# Research Report: Comparative Analysis of Animation Performance in WPF and SplashKit

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## I. Introduction:

The research presented here compares the animation rendering performance of Windows Presentation Foundation (WPF) and SplashKit, two different frameworks. Although they have different underlying architectures and programming paradigms, both frameworks are utilised for creating multimedia applications and graphical user interfaces. Our goal in performing this comparative analysis is to provide understanding of their performance characteristics so that student can choose the right framework for their game project.

## II. Methodology:

- Framework Selection: WPF and SplashKit were chosen for their popularity and widespread use in the same benchmark, system properties and are ran on Visual Studio 2022 with C# 11.
- Benchmarking: I created benchmark tests to measure the rendering performance of both frameworks. These tests included drawing and moving multiple shapes on the screen within a specified time interval.
- Performance Measurement: Performance data rendering time per frame is collected using built-in profiling tools and the Stopwatch class for both WPF and SplashKit implementations.
- Termination Handling: Proper termination handling was ensured to accurately measure the time taken for the animation to complete. In WPF, a message box appears upon completion of drawing 100 times, while in SplashKit, termination occurs when the loop is ended.

## III. Code Execution

### *A. WPF*

```
using System.Diagnostics;
using System;
using System.Text;
using System.Windows;
using System.Windows.Controls;
using System.Windows.Data;
using System.Windows.Documents;
using System.Windows.Input;
using System.Windows.Media;
using System.Windows.Media.Imaging;
using System.Windows.Navigation;
using System.Windows.Shapes;
using System.Windows.Threading;

namespace WpfTest
{
    /// <summary>
    /// Interaction logic for MainWindow.xaml
    /// </summary>
    public partial class MainWindow : Window
    {
        private Canvas canvas;
        private Random random = new Random();
              private DispatcherTimer timer = new
DispatcherTimer();
       private Stopwatch stopwatch = new Stopwatch();
        private int drawCount = 0;
        public MainWindow()
        {
            InitializeComponent();

            canvas = new Canvas();
            Content = canvas;

                                    timer.Interval =
TimeSpan.FromMilliseconds(100);
            timer.Tick += Timer_Tick;
            timer.Start();

            // Start measuring performance
            stopwatch.Start();
        }

            private void Timer_Tick(object sender,
EventArgs e)
        {
            canvas.Children.Clear();
            for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++)
            {
                var shape = new Ellipse
                {
                    Width = 20,
                    Height = 20,
                    Fill = Brushes.Blue
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            };

          Canvas.SetLeft(shape, random.NextDouble()
* canvas.ActualWidth);
           Canvas.SetTop(shape, random.NextDouble()
* canvas.ActualHeight);
                canvas.Children.Add(shape);
                drawCount++;
            }


            if (drawCount == 100)
            {
                stopwatch.Stop();
                     MessageBox.Show($Elapsed time:
{stopwatch.ElapsedMilliseconds} msDrawing Complete,
MessageBoxButton.OK, MessageBoxImage.Information);
                Application.Current.Shutdown();
            }
        }

    }
}
'
```

*B. SplashKit*

```
 SplashKit.OpenWindow(SplashKit   Animation,   800,
600);


var stopwatch = new System.Diagnostics.Stopwatch();
stopwatch.Start();

while     (!SplashKit.WindowCloseRequested(SplashKit
Animation))
{
    SplashKit.ClearScreen();

    for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++)
    {
        Random rand = new Random();
         double circleX = rand.Next(1, 35) * 10; //
Random x-coordinate
         double circleY = rand.Next(1, 35) * 10; //
Random y-coordinate
        double radius = 50;

        // Draw the circle
           SplashKit.DrawCircle(Color.Red, circleX,
circleY, radius);
        Console.WriteLine(i);

    }

    SplashKit.CloseAllWindows();
    SplashKit.Delay(100);
}

stopwatch.Stop();
Console.WriteLine($Elapsed                    time:
{stopwatch.ElapsedMilliseconds} ms);

SplashKit.CloseWindow(SplashKit Animation);
```

## IV. RESULTS:

| Result | SplashKit | WPF |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 112ms | 466ms |
| 2 | 102ms | 731ms |
| 3 | 105ms | 451ms |
| 4 | 120ms | 433ms |
| 5 | 118ms | 609ms |
| 6 | 124ms | 473ms |
| 7 | 123ms | 450ms |
| 8 | 109ms | 539ms |
| 9 | 108ms | 477ms |
| 10 | 122ms | 658ms |

As a result, the time that SplashKit execute is significantly faster than the WPF in 10 tests.

## V. CONCLUSION:

This research provided valuable insights into the performance of animation rendering in WPF and SplashKit frameworks. While both frameworks demonstrated satisfactory rendering performance, SplashKit showcased smoother animation and lower CPU utilization compared to WPF. Students can use these findings to make informed decisions when selecting a framework for their graphical design for games or application, considering factors such as rendering performance, ease of use, and termination handling.

## VI. FUTURE DIRECTIONS:

Further research could explore more complex animation tasks and evaluate the performance of advanced features provided by each framework. Comparative studies with additional frameworks could provide a broader understanding of performance differences across different development environments. Long-term performance analysis could assess

the scalability and stability of applications developed with each framework under varying workloads. In conclusion, this research contributes to the body of knowledge regarding animation performance in WPF and SplashKit frameworks, offering valuable insights for students in the field of graphical and multimedia application development.