



GLSL

OpenGL Shading Language

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Overview

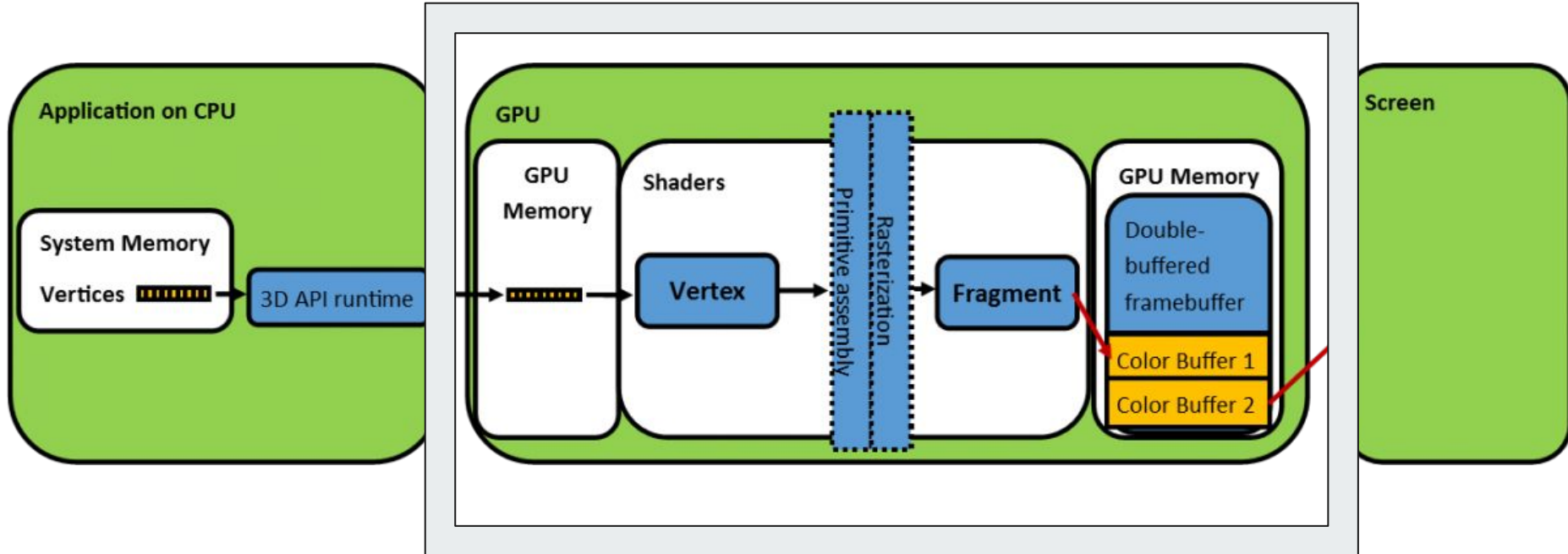


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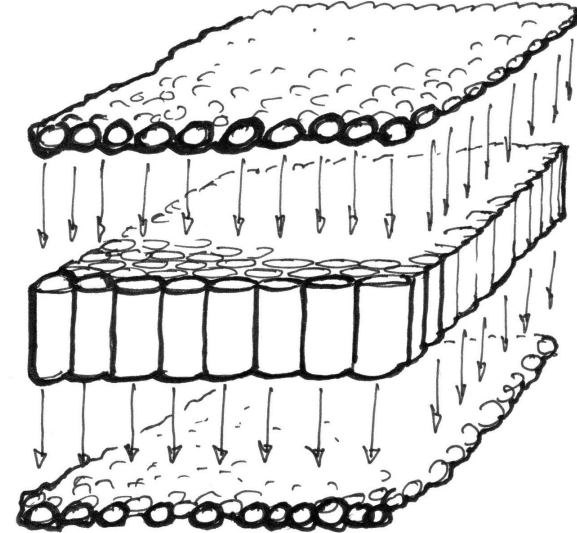
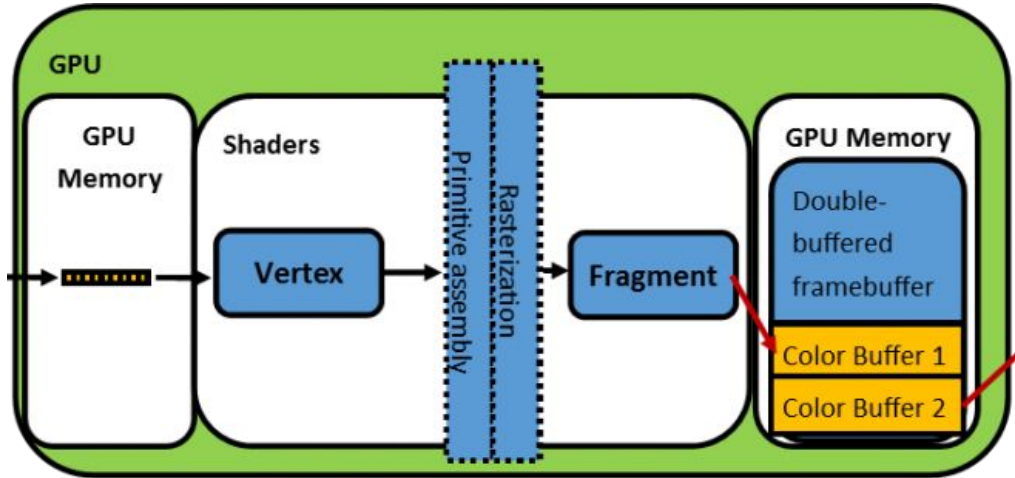
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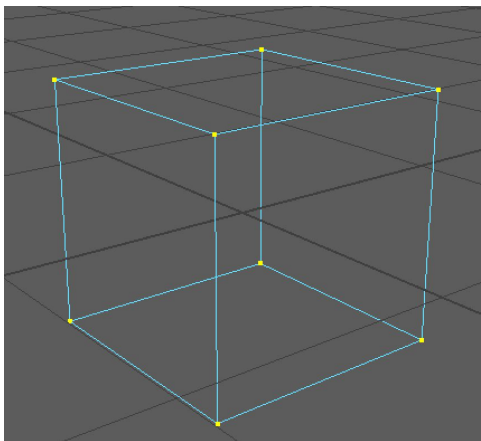


Shaders

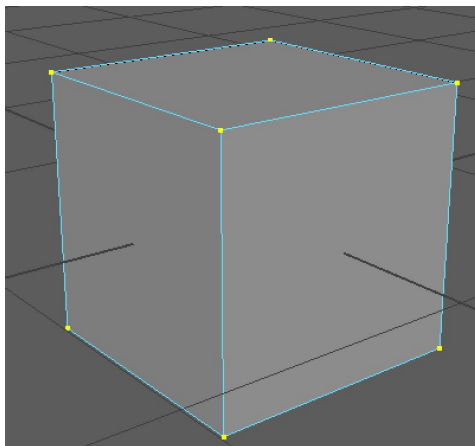


- Vertex Shader
 - Control the position of each vertex
- Fragment Shader
 - Control the color of each shape
- Application -> Vertex Shader -> Fragment Shader -> Display

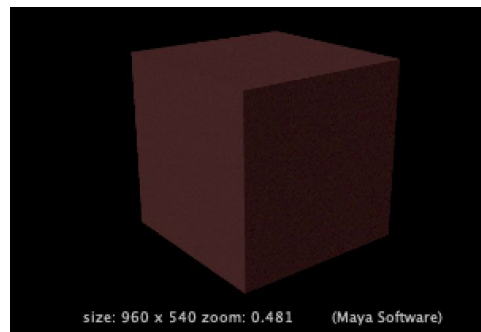
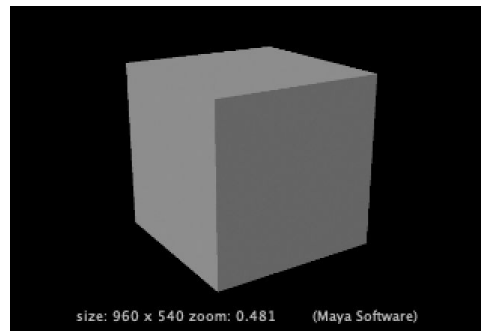
Shaders



- Vertex Shader



- Fragment Shader



Definition



- GLSL
 - OpenGL Shading Language
 - Interact with shaders (vertex & fragment)
- OpenGL
 - Cross-platform graphics API: interact directly with GPU
 - Register geometric object information to GPU

Language

GLSL



- C-style language
- Built-in math library (vector, matrix, ...)
- Control branches, function definitions
- [DOES NOT SUPPORT RECURSION]

Data Type



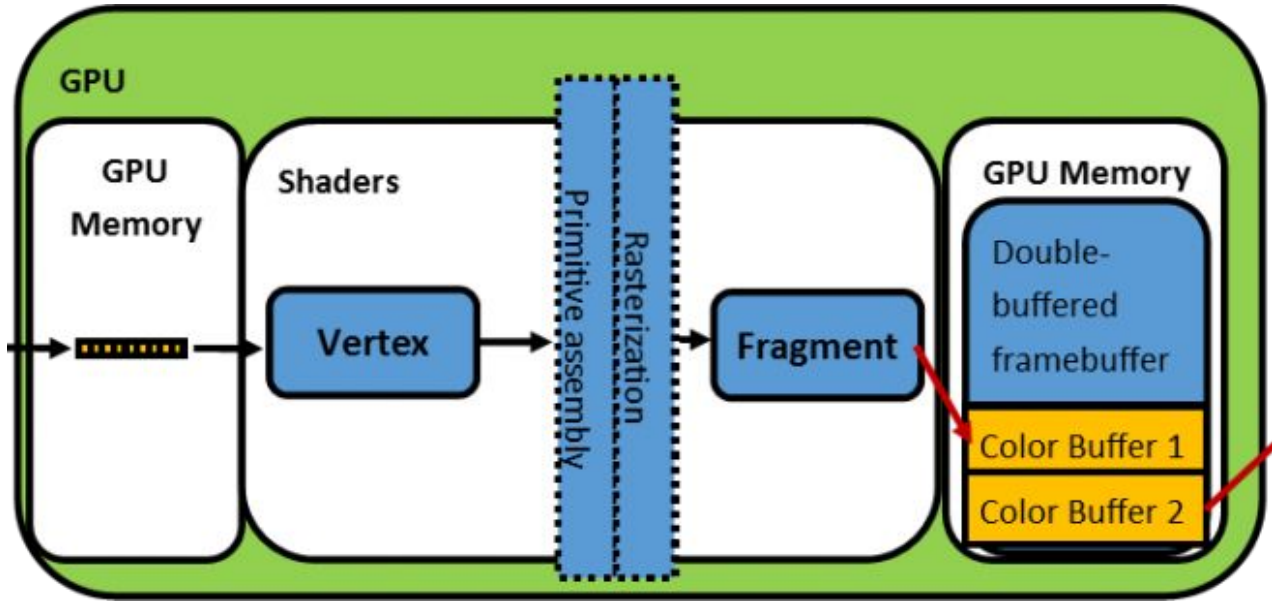
- Scalars: bool | int | uint | float | double
- Vectors: vecn (e.g vec3)
 - `vec3 pos = vec3(0.3, 0.3, 0.3);`
 - `pos.z = pos.x + pos.y;`
 - `vec3 anotherPos = pos.zyy; // swizzling`
- Matrices

Qualifiers



- attribute:
 - shared between application and vertex shader
 - vertex-specific data (e.g vertex position)
- uniform:
 - shared between application and shader
 - object properties (e.g light positions, projection matrix)
- varying:
 - shared between vertex shader and fragment shader
 - information from vertex shader (e.g effects of lighting)

Qualifiers

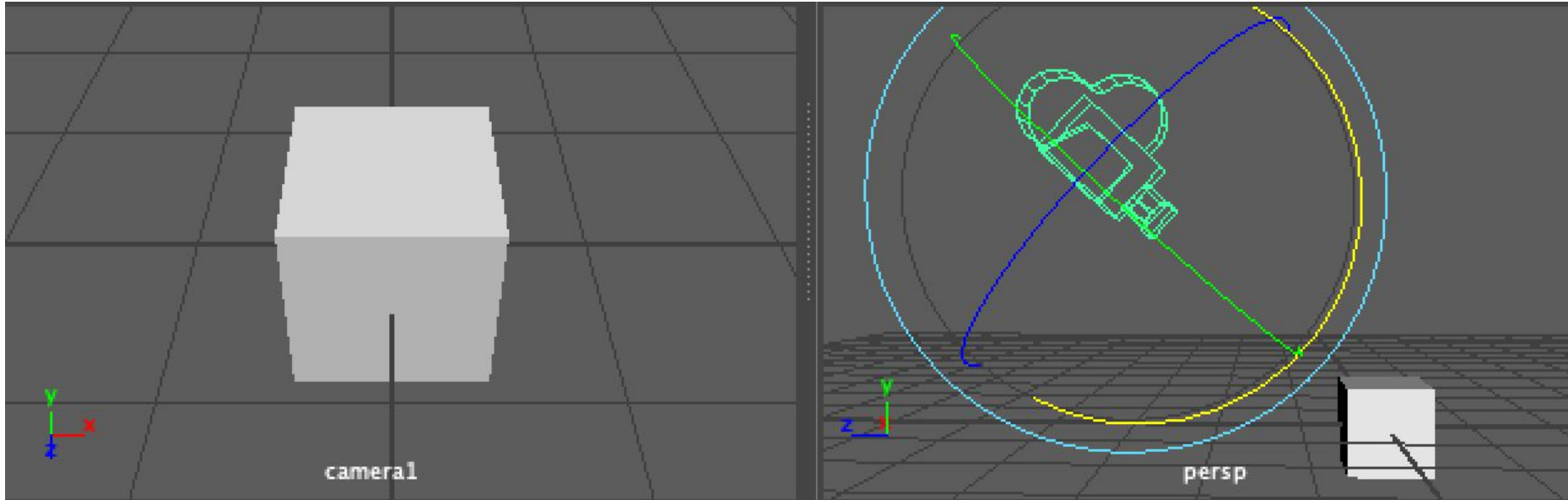


Sample Vertex Shader

```
1  /* GLSL 120 */
2  attribute vec3 vPosition;
3  attribute vec3 vColor;
4  varying  vec4 color;
5
6  uniform mat4 model_view;
7  uniform mat4 projection;
8
9  void main() {
10     vec4 vPosition4 = vec4(vPosition.x, vPosition.y, vPosition.z, 1.0);
11     vec4 vColor4 = vec4(vColor.r, vColor.g, vColor.b, 1.0);
12
13     gl_Position = projection * model_view * vPosition4;
14     color = vColor4;
15 }
```

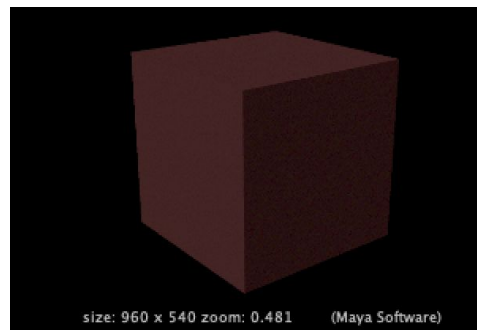
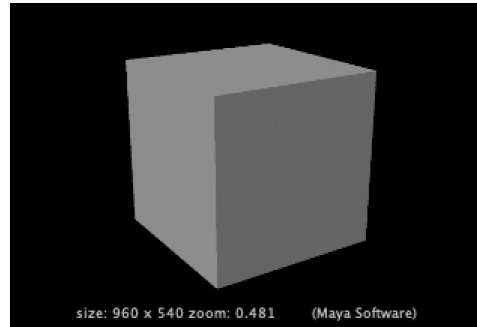
Sample Vertex Shader

- Model - View - Projection matrices:
- Describe the relationship between the object and camera



Sample Fragment Shader

```
1  /* GLSL 120 */
2  varying vec4 color;
3
4  void main() {
5      gl_FragColor = color;
6  }
7
```



Demo

References

References



- LearnOpenGL: <https://learnopengl.com/>
- The Book of Shaders: <https://thebookofshaders.com/>
- GLSL Qualifiers: <http://www.shaderific.com/glsl-qualifiers>