



## WHAT IS “SNAPSHOT SHADERS PRO”?

*Snapshot Shaders Pro* is a collection of 34 post-processing shader effects.

This README is intended for the version designed for Unity’s **Post Processing Stack v2**, which is installed by default if you got this pack from the Asset Store. PPv2 is compatible with the **built-in** renderer.

## SETUP (POST PROCESSING STACK V2)

This shader pack uses Post-Processing Stack v2 as its base. Ensure it is installed using the **Unity Package Manager**. Otherwise, you will encounter compiler errors.

Use the [Quick Start guide](#) to create a **Post Processing Layer** on your camera and a **Post Processing Volume** to contain your profile. Then, you’ll be able to add these custom effects to your profile!

## EFFECTS INCLUDED

The following effects are included in the collection:

## VERSION 1.6 EFFECTS

### SYNTHWAVE

Overlays lines onto the scene in world space in the X, Y, and Z axes (or a subset of those axes).

- **Background Color:** The color of the background if Use Scene Color is off.
- **Line Colors 1 & 2:** HDR-enabled colors which span the screen from the bottom (1) to the top (2).
- **Line Color Mix:** Controls the proportion of Line Colors 1 & 2 across the screen.
- **Line Width:** Thickness of the lines in world space units.
- **Line Falloff:** Falloff distance between lines and background in world space units.
- **Gap Width:** Distance between lines in each of the three axes.
- **Offset:** Distance of the grid system from (0, 0, 0).
- **Axis Mask:** Controls which axes the lines appear on.
- **Use Scene Color:** Replaces the background color with the original scene color if turned on.

### NOISE GRAIN

Modifies the color of the scene slightly to simulate the physical imperfections you would find on analogue film formats.

- **Strength:** How strongly the noise changes the scene colors.
- **Speed:** How quickly the noise values change.
- **Noise Size:** The size of the noise 'particles' on the screen.
- **Noise Interpolation:** Either Hermite or Quintic. Hermite is faster, but Quintic produces very slightly nicer results.

### WORLD SCAN

Creates a scanline that emanates from a point in space and travels across the scene. The scanline is overlaid onto the original scene contents.

**Note:** an external texture must be attached to the **Overlay Ramp Tex** field for this effect to work properly. An example is provided at **Resources/Textures/World Scan**.

- **Scan Origin:** The world space origin of the scan.
- **Scan Distance:** How far, in world space units, that the scan has travelled from the origin.
- **Scan Width:** The distance, in world space units, that the scan is applied over.
- **Overlay Ramp Tex:** An x-by-1 ramp texture representing the scene color.
- **Overlay Color:** An additional HDR-enabled tint color applied to the scan.

## TEXT ADVENTURE

Replaces the screen contents with text elements that simulate an ASCII text display. Different characters stand in for pixels with different luminance.

**Note:** an external texture must be attached to the **Character Atlas** field for this effect to work properly. An example is provided at **Resources/Textures/Text Adventure**.

- **Character Size:** The on-screen size of each character, in pixels.
- **Character Atlas:** A texture containing the characters that will replace the image. An (nx)-by-y texture, where there are n characters, each of which is x-by-y pixels.
- **Character Count:** How many characters are contained within the Character Atlas.
- **Background Color:** The color of the background.
- **Character Color:** The color of the text overlaid onto the background.

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### HALFTONE

Creates fake “gradients” by using a series of differently-sized dots. It's used in some kinds of printing technology, but you might recognise it from comics in particular.

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

- **Halftone Texture:** Texture to use for the halftone effect. This texture encodes a gradient which is used to determine the shape of the halftone 'dots'.
- **Softness:** How soft the transition between shaded dots and lighter parts is. A lower value means a harder cutoff.
- **Texture Size:** How large the halftone dots appear on-screen. A larger value means the dots appear larger.
- **Min Max Luminance:** Use this option to remap the luminance values of the original image. For example, setting a value of (0.5, 1) means that all pixels with a luminance below 0.5 are set to 0, then the rest are stretched so that they fit the range (0, 1). Then the halftone is applied.
- **Dark Color:** Color to use for the halftone dots.
- **Light Color:** Color to use outside the halftone dots.
- **Use Scene Color:** If this is ticked, the **Light Color** is ignored and the original scene colors are used for parts outside the halftone dots.

### BARREL DISTORTION

Imitates the effect seen when wrapping a 2D image across a barrel with a bulge in the centre. The corners of the screen are pulled in towards the centre more than the edges.

- **Strength:** How strongly to distort the screen. High values pull pixels towards the center more strongly.
- **Background Color:** Color to use for the outer edge of the screen.

## VORTEX

Warp the image around a centre point in a swirling pattern.

- **Strength:** How strongly to warp the image around the center. Higher values mean more intense warping.
- **Center:** UV position to use as the centre of rotation. By default, this is at (0.5, 0.5).
- **Offset:** UV offset to apply to the image before the rotation takes place.

## DITHER 3D

Takes the luminance of each pixel and compares it to a texture containing thresholds to color pixels light or dark, resulting in a one-bit effect. The 3D version of this effect applies the threshold texture in world space using triplanar mapping.

**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).
- **Threshold Offset:** The value to use as the comparison point between light and dark pixels. This is added to values from the Noise Texture.
- **Blend Amount:** How much blending to apply between the three triplanar-mapped noise textures.
- **Dark Colour:** The colour used for dark portions of the screen.
- **Light Colour:** The colour used for light portions of the screen.

## COLORIZE

Tints the screen a certain color.

- **Tint Color:** The color to apply to the screen. The strength is controlled by the color's alpha.

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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.
- **Zoom:** The level of zoom to apply to the cutout texture.
- **Offset:** An offset to apply to the cutout texture.
- **Rotation:** Amount of rotation, in degrees, to apply to the cutout texture. The rotation is applied anti-clockwise.

### 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**. For best results, set the **Filter Mode** of this texture to **Point**.

- **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.
- **Downsamples:** This divisor is applied to the screen resolution in the x-direction. Higher values reduce the quality but improve performance.

## 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.
- **Step Size:** The distance between samples. Higher values may result in visual artefacts.

Note: Both properties increase the *extent* of the blur effect, but in different ways. Increasing strength results in more samples, while increasing strength increases the distance between samples.

## SHARPEN

Makes the image less blurry.

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

## VERSION 1.2 EFFECTS

### 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).
- **Threshold Offset:** The value to use as the comparison point between light and dark pixels. This is added to values from the Noise Texture.
- **Dark Colour:** The colour used for dark portions of the screen.
- **Light Colour:** The colour used for light portions of the screen.

- **Use Scene Color:** If this is ticked, the **Light Color** is ignored and the original scene colors are used for parts outside the halftone dots.

## 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).

- **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.
- **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.

## 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.

## 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.
- **Blur Step Size:** The distance between samples. Higher values may result in visual artefacts, but better performance.
- **Blur Type:** Toggle between Gaussian blur (the blurring kernel uses a Gaussian curve to soften further from the middle) and Box blur (all pixels in the blurring kernel are weighted evenly).

### 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.

- **Blend:** 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.
- **X Tile Count:** The number of tiles along the x-axis. The y-tile-count is calculated automatically.
- **Use Point Filtering:** If true, tiles will look clean-cut. If not, tiles have a 'bloom-like' look.

## NEON (SOBEL)

Runs an 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.

- **Blend:** 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).