

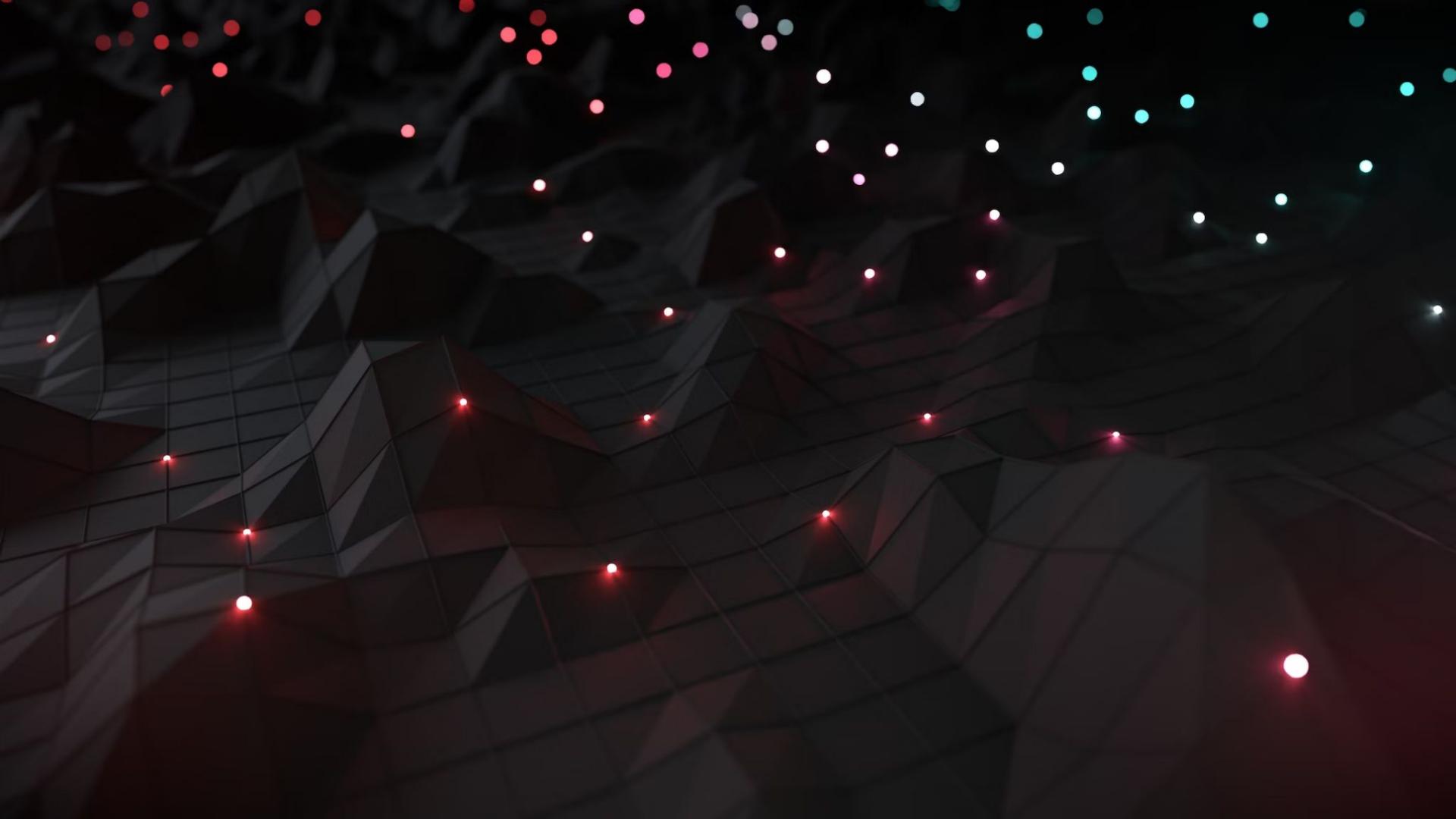
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or "Can we make 3D games with Flame?"



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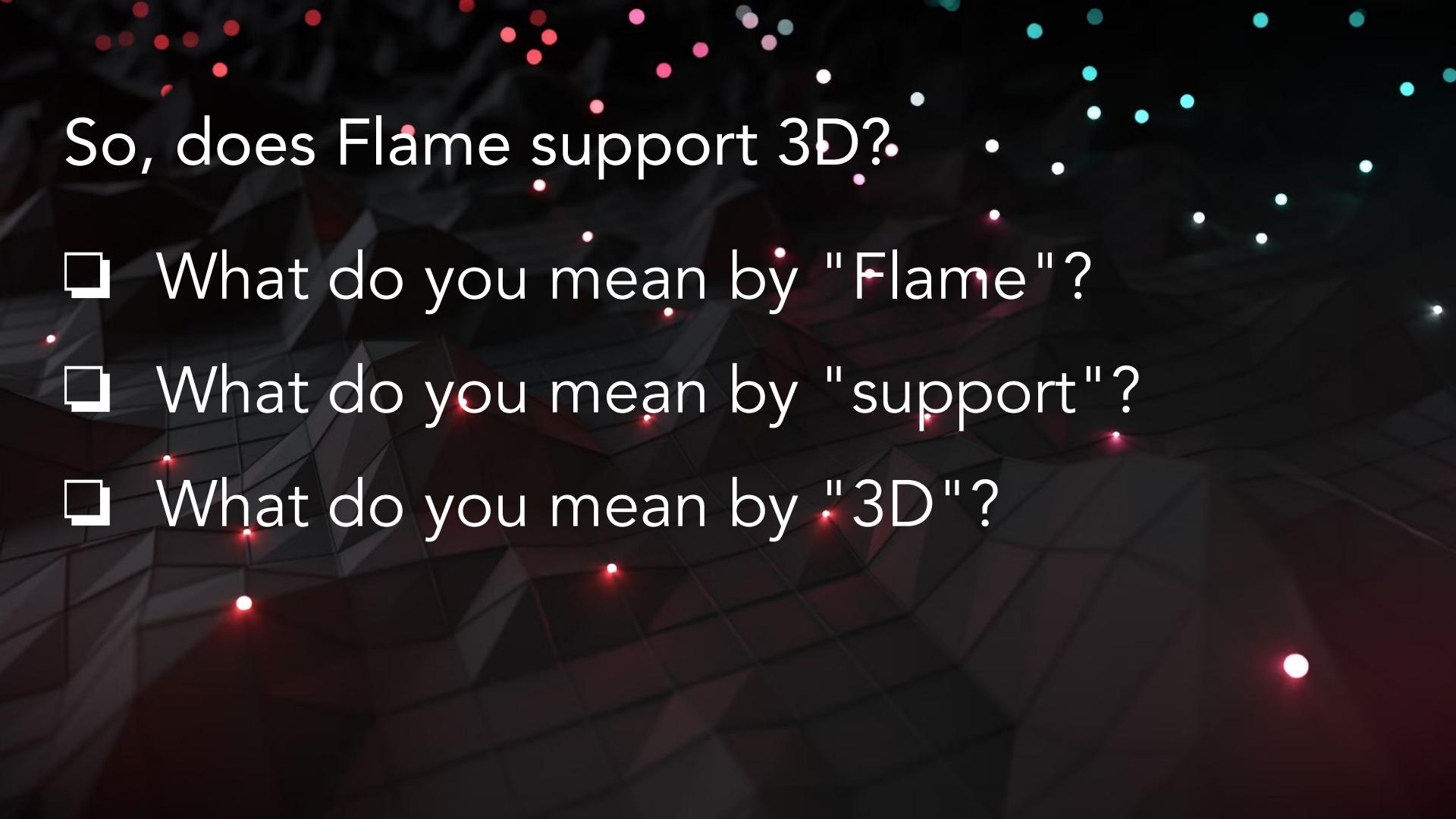




⊕ Flame and (pseudo) 3d



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So, does Flame support 3D?

- ❑ What do you mean by "Flame"?
- ❑ What do you mean by "support"?
- ❑ What do you mean by "3D"?

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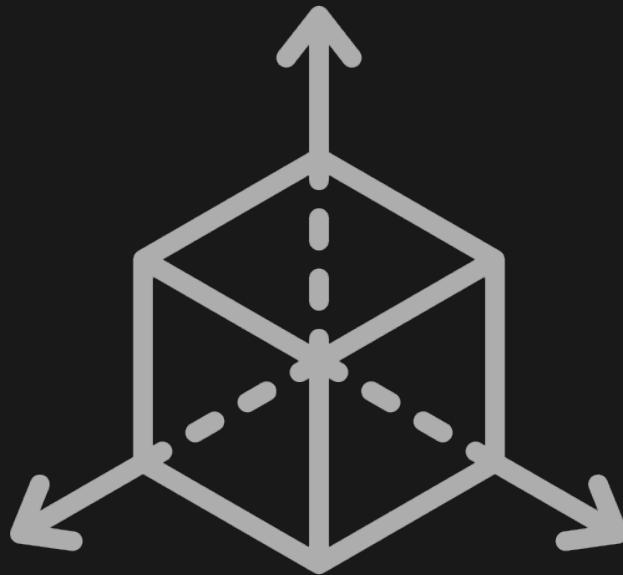


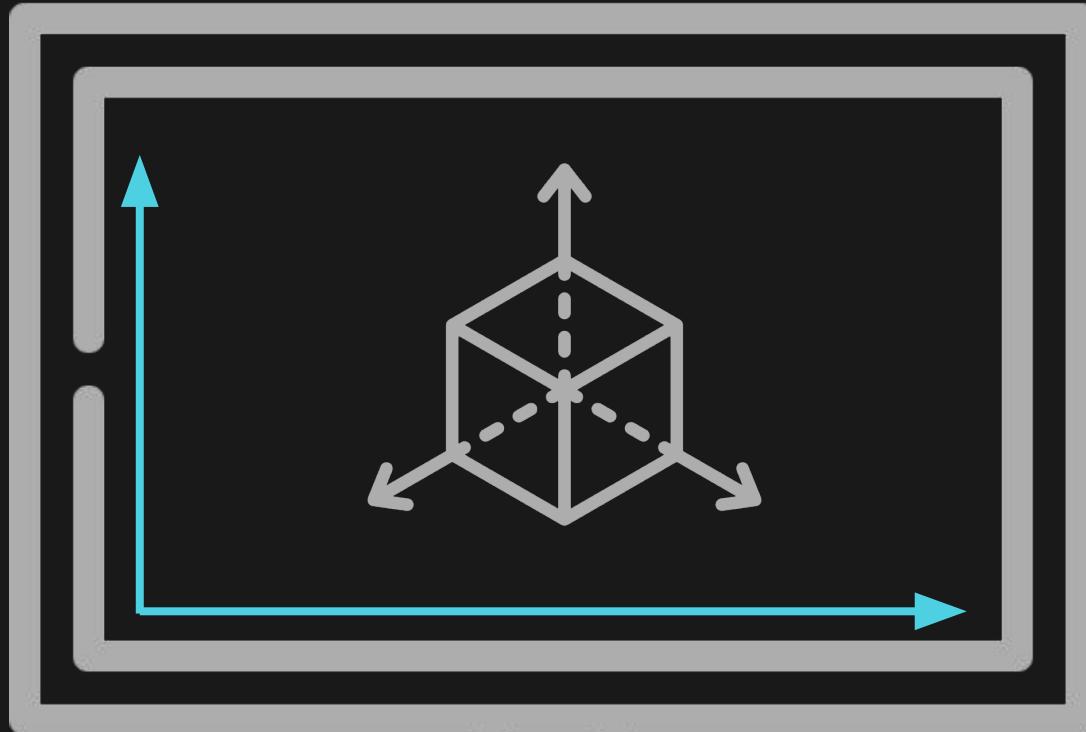
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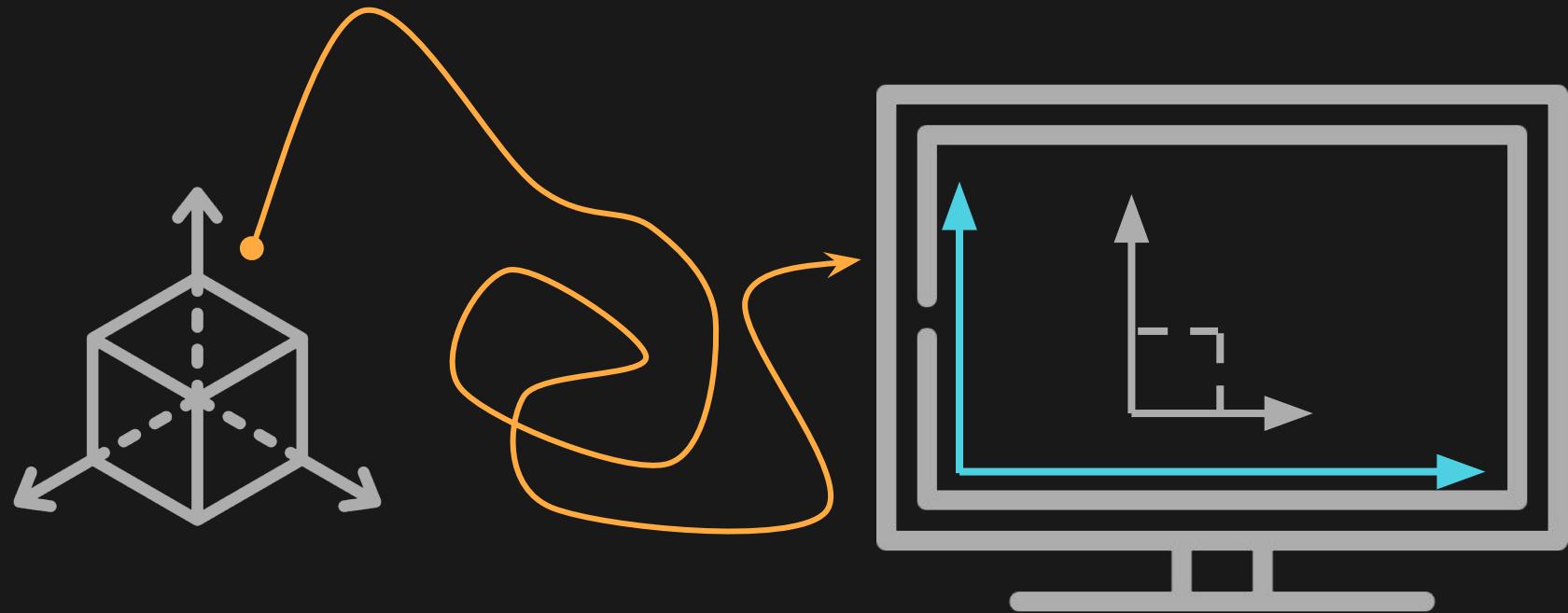
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What is 3D?



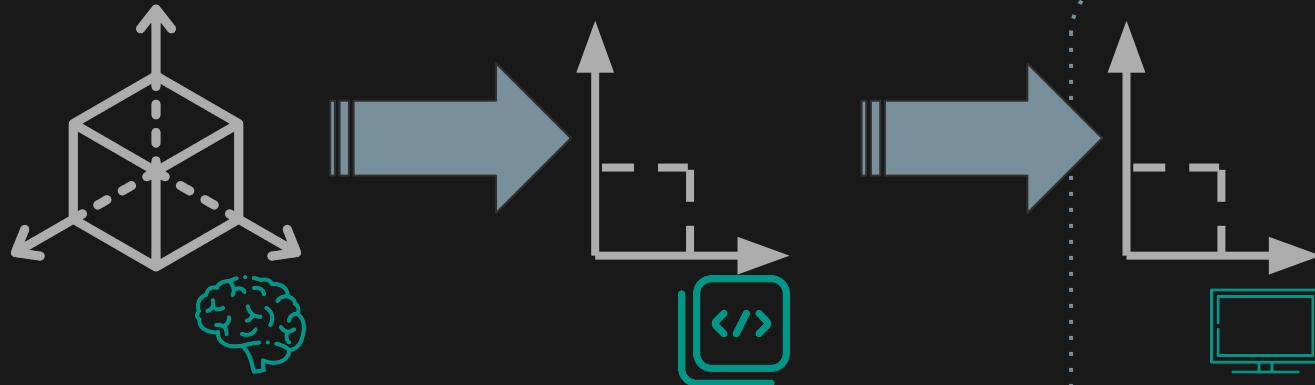




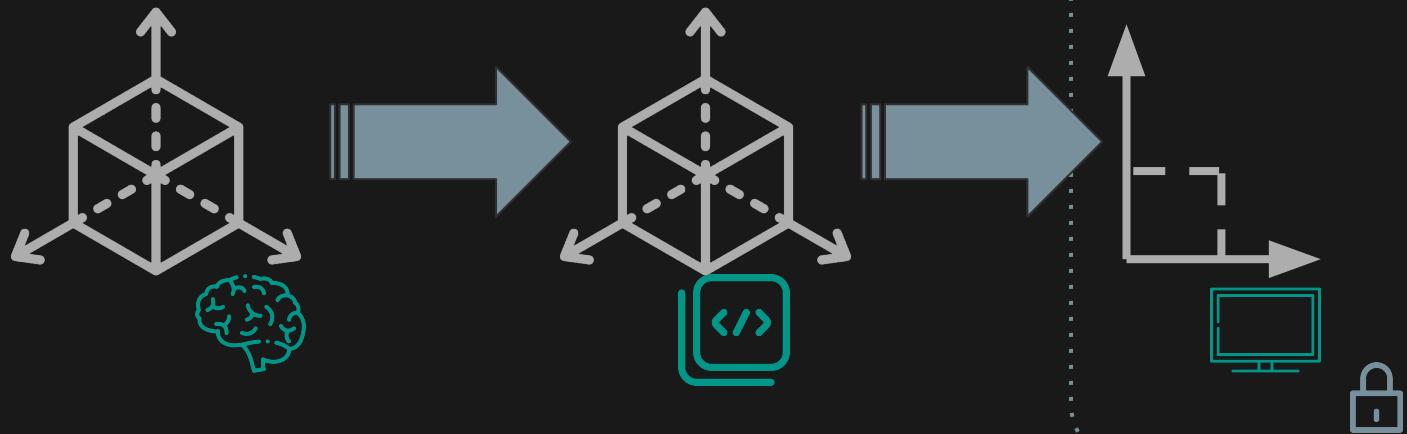
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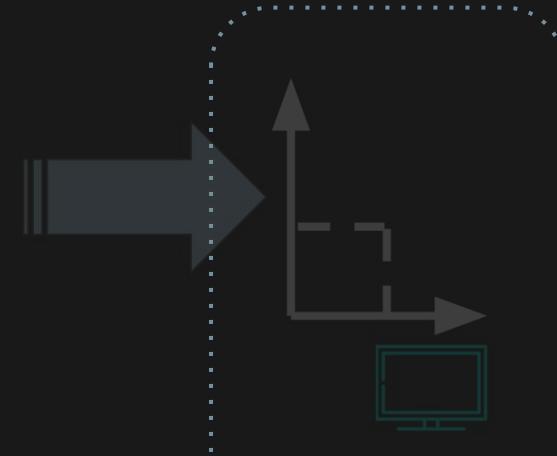
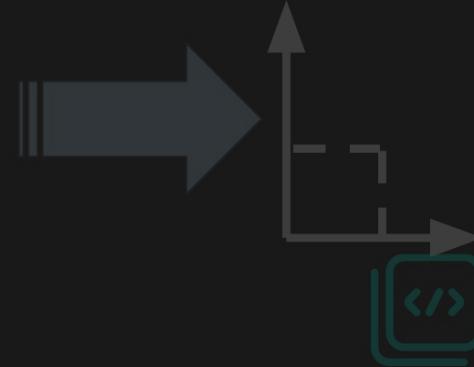
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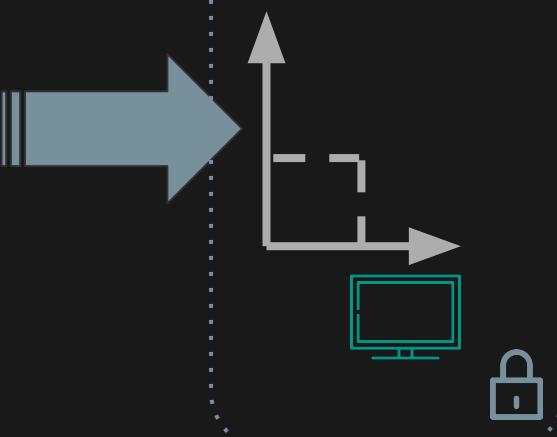
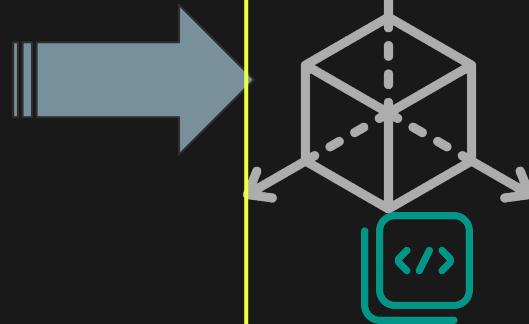
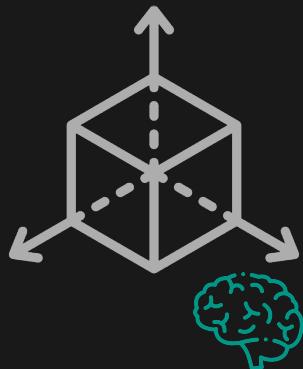
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1



2



2D Worlds



Quick Recap - 2D Worlds

- **Camera:** World \rightarrow Screen Coordinates
- **Transform Matrices**

```
canvas.transform(  
    (Matrix4.identity()  
        ..scale(scale.x, scale.y, 1)  
        ..translate2(-cameraPosition + screenSize / 2))  
    .storage,  
);
```

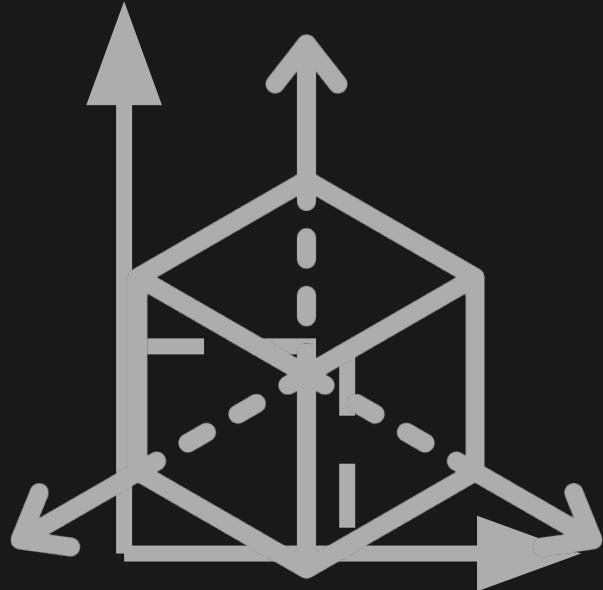
$$M = \begin{pmatrix} S_x & 0 & 0 & | & T_x \\ 0 & S_y & 0 & | & T_y \\ 0 & 0 & S_z & | & T_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad M \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Quick Recap - 2D Worlds - "2.5D" Techniques

- Perspective
- Pre-rendered 3D sprites
- Parallax
- Isometric
- Sprite Stacking
- Raycasting



3D World Representation - Basics



```
class Player {  
    Vector3 position;  
}
```

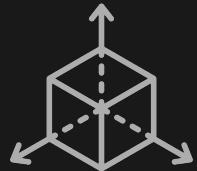


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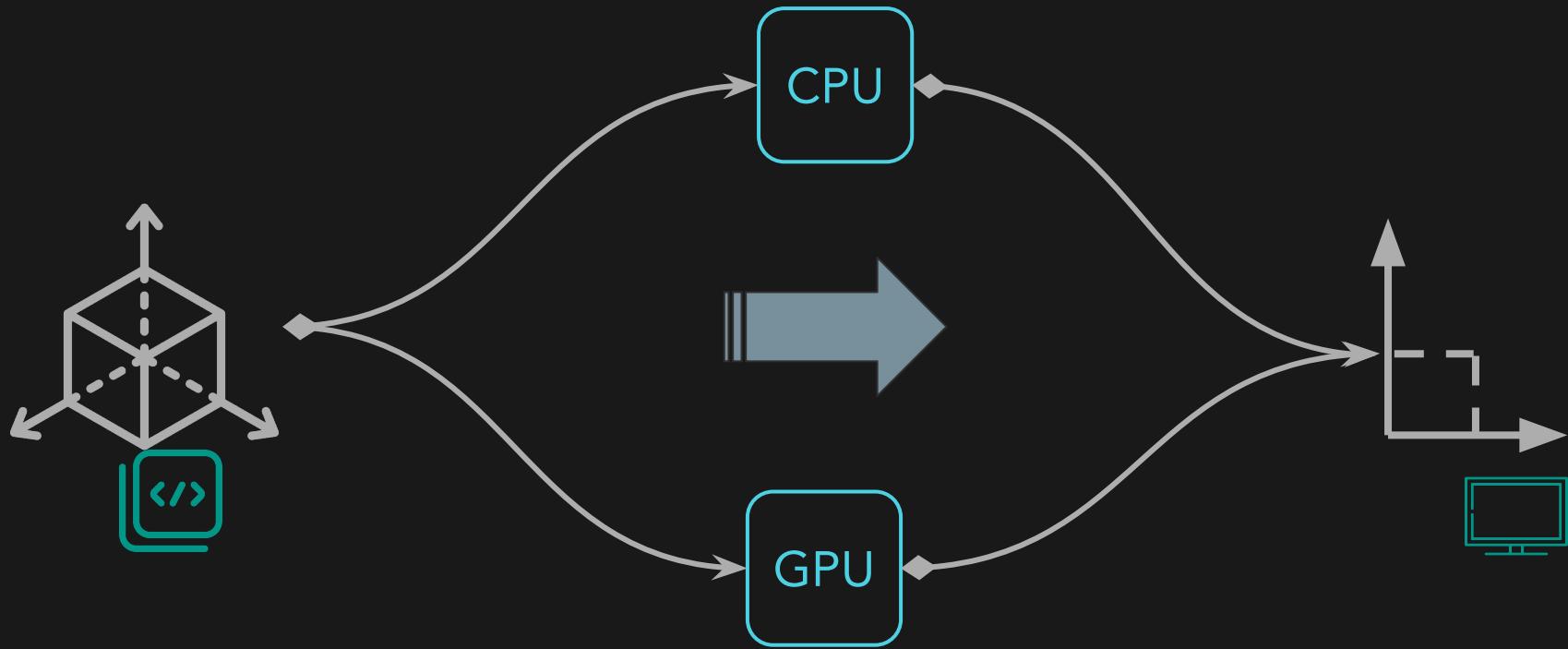
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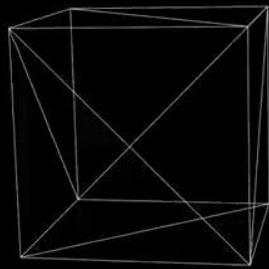
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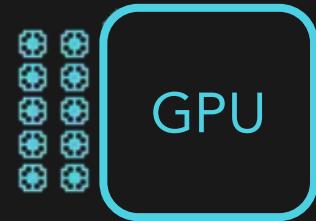


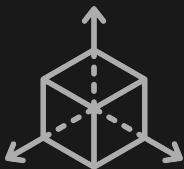


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Yaw: 0.00
Position: [0.00, 0.00, 0.00]







More Science, Less Programming



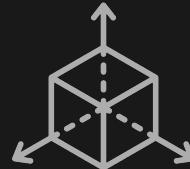
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gpu-accelerated 3D-world rendering



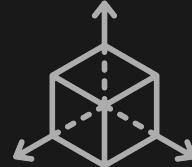
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first-class gpu-accelerated 3D-world rendering



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GPU



Can we do it?

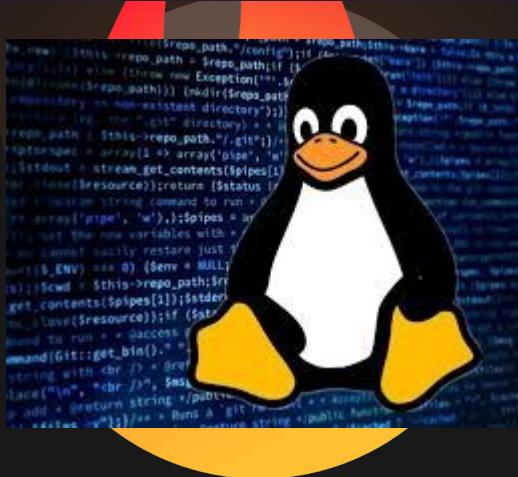
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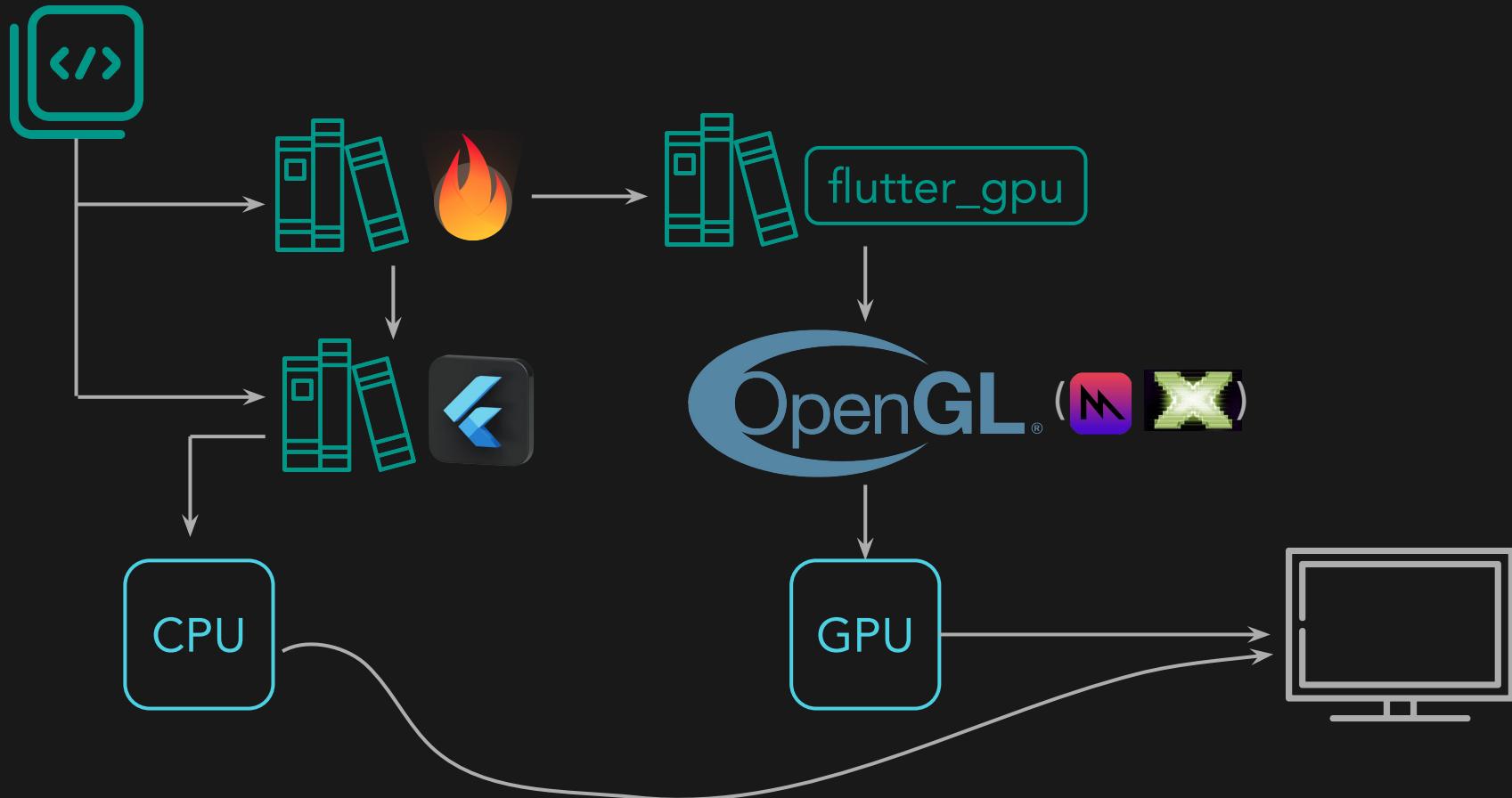


flame_3d
flame_3d branch

flame_3d_extras
+ playground

```
dependency_overrides:  
  flame_3d:  
    path: ../../flame/packages/flame_3d  
  flame_3d_extras:  
    path: ../../flame_3d_extras
```





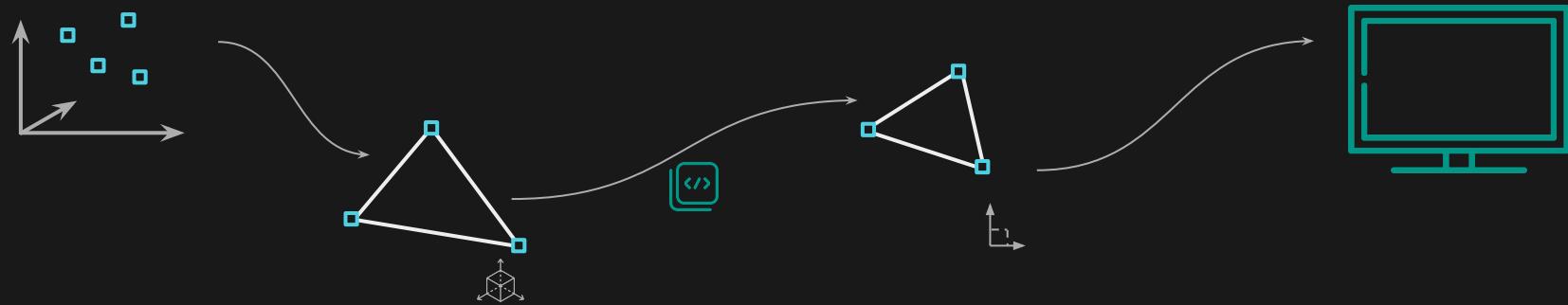
3D Rendering 101

(with flame_3d)

Preamble



3D Projection - The Secret



always has been

$$\begin{pmatrix} S_x & 0 & 0 & T_x \\ 0 & S_y & 0 & T_y \\ 0 & 0 & S_z & T_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

wait so it is
all matrices???



3D Projections - Transformations - TRS

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} S_x & 0 & 0 & T_x \\ 0 & S_y & 0 & T_y \\ 0 & 0 & S_z & T_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Vector3
translation;

$$R_x(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_y(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & 0 & -\sin(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & 0 & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

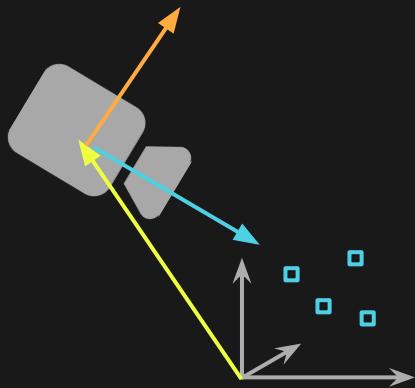
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Quaternion
rotation;

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & T_x \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & T_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & T_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

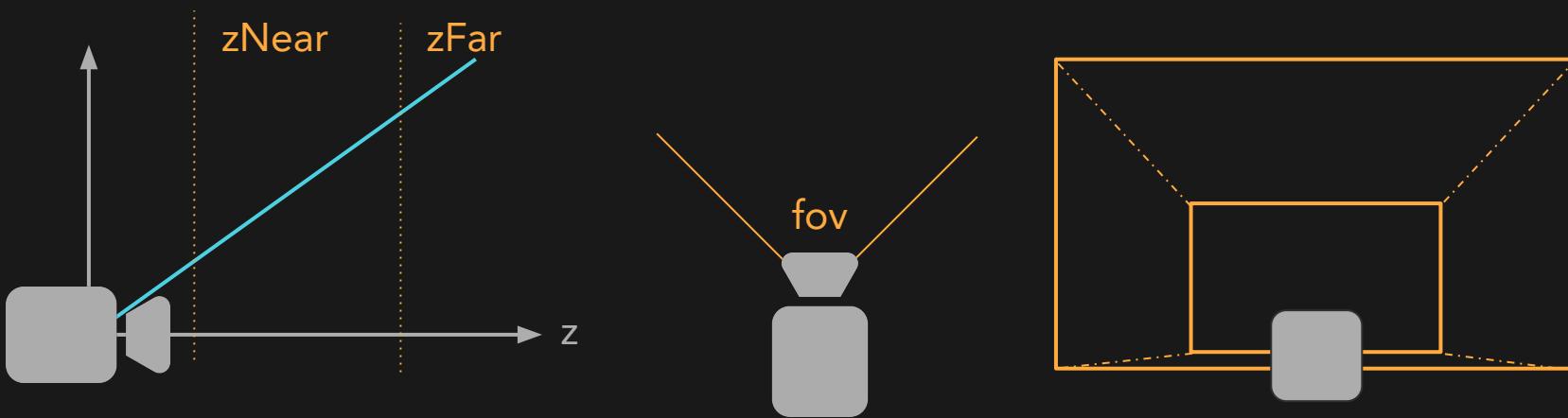
Vector3
scale;

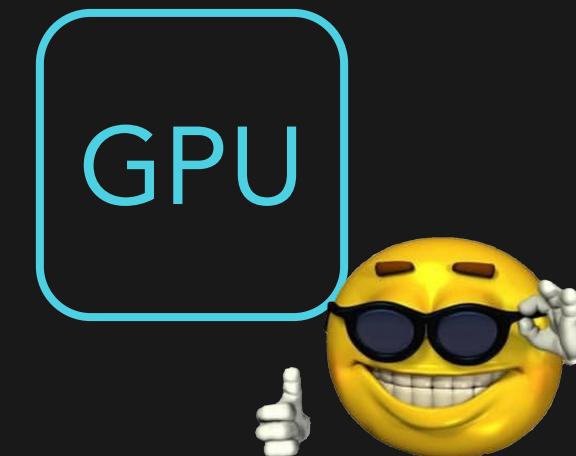
3D Projections - Camera



```
class Camera {  
    Vector3 position;  
  
    Vector3 direction;  
  
    Vector3 up;  
  
    // ...  
}
```

3D Projections - Camera





Shaders: The Key

shaders

GL spatial_material.frag

GL spatial_material.vert

~/projects/gamedev/flame/packages/flame_3d

dart ./bin/build_shaders.dart

<https://learnopengl.com>

```
shaders > GL spatial_material.vert > ...
1  #version 460 core
2
3  in vec3 vertexPosition;
4  in vec2 vertexTexCoord;
5  in vec4 vertexColor;
6  in vec3 vertexNormal;
7
8  out vec2 fragTexCoord;
9  out vec4 fragColor;
10 out vec3 fragPosition;
11 out vec3 fragNormal;
12
13 uniform VertexInfo {
14     mat4 model;
15     mat4 view;
16     mat4 projection;
17 } vertex_info;
18
19 void main() {
20     // Calculate the modelview projection matrix
21     mat4 modelViewProjection = vertex_info.projection * vertex_info.view * vertex_info.model;
22
23     // Transform the vertex position
24     gl_Position = modelViewProjection * vec4(v0: vertexPosition, v1: 1.0);
25
26     // Pass the interpolated values to the fragment shader
27     fragTexCoord = vertexTexCoord;
28     fragColor = vertexColor;
29
30     // Calculate the world-space position and normal
31     fragPosition = vec3(value: vertex_info.model * vec4(v0: vertexPosition, v1: 1.0));
32     fragNormal = mat3(transpose(inverse(vertex_info.model))) * vertexNormal;
33 }
```

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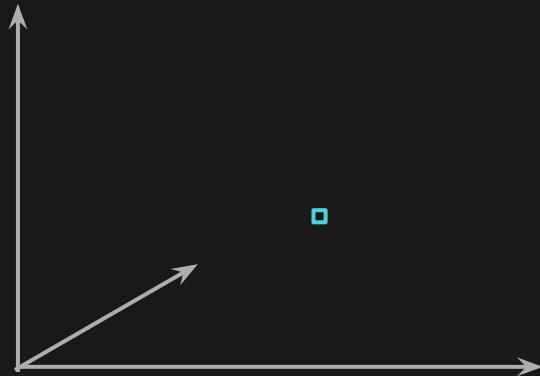
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Shader

A **shader** is a computer program that calculates the appropriate levels of light, darkness, and color during the rendering of a 3D scene

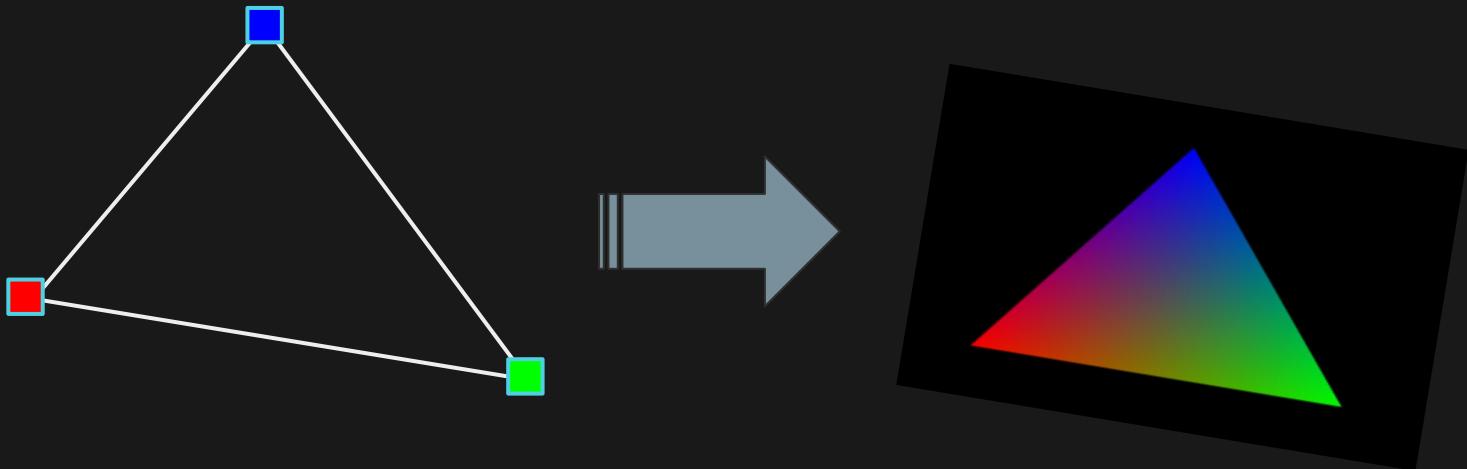
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3D Projection - Vertex

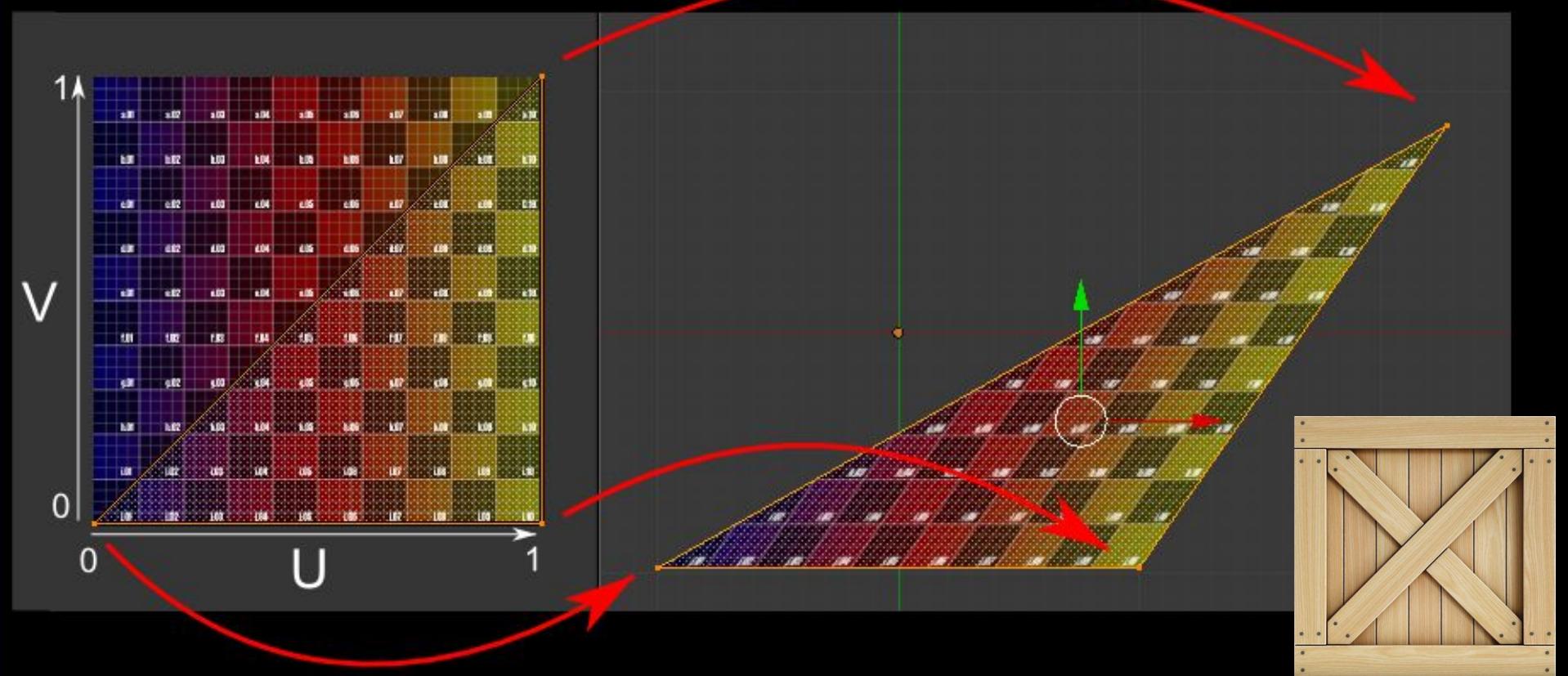


- Position
- Color / Texture Information
- Normal Information
- Joint Information

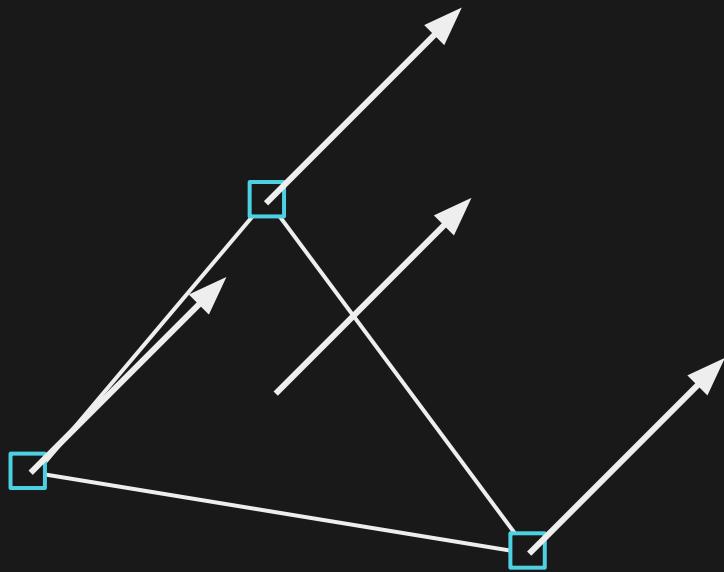
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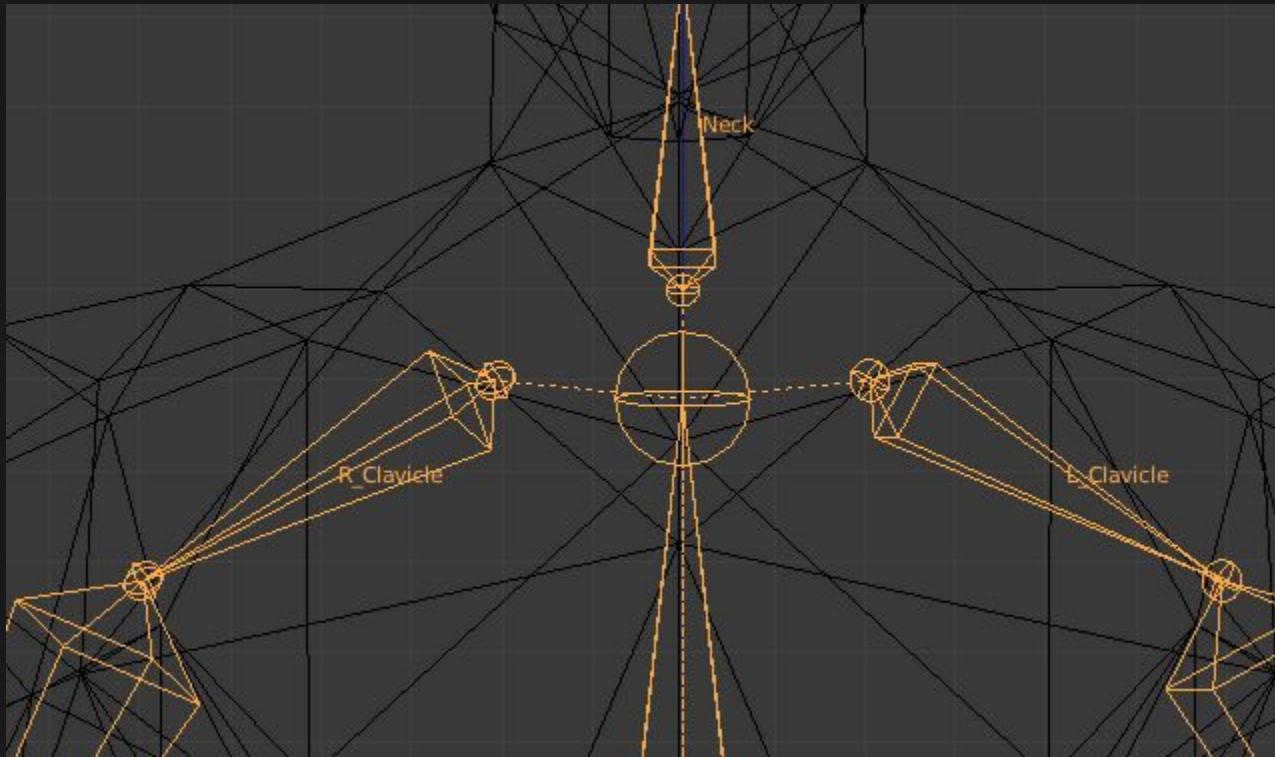
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Normals



Joints & Weights (for Skeletal Animation)

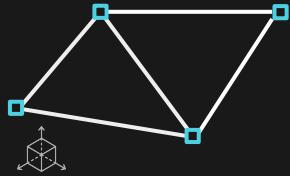


Vertex



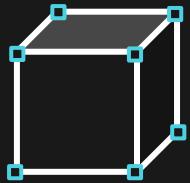
```
class Vertex {  
    Vertex({  
        required Vector3 position,  
        required Vector2 texCoord,  
        required Color color,  
        Vector3? normal,  
        Vector4? joints,  
        Vector4? weights,  
    }) {  
        // ...  
        this.storage = ...  
    }  
}
```

Surface (Triangle Strip)



```
class Surface {  
    Surface({  
        required List<Vertex> vertices,  
        required List<int> indices,  
        Material? material;  
        Map<int, int>? jointMap;  
        /**  
         * If `true`, the normals will be  
         * calculated if not provided.  
         */  
        bool calculateNormals = true,  
    }) {  
        // ...  
    }  
}
```

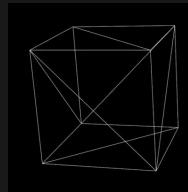
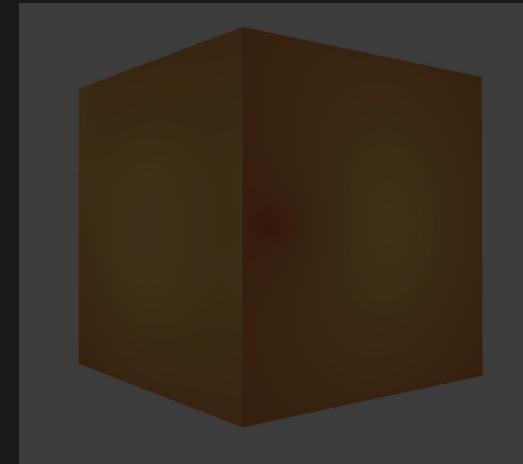
Mesh - Solid



```
class Mesh {  
    final List<Surface> surfaces;  
    Aabb3 get aabb;  
}
```

Simple Cube

```
await add(  
  MeshComponent(  
    mesh: CuboidMesh(  
      size: Vector3.all(8.0),  
    ),  
  ),  
);
```



```
final Vector3(:x, :y, :z) = size / 2;  
  
final vertices = [  
  // Face 1 (front)  
  vertex(  
    position: Vector3(-x, -y, -z),  
    texCoord: Vector2(0, 0),  
    normal: Vector3(0, 0, -1),  
  ),  
  vertex(  
    position: Vector3(x, -y, -z),  
    texCoord: Vector2(1, 0),  
    normal: Vector3(0, 0, -1),  
  ),  
  vertex(  
    position: Vector3(x, y, -z),  
    texCoord: Vector2(1, 1),  
    normal: Vector3(0, 0, -1),  
  ),  
  vertex(  
    position: Vector3(-x, y, -z),  
    texCoord: Vector2(0, 1),  
    normal: Vector3(0, 0, -1),  
  ),  
  
  // Face 2 (back)  
  vertex(  
    position: Vector3(-x, -y, z),  
    texCoord: Vector2(0, 0),  
    normal: Vector3(0, 0, 1),  
  ),  
  vertex(  
    position: Vector3(x, -y, z),  
    texCoord: Vector2(1, 0),  
    normal: Vector3(0, 0, 1),  
  ),  
  vertex(  
    position: Vector3(x, y, z),  
    texCoord: Vector2(1, 1),  
    normal: Vector3(0, 0, 1),  
  ),  
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    position: Vector3(-x, y, z),  
    texCoord: Vector2(0, 1),  
    normal: Vector3(0, 0, 1),  
  ),
```

Two Questions!

- Where does the lighting come from?
- Better way to define models?
- Your questions?

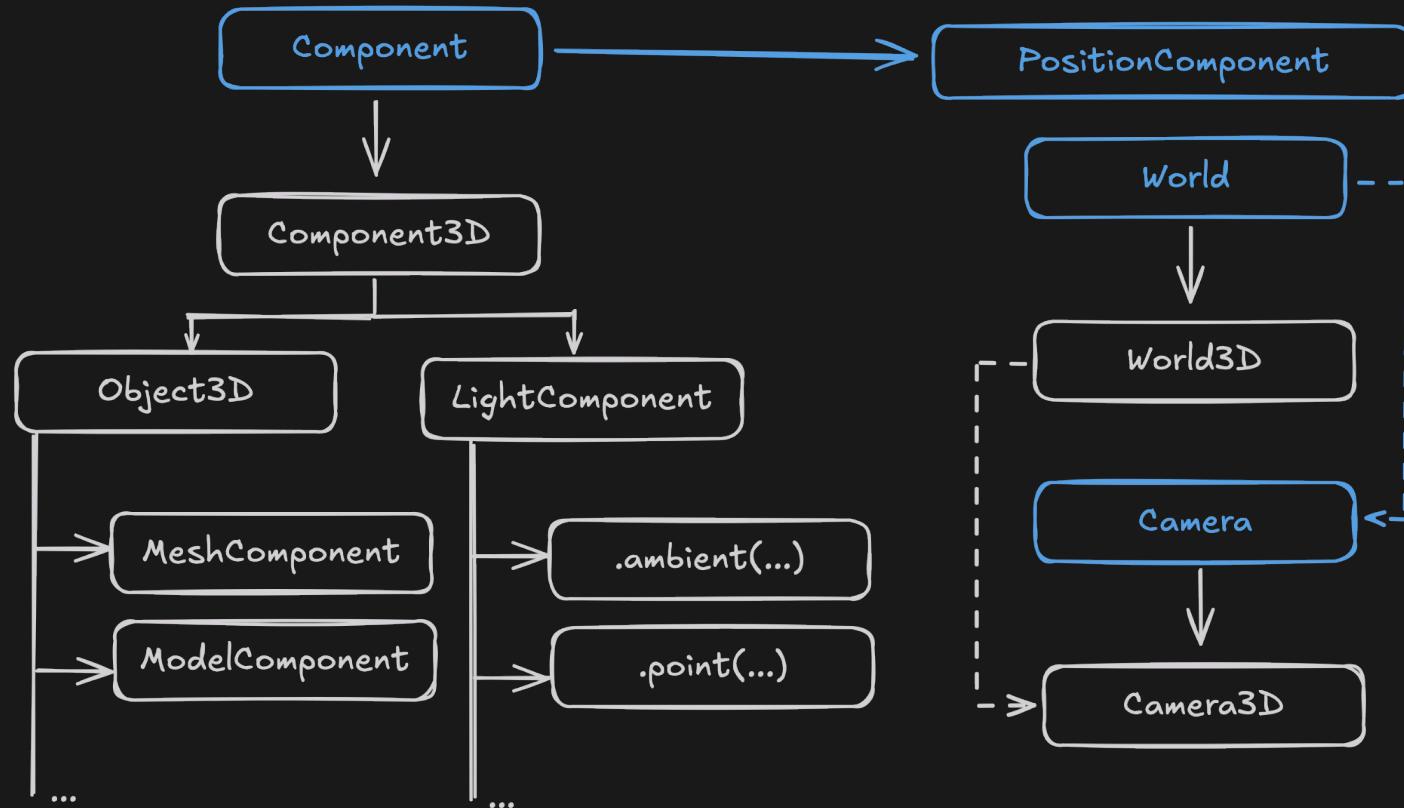
Lighting



LightComponent

```
await add(  
  LightComponent.ambient(  
    color: const Color(0xFFFFFFFF),  
    intensity: 0.75,  
  ),  
  
  LightComponent.point(  
    position: Vector3(...),  
    color: ...,  
    intensity: 20.0,  
  ),  
  // ...  
);
```





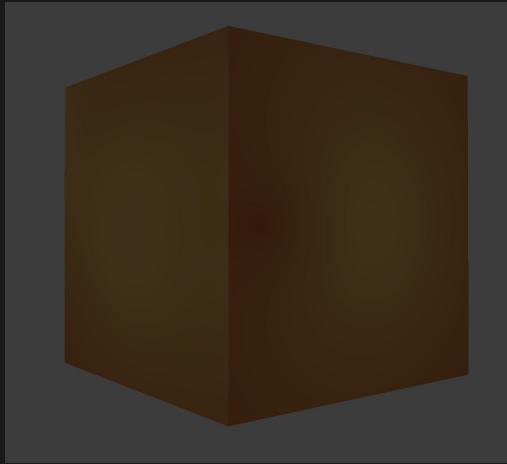
The Model Guides Us!

- PBR - Physics Based Rendering

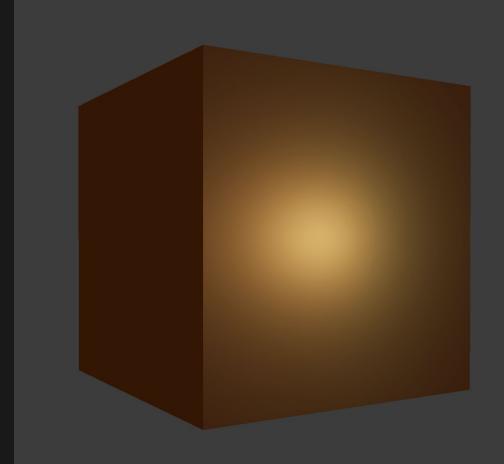
$$L_o(p, \omega_o) = \int_{\Omega} \left(k_d \frac{c}{\pi} + \frac{DFG}{4(\omega_o \cdot n)(\omega_i \cdot n)} \right) L_i(p, \omega_i) n \cdot \omega_i d\omega_i$$

- Arbitrary number of lights
- Other types of lights
- Shadows!

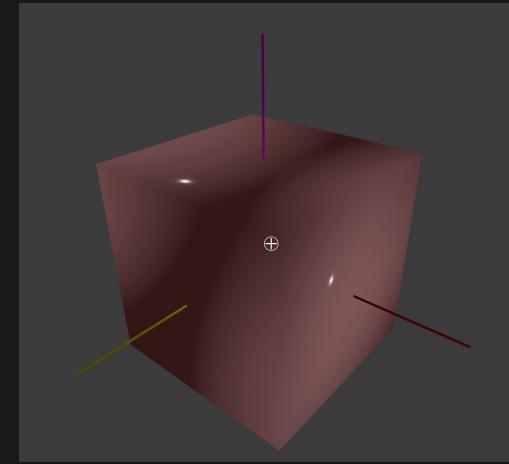
Face vs Vertex Normals



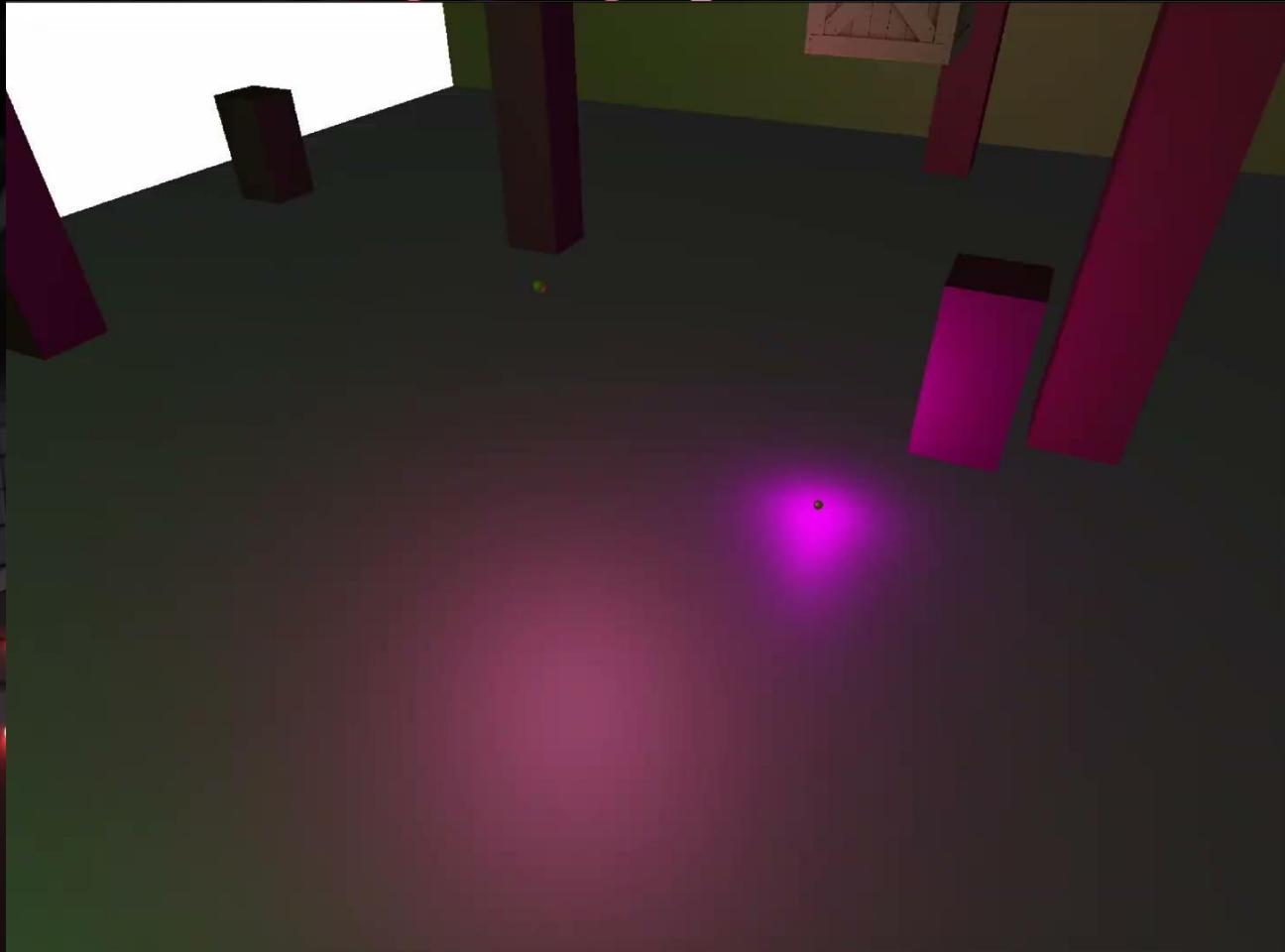
vertex normals



face normals

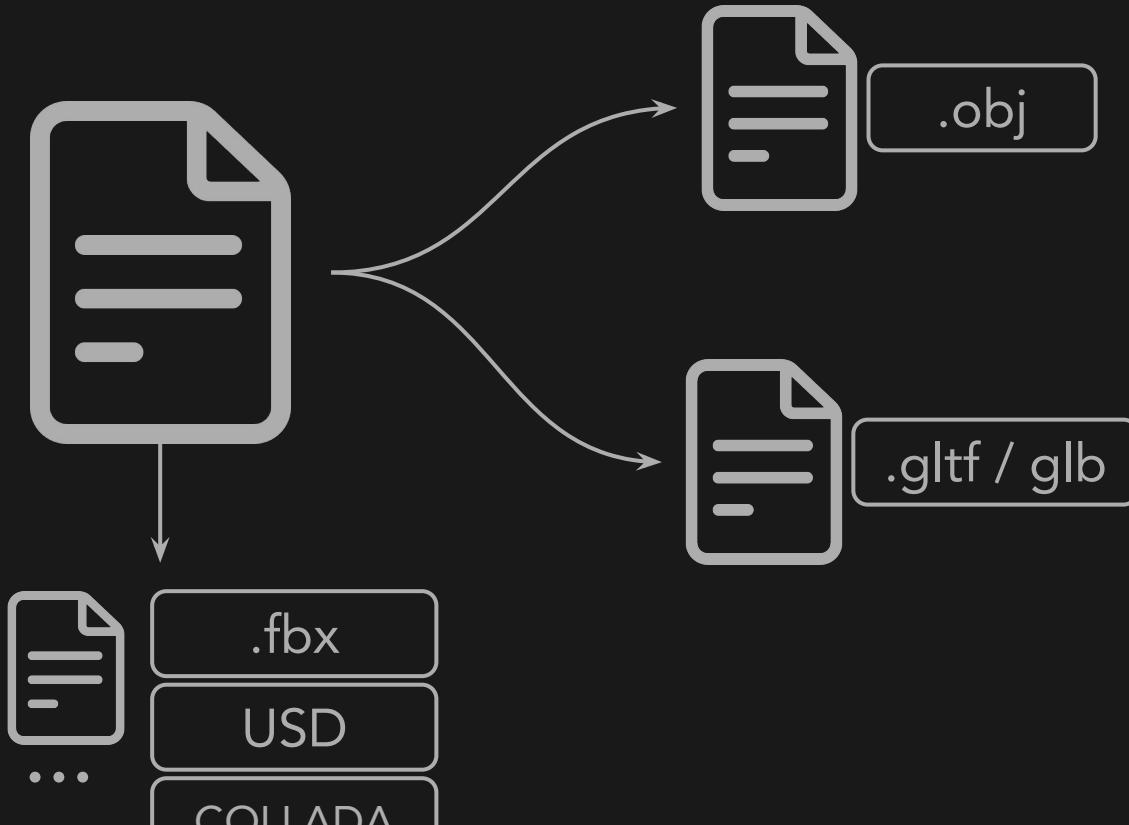


gltf model



Parsing Models

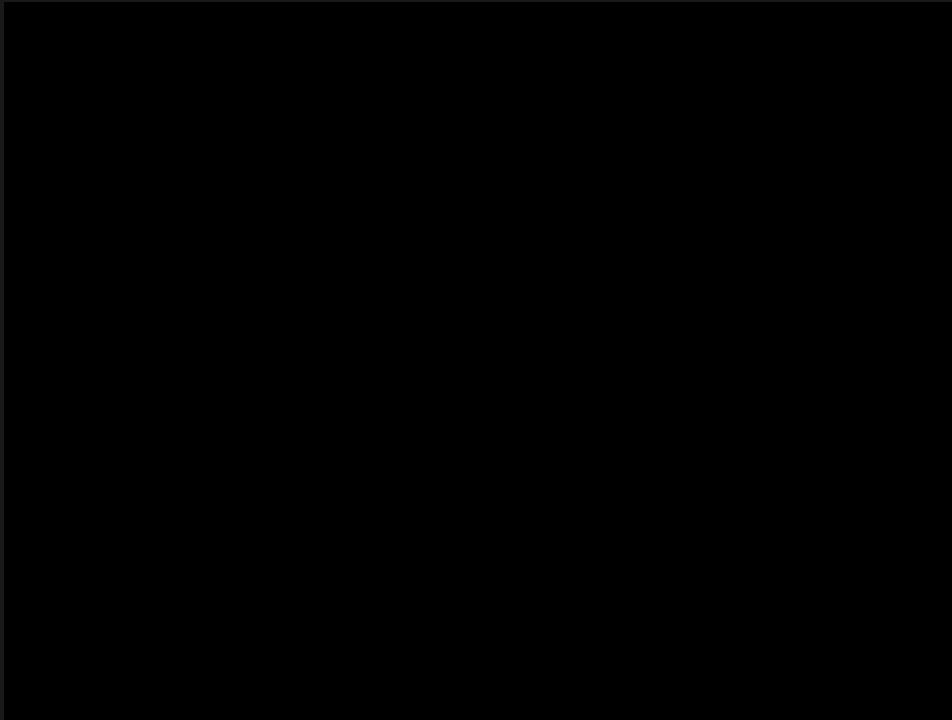




.obj file

```
# vertex (x y z)
v -0.000752473 0.044662 0.160067
# normal (x y z)
vn -0.146317 0.97078 0.194263
# texel (u v)
vt 0.123 0.456
# material
usemtl mat0
# surface (v/vt/vn)
f 1/1/1 2/1/1 3/1/1
```

Defend the Donut



.gltf / .glb files

- byte buffers!
- scenes, nodes, meshes
- textures
- animation
- skin / skeletal animation

Model

```
class Model {  
    final Map<int, ModelNode> nodes;  
    final Map<String, ModelAnimation> animations;  
    // ...  
}  
  
class ModelNode {  
    final int nodeIndex;  
    final int? parentNodeIndex;  
    final Matrix4 transform;  
    final Mesh? mesh;  
    final Map<int, ModelJoint> joints;  
    // ...  
}  
  
class ModelAnimation {  
    final String name;  
    final Map<int, NodeAnimation> nodes;  
    final double _lastTime;  
    double _clock = 0;  
    // ...  
}
```



ModelComponent

```
await add(  
  player = ModelComponent(  
    model: await ModelParser.parse('objects/rogue.glb'),  
    position: ..., // scale, rotation, transform  
  ),  
);  
  
// later...  
  
player.playAnimationByName('Walking_B');  
player.stopAnimation();  
player.hideNodeByName('Knife');
```


But... An Actual Game?



Collect the Donut



github.com/luanpotter/collect_the_donut



```
✓ lib
  ✓ components
    donut.dart
    floor.dart
    hud.dart
    player.dart
    skeleton.dart
    wall.dart
    wisp.dart
  ✓ menu
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    constants.dart
    input_utils.dart
    loader.dart
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    utils.dart
```

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- start -

What to expect?

- Polish (flame_3d branch, flame_3d_extras)
- SSBO (not even simple arrays)
- Shadows
- Physics
- Optimization
- A lot more...



```
uniform JointMatrices {  
    mat4 joint0;  
    mat4 joint1;  
    mat4 joint2;  
    mat4 joint3;  
    mat4 joint4;  
    mat4 joint5;  
    mat4 joint6;  
    mat4 joint7;  
    mat4 joint8;  
    mat4 joint9;  
    mat4 joint10;  
    mat4 joint11;  
    mat4 joint12;  
    mat4 joint13;  
    mat4 joint14;  
    mat4 joint15;  
} joints;  
  
mat4 jointMat(float jointIndex) {  
    if (jointIndex == 0.0) {  
        return joints.joint0;  
    } else if (jointIndex == 1.0) {  
        return joints.joint1;  
    } else if (jointIndex == 2.0) {  
        return joints.joint2;  
    } else if (jointIndex == 3.0) {  
        return joints.joint3;  
    } else if (jointIndex == 4.0) {  
        return joints.joint4;  
    } else if (jointIndex == 5.0) {  
        return joints.joint5;  
    } else if (jointIndex == 6.0) {  
        return joints.joint6;  
    } else if (jointIndex == 7.0) {  
        return joints.joint7;  
    } else if (jointIndex == 8.0) {  
        return joints.joint8;  
    } else if (jointIndex == 9.0) {  
        return joints.joint9;  
    } else if (jointIndex == 10.0) {  
        return joints.joint10;  
    } else if (jointIndex == 11.0) {  
        return joints.joint11;  
    } else if (jointIndex == 12.0) {  
        return joints.joint12;  
    }  
}
```

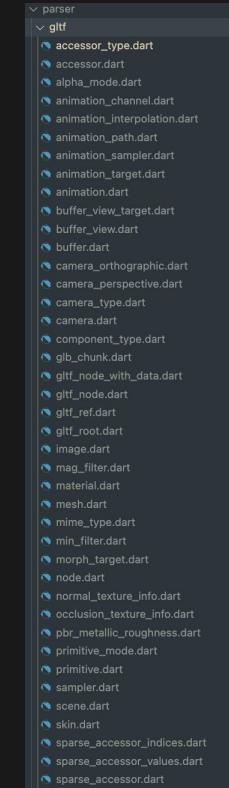
Some Fun Learnings

And why we still need to refine flame_3d



Data Model is Everything!

- GLTF as a "blueprint"
- typed data structure from the [docs](#)
- sample models from their [repo](#)



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100 %

Shaders are Devilish

- Type-highly-unsafe
- "Optimize" the "fun" out of debugging
 - `return magenta;` trick
- Manual byte wiring

Cryptic Errors - Bytes Galore

Problem Report for example

example quit unexpectedly.

Click Reopen to open the application again. This report will be sent automatically to Apple.

Comments

Provide any steps necessary to reproduce the problem.

Problem Details and System Configuration

Translated Report (Full Report Below)

```
Process:           example [82751]
Path:             /Users/USER/*example.app/Contents/MacOS/example
Identifier:       com.example.example
Version:          0.1.0 (0.1.0)
Code Type:        ARM-64 (Native)
Parent Process:   launchd [1]
User ID:          501

Date/Time:        2024-08-30 16:18:08.3497 +0200
OS Version:      macOS 14.6.1 (23G93)
Report Version:   12
Anonymous UUID:  B5E23019-C94-C32F-885C-4D7360F97B1A

Sleep/Wake UUID: DC5C38A7-90C5-41D5-AC02-5732FAE18E94

Time Awake Since Boot: 1300000 seconds
Time Since Wake:    550 seconds

System Integrity Protection: enabled

Crashed Thread:   7  io.flutter.ui

Exception Type:  EXC_BAD_ACCESS (SIGSEGV)
Exception Codes: KERN_INVALID_ADDRESS at 0x0000000000000028
Exception Codes: 0x0000000000000081, 0x0000000000000028

Termination Reason: Namespace SIGNAL, Code 11 Segmentation fault: 11
Terminating Process: exc handler [82751]

VM Region Info: 0x28 is not in any region. Bytes before following region: 4336173016
REGION TYPE            START - END             [ VSIZE] PRT/MAX SHRMOD  REGION DETAIL
UNUSED SPACE AT START
-->  __TEXT             10274c000-102754000  [  32K] r-x/r-x  SM=COW  /Users/USER/*example.app/Contents/MacOS/
example
```

Hide Details ?

OK Reopen

Quaternion Interpolation

```
static Quaternion lerp(  
    Quaternion q0,  
    Quaternion q1,  
    double t,  
) {  
    return q0 + (q1 - q0).scaled(t);  
}
```



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```
/// Some background on the correct shortest-path implementation can be found
/// here:
/// https://blog.magnum.graphics/backstage/the-unnecessarily-short-ways-to-do-a-quaternion-slerp/
static Quaternion _slerp(
    Quaternion q0,
    Quaternion q1,
    double t,
    double epsilon = 10e-3,
) {
    if (isEqual(q0, q1)) {
        return q0;
    }

    final dot = q0.dot(q1);
    if (1 - dot < epsilon) {
        // The quaternions are very close, so the linear interpolation algorithm
        // will be a good approximation.
        // This will prevent NaN from the slerp algorithm.
        return lerp(q0, q1, t);
    }

    final angle = acos(dot.abs());

    final q1Prime = dot >= 0 ? q1 : q1.scaled(-1);
    final a = sin((1 - t) * angle) / sin(angle);
    final b = sin(t * angle) / sin(angle);

    return q0.scaled(a) + q1Prime.scaled(b);
}
```

Order Matters



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Thank you!
Questions?



- THE END -



Credits

<https://romannurik.github.io/SlidesCodeHighlighter/?theme=flutter-interact-19&font=Source+Code+Pro&tab=4&size=40&sel=focus>

itch.io assets

flaticon icons

Renan for the slide deck template

unsplash for the photos

<https://buttermilk.itch.io/tiny-wonder-farm-asset-pack>



Recommended Reading

<https://www.brainvoyager.com/bv/doc/UsersGuide/CoordsAndTransforms/SpatialTransformationMatrices.html>

<https://www.3dgep.com/understanding-the-view-matrix/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ih20l3pJoeU>

<https://www.scratchapixel.com/lessons/3d-basic-rendering/perspective-and-orthographic-projection-matrix/building-basic-perspective-projection-matrix.html>

<https://lodev.org/cgtutor/raycasting.html>



Color Palette



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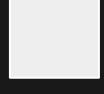
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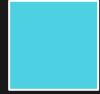
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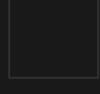
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**More slides in case
people ask some
questions**

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simple

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code first

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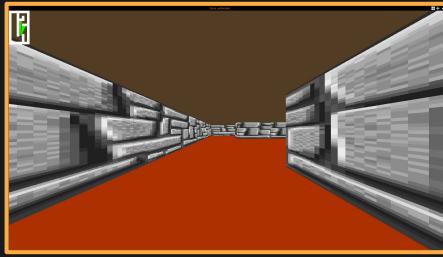
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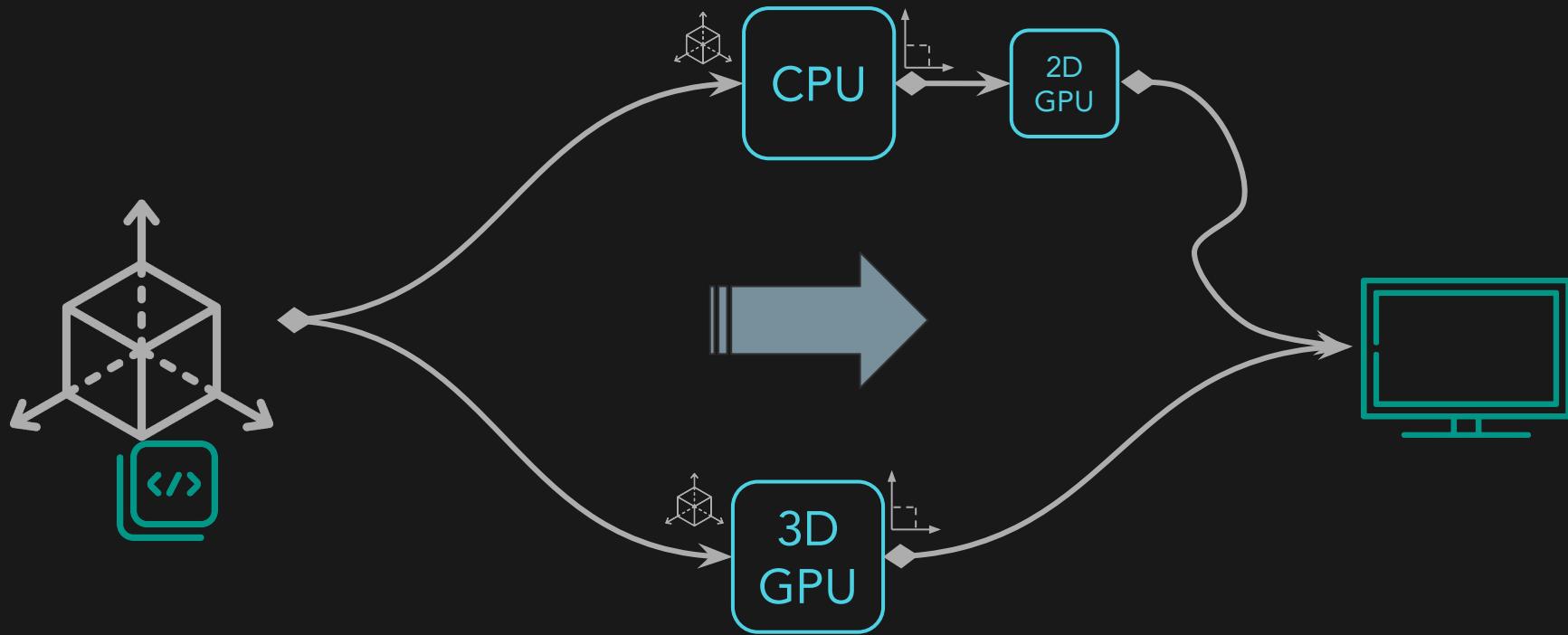


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3D Projections - More Extras *

- ❖ Culling
- ❖ z-buffer
- ❖ Lights
- ❖ Textures
- ❖ Physics
- ❖ Much, much more

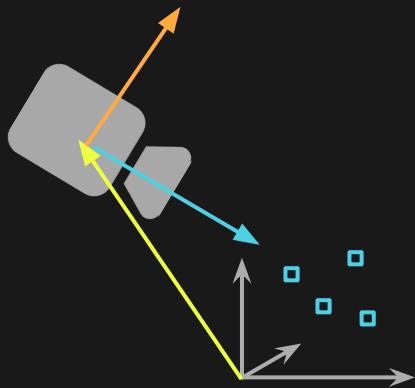


Quick Recap - 2D Worlds - "2.5D" Techniques

- Perspective
- Pre-rendered 3D sprites
- Parallax
- Isometric
- Sprite Stacking
- Raycasting



3D Projections - Camera



```
class Camera {  
    Vector3 position;  
  
    Vector3 direction;  
  
    Vector3 up;  
  
    // ...  
}
```

3D Projections - Camera

