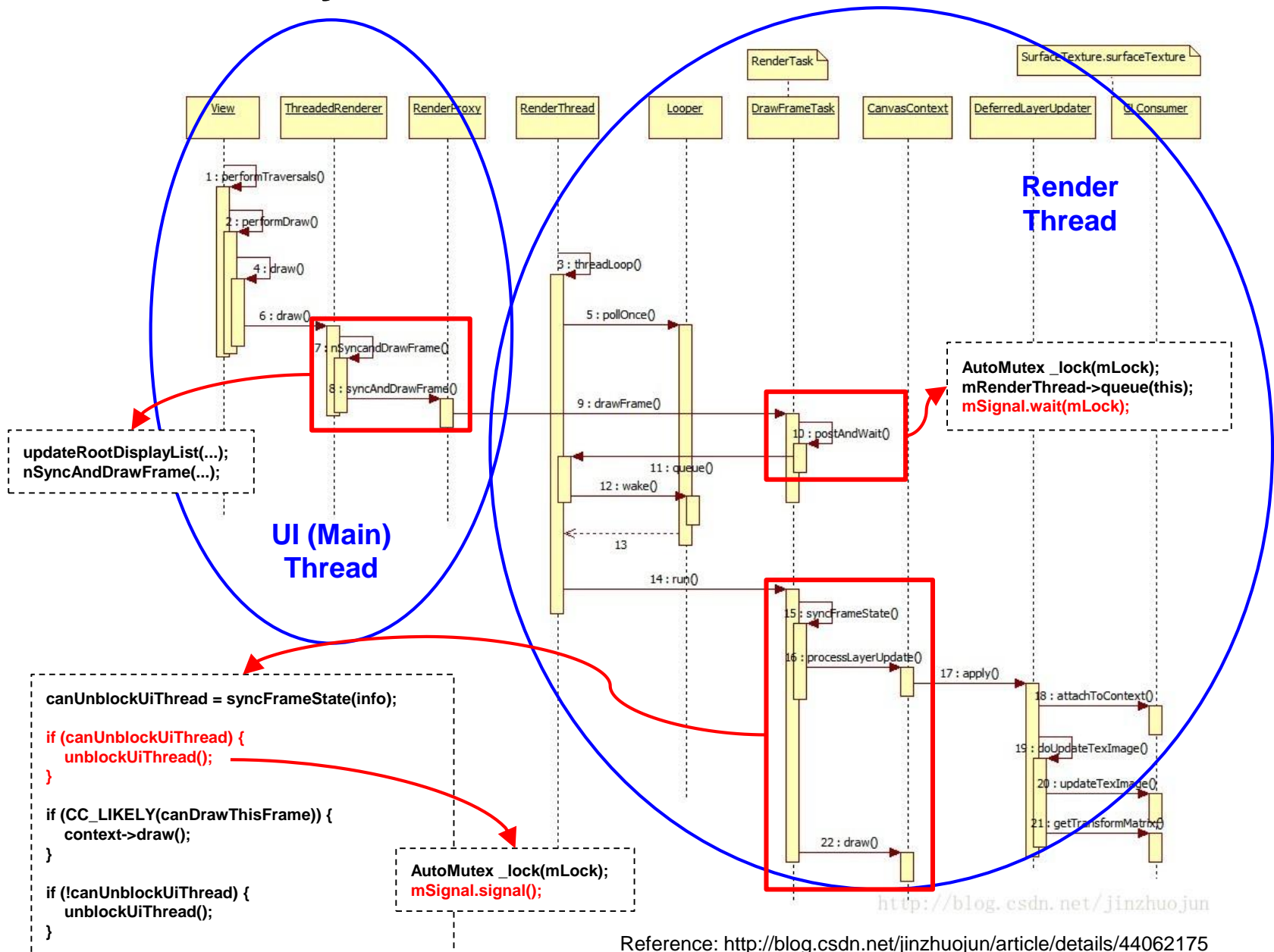Source: "RE-view of Android L Developer PRE-view", DEVIEW2014

HWUI-era: UI and Render Thread

Source: "RE-view of Android L Developer PRE-view" at DEVIEW2014

HWUI-era: Sync Between UI and Render Thread

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Challenges: Layout and Rasterization

Hello World

This is some larger line broken text

This is some larger line flo…

Some **preformatted** text with some *simple* HTML markup.

Here we might want to limit the width this text should display, auto flowing

Hello, World.
Some simple TLF markup

This example formats a paragraph with 15 pixel margins, a 20 pixel first line indent. It uses the Arial font (with alternate device fonts), sets the size to 16 pixels, the color to green, turns on kerning,

and sets leading (lineHeight) to 100%.

クロスプラットフォーム上で再生可能なFlash Videoを配信、政府最新情報をより多くの国民に高品質な画像で簡単かつリアルタイムに提供することが可能になりました。

وثيقة إثبات صلة القرابة مصدقة من سفارة دولة الإمارات — إذا لم يكن اسم المكفول مدرجاً في جواز سفر

This content was built by combining raw text flow elements together. This is a second span in the paragraph.

Layout

Rasterization

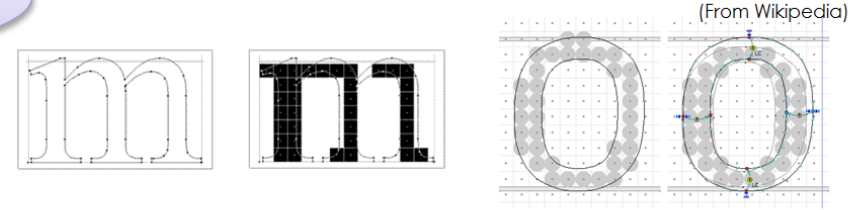Source: http://wiki.starling-framework.org/extensions/tlfsprite

Font Rasterization: Hinting

Font hinting (also known as instructing) is the use of mathematical instructions to **adjust the display of an outline font** so that it **lines up with a rasterized grid**. At low screen resolutions, hinting is critical for producing a clear, legible text. It can be accompanied by **antialiasing** and (on liquid crystal displays) **subpixel rendering** for further clarity.

Hints are usually **created in a font editor** during the typeface design process and **embedded in the font**. A font can be hinted either **automatically** (through processed algorithms based on the character outlines) or set **manually**. Most font editors are able to do automatic hinting, and this approach is suitable for many fonts. However, commercial fonts of the highest quality are often manually hinted to provide the sharpest appearance on computer displays. **Verdana** is one example of a font that contains a large amount of hinting data, much of which was accomplished manually by type engineer Tom Rickner.
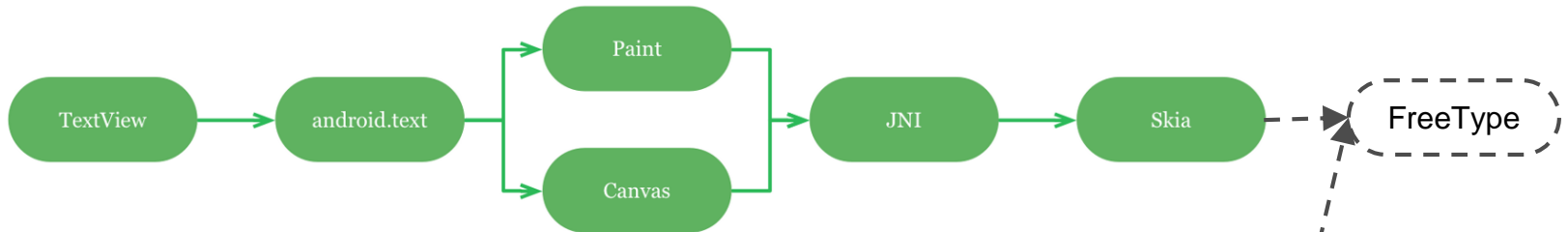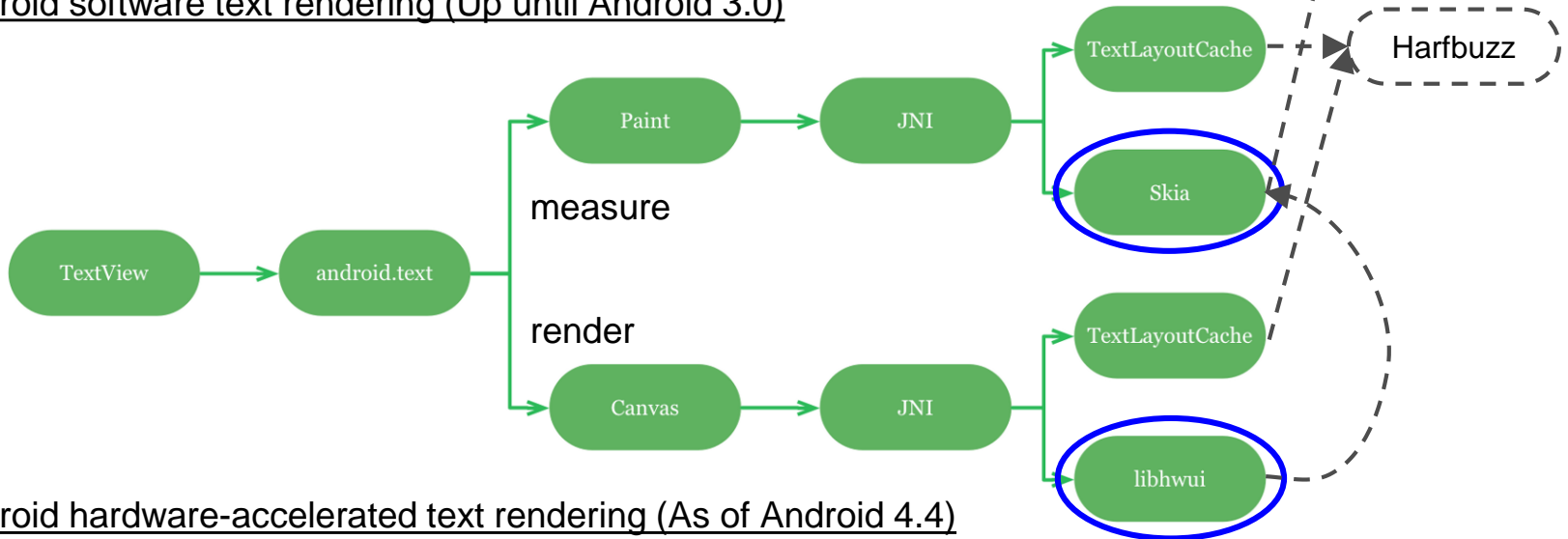
(From Wikipedia)

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Android Text Rendering

- **android.widget.TextView**, a View that handles layout and rendering
- **android.text.***, a collection of classes to create stylized text and **layouts**
- **android.graphics.Paint**, to **measure** text
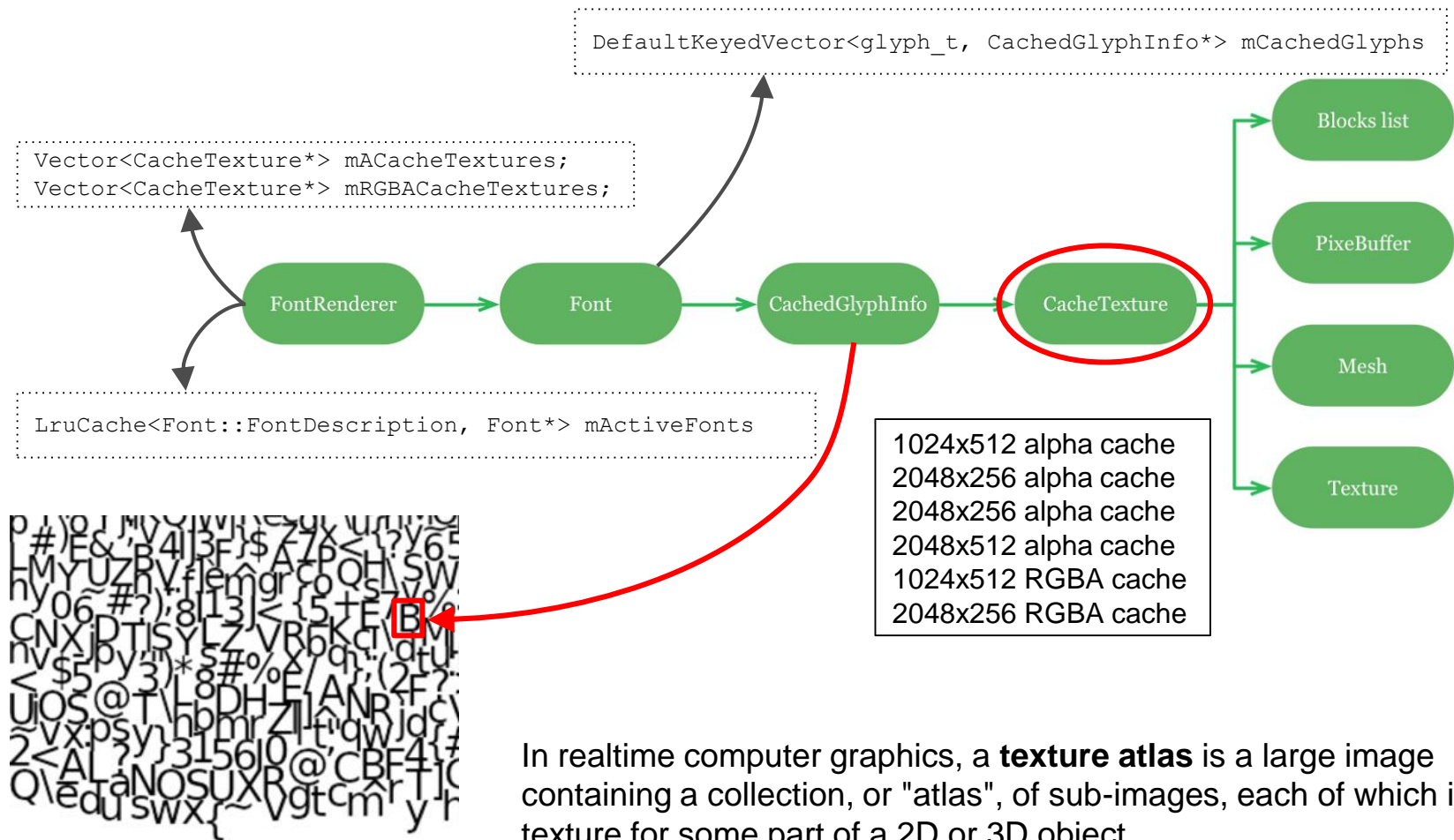- **android.graphics.Canvas**, to **render** text

Android software text rendering (Up until Android 3.0)

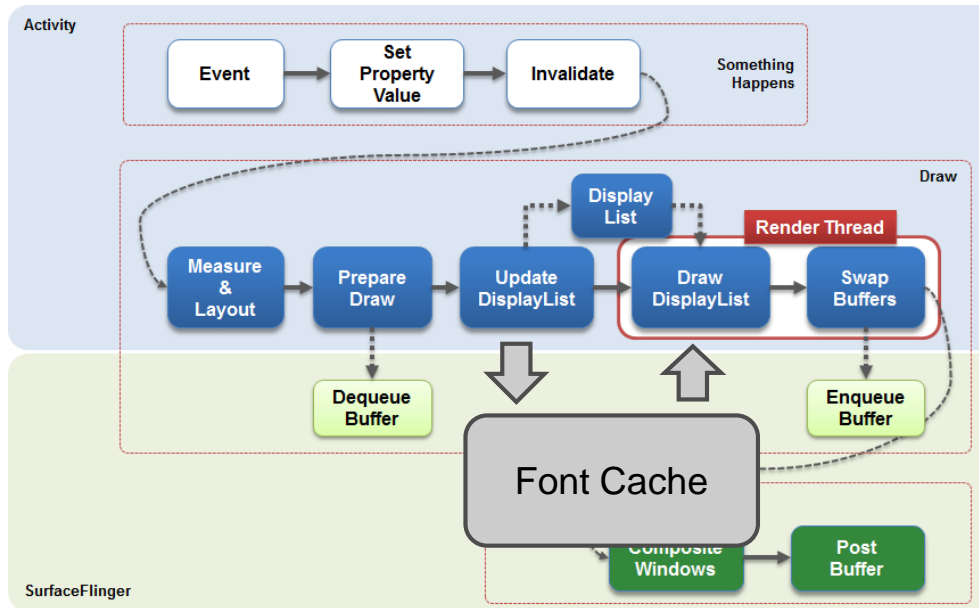Android hardware-accelerated text rendering (As of Android 4.4)

Reference: Android's Font Renderer - Efficient text rendering with OpenGL ES
https://medium.com/@romainguy/androids-font-renderer-c368bbde87d9

Performance Optimization: Caching Architecture

```
DefaultKeyedVector<glyph_t, CachedGlyphInfo*> mCachedGlyphs
```

```
Vector<CacheTexture*> mACacheTextures;
Vector<CacheTexture*> mRGBACacheTextures;
```

```
LruCache<Font::FontDescription, Font*> mActiveFonts
```

FontRenderer → Font → CachedGlyphInfo → CacheTexture

Blocks list

PixeBuffer

Mesh

Texture

1024x512 alpha cache
2048x256 alpha cache
2048x256 alpha cache
2048x512 alpha cache
1024x512 RGBA cache
2048x256 RGBA cache

In realtime computer graphics, a **texture atlas** is a large image containing a collection, or "atlas", of sub-images, each of which is a texture for some part of a 2D or 3D object.

From http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texture_atlas

Performance Optimization: Pre-Caching

- To completely avoid, or at least minimize, the number of **texture uploads** mid-frame
  - Texture uploads are expensive operations that can stall the CPU and/or the GPU.
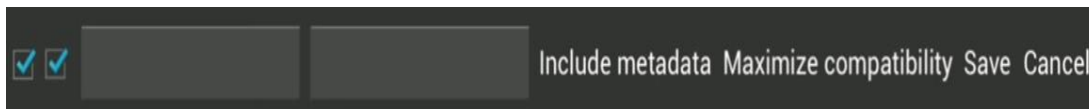 - Even worse, modifying a texture during a frame can create severe memory pressure on some GPU architectures.
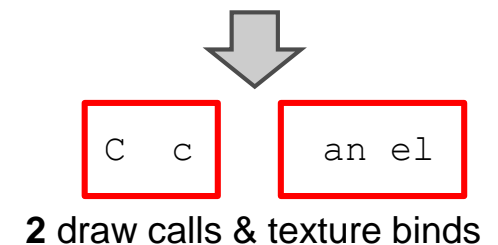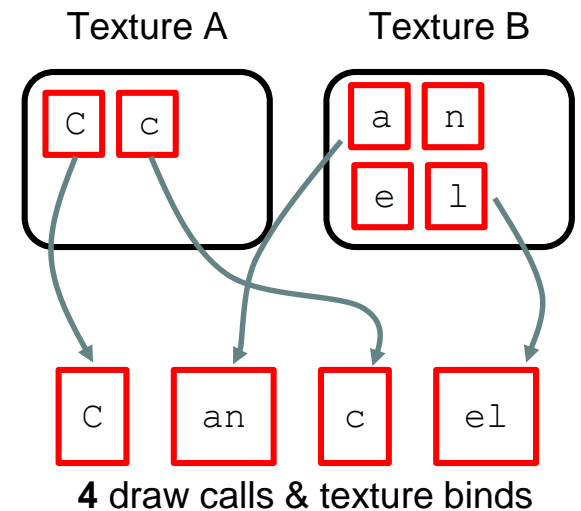
Performance Optimization: Batching & Merging

- Buffers text geometry across multiple draw calls.
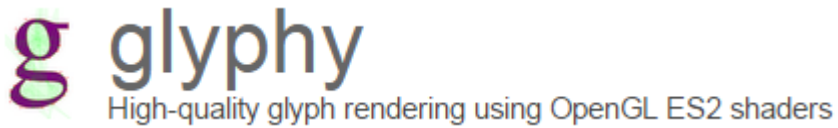- Reduces the number of commands issued to the OpenGL driver.

Re-ordering

Merging

Texture A   Texture B

4 draw calls & texture binds

2 draw calls & texture binds

Performance Optimization: Font Rasterization on GPU

Source: https://code.google.com/p/glyphy/

Source: http://www.ronaldperry.org/SaffronWebPage

Source: https://developer.nvidia.com/nv-path-rendering

SDF: Signed Distance Field
ADF: Adaptively Sampled Distance Field

Q & A