

ECE4893A/CS4803MPG:  
**MULTICORE AND GPU**  
**PROGRAMMING**  
FOR VIDEO GAMES



# Postprocessing

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# Bloom effect - before

A = settings (Default)  
B = toggle bloom (on)  
X = show buffer (FinalResult)



<http://creators.xna.com/en-us/sample/bloom>

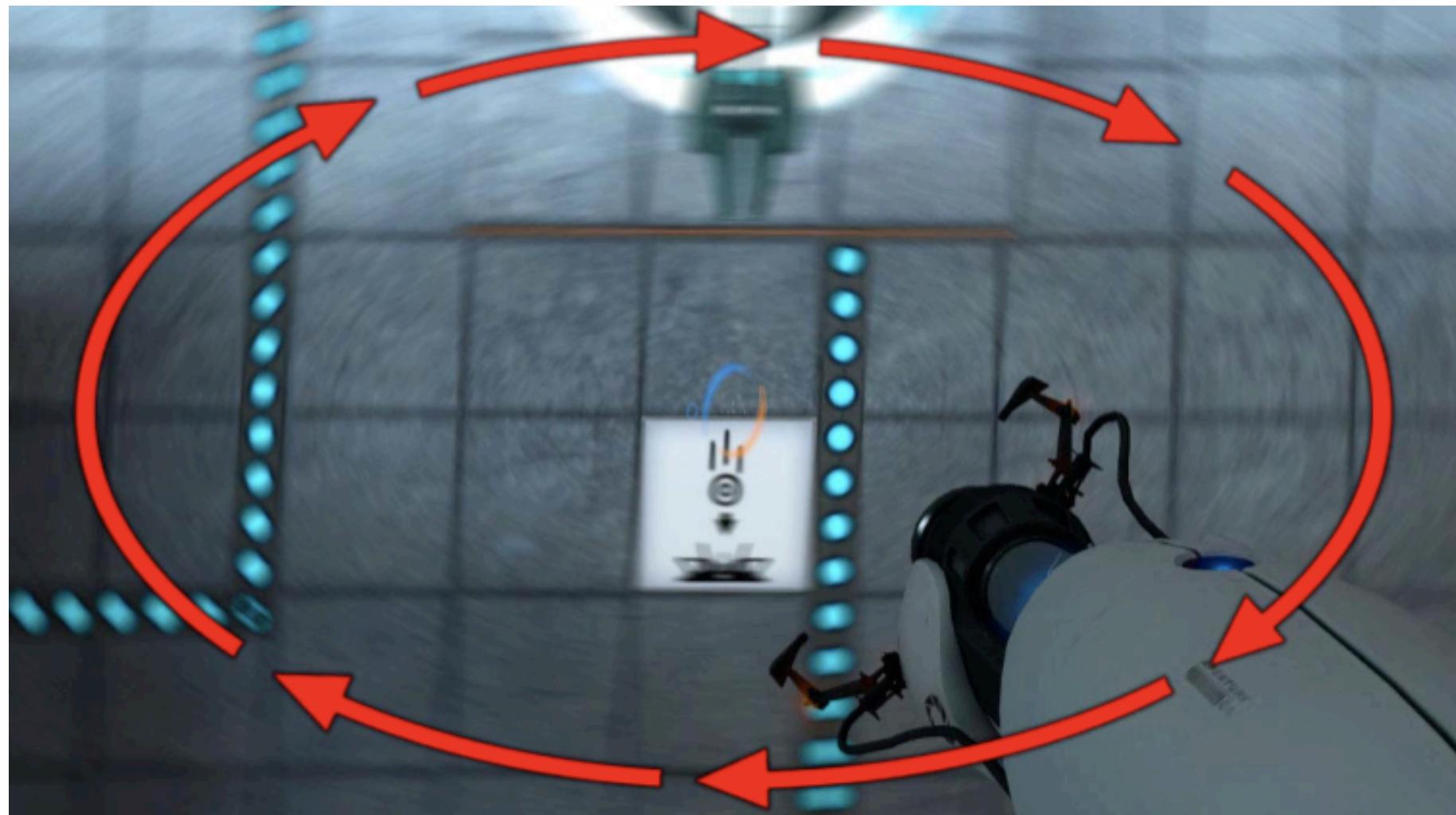
# Bloom effect - after

A = settings (Saturated)  
B = toggle bloom (on)  
X = show buffer (FinalResult)



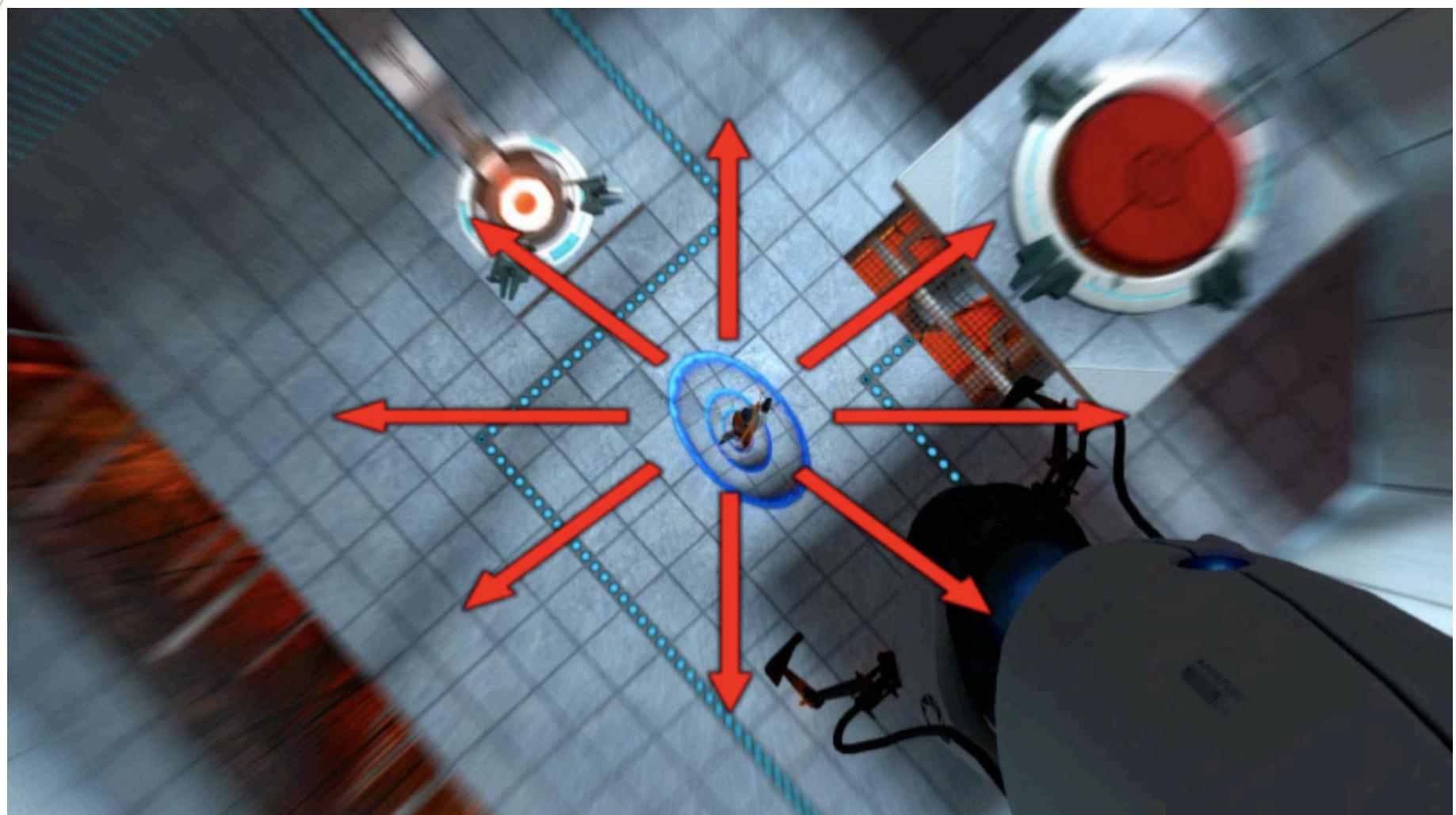
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# Motion blur in Valve's Portal - roll



[http://www.valvesoftware.com/publications/2008/  
GDC2008\\_PostProcessingInTheOrangeBox.pdf](http://www.valvesoftware.com/publications/2008/GDC2008_PostProcessingInTheOrangeBox.pdf)

# Motion blur in Valve's Portal - falling



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# Multiple textures

- In your C# code:

```
graphics.GraphicsDevice.Textures[0] = firstTexture;  
graphics.GraphicsDevice.Textures[1] = secondTexture;
```

- In your shader code:

```
sampler firstSampler : register(s0);  
sampler secondSampler : register(s1);
```

From [msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/  
microsoft.xna.framework.graphics.graphicsdevice.textures.aspx](http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/microsoft.xna.framework.graphics.graphicsdevice.textures.aspx)

# BloomComponent.cs (1)

```
public class BloomComponent : DrawableGameComponent
{
    public class SpriteBatch spriteBatch;

    Effect bloomExtractEffect;
    Effect bloomCombineEffect;
    Effect gaussianBlurEffect;

    RenderTarget2D sceneRenderTarget;
    RenderTarget2D renderTarget1;
    RenderTarget2D renderTarget2;
```

# BloomComponent.cs (2)

```
public enum IntermediateBuffer
{
    PreBloom,
    BlurredHorizontally,
    BlurredBothWays,
    FinalResult,
}
```

# BloomComponent.cs – LoadContent (1)

```
spriteBatch = new SpriteBatch(GraphicsDevice);

bloomExtractEffect =
    Game.Content.Load<Effect>("BloomExtract");
bloomCombineEffect =
    Game.Content.Load<Effect>("BloomCombine");
gaussianBlurEffect =
    Game.Content.Load<Effect>("GaussianBlur");

// Look up the resolution and format of our main backbuffer.
PresentationParameters pp =
    GraphicsDevice.PresentationParameters;

int width = pp.BackBufferWidth;
int height = pp.BackBufferHeight;

SurfaceFormat format = pp.BackBufferFormat;
```

# SurfaceFormat enumeration

Member name	Description
<b>Color</b>	(Unsigned format) 32-bit ARGB pixel format with alpha, using 8 bits per channel.
<b>Bgr565</b>	(Unsigned format) 16-bit BGR pixel format with 5 bits for blue, 6 bits for green, and 5 bits for red.
<b>Bgra5551</b>	(Unsigned format) 16-bit BGRA pixel format where 5 bits are reserved for each color and 1 bit is reserved for alpha.
<b>Bgra4444</b>	(Unsigned format) 16-bit BGRA pixel format with 4 bits for each channel.
<b>Dxt1</b>	DXT1 compression texture format. The runtime will not allow an application to create a surface using a DXTn format unless the surface dimensions are multiples of 4. This applies to offscreen-plain surfaces, render targets, 2D textures, cube textures, and volume textures.

Screenshot from

[msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/microsoft.xna.framework.graphics.surfaceformat.aspx](http://msdn2.microsoft.com/en-us/library/microsoft.xna.framework.graphics.surfaceformat.aspx)

# BloomComponent.cs – LoadContent (2)

```
// Create a texture for rendering the main scene,  
// prior to applying bloom.  
sceneRenderTarget =  
    new RenderTarget2D(GraphicsDevice,  
                        width, height,  
                        false,  
                        format,  
                        pp.DepthStencilFormat,  
                        pp.MultiSampleCount,  
                        RenderTargetUsage.DiscardContents);
```

# Under the hood of the Xbox 360

- Xenos GPU renders into only one physical rendertarget: 10 MB eDRAM
  - Cannot texture from eDRAM
  - Cannot render into main 512M RAM
- Must “resolve” to copy rendering in eDRAM back to main memory
  - Hardware designed to make this fast
  - Rendertarget in eDRAM is cleared

From Shawn Hargreaves, “XNA rendertarget semantics,”  
[blogs.msdn.com/shawnhar/archive/2007/02/04/xna-rendertarget-semantics.aspx](http://blogs.msdn.com/shawnhar/archive/2007/02/04/xna-rendertarget-semantics.aspx)

# BloomComponent.cs – LoadContent (3)

```
width /= 2;  
height /= 2;
```

```
renderTarget1 =  
    new RenderTarget2D(GraphicsDevice,  
                        width, height,  
                        false, format,  
                        DepthFormat.None);
```

```
renderTarget2 =  
    new RenderTarget2D(GraphicsDevice,  
                        width, height,  
                        false, format,  
                        DepthFormat.None);
```

# BloomComponent.cs – DrawFullScreenQuad (5 arguments)

```
void DrawFullscreenQuad(Texture2D texture,
                        int width, int height,
                        Effect effect,
                        IntermediateBuffer currentBuffer)
{
    // If the user has selected one of the show intermediate
    // buffer options, we still draw the quad to make sure the
    // image will end up on the screen,
    // but might need to skip applying the custom pixel shader.
    if (showBuffer < currentBuffer) {
        effect = null;
    }

    spriteBatch.Begin(0, BlendState.Opaque,
                      null, null, null, effect);
    spriteBatch.Draw(texture,
                    new Rectangle(0, 0, width, height),
                    Color.White);
    spriteBatch.End();
}
```

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# BloomComponent.cs – DrawFullScreenQuad (4 arguments)

```
void DrawFullscreenQuad(Texture2D texture,  
                        RenderTarget2D renderTarget,  
                        Effect effect,  
                        IntermediateBuffer currentBuffer)  
{  
  
    GraphicsDevice.SetRenderTarget(renderTarget);  
  
    DrawFullscreenQuad(texture,  
                        renderTarget.Width,  
                        renderTarget.Height,  
                        effect,  
                        currentBuffer);  
}
```

# BloomExtract.fx

```
sampler TextureSampler : register(s0);

float BloomThreshold;

float4 PixelShaderFunction(float2 texCoord : TEXCOORD0) : COLOR0
{
    // Look up the original image color.
    float4 c = tex2D(TextureSampler, texCoord);

    // Adjust it to keep values
    // brighter than specified threshold.
    return saturate((c - BloomThreshold) /
                    (1 - BloomThreshold));
}

technique BloomExtract {
    pass Pass1 {
        PixelShader = compile ps_2_0 PixelShaderFunction();
    }
}
```

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# BloomComponent.cs – Draw, Pass 1

```
GraphicsDevice.SamplerStates[1] = SamplerState.LinearClamp;  
  
// Pass 1: draw the scene into rendertarget 1,  
// using a shader that extracts only the brightest  
// parts of the image.  
  
bloomExtractEffect.Parameters["BloomThreshold"].  
    SetValue(Settings.BloomThreshold);  
  
DrawFullscreenQuad(sceneRenderTarget,  
                    renderTarget1,  
                    bloomExtractEffect,  
                    IntermediateBuffer.PreBloom);
```

# GaussianBlur.fx

```
sampler TextureSampler : register(s0);

#define SAMPLE_COUNT 15

float2 SampleOffsets[SAMPLE_COUNT];
float SampleWeights[SAMPLE_COUNT];

float4 PixelShaderFunction(float2 texCoord : TEXCOORD0) : COLOR0
{
    float4 c = 0;

    // Combine a number of weighted image filter taps.
    for (int i = 0; i < SAMPLE_COUNT; i++) {
        c += tex2D(TextureSampler,
                    texCoord + SampleOffsets[i])
            * SampleWeights[i];
    }

    return c;
}
```

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# BloomComponent.cs – Draw, Pass 2

```
// Pass 2: draw from rendertarget 1 into rendertarget 2,  
// using a shader to apply a horizontal gaussian blur filter.  
  
SetBlurEffectParameters(1.0f / (float) renderTarget1.Width,  
                      0);  
  
DrawFullscreenQuad(renderTarget1,  
                    renderTarget2,  
                    gaussianBlurEffect,  
                    IntermediateBuffer.BlurredHorizontally);
```

# BloomComponent.cs – Draw, Pass 3

```
// Pass 3: draw from rendertarget 2 back into rendertarget 1,  
// using a shader to apply a vertical gaussian blur filter.  
  
SetBlurEffectParameters(0,  
                        1.0f / (float) renderTarget1.Height);  
  
DrawFullscreenQuad(renderTarget2,  
                    renderTarget1,  
                    gaussianBlurEffect,  
                    IntermediateBuffer.BlurredBothWays);
```

# BloomCombine.fx - globals

```
// Pixel shader combines the bloom  
// image with the original  
// scene, using tweakable intensity  
// levels and saturation.  
// This is the final step in applying  
// a bloom postprocess.
```

```
sampler BloomSampler : register(s0);  
sampler BaseSampler : register(s1);
```

```
float BloomIntensity;  
float BaseIntensity;
```

```
float BloomSaturation;  
float BaseSaturation;
```

<http://creators.xna.com/en-us/sample/bloom>

# BloomCombine.fx - helper

```
// Helper for modifying the saturation of a color.

float4 AdjustSaturation(float4 color, float saturation)
{
    // The constants 0.3, 0.59, and 0.11
    // are chosen because the
    // human eye is more sensitive to
    // green light, and less to blue.

    float grey = dot(color, float3(0.3, 0.59, 0.11));

    return lerp(grey, color, saturation);
}
```

# BloomCombine.fx

```
float4 PixelShaderFunction(float2 texCoord : TEXCOORD0) : COLOR0
{
    // Look up the bloom and original base image colors.
    float4 bloom = tex2D(BloomSampler, texCoord);
    float4 base = tex2D(BaseSampler, texCoord);

    // Adjust color saturation and intensity.
    bloom = AdjustSaturation(bloom, BloomSaturation) * BloomIntensity;
    base = AdjustSaturation(base, BaseSaturation) * BaseIntensity;

    // Darken down the base image in areas where there is
    // a lot of bloom,
    // to prevent things looking excessively burned-out.

    base *= (1 - saturate(bloom));

    // Combine the two images.
    return base + bloom;
}
```

# BloomComponent.cs – Draw, Pass 4

```
// Pass 4: draw both rendertarget 1 and the original scene  
// image back into the main backbuffer, using a shader that  
// combines them to produce the final bloomed result.  
  
GraphicsDevice.SetRenderTarget(null);  
  
EffectParameterCollection parameters =  
    bloomCombineEffect.Parameters;  
  
parameters["BloomIntensity"].SetValue(Settings.BloomIntensity);  
parameters["BaseIntensity"].SetValue(Settings.BaseIntensity);  
parameters["BloomSaturation"].SetValue(Settings.BloomSaturation);  
parameters["BaseSaturation"].SetValue(Settings.BaseSaturation);
```

# BloomComponent.cs – Draw, Pass 4 (con't)

```
GraphicsDevice.Textures[1] = sceneRenderTarget;  
  
Viewport viewport = GraphicsDevice.Viewport;  
  
DrawFullscreenQuad(renderTarget1,  
                    viewport.Width,  
                    viewport.Height,  
                    bloomCombineEffect,  
                    IntermediateBuffer.FinalResult);
```

# BloomComponent.cs – BeginDraw

```
public void BeginDraw()
{
    if (Visible)
    {
        GraphicsDevice.SetRenderTarget(sceneRenderTarget);
    }
}
```

# Game.cs – Draw

```
GraphicsDevice device = graphics.GraphicsDevice;
Viewport viewport = device.Viewport;

bloom.BeginDraw();

device.Clear(Color.Black);

// Draw the background image.
spriteBatch.Begin(0, BlendState.Opaque);

spriteBatch.Draw(background,
    new Rectangle(0, 0,
                  viewport.Width, viewport.Height),
    Color.White);

spriteBatch.End();
```

# Game.cs – Draw (con't)

```
// Draw the spinning model.  
device.DepthStencilState = DepthStencilState.Default;  
  
DrawModel(gameTime);  
  
// Draw other components (which includes the bloom).  
base.Draw(gameTime);  
  
// Display some text over the top.  
// Note how we draw this after the bloom,  
// because we don't want the text to be  
// affected by the postprocessing.  
  
DrawOverlayText();
```

# Rendertarget semantics are tricky

- XNA 1.0: <http://blogs.msdn.com/b/shawnhar/archive/2007/02/04/xna-rendertarget-semantics.aspx>
- XNA 2.0: <http://blogs.msdn.com/b/shawnhar/archive/2007/11/21/rendertarget-changes-in-xna-game-studio-2-0.aspx>
- XNA 4.0: <http://blogs.msdn.com/b/shawnhar/archive/2010/03/26/rendertarget-changes-in-xna-game-studio-4-0.aspx>