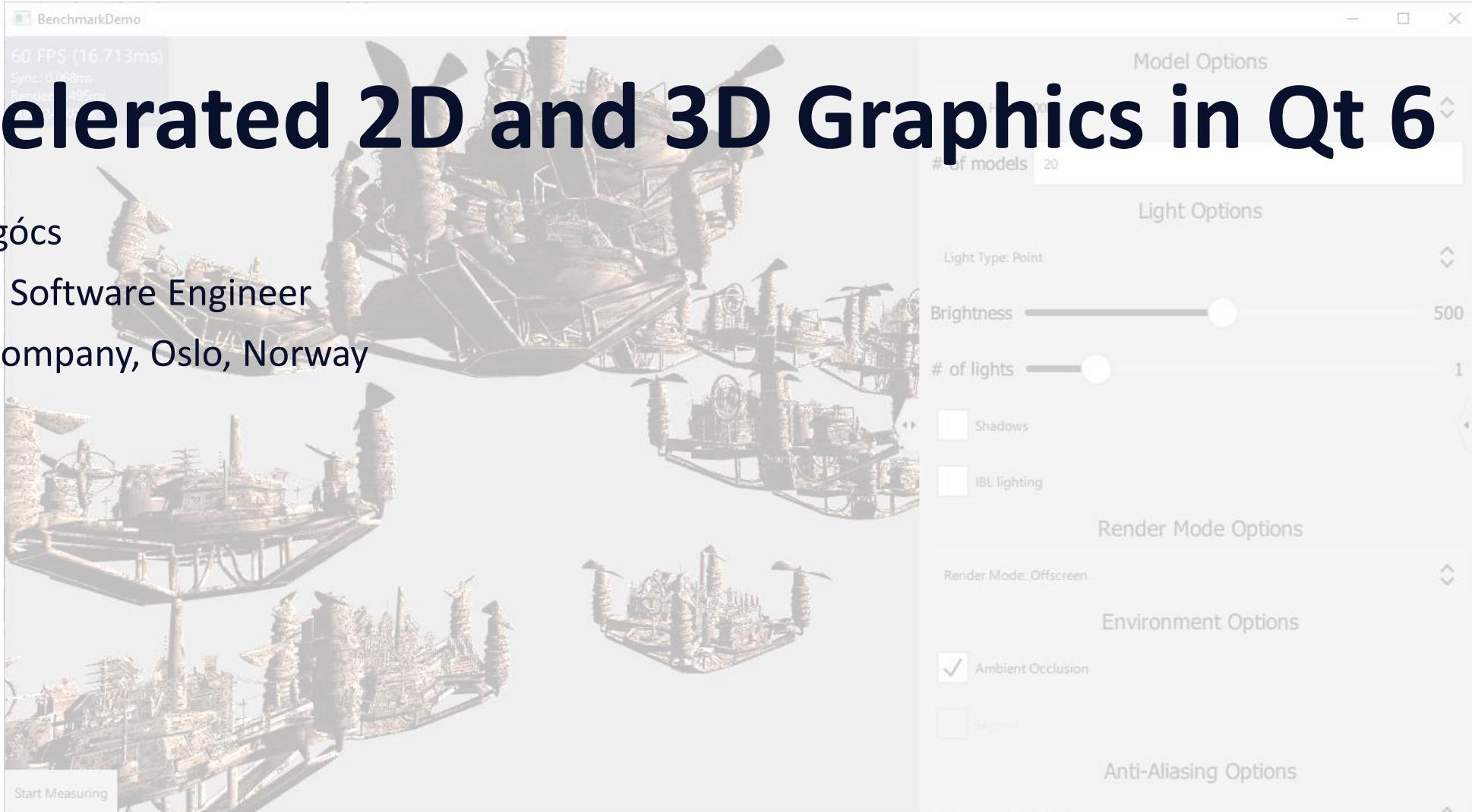


# Accelerated 2D and 3D Graphics in Qt 6

László Agócs

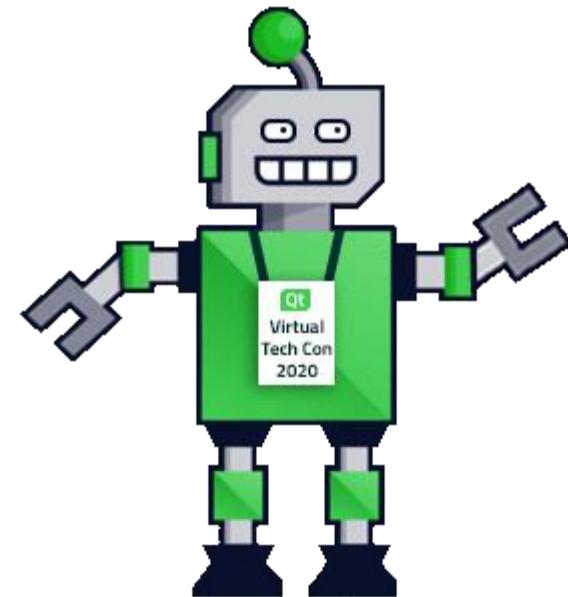
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- › Qt Quick evolution
- › Moving away from OpenGL
- › State of things as of May 2020
- › The way forward and consequences



# Qt Quick

- › QML types for creating 2D/2.5D user interfaces
- › Backed by a scene graph based rendering engine
  - › Uses OpenGL (ES) and GLSL shaders.
- › A limited, pure software rendering solution exists too
  - › Not in focus for us here – it is expected to stay as-is in Qt 6. (2D only)

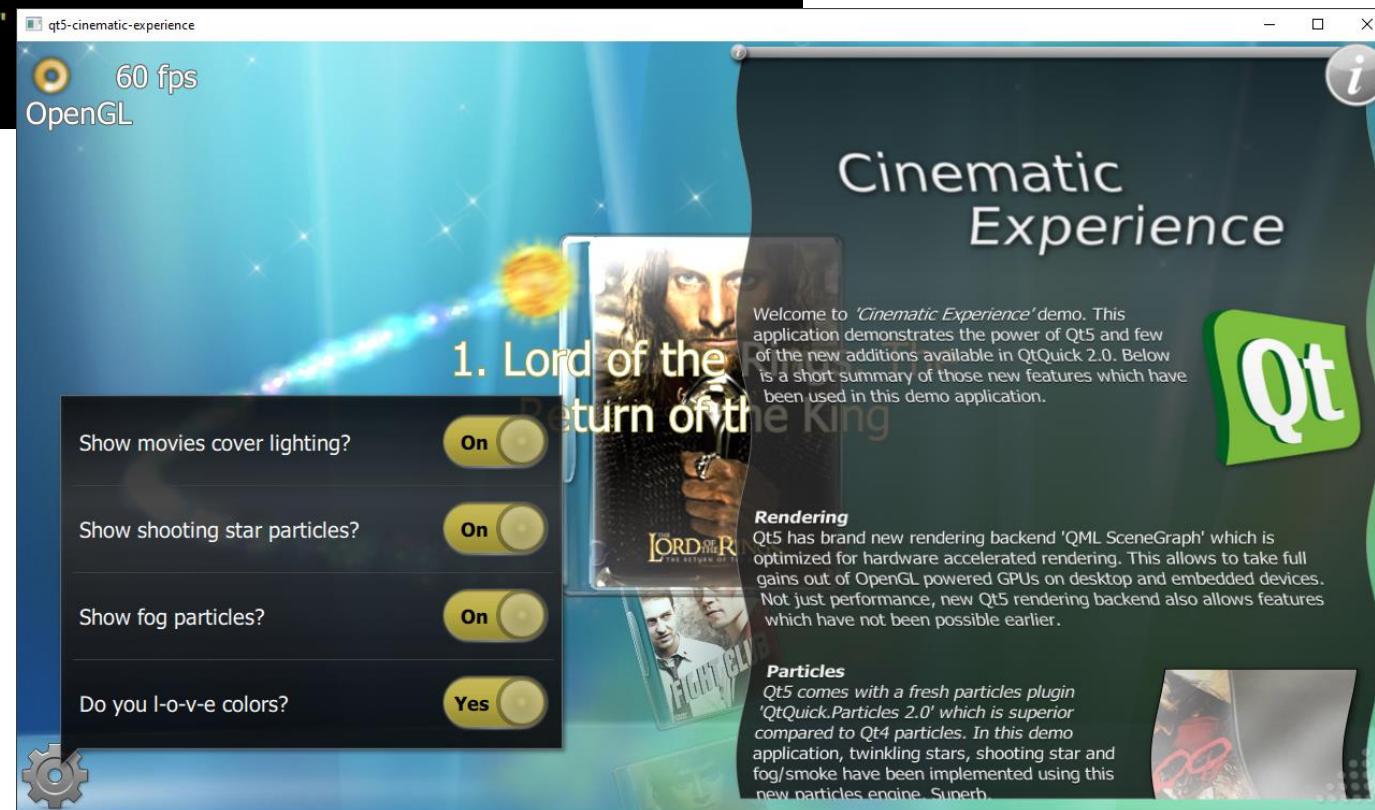
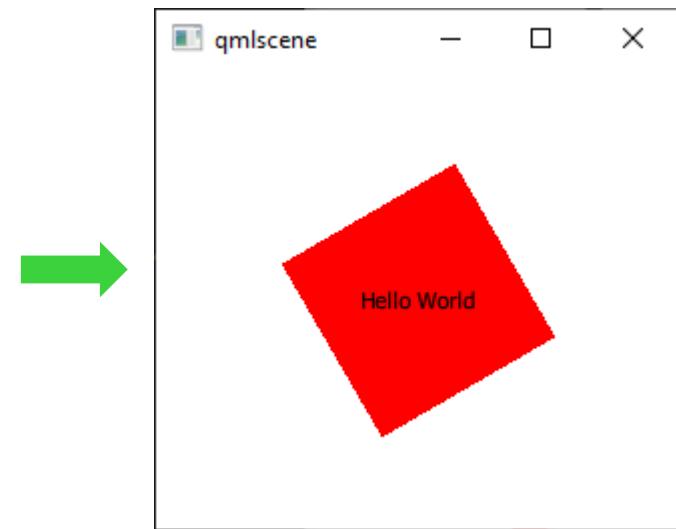
```

import QtQuick 2.0

Rectangle {
    Rectangle {
        width: 100
        height: 100
        anchors.centerIn: parent
        color: "red"
        NumberAnimation on rotation {
            from: 0; to: 360; duration: 2000; loops: Animation.Infinite;
        }
    }

    Text {
        anchors.centerIn: parent
        text: "Hello World"
    }
}

```



# Qt Quick 3D

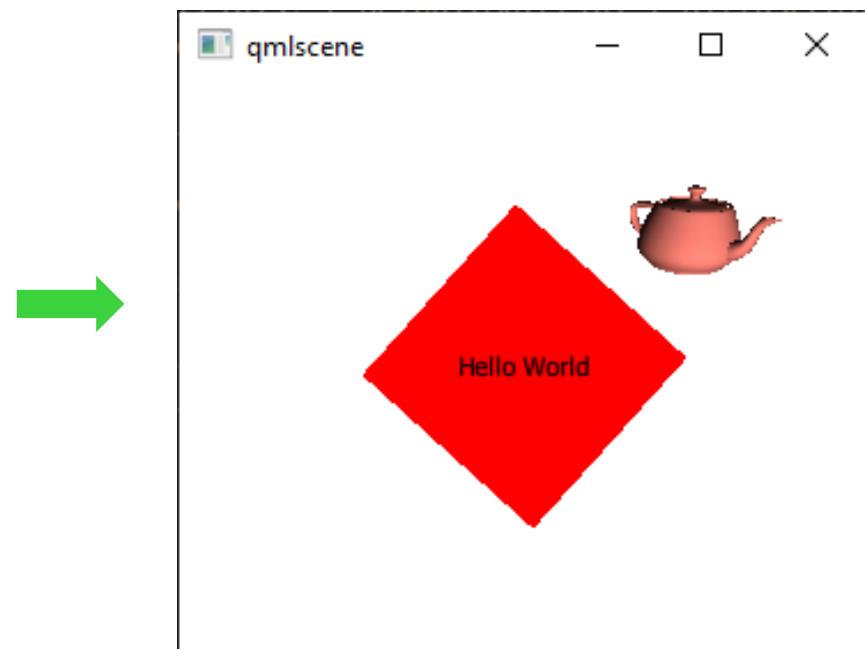
- › Not to be confused with Qt 3D.
- › QML types for 3D, providing a high-level API for creating 3D content or user interfaces with Qt Quick.
- › Tooling
  - › Qt Design Studio
  - › Serve both designers and developers!
- › Combine 2D and 3D more freely.
  - › Reduce the confusion and limitations caused by the “separate worlds” of 2D and 3D

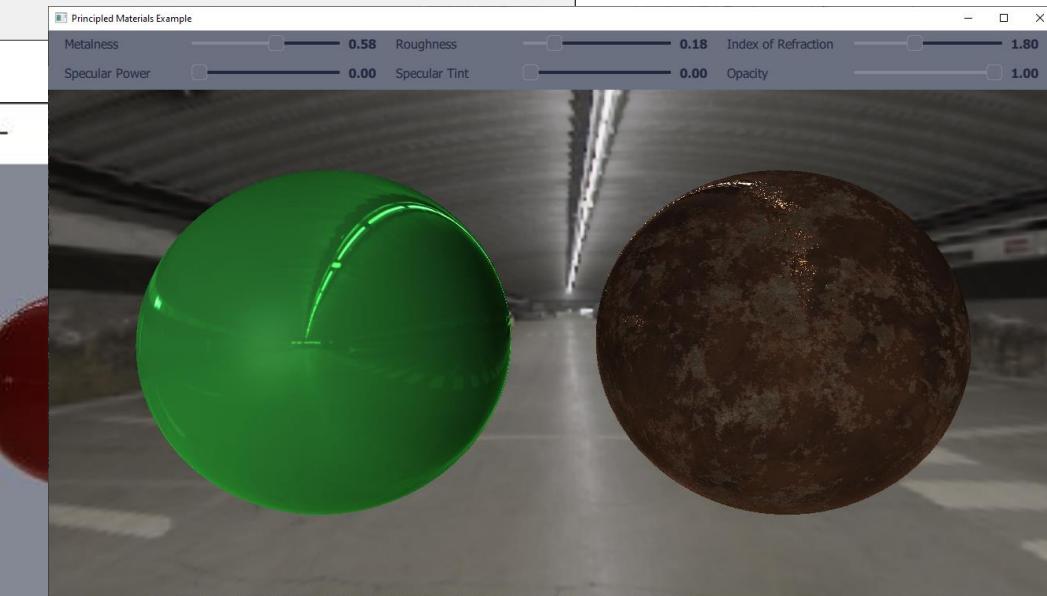
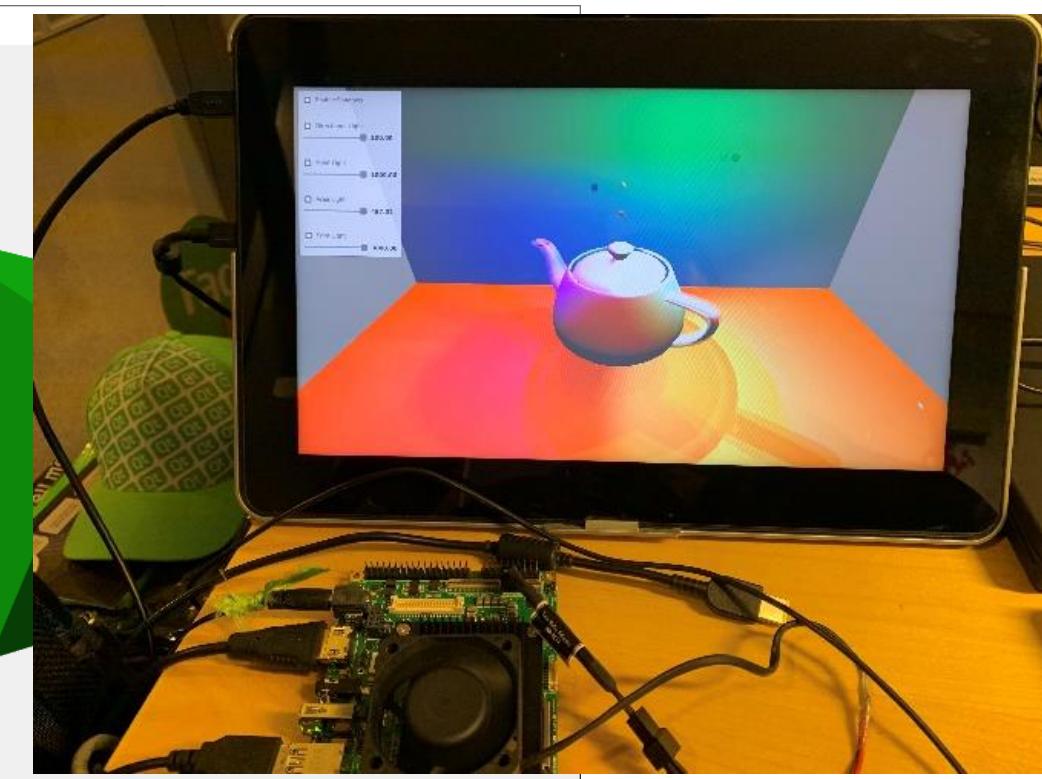
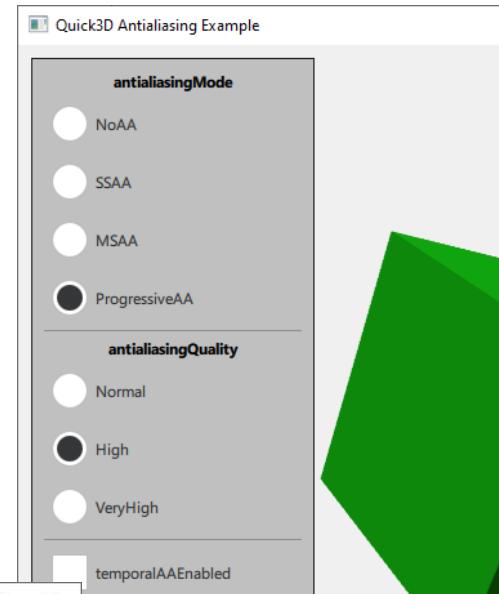
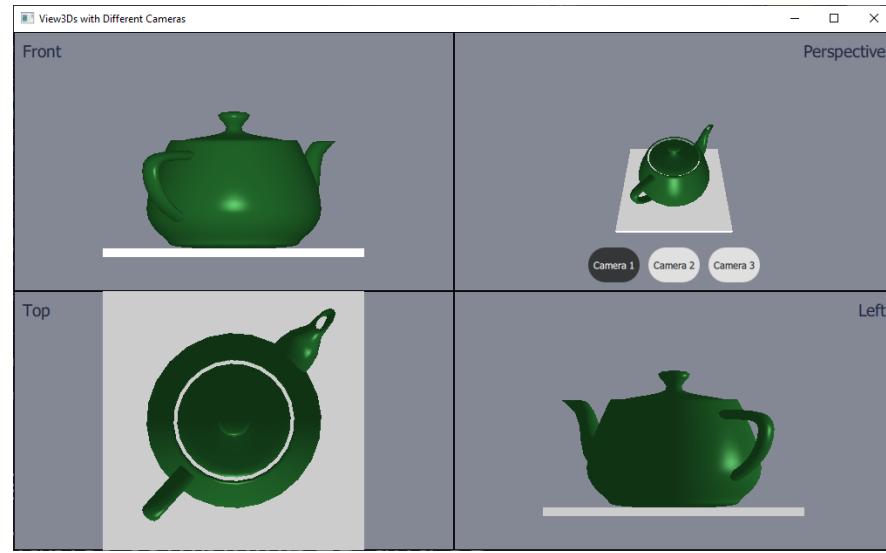
```
import QtQuick 2.15
import QtQuick3D 1.15

Rectangle {
    View3D {
        anchors.fill: parent
        camera: camera
        Model {
            source: "teapot.mesh"
            x: 100
            y: 100
            scale: Qt.vector3d(15, 15, 15)
            materials: [ DefaultMaterial { diffuseColor: "salmon" } ]
            PropertyAnimation on eulerRotation.y { from: 0; to: 360; duration: 2000; loops: -1 }
        }
        DirectionalLight {
            id: dirLight
            ambientColor: Qt.rgba(0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 1.0);
        }
        PerspectiveCamera {
            id: camera
            position: Qt.vector3d(0, 200, 300)
            eulerRotation: Qt.vector3d(-30, 0, 0)
        }
    }

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        width: 100
        height: 100
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        NumberAnimation on rotation {
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        }
    }

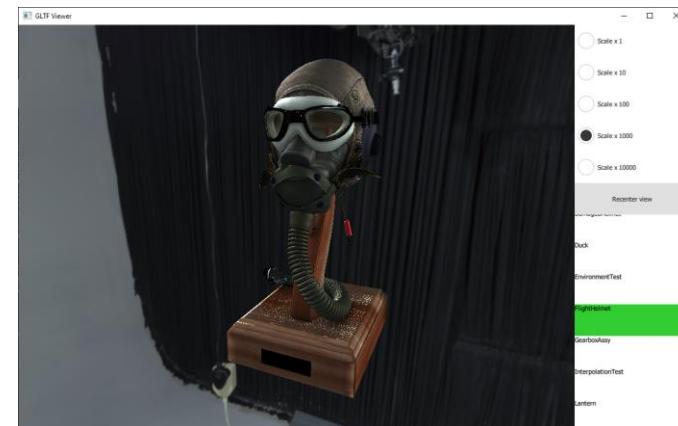
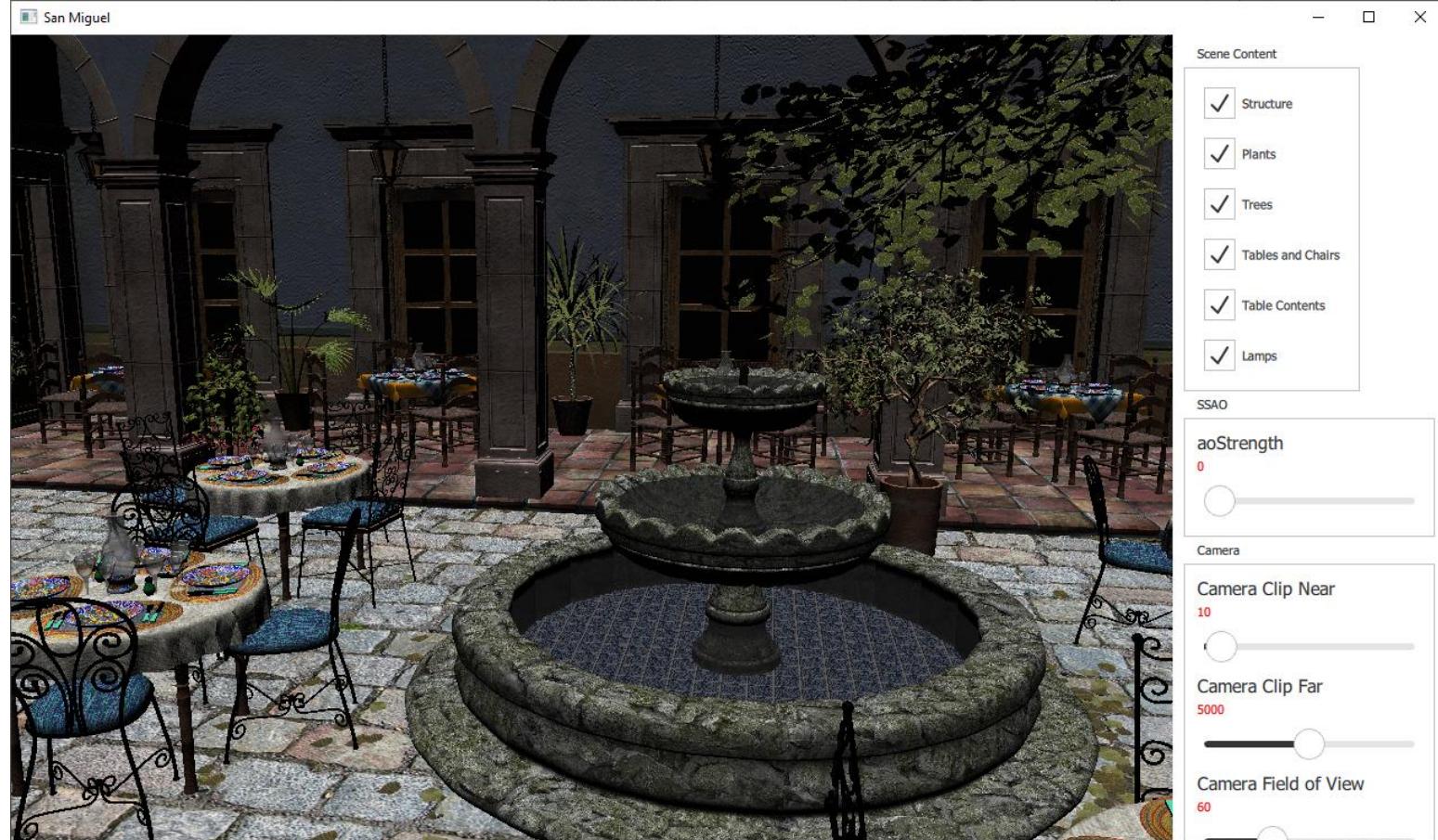
    Text {
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}
```





# Qt Quick 3D

- › Forward renderer
- › Default/Principled material (PBR)
- › Lights (directional, point, area, spot)
- › Light probes
- › Shadow mapping, SSAO, skybox
- › Progressive, temporal AA
- › Post-processing effects
- › Custom materials
- › Assets: import FBX, glTF2, etc.





CarViewScreen.ui.qml @ SummitDemo - Qt Design Studio

Properties

Type: PointLight  
id: lightPoint

Node

Opacity: 1,00  
Visibility: Is Visible  
Orientation: LeftHanded  
Rotation: YXZ

Transform

Translation: X: -26,71, Y: 94,42, Z: -89,93  
Rotation: X: 0,00, Y: 0,00, Z: 0,00  
Scale: Pivot X: 1,00

3D Edit View

Perspective Local Edit Light Off

Navigator

carViewScreen carView...enAsset

3d view3D

3d Scene...nment

3d scene

3d camera

lightPoint gen...G70 kphdial rpmdial

States Timeline

base state

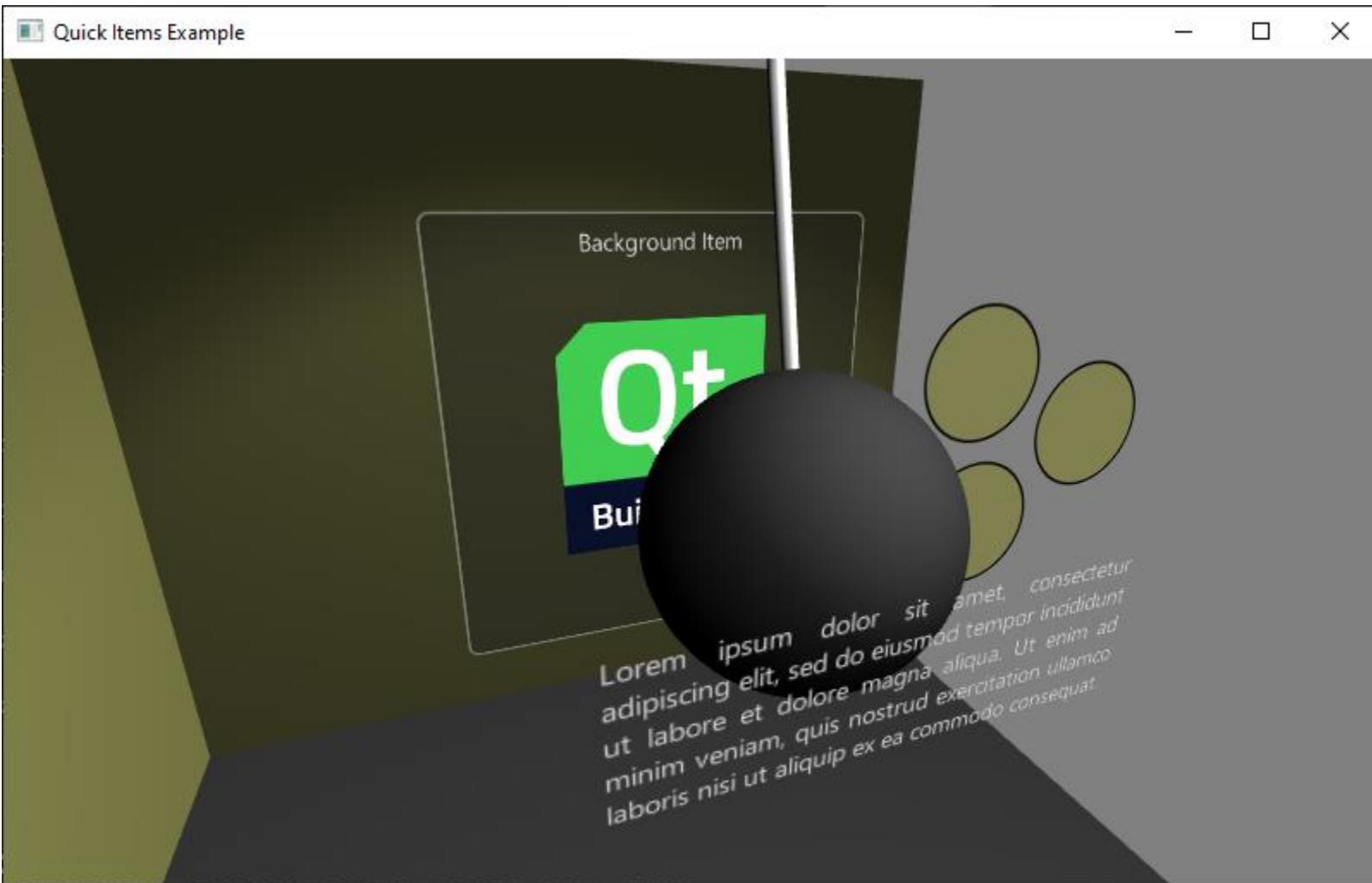
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Type to locate (%K)

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Camera controls: Option + mouse press and drag. Left: Rotate, Middle: Pan, Right/Wheel: Zoom.

# Combine 2D and 3D items in the scene - The Next Level



```
title: qsTr("Quick Items Example")

View3D {
    anchors.fill: parent
    environment: SceneEnvironment {
        clearColor: "#808080"
        backgroundMode: SceneEnvironment.Color
        antialiasingMode: SceneEnvironment.MSAA
        antialiasingQuality: SceneEnvironment.High
    }

    PerspectiveCamera {
        id: camera
        property real cameraAnimation: 1
        SequentialAnimation on cameraAnimation {
            loops: Animation.Infinite
            NumberAnimation {
                to: -1
                duration: 5000
                easing.type: Easing.InOutQuad
            }
            NumberAnimation {
                to: 1
                duration: 5000
                easing.type: Easing.InOutQuad
            }
        }
        position: Qt.vector3d(200 * cameraAnimation, 300, 500)
        eulerRotation.x: -20
        eulerRotation.y: 20 * cameraAnimation
    }

    DirectionalLight {
        eulerRotation: Qt.vector3d(-135, -110, 0)
        brightness: 100
    }
}
```

color: "#80808020"  
border.color: "black"  
border.width: 2

})

Rectangle {  
x: 210  
y: 200  
width: 100  
height: 100  
radius: 50  
color: "#80808020"  
border.color: "black"  
border.width: 2

)

)

//! [circles item]

//! [text item]

Node {  
position: Qt.vector3d(0, 80, 250)  
Text {  
width: 300  
wrapMode: Text.WordWrap  
horizontalAlignment: Text.AlignJustify  
font.pixelSize: 14  
color: "#e0e0e0"  
style: Text.Raised  
text: "Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipisci  
ng elit, sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ut labore et dolore magna aliqua.  
Ut enim ad minim veniam, quis nostrud exercitation ullamco laboris nisi ut aliquip ex ea commodo consequat."  
SequentialAnimation on opacity {

2D item added as child of a 3D one.  
(compare to previous sample code on slide 6)



# 2D vs. 3D scene

## Qt Quick

- › **QQuickItem tree**
  - › described in QML
  - › main thread
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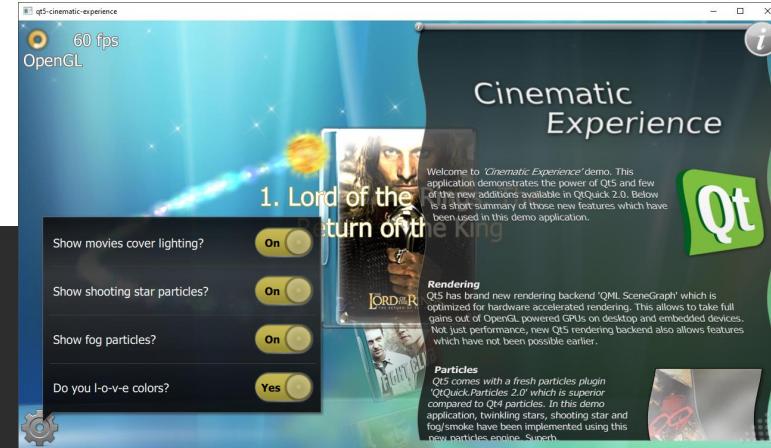
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As of Qt 5.15. A bit simplified (many differences in how meshes and materials work), but the 3D part has come a long way since NVIDIA Drive Design.

# Qt Quick

Batching, atlasing, ...

```
[ ] RootNode 0x7fe48800f310 "" ) 1
[ ] TransformNode( 0x7fe48800f390 identity "QQuickItem(QQuickRootItem:)" ) 0
[ ] TransformNode( 0x7fe488015fc0 identity "QQuickItem(QQuickItem:)" ) 0
[ ] TransformNode( 0x7fe488016220 identity "QQuickItem(MainView_QMLTYPE_8:)" ) 0
[ ] TransformNode( 0x7fe48808f450 identity "QQuickItem(QQuickItem:)" ) 0
[ ] TransformNode( 0x7fe48808f620 identity "QQuickItem(QQuickItem:)" ) 0
[ ] TransformNode( 0x7fe4881b70e0 identity "QQuickItem(QQuickImage_QML_2:)" ) 0
[ ] GeometryNode( 0x7fe4881b7c20 strip #V: 4 #I: 0 xl= 0 yl= 0 x2= 1280 y2= 720 materialtype= 0x7fe4c166ad32 ) "internalimage" 1000001 order 0
[ ] TransformNode( 0x7fe4881b7290 identity "QQuickItem(QQuickParticleSystem:)" ) 0
[ ] TransformNode( 0x7fe4881b7480 identity "QQuickItem(QQuickImageParticle:)" ) 0
[ ] TransformNode( 0x7fe4881b7620 identity "QQuickItem(QQuickParticleEmitter:)" ) 0
[ ] TransformNode( 0x7fe48808f730 identity "QQuickItem(QQuickListView_QML_9:)" ) 0
[ ] TransformNode( 0x7fe4881ad830 translate 0 220 0 "QQuickItem(QQuickItem:)" ) 0
[ ] TransformNode( 0x7fe4881ad910 det= 0.444444 "QQuickItem(DelegateItem_QMLTYPE_0:)" ) 0
[ ] OpacityNode( 0x7fe4881ada10 opacity= 0.5 combined= 1 "" ) 1
[ ] TransformNode( 0x7fe4881adf20 identity "QQuickItem(QQuickMouseArea:)" ) 0
[ ] TransformNode( 0x7fe4881ae0b0 translate 512 0 0 "QQuickItem(QQuickImage:)" ) 0
[ ] RootNode 0x7fe4881b0b90 "" ) 1
[ ] GeometryNode( 0x7fe4881b1de0 strip #V: 4 #I: 0 xl= 0 yl= 0 x2= 256 y2= 256 materialtype= 0x7fe4c166ad32 ) "internalimage" 1000001 order 0
[ ] TransformNode( 0x7fe4881b1df0 det= 0.444444 "QQuickItem(DelegateItem_QMLTYPE_0:)" ) 0
item {
    id: mainViewArea
    anchors.fill: parent
    Background {
        id: background
    }
    ListView {
        id: listView
        property real globalLightPosX: LightImage.x / root.width
        property real globalLightPosY: LightImage.y / root.height
        // Normal-mapped cover shared among delegates
        ShaderEffectSource {
            id: coverNmapSource
            sourceItem: Image { source: "images/cover_nmap.png" }
            hideSource: true
            visible: false
        }
        anchors.fill: parent
        spacing: -60
        model: moviesModel
        delegate: DelegateItem {
            name: model.name
        }
    }
}
```



File Window Tools Help

Timeline - Frame #434

EID: 20 40 60 80 100 120 140 160 180 200 220 240 260 280 300 320 340 360 380 400 420 440 460 480 500 520 540 560 580 606 620 640 660 680 700 720 740 760 780

Usage for Backbuffer Color: Reads (▲), Writes (▲), Read/Write (▲), and Clears (▲)

Event Browser

Controls

EID	Name
0	Frame Start
18-103	Colour Pass #1 (1 Targets + Depth)
132-213	Colour Pass #2 (1 Targets + Depth)
242-323	Colour Pass #3 (1 Targets + Depth)
242	glClear(Color = <0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000, 0.000000>, Depth = <1.00...
259	glDrawElements(4)
278	glDrawElements(192)
297	glDrawElements(12)
309	glDrawElements(18)
323	glDrawElements(4)
390-782	Colour Pass #4 (1 Targets + Depth)
390	glClear(Color = <1.000000, 1.000000, 1.000000>, Depth = <1.00...
401	glDrawElements(16)
414	glDrawElements(4)
436	glDrawElements(120)
458	glDrawElements(6)
475	glDrawElements(6)
492	glDrawElements(6)
509	glDrawElements(210)
523	glDrawElements(6)
542	glDrawElements(1200)
558	glDrawElements(264)
574	glDrawElements(4)
588	glDrawElements(54)
606	glDrawElements(516)
624	glDrawElements(6)
638	glDrawElements(4)
655	glDrawElements(6)
669	glDrawElements(4)
686	glDrawElements(6)
700	glDrawElements(4)

API Inspector

EID	Event
> 589	glBindBuffer
> 590	glBindBuffer
> 591	glBindBuffer
> 592	glBindBuffer
> 593	glUseProgram
> 594	glBlendFunc
> 595	glBlendColor
> 596	glUniform1fv
> 597	glUniform4fv
> 598	glUniformMatrix4fv
> 599	glUniform1fv

Texture Viewer

Resource Inspector

Launch Application

qt5-cinematic-experience [PID 39132]

Cur Output 0 - Backbuffer Color

1. Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King

Show movies cover lighting?

Show shooting star particles?

Show fog particles?

Do you l-o-v-e colors?

Pipeline State

Controls Show Disabled Items Show Empty Items Export Extensions

VTX → VS → TCS → TES → GS → Rasterizer

Vertex Attribute Formats

Index	Enabled	Name	Format/Generic Value	Buffer Slot
0	Enabled	vCoord	R32G32_FLOAT	0
1	Enabled	tCoord	R32G32_FLOAT	1
2	Enabled	_qt_order	R32_FLOAT	2

Vertex Array Object

Default VAO

Buffers

Slot	Buffer	Stride	Offset	Divisor	Byte Length	Go
Element	Buffer 78	2	0	0	7912	➡
0	Buffer 78	16	0	0	7912	➡
1	Buffer 78	16	8	0	7912	➡
2	Buffer 78	4	5504	0	7912	➡

Mesh View

Mesh Viewer

VS Input

VTX	IDX	vCoord	tCoord
0	0	56.9001	364.34348
1	2	56.9001	383.11554
2	3	70.49638	383.11554
3	3	70.49638	383.11554

VS Output GS/DS Output

VTX	IDX	gl_Position
0	0	-0.91109 -0.01207 0.6129
1	2	-0.91109 -0.06421 0.6129
2	3	-0.88985 -0.06421 0.6129
3	3	-0.88985 -0.06421 0.6129

Preview

VS Out GS/DS Out

Controls WASD Show This draw Solid Shading None Wireframes Highlight Vertices

Backbuffer Color - 1280x720 1 mips - R8G8B8A8\_SRGB Hover -

# Qt Quick 3D

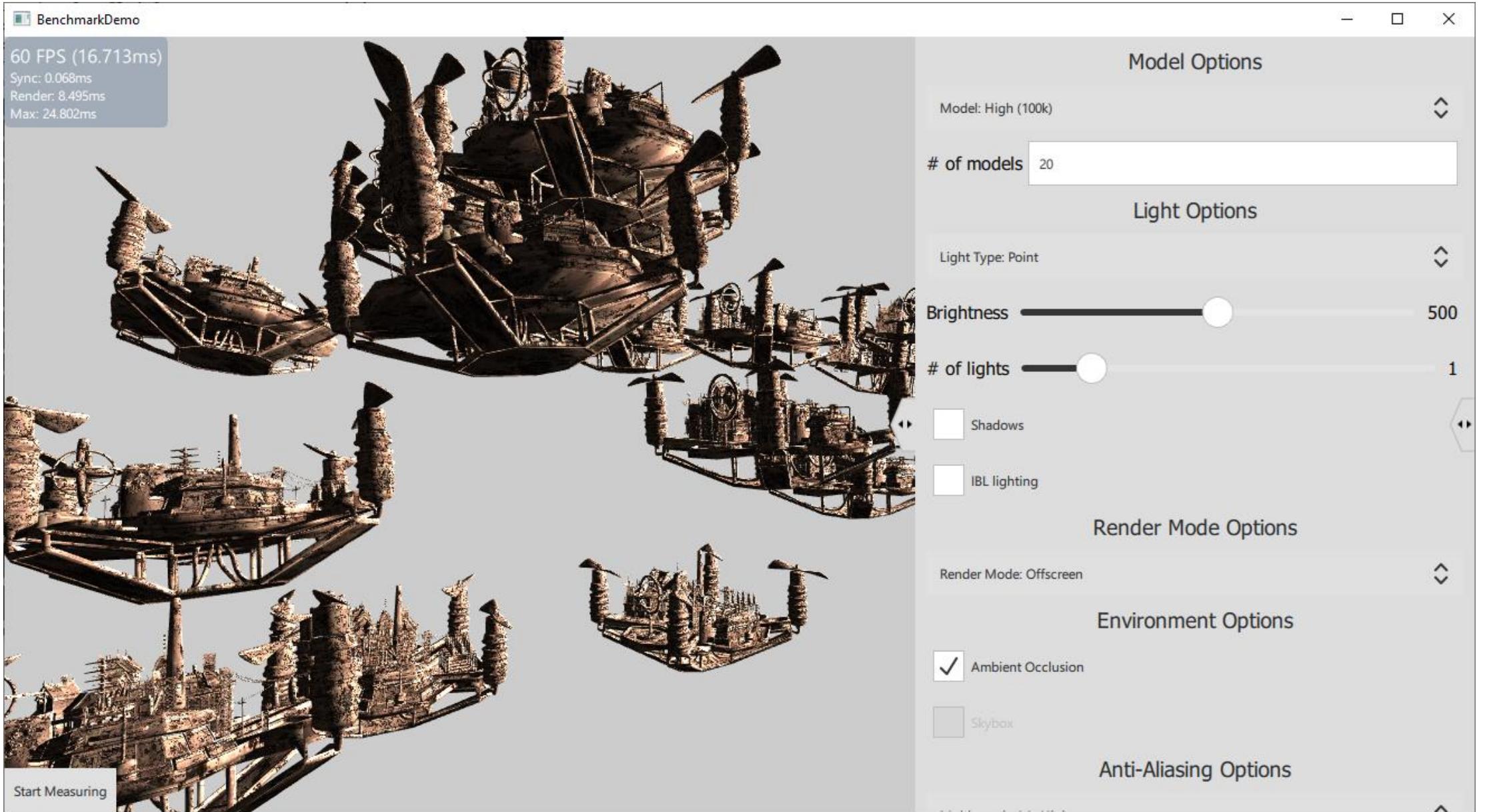
- › View3D is a viewport, a “2D surface” for the 3D content.
- › Those who worked on integrating custom OpenGL rendering into Qt Quick will likely find View3D’s operating modes familiar:

## renderMode : [enumeration](#)

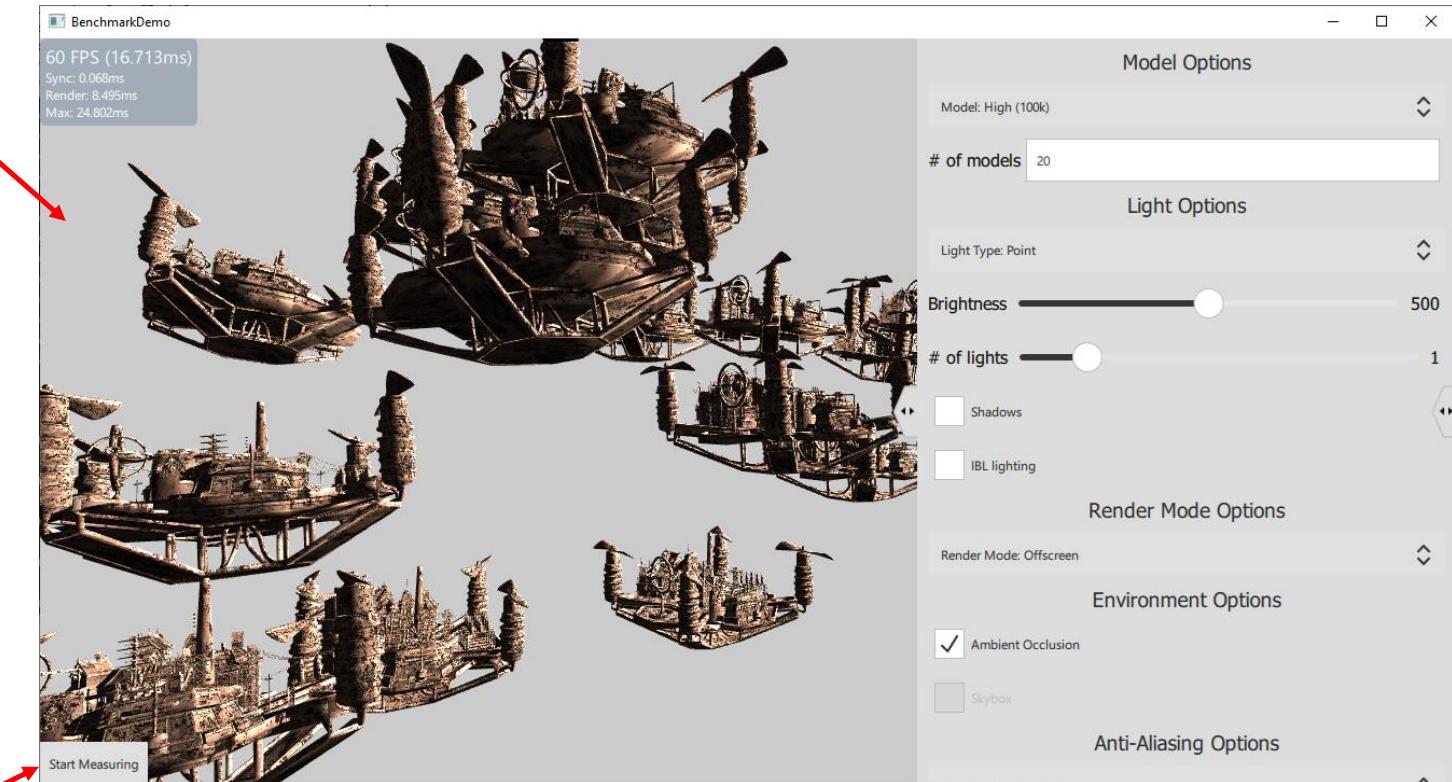
This property determines how the scene is rendered to the viewport.

Constant	Description
View3D.Offscreen	Scene is rendered to a texture. Comes with no limitations.
View3D.Underlay	Scene is rendered directly to the window before Qt Quick is rendered.
View3D.Overlay	Scene is rendered directly to the window after Qt Quick is rendered.
View3D.Inline	Scene is rendered to the current render target using <a href="#">QSGRenderNode</a> .

The default mode is View3D.Offscreen as this is the offers the best compatibility.



```
View3D {  
    id: view3D  
    anchors.fill: parent  
    visible: benchmarkRoot.visible  
    renderMode: View3D.Offscreen  
  
    Node {  
        LightSpawner {  
            id: lightSpawner  
            visible: benchmarkRoot.visible  
        }  
  
        PerspectiveCamera {  
            id: camera  
            z: 600  
            clipFar: 1200  
            clipNear: 1  
        }  
  
        MeshSpawner {  
            id: modelSpawner  
            visible: benchmarkRoot.visible  
        }  
    }  
  
    Button {  
        id: measureButton  
        anchors.bottom: parent.bottom  
        anchors.left: parent.left  
        text: "Start Measuring"  
    }  
}
```



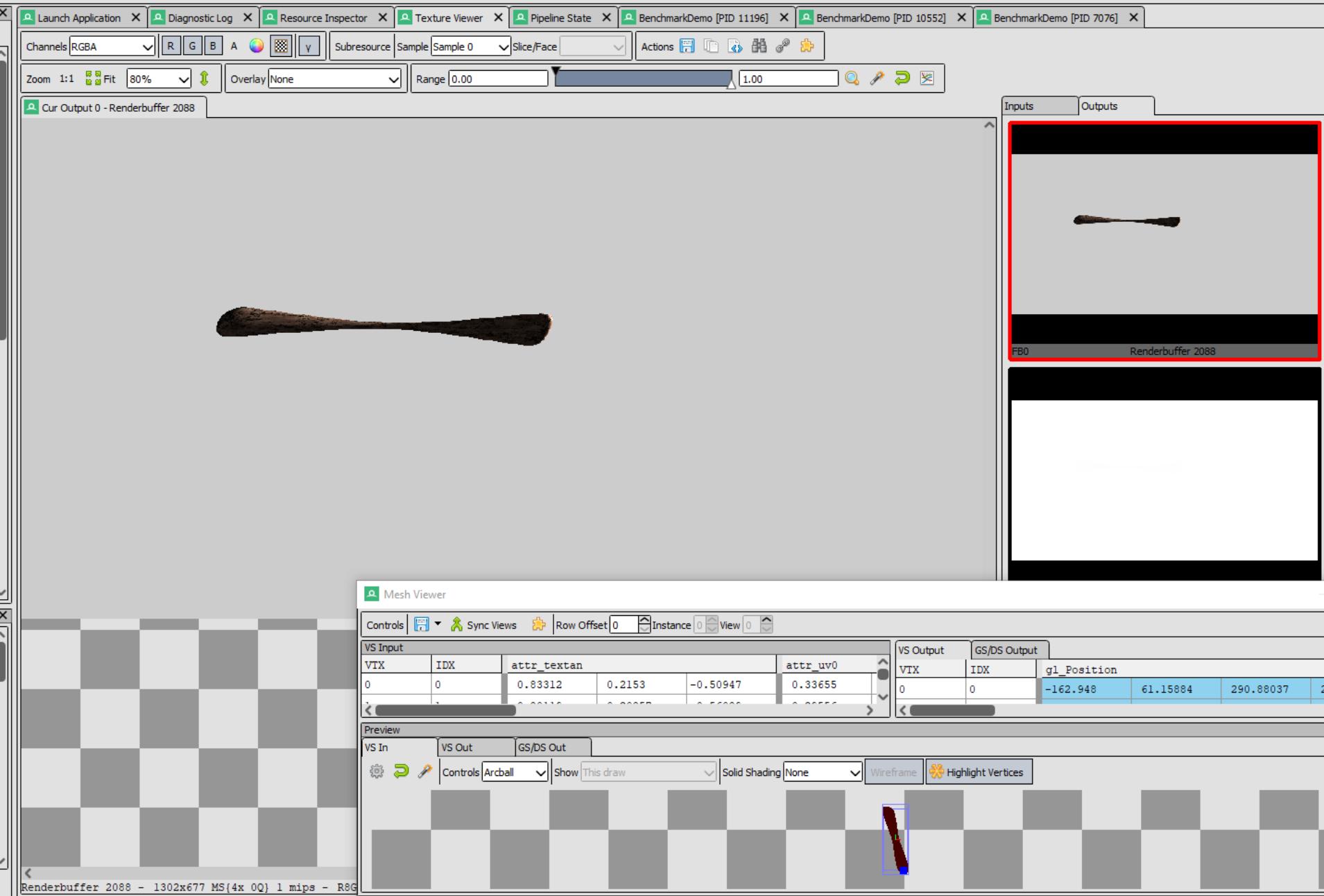
File Window Tools Help

Event Browser	
Controls	
EID	Name
0	Capture Start
12-358	Frame #1251
12	Colour Pass #1 (1 Targets)
70	glClear(Color = <0.800000, 0.800000, 0.800000, 1.000000>, Depth ...)
109	glDrawElements(4800)
148	glDrawElements(4800)
187	glDrawElements(152730)
194	glDrawElements(50799)
201	glDrawElements(4926)
208	glDrawElements(11952)
215	glDrawElements(42480)
222	glDrawElements(5208)
229	glDrawElements(95460)
236	glDrawElements(9498)
275	glDrawElements(4800)
314	glDrawElements(71952)
353	glDrawElements(4800)
358	glBlitFramebuffer(Framebuffer 3309, Framebuffer 3310)
522-1381	Colour Pass #2 (1 Targets + Depth)
522	glClear(Color = <0.800000, 0.800000, 0.800000, 1.000000>, Depth ...)
544	glDrawElements(768)
555	glDrawElements(4)
567	glDrawElements(26)
575	glDrawElements(4)
590	glDrawElements(4)
599	glDrawElements(16)
627	glDrawElements(90)
651	glDrawElements(228)
675	glDrawElements(84)
689	glDrawElements(16)
717	glDrawElements(72)

API Inspector	
EID	Event
> 13	glDisable
> 14	glEnable
> 15	glCullFace
> 16	glFrontFace
> 17	glColorMask
> 18	glDisable
> 19	glEnable
> 20	glDepthMask
> 21	glDepthFunc
> 22	glDisable
> 23	glDisable

Callstack

...



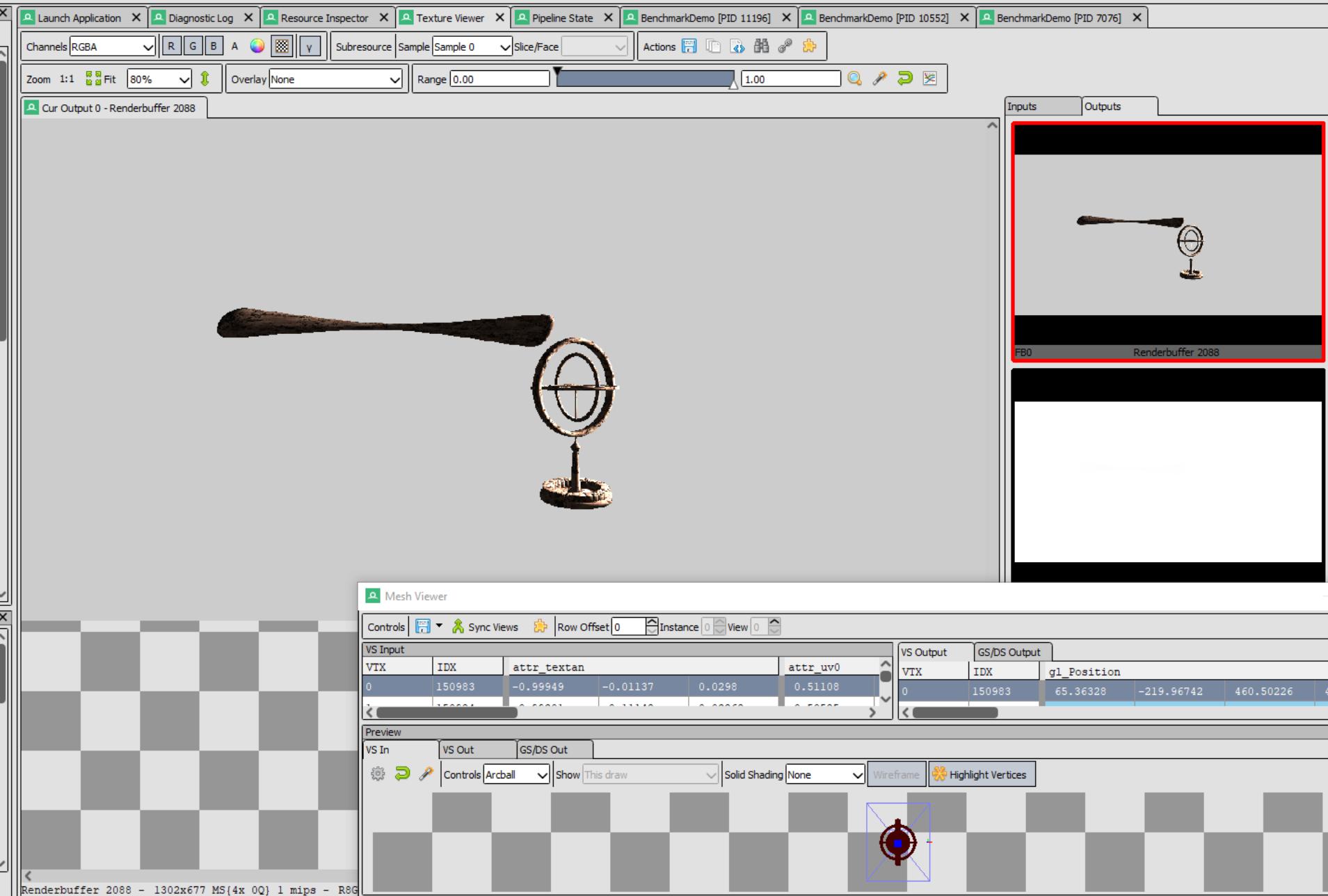
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> 71	glUniform3fv
> 72	glUniform3fv
> 73	glUniform4fv
> 74	glUniformMatrix4fv
> 75	glUniformMatrix4fv
> 76	glUniformMatrix3fv
> 77	glUniform4fv
> 78	glUniform1f
> 79	glUniform2fv
> 80	glUniform3fv
> 81	glUniform3fv

Callstack

...



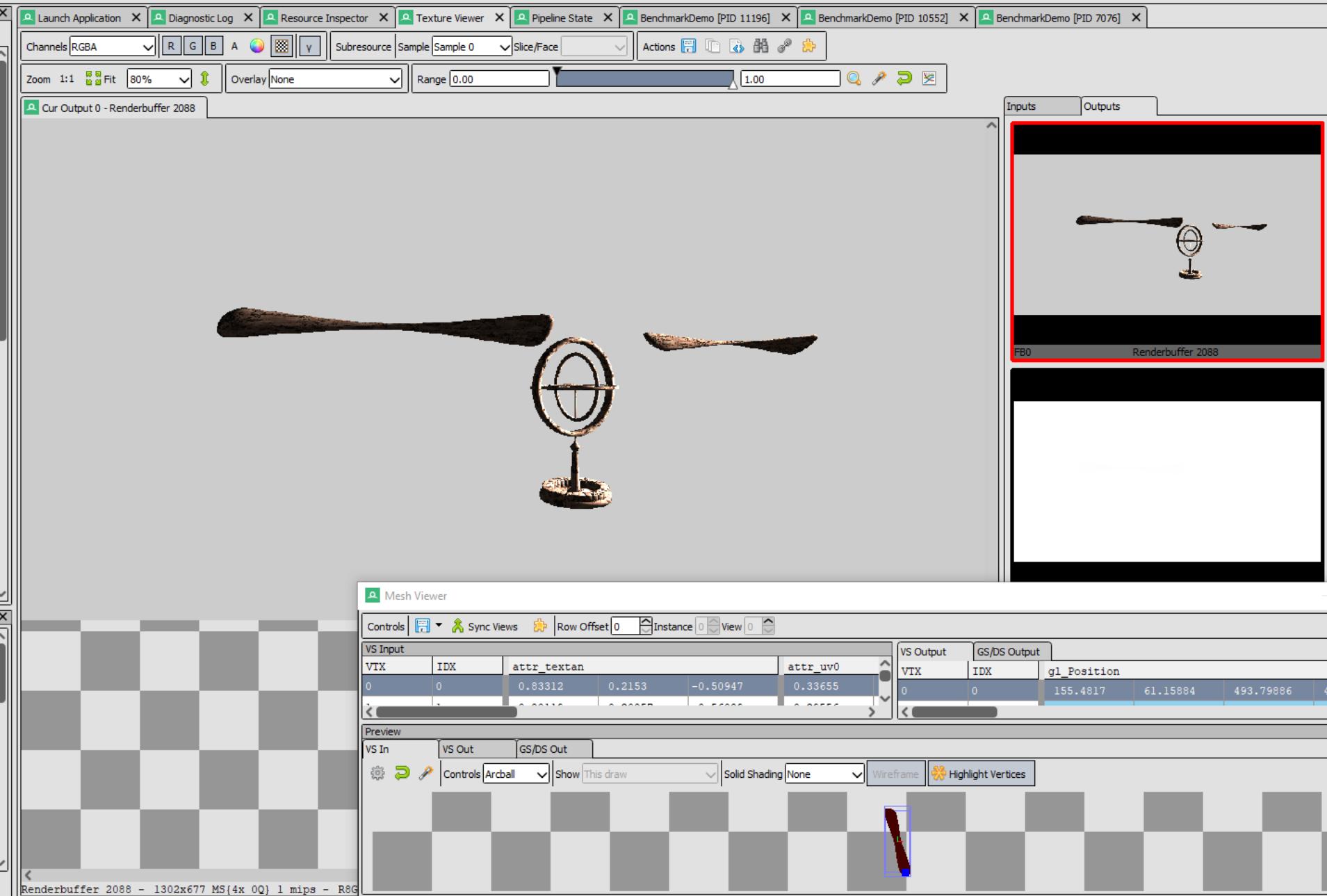
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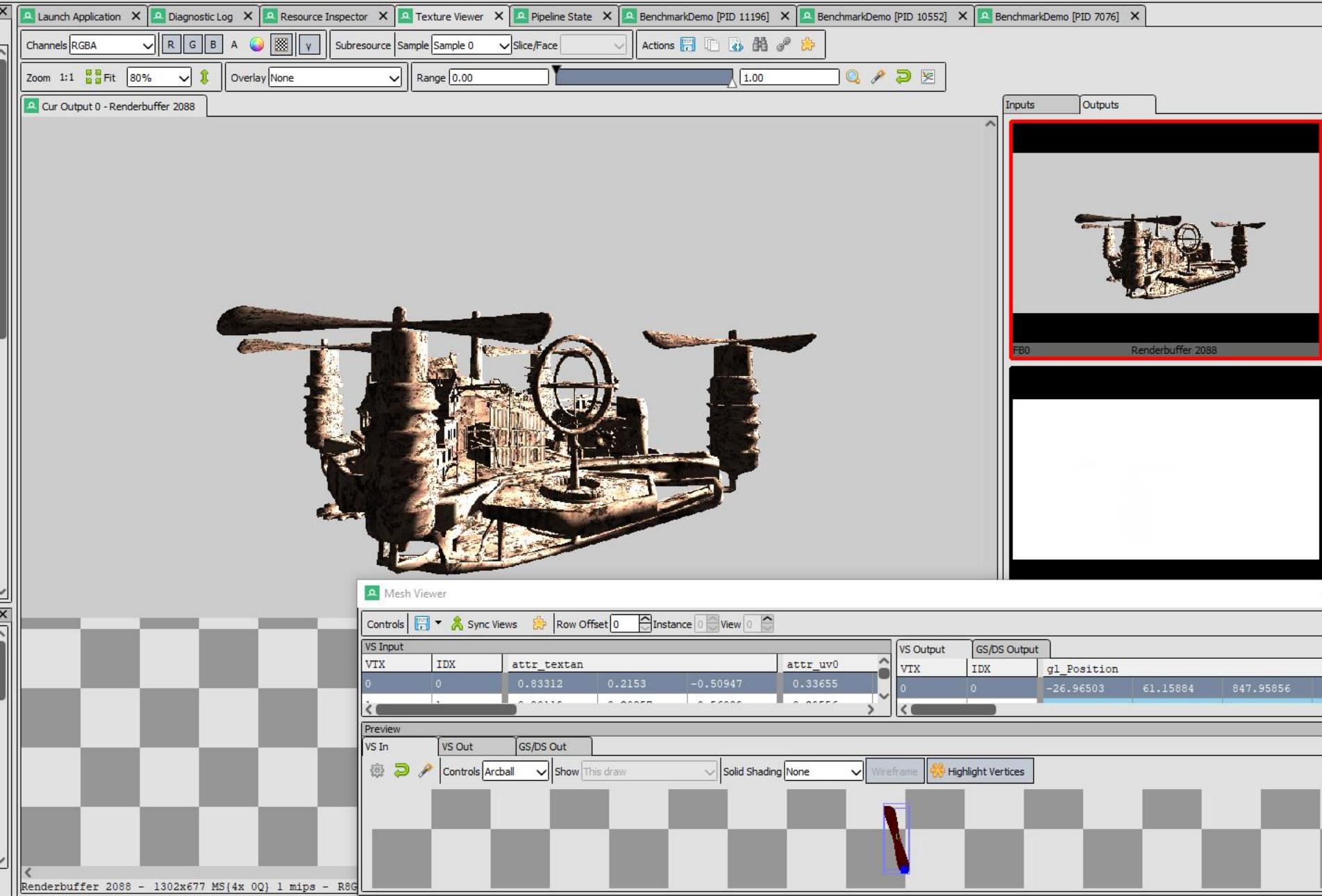
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353	+ glDrawElements(4800)
358	glBlitFramebuffer(Framebuffer 3309, Framebuffer 3310)
522-1381	Colour Pass #2 (1 Targets + Depth)
522	glClear(Color = <0.800000, 0.800000, 0.800000, 1.000000>, Depth ...)
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689	glDrawElements(16)
717	glDrawElements(72)

API Inspector	
EID	Event
> 315	glUniform3fv
> 316	glUniform3fv
> 317	glUniform4fv
> 318	glUniformMatrix4fv
> 319	glUniformMatrix4fv
> 320	glUniformMatrix3fv
> 321	glUniform4fv
> 322	glUniform1f
> 323	glUniform2fv
> 324	glUniform3fv
> 325	glUniform3fv

Callstack

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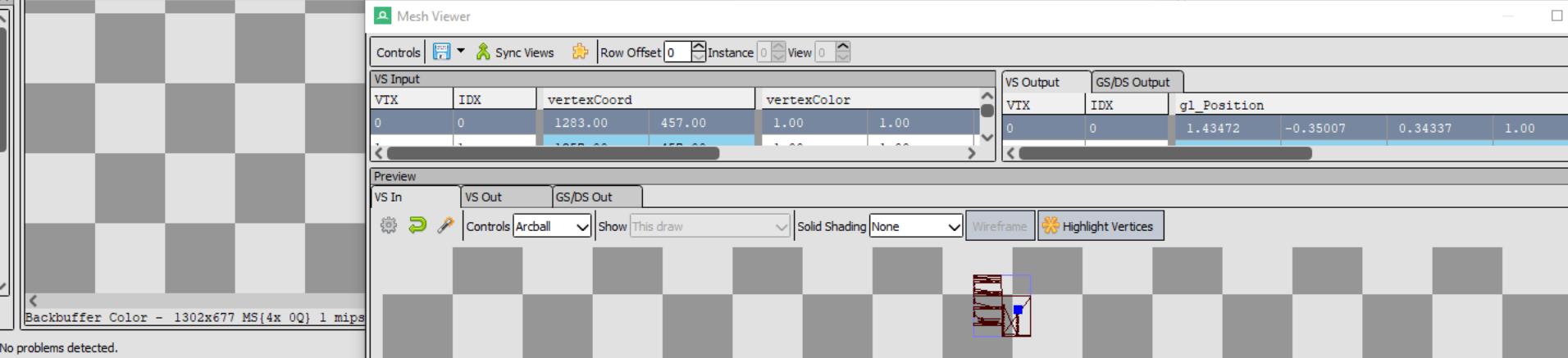
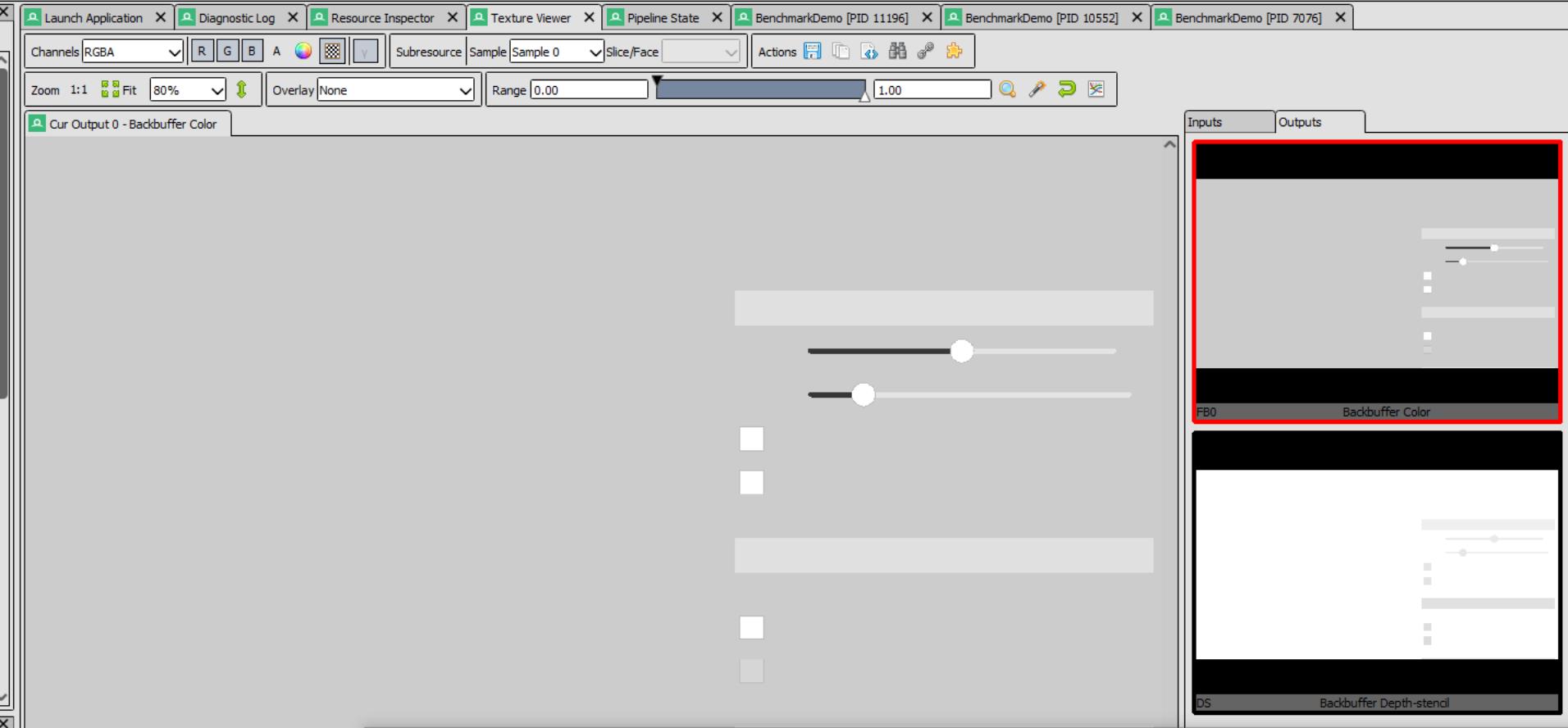


File Window Tools Help

Event Browser	
EID	Name
0	Capture Start
12-358	Frame #1251
12	Colour Pass #1 (1 Targets)
70	glClear(Color = <0.800000, 0.800000, 0.800000, 1.000000>, Depth ...)
109	glDrawElements(4800)
148	glDrawElements(4800)
187	glDrawElements(18186)
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358	glDrawElements(4800)
522-1381	glBlitFramebuffer(Framebuffer 3309, Framebuffer 3310)
522	Colour Pass #2 (1 Targets + Depth)
544	glClear(Color = <0.800000, 0.800000, 0.800000, 1.000000>, Depth ...)
555	glDrawElements(768)
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689	glDrawElements(84)
698	glDrawElements(16)
717	glDrawElements(72)

API Inspector	
EID	Event
> 523	glDisable
> 524	glDisable
> 525	glFrontFace
> 526	glColorMask
> 527	glDisable
> 528	glEnable
> 529	glDepthMask
> 530	glDepthFunc
> 531	glDisable
> 532	glDisable
> 533	glUseProgram

Callstack



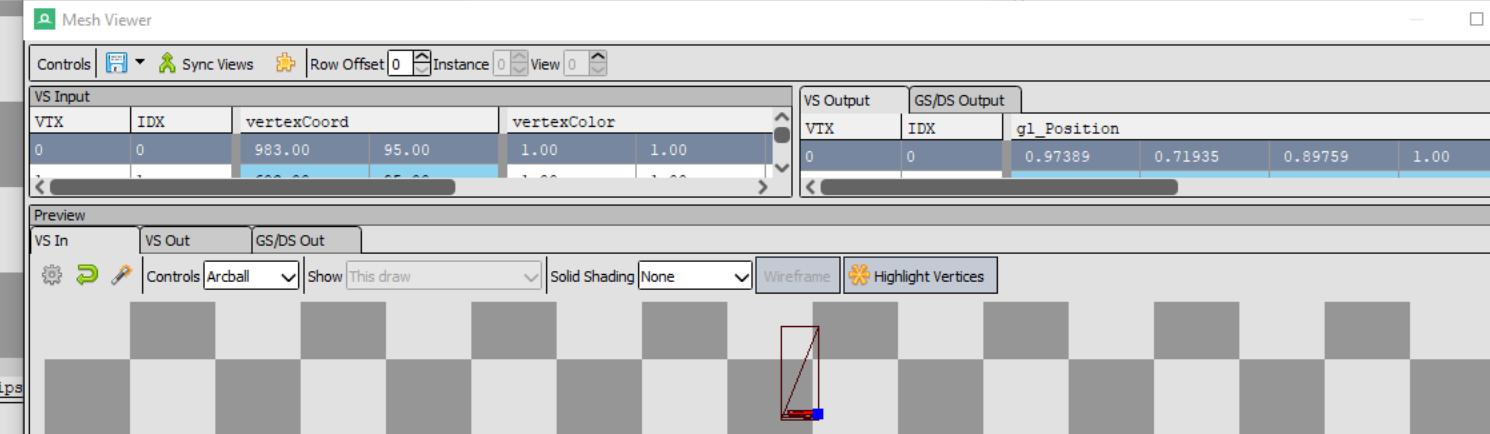
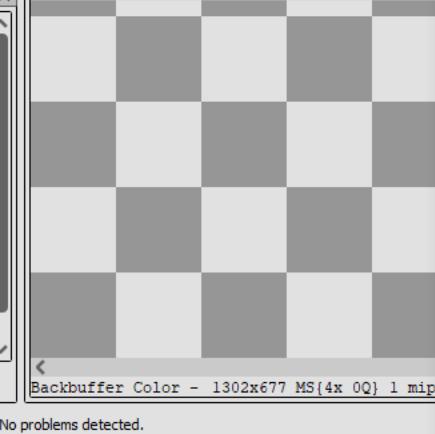
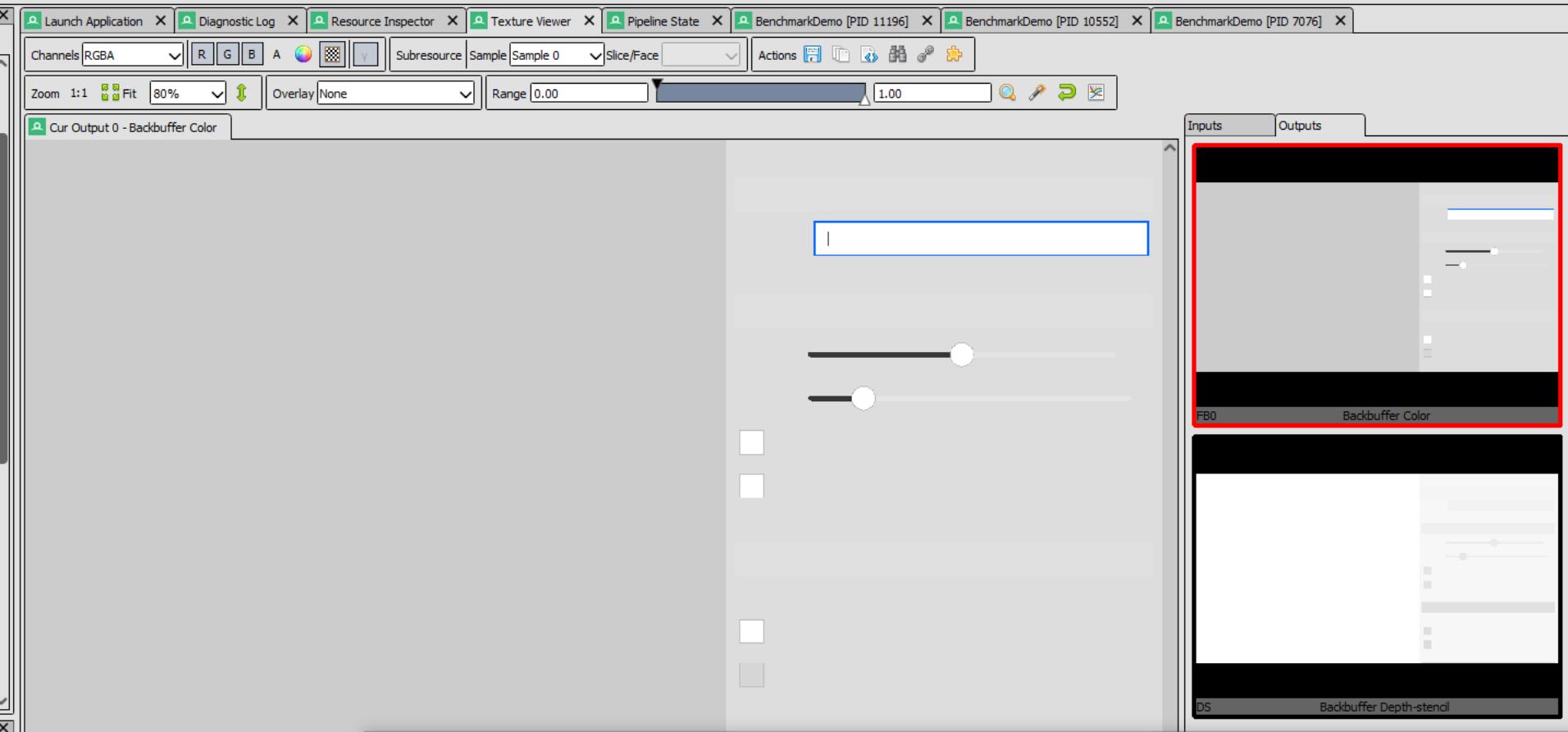
File Window Tools Help

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651	glDrawElements(228)
675	glDrawElements(84)
689	glDrawElements(16)
717	glDrawElements(72)
744	glDrawElements(96)
772	glDrawElements(54)
799	glDrawElements(6)
827	glDrawElements(72)
841	glDrawElements(4)
871	glDrawElements(90)

API Inspector	
EID	Event
> 556	glDisable
> 557	glUseProgram
> 558	glViewport
> 559	glDepthRange
> 560	glUniformMatrix4fv
> 561	glUniform1f
> 562	glBindBuffer
> 563	glVertexAttribPointer
> 564	glVertexAttribPointer
> 565	glVertexAttribPointer
> 566	glBindBuffer

Callstack

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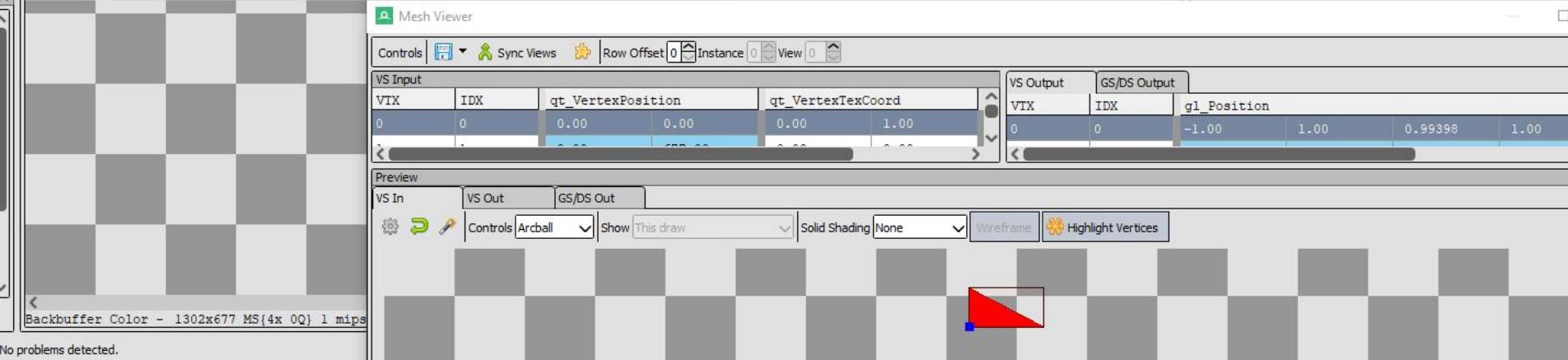
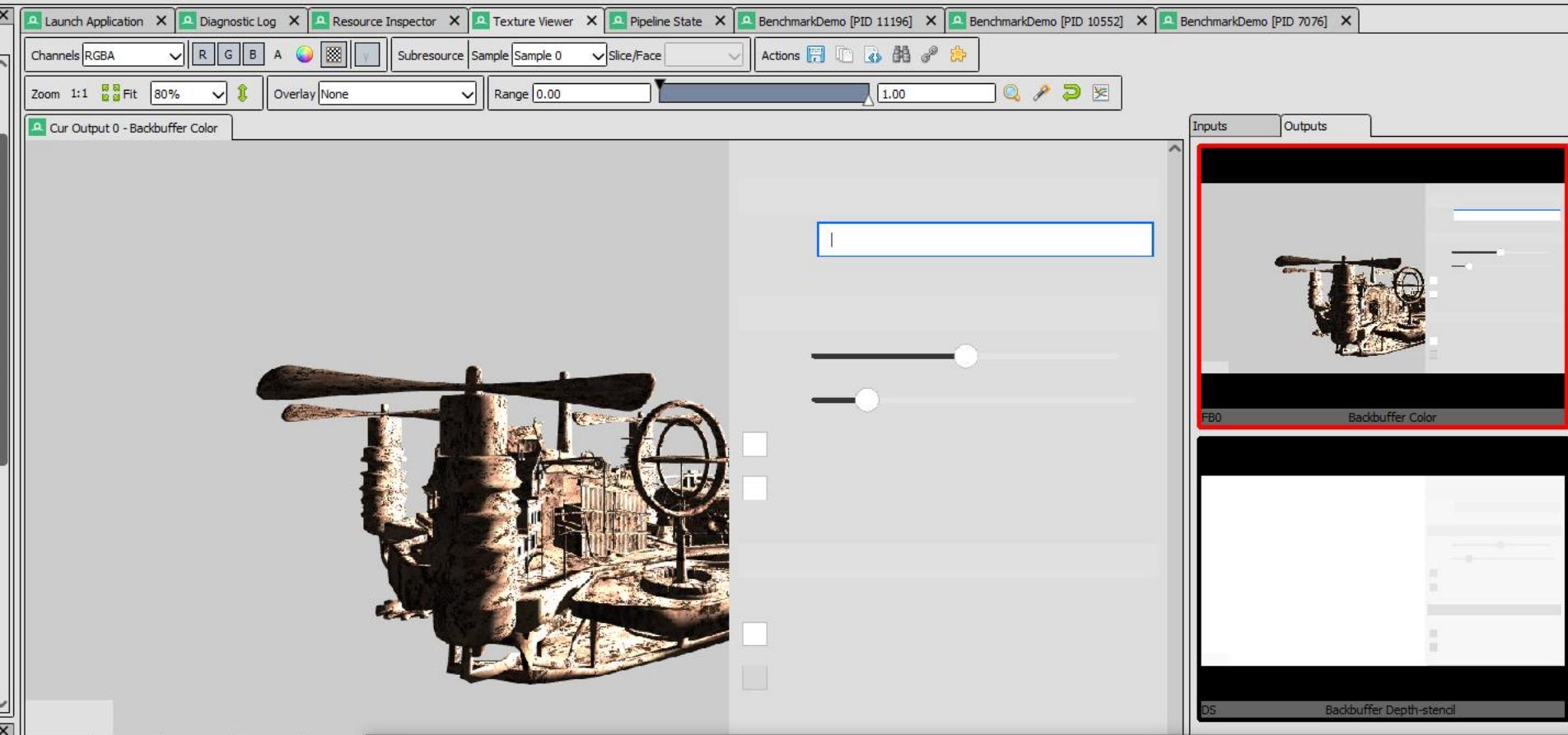
File Window Tools Help

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API Inspector	
EID	Event
> 576	glEnable
> 577	glBlendFuncSeparate
> 578	glBlendEquationSeparate
> 579	glDepthMask
> 580	glUseProgram
> 581	glUniformMatrix4fv
> 582	glActiveTexture
> 583	glBindTexture
> 584	glUniform1i
> 585	glBindBuffer
> 586	glVertexAttribPointer

Callstack

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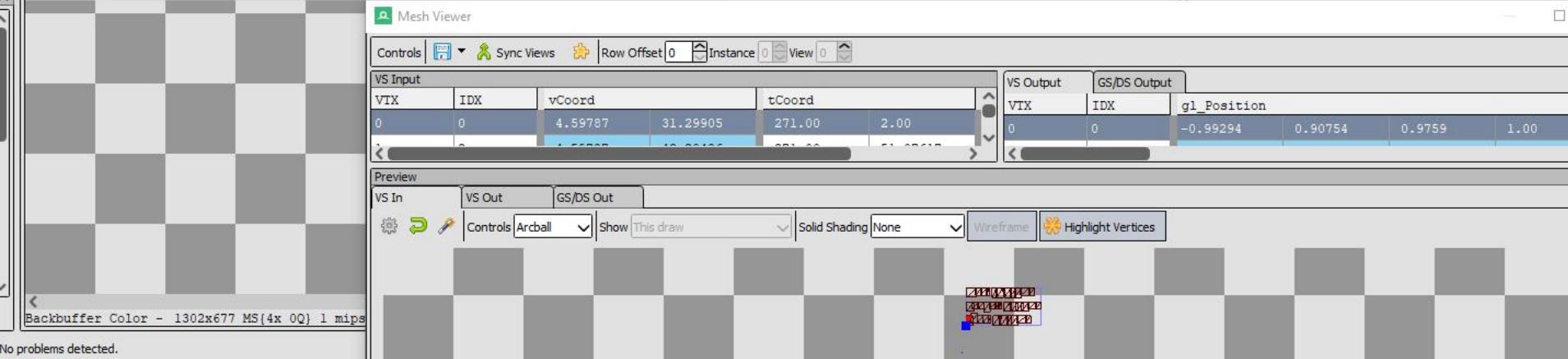
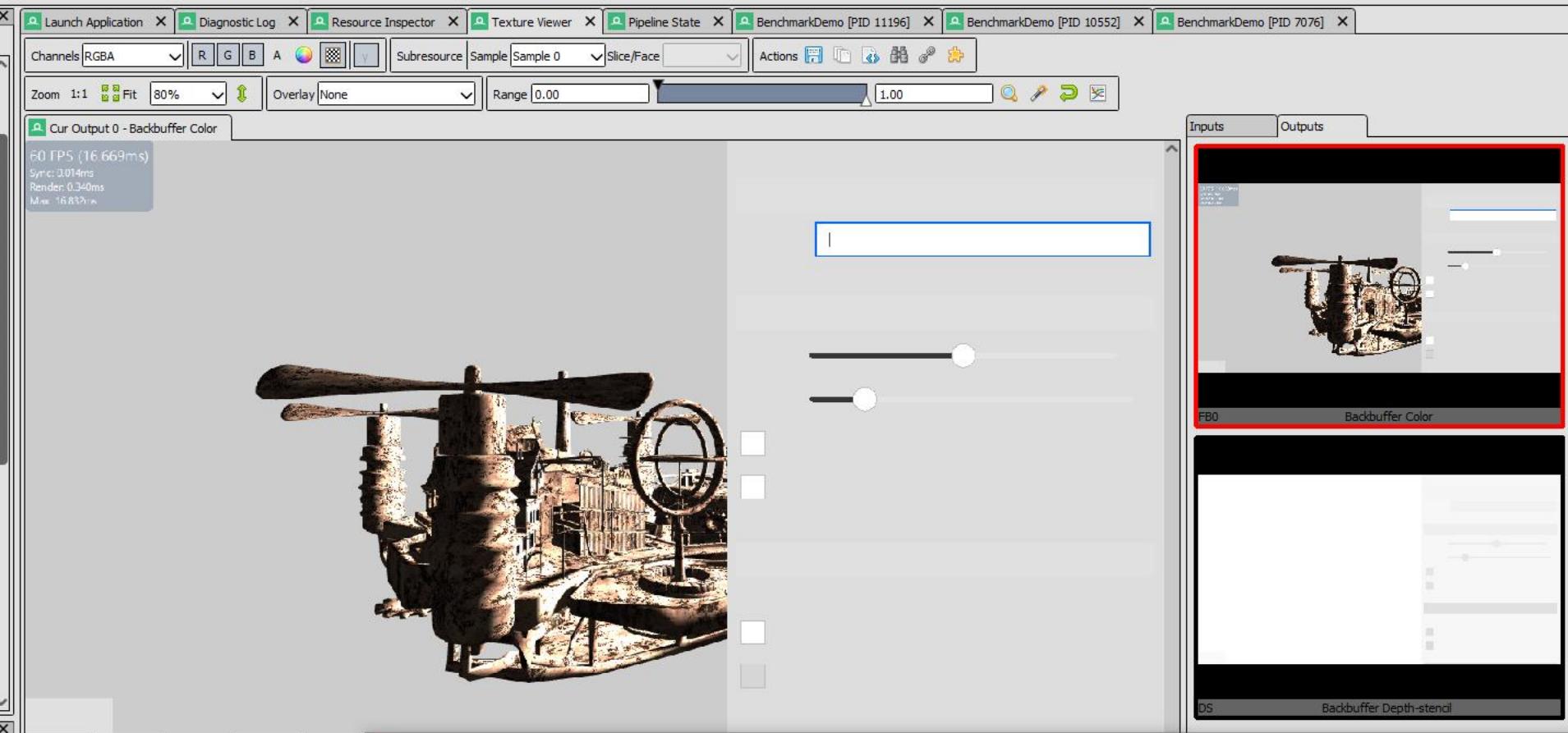
File Window Tools Help

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API Inspector	
EID	Event
> 628	glBlendColor
> 629	glUniformMatrix4fv
> 630	glUniform2fv
> 631	glUniform4fv
> 632	glUniform1f
> 633	glUniform1f
> 634	glUniform1f
> 635	glUniform4fv
> 636	glUniformMatrix4fv
> 637	glUniform2fv
> 638	glUniform4fv

Callstack

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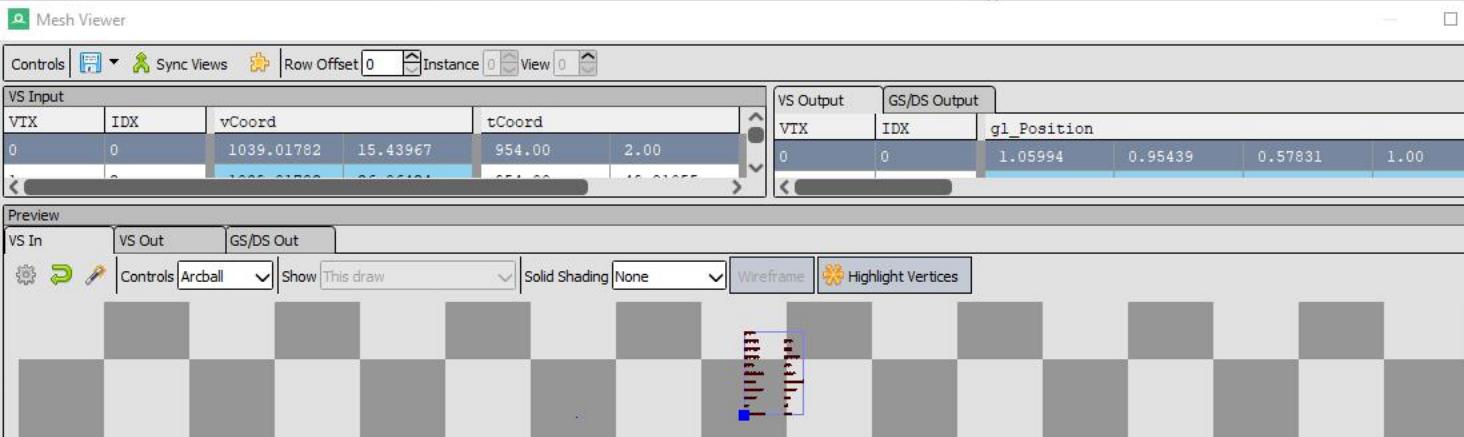
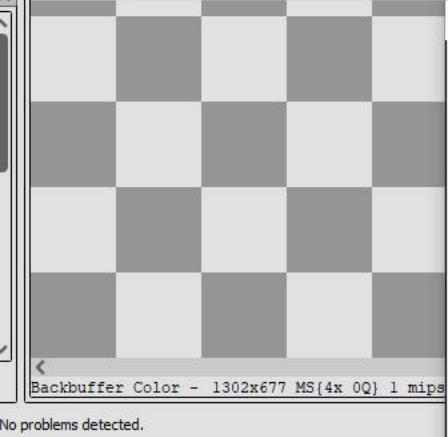
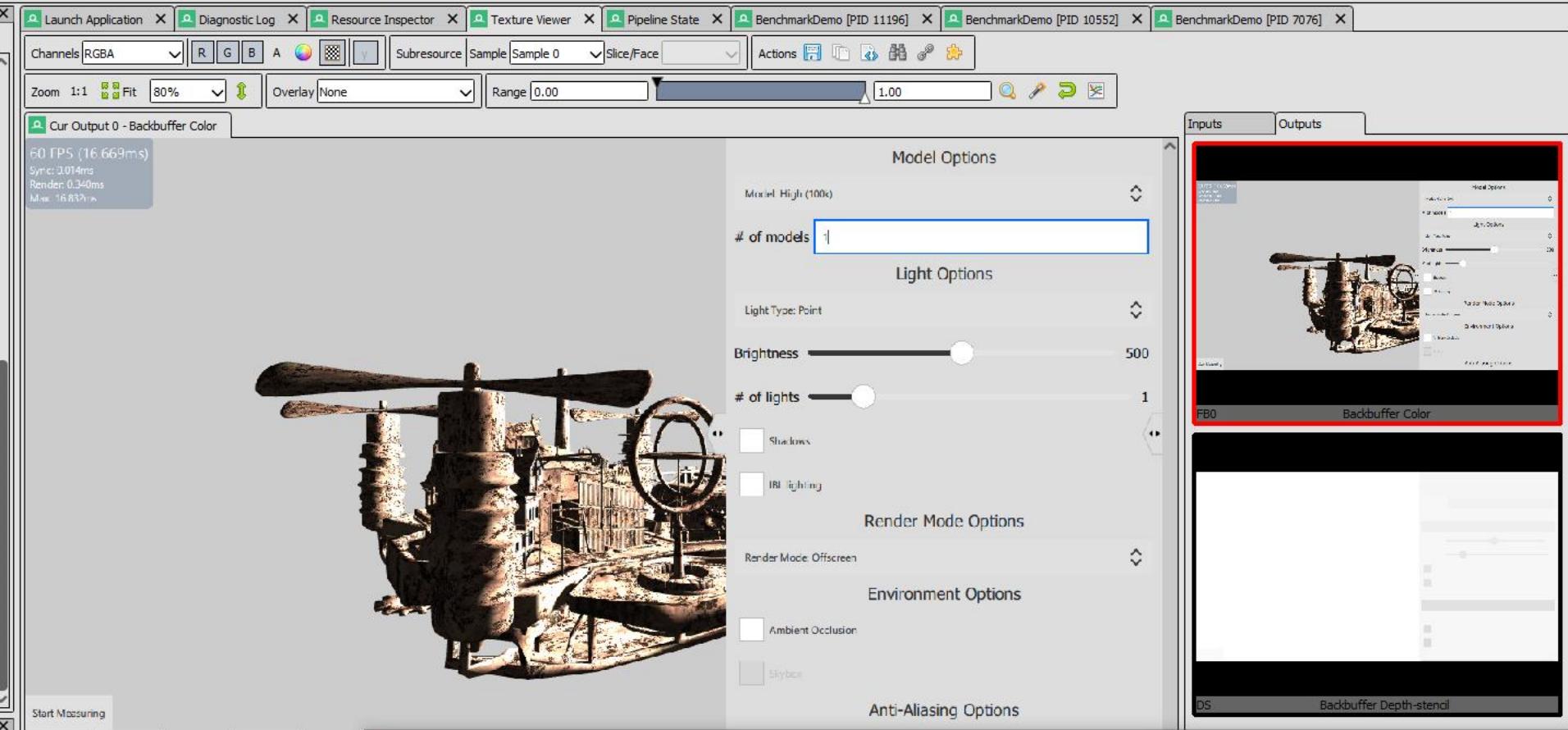


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EID	Name
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675	glDrawElements(84)
689	glDrawElements(16)
717	glDrawElements(72)
744	glDrawElements(96)
772	glDrawElements(54)
799	glDrawElements(6)
827	glDrawElements(72)
841	glDrawElements(4)
871	glDrawElements(90)
899	glDrawElements(138)
923	glDrawElements(108)
947	glDrawElements(102)
961	glDrawElements(4)
991	glDrawElements(120)
1019	glDrawElements(228)
1043	glDrawElements(96)
1067	glDrawElements(36)
1081	glDrawElements(4)
1111	glDrawElements(108)
1131	glDrawElements(4)
1161	glDrawElements(108)
1189	glDrawElements(108)
1213	glDrawElements(84)
1227	glDrawElements(10)
1257	glDrawElements(126)
1285	glDrawElements(90)
1299	glDrawElements(4)
1329	glDrawElements(144)
1357	glDrawElements(84)
1381	glDrawElements(1446)
1383	SwapBuffers(Backbuffer Color)

API Inspector	
EID	Event
> 1358	glBlendColor
> 1359	glUniformMatrix4fv
> 1360	glUniform2fv
> 1361	glUniform4fv
> 1362	glUniform1f
> 1363	glUniform1f
> 1364	glUniform1f
> 1365	glUniform4fv
> 1366	glUniformMatrix4fv
> 1367	glUniform2fv
> 1368	glUniform4fv

Callstack

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# Most of this is in 5.15. What's cooking for 6.0 then?

- › Can the scene graphs, the renderers, some APIs be made more unified?
  - › Even though on the QML API level it is quite nice already, see `QQuickItem-in-3D-node` example earlier.
  - › Investigations on-going in many different areas.
  - › Not going to cover this today.
- › **What about Vulkan, Metal, Direct3D, WebGPU, etc.?**
  - › And on a related note: **shading languages?**
  - › Not just an internal implementation detail:
    - › Qt Quick ShaderEffect, custom Qt Quick materials, custom 3D materials, post-processing effects all consume application-provided shader code.
    - › Some Qt users integrate their own 3D rendering code with Qt Quick and co. (and that code is today OpenGL, tomorrow perhaps Vulkan, Metal, etc.)

# Qt Quick (3D) on Vulkan, Metal, D3D11, and OpenGL

- › Qt 5.14 and 5.15 ship with a preview of Qt Quick's new graphics API independent rendering engine.
  - › Can be opted in via environment variables or C++ APIs.
- › No more direct OpenGL and GLSL / GLSL ES shader code sprinkled all around.
- › Graphics API abstraction is provided by the QRhi class and its backends.
  - › part of the “Qt RHI” (Qt Rendering Hardware Interface) component living in Qt Gui module

```
c:/work/qtbase_dev/src/gui/rhi:  
total used in directory 1377 available 644192552  
drwxrwxrwx 1 lagoc lagoc 12288 05-04 10:35 ..  
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```

# Qt Rendering Hardware Interface

- › QRhi and related structs is the main interface
  - › This is what Qt Quick and Quick 3D will use instead of QOpenGLContext, the OpenGL wrappers, and calling OpenGL functions directly.
- › Has backends for
  - › Vulkan (1.0) (shaders: SPIR-V 1.0)
  - › D3D11 (11.1) (shaders: HLSL Shader Model 5.0)
  - › Metal (1) (shaders: MSL 1.2 (or 2.0 for some things))
  - › OpenGL (ES) 2/3 (needs 4.3/ES3.1 for compute) (shaders: various GLSL versions)
- › This is not a 100% Vulkan/Metal/whatever wrapper.
  - › To unleash the full, unrestricted feature set of Vulkan/Metal/whatever, use Vulkan/Metal/whatever directly.
- › Private API in Qt 6.0.
  - › To be decided if/when/how this changes in 6.x and beyond.

# Qt Rendering Hardware Interface

- › Command buffer oriented API.
- › Resource updates (upload, copy, readback) and render/compute pass recording are separate phases.
  - › Think MTLBlitCommandEncoder vs. MTLRenderCommandEncoder or the Vulkan renderpass concept.
- › Vertex, fragment, compute shader stages.
  - › No geometry or tessellation
- › Attempts to enable multiple frames in flight (reduce pipeline stalls)
  - › No low-level operations such as map/unmap. Instead, one enqueues upload/update/copy operations on a *resource update batch*, that is then committed at latest when starting to record a render/compute pass.
  - › Handle host visible buffers smarter than just a dumb 1:1 QRhiBuffer – VkBuffer/MTLBuffer/... mapping.
    - › Some backends internally double/triple buffer such native objects, transparently to the API client.
  - › No headache with resources being still in-use: a QRhi\* C++ object can be destroyed safely once a frame has been submitted, even if the underlying native resource is still in use by an in-flight frame.
- › No barriers / explicit synchronization. No subpasses. No multi queue (yet).

# Qt Quick (3D) on Vulkan, Metal, D3D11, and OpenGL

## › New shader pipeline

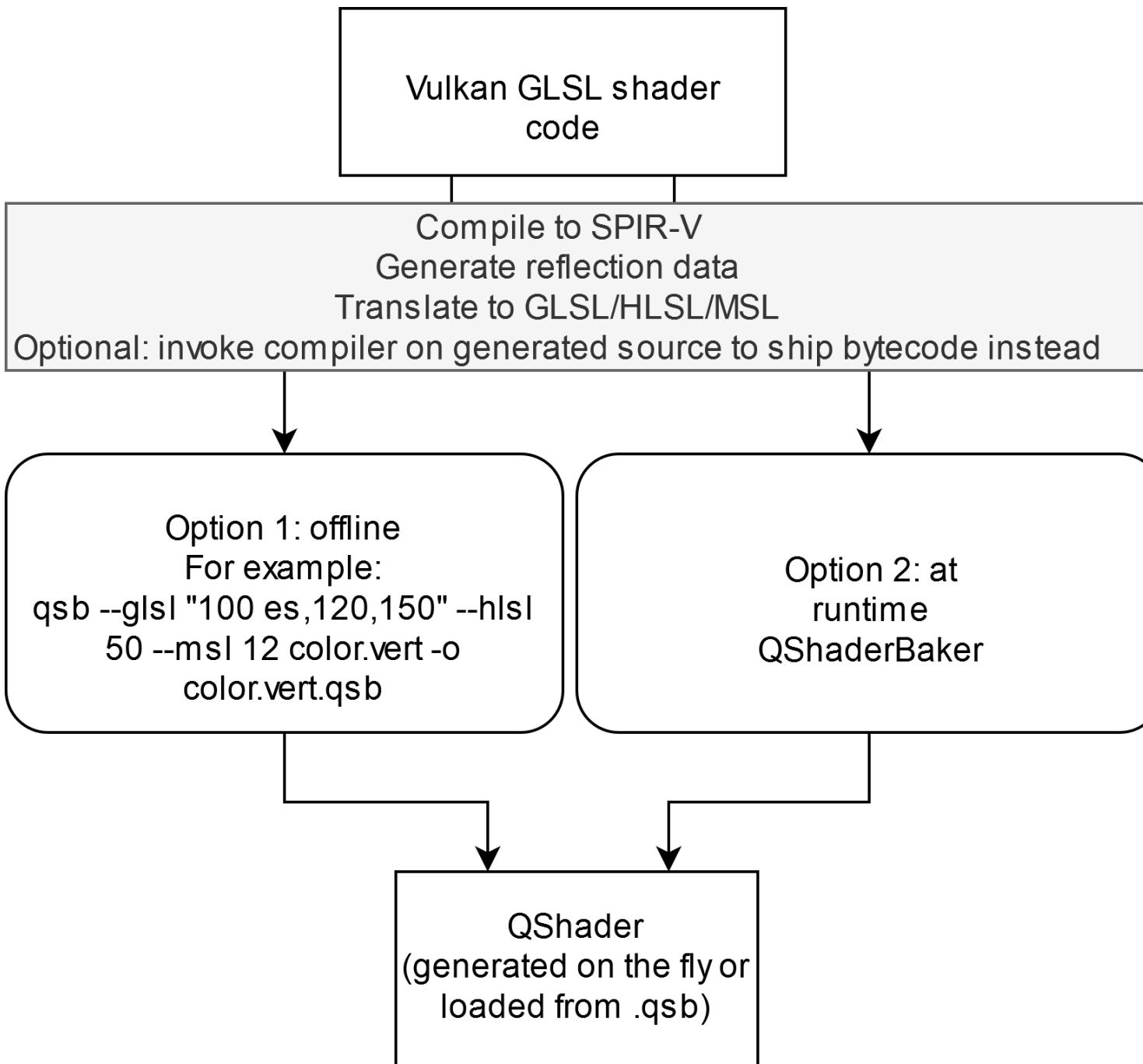
- › Qt Shader Tools module
  - › not shipping with Qt in 5.14/5.15, but will be part of Qt 6.0
  - › Vulkan-compatible GLSL as input.
  - › Compile to SPIR-V (via glslang).
  - › Then get reflection info and translate to GLSL/HLSL/MSL (via SPIRV-Cross)
  - › Ideally done offline, or at build time at latest.
    - › Not at runtime.
    - › Move towards offline asset (this case, shader) conditioning as much as possible.

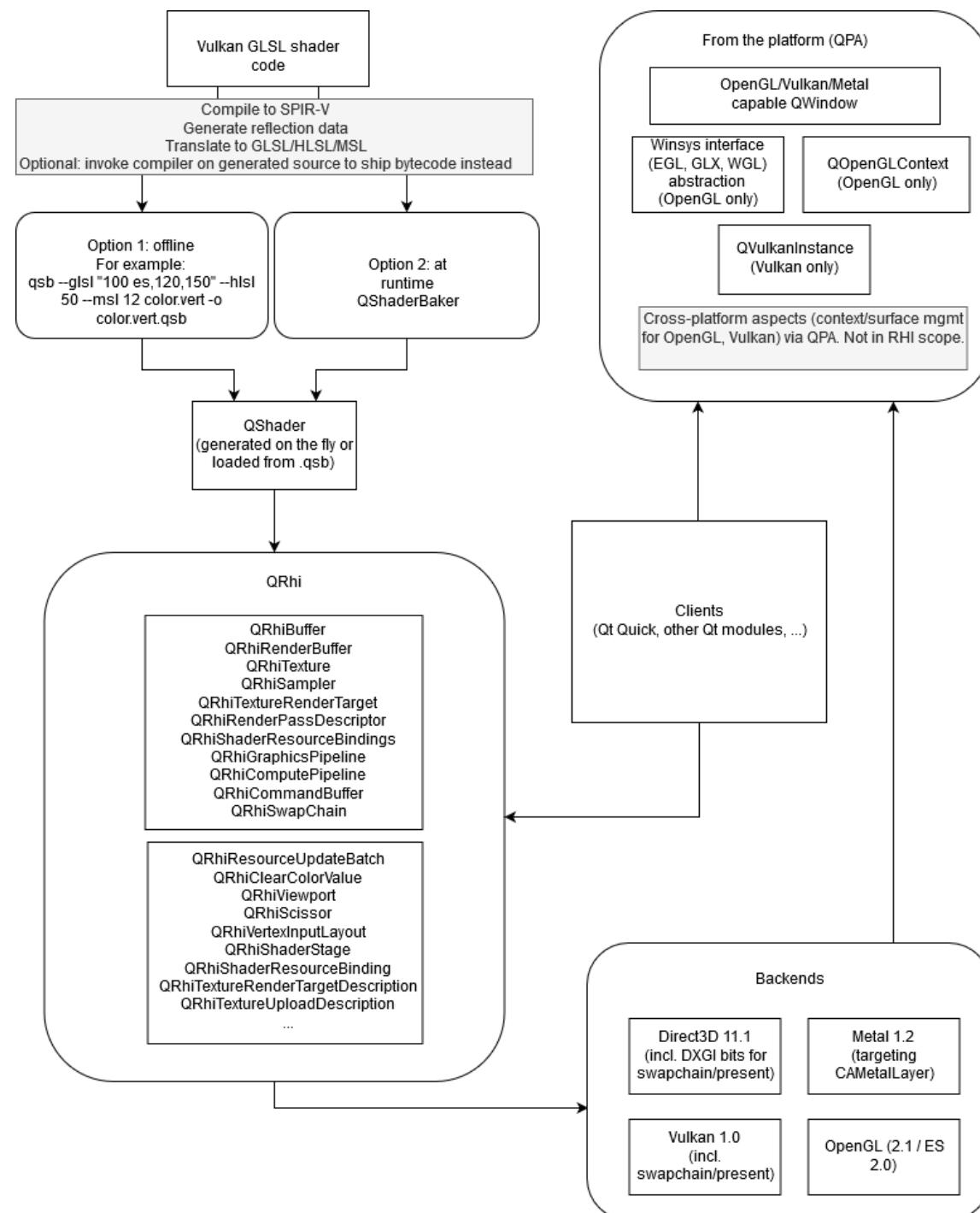
```
C:\>qsb
Usage: qsb [options] file
Qt Shader Baker (using QShader from Qt 6.0.0)

Options:
  -?, -h, --help           Displays help on commandline options.
  --help-all               Displays help including Qt specific options.
  -v, --version            Displays version information.
  -b, --batchable          Also generates rewritten vertex shader for Qt
                           Quick scene graph batching.
                           The extra vertex input location when rewriting
                           for batching. Defaults to 7.
  --zorder-loc <location> Comma separated list of GLSL versions to
                           generate. (for example, "100 es,120,330")
  -g, --glsl <versions>    Comma separated list of HLSL (Shader Model)
                           versions to generate. F.ex. 50 is 5.0, 51 is 5.1.
  -l, --hlsl <versions>    Comma separated list of Metal Shading Language
                           versions to generate. F.ex. 12 is 1.2, 20 is 2.0.
  -m, --msl <versions>     Output file for the shader pack.
  -o, --output <filename>  In combination with --hlsl invokes fxc to store
                           DXBC instead of HLSL.
  -c, --fxc                In combination with --msl builds a Metal library
                           with xcrun metal(lib) and stores that instead of
                           the source.
  -t, --metallib            Define macro
                           Enable per-target compilation. (instead of
                           source->SPIRV->targets, do source->SPIRV->target
                           separately for each target)
  -D, --define <name[=value]> Switches to dump mode. Input file is expected to
                           be a shader pack.
  -p, --per-target          Switches to extract mode. Input file is expected to
                           be a shader pack. Result is written to the
                           output specified by -o. Pass -b to choose the
                           batchable variant.
                           <what>=reflect|spirv.<version>|glsl.<version>|...
```

Arguments:

file Vulkan GLSL source file to compile





```
void HelloWindow::customInit()
{
    m_vbuf.reset(m_rhi->newBuffer(QRhiBuffer::Immutable, QRhiBuffer::VertexBuffer, sizeof(vertexData)));
    m_vbuf->build();
    m_vbufReady = false;

    m_ubuf.reset(m_rhi->newBuffer(QRhiBuffer::Dynamic, QRhiBuffer::UniformBuffer, 68));
    m_ubuf->build();

    m_srb.reset(m_rhi->newShaderResourceBindings());
    m_srb->setBindings({
        QRhiShaderResourceBinding::uniformBuffer(0,
            QRhiShaderResourceBinding::VertexStage
            | QRhiShaderResourceBinding::FragmentStage,
            m_ubuf.get())
    });
    m_srb->build();

    m_ps.reset(m_rhi->newGraphicsPipeline());

    QRhiGraphicsPipeline::TargetBlend premulAlphaBlend;
    premulAlphaBlend.enable = true;
    m_ps->setTargetBlends({ premulAlphaBlend });

    const QShader vs = getShader(QLatin1String(":/color.vert.qsb"));
    if (!vs.isValid())
        qFatal("Failed to load shader pack (vertex)");
    const QShader fs = getShader(QLatin1String(":/color.frag.qsb"));
    if (!fs.isValid())
        qFatal("Failed to load shader pack (fragment)");

    m_ps->setShaderStages({
        { QRhiShaderStage::Vertex, vs },
        { QRhiShaderStage::Fragment, fs }
    });

    QRhiVertexInputLayout inputLayout;
    inputLayout.setBindings({
        { 5 * sizeof(float) }
    });
    inputLayout.setAttributes({
        { 0, 0, QRhiVertexInputAttribute::Float2, 0 },
        { 0, 1, QRhiVertexInputAttribute::Float3, 2 * sizeof(float) }
    });

    m_ps->setVertexInputLayout(inputLayout);
    m_ps->setShaderResourceBindings(m_srb.get());
    m_ps->setRenderPassDescriptor(m_rp.get());

    m_ps->build();
}

// called once per frame
void HelloWindow::customRender()
{
    QRhiResourceUpdateBatch *u = m_rhi->nextResourceUpdateBatch();
    if (!m_vbufReady) {
        m_vbufReady = true;
        u->uploadStaticBuffer(m_vbuf.get(), vertexData);
    }
    m_rotation += 1.0f;
    QMatrix4x4 mvp = m_proj;
    mvp.rotate(m_rotation, 0, 1, 0);
    u->updateDynamicBuffer(m_ubuf.get(), 0, 64, mvp.constData());
    m_opacity += m_opacityDir * 0.005f;
    if (m_opacity < 0.0f || m_opacity > 1.0f) {
        m_opacityDir *= -1;
        m_opacity = qBound(0.0f, m_opacity, 1.0f);
    }
    u->updateDynamicBuffer(m_ubuf.get(), 64, 4, &m_opacity);

    QRhiCommandBuffer *cb = m_sc->currentFrameCommandBuffer();
    const QSize outputSizeInPixels = m_sc->currentPixelSize();

    cb->beginPass(m_sc->currentFrameRenderTarget(), QColor::fromRgbF(0.4f, 0.7f, 0.0f, 1.0f), { 1.0f, 0.0f }, u);

    cb->setGraphicsPipeline(m_ps.get());
    cb->setViewport({ 0, 0, float(outputSizeInPixels.width()), float(outputSizeInPixels.height()) });
    cb->setShaderResources();

    const QRhiCommandBuffer::VertexInput vbufBinding(m_vbuf.get(), 0);
    cb->setVertexInput(0, 1, &vbufBinding);
    cb->draw(3);

    cb->endPass();
}
```

# Qt Quick 3D in Qt 6.0

- › Qt Quick 3D is fully supported as of Qt 5.15.
  - › Only OpenGL, however.
- › Qt 6.0 will introduce a QRhi-based renderer for Qt Quick 3D as well.
  - › Currently in fairly usable state in the 'dev' branch already.

EID: 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 110 120 130 140 150 160 170 180 190 200 210  
+ Quick3D render opaque + Qt Quick scene render

Usage for 2D Render Target 1345: Reads (▲), Writes (△), Read/Write (▲), and Clears (▲)



EID	Name
106-154	Quick3D render opaque
121	DrawIndexed(4800)
126	DrawIndexed(4800)
133	DrawIndexed(18186)
134	DrawIndexed(152730)
135	DrawIndexed(9498)
136	DrawIndexed(50799)
137	DrawIndexed(4926)
138	DrawIndexed(11952)
139	DrawIndexed(42480)
140	DrawIndexed(5208)
141	DrawIndexed(95460)
142	DrawIndexed(71952)
149	DrawIndexed(4800)
154	DrawIndexed(4800)
156	Quick3D render alpha
158	ResolveSubresource(2D Render Target 1351, 2D Render Target 1345)
163	ClearRenderTargetView(0.800000, 0.800000, 0.800000, 1.000000)
164	ClearDepthStencilView(D=1.000000, S=00)
165-636	Qt Quick scene render
177	DrawIndexed(768)
181	DrawIndexed(26)
185	DrawIndexed(4)
198	DrawIndexed(4)
209	DrawIndexed(16)
224	DrawIndexed(90)
232	DrawIndexed(228)
240	DrawIndexed(84)

EID	Event
> 225	ID3D11DeviceContext::OMSetBlendState
> 226	ID3D11DeviceContext::PSSetSamplers
> 227	ID3D11DeviceContext::PSSetShaderResources
> 228	ID3D11DeviceContext1::VSSetConstantBuffers1
> 229	ID3D11DeviceContext1::PSSetConstantBuffers1
> 230	ID3D11DeviceContext::IASetVertexBuffer
> 231	ID3D11DeviceContext::IASetIndexBuffer
> 232	ID3D11DeviceContext::DrawIndexed

Callstack

Event Browser

Pipeline State Mesh Viewer Launch Application Diagnostic Log Resource Inspector Texture Viewer

Cur Output 0 - 2D Render Target 1345  
60 FPS (15.894ms)  
Sync: 0.050ms  
Render: 0.999ms  
Max: 18.873ms

RT0 2D Render Target 1345

DS 2D Depth Target 1349

Pixel Context

Replay Context: Local BenchmarkDemo\_2020.05.04\_19.09.12\_frame838.rdc loaded. No problems detected.

EID: 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100  
 + vkCmdExecuteCommands(1) + vkCmdExecuteCommands(1)

Usage for 2D Color Attachment 5702: Reads (▲), Writes (△), Read/Write (▽) Barriers (△), and Clears (△)

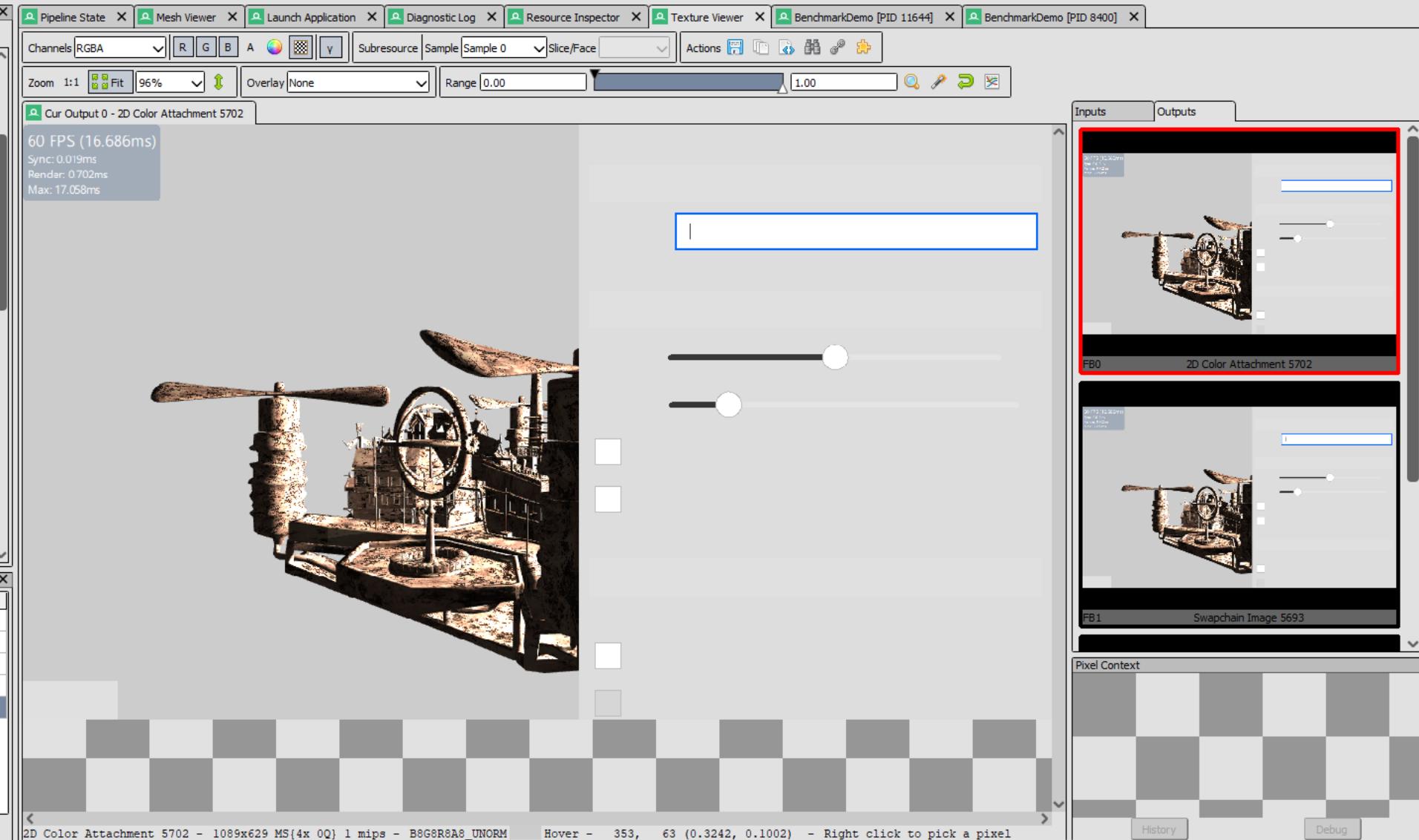
# Vulkan (QSG\_RHI\_BACKEND=vulkan)

Event Browser	
Controls	Name
35	vkCmdDrawIndexed(152730, 1)
39	vkCmdDrawIndexed(4800, 1)
43	vkCmdDrawIndexed(5208, 1)
44	vkCmdDrawIndexed(4926, 1)
45	vkCmdDrawIndexed(42480, 1)
46	vkCmdDrawIndexed(11952, 1)
47	vkCmdDrawIndexed(50799, 1)
48	vkCmdDrawIndexed(95460, 1)
52	vkCmdDrawIndexed(4800, 1)
56	vkCmdDrawIndexed(71952, 1)
60	vkCmdDrawIndexed(4800, 1)
62	Quick3D render alpha
64	API Calls
65	=> vkCmdExecuteCommands()[0]: vkEndCommandBuffer( Baked Command Buffer )
67	vkCmdEndRenderPass(C=Don't Care, DS=Don't Care)
69	vkCmdBeginRenderPass(C=Clear, DS=Clear)
70-310	vkCmdExecuteCommands(1)
71	=> vkCmdExecuteCommands()[0]: vkBeginCommandBuffer( Baked Command Buffer )
72-307	Qt Quick scene render
79	vkCmdDrawIndexed(768, 1)
85	vkCmdDrawIndexed(4, 1)
92	vkCmdDrawIndexed(26, 1)
96	vkCmdDrawIndexed(4, 1)
101	vkCmdDrawIndexed(4, 1)
106	vkCmdDrawIndexed(16, 1)
112	vkCmdDrawIndexed(90, 1)
117	+ vkCmdDrawIndexed(228, 1)
122	vkCmdDrawIndexed(84, 1)

API Inspector	
EID	Event
> 113	vkCmdSetBlendConstants
> 114	vkCmdBindDescriptorSets
> 115	vkCmdBindVertexBuffers
> 116	vkCmdBindIndexBuffer
> 117	vkCmdDrawIndexed

Callstack    Callstack

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EID:	50	100	150	200	250	300	350	
+ Colour Pass #1 (1 Targets)	+ Colour Pass #2 (1 Targets + Depth)							

Usage for Backbuffer Color: Reads (▲), Writes (△), Read/Write (▲), and Clears (▲)

## Event Browser

Controls	EID	Name
	210	glDrawElements(71952)
	249	glDrawElements(4800)
	287	glDrawElements(4800)
▼	292	glBlitFramebuffer(Framebuffer 2596, Framebuffer 2597)
▼	304-1140	Colour Pass #2 (1 Targets + Depth)
	304	glClear(Color = <0.800000, 0.800000, 0.800000, 1.000000>, Depth ...)
	326	glDrawElements(796)
	334	glDrawElements(4)
	349	glDrawElements(4)
	358	glDrawElements(16)
	386	glDrawElements(90)
- ▶	410	glDrawElements(228)
	434	glDrawElements(84)
	448	glDrawElements(16)
	476	glDrawElements(72)
	503	glDrawElements(96)
	531	glDrawElements(54)
	558	glDrawElements(6)
	586	glDrawElements(72)
	600	glDrawElements(4)
	630	glDrawElements(90)
	658	glDrawElements(138)
	682	glDrawElements(108)
	706	glDrawElements(102)
	720	glDrawElements(4)
	750	glDrawElements(120)
	778	glDrawElements(228)
	802	glDrawElements(96)

## API Inspector

EID	Event
> 387	glBlendColor
> 388	glUniformMatrix4fv
> 389	glUniform2fv
> 390	glUniform4fv
> 391	glUniform1f
> 392	glUniform1f
> 393	glUniform1f
> 394	glUniform4fv
> 395	glUniformMatrix4fv

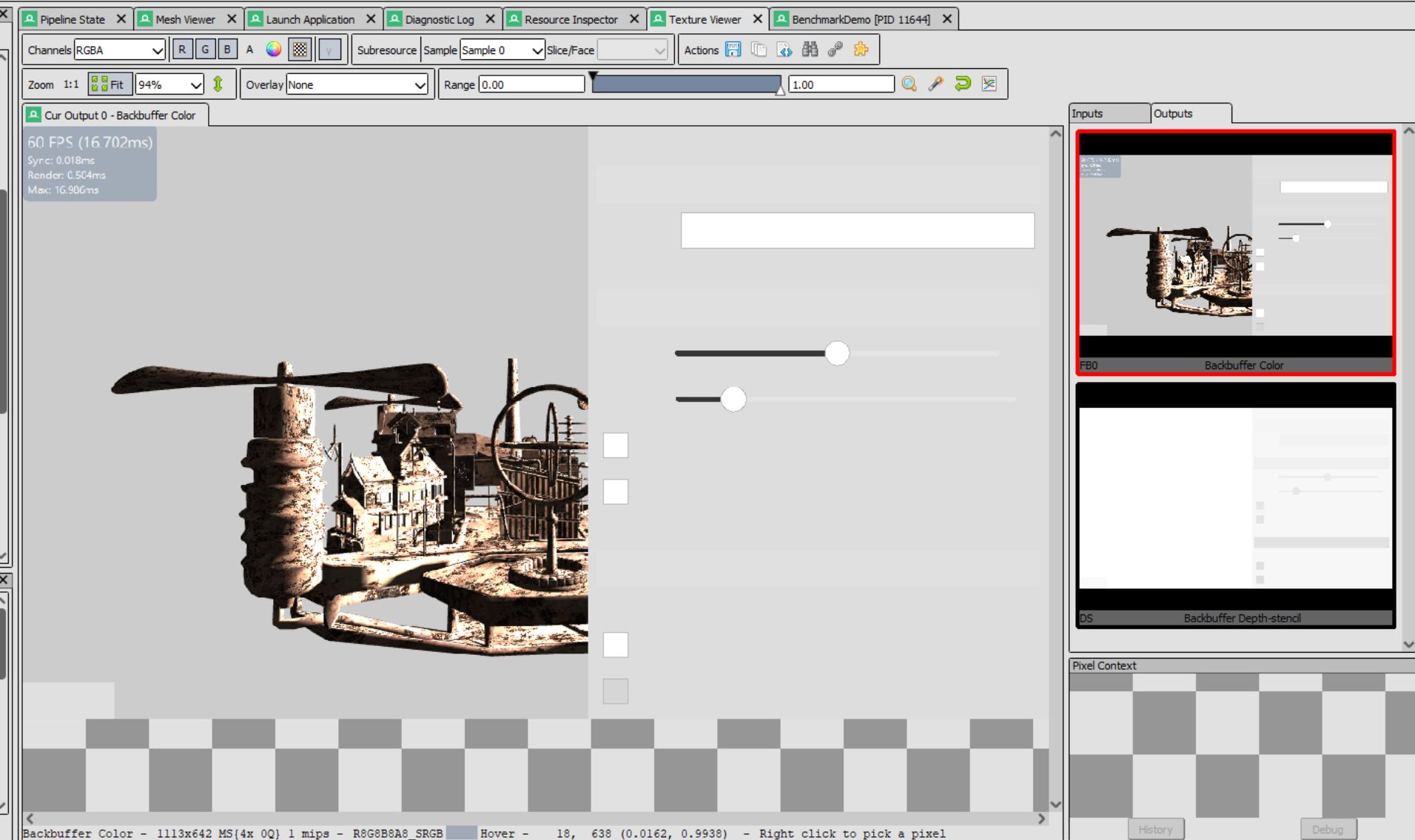
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Replay Context: Local

BenchmarkDemo\_2020.05.04\_19.28.58\_frame1019.rdc loaded. No problems detected.

# OpenGL (QSG\_RHI\_BACKEND=gl)



**Metal**  
**(QSG\_RHI\_BACKEND=metal)**

The screenshot shows the Xcode Instruments Profiler tool running a Metal-based application. The main window displays a timeline of rendering tasks, categorized into Vertex, Fragment, and Attachments sections. The timeline highlights task 101 as the most expensive, taking 35.08 µs.

**Vertex**

- 83 [setVertexBuffer:{0x138a...}
- 84 [setVertexBuffer:{0x1389...}
- 85 [drawIndexedPrim... 129.51 µs
- 86 [setRenderPipelineState:0x...
- 87 [setDepthStencilState:0x60...
- 88 [setBlendColorRed:1 green:...
- 89 [setVertexBuffer:{0x138a...}
- 90 [setFragmentBuffers:{0x13...
- 91 [setFragmentTextures:{0x1...
- 92 [setFragmentSamplerStates...
- 93 [setVertexBuffer:{0x1624...
- 94 [drawIndexedPrim... 37.72 µs
- 95 [setBlendColorRed:1 green:...
- 96 [setVertexBuffer:{0x1722...
- 97 [setFragmentBuffers:{0x17...
- 98 [setFragmentTextures:{0x1...
- 99 [setFragmentSamplerStates...
- 100 [setVertexBuffer:{0x138...
- 101 [drawIndexedPrim... 35.08 µs
- 102 [setBlendColorRed:0,149...
- 103 [setVertexBuffer:{0x162...
- 104 [setFragmentBuffers:{0x1...
- 105 [setFragmentTextures:{0x...
- 106 [setFragmentSamplerStat...
- 107 [setVertexBuffer:{0x138...
- 108 [drawIndexedPrim... 29.54 µs
- 109 [setRenderPipelineState:0...
- 110 [setDepthStencilState:0x6...
- 111 [setVertexBuffer:{0x162...
- 112 [setFragmentTextures:{0x...
- 113 [setFragmentSamplerStat...
- 114 [setVertexBuffer:{0x172...
- 115 [drawIndexedPrim... 36.75 µs
- 116 [setRenderPipelineState:0...

**Fragment**

- Texture 0x137a15a00 Texture 0 901 × 321 R8Unorm \_qt\_texture
- Buffer 0x172228080 Buffer 0 256 bytes Offset: 0x0 ubuf
- Sampler 0x60000295e3... Sampler 0 R:Repeat, S:ClampToEdge,...
- main0 Fragment Function Library 0x6000017b2700...

**Attachments**

Attachment Type	Attachment ID	Size	Type
Color	Color 0	2560 × 1510	BGRA8Unorm
Depth	Depth	2560 × 1510	Depth32Float_SignedDepth
Stencil	Stencil	2560 × 1510	Depth32Float_SignedDepth

**Call Stack**

```

P RenderPipelineState 0x1382e4800 main0 - main0
B RenderPipeline Performance 512.50 µs (2.9%)
B Vertex Buffer 0 (MTLBuffer) 0x172228080
B Vertex Buffer 1 (MTLBuffer) 0x138958b40
14 libsystem_pthread.dylib _pthread_start + 148 0x0000000137525c65
15 libsystem_pthread.dylib thread_start + 15 0x00000001375214af

```

**Instrument Details**

- Color 0: CAMetalLayer Drawable**: Shows the rendered scene with a color overlay.
- Depth**: Shows the depth buffer.
- Stencil**: Shows the stencil buffer.

# Qt Quick (3D) on Vulkan, Metal, D3D11, and OpenGL

Qt 6.0 will flip the switch.

- › Qt Quick defaults to QRhi-based rendering.
- › So does Qt Quick 3D.
- › The direct OpenGL code path is removed in both.
- › ANGLE is no longer distributed with Qt.

# Rendering via the Qt Rendering Hardware Interface

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QSG_INFO	1	Like with the OpenGL-based rendering path, setting this enables printing system information when initializing the Qt Quick scene graph. This can be very useful for troubleshooting.
QSG_RHI_DEBUG_LAYER	1	Where applicable (Vulkan, Direct3D), enables the graphics API implementation's debug and/or validation layers, if available.
QSG_RHI_PREFER_SOFTWARE_RENDERER	1	Requests choosing an adapter or physical device that uses software-based rasterization. Applicable only when the underlying API has support for enumerating adapters (for example, Direct3D or Vulkan), and is ignored otherwise.

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# Consequences for applications

- › Many Quick/Quick3D applications will just work
- › Advanced use cases may need to do some migration.
  - › typically ones that involve application-provided shader code, or involve OpenGL directly in some form
    - › for example:
      - › ShaderEffect, post-processing effects
      - › custom scenegraph materials (QSGMaterialShader)
      - › custom 3D materials
      - › integrating custom (OpenGL) rendering
      - › redirecting the Qt Quick output via QQuickRenderControl
    - › certain features may stay tied to OpenGL, meaning they function only when the RHI backend is the OpenGL one
      - › QQuickFramebufferObject
      - › QQuickWidget? - TBD



# ShaderEffect

```
import QtQuick 2.0

Rectangle {
    width: 200; height: 100
    Row {
        Image { id: img;
            sourceSize { width: 100; height: 100 } source: "qt-logo.png" }
        ShaderEffect {
            width: 100; height: 100
            property variant src: img
            vertexShader: "
                uniform highp mat4 qt_Matrix;
                attribute highp vec4 qt_Vertex;
                attribute highp vec2 qt_MultiTexCoord0;
                varying highp vec2 coord;
                void main()
                {
                    coord = qt_MultiTexCoord0;
                    gl_Position = qt_Matrix * qt_Vertex;
                }"
            fragmentShader: "
                varying highp vec2 coord;
                uniform sampler2D src;
                uniform lowp float qt_Opacity;
                void main() {
                    lowp vec4 tex = texture2D(src, coord);
                    gl_FragColor = vec4(vec3(dot(tex.rgb,
                        vec3(0.344, 0.5, 0.156))),
                        tex.a) * qt_Opacity;
                }"
        }
    }
}
```

```
ShaderEffect {
    width: 160
    height: 160
    property variant source: theSource
    property real amplitude: 0.04 * wobbleSlider.value
    property real frequency: 20
    property real time: 0
    NumberAnimation on time { loops: Animation.Infinite; from: 0; to: Math.PI * 2; duration: 600 }
    fragmentShader: "qrc:/wobble.frag.qsb"
```

- › The vertexShader and fragmentShader properties also accept a URL (as in local file or qrc URL) since Qt 5.8.
- › The default approach in Qt 6 is to use the command-line tool (qsb) from Qt Shader Tools (or the build system, eventually) to condition shaders offline, ship the resulting .qsb shader pack file with the application, and reference that from ShaderEffect.
- › It could be that some compatibility solutions will be provided just for OpenGL. TBD.
- › To be evaluated if/to what extent runtime shader processing is promoted in Qt 6.0 and beyond.
- › Similar questions arise for Qt Quick 3D custom materials and post-processing effects.
  - › And internally for the built-in default/principled material.
  - › Qt Quick 3D shader management story (for Qt 6) is under development right now (May 2020).

# Qt Quick Materials – QSGMaterial, QSGMaterialShader

```
class Q_QUICK_EXPORT QSGMaterialShader
{
public:
    class Q_QUICK_EXPORT RenderState {
    public:
        inline bool isMatrixDirty() const { return m_dirty & DirtyMatrix; }
        ...
        QMatrix4x4 combinedMatrix() const;
        ...
    };

    virtual void updateState(const RenderState &state,
                           QSGMaterial *newMaterial,
                           QSGMaterial *oldMaterial);
    virtual char const *const *attributeNames() const = 0;

    virtual void initialize();
    virtual void activate();
    virtual void deactivate();

    void setShaderSourceFile(QOpenGLShader::ShaderType type, const QString &sourceFile);

    virtual const char *vertexShader() const;
    virtual const char *fragmentShader() const;
    virtual void compile();
}
```

QSGMaterial creates a QSGMaterialShader  
-> suitable for direct OpenGL only

# Qt 5.14/5.15: there is an alternative

```
class Q_QUICK_EXPORT QSGMaterialRhiShader
{
public:
    class Q_QUICK_EXPORT RenderState {
    public:
        inline bool isMatrixDirty() const { ... }
        ...
        QMatrix4x4 combinedMatrix() const;
        QByteArray *uniformData();
        ...
    };
    enum Flag {
        UpdatesGraphicsPipelineState = 0x0001
    };
    enum Stage {
        VertexStage,
        FragmentStage,
    };

    virtual bool updateUniformData(RenderState &state,
                                   QSGMaterial *newMaterial, QSGMaterial *oldMaterial);

    virtual void updateSampledImage(RenderState &state, int binding, QSGTexture **texture,
                                   QSGMaterial *newMaterial, QSGMaterial *oldMaterial);

    virtual bool updateGraphicsPipelineState(RenderState &state, GraphicsPipelineState *ps,
                                             QSGMaterial *newMaterial, QSGMaterial *oldMaterial);

    void setFlag(Flags flags, bool on = true);

    // filename is for a file containing a serialized QShader.
    void setShaderFileName(Stage stage, const QString &filename);
}
```

# Qt 6.0: API break – the alternative becomes the one and only

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        QByteArray *uniformData();
        ...
    };
    ...
}
```

This becomes **QSGMaterialShader**.

OpenGL-specifics purged.

Strictly data oriented, no graphics API access.

```
,

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# Integrating custom Vulkan/Metal/D3D11/OpenGL rendering

## › Underlay/overlay

- › QQuickWindow::beforeRendering(), afterRendering() signals have new siblings in 6.0:
  - › beforeRenderPassRecording(), afterRenderPassRecording()
  - › beforeFrameBegin(), afterFrameEnd()
- › Not necessarily relevant for OpenGL and D3D11, but will become important with some types of Vulkan and Metal rendering code.

## › Check under examples/quick/scenegraph

- › openglunderqml, d3d11underqml, metalunderqml, vulkanunderqml

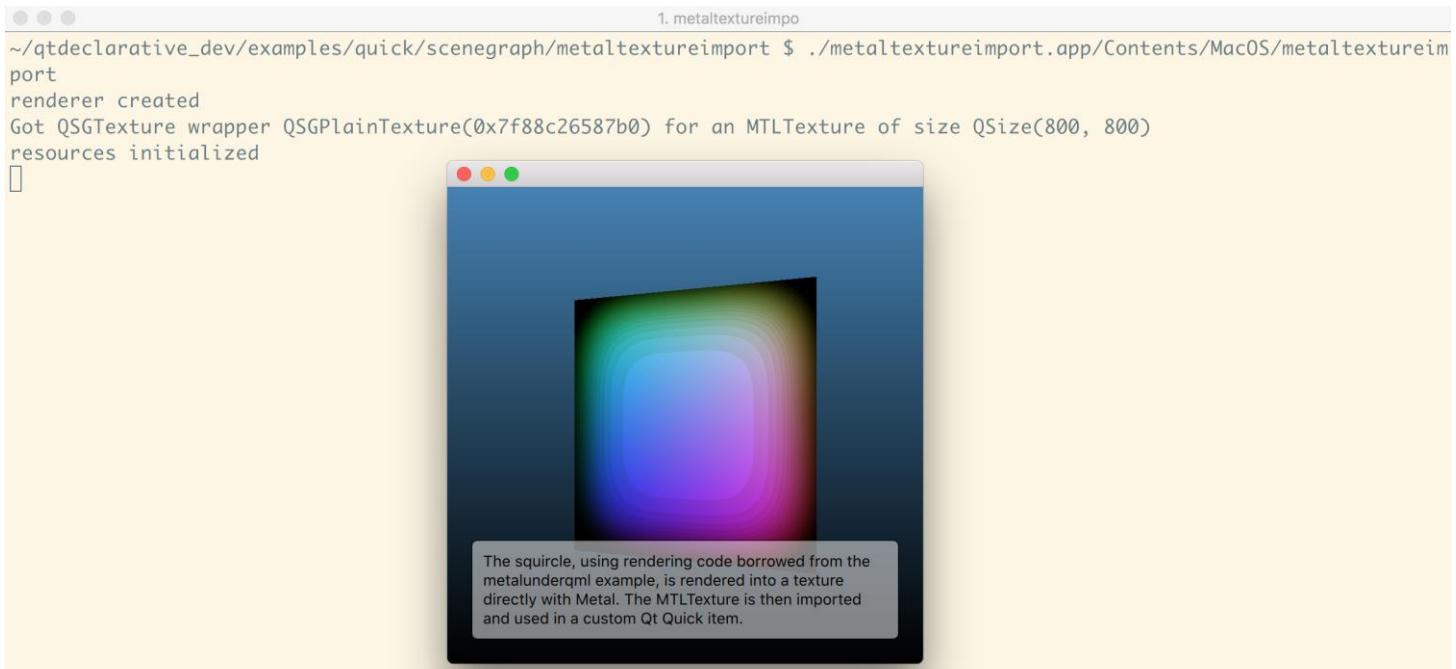


To access the device, command buffer, etc. objects used by the scenegraph renderer, use `QSGRendererInterface::getResource()`.

Constant	Value	Description
<code>QSGRendererInterface::DeviceResource</code>	0	The resource is a pointer to the graphics device, when applicable. For example, a <code>VkDevice *</code> , <code>MTLDevice *</code> or <code>ID3D11Device *</code> . Note that with Vulkan the returned value is a pointer to the <code>VkDevice</code> , not the handle itself. This is because Vulkan handles may not be pointers, and may use a different size from the architecture's pointer size so merely casting to/from <code>void *</code> is wrong.
<code>QSGRendererInterface::CommandQueueResource</code>	1	The resource is a pointer to the graphics command queue used by the scenegraph, when applicable. For example, a <code>VkQueue *</code> or <code>MTLCommandQueue *</code> . Note that with Vulkan the returned value is a pointer to the <code>VkQueue</code> , not the handle itself.
<code>QSGRendererInterface::CommandListResource</code>	2	The resource is a pointer to the command list or buffer used by the scenegraph, when applicable. For example, a <code>VkCommandBuffer *</code> or <code>MTLCommandBuffer *</code> . This object has limited validity, and is only valid while the scene graph is preparing the next frame. Note that with Vulkan the returned value is a pointer to the <code>VkCommandBuffer</code> , not the handle itself.
<code>QSGRendererInterface::PainterResource</code>	3	The resource is a pointer to the active <code>QPainter</code> used by the scenegraph, when running with the software backend.
<code>QSGRendererInterface::RhiResource</code>	4	The resource is a pointer to the QRhi instance used by the scenegraph, when applicable. This value was introduced in Qt 5.14.
<code>QSGRendererInterface::PhysicalDeviceResource</code>	5	The resource is a pointer to the physical device object used by the scenegraph, when applicable. For example, a <code>VkPhysicalDevice *</code> . Note that with Vulkan the returned value is a pointer to the <code>VkPhysicalDevice</code> , not the handle itself. This value was introduced in Qt 5.14.
<code>QSGRendererInterface::OpenGLContextResource</code>	6	The resource is a pointer to the <code>QOpenGLContext</code> used by the scenegraph (on the render thread), when applicable. This value was introduced in Qt 5.14.
<code>QSGRendererInterface::DeviceContextResource</code>	7	The resource is a pointer to the device context used by the scenegraph, when applicable. For example, a <code>ID3D11DeviceContext *</code> . This value was introduced in Qt 5.14.
<code>QSGRendererInterface::CommandEncoderResource</code>	8	The resource is a pointer to the currently active render command encoder object used by the scenegraph, when applicable. For example, a <code>MTLRenderCommandEncoder *</code> . This object has limited validity, and is only valid while the scene graph is recording a render pass for the next frame. This value was introduced in Qt 5.14.
<code>QSGRendererInterface::VulkanInstanceResource</code>	9	The resource is a pointer to the <code>QVulkanInstance</code> used by the scenegraph, when applicable. This value was introduced in Qt 5.14.

# Integrating custom Vulkan/Metal/D3D11/OpenGL rendering

- › Item (as in custom QQuickItem) drawing a textured quad
  - › QQuickFramebufferObject is a convenience for this, but will remain OpenGL-only.
  - › Custom item with QSGTextureMaterial, or QSGSimpleTextureNode, etc. is fully possible
- › QQuickWindow::createTextureFromId() is deprecated
  - › Use createTextureFromNativeObject() instead
- › Demonstrated by new examples in examples/quick/scenegraph
  - › metatextureimport
  - › vulkantextureimport



# Integrating custom Vulkan/Metal/D3D11/OpenGL rendering

- › **QSGRenderNode**
  - › Has a new virtual `prepare()` function. (optional)
  - › Not much different otherwise.

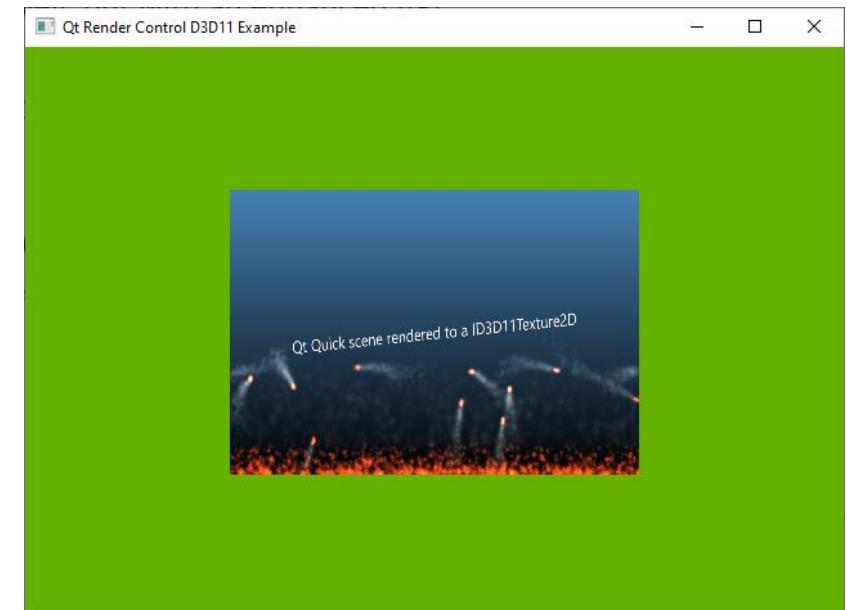
# Subclassing QSGTexture

In the unlikely case of implementing a custom QSGTexture, be aware that:

- › The interface changes.
  - › No more virtuals like textureId(), bind(), updateBindOptions().
- › New virtuals to be implemented.
  - › comparisonKey(), commitTextureOperations(), etc.
  - › May involve private API use (because QRhi is private).

# QQuickRenderControl in Qt 6.0

- › Redirect the output of Qt Quick, typically to target an OpenGL/Vulkan/Metal/... texture.
  - › Then read it back (to generate image sequences), use it in an external 3D engine, VR, ...
- › Fully supported in 6.0 as well, but with an enhanced API.
- › Now used in combination with the new QQuickRenderTarget, QQuickGraphicsDevice classes.
  - › Consumed by QQuickWindow::setRenderTarget() and setGraphicsDevice()
  - › Qt 5's OpenGL-specific overloads of setRenderTarget() are gone
- › Some minor API changes
  - › initialize(QOpenGLContext\*) is replaced by initialize()
  - › beginFrame(), endFrame(), setSamples()



# QOpenGL\*

- › The already deprecated QGL classes, such as QGLWidget, are all gone.
- › Most of the QOpenGL\* classes live in the Qt OpenGL module in Qt 6.0.
  - › not in Qt Gui
  - › QT += opengl
- › Only essentials and QPA-specifics stay in Qt Gui.
  - › QOpenGLContext, cross-platform function resolvers
- › QOpenGLWidget is in its own module now
  - › QT += openglwidgets

# Thank you!

- › A short survey & link to re-join the live event portal  
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  - › <https://www.qt.io/blog/2019/08/14/introducing-qt-quick-3d-high-level-3d-api-qt-quick>
  - › <https://www.qt.io/blog/qt-quick-on-vulkan-metal-direct3d>
  - › <https://www.qt.io/blog/qt-quick-on-vulkan-metal-and-direct3d-part-2>
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