Geometric Morphing with the Vertex Shader

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Morphing a Sphere into a Circle

Blend = 0.00  Blend = 0.25  Blend = 0.50
Blend = 0.75  Blend = 1.00
out vec2 vST;
out float vLightIntensity;
out vec4 vColor;
const float TWOPI = 2.*3.14159265;

// original model coords (sphere):
vec4 vertex0 = aVertex;
vec3 norm0   = aNormal;

// circle coords:
vST= aTexCoord0.st;
float radius = 1. - vST.t;
float theta = TWOPI * vST.s;
vec4  circle = vec4( radius*cos(theta), radius*sin(theta), 0., 1. );
vec3 circlenorm = vec3( 0., 0., 1. );
vST += vec2( OffsetS, OffsetT );

// blend:
vec4 theVertex = mix( vertex0, circle, Blend );
vec3 theNormal = normalize( mix( norm0, circlenorm, Blend ) );

// do the lighting:
vec3 tnorm = normalize( vec3( uNormalMatrix * theNormal ) );
vec3 LightPos = vec3( 5., 10., 10. );
vec3 ECposition = vec3( uModelViewMatrix * theVertex );
vLightIntensity = abs( dot( normalize(LightPos - ECposition), tnorm ) );
if( vLightIntensity < 0.2 )
vLightIntensity = 0.2;
vColor = aColor;
gl_Position = uModelViewProjectionMatrix * theVertex;

A possible vis application ??

Original texture map

Mapped onto a Sphere

Morphed into a Circle
Morphing a Bunny into a Sphere

```glsl
vec4 vertex = aVertex;
vertex.xyz *= 4. / length(vertex.xyz);
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Note: the "face" in the spherical bunny is there because the normals were not morphed into sphere normals - they were left as bunny normals.

Morphing a Bunny into a Cube

```glsl
const float SIDE = 2.;
vec4 vertex = aVertex;
vertex.xyz *= 4. / length(vertex.xyz);
vertex.xyz = clamp(vertex.xyz, -SIDE, SIDE);
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Note: the "face" in the cube bunny is there because the normals were not morphed into cube normals - they were left as bunny normals.