



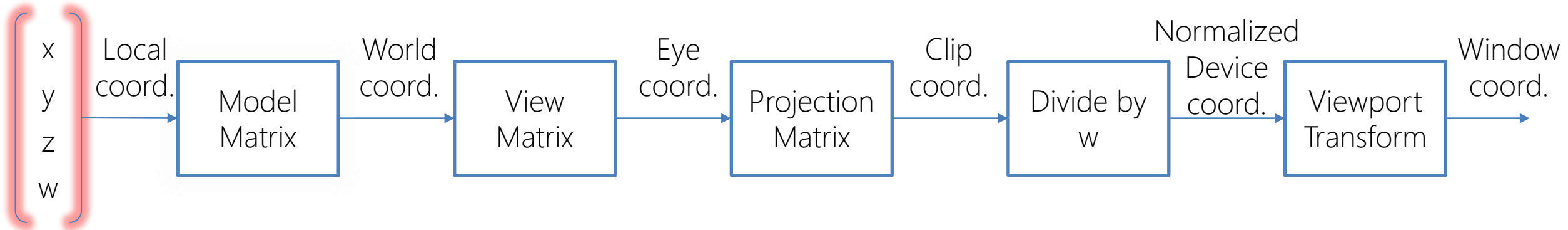
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# Transformations and Animations

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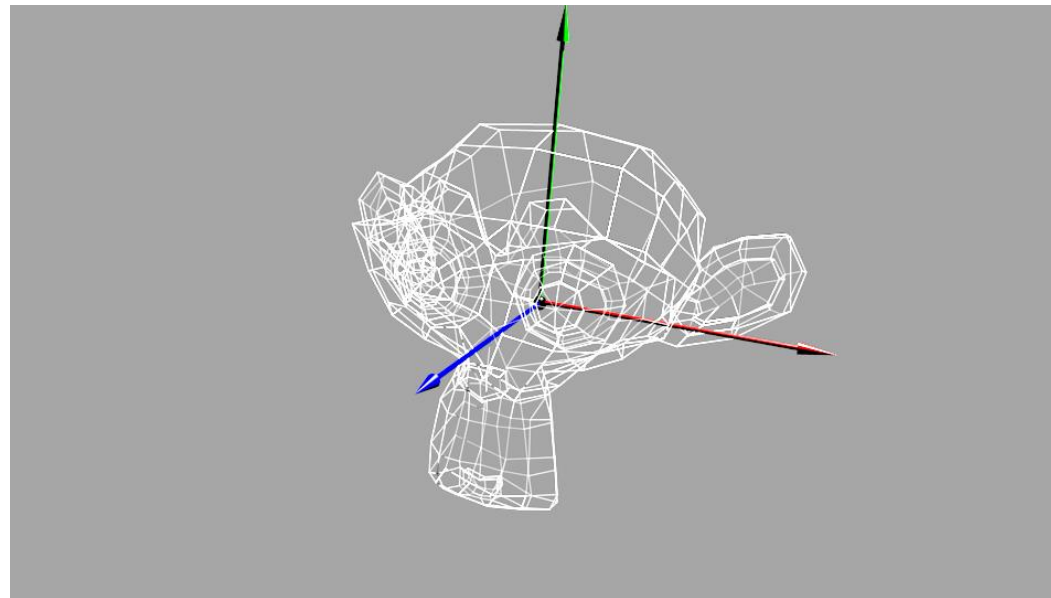
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# Pipeline of OpenGL/WebGL transformations



**Local coordinates:**  $x, y, z$  of the vertices defined relative to the object's center

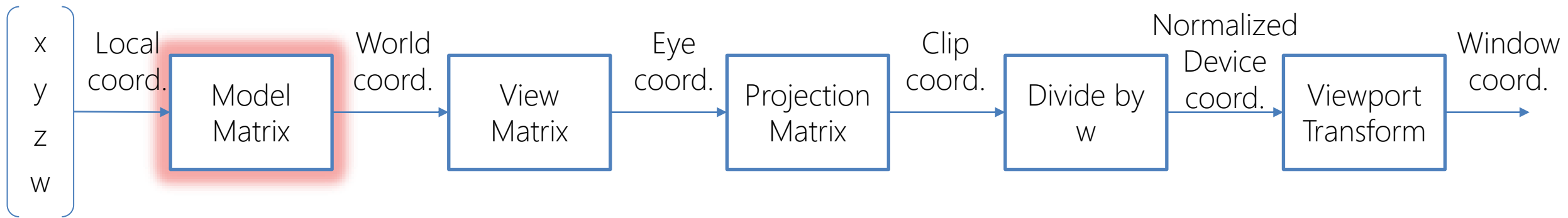
Add  $w=1$  to get homogeneous coordinates



Hello Suzanne!

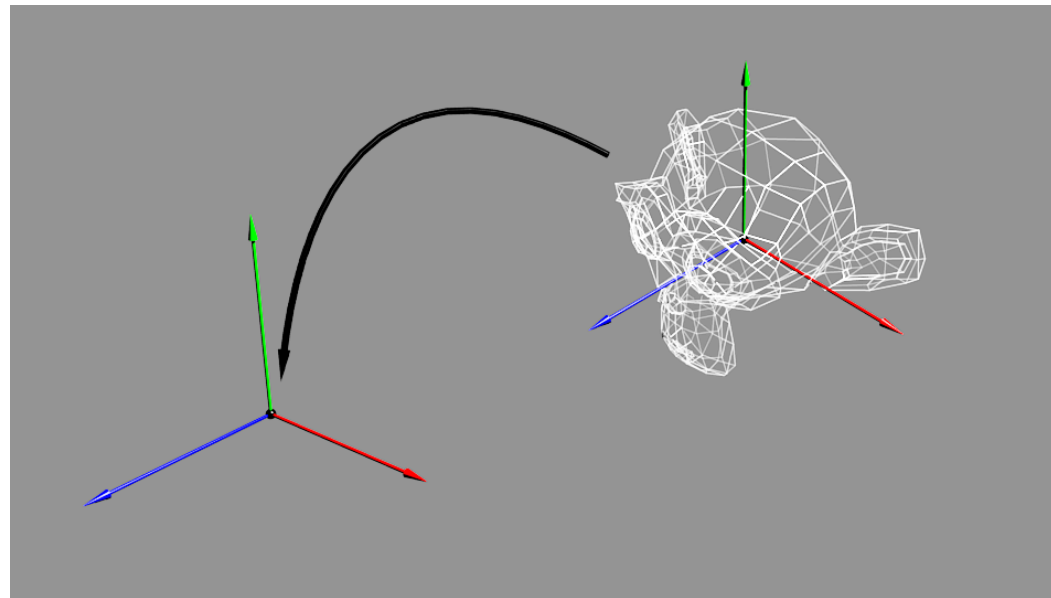
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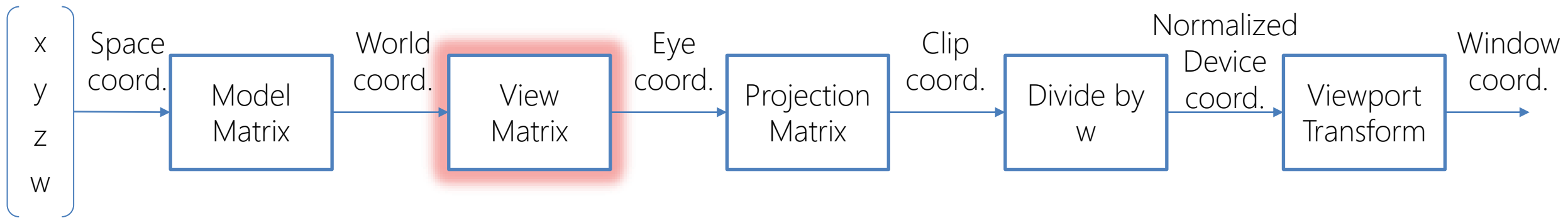
## Model/World Matrix:

Moves the model in the world space



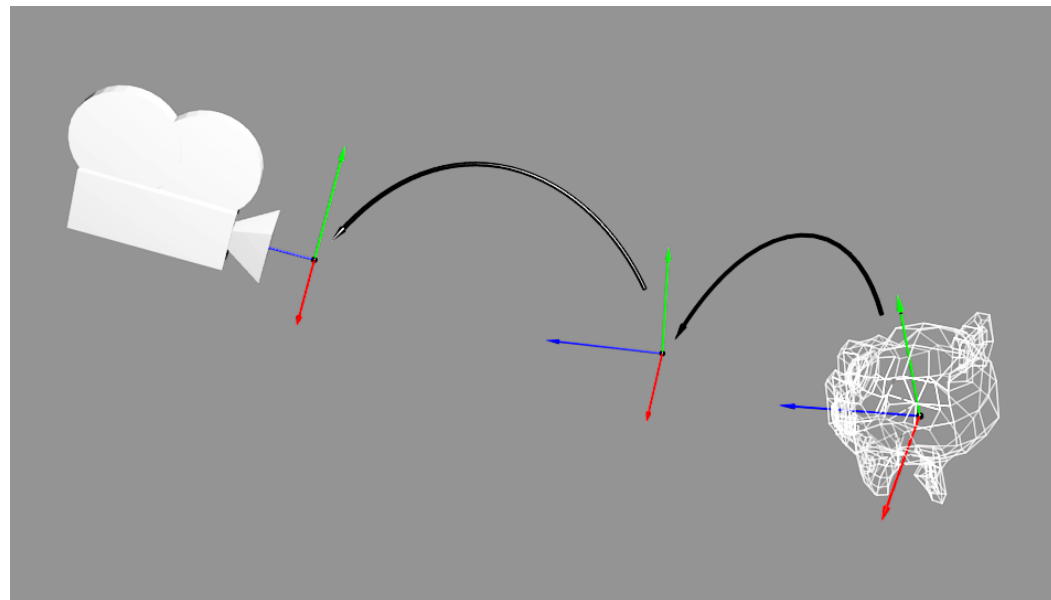
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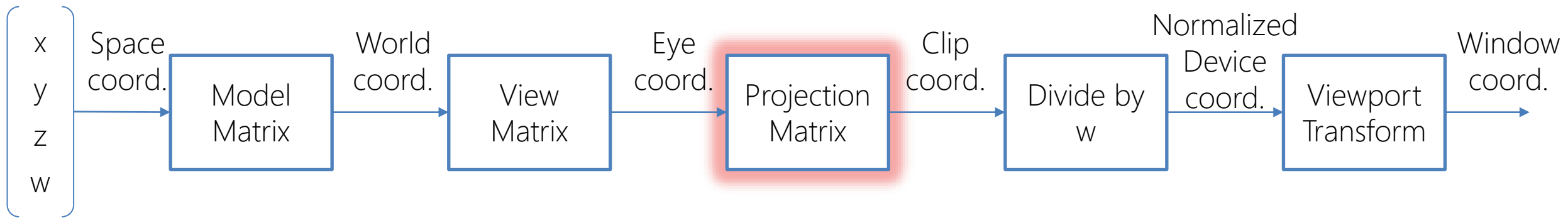
## View Matrix:

Sets the position of the camera and moves the model in Camera space (eye coords)



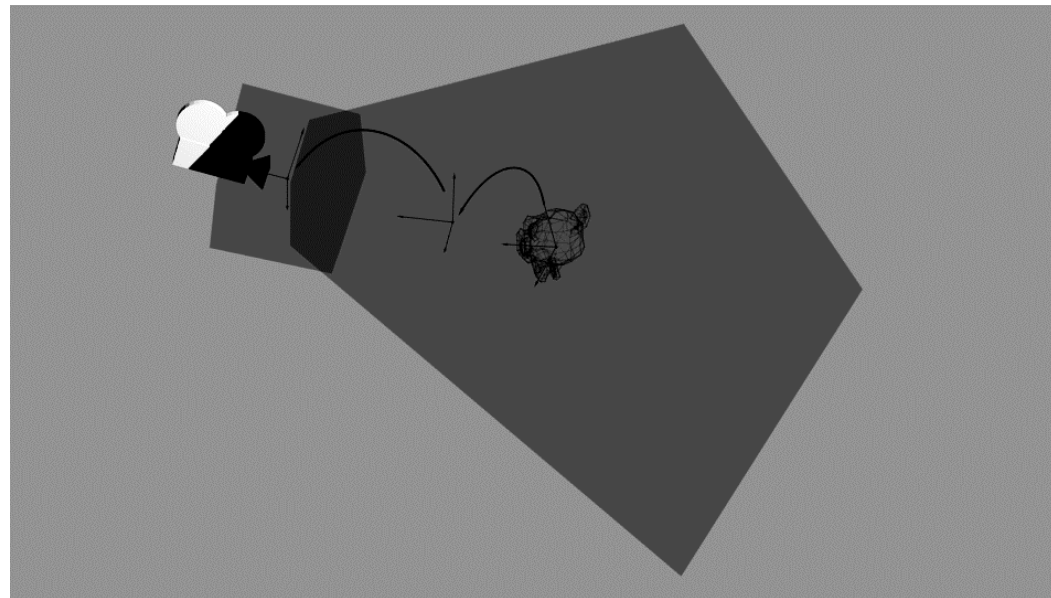
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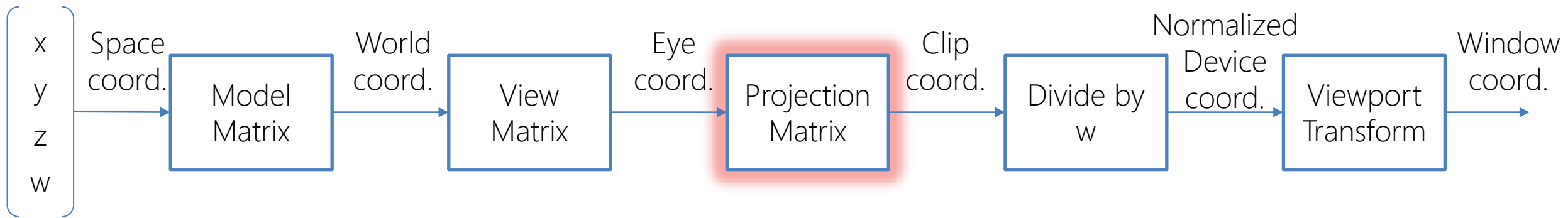
## Projection Matrix:

Defines how the scene is perceived by the camera



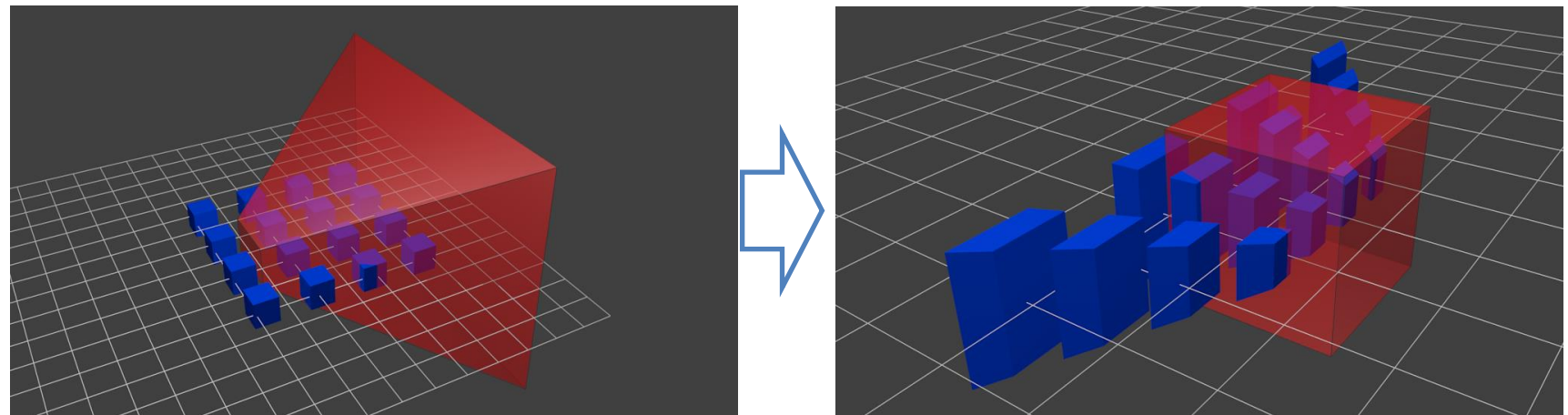
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## Projection Matrix:

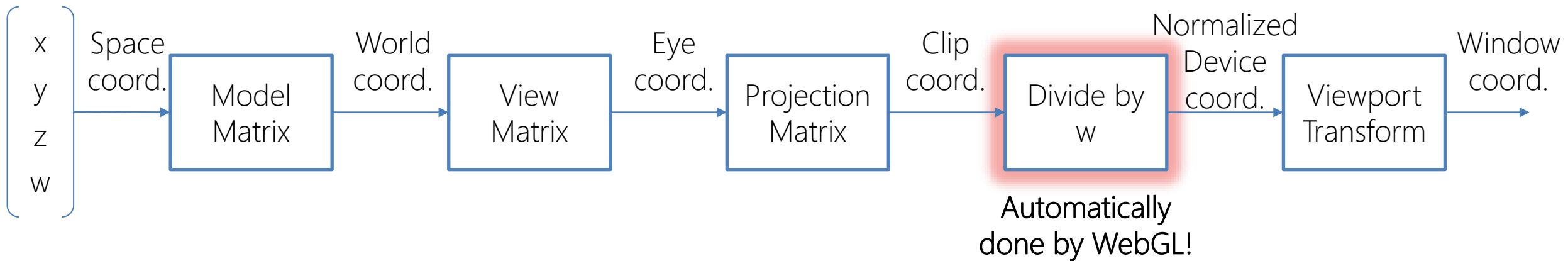
Defines how the scene is perceived by the camera



`gl_Position` set in the Vertex Shader must be in Clip Space!

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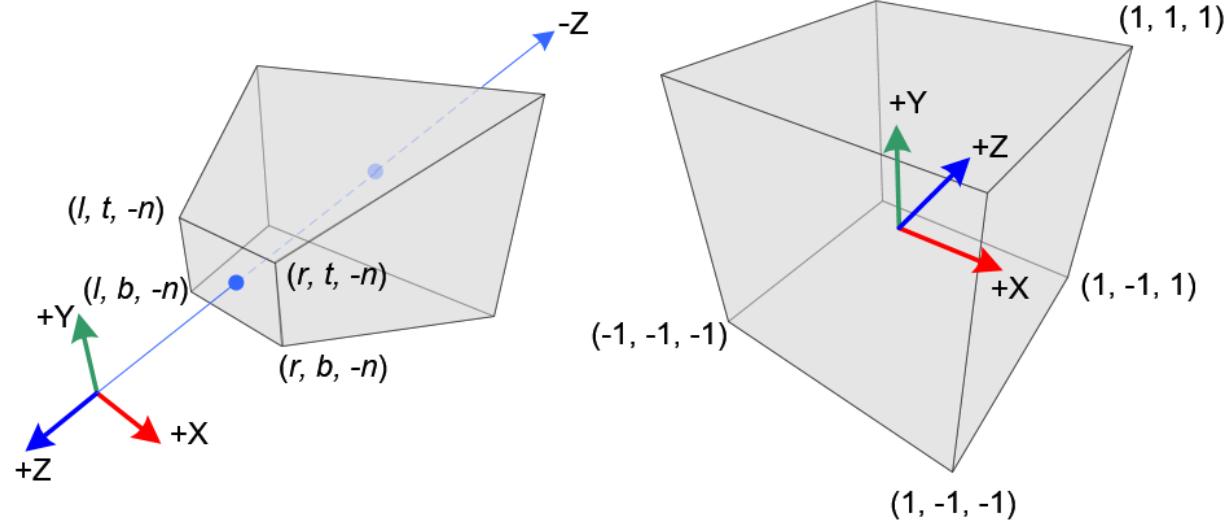
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## Divide by w:

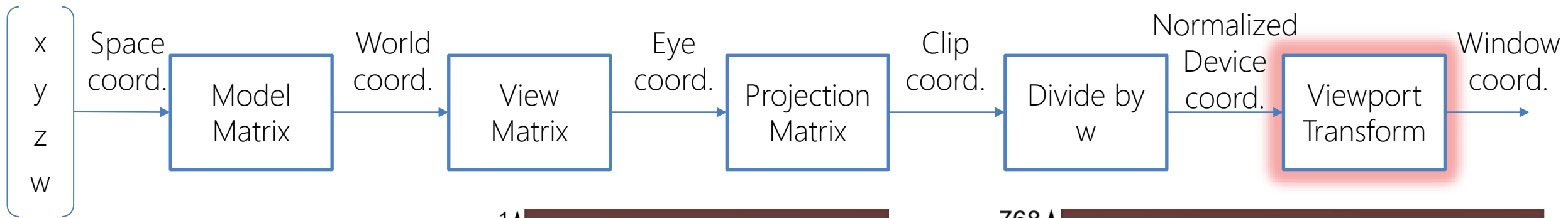
From 4D clip coordinates to 3D Normalized Device Coordinates (NDC):

$x \in (-1, 0, 1.0)$ ,  $y \in (-1, 0, 1.0)$   
 $z \in (-1, 0, 1.0)$



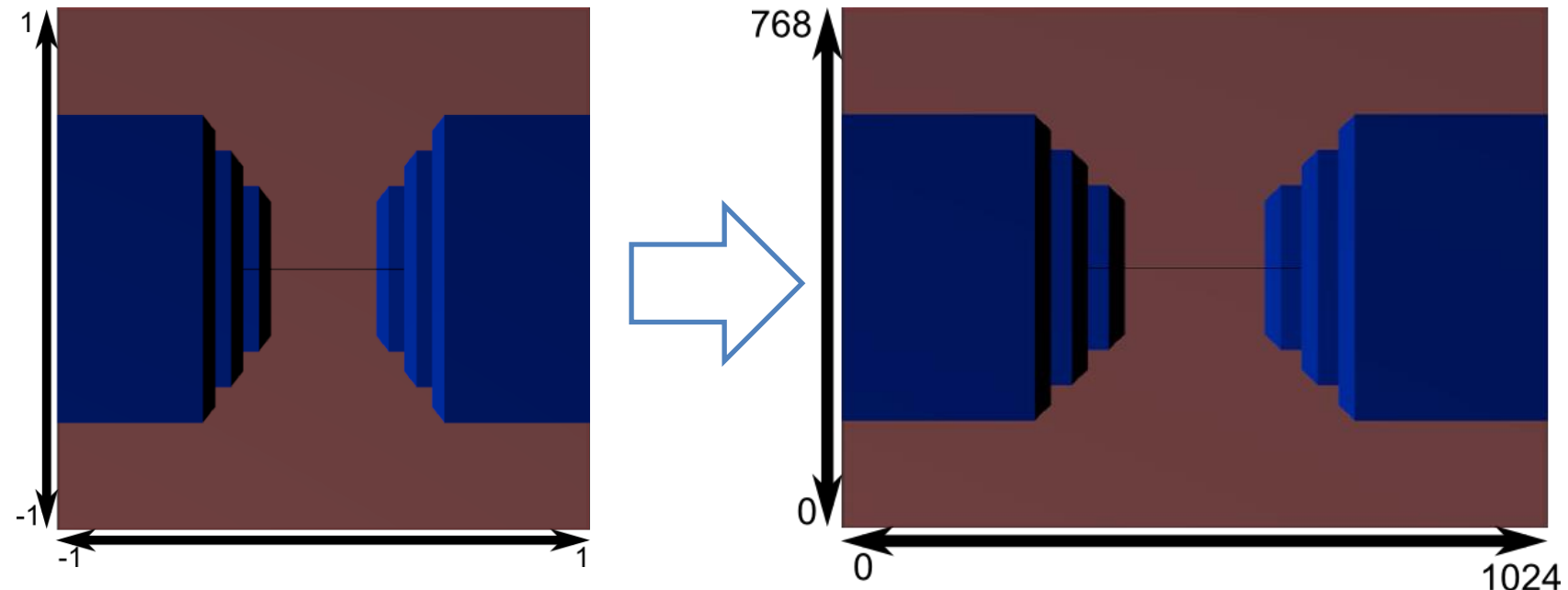
Source: [http://www.songho.ca/opengl/gl\\_projectionmatrix.html](http://www.songho.ca/opengl/gl_projectionmatrix.html)

# Pipeline of OpenGL/WebGL transformations



Viewport transform:

Transforms NDC to the screen space



```
gl.viewport(0, 0, gl.canvas.width, gl.canvas.height);
```

Source: <http://www.opengl-tutorial.org>



# Transformations

```
#version 300 es

in vec4 a_position;

uniform mat4 matrix;

void main() {

    gl_Position = matrix * a_position;
}
```

```
#version 300 es

precision mediump float;

out vec4 outColor;

void main() {

    outColor = vec4(1.0,0.0,0.0,1.0);
}
```

# Matrices in WebGL

- To pass a matrix as a uniform variable to a GLSL program, we need to use the function `uniformMatrix[234]fv(location, transpose, value)`
  - The number chosen between [234] stands for the dimension of the matrix (2x2, 3x3, 4x4)
  - The values are assumed to be float (f) and are passed in a single array (v)
  - The location is obtained with the usual `getUniformLocation(...)`
  - Transpose MUST be `gl.FALSE`
- To create and manipulate matrices, we will use the functions provided by our *utils.js* script (you will find it in the exercise folders)

# Matrices in WebGL

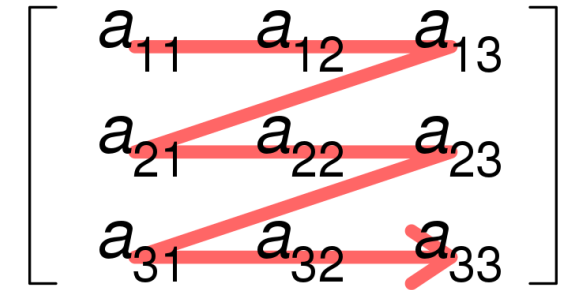
- Matrices in WebGL are specified in column-major order
- Our *utils* script specifies them in row-major order

```
MakeTranslateMatrix:  
function(dx,dy,dz) {  
    return [1,0,0,dx,  
            0,1,0,dy,  
            0,0,1,dz,  
            0,0,0,1];  
}
```

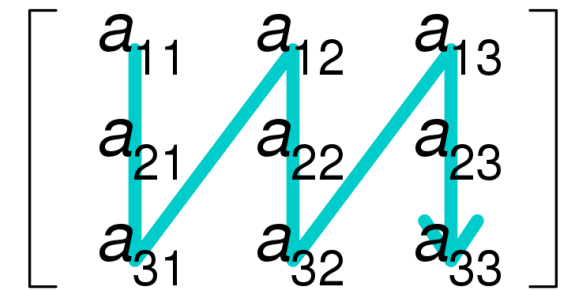
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```
MakeTranslateMatrix: function(dx,dy,dz) {  
    return [1,0,0,dx,0,1,0,dy,0,0,1,dz,0,0,0,1];  
}
```

Row-major order




Column-major order



# Matrices in WebGL

- If we pass a matrix like this to WebGL, it will interpret it in the WRONG way!

```
gl.uniformMatrix4fv(matrixLocation, gl.FALSE, MakeTranslateMatrix(0.1,0.2,0.3));
```



```
[1,0,0,0,  
0,1,0,0,  
0,0,1,0,  
dx,dy,dz,1];
```

WRONG!!

- We need to transpose the matrix before passing it

```
var matrix = MakeTranslateMatrix(0.1,0.2,0.3);  
gl.uniformMatrix4fv(matrixLocation, gl.FALSE, utils.transposeMatrix(matrix));
```

# Transformations - example

```
[...]
// look up where the vertex data needs to go.
var positionAttributeLocation = gl.getAttribLocation(program, "a_position");
// look up where the matrix needs to go.
var matrixLocation = gl.getUniformLocation(program, "matrix");

[...]

gl.enableVertexAttribArray(positionAttributeLocation);

gl.vertexAttribPointer(positionAttributeLocation, 4, gl.FLOAT, false, 0, 0);

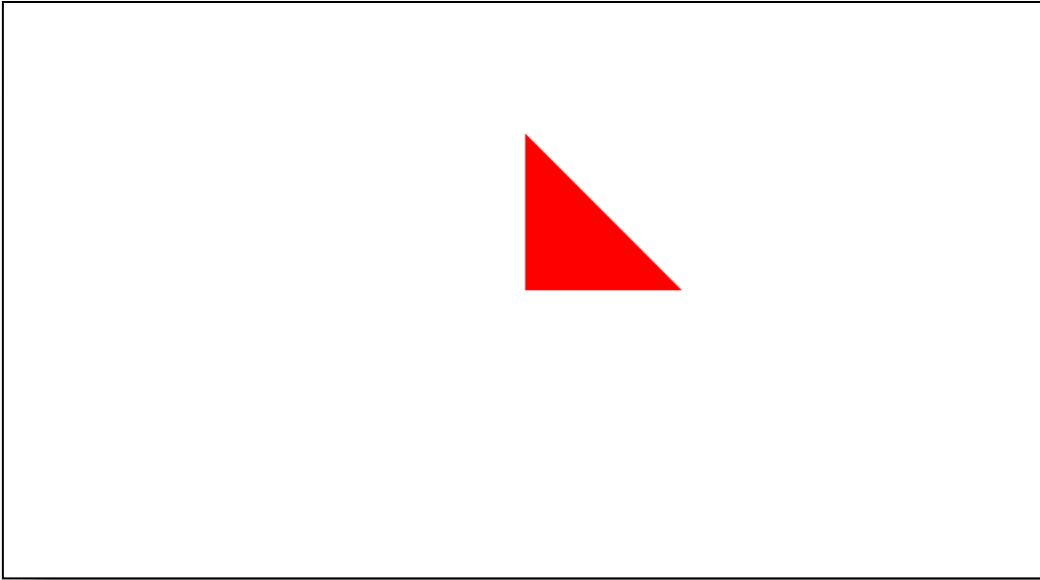
var matrix = utils.MakeTranslateMatrix(0.3, -0.7, 0.0);
//After gl.useProgram(..)
//We transpose the matrix because of the column-major order
gl.uniformMatrix4fv(matrixLocation, gl.FALSE, utils.transposeMatrix(matrix));
```

Example of library to perform matrix calculations without using our utils script: <https://github.com/toji/gl-matrix>

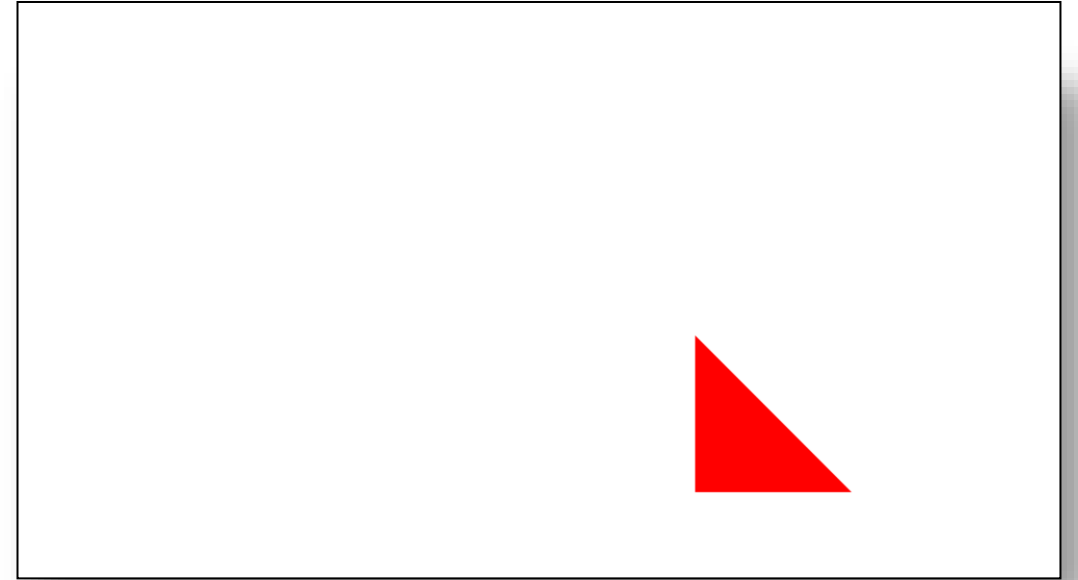
Doc: <http://glmatrix.net/docs/>

# Transformations

Without  
transformations



With translation



# Going in 3D → Let's draw a cube!

```
#version 300 es

in vec3 a_position;

uniform mat4 matrix;

void main() {

    gl_Position = matrix *
                  vec4(a_position,1.0);
}
```

```
#version 300 es

precision mediump float;

out vec4 outColor;

void main() {

    outColor = vec4(1.0,0.0,0.0,1.0);
}
```

# Going in 3D → Let's draw a cube!

```
var vertices = [// Vertex #:  
  0.4, 0.4, -0.4, // 0  
  [...]  
 -0.4, -0.4, 0.4, // 21  
 -0.4, 0.4, 0.4, // 22  
 -0.4, 0.4, -0.4 // 23  
];  
  
var indices = [ // Face #:  
  0, 1, 2, // 0  
  [...]  
 13, 22, 14, // 9  
 15, 16, 17, // 10  
 16, 23, 17 // 11  
];
```

cubeDefinition.js



# Going in 3D → Let's draw a cube!

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en-US">
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
  <style type="text/css">
    body { margin: 0; background-color: gray; }
    canvas {display: block; background-color: white; }
  </style>
  //Pay attention to the order of the scripts! The script always comes last since it
  //uses variables/functions from previous scripts
  <script type="text/javascript" src="lib/utils.js"></script>
  <script type="text/javascript" src="lib/cubeDefinition.js"></script>
  <script type="text/javascript" src="lib/script.js"></script>
</head>
<body>
  <canvas id="c"></canvas>
</body>
</html>
```

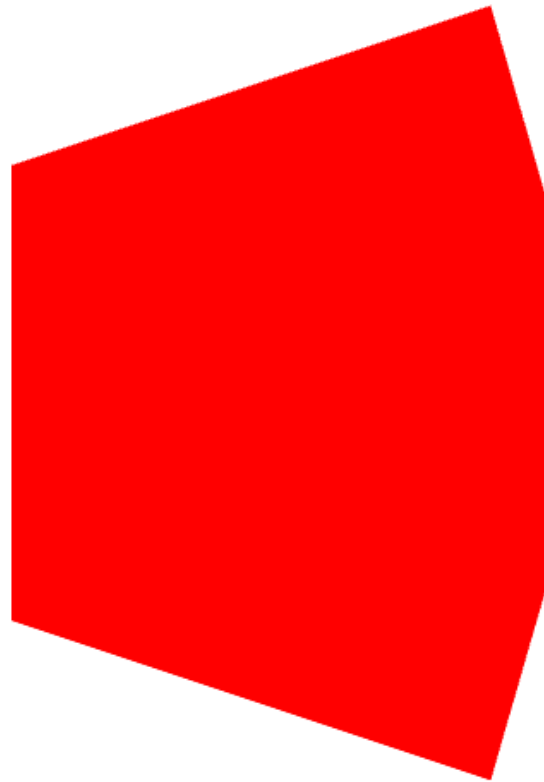
# Going in 3D → Let's draw a cube!

```
[...]
var w = gl.canvas.width;
var h = gl.canvas.height;
//fovy, aspect ratio, near plane, far plane
var perspectiveMatrix = utils.MakePerspective(90, w/h, 0.1, 100.0);
//Camera position x,y,z, elev (x axis), ang (y axis)
var viewMatrix = utils.MakeView(0.5, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0, -30.0);
//perspectiveMatrix * viewMatrix
var projectionMatrix = utils.multiplyMatrices(perspectiveMatrix, viewMatrix);

gl.uniformMatrix4fv(matrixLocation, gl.FALSE, utils.transposeMatrix(projectionMatrix));

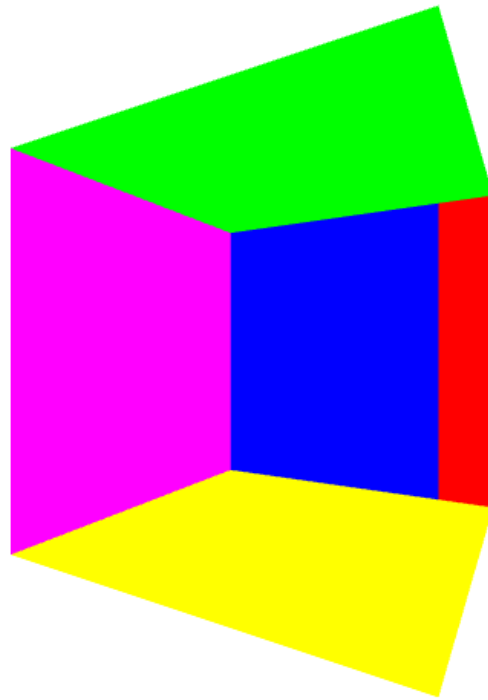
gl.bindBuffer(gl.ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER, indexBuffer);
gl.drawElements(gl.TRIANGLES, indices.length, gl.UNSIGNED_SHORT, 0 );
```

Going in 3D → Let's draw a cube!



# Colouring the cube

We can add color the cube by defining a second attribute as for each vertex of the triangle (**colors** array in **cubeDefinition.js**), but that is the output



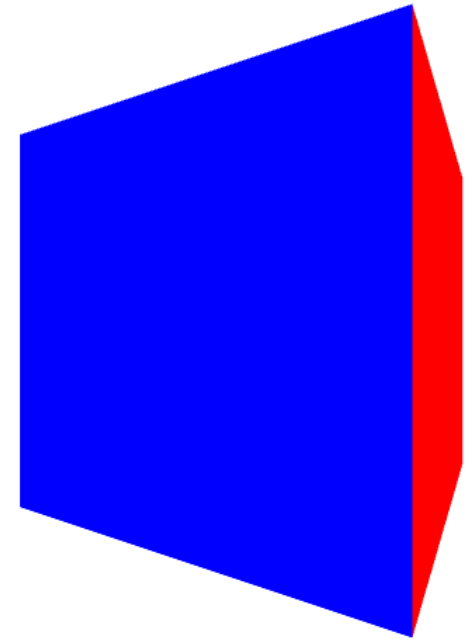
# Colouring the cube

We need to enable depth testing (once during initialization)

```
gl.enable(gl.DEPTH_TEST);
```

And when we clear the color buffer, we also need to clear the depth buffer (every frame before drawing)

```
gl.clear(gl.COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | gl.DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);
```

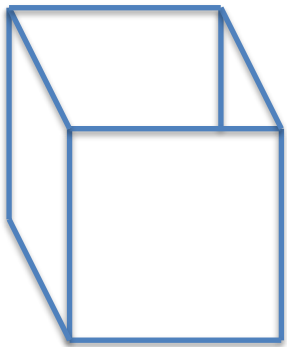


# Backface Culling

Another option is to enable backface culling to get rid of facets which do not front-face the camera

```
gl.enable(gl.CULL_FACE);
```

But this options works only with (closed) 2-manifold surfaces



```
gl.enable(gl.CULL_FACE);
```



```
gl.enable(gl.CULL_FACE);
```

# Move the cube with the keyboard

To move the cube with the keyboard we add a javascript listener

```
//cx, cy, and cz are the coordinates of the camera
//position, while elevation and angle refer to its
//rotation
function keyFunction(e){ //e is the event

    if (e.keyCode == 37) { // Left arrow
        cx-=delta;
    }
    if (e.keyCode == 39) { // Right arrow
        cx+=delta;
    }
    if (e.keyCode == 38) { // Up arrow
        cz-=delta;
    }
    if (e.keyCode == 40) { // Down arrow
        cz+=delta;
    }
    if (e.keyCode == 107) { // Add
        cy+=delta;
    }
}
```

```
    if (e.keyCode == 109) { // Subtract
        cy-=delta;
    }
    if (e.keyCode == 65) { // a
        angle-=delta*10.0;
    }
    if (e.keyCode == 68) { // d
        angle+=delta*10.0;
    }
    if (e.keyCode == 87) { // w
        elevation+=delta*10.0;
    }
    if (e.keyCode == 83) { // s
        elevation-=delta*10.0;
    }
}

window.addEventListener("keyup", keyFunction, false);
```

<https://keycode.info/>

# Move the cube with the keyboard

- Moving the cube means we have to draw everything again, otherwise we won't see the change in position
- We need to change a bit the organization of the code

```
//Here are global variables like canvas, program,
matrices, handles...

function main() {
  //Initialisation:
  

- Getting canvas and webgl context
- Creating shaders and program
- Retrieving handles to attributes and uniforms
- Calling drawScene() function


}
function drawScene() {
  //Logic that needs to be repeated every time before
  drawing a new frame:
  

- Setting up VBOs (we will see in a while that we
    won't need to do this every frame with VAOs)
- gl.useProgram()
- Updating and passing uniforms to the GLSLprogram
- Draw call


}
```

```
function keyFunction(e){
  //Key listeners that modify some parameters e.g.,
  position of the camera
  [...]
  //The requestAnimationFrame function tells the browser
  to call the specified function before the next repaint
  so that we can update the rendered image with the latest
  changes
  window.requestAnimationFrame(drawScene);
}

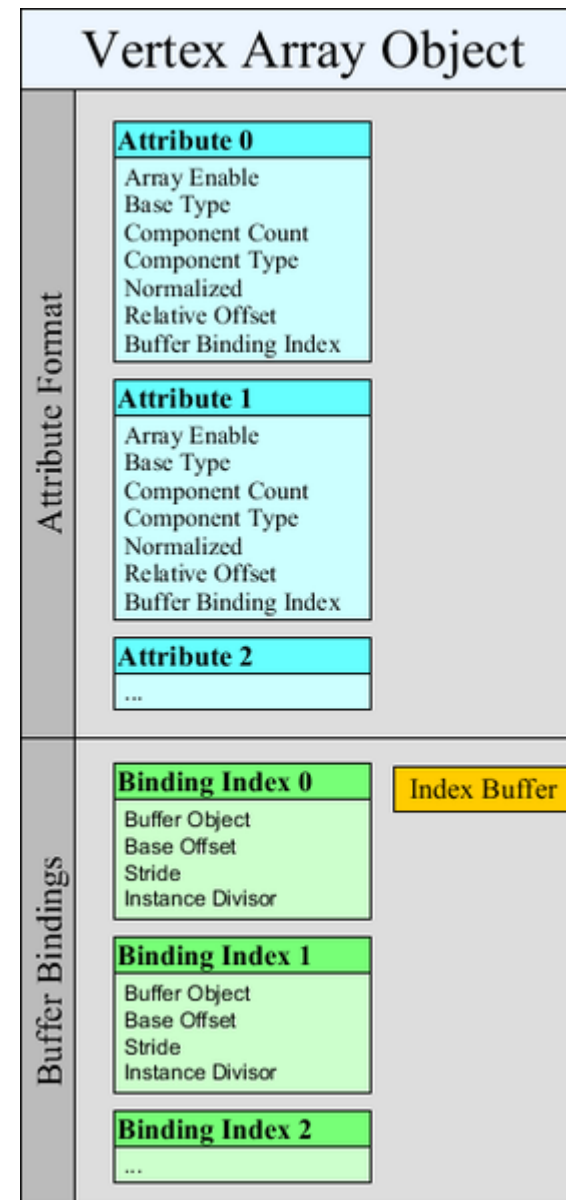
window.onload = main;
```



# Vertex Array Objects (VAO)

What if I need to draw the same object multiple times?

- Option 1: bind, set attributes and enable attributes for each Vertex Buffer Object every time the frame is drawn
  - Option 2: Vertex Array Objects:
    - Encapsulates all the states to specify vertex data
    - Stores any subsequent vertex attribute call:
      - glEnableVertexAttribArray
      - glDisableVertexAttribArray.
      - attribute configurations from glVertexAttribPointer.
      - VBO associated with vertex attributes via glVertexAttribPointer.
- A.k.a. ....make these calls once!



# VAOs – How to use them

```
[...]
// Create a vertex array object
var vao = gl.createVertexArray();
gl.bindVertexArray(vao);
//All the calls to set up the VBOs are now stored in the currently-bound vao
var positionBuffer = gl.createBuffer();
gl.bindBuffer(gl.ARRAY_BUFFER, positionBuffer);
gl.bufferData(gl.ARRAY_BUFFER, new Float32Array(vertices), gl.STATIC_DRAW);
gl.enableVertexAttribArray(positionAttributeLocation);
gl.vertexAttribPointer(positionAttributeLocation, 3, gl.FLOAT, false, 0, 0);

var colorBuffer = gl.createBuffer();
gl.bindBuffer(gl.ARRAY_BUFFER, colorBuffer);
gl.bufferData(gl.ARRAY_BUFFER, new Float32Array(colors), gl.STATIC_DRAW);
gl.enableVertexAttribArray(colorAttributeLocation);
gl.vertexAttribPointer(colorAttributeLocation, 3, gl.FLOAT, false, 0, 0);

var indexBuffer = gl.createBuffer();
gl.bindBuffer(gl.ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER, indexBuffer);
gl.bufferData(gl.ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER, new Uint16Array(indices), gl.STATIC_DRAW);
```

# VAOs – How to use them

```
drawScene();

function drawScene() {
    gl.bindVertexArray(vao); /** No need to repeat all the vbos set up, just bind the right vao ***/
    var aspect = gl.canvas.clientWidth / gl.canvas.clientHeight;
    var zNear = 1;
    var zFar = 2000;
    var fieldOfViewDeg = 40;
    var perspectiveMatrix = utils.MakePerspective(fieldOfViewDeg, aspect, zNear, zFar);

    viewMatrix = utils.MakeView(cx, cy, cz, elevation, angle);
    projectionMatrix = utils.multiplyMatrices(perspectiveMatrix, viewMatrix);

    gl.uniformMatrix4fv(matrixLocation, gl.FALSE, utils.transposeMatrix(projectionMatrix));

    gl.drawElements(gl.TRIANGLES, indices.length, gl.UNSIGNED_SHORT, 0 );
}
}
```

# Move the cube with the keyboard – with VAOs

```
//Here are global variables like canvas, program,
matrices, handles...

function main() {
  //Initialisation:
  

- Getting canvas and webgl context
- Creating shaders and program
- Retrieving handles to attributes and uniforms
- Setting up VBOs with VAOs
- Calling drawScene() function


}
function drawScene() {
  //Logic that needs to be repeated every time before
  drawing a new frame:
  

- gl.useProgram()
- Updating and passing uniforms to the GLSLprogram
- Bind VAOs
- Draw call


}
```

```
function keyFunction(e){
  //Key listeners that modify some parameters e.g.,
  position of the camera
  [...]
  //The requestAnimationFrame function tells the browser
  to call the specified function before the next repaint
  so that we can update the rendered image with the latest
  changes
  window.requestAnimationFrame(drawScene);
}

window.onload = main;
```

# Animations

- What if we want to have continuous animations?

```
//Here are global variables like canvas, program,
matrices, handles...

function main() {
  //Initialisation:
  • Getting canvas and webgl context
  • Creating shaders and program
  • Retrieving handles to attributes and uniforms
  • Setting up VBOs with VAOs
  • Calling drawScene() function
}

function animate() {
  //Logic for your frame-by-frame update of the animation
  goes here
}
```

```
function drawScene() {
  //Logic that needs to be repeated every time before
  drawing a new frame:
  • animate() function to update the animation
  • gl.useProgram()
  • Updating and passing uniforms to the GLSLprogram
  • Bind VAOs
  • Draw call

  //By recursively calling the drawScene function in
  //the requestAnimationFrame function the animation
  //is updated every frame
  window.requestAnimationFrame(drawScene);
}

function keyFunction(e){
  [..]
}

window.onload = main;
```

# Animating the cube

```
var lastUpdateTime = (new Date).getTime(); //At beginning of the script

function animate(){
    var currentTime = (new Date).getTime();
    if(lastUpdateTime){
        //Smooth the animation with the time between frames
        var deltaC = (30 * (currentTime - lastUpdateTime)) / 1000.0;
        cubeRx += deltaC;
        cubeRy -= deltaC;
        cubeRz += deltaC;

        if (flag == 0) cubeS += deltaC/100;
        else cubeS -= deltaC/100;

        if (cubeS >= 1.5) flag = 1;
        else if (cubeS <= 0.5) flag = 0;
    }
    worldMatrix = utils.MakeWorld(cubeTx, cubeTy, cubeTz, cubeRx, cubeRy, cubeRz, cubeS);
    lastUpdateTime = currentTime;
}
```

# Animating the cube

```
function drawScene() {
    animate();

    gl.viewport(0, 0, gl.canvas.width, gl.canvas.height);
    gl.clearColor(0, 0, 0, 0);
    gl.clear(gl.COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | gl.DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);
    gl.enable(gl.DEPTH_TEST);
    gl.enable(gl.CULL_FACE);

    gl.bindVertexArray(vao);

    var viewMatrix = utils.MakeView(cx, cy, cz, elevation, angle);
    var projectionMatrix = utils.multiplyMatrices(viewMatrix, worldMatrix);
    var projectionMatrix = utils.multiplyMatrices(perspectiveMatrix, projectionMatrix);
    gl.uniformMatrix4fv(matrixLocation, gl.FALSE, utils.transposeMatrix(projectionMatrix));

    gl.bindBuffer(gl.ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER, indexBuffer);
    gl.drawElements(gl.TRIANGLES, indices.length, gl.UNSIGNED_SHORT, 0 );
    window.requestAnimationFrame(drawScene);
}
```