

Graphics-programming with WebGPU

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Applications:

- Entertainment: Movies, Video games
- Graphical user interface (GUI)
- Computer aided design and manufacturing (CAD/CAM)
- Medical application
- Scientific visualization / simulation
- etc..

Tech Stack

Language and Tech



Figure: Rust logo



Figure: WebGPU, logo



Figure: glTF

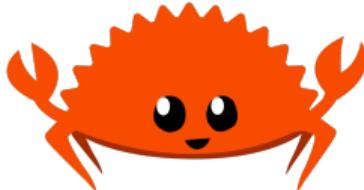


Figure: Rust mascot (Ferris)



Figure: Wgpu logo

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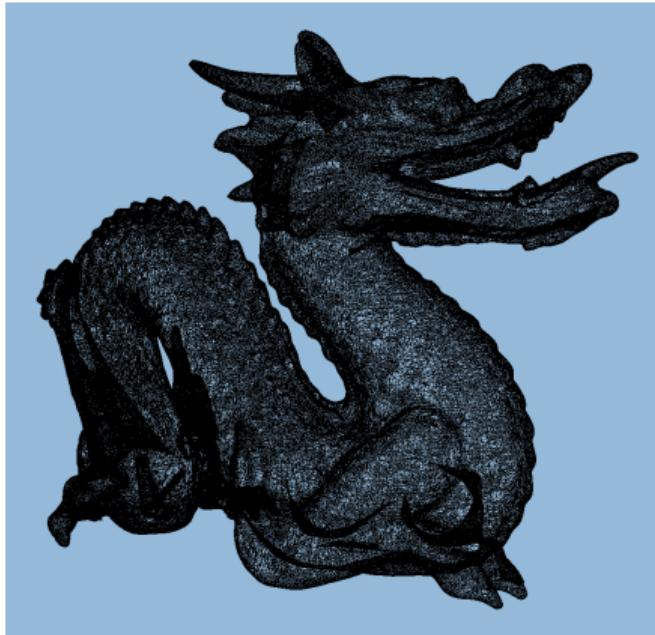


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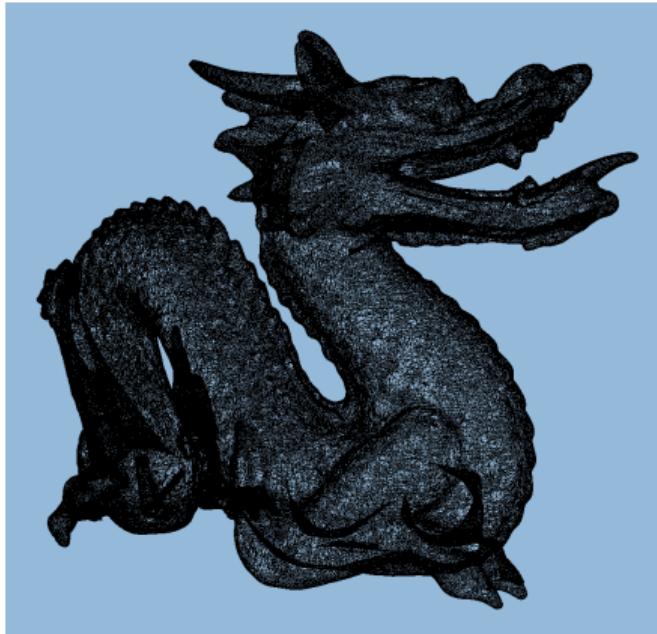


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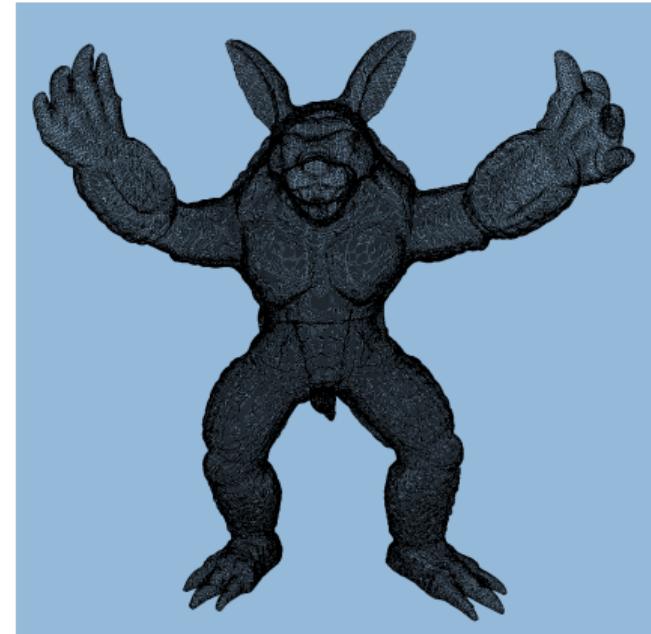


Figure: Armadillo

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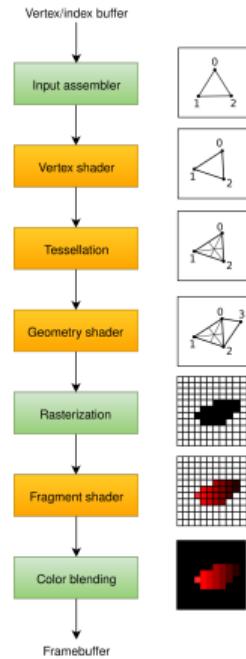


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Shader Code

```
1  [[stage(vertex)]]
2  fn main(
3      [[location(0)]] aPos: vec3<f32>,
4  ) → [[builtin(position)]] vec4<f32> {
5      return vec4<f32>(aPos, 1.0);
6  }
7
```

Figure: Vertex Code

```
[[stage(fragment)]]
fn main() → [[location(0)]] vec4<f32> {
    return vec4<f32>(1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
}
```

Figure: Fragment Code

Rust code

1. Create a Window and a GPU-Instance
2. Create a Surface from the Window
3. Request for an Adapter (Your GPU)
4. Request for a Queue and a Device from the Adapter.
5. Create Vertices

```
let vertices = [  
    [0.0, 0.5, 0.0],  
    [-0.5, -0.5, 0.0],  
    [0.5, -0.5, 0.0],  
];
```

6. Compile the Shader

```
device.create_shader_module(&wgpu::ShaderModuleDescriptor {  
    label: Some("Triangle <> Stage Shader"),  
    source: wgpu::ShaderSource::Wgsl(include_str!("path/to/shader").into()),  
});
```

7. Create GPU Buffer and Description

```
let vertex_buffer = device  
.create_buffer_init(&wgpu::util::BufferInitDescriptor {  
    label: Some("Vertex Buffer"),  
    contents: bytemuck::cast_slice(&vertices),  
    usage: wgpu::BufferUsages::VERTEX,  
});
```

```
let desc = wgpu::VertexBufferLayout {  
    array_stride: std::mem::size_of::<Vertex>() as wgpu::BufferAddress,  
    step_mode: wgpu::VertexStepMode::Vertex,  
    attributes: &wgpu::vertex_attr_array![0 => Float32x3],  
};
```

8. Create Render Pipeline

```
let render_pipeline = device.create_render_pipeline(&wgpu::RenderPipelineDescriptor {  
    label: Some("Render Pipeline"),  
    primitive: wgpu::PrimitiveState {  
        topology: wgpu::PrimitiveTopology::TriangleList,  
        front_face: wgpu::FrontFace::Ccw,  
        cull_mode: Some(wgpu::Face::Back),  
        polygon_mode: PolygonMode::Fill,  
        ..Default::default()  
    },  
    vertex: wgpu::VertexState { .. },  
    fragment: Some(wgpu::FragmentState { .. }),  
    ..Default::default()  
});
```

9. Draw and submit to Queue

```
let mut render_pass = encoder.begin_render_pass(&wgpu::RenderPassDescriptor { .. });
render_pass.set_vertex_buffer(0, vertex_buffer.slice(..));
render_pass.set_pipeline(render_pipeline);
render_pass.draw(0..state.vertices.len() as u32, 0..1);
queue.submit(std::iter::once(encoder.finish()));
```

10. And now to the Result

Result

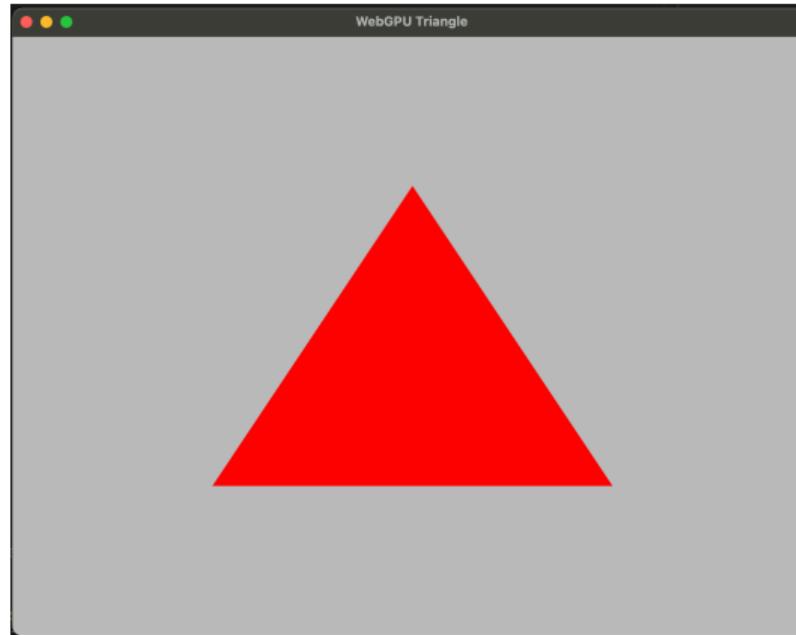


Figure: Red Triangle

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- Drawing Trivial shapes is harder than in OpenGL.
But with great power comes great responsibility

Thank You !!