Enhancing Computer Graphics Effects by Writing Shaders



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How Many Computers do you see in this Photo? One?



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No, There Are Two Computers Here



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Buried within a single chassis, we are tempted to think there is just one computer here. **Computer Graphics**



But there are really *two* computers here, a CPU and a GPU. So far, you have been "programming" the GPU by telling OpenGL how to do it for us. This is about to change!

No, There Are Two Computers Here



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We are now going to get into a way-cool part of this class where you get to program the GPU yourself. This is called **Shaders**.

Let's think about it. If you set out to program an external computer, here is what you would need:

- 1. A programming language
- 2. A compiler for that language to create an executable
- 3. A way to see the compiler's error messages
- 4. A way to download the executable onto the external computer
- 5. A way to run that executable on the external computer
- 6. A way to get information into the executable

This sounds like a lot, but it won't turn out to be that big a deal. Trust me!

The Basic Computer Graphics Pipeline, OpenGL-style



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Our Shaders' View of the Basic Computer Graphics Pipeline





There are actually four more GLSL shader types we won't be covering here. In CS 457/557, we will cover all of them.

We Like to Draw the Diagram with One Vertex Shader and One Fragment Shader, but CG Hardware Achieves Much of its Speed by Handling Hundreds or Thousands of Vertices and Fragments at the Same Time



A Reminder of what a Rasterizer does

There is a piece of hardware called the **Rasterizer**. Its job is to interpolate a line or polygon, defined by vertices, into a collection of **fragments**. Think of it as filling in squares on graph paper.

Rasterizers interpolate built-in variables, such as the (x,y) position where the pixel will live and the pixel's z-coordinate. They also interpolate the normal vector (nx,ny,nz) and the texture coordinates (s,t). They can also interpolate user-defined variables as well.

A fragment is a "pixel-to-be". In computer graphics, "pixel" is defined as having its full RGBA already computed and is headed to be stored in the framebuffer. A fragment does not yet have a computed RGBA, but all of the information needed to compute the RGBA is available.

A fragment is turned into an RGBA pixel by the **fragment processing** operation.

Rasterization

Fragment Processing, Texturing, Per-fragment Lighting

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- Vertex transformations
- Normal Vector transformations
- Computing per-vertex lighting (although, if you are using shaders anyway, per-fragment lighting looks better)
- Taking per-vertex texture coordinates (s,t) and interpolating them through the rasterizer into the fragment shader





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A GLSL Fragment Shader Takes Over These Operations:

- Color computation
- Texture lookup
- Blending colors with textures (like GL_REPLACE and GL_MODULATE used to do)
- Discarding fragments





1. We Need a Programming Language

OpenGL developed a shader language called **GLSL: GL Shader Language**.

GLSL is very C-ish, so it should look familiar.



GLSL has Many C-Familiar Data Types, plus Extensions for Graphics:

- Types include int, ivec2, ivec3, ivec4
- Types include float, vec2, vec3, vec4 Computer Graphics uses values in groups of 2, 3, and 4
- Types include bool, bvec2, bvec3, bvec4
- Vector components are accessed with .rgba, .xyzw, or.stpq
- Types include mat4 > Computer Graphics uses 4x4 matrices to transform 3D vertices
- Types include sampler1D, sampler2D, sampler3D to access textures
- You can use parallel SIMD operations (doesn't necessarily get implemented in hardware):

vec4 a = vec4(1., 2., 3., 4.); vec4 b = vec4(5., 6., 7., 8.);

```
vec4 c = a + b;
```

from to

- Type qualifiers: const, uniform, in, out
- Variables can have "layout qualifiers" to describe how data is stored

Vector components can be "swizzled" (to_abgr = from_rgba)

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The discard Operator Halts Production of the Current Fragment

if(random_number < 0.5) **discard**;





GLSL also has Some Different Variable Types to Pass Information Around

- uniform These are "global" values, assigned into your GLSL program from your C++ program and left alone for a group of primitives. They are read-only accessible from all of your shaders. They cannot be written to from a shader.
- out / in These are passed **out** from the vertex shader stage, interpolated in the rasterizer, and passed *in* to the fragment shader stage.



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GLSL has Some Built-in Vertex Shader Variables :

Input built-ins

vec3 gl_Normal
vec4 gl_Color
vec4 gl_MultiTexCoord0
mat4 gl_ModelViewMatrix
mat4 gl_ProjectionMatrix
mat4 gl_ProjectionMatrix (= gl_ModelViewMatrix * gl_ProjectionMatrix)
mat3 gl_NormalMatrix (this is the transpose of the inverse of the MV matrix)

Output built-in



vec4 gl_Position

vec4 gl Vertex

Note: while this all still works, OpenGL now prefers that you pass in all the above input variables as user-defined *in* variables. We can talk about this later. For now, we are going to use the most straightforward approach possible.

GLSL has Some *Built-in* Fragment Shader Variables :



= the RGBA being sent to the framebuffer



Note: while this all still works, OpenGL now prefers that you pass the RGBA out as a user-defined *out* variable. We can talk about this later. For now, we are going to use the most straightforward approach possible.

We haven't forgotten about this.

If you set out to program an external computer, here is what you would need:

1. A programming language

GLSL

2. A compiler for that language to create an executable

The GLSL compiler is pre-built into the OpenGL driver. You've already got it.

- 3. A way to see the compiler's error messages
- 4. A way to download the executable onto the external computer
- 5. A way to run that executable on the external computer
- 6. A way to get information into the executable

We will give you a C++ class to take care of all of this. This is coming up soon.



But, first, let's take a look at what vertex and fragment shader code looks like.

My Own Variable Naming Convention

With 7 different places that GLSL variables can be created from, I decided to adopt a naming convention to help me recognize what program-defined variables came from what sources:

Beginning letter(s)	Means that the variable	
а	Is a per-vertex in (attribute) from the application	
u	Is a uniform variable from the application	
v	Came from the vertex shader	
tc	Came from the tessellation control shader	
te	Came from the tessellation evaluation shader	
g	Came from the geometry shader	
f	Came from the fragment shader	



This isn't part of "official" GLSL – it is just *my* way of handling the chaos

The Minimal Vertex and Fragment Shader



A Little More Interesting, I: What if we Want to Color in a Pattern?

This pattern example is defined by three uniform variables: uS0, uT0, and uD, all in texture coordinates (0.-1.). (**uS0,uT0**) are the center of the pattern. **uD** is the length of each edge of the pattern. The s and t boundaries of the pattern are like this:



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- uS0, uT0 are the center of the pattern in (0.-1.) texture coordinates
- uD is the size of the pattern in (0.-1.) ٠ texture coordinates

A Little More Interesting, II: Getting the Texture Coordinates from the Vertex Shader to the Fragment Shader

The vertex shader needs to pass the texture coordinates to the rasterizer so that each fragment shader gets it:

A Vertex Shader is automatically called once per vertex:

```
#version 330 compatibility
out vec2 vST;
void
main()
{
    vST = gl_MultiTexCoord0.st; // a vertex's (s,t) texture coordinates
    gl_Position = gl_ModelViewProjectionMatrix * gl_Vertex;
}
```



The texture coordinates need to come from the *vertex shader* because they were assigned to each *vertex* to begin with

A Little More Interesting, III: Drawing a Pattern with the Fragment Shader

The fragment shader answers the question: "Am I (the current fragment) inside the pattern or outside it?"

A Fragment Shader is automatically called once per fragment:

```
#version 330 compatibility
uniform float uS0, uT0, uD; // from your program
                            // from the vertex shader, interpolated through the rasterizer
in vec2 vST:
void
main()
{
         float s = vST.s;
                                     // the s coordinate of where this fragment is
         float t = vST.t;
                                     // the t coordinate of where this fragment is
         vec3 myColor = vec3(1., 0.5, 0.);
                                                        // default color
         if(
                  uS0 - uD/2. <= s && s <= uS0 + uD/2. &&
                  uT0 - uD/2. \le t \&\& t \le uT0 + uD/2.)
         {
                            myColor = vec3( 1., 0., 0.); // new pattern color
         }
         gl FragColor = << myColor with lighting applied >>
```



A Little More Interesting, IV: Drawing a Pattern with the Fragment Shader

The fragment shader answers the question: "Am I (the current fragment) inside the pattern or outside it?"





All 4 of these must be true to conclude this fragment is inside the pattern!

- uS0, uT0 are the center of the pattern in (0.-1.) texture coordinates
- uD is the size of the pattern in (0.-1.) texture coordinates



Drawing a Pattern on an Object



If the Equation Defines a Square, Why Does the Pattern Look Like a Rectangle?





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Per-Vertex Lighting vs. Per-Fragment Lighting

In **per-vertex lighting**, like we have done so far, we apply the lighting equation to the parameters at the vertices and then interpolate the color intensities in the rasterizer. This is what is built-in to standard OpenGL.

In **per-fragment lighting**, we will interpolate the parameters through the rasterizer first and then apply the lighting equation in the fragment shader. To do this, requires shaders.

Lighting Type	Vertex Shader	Rasterizer	Fragment Shader
Per-vertex	Apply lighting model to produce color intensities	Interpolate color intensities	Color the fragments
Per-fragment	Send parameters to rasterizer	Interpolate the parameters	Apply lighting model to color the fragments



Per-Vertex Lighting vs. Per-Fragment Lighting

Per-vertex



Per-fragment









Applying Per-Fragment Lighting, I

Vertex shader:

```
#version 330 compatibility
out vec2 vST;
                              // texture coords
out vec3 vN:
                             // normal vector
out vec3 vL:
                             // vector from point to light
out vec3 vE:
                              // vector from point to eye
const vec3 LIGHTPOSITION = vec3( 5., 5., 0.);
void
main()
{
          vST = gl MultiTexCoord0.st;
          vec4 ECposition = gl ModelViewMatrix * gl Vertex;
                                                                      // eye coordinate position
          vN = normalize( gl NormalMatrix * gl Normal );
                                                                      // normal vector
          vL = LIGHTPOSITION - ECposition.xyz;
                                                                      // vector from the point to the light position
          vE = vec3( 0., 0., 0. ) - ECposition.xyz;
                                                                      // vector from the point to the eye position
          gl Position = gl ModelViewProjectionMatrix * gl Vertex;
```







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Applying Per-Fragment Lighting, III





Per-fragment Lighting is Good, Even Without a Pattern!







Setting up a Shader via the OpenGL API is somewhat Involved: Here is our C++ Class to Simplify the Shader Setup for You

First, follow these steps:

- 1. You will see two files that are already in your Sample folder: **glslprogram.h** and **glslprogram.cpp**
- In your sample.cpp file, un-comment the line:
 #include "glslprogram.cpp"

These two files have been reduced to have just the shader features you need for Project #6.

If you are not working on Project #6, but are working on something bigger, I have more complete versions of glslprogram.h and glslprogram.cpp – just ask me.



Setting up a Shader via the OpenGL API is somewhat Involved: Here is our C++ Class to Simplify the Shader Setup for You

Put these in with the Global Variables:

GLSLProgram	Pattern;	// your VS+FS	shader program name
float	Time;		
#define MS_IN	THE_ANIMATI	ON_CYCLE	10000



Setting up a Shader via the OpenGL API is somewhat Involved: Here is our C++ Class to Simplify the Shader Setup for You

Do this in Animate() like you've always done:

```
void
Animate()
{
    int ms = glutGet( GLUT_ELAPSED_TIME );    // milliseconds
    ms %= MS_IN_THE_ANIMATION_CYCLE;
    Time = (float)ms / (float)MS_IN_THE_ANIMATION_CYCLE;    // [ 0., 1. )
}
```


Setting up a Shader via the OpenGL API is somewhat Involved: Here is our C++ Class to Simplify the Shader Setup for You

Do this in InitGraphics() somewhere **after** where the window has been created and GLEW has been setup:



This attempts to load, compile, and link the shader program. If something goes wrong, Pattern.Create() prints error messages into the console window and returns a value of *valid=false*.

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We cover the full GLSL API in CS 457/557

Setting up a Shader via the OpenGL API is somewhat Involved: Here is our C++ Class to Simplify the Shader Setup for You

Do this in Display(): float s0 = some function of Time 5. A way to run that executable on the external computer float t0 = some function of Time float d = some function of Time Pattern.Use(); // turns the shader program on // no more fixed-function – the shader Pattern now handles everything // but the shader program just sits there idling until you draw something Pattern.SetUniformVariable("uS0", s0); 6. A way to get information into the executable Pattern.SetUniformVariable("uT0", t0); Pattern.SetUniformVariable("uD", d); glCallList(SphereList); // now the shader program has vertices and fragments to work on Pattern.UnUse(); // go back to fixed-function OpenGL University

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Graphics chips have functionality on them called *Texture Units*. Each Texture Unit is identified by an integer number, typically 0-15, but oftentimes more.

To tell a shader how to get to a specific texture image, assign that texture into a specific **Texture Unit number** and then tell your shader what Texture Unit number to use. Your C/C++ code will look like this:

glActiveTexture(GL_TEXTURE 5);	// use texture unit 5
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, TexName);

The file gl.h has these lines:		
#define GL_TEXTURE0	0x84C0	
#define GL_TEXTURE1	0x84C1	
#define GL_TEXTURE2	0x84C2	
#define GL_TEXTURE3	0x84C3	
#define GL_TEXTURE4	0x84C4	
#define GL_TEXTURE5	0x84C5	
#define GL_TEXTURE6	0x84C6	
#define GL_TEXTURE7	0x84C7	
#define GL_TEXTURE8	0x84C8	



// globals: unsigned char * **Texture**; GLuint TexName: GLSLProgram **Pattern**; // In InitGraphics(): glGenTextures(1, &TexName); int nums, numt; **Texture** = BmpToTexture("filename.bmp", &nums, &numt); glBindTexture(GL TEXTURE 2D, TexName); glTexParameterf(GL TEXTURE 2D, GL TEXTURE WRAP S, GL REPEAT); glTexParameterf(GL TEXTURE 2D, GL TEXTURE WRAP T, GL REPEAT); glTexParameterf(GL TEXTURE 2D, GL TEXTURE MAG FILTER, GL LINEAR); glTexParameterf(GL TEXTURE 2D, GL TEXTURE MIN FILTER, GL LINEAR); glTexImage2D(GL TEXTURE 2D, 0, 3, nums, numt, 0, 3, GL RGB, GL UNSIGNED BYTE, Texture); **Pattern**.Init(); bool valid = **Pattern**.Create("pattern.vert", "pattern.frag"); If(!valid) . . . **Oregon State** Computer Graphics

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The Whole Process Looks Like This, II:

This is the hardware Texture Unit Number. You can choose anything in the range 0-15.





2D Texturing within the Shaders

Vertex shader:





2D Texturing within the Shaders





What if You Want to Use Two Textures in a Shader?

// In Display():
Pattern.Use(); glActiveTexture(GL_TEXTURE 5); glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, TexName0);
glActiveTexture(GL_TEXTURE 6); glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, TexName1);
Pattern.SetUniformVariable("uTexUnit0", 5); Pattern.SetUniformVariable("uTexUnit1", 6);
glCallList(…);
Pattern.UnUse();

Fragment shader:

#version 330 compatibility
in vec2 vST;
uniform sampler2D uTexUnit0;
uniform sampler2D uTexUnit1;
void
main()
{
 vec3 newcolor0 = texture(uTexUnit0, vST).rgb;
 vec3 newcolor1 = texture(uTexUnit1, vST).rgb;
 gl_FragColor = ...
}

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Why Would You Want to Use More Than One Texture in a Shader?

Once the RGBs have been read from a texture, they are just numbers. You can do any arithmetic you want with the texture RGBs, other colors, lighting, etc. Here is an example of blending two textures at once:

Daytime Lights at night

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Why Would You Want to Use More Than One Texture in a Shader?



Visualization by Nick Gebbie

Textures used here:

• Day

• Night

• Heights (bump-mapping)

Clouds

• Specular highlights







Something Goofy: Turning XYZs into RGBs in Model Coordinates



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Setting rgb from the Untransformed xyz, I







Turning XYZs into RGBs in Eye (World) Coordinates





What's Different About These Two?

Set the color from the untransformed (MC) xyz

```
#version 330 compatibility
out vec3 vColor;
void
main()
{
    vec4 pos = gl_Vertex;
    vColor = pos.xyz; // set rgb from xyz!
    gl_Position = gl_ModelViewProjectionMatrix * gl_Vertex;
}
```

Set the color from the transformed (WC/EC) xyz:

```
#version 330 compatibility
out vec3 vColor;
void
main()
{
    vec4 pos = gl_ModelViewMatrix * gl_Vertex;
    vColor = pos.xyz; // set rgb from xyz!
    gl_Position = gl_ModelViewProjectionMatrix * gl_Vertex;
}
```



Setting rgb from the Transformed xyz, II



Note: the phrase ".xyz" and the phrase ".rgb" mean exactly the same thing: "give me the first 3 numbers from this vec variable".

What you can't do is mix them, such as ".xgz"

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Setting rgb From xyz





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- You need a graphics system that is OpenGL 2.0 or later. Basically, if you got your graphics system in the last 5 years, you should be OK, unless it came from Apple. In that case, who knows how much OpenGL support it has? (The most recent OpenGL level is 4.6)
- Update your graphics driver to the most recent version!
- Do the GLEW setup if you are on Windows. It looks like this in the sample code: GLenum err = glewInit(); if(err != GLEW_OK) { fprintf(stderr, "glewInit Error\n"); } else fprintf(stderr, "GLEW initialized OK\n");

This must come *after you've created a graphics window*. (It is this way in the sample code, but I'm saying this because I know some of you go in and "simplify" my sample code by deleting everything you don't think you need.)

 You use the GLSL C++ class you've been given only after a window has been created and GLEW has been setup. Only then can you initialize your shader program:

```
Pattern.Init();
bool valid = Pattern.Create( "pattern.vert", "pattern.frag");
```

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A Common Error to Look Out For

Here is a piece of code:

```
#version 330 compatibility
out vec3 vColor;
void
main()
{
    vec4 pos = gl_Vertex;
    vec3 vColor = pos.xyz; // set rgb from xyz!
    gl_Position = gl_ModelViewProjectionMatrix * gl_Vertex;
}
```

It looks like our example from earlier in these notes. It compiles OK. It should work, right?

Wrong! By re-declaring vColor in "vec3 vColor = pos.xyz", you are making a *local version* of vColor and writing pos.xyz into that local version, not the out variable! The out version of vColor is never getting written to, and so the vColor in the fragment shader will have no sensible value.

Don't ever re-declare in, out, or uniform variables!

Or Trust me, you will do this sometime. It's an easy mistake to make mindlessly. I do it every so often myself.

Abandon hope, all

Differences if You are on a Mac



Unfortunately, Apple froze their GLSL support at version 1.20 - here is how to adapt to that:

- Your shader version number should be 120 (at the top of the .vert and .frag files): #version 120 compatibility
- Instead of the keywords in and out, use Varying
- Your OpenGL includes will need to look like this: #include <OpenGL/gl.h> #include <OpenGL/glu.h>
- You don't need to do anything with GLEW
- Your compile sequence will look like this:

g++ -framework OpenGL -framework GLUT sample.cpp -o sample -Wno-deprecated



Guide to Where to Put Pieces of Your Shader Code, I

1. Declare the GLSLPro	ogram above the main program (i.e., as a global):	
GLSLProgram Pattern;		
2. At the end of InitGraphics(), create the shader program and setup your shaders:		
Pattern.Init(); bool valid = Pattern.Create(if(! valid) { }	"pattern.vert", "pattern.frag");	
3. Turn on the shader program in Display(), set shader uniform variables, draw the objects, then turn off the shader program:		
Pattern.Use();		
Pattern.SetUniformVariable(
glCallList(SphereList();		
Pattern.UnUse();	// return to the fixed function pipeline	
4. When you run your pro	gram, be sure to check the console window for shader compilation errors!	

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Tips on drawing the object:

- If you want to key off of s and t coordinates in your shaders, the object must *have* s and t coordinates (vt) assigned to its vertices – *not all OBJ files do*!
- If you want to use surface normals in your shaders, the object must *have* surface normals (vn) assigned to its vertices *not all OBJ files do*!
- Be sure you explicitly assign *all* of your uniform variables no error messages occur if you forget to do this it just quietly screws up.
- The glutSolidTeapot() has been textured in patches, like a quilt cute, but weird
- The **OsuSphere()** function from the texturing project will give you a very good sphere. Use it, not the GLUT sphere.





