

SimpleCompute Sample for Direct3D 12

*This sample is compatible with the Windows 10 Fall Creators Update SDK (16299)*

# Description



SimpleCompute shows how to use DirectCompute™ (i.e. Direct3D Compute Shader). The sample demonstrates submitting compute work to both the graphics command list and how to use the D3D12\_COMMAND\_LIST\_TYPE\_COMPUTE interface to submit asynchronous compute shader workloads. It updates a texture by computing the Mandelbrot set using a compute shader.

# Using the sample

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| Action | Gamepad | Keyboard |
| Toggle Async Compute | A button | Space |
| Reset Viewport to Default | Y button | Home |
| Pan Viewport | Left stick | WASD |
| Zoom Viewport | Right stick | PgUp/PgDn |
| Increase Zoom Speed | Right trigger | Shift + PgUp/PgDn |
| Exit | View Button | Esc |
| Menu | Show/hide help | F1 |

# Implementation notes

The primary purpose of this sample is to familiarize the reader with creating and using a simple compute shader.

* **CreateDeviceDependentResources**: This is where the compiled compute shader is loaded and the various Direct3D rendering resources are created. The shaders are compiled by Visual Studio.
* **Render**: If the sample is not using asynchronous compute the compute shader is dispatched before the draw call that needs the results is dispatched. This updates the texture every frame.
* **AsyncComputeProc**: If the sample is using asynchronous compute the compute shader is dispatched from this thread as soon as it’s told to start processing. Render will wait until it’s told the asynchronous task is complete before performing the dependent draw call.

## UWP on Xbox

To support DirectX 12 on Xbox One, a UWP app must have its app type set to ‘Game’. Otherwise, only the software device (WARP12) is available on developer consoles, which is unsupported for retail consoles. During development the app type can be set via DevHome. This sample uses the [expandedResources](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/mt808808.aspx) restricted capability to achieve this by default, but can be removed after setting the package app type to ‘Game’. Note that apps submitted to the Windows Store will fail validation if using this restricted capability.

# Update history

Initial release September 2017. Updated October 2017 for UWP on Xbox One.

# Privacy Statement

When compiling and running a sample, the file name of the sample executable will be sent to Microsoft to help track sample usage. To opt-out of this data collection, you can remove the block of code in Main.cpp labeled “Sample Usage Telemetry”.

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