

# GPU Work Graphs HLSL Cheat Sheet

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## Launch Modes

```
// launch one thread with one record
[Shader("node")]
[NodeLaunch("thread")]
void ThreadNode(
    ThreadNodeInputRecord<Type> record
){
    Type r = record.Get();...

// launch grid of groups with one record
[Shader("node")]
[NodeLaunch("broadcasting")]
[NodeDispatchGrid(x, y, z)]
// or use [NodeMaxDispatchGrid(x, y, z)]
// with SV_DispatchGrid in record
[NumThreads(x, y, z)]
void BroadcastingNode(
    DispatchNodeInputRecord<Type> record,
    uint3 gid : SV_GroupId,
    uint3 gtid : SV_GroupThreadId
){
    Type r = record.Get();...

// launch one group with up to n records
[Shader("node")]
[NodeLaunch("coalescing")]
[NumThreads(x, y, z)]
void CoalescingNode(
    [MaxRecords(n)]
    GroupNodeInputRecords<Type> records,
    uint3 gtid : SV_GroupThreadId
){
    if(gtid.x < records.Count()){
        Type r = records.Get(gtid.x);...
```

## Output Attributes

[MaxRecords(n)] maximum outputs  
[MaxRecordsSharedWith(name)] share out mem  
[NodeID("name")] use alias name  
[NodeID("name", idx)] use idx in node array  
[NodeArraySize(count)] set array size  
[UnboundedSparseNodes] no array limit  
[AllowSparseNodes] allow node to not exist

## Limits

maximum graph depth: 32  
maximum (non empty) outputs per group: 256  
per thread-launched thread:  $8 = 256/32$   
maximum total size of outputs per group: 32KB  
per thread-launched thread:  $128B = 32KB/32/8$

## Function Attributes

[NodeLaunch("mode")] declare desired launch mode  
[NodeIsProgramEntry] to enter graph via this node  
[NodeID("name")] override node id  
[NodeID("name", idx)] or set array idx  
[NodeShareInputOf("name")] launch with other  
[NodeDispatchGrid(x,y,z)] static broadcast grid  
[NodeMaxDispatchGrid(x,y,z)] limit dynamic grid  
[NodeMaxRecursionDepth(d)] max self-recursion

## Node Output

```
// allocate outputs per _thread_
[NumThreads(8, 1, 1)]
...
[MaxRecords(16)] NodeOutput<Type> targetId
){
    // allocate 2 per thread and 2*8=16 total
    ThreadNodeOutputRecords<Type> records =
        targetId.GetThreadNodeOutputRecords(2);
    // 2 outputs visible only to the thread
    records.Get(0)...
    records.Get(1)...
    records.OutputComplete();...

// allocate outputs per _group_
[NumThreads(8, 1, 1)]
...
[MaxRecords(8)] NodeOutput<Type> targetId
){
    GroupNodeOutputRecords<Type> records =
        targetId.GetGroupNodeOutputRecords(8);
    // 8 outputs visible to the whole group
    records.Get(gtid)...
    records.OutputComplete();...
```

## Recursion

```
[NodeMaxRecursionDepth(4)]
void Node(
    ThreadNodeInputRecord<Type> inputRecord,
    [MaxRecords(4)] NodeOutput<Type> Node
){
    bool hasOutput =
        GetRemainingRecursionLevels() > 0;
    // always do thread uniform allocation!
    ThreadNodeOutputRecords<Type> o =
        Node.GetThreadNodeOutputRecords(
            hasOutput * 4
        );
    // but only write to valid memory!
    if (hasOutput) {
        o.Get(0-4)...
    }
    o.OutputComplete();
}
```

## Synchronization

```
struct [NodeTrackRWInputSharing] Type {...
[Shader("node")]
[NodeLaunch("broadcasting")]
...
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RWDispatchNodeInputRecord<Type> input
){
    ...
    Barrier(NODE_INPUT_MEMORY,
        DEVICE_SCOPE | GROUP_SYNC);
    if(!input.FinishedCrossGroupSharing())
        return;
    // do smth as the last group to finish
```