



WHAT IS “SNAPSHOT SHADERS PRO FOR URP”?

Snapshot Shaders Pro for URP is a collection of 23 post-processing shader effects designed for Unity’s **Universal Render Pipeline**.

USAGE

This shader pack uses **Universal Render Pipeline’s ScriptableRenderFeature** functionality for the custom post processing effects. The [Unity documentation](#) will outline the basics of URP if you’re not familiar with how to create custom renderers.

The latest version of this asset was created using Unity 2019.3.15f1 and URP 7.3.1. If you are having issues getting an effect to work on different versions, try toggling the **Render Pass Event** variable of the effect between **BeforePostProcessing** and **AfterPostProcessing**.

These shaders are designed for **linear color space**, so you may encounter issues in gamma space. To swap between color spaces, go to *Project Settings->Player->Other Settings* and find the **Color Space** dropdown option.

REMEMBER: You must add each effect to your **Forward Renderer** asset’s **Renderer Features** drop-down to function. *Snapshot Shaders Pro URP* comes with defaults that you can use in the package root folder – in *Project Settings->Graphics*, attach the **SnapshotRP** asset to the **Scriptable Render Pipeline Settings** field. You may also need to attach the **SnapshotRP** asset in *Project Settings->Quality* to the **Rendering** field for each quality level. Then, you can add effects to the **Renderer Features** list on the **SnapshotRenderer** asset.

EFFECTS INCLUDED

The following effects are included in the collection:

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CUTOUT

Overlays a texture onto the camera with an alpha cutout.

Note: an external texture must be attached to the **Cutout Texture** field for this effect to work properly. Examples are provided in the **Resources/Textures/Cutout** folder.

- **Cutout Texture:** The texture to overlay onto the screen.
- **Border Color:** The tint used for opaque sections of the cutout overlay.
- **Stretch:** If true, the cutout texture stretches to fit the screen's aspect ratio.

GLITCH

Offsets rows of pixels slightly to give the appearance of a technical glitch. Best used in combination with animations to control the offset strength.

Note: an external texture must be attached to the **Offset Texture** field for this effect to work properly. An example is provided at **Resources/Textures/GlitchTex**.

- **Offset Texture:** A vertical strip texture which controls the strength of the offset for different rows of the image. Middle grey means no offset; white is full offset to the right; black is full offset to the left.
- **Offset Strength:** How far pixels are offset in UV space. A value of 1.0 moves a pixel from the left-hand-side of the image completely to the right-hand-side if the offset texture for that row of pixels is full-white.
- **Vertical Tiling:** How many times the offset texture is repeated vertically. In other words, controls the number of glitch rows.

INVERT

Inverts the RGB colour values of each pixel. At full strength, white becomes black and vice versa.

- **Strength:** How intense the effect is. Note that a value of 0.5 will always result in a grey image.

LIGHT STREAKS

Adds horizontal light streaks emitted by strong light sources in the scene.

Note: this effect works best when HDR is enabled on your camera and your scene contains strong light sources or emissive materials. A luminous intensity of 1 corresponds to a full-white, non-emissive object.

- **Strength:** How far the light streaks extend.
- **Luminance Threshold:** Any pixel below this luminance will not emit light streaks.

RADIAL BLUR

A Gaussian Blur which gets stronger towards the edges of the image.

- **Strength:** The size of the blurring kernel (and the strength of the effect). Larger smoothing kernels require more pixel operations per frame.
- **Focal Size:** The proportion of the screen which stays unblurred in the middle.

SHARPEN

Makes the image less blurry.

- **Intensity:** how strongly the image is sharpened.

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DITHER

Produces a 1-bit shading effects (the scene uses only two colours with pixels arranged in a pattern to 'fake' smooth shading).

Note: an external texture must be attached to the **Noise Texture** field for this effect to work properly. Examples are provided at **Resources/Textures/BlueNoise.png** and **Resources/Textures/BayerNoise.png**.

- **Noise Texture:** The dithering pattern used for smooth shading emulation.
- **Noise Size:** The resolution of the noise texture (higher values mean lower on-screen resolution).
- **Dark Colour:** The colour used for dark portions of the screen.
- **Light Colour:** The colour used for light portions of the screen.

DRAWING

Shades in the scene with a brush stroke pattern. Darker parts of the scene have a more noticeable stroke effect.

Note: an external texture must be attached to the **Drawing Texture** field for this effect to work properly. An example is provided at **Resources/Textures/DrawingTex.png**.

- **Drawing Texture:** The drawing overlay used for the effect.
- **Animation Cycle Time:** The number of seconds taken for one animation cycle (where a cycle involves the effect 'bouncing' twice by moving the UV coordinates used by the drawing texture).
- **Strength:** How noticeable the effect is.
- **Tiling:** The number of times the drawing texture is tiled (in the y-direction).
- **Smudge:** Strength of the additional UV smudging effect (pixels are translated slightly based on the colour value of the pencil effect at this pixel).
- **Depth Threshold:** Pixels past this depth (normalised between 0 and 1) will not be 'drawn'.

KALEIDOSCOPE

Reflects part of the scene radially along several mirror lines crossing through the centre of the image.

- **Segment Count:** The number of mirror line segments to use.

NEON (FANCY)

An improved neon effect where the edge detection parameters can be altered to use image colours, depth or normals (or a combination).

- **Colour Sensitivity:** The threshold for colour-based edge detection.
- **Colour Strength:** The strength of colour-based edges, where detected.
- **Depth Sensitivity:** The threshold for depth-based edge detection.
- **Depth Strength:** The strength of depth-based edges, where detected.
- **Normal Sensitivity:** The threshold for normal-based edge detection.
- **Normal Strength:** The strength of normal-based edges, where detected.
- **Depth Threshold:** Pixels past this depth (normalised between 0 and 1) will not be edge-detected.
- **Saturation Floor:** Any pixel with a saturation below this (in HSL colour space) gets clamped to this value.
- **Lightness Floor:** Any pixel with a lightness below this (in HSL colour space) gets clamped to this value.

OUTLINE (FANCY)

An improved edge detection algorithm which can be altered to use image colours, depth or normals (or a combination).

- **Outline Colour:** The colour of the outlines.
- **Colour Sensitivity:** The threshold for colour-based edge detection.
- **Colour Strength:** The strength of colour-based edges, where detected.
- **Depth Sensitivity:** The threshold for depth-based edge detection.
- **Depth Strength:** The strength of depth-based edges, where detected.
- **Normal Sensitivity:** The threshold for normal-based edge detection.
- **Normal Strength:** The strength of normal-based edges, where detected.
- **Depth Threshold:** Pixels past this depth (normalised between 0 and 1) will not be edge-detected.

SCANLINES

Renders horizontal scanlines across the screen based on the input texture.

Note: an external texture must be attached to the **Scanline Texture** field for this effect to work properly. Examples are provided at **Resources/Textures/ScanlineBasic.png** and **Resources/Textures/ScanlineColor.png**.

- **Scanline Texture:** The texture used to denote how scanlines appear.
- **Strength:** How noticeable the scanlines are.
- **Size:** How large the scanlines are.

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BLUR

Blurs each pixel based on the colours of nearby pixels.

- **Strength:** The size of the blurring kernel (and the strength of the effect). Larger smoothing kernels require more pixel operations per frame.

FILM BARS

Fits the viewport to a desired aspect ratio and displays black bars above and below the viewport. Great for cutscenes.

- **Aspect:** The desired aspect ratio of the viewport, represented by a single decimal value (width / height). A value of 1.777 corresponds to a 16:9 ratio.

GAME BOY

Quantises the image to four luminance values and tints the screen based on those values. Default values reflect those used by the original Game Boy.

- **Darkest:** The darkest colour, used by pixels with luminance between 0.00 and 0.25.
- **Dark:** The second darkest colour, used by pixels with luminance between 0.25 and 0.50.
- **Light:** The second lightest colour, used by pixels with luminance between 0.50 and 0.75.
- **Lightest:** The lightest colour, used by pixels with luminance between 0.75 and 1.00.

GREYSCALE

Turns the screen greyscale based on pixel luminance.

- **Intensity:** The strength of the effect. A value of one results in a fully greyscale effect; zero makes no change to the original pixel values.

MOSAIC

Pixelates the screen and overlays a mosaic tile texture onto each blocky pixel.

Note: an external texture must be attached to the **Overlay Texture** field for this effect to work properly. An example is provided at **Resources/Textures/MosaicOverlay.png**.

- **Overlay Texture:** The texture to overlay on each mosaic tile.
- **Overlay Colour:** The colour tint of the overlay texture.
- **Tile Size:** The pixel size of each tile in the mosaic.
- **Use Point Filtering:** If true, tiles will look clean-cut. If not, tiles have a 'bloom-like' look.

NEON (SOBEL)

Runs a Sobel edge-detection filter over the image. Then, it saturates and lightens the original pixel colour up to a threshold and multiplies by the edge-detect image.

- **Saturation Floor:** Any pixel with a saturation below this (in HSL colour space) gets clamped to this value.
- **Lightness Floor:** Any pixel with a lightness below this (in HSL colour space) gets clamped to this value.

OIL PAINTING

Runs a Kuwahara filter over the image, removing texture detail but preserving edge details.

- **Kernel Size:** The size of the Kuwahara kernel (and the strength of the effect). Larger smoothing kernels require more pixel operations per frame.

OUTLINE (SOBEL)

Runs a Sobel edge-detect kernel over the image.

- **Threshold:** How sensitive the edge-detection algorithm is.
- **Outline Colour:** Colour to use for edge pixels.
- **Background Colour:** Colour to use for all non-edge pixels. If you make this colour transparent, the original image will appear underneath the outlines.

PIXELATE

Downsamples the image.

- **Pixel Size:** The size of each new 'larger pixel' in the image.

SEPIA TONE

Turns the screen sepia-toned based on pixel luminance. Sepia-tone looks like an old yellowed photograph.

- **Intensity:** The strength of the effect. A value of one results in a fully sepia-toned effect; zero makes no change to the original pixel values.

SILHOUETTE

Colours each scene element based on its distance from the camera.

Note: this effect works best when the far clipping plane of the camera is set to a smaller value, such that the entire scene just about fits within the camera.

- **Near Colour:** The colour of elements resting on the near clip plane of the camera.
- **Far Colour:** The colour of elements resting on the far clip plane of the camera.

SNES

Quantises each colour channel to a set number of levels. 6 levels gives the approximate colour palette of the SNES, and 4 gives the approximate colour palette of the NES.

- **Banding Levels:** The number of quantisation levels to use.

UNDERWATER

Creates waves that distort the image and adds a coloured water fog.

Note: this effect works best when the far clipping plane of the camera is set to a smaller value, such that the entire scene just about fits within the camera.

Note: an external texture must be attached to the **Bump Map** field for this effect to work properly. An example is provided at **Resources/Textures/UnderwaterNormals.png**.

- **Bump Map:** A texture to control the direction and amount of wave distortion.

- **Strength:** The strength of the wave distortion.
- **Water Colour:** The water tint colour at the far clipping plane.
- **Fog Strength:** The strength of the water fog (and the distance that the fog first appears at).