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More complex materials, multi-bounce lighting, etc.





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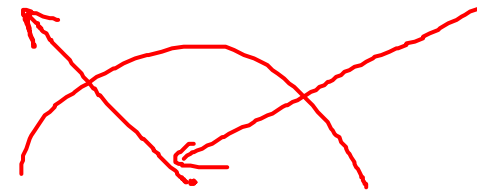


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- Need to *sample* your lights
 - Pick a random location on some light
 - Evaluate direct lighting from that point



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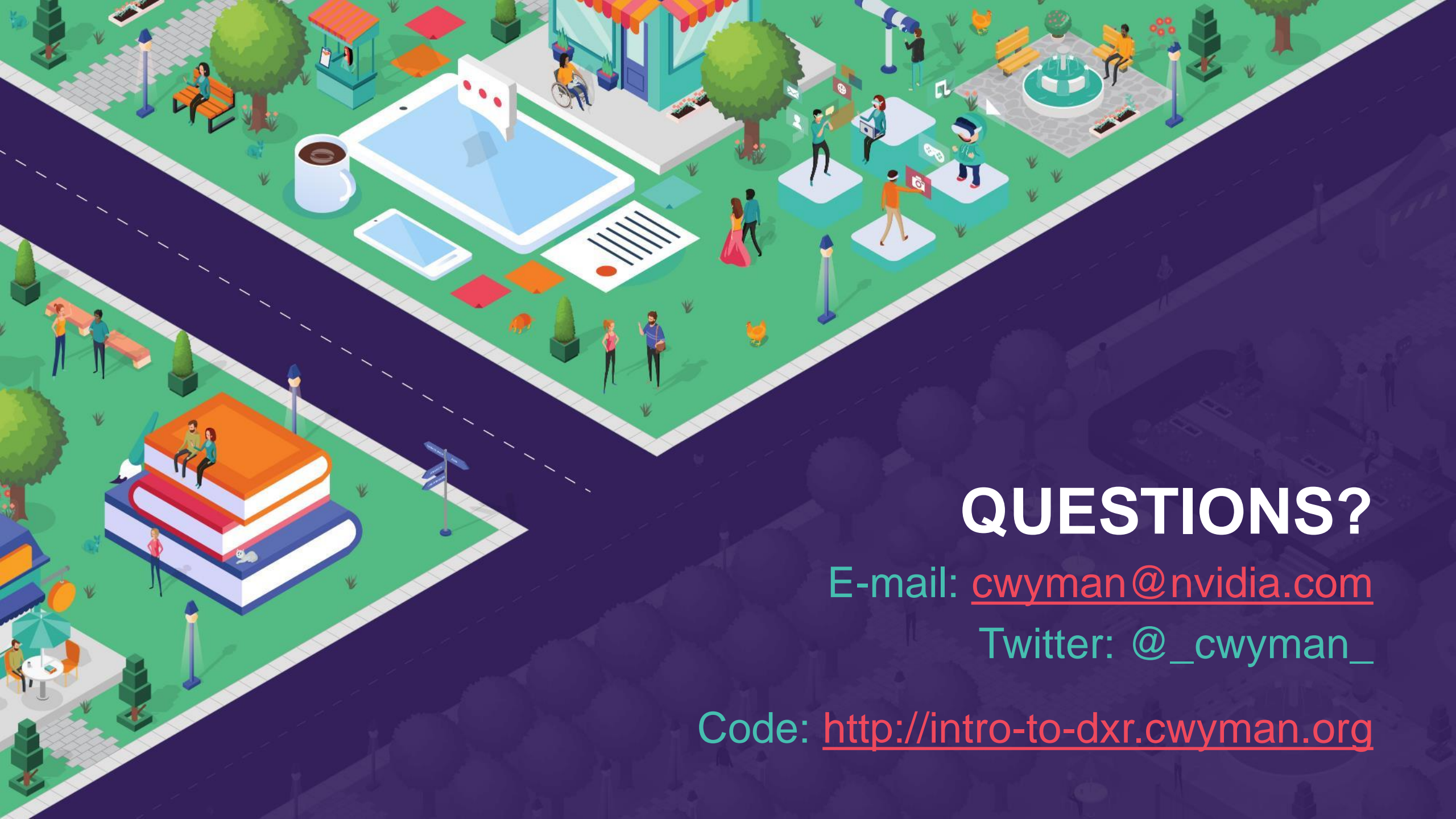


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With more on materials, sampling, and how to think about GPU ray tracing performance





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