

WebGPU Image Super Resolution Milestone 3

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Project Overview

- A WebGPU based image super resolution program
- Input is fed to a neural network to generate the output
- Essentially a neural network inference engine



DEMO

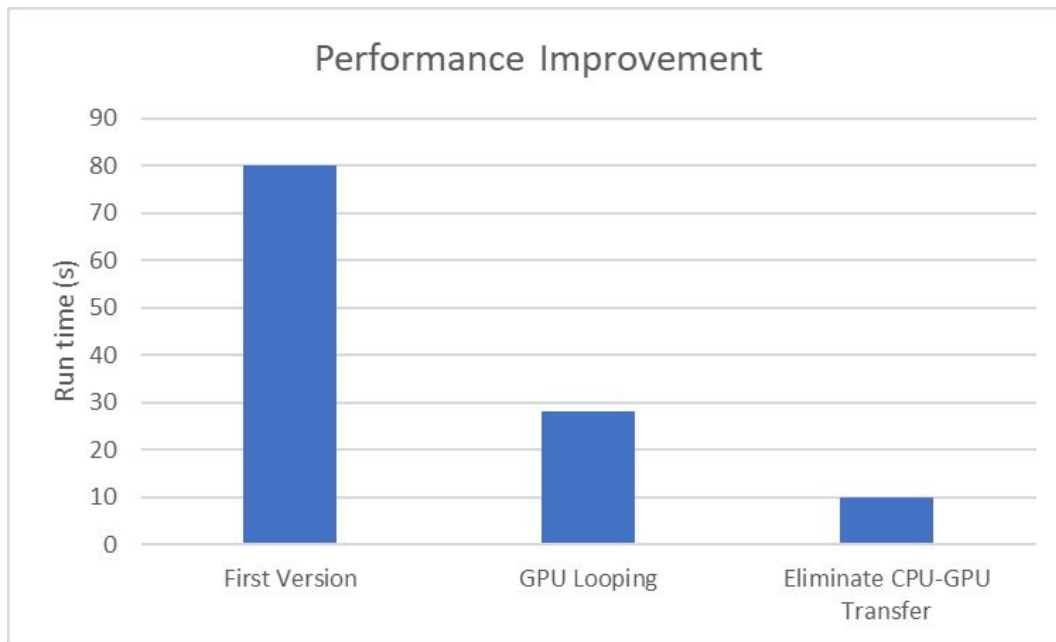
<https://sona1111.github.io/webgpu-super-resolution/>



General Progress

- Completed and partially optimized implementation
- Created prettier web page with Bootstrap, dynamic loading and demos, added to github-pages
- Added PSNR weights and framework for adding more retrained networks to demo page
- Started to look into Quantization

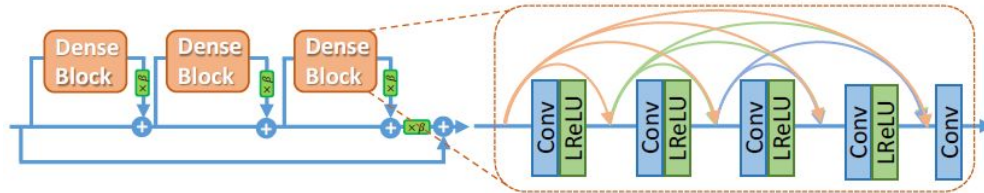
Performance Improvements



Super Resolution Neural Network Architecture

1. Input: RGB image ($3 * \text{height} * \text{width}$)
2. First Convolution Layer (Channel 3 \rightarrow 64)
3. 23 x Residual in Residual Dense Block

Residual in Residual Dense Block (RRDB)



4. Second Convolution + Residual Layer
5. 2 x Super Resolution Layer (width $\times 2$, height $\times 2$)
6. 2 x Super Resolution Layer (width $\times 2$, height $\times 2$)
7. Last Convolution Layers (Channel 64 \rightarrow 3)
8. Output: RGB image ($3 * (4 * \text{height}) * (4 * \text{width})$)



Challenges

- Lots of tedious pointer arithmetic.
- The usual struggles of CSS :3
- Crashing with medium size images due to limits on single buffer size - rewrite to use dynamic number of buffers to store data for one 'meta buffer' seems to be a maintainability nightmare
- Usual random bugs in Linux Vulkan version by chrome team (sorry >.<)
- No Float16 in Javascript? :o

Goals for Next Milestone

- Even faster implementation
 - Matrix multiply 2D convolution
 - Int8 quantization
 - Manual bins groups for all layers
 - Preload all small argument buffers, and change Storage->Uniform
- Writeup and performance analysis
- Retrain on a few other data sets and compare

References

- <https://web.dev/gpu-compute/>
- <https://github.com/austinEng/webgpu-samples>
- <https://github.com/xinntao/ESRGAN>