Computer graphics

- A brief look

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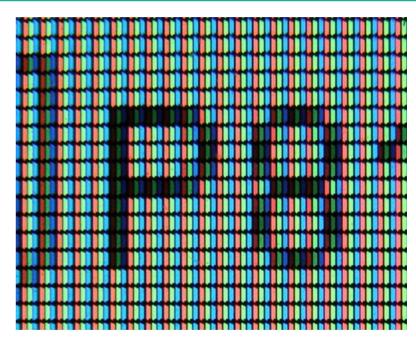
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Modern 3D Graphics

Pixels

A matrix of colors



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- A matrix of colors
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- 1920x1080@60 (24b) = ~3Gbps

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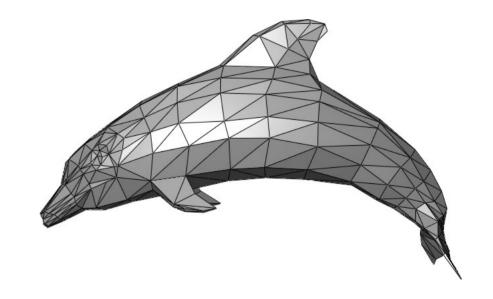
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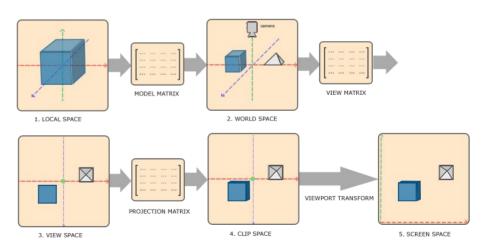
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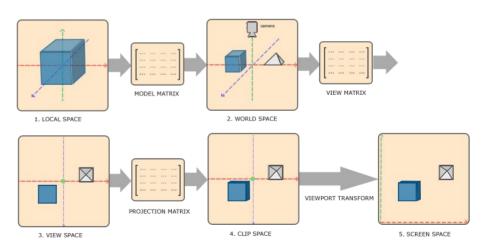
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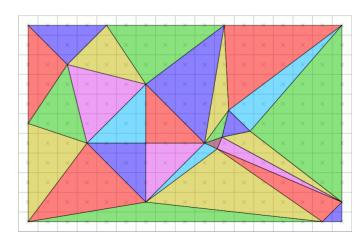
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2.5D → 2D

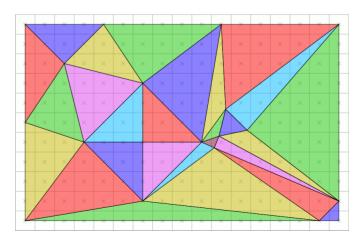
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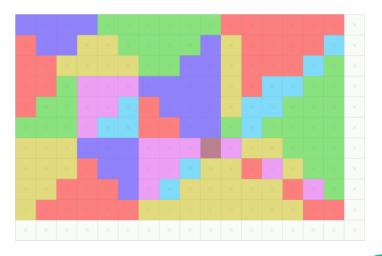
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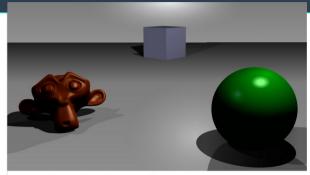
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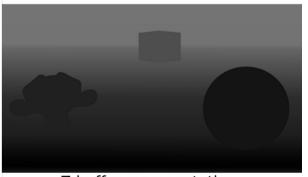
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- Z-Buffer



A simple three-dimensional scene



Z-buffer representation

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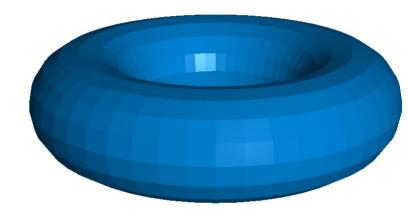
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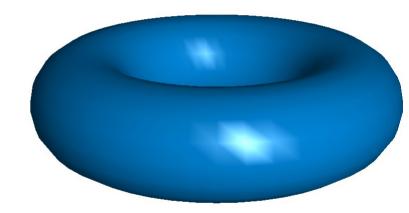
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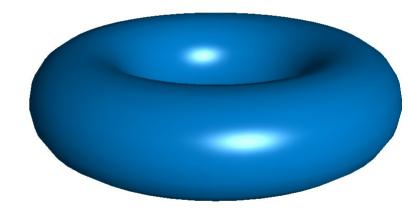
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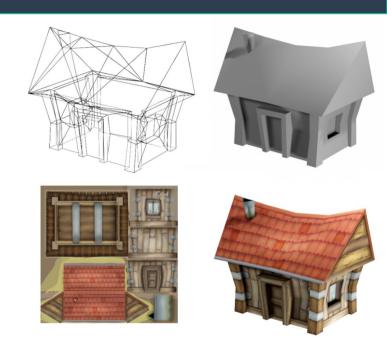
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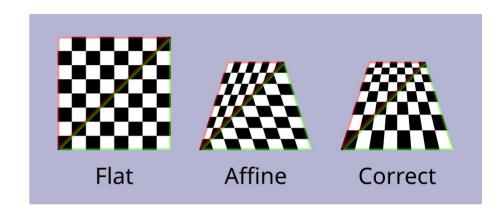
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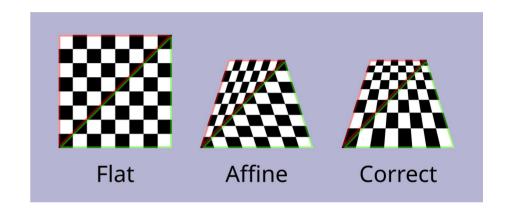
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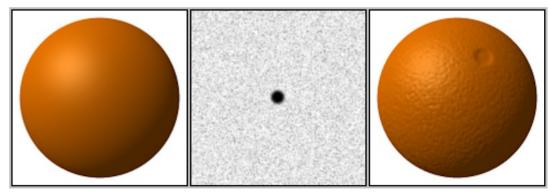


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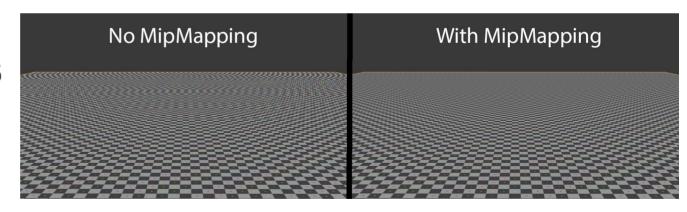


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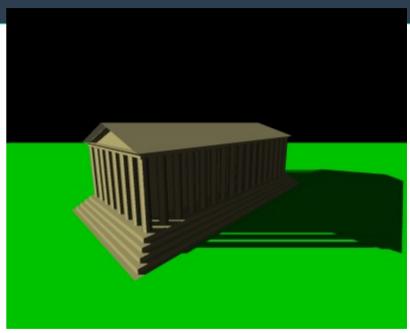
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SSAO, Particles, Shadow mapping



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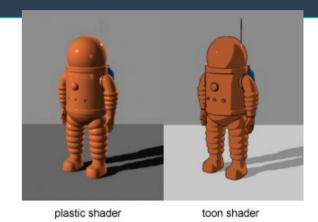
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Cel shading, Posterization, Film grain, Distortion

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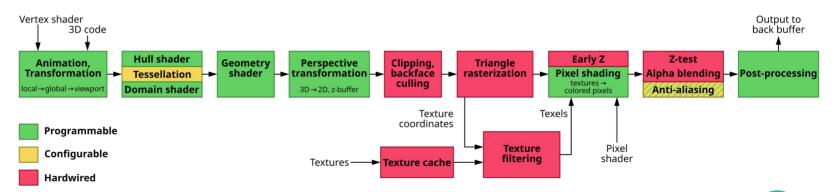
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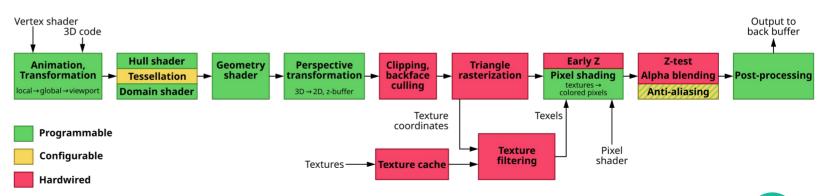


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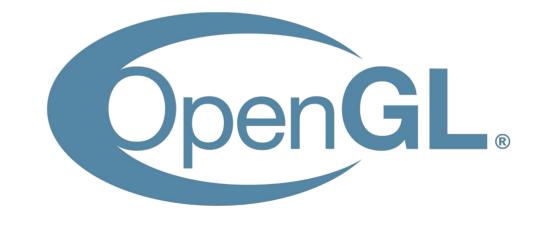


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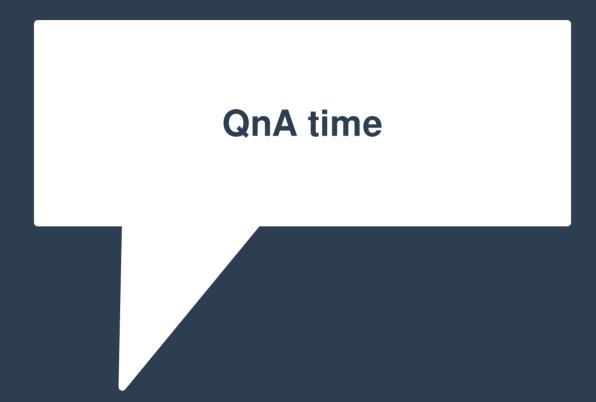
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