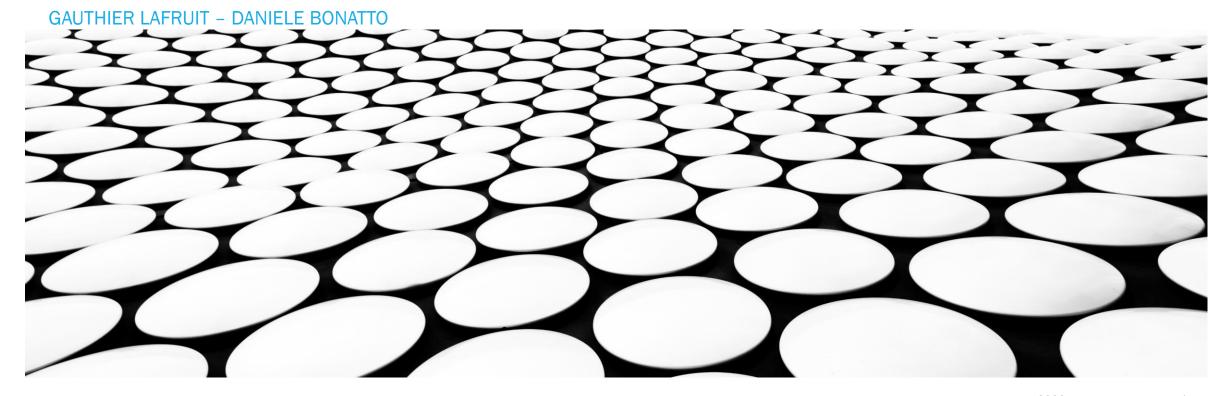
INFO-H-502 – VIRTUAL REALITY EXERCISES 01

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IMPORTANT RESSOURCES

- C++ / OpenGL
 - http://www.learnopengl.com/
 - http://ogldev.atspace.co.uk/
- Javascript / WebGL
 - https://webglfundamentals.org/
- Specification
 - https://www.opengl.org/registry/
- Most of the images in the slides and several shaders
 - Shamelessly token and adapted from all around the web
- Try to read the slides and work the exercises!

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TEACHING METHOD – OPENGL PIPELINE

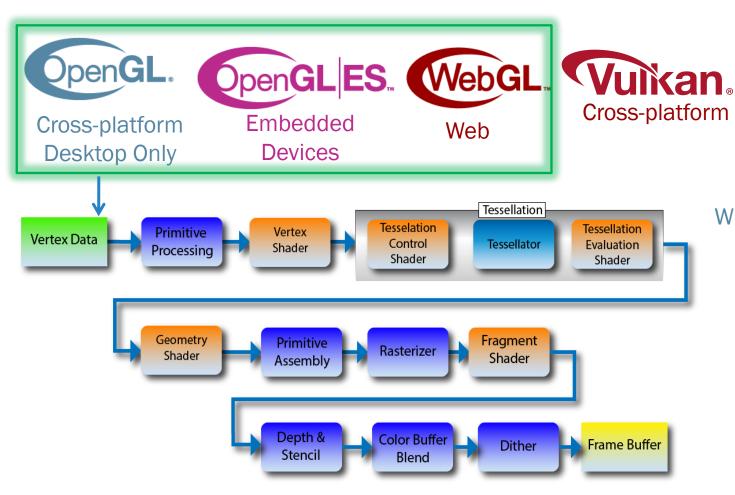
First session

 Abstract away the pipeline and work only on the fragment shader

Next sessions

Work with the whole pipeline

3D GRAPHICS API





Why OpenGL (or WebGL) ?:

- Industry standard
- Cross platform
- Still in use in research
- Not too verbose
- Share similarities with other APIs

Game engines (Unity, Unreal Engine, Godot, ...) or higher-level libraries uses some of these APIs as a back-end

→ But we won't use them for the practical sessions



Game engines (Unity, Unreal Engine, Godot, ...) or higherlevel libraries (three.js) uses some of these APIs as a backend

→ But we won't use them for the practical sessions



Game engine that tried to charge developper per install



Open source solution





Game engine and higher level tools that hide complexity from you and just uses them as black boxes



Learning how it works in more details with lower-level libraries to be able to better understand what you are doing

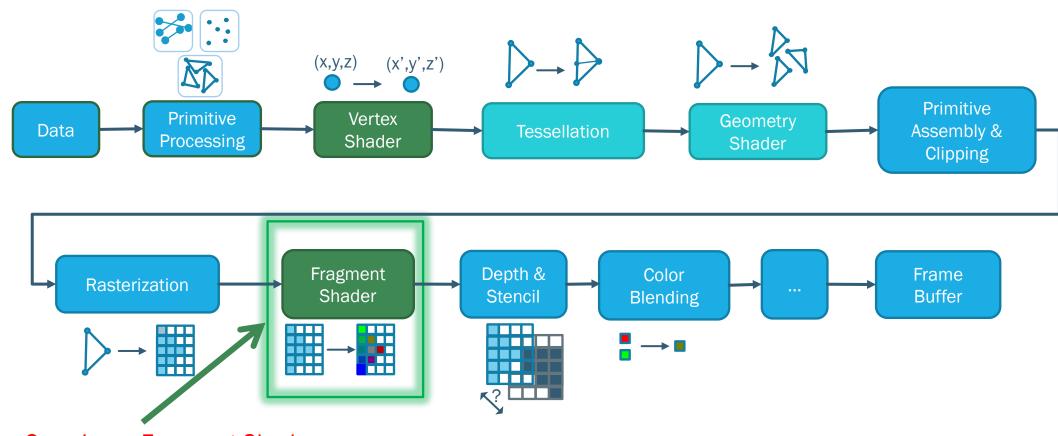
--> cf. The recent Unity

controverse: https://www.theguardian.com/games/2023/sep/13/unity-seeks-to-clarify-new-game-engine-charges-amid-outrage-from-developers

How to learn this stuff?

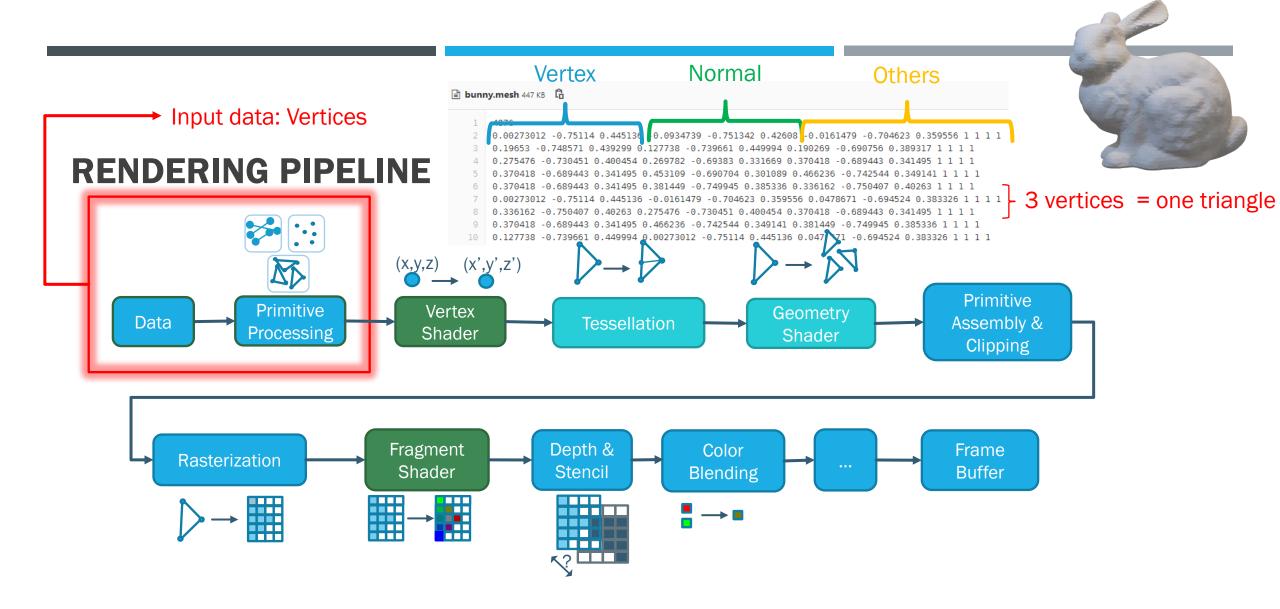
Main difficulty: You need to understand the whole to make an application

RENDERING PIPELINE



Today: Overview + Fragment Shader

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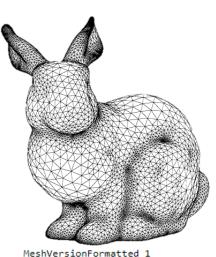


How to generate this data?

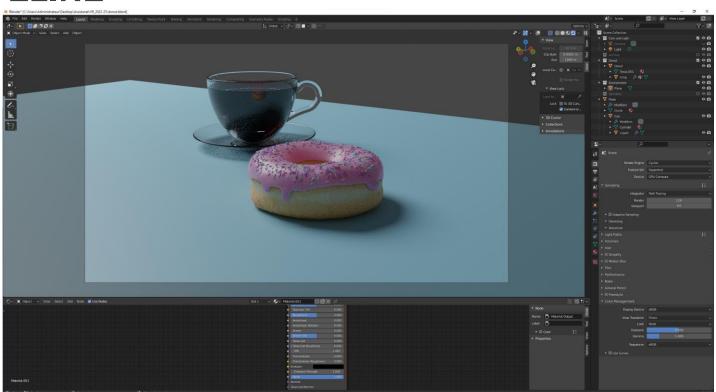
Vertices usually comes from 3D softwares

blender

RENDERING PIPELINE



Dimension 3
Vertices
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-0.0321783 0.174119 -0.00263321 0
-0.080718 0.152855 0.0302446 0
-0.0231294 0.112186 0.0386436 0
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-0.0248365 0.156574 -0.00377469 0
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- Free
- Open-source
- Easy to use
- Tutorials!

Very extensive donut tutorial:

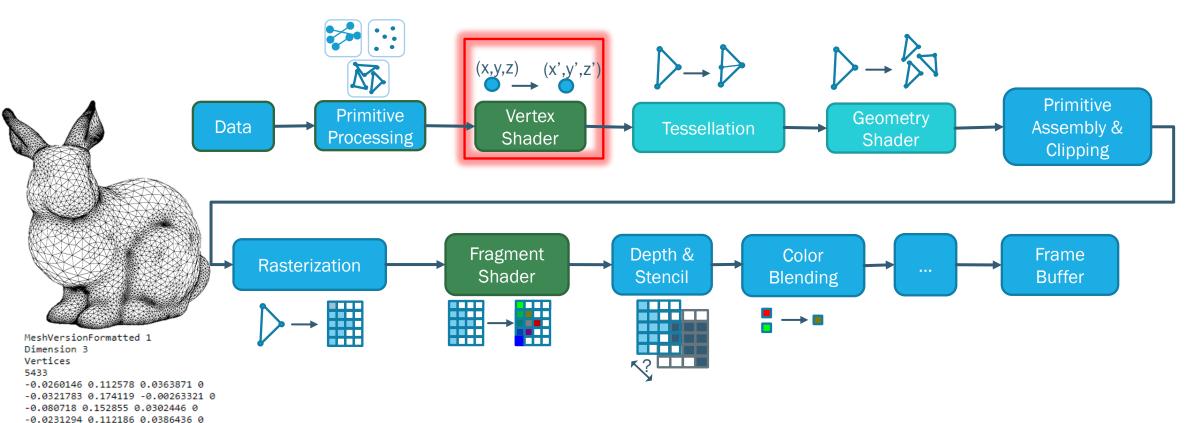
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjEaoINr3zgEqOu2MzVgAaHEBt--xLB6U

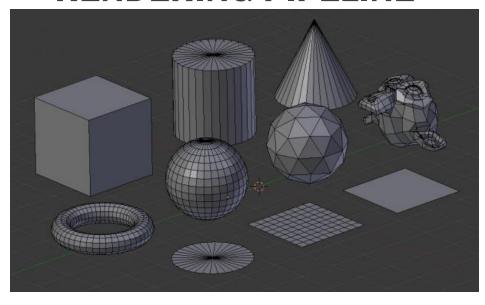
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But why?

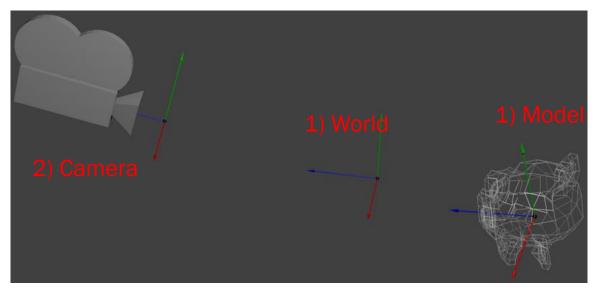
Linear Algebra: Matrix transformations

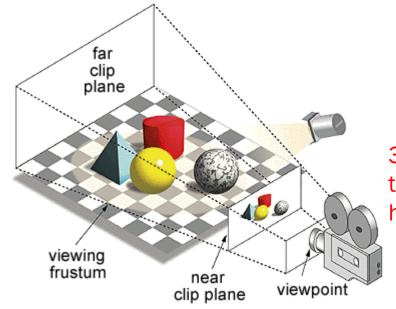




1) We need to move the objects to make a scene

2) We want to look with the camera



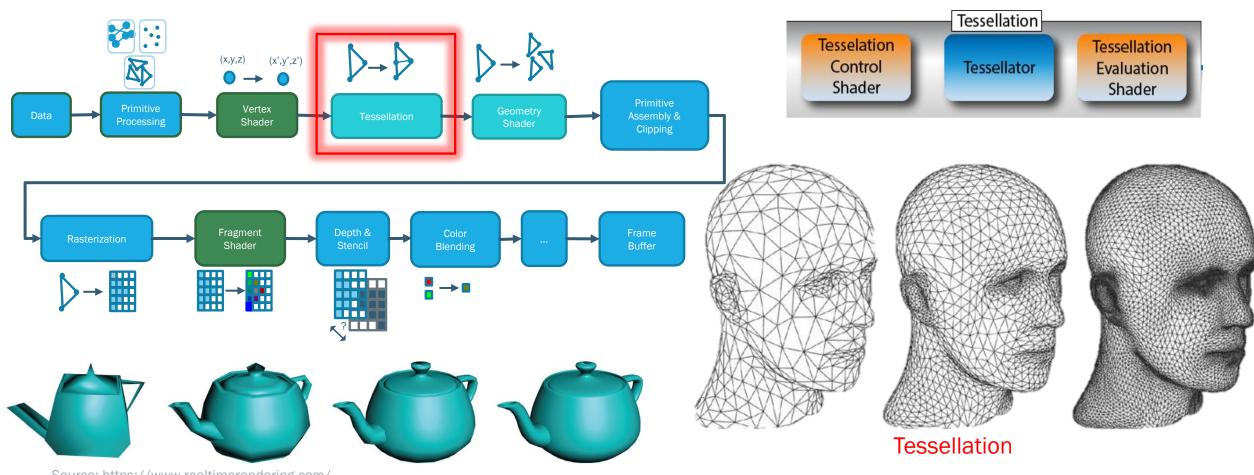


3) We need to add a projection to make them realistic for humans

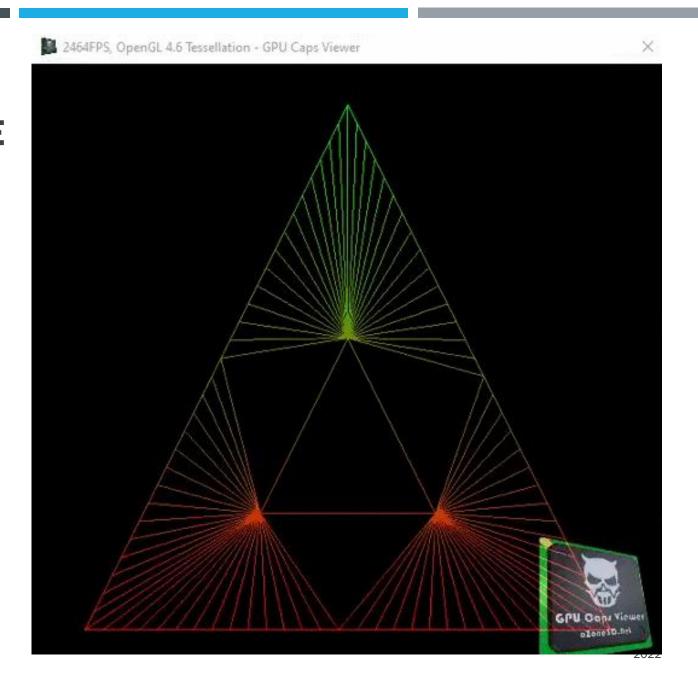
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Break the triangles into Smaller triangles (primitives)

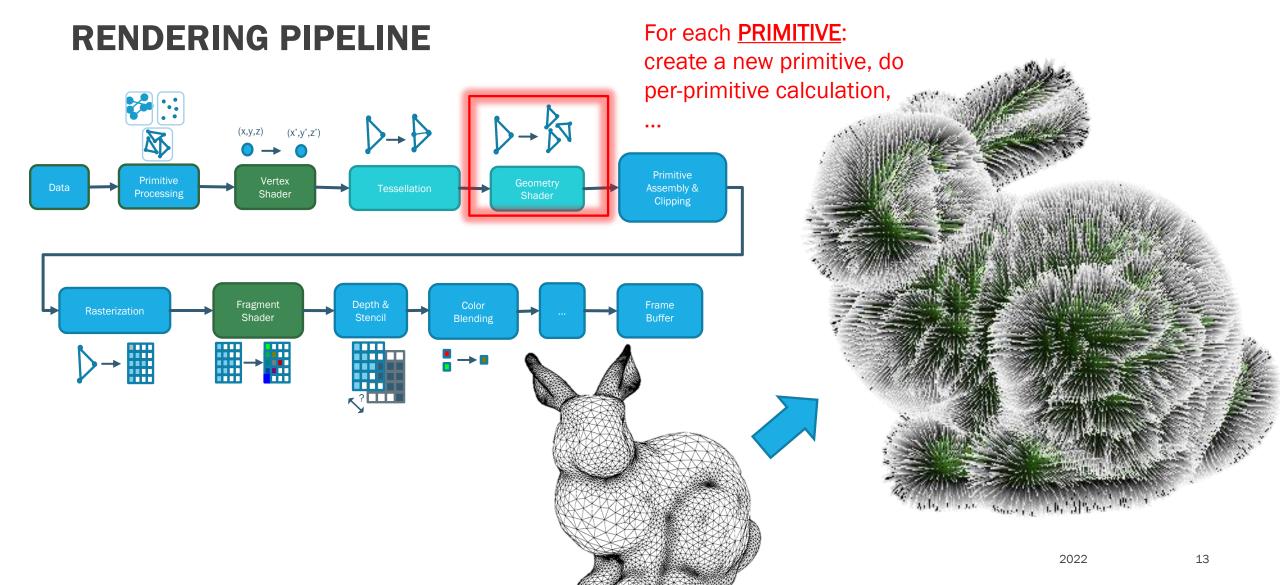
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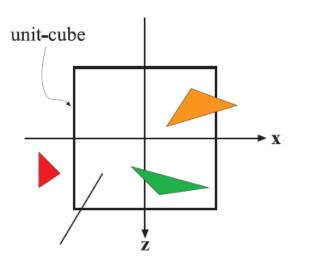


Source: https://www.realtimerendering.com/



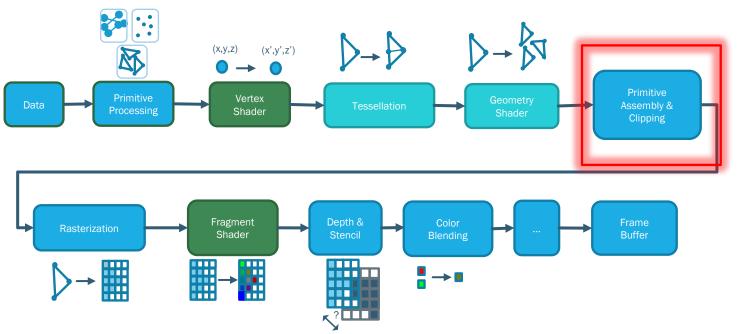
Geometry Shader:





Clipping new vertices new vertices

Source: https://www.realtimerendering.com/



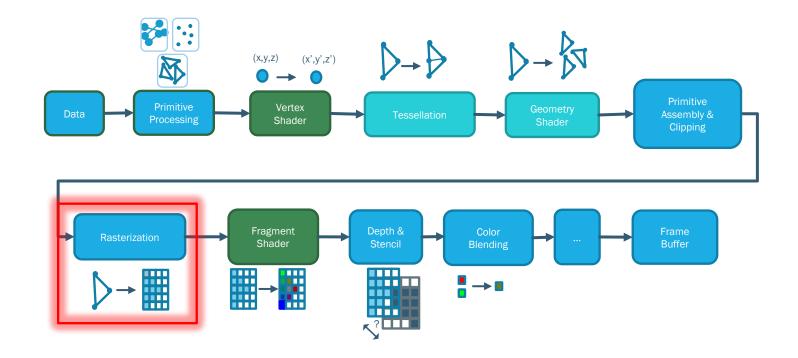
Primitive Assembly

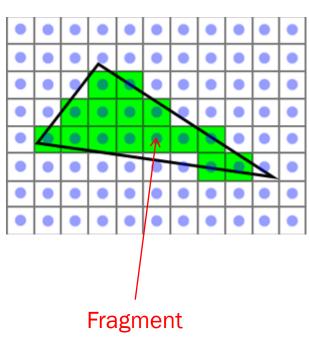
Link all the points!

Clipping:
Discard what's not on screen

Triangles (or other primitives)
Are broken down into
Fragments

Computer Screen = array of pixels

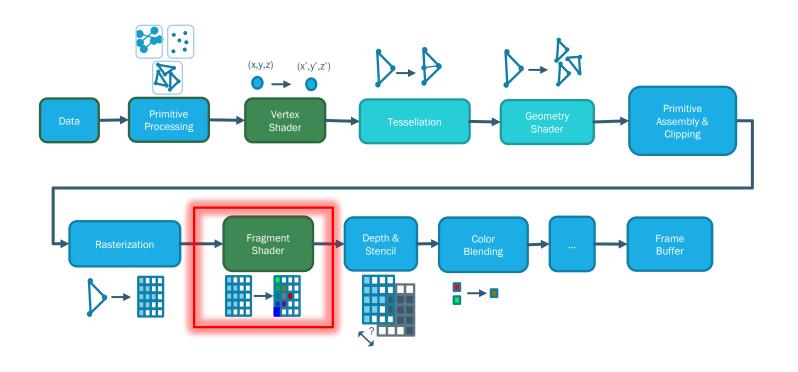




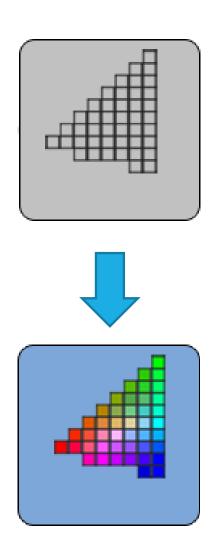
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<u>EACH</u> fragment is colorized<u>Independently</u> (GPU threads)

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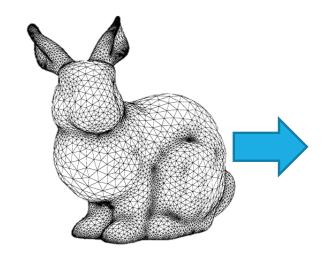


where Magic happens!



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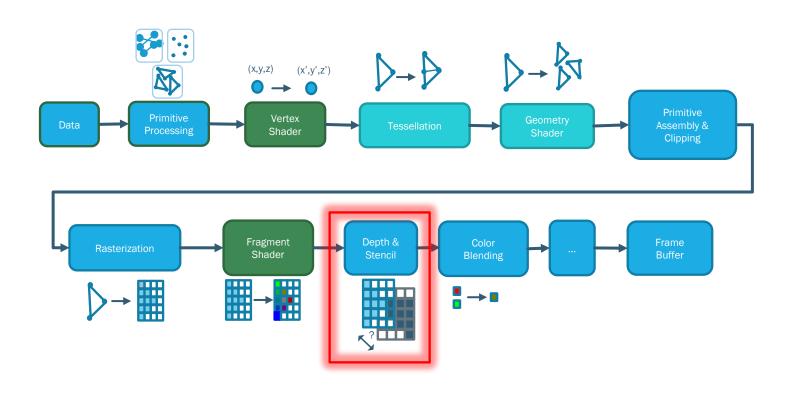


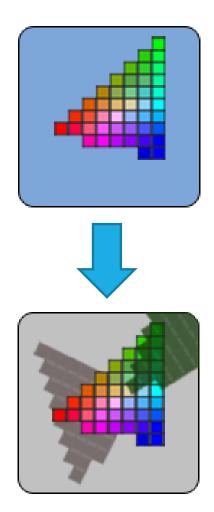


http://photorealizer.blogspot.com/

If there were overlapping triangles We select the one to show

RENDERING PIPELINE

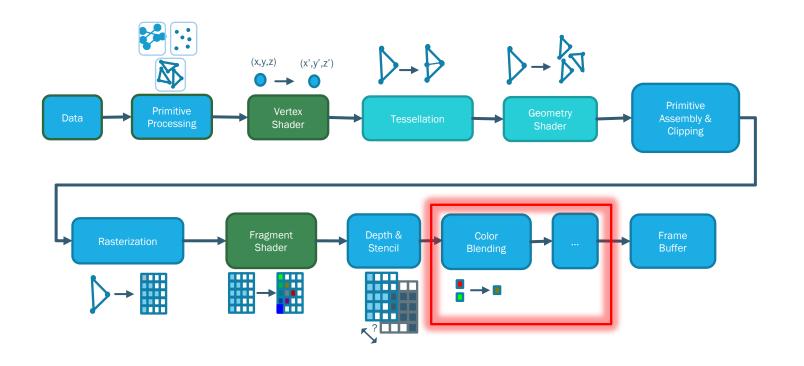




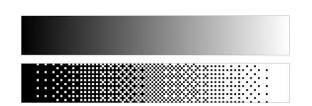
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Small post processing Eg:

- Normalization of the colors
- Alpha channel blending

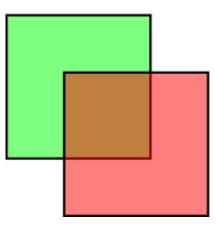


Dither
Patterns to trick the
eyes to see more colors

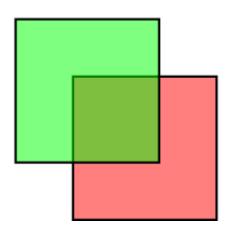


Color = R8G8B8A8

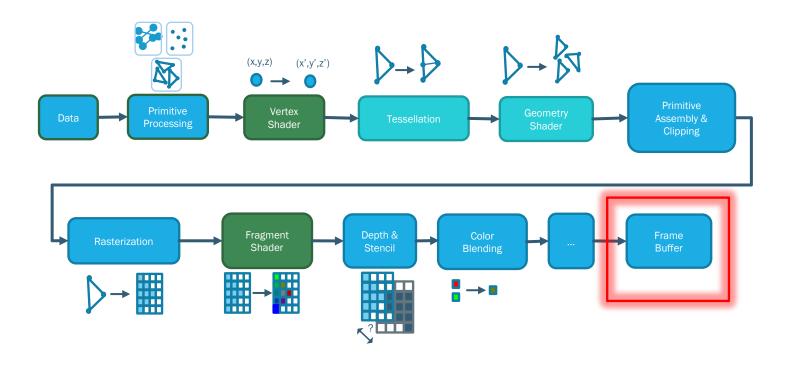
Red on top

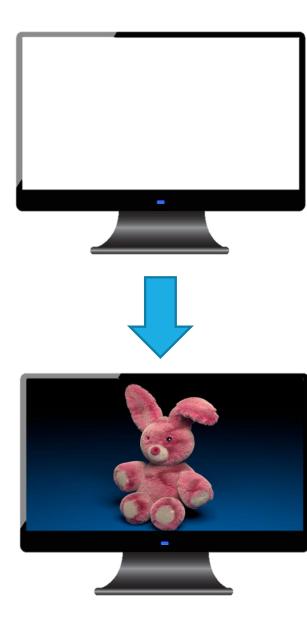


Green on top



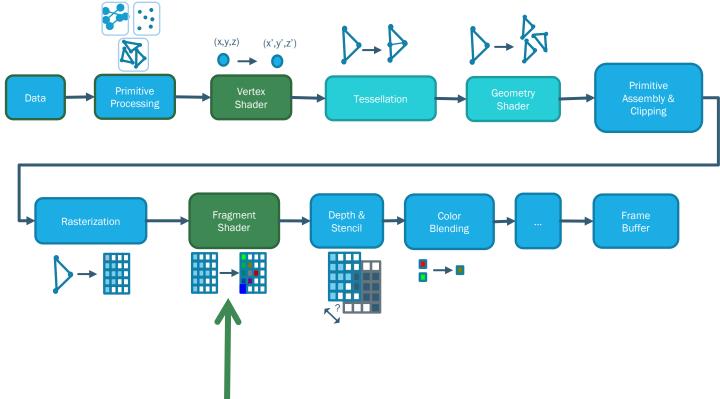
A special "Buffer" (matrix) Which will be displayed on screen (or used for effects!)





Green stages MUST be programmed
Light blue are optional and unavailable on some
framework (WebGL, ...)

A few other programmable in the appendices

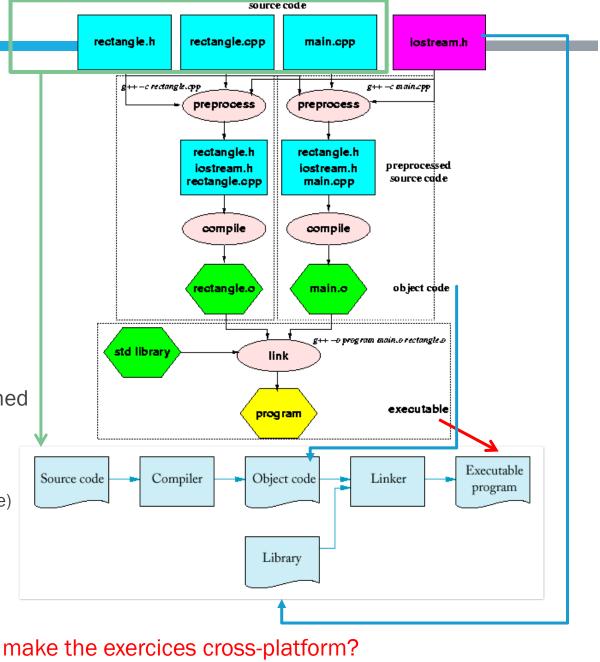


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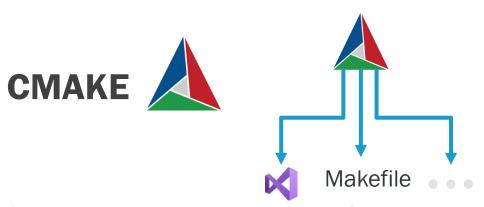
C++ AND C++ PROJECTS



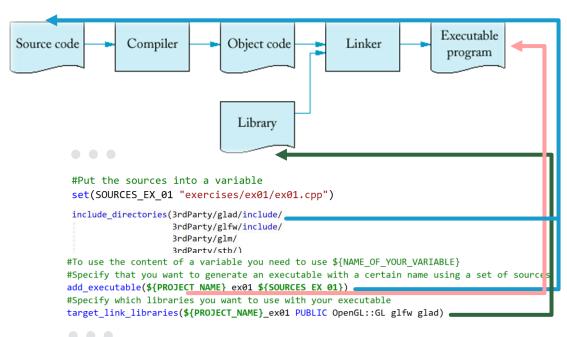
- Object-oriented
- **Efficient**
- Plenty of C++ tutorials and libraries available
- Compiled language not interpreted like Python or Java
- Before to be able to run, your code need to be transformed into machine code by the compilator
- C++ projects need to be « configured »
 - Need to specify which files you want to compile (the source code)
 - Which libraries you need and where to find them
 - The C++ standard you want, ect ...
- C++ is « cross-platform » but ...
 - All libraries aren't
 - All build system and compilers aren't



→ How can we make the exercices cross-platform?



- CMake is an open-source cross-platform tool that allow you to generate platform and compiler independent configuration files
- Some IDE directly support it (via extensions)
- Not material for the course but a useful tool to have for future projects
- Not mandatory for the project but recommended
 - Especially if you plan to be on different OS ...
- Don't hesitate to go read the annexes and the cmake files given to understand how it works
- It takes time to be used to it
- Don't hesitate to ask questions!

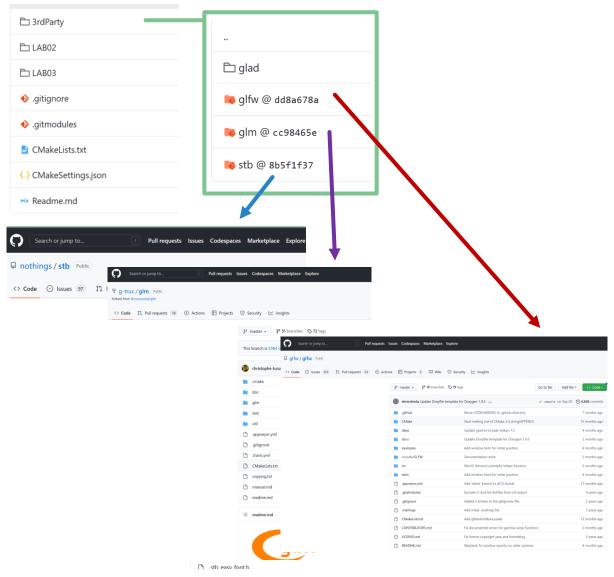


→ But often before that you may need to find where your libraries are

→So where can we locate the libraries that we will use today?



- Git is a powerful open-source version control system
- Exercises are on gitlab: https://gitlab.com/lisa-vr-course/info-h502_202324
- The usage of git is strongly recommended for the project
- Git submodules → https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2/Git-Tools-Submodules
 - Allow you inside a git to link to another git repository
 - Very useful for project that depend on other projects
- For convenience we use git submodules to get some libraries that we will use later (glfw, glm, stb)
 - Like this you don't have to install these ②
- When you clone it, use --recusive flag to download the source of the libraries



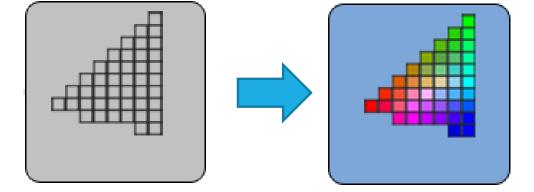
RECOMMENDED IDE

- Possible to use text-bloc or vim to edit your code but ...
- Programmers like IDEs (advanced text editors) because of:
 - Automatic code color
 - Syntax completition
 - Documentation integrated (sometimes)
 - Debug
 - Etc..
- We recommend one that directly support cmake (sometime with some add-on) for exercises (and your project):
 - Microsoft visual studio (Windows only) → https://visualstudio.microsoft.com/fr/vs/community/ (See Appendix B)
 - Visual studio code (cross-platform) → https://code.visualstudio.com/ (see Appendix C)
 - Qt creator (cross-platform) → https://www.qt.io/download-open-source (see Appendix D)
 - CLion → https://www.jetbrains.com/help/clion/quick-cmake-tutorial.html
 - · ...
- You can use other IDE but you may need to generate the configuration file of your project before ...

WHAT DO WE DO TODAY?

- Play with the fun part → Fragment Shader!
- Clone the project & run the first exercise
- Open the file LAB01.frag → this is the code for the fragment shader
- If your IDE is not yet downloaded use:
 https://www.shadertoy.com/new → online version

We use GLSL a « Shading » language



Main function name depends on the language!

```
void main() {
   vec2 fragCoord = gl_FragCoord.xy;
   vec3 color = vec3(0.6, 0.2, 0.8);
   float alpha = 1.0;

   vec4 pixel = vec4(color, alpha);
   fragColor = pixel;
}
```

This function is run by ALL the pixels on your screen in parallel!

Later when we will work with the vertex shader, it will be run by every fragments of every visible triangle!

GLSL = OpenGL Shading Language We use OpenGL

https://www.khronos.org/files/opengl4-quick-reference-card.pdf
The online version, Shadertoy uses WebGL:

https://www.khronos.org/files/webgl20-reference-guide.pdf

Few differences between the two shading languages

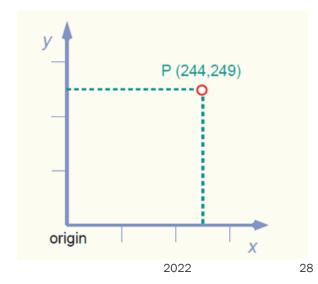
We use GLSL a « Shading » language

We can acces the « Fragment Coordinate » = which pixel we are ON the window

```
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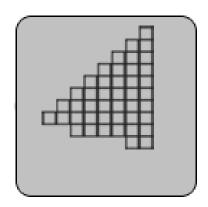
   vec4 pixel = vec4(color, alpha);
   fragColor = pixel;
}
```

! Coordinate center at the LEFT BOTTOM corner!

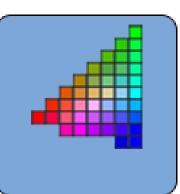


We use GLSL a « Shading » language

```
#version 330 core
precision mediump float;
uniform vec2 iResolution;
uniform float iTime;
                                    We always output the color
uniform vec2 iMouse;
out vec4 fragColor;
void main() {
   vec2 fragCoord = gl FragCoord.xy;
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   float alpha = 1.0;
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   fragColor = pixel;
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     fragColor = pixel;
```

```
The color is a RGB variable Usage: color.x = color.r = 0.0
```

```
color.x = color.r = 0.0

color.y = color.g = 1.0

color.z = color.b = 1.0

pixel.w = 1.0
```

We use GLSL a « Shading » language

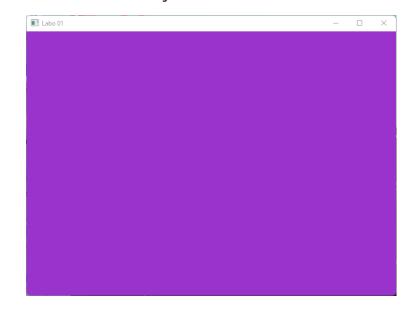
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```

The output color is always In 4D with the alpha channel

- We use GLSL a « Shading » language
- The « programmable » parts of the pipeline use « shaders » programs to describe what they do

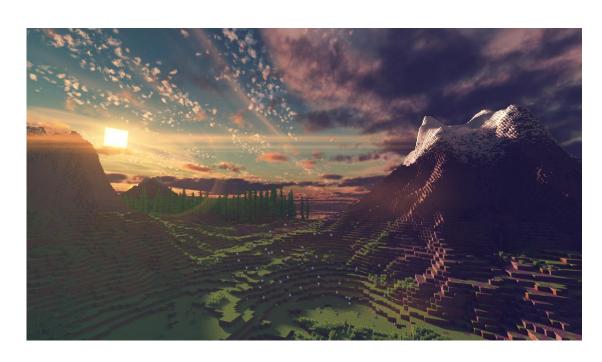
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```



We finally output the color

ARE SHADERS POWERFUL?



Done with Shadertoy!

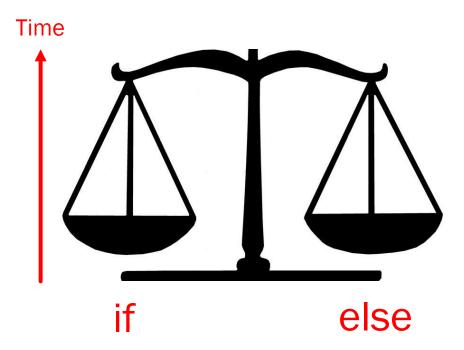


(See appendix A)

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IMPORTANT KEYWORDS

- fragCoord:
 - The « fragCoord » variable say at which pixel we are on screen
 - GPU work in parallel, we cannot use values of other pixels in one fragment!
- iResolution
 - xy variable (width, height) of the screen
- Program structure
 - Conditions (if, else, etc.)
 - Loops (for)
- Math functions
 - All classics: sin, cos, mod, ...



Danger here!
Use them with balance
All threads should terminate at approximate the same time

OTHER IMPORTANT FACTS

- We cannot print in the terminal! GPUs would need to transfer the text to the CPU which is extremely expensive
- GPU play extremely nice with float values! Cast into int only if really needed (casting: int(3.5) = 3))
- GPU need to render FAST, all the operations have to be of the same type $*: float \times float \rightarrow float$ (100*r.x) does not work while (100.0*r.x) works!
- All the accessible variables are at the top of the shader!
- Don't feel limited by the content of the slides
 Internet has all the GLSL functions descriptions!

https://registry.khronos.org/OpenGL-Refpages/gl4/index.php

For people using shadertoy: accessible variable are also at the top of the shader

```
Données d'entrée du shader

uniforer vec3 iResolution; // viemport resolution (in pixels)

uniforer float iTime; // shader playback time (in seconds)

unifore float iTimelelta; // render time (in seconds)

unifore int iFrame; // shader playback time (in seconds)

unifore reloat iTimelelta; // channel playback time

uniforer vec3 iChannelInse(4); // channel playback time (in seconds)

uniforer vec4 iChannelInse(4); // channel playback time (in seconds)

uniforer vec4 iChannelInse(4); // mouse pixel coords, xy; current (if MLB down), zw: click

uniforer vec4 iDate; // mouse pixel coords, xy; current (if MLB down), zw: click

uniforer vec4 iDate; // (year, month, day, time in seconds)

uniforer float iSamoleRate; // sound sample rate (i.e., 44100)

1 void mainImage( out vec4 fragColor, in vec2 fragCoord )

2 vec2 w = fragCoord/iResolution.xy;

// Mormalized pixel coordinates (from 0 to 1)

// Time varying pixel color

// Sound sample rate (i.e., 44100)

// Time varying pixel color

// Octput to screen

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// ragColor = vec4(col.1.0);
```

```
precision mediump float;
uniform vec2 iResolution;
uniform float iTime;
uniform vec2 iMouse;
```

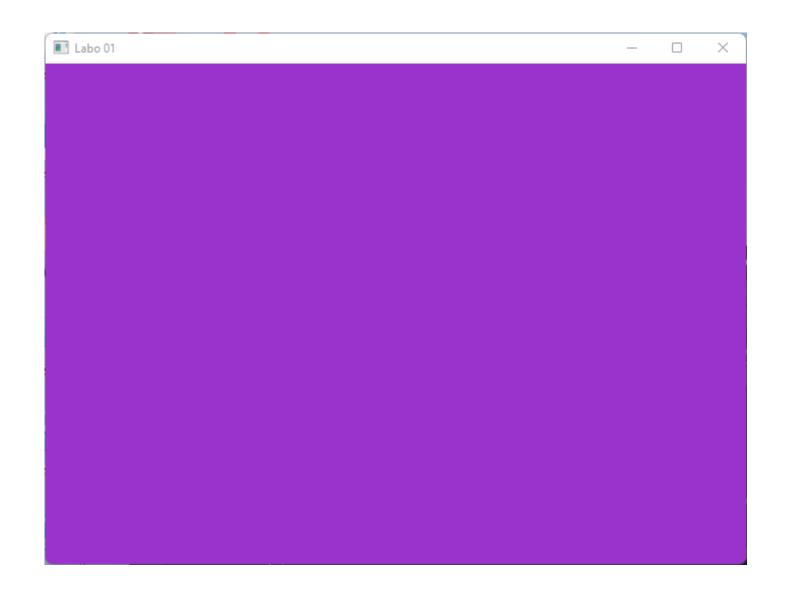
out vec4 fragColor;

LAST REMARKS

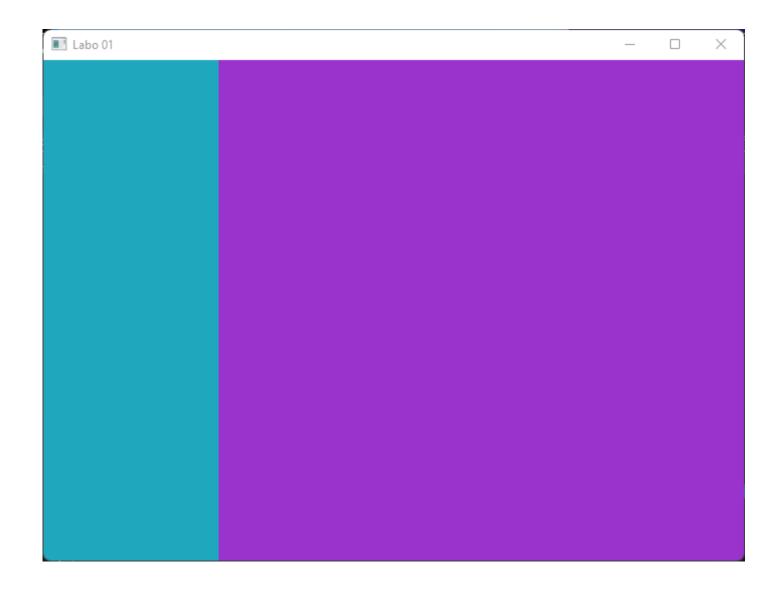
- The solutions for the exercises are in the solution folder
- BUT
 - Look at them only if you have really tried hard!
 - OpenGL require practice!
- If the exercises are too difficult for 4h, we will continue them at the next session, take your time to understand and master every concept.

You need to be fluent with the content of this exercise session for the project(s)

1. Colorize the screen



2. Divide the screen



- 3. When you click on « Fullscreen »
- The division is not right
- Normalize your coordinates to screen space



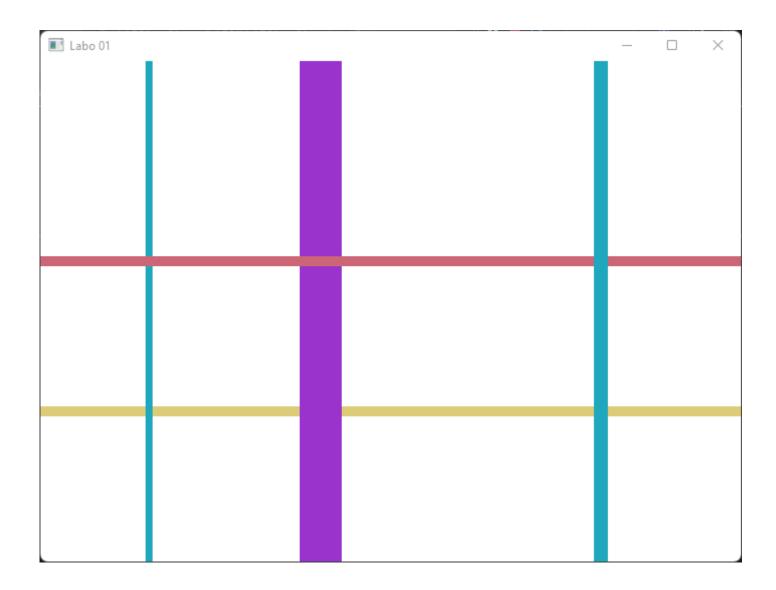
 4. Define a vector « r » in screen coordinates

Draw this:



Hint: as with the previous exercise, define $r \in [0,1] \times [0,1]$ a vector which let you write using 0->1 values!

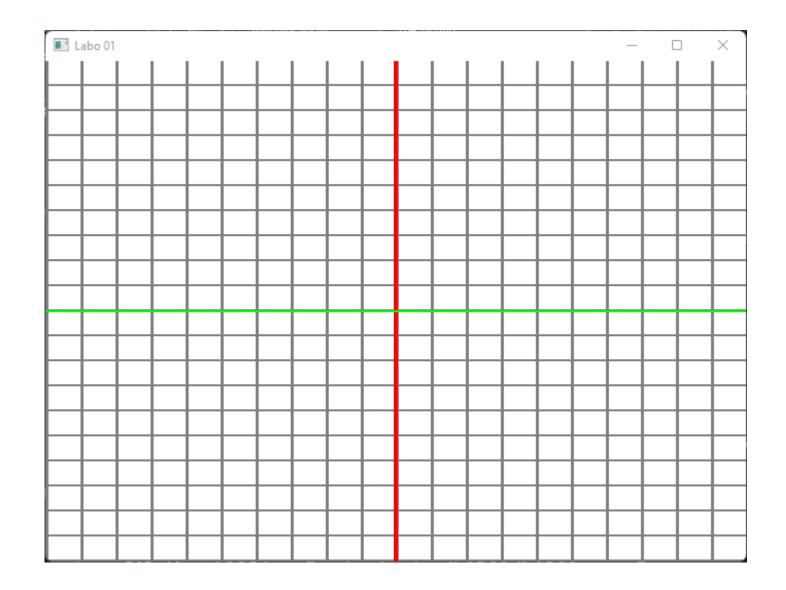
5. Become Mondrian



• 6. Draw axis and grid

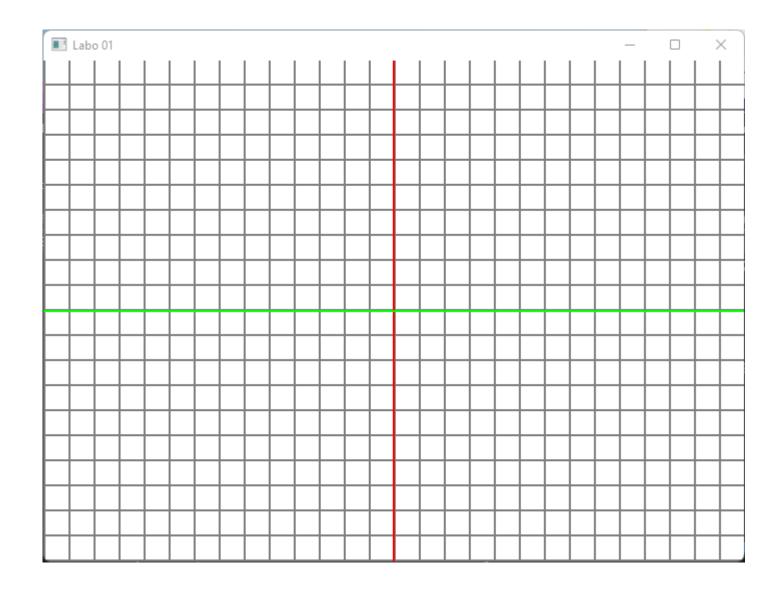


 7. Center the axis and grid

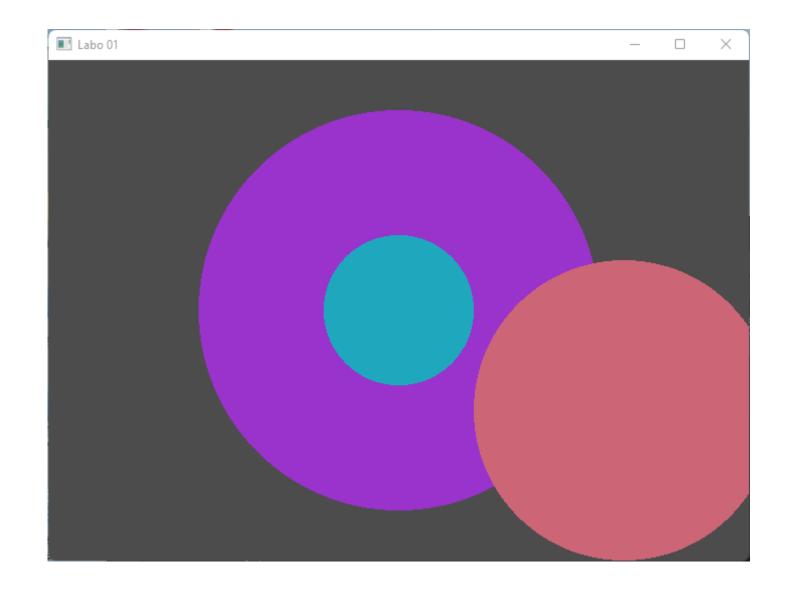


Hint: You need to define transformations $f: [0, iRes. x] \times [0, iRes. y] \rightarrow [0,1] \times [0,1], g: [0,1] \times [0,1] \rightarrow [-1,1] \times [-1,1] \times [-1,1]$

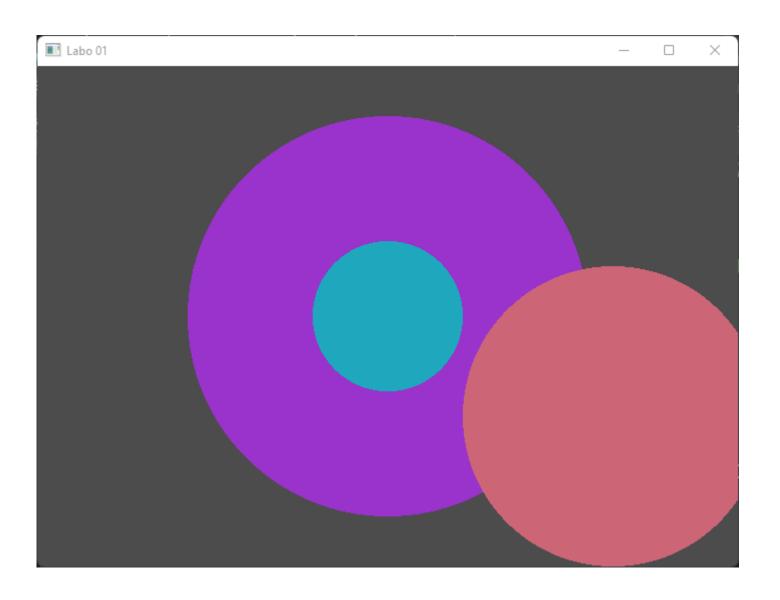
- 8. Center the axis and grid
- With the same spacial resolution!



- 9. Draw disks
- What does the « length » function do?



- 10. Draw disks
- Same as beforeBUTwrite a new FUNCTION
- Look the « inout » type of variable

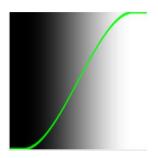


INTERLUDE ON FUNCTION

```
float pow1(in float x) { return x*x; }
   void pow2(out float o, in float x) { o = x*x; }
   void pow3(inout float io) { float tmp = io*io; io = tmp; }
   // Not at the same time reading and writing
   // for inout variables!
 6
    void mainImage( out vec4 fragColor, in vec2 fragCoord )
8 •
9
        float c1 = pow1(0.7);
10
11
        float c2;
12
        pow2(c2, 0.1);
13
14
        float c3 = 0.3;
15
        pow3(c3);
16
        vec3 col = vec3(c1, c2, c3);
17
18
        fragColor = vec4(col,1.0);
19
```

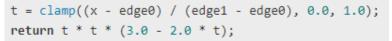
Three ways to return values!

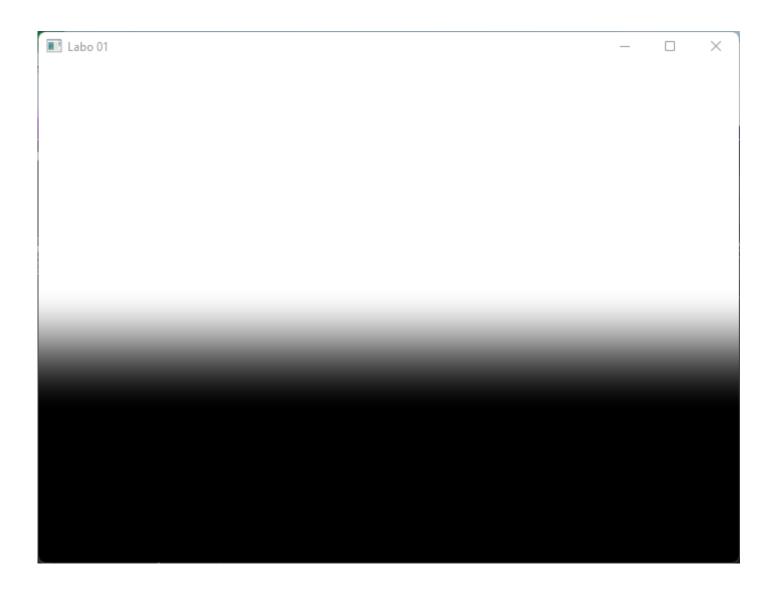
- in
- out
- inout



- 11. Look at the « smoothstep » function
- Draw this:

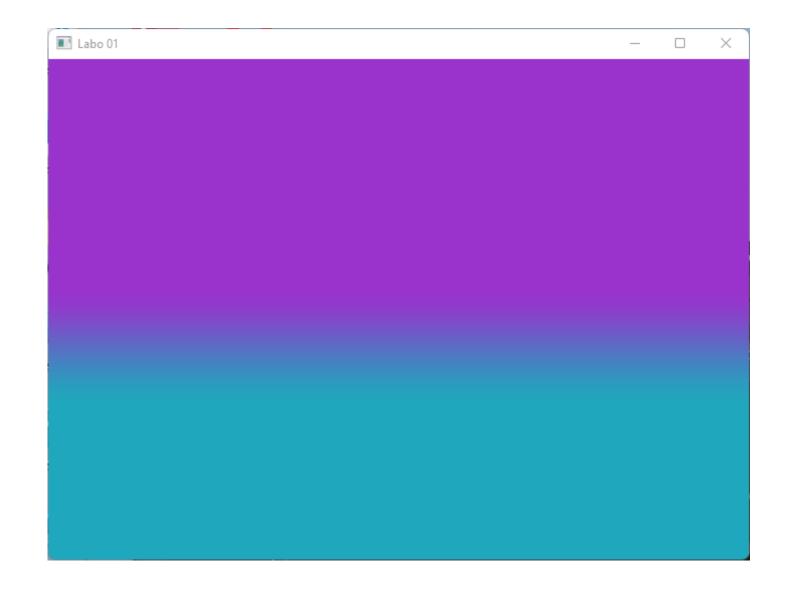
smoothstep is almost linear interpolation between colors smoothed with a 3rd degree polynomial!





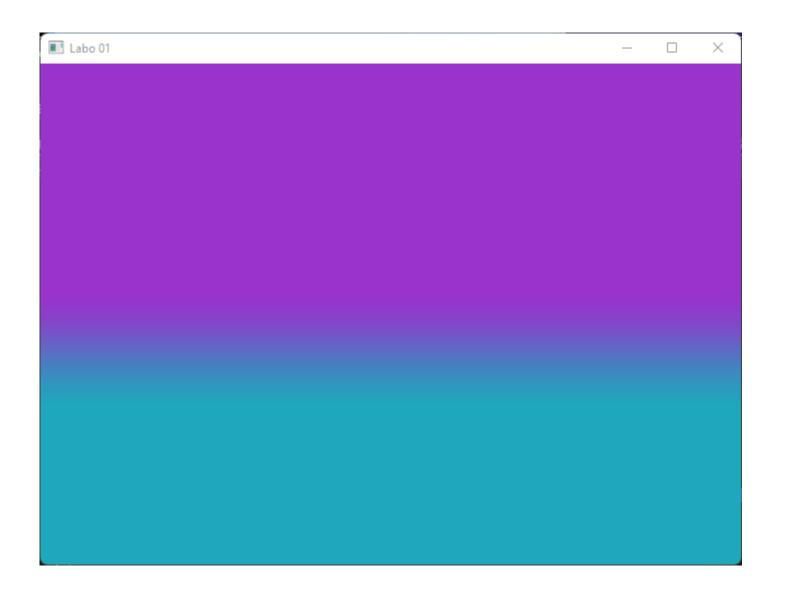
https://thebookofshaders.com/glossary/?search=smoothstep

- 12. Replace with colors
- Draw this:



Hint: in mathematics, how do we interpolate between two values? f(0) = a, f(1) = b, f = ?

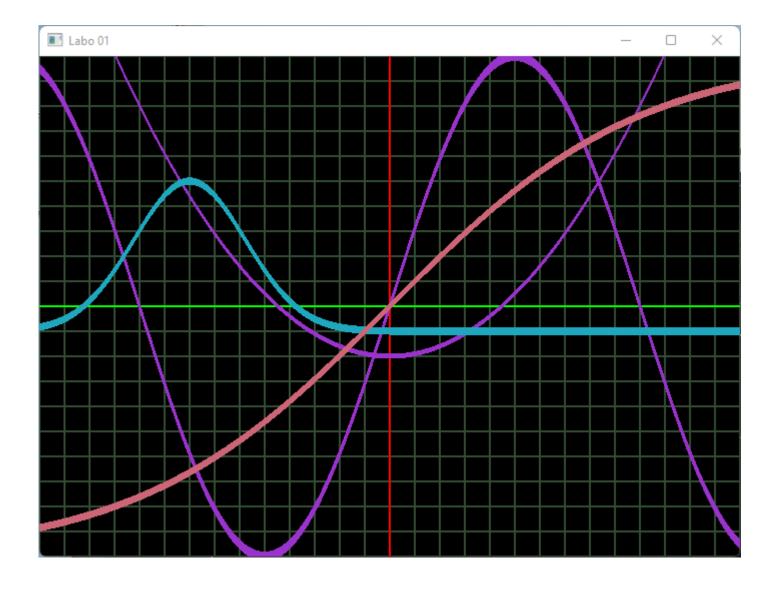
- 13. SAME
- BUT with « mix » function



- 14. Draw Functions!
- A function IS a set of points in space
- Here:

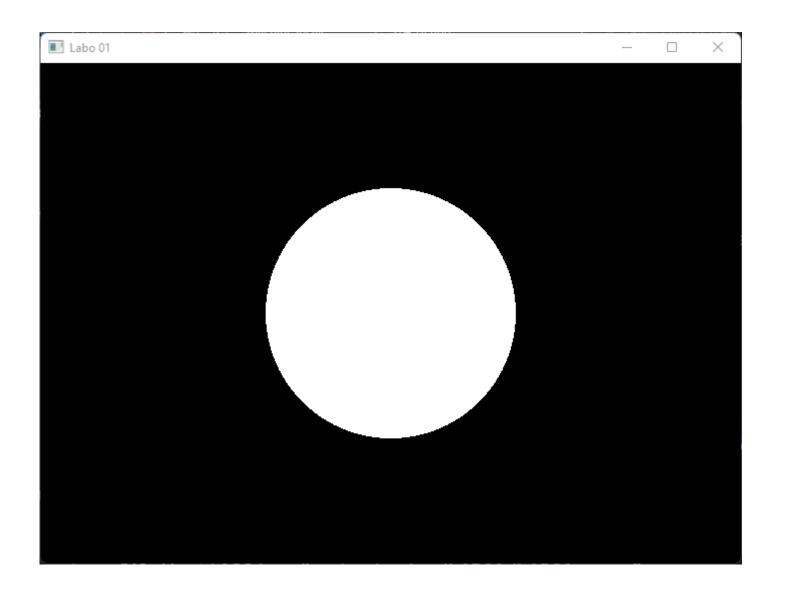
$$x^2 - 0.2$$

 $\sin(x\pi)$
bell curve
 $\tanh(x)$

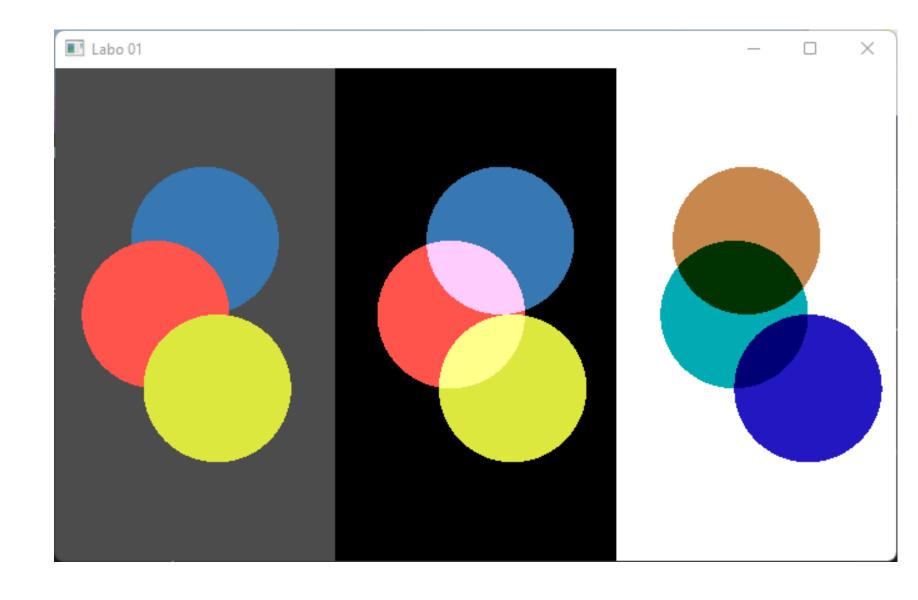


Hint: When you compare floating points values, you need to use a ε threshold due to floating point arithmetics

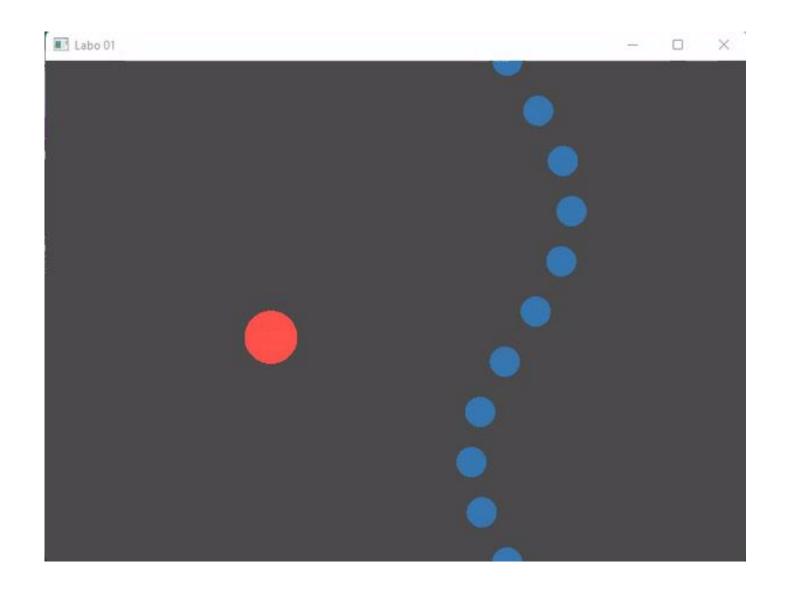
- 15. make a function
- That says if we are inside OR outside of a disk
- Returns
 - 0.0 if outside
 - 1.0 if inside



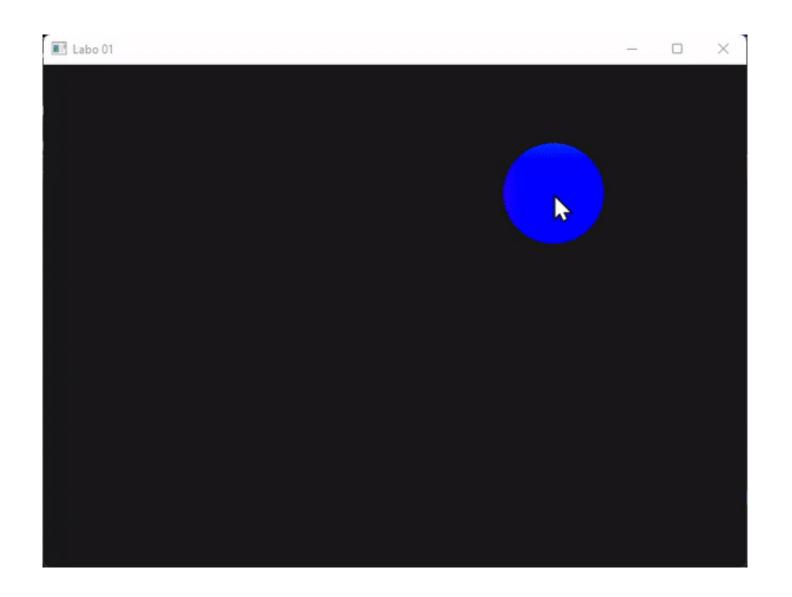
- 16. Colors
- Using the previous function, make:
 - Opaque colors
 - Replacing the previous
 - Additive colors
 - Mixing the colors
 - Substractive colors



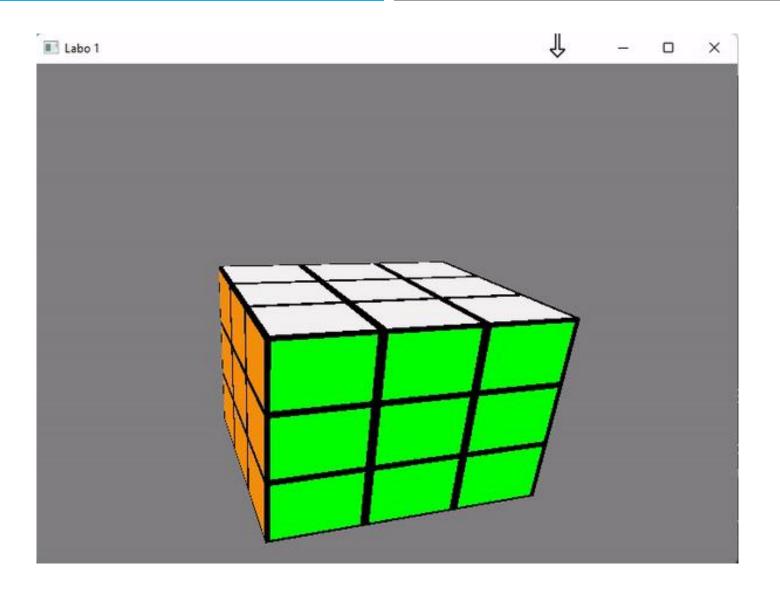
- 17. Animations
- Using « iTime »
- Set the x and y position using sinus functions!



- 18. Mouse control
- Using « iMouse »



- 19. Rubik's Cube
- This time the fragement shader is applied to an object!
 - Use the template LAB01_ex19.frag to solve this exercise.



WE HAVE CIRCLES! WHAT ABOUT OTHER FORMS?

- Difficult! We are in the fragment shader
- We need to define figures implicitly
- Next time with vertex shader!

APPENDIX A: IMPLICIT EUCLIDEAN 2D AND 3D FIGURES

Circle: https://www.shadertov.com/view/3ltSW2 https://www.shadertov.com/view/3tdSDi Segment: https://www.shadertov.com/view/XsXSz4 Triangle: https://www.shadertov.com/view/MIdcD7 Isosceles Triangle: https://www.shadertov.com/view/XI2vDW Regular Triangle: Regular Pentagon: https://www.shadertov.com/view/IIVyWW https://www.shadertoy.com/view/IIGfDG Regular Octogon: Rounded Rectangle: https://www.shadertoy.com/view/4IIXD7 https://www.shadertov.com/view/XdXcRB Rhombus: https://www.shadertoy.com/view/MlvcD3 Trapezoid: Polygon: https://www.shadertoy.com/view/wdBXRW Hexagram: https://www.shadertov.com/view/tt23RR Regular Star: https://www.shadertov.com/view/3tSGDv Star5: https://www.shadertoy.com/view/wlcGzB https://www.shadertov.com/view/4sS3zz Ellipse 1: https://www.shadertoy.com/view/4lsXDN Ellipse 2: https://www.shadertov.com/view/MIKcDD **Ouadratic Bezier:** Uneven Capsule: https://www.shadertov.com/view/4lcBWn https://www.shadertov.com/view/XtVfRW Vesica: Cross: https://www.shadertov.com/view/XtGfzw Pie: https://www.shadertov.com/view/3I23RK https://www.shadertoy.com/view/wl23RK Arc: Horseshoe: https://www.shadertov.com/view/WISGW1 https://www.shadertoy.com/view/ws3GD7 Parabola: https://www.shadertoy.com/view/3ISczz Parabola Segment: Rounded X: https://www.shadertoy.com/view/3dKSDc Joint: https://www.shadertoy.com/view/WldGWM

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Simple Egg:

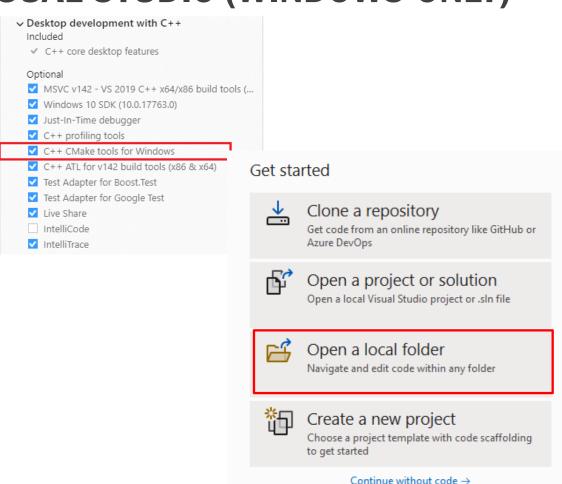
APPENDIX A: IMPLICIT EUCLIDEAN 3D FIGURES – LEVEL MADNESS

- Video from an expert in implicit geometry functions rendering:
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8--5LwHRhjk
- Explains how to make a complex scene without any geometry using only the fragment shader!
- Every pixel's color you see are computed using only the spatial fragment coordinates!!!
- Code: https://www.shadertoy.com/view/WsSBzh



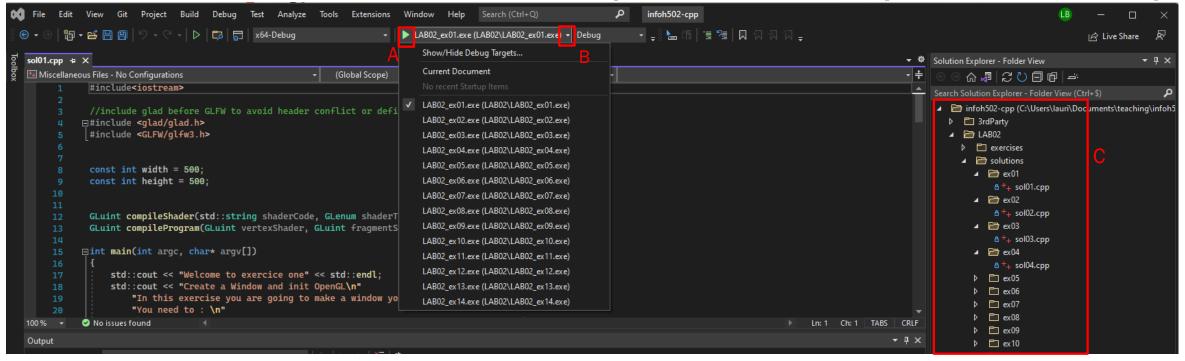
APPENDIX B: RUNNING THE CODE (VISUAL STUDIO (WINDOWS ONLY)

- Install Visual Studio (Community) if not already done :
 - https://visualstudio.microsoft.com/downloads/
 - Install the component « Desktop development with C++ » during the installation process
 Be sure that « C++ Cmake tools for windows » is installed
- Install git if not done: https://git-scm.com/downloads
- Using the terminal, clone the repository in the folder you want: git clone --recursive https://gitlab.com/lisa-vr-course/infoh502_202324
- Open Visual Studio and select « Open a local folder » then select the folder that you just clone



→ More info on visual studio and cmake are available here: https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/cpp/build/cmake-projects-in-visual-studio?view=msvc-170

APPENDIX B: RUNNING THE CODE (VISUAL STUDIO (WINDOWS ONLY)



- A. Press the green play button to run the executable
- B. Select the executable you want to run
- C. Navigate into the files and edit them to do the exercises

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APPENDIX C: RUNNING THE CODE (VISUAL STUDIO CODE)



- Install Visual Studio Code: https://code.visualstudio.com/download
- C++ extension for VSC : go to the extension page and search « c++ », install it
- CMake tools extension for VSC : search « cmake tools », install it
- If you don't have CMake, install it: https://cmake.org/download/
 - Check your CMake version to see if it's installed : « cmake –version »



APPENDIX C: RUNNING THE CODE (VISUAL STUDIO CODE - MACOS)

- You need a C++ compiler, you can install gcc by installing Xcode (heavy), or the Command Line Tools for Xcode (light) by running « xcode-select –install » in the terminal
 - Check you c++ compiler with « clang –v »
 - If you want to use VSC on another operating system, this step is the only one that change

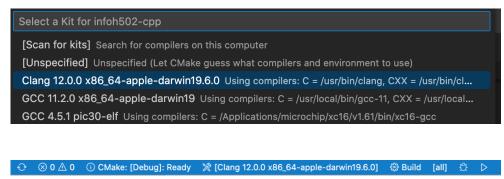
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(base) MacBook-Pro-8:LAB02 elinesoetens$ clang -v
Apple clang version 12.0.0 (clang-1200.0.32.21)
Target: x86_64-apple-darwin19.6.0
Thread model: posix
InstalledDir: /Applications/Xcode.app/Contents/Developer/Toolchains/XcodeDefault.xctoolchain/usr/bin
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Clone the git repository: « git clone --recursive https://gitlab.com/lisa-vr-course/info-h502_202324.git»

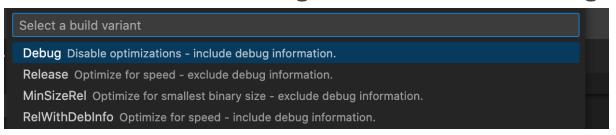
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APPENDIX C: RUNNING THE CODE (VISUAL STUDIO CODE)

Open the cloned repository in VSC



- Select a Kit (C++ compiler): Open the Command Palette (MacOs: ①光P, Linux: Ctrl+Shift+P) and run « CMake: Select a Kit », select the compiler you want
 - You should see the selected kit in the status bar at the bottom
- Choose the mode (Debug, Release, ...) by running « Cmake : Select Variant » in the Command Palette or select the mode in the status bar at the bottom. Use Debug to have access to the debug info



APPENDIX C: RUNNING THE CODE (VISUAL STUDIO CODE)

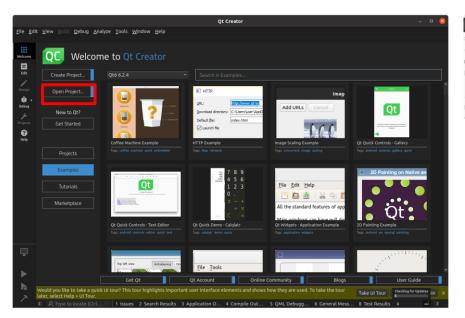


- Run « Cmake : Configure » in the Command Palette to generate a build folder
- Build you code : choose your target in the status bar (default : all the target)
- Run your code : select a target then launch it or click the executable produced in the build folder

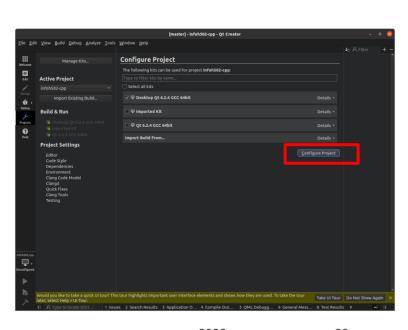


APPENDIX D: RUNNING THE CODE WITH QT CREATOR (CROSS-PLATFORM)

- Install cmake if not already done: https://cmake.org/download/ or sudo apt-get install cmake
- Install git: https://git-scm.com/downloads or sudo apt-get install git
- Using the terminal, clone the repository in the folder you want: git clone recursive https://gitlab.com/lisa-vr-course/info-h502_202324
- Install Qt creator (open-source): https://www.qt.io/download-open-source
- Open Qt Creator and select Open project
- Chose the default configuration and press configure project

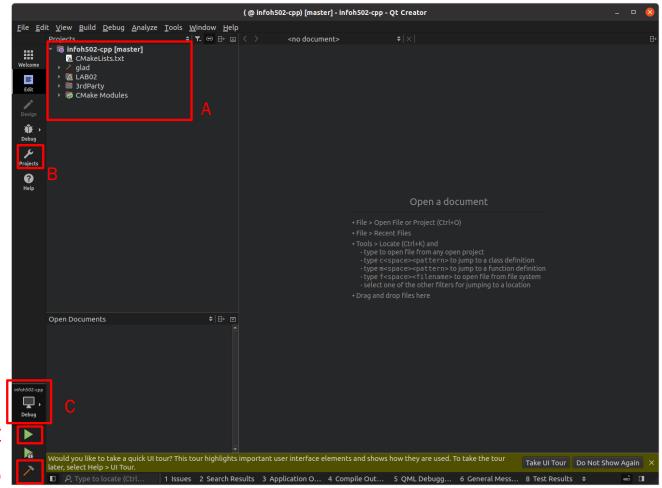






APPENDIX D: RUNNING THE CODE WITH QT CREATOR (CROSS-PLATFORM)

- A. Navigate the project
- B. Change Project settings
- C. Change the selected executable
- D. Build the executable
- D. Run the selected executable



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APPENDIX E: INSIGHTS ON THE PIPELINE

Transform feedback

- Tissue simulations
- particle systems
- Physical simulations

