

# RenderEngine(bpy\_struct)

## Simple Render Engine

```
import bpy
import array

class CustomRenderEngine(bpy.types.RenderEngine):
    # These three members are used by blender to set up the
    # RenderEngine; define its internal name, visible name and capabilities.
    bl_idname = "CUSTOM"
    bl_label = "Custom"
    bl_use_preview = True

    # Init is called whenever a new render engine instance is created. Multiple
    # instances may exist at the same time, for example for a viewport and final
    # render.
    # Note the generic arguments signature, and the call to the parent class
    # `__init__` methods, which are required for Blender to create the underlying
    # `RenderEngine` data.
    def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
        super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
        self.scene_data = None
        self.draw_data = None

    # When the render engine instance is destroy, this is called. Clean up any
    # render engine data here, for example stopping running render threads.
    def __del__(self):
        # Own delete code...
        super().__del__()

    # This is the method called by Blender for both final renders (F12) and
    # small preview for materials, world and lights.
    def render(self, depsgraph):
        scene = depsgraph.scene
        scale = scene.render.resolution_percentage / 100.0
        self.size_x = int(scene.render.resolution_x * scale)
        self.size_y = int(scene.render.resolution_y * scale)

        # Fill the render result with a flat color. The frame-buffer is
        # defined as a list of pixels, each pixel itself being a list of
        # R,G,B,A values.
        if self.is_preview:
            color = [0.1, 0.2, 0.1, 1.0]
        else:
            color = [0.2, 0.1, 0.1, 1.0]

        pixel_count = self.size_x * self.size_y
        rect = [color] * pixel_count

        # Here we write the pixel values to the RenderResult
        # ...
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result = self.begin_result(0, 0, self.size_x, self.size_y)
layer = result.layers[0].passes["Combined"]
layer.rect = rect
self.end_result(result)

# For viewport renders, this method gets called once at the start and
# whenever the scene or 3D viewport changes. This method is where data
# should be read from Blender in the same thread. Typically a render
# thread will be started to do the work while keeping Blender responsive.
def view_update(self, context, depsgraph):
    region = context.region
    view3d = context.space_data
    scene = depsgraph.scene

    # Get viewport dimensions
    dimensions = region.width, region.height

    if not self.scene_data:
        # First time initialization
        self.scene_data = []
        first_time = True

        # Loop over all datablocks used in the scene.
        for datablock in depsgraph.ids:
            pass
    else:
        first_time = False

        # Test which datablocks changed
        for update in depsgraph.updates:
            print("Datablock updated: ", update.id.name)

        # Test if any material was added, removed or changed.
        if depsgraph.id_type_updated('MATERIAL'):
            print("Materials updated")

        # Loop over all object instances in the scene.
        if first_time or depsgraph.id_type_updated('OBJECT'):
            for instance in depsgraph.object_instances:
                pass

# For viewport renders, this method is called whenever Blender redraws
# the 3D viewport. The renderer is expected to quickly draw the render
# with OpenGL, and not perform other expensive work.
# Blender will draw overlays for selection and editing on top of the
# rendered image automatically.
def view_draw(self, context, depsgraph):
    # Lazily import GPU module, so that the render engine works in
    # background mode where the GPU module can't be imported by default.
    import gpu

    region = context.region
    scene = depsgraph.scene

    # Get viewport dimensions

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dimensions = region.width, region.height
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# Bind shader that converts from scene linear to display space,  
gpu.state.blend_set('ALPHA_PREMULT')  
self.bind_display_space_shader(scene)
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if not self.draw_data or self.draw_data.dimensions != dimensions:  
    self.draw_data = CustomDrawData(dimensions)
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self.draw_data.draw()
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self.unbind_display_space_shader()  
gpu.state.blend_set('NONE')
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```
class CustomDrawData:
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    def __init__(self, dimensions):  
        import gpu
```

```
# Generate dummy float image buffer  
self.dimensions = dimensions  
width, height = dimensions
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pixels = width * height * array.array('f', [0.1, 0.2, 0.1, 1.0])  
pixels = gpu.types.Buffer('FLOAT', width * height * 4, pixels)
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# Generate texture  
self.texture = gpu.types.GPUTexture((width, height), format='RGBA16F', data=pixels)
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# Note: This is just a didactic example.  
# In this case it would be more convenient to fill the texture with:  
# self.texture.clear('FLOAT', value=[0.1, 0.2, 0.1, 1.0])
```

```
def __del__(self):  
    del self.texture
```

```
def draw(self):  
    from gpu_extras.presets import draw_texture_2d  
    draw_texture_2d(self.texture, (0, 0), self.texture.width, self.texture.height)
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# RenderEngines also need to tell UI Panels that they are compatible with.  
# We recommend to enable all panels marked as BLENDER_RENDER, and then  
# exclude any panels that are replaced by custom panels registered by the  
# render engine, or that are not supported.
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def get_panels():  
    exclude_panels = {  
        'VIEWLAYER_PT_filter',  
        'VIEWLAYER_PT_layer_passes',  
    }  
  
    panels = []  
    for panel in bpy.types.Panel.__subclasses__():  
        if hasattr(panel, 'COMPAT_ENGINES') and 'BLENDER_RENDER' in panel.COMPAT_ENGINES:  
            if panel.name not in exclude_panels:
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        panels.append(panel)

    return panels

def register():
    # Register the RenderEngine
    bpy.utils.register_class(CustomRenderEngine)

    for panel in get_panels():
        panel.COMPAT_ENGINES.add('CUSTOM')

def unregister():
    bpy.utils.unregister_class(CustomRenderEngine)

    for panel in get_panels():
        if 'CUSTOM' in panel.COMPAT_ENGINES:
            panel.COMPAT_ENGINES.remove('CUSTOM')

if __name__ == "__main__":
    register()

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## GPU Render Engine

```

import bpy

class CustomGPURenderEngine(bpy.types.RenderEngine):
    bl_idname = "CUSTOM_GPU"
    bl_label = "Custom GPU"

    # Request a GPU context to be created and activated for the render method.
    # This may be used either to perform the rendering itself, or to allocate
    # and fill a texture for more efficient drawing.
    bl_use_gpu_context = True

    def render(self, depsgraph):
        # Lazily import GPU module, since GPU context is only created on demand
        # for rendering and does not exist on register.
        import gpu

        # Perform rendering task.
        pass

def register():
    bpy.utils.register_class(CustomGPURenderEngine)

def unregister():
    bpy.utils.unregister_class(CustomGPURenderEngine)

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```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    register()
```

base class — [bpy\\_struct](#)

subclasses — [HydraRenderEngine](#)

**class** `bpy.types.RenderEngine(bpy_struct)`

Render engine

**bl\_idname**

**TYPE:**

string, default “”, (never None)

**bl\_label**

**TYPE:**

string, default “”, (never None)

**bl\_use\_alembic\_procedural**

Support loading Alembic data at render time

**TYPE:**

boolean, default False

**bl\_use\_custom\_freestyle**

Handles freestyle rendering on its own, instead of delegating it to EEVEE

**TYPE:**

boolean, default False

**bl\_use\_eevee\_viewport**

Uses EEVEE for viewport shading in Material Preview shading mode

**TYPE:**

boolean, default False

**bl\_use\_gpu\_context**

Enable OpenGL context for the render method, for engines that render using OpenGL

**TYPE:**

boolean, default False

**bl\_use\_image\_save**

Save images/movie to disk while rendering an animation. Disabling image saving is only supported when `bl_use_postprocess` is also disabled.

**TYPE:**

boolean, default True

**bl\_use\_materialx**

Use MaterialX for exporting materials to Hydra

**TYPE:**

boolean, default False

**bl\_use\_postprocess**

Apply compositing on render results

**TYPE:**

boolean, default False

**bl\_use\_preview**

Render engine supports being used for rendering previews of materials, lights and worlds

**TYPE:**

boolean, default False

**bl\_use\_shading\_nodes\_custom**

Don't expose Cycles and EEVEE shading nodes in the node editor user interface, so separate nodes can be used instead

**TYPE:**

boolean, default True

**bl\_use\_spherical\_stereo**

Support spherical stereo camera models

**TYPE:**

boolean, default False

**bl\_use\_stereo\_viewport**

Support rendering stereo 3D viewport

**TYPE:**

boolean, default False

**camera\_override****TYPE:**

[Object](#), (readonly)

**is\_animation****TYPE:**

boolean, default False

**is\_preview****TYPE:**

boolean, default False

**layer\_override****TYPE:**

boolean array of 20 items, default (False, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, False, False)

**render****TYPE:**

[RenderSettings](#), (readonly)

**resolution\_x****TYPE:**

int in [-inf, inf], default 0, (readonly)

**resolution\_y****TYPE:**

int in [-inf, inf], default 0, (readonly)

## **temporary\_directory**

### **TYPE:**

string, default "", (readonly, never None)

## **use\_highlight\_files**

### **TYPE:**

boolean, default False

## **update(\*, data=None, depsgraph=None)**

Export scene data for render

## **render(depsgraph)**

Render scene into an image

## **render\_frame\_finish()**

Perform finishing operations after all view layers in a frame were rendered

## **draw(context, depsgraph)**

Draw render image

## **bake(depsgraph, object, pass\_type, pass\_filter, width, height)**

Bake passes

### **PARAMETERS:**

- **pass\_type** (enum in [Bake Pass Type Items](#)) – Pass, Pass to bake
- **pass\_filter** (*int in [0, inf]*) – Pass Filter, Filter to combined, diffuse, glossy and transmission passes
- **width** (*int in [0, inf]*) – Width, Image width
- **height** (*int in [0, inf]*) – Height, Image height

## **view\_update(context, depsgraph)**

Update on data changes for viewport render

## **view\_draw(context, depsgraph)**

Draw viewport render

## **update\_script\_node(\*, node=None)**

Compile shader script node

## **update\_render\_passes(\*, scene=None, renderlayer=None)**

Update the render passes that will be generated

## **tag\_redraw()**

Request redraw for viewport rendering

## **tag\_update()**

Request update call for viewport rendering

## **begin\_result(x, y, w, h, \*, layer="", view="")**

Create render result to write linear floating-point render layers and passes

### **PARAMETERS:**

- **x** (*int in [0, inf]*) – X
- **y** (*int in [0, inf]*) – Y

- **w**(*int in [0, inf]*) – Width
- **h**(*int in [0, inf]*) – Height
- **layer**(*string, (optional, never None)*) – Layer, Single layer to get render result for
- **view**(*string, (optional, never None)*) – View, Single view to get render result for

**RETURNS:**

Result

**RETURN TYPE:**

`RenderResult`

**update\_result(result)**

Signal that pixels have been updated and can be redrawn in the user interface

**PARAMETERS:**

**result** (`RenderResult`) – Result

**end\_result(result, \*, cancel=False, highlight=False, do\_merge\_results=False)**

All pixels in the render result have been set and are final

**PARAMETERS:**

- **result** (`RenderResult`) – Result
- **cancel** (*boolean, (optional)*) – Cancel, Don't mark tile as done, don't merge results unless forced
- **highlight** (*boolean, (optional)*) – Highlight, Don't mark tile as done yet
- **do\_merge\_results** (*boolean, (optional)*) – Merge Results, Merge results even if cancel=True

**add\_pass(name, channels, chan\_id, \*, layer="")**

Add a pass to the render layer

**PARAMETERS:**

- **name** (*string, (never None)*) – Name, Name of the Pass, without view or channel tag
- **channels** (*int in [0, inf]*) – Channels
- **chan\_id** (*string, (never None)*) – Channel IDs, Channel names, one character per channel
- **layer** (*string, (optional, never None)*) – Layer, Single layer to add render pass to

**get\_result()**

Get final result for non-pixel operations

**RETURNS:**

Result

**RETURN TYPE:**

`RenderResult`

**test\_break()**

Test if the render operation should be canceled, this is a fast call that should be used regularly for responsiveness

**RETURNS:**

Break

**RETURN TYPE:**

boolean

**pass\_by\_index\_get(layer, index)**

pass\_by\_index\_get

**PARAMETERS:**

**layer** (*string, (optional, never None)*) – Layer, Single layer to get render result for



- **layer** (*string, (never None)*) – Layer, Name of render layer to get pass for
- **index** (*int in [0, inf]*) – Index, Index of pass to get

**RETURNS:**

Index, Index of pass to get

**RETURN TYPE:**

`RenderPass`

**active\_view\_get()**

`active_view_get`

**RETURNS:**

View, Single view active

**RETURN TYPE:**

string, (never None)

**active\_view\_set(view)**

`active_view_set`

**PARAMETERS:**

**view** (*string, (never None)*) – View, Single view to set as active

**camera\_shift\_x(camera, \*, use\_spherical\_stereo=False)**

`camera_shift_x`

**PARAMETERS:**

**use\_spherical\_stereo** (*boolean, (optional)*) – Spherical Stereo

**RETURNS:**

Shift X

**RETURN TYPE:**

float in [0, inf]

**camera\_model\_matrix(camera, \*, use\_spherical\_stereo=False)**

`camera_model_matrix`

**PARAMETERS:**

**use\_spherical\_stereo** (*boolean, (optional)*) – Spherical Stereo

**RETURNS:**

Model Matrix, Normalized camera model matrix

**RETURN TYPE:**

`mathutils.Matrix` of 4 \* 4 items in [-inf, inf]

**use\_spherical\_stereo(camera)**

`use_spherical_stereo`

**RETURNS:**

Spherical Stereo

**RETURN TYPE:**

boolean

**update\_stats(stats, info)**

Update and signal to redraw render status text

**PARAMETERS:**

- **stats** (*string, (never None)*) – Stats
- **info** (*string, (never None)*) – Info

### **frame\_set(frame, subframe)**

Evaluate scene at a different frame (for motion blur)

#### **PARAMETERS:**

- **frame** (*int in  $[-inf, inf]$* ) – Frame
- **subframe** (*float in  $[0, 1]$* ) – Subframe

### **update\_progress(progress)**

Update progress percentage of render

#### **PARAMETERS:**

**progress** (*float in  $[0, 1]$* ) – Percentage of render that's done

### **update\_memory\_stats(\*, memory\_used=0.0, memory\_peak=0.0)**

Update memory usage statistics

#### **PARAMETERS:**

- **memory\_used** (*float in  $[0, inf]$ , (optional)*) – Current memory usage in megabytes
- **memory\_peak** (*float in  $[0, inf]$ , (optional)*) – Peak memory usage in megabytes

### **report(type, message)**

Report info, warning or error messages

#### **PARAMETERS:**

- **type** (enum set in [WmReport Items](#)) – Type
- **message** (*string, (never None)*) – Report Message

### **error\_set(message)**

Set error message displaying after the render is finished

#### **PARAMETERS:**

**message** (*string, (never None)*) – Report Message

### **bind\_display\_space\_shader(scene)**

Bind GLSL fragment shader that converts linear colors to display space colors using scene color management settings

### **unbind\_display\_space\_shader()**

Unbind GLSL display space shader, must always be called after binding the shader

### **support\_display\_space\_shader(scene)**

Test if GLSL display space shader is supported for the combination of graphics card and scene settings

#### **RETURNS:**

Supported

#### **RETURN TYPE:**

boolean

### **get\_preview\_pixel\_size(scene)**

Get the pixel size that should be used for preview rendering

#### **RETURNS:**

Pixel Size

RETURN TYPE:

**RETURN TYPE:**

`int` in `[1, 8]`

**free\_blender\_memory()**

Free Blender side memory of render engine

**tile\_highlight\_set(x, y, width, height, highlight)**

Set highlighted state of the given tile

**PARAMETERS:**

- **x** (*int* in `[0, inf]`) – X
- **y** (*int* in `[0, inf]`) – Y
- **width** (*int* in `[0, inf]`) – Width
- **height** (*int* in `[0, inf]`) – Height
- **highlight** (*boolean*) – Highlight

**tile\_highlight\_clear\_all()**

The temp directory used by Blender

**register\_pass(scene, view\_layer, name, channels, chanid, type)**

Register a render pass that will be part of the render with the current settings

**PARAMETERS:**

- **name** (*string, (never None)*) – Name
- **channels** (*int* in `[1, 8]`) – Channels
- **chanid** (*string, (never None)*) – Channel IDs
- **type** (*enum* in `['VALUE', 'VECTOR', 'COLOR']`) – Type

**classmethod bl\_ma\_get\_subclass(id, default=None)****PARAMETERS:**

**id** (*str*) – The RNA type identifier.

**RETURNS:**

The RNA type or default when not found.

**RETURN TYPE:**

`bpy.types.Struct` subclass

**classmethod bl\_ma\_get\_subclass\_py(id, default=None)****PARAMETERS:**

**id** (*str*) – The RNA type identifier.

**RETURNS:**

The class or default when not found.

**RETURN TYPE:**

`type`

## Inherited Properties

- `bpy_struct.id_data`

## Inherited Functions

- `bpy_struct.as_pointer`
- `bpy_struct.items`

- `bpy_struct.as_pointer`
- `bpy_struct.driver_add`
- `bpy_struct.driver_remove`
- `bpy_struct.get`
- `bpy_struct.id_properties_clear`
- `bpy_struct.id_properties_ensure`
- `bpy_struct.id_properties_ui`
- `bpy_struct.is_property_hidden`
- `bpy_struct.is_property_overridable_library`
- `bpy_struct.is_property_readonly`
- `bpy_struct.is_property_set`
- `bpy_struct.items`
- `bpy_struct.keyframe_delete`
- `bpy_struct.keyframe_insert`
- `bpy_struct.keys`
- `bpy_struct.path_from_id`
- `bpy_struct.path_resolve`
- `bpy_struct.pop`
- `bpy_struct.property_overridable_library_set`
- `bpy_struct.property_unset`
- `bpy_struct.type_recast`
- `bpy_struct.values`