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- Built-in Render Pipelines
- Universal Render Pipelines (URP)
- High Definition Render Pipelines (HDRP)
- Scriptable Render Pipeline (SRP)
 - Allow to write C# scripts to fully control the rendering pipeline
 - —Two prebuilt SRPs: URP, HDRP (offer extensive customization options)
 - -You can also build your own custom SRP from scratch

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Built-in Render Pipeline

- Built-in Render Pipeline is a general-purpose render pipeline
- more limited custom extension than SRPs
- can choose between <u>different rendering paths</u> and extend functionality with command buffers and callbacks
- Rendering path
 - —is a series of operations related to lighting and shading.
 - Different rendering paths have different capabilities and performance characteristics.
 - —Decision depends on the project and the target hardware
 - -Forward Rendering vs. Deferred Shading

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Universal Render Pipeline (URP)

The Universal Render Pipeline (URP) is a prebuilt Scriptable Render Pipeline, made by Unity. URP provides artist-friendly workflows that let you quickly and easily create optimized graphics across a range of platforms, from mobile to high-end consoles and PCs.

URP is supported on the following platforms:

- Windows and UWP
- Mac and iOS
- Android
- XBox One
 PlayStation4
- Nintendo Switch
 Walk Of
- WebGL
 All current VR platforms

Note: Projects made using URP are not compatible with the High Definition Render Pipeline (HDRP) or the Built-in Render Pipeline. Before you start development, you must decide which render pipeline to use in your Project. For information on choosing a render pipeline, see the Render Pipelines section of the Unity Manual.

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High Definition Render Pipeline (HDRP)

- The High Definition Render Pipeline (HDRP) is a high-fidelity Scriptable Render Pipeline built by Unity to target modern (Compute Shader compatible) platforms.
- HDRP utilizes Physically-Based Lighting techniques, linear lighting, HDR lighting, and a configurable hybrid Tile/Cluster deferred/Forward lighting architecture.
- It gives you the tools you need to create applications such as games, technical demos, and animations to a high graphical standard.

HRDP is only supported on the following platforms:

- Windows and Windows Store, with DirectX 11 or DirectX 12 and Shader Model 5.0
- Modern consoles (Sony PS4 and Microsoft Xbox One)
- MacOS using Metal graphics
 Linux and Windows platforms with Vulkar
- HDRP does not support OpenGL or OpenGL ES devices.

Note: HDRP only works on these platforms if the device used supports Compute Shaders

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Meshes, Materials, Shaders and Textures

- Meshes: the main graphics primitive, define shapes
- Materials: define how a surface should be rendered, including refs to Textures, Tiling, Color tints and etc. Options for Material: one specific **Shader** to be used
- Shaders: small scripts that contain the math and algorithms for calculating the Color of each pixel, based on lighting input and Material configuration
- Textures: bitmap images. A Material can contain refers to one or more textures; the Material's Shader can use the textures to calculate surface color of a GameObject
 - -basic Color (Albedo) using texture
 - -reflectivity or roughness using texture

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Writing Shaders in Unity

- Three different ways
 - -Surface Shaders (for lights and shadows; higher level of abstraction for interaction with Unity's lighting pipeline; Cg/HLSL + autogenerated code; do not use if no lighting)
 - -Vertex and Fragment Shaders (the most flexible; but more code, harder to interact with lighting; using Cg/HLSL)
 - Fixed Function Shaders (legacy Shader syntax, written in ShaderLab language)
- All wrapped in ShaderLab
- All internally converted to vertex and fragment shaders

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Standard Shader

- A built-in shader with a comprehensive set of features
 - -Hard surface: stone, wood, glass, plastic and metal (even decent for non-hard materials: skin, hair, cloth)
 - -supports a wide range of shader types and combinations (as Diffuse, Specular, Bumped Specular, Reflective)
 - -Its features are enabled/disabled by using/not using the various texture slots and parameters in the material editor
- Physically Based Shading (PBS)
 - -principles of physics in shading
 - -energy conserve, Fresnel reflections, self occlusion, HDR
 - the Disney model for diffuse component
 - GGX model for specular
 - Smith Joint GGX visibility term
 - Schlick Fresnel appromixation





ShaderLab

ShaderLab: a declarative language

- Example
- Shader
- properties
 - SubShader
 - pass

Shader "name" { [Properties] Subshaders [Fallback] [CustomEditor] } // a single color property Color ("Main Color", Color) = (1,.5,.5,1) // a single pass in our subshade

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