

# Optimizers and Tasks

List of *optimizers* uses instead of `synfig::optimize_layers`. So each aspect of optimization procedure become more clear. Each **Renderer** class contains own list of *optimizers*, so we can configure optimization for any type of *renderer*. We can easy enable or disable any unstable *optimizer* dynamically.

Optimizers also uses to select type of rendering. For each common *task* exists a renderer-specified implementation and related *optimizer-converter*. For example, **OptimizerContourSW** converts common **TaskContour** into renderer-specified **TaskContourSW**. So **RendererSW** contains **OptimizerContourSW** in list of *optimizers*, and **RendererGL** contains **OptimizerContourGL**.

Also when **RendererGL** cannot draw something (*task* or *optimizer-converter* not implemented), we can associate software *optimizer* with it. And some *tasks* will drawn by software.

So synfig will automatically select hardware or software rendering.

## Example:

Optimizers list associated with selected renderer:

- **OptimizerSurfaceCreate** (detect points where we need to initialize new surface)
- **OptimizerSurfaceDestroy** (detect points where we can remove surface)
- **OptimizerLinear** (reorganize task-tree to make linear list of tasks)
- **OptimizerContourGL** (draw contours by OpenGL)
- **OptimizerGradientSW** (draw gradients by Software)
- **OptimizerBlendGL** (blending by OpenGL)

Tasks before optimization

- **TaskBlend**
  - subtasks:
    - **TaskContour**
    - **TaskGradient**

Tasks after optimization:

- **TaskSurfaceCreate** (for contour)
- **TaskContourGL**
- **TaskSurfaceCreate** (for gradient)
- **TaskGradientSW**
- **TaskSurfaceCreate** (for blend)
- **TaskBlendGL**
- **TaskSurfaceDestroy** (for contour)
- **TaskSurfaceDestroy** (for gradien)

Gradient will rendered by software and will automatically converted into OpenGL texture which will be passed into **BlendGL**. Surface from **BlengGL** will not removed, because it stores rendering result.

Today we have only minimal set of optimizers to make valid task-list for software renderer. So our goal for future is to write optimizers for increase speed.

## How rendering works today

```
// Build task
Context::build_rendering_task() {
    ...
    Layer::build_rendering_task() {
        ...
        Context::build_rendering_task()
        ...
    }
    ...
}
...
// Create and assign target surface to store result of rendering
...
// Create task-list and insert single task into it
...

// Pass task-list to selected renderer
rendering::Renderer::run(task_list) {
    // Build optimized task-list
    rendering::Renderer::optimize(task_list) {
        foreach(optimizer in registered_optimizer)
            foreach(task in task_list)
                rendering::Optimizer::run()
    }

    // Render
    foreach(task in optimized_task_list)
        rendering::Task::run()
}
```

## Our goal

```
// Build task-list
foreach(frame in scheduled_frames) {
    Context::build_rendering_task() {
        ...
        Layer:: build_rendering_task() {
            ...
            Context::build_rendering_task()
            ...
        }
        ...
    }
    ...
    // Create and assign target surface to store result
    ...
    // Insert task into task-list
    ...
}

// Pass task-list to selected renderer
rendering::Renderer::run(task_list) {
    // Build optimized task-list and mark dependencies
    rendering::Renderer::optimize(task_list) {
        foreach(optimizer in registrered_optimizer)
            foreach(task in task_list)
                rendering::Optimizer::run()
    }

    // Multithreaded rendering
    while(!optimized_task_list.empty()) {
        // Wait for any unbusy thread
        ...
        // Find (or wait) task with complete dependencies
        ...
        rendering::Renderer::Thread::enqueue(task)
    }
}
```