GLSL

OpenGL Shading Language

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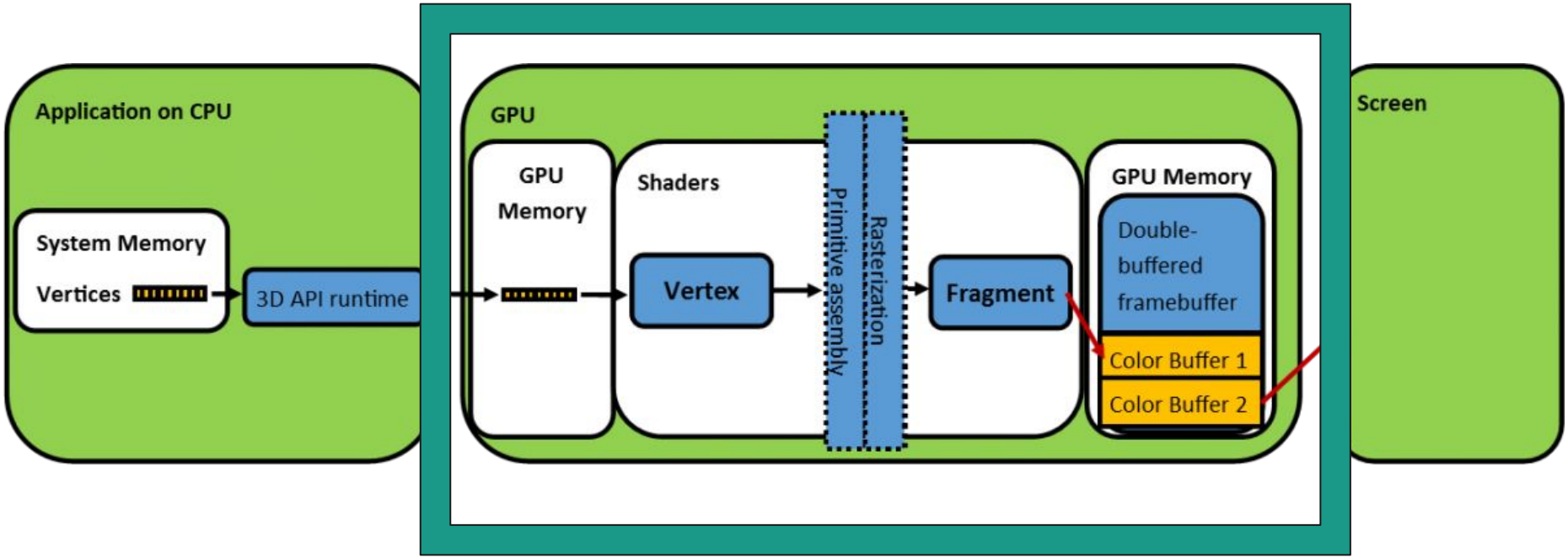
Background

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

Graphics Pipeline

- Purpose: Display (3D) geometric objects on 2D screen



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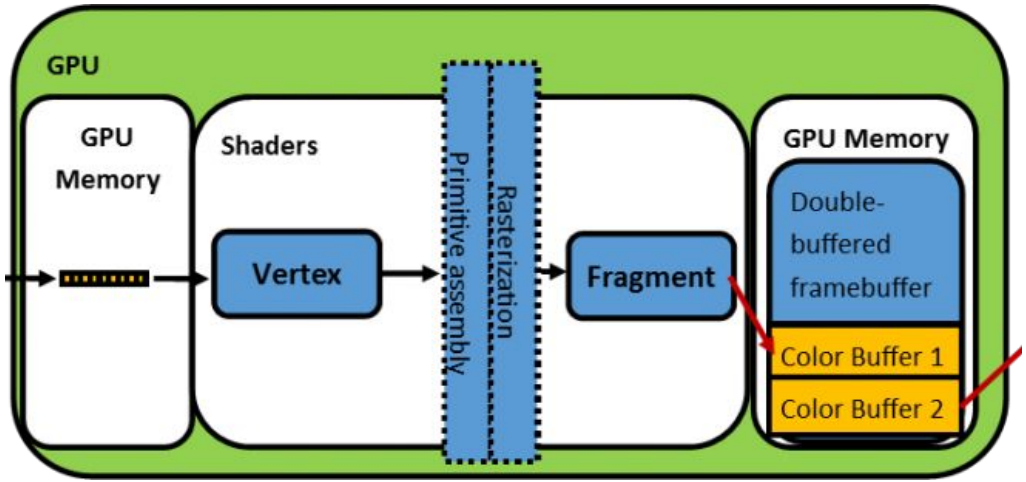
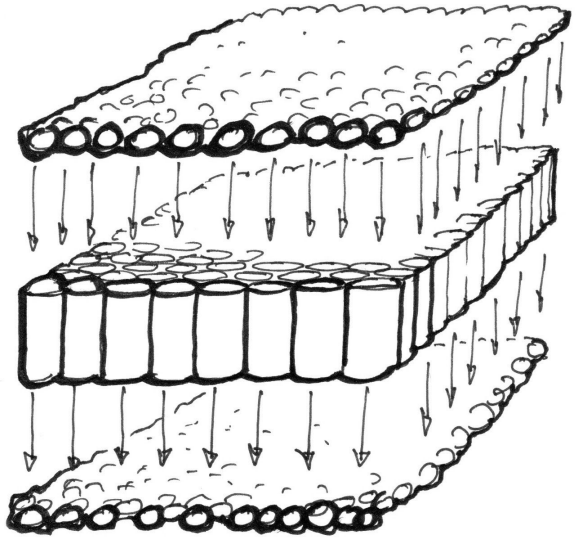


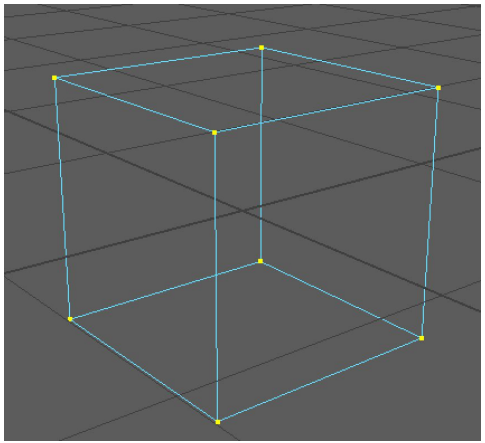


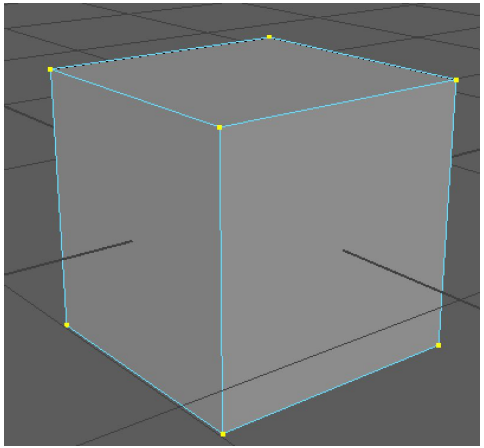
Shaders

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

- Application -> Vertex Shader -> Fragment Shader -> Display

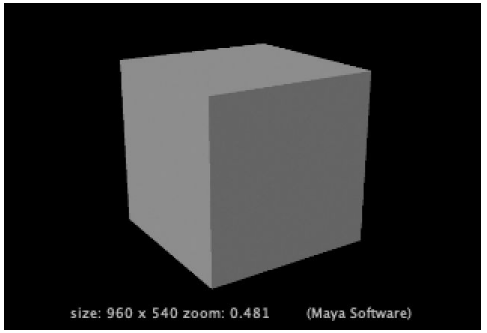
Shaders

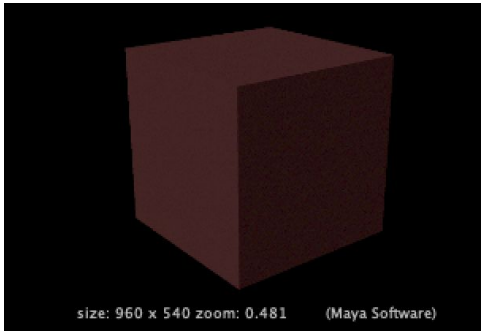




- Vertex Shader

- Fragment Shader





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

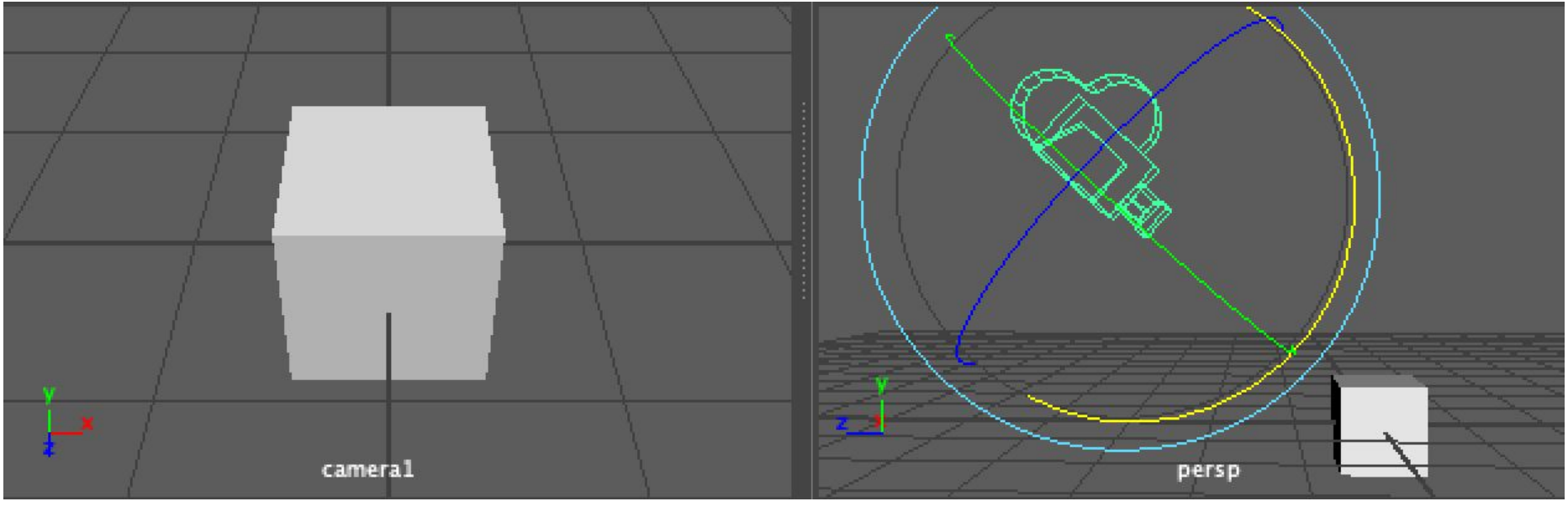
- attribute:
  - shared between application and vertex shader
  - vertex-specific data (e.g vertex position)
- uniform:
  - shared between application and shader
  - object properties (e.g light positions, projection matrix)
- varying:
  - shared between vertex shader and fragment shader
  - information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

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
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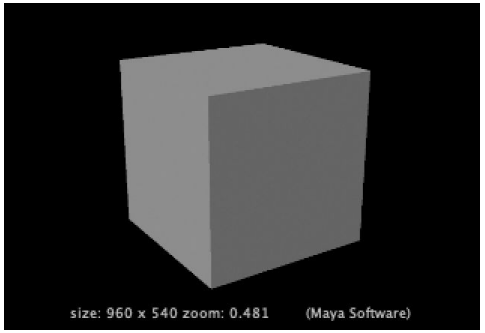

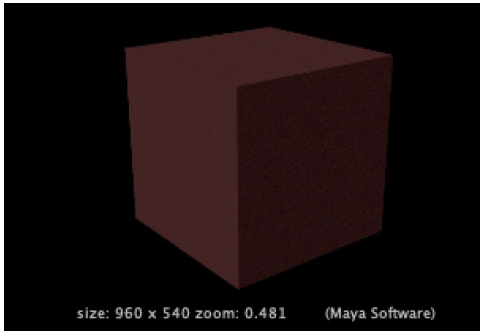

Demo

https://github.com/Skycocoo/CS3314-PL-GLSL-Presentation

References

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