

The Graphics Pipeline

Vertex

Rasterize

Pixel

Test & Blend

Framebuffer

- Remains a useful abstraction
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GPU architecture increasingly centers around shader execution

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Modern GPUs: Unified Design

Discrete Design

Unified Design

Shader A

Shader B

Shader C

Shader D

Shader Core

Vertex shaders, pixel shaders, etc. become **threads** running different programs on a flexible core

GeForce 8: Modern GPU Architecture

Host

Input Assembler

Vertex Thread Issue

Geom Thread Issue

Setup & Rasterize

Pixel Thread Issue

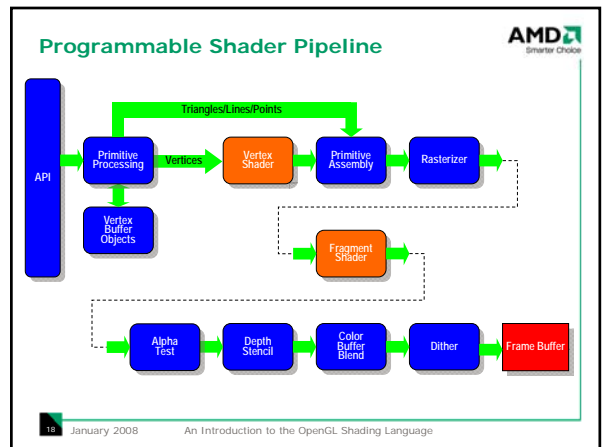
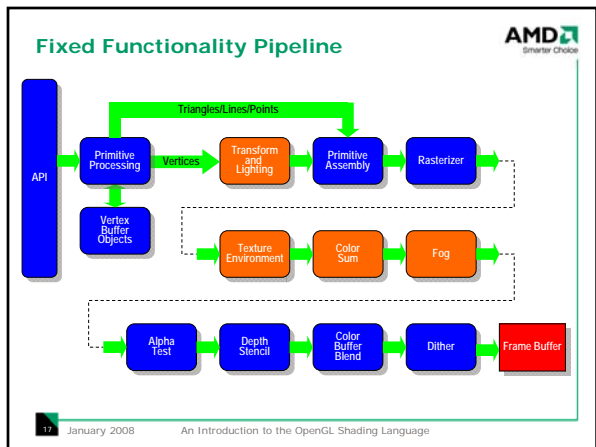
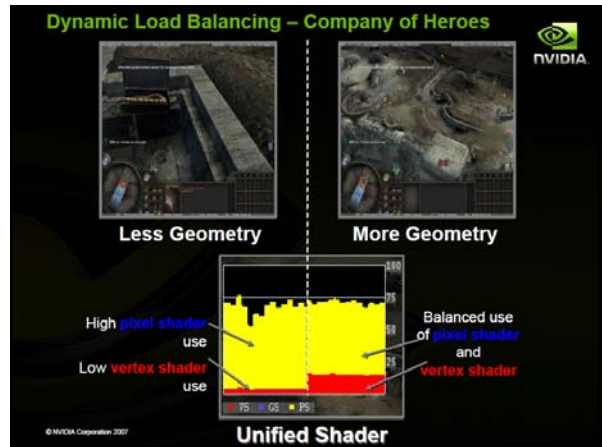
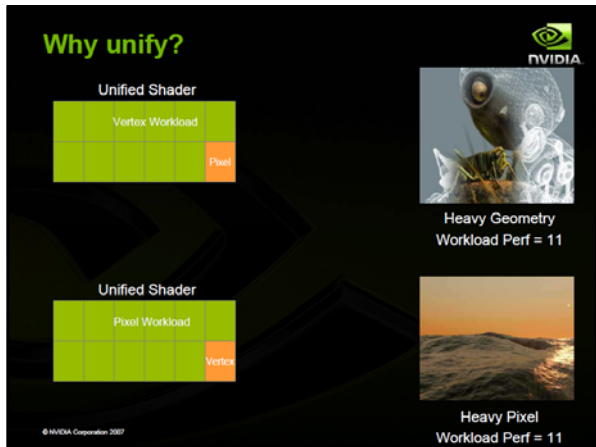
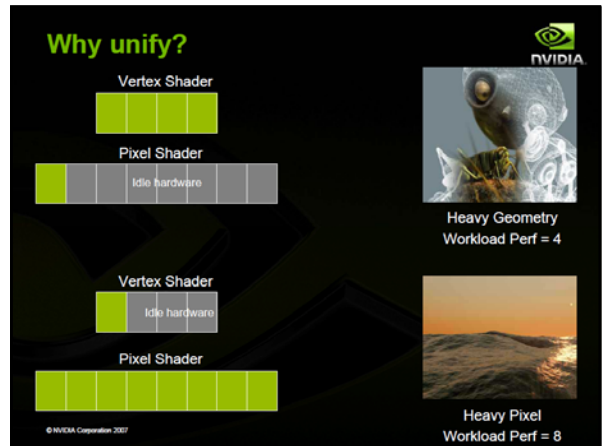
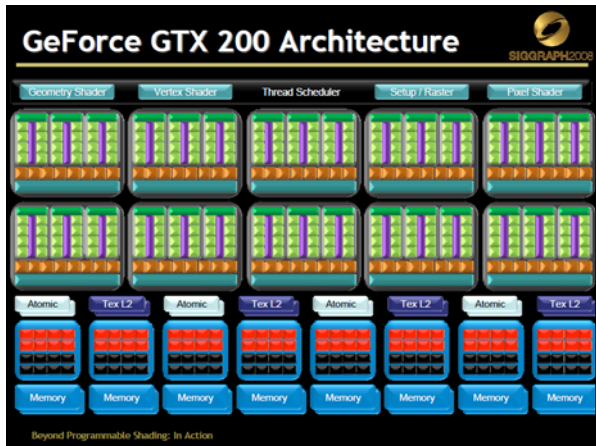
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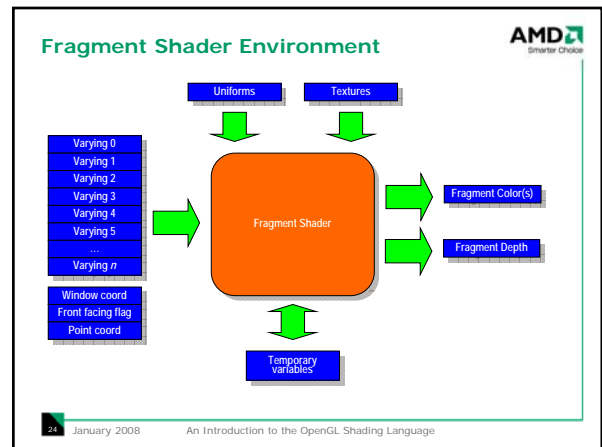
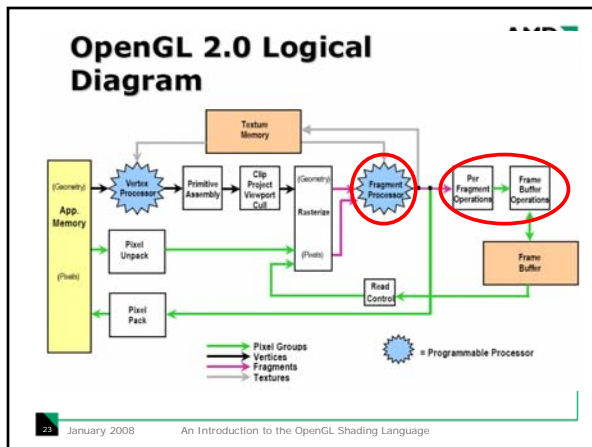
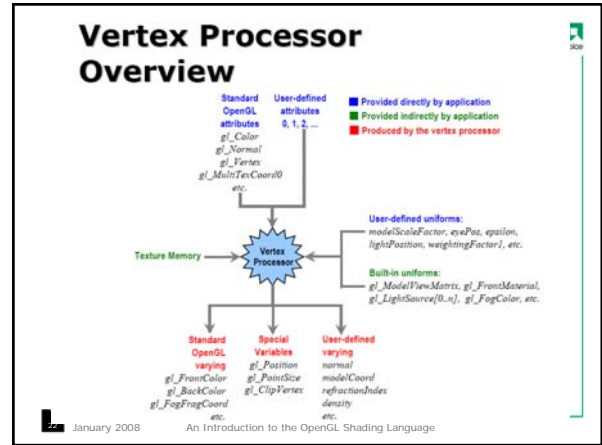
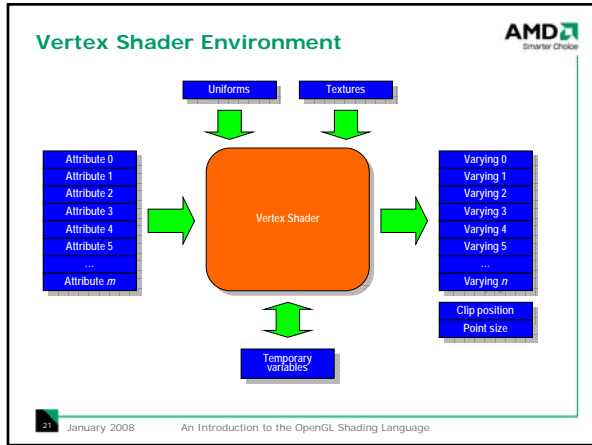
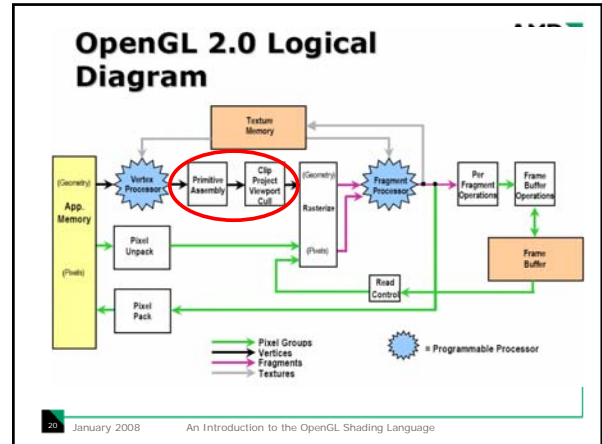
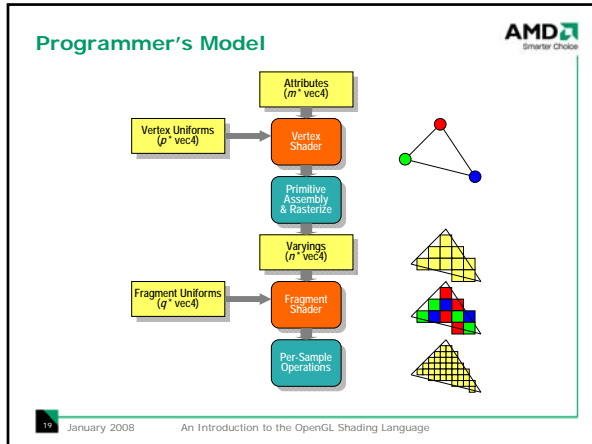
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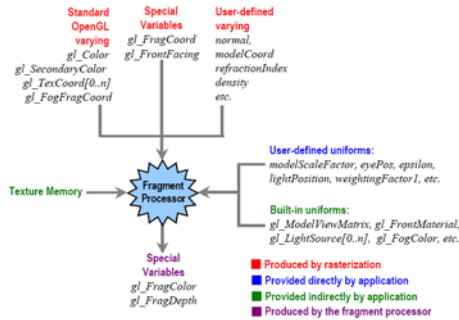
Thread Processor

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Fragment Processor Overview



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Types

```
void
float  vec2  vec3  vec4
mat2   mat3  mat4
int    ivec2 ivec3 ivec4
bool   bvec2 bvec3 bvec4

samplerD, samplerCube, samplerShadowD
```

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Types

Structs

Arrays

- One dimensional
- Constant size (ie `float array[4];`)

Reserved types

- `half` `hvec2` `hvec3` `hvec4`
- `fixed` `fvec2` `fvec3` `fvec4`
- `double` `dvec2` `dvec3` `dvec4`

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Type qualifiers

attribute

- Changes per-vertex
- eg. `position`, `normal` etc.

uniform

- Does not change between vertices of a batch
- eg `light position`, `texture unit`, other constants

varying

- Passed from VS to FS, interpolated
- eg `texture coordinates`, `vertex color`

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Operators

grouping: `()`

array subscript: `[]`

function call and constructor: `()`

field selector and swizzle: `.`

postfix: `++` `--`

prefix: `++` `--` `+` `-` `!`

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Operators

binary: `*` `/` `+` `-`

relational: `<` `<=` `>` `>=`

equality: `==` `!=`

logical: `&&` `^^` `||`

selection: `?:`

assignment: `=` `*=` `/=` `+=` `-=`

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Reserved Operators



prefix: ~
binary: %
bitwise: << >> & ^ |
assignment: %= <<= >>= &= ^= |=

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Scalar/Vector Constructors



No casting

```
float f; int i; bool b;  
vec2 v2; vec3 v3; vec4 v4;  
  
vec2(1.0, 2.0)  
vec3(0.0, 0.0, 1.0)  
vec4(1.0, 0.5, 0.0, 1.0)  
vec4(1.0) // all 1.0  
vec4(v2, v2)  
vec4(v3, 1.0)  
  
float(i)  
int(b)
```

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Matrix Constructors



```
vec4 v4; mat4 m4;  
  
mat4( 1.0, 5.0, 9.0, 13.0,  
      2.0, 6.0, 10.0, 14.0,  
      3.0, 7.0, 11.0, 15.0,  
      4.0, 8.0, 12.0, 16.0) // column major  
  
mat4( v4, v4, v4, v4)  
mat4( 1.0) // identity matrix  
mat3( m4) // upper 3x3  
vec4( m4) // 1st column  
float( m4) // upper 1x1
```

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Accessing components



component accessor for vectors

- xyzw rgba stpq [i]

component accessor for matrices

- [i] [i][j]

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Vector components



```
vec2 v2;  
vec3 v3;  
vec4 v4;  
  
v2.x // is a float  
v2.z // wrong: undefined for type  
v4.rgba // is a vec4  
v4.stp // is a vec3  
v4.b // is a float  
v4.xy // is a vec2  
v4.xgp // wrong: mismatched component sets
```

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Swizzling & Smearing



R-values

```
vec2 v2;  
vec3 v3;  
vec4 v4;  
  
v4.wzyx // swizzles, is a vec4  
v4.bgra // swizzles, is a vec4  
v4.xxxx // smears x, is a vec4  
v4.xxxx // smears x, is a vec3  
v4.yyxx // duplicates x and y, is a vec4  
v2.yyyy // wrong: too many components for type
```

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Vector Components



L-values

```
vec4 v4 = vec4( 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0);

v4.xw = vec2( 5.0, 6.0); // (5.0, 2.0, 3.0, 6.0)
v4.wx = vec2( 7.0, 8.0); // (8.0, 2.0, 3.0, 7.0)
v4.xx = vec2( 9.0,10.0); // wrong: x used twice
v4.yz = 11.0;           // wrong: type mismatch
v4.yz = vec2( 12.0 );  // (8.0,12.0,12.0, 7.0)
```

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Flow Control



expression ? trueExpression : falseExpression

if, if-else

for, while, do-while

return, break, continue

discard (fragment only)

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Built-in variables



Attributes & uniforms

For ease of programming

OpenGL state mapped to variables

Some special variables are required to be written to, others are optional

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Special built-ins



Vertex shader

```
vec4 gl_Position; // must be written
vec4 gl_ClipPosition; // may be written
float gl_PointSize; // may be written
```

Fragment shader

```
float gl_FragColor; // may be written
float gl_FragDepth; // may be read/written
vec4 gl_FragCoord; // may be read
bool gl_FrontFacing; // may be read
```

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Attributes



Built-in

```
attribute vec4 gl_Vertex;
attribute vec3 gl_Normal;
attribute vec4 gl_Color;
attribute vec4 gl_SecondaryColor;
attribute vec4 gl_MultiTexCoordn;
attribute float gl_FogCoord;
```

User-defined

```
attribute vec3 myTangent;
attribute vec3 myBinormal;
Etc...
```

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Built-in Uniforms



```
uniform mat4 gl_ModelViewMatrix;
uniform mat4 gl_ProjectionMatrix;
uniform mat4 gl_ModelViewProjectionMatrix;
uniform mat3 gl_NormalMatrix;
uniform mat4 gl_TextureMatrix[n];
```

```
struct gl_MaterialParameters {
    vec4 emission;
    vec4 ambient;
    vec4 diffuse;
    vec4 specular;
    float shininess;
};
uniform gl_MaterialParameters gl_FrontMaterial;
uniform gl_MaterialParameters gl_BackMaterial;
```

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Built-in Uniforms



```
struct gl_LightSourceParameters {
    vec4 ambient;
    vec4 diffuse;
    vec4 specular;
    vec4 position;
    vec4 halfVector;
    vec3 spotDirection;
    float spotExponent;
    float spotCutoff;
    float spotCosCutoff;
    float constantAttenuation
    float linearAttenuation
    float quadraticAttenuation
};
Uniform gl_LightSourceParameters gl_LightSource[gl_MaxLights];
```

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Built-in Varyings



```
varying vec4 gl_FrontColor; // vertex
varying vec4 gl_BackColor; // vertex
varying vec4 gl_FrontSecColor; // vertex
varying vec4 gl_BackSecColor; // vertex

varying vec4 gl_Color; // fragment
varying vec4 gl_SecondaryColor; // fragment

varying vec4 gl_TexCoord[]; // both
varying float gl_FogFragCoord; // both
```

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Built-in functions



Angles & Trigonometry

- **radians, degrees, sin, cos, tan, asin, acos, atan**

Exponentials

- **pow, exp2, log2, sqrt, inversesqrt**

Common

- **abs, sign, floor, ceil, fract, mod, min, max, clamp**

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Interpolations

- **mix(x,y,a)** $x * (1.0 - a) + y * a$
- **step(edge,x)** $x \leq \text{edge} ? 0.0 : 1.0$
- **smoothstep(edge0,edge1,x)**

```
t = (x-edge0)/(edge1-edge0);
```

```
t = clamp(t, 0.0, 1.0);
```

```
return t*t*(3.0-2.0*t);
```

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Built-in functions



Geometric

- **length, distance, cross, dot, normalize, faceForward, reflect**

Matrix

- **matrixCompMult**

Vector relational

- **lessThan, lessThanEqual, greaterThan, greaterThanEqual, equal, notEqual, notEqual, any, all**

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Built-in functions



Texture

- **texture1D, texture2D, texture3D, textureCube**
- **texture1DProj, texture2DProj, texture3DProj, textureCubeProj**
- **shadow1D, shadow2D, shadow1DProj, shadow2Dproj**

Vertex

- **ftransform**

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Loading Textures



Bind textures to different units as usual

```
glActiveTexture(GL_TEXTURE0);
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D,myFirstTexture);
glActiveTexture(GL_TEXTURE1);
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D,mySecondTexture);
```

Then load corresponding sampler with texture unit that texture is bound to (must for compile, link, use ... more later):

```
GLuint myFirstSamplerLoc =
    glGetUniformLocation ( programObject,"myFirstSampler",0);
GLuint mySecondSamplerLoc =
    glGetUniformLocation ( programObject,"mySecondSampler",1);
```



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Hello World!



```
void main(void)
{
    // This is our Hello World vertex shader

    // Standard MVP transform
    gl_Position = gl_ModelViewProjectionMatrix * gl_Vertex;
}

void main(void)
{
    // This is our Hello World fragment shader

    // Set to a constant color (hint: look at it upside down)
    gl_FragColor = vec4(0.7734);
}
```



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Example: per-vertex lighting Vertex Shader



```
varying vec3 color;
void main()
{
    v = vec3(gl_ModelViewMatrix * gl_Vertex) // put into eye-space
    N = normalize(gl_NormalMatrix * gl_Normal) // use the correct normal matrix for lighting
    gl_Position = gl_ModelViewProjectionMatrix * gl_Vertex // get the projected position to interpolate REQUIRED

    vec3 L = normalize(gl_LightSource[0].position.xyz - v) // eye-space light vector.
    vec3 E = normalize(v) // where is origin in eye-space?
    vec3 R = normalize(reflect(-L,E)) // needed for Phong lighting model

    //calculate Ambient Term
    vec4 Iamb = gl_FrontLightProduct[0].ambient // gl_FrontLightProduct[i] == gl_FrontMaterial * gl_LightSource[i]

    //calculate Diffuse Term
    vec4 Idiff = gl_FrontLightProduct[0].diffuse * max(dot(N,L), 0.0);
    Idiff = clamp(Idiff, 0.0, 1.0);

    // calculate Specular Term
    vec4 Ispec = gl_FrontLightProduct[0].specular * pow(max(dot(R,E),0.0),0.3*gl_FrontMaterial.shininess);
    Ispec = clamp(Ispec, 0.0, 1.0);

    color = gl_FrontLightModelProduct.ambientColor + Iamb + Idiff + Ispec;
    // gl_FrontMaterial.ambient + gl_FrontMaterial.ambient * gl_LightModel.ambient
}
```



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Example: per-vertex lighting Fragment Shader



```
varying vec3 color;
void main()
{
    gl_FragColor = color;
}
```



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Example: per-fragment lighting Vertex Shader



```
varying vec3 v;
varying vec3 N;
void main()
{
    v = vec3(gl_ModelViewMatrix * gl_Vertex) // put into eye-space
    N = normalize(gl_NormalMatrix * gl_Normal) // use the correct normal matrix for lighting

    gl_Position = gl_ModelViewProjectionMatrix * gl_Vertex // get the projected position to interpolate REQUIRED
}
```



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Example: per-fragment lighting Fragment Shader



```
varying vec3 N;
varying vec3 v;
void main (void)
{
    vec3 L = normalize(gl_LightSource[0].position.xyz - v);
    vec3 E = normalize(v) // we use Eye Coordinates, so EyeVec is (0,0,0)
    vec3 R = normalize(-reflect(L,E));

    //calculate Ambient Term
    vec4 Iamb = gl_FrontLightProduct[0].ambient;

    //calculate Diffuse Term
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    Ispec = clamp(Ispec, 0.0, 1.0);

    // write Total Color!
    gl_FragColor = gl_FrontLightModelProduct.ambientColor + Iamb + Idiff + Ispec;
}
```



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Basic method



2 basic object types

- Shader object
- Program object

Create Vertex & Fragment Shader Objects

Compile both

Create program object & attach shaders

Link program

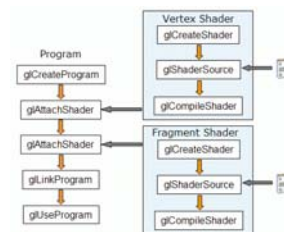
Use program

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Creating Shaders



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Compiling



```
void glShaderSource(GLuint shader, GLsizei nstrings, const GLchar **strings,
                   const GLint *lengths)
    //if lengths = NULL, assumed to be null-terminated
```

```
void glCompileShader (GLuint shader);
```

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Attaching & Linking



```
void glAttachShader(GLuint program, GLuint shader);
    //twice, once for vertex shader & once for fragment shader
```

```
void glLinkProgram(GLuint program);
    //program now ready to use
```

```
void glUseProgram(GLuint program);
    //switches on shader, bypasses FFP
    //if program = 0, shaders turned off, returns to FFP
```

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In short...



```
GLuint programObject;
GLuint vertexShaderObject;
GLuint fragmentShaderObject;

unsigned char *vertexShaderSource = readShaderFile(vertexShaderFilename);
unsigned char *fragmentShaderSource = readShaderFile(fragmentShaderFilename);

programObject = glCreateProgram();
vertexShaderObject = glCreateShader(GL_VERTEX_SHADER);
fragmentShaderObject = glCreateShader(GL_FRAGMENT_SHADER);

glShaderSource(vertexShaderObject, 1, (const char**)vertexShaderSource, NULL);
glShaderSource(fragmentShaderObject, 1, (const char**)fragmentShaderSource, NULL);

glCompileShader(vertexShaderObject);
glCompileShader(fragmentShaderObject);

glAttachObject(programObject, vertexShaderObject);
glAttachObject(programObject, fragmentShaderObject);

glLinkProgram(programObject);

glUseProgram(programObject);
```

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Example



```
void setShaders() {
    char *vs, *fs;

    v = glCreateShader(GL_VERTEX_SHADER);
    f = glCreateShader(GL_FRAGMENT_SHADER);

    vs = readFileRead("toon.vert");
    fs = readFileRead("toon.frag");

    const char * vv = vs;
    const char * ff = fs;

    glShaderSource(v, 1, &vv, NULL);
    glShaderSource(f, 1, &ff, NULL);

    free(vs); free(fs);

    glCompileShader(v);
    glCompileShader(f);

    p = glCreateProgram();

    glAttachShader(p, v);
    glAttachShader(p, f);

    glLinkProgram(p);
    glUseProgram(p);
}
```

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Other functions



Clean-up

```
void glDetachObject (GLuint container, GLuint attached);  
void glDeleteObject (GLuint object);
```

Info Log

```
void glGetInfoLog (GLuint object, GLsizei maxLength, GLsizei *length,  
GLchar *infoLog);
```

- Returns compile & linking information, errors



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Loading Uniforms



```
void glUniform(1|2|3|4){f|d| i|f} (GLuint location, TYPE value);
```

Location obtained with

```
GLuint glGetUniformLocation (GLuint program, const GLchar *name);
```

Shader must be enabled with `glUseProgram()` before uniforms can be loaded

If you look at all the `glUniform*` functions, there is a parameter called `count`.

What's wrong with this code? Would it cause a crash?

```
//Vertex Shader  
uniform vec4 LightPosition;  
//In your C++ code  
float light[4];  
//Fill in 'light' with data. Assume you have linked/use the right program  
glUniform4f(MyShader, 4, light);
```



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Loading Uniforms



Consider this:

```
//Vertex Shader  
uniform vec2 Exponents[5];  
//In your C++ code  
float Exponents[10];  
glUniform2fv(MyShader, 5, Exponents);
```

Correct or not?



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Loading Attributes



```
void glVertexAttrib(1234){f|d} (GLuint index, TYPE values);
```

Index obtained with

```
GLuint glGetAttribLocation (GLuint program, const GLchar *name);
```

Alternate method

```
void glBindAttribLocation (GLuint program, GLuint index, const  
GLchar *name);
```

- Program must be linked after binding attrib locations



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Fixed Function vs Shaders



Enable Or Not To Enable

With fixed pipeline:

```
glEnable(GL_TEXTURE_2D) enabled 2D texturing.
```

```
glEnable(GL_LIGHTING) enabled lighting.
```

Since shaders override these functionalities,

you don't need to `glEnable/glDisable`.

e.g. If you don't want texturing, you either need to write another shader that doesn't do texturing or you can attach a all white or all black texture, depending on your needs.

You can also write one shader that does lighting and one that doesn't.

Things that are not overridden by shaders, like the alpha test, depth test, stencil test... calling `glEnable/glDisable` will have an effect.



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Useful References



<http://www.3dshaders.com/>

- Home page for the "orange book" focused solely on GLSL

<http://www.opengl.org/sdk/>

- OpenGL SDK, including links to the below resources

http://www.opengl.org/sdk/libs/OpenSceneGraph/gls_quickref.pdf

- one double-sided page cheat sheet to GLSL – indispensable!

<http://www.opengl.org/registry/doc/GLSLangSpec.Full.1.20.8.pdf>

- This is the ultimate authority: the GLSL specification document

<http://www.opengl.org/sdk/docs/books/SuperBible/>

- Full reference and tutorial to OpenGL 2.1
- All sample code downloadable for Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux



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