



# NVAPI Public SDK for Driver Release 520

Release Notes

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# NVAPI Release Notes

## Introduction

NVAPI is NVIDIA's core software development kit that allows direct access to NVIDIA GPUs and drivers on all windows platforms. NVAPI provides support for categories of operations that range beyond the scope of those found in familiar graphics APIs such as DirectX and OpenGL.

The following files are provided by NVIDIA:

- nvapi.h
- nvapi\_lite\_common.h
- nvapi\_lite\_d3dext.h
- nvapi\_lite\_salend.h
- nvapi\_lite\_salstart.h
- nvapi\_lite\_sli.h
- nvapi\_lite\_stereo.h
- nvapi\_lite\_surround.h
- NvApiDriverSettings.c
- NvApiDriverSettings.h
- nvHLSLExtns.h
- nvHLSLExtnsInternal.h
- nvShaderExtnEnums.h
- \x86\nvapi.lib
- \amd64\nvapi64.lib
- \doc\NVAPI\_Reference\_Developer.chm
- \doc\NVAPI SDKs Samples and Tools License Agreement (Public).pdf

These release notes describe the changes made in the NVAPI NDA SDK for the Release 520 driver.

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# Changes in NVAPI for Driver Release 520

## New Functions

- Added `NvAPI_D3D12_SetAsyncFrameMarker`
- Added `NvAPI_D3D12_NotifyOutOfBandCommandQueue`
- Added `NvAPI_D3D12_GetRaytracingCaps`
- Added `NvAPI_D3D12_GetRaytracingOpacityMicromapArrayPrebuildInfo`
- Added `NvAPI_D3D12_SetCreatePipelineStateOptions`
- Added `NvAPI_D3D12_CheckDriverMatchingIdentifierEx`
- Added `NvAPI_D3D12_GetRaytracingAccelerationStructurePrebuildInfoEx`
- Added `NvAPI_D3D12_RelocateRaytracingOpacityMicromapArray`
- Added `NvAPI_D3D12_BuildRaytracingOpacityMicromapArray`
- Added `NvAPI_D3D12_EmitRaytracingOpacityMicromapArrayPostbuildInfo`
- Added `NvAPI_D3D12_BuildRaytracingAccelerationStructureEx`
- Added `NvAPI_GPU_GetMemoryInfoEx`

## New/Updated Structures

- Added `NVAPI_D3D12_RAYTRACING_OPACITY_MICROMAP_USAGE_COUNT`
- Added `NVAPI_D3D12_RAYTRACING_OPACITY_MICROMAP_DESC`
- Added `NVAPI_D3D12_BUILD_RAYTRACING_OPACITY_MICROMAP_ARRAY_INPUTS`
- Added `NVAPI_D3D12_RAYTRACING_OPACITY_MICROMAP_ARRAY_PREBUILD_INFO`
- Added `NVAPI_GET_RAYTRACING_OPACITY_MICROMAP_ARRAY_PREBUILD_INFO_PARAMS_V1`
- Added `NVAPI_D3D12_SET_CREATE_PIPELINE_STATE_OPTIONS_PARAMS_V1`
- Added `NVAPI_CHECK_DRIVER_MATCHING_IDENTIFIER_EX_PARAMS_V1`
- Added `NVAPI_D3D12_RAYTRACING_GEOMETRY_OMM_ATTACHMENT_DESC`
- Added `NVAPI_D3D12_RAYTRACING_GEOMETRY_OMM_TRIANGLES_DESC`
- Added `NVAPI_D3D12_RAYTRACING_GEOMETRY_DESC_EX`
- Added `NVAPI_D3D12_BUILD_RAYTRACING_ACCELERATION_STRUCTURE_INPUTS_EX`
- Added `NVAPI_GET_RAYTRACING_ACCELERATION_STRUCTURE_PREBUILD_INFO_EX_PARAMS_V1`
- Added `NVAPI_D3D12_BUILD_RAYTRACING_OPACITY_MICROMAP_ARRAY_DESC`
- Added `NVAPI_D3D12_RAYTRACING_OPACITY_MICROMAP_ARRAY_POSTBUILD_INFO_CURRENT_SIZE_DESC`
- Added `NVAPI_D3D12_RAYTRACING_OPACITY_MICROMAP_ARRAY_POSTBUILD_INFO_DESC`
- Added `NVAPI_BUILD_RAYTRACING_OPACITY_MICROMAP_ARRAY_PARAMS_V1`
- Added `NVAPI_RELOCATE_RAYTRACING_OPACITY_MICROMAP_ARRAY_PARAMS_V1`

- Added  
NVAPI\_EMIT\_RAYTRACING\_OPACITY\_MICROMAP\_ARRAY\_POSTBUILD\_INFO\_PARAMS\_V1
- Added NVAPI\_D3D12\_BUILD\_RAYTRACING\_ACCELERATION\_STRUCTURE\_DESC\_EX
- Added NVAPI\_BUILD\_RAYTRACING\_ACCELERATION\_STRUCTURE\_EX\_PARAMS\_V1
- Added NV\_GPU\_MEMORY\_INFO\_EX\_V1

## New/Updated Enums

- Added OUT\_OF\_BAND\_RENDERSUBMIT\_START to enum NV\_LATENCY\_MARKER\_TYPE
- Added OUT\_OF\_BAND\_RENDERSUBMIT\_END to enum NV\_LATENCY\_MARKER\_TYPE
- Added OUT\_OF\_BAND\_PRESENT\_START to enum NV\_LATENCY\_MARKER\_TYPE
- Added OUT\_OF\_BAND\_PRESENT\_END to enum NV\_LATENCY\_MARKER\_TYPE
- Added NV\_OUT\_OF\_BAND\_CQ\_TYPE
- Added NVAPI\_D3D12\_RAYTRACING\_THREAD\_REORDERING\_CAPS
- Added NVAPI\_D3D12\_RAYTRACING\_OPACITY\_MICROMAP\_CAPS
- Added NVAPI\_D3D12\_RAYTRACING\_CAPS\_TYPE
- Added NVAPI\_D3D12\_RAYTRACING\_OPACITY\_MICROMAP\_ARRAY\_BUILD\_FLAGS
- Added NVAPI\_D3D12\_RAYTRACING\_OPACITY\_MICROMAP\_FORMAT
- Added NVAPI\_D3D12\_SERIALIZED\_DATA\_TYPE\_EX
- Added NVAPI\_D3D12\_RAYTRACING\_ACCELERATION\_STRUCTURE\_BUILD\_FLAGS\_EX
- Added NVAPI\_D3D12\_RAYTRACING\_GEOMETRY\_TYPE\_EX
- Added NVAPI\_D3D12\_RAYTRACING\_OPACITY\_MICROMAP\_SPECIAL\_INDEX
- Added NVAPI\_D3D12\_RAYTRACING\_INSTANCE\_FLAGS\_EX
- Added NVAPI\_D3D12\_RAYTRACING\_OPACITY\_MICROMAP\_ARRAY\_POSTBUILD\_INFO\_TYPE
- Added NVAPI\_D3D12\_RAYTRACING\_OPACITY\_MICROMAP\_STATE
- Added NVAPI\_RAY\_FLAG\_EX
- Added NVAPI\_D3D12\_PIPELINE\_CREATION\_STATE\_FLAGS
- Added NV\_GPU\_ARCHITECTURE\_AD100 to enum NV\_GPU\_ARCHITECTURE\_ID
- Added NV\_GPU\_ARCH\_IMPLEMENTATION\_AD102 to enum  
NV\_GPU\_ARCH\_IMPLEMENTATION\_ID
- Added NV\_GPU\_ARCH\_IMPLEMENTATION\_AD103 to enum  
NV\_GPU\_ARCH\_IMPLEMENTATION\_ID
- Added NV\_GPU\_ARCH\_IMPLEMENTATION\_AD104 to enum  
NV\_GPU\_ARCH\_IMPLEMENTATION\_ID

## New/Updated Unions

- None

## New Macros

- None

## TCC Support

- None

## Deprecated NVAPI Functions

- `NvAPI_GPU_GetMemoryInfo`
- `NvAPI_GetDisplayDriverMemoryInfo`

## NVAPIDriverSettings Removals

- None

## HLSL Extension Additions

- `NvTraceRayHitObject`
- `NvMakeHit`
- `NvMakeHitWithRecordIndex`
- `NvMakeMiss`
- `NvMakeNop`
- `NvInvokeHitObject`

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## NVAPI Security Information

User administrator privilege is required to access certain driver features, as per NVIDIA's overall security vision. This helps mitigate the impact of malware.

Each API which requires administrator access (when run with standard user privilege) will return the error: `NVAPI_INVALID_USER_PRIVILEGE`

The application will require Administrator privileges to access this API, which can be elevated to a higher permission level by selecting "Run as Administrator" in Admin approval mode.

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## About the Sample Code

Sample code is provided with the SDK package that demonstrates the following features:

- Custom Timing
- Display Color Control
- Display Configuration
- I2C
- QSYNC Event Registration
- Sync\_Configuration

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