

# DISPLAY RESOLUTION CAPABILITIES FOR WORKSTATION PRODUCTS

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## **DOCUMENT CHANGE HISTORY**

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01	November 1, 2013	AP, SM	Initial Release
02	October 28, 2014	AP, SM	<ul> <li>Updated with the following products: Quadro K5200, Quadro K4200, Quadro K2200, Quadro K620, and Quadro K420</li> <li>Added "HDMI 2.0" section</li> <li>Added "VGA Via DisplayPort to VGA Adaptor" section</li> <li>Added "Display Color Depth" section</li> </ul>
03	June 13, 2016	JK, AP, PV, SM	<ul> <li>Added Quadro K1200, Quadro M2000, Quadro M4000, Quadro M5000, Quadro M6000 and NVS 810</li> <li>Updated the display resolution tables</li> <li>Added NVIDIA Maxwell generation support</li> </ul>
04	September 23, 2016	JK, SM	•Added Quadro P5000 and Quadro P6000 •Added "DP 1.4" section •Updated the display resolution tables
05	September 29, 2016	JK, SM	Updated display connectors table (Table 4)
06	April 28, 2017	JK, SM	Added Pascal generation support for Quadro
07	March 13, 2019	EL, SM	<ul> <li>Added NVIDIA Turing generation support for Quadro</li> <li>Added Quadro RTX boards in "Display Connectors" table (Table 5)</li> <li>Added a note in Table 7 that says, "NVIDIA Turing supports Display Stream Compression (DSC) to drive an 8K DSC panel over a single connector."</li> <li>Updated the "DisplayPort" section</li> <li>Updated "UltraHD (3840 x 2160) and Cinema 4K (4096 x 2160) Option Support" table (Table 8)</li> </ul>
08	May 15, 2019	EL, SM	Added "High Dynamic Range" section
09	July 23, 2021	AS, SM	<ul> <li>Changed application note title to Display Resolution Capabilities for Workstation Products</li> <li>Updated Table 2with additional NVIDIA Turing products (T1000, T600 and T400)</li> <li>Added NVIDIA Ampere generation support for NVIDIA RTX</li> <li>Added NVIDIA Ampere RTX boards in Table 6</li> <li>Updated the "DisplayPort" section to address Ampere and NVIDIA Turing products</li> </ul>

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## **OVERVIEW**

This application note lists the display resolutions capabilities of the NVIDIA® Kepler™ and later generations of NVIDIA RTX™, NVIDIA® Quadro®, and NVIDIA® NVS™ workstation products. The following product naming conventions help identify which generation of graphics processing units (GPUs) is represented for NVIDIA RTX and Quadro boards.

- ▶ The "A" represents the NVIDIA Ampere Architecture generation (example: NVIDIA RTX A6000)
- ► The "RTX" represents the NVIDIA Turing<sup>™</sup> generation (example: Quadro RTX<sup>™</sup> 6000)
- ▶ The "P" represents the Pascal generation (example: Quadro P6000)
- ► The "M" represents the NVIDIA Maxwell<sup>™</sup> generation (example: Quadro M6000)
- ▶ The "K" represents the Kepler generation (example: Quadro K6000) except for K2200, K1200, and K620 as noted in Table 4

The NVS boards do not have a family identifier in their name. The NVS 510 and NVS 315 boards are part of the Kepler family, and the NVS 810 board is part of the NVIDIA Maxwell family.

Table 1 through Table 5 list the Quadro products for each of the generation of GPUs.

Table 1. **NVIDIA Ampere Generation GPUs** 

NVIDIA RTX Boards
NVIDIA RTX A6000
NVIDIA RTX A5000
NVIDIA RTX A4000
NVIDIA RTX A2000

Table 2. **NVIDIA Turing Generation GPUs** 

Quadro Boards
Quadro RTX 8000
Quadro RTX 6000
Quadro RTX 5000
Quadro RTX 4000
NVIDIA T1000
NVIDIA T600
NVIDIA T400

Table 3. **NVIDIA Pascal Generation GPUs** 

Quadro Boards	Quadro Mobile or MXM Boards <sup>1</sup>
Quadro GP100	Quadro P5000
Quadro P6000	Quadro P4000
Quadro P5000	Quadro P3000
Quadro P4000	Quadro M2200
Quadro P2000	Quadro M1200
Quadro P1000	Quadro M620
Quadro P600	Quadro M520
Quadro P400	

#### Note:

<sup>1</sup>Since the Mobile and MXM boards do not ship from NVIDIA with display connectors attached, you will need to verify display connector specifics with the system vendor.

Table 4. **NVIDIA Maxwell Generation GPUs** 

Quadro 1 <sup>st</sup> Gen Boards	Quadro 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gen Boards	Quadro 1 <sup>st</sup> Gen Mobile or MXM Boards <sup>1</sup>	Quadro 2 <sup>nd</sup> Gen Mobile or MXM Boards <sup>1</sup>	NVS Boards
Quadro K2200	Quadro M6000 24GB	Quadro M2000M	Quadro M5500	NVS 810
Quadro K1200	Quadro M6000	Quadro M1000M	Quadro M5000M	
Quadro K620	Quadro M5000	Quadro M600M	Quadro M4000M	
	Quadro M4000	Quadro M500M	Quadro M3000M	
	Quadro M2000			

#### Note:

<sup>1</sup>Since the Mobile and MXM boards do not ship from NVIDIA with display connectors attached, you will need to verify display connector specifics with the system vendor.

Table 5. **NVIDIA Kepler Generation GPUs** 

Quadro Boards	Quadro Mobile or MXM Boards <sup>1</sup>	NVS Boards
Quadro K6000	Quadro K5100M	NVS 510
Quadro K5000	Quadro K4100M	
Quadro K4000	Quadro K3100M	
Quadro K2000	Quadro K2100M	
Quadro K2000D	Quadro K610M	
Quadro K600	Quadro K510M	
Quadro 410	Quadro K5000M	
Quadro K5200	Quadro K4000M	
Quadro K4200	Quadro K3000M	
Quadro K2200	Quadro K2000M	
Quadro K620	Quadro K1000M	
Quadro K420	Quadro K500M	

#### Note:

<sup>1</sup>Since the Mobile and MXM boards do not ship from NVIDIA with display connectors attached, you will need to verify display connector specifics with the system vendor.

#### DISPLAY CONNECTORS

The NVIDIA Ampere, NVIDIA Turing, Pascal, NVIDIA Maxwell, and Kepler of the Quadro and NVS boards have a combination of dual-link DVI (DL) and/or VESA® DisplayPort<sup>™</sup> 1.2 or 1.4 (output) connectors on the board. Most have the ability to drive a single VGA display through a DVI-VGA adaptor. Other display connections, like HDMI<sup>™</sup>, can be achieved using DisplayPort or DVI adaptor cables. Display adapter RVL

(Recommended Vendor List) document DA-04797-001 summarizes the display adapters that have been tested by NVIDIA and its respective vendors.

Dual/Single-

DisplayPort

Table 6. Display Connectors

Board	Connector Type	DisplayPort 1.4	USB-C	Dual/Single- Link DVI	VGA	HDMI
NVIDIA RTX A6000 NVIDIA RTX A5000 NVIDIA RTX A4000	1. DP	✓	Χ	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	2. DP	✓	X	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	3. DP	✓	X	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
NVIDIA NIX A 1000	4. DP	✓	X	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	1. mDP	✓	X	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
NVIDIA RTX A2000	2. mDP	✓	X	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
NVIDIA KTA AZUUU	3. mDP	✓	Χ	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	4. mDP	✓	Χ	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
Board	Connector Type	DisplayPort 1.4	USB-C	Dual/Single- Link DVI	VGA	HDMI
	1. DP	✓	Χ	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	2. DP	✓	Χ	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
Quadro RTX 8000 Quadro RTX 6000	3. DP	✓	Χ	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
Quadro RTX 5000	4. USB-C	USB-C -> DP	✓	Х	Х	USB-C -> HDMI
	5. DP	✓	Х	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	1. DP	✓	Χ	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	2. DP	✓	Χ	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
Quadro RTX 4000	3. DP	✓	Χ	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	4. USB-C	USB-C -> DP	✓	X	X	USB-C -> HDMI
	1. mDP	<b>✓</b>	X	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
NIVIDIA TAOOO	2. mDP	<b>∨</b> ✓	X	DP->DVI	DP->VGA DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
NVIDIA T1000 NVIDIA T600		<b>∨</b> ✓				DP->HDMI
TATIDIA 1000	3. mDP 4. mDP	<b>∨</b> ✓	X	DP->DVI	DP->VGA DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	4. IIIUP		^	DF->DVI	DF->VGA	רי>⊓טוייון
	1. mDP	<b>✓</b>	X	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
NVIDIA T400	2. mDP	✓	Χ	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	3. mDP	✓	X	DP->DVI	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI

Board	Connector Type	DisplayPort 1.4	Single-Link DVI	Dual-Link DVI	VGA	HDMI
	5. DVI-D	X	✓	✓	Х	DVI->HDMI
Quadro GP100	4. DP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
Quadro P6000	3. DP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
Quadro P5000	2. DP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	1. DP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
		1				
Quadro P4000	4. DP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
Quadro P2000	3. DP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
Quadro P1000	2. DP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
Quadro P600	1. DP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	1	1	I			I
	3. DP	<b>✓</b>	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
Quadro P400	2. DP	<b>✓</b>	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	1. DP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
Board	Connector Type	DisplayPort 1.2	Single-Link DVI	Dual-Link DVI	VGA	HDMI
	5. DVI-I	X	✓	✓	DVI->VGA	DVI->HDMI
Quadro M6000 24GB	4. DP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	3. DP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
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Quadro M6000 Quadro M5000	2. DP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
Quadro M5000 Quadro M5000					DP->VGA DP->VGA	
_ ·	2. DP 1. DP	✓ ✓	DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI DP->HDMI
_ ·	2. DP 1. DP	✓ ✓	DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI
Quadro M5000  Quadro M4000	2. DP 1. DP 4. DP 3. DP	✓ ✓ ✓	DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA DP->VGA DP->VGA	DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI
Quadro M5000	2. DP 1. DP 4. DP 3. DP 2. DP	✓ ✓	DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA DP->VGA DP->VGA DP->VGA	DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI
Quadro M5000  Quadro M4000	2. DP 1. DP 4. DP 3. DP	✓ ✓ ✓	DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA DP->VGA DP->VGA	DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI
Quadro M5000  Quadro M4000	2. DP 1. DP 4. DP 3. DP 2. DP 1. DP	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA DP->VGA DP->VGA DP->VGA DP->VGA	DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI
Quadro M5000  Quadro M4000 Quadro M2000	2. DP 1. DP 4. DP 3. DP 2. DP 1. DP	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA DP->VGA DP->VGA DP->VGA DP->VGA DP->VGA	DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI
Quadro M5000  Quadro M4000	2. DP 1. DP 4. DP 3. DP 2. DP 1. DP 4. DVI-D 3. DP	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA	DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI
Quadro M5000  Quadro M4000 Quadro M2000  Quadro K6000	2. DP 1. DP 4. DP 3. DP 2. DP 1. DP 4. DVI-D 3. DP 2. DP	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
Quadro M5000  Quadro M4000 Quadro M2000  Quadro K6000 Quadro K5000	2. DP 1. DP 4. DP 3. DP 2. DP 1. DP 4. DVI-D 3. DP	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA	DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI
Quadro M5000  Quadro M4000 Quadro M2000  Quadro K6000 Quadro K5000 Quadro K5200  Quadro K4000	2. DP 1. DP 4. DP 3. DP 2. DP 1. DP 4. DVI-D 3. DP 2. DP	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
Quadro M5000  Quadro M4000 Quadro M2000  Quadro K6000 Quadro K5000 Quadro K5200	2. DP 1. DP 4. DP 3. DP 2. DP 1. DP 4. DVI-D 3. DP 2. DP 1. DVI-I	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL  V DP->DVI-SL DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA  DP->VGA	DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DVI->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI DP->HDMI

Board	Connector Type	DisplayPort 1.2	Single-Link DVI	Dual-Link DVI	VGA	HDMI
	3. mDP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
Quadro K2000D	2. DVI-D	X	✓	✓	Х	DVI->HDMI
	1. DVI-I	X	✓	✓	DVI->VGA	DVI->HDMI
	4. mDP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
Quadro K1200	3. mDP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
Quadro K1200	2. mDP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	1. mDP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
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Quadro K600 Quadro 410	2. DP	<b>✓</b>	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
Quadro K620 Quadro K420	1. DVI-I	X	✓	✓	DVI->VGA	DVI->HDMI
	I	I		I		I
	8. mDP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	7. mDP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	6. mDP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
NVS 810	5. mDP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
1,175 0.10	4. mDP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	3. mDP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	2. mDP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	1. mDP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	4. mDP	<b>√</b>	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	3. mDP	<b>√</b>	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
NVS 510	2. mDP	<i>✓</i>	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
	1. mDP	<b>✓</b>	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
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NVS 315	DMS59	DMS->DP	DMS->DVI	X	DMS->VGA	X
NVS 310	2. DP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI
.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	1. DP	✓	DP->DVI-SL	DP->DVI-DL	DP->VGA	DP->HDMI

# **COMMON SUPPORTED RESOLUTIONS**

Table 7 and Table 8 list the most common supported resolutions for the NVIDIA Ampere, NVIDIA Turing, Pascal, NVIDIA Maxwell, and NVIDIA Kepler generation boards.

**Common Supported Resolutions** Table 7.

Resolution at 60 Hz	Single-Link DVI	VGA <sup>1</sup>	Dual-Link DVI	DisplayPort
640 × 480	✓	✓	✓	✓
720 × 480	✓	✓	✓	✓
720 × 576	✓	✓	✓	✓
800 × 600	✓	✓	✓	✓
1024 × 768	✓	✓	✓	✓
1152 × 864	✓	✓	✓	✓
1280 × 720	✓	✓	✓	✓
1280 × 768	✓	✓	✓	✓
1280 × 800	✓	✓	✓	✓
1280 × 960	✓	✓	✓	✓
1280 × 1024	✓	✓	✓	✓
1360 × 768	✓	✓	✓	✓
1600 × 900	✓	✓	✓	✓
1600 × 1024	✓	✓	✓	✓
1600 × 1200	✓	✓	✓	✓
1680 × 1050	✓	✓	✓	✓
1920 × 1080	✓	✓	✓	✓
1920 × 1200	✓	✓	✓	✓
1920 × 1440		✓	✓	✓
2048 × 1152	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	✓

Resolution at 60 Hz	Single-Link DVI	VGA <sup>1</sup>	Dual-Link DVI	DisplayPort
2048 × 1536		✓	✓	✓
2560 × 1440			✓	✓
2560 × 1600			✓	✓

#### Note:

#### Common Supported Resolutions 4K and Over Table 8.

Resolution at 60 Hz		DisplayPort 1.2	DisplayPort 1.4	HDMI 2.0	HDMI 2.1
3840 × 2160	Ultra HD	✓	✓	✓	✓
4096 × 2160	Cinema 4K	✓	✓	✓	✓
5120 × 2880	5K	2 connectors	✓		✓
7680 × 4320 (8K)	8K	4 connectors	2 connectors <sup>1</sup>		✓

#### Note:



Note: For more information on 4K displays refer to the "Single Connector 4K" section of this application note.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Native connection or through DVI-VGA adaptor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>NVIDIA Turing and Ampere support Display Stream Compression (DSC). This allows it to drive an 8K DSC panel over a single connector.

# MAXIMUM SUPPORTED RESOLUTIONS

There is no single maximum resolution for a given connector type. The maximum resolution is defined by a couple of constraints which are different for each connector type:

- ▶ The maximum number of pixels per second that can be carried across the link: It doesn't matter to the graphics processing unit (GPU) if those pixels are allocated onto a single large desktop refreshing slowly or a small desktop refreshing quickly. The maximum desktop size allowed by the GPU is 16 k × 16 k pixels – the different operating systems may have different limitations as addressed in Table 9.
- ▶ The maximum bandwidth available on the link: This is most important to DisplayPort connections.

Operating System Maximum Pixel Supported Table 9.

Operating System	Max Pixel
Linux	32K × 32K
Windows 10	16K × 16K

The rest of this application note covers the physical connector types (DVI and DisplayPort) and the common connections that can be reached with adaptors (VGA and HDMI).

#### DISPLAY PIXEL CLOCK AND BANDWIDTH

All the display connection technologies have a maximum bandwidth. In general, any resolution and refresh rate that fits within this bandwidth will work.

The display bandwidth is defined by the pixel clock and how many bits per pixel are requested. The easiest way to compute the pixel clock is with the NVIDIA Control Panel's custom resolution calculator.

You can access the calculator at:

Display / Change Resolution / Customize / Create Custom Resolution

Enter the desired horizontal and vertical pixels and refresh rate. Then select the timing standard. On the bottom right, you will see the pixel clock needed. As long as the requested pixel clock is within the capabilities of the connection the timing is valid.

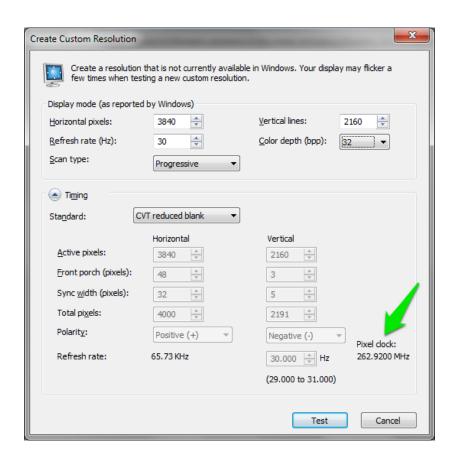


Figure 1. Create Custom Resolution Calculator

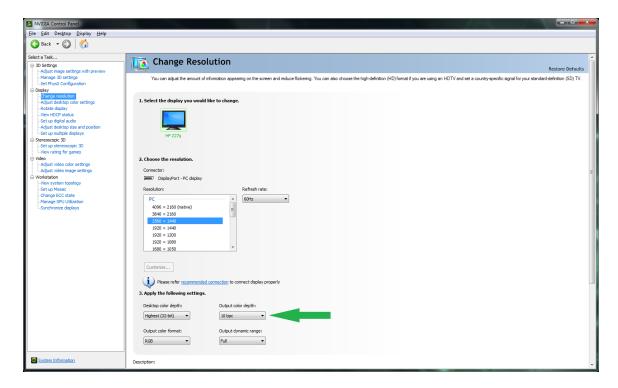
Display Bandwidth mainly applies to the DisplayPort connection. For the purpose of this application note it is the pixel clock multiplied by the number of color bits per pixel. As an example:

200 MHz pixel clock × 30 bits per pixel = 6,000 M bits per second (or 6 G bits per second Gbps)

#### DISPLAY COLOR DEPTH

Along with the frame-rate and resolution displays and connectors can also vary the bit depth of the color information for each pixel. Standards like DVI define that each pixel must be made of a Red, Green and Blue component 8 bits each or 24 bits per pixel. HDMI and DisplayPort offer 8, 10 or 12-bit per component as well. The display device defines the bit depth that it wants to receive, and the GPU will honor it if it can.

On supported displays, the **Change Resolution** section of the control panel offers a choice to select the Output Color Depth. On connections like DisplayPort reducing the color depth may enable higher resolutions or frame rates.



Color Depth Setting Figure 2.

In this application note the following terms are used in relation to color:

- ▶ **BPC:** Bits Per Component. How many bits represent each component in the pixel: 8, 10 or 12
- ▶ **BPP:** Bits Per Pixel: The number of bits for color in each pixel: 24, 30, 36
- ▶ **RGB:** The colors in a pixel are made up of a Red, Green and Blue components.
- ▶ **YCbCr:** The colors in a pixels are made up of a Luminance (Y) and two color/chroma channels (Cb and Cr)
- ▶ YCbCr 4:2:0: In a YCbCr image it possible to sample the chroma or color information at different rates from the Luminance information. 4:2:0 means all the Luminance information is sent, but only 1/4 of the color information. This compression means each frame of a 4:2:0 compressed stream uses half the data of an uncompressed (or 4:4:4) frame.

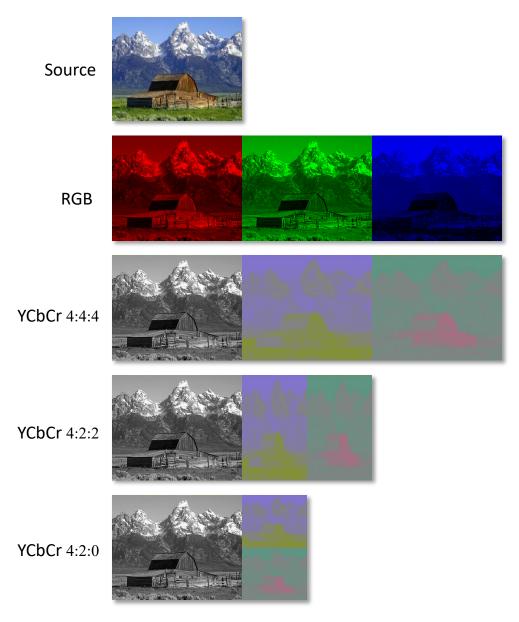


Figure 3. Color Term Examples

#### HIGH DYNAMIC RANGE

A new generation of High Dynamic Range (HDR) displays is allowing manufacturers to produce brighter, greater contrast displays with the ability to reproduce more realistic images. A Nit is the most commonly used measure of brightness and is defined as one candela per square meter. The observable world has such a large range of luminance yet up until the last few years, few displays produce more than 200-300 nits of brightness.

In August of 2015, the Consumer Technology Association (CTA) announced an industry definition for HDR Compatible Displays which included the definition of the HDR10 Media Profile. While other HDR formats exist, HDR10 has been the most widely adopted in the display industry. Pascal, NVIDIA Turing, and NVIDIA Ampere GPUs support HDR10 by sending an infoframe indicating support for SMPTE ST 2084, the electro-optical transfer function defined for luminance values up to 10,000 nits – also known as Perceptual Quantizer (PQ) - when connected to an HDR10 capable sink device.

Reproducing more of the colors the human eye can see is also important to making highquality HDR displays. For the last couple of decades, the most commonly used color space for the PC industry had been sRGB. It uses the same three-color primaries as the Rec. 709 color space defined for HDTVs. This format was defined in the era of CRT displays and was extremely useful for representing the most achievable range of colors.

BT. 2020 is now the target color gamut for HDR displays. HDR10 also supports a much wider range of colors, much closer to the limits of human color vision. Several HDR formats use it as a container for content as it is assumed to be future proof – including HDR10 with support for 10-bit encoded BT. 2020. Pascal, NVIDIA Turing, and NVIDIA Ampere GPUs can support the BT. 2020 colorimetry by sending a video stream configuration data packet over DisplayPort to displays that are capable of supporting this color gamut.

Windows 10 (starting with Build 1809) provides a control panel switch to enable HDR10 output:

- 1. Select the **Start** button, then select **Settings** > **System** > **Display**.
- 2. Select Windows HD Color settings.
- 3. Under Display capabilities, check to make sure it says Yes next to Play HDR games and apps.
- 4. Turn on **Play HDR games and apps**.

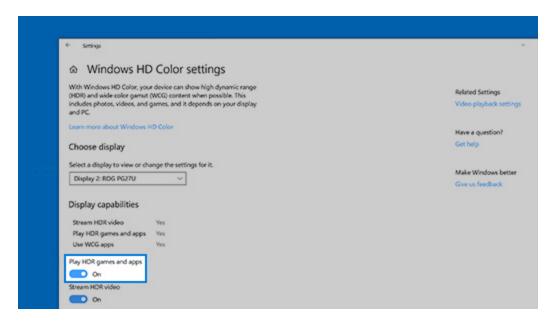


Figure 4. Windows HD Color Settings

#### DVI

This sub-section lists out the resolutions for the different types of DVI connectors.

## Dual-Link DVI (DVI-DL)

- ▶ Maximum Pixel Clock: 330 MHz
- ▶ Maximum Bandwidth: N/A DVI is always 24 bits per pixel
- ► Common Supported Maximum Resolutions (at CVT-RB timing):
  - 1920 × 1200 at 120 Hz
  - 1920 × 2160 at 60 Hz
  - 2560 × 1600 at 60 Hz
  - 2048 × 2160 at 60 Hz
  - 4096 × 2160 at 30 Hz



Note: There are two types of DisplayPort to dual-link DVI adaptors. For the full 330 MHz of dual-link DVI make sure to select the stereo capable adaptors.

### Single-Link DVI (DVI-SL)

- ▶ Maximum Pixel Clock: 167 MHz
- ▶ Maximum Bandwidth: N/A DVI is always 24 bits per pixel
- ► Common Supported Maximum Resolutions (at CVT-RB timing):
  - 1920 × 1200 at 60 Hz
  - 1280 × 720 at 120 Hz

#### **VGA**

This sub-section lists out the resolutions for the different types of VGA connections.

## VGA via DVI-I to VGA Adaptor

- ▶ Maximum Bandwidth: 400 MHz DAC
- ► Common Supported Maximum Resolutions (at CVT-RB timing):
  - 2048 × 1536 at 85 Hz

### VGA via DisplayPort to VGA Adaptor

- ▶ Maximum Bandwidth: Adaptor specific
- ► Common Supported Maximum Resolutions (at CVT-RB timing):
  - 1920 × 1200 at 60 Hz

#### **HDMI**

This sub-section lists out the resolutions for the different types of HDMI connectors.

NVIDIA RTX and Quadro boards do not have native HDMI connectors, so an adaptor must be used. High-quality DVI-to-HDMI cables or active DisplayPort-to-HDMI protocol converter is required for full performance.



Note: An active protocol converter is required to drive HDMI 2.1 sink devices. Based on this configuration the resolution limitation matches the DisplayPort resolution.

#### **HDMI 1.4**

- ► Maximum Pixel Clock: 340 MHz (for 24 bpp content)
- ► Maximum Bandwidth: N/A
- ► Common Supported Maximum Resolutions (from CEA timing specifications):
  - 3840 × 2160 at 30 Hz 24 bpp
  - 1920 × 1080 at 60 Hz 36 bpp
  - 4096 × 2160 at 24 Hz 24 bpp
  - 1920 × 1080 at 120 Hz 24 bpp HDMI stereo



Note: Quadro boards do not have native HDMI connectors, so an adaptor must be used. High quality DVI-to-HDMI cables or Type II DisplayPort-to-HDMI adaptors are required for full performance.

#### **HDMI 2.0**

HDMI 2.0 is supported on Windows 7 and newer with the R340 and newer display driver.

## Kepler and NVIDIA Maxwell 1st Gen GPUs

- ▶ Maximum Pixel Clock: 340 MHz
- ▶ Maximum Bandwidth: N/A
- ► Common Supported Maximum Resolutions (from CEA timing specifications):
  - 3840 × 2160 at 60 Hz in 4:2:0 YCbCr 8 bpc

## NVIDIA Ampere, NVIDIA Maxwell 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen, Pascal, and **NVIDIA Turing GPUs**

- ▶ Maximum Pixel Clock: 594 MHz
- ► Maximum Bandwidth: N/A
- ► Common Supported Maximum Resolutions (from CEA timing specifications):
  - 3840 x 2160 at 60 Hz in YCbCr 4:2:0 8 bpc (actually only requires HDMI 1.4 PHY)
  - 3840 x 2160 at 60 Hz in RGB 8 bpc
  - 3840 x 2160 at 60 Hz in YCbCr 4:2:2 and YCbCr 4:2:0 12 bpc

#### DISPLAYPORT

This sub-section lists out the resolutions for the different DisplayPort configurations.

## DisplayPort 1.2

- ► Maximum Pixel Clock:
  - NVIDIA Ampere, NVIDIA Turing, Pascal, and NVIDIA Maxwell GPUs
    - -1080 MHz
  - Kepler GPUs
    - -540 MHz
- ▶ Maximum Boards Bandwidth: 17.2 Gbps usable
- Common Supported Maximum Resolutions (at CVT Reduced Blank Timings):
  - NVIDIA Ampere, NVIDIA Turing, Pascal, and NVIDIA Maxwell GPUs
    - $-4096 \times 2160$  at 60 Hz 30 bpp
    - $-2560 \times 1600$  at 120 Hz 30 bpp
  - Kepler GPUs
    - $-2560 \times 1600$  at 120 Hz 30 bpp
  - All displays
    - $-4096 \times 2160$  at 48 Hz 36 bpp
    - $-2560 \times 1440$  at 120 Hz 30 bpp
    - $-3840 \times 2160$  at 60 Hz 30 bpp

## DisplayPort 1.2 Multi-Streaming

- ► Maximum Pixel Clock for Each Display:
  - NVIDIA Ampere, NVIDIA Turing, Pascal, and NVIDIA Maxwell GPUs
    - -1080 MHz
  - Kepler GPUs
    - -540 MHz
  - All other boards display
    - -540 MHz
- ▶ Total Bandwidth for All Displays: 17.01 Gbps usable

When using DisplayPort multi-streaming, multiple displays are combined on the same DisplayPort link. Each display can have the full pixel clock available in the GPU, but all heads share the bandwidth of the link. For example:

- ▶ 4 heads of 1920 × 1200, 24 bpp at 60 Hz
  - $4 \times 154.128$  MHz Pixel Clock  $\times 24$  bpp = 14.8 Gbps which works
- ▶ 4 heads of 1920 × 1200, 30 bpp at 60 Hz
  - 4 × 154.128 MHz Pixel Clock × 30 bpp = 18.5 Gbps which does not work
- ▶ 3 heads of 1920 × 1200, 30 bpp at 60 Hz
  - $3 \times 154.128$  MHz Pixel Clock  $\times 30$  bpp = 13.4 Gbps which works



CAUTION: Since DisplayPort 1.2 MST relies upon an external device to receive and rebroadcast the data the hub used may reduce usable bandwidth.

There are a few other restrictions with multi-streaming so if designing a system that pushes the boundaries of the pixel clock on the heads, contact your NVIDIA field engineering resources for assistance.

- ► Common Supported Maximum Resolutions (at CVT-RB timing):
  - 4× 1920 × 1200 at 60 Hz 24 bpp
  - 2× 2560 × 1600 at 60 Hz 24 bpp

#### DisplayPort 1.4

- ► Maximum Pixel Clock:
  - NVIDIA Ampere GPUs
    - 1335 MHz
  - NVIDIA Turing GPUs
    - -1330 MHz
  - NVIDIA Pascal GPUs
    - 1325 MHz
- ▶ Maximum Boards Bandwidth: 25.9 Gbps usable
- ► Common Supported Maximum Resolutions (at CVT Reduced Blank Timings):
  - NVIDIA Pascal GPUs
    - $-5120 \times 2880$  at 60 Hz 24 bpp
    - 4096 × 2160 at 60 Hz 36 bpp
    - $-2560 \times 1600$  at 120 Hz 36 bpp

## DisplayPort 1.4 Multi-Streaming

- ► Maximum Pixel Clock for Each Display:
  - NVIDIA Ampere GPUs
    - 1335 MHz
  - NVIDIA Turing GPUs
    - -1330 MHz
  - NVIDIA Pascal GPUs
    - 1325 MHz
- ► Total Bandwidth for All Displays: 25.5 Gbps usable

When using DisplayPort multi-streaming, multiple displays are combined on the same DisplayPort link. Each display can have the full pixel clock available in the GPU, but all heads share the bandwidth of the link. For example:

- ▶ 2 heads of 3840 × 2160, 30 bpp at 60 Hz
  - 2 × 522.092 MHz Pixel Clock × 30 bpp = 31.3 Gbps which does not work



CAUTION: Since DisplayPort MST relies upon an external device to receive and rebroadcast the data the hub used may reduce usable bandwidth.

There are a few other restrictions with multi-streaming so if designing a system that pushes the boundaries of the pixel clock on the heads, contact your NVIDIA field engineering resources for assistance.

- ► Common Supported Maximum Resolutions (at CVT-RB timing):
  - 4× 1920 × 1200 at 60 Hz 24 bpp
  - 3× 2560 × 1600 at 60 Hz 30 bpp

# **SINGLE CONNECTOR 4K**

There are two main display definitions for 4K: UltraHD (3840 × 2160) and what is commonly called Cinema 4K (4096 × 2160). Depending on the frame-rate, connector, and bit depth, different GPUs support different options as covered in Table 10.

Table 10. UltraHD (3840 x 2160) and Cinema 4K (4096 x 2160) Option Support

Bit C	epth (	HDMI 1.4	HDMI 2.0	DisplayPort 1.2 MST	DisplayPort 1.2 Single	DisplayPort 1.4 MST	DisplayPort 1.4 Single
	24 bpp	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
24 Hz	30 bpp			✓	✓	✓	✓
	36 bpp	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	24 bpp	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30 Hz	30 bpp			✓	✓	✓	✓
	36bpp		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
48 Hz	24 bpp		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	30 bpp			✓	✓	✓	✓
	36 bpp		✓ 4:2:0 YCbCr 4:2:2 YCbCr	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
60 Hz	24 bpp		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	30 bpp			✓	✓	✓	✓
	36 bpp		✓4:2:0 YCbCr 4:2:2 YCbCr			✓	✓

#### Notes:

Pascal generation and generations after, the GPUs have DisplayPort 1.4 support. NVIDIA Maxwell 2<sup>nd</sup> generation and generations after, the GPUs have HDMI 2.0 support.

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