



Hands-On 1:

Ray Tracing

(data parallelism)





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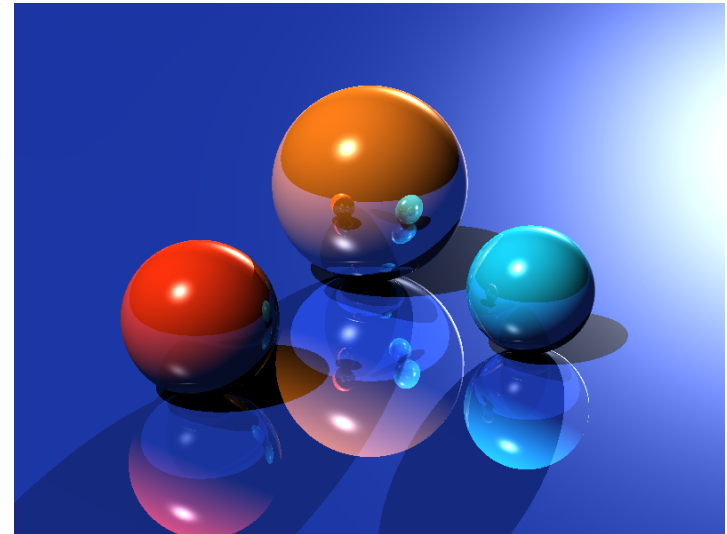


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We're providing:

- two scene files
 - **scene**: a simple 4-sphere scene
 - **sphfract**: a fractal pattern of spheres
- framework code: **c-ray.chpl**
 - to read a scene
 - to do the ray tracing computation
 - computePixel() routines:

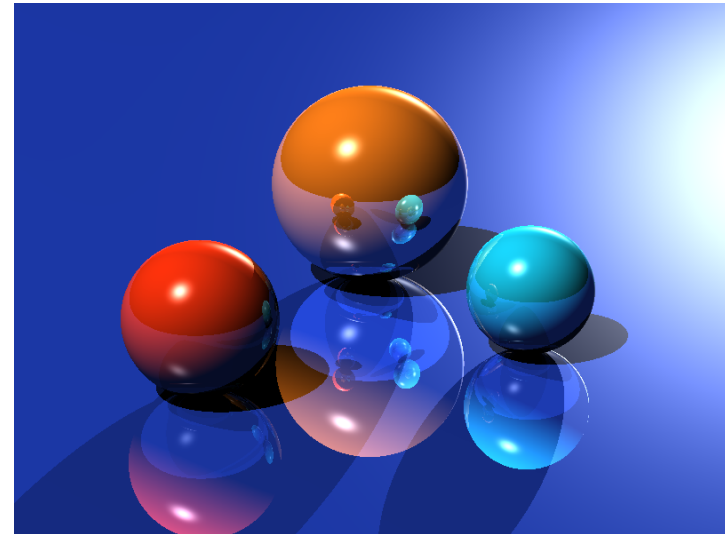

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proc computePixel(y: int, x: int): pixelType { ... }
proc computePixel(yx: 2*int): pixelType { ... }
```
- a helper module to write arrays as PPM or BMP images: **Image.chpl**
- sample output files (*.bmp, *.ppm)



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Your goal is to:

- declare the array of pixel values
- use `computePixel()` to fill it
 - serially
 - in parallel
 - optionally: promoted
 - optionally: dynamically load-balanced
 - optionally: distributed
 - may make more sense this afternoon
- compare timings for various versions



(You're also free to pursue any other Chapel coding you like)

- code up a computation of interest to you
- look through primer or benchmark examples in the release
 - `$CHPL_HOME/examples`
- ...



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