Advanced Media Framework – FRC

Programming Guide

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1 Introduction

AMF FRC is a technique for achieving high-end video frame rate conversion results from lower frame rate video inputs. This document provides a complete description of the AMD Advanced Media Framework (AMF) Video FRC Component. This component performs the frame generation.

2 AMF Video FRC Component

Video FRC accepts input frames stored in AMFSurface objects wrapping DirectX 12 textures or OpenCL surfaces. The output is placed in AMFSurface objects wrapping DirectX 12 textures or OpenCL surfaces, depending on the component configuration.

Include public/include/components/FRC.h

2.1 Component Initialization

The AMF Video FRC component should be initialized using the following sequence:

- 1. Create an AMF Context and initialize it for one of the following:
 - i. DirectX 12
 - ii. OpenCL
- 2. Configure the FRC component by setting the necessary properties using the AMFPropertyStorage::SetProperty method on the FRC object.
- 3. Call the AMFFRCImpl::Init method of the video FRC object.

The details on component setup can be found from the document AMF_API_Reference.pdf

2.2 Configuring the FRC

The FRC supports the following input and output formats:

- 1. BRGA
- 2. NV12
- 3. RGBA
- 4. R10G10B10A2
- 5. RGBA_F16
- 6. P010

The output format must be same as the input and the format conversion is not supported. The parameters are set using the following properties:

Property Name	Туре
AMF_FRC_ENGINE_TYPE	AMF_MEMORY_TYPE
AMF_FRC_MODE	AMF_FRC_MODE_TYPE

Property Name	Туре
AMF_FRC_ENABLE_FALLBACK	Bool
AMF_FRC_INDICATOR	Bool
AMF_FRC_PROFILE	AMF_FRC_PROFILE_TYPE
AMF_FRC_MV_SEARCH_MODE	AMF_FRC_SEARCH_MODE_TYPE
AMF_FRC_USE_FUTURE_FRAME	Bool

Table 1. AMF FRC Properties

Name: AMF_FRC_ENGINE_TYPE

Values: DX12 , OpenCL , DX11

Default Value: DX12

Description: Specifies the engine used to run shaders.

Name: AMF_FRC_MODE

Values:

Name	Description		
FRC_OFF	Frame rate conversion is disabled. The frame data will be copied over to the output.		
FRC_ON	Frame rate conversion is enabled. Note that the component will need to be called with a frame rate equal to double that of the input video.		
FRC_ONLY_INTERPOLATED	Frame rate conversion is enabled. However, only the interpolated frames are returned.		
FRC_x2_PRESENT	AMF_REPEAT will be returned for the QueryOutput() call with each source frame. The caller needs to call the FRC component with the same source frame again to get x2 frame rate.		

Default Value: FRC_ONLY_INTERPOLATED

Description: Specifies which FRC frames are presented.

Name: AMF_FRC_ENABLE_FALLBACK

Values:

Name	Description
true	Low confidence to do the interpolation, two frames will be blended together.
false	Low confidence to do the interpolation, frame will be duplicated.

Default Value: false

Description: Specifies the fallback mode.

Name: AMF_FRC_INDICATOR

Values: true, false

Default Value: true

Description: Specifies whether or not the FRC indicator square is shown in the top right corner of the video.

Name: AMF_FRC_PROFILE

Values:

Name	Description
FRC_PROFILE_LOW	Less levels of hierarchical motion search. Only recommended for extremely low resolutions.
FRC_PROFILE_HIGH	Recommended for any resolution up to 1440p.
FRC_PROFILE_SUPER	More levels of hierarchical motion search. Recommended for resolutions 1440p or higher.

Default Value: FRC_PROFILE_HIGH

Description: Specifies the levels of hierarchical motion search. It is recommended to set this value according to the resolution of the input.

Name: AMF_FRC_MV_SEARCH_MODE

Values:

Name	Description	
FRC_MV_SEARCH_NATIVE	Conduct motion search on the full resolution of source images.	
FRC_MV_SEARCH_PERFORMANCE	Conduct motion search on the down scaled source images. Recommended for APU or low end GPU for better performance.	

Default Value: FRC_MV_SEARCH_NATIVE

Description: Specifies the performance mode of the motion search.

Name: AMF_FRC_USE_FUTURE_FRAME

Values: true, false

Default Value: false

Description: When enabled, the information contained in the next frame in the sequence will be used in FRC interpolation calculations, in addition to the current pair of frames. This will introduce one extra frame time of latency.

2.3 Submitting Input and Retrieving Output

Once the FRC component is successfully initialized, you may start submitting input samples to it. Input samples must be submitted as AMFSurface objects.

At the same time poll for output by calling AMFComponent::QueryOutput on the FRC object. Polling for output samples can be done either from the same thread or from another thread.

Suspend submission of input samples briefly when AMFComponent::SubmitInput returns AMF_INPUT_FULL. Continue to poll for output samples and process them as they become available.

2.4 Terminating the FRC Component

To terminate the FRC component, call the	Terminate	method, or simply release the object. Ensure that the context used to create the FRC
component still exists during termination.		