MaterialX Shader Generation

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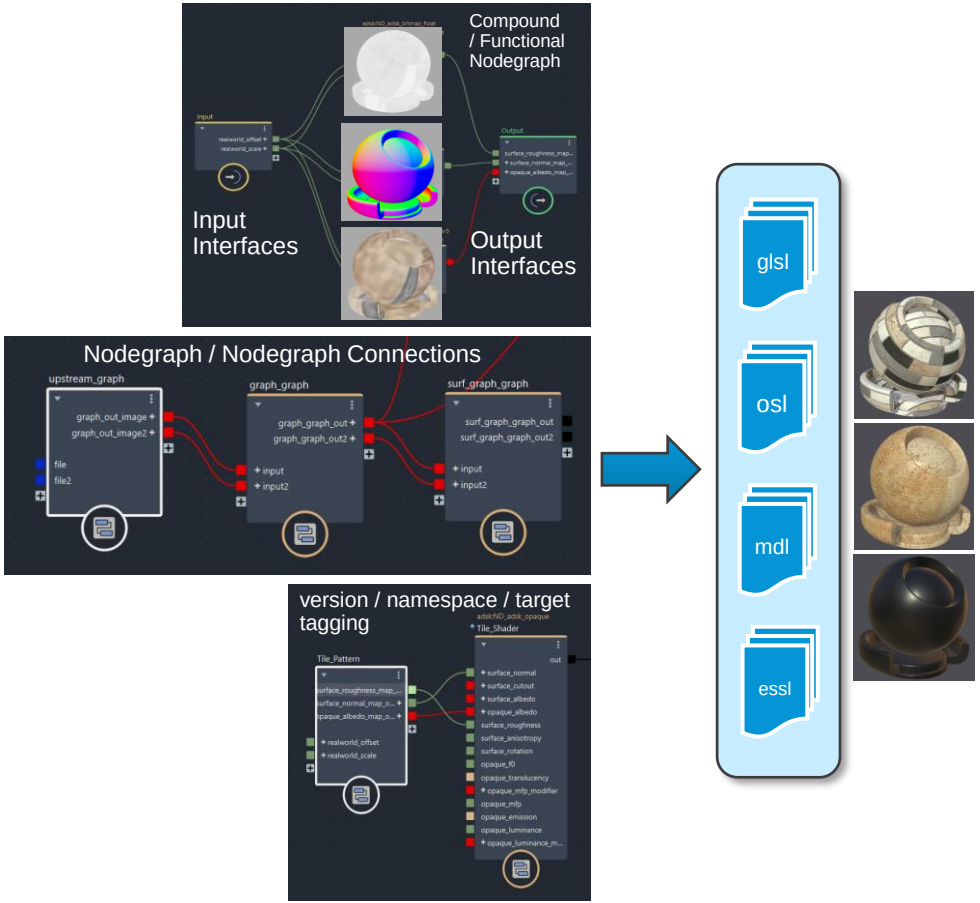
1.38.x Updates

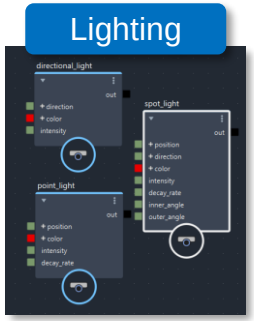
Shading Graph Configurability

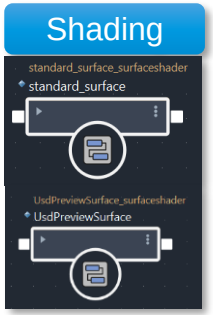
- Consistent and robust compound and functional graph support
- Improved traversal logic for node and graph interface connections
- New: Nodegraph-to-nodegraph connections, Translation graph support.
- Improved namespace, version, target support
- Improved input value resolution to handle: inheritance, interface connections, geometry and filenames (incl. tokens)
- Improved ability to code generate for individual nodes, and sub-graphs.

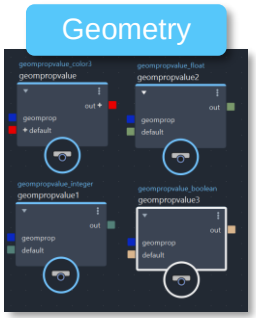


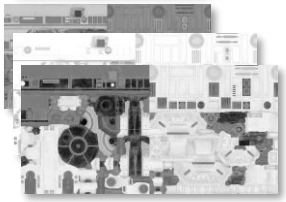
Code Generation Configurability

- Improved light injection and geometry stream bindings
- Improved uniform injection including layout support
- Improved reflection for resource binding and transparency heuristics
- Improved image format and texturing support









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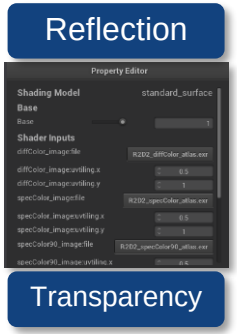

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Infrastructure

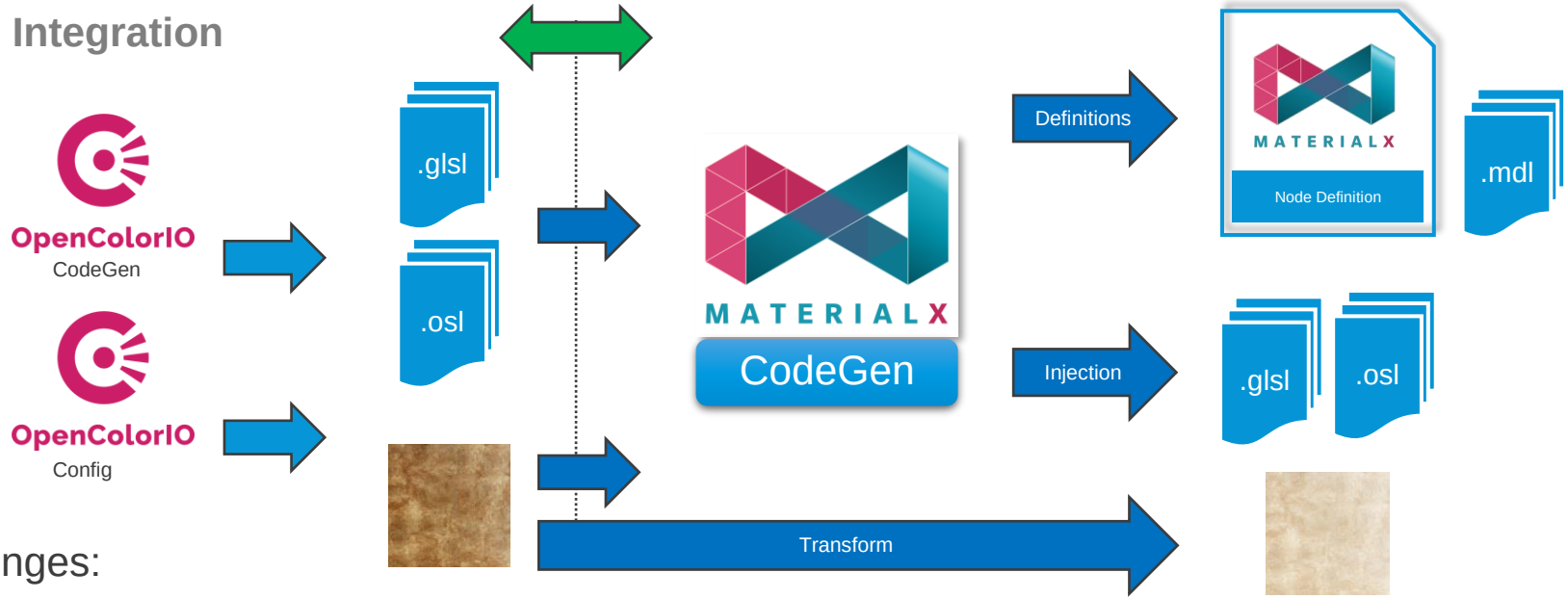
Github Actions Migration

- Rendering validation (Intel OpenSWR)
- MaterialX Web: WASM generation and Github pages hosting.
- Goal: support fully automated code generation / rendering validation

Initiatives In Progress

Color Management

OCIO v2 Integration

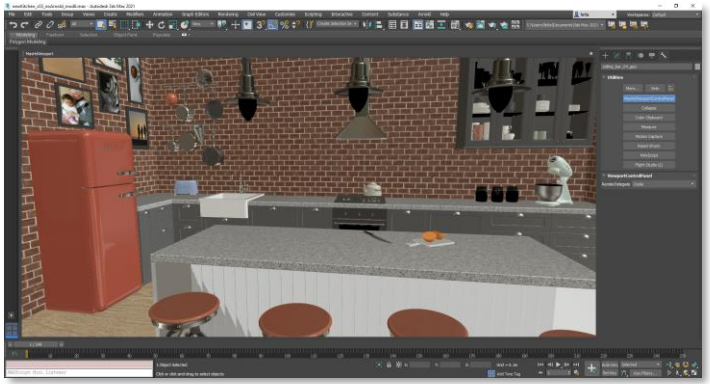


- Challenges:
  - ACEScg color space naming consistency
  - Code generation targets: GLSL, OSL, MDL, ESSL
  - Deployment flexibility: pre-compute, function generation, full shader, reference definition
  - OCIO enhancements for uniform injection / format control

SPIRV Code Generation Overview

- Use `mx::GlslResourceBindingContext`
- Generate SPIRV compatible GLSL.

  E.g., use `#extension GL_ARB_shading_language_420pack`
- Demonstrated feasibility of Cross Compilation during SIGGRAPH 2020 Autodesk Vision Series demo.
- Explore and improve **KhronosGroup/SPIRV-Tools** to provide per target Shader Reflection.



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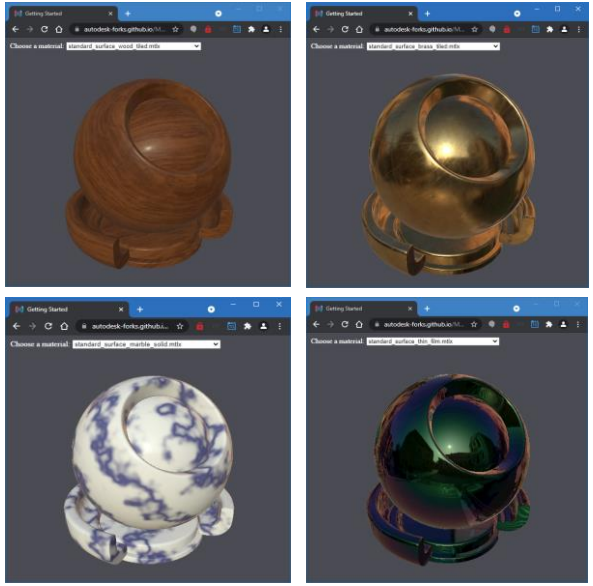
3ds Max: Open Standards & Next Generation Viewport Framework (SIGGRAPH 2020 Autodesk Vision Series)

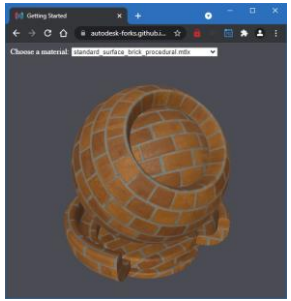
MaterialX for Web

MaterialX JavaScript library

- In progress project for upcoming release.
- Components:
  - JavaScript Bindings + Web Assembly.
  - CodeGen for OpenGL ES 3.0.
  - Web Viewer Sample Application https://autodesk-forks.github.io/MaterialX/
- Fully compatible with current GLSL implementation.
- Supported Browsers Chrome, Firefox, Edge, Safari*
- Supports material shading graphs and pattern graphs (textures, procedurals)
- Framework agnostic.

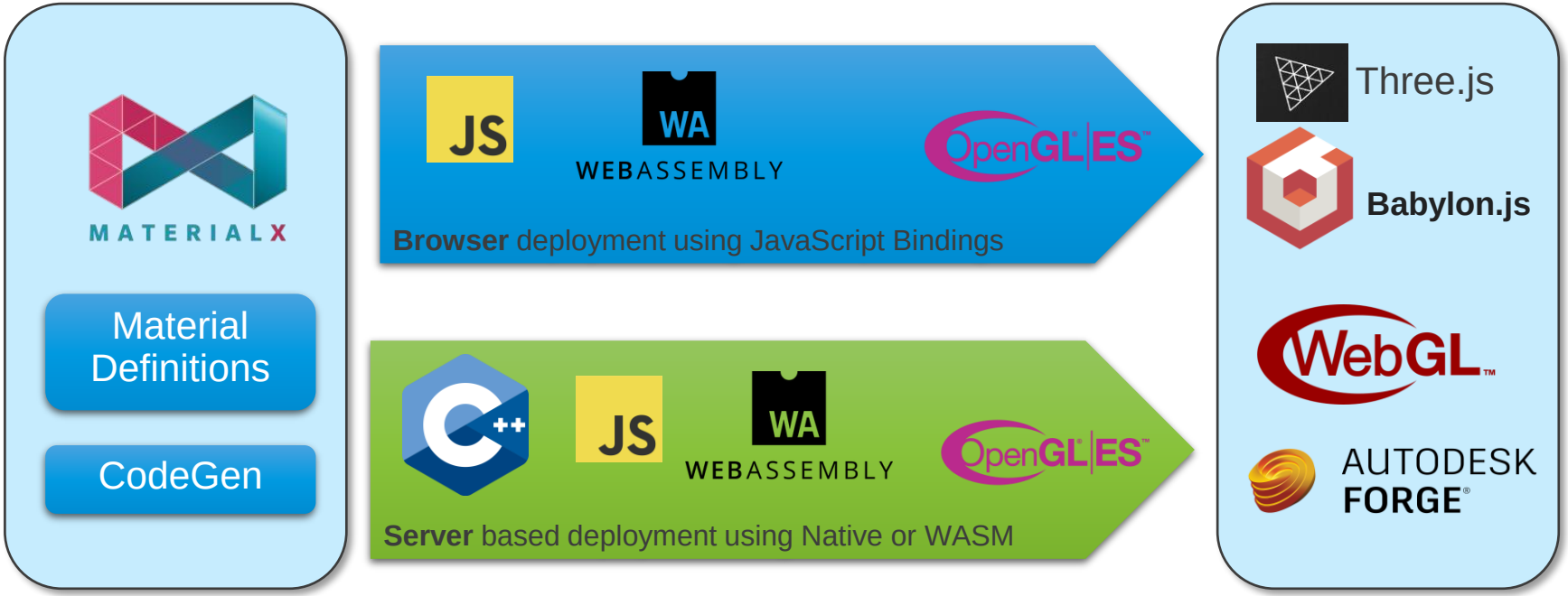


Above: Examples from MaterialX distribution using Standard Surface in Google Chrome.
Below: Example procedural material from **Adobe Substance** as MaterialX in Google Chrome.

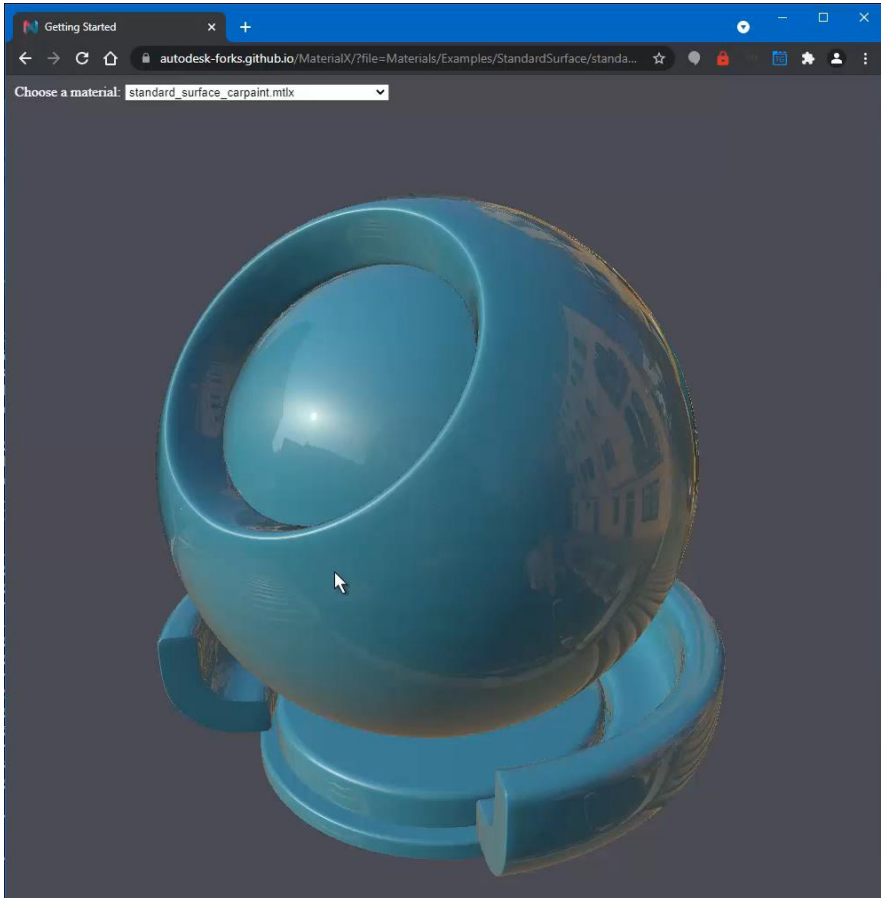


MaterialX for Web

Deployment options (framework agnostic)



MaterialX WebGL (in Google Chrome)



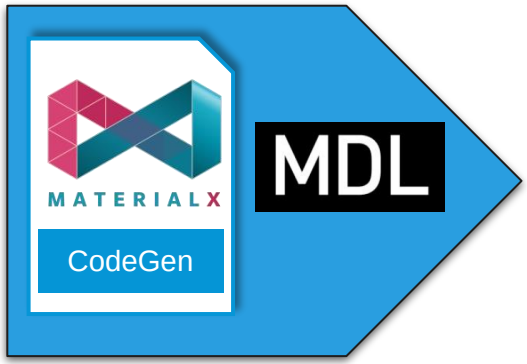
MaterialX API in JavaScript, using GL ES Shader Generator

```
let gen = new mx.EsslShaderGenerator();
let genContext = new mx.GenContext(gen);
let stdlib = mx.loadStandardLibraries(genContext);
doc.importLibrary(stdlib);

// Load material
if (mtlxMaterial)
    await mx.readFromXmlString(doc, mtlxMaterial);
else
    fallbackMaterial(doc);

let elem = mx.findRenderableElement(doc);

// Handle transparent materials
const isTransparent = mx.isTransparentSurface(elem, gen.getTarget());
genContext.getOptions().hwTransparency = isTransparent;

// Load lighting setup into document
const lightRigDoc = mx.createDocument();
await mx.readFromXmlString(lightRigDoc, loadedLightSetup);
doc.importLibrary(lightRigDoc);

// Register lights with generation context
const lights = (0,_helper_js__WEBPACK_IMPORTED_MODULE_0__.findLights)(do
const lightData = (0,_helper_js__WEBPACK_IMPORTED_MODULE_0__.registerLig

let shader = gen.generate(elem.getNamePath(), elem, genContext);

// Get GL ES shaders and uniform values
let vShader = shader.getSourceCode("vertex");
let fShader = shader.getSourceCode("pixel");
```

Future Work

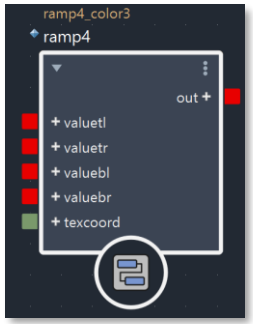
NVIDIA MDL Updates

- Forthcoming MDL 1.7 release will have better alignment with MaterialX (e.g., sheen layer, unbound mixer nodes)
- End of year target to have MaterialX import for Omniverse
  - Background improvements in MDL generation and consumption (E.g., resource path handling)
- See SIGGRAPH 2021 updates from NVIDIA.



Generation Configurability

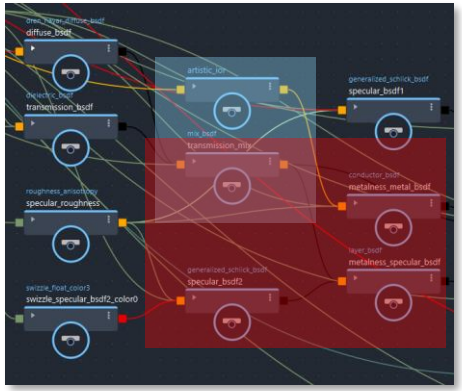
- Fragment / Function Export vs new generator derivation
- Uniform format control / reflection
- Sub-graph / node export as graphs or images



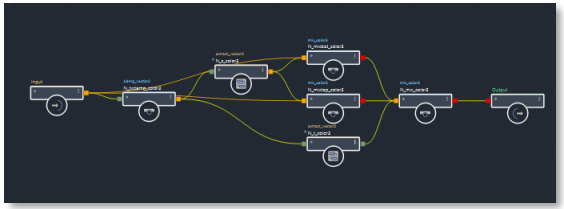
Fragment

```
void NG_ramp4_color3(color valuetl, color valuetr, color valuebl, color valuebr,
vector2 texcoord, output color out)
{
    vector2 N_txclamp_color3_low_tmp = vector2(0, 0);
    vector2 N_txclamp_color3_high_tmp = vector2(1, 1);
    vector2 N_txclamp_color3_out = clamp(texcoord, N_txclamp_color3_low_tmp,
N_txclamp_color3_high_tmp);
    float N_t_color3_out = 0.0;
    NG_extract_vector2(N_txclamp_color3_out, 1, N_t_color3_out);
    float N_s_color3_out = 0.0;
    NG_extract_vector2(N_txclamp_color3_out, 0, N_s_color3_out);
    color N_mixbot_color3_out = mix(valuebl, valuebr, N_s_color3_out);
    color N_mixtop_color3_out = mix(valuetl, valuetr, N_s_color3_out);
    color N_mix_color3_out = mix(N_mixtop_color3_out, N_mixbot_color3_out,
N_t_color3_out);
    out = N_mix_color3_out;
}
```

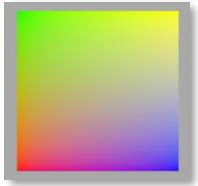
Uniform Format / Reflection



Export



Bake



Generation Optimization

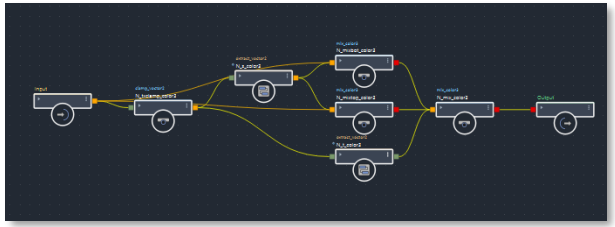
- Performance optimizations for language / platform / workflow

```
void NG_ramp4_color3_slow(color valuetl, color valuetr, color valuebl,
color valuebr, vector2 texcoord, output color out)
{
    vector2 N_txclamp_color3_low_tmp = vector2(0, 0);
    vector2 N_txclamp_color3_high_tmp = vector2(1, 1);
    vector2 N_txclamp_color3_out = clamp(texcoord,
N_txclamp_color3_low_tmp, N_txclamp_color3_high_tmp);
    float N_t_color3_out = 0.0;
    NG_extract_vector2(N_txclamp_color3_out, 1, N_t_color3_out);
    float N_s_color3_out = 0.0;
    NG_extract_vector2(N_txclamp_color3_out, 0, N_s_color3_out);
    color N_mixbot_color3_out = mix(valuebl, valuebr, N_s_color3_out);
    color N_mixtop_color3_out = mix(valuetl, valuetr, N_s_color3_out);
    color N_mix_color3_out = mix(N_mixtop_color3_out,
N_mixbot_color3_out, N_t_color3_out);
    out = N_mix_color3_out;
}
```

Optimize

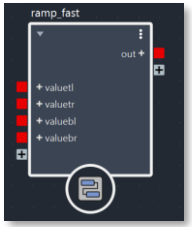
```
void NG_ramp4_color3_fast(color valuetl, color
valuetr, color valuebl, color valuebr, vector2
texcoord, output color out)
{
    out = fast_code;
}
```

- Optimize at code, node, and/or definition level

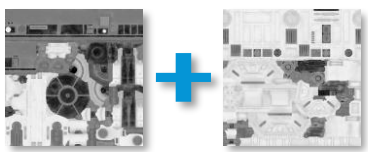


Optimize

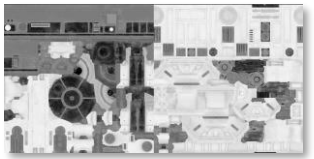
Reparametrize



- Repackaging of resources: baking, packing, access atlas / arrays (e.g. UDIMs), alternate formats (e.g. IBL cubemaps)

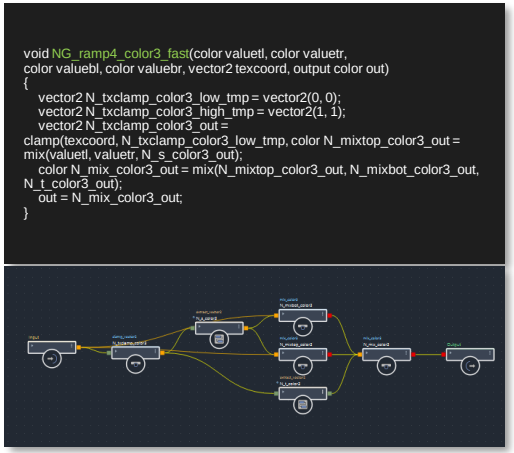


Format / Pack



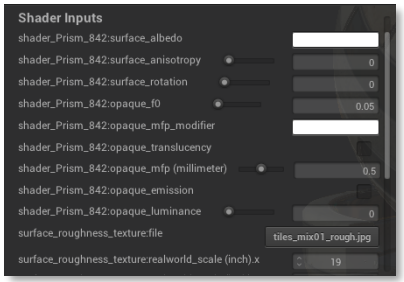
Generation Deployment

- Publishing for reuse, produce reference libraries (e.g. OSL reference library)



Publish

- Realtime Updates:
  - Observability
  - Change management
  - Diagnostics / Feedback



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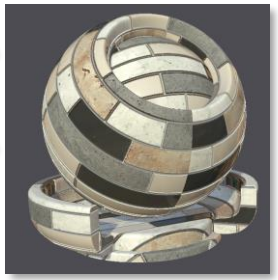
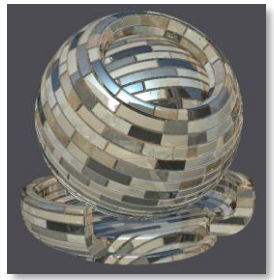
Change Management

Diagnostics





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