




Enhancing Computer Graphics Effects by Writing Shaders

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

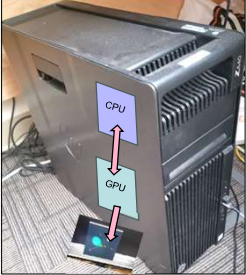





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No, There Are Two Computers Here



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

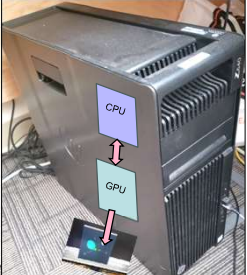
But there are really two computers here, a CPU and a GPU. So far, you have been "programming" the GPU by telling OpenGL how to do it for us. This is about to change!



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No, There Are Two Computers Here




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:

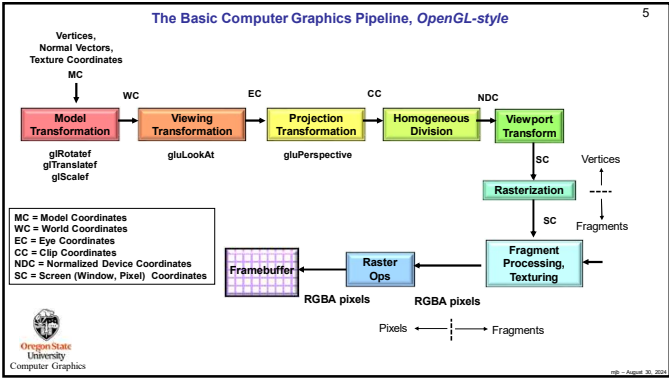
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This sounds like a lot, but it won't turn out to be that big a deal. Trust me!

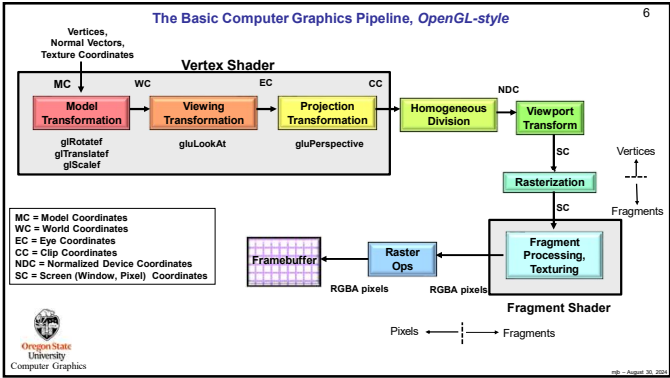


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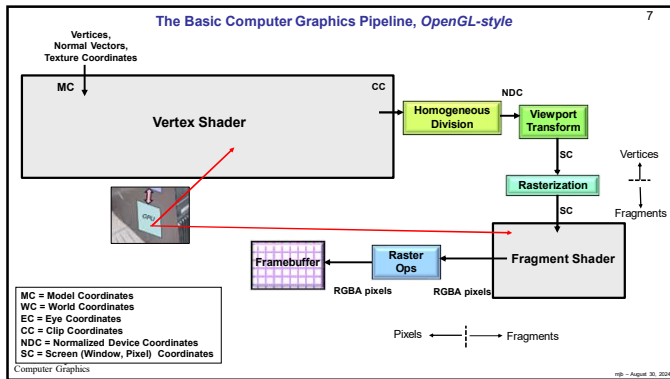
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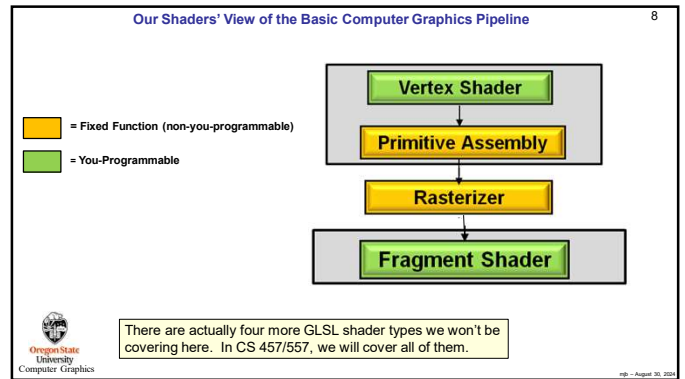
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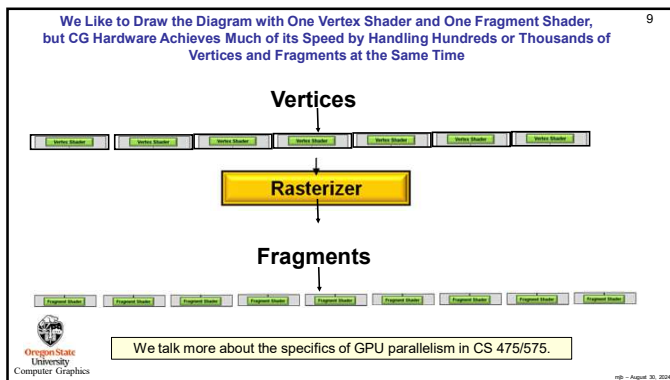
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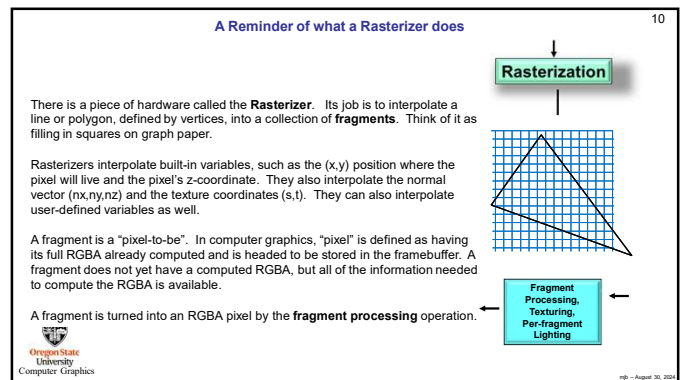
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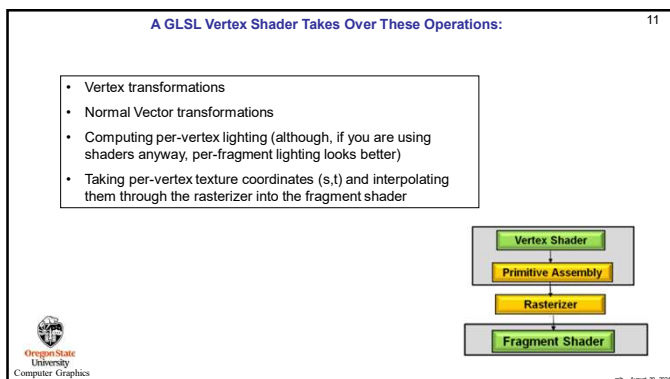
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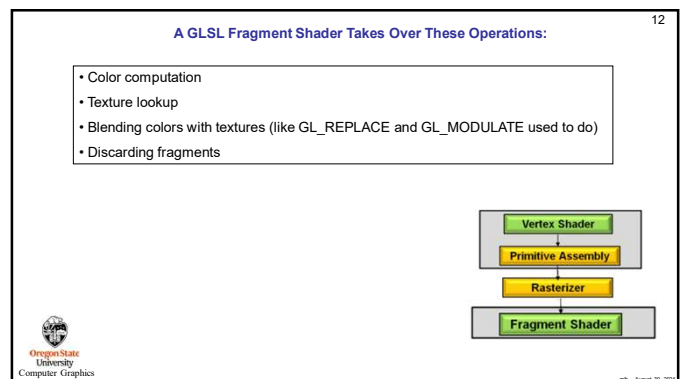
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1. We Need a Programming Language

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

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

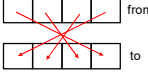



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GLSL has Many C-Familiar Data Types, plus Extensions for Graphics:

- Types include int, ivec2, ivec3, ivec4
- Types include float, vec2, vec3, vec4
- Types include bool, bvec2, bvec3, bvec4
- Vector components are accessed with .rgba, .xyzw, or .stpq
- Types include mat4
- Types include sampler1D, sampler2D, sampler3D to access textures
- You can use parallel SIMD operations (doesn't necessarily get implemented in hardware):
 

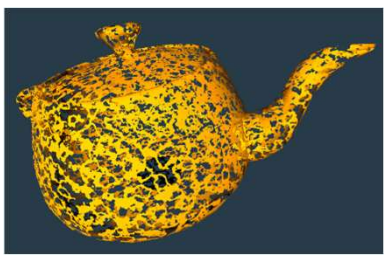

```
vec4 a = vec4( 1., 2., 3., 4. );
vec4 b = vec4( 5., 6., 7., 8. );
...
vec4 c = a + b;
```
- Vector components can be "swizzled" ( to .abgr = from .rgba )
- Type qualifiers: const, uniform, in, out
- Variables can have "layout qualifiers" to describe how data is stored
- The *discard* operator is used in fragment shaders to get rid of the current fragment

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The *discard* Operator Halts Production of the Current Fragment

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

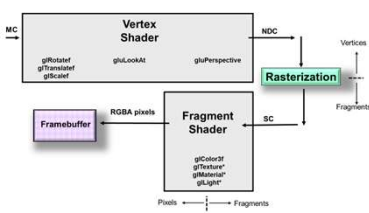




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GLSL also has Some Different Variable Types to Pass Information Around

**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 {

- vec4 gl\_Vertex
- vec3 gl\_Normal
- vec4 gl\_Color
- vec4 gl\_MultiTexCoord0
- mat4 gl\_ModelViewMatrix
- mat4 gl\_ProjectionMatrix
- mat4 gl\_ModelViewProjectionMatrix (= gl\_ModelViewMatrix \* gl\_ProjectionMatrix)
- mat3 gl\_NormalMatrix (this is the transpose of the inverse of the MV matrix)

Output built-in {

- vec4 gl\_Position

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.



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GLSL has Some Built-in Fragment Shader Variables :

Output built-in {

- vec4 gl\_FragColor

= 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.



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

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.

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**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 ...
a	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

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**The Minimal Vertex and Fragment Shader**

**A Vertex Shader is automatically called once per vertex:**

```
#version 330 compatibility
void main()
{
    gl_Position = gl_ModelViewProjectionMatrix * gl_Vertex;
}
```

**A Fragment Shader is automatically called once per fragment:**

```
#version 330 compatibility
void main()
{
    This code assigns a fixed color (r=0.5, g=1., b=0.) and alpha (=1.) to each fragment drawn
    gl_FragColor = vec4(.5, 1., 0., 1.);
}
```

Not terribly useful yet ...

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**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:

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

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**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

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**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
in vec2 vST; // from the vertex shader, interpolated through the rasterizer
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. <= t && t <= uT0 + uD/2. )
    {
        myColor = vec3(1., 0., 0.); // new pattern color
    }

    gl_FragColor = << myColor with lighting applied >>
}
```

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### 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?"

```
if( (uS0 - uD/2. <= s && s <= uS0 + uD/2.) && (uT0 - uD/2. <= t && t <= uT0 + uD/2.) )
{
    myColor = vec3( 1., 0., 0. ); // change the pattern color if inside the pattern boundaries
}
```

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

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### Drawing a Pattern on an Object

Here's the cool part: It doesn't matter (up to the limits of 32-bit floating-point precision) how far you zoom in. You still get a crisp edge. This is an advantage of procedural (equation-based) textures, as opposed to image-based textures.

Zoomed way in

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

$$s = \frac{\theta - (-\pi)}{2\pi} \quad t = \frac{\phi - (-\frac{\pi}{2})}{\pi}$$

It's because, *in a sphere*, the s coordinate encompasses twice as much angle (-180° → +180°) as the t coordinate does (-90° → +90°). So the same amount of "s" produces twice the distance as the same amount of "t". If you care, you can fix it like this:

```
float s = vST.s;
float t = vST.t;
s = 2.*s;
```

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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
<b>Per-vertex</b>	Apply lighting model to produce color intensities	Interpolate color intensities	Color the fragments
<b>Per-fragment</b>	Send parameters to rasterizer	Interpolate the parameters	Apply lighting model to color the fragments

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### Per-Vertex Lighting vs. Per-Fragment Lighting

**Per-vertex**

**Per-fragment**

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### 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;
}
```

**Rasterizer**

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### Applying Per-Fragment Lighting, II

Fragment shader:

```

#version 330 compatibility
uniform float uKa, uKd, uKs; // coefficients of each type of lighting
uniform float uShininess; // specular exponent
in vec2 vST; // texture coords
in vec3 vN; // normal vector
in vec3 vL; // vector from point to light
in vec3 vE; // vector from point to eye
void main()
{
    vec3 Normal = normalize(vN);
    vec3 Light = normalize(vL);
    vec3 Eye = normalize(vE);

    vec3 myColor = vec3( 1.0, 0.5, 0.0 ); // default color
    vec3 mySpecularColor = vec3( 1.0, 1.0, 1.0 ); // specular highlight color

    << possibly change myColor >>

    vec3 ambient = uKa * myColor;
    float d = 0.;
    float s = 0. // only do specular if the light can see the point
    if ( dot(Normal, Light) > 0. )
    {
        d = dot(Normal, Light);
        vec3 ref = normalize( reflect( -Light, Normal ) ); // reflection vector
        s = pow( max( dot(Eye, ref), 0. ), uShininess );
    }
    vec3 diffuse = uKd * d * myColor;
    vec3 specular = uKs * s * mySpecularColor;
    gl_FragColor = vec4( ambient + diffuse + specular, 1. );
}

```

Here's where we figure out what color this fragment will be, like before

Here's where we apply lighting to that color

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### Applying Per-Fragment Lighting, III

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

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### 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**
2. 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.

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### 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_ANIMATION_CYCLE 10000

```

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### 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. )
}

```

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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:

```

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

if( ! valid )
{
    fprintf( stderr, "Yuch! The shader did not compile.\n" );
}
else
{
    fprintf( stderr, "Woo-Hoo! The shader compiled.\n" );
}

```

In C/C++, the exclamation point (!) is pronounced "not".

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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`.

We cover the full GLSL API in CS 457/557

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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
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 );
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

```

5. A way to run that executable on the external computer
6. A way to get information into the executable

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Setting Up Texturing with Shaders

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_TEXTURE5 ); // 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
...

```

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The Whole Process Looks Like This, I:

```

// 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 )
{
    ...
}

```

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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.

```

...
// In Display():

Pattern.Use();
glActiveTexture( GL_TEXTURE5 ); // your C++ program specifies that you want the texture to live on texture unit 5
glBindTexture( GL_TEXTURE_2D, TexName );
Pattern.SetUniformVariable( "uTexUnit", 5 ); // tell your shader program to find the texture on texture unit 5
<< draw something >>
Pattern.UnUse();

```

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2D Texturing within the Shaders

Vertex shader:

```

#version 330 compatibility
out vec2 vST;

void main()
{
    vST = gl_MultiTexCoord0.st;
    gl_Position = gl_ModelViewProjectionMatrix * gl_Vertex;
}

```

Fragment shader:

```

#version 330 compatibility
in vec2 vST;
uniform sampler2D uTexUnit;

void main()
{
    vec3 newcolor = texture( uTexUnit, vST ).rgb;
    gl_FragColor = vec4( newcolor, 1. );
}

```

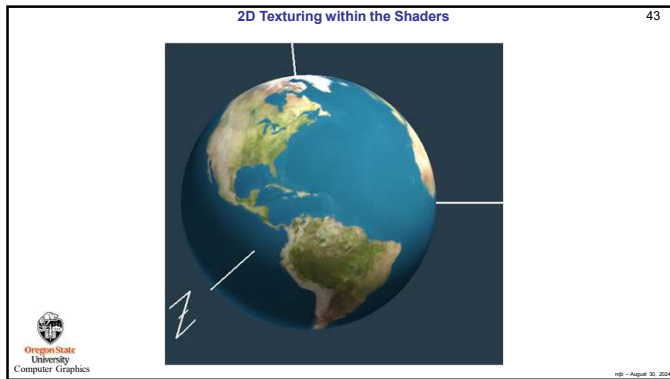
`texture()` is a built-in texture map lookup function – it returns a `vec4` (RGBA)

`Pattern.SetUniformVariable( "uTexUnit", 5 );`

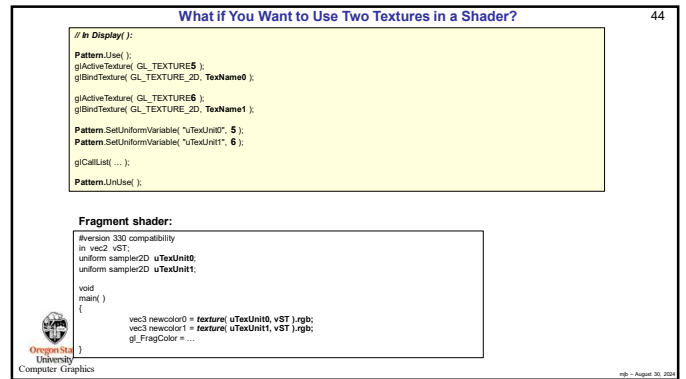
Convert the `vec4` rgba from the `texture()` call to just the `vec3` rgb that we need

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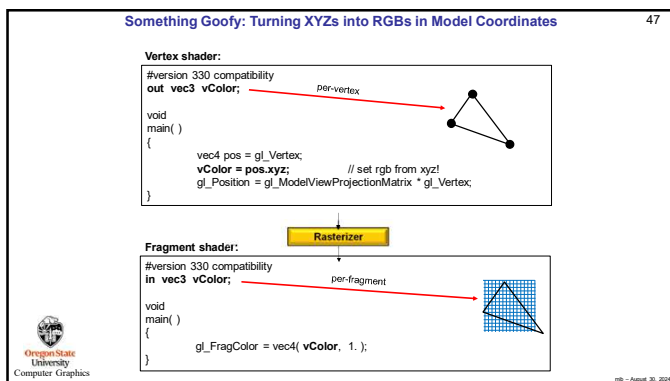
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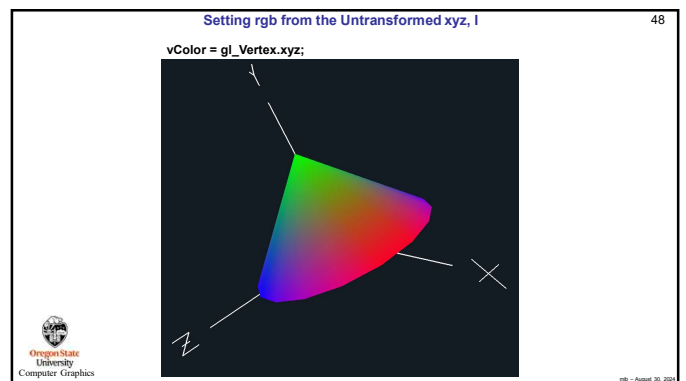
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### Turning XYZs into RGBs in Eye (World) Coordinates

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**Vertex shader:**

```
#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;
}
```

```
#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;
}
```

**Fragment shader:**

```
#version 330 compatibility
in vec3 vColor;

void main()
{
    gl_FragColor = vec4( vColor, 1. );
}
```

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### What's Different About These Two?

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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;
}
```

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### Setting rgb from the Transformed xyz, II

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**vColor = ( gl\_ModelViewMatrix \* gl\_Vertex ).xyz;**

**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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**vColor = gl\_Vertex.xyz;**

**vColor = ( gl\_ModelViewMatrix \* gl\_Vertex ).xyz;**

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### Hints on Running Shaders on Your Own System

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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

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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!**

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

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Differences if You are on a Mac
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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**


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1. Declare the GLSLProgram 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( "pattern.vert", "pattern.frag" );  
if( ! valid ){ ... }
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 program, 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.


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