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## Chapter 1

# API Reference

## 1.1 Context

### NAME

Context

### DESCRIPTION

This section describes the API functions for creation and handling of rendering contexts.

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`rtContextSetStackSize`  
`rtContextSetTimeoutCallback`  
`rtContextLaunch`  
`rtContextValidate`

## HISTORY

Contexts were introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

Geometry Group, Group Node, Selector Node, Transform Node, Acceleration Structure, Geometry Instance, Geometry, Material, Program, Buffer, Texture Sampler, Variables, Context-Free Functions

### 1.1.1 **rtContextCompile**

#### NAME

**rtContextCompile** - Compiles a context object.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtContextCompile(RTcontext context)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **context**

The context to be compiled.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextCompile** creates a final computation kernel from the given context's programs and scene hierarchy. This kernel will be executed upon subsequent invocations of **rtContextLaunch**.

Calling **rtContextCompile** is not strictly necessary since any changes to the scene specification or programs will cause an internal compilation upon the next **rtContextLaunch** call. **rtContextCompile** allows the application to control when the compilation work occurs.

Conversely, if no changes to the scene specification or programs have occurred since the last compilation, **rtContextCompile** and **rtContextLaunch** will not perform a recompilation.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_SOURCE

#### HISTORY

**rtContextCompile** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtContextLaunch*

### 1.1.2 rtContextCreate

#### NAME

**rtContextCreate** - Creates a new context object.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextCreate(RTcontext* context)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

Handle to context for return value.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextCreate** allocates and returns a handle to a new context object. Returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` if passed a NULL pointer.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_NO_DEVICE`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**rtContextCreate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

### 1.1.3 rtContextDeclareVariable

#### NAME

**rtContextDeclareVariable** - Declares a new named variable associated with this context.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextDeclareVariable(RTcontext context,
                                  const char* name,
                                  RTvariable* v)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context node to which the variable will be attached.

**name**

The name that identifies the variable to be queried.

**v**

Pointer to variable handle used to return the new object.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextDeclareVariable** - Declares a new variable named **name** and associated with this context. Only a single variable of a given name can exist for a given context and any attempt to create multiple variables with the same name will cause a failure with a return value of `RT_ERROR_VARIABLE_REDECLARED`. Returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` if passed a NULL pointer. Return `RT_ERROR_ILLEGAL_SYMBOL` if **name** is not syntactically valid.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_VARIABLE_REDECLARED`

#### HISTORY

**rtContextDeclareVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.



**SEE ALSO**

*rtGeometryDeclareVariable*, *rtGeometryInstanceDeclareVariable*, *rtMaterialDeclareVariable*, *rtProgramDeclareVariable*, *rtSelectorDeclareVariable*, *rtContextGetVariable*, *rtContextGetVariableCount*, *rtContextQueryVariable*, *rtContextRemoveVariable*

### 1.1.4 rtContextDestroy

#### NAME

**rtContextDestroy** - Destroys a context and frees all associated resources

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextDestroy(RTcontext context)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

Handle of the context to destroy

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextDestroy** frees all resources, including *OptiX* objects, associated with this object. Returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` if passed a NULL context. `RT_ERROR_LAUNCH_FAILED` may be returned if a previous call to `rtContextLaunch` failed.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_LAUNCH_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

**rtContextDestroy** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextCreate*

### 1.1.5 rtContextGetAttribute

#### NAME

**rtContextGetAttribute** - returns an attribute specific to an *OptiX* context.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult RTAPI rtContextGetAttribute(RTcontext context,
                                     RTcontextattribute attrib,
                                     RTsize size,
                                     void* p);
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### context

The context object to be queried.

##### attrib

Attribute to query.

##### size

Size of the attribute being queried. Parameter **p** must have at least this much memory backing it.

##### p

Return pointer where the value of the attribute will be copied into. This must point to at least **size** bytes of memory.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextGetAttribute()** returns in **p** the value of the per context attribute specified by **attrib**.

Each attribute can have a different size. The sizes are given in the following list:

RT_CONTEXT_ATTRIBUTE_MAX_TEXTURE_COUNT	sizeof(int)
RT_CONTEXT_ATTRIBUTE_CPU_NUM_THREADS	sizeof(int)
RT_CONTEXT_ATTRIBUTE_USED_HOST_MEMORY	sizeof(RTsize)
RT_CONTEXT_ATTRIBUTE_GPU_PAGING_ACTIVE	sizeof(int)
RT_CONTEXT_ATTRIBUTE_GPU_PAGING_FORCED_OFF	sizeof(int)
RT_CONTEXT_ATTRIBUTE_AVAILABLE_DEVICE_MEMORY	sizeof(RTsize)

RT\_CONTEXT\_ATTRIBUTE\_MAX\_TEXTURE\_COUNT queries the maximum number of textures handled by *OptiX*. For *OptiX* versions below 2.5 this value depends on the number of textures supported by CUDA.

RT\_CONTEXT\_ATTRIBUTE\_CPU\_NUM\_THREADS queries the number of host CPU threads *OptiX* can use for various tasks.

`RT_CONTEXT_ATTRIBUTE_USED_HOST_MEMORY` queries the amount of host memory allocated by *OptiX*.

`RT_CONTEXT_ATTRIBUTE_GPU_PAGING_ACTIVE` queries if software paging of device memory has been turned on by the context. The returned value is a boolean, where 1 means that paging is currently active.

`RT_CONTEXT_ATTRIBUTE_GPU_PAGING_FORCED_OFF` queries if software paging has been prohibited by the user. The returned value is a boolean, where 0 means that *OptiX* is allowed to activate paging if necessary, 1 means that paging is always off.

`RT_CONTEXT_ATTRIBUTE_AVAILABLE_DEVICE_MEMORY` queries the amount of free device memory.

Some attributes are used to get per device information. In contrast to `rtDeviceGetAttribute`, these attributes are determined by the context and are therefore queried through the context. This is done by summing the attribute with the *OptiX* ordinal number when querying the attribute. The following are per device attributes.

`RT_CONTEXT_ATTRIBUTE_AVAILABLE_DEVICE_MEMORY`

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` - Can be returned if **size** does not match the proper size of the attribute, if **p** is `NULL`, or if **attribute**+ordinal does not correspond to an *OptiX* device.

## HISTORY

`rtContextGetAttribute` was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtContextGetDeviceCount*, *rtContextSetAttribute*, *rtDeviceGetAttribute*

### 1.1.6 rtContextGetDevices

#### NAME

**rtContextGetDevices** - Retrieve a list of hardware devices being used by the kernel.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextGetDevices(RTcontext context,
                             int* devices)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context to which the hardware list is applied.

**devices**

Return parameter for the list of devices. The memory must be able to hold entries numbering least the number of devices as returned by **rtContextGetDeviceCount**.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextGetDevices** retrieves a list of hardware devices used during execution of the subsequent trace kernels.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtContextGetDevices** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextSetDevices*, *rtContextGetDeviceCount*

### 1.1.7 rtContextGetDeviceCount

#### NAME

**rtContextGetDeviceCount** - Query the number of devices currently being used.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextGetDeviceCount(RTcontext context,
                                unsigned int* count)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context containing the devices.

**devices**

Return parameter for the device count.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextGetDeviceCount** - Query the number of devices currently being used.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtContextGetDeviceCount** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextSetDevices*, *rtContextGetDevices*

### 1.1.8 rtContextGetEntryPointCount

#### NAME

**rtContextGetEntryPointCount** - Query the number of entry points for this context.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextGetEntryPointCount(RTcontext context,
                                     unsigned int* num_entry_points)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context node to be queried.

**num\_entry\_points**

Return parameter for passing back the entry point count.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextGetEntryPointCount** passes back the number of entry points associated with this context in **num\_entry\_points**. Returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` if passed a NULL pointer.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**rtContextGetEntryPointCount** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextSetEntryPointCount*

### 1.1.9 rtContextGetErrorString

#### NAME

**rtContextGetErrorString** - returns the error string associated with a given error.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

void rtContextGetErrorString(RTcontext context,
                             RTresult code,
                             char** return_string)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context object to be queried, or NULL.

**code**

The error code to be converted to string.

**return\_string**

The return parameter for the error string.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextGetErrorString** return a descriptive string given an error code. If **context** is valid and additional information is available from the last *OptiX* failure, it will be appended to the generic error code description. **return\_string** will be set to point to this string. The memory **return\_string** points to will be valid until the next API call that returns a string.

#### RETURN VALUES

**rtContextGetErrorString** does not return a value.

#### HISTORY

**rtContextGetErrorString** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO



### 1.1.10 `rtContextGetExceptionEnabled`

#### NAME

`rtContextGetExceptionEnabled` - Query whether a specified exception is enabled.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult RTAPI rtContextGetExceptionEnabled(RTcontext context,  
                                             RTexception exception,  
                                             int* enabled)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### `context`

The context to be queried.

##### `exception`

The exception of which to query the state.

##### `enabled`

Return parameter to store whether the exception is enabled.

#### DESCRIPTION

`rtContextGetExceptionEnabled` passes back 1 in the location pointed to by `enabled` if the given exception is enabled, 0 otherwise. `exception` specifies the type of exception to be queried. For a list of available types, see `rtContextSetExceptionEnabled`. If `exception` is `RT_EXCEPTION_ALL`, `enabled` is set to 1 only if all possible exceptions are enabled.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

`rtContextGetExceptionEnabled` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.1.

## SEE ALSO

*rtContextSetExceptionEnabled, rtContextSetExceptionProgram, rtContextGetExceptionProgram, rtGetExceptionCode, rtThrow, rtPrintExceptionDetails*

### 1.1.11 `rtContextGetExceptionProgram`

#### NAME

**`rtContextGetExceptionProgram`** - Queries the exception program associated with the given context and entry point.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextGetExceptionProgram(RTcontext context,
                                     unsigned int entry_point_index,
                                     RTprogram* program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context node associated with the exception program.

**entry\_point\_index**

The entry point index for the desired exception program.

**program**

Return parameter to store the exception program.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtContextGetExceptionProgram`** passes back the exception program associated with the given context and entry point. This program is set via **`rtContextSetExceptionProgram`**. Returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` if given an invalid entry point index or NULL pointer.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**`rtContextGetExceptionProgram`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtContextSetExceptionProgram, rtContextSetEntryPointCount, rtContextSetExceptionEnabled, rtContextGetExceptionEnabled, rtGetExceptionCode, rtThrow, rtPrintExceptionDetails*

### 1.1.12 `rtContextGetMissProgram`

#### NAME

**`rtContextGetMissProgram`** - Queries the miss program associated with the given context and ray type.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextGetMissProgram(RTcontext context,
                                unsigned int ray_type_index,
                                RTprogram* program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context node associated with the miss program.

**ray\_type\_index**

The ray type index for the desired miss program.

**program**

Return parameter to store the miss program.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtContextGetMissProgram`** passes back the miss program associated with the given context and ray type. This program is set via **`rtContextSetMissProgram`**. Returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` if given a NULL pointer or `ray_type_index` is outside of the range `[0, rtContextGetRayTypeCount()-1]`.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**`rtContextGetMissProgram`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtContextSetMissProgram`, `rtContextGetRayTypeCount`*

### 1.1.13 rtContextGetPrintBufferSize

#### NAME

**rtContextGetPrintBufferSize** - Get the current size of the print buffer.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult RTAPI rtContextGetPrintBufferSize(RTcontext context,
                                           RTsize* buffer_size_bytes)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context from which to query the print buffer size.

**buffer\_size\_bytes**

The returned print buffer size in bytes.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextGetPrintBufferSize** is used to query the buffer size available to hold data generated by **rtPrintf**. Returns **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE** if passed a NULL pointer.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

#### HISTORY

**rtContextGetPrintBufferSize** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtPrintf*, *rtContextSetPrintEnabled*, *rtContextGetPrintEnabled*, *rtContextSetPrintBufferSize*, *rtContextSetPrintLaunchIndex*, *rtContextGetPrintLaunchIndex*

### 1.1.14 `rtContextGetPrintEnabled`

#### NAME

**`rtContextGetPrintEnabled`** - Query whether text printing from programs is enabled.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult RTAPI rtContextGetPrintEnabled(RTcontext context,  
                                         int* enabled)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context to be queried.

**enabled**

Return parameter to store whether printing is enabled.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtContextGetPrintEnabled`** passes back 1 if text printing from programs through **`rtPrintf`** is currently enabled for this context; 0 otherwise. Returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` if passed a NULL pointer.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**`rtContextGetPrintEnabled`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtPrintf*, *rtContextSetPrintEnabled*, *rtContextSetPrintBufferSize*, *rtContextGetPrintBufferSize*, *rtContextSetPrintLaunchIndex*, *rtContextGetPrintLaunchIndex*

### 1.1.15 rtContextGetPrintLaunchIndex

#### NAME

**rtContextGetPrintLaunchIndex** - Gets the active print launch index.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult RTAPI rtContextGetPrintLaunchIndex(RTcontext context,
                                             int* x,
                                             int* y,
                                             int* z)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### context

The context from which to query the print launch index.

##### x

Returns the launch index in the x dimension to which the output of **rtPrintf** invocations is limited. Will not be written to if a NULL pointer is passed.

##### y

Returns the launch index in the y dimension to which the output of **rtPrintf** invocations is limited. Will not be written to if a NULL pointer is passed.

##### z

Returns the launch index in the z dimension to which the output of **rtPrintf** invocations is limited. Will not be written to if a NULL pointer is passed.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextGetPrintLaunchIndex** is used to query for which launch indices **rtPrintf** generates output. The initial value of (x,y,z) is (-1,-1,-1), which generates output for all indices.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE



## HISTORY

`rtContextGetPrintLaunchIndex` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtPrintf*, *rtContextGetPrintEnabled*, *rtContextSetPrintEnabled*, *rtContextSetPrintBufferSize*, *rtContextGetPrintBufferSize*, *rtContextSetPrintLaunchIndex*

### 1.1.16 `rtContextGetRayGenerationProgram`

#### NAME

**`rtContextGetRayGenerationProgram`** - Queries the ray generation program associated with the given context and entry point.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtContextGetRayGenerationProgram(RTcontext context,  
                                          unsigned int entry_point_index,  
                                          RTprogram* program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context node associated with the ray generation program.

**entry\_point\_index**

The entry point index for the desired ray generation program.

**program**

Return parameter to store the ray generation program.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtContextGetRayGenerationProgram`** passes back the ray generation program associated with the given context and entry point. This program is set via **`rtContextSetRayGenerationProgram`**. Returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` if given an invalid entry point index or NULL pointer.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**`rtContextGetRayGenerationProgram`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtContextSetRayGenerationProgram*

### 1.1.17 rtContextGetRayTypeCount

#### NAME

**rtContextGetRayTypeCount** - Query the number of ray types associated with this context.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextGetRayTypeCount(RTcontext context,
                                   unsigned int* num_ray_types)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context node to be queried.

**num\_ray\_types**

Return parameter to store the number of ray types.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextGetRayTypeCount** passes back the number of entry points associated with this context in **num\_ray\_types**. Returns **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE** if passed a NULL pointer.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

#### HISTORY

**rtContextGetRayTypeCount** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextSetRayTypeCount*

### 1.1.18 `rtContextGetRunningState`

#### NAME

**`rtContextGetRunningState`** - Query whether the given context is currently running.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextGetRunningState(RTcontext context,
                                  int* running)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context node to be queried.

**running**

Return parameter to store the running state.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtContextGetRunningState`** passes back 1 if an **`rtContextLaunch`** is currently active for this context; 0 otherwise. Returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` if passed a NULL pointer.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**`rtContextGetRunningState`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtContextLaunch1D`*, *`rtContextLaunch2D`*, *`rtContextLaunch3D`*

### 1.1.19 rtContextGetStackSize

#### NAME

**rtContextGetStackSize** - Query the stack size for this context.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextGetStackSize(RTcontext context,
                               RTsize* stack_size_bytes)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context node to be queried.

**stack\_size\_bytes**

Return parameter to store the size of the stack.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextGetStackSize** passes back the stack size associated with this context in **stack\_size\_bytes**. Returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` if passed a NULL pointer.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**rtContextGetStackSize** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextSetStackSize*

### 1.1.20 `rtContextGetVariableCount`

#### NAME

**`rtContextGetVariableCount`** - Returns the number of variables associated with this context.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextGetVariableCount(RTcontext context,
                                   unsigned int* count)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context to be queried for number of attached variables.

**count**

Return parameter to store the number of variables.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtContextGetVariableCount`** returns the number of variables that are currently attached to **context**. Returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` if passed a NULL pointer.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**`rtContextGetVariableCount`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryGetVariableCount*, *rtGeometryInstanceGetVariableCount*, *rtMaterialGetVariableCount*, *rtProgramGetVariableCount*, *rtSelectorGetVariable*, *rtContextDeclareVariable*, *rtContextGetVariable*, *rtContextQueryVariable*, *rtContextRemoveVariable*

### 1.1.21 `rtContextGetVariable`

#### NAME

**rtContextGetVariable** - Queries an indexed variable associated with this context.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextGetVariable(RTcontext context,
                             unsigned int index,
                             RTvariable* v)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **context**

The context node to be queried for an indexed variable.

##### **index**

The index that identifies the variable to be queried.

##### **v**

Return value to store the queried variable.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextGetVariable** queries the variable at position **index** in the variable array from **context** and stores the result in the parameter **v**. A variable has to be declared first with **rtContextDeclareVariable** and **index** has to be in the range  $[0, \text{rtContextGetVariableCount}()-1]$ .

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**rtContextGetVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.



**SEE ALSO**

*rtGeometryGetVariable*, *rtGeometryInstanceGetVariable*, *rtMaterialGetVariable*, *rtProgramGetVariable*, *rtSelectorGetVariable*, *rtContextDeclareVariable*, *rtContextGetVariableCount*, *rtContextQueryVariable*, *rtContextRemoveVariable*

### 1.1.22 rtContextQueryVariable

#### NAME

**rtContextQueryVariable** - Returns a named variable associated with this context.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextQueryVariable(RTcontext context,
                                const char* name,
                                RTvariable* v)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **context**

The context node to query a variable from.

##### **name**

The name that identifies the variable to be queried.

##### **v**

Return value to store the queried variable.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextQueryVariable** queries a variable identified by the string **name** from **context** and stores the result in the parameter **v**. A variable has to be declared first with **rtContextDeclareVariable** before it can be queried. The return parameter **v** will be set to 0 if no variable exists with the given name. **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE** will be returned if **name** is NULL.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

#### HISTORY

**rtContextQueryVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtGeometryQueryVariable*, *rtGeometryInstanceQueryVariable*, *rtMaterialQueryVariable*, *rtProgramQueryVariable*, *rtSelectorQueryVariable*, *rtContextDeclareVariable*, *rtContextGetVariableCount*, *rtContextGetVariable*, *rtContextRemoveVariable*

### 1.1.23 rtContextRemoveVariable

#### NAME

**rtContextRemoveVariable** - Removes a variable from the given context.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextRemoveVariable(RTcontext context,
                                RTvariable v)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### context

The context node from which to remove a variable.

##### v

The variable to be removed.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextRemoveVariable** removes variable **v** from **context** if present. Returns **RT\_ERROR\_VARIABLE\_NOT\_FOUND** if the variable is not attached to this context. Returns **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE** if passed an invalid variable.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_VARIABLE\_NOT\_FOUND**

#### HISTORY

**rtContextRemoveVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryRemoveVariable*, *rtGeometryInstanceRemoveVariable*, *rtMaterialRemoveVariable*, *rtProgramRemoveVariable*, *rtSelectorRemoveVariable*, *rtContextDeclareVariable*, *rtContextGetVariable*, *rtContextGetVariableCount*, *rtContextQueryVariable*,

### 1.1.24 rtContextSetAttribute

#### NAME

**rtContextSetAttribute** - set an attribute specific to an *OptiX* context.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult RTAPI rtContextSetAttribute(RTcontext context,
                                     RTcontextattribute attrib,
                                     RTsize size,
                                     void* p);
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### context

The context object to be modified.

##### attrib

Attribute to set.

##### size

Size of the attribute being set.

##### p

Pointer to where the value of the attribute will be copied from. This must point to at least **size** bytes of memory.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextSetAttribute()** sets **p** as the value of the per context attribute specified by **attrib**.

Each attribute can have a different size. The sizes are given in the following list:

RT_CONTEXT_ATTRIBUTE_CPU_NUM_THREADS	sizeof(int)
RT_CONTEXT_ATTRIBUTE_GPU_PAGING_FORCED_OFF	sizeof(int)

RT\_CONTEXT\_ATTRIBUTE\_CPU\_NUM\_THREADS sets the number of host CPU threads *OptiX* can use for various tasks.

RT\_CONTEXT\_ATTRIBUTE\_GPU\_PAGING\_FORCED\_OFF prohibits software paging of device memory. A value of 0 means that *OptiX* is allowed to activate paging if necessary, 1 means that paging is always off. Note that currently paging cannot be disabled once it has been activated.

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE - Can be returned if **size** does not match the proper size of the attribute, or if **p** is NULL.

## HISTORY

**rtContextSetAttribute** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.5.

## SEE ALSO

*rtContextGetAttribute*

### 1.1.25 rtContextSetD3D9Device

#### NAME

**rtContextSetD3D9Device** - Binds a D3D9 device to a context and enables interop

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_d3d9_interop.h>

RTresult rtContextSetD3D9Device(RTcontext context,
                                IDirect3DDevice9* device);
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **context**

The context to bind the device with.

##### **device**

The D3D9 device to be used for interop with the associated context.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextSetD3D9Device** binds **device** to **context** and enables D3D9 interop capabilities in **context**. This function must be executed once for **context** before any call to **rtBufferCreateFromD3D9Resource** or **rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D9Resource** can take place. A context can only be bound to one device. Once **device** is bound to **context**, the binding is immutable and remains upon destruction of **context**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtContextSetD3D9Device** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreateFromD3D9Resource* *rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D9Resource*

### 1.1.26 rtContextSetD3D10Device

#### NAME

**rtContextSetD3D10Device** - Binds a D3D10 device to a context and enables interop

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_d3d10_interop.h>

RTresult rtContextSetD3D10Device(RTcontext context,
                                IDirect3DDevice10* device);
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### context

The context to bind the device with.

##### device

The D3D10 device to be used for interop with the associated context.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextSetD3D10Device** binds **device** to **context** and enables D3D10 interop capabilities in **context**. This function must be executed once for **context** before any call to **rtBufferCreateFromD3D10Resource** or **rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D10Resource** can take place. A context can only be bound to one device. Once **device** is bound to **context**, the binding is immutable and remains upon destruction of **context**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtContextSetD3D10Device** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreateFromD3D10Resource* *rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D10Resource*



### 1.1.27 rtContextSetD3D11Device

#### NAME

**rtContextSetD3D11Device** - Binds a D3D11 device to a context and enables interop

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_d3d11_interop.h>

RTresult rtContextSetD3D11Device(RTcontext context,
                                IDirect3DDevice11* device);
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### context

The context to bind the device with.

##### device

The D3D11 device to be used for interop with the associated context.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextSetD3D11Device** binds **device** to **context** and enables D3D11 interop capabilities in **context**. This function must be executed once for **context** before any call to **rtBufferCreateFromD3D11Resource** or **rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D11Resource** can take place. A context can only be bound to one device. Once **device** is bound to **context**, the binding is immutable and remains upon destruction of **context**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtContextSetD3D11Device** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreateFromD3D11Resource* *rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D11Resource*

### 1.1.28 rtContextSetDevices

#### NAME

**rtContextSetDevices** - Specify a list of hardware devices to be used by the kernel.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextSetDevices(RTcontext context,
                             unsigned int count,
                             const int* devices)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context to which the hardware list is applied.

**count**

The number of devices in the list.

**devices**

The list of devices.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextSetDevices** specifies a list of hardware devices to be used during execution of the subsequent trace kernels.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_NO\_DEVICE

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_DEVICE

#### HISTORY

**rtContextSetDevices** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO** *rtContextGetDevices*, *rtContextGetDeviceCount*

### 1.1.29 `rtContextSetEntryPointCount`

#### NAME

**`rtContextSetEntryPointCount`** - Set the number of entry points for a given context.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextSetEntryPointCount(RTcontext context,
                                     unsigned int num_entry_points)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**`context`**

The context to be modified.

**`num_entry_points`**

The number of entry points to use.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtContextSetEntryPointCount`** sets the number of entry points associated with the given context to **`num_entry_points`**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**`rtContextSetEntryPointCount`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtContextGetEntryPointCount`*

### 1.1.30 rtContextSetExceptionEnabled

#### NAME

**rtContextSetExceptionEnabled** - Enable or disable an exception.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
Rtresult RTAPI rtContextSetExceptionEnabled(Rtcontext context,
                                             Rtexception exception,
                                             int enabled)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### context

The context for which the exception is to be enabled or disabled.

##### exception

The exception which is to be enabled or disabled.

##### enabled

Nonzero to enable the exception, 0 to disable the exception.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextSetExceptionEnabled** is used to enable or disable specific exceptions. If an exception is enabled, the exception condition is checked for at runtime, and the exception program is invoked if the condition is met. The exception program can query the type of the caught exception by calling **rtGetExceptionCode**. **exception** may take one of the following values:

```
RT_EXCEPTION_INDEX_OUT_OF_BOUNDS
RT_EXCEPTION_STACK_OVERFLOW
RT_EXCEPTION_BUFFER_INDEX_OUT_OF_BOUNDS
RT_EXCEPTION_INVALID_RAY
RT_EXCEPTION_INTERNAL_ERROR
RT_EXCEPTION_USER
RT_EXCEPTION_ALL
```

**RT\_EXCEPTION\_INDEX\_OUT\_OF\_BOUNDS** checks that **rtIntersectChild** and **rtReportIntersection** are called with a valid index.

**RT\_EXCEPTION\_STACK\_OVERFLOW** checks the runtime stack against overflow. The most common cause for an overflow is a too deep **rtTrace** recursion tree.

**RT\_EXCEPTION\_BUFFER\_INDEX\_OUT\_OF\_BOUNDS** checks every read and write access to **rtBuffer** objects to be within valid bounds.

`RT_EXCEPTION_INVALID_RAY` checks the each ray's origin and direction values against NaNs and infinity values.

`RT_EXCEPTION_INTERNAL_ERROR` indicates an unexpected internal error in the runtime.

`RT_EXCEPTION_USER` is used to enable or disable all user-defined exceptions. The reserved range of exception codes for user-defined exceptions starts at **`RT_EXCEPTION_USER`** (0x400) and ends at 0xFFFF. See **`rtThrow`** for more information.

`RT_EXCEPTION_ALL` is a placeholder value which can be used to enable or disable all possible exceptions with a single call to **`rtContextSetExceptionEnabled`**.

By default, `RT_EXCEPTION_STACK_OVERFLOW` is enabled and all other exceptions are disabled.

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

## HISTORY

**`rtContextSetExceptionEnabled`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.1.

## SEE ALSO

*`rtContextGetExceptionEnabled`, `rtContextSetExceptionProgram`, `rtContextGetExceptionProgram`, `rtGetExceptionCode`, `rtThrow`, `rtPrintExceptionDetails`*

### 1.1.31 `rtContextSetExceptionProgram`

#### NAME

**`rtContextSetExceptionProgram`** - Specifies the exception program for a given context entry point.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtContextSetExceptionProgram(RTcontext context,
                                     unsigned int entry_point_index,
                                     RTprogram program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **context**

The context node to which the exception program will be added.

##### **entry\_point\_index**

The entry point the program will be associated with.

##### **program**

The exception program.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtContextSetExceptionProgram`** sets **context**'s exception program at entry point **entry\_point\_index**. `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` is returned if **entry\_point\_index** is outside of the range `[0, rtContextGetEntryPointCount()-1]`.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_TYPE_MISMATCH`

#### HISTORY

**`rtContextSetExceptionProgram`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtContextGetEntryPointCount, rtContextGetExceptionProgram rtContextSetExceptionEnabled, rtContextGetExceptionEnabled, rtGetExceptionCode, rtThrow, rtPrintExceptionDetails*

### 1.1.32 rtContextSetMissProgram

#### NAME

**rtContextSetMissProgram** - Specifies the miss program for a given context ray type.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextSetMissProgram(RTcontext context,
                                unsigned int ray_type_index,
                                RTprogram program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context node to which the miss program will be added.

**ray\_type\_index**

The ray type the program will be associated with.

**program**

The miss program.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextSetMissProgram** sets **context**'s miss program associated with ray type **ray\_type\_index**. **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE** is returned if **ray\_type\_index** is outside of the range  $[0, \text{rtContextGetRayTypeCount()}-1]$ .

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

**RT\_ERROR\_TYPE\_MISMATCH**

#### HISTORY

**rtContextSetMissProgram** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.



**SEE ALSO**

*rtContextGetRayTypeCount*, *rtContextGetMissProgram*

### 1.1.33 `rtContextSetPrintBufferSize`

#### NAME

**`rtContextSetPrintBufferSize`** - Set the size of the print buffer.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult RTAPI rtContextSetPrintBufferSize(RTcontext context,
                                           RTsize buffer_size_bytes)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**`context`**

The context for which to set the print buffer size.

**`buffer_size_bytes`**

The print buffer size in bytes.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtContextSetPrintBufferSize`** is used to set the buffer size available to hold data generated by **`rtPrintf`**. The default size is 65536 bytes.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**`rtContextSetPrintBufferSize`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtPrintf`, `rtContextSetPrintEnabled`, `rtContextGetPrintEnabled`, `rtContextGetPrintBufferSize`, `rtContextSetPrintLaunchIndex`, `rtContextGetPrintLaunchIndex`*

### 1.1.34 `rtContextSetPrintEnabled`

#### NAME

**rtContextSetPrintEnabled** - Enable or disable text printing from programs.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult RTAPI rtContextSetPrintEnabled(RTcontext context,  
                                         int enabled)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **context**

The context for which printing is to be enabled or disabled.

##### **enabled**

Setting this parameter to a nonzero value enables printing, 0 disables printing.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextSetPrintEnabled** is used to control whether text printing in programs through **rtPrintf** is currently enabled for this context.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**rtContextSetPrintEnabled** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtPrintf*, *rtContextGetPrintEnabled*, *rtContextSetPrintBufferSize*, *rtContextGetPrintBufferSize*, *rtContextSetPrintLaunchIndex*, *rtContextGetPrintLaunchIndex*

### 1.1.35 `rtContextSetPrintLaunchIndex`

#### NAME

**rtContextSetPrintLaunchIndex** - Sets the active launch index to limit text output.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult RTAPI rtContextSetPrintLaunchIndex(RTcontext context,
                                             int x,
                                             int y,
                                             int z)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **context**

The context for which to set the print launch index.

##### **x**

The launch index in the x dimension to which to limit the output of **rtPrintf** invocations. If set to -1, output is generated for all launch indices in the x dimension.

##### **y**

The launch index in the y dimension to which to limit the output of **rtPrintf** invocations. If set to -1, output is generated for all launch indices in the y dimension.

##### **z**

The launch index in the z dimension to which to limit the output of **rtPrintf** invocations. If set to -1, output is generated for all launch indices in the z dimension.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextSetPrintLaunchIndex** is used to control for which launch indices **rtPrintf** generates output. The initial value of (x,y,z) is (-1,-1,-1), which generates output for all indices.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

## HISTORY

**rtContextSetPrintLaunchIndex** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtPrintf*, *rtContextGetPrintEnabled*, *rtContextSetPrintEnabled*, *rtContextSetPrintBufferSize*, *rtContextGetPrintBufferSize*, *rtContextGetPrintLaunchIndex*

### 1.1.36 `rtContextSetRayGenerationProgram`

#### NAME

**`rtContextSetRayGenerationProgram`** - Specifies the ray generation program for a given context entry point.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextSetRayGenerationProgram(RTcontext context,
                                           unsigned int entry_point_index,
                                           RTprogram program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **context**

The context node to which the exception program will be added.

##### **entry\_point\_index**

The entry point the program will be associated with.

##### **program**

The ray generation program.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtContextSetRayGenerationProgram`** sets **context**'s ray generation program at entry point **entry\_point\_index**. `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` is returned if **entry\_point\_index** is outside of the range `[0, rtContextGetEntryPointCount()-1]`.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

`RT_ERROR_TYPE_MISMATCH`

#### HISTORY

**`rtContextSetRayGenerationProgram`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtContextGetEntryPointCount*, *rtContextGetRayGenerationProgram*

### 1.1.37 `rtContextSetRayTypeCount`

#### NAME

**`rtContextSetRayTypeCount`** - Sets the number of ray types for a given context.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextSetRayTypeCount(RTcontext context,
                                   unsigned int num_ray_types)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**`context`**

The context node.

**`num_ray_types`**

The number of ray types to be used.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtContextSetRayTypeCount`** Sets the number of ray types associated with the given context.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**`rtContextSetRayTypeCount`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtContextGetRayTypeCount`*



### 1.1.38 `rtContextSetStackSize`

#### NAME

**`rtContextSetStackSize`** - Set the stack size for a given context.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextSetStackSize(RTcontext context,
                               RTsize stack_size_bytes)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**`context`**

The context node to be modified.

**`stack_size_bytes`**

The desired stack size in bytes.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtContextSetStackSize`** sets the stack size for the given context to **`stack_size_bytes`** bytes. Returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` if context is not valid.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**`rtContextSetStackSize`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtContextGetStackSize`*

### 1.1.39 `rtContextSetTimeoutCallback`

#### NAME

**rtContextSetTimeoutCallback** - Set an application-side timeout callback function.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextSetTimeoutCallback(RTcontext context,
                                     RTtimeoutcallback callback,
                                     double min_polling_seconds)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **context**

The context node to be modified.

##### **callback**

The function to be called.

##### **min\_polling\_seconds**

The timeout interval after which the function is called.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextSetTimeoutCallback** sets an application-side callback function **callback** and a time interval **min\_polling\_seconds** in seconds. Long-running *OptiX* API calls such as **rtContextCompile** and **rtContextLaunch** call the callback function about every **min\_polling\_seconds** seconds. If the callback function returns true, the API call tries to abort, leaving the context in a clean but unfinished state. Output buffers are left in an unpredictable state. In case an *OptiX* API call is terminated by a callback function, it returns `RT_TIMEOUT_CALLBACK`.

**RTtimeoutcallback** is defined as `int (*RTtimeoutcallback)(void)`.

To unregister a callback function, **callback** needs to be set to `NULL` and **min\_polling\_seconds** to 0.

Returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` if **context** is not valid, if **min\_polling\_seconds** is negative, if **callback** is `NULL` but **min\_polling\_seconds** is not 0, or if **callback** is not `NULL` but **min\_polling\_seconds** is 0.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

## HISTORY

`rtContextSetTimeoutCallback` was introduced in *OptiX* 2.5.

## SEE ALSO

*rtContextCompile*, *rtContextLaunch*

### 1.1.40 rtContextLaunch

#### NAME

**rtContextLaunch** - Executes the computation kernel for a given context.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextLaunch1D(RTcontext context,
                           unsigned int entry_point_index,
                           RTsize image_width)

RTresult rtContextLaunch2D(RTcontext context,
                           unsigned int entry_point_index,
                           RTsize image_width,
                           RTsize image_height)

RTresult rtContextLaunch3D(RTcontext context,
                           unsigned int entry_point_index,
                           RTsize image_width,
                           RTsize image_height,
                           RTsize image_depth)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### context

The context to be executed.

##### entry\_point\_index

The initial entry point into kernel.

##### image\_width, image\_height, image\_depth

Specifies the size of the computation grid.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextLaunch** executes the computation kernel associated with the given context. If the context has not yet been compiled, or if the context has been modified since the last compile, **rtContextLaunch** will recompile the kernel internally. Acceleration structures of the context which are marked dirty will be updated and their dirty flags will be cleared. Similarly, validation will occur if necessary. The ray generation program specified by **entry\_point\_index** will be invoked once for every element (pixel or voxel) of the computation grid specified by **image\_width**, **image\_height**, and **image\_depth**.

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_SOURCE is returned if t

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_SOURCE

RT\_ERROR\_LAUNCH\_FAILED

## HISTORY

**rtContextLaunch** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtContextIsRunningState*, *rtContextCompile*, *rtContextValidate*

### 1.1.41 `rtContextValidate`

#### NAME

**rtContextValidate** - Checks the given context for valid internal state.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtContextValidate(RTcontext context)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context to be validated.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtContextValidate** checks the the given context and all of its associated *OptiX* objects for a valid state. These checks include tests for presence of necessary programs (eg. an intersection program for a geometry node), invalid internal state such as NULL children in graph nodes, and presence of variables required by all specified programs. **rtContextGetErrorString** can be used to retrieve a description of a validation failure.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_SOURCE

#### HISTORY

**rtContextValidate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextGetErrorString*

## 1.2 Geometry Group

### NAME

Geometry Group

### DESCRIPTION

This section describes the API functions for creation and handling of GeometryGroup objects.

**rtGeometryGroupCreate**

**rtGeometryGroupDestroy**

**rtGeometryGroupGetAcceleration**

**rtGeometryGroupGetChildCount**

**rtGeometryGroupGetChild**

**rtGeometryGroupGetContext**

**rtGeometryGroupSetAcceleration**

**rtGeometryGroupSetChildCount**

**rtGeometryGroupSetChild**

**rtGeometryGroupValidate**

### HISTORY

GeometryGroup objects were introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

### SEE ALSO

Context, Group Node, Selector Node, Transform Node, Acceleration Structure, Geometry Instance, Geometry, Material, Program, Buffer, Texture Sampler, Variables, Context-Free Functions

### 1.2.1 rtGeometryGroupCreate

#### NAME

**rtGeometryGroupCreate** - Creates a new geometry group.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryGroupCreate(RTcontext context,
                               RTgeometrygroup* geometrygroup)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

Specifies a context within which to create a new geometry group.

**geometrygroup**

Returns a newly created geometry group.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryGroupCreate** creates a new geometry group within a context. **context** specifies the target context, and should be a value returned by **rtContextCreate**. After the call, **\*geometrygroup** shall be set to the handle of a newly created group within **context**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryGroupCreate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryGroupDestroy*, *rtContextCreate*



## 1.2.2 **rtGeometryGroupDestroy**

### NAME

**rtGeometryGroupDestroy** - Destroys a geometry group node

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometryGroupDestroy(RTgeometrygroup geometrygroup)
```

### PARAMETERS

**geometrygroup**

Handle of the geometry group node to destroy

### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryGroupDestroy** removes **geometrygroup** from its context and deletes it. **geometrygroup** should be a value returned by **rtGeometryGroupCreate**. No child graph nodes are destroyed. After the call, **geometrygroup** is no longer a valid handle.

### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

### HISTORY

**rtGeometryGroupDestroy** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryGroupCreate*

### 1.2.3 rtGeometryGroupGetAcceleration

#### NAME

**rtGeometryGroupGetAcceleration** - Returns the acceleration structure attached to a geometry group.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryGroupGetAcceleration(RTgeometrygroup geometrygroup,
                                         RTacceleration* acceleration)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometrygroup**

The geometry group handle.

**acceleration**

The returned acceleration structure object.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryGroupGetAcceleration** returns the acceleration structure attached to a geometry group using **rtGeometryGroupSetAcceleration**. If no acceleration structure has previously been set, **\*acceleration** is not written to, and `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` is returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryGroupGetAcceleration** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryGroupSetAcceleration*, *rtAccelerationCreate*

### 1.2.4 **rtGeometryGroupGetChildCount**

#### NAME

**rtGeometryGroupGetChildCount** - Returns the number of child slots for a group.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometryGroupGetChildCount(RTgeometrygroup geometrygroup,  
                                       unsigned int* count)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometrygroup**

The parent geometry group handle.

**count**

Returned number of child slots.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryGroupGetChildCount** returns the number of child slots allocated using **rtGeometryGroupSetChildCount**. This includes empty slots which may not yet have actual children assigned by **rtGeometryGroupSetChild**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryGroupGetChildCount** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtGeometryGroupSetChild*, *rtGeometryGroupGetChild*, *rtGeometryGroupSetChildCount*, *rtGeometryGroupGetChildType*

### 1.2.5 rtGeometryGroupGetChild

#### NAME

**rtGeometryGroupGetChild** - Returns a child node of a geometry group.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryGroupGetChild(RTgeometrygroup geometrygroup,
                                  unsigned int index,
                                  RTgeometryinstance* geometryinstance)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometrygroup**

The parent geometry group handle.

**index**

The index of the child slot to query.

**geometryinstance**

The returned child geometry instance.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryGroupGetChild** returns the child geometry instance at slot **index** of the parent **geometrygroup**. If no child has been assigned to the given slot, **\*child** is not written to and **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE** is returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryGroupGetChild** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtGeometryGroupSetChild*, *rtGeometryGroupSetChildCount*, *rtGeometryGroupGetChildCount*, *rtGeometryGroupGetChildType*

### 1.2.6 `rtGeometryGroupGetContext`

#### NAME

**rtGeometryGroupGetContext** - Returns the context associated with a geometry group.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometryGroupGetContext(RTgeometrygroup geometrygroup,  
                                   RTcontext* context)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometrygroup**

Specifies the geometry group to query.

**context**

Returns the context associated with the geometry group.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryGroupGetContext** queries a geometry group for its associated context. **geometrygroup** specifies the geometry group to query, and must be a value returned by **rtGeometryGroupCreate**. After the call, **\*context** shall be set to the context associated with **geometrygroup**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryGroupGetContext** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextCreate*, *rtGeometryGroupCreate*

### 1.2.7 rtGeometryGroupSetAcceleration

#### NAME

**rtGeometryGroupSetAcceleration** - Set the acceleration structure for a group.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryGroupSetAcceleration(RTgeometrygroup geometrygroup,
                                         RTacceleration acceleration)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometrygroup**

The geometry group handle.

**acceleration**

The acceleration structure to attach to the geometry group.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryGroupSetAcceleration** attaches an acceleration structure to a geometry group. The acceleration structure must have been previously created using **rtAccelerationCreate**. Every geometry group is required to have an acceleration structure assigned in order to pass validation. The acceleration structure will be built over the primitives contained in all children of the geometry group. This enables a single acceleration structure to be built over primitives of multiple geometry instances. Note that it is legal to attach a single **RTacceleration** object to multiple geometry groups, as long as the underlying geometry of all children is the same. This corresponds to attaching an acceleration structure to multiple groups at higher graph levels using **rtGroupSetAcceleration**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryGroupSetAcceleration** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.



**SEE ALSO**

*rtGeometryGroupGetAcceleration*, *rtAccelerationCreate*, *rtGroupSetAcceleration*

### 1.2.8 rtGeometryGroupSetChildCount

#### NAME

**rtGeometryGroupSetChildCount** - Sets the number of child nodes to be attached to the group.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometryGroupSetChildCount(RTgeometrygroup geometrygroup,  
                                       unsigned int  count)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometrygroup**

The parent geometry group handle.

**count**

Number of child slots to allocate for the geometry group.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryGroupSetChildCount** specifies the number of child slots in this geometry group. Potentially existing links to children at indices greater than **count-1** are removed. If the call increases the number of slots, the newly created slots are empty and need to be filled using **rtGeometryGroupSetChild** before validation.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryGroupSetChildCount** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtGeometryGroupGetChild*, *rtGeometryGroupGetChildCount*, *rtGeometryGroupGetChildType*, *rtGeometryGroupSetChild*

### 1.2.9 rtGeometryGroupSetChild

#### NAME

**rtGeometryGroupSetChild** - Attaches a child node to a geometry group.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryGroupSetChild(RTgroup geometrygroup,
                                unsigned int index,
                                RTgeometryinstance geometryinstance)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometrygroup**

The parent geometry group handle.

**index**

The index in the parent's child slot array.

**geometryinstance**

The child node to be attached.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryGroupSetChild** attaches a new child node **geometryinstance** to the parent node **geometrygroup**. **index** specifies the number of the slot where the child node gets attached. The index value must be lower than the number previously set by **rtGeometryGroupSetChildCount**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryGroupSetChild** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtGeometryGroupSetChildCount*, *rtGeometryGroupGetChildCount*, *rtGeometryGroupGetChild*, *rtGeometryGroupGetChildType*

### 1.2.10 `rtGeometryGroupValidate`

#### NAME

**rtGeometryGroupValidate** - Validates the state of the geometry group.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometryGroupValidate(RTgeometrygroup geometrygroup)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometrygroup**

Specifies the geometry group to be validated.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryGroupValidate** checks **geometrygroup** for completeness. If **geometrygroup** or any of the objects attached to **geometrygroup** are not valid, the call will return **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryGroupValidate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryGroupCreate*

## 1.3 Group Node

### NAME

Group Node

### DESCRIPTION

This section describes the API functions for creation and handling of Group nodes.

**rtGroupCreate**

**rtGroupDestroy**

**rtGroupGetAcceleration**

**rtGroupGetChildCount**

**rtGroupGetChild**

**rtGroupGetChildType**

**rtGroupGetContext**

**rtGroupSetAcceleration**

**rtGroupSetChildCount**

**rtGroupSetChild**

**rtGroupValidate**

### HISTORY

Group nodes were introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

### SEE ALSO

Context, Geometry Group, Selector Node, Transform Node, Acceleration Structure, Geometry Instance, Geometry, Material, Program, Buffer, Texture Sampler, Variables, Context-Free Functions

### 1.3.1 rtGroupCreate

#### NAME

**rtGroupCreate** - Creates a new group.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGroupCreate(RTcontext context,
                      RTgroup* group)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

Specifies a context within which to create a new group.

**group**

Returns a newly created group.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGroupCreate** creates a new group within a context. **context** specifies the target context, and should be a value returned by **rtContextCreate**. After the call, **\*group** shall be set to the handle of a newly created group within **context**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtGroupCreate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGroupDestroy*, *rtContextCreate*



### 1.3.2 rtGroupDestroy

#### NAME

**rtGroupDestroy** - Destroys a group node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGroupDestroy(RTgroup group)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**group**

Handle of the group node to destroy.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGroupDestroy** removes **group** from its context and deletes it. **group** should be a value returned by **rtGroupCreate**. No child graph nodes are destroyed. After the call, **group** is no longer a valid handle.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtGroupDestroy** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGroupCreate*

### 1.3.3 rtGroupGetAcceleration

#### NAME

**rtGroupGetAcceleration** - Returns the acceleration structure attached to a group.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGroupGetAcceleration(RTgroup group,
                                RTacceleration* acceleration)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**group**

The group handle.

**acceleration**

The returned acceleration structure object.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGroupGetAcceleration** returns the acceleration structure attached to a group using **rtGroupSetAcceleration**. If no acceleration structure has previously been set, **\*acceleration** is not written to, and `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` is returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**rtGroupGetAcceleration** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGroupSetAcceleration*, *rtAccelerationCreate*

### 1.3.4 **rtGroupGetChildCount**

#### NAME

**rtGroupGetChildCount** - Returns the number of child slots for a group.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGroupGetChildCount(RTgroup group,
                              unsigned int* count)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**group**

The parent group handle.

**count**

Returned number of child slots.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGroupGetChildCount** returns the number of child slots allocated using **rtGroupSetChildCount**. This includes empty slots which may not yet have actual children assigned by **rtGroupSetChild**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtGroupGetChildCount** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGroupSetChild*, *rtGroupGetChild*, *rtGroupSetChildCount*, *rtGroupGetChildType*

### 1.3.5 rtGroupGetChild

#### NAME

**rtGroupGetChild** - Returns a child node of a group.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGroupGetChild(RTgroup group,
                        unsigned int index,
                        RObject* child)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**group**

The parent group handle.

**index**

The index of the child slot to query.

**child**

The returned child object.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGroupGetChild** returns the child object at slot **index** of the parent **group**. If no child has been assigned to the given slot, **\*child** is not written to and `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` is returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**rtGroupGetChild** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGroupSetChild*, *rtGroupSetChildCount*, *rtGroupGetChildCount*, *rtGroupGetChildType*

### 1.3.6 rtGroupGetChildType

#### NAME

**rtGroupGetChildType** - Get the type of a group child.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGroupGetChildType(RTgroup group,
                             unsigned int index,
                             RObjecttype* type)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**group**

The parent group handle.

**index**

The index of the child slot to query.

**type**

The returned child type.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGroupGetChildType** returns the type of the group child at slot **index**. If no child is associated with the given index, **type** is not written to and `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` is returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**rtGroupGetChildType** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGroupSetChild*, *rtGroupGetChild*, *rtGroupSetChildCount*, *rtGroupGetChildCount*

### 1.3.7 rtGroupGetContext

#### NAME

**rtGroupGetContext** - Returns the context associated with a group.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGroupGetContext(RTgroup group,
                           RTcontext* context)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**group**

Specifies the group to query.

**context**

Returns the context associated with the group.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGroupGetContext** queries a group for its associated context. **group** specifies the group to query, and must be a value returned by **rtGroupCreate**. After the call, **\*context** shall be set to the context associated with **group**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtGroupGetContext** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextCreate*, *rtGroupCreate*

### 1.3.8 rtGroupSetAcceleration

#### NAME

**rtGroupSetAcceleration** - Set the acceleration structure for a group.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGroupSetAcceleration(RTgroup group,
                                RTacceleration acceleration)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**group**

The group handle.

**acceleration**

The acceleration structure to attach to the group.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGroupSetAcceleration** attaches an acceleration structure to a group. The acceleration structure must have been previously created using **rtAccelerationCreate**. Every group is required to have an acceleration structure assigned in order to pass validation. The acceleration structure will be built over the children of the group. For example, if an acceleration structure is attached to a group that has a selector, a geometry group, and a transform child, the acceleration structure will be built over the bounding volumes of these three objects.

Note that it is legal to attach a single **RTacceleration** object to multiple groups, as long as the underlying bounds of the children are the same. For example, if another group has three children which are known to have the same bounding volumes as the ones in the example above, the two groups can share an acceleration structure, thus saving build time. This is true even if the details of the children, such as the actual type of a node or its geometry content, differ from the first set of group children. All that is required is for a child node at a given index to have the same bounds as the other group's child node at the same index.

Sharing an acceleration structure this way corresponds to attaching an acceleration structure to multiple geometry groups at lower graph levels using **rtGeometryGroupSetAcceleration**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

## HISTORY

**rtGroupSetAcceleration** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtGroupGetAcceleration*, *rtAccelerationCreate*, *rtGeometryGroupSetAcceleration*



### 1.3.9 rtGroupSetChildCount

#### NAME

**rtGroupSetChildCount** - Sets the number of child nodes to be attached to the group.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGroupSetChildCount(RTgroup group,
                               unsigned int count)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**group**

The parent group handle.

**count**

Number of child slots to allocate for the group.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGroupSetChildCount** specifies the number of child slots in this group. Potentially existing links to children at indices greater than **count-1** are removed. If the call increases the number of slots, the newly created slots are empty and need to be filled using **rtGroupSetChild** before validation.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtGroupSetChildCount** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGroupGetChild*, *rtGroupGetChildCount*, *rtGroupGetChildType*, *rtGroupSetChild*

### 1.3.10 rtGroupSetChild

#### NAME

**rtGroupSetChild** - Attaches a child node to a group.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGroupSetChild(RTgroup group,
                        unsigned int index,
                        RObject child)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**group**

The parent group handle.

**index**

The index in the parent's child slot array.

**child**

The child node to be attached. Can be of type {**RTgroup**, **RTselector**, **RTgeometrygroup**, **RTtransform**}.

#### DESCRIPTION

Attaches a new child node **child** to the parent node **group**. **index** specifies the number of the slot where the child node gets attached. A sufficient number of slots must be allocated using **rtGroupSetChildCount**. Legal child node types are **RTgroup**, **RTselector**, **RTgeometrygroup**, and **RTtransform**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

#### HISTORY

**rtGroupSetChild** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtGroupSetChildCount, rtGroupGetChildCount, rtGroupGetChild, rtGroupGetChildType*

### 1.3.11 rtGroupValidate

#### NAME

**rtGroupValidate** - Verifies the state of the group.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGroupValidate(RTgroup group)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**group**

Specifies the group to be validated.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGroupValidate** checks **group** for completeness. If **group** or any of the objects attached to **group** are not valid, the call will return **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

#### HISTORY

**rtGroupValidate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGroupCreate*

## 1.4 Selector Node

### NAME

Selector Node

### DESCRIPTION

This section describes the API functions for creation and handling of Selector nodes. Selector nodes are used to dynamically switch between model sub-trees in the scene during ray traversal. This can, e.g., be used to implement level-of-detail rendering.

**rtSelectorCreate**

**rtSelectorDeclareVariable**

**rtSelectorDestroy**

**rtSelectorGetChildCount**

**rtSelectorGetChild**

**rtSelectorGetChildType**

**rtSelectorGetContext**

**rtSelectorGetVariableCount**

**rtSelectorGetVariable**

**rtSelectorGetVisitProgram**

**rtSelectorQueryVariable**

**rtSelectorRemoveVariable**

**rtSelectorSetChildCount**

**rtSelectorSetChild**

**rtSelectorSetVisitProgram**

**rtSelectorValidate**

### HISTORY

Selector nodes were introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

### SEE ALSO

*Context*, Geometry Group, Group Node, Transform Node, Acceleration Structure, Geometry Instance, *Geometry*, *Material*, *Program*, *Buffer*, Texture Sampler, *Variables*, Context-Free Functions

### 1.4.1 rtSelectorCreate

#### NAME

**rtSelectorCreate** - creates a Selector node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtSelectorCreate(RTcontext context,
                          RTselector* selector)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### context

Specifies the rendering context of the Selector node.

##### selector

New Selector node handle.

#### DESCRIPTION

Creates a new Selector node within the given context. After calling **rtSelectorCreate()** the new node is in a "raw" state. For the node to be functional, a visit program has to be assigned using **rtSelectorSetVisitProgram()**. Furthermore, a number of (zero or more) children can be attached by using **rtSelectorSetChildCount()** and **rtSelectorSetChild()**.

#### RETURN VALUES

RT\_SUCCESS  
 RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT  
 RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE  
 RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtSelectorCreate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtSelectorDestroy*, *rtSelectorValidate*, *rtSelectorGetContext*, *rtSelectorSetVisitProgram*, *rtSelectorSetChildCount*, *rtSelectorSetChild*

## 1.4.2 rtSelectorDeclareVariable

### NAME

**rtSelectorDeclareVariable** - declares a variable associated with a Selector node

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtSelectorDeclareVariable(RTselector selector,  
                                   const char* name,  
                                   RTvariable* v)
```

### PARAMETERS

**selector**

Selector node handle.

**name**

Variable identifier.

**v**

New variable handle.

### DESCRIPTION

Declares a new variable identified by **name**, and associates it with the Selector node **selector**. The new variable handle is returned in **v**. After declaration, a variable does not have a type until its value is set by an **rtVariableSet{...}()** function. Once a variable type has been set, it cannot be changed, i.e., only **rtVariableSet{...}()** functions of the same type can be used to change the value of the variable.

### RETURN VALUES

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

RT\_ERROR\_VARIABLE\_REDECLARED

RT\_ERROR\_ILLEGAL\_SYMBOL

## HISTORY

`rtSelectorDeclareVariable` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtSelectorQueryVariable*, *rtSelectorRemoveVariable*, *rtSelectorGetVariableCount*, *rtSelectorGetVariable*, *rtVariableSet{...}*



### 1.4.3 rtSelectorDestroy

#### NAME

**rtSelectorDestroy** - Destroys a selector node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtSelectorDestroy(RTselector selector)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**selector**

Handle of the selector node to destroy

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtSelectorDestroy** removes **selector** from its context and deletes it. **selector** should be a value returned by **rtSelectorCreate**. Associated variables declared via **rtSelectorDeclareVariable** are destroyed, but no child graph nodes are destroyed. After the call, **selector** is no longer a valid handle.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtSelectorDestroy** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtSelectorCreate*, *rtSelectorValidate*, *rtSelectorGetContext*

### 1.4.4 rtSelectorGetChildCount

#### NAME

**rtSelectorGetChildCount** - returns the number of child node slots of a Selector node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtSelectorGetChildCount(RTselector selector,
                                unsigned int* count)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**selector**

Selector node handle.

**count**

Number of child node slots reserved for **selector**.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtSelectorGetChildCount()** returns in **count** the number of child node slots that have been previously reserved for the Selector node **selector** by **rtSelectorSetChildCount()**. The value of **count** does *not* reflect the actual number of child nodes that have so far been attached to the Selector node using **rtSelectorSetChild()**.

#### RETURN VALUES

```
RT_SUCCESS
RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT
RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE
RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED
```

#### HISTORY

**rtSelectorGetChildCount** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtSelectorSetChildCount*, *rtSelectorSetChild*, *rtSelectorGetChild*, *rtSelectorGetChildType*

### 1.4.5 rtSelectorGetChild

#### NAME

**rtSelectorGetChild** - returns a child node that is attached to a Selector node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtSelectorGetChild(RTselector selector,
                           unsigned int index,
                           RObject* child)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **selector**

Selector node handle.

##### **index**

Child node index.

##### **child**

Child node handle. Can be {**RTgroup**, **RTselector**, **RTgeometrygroup**, **RTtransform**}.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtSelectorGetChild()** returns in **child** a handle of the child node currently attached to **selector** at slot **index**. The index value must be lower than the number previously set by **rtSelectorSetChildCount()**, thus it has to be in the range from **0** to **rtSelectorGetChildCount()-1**. The returned pointer is of generic type **RObject** and needs to be cast to the actual child type, which can be **RTgroup**, **RTselector**, **RTgeometrygroup**, or **RTtransform**. The actual type of **child** can be queried using **rtSelectorGetChildType()**;

#### RETURN VALUES

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

#### HISTORY

**rtSelectorGetChild** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtSelectorSetChildCount, rtSelectorGetChildCount, rtSelectorSetChild, rtSelectorGetChildType*

### 1.4.6 rtSelectorGetChildType

#### NAME

**rtSelectorGetChildType** - returns type information about a Selector child node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

Rtresult rtSelectorGetChildType(Rtselector selector,
                                unsigned int index,
                                RObjecttype* type)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**selector**

Selector node handle.

**index**

Child node index.

**type**

Type of the child node.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtSelectorGetChildType()** queries the type of the child node attached to **selector** at slot **index**. The index value has to be in the range from **0** to **rtSelectorGetChildCount()-1**. The returned type is one of:

```
RT_OBJECTTYPE_GROUP
RT_OBJECTTYPE_GEOMETRY_GROUP
RT_OBJECTTYPE_TRANSFORM
RT_OBJECTTYPE_SELECTOR
```

#### RETURN VALUES

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

## HISTORY

`rtSelectorGetChildType` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtSelectorSetChildCount*, *rtSelectorGetChildCount*, *rtSelectorSetChild*, *rtSelectorGetChild*

### 1.4.7 rtSelectorGetContext

#### NAME

**rtSelectorGetContext** - returns the context of a Selector node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtSelectorGetContext(RTselector selector,
                              RTcontext* context)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**selector**

Selector node handle.

**context**

The context, **selector** belongs to.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtSelectorGetContext()** returns in **context** the rendering context in which the Selector node **selector** has been created.

#### RETURN VALUES

RT\_SUCCESS  
RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT  
RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE  
RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtSelectorGetContext** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtSelectorCreate*, *rtSelectorDestroy*, *rtSelectorValidate*

### 1.4.8 rtSelectorGetVariableCount

#### NAME

**rtSelectorGetVariableCount** - returns the number of variables attached to a Selector node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtSelectorGetVariableCount(RTselector selector,
                                     unsigned int* count)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**selector**

Selector node handle.

**count**

Number of variables associated with **selector**.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtSelectorGetVariableCount()** returns in **count** the number of variables that are currently attached to the Selector node **selector**.

#### RETURN VALUES

RT\_SUCCESS  
RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT  
RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE  
RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtSelectorGetVariableCount** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtSelectorDeclareVariable*, *rtSelectorQueryVariable*, *rtSelectorRemoveVariable*, *rtSelectorGetVariable*



### 1.4.9 rtSelectorGetVariable

#### NAME

**rtSelectorGetVariable** - returns a variable associated with a Selector node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtSelectorGetVariable(RTselector selector,
                               unsigned int index,
                               RTvariable* v)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**selector**

Selector node handle.

**index**

Variable index.

**v**

Variable handle.

#### DESCRIPTION

Returns in **v** a handle to the variable located at position **index** in the Selectors's variable array. **index** is a sequential number depending on the order of variable declarations. The index has to be in the range from **0** to **rtSelectorGetVariableCount()-1**. The current value of a variable can be retrieved from its handle by using an appropriate **rtVariableGet{...}()** function matching the variable's type.

#### RETURN VALUES

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtSelectorGetVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtSelectorDeclareVariable*, *rtSelectorQueryVariable*, *rtSelectorRemoveVariable*, *rtSelectorGetVariableCount*, *rtVariableGet*{...}

### 1.4.10 rtSelectorGetVisitProgram

#### NAME

**rtSelectorGetVisitProgram** - returns the currently assigned visit program

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtSelectorGetVisitProgram(RTselector selector,
                                   RTprogram* program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**selector**

Selector node handle.

**program**

Current visit program assigned to **selector**.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtSelectorGetVisitProgram()** returns in **program** a handle of the visit program curenly bound to **selector**.

#### RETURN VALUES

RT\_SUCCESS  
RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT  
RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE  
RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtSelectorGetVisitProgram** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtSelectorSetVisitProgram*

### 1.4.11 rtSelectorQueryVariable

#### NAME

**rtSelectorQueryVariable** - returns a variable associated with a Selector node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtSelectorQueryVariable(RTselector selector,
                                const char* name,
                                RTvariable* v)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**selector**

Selector node handle.

**name**

Variable identifier.

**v**

Variable handle.

#### DESCRIPTION

Returns in **v** a handle to the variable identified by **name**, which is associated with the Selector node **selector**. The current value of a variable can be retrieved from its handle by using an appropriate **rtVariableGet{...}()** function matching the variable's type.

#### RETURN VALUES

RT\_SUCCESS  
RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT  
RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE  
RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtSelectorQueryVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtSelectorDeclareVariable*, *rtSelectorRemoveVariable*, *rtSelectorGetVariableCount*, *rtSelectorGetVariable*, *rtVariableGet*{...}

### 1.4.12 rtSelectorRemoveVariable

#### NAME

**rtSelectorRemoveVariable** - removes a variable from a Selector node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtSelectorRemoveVariable(RTselector selector,  
                                  RTvariable v)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**selector**

Selector node handle.

**v**

Variable handle.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtSelectorRemoveVariable()** removes the variable **v** from the Selector node **selector** and deletes it. The handle **v** must be considered invalid afterwards.

#### RETURN VALUES

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

RT\_ERROR\_VARIABLE\_NOT\_FOUND

#### HISTORY

**rtSelectorRemoveVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtSelectorDeclareVariable*, *rtSelectorQueryVariable*, *rtSelectorGetVariableCount*, *rtSelectorGetVariable*

### 1.4.13 rtSelectorSetChildCount

#### NAME

**rtSelectorSetChildCount** - specifies the number of child nodes to be attached to a Selector node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtSelectorSetChildCount(RTselector selector,
                                unsigned int count)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**selector**

Selector node handle.

**count**

Number of child nodes to be attached to **selector**.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtSelectorSetChildCount()** allocates a number of children slots, i.e., it pre-defines the *exact* number of child nodes the parent Selector node **selector** will have. Child nodes have to be attached to the Selector node using **rtSelectorSetChild()**. Empty slots will cause a validation error.

#### RETURN VALUES

RT\_SUCCESS  
RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT  
RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE  
RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtSelectorSetChildCount** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtSelectorValidate*, *rtSelectorGetChildCount*, *rtSelectorSetChild*, *rtSelectorGetChild*, *rtSelectorGetChildType*

### 1.4.14 rtSelectorSetChild

#### NAME

**rtSelectorSetChild** - attaches a child node to a Selector node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

Rtresult rtSelectorSetChild(Rtselector selector,
                           unsigned int index,
                           Rtobject child)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**selector**

Selector node handle.

**index**

Index of the parent slot the node **child** gets attached to.

**child**

Child node to be attached. Can be {**RTgroup**, **RTselector**, **RTgeometrygroup**, **RTtransform**}.

#### DESCRIPTION

Attaches a new child node **child** to the parent node **selector**. **index** specifies the number of the slot where the child node gets attached. The index value must be lower than the number previously set by **rtSelectorSetChildCount()**, thus it has to be in the range from **0** to **rtSelectorGetChildCount()-1**. Legal child node types are **RTgroup**, **RTselector**, **RTgeometrygroup**, and **RTtransform**.

#### RETURN VALUES

**RT\_SUCCESS**  
**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**  
**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**  
**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

#### HISTORY

**rtSelectorSetChild** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.



**SEE ALSO**

*rtSelectorSetChildCount*, *rtSelectorGetChildCount*, *rtSelectorGetChild*, *rtSelectorGetChildType*

### 1.4.15 `rtSelectorSetVisitProgram`

#### NAME

**rtSelectorSetVisitProgram** - assigns a visit program to a Selector node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtSelectorSetVisitProgram(RTselector selector,
                                   RTprogram program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **selector**

Selector node handle.

##### **program**

Program handle associated with a visit program.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtSelectorSetVisitProgram()** specifies a visit program that is executed when the Selector node **selector** gets visited by a ray during traversal of the model graph. A visit program steers how traversal of the Selector's children is performed. It usually chooses only a single child to continue traversal, but is also allowed to process zero or multiple children. Programs can be created from PTX files using **rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile()**.

#### RETURN VALUES

```
RT_SUCCESS
RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT
RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE
RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED
RT_ERROR_TYPE_MISMATCH
```

#### HISTORY

**rtSelectorSetVisitProgram** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtSelectorGetVisitProgram, rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile*

### 1.4.16 rtSelectorValidate

#### NAME

**rtSelectorValidate** - checks a Selector node for internal consistency

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtSelectorValidate(RTselector selector)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**selector**

Selector root node of a model sub-tree to be validated.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtSelectorValidate()** recursively checks consistency of the Selector node **selector** and its children, i.e., it tries to validate the whole model sub-tree with **selector** as root. For a Selector node to be valid, it must be assigned a visit program, and the number of its children must match the number specified by **rtSelectorSetChildCount()**.

#### RETURN VALUES

RT\_SUCCESS  
RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT  
RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE  
RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtSelectorValidate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtSelectorCreate*, *rtSelectorDestroy*, *rtSelectorGetContext*, *rtSelectorSetVisitProgram*, *rtSelectorSetChildCount*, *rtSelectorSetChild*

## 1.5 Transform Node

### NAME

Transform Node

### DESCRIPTION

This section describes the API functions for creation and handling of Transform nodes. Transform nodes are used to perform affine geometrical transformations on sub-trees of the scene.

**rtTransformCreate**

**rtTransformDestroy**

**rtTransformGetChild**

**rtTransformGetChildType**

**rtTransformGetContext**

**rtTransformGetMatrix**

**rtTransformSetChild**

**rtTransformSetMatrix**

**rtTransformValidate**

### HISTORY

Transform nodes were introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

### SEE ALSO

*Context*, Geometry Group, Group Node, Selector Node, Acceleration Structure, Geometry Instance, *Geometry*, *Material*, *Program*, *Buffer*, Texture Sampler, *Variables*, Context-Free Functions

### 1.5.1 rtTransformCreate

#### NAME

**rtTransformCreate** - creates a new Transform node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTransformCreate(RTcontext context,
                           RTtransform* transform)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

Specifies the rendering context of the Transform node.

**selector**

New Transform node handle.

#### DESCRIPTION

Creates a new Transform node within the given context. For the node to be functional, a child node has to be attached using **rtTransformSetChild()**. A transformation matrix can be associated with the transform node with **rtTransformSetMatrix()**.

#### RETURN VALUES

RT\_SUCCESS  
RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT  
RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE  
RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtTransformCreate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTransformDestroy*, *rtTransformValidate*, *rtTransformGetContext*, *rtTransformSetMatrix*, *rtTransformGetMatrix*, *rtTransformSetChild*, *rtTransformGetChild*, *rtTransformGetChildTypeChild*

### 1.5.2 `rtTransformDestroy`

#### NAME

**rtTransformDestroy** - Destroys a transform node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTransformDestroy(RTtransform transform)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**transform**

Handle of the transform node to destroy

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTransformDestroy** removes **transform** from its context and deletes it. **transform** should be a value returned by **rtTransformCreate**. No child graph nodes are destroyed. After the call, **transform** is no longer a valid handle.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtTransformDestroy** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTransformCreate*, *rtTransformValidate*, *rtTransformGetContext*

### 1.5.3 rtTransformGetChild

#### NAME

**rtTransformGetChild** - returns the child node that is attached to a Transform node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTransformGetChild(RTtransform transform,
                             RObject* child)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**transform**

Transform node handle.

**child**

Child node handle. Can be {**RTgroup**, **RTselector**, **RTgeometrygroup**, **RTtransform**}.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTransformGetChild()** returns in **child** a handle of the child node currently attached to **transform**. The returned pointer is of generic type **RObject** and needs to be cast to the actual child type, which can be **RTgroup**, **RTselector**, **RTgeometrygroup**, or **RTtransform**. The actual type of **child** can be queried using **rtTransformGetChildType()**.

#### RETURN VALUES

**RT\_SUCCESS**  
**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**  
**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**  
**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

#### HISTORY

**rtTransformGetChild** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTransformSetChild*, *rtTransformGetChildType*



### 1.5.4 rtTransformGetChildType

#### NAME

**rtTransformGetChildType** - returns type information about a Transform child node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

Rtresult rtTransformGetChildType(Rttransform transform,
                                Rtobjecttype* type)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**transform**

Transform node handle.

**type**

Type of the child node.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTransformGetChildType()** queries the type of the child node attached to **selector**. The returned type is one of:

```
RT_OBJECTTYPE_GROUP
RT_OBJECTTYPE_GEOMETRY_GROUP
RT_OBJECTTYPE_TRANSFORM
RT_OBJECTTYPE_SELECTOR
```

#### RETURN VALUES

```
RT_SUCCESS
RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT
RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE
RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED
```

#### HISTORY

**rtTransformGetChildType** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtTransformSetChild, rtTransformGetChild*

### 1.5.5 `rtTransformGetContext`

#### NAME

**rtTransformGetContext** - returns the context of a Transform node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTransformGetContext(RTtransform transform,
                               RTcontext* context)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**transform**

Transform node handle.

**context**

The context associated with **transform**.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTransformGetContext** queries a transform node for its associated context. **transform** specifies the transform node to query, and should be a value returned by **rtTransformCreate**. After the call, **\*context** shall be set to the context associated with **transform**.

#### RETURN VALUES

RT\_SUCCESS  
RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT  
RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE  
RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtTransformGetContext** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTransformCreate*, *rtTransformDestroy*, *rtTransformValidate*

### 1.5.6 rtTransformGetMatrix

#### NAME

**rtTransformGetMatrix** - returns the affine matrix and its inverse associated with a Transform node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTransformGetMatrix(RTtransform transform,
                              int transpose, float* matrix,
                              float* inverse_matrix)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **transform**

Transform node handle.

##### **transpose**

Flag indicating whether **matrix** and **inverse\_matrix** should be transposed.

##### **matrix**

Affine matrix (4x4 float array).

##### **inverse\_matrix**

Inverted form of **matrix**.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTransformGetMatrix()** returns in **matrix** the affine matrix that is currently used to perform a transformation of the geometry contained in the sub-tree with **transform** as root. The corresponding inverse matrix will be returned in **inverse\_matrix**. One or both pointers are allowed to be NULL. If **transpose** is 0, matrices are returned in row-major format, i.e., matrix rows are contiguously laid out in memory. If **transpose** is non-zero, matrices are returned in column-major format. If non-NULL, matrix pointers must point to a float array of at least 16 elements.

#### RETURN VALUES

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

## HISTORY

`rtTransformGetMatrix` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtTransformSetMatrix*

### 1.5.7 rtTransformSetChild

#### NAME

**rtTransformSetChild** - attaches a child node to a Transform node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTransformSetChild(RTtransform transform,
                             RTOBJECT child)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **transform**

Transform node handle.

##### **child**

Child node to be attached. Can be {**RTgroup**, **RTselector**, **RTgeometrygroup**, **RTtransform**}.

#### DESCRIPTION

Attaches a child node **child** to the parent node **transform**. Legal child node types are **RTgroup**, **RTselector**, **RTgeometrygroup**, and **RTtransform**. A transform node must have exactly one child. If a transformation matrix has been attached to **transform** with **rtTransformSetMatrix()**, it is effective on the model sub-tree with **child** as root node.

#### RETURN VALUES

```
RT_SUCCESS
RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT
RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE
RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED
```

#### HISTORY

**rtTransformSetChild** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTransformSetMatrix*, *rtTransformGetChild*, *rtTransformGetChildType*

### 1.5.8 rtTransformSetMatrix

#### NAME

**rtTransformSetMatrix** - associates an affine transformation matrix with a Transform node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTransformSetMatrix(RTtransform transform,
                              int transpose,
                              const float* matrix,
                              const float* inverse_matrix)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **transform**

Transform node handle.

##### **transpose**

Flag indicating whether **matrix** and **inverse\_matrix** should be transposed.

##### **matrix**

Affine matrix (4x4 float array).

##### **inverse\_matrix**

Inverted form of **matrix**.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTransformSetMatrix()** associates a 4x4 matrix with the Transform node **transform**. The provided transformation matrix results in a corresponding affine transformation of all geometry contained in the sub-tree with **transform** as root. At least one of the pointers **matrix** and **inverse\_matrix** must be non-NULL. If exactly one pointer is valid, the other matrix will be computed. If both are valid, the matrices will be used as-is. If **transpose** is **0**, source matrices are expected to be in row-major format, i.e., matrix rows are contiguously laid out in memory:

```
float matrix[4*4] = { a11,  a12,  a13,  a14,
                      a21,  a22,  a23,  a24,
                      a31,  a32,  a33,  a34,
                      a41,  a42,  a43,  a44 };
```

Here, the translational elements **a14**, **a24**, and **a34** are at the 4th, 8th, and 12th position the matrix array. If the supplied matrices are in column-major format, a non-0 **transpose** flag can be used to trigger an automatic transpose of the input matrices.

## RETURN VALUES

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

## HISTORY

**ItTransformSetMatrix** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtTransformGetMatrix*



### 1.5.9 rtTransformValidate

#### NAME

**rtTransformValidate** - checks a Transform node for internal consistency

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTransformValidate(RTtransform transform)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**transform**

Transform root node of a model sub-tree to be validated.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTransformValidate()** recursively checks consistency of the Transform node **transform** and its child, i.e., it tries to validate the whole model sub-tree with **transform** as root. For a Transform node to be valid, it must have a child node attached. It is, however, not required to explicitly set a transformation matrix. Without a specified transformation matrix, the identity matrix is applied.

#### RETURN VALUES

RT\_SUCCESS  
RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT  
RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE  
RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtTransformValidate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTransformCreate*, *rtTransformDestroy*, *rtTransformGetContext*, *rtTransformSetMatrix*, *rtTransform-SetChild*

## 1.6 Acceleration Structure

### NAME

Acceleration Structure

### DESCRIPTION

This section describes the API functions for creation and handling of Acceleration structure objects.

**rtAccelerationCreate**

**rtAccelerationDestroy**

**rtAccelerationGetBuilder**

**rtAccelerationGetContext**

**rtAccelerationGetData**

**rtAccelerationGetDataSize**

**rtAccelerationGetProperty**

**rtAccelerationGetTraverser**

**rtAccelerationIsDirty**

**rtAccelerationMarkDirty**

**rtAccelerationSetBuilder**

**rtAccelerationSetData**

**rtAccelerationSetProperty**

**rtAccelerationSetTraverser**

**rtAccelerationValidate**

### HISTORY

Acceleration structure objects were introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

### SEE ALSO

Context, Geometry Group, Group Node, Selector Node, Transform Node, Geometry Instance, Geometry, Material, Program, Buffer, Texture Sampler, Variables, Context-Free Functions

### 1.6.1 `rtAccelerationCreate`

#### NAME

**rtAccelerationCreate** - Creates a new acceleration structure.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtAccelerationCreate(RTcontext context,  
                             RTacceleration* acceleration)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **context**

Specifies a context within which to create a new acceleration structure.

##### **acceleration**

Returns the newly created acceleration structure.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtAccelerationCreate** creates a new ray tracing acceleration structure within a context. An acceleration structure is used by attaching it to a group or geometry group by calling **rtGroupSetAcceleration** or **rtGeometryGroupSetAcceleration**. Note that an acceleration structure can be shared by attaching it to multiple groups or geometry groups if the underlying geometric structures are the same, see **rtGroupSetAcceleration** and **rtGeometryGroupSetAcceleration** for more details. A newly created acceleration structure is initially in *dirty* state.

#### RETURN VALUES

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtAccelerationCreate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtAccelerationDestroy*, *rtContextCreate*, *rtAccelerationMarkDirty*, *rtAccelerationIsDirty*, *rtGroupSetAcceleration*, *rtGeometryGroupSetAcceleration*

## 1.6.2 rtAccelerationDestroy

### NAME

**rtAccelerationDestroy** - Destroys an acceleration structure object

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtAccelerationDestroy(RTacceleration acceleration)
```

### PARAMETERS

#### **acceleration**

Handle of the acceleration structure to destroy

### DESCRIPTION

**rtAccelerationDestroy** removes **acceleration** from its context and deletes it. **acceleration** should be a value returned by **rtAccelerationCreate**. After the call, **acceleration** is no longer a valid handle.

### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

### HISTORY

**rtAccelerationDestroy** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

### SEE ALSO

*rtAccelerationCreate*

### 1.6.3 rtAccelerationGetBuilder

#### NAME

**rtAccelerationGetBuilder** - Query the current builder from an acceleration structure.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtAccelerationGetBuilder(RTacceleration acceleration,
                                  char** return_string)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**acceleration**

The acceleration structure handle.

**return\_string**

Return string buffer.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtAccelerationGetBuilder** returns the name of the builder currently used in the acceleration structure **acceleration**. If no builder has been set for **acceleration**, an empty string is returned. **return\_string** will be set to point to the returned string. The memory **return\_string** points to will be valid until the next API call that returns a string.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtAccelerationGetBuilder** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtAccelerationSetBuilder*

### 1.6.4 rtAccelerationGetContext

#### NAME

**rtAccelerationGetContext** - Returns the context associated with an acceleration structure.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtAccelerationGetContext(RTacceleration acceleration,
                                  RTcontext* context)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**acceleration**

The acceleration structure handle.

**context**

Returns the context associated with the acceleration structure.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtAccelerationGetContext** queries an acceleration structure for its associated context. The context handle is returned in the location pointed to by **context**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtAccelerationGetContext** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtAccelerationCreate*

### 1.6.5 `rtAccelerationGetData`

#### NAME

**rtAccelerationGetData** - Retrieves acceleration structure data.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtAccelerationGetData(RTacceleration acceleration,
                               void* data)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**acceleration**

The acceleration structure handle.

**data**

Pointer to a memory region to be filled with the state of **acceleration**.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtAccelerationGetData** retrieves the full state of the **acceleration** object, and copies it to the memory region pointed to by **data**. Sufficient memory must be available starting at that location to hold the entire state. To query the required memory size, **rtAccelerationGetDataSize** should be used.

The returned **data** from this call is valid input data for **rtAccelerationSetData**.

If **acceleration** is marked dirty, this call is invalid and will return `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**rtAccelerationGetData** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtAccelerationSetData*, *rtAccelerationGetDataSize*



### 1.6.6 `rtAccelerationGetDataSize`

#### NAME

**rtAccelerationGetDataSize** - Returns the size of the data to be retrieved from an acceleration structure.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtAccelerationGetDataSize(RTacceleration acceleration,
                                   RTsize* size)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**acceleration**

The acceleration structure handle.

**size**

The returned size of the data in bytes.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtAccelerationGetDataSize** queries the size of the data that will be returned on a subsequent call to **rtAccelerationGetData**. The size in bytes will be written to the location pointed to by **size**. The returned value is guaranteed to be valid only if no other function using the handle **acceleration** is made before **rtAccelerationGetData**.

If **acceleration** is marked dirty, this call is invalid and will return `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**rtAccelerationGetDataSize** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtAccelerationGetData*, *rtAccelerationSetData*

### 1.6.7 rtAccelerationGetProperty

#### NAME

**rtAccelerationGetProperty** - Queries an acceleration structure property.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtAccelerationGetProperty(RTacceleration acceleration,
                                   const char* name,
                                   char** return_string)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**acceleration**

The acceleration structure handle.

**name**

The name of the property to be queried.

**return\_string**

Return string buffer.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtAccelerationGetProperty** returns the value of the acceleration structure property **name**. See **rtAccelerationSetProperty** for a list of supported properties. If the property name is not found, an empty string is returned. **return\_string** will be set to point to the returned string. The memory **return\_string** points to will be valid until the next API call that returns a string.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtAccelerationGetProperty** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtAccelerationSetProperty*, *rtAccelerationSetBuilder*, *rtAccelerationSetTraverser*

### 1.6.8 rtAccelerationGetTraverser

#### NAME

**rtAccelerationGetTraverser** - Query the current traverser from an acceleration structure.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtAccelerationGetTraverser(RTacceleration acceleration,
                                     char** return_string)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**acceleration**

The acceleration structure handle.

**return\_string**

Return string buffer.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtAccelerationGetTraverser** returns the name of the traverser currently used in the acceleration structure **acceleration**. If no traverser has been set for **acceleration**, an empty string is returned. **return\_string** will be set to point to the returned string. The memory **return\_string** points to will be valid until the next API call that returns a string.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtAccelerationGetTraverser** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtAccelerationSetTraverser*

### 1.6.9 `rtAccelerationIsDirty`

#### NAME

**rtAccelerationIsDirty** - Returns the dirty flag of an acceleration structure.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtAccelerationIsDirty(RTacceleration acceleration,
                               int* dirty)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**acceleration**

The acceleration structure handle.

**dirty**

Returned dirty flag.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtAccelerationIsDirty** returns whether the acceleration structure is currently marked dirty. If the flag is set, a nonzero value will be returned in the location pointed to by **dirty**. Otherwise, zero is returned.

Any acceleration structure which is marked dirty will be rebuilt on a call to one of the **rtContextLaunch** functions, and its dirty flag will be reset. The dirty flag will also be reset on a successful call to **rtAccelerationSetData**.

An acceleration structure which is not marked dirty will never be rebuilt, even if associated groups, geometry, properties, or any other values have changed.

Initially after creation, acceleration structures are marked dirty.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**rtAccelerationIsDirty** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtAccelerationMarkDirty, rtAccelerationSetData, rtContextLaunch*

## 1.6.10 `rtAccelerationMarkDirty`

### NAME

**`rtAccelerationMarkDirty`** - Marks an acceleration structure as dirty.

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtAccelerationMarkDirty(RTacceleration acceleration)
```

### PARAMETERS

#### **`acceleration`**

The acceleration structure handle.

### DESCRIPTION

**`rtAccelerationMarkDirty`** sets the dirty flag for **`acceleration`**.

Any acceleration structure which is marked dirty will be rebuilt on a call to one of the **`rtContextLaunch`** functions, and its dirty flag will be reset. The dirty flag will also be reset on a successful call to **`rtAccelerationSetData`**.

An acceleration structure which is not marked dirty will never be rebuilt, even if associated groups, geometry, properties, or any other values have changed.

Initially after creation, acceleration structures are marked dirty.

### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

### HISTORY

**`rtAccelerationMarkDirty`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

### SEE ALSO

*`rtAccelerationIsDirty`, `rtAccelerationSetData`, `rtContextLaunch`*

### 1.6.11 rtAccelerationSetBuilder

#### NAME

**rtAccelerationSetBuilder** - Specifies the builder to be used for an acceleration structure.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

Rtresult rtAccelerationSetBuilder(Rtacceleration acceleration,
                                  const char* builder)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### acceleration

The acceleration structure handle.

##### builder

String value specifying the builder type.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtAccelerationSetBuilder** specifies the method used to construct the ray tracing acceleration structure represented by **acceleration**. A builder has to be set for the acceleration structure to pass validation. The current builder can be changed at any time, including after a call to **rtContextLaunch**. In this case, data previously computed for the acceleration structure is invalidated and the acceleration will be marked dirty.

An acceleration structure is only valid with a correct pair of builder and traverser. The traverser type is specified using **rtAccelerationSetTraverser**. For a list of valid combinations of builders and traversers, see below. For a description of the individual traversers, see **rtAccelerationSetTraverser**.

**builder** can take one of the following values:

*"NoAccel"*: Specifies that no acceleration structure is explicitly built. Traversal linearly loops through the list of primitives to intersect. This can be useful e.g. for higher level groups with only few children, where managing a more complex structure introduces unnecessary overhead. Valid traverser types: *"NoAccel"*.

*"Bvh"*: A standard bounding volume hierarchy, useful for most types of graph levels and geometry. Medium build speed, good ray tracing performance. Valid traverser types: *"Bvh"*.

*"Sbvh"*: A high quality BVH variant for maximum ray tracing performance. Slower build speed and slightly higher memory footprint than *"Bvh"*. Valid traverser types: *"Bvh"*.

*"MedianBvh"*: A medium quality bounding volume hierarchy with quick build performance. Useful for dynamic and semi-dynamic content. Valid traverser types: *"Bvh"*.

*"Lbvh"*: A simple bounding volume hierarchy with very fast build performance. Useful for dynamic content. Valid traverser types: *"Bvh"*.



*"TriangleKdTree"*: A high quality kd-tree builder, for triangle geometry only. This may provide better ray tracing performance than the BVH builders for some scenarios. Valid traverser types: *"KdTree"*.

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

## HISTORY

**rtAccelerationSetBuilder** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtAccelerationGetBuilder*, *rtAccelerationSetTraverser*, *rtAccelerationSetProperty*

### 1.6.12 `rtAccelerationSetData`

#### NAME

**rtAccelerationSetData** - Sets the state of an acceleration structure.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtAccelerationSetData(RTacceleration acceleration,
                               const void* data,
                               RTsize size)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **acceleration**

The acceleration structure handle.

##### **data**

Pointer to data containing the serialized state.

##### **size**

The size in bytes of the buffer pointed to by **data**.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtAccelerationSetData** sets the full state of the **acceleration** object, including builder and traverser type as well as properties, as defined by **data**. The memory pointed to by **data** must be unaltered values previously retrieved from a (potentially different) acceleration structure handle. This mechanism is useful for implementing caching mechanisms, especially when using high quality structures which are expensive to build.

Note that no check is performed on whether the contents of **data** match the actual underlying geometry on which the acceleration structure is used. If the children of associated groups or geometry groups differ in number of children, layout of bounding boxes, or geometry, then behavior after this call is undefined.

This call returns `RT_ERROR_VERSION_MISMATCH` if the specified data was retrieved from a different, incompatible version of *OptiX*. In this case, the state of **acceleration** is not changed.

If the call is successful, the dirty flag of **acceleration** will be cleared.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_VERSION\_MISMATCH

## HISTORY

**rtAccelerationSetData** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtAccelerationGetData*, *rtAccelerationGetDataSize*

### 1.6.13 rtAccelerationSetProperty

#### NAME

**rtAccelerationSetProperty** - Sets an acceleration structure property.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtAccelerationSetProperty(RTacceleration acceleration,
                                   const char* name,
                                   const char* value)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### acceleration

The acceleration structure handle.

##### name

String value specifying the name of the property.

##### value

String value specifying the value of the property.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtAccelerationSetProperty** sets a named property value for an acceleration structure. Properties can be used to fine tune the way an acceleration structure is built, in order to achieve faster build times or better ray tracing performance. Properties are evaluated and applied by the acceleration structure during build time, and different builders recognize different properties. Setting a property will never fail as long as **acceleration** is a valid handle. Properties that are not recognized by an acceleration structure will be ignored.

The following is a list of the properties used by the individual builders:

*"NoAccel"*: No properties are available for this builder.

*"Bvh"*: *refit* is an integer value specifying whether the BVH should be refitted or rebuilt from scratch when a valid BVH over similar geometry is already existent. The value indicates how many frames are to pass before forcing a rebuild, the exception being a value of *1*, which will always refit (never rebuild if possible). A value of *0* will never refit (always rebuild). Regardless of the refit value, if the number of primitives changes from the last frame, a rebuild is forced. Refitting is much faster than a full rebuild, and usually yields good ray tracing performance if deformations to the underlying geometry are not too large. The default is *0*. *refit* is only supported on SM\_20 (Fermi) class GPUs and later. Older devices will simply ignore the *refit* property, effectively rebuilding any time the structure is marked dirty. *refine* can be used in combination with *refit*, and will apply tree rotations to the existing BVH to attempt to improve the quality for faster traversal. Like *refit*, tree rotations are much faster than a full rebuild. The value indicates how many rotation passes

over the tree to perform per frame. With *refine* on, the quality of the tree degrades much less rapidly than with just *refit*, and can increase the number of frames between rebuilds before traversal performance suffers. In some cases, it can eliminate the need for rebuilds entirely. The default is 0. *refine* is only supported on SM\_20 (Fermi) class GPUs and later.

*"Sbvh"*: The SBVH can be used for any type of geometry, but especially efficient structures can be built for triangles. For this case, the following properties are used in order to provide the necessary geometry information to the acceleration object: *vertex\_buffer\_name* specifies the name of the vertex buffer variable for underlying geometry, containing float3 vertices. *vertex\_buffer\_stride* is used to define the offset between two vertices in the buffer, given in bytes. The default stride is zero, which assumes that the vertices are tightly packed. *index\_buffer\_name* specifies the name of the index buffer variable for underlying geometry (if any). The entries in this buffer are indices of type int, where each index refers to one entry in the vertex buffer. A sequence of three indices represent one triangle. *index\_buffer\_stride* can be used analog to *vertex\_buffer\_stride* to describe interleaved arrays.

*"MedianBvh"*: *refit* (see *refit* flag for *"Bvh"* above). *refine*, (see *refine* flag for *"Bvh"* above).

*"Lbvh"*: *refit* (see *refit* flag for *"Bvh"* above). *refine*, (see *refine* flag for *"Bvh"* above), with one important difference: for *"Lbvh"*, *refine* can be used alone, and does not require *refit*. If used without *refit*, tree rotations will be applied after the Lbvh build. The default is 0.

*"TriangleKdTree"*: Since the kd-tree can build its acceleration structure over triangles only, the geometry data and its format must be made available to the acceleration object. See *Sbvh* for a description of the relevant properties (*vertex\_buffer\_name*, *index\_buffer\_name*, *vertex\_buffer\_stride*, and *index\_buffer\_stride*).

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

## HISTORY

**rtAccelerationSetProperty** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtAccelerationGetProperty*, *rtAccelerationSetBuilder*, *rtAccelerationSetTraverser*

### 1.6.14 `rtAccelerationSetTraverser`

#### NAME

**rtAccelerationSetTraverser** - Specifies the traverser to be used for an acceleration structure.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtAccelerationSetTraverser(RTacceleration acceleration,
                                   const char* traverser)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **acceleration**

The acceleration structure handle.

##### **traverser**

String value specifying the traverser type.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtAccelerationSetTraverser** specifies the method used to traverse the ray tracing acceleration structure represented by **acceleration**. A traverser has to be set for the acceleration structure to pass validation. The current active traverser can be changed at any time.

An acceleration structure is only valid with a correct pair of builder and traverser. The builder type is specified using **rtAccelerationSetBuilder**. For a list of valid combinations of builders and traversers, see below. For a description of the individual builders, see **rtAccelerationSetBuilder**.

**traverser** can take one of the following values:

*"NoAccel"*: Linearly loops through the list of primitives to intersect. This is highly inefficient in all but the most trivial scenarios (but there it can provide good performance due to very little overhead). Valid builder types: *"NoAccel"*.

*"Bvh"*: Optimized traversal of generic bounding volume hierarchies. Valid builder types: *"Sbvh"*, *"Bvh"*, *"MedianBvh"*, *"Lbvh"*.

*"BvhCompact"*: Optimized traversal of bounding volume hierarchies for large datasets when virtual memory is turned on. It compresses the BVH data in 4 times before uploading to the device. And decompress the BVH data in real-time during traversal of a bounding volume hierarchy. Valid builder types: *"Bvh"*, *"MedianBvh"*, *"Lbvh"*.

*"KdTree"*: Standard traversal for kd-trees. Valid builder types: *"TriangleKdTree"*.

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

## HISTORY

`rtAccelerationSetTraverser` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtAccelerationGetTraverser*, *rtAccelerationSetBuilder*, *rtAccelerationSetProperty*

### 1.6.15 `rtAccelerationValidate`

#### NAME

**rtAccelerationValidate** - Validates the state of an acceleration structure.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtAccelerationValidate(RTacceleration acceleration)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**acceleration**

The acceleration structure handle.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtAccelerationValidate** checks **acceleration** for completeness. If **acceleration** is not valid, the call will return `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**rtAccelerationValidate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtAccelerationCreate*



## 1.7 Geometry Instance

### NAME

Geometry Instance

### DESCRIPTION

This section describes the API functions for creation and handling of Geometry instances.

**rtGeometryInstanceCreate**

**rtGeometryInstanceDeclareVariable**

**rtGeometryInstanceDestroy**

**rtGeometryInstanceGetContext**

**rtGeometryInstanceGetGeometry**

**rtGeometryInstanceGetMaterialCount**

**rtGeometryInstanceGetMaterial**

**rtGeometryInstanceGetVariableCount**

**rtGeometryInstanceGetVariable**

**rtGeometryInstanceQueryVariable**

**rtGeometryInstanceRemoveVariable**

**rtGeometryInstanceSetGeometry**

**rtGeometryInstanceSetMaterialCount**

**rtGeometryInstanceSetMaterial**

**rtGeometryInstanceValidate**

### HISTORY

Geometry instances were introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

### SEE ALSO

Context, Geometry Group, Group Node, Selector Node, Transform Node, Acceleration Structure, Geometry, Material, Program, Buffer, Texture Sampler, Variables, Context-Free Functions

### 1.7.1 `rtGeometryInstanceCreate`

#### NAME

**rtGeometryInstanceCreate** - creates a new geometry instance node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometryInstanceCreate(RTcontext context,  
                                  RTgeometryinstance* geometryinstance)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **context**

Specifies the rendering context of the GeometryInstance node.

##### **geometryinstance**

New GeometryInstance node handle.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryInstanceCreate** creates a new geometry instance node within a context. **context** specifies the target context, and should be a value returned by **rtContextCreate**. After the call, **\*geometryinstance** shall be set to the handle of a newly created geometry instance node within **context**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryInstanceCreate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryInstanceDestroy*, *rtGeometryInstanceDestroy*, *rtGeometryInstanceGetContext*

### 1.7.2 `rtGeometryInstanceDeclareVariable`

#### NAME

**`rtGeometryInstanceDeclareVariable`** - declares a new named variable associated with a geometry node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryInstanceDeclareVariable(RTgeometryinstance geometryinstance,
                                           const char* name,
                                           RTvariable* v)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **`geometryinstance`**

Specifies the associated GeometryInstance node.

##### **`name`**

The name that identifies the variable.

##### **`v`**

Returns a handle to a newly declared variable.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtGeometryInstanceDeclareVariable`** declares a new variable associated with a geometry instance node. **`geometryinstance`** specifies the target geometry node, and should be a value returned by **`rtGeometryInstanceCreate`**. **`name`** specifies the name of the variable, and should be a NULL-terminated string. If there is currently no variable associated with **`geometryinstance`** named **`name`**, a new variable named **`name`** will be created and associated with **`geometryinstance`**. After the call, **`*v`** will be set to the handle of the newly-created variable. Otherwise, **`*v`** will be set to NULL. After declaration, the variable can be queried with **`rtGeometryInstanceQueryVariable`** or **`rtGeometryInstanceGetVariable`**. A declared variable does not have a type until its value is set with one of the **`rtVariableSet`** functions. Once a variable is set, its type cannot be changed anymore.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

RT\_ERROR\_VARIABLE\_REDECLARED

RT\_ERROR\_ILLEGAL\_SYMBOL

## HISTORY

**rtGeometryInstanceDeclareVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*Variables*, *rtGeometryInstanceQueryVariable*, *rtGeometryInstanceGetVariable*, *rtGeometryInstanceRemoveVariable*

### 1.7.3 `rtGeometryInstanceDestroy`

#### NAME

**rtGeometryInstanceDestroy** - Destroys a geometry instance node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometryInstanceDestroy(RTgeometryinstance geometryinstance)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometryinstance**

Handle of the geometry instance node to destroy

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryInstanceDestroy** removes **geometryinstance** from its context and deletes it. **geometryinstance** should be a value returned by **rtGeometryInstanceCreate**. Associated variables declared via **rtGeometryInstanceDeclareVariable** are destroyed, but no child graph nodes are destroyed. After the call, **geometryinstance** is no longer a valid handle.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryInstanceDestroy** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryInstanceCreate*

### 1.7.4 `rtGeometryInstanceGetContext`

#### NAME

**`rtGeometryInstanceGetContext`** - returns the context associated with a geometry instance node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometryInstanceGetContext(RTgeometryinstance geometryinstance,  
                                      RTcontext* context)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**`geometryinstance`**

Specifies the geometry instance.

**`context`**

Handle for queried context.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtGeometryInstanceGetContext`** queries a geometry instance node for its associated context. **`geometryinstance`** specifies the geometry node to query, and should be a value returned by **`rtMGeometryInstanceCreate`**. After the call, **`*context`** shall be set to the context associated with **`geometryinstance`**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

**`rtGeometryInstanceGetContext`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryInstanceGetContext*

### 1.7.5 `rtGeometryInstanceGetGeometry`

#### NAME

`rtGeometryInstanceGetGeometry` - returns the attached Geometry node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryInstanceGetGeometry(RTgeometryinstance geometryinstance,
                                       RTgeometry* geometry)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometryinstance**

GeometryInstance node handle to query geometry.

**geometry**

Handle to attached Geometry node.

#### DESCRIPTION

`rtGeometryInstanceGetGeometry` sets **geometry** to the handle of the attached Geometry node. If no Geometry node is attached, `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` is returned, else `RT_SUCCESS`.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

`rtGeometryInstanceGetGeometry` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryInstanceCreate*, *rtGeometryInstanceDestory*, *rtGeometryInstanceValidate*, *rtGeometryInstanceSetGeometry*

### 1.7.6 `rtGeometryInstanceGetMaterialCount`

#### NAME

**`rtGeometryInstanceGetMaterialCount`** - returns the number of attached materials

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometryInstanceGetMaterialCount(RTgeometryinstance geometryinstance,  
                                             unsigned int* count)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**`geometryinstance`**

GeometryInstance node to query from the number of materials.

**`count`**

Number of attached materials.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtGeometryInstanceGetMaterialCount`** returns for **`geometryinstance`** the number of attached Material nodes **`count`**. The number of materials can be set with **`rtGeometryInstanceSetMaterialCount`**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**`rtGeometryInstanceGetMaterialCount`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtGeometryInstanceSetMaterialCount`*



### 1.7.7 `rtGeometryInstanceGetMaterial`

#### NAME

**`rtGeometryInstanceGetMaterial`** - returns a material handle

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryInstanceGetMaterial(RTgeometryinstance geometryinstance,
                                       unsigned int idx,
                                       RTmaterial* material)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**`geometryinstance`**

GeometryInstance node handle to query material.

**`idx`**

Index of material.

**`material`**

Handle to material.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtGeometryInstanceGetMaterial`** returns handle **`material`** for the Material node at position **`idx`** in the material list of **`geometryinstance`**. **`idx`** must be in the range of **`0`** to **`rtGeometryInstanceGetMaterialCount()-1`**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**`RT_SUCCESS`**

**`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`**

**`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`**

**`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`**

#### HISTORY

**`rtGeometryInstanceGetMaterial`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtGeometryInstanceGetMaterialCount, rtGeometryInstanceSetMaterial*

### 1.7.8 `rtGeometryInstanceGetVariableCount`

#### NAME

`rtGeometryInstanceGetVariableCount` - returns the number of attached variables

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometryInstanceGetVariableCount(RTgeometryinstance geometryinstance,  
                                             unsigned int* count)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometryinstance**

The GeometryInstance node to query from the number of attached variables.

**count**

Returns the number of attached variables.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryInstanceGetVariableCount** queries the number of variables attached to a geometry instance. **geometryinstance** specifies the geometry instance, and should be a value returned by **rtGeometryInstanceCreate**. After the call, the number of variables attached to **geometryinstance** is returned to **\*count**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryInstanceGetVariableCount** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtGeometryInstanceSetVariableCount*, *rtGeometryInstanceDeclareVariable*, *rtGeometryInstanceRemoveVariable*

### 1.7.9 `rtGeometryInstanceGetVariable`

#### NAME

**rtGeometryInstanceGetVariable** - returns a handle to an indexed variable of a geometry instance node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryInstanceGetVariable(RTgeometryinstance geometryinstance,
                                       unsigned int index,
                                       RTvariable* v)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **geometryinstance**

The GeometryInstance node from which to query a variable.

##### **index**

The index that identifies the variable to be queried.

##### **v**

Returns handle to indexed variable.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryInstanceGetVariable** queries the handle of a geometry instance's indexed variable. **geometryinstance** specifies the target geometry instance and should be a value returned by **rtGeometryInstanceCreate**. **index** specifies the index of the variable, and should be a value less than **rtGeometryInstanceGetVariableCount**. If **index** is the index of a variable attached to **geometryinstance**, **\*v** will be a handle to that variable after the call. Otherwise, **\*v** will be NULL after the call. **\*v** has to be declared first with **rtGeometryInstanceDeclareVariable** before it can be queried.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

**RT\_ERROR\_VARIABLE\_NOT\_FOUND**

## HISTORY

`rtGeometryInstanceGetVariable` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryDeclareVariable*, *rtGeometryGetVariableCount*, *rtGeometryRemoveVariable*, *rtGeometryQueryVariable*

### 1.7.10 `rtGeometryInstanceQueryVariable`

#### NAME

**rtGeometryInstanceQueryVariable** - returns a handle to a named variable of a geometry node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometryInstanceQueryVariable(RTgeometryinstance geometryinstance,  
                                         const char* name,  
                                         RTvariable* v)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometryinstance**

The GeometryInstance node to query from a variable.

**name**

The name that identifies the variable to be queried.

**v**

Returns the named variable.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryInstanceQueryVariable** queries the handle of a geometry instance node's named variable. **geometryinstance** specifies the target geometry node and should be a value returned by **rtGeometryInstanceCreate**. **name** specifies the name of the variable, and should be a NULL-terminated string. If **name** is the name of a variable attached to **geometryinstance**, **\*v** will be a handle to that variable after the call. Otherwise, **\*v** will be NULL after the call. Geometry instance variables have to be declared with **rtGeometryInstanceDeclareVariable** before they can be queried.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

## HISTORY

**rtGeometryInstanceQueryVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryInstanceDeclareVariable*, *rtGeometryInstanceRemoveVariable*, *rtGeometryInstanceGetVariableCount*, *rtGeometryInstanceGetVariable*



### 1.7.11 `rtGeometryInstanceRemoveVariable`

#### NAME

**`rtGeometryInstanceRemoveVariable`** - removes a named variable from a geometry instance node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometryInstanceRemoveVariable(RTgeometryinstance geometryinstance,  
                                           RTvariable v)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**`geometryinstance`**

The `GeometryInstance` node from which to remove a variable.

**`v`**

The variable to be removed.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtGeometryInstanceRemoveVariable`** removes a named variable from a geometry instance. The target geometry instance is specified by **`geometryinstance`**, which should be a value returned by **`rtGeometryInstanceCreate`**. The variable to be removed is specified by **`v`**, which should be a value returned by **`rtGeometryInstanceDeclareVariable`**. Once a variable has been removed from this geometry instance, another variable with the same name as the removed variable may be declared.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

`RT_ERROR_VARIABLE_NOT_FOUND`

#### HISTORY

**`rtGeometryInstanceRemoveVariable`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtContextRemoveVariable, rtGeometryInstanceDeclareVariable*

### 1.7.12 `rtGeometryInstanceSetGeometry`

#### NAME

`rtGeometryInstanceSetGeometry` - attaches a Geometry node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometryInstanceSetGeometry(RTgeometryinstance geometryinstance,  
                                       RTgeometry geometry)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometryinstance**

GeometryInstance node handle to attach geometry.

**geometry**

Geometry handle to attach to **geometryinstance**.

#### DESCRIPTION

`rtGeometryInstanceSetGeometry` attaches a Geometry node to a GeometryInstance. Only **one** Geometry node can be attached to a GeometryInstance. However, it is at any time possible to attach a different Geometry node.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

`rtGeometryInstanceSetGeometry` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryInstanceGetGeometry*

### 1.7.13 `rtGeometryInstanceSetMaterialCount`

#### NAME

`rtGeometryInstanceSetMaterialCount` - sets the number of materials

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometryInstanceSetMaterialCount(RTgeometryinstance geometryinstance,  
                                             unsigned int count)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometryinstance**

GeometryInstance node to set number of materials.

**count**

Number of materials to be set.

#### DESCRIPTION

`rtGeometryInstanceSetMaterialCount` sets the number of materials **count** that will be attached to **geometryinstance**. The number of attached materials can be changed at any time. Increasing the number of materials will not modify already assigned materials. Decreasing the number of materials will not modify the remaining already assigned materials.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

`rtGeometryInstanceSetMaterialCount` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtGeometryInstanceGetMaterialCount*

### 1.7.14 `rtGeometryInstanceSetMaterial`

#### NAME

`rtGeometryInstanceSetMaterial` - sets a material

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryInstanceSetMaterial(RTgeometryinstance geometryinstance,
                                       unsigned int idx,
                                       RTmaterial material)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometryinstance**

GeometryInstance node for which to set a material.

**idx**

Index into the material list.

**material**

Material handle to attach to **geometryinstance**.

#### DESCRIPTION

`rtGeometryInstanceSetMaterial` attaches **material** to **geometryinstance** at position **idx** in its internal Material node list. **idx** has to be in the range **0** to `rtGeometryInstanceGetMaterialCount()-1`.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

`rtGeometryInstanceSetMaterial` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtGeometryInstanceGetMaterialCount, rtGeometryInstanceSetMaterialCount*

### 1.7.15 `rtGeometryInstanceValidate`

#### NAME

**`rtGeometryInstanceValidate`** - checks a `GeometryInstance` node for internal consistency

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometryInstanceValidate(RTgeometryinstance geometryinstance)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**`geometryinstance`**

`GeometryInstance` node of a model sub-tree to be validated.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtGeometryInstanceValidate`** checks **`geometryinstance`** for completeness. If **`geometryinstance`** or any of the objects attached to **`geometry`** are not valid, the call will return **`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**`RT_SUCCESS`**

**`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`**

**`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`**

**`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`**

#### HISTORY

**`rtGeometryInstanceValidate`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtGeometryInstanceCreate`*



## 1.8 Geometry

### NAME

Geometry

### DESCRIPTION

This section describes the API functions for creation and handling of Geometry objects.

**rtGeometryCreate**

**rtGeometryDeclareVariable**

**rtGeometryDestroy**

**rtGeometryGetBoundingBoxProgram**

**rtGeometryGetContext**

**rtGeometryGetIntersectionProgram**

**rtGeometryGetPrimitiveCount**

**rtGeometryGetVariableCount**

**rtGeometryGetVariable**

**rtGeometryIsDirty**

**rtGeometryMarkDirty**

**rtGeometryQueryVariable**

**rtGeometryRemoveVariable**

**rtGeometrySetBoundingBoxProgram**

**rtGeometrySetIntersectionProgram**

**rtGeometrySetPrimitiveCount**

**rtGeometryValidate**

### HISTORY

Geometry objects were introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

### SEE ALSO

Context, Geometry Group, Group Node, Selector Node, Transform Node, Acceleration Structure, Geometry Instance, Material, Program, Buffer, Texture Sampler, Variables, Context-Free Functions

### 1.8.1 rtGeometryCreate

#### NAME

**rtGeometryCreate** - creates a new geometry node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryCreate(RTcontext context,
                          RTgeometry* geometry)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

Specifies the rendering context of the Geometry node.

**geometry**

New Geometry node handle.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryCreate** creates a new geometry node within a context. **context** specifies the target context, and should be a value returned by **rtContextCreate**. After the call, **\*geometry** shall be set to the handle of a newly created geometry node within **context**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryCreate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryDestroy*, *rtGeometrySetBoundingBoxProgram*, *rtGeometrySetIntersectionProgram*

## 1.8.2 rtGeometryDeclareVariable

### NAME

**rtGeometryDeclareVariable** - declares a new named variable associated with a geometry instance

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryDeclareVariable(RTgeometry geometry,
                                   const char* name,
                                   RTvariable* v)
```

### PARAMETERS

#### **geometry**

Specifies the associated Geometry node.

#### **name**

The name that identifies the variable.

#### **v**

Returns a handle to a newly declared variable.

### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryDeclareVariable** declares a new variable associated with a geometry node. **geometry** specifies the target geometry node, and should be a value returned by **rtGeometryCreate**. **name** specifies the name of the variable, and should be a NULL-terminated string. If there is currently no variable associated with **geometry** named **name**, a new variable named **name** will be created and associated with **geometry**. After the call, **\*v** will be set to the handle of the newly-created variable. Otherwise, **\*v** will be set to NULL. After declaration, the variable can be queried with **rtGeometryQueryVariable** or **rtGeometryGetVariable**. A declared variable does not have a type until its value is set with one of the **rtVariableSet** functions. Once a variable is set, its type cannot be changed anymore.

### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

RT\_ERROR\_VARIABLE\_REDECLARED

RT\_ERROR\_ILLEGAL\_SYMBOL

## HISTORY

**rtGeometryDeclareVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*Variables, rtGeometryQueryVariable, rtGeometryGetVariable, rtGeometryRemoveVariable*

### 1.8.3 **rtGeometryDestroy**

#### NAME

**rtGeometryDestroy** - Destroys a geometry node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometryDestroy(RTgeometry geometry)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometry**

Handle of the geometry node to destroy

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryDestroy** removes **geometry** from its context and deletes it. **geometry** should be a value returned by **rtGeometryCreate**. Associated variables declared via **rtGeometryDeclareVariable** are destroyed, but no child graph nodes are destroyed. After the call, **geometry** is no longer a valid handle.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryDestroy** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryCreate*, *rtGeometrySetPrimitiveCount*, *rtGeometryGetPrimitiveCount*

### 1.8.4 rtGeometryGetBoundingBoxProgram

#### NAME

**rtGeometryGetBoundingBoxProgram** - returns the attached bounding box program

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryGetBoundingBoxProgram(RTgeometry geometry,
                                         RTprogram* program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometry**

Geometry node handle from which to query program.

**program**

Handle to attached bounding box program.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryGetBoundingBoxProgram** returns the handle **program** for the attached bounding box program of **geometry**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryGetBoundingBoxProgram** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometrySetBoundingBoxProgram*

### 1.8.5 `rtGeometryGetContext`

#### NAME

**rtGeometryGetContext** - returns the context associated with a geometry node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryGetContext(RTgeometry geometry,
                              RTcontext* context)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometry**

Specifies the geometry to query.

**context**

The context associated with **geometry**.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryGetContext** queries a geometry node for its associated context. **geometry** specifies the geometry node to query, and should be a value returned by **rtMGeometryCreate**. After the call, **\*context** shall be set to the context associated with **geometry**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryGetContext** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryCreate*

### 1.8.6 rtGeometryGetIntersectionProgram

#### NAME

**rtGeometryGetIntersectionProgram** - returns the attached intersection program

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometryGetIntersectionProgram(RTgeometry geometry,  
                                          RTprogram* program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometry**

Geometry node handle to query program.

**program**

Handle to attached intersection program.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryGetIntersectionProgram** returns in **program** a handle of the attached intersection program.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryGetIntersectionProgram** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometrySetIntersectionProgram*, *rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile*, *rtProgramCreateFromPTXString*



## 1.8.7 `rtGeometryGetPrimitiveCount`

### NAME

**`rtGeometryGetPrimitiveCount`** - returns the number of primitives

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryGetPrimitiveCount(RTgeometry geometry,
                                     unsigned int* num_primitives)
```

### PARAMETERS

**`geometry`**

Geometry node to query from the number of primitives.

**`num_primitives`**

Number of primitives.

### DESCRIPTION

**`rtGeometryGetPrimitiveCount`** returns for **`geometry`** the number of set primitives. The number of primitives can be set with **`rtGeometrySetPrimitiveCount`**.

### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

### HISTORY

**`rtGeometryGetPrimitiveCount`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

### SEE ALSO

*`rtGeometrySetPrimitiveCount`*

### 1.8.8 rtGeometryGetVariableCount

#### NAME

**rtGeometryGetVariableCount** - returns the number of attached variables

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryGetVariableCount(RTgeometry geometry,
                                     unsigned int* count)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometry**

The Geometry node to query from the number of attached variables.

**count**

Returns the number of attached variables.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryGetVariableCount** queries the number of variables attached to a geometry node. **geometry** specifies the geometry node, and should be a value returned by **rtGeometryCreate**. After the call, the number of variables attached to **geometry** is returned to **\*count**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryGetVariableCount** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometrySetVariableCount*, *rtGeometryDeclareVariable*, *rtGeometryRemoveVariable*

### 1.8.9 `rtGeometryGetVariable`

#### NAME

**rtGeometryGetVariable** - returns a handle to an indexed variable of a geometry node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryGetVariable(RTgeometry geometry,
                               unsigned int index,
                               RTvariable* v)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **geometry**

The geometry node from which to query a variable.

##### **index**

The index that identifies the variable to be queried.

##### **v**

Returns handle to indexed variable.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryGetVariable** queries the handle of a geometry node's indexed variable. **geometry** specifies the target geometry and should be a value returned by **rtGeometryCreate**. **index** specifies the index of the variable, and should be a value less than **rtGeometryGetVariableCount**. If **index** is the index of a variable attached to **geometry**, **\*v** will be a handle to that variable after the call. Otherwise, **\*v** will be NULL after the call. **\*v** has to be declared first with **rtGeometryDeclareVariable** before it can be queried.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

`RT_ERROR_VARIABLE_NOT_FOUND`

## HISTORY

**rtGeometryGetVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryDeclareVariable*, *rtGeometryGetVariableCount*, *rtGeometryRemoveVariable*, *rtGeometryQueryVariable*

### 1.8.10 `rtGeometryIsDirty`

#### NAME

`rtGeometryIsDirty` - returns the dirty flag

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryIsDirty(RTgeometry geometry,
                           int* dirty)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometry**

The geometry node to query from the dirty flag.

**dirty**

Dirty flag.

#### DESCRIPTION

`rtGeometryIsDirty` returns the dirty flag of **geometry**. The dirty flag for geometry nodes can be set with `rtGeometryMarkDirty`. By default the flag is **1** for a new geometry node, indicating dirty. After a call to `rtContextLaunch` the flag is automatically set to **0**. When the dirty flag is set, the geometry data is uploaded automatically to the device while a `rtContextLaunch` call.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

`rtGeometryIsDirty` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtContextLaunch*, *rtGeometryMarkDirty*

### 1.8.11 `rtGeometryMarkDirty`

#### NAME

`rtGeometryMarkDirty` - sets the dirty flag

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryMarkDirty(RTgeometry geometry)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometry**

The geometry node to mark as dirty.

#### DESCRIPTION

`rtGeometryMarkDirty` sets for **geometry** the dirty flag. By default the dirty flag is set for a new Geometry node. After a call to `rtContextLaunch` the flag is automatically cleared. When the dirty flag is set, the geometry data is uploaded automatically to the device while a `rtContextLaunch` call.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`  
`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`  
`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`  
`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

`rtGeometryMarkDirty` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryIsDirty*

### 1.8.12 **rtGeometryQueryVariable**

#### NAME

**rtGeometryQueryVariable** - returns a handle to a named variable of a geometry node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryQueryVariable(RTgeometry geometry,
                                 const char* name,
                                 RTvariable* v)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometry**

The geometry node to query from a variable.

**name**

The name that identifies the variable to be queried.

**v**

Returns the named variable.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryQueryVariable** queries the handle of a geometry node's named variable. **geometry** specifies the target geometry node and should be a value returned by **rtGeometryCreate**. **name** specifies the name of the variable, and should be a NULL-terminated string. If **name** is the name of a variable attached to **geometry**, **\*v** will be a handle to that variable after the call. Otherwise, **\*v** will be NULL after the call. Geometry variables have to be declared with **rtGeometryDeclareVariable** before they can be queried.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

RT\_ERROR\_VARIABLE\_NOT\_FOUND



## HISTORY

**rtGeometryQueryVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtGeometryDeclareVariable*, *rtGeometryRemoveVariable*, *rtGeometryGetVariableCount*, *rtGeometryGetVariable*

### 1.8.13 **rtGeometryRemoveVariable**

#### NAME

**rtGeometryRemoveVariable** - removes a named variable from a geometry node

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometryRemoveVariable(RTgeometry geometry,
                                   RTvariable v)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **geometry**

The geometry node from which to remove a variable.

##### **v**

The variable to be removed.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryRemoveVariable** removes a named variable from a geometry node. The target geometry is specified by **geometry**, which should be a value returned by **rtGeometryCreate**. The variable to remove is specified by **v**, which should be a value returned by **rtGeometryDeclareVariable**. Once a variable has been removed from this geometry node, another variable with the same name as the removed variable may be declared.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

```
RT_SUCCESS
RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT
RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE
RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED
RT_ERROR_VARIABLE_NOT_FOUND
```

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryRemoveVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO***rtContextRemoveVariable*

### 1.8.14 `rtGeometrySetBoundingBoxProgram`

#### NAME

**`rtGeometrySetBoundingBoxProgram`** - sets the bounding box program

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometrySetBoundingBoxProgram(RTgeometry geometry,  
                                         RTprogram program)
```

#### **geometry**

The geometry node for which to set the bounding box program.

#### **program**

Handle to the bounding box program.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtGeometrySetBoundingBoxProgram`** sets for **geometry** the **program** that computes an axis aligned bounding box for each attached primitive to **geometry**. RTprogram's can be either generated with **`rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile`** or **`rtProgramCreateFromPTXString`**. A bounding box program is mandatory for every geometry node.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

`RT_ERROR_TYPE_MISMATCH`

#### HISTORY

**`rtGeometrySetBoundingBoxProgram`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtGeometryGetBoundingBoxProgram`, `rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile`, `rtProgramCreateFromPTXString`*

### 1.8.15 `rtGeometrySetIntersectionProgram`

#### NAME

**`rtGeometrySetIntersectionProgram`** - sets the intersection program

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometrySetIntersectionProgram(RTgeometry geometry,  
                                          RTprogram program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**`geometry`**

The geometry node for which to set the intersection program.

**`program`**

A handle to the ray primitive intersection program.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtGeometrySetIntersectionProgram`** sets for **`geometry`** the **`program`** that performs ray primitive intersections. RTprogram's can be either generated with **`rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile`** or **`rtProgramCreateFromPTXString`**. An intersection program is mandatory for every geometry node.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

`RT_ERROR_TYPE_MISMATCH`

#### HISTORY

**`rtGeometrySetIntersectionProgram`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtGeometryGetIntersectionProgram, rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile, rtProgramCreateFromPTXString*

## 1.8.16 `rtGeometrySetPrimitiveCount`

### NAME

**`rtGeometrySetPrimitiveCount`** - sets the number of primitives

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGeometrySetPrimitiveCount(RTgeometry geometry,
                                     unsigned int num_primitives)
```

### PARAMETERS

**`geometry`**

The geometry node for which to set the number of primitives.

**`num_primitives`**

The number of primitives.

### DESCRIPTION

**`rtGeometrySetPrimitiveCount`** sets the number of primitives **`num_primitives`** in **`geometry`**.

### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

### HISTORY

**`rtGeometrySetPrimitiveCount`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

### SEE ALSO

*`rtGeometryGetPrimitiveCount`*

### 1.8.17 `rtGeometryValidate`

#### NAME

**rtGeometryValidate** - validates the geometry nodes integrity

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtGeometryValidate(RTgeometry geometry)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**geometry**

The geometry node to be validated.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGeometryValidate** checks **geometry** for completeness. If **geometry** or any of the objects attached to **geometry** are not valid, the call will return **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

#### HISTORY

**rtGeometryValidate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextValidate*



## 1.9 Material

### NAME

Material

### DESCRIPTION

This section describes the API functions for creation and handling of Material objects.

**rtMaterialCreate**

**rtMaterialDeclareVariable**

**rtMaterialDestroy**

**rtMaterialGetAnyHitProgram**

**rtMaterialGetClosestHitProgram**

**rtMaterialGetContext**

**rtMaterialGetVariableCount**

**rtMaterialGetVariable**

**rtMaterialQueryVariable**

**rtMaterialRemoveVariable**

**rtMaterialSetAnyHitProgram**

**rtMaterialSetClosestHitProgram**

**rtMaterialValidate**

### HISTORY

Material objects were introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

### SEE ALSO

Context, Geometry Group, Group Node, Selector Node, Transform Node, Acceleration Structure, Geometry Instance, Geometry, Program, Buffer, Texture Sampler, Variables, Context-Free Functions

### 1.9.1 rtMaterialCreate

#### NAME

**rtMaterialCreate** - Creates a new material.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtMaterialCreate(RTcontext context,
                          RTmaterial* material)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

Specifies a context within which to create a new material.

**material**

Returns a newly created material.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtMaterialCreate** creates a new material within a context. **context** specifies the target context, and should be a value returned by **rtContextCreate**. After the call, if **material** is not NULL, **\*material** shall be set to the handle of a newly created material within **context**. Otherwise, this call has no effect and returns **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

#### HISTORY

**rtMaterialCreate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtMaterialDestroy, rtContextCreate*

## 1.9.2 rtMaterialDeclareVariable

### NAME

**rtMaterialDeclareVariable** - Declares a new named variable to be associated with a material.

### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtMaterialDeclareVariable(RTmaterial material,
                                   const char* name,
                                   RTvariable* variable)
```

### PARAMETERS

**material**

Specifies the material to modify.

**name**

Specifies the name of the variable.

**variable**

Returns a handle to a newly declared variable.

### DESCRIPTION

**rtMaterialDeclareVariable** declares a new variable to be associated with a material. **material** specifies the target material, and should be a value returned by **rtMaterialCreate**. **name** specifies the name of the variable, and should be a NULL-terminated string. If there is currently no variable associated with **material** named **name**, and **variable** is not NULL, a new variable named **name** will be created and associated with **material**. After the call, **\*variable** shall be set to the handle of the newly-created variable. Otherwise, this call has no effect and shall return either **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE** if either **name** or **variable** is equal to NULL or **RT\_ERROR\_VARIABLE\_REDECLARED** if **name** is the name of an existing variable associated with the material.

### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

RT\_ERROR\_VARIABLE\_REDECLARED

RT\_ERROR\_ILLEGAL\_SYMBOL

## HISTORY

**rtMaterialDeclareVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtMaterialGetVariable*, *rtMaterialQueryVariable*, *rtMaterialCreate*

### 1.9.3 rtMaterialDestroy

#### NAME

**rtMaterialDestroy** - Destroys a material object

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtMaterialDestroy(RTmaterial material)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**material**

Handle of the material node to destroy

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtMaterialDestroy** removes **material** from its context and deletes it. **material** should be a value returned by **rtMaterialCreate**. Associated variables declared via **rtMaterialDeclareVariable** are destroyed, but no child graph nodes are destroyed. After the call, **material** is no longer a valid handle.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtMaterialDestroy** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtMaterialCreate*

### 1.9.4 `rtMaterialGetAnyHitProgram`

#### NAME

**rtMaterialGetAnyHitProgram** - Returns the any hit program associated with a (material, ray type) tuple.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtMaterialGetAnyHitProgram(RTmaterial material,
                                     unsigned int ray_type_index,
                                     RTprogram* program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**material**

Specifies the material of the (material, ray type) tuple to query.

**ray\_type\_index**

Specifies the type of ray of the (material, ray type) tuple to query.

**program**

Returns the any hit program associated with the (material, ray type) tuple.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtMaterialGetAnyHitProgram** queries the any hit program associated with a (material, ray type) tuple. **material** specifies the material of interest and should be a value returned by **rtMaterialCreate**. **ray\_type\_index** specifies the target ray type and should be a value less than the value returned by **rtContextGetRayTypeCount**. After the call, if all parameters are valid, **\*program** shall be set to the handle of the any hit program associated with the tuple (**material**, **ray\_type\_index**). Otherwise, the call has no effect and returns **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

#### HISTORY

**rtMaterialGetAnyHitProgram** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtMaterialSetAnyHitProgram, rtMaterialCreate, rtContextGetRayTypeCount*



### 1.9.5 rtMaterialGetClosestHitProgram

#### NAME

**rtMaterialGetClosestHitProgram** - Returns the closest hit program associated with a (material, ray type) tuple.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtMaterialGetClosestHitProgram(RTmaterial material,
                                         unsigned int ray_type_index,
                                         RTprogram* program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**material**

Specifies the material of the (material, ray type) tuple to query.

**ray\_type\_index**

Specifies the type of ray of the (material, ray type) tuple to query.

**program**

Returns the closest hit program associated with the (material, ray type) tuple.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtMaterialGetClosestHitProgram** queries the closest hit program associated with a (material, ray type) tuple. **material** specifies the material of interest and should be a value returned by **rtMaterialCreate**. **ray\_type\_index** specifies the target ray type and should be a value less than the value returned by **rtContextGetRayTypeCount**. After the call, if all parameters are valid, **\*program** shall be set to the handle of the any hit program associated with the tuple (**material**, **ray\_type\_index**). Otherwise, the call has no effect and returns **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**.

#### RETURN VALUES

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

#### HISTORY

**rtMaterialGetClosestHitProgram** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtMaterialSetClosestHitProgram, rtMaterialCreate, rtContextGetRayTypeCount*

### 1.9.6 rtMaterialGetContext

#### NAME

**rtMaterialGetContext** - Returns the context associated with a material.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtMaterialGetContext(RTmaterial material,
                             RTcontext* context)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**material**

Specifies the material to query.

**context**

Returns the context associated with the material.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtMaterialGetContext** queries a material for its associated context. **material** specifies the material to query, and should be a value returned by **rtMaterialCreate**. After the call, if both parameters are valid, **\*context** shall be set to the context associated with **material**. Otherwise, the call has no effect and returns **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**.

#### RETURN VALUES

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtMaterialGetContext** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtMaterialCreate*

### 1.9.7 rtMaterialGetVariableCount

#### NAME

**rtMaterialGetVariableCount** - Returns the number of variables attached to a material.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtMaterialGetVariableCount(RTmaterial material,
                                     unsigned int* count)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**material**

Specifies the material to query.

**count**

Returns the number of variables.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtMaterialGetVariableCount** queries the number of variables attached to a material. **material** specifies the material, and should be a value returned by **rtMaterialCreate**. After the call, if both parameters are valid, the number of variables attached to **material** is returned to **\*count**. Otherwise, the call has no effect and returns **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**.

#### RETURN VALUES

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

#### HISTORY

**rtMaterialGetVariableCount** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtMaterialCreate*

### 1.9.8 rtMaterialGetVariable

#### NAME

**rtMaterialGetVariable** - Returns a handle to an indexed variable of a material.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtMaterialGetVariable(RTmaterial material,  
                               unsigned int index,  
                               RTvariable *variable)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**material**

Specifies the material to query.

**index**

Specifies the index of the variable to query.

**variable**

Returns the indexed variable.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtMaterialGetVariable** queries the handle of a material's indexed variable. **material** specifies the target material and should be a value returned by **rtMaterialCreate**. **index** specifies the index of the variable, and should be a value less than **rtMaterialGetVariableCount**. If **material** is a valid material and **index** is the index of a variable attached to **material**, **\*variable** shall be set to a handle to that variable after the call. Otherwise, **\*variable** shall be set to NULL and either **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE** or **RT\_ERROR\_VARIABLE\_NOT\_FOUND** shall be returned depending on the validity of **material**, or **index**, respectively.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_VARIABLE\_NOT\_FOUND

## HISTORY

`rtMaterialGetVariable` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtMaterialQueryVariable*, *rtMaterialGetVariableCount*, *rtMaterialCreate*

### 1.9.9 rtMaterialQueryVariable

#### NAME

**rtMaterialQueryVariable** - Queries for the existence of a named variable of a material.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtMaterialQueryVariable(RTmaterial material,
                                const char* name,
                                RTvariable* variable)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**material**

Specifies the material to query.

**name**

Specifies the name of the variable to query.

**variable**

Returns a the named variable, if it exists.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtMaterialQueryVariable** queries for the existence of a material's named variable. **material** specifies the target material and should be a value returned by **rtMaterialCreate**. **name** specifies the name of the variable, and should be a NULL-terminated string. If **material** is a valid material and **name** is the name of a variable attached to **material**, **\*variable** shall be set to a handle to that variable after the call. Otherwise, **\*variable** shall be set to NULL. If **material** is not a valid material, **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE** shall be returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

#### HISTORY

**rtMaterialQueryVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtMaterialGetVariable, rtMaterialCreate*



### 1.9.10 `rtMaterialRemoveVariable`

#### NAME

**rtMaterialRemoveVariable** - Removes a variable from a material.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtMaterialRemoveVariable(RTmaterial material,
                                  RTvariable variable)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**material**

Specifies the material to modify.

**variable**

Specifies the variable to remove.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtMaterialRemoveVariable** removes a variable from a material. The material of interest is specified by **material**, which should be a value returned by **rtMaterialCreate**. The variable to remove is specified by **variable**, which should be a value returned by **rtMaterialDeclareVariable**. Once a variable has been removed from this material, another variable with the same name as the removed variable may be declared. If **material** does not refer to a valid material, this call has no effect and returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`. If **variable** is not a valid variable or does not belong to **material**, this call has no effect and returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` or `RT_ERROR_VARIABLE_NOT_FOUND`, respectively.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

`RT_ERROR_VARIABLE_NOT_FOUND`

#### HISTORY

**rtMaterialRemoveVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtMaterialDeclareVariable, rtMaterialCreate*

### 1.9.11 `rtMaterialSetAnyHitProgram`

#### NAME

**rtMaterialSetAnyHitProgram** - Sets the any hit program associated with a (material, ray type) tuple.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtMaterialSetAnyHitProgram(RTmaterial material,
                                     unsigned int ray_type_index,
                                     RTprogram program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **material**

Specifies the material of the (material, ray type) tuple to modify.

##### **ray\_type\_index**

Specifies the type of ray of the (material, ray type) tuple to modify.

##### **program**

Specifies the any hit program to associate with the (material, ray type) tuple.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtMaterialSetAnyHitProgram** specifies an any hit program to associate with a (material, ray type) tuple. **material** specifies the target material and should be a value returned by **rtMaterialCreate**. **ray\_type\_index** specifies the type of ray to which the program applies and should be a value less than the value returned by **rtContextGetRayTypeCount**. **program** specifies the target any hit program which shall apply to the tuple (**material**, **ray\_type\_index**) and should be a value returned by either **rtProgramCreateFromPTXString** or **rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

`RT_ERROR_TYPE_MISMATCH`

## HISTORY

**rtMaterialSetAnyHitProgram** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtMaterialGetAnyHitProgram*, *rtMaterialCreate*, *rtContextGetRayTypeCount*, *rtProgramCreateFromPTXString*, *rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile*

### 1.9.12 `rtMaterialSetClosestHitProgram`

#### NAME

**`rtMaterialSetClosestHitProgram`** - Sets the closest hit program associated with a (material, ray type) tuple.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtMaterialSetClosestHitProgram(RTmaterial material,
                                         unsigned int ray_type_index,
                                         RTprogram program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **material**

Specifies the material of the (material, ray type) tuple to modify.

##### **ray\_type\_index**

Specifies the ray type of the (material, ray type) tuple to modify.

##### **program**

Specifies the closest hit program to associate with the (material, ray type) tuple.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtMaterialSetClosestHitProgram`** specifies a closest hit program to associate with a (material, ray type) tuple. **material** specifies the material of interest and should be a value returned by **`rtMaterialCreate`**. **ray\_type\_index** specifies the type of ray to which the program applies and should be a value less than the value returned by **`rtContextGetRayTypeCount`**. **program** specifies the target closest hit program which shall apply to the tuple (**material**, **ray\_type\_index**) and should be a value returned by either **`rtProgramCreateFromPTXString`** or **`rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile`**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

`RT_ERROR_TYPE_MISMATCH`

## HISTORY

**rtMaterialSetClosestHitProgram** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtMaterialGetClosestHitProgram*, *rtMaterialCreate*, *rtContextGetRayTypeCount*, *rtProgramCreateFromPTXString*, *rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile*

### 1.9.13 rtMaterialValidate

#### NAME

**rtMaterialValidate** - Verifies the state of a material.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtMaterialValidate(RTmaterial material)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**material**

Specifies the material to be validated.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtMaterialValidate** checks **material** for completeness. If **material** or any of the objects attached to **material** are not valid, the call will return **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

#### HISTORY

**rtMaterialValidate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtMaterialCreate*

## 1.10 Program

### NAME

**Program**

### DESCRIPTION

This section describes the API functions for creation and handling of program objects.

**rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile**

**rtProgramCreateFromPTXString**

**rtProgramDeclareVariable**

**rtProgramDestroy**

**rtProgramGetContext**

**rtProgramGetVariableCount**

**rtProgramGetVariable**

**rtProgramQueryVariable**

**rtProgramRemoveVariable**

**rtProgramValidate**

### HISTORY

Program objects were introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

### SEE ALSO

Context, Geometry Group, Group Node, Selector Node, Transform Node, Acceleration Structure, Geometry Instance, Geometry, Material, Buffer, Texture Sampler, Variables, Context-Free Functions



### 1.10.1 `rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile`

#### NAME

**rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile** - Creates a new program object.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile(RTcontext context,
                                     const char* filename,
                                     const char* program_name,
                                     RTprogram* program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context to create the program in.

**filename**

Path to the file containing the PTX code.

**program\_name**

The name of the PTX function to create the program from.

**program**

Handle to the program to be created.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile** allocates and returns a handle to a new program object. The program is created from PTX code held in **filename** from function **program\_name**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_SOURCE`

`RT_ERROR_FILE_NOT_FOUND`

## HISTORY

`rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

`RT_PROGRAM`, *rtProgramCreateFromPTXString*, *rtProgramDestroy*

### 1.10.2 `rtProgramCreateFromPTXString`

#### NAME

**rtProgramCreateFromPTXString** - Creates a new program object.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

Rtresult rtProgramCreateFromPTXString(Rtcontext context,
                                     const char* ptx,
                                     const char* program_name,
                                     Rtprogram* program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context to create the program in.

**ptx**

The string containing the PTX code.

**program\_name**

The name of the PTX function to create the program from.

**program**

Handle to the program to be created.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtProgramCreateFromPTXString** allocates and returns a handle to a new program object. The program is created from PTX code held in the NULL-terminated string **ptx** from function **program\_name**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_SOURCE`

## HISTORY

`rtProgramCreateFromPTXString` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

`RT_PROGRAM`, *rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile*, *rtProgramDestroy*

### 1.10.3 rtProgramDeclareVariable

#### NAME

**rtProgramDeclareVariable** - Declares a new named variable associated with a program.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtProgramDeclareVariable(RTprogram program,
                                  const char* name,
                                  RTvariable* v)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**program**

The program the declared variable will be attached to.

**name**

The name of the variable to be created.

**v**

Return handle to the variable to be created.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtProgramDeclareVariable** declares a new variable, **name**, and associates it with the program. A variable can only be declared with the same name once on the program; any attempt to declare multiple variables with the same name will cause the call to fail and return **RT\_ERROR\_VARIABLE\_REDECLARED**. If **v** is **NULL** the call will return **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

**RT\_ERROR\_VARIABLE\_REDECLARED**

**RT\_ERROR\_ILLEGAL\_SYMBOL**

## HISTORY

**rtProgramDeclareVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtProgramRemoveVariable*, *rtProgramGetVariable*, *rtProgramGetVariableCount*, *rtProgramQueryVariable*

### 1.10.4 `rtProgramDestroy`

#### NAME

**rtProgramDestroy** - Destroys a program object

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtProgramDestroy(RTprogram program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**program**

Handle of the program to destroy

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtProgramDestroy** removes **program** from its context and deletes it. **program** should be a value returned by **rtProgramCreate**. Associated variables declared via **rtProgramDeclareVariable** are destroyed. After the call, **program** is no longer a valid handle.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

**rtProgramDestroy** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile*, *rtProgramCreateFromPTXString*

### 1.10.5 rtProgramGetContext

#### NAME

**rtProgramGetContext** - Gets the context object that created a program.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtProgramGetContext(RTprogram program,
                             RTcontext* context)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**program**

The program to be queried for its context object.

**context**

The return handle for the requested context object.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtProgramGetContext** returns a handle to the context object that was used to create **program**. If **context** is NULL, the call will return **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtProgramGetContext** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextCreate*



### 1.10.6 `rtProgramGetVariableCount`

#### NAME

**`rtProgramGetVariableCount`** - Returns the number of variables attached to a program.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtProgramGetVariableCount(RTprogram program,
                                   unsigned int* count)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**program**

The program to be queried for its variable count.

**context**

The return handle for the number of variables attached to this program.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtProgramGetVariableCount`** returns, in **\*count**, the number of variable objects that have been attached to **program**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

**`rtProgramGetVariableCount`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtProgramDeclareVariable*, *rtProgramRemoveVariable*, *rtProgramGetVariable*, *rtProgramQueryVariable*

### 1.10.7 rtProgramGetVariable

#### NAME

**rtProgramGetVariable** - Returns a handle to a variable attached to a program by index.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtProgramGetVariable(RTprogram program,
                              unsigned int index,
                              RTvariable* v)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**program**

The program to be queried for the indexed variable object.

**index**

The index of the variable to return.

**v**

Return handle to the variable object specified by the index.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtProgramGetVariable** returns a handle to a variable in **\*v** attached to **program** with **rtProgramDeclareVariable** by **index**. **index** must be between 0 and one less than the value returned by **rtProgramGetVariableCount**. The order in which variables are enumerated is not constant and may change as variables are attached and removed from the program object.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

RT\_ERROR\_VARIABLE\_NOT\_FOUND

## HISTORY

`rtProgramGetVariable` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtProgramDeclareVariable*, *rtProgramRemoveVariable*, *rtProgramGetVariableCount*, *rtProgramQueryVariable*

### 1.10.8 rtProgramQueryVariable

#### NAME

**rtProgramQueryVariable** - Returns a handle to the named variable attached to a program.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtProgramQueryVariable(RTprogram program,
                                const char* name,
                                RTvariable* v)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**program**

The program to be queried for the named variable.

**name**

The name of the program to be queried for.

**v**

The return handle to the variable object.

**program**

Handle to the program to be created.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtProgramQueryVariable** returns a handle to a variable object, in **\*v**, attached to **program** referenced by the NULL-terminated string **name**. If **name** is not the name of a variable attached to **program**, **\*v** will be NULL after the call.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

## HISTORY

`rtProgramQueryVariable` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtProgramDeclareVariable*, *rtProgramRemoveVariable*, *rtProgramGetVariable*, *rtProgramGetVariableCount*

### 1.10.9 rtProgramRemoveVariable

#### NAME

**rtProgramRemoveVariable** - Removes the named variable from a program.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtProgramRemoveVariable(RTprogram program,
                                RTvariable v)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**program**

The program to remove the variable from.

**v**

The variable to remove.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtProgramRemoveVariable** removes variable **v** from the **program** object. Once a variable has been removed from this program, another variable with the same name as the removed variable may be declared.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

RT\_ERROR\_VARIABLE\_NOT\_FOUND

#### HISTORY

**rtProgramRemoveVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtProgramDeclareVariable*, *rtProgramGetVariable*, *rtProgramGetVariableCount*, *rtProgramQueryVariable*

### 1.10.10 rtProgramValidate

#### NAME

**rtProgramValidate** - Validates the state of a program.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtProgramValidate(RTprogram program)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**program**

The program to be validated.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtProgramValidate** checks **program** for completeness. If **program** or any of the objects attached to program are not valid, the call will return **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

#### HISTORY

**rtProgramValidate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile*, *rtProgramCreateFromPTXString*

## 1.11 Buffer

### NAME

Buffer

### DESCRIPTION

This section describes the API functions for creation and handling of Buffer objects.

**rtBufferCreate**

**rtBufferCreateForCUDA**

**rtBufferCreateFromD3D9Resource**

**rtBufferCreateFromD3D10Resource**

**rtBufferCreateFromD3D11Resource**

**rtBufferCreateFromGLBO**

**rtBufferD3D9Unregister**

**rtBufferD3D10Unregister**

**rtBufferD3D11Unregister**

**rtBufferD3D9Register**

**rtBufferD3D10Register**

**rtBufferD3D11Register**

**rtBufferDestroy**

**rtBufferGetContext**

**rtBufferGetD3D9Resource**

**rtBufferGetD3D10Resource**

**rtBufferGetD3D11Resource**

**rtBufferGetDimensionality**

**rtBufferGetElementSize**

**rtBufferGetFormat**

**rtBufferGetGLBOId**

**rtBufferGetSize1D**

**rtBufferGetSize2D**

**rtBufferGetSize3D**

**rtBufferGetSizev**



**rtBufferGLUnregister**  
**rtBufferGLRegister**  
**rtBufferMap**  
**rtBufferSetElementSize**  
**rtBufferSetSize1D**  
**rtBufferSetSize2D**  
**rtBufferSetSize3D**  
**rtBufferSetSizev**  
**rtBufferUnmap**  
**rtBufferValidate**

## HISTORY

Buffer objects were introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

Context, Geometry Group, Group Node, Selector Node, Transform Node, Acceleration Structure, Geometry Instance, Geometry, Material, Program, Texture Sampler, Variables, Context-Free Functions

### 1.11.1 rtBufferCreate

#### NAME

**rtBufferCreate** - Creates a new buffer object.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtBufferCreate(RTcontext context,
                        unsigned int bufferdesc,
                        RTbuffer* buffer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### context

The context to create the buffer in.

##### bufferdesc

Bitwise or combination of the **type** and **flags** of the new buffer.

##### buffer

The return handle for the buffer object.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferCreate** allocates and returns a new handle to a new buffer object in **\*buffer** associated with **context**. The backing storage of the buffer is managed by *OptiX*. A buffer is specified by a bitwise or combination of a **type** and **flags** in **bufferdesc**. The supported types are:

```
RT_BUFFER_INPUT
RT_BUFFER_OUTPUT
RT_BUFFER_INPUT_OUTPUT
```

The supported flags are:

```
RT_BUFFER_GPU_LOCAL
```

The type values are used to specify the direction of data flow from the host to the *OptiX* devices. **RT\_BUFFER\_INPUT** specifies that the host may only write to the buffer and the device may only read from the buffer. **RT\_BUFFER\_OUTPUT** specifies the opposite, read only access on the host and write only access on the device. Devices and the host may read and write from buffers of type **RT\_BUFFER\_INPUT\_OUTPUT**. Reading or writing to a buffer of the incorrect type (e.g., the host writing to a buffer of type **RT\_BUFFER\_OUTPUT**) is undefined.

Flags can be used to optimize data transfers between the host and its devices. The flag `RT_BUFFER_GPU_LOCAL` can only be used in combination with `RT_BUFFER_INPUT_OUTPUT`. `RT_BUFFER_INPUT_OUTPUT` and `RT_BUFFER_GPU_LOCAL` used together specify a buffer that allows the host to **only** write, and the device to read **and** write data. The written data will be never visible on the host side.

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

## HISTORY

`rtBufferCreate` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

`RT_BUFFER_GPU_LOCAL` was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreateFromGLBO*, *rtBufferDestroy*

### 1.11.2 rtBufferCreateForCUDA

#### NAME

**rtBufferCreateForCUDA** - Creates a new buffer object that will later rely on user-side CUDA allocation.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtBufferCreateForCUDA(RTcontext context,
                               unsigned int bufferdesc,
                               RTbuffer* buffer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### context

The context to create the buffer in.

##### bufferdesc

Bitwise or combination of the **type** and **flags** of the new buffer.

##### buffer

The return handle for the buffer object.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferCreateForCUDA** allocates and returns a new handle to a new buffer object in **\*buffer** associated with **context**. This buffer will function like a normal *OptiX* buffer created with **rtBufferCreate**, except *OptiX* will not allocate or upload data for it.

After a buffer object has been created with **rtBufferCreateForCUDA**, the user needs to call **rtBufferSetDevicePointer** to provide one or more device pointers to the buffer data. In case where the user provides a single external data pointer for a buffer prior to calling **rtContextLaunch**, *OptiX* will allocate memory on the other devices and copy the data there. Setting pointers for more than one but fewer than all devices is not supported.

Once *OptiX* has copied the data to other devices from the one where the user has specified a device pointer, it will not do so again until **rtBufferMarkDirty** has been called.

The backing storage of the buffer is managed by *OptiX*. A buffer is specified by a bitwise or combination of a **type** and **flags** in **bufferdesc**. The supported types are:

```
RT_BUFFER_INPUT
RT_BUFFER_OUTPUT
RT_BUFFER_INPUT_OUTPUT
```

The type values are used to specify the direction of data flow from the host to the *OptiX* devices. **RT\_BUFFER\_INPUT** specifies that the host may only write to the buffer and the device may only read from the buffer. **RT\_BUFFER\_OUTPUT** specifies the opposite, read only access on the host and write only access on the device. Devices and the host may read and write from buffers of type **RT\_BUFFER\_INPUT\_OUTPUT**. Reading or writing to a buffer of the incorrect type (e.g., the host writing to a buffer of type **RT\_BUFFER\_OUTPUT**) is undefined.

The supported flags are:

**RT\_BUFFER\_GPU\_LOCAL**

Flags can be used to optimize data transfers between the host and its devices. The flag **RT\_BUFFER\_GPU\_LOCAL** can only be used in combination with **RT\_BUFFER\_INPUT\_OUTPUT**. **RT\_BUFFER\_INPUT\_OUTPUT** and **RT\_BUFFER\_GPU\_LOCAL** used together specify a buffer that allows the host to **only** write, and the device to read **and** write data. The written data will be never visible on the host side.

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

## HISTORY

**rtBufferCreateForCUDA** was introduced in *OptiX* 3.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreate*, *rtBufferSetDevicePointer*, *rtBufferMarkDirty*, *rtBufferDestroy*

### 1.11.3 rtBufferCreateFromGLBO

#### NAME

**rtBufferCreateFromGLBO** - Creates a new buffer object from an OpenGL buffer object.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_gl_interop.h>

RTresult rtBufferCreateFromGLBO(RTcontext context,
                                unsigned int bufferdesc,
                                unsigned int gl_id,
                                RTbuffer* buffer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### context

The context to create the buffer in.

##### bufferdesc

Bitwise or combination of the **type** and **flags** of the new buffer.

##### gl\_id

The OpenGL image object resource handle for use in OptiX.

##### buffer

The return handle for the buffer object.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferCreateFromGLBO** allocates and returns a handle to a new buffer object in **\*buffer** associated with **context**. Supported OpenGL buffer types are:

Pixel Buffer Objects

Vertex Buffer Objects

These buffers can be used to share data with OpenGL; changes of the content in **buffer**, either done by OpenGL or *OptiX*, will be reflected automatically in both APIs. If the size, or format, of an OpenGL buffer is changed, appropriate *OptiX* calls have to be used to update **buffer** accordingly. *OptiX* keeps only a reference to OpenGL data, when **buffer** is destroyed, the state of the **gl\_id** object is unaltered.

The **type** of this buffer is specified by one of the following values in **bufferdesc**:

```
RT_BUFFER_INPUT
RT_BUFFER_OUTPUT
RT_BUFFER_INPUT_OUTPUT
```

The type values are used to specify the direction of data flow from the host to the *OptiX* devices. **RT\_BUFFER\_INPUT** specifies that the host may only write to the buffer and the device may only read from the buffer. **RT\_BUFFER\_OUTPUT** specifies the opposite, read only access on the host and write only access on the device. Devices and the host may read and write from buffers of type **RT\_BUFFER\_INPUT\_OUTPUT**. Reading or writing to a buffer of the incorrect type (e.g., the host writing to a buffer of type **RT\_BUFFER\_OUTPUT**) is undefined.

Flags can be used to optimize data transfers between the host and its devices. Currently no **flags** are supported for interop buffers.

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

## HISTORY

**rtBufferCreateFromGLBO** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreate*, *rtBufferDestroy*

### 1.11.4 rtBufferCreateFromD3D9Resource

#### NAME

**rtBufferCreateFromD3D9Resource** - Creates a new buffer object from a D3D9 resource.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_d3d9_interop.h>

RTresult RTAPI rtBufferCreateFromD3D9Resource(RTcontext context,
                                              unsigned int bufferdesc,
                                              IDirect3DResource9* resource,
                                              RTbuffer* buffer);
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### context

The context to create the buffer in.

##### bufferdesc

Bitwise or combination of the **type** and **flags** of the new buffer.

##### resource

The D3D9 resource handle for use in OptiX.

##### buffer

The return handle for the buffer object.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferCreateFromD3D9Resource** allocates and returns a handle to a new buffer object in **\*buffer** associated with **context**. If the allocated size of the D3D resource is 0, RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED will be returned. Supported D3D9 buffer types are:

IDirect3DVertexBuffer9 IDirect3DIndexBuffer9

These buffers can be used to share data with D3D9; changes of the content in **buffer**, either done by D3D9 or *OptiX*, will be reflected automatically in both APIs. If the size, or format, of a D3D9 buffer is changed, appropriate *OptiX* calls have to be used to update **buffer** accordingly. *OptiX* keeps only a reference to D3D9 data, when **buffer** is destroyed, the state of **resource** is unaltered.

The **type** of this buffer is specified by one of the following values in **bufferdesc**:

```
RT_BUFFER_INPUT
RT_BUFFER_OUTPUT
RT_BUFFER_INPUT_OUTPUT
```



The type values are used to specify the direction of data flow from the host to the *OptiX* devices. **RT\_BUFFER\_INPUT** specifies that the host may only write to the buffer and the device may only read from the buffer. **RT\_BUFFER\_OUTPUT** specifies the opposite, read only access on the host and write only access on the device. Devices and the host may read and write from buffers of type **RT\_BUFFER\_INPUT\_OUTPUT**. Reading or writing to a buffer of the incorrect type (e.g., the host writing to a buffer of type **RT\_BUFFER\_OUTPUT**) is undefined.

Flags can be used to optimize data transfers between the host and its devices. Currently no **flags** are supported for interop buffers.

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

## HISTORY

**rtBufferCreateFromD3D9Resource** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreate*, *rtBufferDestroy*

### 1.11.5 rtBufferCreateFromD3D10Resource

#### NAME

**rtBufferCreateFromD3D10Resource** - Creates a new buffer object from a D3D10 resource.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_d3d10_interop.h>

RTresult RTAPI rtBufferCreateFromD3D10Resource(RTcontext context,
                                                unsigned int bufferdesc,
                                                ID3D10Resource* resource,
                                                RTbuffer* buffer);
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### context

The context to create the buffer in.

##### bufferdesc

Bitwise or combination of the **type** and **flags** of the new buffer.

##### resource

The D3D10 resource handle for use in OptiX.

##### buffer

The return handle for the buffer object.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferCreateFromD3D10Resource** allocates and returns a handle to a new buffer object in **\*buffer** associated with **context**. If the allocated size of the D3D resource is 0, RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED will be returned. Supported D3D10 buffer types are:

ID3D10Buffer

These buffers can be used to share data with D3D10; changes of the content in **buffer**, either done by D3D10 or *OptiX*, will be reflected automatically in both APIs. If the size, or format, of a D3D10 buffer is changed, appropriate *OptiX* calls have to be used to update **buffer** accordingly. *OptiX* keeps only a reference to D3D10 data, when **buffer** is destroyed, the state of **resource** is unaltered.

The **type** of this buffer is specified by one of the following values in **bufferdesc**:

```
RT_BUFFER_INPUT
RT_BUFFER_OUTPUT
RT_BUFFER_INPUT_OUTPUT
```

The type values are used to specify the direction of data flow from the host to the *OptiX* devices. **RT\_BUFFER\_INPUT** specifies that the host may only write to the buffer and the device may only read from the buffer. **RT\_BUFFER\_OUTPUT** specifies the opposite, read only access on the host and write only access on the device. Devices and the host may read and write from buffers of type **RT\_BUFFER\_INPUT\_OUTPUT**. Reading or writing to a buffer of the incorrect type (e.g., the host writing to a buffer of type **RT\_BUFFER\_OUTPUT**) is undefined.

Flags can be used to optimize data transfers between the host and its devices. Currently no **flags** are supported for interop buffers.

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

## HISTORY

**rtBufferCreateFromD3D10Resource** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreate*, *rtBufferDestroy*

### 1.11.6 rtBufferCreateFromD3D11Resource

#### NAME

**rtBufferCreateFromD3D11Resource** - Creates a new buffer object from a D3D11 resource.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_d3d11_interop.h>

RTresult RTAPI rtBufferCreateFromD3D11Resource(RTcontext context,
                                                unsigned int bufferdesc,
                                                ID3D11Resource* resource,
                                                RTbuffer* buffer);
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### context

The context to create the buffer in.

##### bufferdesc

Bitwise or combination of the **type** and **flags** of the new buffer.

##### resource

The D3D11 resource handle for use in OptiX.

##### buffer

The return handle for the buffer object.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferCreateFromD3D11Resource** allocates and returns a handle to a new buffer object in **\*buffer** associated with **context**. If the allocated size of the D3D resource is 0, **RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED** will be returned. Supported D3D11 buffer types are:

ID3D11Buffer

These buffers can be used to share data with D3D11; changes of the content in **buffer**, either done by D3D11 or *OptiX*, will be reflected automatically in both APIs. If the size, or format, of a D3D11 buffer is changed, appropriate *OptiX* calls have to be used to update **buffer** accordingly. *OptiX* keeps only a reference to D3D11 data, when **buffer** is destroyed, the state of **resource** is unaltered.

The **type** of this buffer is specified by one of the following values in **bufferdesc**:

```
RT_BUFFER_INPUT
RT_BUFFER_OUTPUT
RT_BUFFER_INPUT_OUTPUT
```

The type values are used to specify the direction of data flow from the host to the *OptiX* devices. **RT\_BUFFER\_INPUT** specifies that the host may only write to the buffer and the device may only read from the buffer. **RT\_BUFFER\_OUTPUT** specifies the opposite, read only access on the host and write only access on the device. Devices and the host may read and write from buffers of type **RT\_BUFFER\_INPUT\_OUTPUT**. Reading or writing to a buffer of the incorrect type (e.g., the host writing to a buffer of type **RT\_BUFFER\_OUTPUT**) is undefined.

Flags can be used to optimize data transfers between the host and its devices. Currently no **flags** are supported for interop buffers.

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

## HISTORY

**rtBufferCreateFromD3D11Resource** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreate*, *rtBufferDestroy*

### 1.11.7 rtBufferD3D9Unregister

#### NAME

**rtBufferD3D9Unregister** - Declares a D3D9 buffer as mutable and inaccessible by OptiX.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_D3D9_interop.h>

RTresult rtBufferD3D9Unregister(RTbuffer buffer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The handle for the buffer object.

#### DESCRIPTION

An OptiX buffer in a registered state can be unregistered via **rtBufferD3D9Register**. Once unregistered, properties like the size of the original D3D9 resource can be changed. As long as a resource is unregistered, OptiX will not be able to access the data and will fail with **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_HANDLE**. When a buffer is already in an unregistered state **rtBufferD3D9Unregister** will return **RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_NOT\_REGISTERED**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**  
**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**  
**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**  
**RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_NOT\_REGISTERED**

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferD3D9Unregister** was introduced in *OptiX 2.0*.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreateFromD3D9Resource*

### 1.11.8 `rtBufferD3D10Unregister`

#### NAME

**`rtBufferD3D10Unregister`** - Declares a D3D10 buffer as mutable and inaccessible by OptiX.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_D3D10_interop.h>

RTresult rtBufferD3D10Unregister(RTbuffer buffer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The handle for the buffer object.

#### DESCRIPTION

An OptiX buffer in a registered state can be unregistered via **`rtBufferD3D10Register`**. Once unregistered, properties like the size of the original D3D10 resource can be changed. As long as a resource is unregistered, OptiX will not be able to access the data and will fail with **`RT_ERROR_INVALID_HANDLE`**. When a buffer is already in an unregistered state **`rtBufferD3D10Unregister`** will return **`RT_ERROR_RESOURCE_NOT_REGISTERED`**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**`RT_SUCCESS`**  
**`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`**  
**`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`**  
**`RT_ERROR_RESOURCE_NOT_REGISTERED`**

#### HISTORY

**`rtBufferD3D10Unregister`** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtBufferCreateFromD3D10Resource`*

### 1.11.9 rtBufferD3D11Unregister

#### NAME

**rtBufferD3D11Unregister** - Declares a D3D11 buffer as mutable and inaccessible by OptiX.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_D3D11_interop.h>
```

```
RTresult rtBufferD3D11Unregister(RTbuffer buffer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The handle for the buffer object.

#### DESCRIPTION

An OptiX buffer in a registered state can be unregistered via **rtBufferD3D11Register**. Once unregistered, properties like the size of the original D3D11 resource can be changed. As long as a resource is unregistered, OptiX will not be able to access the data and will fail with **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_HANDLE**. When a buffer is already in an unregistered state **rtBufferD3D11Unregister** will return **RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_NOT\_REGISTERED**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_NOT\_REGISTERED**

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferD3D11Unregister** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreateFromD3D11Resource*



### 1.11.10 rtBufferD3D9Register

#### NAME

**rtBufferD3D9Register** - Declares a D3D9 buffer as immutable and accessible by OptiX.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_D3D9_interop.h>

RTresult rtBufferD3D9Register(RTbuffer buffer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The handle for the buffer object.

#### DESCRIPTION

An OptiX buffer in an unregistered state can be registered to OptiX again via **rtBufferD3D9Register**. Once registered, properties like the size of the original D3D9 resource cannot be modified anymore. Calls to the corresponding D3D9 functions will return with an error code. However, the data of the D3D9 resource can still be read and written by the appropriate D3D9 commands. When a buffer is already in a registered state **rtBufferD3D9Register** will return **RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_ALREADY\_REGISTERED**. A resource must be registered in order to be used by OptiX. If a resource is not registered **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_HANDLE** will be returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_ALREADY\_REGISTERED**

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferD3D9Register** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreateFromD3D9Resource*

### 1.11.11 rtBufferD3D10Register

#### NAME

**rtBufferD3D10Register** - Declares a D3D10 buffer as immutable and accessible by OptiX.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_D3D10_interop.h>

RTresult rtBufferD3D10Register(RTbuffer buffer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The handle for the buffer object.

#### DESCRIPTION

An OptiX buffer in an unregistered state can be registered to OptiX again via **rtBufferD3D10Register**. Once registered, properties like the size of the original D3D10 resource cannot be modified anymore. Calls to the corresponding D3D10 functions will return with an error code. However, the data of the D3D10 resource can still be read and written by the appropriate D3D10 commands. When a buffer is already in a registered state **rtBufferD3D10Register** will return **RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_ALREADY\_REGISTERED**. A resource must be registered in order to be used by OptiX. If a resource is not registered **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_HANDLE** will be returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**  
**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**  
**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**  
**RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_ALREADY\_REGISTERED**

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferD3D10Register** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreateFromD3D10Resource*

### 1.11.12 `rtBufferD3D11Register`

#### NAME

**rtBufferD3D11Register** - Declares a D3D11 buffer as immutable and accessible by OptiX.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_D3D11_interop.h>

RTresult rtBufferD3D11Register(RTbuffer buffer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **buffer**

The handle for the buffer object.

#### DESCRIPTION

An OptiX buffer in an unregistered state can be registered to OptiX again via **rtBufferD3D11Register**. Once registered, properties like the size of the original D3D11 resource cannot be modified anymore. Calls to the corresponding D3D11 functions will return with an error code. However, the data of the D3D11 resource can still be read and written by the appropriate D3D11 commands. When a buffer is already in a registered state **rtBufferD3D11Register** will return **RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_ALREADY\_REGISTERED**. A resource must be registered in order to be used by OptiX. If a resource is not registered **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_HANDLE** will be returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

```
RT_SUCCESS
RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT
RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE
RT_ERROR_RESOURCE_ALREADY_REGISTERED
```

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferD3D11Register** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreateFromD3D11Resource*

### 1.11.13 rtBufferDestroy

#### NAME

**rtBufferDestroy** - Destroys a buffer object

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtBufferDestroy(RTbuffer buffer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

Handle of the buffer to destroy

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferDestroy** removes **buffer** from its context and deletes it. **buffer** should be a value returned by **rtBufferCreate**. After the call, **buffer** is no longer a valid handle. Any API object that referenced **buffer** will have its reference invalidated.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferDestroy** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreate*, *rtBufferCreateFromGLBO*

### 1.11.14 `rtBufferGetContext`

#### NAME

**rtBufferGetContext** - Returns the context object that created this buffer.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtBufferGetContext(RTbuffer buffer,
                           RTcontext* context)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **buffer**

The buffer to be queried for its context.

##### **context**

The return handle for the buffer's context.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferGetContext** returns a handle to the context that created **buffer** in **\*context**. If **\*context** is NULL, the call will return **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferGetContext** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextCreate*

### 1.11.15 rtBufferGetDevicePointer

#### NAME

**rtBufferGetDevicePointer** - Gets the pointer to the buffer's data on the given device.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtBufferGetDevicePointer(RTbuffer buffer,
                                  unsigned int optix_device_number,
                                  void** device_pointer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to be queried for its device pointer.

**optix\_device\_number**

The number of *OptiX* device.

**device\_pointer**

The return handle to the buffer's device pointer.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferGetDevicePointer** returns the pointer to the data of **buffer** on device **optix\_device\_number** in **\*\*device\_pointer**.

Note that if **rtBufferGetDevicePointer** has been called for a single device for a given buffer, the user can change the buffer's content and then notify *OptiX* about it by calling **rtBufferMarkDirty**: then *OptiX* will broadcast the buffer's contents from the requested device onto the other devices that the buffer exists on.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferGetDevicePointer** was introduced in *OptiX* 3.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtBufferMarkDirty*, *rtBufferSetDevicePointer*

### 1.11.16 rtBufferGetDimensionality

#### NAME

**rtBufferGetDimensionality** - Gets the dimensionality of this buffer object.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtBufferGetDimensionality(RTbuffer buffer,
                                   unsigned int* dimensionality)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to be queried for its dimensionality.

**dimensionality**

The return handle for the buffer's dimensionality.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferGetDimensionality** returns the dimensionality of **buffer** in **\*dimensionality**. The value returned will be one of 1, 2 or 3, corresponding to 1D, 2D and 3D buffers, respectively.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferGetDimensionality** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferSetDimensionality*



### 1.11.17 `rtBufferGetElementSize`

#### NAME

**rtBufferGetElementSize** - Returns the size of a buffer's individual elements.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtBufferGetElementSize(RTbuffer buffer,
                                unsigned int* element_size_return)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

Specifies the buffer to be queried.

**element\_size\_return**

Returns the size of the buffer's individual elements.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferGetElementSize** queries the size of a buffer's elements. The target buffer is specified by **buffer**, which should be a value returned by **rtBufferCreate**. After the call, the size, in bytes, of the buffer's individual elements shall be returned in **\*element\_size\_return**, if it is not NULL. Otherwise, this call has no effect.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_UNKNOWN

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferGetElementSize** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferSetElementSize*, *rtBufferCreate*

### 1.11.18 rtBufferGetFormat

#### NAME

**rtBufferGetFormat** - Gets the format of this buffer.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtBufferGetFormat(RTbuffer buffer,
                           RTformat* format)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to be queried for its format.

**format**

The return handle for the buffer's format.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferGetFormat** returns, in **\*format**, the format of **buffer**. See **rtBufferSetFormat** for a listing of **RTbuffer** values.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferGetFormat** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferSetFormat*, *rtBufferSetFormatUser*, *rtBufferGetFormatUser*

### 1.11.19 rtBufferGetD3D9Resource

#### NAME

**rtBufferGetD3D9Resource** - Gets the D3D9 resource associated with this buffer.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_d3d9_interop.h>

RTresult rtContextSetD3D9Device(RTbuffer buffer,
                                IDirect3DResource9 **resource);
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to be queried for its D3D9 resource.

**resource**

The return handle for the resource.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferGetD3D9Resource** stores the D3D9 resource pointer in **\*\*resource** if **buffer** was created with **rtBufferCreateFromD3D9Resource**. If **buffer** was not created from an D3D9 resource **\*\*resource** will be 0 after the call and **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE** is returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferGetD3D9Resource** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreateFromD3D9Resource*

### 1.11.20 rtBufferGetD3D10Resource

#### NAME

**rtBufferGetD3D10Resource** - Gets the D3D10 resource associated with this buffer.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_d3d10_interop.h>

RTresult rtContextSetD3D10Device(RTbuffer buffer,
                                ID3D10Resource **resource);
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to be queried for its D3D10 resource.

**resource**

The return handle for the resource.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferGetD3D10Resource** stores the D3D10 resource pointer in **\*\*resource** if **buffer** was created with **rtBufferCreateFromD3D10Resource**. If **buffer** was not created from an D3D10 resource **\*\*resource** will be 0 after the call and **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE** is returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferGetD3D10Resource** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreateFromD3D10Resource*

### 1.11.21 `rtBufferGetD3D11Resource`

#### NAME

**rtBufferGetD3D11Resource** - Gets the D3D11 resource associated with this buffer.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_d3d11_interop.h>

RTresult rtContextSetD3D11Device(RTbuffer buffer,
                                ID3D11Resource **resource);
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to be queried for its D3D11 resource.

**resource**

The return handle for the resource.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferGetD3D11Resource** stores the D3D11 resource pointer in **\*\*resource** if **buffer** was created with **rtBufferCreateFromD3D11Resource**. If **buffer** was not created from an D3D11 resource **\*\*resource** will be 0 after the call and `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` is returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferGetD3D11Resource** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreateFromD3D11Resource*

### 1.11.22 rtBufferGetGLBOId

#### NAME

**rtBufferGetGLBOId** - Gets the OpenGL Buffer Object ID associated with this buffer.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_gl_interop.h>

RTresult rtBufferGetGLBOId(RTbuffer buffer,
                           unsigned int *gl_id)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to be queried for its OpenGL buffer object id.

**gl\_id**

The return handle for the id.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferGetGLBOId** stores the OpenGL buffer object id in **\*gl\_id** if **buffer** was created with **rtBufferCreateFromGLBO**. If **buffer** was not created from an OpenGL Buffer Object **\*gl\_id** will be 0 after the call and **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE** is returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferGetGLBOId** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreateFromGLBO*

### 1.11.23 rtBufferGetSize1D

#### NAME

**rtBufferGetSize1D** - Get the width of this buffer.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtBufferGetSize1D(RTbuffer buffer,
                           RTsize* width)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to be queried for its dimensions.

**width**

The return handle for the buffer's width.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferGetSize1D** stores the width of **buffer** in **\*width**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferGetSize1D** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferSetSize1D, rtBufferSetSize2D, rtBufferSetSize3D, rtBufferSetSizev, rtBufferGetSize2D, rtBufferGetSize3D, rtBufferGetSizev*

### 1.11.24 rtBufferGetSize2D

#### NAME

**rtBufferGetSize2D** - Gets the width and height of this buffer.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtBufferGetSize2D(RTbuffer buffer,
                           RTsize* width,
                           RTsize* height)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to be queried for its dimensions.

**width**

The return handle for the buffer's width.

**height**

The return handle for the buffer's height.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferGetSize2D** stores the width and height of **buffer** in **\*width** and **\*height**, respectively.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferGetSize2D** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.



**SEE ALSO**

*rtBufferSetSize1D*, *rtBufferSetSize2D*, *rtBufferSetSize3D*, *rtBufferSetSizev*, *rtBufferGetSize1D*, *rtBufferGetSize3D*, *rtBufferGetSizev*

### 1.11.25 rtBufferGetSize3D

#### NAME

**rtBufferGetSize3D** - Gets the width, height and depth of this buffer.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtBufferGetSize3D(RTbuffer buffer,
                           RTsize* width,
                           RTsize* height,
                           RTsize* depth)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to be queried for its dimensions.

**width**

The return handle for the buffer's width.

**height**

The return handle for the buffer's height.

**depth**

The return handle for the buffer's depth.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferGetSize3D** stores the width, height and depth of **buffer** in **\*width**, **\*height** and **\*depth**, respectively.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

## HISTORY

**rtBufferGetSize3D** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtBufferSetSize1D*, *rtBufferSetSize2D*, *rtBufferSetSize3D*, *rtBufferSetSizev*, *rtBufferGetSize1D*, *rtBufferGetSize2D*, *rtBufferGetSizev*

### 1.11.26 rtBufferGetSizev

#### NAME

**rtBufferGetSizev** - Gets the dimensions of this buffer.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtBufferGetSizev(RTbuffer buffer,
                          unsigned int dimensionality,
                          RTsize* dims)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to be queried for its dimensions.

**dimensionality**

The number of requested dimensions.

**dims**

The array of dimensions the call will store to.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferGetSizev** stores the dimensions of **buffer** in **\*dims**. The number of dimensions returned is specified by **dimensionality**. The storage at **dims** must be large enough to hold the number of requested buffer dimensions.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferGetSizev** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO***rtBufferGetDimensionality*

### 1.11.27 rtBufferGLUnregister

#### NAME

**rtBufferGLUnregister** - Declares an OpenGL buffer as mutable and inaccessible by OptiX.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_gl_interop.h>

RTresult rtBufferGLUnregister(RTbuffer buffer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The handle for the buffer object.

#### DESCRIPTION

An OptiX buffer in a registered state can be unregistered via **rtBufferGLRegister**. Once unregistered, properties like the size of the original GL resource can be changed. As long as a resource is unregistered, OptiX will not be able to access the data and will fail with **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_HANDLE**. When a buffer is already in an unregistered state **rtBufferGLUnregister** will return **RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_NOT\_REGISTERED**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_NOT\_REGISTERED**

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferGLUnregister** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreateFromGLBO*

### 1.11.28 `rtBufferGLRegister`

#### NAME

**rtBufferGLRegister** - Declares an OpenGL buffer as immutable and accessible by OptiX.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_gl_interop.h>

RTresult rtBufferGLRegister(RTbuffer buffer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **buffer**

The handle for the buffer object.

#### DESCRIPTION

An OptiX buffer in an unregistered state can be registered to OptiX again via **rtBufferGLRegister**. Once registered, properties like the size of the original GL resource cannot be modified anymore. Calls to the corresponding GL functions will return with an error code. However, the data of the GL resource can still be read and written by the appropriate GL commands. When a buffer is already in a registered state **rtBufferGLRegister** will return **RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_ALREADY\_REGISTERED**. A resource must be registered in order to be used by OptiX. If a resource is not registered **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_HANDLE** will be returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

```
RT_SUCCESS
RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT
RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE
RT_ERROR_RESOURCE_ALREADY_REGISTERED
```

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferGLRegister** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreateFromGLBO*

### 1.11.29 rtBufferMap

#### NAME

**rtBufferMap** - Maps a buffer object to the host.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtBufferMap(RTbuffer buffer,
                    void** user_pointer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to be mapped.

**user\_pointer**

Return handle to a user pointer where the buffer will be mapped to.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferMap** returns a pointer, accessible by the host, in **\*user\_pointer** that contains a mapped copy of the contents of **buffer**. The memory pointed to by **\*user\_pointer** can be written to or read from, depending on the type of **buffer**. For example, this code snippet demonstrates creating and filling an input buffer with floats.

```
RTbuffer buffer;
float* data;
rtBufferCreate(context, RT_BUFFER_INPUT, &buffer);
rtBufferSetFormat(buffer, RT_FORMAT_FLOAT);
rtBufferSetSize1D(buffer, 10);
rtBufferMap(buffer, (void*)&data);
for(int i = 0; i < 10; ++i)
    data[i] = 4.f * i;
rtBufferUnmap(buffer);
```

If **buffer** has already been mapped, the call will return **RT\_ERROR\_ALREADY\_MAPPED**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**



RT\_ERROR\_ALREADY\_MAPPED

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

## HISTORY

**rtBufferMap** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtBufferUnmap*

### 1.11.30 rtBufferMarkDirty

#### NAME

**rtBufferMarkDirty** - Sets the pointer to the buffer's data on the given device.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtBufferMarkDirty(RTbuffer buffer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to be marked dirty.

#### DESCRIPTION

If **rtBufferSetDevicePointer** or **rtBufferGetDevicePointer** have been called for a single device for a given buffer, the user can change the buffer's content and then notify *OptiX* about it by calling **rtBufferMarkDirty**: then *OptiX* will broadcast the buffer's contents from the requested device onto the other devices that the buffer exists on.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferMarkDirty** was introduced in *OptiX* 3.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferGetDevicePointer*, *rtBufferSetDevicePointer*

### 1.11.31 `rtBufferSetDevicePointer`

#### NAME

**rtBufferSetDevicePointer** - Sets the pointer to the buffer's data on the given device.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtBufferSetDevicePointer(RTbuffer buffer,
                                  unsigned int optix_device_number,
                                  CUdeviceptr device_pointer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **buffer**

The buffer for which the device pointer is to be set.

##### **optix\_device\_number**

The number of *OptiX* device.

##### **device\_pointer**

The pointer to the data on the specified device.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferSetDevicePointer** sets the pointer to the data of **buffer** on device **optix\_device\_number** to **device\_pointer**.

The buffer needs to be allocated with **rtBufferCreateForCUDA** in order for the call to **rtBufferSetDevicePointer** to be valid.

Note that if **rtBufferSetDevicePointer** has been called for a single device for a given buffer, the user can change the buffer's content and then notify *OptiX* about it by calling **rtBufferMarkDirty**: then *OptiX* will broadcast the buffer's contents from the requested device onto the other devices that the buffer exists on.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

## HISTORY

`rtBufferSetDevicePointer` was introduced in *OptiX* 3.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtBufferMarkDirty*, *rtBufferGetDevicePointer*

### 1.11.32 `rtBufferSetElementSize`

#### NAME

**rtBufferSetElementSize** - Modifies the size in bytes of a buffer's individual elements.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtBufferSetElementSize(RTbuffer buffer,
                                unsigned int element_size)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

Specifies the buffer to be modified.

**element\_size**

Specifies the new size in bytes of the buffer's individual elements.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferSetElementSize** modifies the size in bytes of a buffer's user-formatted elements. The target buffer is specified by **buffer**, which should be a value returned by **rtBufferCreate** and should have format **RT\_FORMAT\_USER**. The new size of the buffer's individual elements is specified by **element\_size** and should be a value not equal to 0. If the buffer has format **RT\_FORMAT\_USER**, and **element\_size** is not equal to 0, then after the call, the buffer's individual elements shall have size equal to **element\_size** and all storage associated with the buffer shall be reset. Otherwise, this call has no effect and returns either **RT\_TYPE\_MISMATCH** if the buffer does not have format **RT\_FORMAT\_USER** or **RT\_INVALID\_VALUE** if the buffer has format **RT\_FORMAT\_USER** but **element\_size** is equal to 0.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_TYPE\_MISMATCH**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

## HISTORY

`rtBufferSetElementSize` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtBufferGetElementSize*, *rtBufferCreate*

### 1.11.33 `rtBufferSetSize1D`

#### NAME

**rtBufferSetSize1D** - Sets the width and dimensionality of this buffer.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtBufferSetSize1D(RTbuffer buffer,
                           RTsize width)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to be resized.

**width**

The width of the resized buffer.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferSetSize1D** sets the dimensionality of **buffer** to 1 as well as setting its width to **width**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferSetSize1D** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferSetSize2D*, *rtBufferSetSize3D*, *rtBufferSetSizev*, *rtBufferGetSize1D*, *rtBufferGetSize2D*, *rtBufferGetSize3D*, *rtBufferGetSizev*

### 1.11.34 rtBufferSetSize2D

#### NAME

**rtBufferSetSize2D** - Sets the width, height and dimensionality of this buffer.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtBufferSetSize2D(RTbuffer buffer,
                           RTsize width,
                           RTsize height)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to be resized.

**width**

The width of the resized buffer.

**height**

The height of the resized buffer.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferSetSize2D** sets the dimensionality of **buffer** to 2 as well as setting its width and height to **width** and **height**, respectively.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferSetSize2D** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.



**SEE ALSO**

*rtBufferSetSize1D*, *rtBufferSetSize3D*, *rtBufferSetSizev*, *rtBufferGetSize1D*, *rtBufferGetSize2D*, *rtBufferGetSize3D*, *rtBufferGetSizev*

### 1.11.35 rtBufferSetSize3D

#### NAME

**rtBufferSetSize3D** - Sets the width, height, depth and dimensionality of a buffer.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtBufferSetSize3D(RTbuffer buffer,
                           RTsize width,
                           RTsize height,
                           RTsize depth)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to be resized.

**width**

The width of the resized buffer.

**height**

The height of the resized buffer.

**depth**

The depth of the resized buffer.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferSetSize3D** sets the dimensionality of **buffer** to 3 as well as setting its width, height and depth to **width**, **height** and **depth**, respectively.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

## HISTORY

`rtBufferSetSize3D` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtBufferSetSize2D*, *rtBufferSetSize3D*, *rtBufferSetSizev*, *rtBufferGetSize1D*, *rtBufferGetSize2D*, *rtBufferGetSize3D*, *rtBufferGetSizev*

### 1.11.36 rtBufferSetSizev

#### NAME

**rtBufferSetSizev** - Sets the dimensionality and dimensions of a buffer.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtBufferSetSizev(RTbuffer buffer,
                          unsigned int dimensionality,
                          const RTsize* dims)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to be resized.

**dimensionality**

The dimensionality the buffer will be resized to.

**dims**

The array of sizes for the dimension of the resize.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferSetSizev** sets the dimensionality of **buffer** to **dimensionality** as well as setting the dimensions of the buffer to the values stored at **\*dims**, which must contain a number of values equal to **dimensionality**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferSetSizev** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtBufferSetSize1D*, *rtBufferSetSize2D*, *rtBufferSetSize3D*, *rtBufferGetSize1D*, *rtBufferGetSize2D*, *rtBufferGetSize3D*, *rtBufferGetSizev*

### 1.11.37 rtBufferUnmap

#### NAME

**rtBufferUnmap** - Unmaps a buffer's storage from the host.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtBufferUnmap(RTbuffer buffer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to unmap.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferUnmap** unmaps a buffer from the host after a call to **rtBufferMap**. **rtContextLaunch\*** cannot be called while buffers are still mapped to the host. A call to **rtBufferUnmap** that does not follow a matching **rtBufferMap** call will return **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferUnmap** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferMap*

### 1.11.38 rtBufferValidate

#### NAME

**rtBufferValidate** - Validates the state of a buffer.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtBufferValidate(RTbuffer buffer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**buffer**

The buffer to validate.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBufferValidate** checks **buffer** for completeness. If **buffer** has not had its dimensionality, size or format set, this call will return **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

#### HISTORY

**rtBufferValidate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreate*, *rtBufferCreateFromGLBO* *rtContextValidate*

## 1.12 Texture Sampler

### NAME

Texture Sampler

### DESCRIPTION

This section describes the API functions for creation and handling of TextureSampler objects.

`rtTextureSamplerCreate`

`rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D9Resource`

`rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D10Resource`

`rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D11Resource`

`rtTextureSamplerD3D9Unregister`

`rtTextureSamplerD3D10Unregister`

`rtTextureSamplerD3D11Unregister`

`rtTextureSamplerD3D9Register`

`rtTextureSamplerD3D10Register`

`rtTextureSamplerD3D11Register`

`rtTextureSamplerDestroy`

`rtTextureSamplerGetArraySize`

`rtTextureSamplerGetBuffer`

`rtTextureSamplerGetContext`

`rtTextureSamplerGetD3D9Resource`

`rtTextureSamplerGetD3D10Resource`

`rtTextureSamplerGetD3D11Resource`

`rtTextureSamplerGetFilteringModes`

`rtTextureSamplerGetGLImageId`

`rtTextureSamplerGetIndexingMode`

`rtTextureSamplerGetMaxAnisotropy`

`rtTextureSamplerGetMipLevelCount`

`rtTextureSamplerGetReadMode`

`rtTextureSamplerGetWrapMode`

`rtTextureSamplerGLUnregister`



`rtTextureSamplerGLRegister`  
`rtTextureSamplerSetArraySize`  
`rtTextureSamplerSetBuffer`  
`rtTextureSamplerSetFilteringModes`  
`rtTextureSamplerSetIndexingMode`  
`rtTextureSamplerSetMaxAnisotropy`  
`rtTextureSamplerSetMipLevelCount`  
`rtTextureSamplerSetReadMode`  
`rtTextureSamplerSetWrapMode`  
`rtTextureSamplerValidate`

## HISTORY

TextureSample objects were introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

Context, Geometry Group, Group Node, Selector Node, Transform Node, Acceleration Structure, Geometry Instance, Geometry, Material, Program, Buffer, Variables, Context-Free Functions

### 1.12.1 rtTextureSamplerCreate

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerCreate** - Creates a new texture sampler object.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerCreate(RTcontext context,
                                RTtexturesampler* texturesampler)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**context**

The context the texture sampler object will be created in.

**texturesampler**

The return handle to the new texture sampler object.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerCreate** allocates and returns a new handle to a texture sampler object, in **\*texturesampler**, and associates it with **context**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerCreate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerDestroy*

### 1.12.2 `rtTextureSamplerCreateFromGLImage`

#### NAME

**`rtTextureSamplerCreateFromGLImage`** - Creates a new texture sampler object from an OpenGL image.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_gl_interop.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerCreateFromGLImage(RTcontext context,
                                           unsigned int gl_id,
                                           RTgltarget target,
                                           RTtexturesampler* texturesampler)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **context**

The context to create the buffer in.

##### **gl\_id**

The OpenGL image object resource handle for use in OptiX.

##### **target**

The OpenGL target.

##### **texturesampler**

The return handle for the texture sampler object.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtTextureSamplerCreateFromGLImage`** allocates and returns a handle to a new texture sampler object in **`*texturesampler`** associated with **`context`**. If the allocated size of the GL texture is 0, `RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED` will be returned. Supported OpenGL image types are:

Renderbuffers

`GL_TEXTURE_2D`

`GL_TEXTURE_2D_RECT`

`GL_TEXTURE_3D`

These types are reflected by **`target`**:

`RT_TARGET_GL_RENDER_BUFFER`

`RT_TARGET_GL_TEXTURE_2D`

`RT_TARGET_GL_TEXTURE_RECTANGLE`

RT\_TARGET\_GL\_TEXTURE\_3D

Supported attachment points for renderbuffers are:

GL\_COLOR\_ATTACHMENT<NUM>

These texture samplers can be used to share data with OpenGL; changes of the content and size of **texturesampler** done by OpenGL will be reflected automatically in OptiX. Currently texture sampler data are read only in *OptiX* programs. *OptiX* keeps only a reference to OpenGL data, when **texturesampler** is destroyed, the state of the **gl\_id** image is unaltered.

The array size and number of mipmap levels can't be changed for texture samplers that encapsulate a GL image. Furthermore no buffer objects can be queried.

Currently OptiX supports only a limited number of internal OpenGL texture formats. Texture formats with an internal type of float, e.g. GL\_RGBA32F, and many integer formats are supported. Depth formats as well as multisample buffers are also currently not supported. Please refer to the *Appendix* for a complete list of supported texture formats.

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

## HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerCreateFromGLImage** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerCreate*, *rtTextureSamplerDestroy*

### 1.12.3 `rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D9Resource`

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D9Resource** - Creates a new texture sampler object from an D3D9 resource.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_gl_interop.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D9Resource(RTcontext context,
                                                IDirect3DResource9* resource,
                                                RTtexturesampler* texturesampler);
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **context**

The context to create the buffer in.

##### **resource**

The D3D9 resource handle for use in OptiX.

##### **texturesampler**

The return handle for the texture sampler object.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D9Resource** allocates and returns a handle to a new texture sampler object in **\*texturesampler** associated with **context**. If the allocated size of the D3D resource is 0, `RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED` will be returned. Supported D3D9 texture types are:

`IDirect3DSurface9`

(derivatives of) `IDirect3DBaseTexture9`

These texture samplers can be used to share data with D3D9; changes of the content and size of **texture-sampler** done by D3D9 will be reflected automatically in OptiX. Currently texture sampler data are read only in *OptiX* programs. *OptiX* keeps only a reference to D3D9 data, when **texturesampler** is destroyed, the state of the **resource** is unaltered.

The array size and number of mipmap levels can't be changed for texture samplers that encapsulate a D3D9 resource. Furthermore no buffer objects can be queried. Please refer to the *Appendix* for a complete list of supported texture formats.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

## HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D9Resource** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerCreate*, *rtTextureSamplerDestroy*

### 1.12.4 rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D10Resource

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D10Resource** - Creates a new texture sampler object from an D3D10 resource.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_gl_interop.h>
```

```
RTresult rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D10Resource(RTcontext context,
                                                  ID3D10Resource* resource,
                                                  RTtexturesampler* texturesampler);
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### context

The context to create the buffer in.

##### resource

The D3D10 resource handle for use in OptiX.

##### texturesampler

The return handle for the texture sampler object.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D10Resource** allocates and returns a handle to a new texture sampler object in **\*texturesampler** associated with **context**. If the allocated size of the D3D resource is 0, **RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED** will be returned. Supported D3D10 texture types are:

ID3D10Texture1D

ID3D10Texture2D

ID3D10Texture3D

These texture samplers can be used to share data with D3D10; changes of the content and size of **texture-sampler** done by D3D10 will be reflected automatically in OptiX. Currently texture sampler data are read only in *OptiX* programs. *OptiX* keeps only a reference to D3D10 data, when **texturesampler** is destroyed, the state of the **resource** is unaltered.

The array size and number of mipmap levels can't be changed for texture samplers that encapsulate a D3D10 resource. Furthermore no buffer objects can be queried. Please refer to the *Appendix* for a complete list of supported texture formats.

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

## HISTORY

`rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D10Resource` was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerCreate*, *rtTextureSamplerDestroy*



### 1.12.5 rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D11Resource

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D11Resource** - Creates a new texture sampler object from an D3D11 resource.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_gl_interop.h>
```

```
RTresult rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D11Resource(RTcontext context,
                                                  ID3D11Resource* resource,
                                                  RTtexturesampler* texturesampler);
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### context

The context to create the buffer in.

##### resource

The D3D11 resource handle for use in OptiX.

##### texturesampler

The return handle for the texture sampler object.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D11Resource** allocates and returns a handle to a new texture sampler object in **\*texturesampler** associated with **context**. If the allocated size of the D3D resource is 0, **RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED** will be returned. Supported D3D11 texture types are:

ID3D11Texture1D

ID3D11Texture2D

ID3D11Texture3D

These texture samplers can be used to share data with D3D11; changes of the content and size of **texture-sampler** done by D3D11 will be reflected automatically in OptiX. Currently texture sampler data are read only in *OptiX* programs. *OptiX* keeps only a reference to D3D11 data, when **texturesampler** is destroyed, the state of the **resource** is unaltered.

The array size and number of mipmap levels can't be changed for texture samplers that encapsulate a D3D11 resource. Furthermore no buffer objects can be queried. Please refer to the *Appendix* for a complete list of supported texture formats.

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

## HISTORY

`rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D11Resource` was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerCreate*, *rtTextureSamplerDestroy*

### 1.12.6 `rtTextureSamplerD3D9Unregister`

#### NAME

**`rtTextureSamplerD3D9Unregister`** - Declares a D3D9 texture as mutable and inaccessible by OptiX.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_D3D9_interop.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerD3D9Unregister(RTtexturesampler sampler)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **sampler**

The handle for the texture sampler object.

#### DESCRIPTION

An OptiX texture sampler in a registered state can be unregistered via **`rtTextureSamplerD3D9Unregister`**. Once unregistered, properties like the size of the original D3D9 resource can be changed. As long as a resource is unregistered, OptiX will not be able to access the data and will fail with **`RT_ERROR_INVALID_HANDLE`**. When a buffer is already in an unregistered state **`rtBufferD3D9Unregister`** will return **`RT_ERROR_RESOURCE_NOT_REGISTERED`**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**`RT_SUCCESS`**

**`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`**

**`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`**

**`RT_ERROR_RESOURCE_NOT_REGISTERED`**

#### HISTORY

**`rtTextureSamplerD3D9Unregister`** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D9Resource`*

### 1.12.7 `rtTextureSamplerD3D10Unregister`

#### NAME

**`rtTextureSamplerD3D10Unregister`** - Declares a D3D10 texture as mutable and inaccessible by OptiX.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_D3D10_interop.h>
```

```
RTresult rtTextureSamplerD3D10Unregister(RTtexturesampler sampler)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **sampler**

The handle for the texture sampler object.

#### DESCRIPTION

An OptiX texture sampler in a registered state can be unregistered via **`rtTextureSamplerD3D10Unregister`**. Once unregistered, properties like the size of the original D3D10 resource can be changed. As long as a resource is unregistered, OptiX will not be able to access the data and will fail with **`RT_ERROR_INVALID_HANDLE`**. When a buffer is already in an unregistered state **`rtBufferD3D10Unregister`** will return **`RT_ERROR_RESOURCE_NOT_REGISTERED`**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**`RT_SUCCESS`**

**`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`**

**`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`**

**`RT_ERROR_RESOURCE_NOT_REGISTERED`**

#### HISTORY

**`rtTextureSamplerD3D10Unregister`** was introduced in *OptiX 2.0*.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D9Resource`*

### 1.12.8 `rtTextureSamplerD3D11Unregister`

#### NAME

**`rtTextureSamplerD3D11Unregister`** - Declares a D3D11 texture as mutable and inaccessible by OptiX.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_D3D11_interop.h>
```

```
RTresult rtTextureSamplerD3D11Unregister(RTtexturesampler sampler)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **sampler**

The handle for the texture sampler object.

#### DESCRIPTION

An OptiX texture sampler in a registered state can be unregistered via **`rtTextureSamplerD3D11Unregister`**. Once unregistered, properties like the size of the original D3D11 resource can be changed. As long as a resource is unregistered, OptiX will not be able to access the data and will fail with **`RT_ERROR_INVALID_HANDLE`**. When a buffer is already in an unregistered state **`rtBufferD3D11Unregister`** will return **`RT_ERROR_RESOURCE_NOT_REGISTERED`**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**`RT_SUCCESS`**

**`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`**

**`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`**

**`RT_ERROR_RESOURCE_NOT_REGISTERED`**

#### HISTORY

**`rtTextureSamplerD3D11Unregister`** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D11Resource`*

### 1.12.9 rtTextureSamplerD3D9Register

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerD3D9Register** - Declares an D3D9 texture as immutable and accessible by OptiX.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_D3D9_interop.h>

Rtresult rtTextureSamplerD3D9Register(Rttexturesampler sampler)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### sampler

The handle for the texture object.

#### DESCRIPTION

An OptiX texture sampler in an unregistered state can be registered to OptiX again via **rtTextureSamplerD3D9Register**. Once registered, properties like the size of the original D3D9 resource cannot be modified anymore. Calls to the corresponding D3D9 functions will return with an error code. However, the data of the D3D9 resource can still be read and written by the appropriate D3D9 commands. When a texture sampler is already in a registered state **rtTextureSamplerD3D9Register** will return **RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_ALREADY\_REGISTERED**. A resource must be registered in order to be used by OptiX. If a resource is not registered **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_HANDLE** will be returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_ALREADY\_REGISTERED**

#### HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerD3D9Register** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D9Resource*

### 1.12.10 `rtTextureSamplerD3D10Register`

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerD3D10Register** - Declares an D3D10 texture as immutable and accessible by OptiX.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_D3D10_interop.h>

Rtresult rtTextureSamplerD3D10Register(Rttexturesampler sampler)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **sampler**

The handle for the texture object.

#### DESCRIPTION

An OptiX texture sampler in an unregistered state can be registered to OptiX again via **rtTextureSamplerD3D10Register**. Once registered, properties like the size of the original D3D10 resource cannot be modified anymore. Calls to the corresponding D3D10 functions will return with an error code. However, the data of the D3D10 resource can still be read and written by the appropriate D3D10 commands. When a texture sampler is already in a registered state **rtTextureSamplerD3D10Register** will return **RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_ALREADY\_REGISTERED**. A resource must be registered in order to be used by OptiX. If a resource is not registered **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_HANDLE** will be returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_ALREADY\_REGISTERED**

#### HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerD3D10Register** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D10Resource*

### 1.12.11 `rtTextureSamplerD3D11Register`

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerD3D11Register** - Declares an D3D11 texture as immutable and accessible by OptiX.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_D3D11_interop.h>

Rtresult rtTextureSamplerD3D11Register(Rttexturesampler sampler)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **sampler**

The handle for the texture object.

#### DESCRIPTION

An OptiX texture sampler in an unregistered state can be registered to OptiX again via **rtTextureSamplerD3D11Register**. Once registered, properties like the size of the original D3D11 resource cannot be modified anymore. Calls to the corresponding D3D11 functions will return with an error code. However, the data of the D3D11 resource can still be read and written by the appropriate D3D11 commands. When a texture sampler is already in a registered state **rtTextureSamplerD3D11Register** will return **RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_ALREADY\_REGISTERED**. A resource must be registered in order to be used by OptiX. If a resource is not registered **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_HANDLE** will be returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_ALREADY\_REGISTERED**

#### HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerD3D11Register** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D11Resource*



### 1.12.12 `rtTextureSamplerDestroy`

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerDestroy** - Destroys a texture sampler object

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtTextureSamplerDestroy(RTtexturesampler texturesampler)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**texturesampler**

Handle of the texture sampler to destroy

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerDestroy** removes **texturesampler** from its context and deletes it. **texturesampler** should be a value returned by **rtTextureSamplerCreate**. After the call, **texturesampler** is no longer a valid handle. Any API object that referenced **texturesampler** will have its reference invalidated.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerDestroy** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerCreate*

### 1.12.13 rtTextureSamplerGetArraySize

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerGetArraySize** - Gets the number of array slices present in a texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerGetArraySize(RTtexturesampler texturesampler,
                                     unsigned int* num_textures_in_array)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**texturesampler**

The texture sampler object to be queried.

**num\_textures\_in\_array**

The return handle for the number of texture slices the texture sampler.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerGetArraySize** gets the number of texture array slices in **texturesampler** and stores it in **\*num\_textures\_in\_array**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

#### HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerGetArraySize** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerSetArraySize*

### 1.12.14 `rtTextureSamplerGetBuffer`

#### NAME

**`rtTextureSamplerGetBuffer`** - Gets a buffer object handle from a texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerGetBuffer(RTtexturesampler texturesampler,
                                   unsigned int texture_array_idx,
                                   unsigned int mip_level,
                                   RTbuffer* buffer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **`texturesampler`**

The texture sampler object to be queried for the buffer.

##### **`texture_array_idx`**

The array slice index the buffer will be queried from.

##### **`mip_level`**

The MIP level the buffer will be queried from.

##### **`buffer`**

The return handle to the buffer attached to the texture sampler.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtTextureSamplerGetBuffer`** gets a buffer object from **`texturesampler`** from the specified MIP level and array slice and stores it in **`*buffer`**. **`mip_level`** and **`texture_array_idx`** specify the MIP level and array slice, respectively.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

## HISTORY

`rtTextureSamplerGetBuffer` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerSetBuffer*

### 1.12.15 `rtTextureSamplerGetContext`

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerGetContext** - Gets the context object that created this texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerGetContext(RTtexturesampler texturesampler,
                                    RTcontext* context)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**texturesampler**

The texture sampler object to be queried for its context.

**context**

The return handle for the context object of the texture sampler.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerGetContext** returns a handle to the context object that was used to create **texturesampler**. If **context** is NULL, the call will return **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

#### HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerGetContext** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextCreate*

### 1.12.16 rtTextureSamplerGetD3D9Resource

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerGetD3D9Resource** - Gets the D3D9 resource associated with this texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_d3d9_interop.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerGetD3D9Resource(RTtexturesampler sampler,
                                         Direct3DResource9 **resource);
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### sampler

The texture sampler to be queried for its D3D9 resource.

##### resource

The return handle for the resource.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerGetD3D9Resource** stores the D3D9 resource pointer in **\*\*resource** if **sampler** was created with **rtTextureSamplerGetD3D9Resource**. If **sampler** was not created from an D3D9 resource **resource** will be 0 after the call and **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE** is returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

#### HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerGetD3D9Resource** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreateFromD3D9Resource*

### 1.12.17 `rtTextureSamplerGetD3D10Resource`

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerGetD3D10Resource** - Gets the D3D10 resource associated with this texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_d3d10_interop.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerGetD3D10Resource(RTtexturesampler sampler,
                                           D3D10Resource **resource);
```

#### PARAMETERS

**sampler**

The texture sampler to be queried for its D3D10 resource.

**resource**

The return handle for the resource.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerGetD3D10Resource** stores the D3D10 resource pointer in **\*\*resource** if **sampler** was created with **rtTextureSamplerGetD3D10Resource**. If **sampler** was not created from an D3D10 resource **resource** will be 0 after the call and `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` is returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerGetD3D10Resource** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreateFromD3D10Resource*

### 1.12.18 `rtTextureSamplerGetD3D11Resource`

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerGetD3D11Resource** - Gets the D3D11 resource associated with this texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_d3d11_interop.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerGetD3D11Resource(RTtexturesampler sampler,
                                           D3D11Resource **resource);
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **sampler**

The texture sampler to be queried for its D3D11 resource.

##### **resource**

The return handle for the resource.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerGetD3D11Resource** stores the D3D11 resource pointer in **\*\*resource** if **sampler** was created with **rtTextureSamplerGetD3D11Resource**. If **sampler** was not created from an D3D11 resource **resource** will be 0 after the call and `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` is returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerGetD3D11Resource** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtBufferCreateFromD3D11Resource*



### 1.12.19 `rtTextureSamplerGetFilteringModes`

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerGetFilteringModes** - Gets the filtering modes of a texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerGetFilteringModes(RTtexturesampler texturesampler,
                                           RTfiltermode* minification,
                                           RTfiltermode* magnification,
                                           RTfiltermode* mipmapping)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **texturesampler**

The texture sampler object to be queried.

##### **minification**

The return handle for the minification filtering mode of the texture sampler.

##### **magnification**

The return handle for the magnification filtering mode of the texture sampler.

##### **mipmapping**

The return handle for the MIP mapping filtering mode of the texture sampler.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerGetFilteringModes** gets the minification, magnification and MIP mapping filtering modes from **texturesampler** and stores them in **\*minification**, **\*magnification** and **\*mipmapping**, respectively. See **rtTextureSamplerSetFilteringModes** for the values **RTfiltermode** may take.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

## HISTORY

`rtTextureSamplerGetFilteringModes` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerSetFilteringModes*

### 1.12.20 `rtTextureSamplerGetGLImageId`

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerGetGLImageId** - Gets the OpenGL image object id associated with this texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_gl_interop.h>
```

```
RTresult rtTextureSamplerGetGLImageId(RTtexturesampler sampler,  
                                     unsigned int *gl_id)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **sampler**

The texture sampler to be queried for its OpenGL image object id.

##### **gl\_id**

The return handle for the id.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerGetGLImageId** stores the OpenGL image object id in **\*gl\_id** if **sampler** was created with **rtTextureSamplerGetGLImageId**. If **sampler** was not created from an OpenGL image object **gl\_id** will be 0 after the call and **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE** is returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

#### HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerGetGLImageId** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtTextureSamplerCreateFromGLImage*

### 1.12.21 `rtTextureSamplerGetId`

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerGetId** - Gets the device-side texture ID of this texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerGetId(RTtexturesampler texturesampler,
                               int *texture_id);
```

#### PARAMETERS

**texturesampler**

The texture sampler object to be queried for its ID.

**texture\_id**

The returned device-side texture ID of the texture sampler.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerGetId** returns a handle to the texture sampler **texturesampler** to be used in *OptiX* programs on the device to reference the associated texture. The returned ID cannot be used on the host side. If **texture\_id** is NULL, the call will return **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

#### HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerGetId** was introduced in *OptiX* 3.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerCreate*

### 1.12.22 `rtTextureSamplerGetIndexingMode`

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerGetIndexingMode** - Gets the indexing mode of a texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerGetIndexingMode(RTtexturesampler texturesampler,
                                         RTtextureindexmode* indexmode)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**texturesampler**

The texture sampler object to be queried.

**indexmode**

The return handle for the indexing mode of the texture sampler.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerGetIndexingMode** gets the indexing mode of **texturesampler** and stores it in **\*indexmode**. See **rtTextureSamplerSetIndexingMode** for the values **RTtextureindexmode** may take.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

#### HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerGetIndexingMode** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerSetIndexingMode*

### 1.12.23 `rtTextureSamplerGetMaxAnisotropy`

#### NAME

**`rtTextureSamplerGetMaxAnisotropy`** - Gets the maximum anisotropy level for a texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerGetMaxAnisotropy(RTtexturesampler texturesampler,
                                          float* value)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**texturesampler**

The texture sampler object to be queried.

**wrapmode**

The return handle for the maximum anisotropy level of the texture sampler.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtTextureSamplerGetMaxAnisotropy`** gets the maximum anisotropy level for **texturesampler** and stores it in **\*value**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

**`rtTextureSamplerGetMaxAnisotropy`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerSetMaxAnisotropy*

### 1.12.24 `rtTextureSamplerGetMipLevelCount`

#### NAME

**`rtTextureSamplerGetMipLevelCount`** - Gets the number of MIP levels in a texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerGetMipLevelCount(RTtexturesampler texturesampler,
                                          unsigned int* num_mip_levels)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**`texturesampler`**

The texture sampler object to be queried.

**`num_mip_levels`**

The return handle for the number of MIP levels in the texture sampler.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtTextureSamplerGetMipLevelCount`** gets the number of MIP levels contained in **`texturesampler`** and stores it in **`*num_mip_levels`**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

**`rtTextureSamplerGetMipLevelCount`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtTextureSamplerSetMipLevelCount`*



### 1.12.25 `rtTextureSamplerGetReadMode`

#### NAME

`rtTextureSamplerGetReadMode` - Gets the read mode of a texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerGetReadMode(RTtexturesampler texturesampler,
                                     RTtexturereadmode* readmode)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**texturesampler**

The texture sampler object to be queried.

**readmode**

The return handle for the read mode of the texture sampler.

#### DESCRIPTION

`rtTextureSamplerGetReadMode` gets the read mode of **texturesampler** and stores it in **\*readmode**. See `rtTextureSamplerSetReadMode` for a list of values **RTtexturereadmode** can take.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

`rtTextureSamplerGetReadMode` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerSetReadMode*

### 1.12.26 `rtTextureSamplerGetWrapMode`

#### NAME

`rtTextureSamplerGetWrapMode` - Gets the wrap mode of a texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerGetWrapMode(RTtexturesampler texturesampler,
                                     RTwrapmode* wrapmode)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**texturesampler**

The texture sampler object to be queried.

**wrapmode**

The return handle for the wrap mode of the texture sampler.

#### DESCRIPTION

`rtTextureSamplerGetWrapMode` gets the texture wrapping mode of **texturesampler** and stores it in **\*wrapmode**. See `rtTextureSamplerSetWrapMode` for a list of values **RTwrapmode** can take.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

`rtTextureSamplerGetWrapMode` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerSetWrapMode*

### 1.12.27 `rtTextureSamplerGLUnregister`

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerGLUnregister** - Declares a OpenGL texture as mutable and inaccessible by OptiX.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_gl_interop.h>
```

```
RTresult rtTextureSamplerGLUnregister(RTtexturesampler sampler)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**sampler**

The handle for the texture sampler object.

#### DESCRIPTION

An OptiX texture sampler in a registered state can be unregistered via **rtTextureSamplerGLUnregister**. Once unregistered, properties like the size of the original GL resource can be changed. As long as a resource is unregistered, OptiX will not be able to access the data and will fail with **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_HANDLE**. When a buffer is already in an unregistered state **rtBufferGLUnregister** will return **RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_NOT\_REGISTERED**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_NOT\_REGISTERED**

#### HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerGLUnregister** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerCreateFromGLImage*

### 1.12.28 rtTextureSamplerGLRegister

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerGLRegister** - Declares an OpenGL texture as immutable and accessible by OptiX.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_gl_interop.h>

Rtresult rtTextureSamplerGLRegister(Rttexturesampler sampler)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### sampler

The handle for the texture object.

#### DESCRIPTION

An OptiX texture sampler in an unregistered state can be registered to OptiX again via **rtTextureSamplerGLRegister**. Once registered, properties like the size of the original GL resource cannot be modified anymore. Calls to the corresponding GL functions will return with an error code. However, the data of the GL resource can still be read and written by the appropriate GL commands. When a texture sampler is already in a registered state **rtTextureSamplerGLRegister** will return **RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_ALREADY\_REGISTERED**. A resource must be registered in order to be used by OptiX. If a resource is not registered **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_HANDLE** will be returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_RESOURCE\_ALREADY\_REGISTERED

#### HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerGLRegister** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerCreateFromGLImage*

### 1.12.29 `rtTextureSamplerSetArraySize`

#### NAME

`rtTextureSamplerSetArraySize` - Sets the array size of a texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerSetArraySize(RTtexturesampler texturesampler,
                                     unsigned int  num_textures_in_array)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### `texturesampler`

The texture sampler object to be changed.

##### `wrapmode`

The new number of array slices of the texture sampler.

#### DESCRIPTION

`rtTextureSamplerSetArraySize` specifies the number of texture array slices present in `texturesampler` as `num_textures_in_array`. After changing the number of slices in the array, buffers must be reassociated with `texturesampler` via `rtTextureSamplerSetBuffer`.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

`rtTextureSamplerSetArraySize` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtTextureSamplerGetArraySize`*

### 1.12.30 `rtTextureSamplerSetBuffer`

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerSetBuffer** - Attaches a buffer object to a texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerSetBuffer(RTtexturesampler texturesampler,
                                   unsigned int texture_array_idx,
                                   unsigned int mip_level,
                                   RTbuffer buffer)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **texturesampler**

The texture sampler object that will contain the buffer.

##### **texture\_array\_idx**

The array slice index the buffer will be attached to.

##### **mip\_level**

The MIP level the buffer will be attached to.

##### **buffer**

The buffer to be attached to the texture sampler.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerSetBuffer** attaches **buffer** to **texturesampler** at the specified array slice and MIP level. The array slice and MIP level are specified by **texture\_array\_idx** and **mip\_level**, respectively.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

## HISTORY

`rtTextureSamplerSetBuffer` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerGetBuffer*

### 1.12.31 `rtTextureSamplerSetFilteringModes`

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerSetFilteringModes** - Sets the filtering modes of a texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerSetFilteringModes(RTtexturesampler texturesampler,
                                           RTfiltermode minification,
                                           RTfiltermode magnification,
                                           RTfiltermode mipmapping)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **texturesampler**

The texture sampler object to be changed.

##### **minification**

The new minification filter mode of the texture sampler.

##### **magnification**

The new magnification filter mode of the texture sampler.

##### **mipmapping**

The new MIP mapping filter mode of the texture sampler.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerSetFilteringModes** sets the minification, magnification and MIP mapping filter modes for **texturesampler**. **RTfiltermode** must be one of the following values:

```
RT_FILTER_NEAREST
RT_FILTER_LINEAR
RT_FILTER_NONE
```

These filter modes specify how the texture sampler will interpolate buffer data that has been attached to it. **minification** and **magnification** must be one of **RT\_FILTER\_NEAREST** or **RT\_FILTER\_LINEAR**. **mipmapping** may be any of the three values but must be **RT\_FILTER\_NONE** if the texture sampler contains only a single MIP level or one of **RT\_FILTER\_NEAREST** or **RT\_FILTER\_LINEAR** if the texture sampler contains more than one MIP level.



## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

## HISTORY

`rtTextureSamplerSetFilteringModes` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerGetFilteringModes*

### 1.12.32 rtTextureSamplerSetIndexingMode

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerSetIndexingMode** - Sets the indexing mode of a texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerSetIndexingMode(RTtexturesampler texturesampler,
                                         RTtextureindexmode indexmode)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**texturesampler**

The texture sampler object to be changed.

**indexmode**

The new indexing mode of the texture sampler.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerSetIndexingMode** sets the indexing mode of **texturesampler** to **indexmode**. **indexmode** can take on one of the following values:

```
RT_TEXTURE_INDEX_NORMALIZED_COORDINATES,
RT_TEXTURE_INDEX_ARRAY_INDEX
```

These values are used to control the interpretation of texture coordinates. If the index mode is set to **RT\_TEXTURE\_INDEX\_NORMALIZED\_COORDINATES**, the texture is parameterized over [0,1]. If the index mode is set to **RT\_TEXTURE\_INDEX\_ARRAY\_INDEX** then texture coordinates are interpreted as array indices into the contents of the underlying buffer objects.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

```
RT_SUCCESS
RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT
RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE
RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED
```

## HISTORY

`rtTextureSamplerSetIndexingMode` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerGetIndexingMode*

### 1.12.33 `rtTextureSamplerSetMaxAnisotropy`

#### NAME

**`rtTextureSamplerSetMaxAnisotropy`** - Sets the maximum anisotropy of a texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerSetMaxAnisotropy(RTtexturesampler texturesampler,
                                          float value)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**texturesampler**

The texture sampler object to be changed.

**value**

The new maximum anisotropy level of the texture sampler.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtTextureSamplerSetMaxAnisotropy`** sets the maximum anisotropy of **texturesampler** to **value**. A float value greater than 0 will enable anisotropic filtering at the specified value.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

**`rtTextureSamplerSetMaxAnisotropy`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtTextureSamplerGetMaxAnisotropy`*

### 1.12.34 `rtTextureSamplerSetMipLevelCount`

#### NAME

**`rtTextureSamplerSetMipLevelCount`** - Sets the number of MIP levels in a texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerSetMipLevelCount(RTtexturesampler texturesampler,
                                          unsigned int  num_mip_levels)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**`texturesampler`**

The texture sampler object to be changed.

**`num_mip_levels`**

The new number of MIP levels of the texture sampler.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtTextureSamplerSetMipLevelCount`** sets the number of MIP levels in **`texturesampler`** to **`num_mip_levels`**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

**`rtTextureSamplerSetMipLevelCount`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtTextureSamplerGetMipLevelCount`*

### 1.12.35 `rtTextureSamplerSetReadMode`

#### NAME

`rtTextureSamplerSetReadMode` - Sets the read mode of a texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerSetReadMode(RTtexturesampler texturesampler,
                                     RTtexturereadmode readmode)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### `texturesampler`

The texture sampler object to be changed.

##### `readmode`

The new read mode of the texture sampler.

#### DESCRIPTION

`rtTextureSamplerSetReadMode` sets the data read mode of `texturesampler` to `readmode`. `readmode` can take one of the following values:

```
RT_TEXTURE_READ_ELEMENT_TYPE
RT_TEXTURE_READ_NORMALIZED_FLOAT
```

`readmode` controls the returned value of the texture sampler when it is used to sample textures. `RT_TEXTURE_READ_ELEMENT_TYPE` will return data of the type of the underlying buffer objects. `RT_TEXTURE_READ_NORMALIZED_FLOAT` will return floating point values normalized by the range of the underlying type. If the underlying type is floating point, `RT_TEXTURE_READ_NORMALIZED_FLOAT` and `RT_TEXTURE_READ_ELEMENT_TYPE` are equivalent, always returning the unmodified floating point value.

For example, a texture sampler that samples a buffer of type `RT_FORMAT_UNSIGNED_BYTE` with a read mode of `RT_TEXTURE_READ_NORMALIZED_FLOAT` will convert integral values from the range `[0,255]` to floating point values in the range `[0,1]` automatically as the buffer is sampled from.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

```
RT_SUCCESS
```

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED

## HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerSetReadMode** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerGetReadMode*

### 1.12.36 `rtTextureSamplerSetWrapMode`

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerSetWrapMode** - Sets the wrapping mode of a texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtTextureSamplerSetWrapMode(RTtexturesampler texturesampler,
                                     unsigned int dim,
                                     RTwrapmode wrapmode)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**texturesampler**

The texture sampler object to be changed.

**wrapmode**

The new wrap mode of the texture sampler.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerSetWrapMode** sets the wrapping mode of **texturesampler** to **wrapmode** for the texture dimension specified by **dim**. **wrapmode** can take one of the following values:

```
RT_WRAP_REPEAT
RT_WRAP_CLAMP_TO_EDGE
RT_WRAP_MIRROR
RT_WRAP_CLAMP_TO_BORDER
```

The wrapping mode controls the behavior of the texture sampler as texture coordinates wrap around the range specified by the indexing mode. These values mirror the CUDA behavior of textures. See CUDA programming guide for details.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

```
RT_SUCCESS
RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT
RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE
RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED
```



## HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerSetWrapMode** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0. **RT\_WRAP\_MIRROR** and **RT\_WRAP\_CLAMP\_TO\_BORDER** were introduced in *OptiX* 3.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerGetWrapMode*

### 1.12.37 `rtTextureSamplerValidate`

#### NAME

**rtTextureSamplerValidate** - Validates the state of a texture sampler.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtTextureSamplerValidate(RTtexturesampler texturesampler)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**texturesampler**

The texture sampler to be validated.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSamplerValidate** checks **texturesampler** for completeness. If **texturesampler** does not have buffers attached to all of its MIP levels and array slices or if the filtering modes are incompatible with the current MIP level and array slice configuration then the call will return **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

#### HISTORY

**rtTextureSamplerValidate** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextValidate*

## 1.13 Variables

### NAME

Variable

### DESCRIPTION

This section describes the API functions for creation and handling of Variable objects.

**rtVariableGet**

**rtVariableGetContext**

**rtVariableGetName**

**rtVariableGetAnnotation**

**rtVariableGetObject**

**rtVariableGetType**

**rtVariableGetUserData**

**rtVariableGetSize**

**rtVariableSet**

**rtVariableSetObject**

**rtVariableSetUserData**

### HISTORY

Variable objects were introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

### SEE ALSO

Context, Geometry Group, Group Node, Selector Node, Transform Node, Acceleration Structure, Geometry Instance, Geometry, Material, Program, Buffer, Texture Sampler, Context-Free Functions

### 1.13.1 rtVariableGet

#### NAME

**rtVariableGet** - Returns the value of a program variable.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtVariableGet1f(RTvariable variable,
                        float* v1)

RTresult rtVariableGet2f(RTvariable variable,
                        float* v1,
                        float* v2)

RTresult rtVariableGet3f(RTvariable variable,
                        float* v1,
                        float* v2,
                        float* v3)

RTresult rtVariableGet4f(RTvariable variable,
                        float* v1,
                        float* v2,
                        float* v3,
                        float* v4)

RTresult rtVariableGet1i(RTvariable variable,
                        int* v1)

RTresult rtVariableGet2i(RTvariable variable,
                        int* v1,
                        int* v2)

RTresult rtVariableGet3i(RTvariable variable,
                        int* v1,
                        int* v2,
                        int* v3)

RTresult rtVariableGet4i(RTvariable variable,
                        int* v1,
                        int* v2,
                        int* v3,
                        int* v4)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGet1ui(RTvariable variable,  
                          unsigned int* v1)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGet2ui(RTvariable variable,  
                          unsigned int* v1,  
                          unsigned int* v2)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGet3ui(RTvariable variable,  
                          unsigned int* v1,  
                          unsigned int* v2,  
                          unsigned int* v3)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGet4ui(RTvariable variable,  
                          unsigned int* v1,  
                          unsigned int* v2,  
                          unsigned int* v3,  
                          unsigned int* v4)
```

## PARAMETERS

### **variable**

Specifies the program variable to be queried.

### **v1, v2, v3, v4**

Returns the values of the program variable's components.

## SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGet1fv(RTvariable variable,  
                          float* v)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGet2fv(RTvariable variable,  
                          float* v)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGet3fv(RTvariable variable,  
                          float* v)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGet4fv(RTvariable variable,  
                          float* v)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGet1iv(RTvariable variable,  
                          int* v)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGet2iv(RTvariable variable,  
                          int* v)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGet3iv(RTvariable variable,
                          int* v)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGet4iv(RTvariable variable,
                          int* v)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGet1uiv(RTvariable variable,
                           unsigned int* v)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGet2uiv(RTvariable variable,
                           unsigned int* v)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGet3uiv(RTvariable variable,
                           unsigned int* v)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGet4uiv(RTvariable variable,
                           unsigned int* v)
```

## PARAMETERS

### **variable**

Specifies the program variable to be queried.

### **v**

Returns the values of the program variable's components.

## SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGetMatrix2x2fv(RTvariable variable,
                                  int transpose,
                                  float* m)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGetMatrix2x3fv(RTvariable variable,
                                  int transpose,
                                  float* m)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGetMatrix2x4fv(RTvariable variable,
                                  int transpose,
                                  float* m)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGetMatrix3x2fv(RTvariable variable,
                                  int transpose,
                                  float* m)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGetMatrix3x3fv(RTvariable variable,
                                   int transpose,
                                   float* m)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGetMatrix3x4fv(RTvariable variable,
                                   int transpose,
                                   float* m)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGetMatrix4x2fv(RTvariable variable,
                                   int transpose,
                                   float* m)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGetMatrix4x3fv(RTvariable variable,
                                   int transpose,
                                   float* m)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableGetMatrix4x4fv(RTvariable variable,
                                   int transpose,
                                   float* m)
```

## PARAMETERS

### **variable**

Specifies the program variable to be queried.

### **transpose**

Specifies whether to transpose the matrix as the values are returned from the program variable.

### **m**

Returns the values of the program variable's matrix.

## DESCRIPTION

**rtVariableGet** returns the value of a program variable or variable array. The target variable is specified by **variable**.

The commands **rtVariableGet{1-2-3-4}{f-i-ui}v** are used to query the value of a program variable specified by **variable** using the pointers passed as arguments as return locations for each component of the vector-typed variable. The number specified in the command should match the number of components in the data type of the specified program variable (e.g., 1 for float, int, unsigned int; 2 for float2, int2, uint2, etc.). The suffix **f** indicates that floating-point values are expected to be returned, the suffix **i** indicates that integer values are expected, and the suffix **ui** indicates that unsigned integer values are expected, and this type should also match the data type of the specified program variable. The **f** variants of this function should be used to query values for program variables defined as float, float2, float3, float4, or arrays of these. The **i** variants of this function should be used to query values for program variables defined as int, int2, int3, int4, or arrays of these. The **ui** variants of this function should be used to query values for program variables defined as unsigned int, uint2, uint3, uint4, or arrays of these. The **v** variants of this function should be

used to return the program variable's value to the array specified by parameter **v**. In this case, the array **v** should be large enough to accomodate all of the program variable's components.

The commands **rtVariableGetMatrix{2-3-4}x{2-3-4}fv** are used to query the value of a program variable whose data type is a matrix. The numbers in the command names are interpreted as the dimensionality of the matrix. For example, **2x4** indicates a 2 x 4 matrix with 2 columns and 4 rows (i.e., 8 values). If **transpose** is **0**, the matrix is returned in row major order, otherwise in column major order.

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

## HISTORY

**rtVariableGet** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtVariableSet*, *rtVariableGetType*, *rtContextDeclareVariable*



### 1.13.2 rtVariableGetContext

#### NAME

**rtVariableGetContext** - Returns the context associated with a program variable.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtVariableGetContext(RTvariable variable,
                             RTcontext* context)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**variable**

Specifies the program variable to be queried.

**context**

Returns the context associated with the program variable.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtVariableGetContext** queries the context associated with a program variable. The target variable is specified by **variable**. The context of the program variable is returned to **\*context** if the pointer **context** is not NULL. If **variable** is not a valid variable, **\*context** is set to NULL and `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE` is returned.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**rtVariableGetContext** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextDeclareVariable*

### 1.13.3 `rtVariableGetName`

#### NAME

**rtVariableGetName** - Queries the name of a program variable.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtVariableGetName(RTvariable variable,
                           const char** name_return)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**variable**

Specifies the program variable to be queried.

**name\_return**

Returns the program variable's name.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtVariableGetName** queries a program variable's name. The variable of interest is specified by **variable**, which should be a value returned by **rtContextDeclareVariable**. A pointer to the string containing the name of the variable shall be returned to the location pointed to by the pointer **name\_return**. If **variable** is not a valid variable, this call sets **\*name\_return** to NULL and returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`. **\*name\_return** will point to valid memory until another API function that returns a string is called.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

#### HISTORY

**rtVariableGetName** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtContextDeclareVariable*

### 1.13.4 rtVariableGetAnnotation

#### NAME

**rtVariableGetAnnotation** - Queries the annotation string of a program variable.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtVariableGetAnnotation(RTvariable variable,
                                const char** annotation_return)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**variable**

Specifies the program variable to be queried.

**annotation\_return**

Returns the program variable's annotation string.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtVariableGetAnnotation** queries a program variable's annotation string. A pointer to the string containing the annotation shall be returned to the location pointed to by the pointer **annotation\_return**. If **variable** is not a valid variable, this call sets **\*annotation\_return** to NULL and returns **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**. **\*annotation\_return** will point to valid memory until another API function that returns a string is called.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**

**RT\_ERROR\_MEMORY\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED**

#### HISTORY

**rtVariableGetAnnotation** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtContextDeclareVariable*, *rtContextDeclareAnnotation*

### 1.13.5 rtVariableGetObject

#### NAME

**rtVariableGetObject** - Returns the value of a *OptiX* object program variable.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtVariableGetObject(RTvariable variable,
                             RTOBJECT* object)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**variable**

Specifies the program variable to be queried.

**object**

Returns the value of the program variable.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtVariableGetObject** queries the value of a program variable whose data type is a *OptiX* object. The target variable is specified by **variable**. The value of the program variable is returned in the location pointed to by **object**. The concrete type of the program variable can be queried using **rtVariableGetType**, and the **RTOBJECT** handle returned by **rtVariableGetObject** may safely be cast to an *OptiX* handle of corresponding type. If **variable** is not a valid variable, this call sets the location pointed to by **object** to NULL and returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_TYPE_MISMATCH`

#### HISTORY

**rtVariableGetObject** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtVariableSetObject*, *rtVariableGetType*, *rtContextDeclareVariable*

### 1.13.6 `rtVariableGetSize`

#### NAME

**`rtVariableGetSize`** - Queries the size, in bytes, of a variable.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtVariableGetSize(RTvariable variable,
                           RTsize* size)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**variable**

Specifies the program variable to be queried.

**size**

Specifies a pointer where the size of the variable, in bytes, will be returned.

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtVariableGetSize`** queries a declared program variable for its size in bytes. This is most often used to query the size of a variable that has a user-defined type. Builtin types (int, float, unsigned int, etc.) may be queried, but object typed variables, such as buffers, texture samplers and graph nodes, cannot be queried and will return `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**`rtVariableGetSize`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtVariableGetUserData`*, *`rtContextDeclareVariable`*



### 1.13.7 `rtVariableGetType`

#### NAME

**rtVariableGetType** - Returns type information about a program variable.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtVariableGetType(RTvariable variable,
                           RObjecttype* type_return)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **variable**

Specifies the program variable to be queried.

##### **type\_return**

Returns the type of the program variable.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtVariableGetType** queries a program variable's type. The variable of interest is specified by **variable**. The enumeration identifying the type of the program variable shall be returned to the location pointed to by **type\_return**, if it is not equal to NULL. In this case, after **rtVariableGetType**, the location pointed to by **type\_return** shall be one of the following:

```
RT_OBJECTTYPE_UNKNOWN
RT_OBJECTTYPE_GROUP
RT_OBJECTTYPE_GEOMETRY_GROUP
RT_OBJECTTYPE_TRANSFORM
RT_OBJECTTYPE_SELECTOR
RT_OBJECTTYPE_GEOMETRY_INSTANCE
RT_OBJECTTYPE_BUFFER
RT_OBJECTTYPE_TEXTURE_SAMPLER
RT_OBJECTTYPE_OBJECT
RT_OBJECTTYPE_MATRIX_FLOAT2x2
RT_OBJECTTYPE_MATRIX_FLOAT2x3
RT_OBJECTTYPE_MATRIX_FLOAT2x4
RT_OBJECTTYPE_MATRIX_FLOAT3x2
RT_OBJECTTYPE_MATRIX_FLOAT3x3
RT_OBJECTTYPE_MATRIX_FLOAT3x4
RT_OBJECTTYPE_MATRIX_FLOAT4x2
RT_OBJECTTYPE_MATRIX_FLOAT4x3
RT_OBJECTTYPE_MATRIX_FLOAT4x4
RT_OBJECTTYPE_FLOAT
```

```
RT_OBJECTTYPE_FLOAT2  
RT_OBJECTTYPE_FLOAT3  
RT_OBJECTTYPE_FLOAT4  
RT_OBJECTTYPE_INT  
RT_OBJECTTYPE_INT2  
RT_OBJECTTYPE_INT3  
RT_OBJECTTYPE_INT4  
RT_OBJECTTYPE_UNSIGNED_INT  
RT_OBJECTTYPE_UNSIGNED_INT2  
RT_OBJECTTYPE_UNSIGNED_INT3  
RT_OBJECTTYPE_UNSIGNED_INT4  
RT_OBJECTTYPE_USER
```

If **variable** is not valid, this call returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`.

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

```
RT_SUCCESS  
RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT  
RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE
```

## HISTORY

**rtVariableGetType** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtContextDeclareVariable*

### 1.13.8 `rtVariableGetUserData`

#### NAME

**rtVariableGetUserData** - Returns the value of a program variable whose data type is user-defined.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtVariableGetUserData(RTvariable variable,
                               RTsize size,
                               void* ptr)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**variable**

Specifies the program variable to be queried.

**size**

Specifies the size of the program variable, in bytes.

**ptr**

The target memory location where to copy the value of the variable.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtVariableGetUserData** queries the value of a program variable whose data type is user-defined. The variable of interest is specified by **variable**. The size of the variable's value must match the value given by the parameter **size**. The value of the program variable is copied to the memory region pointed to by **ptr**. The storage at location **ptr** must be large enough to accomodate all of the program variable's value data. If **variable** is not a valid variable, this call has no effect and returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

#### HISTORY

**rtVariableGetUserData** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtVariableSetUserData, rtContextDeclareVariable*

### 1.13.9 rtVariableSet

#### NAME

**rtVariableSet** - Modifies the value of a program variable.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtVariableSet1f(RTvariable variable,
                        float v1)

RTresult rtVariableSet2f(RTvariable variable,
                        float v1,
                        float v2)

RTresult rtVariableSet3f(RTvariable variable,
                        float v1,
                        float v2,
                        float v3)

RTresult rtVariableSet4f(RTvariable variable,
                        float v1,
                        float v2,
                        float v3,
                        float v4)

RTresult rtVariableSet1i(RTvariable variable,
                        int v1)

RTresult rtVariableSet2i(RTvariable variable,
                        int v1,
                        int v2)

RTresult rtVariableSet3i(RTvariable variable,
                        int v1,
                        int v2,
                        int v3)

RTresult rtVariableSet4i(RTvariable variable,
                        int v1,
                        int v2,
                        int v3,
                        int v4)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableSet1ui(RTvariable variable,  
                           unsigned int v1)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableSet2ui(RTvariable variable,  
                           unsigned int v1,  
                           unsigned int v2)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableSet3ui(RTvariable variable,  
                           unsigned int v1,  
                           unsigned int v2,  
                           unsigned int v3)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableSet4ui(RTvariable variable,  
                           unsigned int v1,  
                           unsigned int v2,  
                           unsigned int v3,  
                           unsigned int v4)
```

## PARAMETERS

### **variable**

Specifies the program variable to be modified.

### **v1, v2, v3, v4**

Specify the new values of the program variable's components.

## SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtVariableSet1fv(RTvariable variable,  
                           const float* v)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableSet2fv(RTvariable variable,  
                           const float* v)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableSet3fv(RTvariable variable,  
                           const float* v)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableSet4fv(RTvariable variable  
                           const float* v)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableSet1iv(RTvariable variable  
                           const int* v)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableSet2iv(RTvariable variable  
                           const int* v)
```

```
RTresult rtVariableSet3iv(RTvariable variable
                        const int* v)

RTresult rtVariableSet4iv(RTvariable variable
                        const int* v)

RTresult rtVariableSet1uiv(RTvariable variable
                        const unsigned int* v)

RTresult rtVariableSet2uiv(RTvariable variable,
                        const unsigned int* v)

RTresult rtVariableSet3uiv(RTvariable variable,
                        const unsigned int* v)

RTresult rtVariableSet4uiv(RTvariable variable,
                        const unsigned int* v)
```

## PARAMETERS

### **variable**

Specifies the program variable to be modified.

### **v**

Specifies a pointer to the new values of the program variable's components.

## SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtVariableSetMatrix2x2fv(RTvariable variable,
                                int transpose,
                                const float* m)

RTresult rtVariableSetMatrix2x3fv(RTvariable variable,
                                int transpose,
                                const float* m)

RTresult rtVariableSetMatrix2x4fv(RTvariable variable,
                                int transpose,
                                const float* m)

RTresult rtVariableSetMatrix3x2fv(RTvariable variable,
                                int transpose,
                                const float* m)
```

```

RTresult rtVariableSetMatrix3x3fv(RTvariable variable,
                                   int transpose,
                                   const float* m)

RTresult rtVariableSetMatrix3x4fv(RTvariable variable,
                                   int transpose,
                                   const float* m)

RTresult rtVariableSetMatrix4x2fv(RTvariable variable,
                                   int transpose,
                                   const float* m)

RTresult rtVariableSetMatrix4x3fv(RTvariable variable,
                                   int transpose,
                                   const float* m)

RTresult rtVariableSetMatrix4x4fv(RTvariable variable,
                                   int transpose,
                                   const float* m)

```

## DESCRIPTION

**rtVariableSet** modifies the value of a program variable or variable array. The target variable is specified by **variable**, which should be a value returned by **rtContextGetVariable**.

The commands **rtVariableSet{1-2-3-4}{f-i-ui}v** are used to modify the value of a program variable specified by **variable** using the values passed as arguments. The number specified in the command should match the number of components in the data type of the specified program variable (e.g., 1 for float, int, unsigned int; 2 for float2, int2, uint2, etc.). The suffix **f** indicates that **variable** has floating point type, the suffix **i** indicates that **variable** has integral type, and the suffix **ui** indicates that **variable** has unsigned integral type. The **v** variants of this function should be used to load the program variable's value from the array specified by parameter **v**. In this case, the array **v** should contain as many elements as there are program variable components.

The commands **rtVariableSetMatrix{2-3-4}x{2-3-4}fv** are used to modify the value of a program variable whose data type is a matrix. The numbers in the command names are the number of rows and columns, respectively. For example, **2x4** indicates a matrix with 2 rows and 4 columns (i.e., 8 values). If **transpose** is **0**, the matrix is specified in row-major order, otherwise in column-major order or, equivalently, as a matrix with the number of rows and columns swapped in row-major order.

If **variable** is not a valid variable, these calls have no effect and return **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**.

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_CONTEXT**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**



## HISTORY

`rtVariableSet` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtVariableGet*, *rtVariableGetType*, *rtContextDeclareVariable*

### 1.13.10 rtVariableSetObject

#### NAME

**rtVariableSetObject** - Sets a program variable value to a *OptiX* object.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtVariableSetObject(RTvariable variable,
                             RObject object)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### variable

Specifies the program variable to be set.

##### object

Specifies the new value of the program variable.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtVariableSetObject** sets a program variable to an *OptiX* object value. The target variable is specified by **variable**. The new value of the program variable is specified by **object**. The concrete type of **object** can be one of **RTbuffer**, **RTtexturesampler**, **RTgroup**, **RTprogram**, **RTselector**, **RTgeometrygroup**, or **RTtransform**. If **variable** is not a valid variable or **object** is not a valid *OptiX* object, this call has no effect and returns **RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE**.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

```
RT_SUCCESS
RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT
RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE
RT_ERROR_TYPE_MISMATCH
```

#### HISTORY

**rtVariableSetObject** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0. The ability to bind an **RTprogram** to a variable was introduced in *OptiX* 3.0.

**SEE ALSO**

*rtVariableGetObject*, *rtContextDeclareVariable*

### 1.13.11 `rtVariableSetUserData`

#### NAME

**rtVariableSetUserData** - Modifies the value of a program variable whose data type is user-defined.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtVariableSetUserData(RTvariable variable,  
                               RTsize size,  
                               const void* ptr)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**variable**

Specifies the program variable to be modified.

**size**

Specifies the size of the new value, in bytes.

**ptr**

Specifies a pointer to the new value of the program variable.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtVariableSetUserData** modifies the value of a program variable whose data type is user-defined. The value copied into the variable is defined by an arbitrary region of memory, pointed to by **ptr**. The size of the memory region is given by **size**. The target variable is specified by **variable**. If **variable** is not a valid variable, this call has no effect and returns `RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

`RT_SUCCESS`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_CONTEXT`

`RT_ERROR_INVALID_VALUE`

`RT_ERROR_MEMORY_ALLOCATION_FAILED`

`RT_ERROR_TYPE_MISMATCH`

## HISTORY

`rtVariableSetUserData` was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtVariableGetUserData*, *rtContextDeclareVariable*

## 1.14 Context Free Functions

### NAME

Context-Free Functions

### DESCRIPTION

This section describes general *OptiX* API functions that are not related to a specific context.

**rtDeviceGetAttribute**

**rtDeviceGetDeviceCount**

**rtDeviceGetD3D9Device**

**rtDeviceGetD3D10Device**

**rtDeviceGetD3D11Device**

**rtDeviceGetWGLDevice**

**rtGetVersion**

### HISTORY

Context-free functions were introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

### SEE ALSO

*Context*, Geometry Group, Group Node, Selector Node, Transform Node, Acceleration Structure, Geometry Instance, *Geometry*, *Material*, *Program*, *Buffer*, Texture Sampler, *Variables*

### 1.14.1 rtDeviceGetAttribute

#### NAME

**rtDeviceGetAttribute** - returns an attribute specific to an *OptiX* device.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult RTAPI rtDeviceGetAttribute(int ordinal,
                                     RTdeviceattribute attrib,
                                     RTsize size,
                                     void* p);
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### ordinal

*OptiX* device ordinal.

##### attrib

Attribute to query.

##### size

Size of the attribute being queried. Parameter **p** must have at least this much memory backing it.

##### p

Return pointer where the value of the attribute will be copied into. This must point to at least **size** bytes of memory.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtDeviceGetAttribute()** returns in **p** the value of the per device attribute specified by **attrib** for device **ordinal**.

Each attribute can have a different size. The sizes are given in the following list:

RT_DEVICE_ATTRIBUTE_MAX_THREADS_PER_BLOCK	sizeof(int)
RT_DEVICE_ATTRIBUTE_CLOCK_RATE	sizeof(int)
RT_DEVICE_ATTRIBUTE_MULTIPROCESSOR_COUNT	sizeof(int)
RT_DEVICE_ATTRIBUTE_EXECUTION_TIMEOUT_ENABLED	sizeof(int)
RT_DEVICE_ATTRIBUTE_MAX_HARDWARE_TEXTURE_COUNT	sizeof(int)
RT_DEVICE_ATTRIBUTE_NAME	upto B<size>-1
RT_DEVICE_ATTRIBUTE_COMPUTE_CAPABILITY	sizeof(int2)
RT_DEVICE_ATTRIBUTE_TOTAL_MEMORY	sizeof(RTsize)
RT_DEVICE_ATTRIBUTE_TCC_DRIVER	sizeof(int)
RT_DEVICE_ATTRIBUTE_CUDA_DEVICE_ORDINAL	sizeof(int)

## RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

**RT\_SUCCESS**

**RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE** - Can be returned if **size** does not match the proper size of the attribute, if **p** is **NULL**, or if **ordinal** does not correspond to an *OptiX* device.

## HISTORY

**rtDeviceGetAttribute** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0. **RT\_DEVICE\_ATTRIBUTE\_TCC\_DRIVER** was introduced in *OptiX* 3.0. **RT\_DEVICE\_ATTRIBUTE\_CUDA\_DEVICE\_ORDINAL** was introduced in *OptiX* 3.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtDeviceGetDeviceCount*, *rtContextGetAttribute*



### 1.14.2 `rtDeviceGetDeviceCount`

#### NAME

**rtDeviceGetDeviceCount** - returns the number of *OptiX* capable devices

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RTresult rtDeviceGetDeviceCount(unsigned int* count)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**count**

Number devices available for *OptiX*.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtDeviceGetDeviceCount()** returns in **count** the number of compute devices that are available in the host system and will be used by OptiX.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtDeviceGetDeviceCount** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGetVersion*

### 1.14.3 rtDeviceGetD3D9Device

#### NAME

**rtDeviceGetD3D9Device** - returns the *OptiX* device number associated with the specified name of a D3D9 adapter.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_d3d9_interop.h>

RTresult rtDeviceGetD3D9Device(int* device,
                               const char* pszAdapterName)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### device

A handle to the memory location where the *OptiX* device ordinal associated with **pszAdapterName** will be stored.

##### pszAdapterName

The name of an adapter as can be found in the DeviceName field in the D3DADAPTER\_IDENTIFIER9 struct.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtDeviceGetD3D9Device()** returns in **device** the *OptiX* device ID of the adapter represented by **pszAdapterName**. **pszAdapterName** is the DeviceName field in the D3DADAPTER\_IDENTIFIER9 struct. In combination with **rtContextSetDevices()**, this function can be used to restrict *OptiX* to use only one device. The same device the D3D9 commands will be sent to.

This function is only supported on Windows platforms.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtDeviceGetD3D9Device** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.5.

**SEE ALSO***rtDeviceGetDeviceCount*

### 1.14.4 rtDeviceGetD3D10Device

#### NAME

**rtDeviceGetD3D10Device** - returns the *OptiX* device number associated with the pointer to a D3D10 adapter.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_d3d10_interop.h>

RtResult rtDeviceGetD3D10Device(int* device,
                                ID3D10Device* d3d10Device)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### device

A handle to the memory location where the *OptiX* device ordinal associated with **d3d10Device** will be stored.

##### d3d10Device

A pointer to an ID3D10Device as returned from D3D10CreateDeviceAndSwapChain.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtDeviceGetD3D10Device()** returns in **device** the *OptiX* device ID of the adapter represented by **d3d10Device**. **d3d10Device** is a pointer returned from D3D10CreateDeviceAndSwapChain. In combination with **rtContextSetDevices()**, this function can be used to restrict *OptiX* to use only one device. The same device the D3D10 commands will be sent to.

This function is only supported on Windows platforms.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtDeviceGetD3D10Device** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.5.

**SEE ALSO***rtDeviceGetDeviceCount*

### 1.14.5 rtDeviceGetD3D11Device

#### NAME

**rtDeviceGetD3D11Device** - returns the *OptiX* device number associated with the pointer to a D3D11 adapter.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_d3d11_interop.h>

RtResult rtDeviceGetD3D11Device(int* device,
                                ID3D11Device* d3d11Device)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### device

A handle to the memory location where the *OptiX* device ordinal associated with **d3d11Device** will be stored.

##### d3d11Device

A pointer to an ID3D11Device as returned from D3D11CreateDeviceAndSwapChain.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtDeviceGetD3D11Device()** returns in **device** the *OptiX* device ID of the adapter represented by **d3d11Device**. **d3d11Device** is a pointer returned from D3D11CreateDeviceAndSwapChain. In combination with **rtContextSetDevices()**, this function can be used to restrict *OptiX* to use only one device. The same device the D3D11 commands will be sent to.

This function is only supported on Windows platforms.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtDeviceGetD3D11Device** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.5.

**SEE ALSO***rtDeviceGetDeviceCount*

### 1.14.6 rtDeviceGetWGLDevice

#### NAME

**rtDeviceGetWGLDevice** - returns the *OptiX* device number associated with the specified GPU.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix_gl_interop.h>

RTresult rtDeviceGetWGLDevice(int* device,
                              HGPUNV hGpu)
```

#### PARAMETERS

##### **device**

A handle to the memory location where the *OptiX* device ordinal associated with **hGpu** will be stored.

##### **hGpu**

A handle to a GPU as returned from the WGL\_NV\_gpu\_affinity OpenGL extension.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtDeviceGetWGLDevice()** returns in **device** the *OptiX* device ID of the GPU represented by **hGpu**. **hGpu** is returned from WGL\_NV\_gpu\_affinity, an OpenGL extension. This enables **OptiX** to create a context on the same GPU that OpenGL commands will be sent to, improving OpenGL interoperation efficiency.

This function is only supported on Windows platforms.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtDeviceGetWGLDevice** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtDeviceGetDeviceCount*, WGL\_NV\_gpu\_affinity



### 1.14.7 `rtGetVersion`

#### NAME

**rtGetVersion** - returns the current *OptiX* version

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

RTresult rtGetVersion(unsigned int* version)
```

#### PARAMETERS

**version**

OptiX version number.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGetVersion()** returns in **version** a numerically comparable version number of the current *OptiX* library.

#### RETURN VALUES

Relevant return values:

RT\_SUCCESS

RT\_ERROR\_INVALID\_VALUE

#### HISTORY

**rtGetVersion** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtDeviceGetDeviceCount*

## Chapter 2

# CUDA C Reference

## 2.1 Declarations

### 2.1.1 rtCallableProgram

#### NAME

**rtCallableProgram** - Callable Program Declaration.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

rtCallableProgram(return_type,
                  name,
                  (list_of_arguments))
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtCallableProgram** declares callable program **name**, which will appear to be a function pointer with the specified return type and list of arguments. This callable program must be matched against a variable declared on the API object using the lookup hierarchy for the current program.

Example(s):

```
rtCallableProgram(float3, modColor, (float3, float));
```

#### HISTORY

**rtCallableProgram** was introduced in *OptiX* 3.0.

#### SEE ALSO

rtDeclareVariable,

### 2.1.2 rtDeclareAnnotation

#### NAME

**rtDeclareAnnotation** - Annotation declaration.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

rtDeclareAnnotation(name,
                    annotation)
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtDeclareAnnotation** sets the annotation **annotation** of the given variable **name**. Typically annotations are declared using an argument to *rtDeclareVariable*, but variables of type **rtBuffer** and **rtTextureSampler** are declared using templates, so separate annotation attachment is required.

OptiX does not attempt to interpret the annotation in any way. It is considered metadata for the application to query and interpret in its own way.

#### Valid annotations

The macro *rtDeclareAnnotation* uses the C pre-processor's "stringification" feature to turn the literal text of the annotation argument into a string constant. The pre-processor will backslash-escape quotes and backslashes within the text of the annotation. Leading and trailing whitespace will be ignored, and sequences of whitespace in the middle of the text is converted to a single space character in the result. The only restriction the C-PP places on the text is that it may not contain a comma character unless it is either quoted or contained within parens: "," or (,).

Example(s):

```
rtDeclareAnnotation( tex, this is a test );
annotation = "this is a test"

rtDeclareAnnotation( tex, "this is a test" );
annotation = "\"this is a test\""

rtDeclareAnnotation( tex, float3 a = {1, 2, 3} );
--> Compile Error, no unquoted commas may be present in the annotation

rtDeclareAnnotation( tex, "float3 a = {1, 2, 3}" );
annotation = "\"float3 a = {1, 2, 3}\""

rtDeclareAnnotation( tex, string UIWidget = "slider";
```

```
        float UIMin = 0.0;
        float UIMax = 1.0; );
annotation = "string UIWidget = \"slider\"; float UIMin = 0.0; float UIMax = 1.0;"
```

## HISTORY

**rtDeclareAnnotation** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtDeclareVariable*, *rtVariableGetAnnotation*

### 2.1.3 rtDeclareVariable

#### NAME

**rtDeclareVariable** - Variable declaration.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

rtDeclareVariable(type,
                  name,
                  semanticName,
                  annotation)
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtDeclareVariable** declares variable **name** of the specified **type**. By default, the variable name will be matched against a variable declared on the API object using the lookup hierarchy for the current program. Using the semanticName, this variable can be bound to internal state, to the payload associated with a ray, or to attributes that are communicated between intersection and material programs. An additional optional annotation can be used to associate application-specific metadata with the variable as well.

**Type** may be a primitive type or a user-defined struct (See **rtVariableSetUserData**). Except for the ray payload and attributes, the declared variable will be read-only. The variable will be visible to all of the cuda functions defined in the current file. The binding of variables to values on API objects is allowed to vary from one instance to another.

#### Valid semanticNames

##### rtLaunchIndex

**rtLaunchIndex** is the launch invocation index. Type must be one of **unsigned int**, **uint2**, **uint3**, **int**, **int2**, **int3** and is read-only.

##### rtLaunchDim

**rtLaunchDim** is the size of each dimension of the launch. The values range from 1 to the launch size in that dimension. Type must be one of **unsigned int**, **uint2**, **uint3**, **int**, **int2**, **int3** and is read-only.

##### rtCurrentRay

**rtCurrentRay** is the currently active ray, valid only when a call to **rtTrace** is active. Type must be **optix::Ray** and is read-only.

##### rtIntersectionDistance

**rtIntersectionDistance** The current closest hit distance, valid only when a call to **rtTrace** is active. Type must be **float** and is read-only.

**rtRayPayload**

**rtRayPayload** refers to the struct passed into the most recent **rtTrace** call and is read-write.

**attribute name**

**attribute name** refers to a named attribute passed from the intersect program to a closest-hit or any-hit program. The types must match in both sets of programs. This variable is read-only in the closest-hit or any-hit program and is written in the intersection program.

**Valid annotations**

The macro *rtDeclareVariable* uses the C pre-processor's "stringification" feature to turn the literal text of the annotation argument into a string constant. The pre-processor will backslash-escape quotes and backslashes within the text of the annotation. Leading and trailing whitespace will be ignored, and sequences of whitespace in the middle of the text is converted to a single space character in the result. The only restriction the C-PP places on the text is that it may not contain a comma character unless it is either quoted or contained within parens: "," or (,).

Example(s):

```
rtDeclareVariable( float3, var1, , this is a test );
annotation = "this is a test"

rtDeclareVariable( float3, var1, , "this is a test" );
annotation = "\"this is a test\""

rtDeclareVariable( float3, var1, , float3 a = {1, 2, 3} );
--> Compile Error, no unquoted commas may be present in the annotation

rtDeclareVariable( float3, var1, , "float3 a = {1, 2, 3}" );
annotation = "\"float3 a = {1, 2, 3}\""

rtDeclareAnnotation( tex, string UIWidget = "slider";
                    float UIMin = 0.0;
                    float UIMax = 1.0; );
annotation = "string UIWidget = \"slider\"; float UIMin = 0.0; float UIMax = 1.0;"
```

**HISTORY**

**rtDeclareVariable** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**rtLaunchDim** was introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

**SEE ALSO**

rtDeclareAnnotation, rtVariableGetAnnotation, rtContextDeclareVariable, rtProgramDeclareVariable, rtGroupDeclareVariable, rtSelectorDeclareVariable, rtGeometryInstanceDeclareVariable, rtGeometryDeclareVariable, rtMaterialDeclareVariable



### 2.1.4 RT PROGRAM

#### NAME

**RT\_PROGRAM** - Define an OptiX program.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>
```

```
RT_PROGRAM void program_name(arguments) {...}
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**RT\_PROGRAM** defines a program **program\_name** with the specified arguments and return value. This function can be bound to a specific program object using **rtProgramCreateFromPTXString** or **rtProgramCreateFromFile**, which will subsequently get bound to different programmable binding points.

All programs should have a "void" return type. Bounding box programs will have an argument for the primitive index and the bounding box reference return value (type **nvrt::AAbb&**). Intersection programs will have a single int primitiveIndex argument. All other programs take zero arguments.

#### HISTORY

**RT\_PROGRAM** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

**RT\_FUNCTION**, *rtProgramCreateFromPTXFile*, *rtProgramCreateFromPTXString*

## 2.2 Types

### 2.2.1 Aabb

#### NAME

**Aabb** - Axis-aligned bounding box

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optixu_aabb.h>
```

```
class Aabb;
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**Aabb** is a utility class for computing and manipulating axis-aligned bounding boxes (aabbs). **Aabb** is primarily useful in the bounding box program associated with geometry objects. **Aabb** may also be useful in other computation and can be used in both host and device code.

#### METHODS

```
// Construct an invalid box.
Aabb();

// Construct from min and max vectors.
Aabb( const float3& min, const float3& max );

// Construct from three points (e.g. triangle).
Aabb( const float3& v0, const float3& v1, const float3& v2 );

// Array access.
float3& operator[]( int i );

// Const array access.
const float3& operator[]( int i ) const;

// Set using two vectors.
void set( const float3& min, const float3& max );

// Set using three points (e.g. triangle).
void set( const float3& v0, const float3& v1, const float3& v2 );

// Invalidate the box.
void invalidate();
```

```
// Check if the box is valid.
bool valid() const;

// Extend the box to include the given point.
void include( const float3& p );

// Extend the box to include the given box.
void include( const Aabb& other );

// Extend the box to include the given point.
void include( const float3& min, const float3& max );

// Compute the box center.
float3 center() const;

// Compute the box center in the given dimension.
float center( int dim ) const;

// Compute the box extent.
float3 extent() const;

// Compute the box extent in the given dimension.
float extent( int dim ) const;

// Compute the surface area of the box.
float area() const;

// Compute half the surface area of the box.
float halfArea() const;

// Get the index of the longest axis.
int longestAxis() const;

// Check for intersection with another box.
bool intersects( const Aabb& other ) const;

// Make the current box be the intersection between this one and another one.
void intersection( const Aabb& other );
```

## MEMBERS

```
// Min and max bounds.
float3 m_min;
float3 m_max;
```

**HISTORY**

**Aabb** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

**SEE ALSO**

RT\_PROGRAM, *rtSetBoundingBoxProgram*

### 2.2.2 Matrix

#### NAME

**Matrix** - Matrix utility class.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optixu_matrix.h>

template <unsigned int M, unsigned int N> class Matrix;
typedef Matrix<2, 2> Matrix2x2;
typedef Matrix<2, 3> Matrix2x3;
typedef Matrix<2, 4> Matrix2x4;
typedef Matrix<3, 2> Matrix3x2;
typedef Matrix<3, 3> Matrix3x3;
typedef Matrix<3, 4> Matrix3x4;
typedef Matrix<4, 2> Matrix4x2;
typedef Matrix<4, 3> Matrix4x3;
typedef Matrix<4, 4> Matrix4x4;
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**Matrix** provides a utility class for small-dimension floating-point matrices, such as transformation matrices. **Matrix** may also be useful in other computation and can be used in both host and device code. Typedefs are provided for 2x2 through 4x4 matrices.

#### TYPES

```
typedef typename VectorDim<N>::VectorType floatN; // A row of the matrix
typedef typename VectorDim<M>::VectorType floatM; // A column of the matrix
```

#### METHODS and FUNCTIONS

```
// Create an uninitialized matrix.
Matrix();

// Create a matrix from the specified float array.
explicit Matrix( const float data[M*N] );

// Copy the matrix.
Matrix( const Matrix& m );

// Assignment operator.
Matrix& operator=( const Matrix& b );
```

```

// Access the specified element 0..N*M-1
float operator[]( unsigned int i )const;
float& operator[]( unsigned int i );

// Access the specified row 0..M. Returns float, float2, float3 or float4
// depending on the matrix size.
floatN getRow( unsigned int m )const;

// Access the specified column 0..N. Returns float, float2, float3 or float4
// depending on the matrix size.
floatM getCol( unsigned int n )const;

// Returns a pointer to the internal data array.
// The data array is stored in row-major order.
float* getData();

// Returns a const pointer to the internal data array.
// The data array is stored in row-major order.
const float* getData() const;

// Returns the transpose of the matrix.
Matrix<N,M> transpose();

// Returns the identity matrix.
static Matrix<N,N> identity();

// Ordered comparison operator so that the matrix can be used in an STL container.
bool operator<( const Matrix<M, N>& rhs ) const;

// Subtract two matrices of the same size.
template<unsigned int M, unsigned int N>
Matrix<M,N> operator-(const Matrix<M,N>& m1, const Matrix<M,N>& m2);

// Subtract two matrices of the same size.
template<unsigned int M, unsigned int N>
Matrix<M,N>& operator-=(Matrix<M,N>& m1, const Matrix<M,N>& m2);

// Add two matrices of the same size.
template<unsigned int M, unsigned int N>
Matrix<M,N> operator+(const Matrix<M,N>& m1, const Matrix<M,N>& m2);

// Add two matrices of the same size.
template<unsigned int M, unsigned int N>
Matrix<M,N>& operator+=(Matrix<M,N>& m1, const Matrix<M,N>& m2);

// Multiply two compatible matrices.
template<unsigned int M, unsigned int N, unsigned int R>
Matrix<M,R> operator*( const Matrix<M,N>& m1, const Matrix<N,R>& m2)

```

```

// Multiply two compatible matrices.
template<unsigned int M>
Matrix<M,N>& operator*=(Matrix<M,M>& m1, const Matrix<M,M>& m2)

// Multiply two compatible matrices.
template<unsigned int M, unsigned int N>
typename Matrix<M,N>::floatM operator*(const Matrix<M,N>& m,
                                       const typename Matrix<M,N>::floatN& vec);

// Multiply two compatible matrices.
template<unsigned int M, unsigned int N>
typename Matrix<M,N>::floatN operator*(const typename Matrix<M,N>::floatM& vec,
                                       const Matrix<M,N>& m);

// Multiply matrix by a scalar.
template<unsigned int M, unsigned int N>
Matrix<M,N> operator*(const Matrix<M,N>& m, float f);

// Multiply matrix by a scalar.
template<unsigned int M, unsigned int N>
Matrix<M,N>& operator*=(Matrix<M,N>& m, float f);

// Multiply matrix by a scalar.
template<unsigned int M, unsigned int N>
Matrix<M,N> operator*(float f, const Matrix<M,N>& m);

// Divide matrix by a scalar.
template<unsigned int M, unsigned int N>
Matrix<M,N> operator/(const Matrix<M,N>& m, float f);

// Divide matrix by a scalar.
template<unsigned int M, unsigned int N>
Matrix<M,N>& operator/=(Matrix<M,N>& m, float f);

```

## HISTORY

**Matrix** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtVariableSetMatrix*



### 2.2.3 Ray

#### NAME

**Ray** - Ray class

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

namespace optix
{
    class Ray;
}
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**Ray** is an encapsulation of a ray mathematical entity. The origin and direction members specify the ray, while the ray\_type member specifies which closest-hit/any-hit pair will be used when the ray hits a geometry object. The tmin/tmax members specify the interval over which the ray is valid.

To avoid numerical range problems, the value *RT\_DEFAULT\_MAX* can be used to specify an infinite extent.

During C++ compilation, Ray is contained within the **optix::** namespace but has global scope during C compilation. **Ray**'s constructors are not available during C compilation.

#### MEMBERS

```
// The origin of the ray
float3 origin;

// The direction of the ray
float3 direction;

// The ray type associated with this ray
unsigned int ray_type;

// The min and max extents associated with this ray
float tmin;
float tmax;
```

#### CONSTRUCTORS

```
// Create a Ray with undefined member values
Ray( void );
```

```
// Create a Ray copied from an exemplar
Ray( const Ray &r );

// Create a ray with a specified origin, direction, ray_type, and min/max extents.
// When tmax is not given, it defaults to RT_DEFAULT_MAX.
Ray( float3 origin, float3 direction, unsigned int ray_type,
      float tmin, float tmax = RT_DEFAULT_MAX);
```

## FUNCTIONS

```
// Create a ray with a specified origin, direction, ray type, and min/max extents.
Ray make_Ray( float3 origin,
              float3 direction,
              unsigned int ray_type,
              float tmin,
              float tmax );
```

## HISTORY

**Ray** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

## SEE ALSO

*rtTrace*, *rtContextSetRayTypeCount*, *rtMaterialSetAnyHitProgram*, *rtMaterialSetClosestHitProgram*

### 2.2.4 rtBuffer

#### NAME

**rtBuffer** - Declare a reference to a buffer object.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

rtBuffer<Type, Dim> name;
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtBuffer** declares a buffer of type **Type** and dimensionality **Dim**. **Dim** must be between 1 and 4 inclusive and defaults to 1 if not specified. The resulting object provides access to buffer data through the `[]` indexing operator, where the index is either unsigned int, uint2, uint3, or uint4 for 1, 2, 3 or 4-dimensional buffers (respectively). This operator can be used to read from or write to the resulting buffer at the specified index.

The named buffer obeys the runtime name lookup semantics as described in *rtVariable*. A compile error will result if the named buffer is not bound to a buffer object, or is bound to a buffer object of the incorrect type or dimension. The behavior of writing to a read-only buffer is undefined. Reading from a write-only buffer is well defined only if a value has been written previously by the same thread.

This declaration must appear at the file scope (not within a function), and will be visible to all RT\_PROGRAM and RT\_FUNCTION instances within the same compilation unit.

An annotation may be associated with the buffer variable by using the *rtDeclareAnnotation* macro.

#### HISTORY

**rtBuffer** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtDeclareAnnotation*, *rtDeclareVariable*, *rtBufferCreate*, *rtTextureSampler*, *rtVariableSetBuffer*

### 2.2.5 rtObject

#### NAME

**rtObject** - Opaque handle to a *OptiX* object.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

class rtObject;
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtObject** is an opaque handle to an *OptiX* object of any type. To set or query the variable value, use **rtVariableSetObject** and **rtVariableGetObject**.

Depending on how exactly the variable is used, only certain concrete types may make sense. For example, when used as an argument to **rtTrace**, the variable must be set to any *OptiX* type of **RTgroup**, **RTselector**, **RTgeometrygroup**, or **RTtransform**.

Note that for certain *OptiX* types, there are more specialized handles available to access a variable. For example, to access an *OptiX* object of type **RTtexturesampler**, a handle of type **rtTextureSampler** provides more functionality than one of the generic type **rtObject**.

#### HISTORY

**rtObject** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtVariableSetObject*, *rtVariableGetObject*, *rtTrace*, *rtTextureSampler*, *rtBuffer*

### 2.2.6 rtTextureSampler

#### NAME

**rtTextureSampler** - Declares a reference to a texture sampler object.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

rtTextureSampler<Type, Dim, ReadMode> texref;
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTextureSampler** declares a texture of type **Type** and dimensionality **Dim**. **Dim** must be between 1 and 3 inclusive and defaults to 1 if not specified. The resulting object provides access to texture data through the `tex1D`, `tex2D` and `tex3D` functions. These functions can be used only to read the data.

Texture filtering and wrapping modes, specified in **ReadMode** will be dependent on the state of the texture sampler object created with **rtTextureSamplerCreate**.

An annotation may be associated with the texture sampler variable by using the *rtDeclareAnnotation* macro.

#### HISTORY

**rtTextureSampler** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtDeclareAnnotation*, *rtTextureSamplerCreate*

## 2.3 Functions

### 2.3.1 `rtGetExceptionCode`

#### NAME

**rtGetExceptionCode** - Retrieves the type of a caught exception.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

unsigned int rtGetExceptionCode()
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGetExceptionCode** can be called from an exception program to query which type of exception was caught. The returned code is equivalent to one of the **RTexception** constants passed to **rtContextSetExceptionEnabled**, **RT\_EXCEPTION\_ALL** excluded. For user-defined exceptions, the code is equivalent to the argument passed to **rtThrow**.

#### HISTORY

**rtGetExceptionCode** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.1.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextSetExceptionEnabled*, *rtContextGetExceptionEnabled*, *rtContextSetExceptionProgram*, *rtContextGetExceptionProgram*, *rtThrow*, *rtPrintExceptionDetails*

### 2.3.2 rtGetTransform

#### NAME

**rtGetTransform** - Get requested transform.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

void rtGetTransform(RTtransformkind kind,
                   float matrix[16])
```

#### PARAMETERS

**kind**

The type of transform to retrieve.

**matrix**

Return parameter for the requested transform.

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtGetTransform** returns the requested transform in the return parameter **matrix**. The type of transform to be retrieved is specified with the **kind** parameter. **kind** is an enumerated value that can be either `RT_OBJECT_TO_WORLD` or `RT_WORLD_TO_OBJECT` and must be a constant literal. During traversal, intersection and any-hit programs, the current ray will be located in object space. During ray generation, closest-hit and miss programs, the current ray will be located in world space.

There may be significant performance overhead associated with a call to **rtGetTransform** compared to a call to **rtTransformPoint**, **rtTransformVector**, or **rtTransformNormal**.

#### HISTORY

**rtGetTransform** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTransformCreate*, *rtTransformPoint*, *rtTransformVector*, *rtTransformNormal*



### 2.3.3 `rtIgnoreIntersection`

#### NAME

**`rtIgnoreIntersection`** - Cancels the potential intersection with current ray.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

void rtIgnoreIntersection()
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtIgnoreIntersection`** causes the current potential intersection to be ignored. This intersection will not become the new closest hit associated with the ray. This function does not return, so values affecting the per-ray data should be applied before calling **`rtIgnoreIntersection`**. **`rtIgnoreIntersection`** is valid only within an any-hit program.

**`rtIgnoreIntersection`** can be used to implement alpha-mapped transparency by ignoring intersections that hit the geometry but are labeled as transparent in a texture. Since any-hit programs are called frequently during intersection, care should be taken to make them as efficient as possible.

#### HISTORY

**`rtIgnoreIntersection`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtTerminateRay`*, *`rtPotentialIntersection`*

### 2.3.4 `rtIntersectChild`

#### NAME

**rtIntersectChild** - Visit child of selector.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

void rtIntersectChild(unsigned int index)
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtIntersectChild** will perform intersection on the specified child for the current active ray. This is used in a selector visit program to traverse one of the selector's children. The **index** specifies which of the children to be visited. As the child is traversed, intersection programs will be called and any-hit programs will be called for positive intersections. When this process is complete, **rtIntersectChild** will return unless one of the any-hit programs calls **rtTerminateRay**, in which case this function will never return. Multiple children can be visited during a single selector visit call by calling this function multiple times.

**index** matches the index used in **rtSelectorSetChild** on the host. **rtIntersectChild** is valid only within a selector visit program.

#### HISTORY

**rtIntersectChild** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtSelectorSetVisitProgram*, *rtSelectorCreate*, *rtTerminateRay*

### 2.3.5 rtPotentialIntersection

#### NAME

**rtPotentialIntersection** - Determine whether a computed intersection is potentially valid.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

bool rtPotentialIntersection(float t)
```

#### DESCRIPTION

Reporting an intersection from a geometry program is a two-stage process. If the geometry program computes that the ray intersects the geometry, it will first call **rtPotentialIntersection**. **rtPotentialIntersection** will determine whether the reported hit distance is within the valid interval associated with the ray, and return true if the intersection is valid. Subsequently, the geometry program will compute the attributes (normal, texture coordinates, etc.) associated with the intersection before calling **rtReportIntersection**. When **rtReportIntersection** is called, the any-hit program associated with the material is called. If the any-hit program does not ignore the intersection then the **t** value will stand as the new closest intersection.

If **rtPotentialIntersection** returns true, then **rtReportIntersection** should **always** be called after computing the attributes. Furthermore, attributes variables should only be written after a successful return from **rtPotentialIntersection**.

**rtPotentialIntersection** is passed the material index associated with the reported intersection. Objects with a single material should pass an index of zero.

**rtReportIntersection** and **rtPotentialIntersection** are valid only within a geometry intersection program.

#### HISTORY

**rtPotentialIntersection** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtGeometrySetIntersectionProgram*, *rtReportIntersection*, *rtIgnoreIntersection*

### 2.3.6 `rtPrintExceptionDetails`

#### NAME

**`rtPrintExceptionDetails`** - Print information on a caught exception.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

void rtPrintExceptionDetails()
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtGetExceptionCode`** can be called from an exception program to provide information on the caught exception to the user. The function uses **`rtPrintf`** to output details depending on the type of the exception. It is necessary to have printing enabled using **`rtContextSetPrintEnabled`** for this function to have any effect.

#### HISTORY

**`rtPrintExceptionDetails`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.1.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextSetExceptionEnabled, rtContextGetExceptionEnabled, rtContextSetExceptionProgram, rtContextGetExceptionProgram, rtContextSetPrintEnabled, rtGetExceptionCode, rtThrow, rtPrintf*

### 2.3.7 `rtPrintf`

#### NAME

**rtPrintf** - Prints text to the standard output.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

void rtPrintf(const char* format, ...)
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtPrintf** is used to output text from within user programs. Arguments are passed as for the standard C **printf** function, and the same format strings are employed. The only exception is the "%s" format specifier, which will generate an error if used. Text printed using **rtPrintf** is accumulated in a buffer and printed to the standard output when **rtContextLaunch** finishes. The buffer size can be configured using **rtContextSetPrintBufferSize**. Output can optionally be restricted to certain launch indices using **rtContextSetPrintLaunchIndex**. Printing must be enabled using **rtContextSetPrintEnabled**, otherwise **rtPrintf** invocations will be silently ignored.

#### HISTORY

**rtPrintf** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextSetPrintEnabled*, *rtContextGetPrintEnabled*, *rtContextSetPrintBufferSize*, *rtContextGetPrintBufferSize*, *rtContextSetPrintLaunchIndex*, *rtContextSetPrintLaunchIndex*

### 2.3.8 `rtReportIntersection`

#### NAME

**rtReportIntersection** - Report an intersection with the current object and the specified material.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

bool rtReportIntersection(unsigned int material)
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtReportIntersection** reports an intersection of the current ray with the current object, and specifies the material associated with the intersection. **rtReportIntersection** should only be used in conjunction with **rtPotentialIntersection** as described in **rtPotentialIntersection**.

#### HISTORY

**rtReportIntersection** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtPotentialIntersection*

### 2.3.9 `rtTerminateRay`

#### NAME

**rtTerminateRay** - Terminate traversal associated with the current ray.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

void rtTerminateRay()
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTerminateRay** causes the traversal associated with the current ray to immediately terminate. After termination, the closest-hit program associated with the ray will be called. This function does not return, so values affecting the per-ray data should be applied before calling **rtTerminateRay**. **rtTerminateRay** is valid only within an any-hit program.

This function can be used to provide early-ray termination for opaque objects in shadow rays.

#### HISTORY

**rtTerminateRay** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtPotentialIntersection*, *rtIgnoreIntersection*

### 2.3.10 `rtTex`

#### NAME

**`rtTex{1,2,3}D`** - Similar to CUDA Cs texture functions, OptiX programs can access textures in a bindless way.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

template<> float4 rtTex1D(rtTextureId id, float x)
template<> int4  rtTex1D(rtTextureId id, float x)
template<> uint4 rtTex1D(rtTextureId id, float x)
template<> float4 rtTex2D(rtTextureId id, float x, float y)
template<> int4  rtTex2D(rtTextureId id, float x, float y)
template<> uint4 rtTex2D(rtTextureId id, float x, float y)
template<> float4 rtTex3D(rtTextureId id, float x, float y, float z)
template<> int4  rtTex3D(rtTextureId id, float x, float y, float z)
template<> uint4 rtTex3D(rtTextureId id, float x, float y, float z)
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtTex{1,2,3}D`** fetches the texture referenced by the **`id`** with texture coordinate `x`, `y` and `z`. The used texture sampler **`id`** can be obtained on the host side using **`rtTextureSamplerGetId`** function. There are also C++ template and C-style additional declarations for other texture types (`char1`, `uchar1`, `char2`, `uchar2` ...):

```
template<> uchar2 rtTex1D(rtTextureId id, float x)
void rtTex1D(ushort2 *retVal, rtTextureId id, float x)
```

#### HISTORY

**`rtTex{1,2,3}D`** were introduced in *OptiX* 3.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerGetId*



### 2.3.11 `rtThrow`

#### NAME

**rtThrow** - Throw a user exception.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

void rtThrow(unsigned int code)
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtThrow** is used to trigger user defined exceptions which behave like built-in exceptions. That is, upon invocation, ray processing for the current launch index is immediately aborted and the corresponding exception program is executed. **rtThrow** does not return.

The **code** passed as argument must be within the range reserved for user exceptions, which starts at **RT\_EXCEPTION\_USER** (0x400) and ends at 0xFFFF. The code can be queried within the exception program using **rtGetExceptionCode**.

**rtThrow** may be called from within any program type except exception programs. Calls to **rtThrow** will be silently ignored unless user exceptions are enabled using **rtContextSetExceptionEnabled**.

#### HISTORY

**rtThrow** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.1.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtContextSetExceptionEnabled*, *rtContextGetExceptionEnabled*, *rtContextSetExceptionProgram*, *rtContextGetExceptionProgram*, *rtGetExceptionCode*, *rtPrintExceptionDetails*

### 2.3.12 `rtTrace`

#### NAME

**rtTrace** - Traces a ray.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

void rtTrace(rtObject topNode,
             Ray ray,
             T& prd)
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**rtTrace** traces **ray** against object **topNode**. A reference to **prd**, the per-ray data, will be passed to all of the closest-hit and any-hit programs that are executed during this invocation of trace. *topNode* must refer to an *OptiX* object of type **RTgroup**, **RTselector**, **RTgeometrygroup**, or **RTtransform**.

#### HISTORY

**rtTrace** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtObject*, *Ray*

### 2.3.13 `rtTransformNormal`

#### NAME

**`rtTransformNormal`** - Apply the current transformation to a normal.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

float3 rtTransformNormal(RTtransformkind kind,
                        const float3& n)
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtTransformNormal`** transforms **`n`** as a normal using the current active transformation stack (the inverse transpose). During traversal, intersection and any-hit programs, the current ray will be located in object space. During ray generation, closest-hit and miss programs, the current ray will be located in world space. This function can be used to transform values between object and world space.

**`kind`** is an enumerated value that can be either `RT_OBJECT_TO_WORLD` or `RT_WORLD_TO_OBJECT` and must be a constant literal. For ray generation and miss programs, the transform will always be the identity transform. For traversal, intersection, any-hit and closest-hit programs, the transform will be dependent on the set of active transform nodes for the current state.

#### HISTORY

**`rtTransformNormal`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*rtTransformCreate*, *rtTransformPoint*, *rtTransformVector*

### 2.3.14 `rtTransformPoint`

#### NAME

**`rtTransformPoint`** - Apply the current transformation to a point.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

float3 rtTransformPoint(RTtransformkind kind,
                        const float3& p)
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtTransformPoint`** transforms **`p`** as a point using the current active transformation stack. During traversal, intersection and any-hit programs, the current ray will be located in object space. During ray generation, closest-hit and miss programs, the current ray will be located in world space. This function can be used to transform the ray origin and other points between object and world space.

**`kind`** is an enumerated value that can be either `RT_OBJECT_TO_WORLD` or `RT_WORLD_TO_OBJECT` and must be a constant literal. For ray generation and miss programs, the transform will always be the identity transform. For traversal, intersection, any-hit and closest-hit programs, the transform will be dependent on the set of active transform nodes for the current state.

#### HISTORY

**`rtTransformPoint`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtTransformCreate`, `rtTransformVector`, `rtTransformNormal`*

### 2.3.15 `rtTransformVector`

#### NAME

**`rtTransformVector`** - Apply the current transformation to a vector.

#### SYNOPSIS

```
#include <optix.h>

float3 rtTransformVector(RTtransformkind kind,
                        const float3& v)
```

#### DESCRIPTION

**`rtTransformVector`** transforms **`v`** as a vector using the current active transformation stack. During traversal, intersection and any-hit programs, the current ray will be located in object space. During ray generation, closest-hit and miss programs, the current ray will be located in world space. This function can be used to transform the ray direction and other vectors between object and world space.

**`kind`** is an enumerated value that can be either `RT_OBJECT_TO_WORLD` or `RT_WORLD_TO_OBJECT` and must be a constant literal. For ray generation and miss programs, the transform will always be the identity transform. For traversal, intersection, any-hit and closest-hit programs, the transform will be dependent on the set of active transform nodes for the current state.

#### HISTORY

**`rtTransformVector`** was introduced in *OptiX* 1.0.

#### SEE ALSO

*`rtTransformCreate`, `rtTransformVector`, `rtTransformNormal`*

## Chapter 3

## Appendix

## 3.1 Interop Formats

### DESCRIPTION

This section lists OpenGL and D3D texture formats that are currently supported for interop:

#### OpenGL

*R8I, R8UI, RG8I, RG8UI, RGBA8, RGBA8I, RGBA8UI,*  
*R16I, R16UI, RG16I, RG16UI, RGBA16, RGBA16I, RGBA16UI,*  
*R32I, R32UI, RG32I, RG32UI, RGBA32I, RGBA32UI,*  
*R32F, RG32F, RGBA32F*

#### D3D Formats

*L8, A8*  
*A8L8, V8U8*  
*A8R8G8B8, X8R8G8B8, A8B8G8R8, X8B8G8R8, Q8W8V8U8*  
*L16, G16R16, V16U16*  
*A16B16G16R16, Q16W16V16U16*  
*R32F, G32R32F, A32B32G32R32F*

#### DXGI Formats

*R8\_SINT, R8\_SNORM, R8\_UINT, R8\_UNORM*  
*R16\_SINT, R16\_SNORM, R16\_UINT, R16\_UNORM*  
*R32\_SINT, R32\_UINT, R32\_FLOAT*  
*R8G8\_SINT, R8G8\_SNORM, R8G8\_UINT, R8G8\_UNORM*  
*R16G16\_SINT, R16G16\_SNORM, R16G16\_UINT, R16G16\_UNORM*  
*R32G32\_SINT, R32G32\_UINT, R32G32\_FLOAT*  
*R8G8B8A8\_SINT, R8G8B8A8\_SNORM, R8G8B8A8\_UINT, R8G8B8A8\_UNORM*  
*R16G16B16A16\_SINT, R16G16B16A16\_SNORM, R16G16B16A16\_UINT, R16G16B16A16\_UNORM*  
*R32G32B32A32\_SINT, R32G32B32A32\_UINT, R32G32B32A32\_FLOAT*

### HISTORY

Interop Texture Formats were introduced in *OptiX* 2.0.

### SEE ALSO

*rtTextureSamplerCreateFromGLImage*

*rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D9Resource*

*rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D10Resource*

*rtTextureSamplerCreateFromD3D11Resource*



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