

HDK

# HDK for SOPs

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157 SOP_Star::cookVerb() const
158 {
159     return SOP_StarVerb::theVerb.get();
160 }
161
```

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- overview
- class documentation
- required packages for development
- `hcustom/generate_proto.py`

`$HFS/toolkit`

- headers and example files

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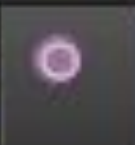






container for geometry components  
contains lists of: points, primitives, vertices

spreadsheet view

- rows: components
- columns: attributes, groups

Node: color1     Group:

	Cd[r]	Cd[g]	Cd[b]	
0	0.641601	0.522061	0.881155	
1	0.800464	0.885056	0.7169	
2	0.510895	0.59574	0.397275	
3	0.775474	0.828006	0.841456	
4	0.879506	0.904597	0.76764	
5	0.20504	0.401968	0.810459	



## points

- a point is simply a position in space defined by a vector

## primitives

- primitives are units of geometry above a point
- houdini supports several different types of primitives: eg. polygon, NURBS curve, metaball, etc.



## vertices

- a vertex is a reference to a point
- primitives use vertices to reference points (eg. the corners of a polygon, the center of a sphere, or control vertices of a spline curve)
- primitives can share points, while vertices are unique to a primitive



**GA** (*\$HFS/toolkit/include/GA*)

- Geometry Attributes (base level of geometry classes)
- contains the base classes for all geometry in Houdini
- this library contains the definitions of many classes, though some are virtual abstractions implemented in higher libraries



**GEO** (*`$HFS/toolkit/include/GEO`*)

- Geometry Library
- a 3D sub-class of the GA library
- this library defines most specialized classes for 3D data structures, including primitives
- primitive types



**GU** (*`$HFS/toolkit/include/GU`*)

- Geo-Utility Library
- sub-classed off the GEO library

Higher level tools such as *`GU_Detail::cube()`*,  
*`GU_Detail::polyIsoSurface()`*, *`GU_Detail::lsystem()`* are  
implemented here.





# Identifying Components

## GA\_Index

- enumeration
- GA\_INVALID\_INDEX

## GA\_Offset

- immutable location of component in internal arrays
- GA\_DETAIL\_OFFSET
- GA\_INVALID\_OFFSET

## GA\_IndexMap

- indexFromOffset()
- offsetFromIndex()

## GA\_AttributeOwner

- GA\_ATTRIB\_VERTEX
- GA\_ATTRIB\_POINT
- GA\_ATTRIB\_PRIMITIVE
- GA\_ATTRIB\_GLOBAL



# Points

## GA\_Detail

- `appendPoint()`
- `appendPointBlock()`
- `destroyPointOffset()`
- `destroyPoints()`
- `getNumPoints()`
- `getNumPointOffsets()`
- `pointOffset()`
- `pointIndex()`
- `getPos3()`
- `getPos3D()`



# Primitives

## Creation

`GEO_PrimPoly::build()`

`GEO_PrimSphere::build()`

`GU_PrimNURBSurf::build()`

etc.

## GA\_Primitive

- `getMapOffset()`

## GA\_Detail

- `getPrimitive()`

- `appendPrimitivesAndVertices()`

- `getNumPrimitives()`

- `getNumPrimitiveOffsets()`

- `primitiveOffset()`

- `primitiveIndex()`

- `destroyPrimitiveOffset()`

- `destroyPrimitives()`



# Vertices

## GA\_Primitive

- `getVertexCount()`
- `getVertexOffset()`
- `getPointOffset()`
- `setPointOffset()`

## GA\_Detail

- `vertexPoint()`
- `vertexPrimitive()`
- `pointVertex()`
- `vertexToNextVertex()`
- `getPrimitiveVertexCount()`
- `getPrimitiveVertexOffset()`
- `getTopology().wireVertexPoint()`





## Example Creating Polygons

```
GEO_PrimPoly *poly =  
    GEO_PrimPoly::build(gdp, /*nverts*/ 3,  
                        /*open*/ false,  
                        /*appendpts*/ false);  
  
for(GA_Size i = 0; i < 3; ++i)  
{  
    GA_Offset pt = gdp->appendPoint();  
    gdp->setPos3(pt, pos[i]);  
    poly->setPointOffset(i, pt);  
}
```



## Example Creating Polygons

```
GA_Offset vtx;
GA_Offset offset =
    gdp->appendPrimitivesAndVertices (GA_PRIMPOLY,
                                       1, 3, vtx, true);

GA_Offset pt = gdp->appendPointBlock(3);
GA_Topology &topo = gdp->getTopology();
for (GA_Size i = 0; i < 3; ++i, ++pt, ++vtx)
{
    gdp->setPos3 (pt, pos[i]);
    topo.wireVertexPoint (vtx, pt);
}
```



# Iterating Over Components

## GA\_Range

rules for generating sequence of **GA\_Offset**

```
GA_Detail::pointRange()
```

```
GA_Detail::vertexRange()
```

```
GA_Detail::primitiveRange()
```

## GA\_Iterator

- advance() / operator++()
- blockAdvance()



## Example Iterating Over Points

```
for (GA_Iterator it (gdp->getPointRange (pt_group) ;  
    !it.atEnd() ; ++it)  
{  
    GA_Offset offset = *it;  
    gdp->setPos3 (offset,  
        plane.project (gdp->getPos3 (offset)) ) ;  
}
```





## Example Iterating Over Points

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GA_Offset start, end;
for (GA_Iterator it (gdp->getPointRange (pt_group) ;
    it.blockAdvance (start, end) ;)
{
    for (GA_Offset offset = start; offset < end; ++offset)
    {
        gdp->setPos3 (offset,
                    plane.project (gdp->getPos3 (offset)) ) ;
    }
}
```



## Primitive Types: Polygon, VDB, Metaball, NURBS Curve, etc.

### GEO\_Primitive

- `getTypeId()`
- `getTypeName()`
- `getLocalTransform()`
- `iterateEdges()`
- `enlargeBoundingBox()`
- `calcVolume()`
- `calcArea()`
- `calcPerimeter()`

### GEO\_Detail

- `countPrimitiveType()`
- `getGEOPrimitive()`
- `getPrimitiveTypeId()`

### Intrinsics

- `findIntrinsic()`
- `getIntrinsic()`
- `setIntrinsic()`

## Example Checking Primitive Type

```
for (GA_Iterator it(gdp->getPrimitiveRange());
    !it.atEnd(); ++it)
{
    GA_Offset offset = *it;
    switch (gdp->getPrimitiveTypeId(offset))
    {
        case GA_PRIMPOLY: doPoly(offset); break;
        case GA_PRIMSPHERE: doSphere(offset); break;
        case GA_PRIMVDB: doVDB(offset); break;
        default: break;
    }
}
```



## Example Reading Intrinsic

```
const GA_Primitive *prim = gdp->getPrimitive(prim_offset);

UT_String filename;
GA_LocalIntrinsic filename_h = prim->findIntrinsic("abcfilename");
if(filename_h != GA_INVALID_INTRINSIC_HANDLE)
    prim->getIntrinsic(filename_h, filename);

float frame = 0.0;
GA_LocalIntrinsic frame_h = prim->findIntrinsic("abcframe");
if(frame_h != GA_INVALID_INTRINSIC_HANDLE)
    prim->getIntrinsic(frame_h, frame);
```





# GOP\_Manager

## Parse Groups

- `parsePrimitiveGroups()`
- `parsePointGroups()`
- `parseEdgeGroups()`
- `parseVertexGroups()`

## Parse Detached Groups

- `parsePrimitiveDetached()`
- `parsePointDetached()`
- `parseEdgeDetached()`
- `parseVertexDetached()`



# Example Parsing Groups

```
GOP_Manager gop;
const GA_PrimitiveGroup *group = nullptr;
if (group_pattern)
    group = gop.parsePrimitiveGroups (group_pattern,
                                       GOP_Manager::GroupCreator (gdp));
fpreal area = 0.0;
for (GA_Iterator it (gdp->getPrimitiveRange (group)); !it.atEnd(); ++it)
{
    area += gdp->getGEOPrimitive (*it)->calcArea();
}
```



# Group Creation

## Creation

- `newPointGroup()`
- `newVertexGroup()`
- `newPrimitiveGroup()`
- `newEdgeGroup()`

## Internal

- `newInternalPointGroup()`
- `newInternalVertexGroup()`
- `newInternalPrimitiveGroup()`
- `newInternalEdgeGroup()`

## Detached

- `createDetachedPointGroup()`
- `createDetachedVertexGroup()`
- `createDetachedPrimitiveGroup()`
- `createDetachedEdgeGroup()`



# Groups

## GA\_Detail

- findPointGroup()
- findVertexGroup()
- findPrimitiveGroup()
- findEdgeGroup()
- destroyGroup()
- pointGroups()
- primitiveGroups()
- vertexGroups()
- edgeGroups()

## GA\_GroupTable

- begin()
- end()

## GA\_Group

- getName()
- isInternal()
- clear()
- entries()





## Example Primitive Group

```
GA_PrimitiveGroup *bad_prims =
    gdp->newPrimitiveGroup("degenerate_prims");
for(GA_Iterator it(gdp->getPrimitiveRange());
    !it.atEnd(); ++it)
{
    GA_Offset offset = *it;
    if(gdp->getPrimitive(offset)->isDegenerate())
        bad_prims->addOffset(offset);
}
```



# Attributes

## Create Tuples

- `addFloatTuple()`
- `addIntTuple()`
- `addStringTuple()`
- `addDictTuple()`

## Create Arrays

- `addFloatArray()`
- `addIntArray()`
- `addStringArray()`
- `addDictArray()`

## Detached

- `createDetachedTupleAttribute()`



# Attributes

## GA\_Detail

- findPointAttribute()
- findVertexAttribute()
- findPrimitiveAttribute()
- findGlobalAttribute()
- destroyAttribute()
- getAttributeDict()

## GA\_AttributeDict

- begin()
- end()

## GA\_Attribute

- getType()
- getName()
- getStorageClass()
- getTupleSize()



# Attribute Type Info

GA\_TYPE\_VOID

GA\_TYPE\_POINT

GA\_TYPE\_HPOINT

GA\_TYPE\_VECTOR

GA\_TYPE\_NORMAL

GA\_TYPE\_COLOR

GA\_TYPE\_TRANSFORM

GA\_TYPE\_QUATERNION

GA\_TYPE\_INDEXPAIR

GA\_TYPE\_NONARITHMETIC\_INTEGER

GA\_TYPE\_TEXTURE\_COORD

## GA\_Attribute

- getTypeInfo()

- setTypeInfo()



# Attribute Handle

F/D/I/M3/M4/Q/V3/S/Dict/FA/DA/IA/SA/DictA

## GA\_ROHandleF

- bind()
- isValid()
- get()

## GA\_RWHandleF

- set()

## Example Reading Attribute Values

```
GA_ROHandleV3 uv_h(gdp, GA_ATTRIB_VERTEX, "uv");
UT_BoundingBox box;
box.initBounds();
if(uv_h.isValid())
{
    for(GA_Iterator it(gdp->getPrimitiveRange(group)); !it.atEnd(); ++it)
    {
        GA_Offset offset = *it;
        GA_Size nvtx = gdp->getPrimitiveVertexCount(offset);
        for(exint i = 0; i < nvtx; ++i)
            box.enlargeBounds(uv_h.get(gdp->getPrimitiveVertexOffset(offset, i)));
    }
}
```



# Example Writing Attribute Values

```
GA_RWHandleS name_h(gdp, GA_ATTRIB_PRIMITIVE, "name");
if(!name_h.isValid())
    name_h.bind(gdp->addStringTuple(GA_ATTRIB_PRIMITIVE, "name", 1));
if(name_h.isValid())
{
    for(auto &iter : pieces)
    {
        const char *piece = iter.first.c_str();
        const GA_OffsetArray &offsets = iter.second;
        for(exint i = 0; i < offsets.entries(); ++i)
            name_h.set(offsets(i), piece);
    }
}
```



## Example Writing Array Values

```
GA_RWHandleFA weights_h(gdp, GA_ATTRIB_POINT, "weights", 1);
if(!weights_h.isValid())
    weights_h.bind(gdp->addFloatArray(GA_ATTRIB_POINT, "weights", 1));
if(weights_h.isValid())
{
    UT_FloatArray w;
    for(GA_Iterator it(gdp->getPointRange(ptgroup)); !it.atEnd(); ++it)
    {
        GA_Offset pt = *it;
        weights_h.get(pt, w);
        for(exint i = 0; i < w.entries(); ++i)
            w(i) *= scale;
        weights_h.set(pt, w);
    }
}
```



# Example Writing Dict Values

```
GA_RWHandleDict props_h(gdp, GA_ATTRIB_POINT, "properties", 1);
if(!props_h.isValid())
    props_h.bind(gdp->addDictTuple(GA_ATTRIB_POINT, "properties", 1));
if(props_h.isValid())
{
    UT_Options options;
    options.setOptionI("loops", 42);
    options.setOptionF("angle", 1.23);
    props_h.set(pt_offset, UT_OptionsHolder(&options));
}
```



# String Table

## GA\_Attribute

- getAIFCopyData()
- getAIFCompare()
- getAIFMath()
- getAIFSharedStringTuple()

## GA\_AIFSharedStringTuple

- extractStrings()
- getTableString()
- getTableHandle()
- getHandle()
- getString()
- setHandle()
- setString()
- addStrings()



# Attribute Wrangler

## GA\_ElementWrangler

- `copyAttributeValues()`
- `addAttributeValues()`
- `scaleAttributeValues()`
- `lerpAttributeValues()`

## GA\_AttributeFilter

- `selectPublic()`
- `selectByPattern()`
- `selectAnd()`
- `selectOr()`
- `selectNot()`

## GA\_PointWrangler

## GA\_VertexWrangler

## GA\_PrimitiveWrangler

## GA\_DetailWrangler

## GA\_Details

- `cloneMissingAttributes()`



# Threading

## Copy-on-Write

### GA\_PAGE\_SIZE

- components/attributes/unorder groups

### GA\_SplittableRange

- `UTparallelFor()` / `UTparallelReduce()`

### GA\_PageHandle

- marshalled or raw access to underlying attribute data
- `setPage()`
- `get()` / `set()`
- `value()`



# Example Multi-Threaded Update

```
GA_RWHandleV3 p_h(gdp->getP());
UTparallelFor(GA_SplittableRange(gdp->getPointRange()),
              [&](const GA_SplittableRange &r)
{
    GA_Offset start, end;
    for (GA_Iterator it(r); it.blockAdvance(start, end); )
    {
        for (GA_Offset pt = start; pt < end; ++pt)
            p_h.set(pt, plane.project(p_h.get(pt)));
    }
});
```

# Example Multi-Threaded Update

```
UTparallelFor (GA_SplittableRange (gdp->getPointRange()),
               [&] (const GA_SplittableRange &r)
{
    GA_RWPageHandleV3 p_ph (gdp->getP());
    GA_Offset start, end;
    for (GA_Iterator it(r); it.blockAdvance(start, end); )
    {
        p_ph.setPage(start);
        plane.projectInPlace(&p_ph.value(start), end - start);
    }
});
```



# Packed Primitives

## GU\_PrimPacked

- `isPackedPrimitive()`
- `unpack()`
- `getPivot() / getPivot()`
- `viewportLOD() / setViewportLOD()`

`GU_PackedGeometry::packGeometry()`

`GU_PackedDisk::packedDisk()`



# VDB

```
enum UT_VDBType
```

```
UTvdbGetGridType()
```

```
UTvdbConvert()
```

## GU\_PrimVDB

```
- build()
```

```
- buildFromPrimVolume()
```

```
- getStorageType()
```

```
- getConstGridPtr()
```

```
- setGrid()
```

```
- UTvdbCallRealType()
```

```
- UTvdbCallScalarType()
```

```
- UTvdbCallVec3Type()
```

```
- UTvdbCallPointType()
```

```
- UTvdbCallBoolType()
```

```
- UTvdbCallAllType()
```

```
- UTvdbCallAllTopology()
```



# SOP

## SOP\_Node

- myConstructor()
- buildTemplates()
- cookMySop()
- cookMyselfAsVerb()
- cookVerb()
- getDefaultState()
- inputLabel()
- isRefInput()

## SOP\_NodeVerb

- allocParms()
- allocCache()
- name()
- cookMode()
- cook()
- select()



# Caching

## SOP\_NodeVerb

- allocCache() - return a custom subclass of SOP\_NodeCache

## SOP\_NodeCache

- getMemoryUsage()

## SOP\_NodeVerb::CookParms

- cache() - cast to custom subclass of SOP\_NodeCache
- inputGeo()
- sopAddWarning()/sopAddError()





# Caching

## GA\_Detail

- `getUniqueId()`
- `getMetaCacheCount()`

## GA\_Attribute

- `getDataId()`
- `bumpDataId()`
- `cloneDataId()`

## SOP\_Node

- `mySopFlags.setManagesDataIDs(true)`
- `bumpAllDataIds()`

## GA\_PrimitiveList / GA\_Handle

- `bumpDataId()`
- `getDataId()`

## GA\_Topology

- `getDataId()`
- `cloneDataId()`



# Performance Monitor

```
#include <UT/UT_PerfMonAutoEvent.h>

OP_Node *node = cookparms.getNode();
int nodeid = node ? node->getUniqueId() : -1;
UT_PerfMonAutoCookEvent event(nodeid, "Smoothing");
```



# Support Files

```
$ cd /opt/hfsX.Y.ZZZ
$ source houdini_setup
$ cd ~/HdkExamples
$ hython $HH/python3.7libs/generate_proto.py SOP_PolyClip.C SOP_PolyClip.proto.h
$ hcustom SOP_PolyClip.C
```

## Operator Icon

- HOUDINI\_UI\_ICON\_PATH
- **eg.** \$HOME/houdiniX.Y/config/Icons

## Help Card and Help Card Icon

- HOUDINI\_PATH/help
- **eg.** \$HOME/houdiniX.Y/help



## HOUDINI\_DSO\_PATH

- ./dso
  - \$HOME/houdiniX.Y/dso
  - \$HOME/Library/Preferences/houdini/X.Y/dso (only on Mac OSX)
  - /Users/Shared/houdini/X.Y/dso (only on Mac OSX)
  - \$HSITE/houdiniX.Y/dso
  - \$HFS/houdini/dso
- #include <UT/UT\_DSOSVersion.h>
- newSopOperator()



## Debugging

- compile with debug information

```
hcustom -g SOP_PolyClip.C
```

- running under a debugger

```
gdb $HFS/bin/houdini-bin
```

```
(gdb) run -foreground
```

- assertions UT/UT\_Assert.h

```
UT_ASSERT(expression)
```

- HOUDINI\_DSO\_ERROR



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