SpoutDX

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What is it?

DirectX textures can be shared using the Spout protocol without requiring OpenGL by using a sub-set of the Spout SDK classes and the D3D11 device already created. SpoutDX is a class that manages these low level methods and provides simple send and receive functions.

Why a separate class?

Because the complete Spout SDK requires support from the application for the required OpenGL extensions and functions.

Usage

Where the complete Spout SDK is not used, Spout texture sharing can be achieved in three ways :

- 1) DirectX textures using methods from the Spout SDK classes directly.
 - A Direct3D 11.0 device is passed from the application.
- 2) DirectX textures using the SpoutDX support class with simple texture sending and receiving functions.
 - A Direct3D 11.0 device is passed from the application.
- 3) Applications that do not have either D3D11 or OpenGL can send and receive pixel buffer images.
 - A Direct3D 11.0 device is created within the SpoutDX class.

Requirements for DirectX applications

For either the basic methods or with use of the SpoutDX class, a D3D11 device with feature level 11.0 is required. D3D9 is not supported and is managed by a separate SpoutDX9 class. D3D12 is managed by SpoutDX12 that uses SpoutDX as a base.

If textures are to be shared with OpenGL applications, devices and textures must comply with the requirements outlined in the NVIDIA WGL_NV_DX_interop specifications:

https://www.opengl.org/registry/specs/NV/DX_interop.txt https://www.opengl.org/registry/specs/NV/DX_interop2.txt

When creating the D3D11 device, the **D3DCREATE_MULTITHREADED** behaviour flag must be set.

The specification requires that D3D11_CREATE_DEVICE_SINGLETHREADED is **not** set, so that flag can be zero.

Shared textures must be created with the following:

- 1) Description Usage flag D3D11_USAGE_DEFAULT
- 2) Description MiscFlags D3D11_RESOURCE_MISC_SHARED
- 3) BindFlags D3D11_BIND_RENDER_TARGET | D3D11_BIND_SHADER_RESOURCE
- 4) Format DXGI_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_UNORM or DXGI_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_UNORM

Use **DXGI FORMAT B8G8R8A8 UNORM** for best compatibility.

Documentation

Read this document together with the source code of each example and the <u>documentation web-site</u> to gain an understanding of the functions required and when each should be used.

Examples describing the various options are commented throughout the source code. Search on "SPOUT" for details.

1. Basic DirectX examples

Functions from the *SpoutDirectX*, *SpoutSenderNames* and *SpoutFrameCount* classes can be used for shared texture synchronization and copy.

The basic methods require more steps, but may be preferrable if more control is required over when and where these functions are used.

The <u>SpoutDX class</u> manages these lower level methods and provides more simple texture send and receive functions.

Add these files to your project

SpoutCommon.h
SpoutCopy.cpp
SpoutCopy.h
SpoutDirectX.cpp
SpoutDirectX.h
SpoutFrameCount.cpp
SpoutFrameCount.h
SpoutSenderNames.cpp
SpoutSenderNames.h
SpoutSharedMemory.cpp
SpoutUtils.cpp
SpoutUtils.h

Examples are adapted from **DirectX tutorial samples** by Chuck Walbourn.

The methods in the the following examples apply in general for any application where a Direct3D 11.0 device is available.

1.1 DirectX 9

Although the Spout SDK Version 2.007 does not support DirectX9, shared textures created with D3D9ex and with format D3DFMT_A8R8G8B8 or D3DFMT_X8R8G8B8 are compatible and will still be be received.

A separate *SpoutDirectX9* class contains functions for sending and receiving from DirectX9 applications.

Two examples from the <u>Microsoft DirectX SDK (June 2010)</u> have been modified for basic Spout functions.

- Tut06_Meshes sender
- Tut05 Textures receiver

They can be found in the *Basic/SpoutDX9* folder. The processes involved are the same for sender or receiver as detailed below.

All files included are the same except that the SpoutDirectX class is not used. Refer to the source code for details.

1.2 Sender

Basic DirectX example using functions directly from Spout SDK classes based on the TutorialO4 sample.

Setup

```
Includes
```

```
// Change paths as required
#include "SpoutSenderNames.h" // for sender creation and update
#include "SpoutDirectX.h" // for creating a shared texture
#include "SpoutFrameCount.h" // for mutex lock and new frame signal
#include "SpoutUtils.h" // for logging utilites

Objects

spoutSenderNames spoutSender;
spoutDirectX spoutdx;
spoutFrameCount frame;

Global variables (for TutorialO4 basic example)

char g_SenderName[256];
unsigned int g_Width = 0;
unsigned int g_Height = 0;
ID3D11Texture2D* g_pSharedTexture = nullptr; // Texture to be shared
HANDLE g_dxShareHandle = NULL; // Share handle for the sender
bool bSpoutInitialized = false;
```

Enable Spout logging if required

```
// OpenSpoutConsole(); // console only for debugging
// EnableSpoutLog(); // Log to console
// EnableSpoutLogFile("Tutorial04.log); // Log to file
// SetSpoutLogLevel(SPOUT_LOG_WARNING); // show only warnings and errors
```

After window and device creation

```
Give the sender a name
  strcpy_s(g_SenderName, 256, "Tutorial04");

Create a sender mutex for access to the shared texture
  frame.CreateAccessMutex(g_SenderName);
```

During render

Send the texture (the Tutorial04 example uses the backbuffer).

- 1. Get the texture details (width height and format)
- 2. If a sender has not been created yet:
 - Create a shared texture of the same size and format. The format should be either DXGI_FORMAT_B8G8R8A8_UNORM or DXGI_FORMAT_R8G8B8A8_UNORM.
 - Create a sender using the shared texture handle
 - Create a sender mutex to control access to the shared texture
 - Enable frame counting for sender frame number and fps
- 3. If the sender has already been created
 - Check for size change
 - Update the sender and global variables
- 4. Send the texture
 - Check the sender mutex for texture access
 - Copy the application texture to the sender shared texture
 - Flush immediate context
 - Set a new frame
 - Allow access to the shared texture

Fps control

```
Hold a target rate if necessary - see code comments
frame.HoldFps(60);
```

On program close

```
Release the sender name from the list of senders.
    spoutSender.ReleaseSenderName(g_SenderName);

Close the texture access mutex
    frame.CloseAccessMutex();

Close frame counting
    frame.CleanupFrameCount();

Release application resources
    if (g pSharedTexture) g pSharedTexture->Release();
```

1.3 Receiver

Basic DirectX example using functions directly from Spout SDK classes based on the Tutorial07 sample.

Includes

```
// Change paths as required
#include "SpoutSenderNames.h" // sender creation and update
#include "SpoutDirectX.h" // for creating a shared texture
#include "SpoutFrameCount.h" // mutex lock and new frame
#include "SpoutUtils.h" // for logging utilites
#include <direct.h> // for _getcwd
#include <TlHelp32.h> // for PROCESSENTRY32
#include <tchar.h> // for _tcsicmp
Objects
```

spoutSenderNames spoutSender; // the sender receiving from spoutDirectX spoutdx; spoutFrameCount frame;

Global variables and utility functions (for Tutorial07 basic example)

```
ID3D11Texture2D* g_pReceivedTexture = nullptr; // Receiving texture
ID3D11ShaderResourceView* g_pSpoutTextureRV = nullptr; // Shader resource view
char g_SenderName[256]; // Sender name
char g_SenderNameSetup[256]; // Sender name to connect to
unsigned int g_Width = 0; // Sender width
unsigned int g_Height = 0; // Sender height
long g_senderframe = 0; // Sender frame number
double g_senderfps = 0.0; // Sender frame rate
bool bNewFrame = false; // The received frame is new
bool bSpoutInitialized = false; // Initialized for the connected sender
bool bSpoutPanelOpened = false; // User opened sender selection panel
bool bSpoutPanelActive = false; // Selection panel is still open
SHELLEXECUTEINFOA g_ShExecInfo; // Global info so the exit code can be tested
bool OpenSpoutPanel(); // User sender selection dialog
bool CheckSpoutPanel(char *sendername, int maxchars = 256);
```

Enable Spout logging if required

```
// OpenSpoutConsole(); // Console only for debugging
// EnableSpoutLog(); // Log to console
// EnableSpoutLogFile("Tutorial07.log); // Log to file
// SetSpoutLogLevel(SPOUT_LOG_WARNING); // Show only warnings and errors
```

After window and device creation

Optionally set the name of the sender to receive from. The receiver will wait for that sender to open. The user can over-ride this by selecting another.

```
// strcpy_s(g_SenderNameSetup, 256, "Spout DX11 Sender"); // Starting name
// strcpy_s(g_SenderName, 256, "Spout DX11 Sender"); // General name as well
```

During render

Here pseudo-code is used to explain the steps involved. Examine the Tutorial07 Basic example code for further information.

- 1. Create initial width and height variables and set global values for testing sender size change
- 2. If relevant for the application, check for user activation of the sender selection dialog (see OpenSpoutPanel utility function).
 - If a new sender has been selected, the name will be different
 - Reset all variables
 - Close access mutex and frame counting for the current sender
 - Reset intialization flag
- 3. Find whether a sender with the current name exists. If no name has been provided, the "active" sender will be detected.
 - If a sender was found
 - If not connected yet
 - Create a mutex to control access to the sender shared texture
 - Enable frame counting to get sender frame number and fps
 - Set initialization flag
 - Check for sender size changes
 - Create or re-create the receiving texture
 - Retrieve the sender's shared texture pointer
 - Check for access to the shared texture
 - Test for a new frame from the sender
 - Copy the sender's shared texture to the receiving texture
 - Set a new frame flag (it will be tested later)
 - Allow access to the sender's shared texture
 - For a new frame
 - Use the received texture as required
 - The sender frame number and frame rate can be retrieved.
 - If no sender was found
 - If previously connected
 - If a connecting name has been set, reset the sender name to it. Otherwise zero the sender name
 - · Zero the sender width and height
 - Close the access mutex and frame counting
 - Clear any application resources using the received texture
- 4. Continue with render
- 5. Final swapchain present
- 6. Hold a target frame rate if necessary see code comments

On program close

2. The SpoutDX support class

SpoutDX contains functions to manage DirectX11 texture sharing. Sending and receiving functions handle sender creation, connection and size changes.

Add these files to your project

```
SpoutDX.cpp // Additional to basic examples
SpoutDX.h // Additional to basic examples
SpoutCommon.h
SpoutCopy.cpp
SpoutCopy.h
SpoutDirectX.cpp
SpoutDirectX.h
SpoutFrameCount.cpp
SpoutFrameCount.h
SpoutSenderNames.cpp
SpoutSenderNames.h
SpoutSharedMemory.cpp
SpoutUtils.cpp
SpoutUtils.h
```

2.1 Examples

The SpoutDX examples are adapted from <u>DirectX tutorial samples</u> by Chuck Walbourn. The source is exactly the same as for the Basic examples, but converted to use the SpoutDX.

2.2 Sender

Example based on the DirectX Tutorial07 sample, using SpoutDX and SendTexture.

```
bool SendTexture(ID3D11Texture2D* pTexture);
```

SendTexture manages sender creation and update based on the size of the texture passed in. A shared texture is created and updated by copy from the application texture.

Setup

```
Includes
  #include "SpoutDX.h"// Change path as required

Objects
  spoutDX sender;
Enable Spout logging if required

// OpenSpoutConsole(); // console only for debugging
```

```
// EnableSpoutLog(); // Log to console
// EnableSpoutLogFile("Tutorial04.log); // Log to file
// SetSpoutLogLevel(SPOUT_LOG_WARNING); // show only warnings and errors
```

After window and device creation

The DirectX 11.0 device pointer must be passed to the SpoutDX class so that texture copy uses the same device.

Give the sender a name. If none is specified, the executable name is used.

```
sender.SetSenderName("Tutorial04 sender");
```

During render

Send the texture (the Tutorial04 example uses the backbuffer). SendTexture handles sender creation and re-sizing

```
sender.SendTexture(pBackBuffer);
```

Hold a target rate if necessary - see code comments

```
sender.HoldFps(60);
```

On program close

Close the sender

```
sender.ReleaseSender();
```

Release application resources.

2.3 Receiver

Example based on the Tutorial07 sample, using SpoutDX and ReceiveTexture.

```
bool ReceiveTexture(ID3D11Texture2D** ppTexture = nullptr);
```

ReceiveTexture waits for a sender unless connected already. Once connected and the sender size is known or has changed, the application is informed so that the receiving texture can be updated. The application monitors change using:

```
bool IsUpdated();
```

The receiving texture is updated by copy from the sender shared texture.

If ReceiveTexture fails, the sender has closed.

```
Includes
    #include "SpoutDX.h" // Change path as required

Objects
    spoutDX receiver;

Global variables (for TutorialO7 example)

ID3D11Texture2D* g_pReceivedTexture = nullptr; // Receiving texture
ID3D11ShaderResourceView* g_pSpoutTextureRV = nullptr; // Shader resource view

Enable Spout logging if required

// OpenSpoutConsole(); // Console only for debugging
// EnableSpoutLog(); // Log to console
// EnableSpoutLogFile("Windows sender.log); // Log to file
// SetSpoutLogLevel(SPOUT_LOG_WARNING); // Show only warnings and errors
```

Optionally set the name of the sender to receive from. The receiver will only connect to that sender. The user can over-ride this by selecting another.

```
// receiver.SetReceiverName("Spout DX11 Sender");
```

After window and device creation

The DirectX 11.0 device pointer must be passed to the SpoutDX class so that texture copy uses the same device.

```
if (!receiver.OpenDirectX11(g_pd3dDevice))
    return FALSE;
```

During render

- 1) Receive a texture from a sender
 - · If a sender was found
 - If the sender is updated
 - Create or re-create the receiving texture

- If the frame is new
 - Create or re-create associated resources
- 2) If the sender was not found or closed
 - · Release the receiving texture
 - · Release associated resources

On program close

```
Close the receiver.
  receiver.ReleaseReceiver();
Close DirectX
  sender.CleanupDX11();
```

2.4 Windows examples

These examples use the Microsoft Win32 API. SpoutDX functions *SendImage* and *ReceiveImage* are used to send or receive pixel buffer images.

The pixel images are converted to or from Bitmaps, but SpoutDX does not depend on the Win32 API and can be used for any application.

SendImage

SendImage manages sender creation and update based on the size passed in. A shared texture is created and updated using data from the pixel buffer.

ReceiveImage

```
bool ReceiveImage(unsigned char * pixels, bool bInvert = false);
```

ReceiveImage waits for a sender unless connected already. Once connected and the sender size is known or has changed, the application is informed of size changes so that the receiving pixel buffer can be updated. The application monitors change using:

```
bool IsUpdated();
```

The receiving pixel buffer is updated by copy from the sender shared texture by way of a DirectX staging texture.

If ReceiveImage fails, the sender has closed.

2.5 Sender

Win32 API example using SendImage from the SpoutDX class.

Setup

```
Includes
  #include "SpoutDX.h" // Change path as required
Objects
 spoutDX sender;
Global variables
HWND g_hWnd = NULL;
                                         // Window handle
spoutDX sender;
                                         // Sender object
                                        // Image bitmap for sending
HBITMAP g_hBitmap = NULL;
unsigned char g_SenderName[256]; // Sender name
unsigned int g_SenderWidth = 0; // Sender width
unsigned int g_SenderHeight = 0; // Sender height
Enable Spout logging if required
 // OpenSpoutConsole(); // console only for debugging
 // EnableSpoutLog(); // Log to console
 // EnableSpoutLogFile("Windows sender.log); // Log to file
```

Create a bitmap to send. In this example we simply load an image from file. In other applications the bitmap might be created from another source or from the screen contents for example

// SetSpoutLogLevel(SPOUT_LOG_WARNING); // show only warnings and errors

Create a sending pixel buffer. The size does not matter at this stage. It is resized later as necessary.

After application initialization

Prepare DirectX 11 for Spout functions. A DirectX 11.0 device is created within the SpoutDX class.

Give the sender a name. If none is specified, the executable name is used.

```
sender.SetSenderName("Windows sender");
```

Main message loop

Include a Render() function which is called after messages have been processed.

```
MSG msg = { 0 };
while (WM_QUIT != msg.message)
{
    if (PeekMessage(&msg, nullptr, 0, 0, PM_REMOVE))
    {
        TranslateMessage(&msg);
        DispatchMessage(&msg);
    }
    else
    {
        Render();
    }
}
```

Render

In this example, the Render function triggers a re-paint to draw the bitmap and load the pixel buffer for sending.

```
void Render()
{
    // Trigger a re-paint to draw the bitmap
    // and refresh the sending pixel buffer - see WM_PAINT
    InvalidateRect(g_hWnd, NULL, FALSE);
    UpdateWindow(g_hWnd); // Update immediately
    // Send the pixels
    sender.SendImage(g_pixelBuffer, g_SenderWidth, g_SenderHeight);
    // Optionally hold a target frame rate - e.g. 60 or 30fps.
    sender.HoldFps(60);
}
```

WM_PAINT

- 1) Draw the image bitmap to the screen
- 2) Check the screen size and update as necessary
- 3) Copy the screen to the pixel buffer
- 4) Send the buffer

Examine the code in WM_PAINT for details.

On program close

Release application resources.

Close the sender

```
sender.ReleaseSender();
Close DirectX
```

sender.CleanupDX11();

2.6 Receiver

Win32 API example using *ReceiveImage* from the SpoutDX class.

Setup

```
Includes
```

```
#include "SpoutDX.h" // Change path as required
Objects
   spoutDX receiver;
 Global variables
                                                 // Window handle
// Receiver object
HWND g_hWnd = NULL;
 spoutDX receiver;
HWND g_hWnd = NULL; // Window handle unsigned char *pixelBuffer = nullptr; // Receiving pixel buffer
unsigned char *bgraBuffer = nullptr; // Conversion buffer if required unsigned char g_SenderName[256]; // Received sender name unsigned int g_SenderWidth = 0; // Received sender width unsigned int g_SenderHeight = 0; // Received sender height DWORD g_SenderFormat = 0; // Received sender format
Enable Spout logging if required
   // OpenSpoutConsole(); // console only for debugging
   // EnableSpoutLog(); // Log to console
```

// EnableSpoutLogFile("Windows receiver.log); // Log to file

Set a receiving sender name

To receive from a specific sender, set the sender name here. If the application allows it, the user can over-ride this by selecting another.

// SetSpoutLogLevel(SPOUT_LOG_WARNING); // show only warnings and errors

```
// receiver.SetReceiverName("Spout DX11 Sender");
```

After application initialization

Prepare DirectX 11 for Spout functions. A DirectX 11.0 device is created within the SpoutDX class.

```
if (!receiver.OpenDirectX11())
       return FALSE;
```

Main message loop

Include a Render() function which is called after messages have been processed.

```
MSG msg = { 0 };
while (WM_QUIT != msg.message)
{
    if (PeekMessage(&msg, nullptr, 0, 0, PM_REMOVE))
    {
        TranslateMessage(&msg);
        DispatchMessage(&msg);
    }
    else
    {
        Render();
    }
}
```

Render

In this example, the Render function receives a pixel buffer from a sender, updates the receiving buffer size if necessary and triggers a re-paint to draw the pixel buffer. Examine the example code in WM_PAINT for details.

```
void Render()
 // Get pixels from the sender shared texture.
 // ReceiveImage handles sender detection, creation and update.
 // The data is flipped here ready for WM PAINT.
 if (receiver.ReceiveImage(pixelBuffer, true)) {
     // IsUpdated() returns true if the sender has changed
     if (receiver.IsUpdated()) {
         // Update the sender name - it could be different
         strcpy_s((char *)g_SenderName, 256, receiver.GetSenderName());
         // Update globals
         g_SenderWidth = receiver.GetSenderWidth();
         g_SenderHeight = receiver.GetSenderHeight();
         g SenderFormat = receiver.GetSenderFormat();
         // Update the receiving buffer
         if(pixelBuffer) delete pixelBuffer;
         pixelBuffer = new unsigned char[g SenderWidth*g SenderHeight*4];
         // Update the rgba > bgra conversion buffer
         if (bgraBuffer) delete bgraBuffer;
         bgraBuffer = new unsigned char[g_SenderWidth*g_SenderHeight*4];
         // Do anything else necessary for the application here
     }
 }
 // Trigger a re-paint to draw the pixel buffer - see WM PAINT
 InvalidateRect(g hWnd, NULL, FALSE);
 UpdateWindow(g_hWnd); // Update immediately
 // Optionally hold a target frame rate - e.g. 60 or 30fps.
 receiver.HoldFps(60);
```

WM_PAINT

Copy a pixel buffer to the screen. The buffer can be either BGRA or RGBA format. For Win32 bitmaps, BGRA can be copied directly but RGBA requires conversion. This can be done either by copy to a conversion buffer or using Win32 API methods.

- 1. Set up a bitmap info structure with the received image size
- 2. If the image is RGBA and width is a multiple of 16
 - Use a high speed function to copy a BGRA buffer
- 3. If the image is RGBA and width is not a multiple of 16
 - Use the extended BITMAPV4HEADER to specify pixel masks
- 4. Use StretchDibits to copy the BGRA buffer to the screen

WM_RBUTTONDOWN

The user has clicked the RH mouse button. Activate the sender selection panel.

```
receiver.SelectSender();
```

On program close

Close the receiver and release application resources.

```
receiver.ReleaseReceiver();
Close DirectX
receiver.CleanupDX11();
```

2.7 **DirectX 9**

SpoutDX9 provides functions to manage DirectX9 texture sharing in the same way as SpoutDX for DirectX 11.

The Tut02_Vertices example from the <u>Microsoft DirectX SDK (June 2010)</u> has been modified for sender and receiver.

- Tut02 Vertices Sender
- Tut02_Vertices_Receiver

Refer to SpoutDX9.cpp and the example source code for details.

2.8 DirectX 12

SpoutDX12 is a support class for sharing D3D12 texture resources.

Although the Spout SDK shares between applications using DirectX11 textures, it is possible to share with DirectX12 applications using the D3D11On12 mapping layer which creates a D3D11 device wrapped around the D3D12 device. The wrapped D3D11 resource can then be used to copy to or from a sender shared texture.

Two examples from the from the <u>Microsoft DirectX Graphics Examples</u> have been modified for Spout functions.

- D3D12TriangleSender
- D3D12TextureReceiver

SpoutDX12 manages D3D11On12 and uses SpoutDX as a base class for sending and receiving functions.

Refer to SpoutDX12.cpp and the example source code for details.

3. SpoutDX library

A sender example Tutorial04_Lib shows how to use SpoutDX as a dynamic or static library instead of source files.

3.1 Library files

Files from CMake INSTALL build or Spout release are copied to equivalent folders at the root path of the project :

include header files from INSTALL\include\SpoutDXlib SpoutDX.lib and SpoutDX_static.lib from INSTALL\lib\SpoutDXbin SpoutDX.dll from INSTALL\bin\SpoutDX

For dynamic or static library options see "STATIC OR DYNAMIC LIBRARY" in the application source Tutorial04.cpp.

The process is the same for the Spout, SpoutDX9 and SpoutDX12 libraries

- Create lib, include and bin folders at the root folder of the project
- Copy files from a CMake INSTALL build or Spout release for the library.
- Insert the "STATIC OR DYNAMIC LIBRARY" code at the beginning of the main application source file and modify the library names.
- Remove Spout source files from the project.

3.2 Build

Change to "Release" configuration for build.

The libraries distributed with this project are built Release with\
SPOUT_BUILD_CMT enabled and the application project is configured for :

Release / Multi-threaded (/MT)

Note that the application project configuration, Release or Debug, and Runtime options :

Project Properties > C++ > Code Generation > Runtime Library

must match the CMake option "SPOUT_BUILD_CMT" for project generation and the Spout project build type, Release or Debug.

SPOUT_BUILD_CMT enabled

Release > Multi-threaded (/MT)

Debug > Multi-threaded Debug (/MTd)

SPOUT_BUILD_CMT disabled

Release > Multi-threaded DLL (/MD)

Debug > Multi-threaded Debug DLL (/MDd)

For Debug configuration of the application project, or for other\ Runtime options, the libraries must be re-built to match.