

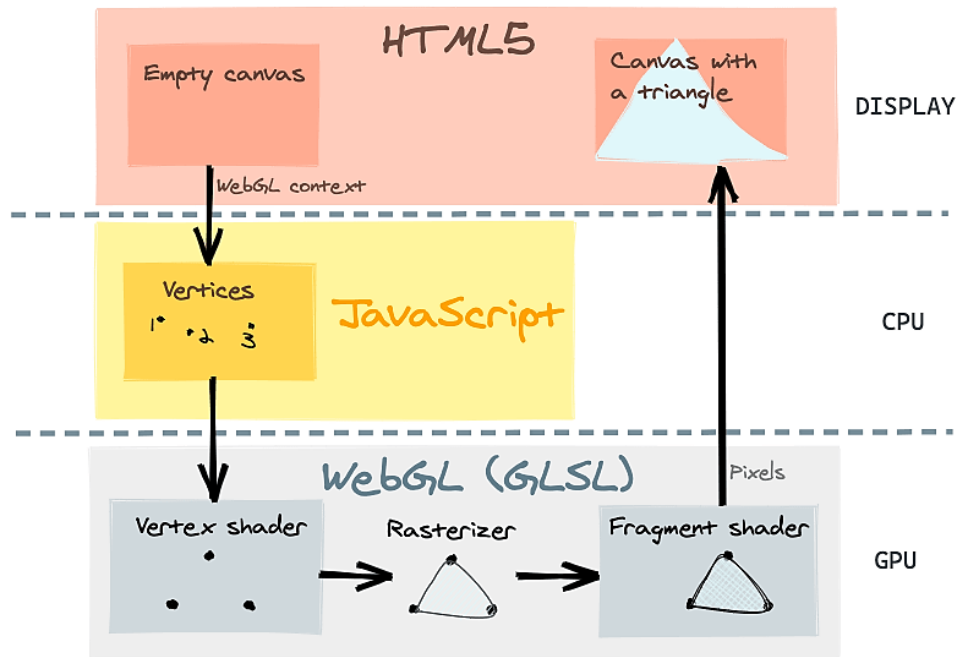
# CSE4204

## LAB-2 : GLSL – Attribute, Uniform, Varying, Index Buffer and More

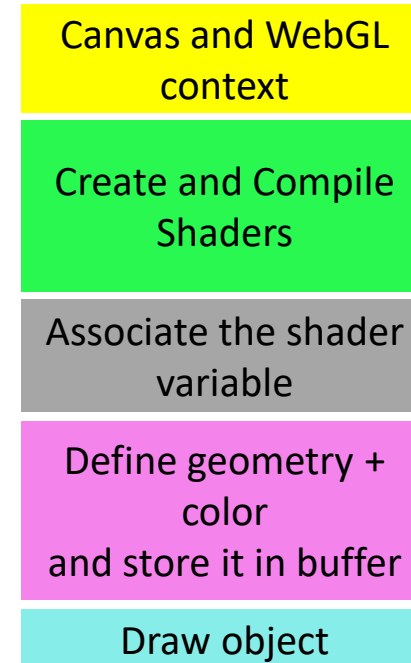
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**[rb.gy/x8h51](https://rb.gy/x8h51)**

# Recap



Source: <https://www.h5w3.com/44328.html>



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gl.attachShader( prog, fsh );
gl.linkProgram( prog );
gl.useProgram(prog);
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```

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```

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```


```
gl.bindBuffer(gl.ARRAY_BUFFER, a_coords_buffer);
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```

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gl.clearColor(0.75, 0.75, 0.75, 1.0);
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```

# Problem – 1

- We want to send color information from CPU → GPU
  - Not specified inside the shader

```
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```



# Uniform

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var u_color_location = gl.getUniformLocation(prog, "u_color");
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```
void gl.uniform1f(location, v0);  
void gl.uniform1fv(location, value);  
void gl.uniform1i(location, v0);  
void gl.uniform1iv(location, value);
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```

```
gl_FragColor = vec4(u_color, 1.0);
```

```
};
```

```
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```

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var color = new Float32Array( [0.5, 0.7, 0.3] );  
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```

gl.uniform\*: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/WebGLRenderingContext/uniform>  
<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/WebGLRenderingContext/uniformMatrix>

# Uniform

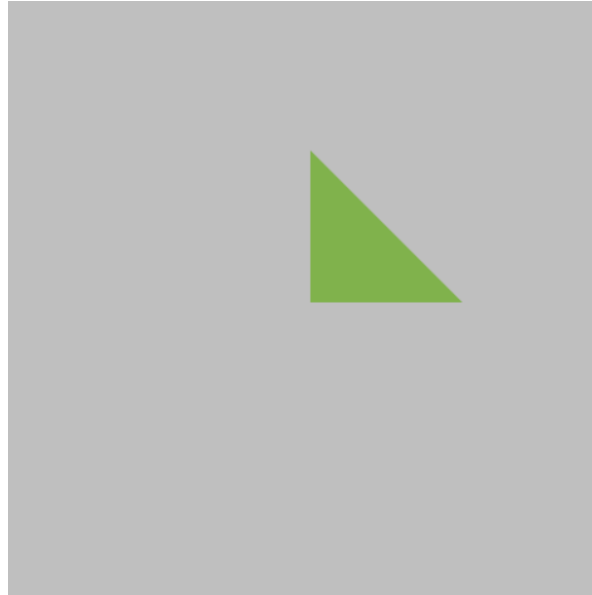
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};`;
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```
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gl.compileShader( fsh );  
var prog = gl.createProgram();  
gl.attachShader( prog, vsh );  
gl.attachShader( prog, fsh );  
gl.linkProgram( prog );  
gl.useProgram(prog);
```

```
var a_coords_location = gl.getAttributeLocation(prog, "a_coords");  
var coords = new Float32Array( [0.0, 0.0, 0.0,  
                                0.0, 0.5, 0.0,  
                                0.5, 0.0, 0.0] );
```

```
var a_coords_buffer = gl.createBuffer();  
gl.bindBuffer(gl.ARRAY_BUFFER, a_coords_buffer);  
gl.bufferData(gl.ARRAY_BUFFER, coords, gl.STATIC_DRAW);  
gl.vertexAttribPointer(a_coords_location, 3, gl.FLOAT, false, 0, 0);  
gl.enableVertexAttribArray(a_coords_location);
```

```
var u_color_location = gl.getUniformLocation(prog, "u_color");  
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gl.clearColor(0.75, 0.75, 0.75, 1.0);  
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## Problem – 2

- We want to shift the triangle via mouse clicking.

# Clicking

Canvas and WebGL  
context

```
var canvas = document.getElementById("webglcanvas");  
var gl = canvas.getContext("webgl");
```

Create and Compile  
Shaders

```
var vertexShaderSource =  
`attribute vec3 a_coords;  
uniform float u_shift;  
void main() {  
    // gl_Position = vec4(a_coords, 1.0);  
    gl_Position = vec4(a_coords.x + u_shift, a_coords.y, a_coords.z, 1.0);  
};
```

Associate the shader  
variable

```
var fragmentShaderSource =  
`precision mediump float;  
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void main() {  
    gl_FragColor = vec4(u_color, 1.0);  
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```

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```

Draw object

```
var prog = gl.createProgram();
```

```
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gl.useProgram(prog);
```

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```

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```

```
var u_shift_location = gl.getUniformLocation(prog, "u_shift");  
var shift = 0.0;  
gl.uniform1f(u_shift_location, shift);
```

```
gl.clearColor(0.75, 0.75, 0.75, 1.0);  
gl.clear(gl.COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);  
gl.drawArrays(gl.TRIANGLES, 0, 3);
```

```
canvas.onmousedown = function ()  
{  
    shift = shift + 0.1;  
    gl.uniform1f(u_shift_location, shift);  
    gl.clearColor(0.75, 0.75, 0.75, 1.0);  
    gl.clear(gl.COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);  
    gl.drawArrays(gl.TRIANGLES, 0, 3);  
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```

```
void main() {
```

```
// gl_Position = vec4(a_coords, 1.0);
```

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gl_Position = vec4(a_coords.x + u_shift, a_coords.y, a_coords.z, 1.0);
```

```
};
```

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var fragmentShaderSource =  
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gl.clear(gl.COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
```

```
gl.drawArrays(gl.TRIANGLES, 0, 3);
```

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canvas.onmousedown = function ()  
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```
gl_Position = vec4(a_coords.x + u_shift, a_coords.y, a_coords.z, 1.0);
```

```
};
```

```
var fragmentShaderSource =  
`precision mediump float;  
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void main() {  
    gl_FragColor = vec4(u_color, 1.0);  
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gl.enableVertexAttribArray(a_coords_location);
```

```
var u_color_location = gl.getUniformLocation(prog, "u_color");  
var color = new Float32Array( [0.5, 0.7, 0.3] );  
gl.uniform3fv(u_color_location, color);
```

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var shift = 0.0;
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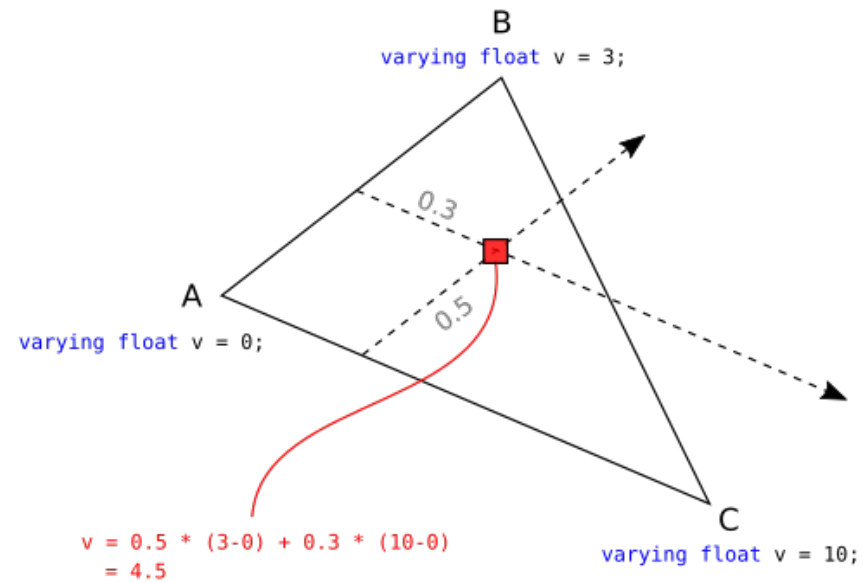
```
    gl.drawArrays(gl.TRIANGLES, 0, 3);
```

```
};
```

# Problem – 3

- We want different color in different vertices and the color of the face will be blended accordingly.

# Interpolation



Source: <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/17537879/in-webgl-what-are-the-differences-between-an-attribute-a-uniform-and-a-varying>



# Varying

```
var vertexShaderSource =  
    `attribute vec3 a_coords;  
    attribute vec3 a_colors;  
    uniform float u_shift;  
    varying vec3 v_color;  
  
    void main() {  
        gl_Position = vec4(a_coords.x + u_shift, a_coords.y, a_coords.z, 1.0);  
        v_color = a_colors;  
    }`;
```

```
var fragmentShaderSource =  
    `precision mediump float;  
    varying vec3 v_color;  
    void main() {  
        gl_FragColor = vec4(v_color, 1.0);  
    }`;
```

# Varying

red •  
• green  
• blue

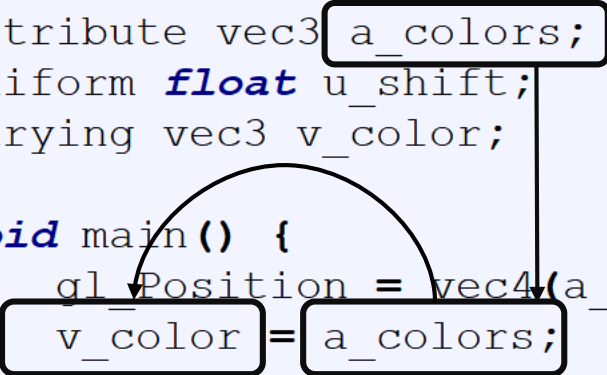
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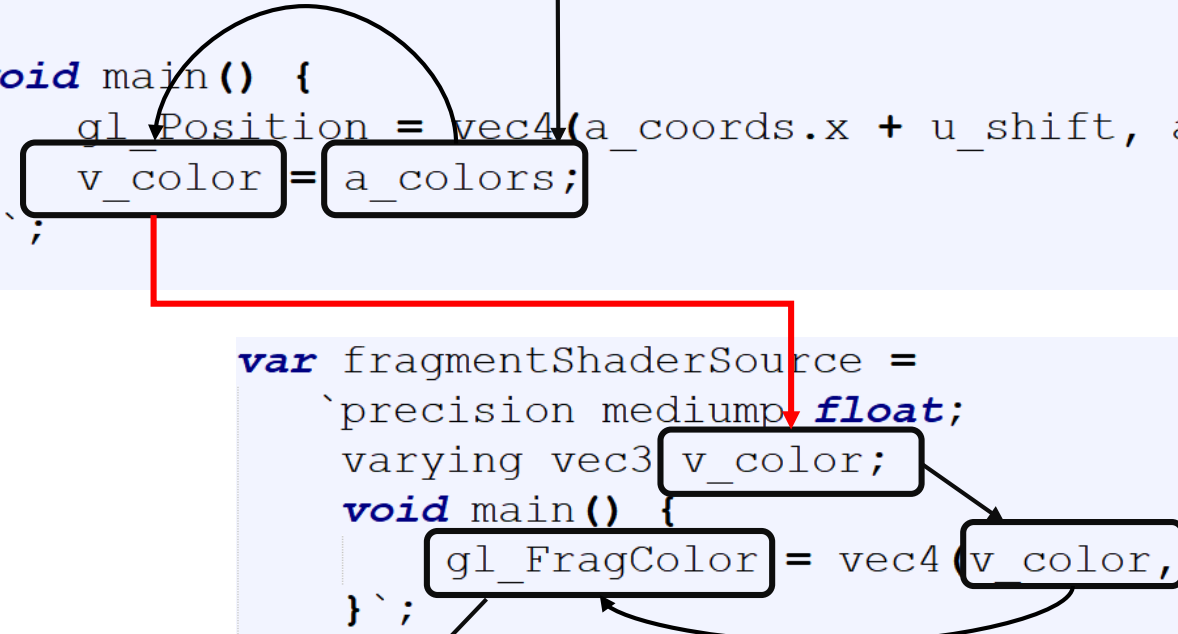
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    v_color = a_colors;  
}`;
```



```
var fragmentShaderSource =  
`precision mediump float;  
varying vec3 v_color;  
void main() {  
    gl_FragColor = vec4(v_color, 1.0);  
}`;
```



# Varying

```
a_colors_location = gl.getAttribLocation(prog, "a_colors");  
var colors = new Float32Array( [1.0, 0.0, 0.0,  
                                0.0, 1.0, 0.0,  
                                0.0, 0.0, 1.0] );  
  
a_colors_buffer = gl.createBuffer();  
gl.bindBuffer(gl.ARRAY_BUFFER, a_colors_buffer);  
gl.bufferData(gl.ARRAY_BUFFER, colors, gl.STATIC_DRAW);  
gl.vertexAttribPointer(a_colors_location, 3, gl.FLOAT, false, 0, 0);  
gl.enableVertexAttribArray(a_colors_location);
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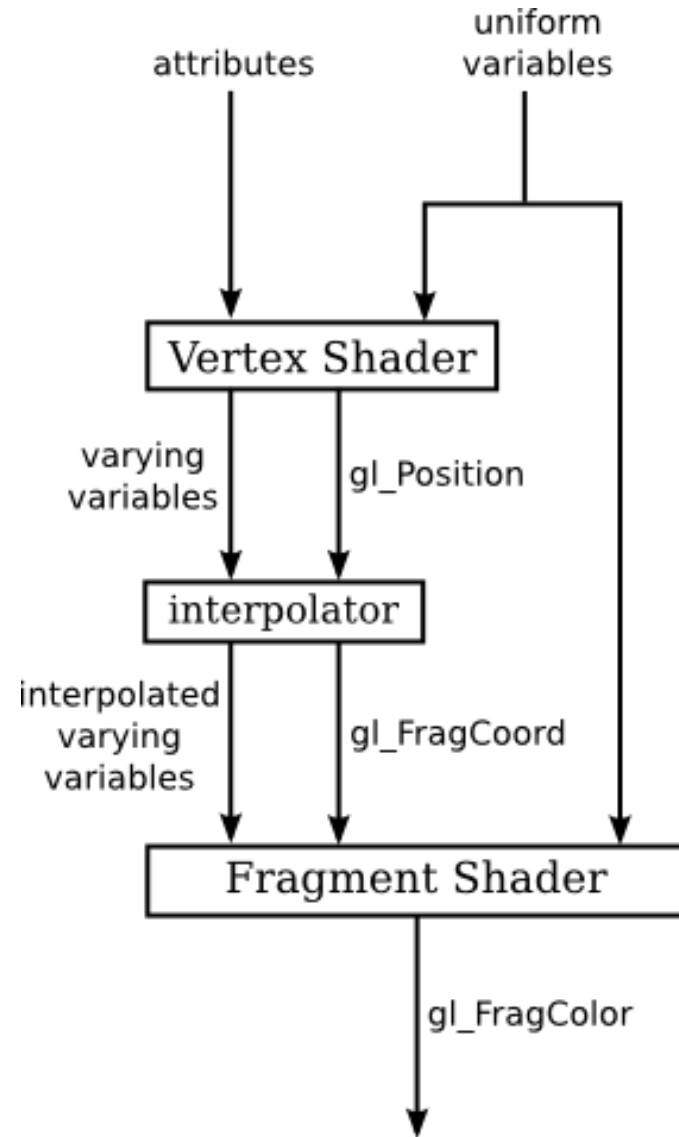
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# Uniform vs Attribute vs Varying

- uniform are per-primitive parameters
  - constant during an entire draw call
- attribute are per-vertex parameters
  - typically : positions, normals, colors, UVs, ...
- varying are per-fragment (or per-pixel) parameters
  - they vary from pixels to pixels

Source: <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/17537879/in-webgl-what-are-the-differences-between-an-attribute-a-uniform-and-a-varying>

# Flow of data



Source: <http://math.hws.edu/graphicsbook/c6/s1.html>



# Notes

- Attribute can only be used in vertex shader. *[why?]*
- Uniform can be used in both vertex and fragment shaders. *[why?]*
- Varying must be used in both vertex and fragment shaders with the same name.
- Uniform, attributes and varying must be declared globally in the shaders.
- It is a convention to use –
  - **a\_** before the name of the attribute variable
  - **u\_** before the name of the uniform variable
  - **v\_** before the name of the varying variable

# Control Statements in GLSL

Question: What will  
happen here?

```
var vertexShaderSource =  
`attribute vec3 a_coords;  
attribute vec3 a_colors;  
uniform float u_shift;  
varying vec3 v_color;  
  
void main() {  
    if (u_shift < 0.7)  
        gl_Position = vec4(a_coords.x - u_shift,  
                            a_coords.y,  
                            a_coords.z,  
                            1.0);  
    else  
        gl_Position = vec4(a_coords.x,  
                            a_coords.y,  
                            a_coords.z,  
                            1.0);  
    v_color = a_colors;  
}`;
```

More on GLSL statements: <https://www.shaderific.com/gsl-statements>

# Built-in Functions in GLSL

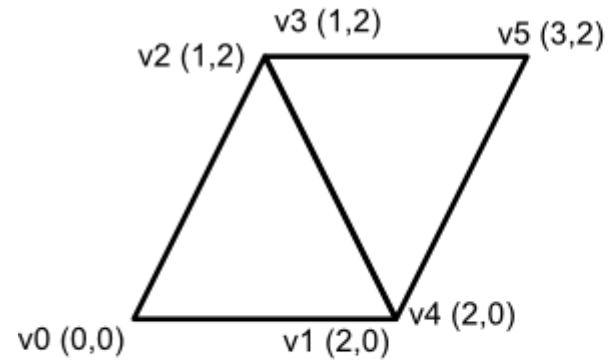
```
void main() {  
    gl_Position = vec4(clamp(a_coords.x - u_shift, -0.5, 1.0),  
                        a_coords.y,  
                        a_coords.z,  
                        1.0);  
}
```

Question: What will happen here?

More GLSL built-in functions: <https://www.shaderific.com/glsl-functions>

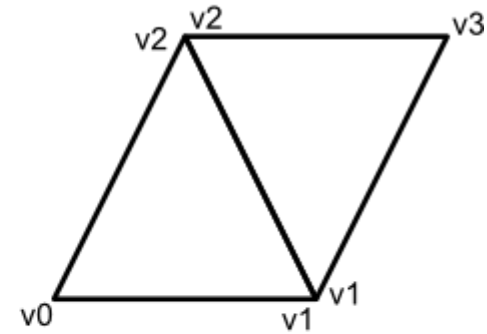
# Index Buffer

Without indexing



[0,0, 2,0, 1,2, 1,2, 2,0, 3,2]

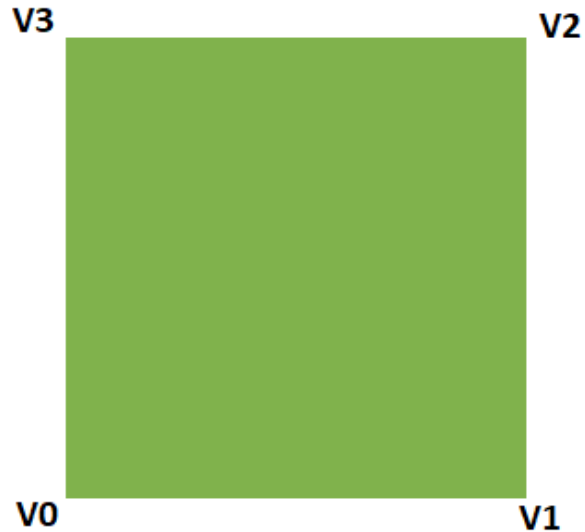
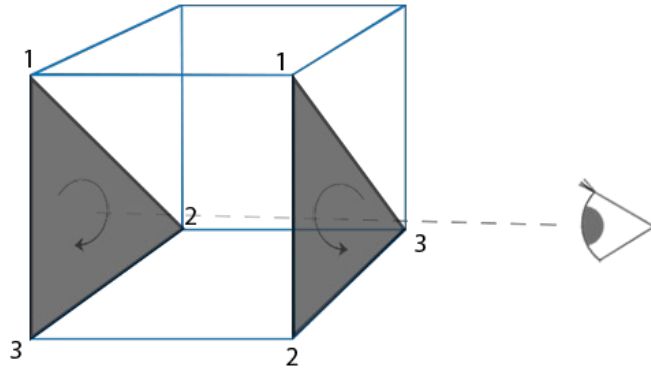
With indexing



[0,1,2, 2,1,3]  
[0,0, 2,0, 1,2, 3,2]

Vertices  
reused  
twice

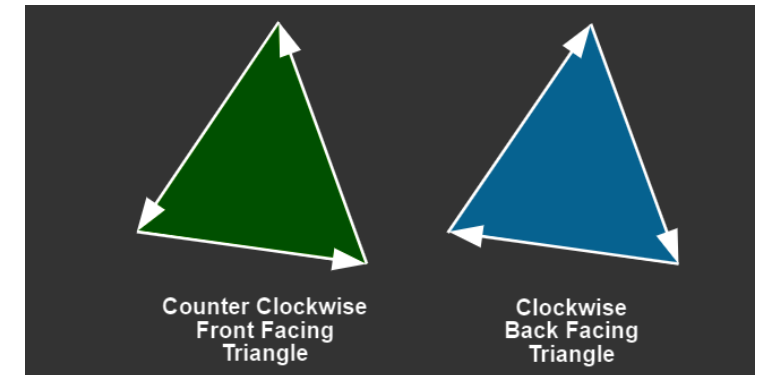
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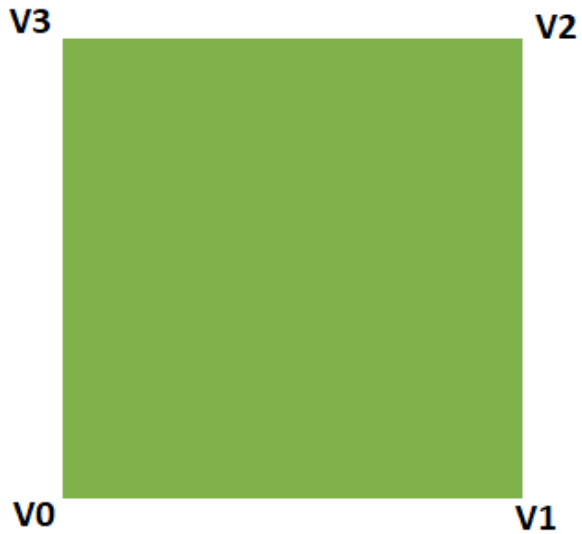
```
var coords = new Float32Array( [  
    -0.5, -0.5, 0.0, //v0  
    0.5, -0.5, 0.0, //v1  
    0.5, 0.5, 0.0, //v2  
    -0.5, 0.5, 0.0 //v3  
] );
```

```
var colors = new Float32Array( [  
    1.0, 0.0, 0.0, //color at v0  
    0.0, 1.0, 0.0, //color at v1  
    0.0, 0.0, 1.0, //color at v2  
    1.0, 1.0, 0.0 //color at v3  
] );
```

```
var indices = new Uint8Array([0, 1, 2, 0, 2, 3]);
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     0.5,  0.5,  0.0, //v2
    -0.5,  0.5,  0.0, //v3
    ] );
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    1.0, 0.0, 0.0, //color at v0
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    ] );
```

```
var indices = new Uint8Array([0, 1, 2,  0, 2, 3]);
```

```
var bufferInd = gl.createBuffer();
gl.bindBuffer(gl.ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER, bufferInd);
gl.bufferData(gl.ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER, indices, gl.STATIC_DRAW);
```

```
//gl.drawArrays(gl.TRIANGLES, 0, 3);
gl.drawElements(gl.TRIANGLES, 3*2, gl.UNSIGNED_BYTE, 0);
```