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Class

# MTLComputePassSampleBufferAttachmentDescriptor

A configuration that instructs the GPU where to store counter data from the beginning and end of a compute pass.

iOS 14.0+ | iPadOS 14.0+ | Mac Catalyst 14.0+ | macOS 11.0+ | tvOS 14.0+ | visionOS 1.0+

```
class MTLComputePassSampleBufferAttachmentDescriptor
```

## Mentioned in

 Sampling GPU data into counter sample buffers

## Overview

For more context about configuring sample buffer attachments for compute passes, see [Sampling GPU data into counter sample buffers](#). That article is one of a series in [GPU counters and counter sample buffers](#) about sampling Metal hardware counters for performance measurement.

## Topics

### Configuring the sample buffer attachment

```
var sampleBuffer: (any MTLCounterSampleBuffer)?
```

A specialized memory buffer that the GPU uses to store its counter data during a compute pass.

```
var startOfEncoderSampleIndex: Int
```

An index within a counter sample buffer that tells the GPU where to store counter data from the start of a compute pass.

```
var endOfEncoderSampleIndex: Int
```

An index within a counter sample buffer that tells the GPU where to store counter data from the end of a compute pass.

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## Relationships

### Inherits From

NSObject

### Conforms To

CVarArg  
CustomDebugStringConvertible  
CustomStringConvertible  
Equatable  
Hashable  
NSCopying  
NSObjectProtocol

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## See Also

### Configuring a compute pass

```
class MTLComputePassDescriptor
```

A description of how to dispatch execution of pass commands and GPU performance sampling.

```
enum MTLDISPATCHTYPE
```

The type of dispatch method to use when calling encoded functions.

```
struct MTLD dispatchThreadgroupsIndirectArguments
```

The data layout required for arguments needed to specify the size of threadgroups.

```
class MTLComputePassSampleBufferAttachmentDescriptorArray
```

A container that stores an array of sample buffer attachments for a compute pass.