Working with shaders

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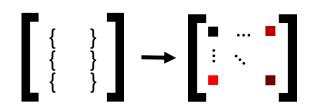
What's a shader?

Small programs that run on the GPU

Executed for each specific section of the graphics pipeline

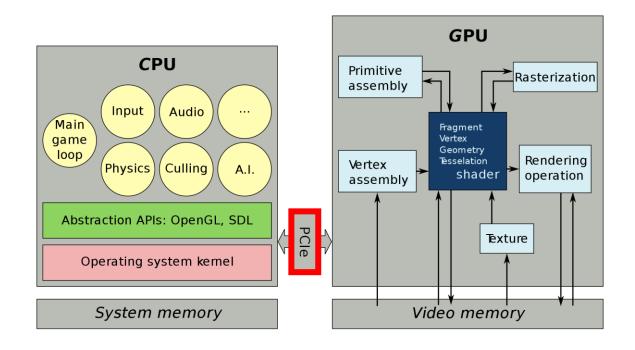
Isolated and not allowed to communicate with each other





It works with geometric primitives, lights, textures, ...

Shaders in the Graphics Processing Unit



Shaders are executed by the GPU & are good to be executed in parallel

Sending data to the GPU goes through the PCI, it is relatively slow & CPU/GPU must be synchronized

Different languages



DirectX High-Level Shader Language



Cg Shader Language



OpenGL Shading Language (GLSL)

Problem



In GLSL, there are no real data structures to easily get the attributes of a primitive (matrices, vectors, ...)





The construction of shaders is very repetitive which implies a lot of copy and paste



Must reduce the data sent in the PCI to avoid multiple synchronizations between CPU & GPU

Goal of the project

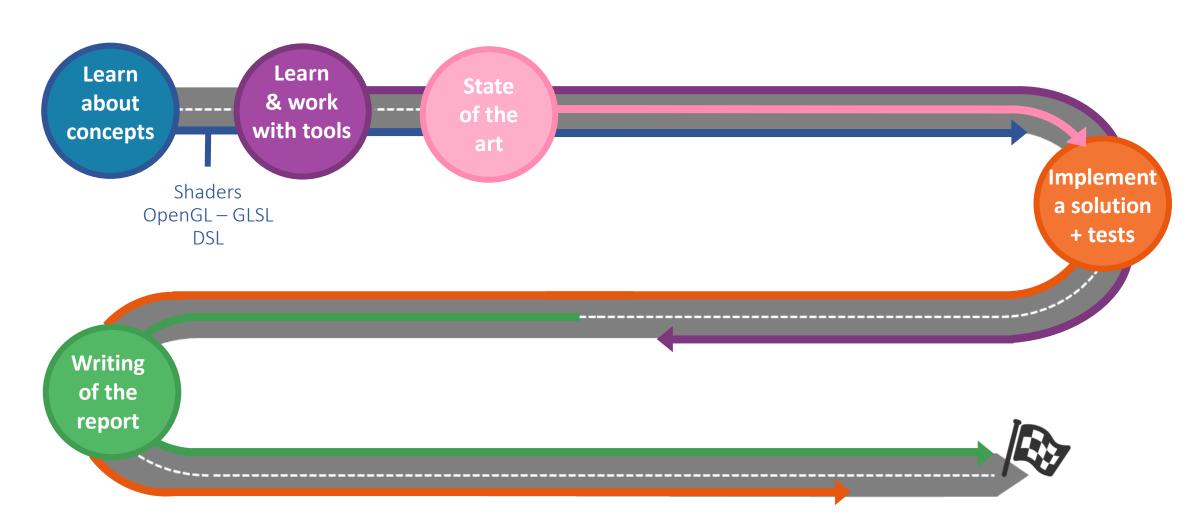


Work with the representation of the data & abstract the types



Construct a DSL for shaders

Road map



3D space to 2D screen space



The process of transforming 3D coordinates to 2D pixel is done by the graphics pipeline

First big part: transforms 3D coordinates into 2D coordinates

Second big part: transforms the 2D coordinates into actual colored pixels

Graphics pipeline



Input & Output Data



3 different shaders processing units

Vertex Shader

Geometry Shader

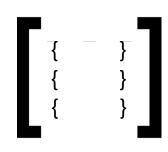
Fragment/Pixel Shader



Some others processes

Tessellation, Rasterization, Color blending

Input Data



Take as input a Vertex (or Vertices) [] which is a data structure that describes geometric primitives with certain attributes like:

Position (2D, 3D coordinates)



Color (RGB, ...)

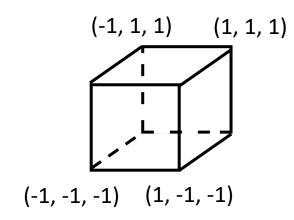


Texture coordinates



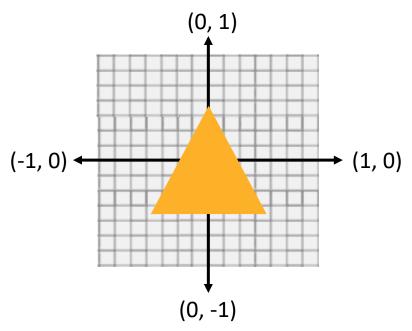
Example

In OpenGL, only the Normalize Device Coordinates (NDC) are visible on the screen



To render a single 2D triangle:

3D position (NDC) of each vertex



Linking vertex attributes



The input data will compose a Vertex Buffer Object (VBO) which can store a large number of vertices in the GPU memory

Then, we specify how the vertex data should be interpreted



Finally, it will be sent to the Vertex Shader



Example

Triangle with position attributes:

```
float vertices[] = {
    -0.5f, -0.5f, 0.0f,
    0.5f, -0.5f, 0.0f,
    0.0f, 0.5f, 0.0f
};
```

Copy our vertices array in a buffer

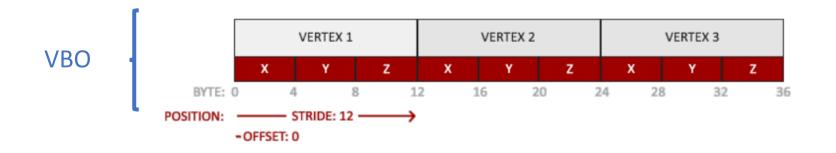
ID of the buffer which must be bind

```
Specifies the target buffer object

glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, VBO);
glBufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof(vertices), vertices, GL_STATIC_DRAW);

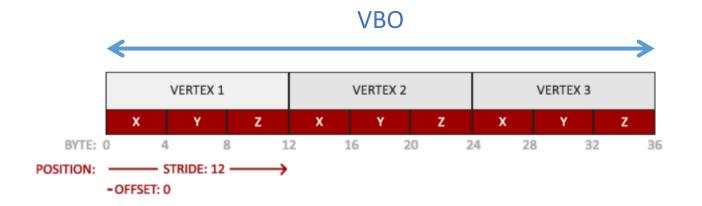
Size of the buffer object

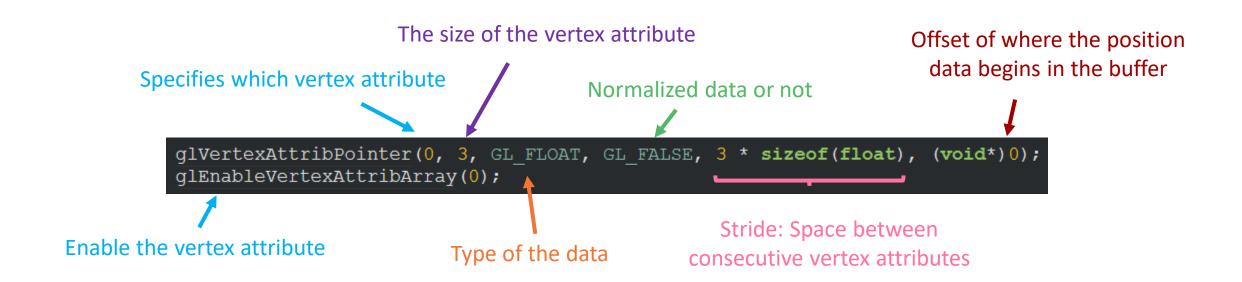
Pointer to data
```



Example (Cont.)

Define how the vertex data should be interpreted





Example (Cont.)

Triangle with position & color attributes:

```
VERTEX 1

VERTEX 2

VERTEX 3

X Y Z R G B X Y Z R G B

BYTE: 0 4 8 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 48 52 56 60 64 68 72

POSITION: STRIDE: 24

-OFFSET: 0

COLOR: -OFFSET: 12
```

Position offset

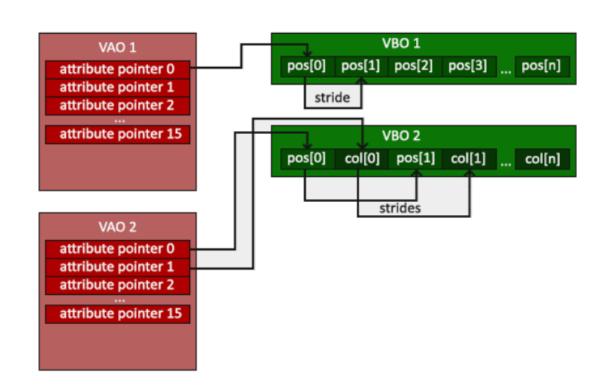
```
// position attribute
glVertexAttribPointer(0, 3, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, 6 * sizeof(float), (void*)0);
glEnableVertexAttribArray(0);
// color attribute
glVertexAttribPointer(1, 3, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, 6 * sizeof(float), (void*)(3* sizeof(float))
glEnableVertexAttribArray(1);
Stride

Color offset
```

Vertex Array Object (VAO)

Allows to configure vertex attribute pointers more easily

To draw an object, just bind the corresponding VAO



We generate a VAO like a VBO

```
unsigned int VAO;
glGenVertexArrays(1, &VAO);
```

Summary

```
glBindVertexArray(VAO);
// 2. copy our vertices array in a buffer for OpenGL to use
glBindBuffer(GL ARRAY BUFFER, VBO);
glBufferData(GL ARRAY BUFFER, sizeof(vertices), vertices, GL STATIC DRAW);
// 3. then set our vertex attributes pointers
glVertexAttribPointer(0, 3, GL FLOAT, GL FALSE, 3 * sizeof(float), (void*)0);
glEnableVertexAttribArray(0);
// (render loop)
// 4. draw the object
glUseProgram(shaderProgram);
glBindVertexArray(VAO);
someOpenGLFunctionThatDrawsOurTriangle();
```

Render & draw an object



The idea now is to render and draw an object. To do that we will have to:

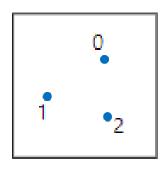


Set up a Vertex & a Fragment Shader

Compile these shaders

Link them to a shader program

Vertex Shader

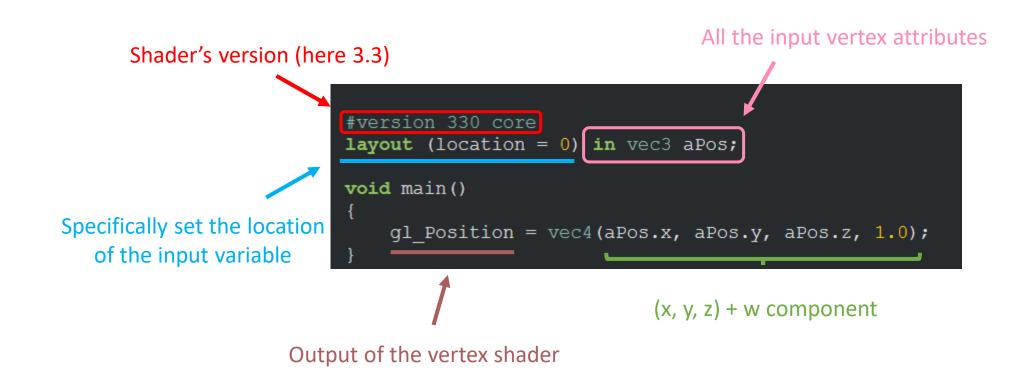


Compute the projection of the vertices of primitives from 3D space into a different 3D space (NDC)

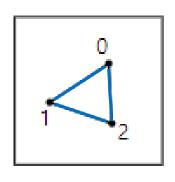
<u>Input data</u>: some properties of the vertices (position, color or texture coordinates)

Output data: the corresponding properties in the new space

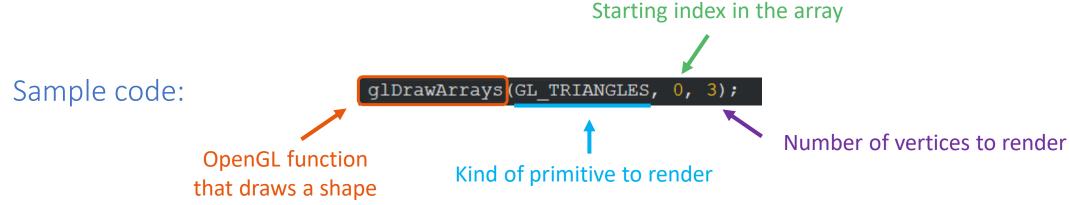
Sample code



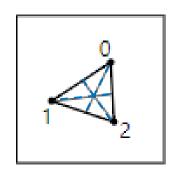
Primitives Assembly



This process takes all the vertex given by the step before and assemble them in order to create a geometric shape



Tessellation

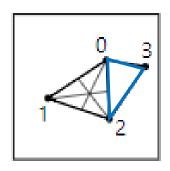


In 3D, the surfaces are built with triangular tiles

Tessellation allows to double triangles on a given surface and therefore increase the level of details

Geometry Shader



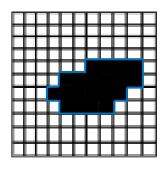


Allows to modify the geometry of each polygon and allows to create new polygons by emitting new vertices

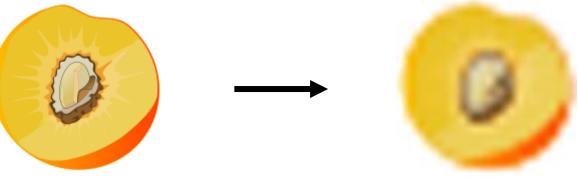
Input data: data of a geometric primitive

Output data: data of one or more geometric primitive

Rasterization



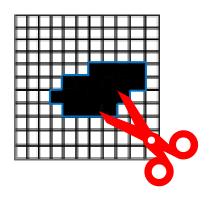
Method of converting a vector image into a raster image to be displayed on a screen



Vector image composed of geometric objects

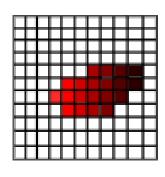
Raster image or Bitmap composed of pixels

Clipping



This step discard all fragments (which is the required data to render a single pixel) that are outside the view, increasing the performance

Fragment/Pixel Shader

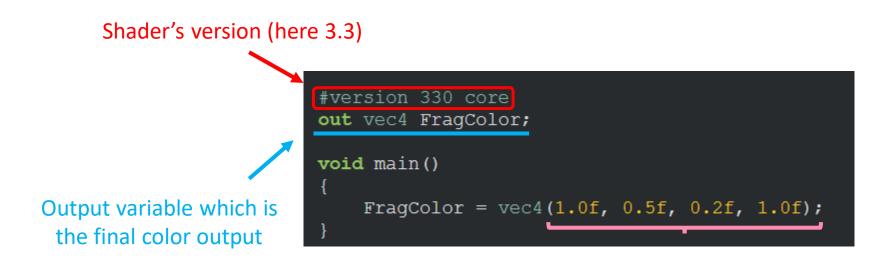


Calculates the final color of a pixel

Input data: pixel data
(position, texture coordinates, color)

Output data: the pixel color

Sample code



RGB + alpha component

Compile a Shader

First, we store the code in a string constant

```
const char *vertexShaderSource = "#version 330 core\n"
    "layout (location = 0) in vec3 aPos;\n"
    "void main()\n"
    "{\n"
        " gl_Position = vec4(aPos.x, aPos.y, aPos.z, 1.0);\n"
    "}\0";
```

Then, we store and create the shader

```
unsigned int vertexShader;
vertexShader = glCreateShader(GL_VERTEX_SHADER);
```

Type of shader we want to create

Finally, we link the source code to the object and compile it

```
glShaderSource(vertexShader, 1, &vertexShaderSource, NULL);
glCompileShader(vertexShader);
```

Shader program

First, we create a program object

unsigned int shaderProgram;
shaderProgram = glCreateProgram();

We attach the previously compiled shaders to the program object and link them

glAttachShader(shaderProgram, vertexShader);
glAttachShader(shaderProgram, fragmentShader);
glLinkProgram(shaderProgram);

We can now activate this program to render and draw an object

glUseProgram(shaderProgram);

Final step is to delete our shader objects

glDeleteShader(vertexShader);
glDeleteShader(fragmentShader);

Uniforms variables



Useful to pass data from the application on the CPU to the shaders on the GPU

These are global variables

Sample code:



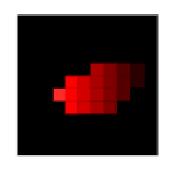
#version 330 core
out vec4 FragColor;
uniform vec4 ourColor;

void main()
{
 FragColor = ourColor;
}

Alpha test





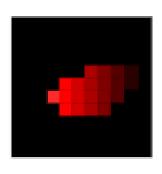


Done with the depth testing using a Z-buffer (in which the depth value of the fragments is stored)

glEnable(GL_DEPTH_TEST);

Then, checks for alpha values (opacity of an object) & blends the objects

Color Blending



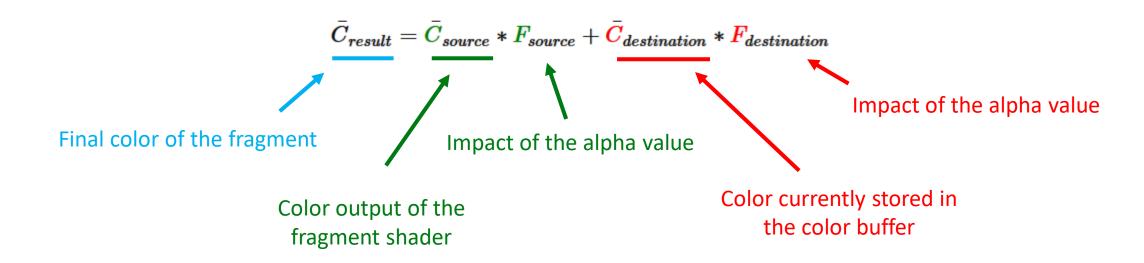
The technique of gently blending two or more colors to create a gradual transition

Example of a blending function

First, we have to enable the OpenGL functionality

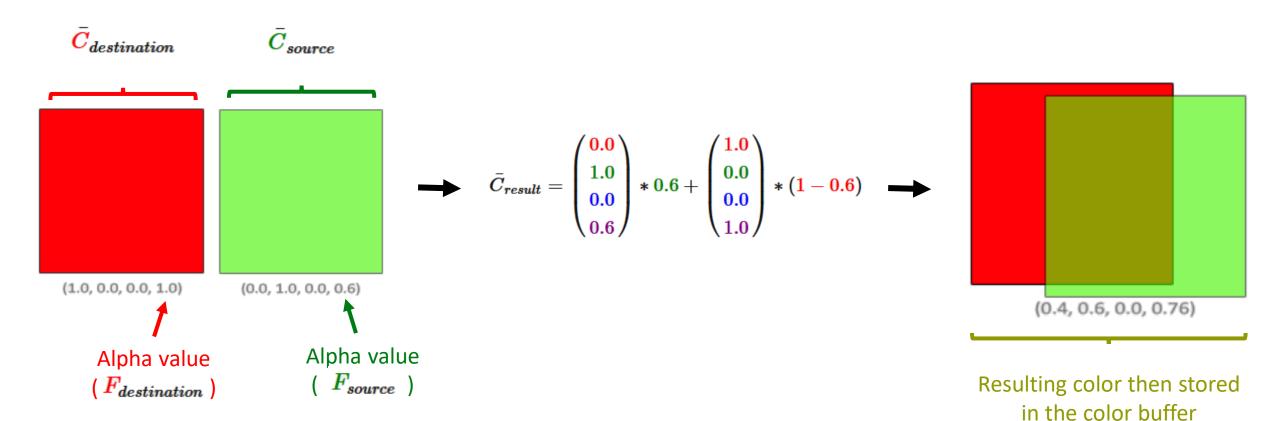
glEnable(GL_BLEND);

Then, blending can follow this equation:

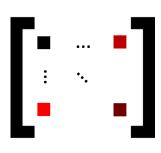


Example (Cont.)

$$\bar{C}_{result} = \bar{C}_{source} * F_{source} + \bar{C}_{destination} * F_{destination}$$



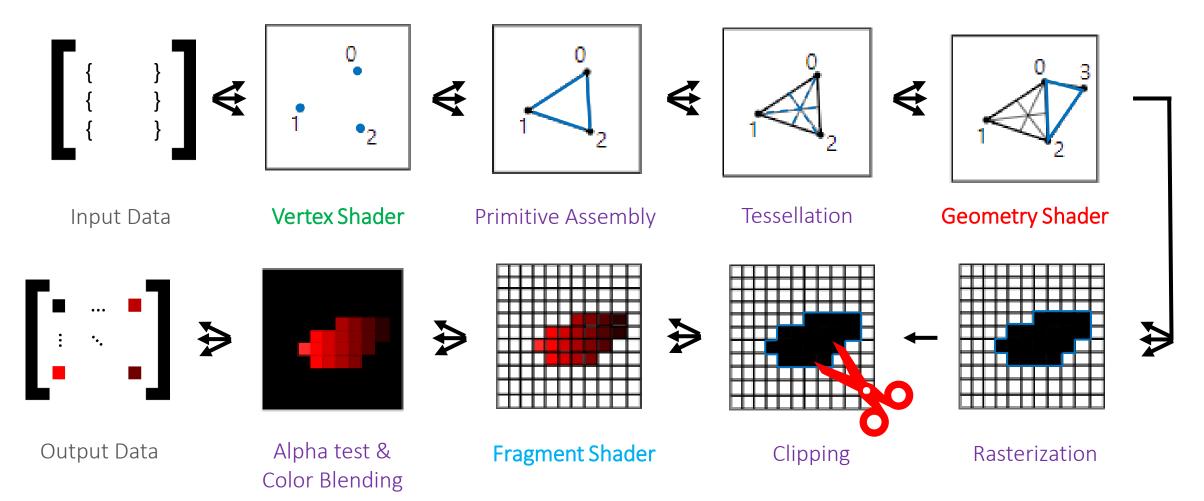
Output Data



Return a Framebuffer

The information in this buffer are the values of the color components (RGB) for each pixel

Overall view



Textures

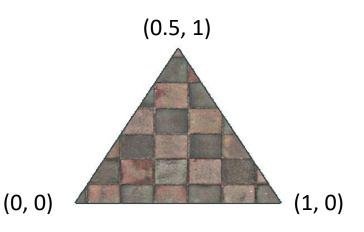
Allows to give the illusion the object is detailed without having to specify vertices

Associate each vertex to a texture coordinate

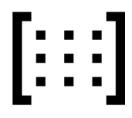
A fragment interpolation is then done for the other fragments

Sample code:

```
float texCoords[] = {
    0.0f, 0.0f, // lower-left corner
    1.0f, 0.0f, // lower-right corner
    0.5f, 1.0f // top-center corner
};
```



Transformations



Make an object dynamic using matrix objects & by combining the matrices



Some library can be used like the GLM (OpenGL Mathematics) library

Useful matrices

Scaling Matrix

$$egin{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} m{S_1} & m{0} & m{0} & m{0} \ 0 & m{S_2} & 0 & 0 \ m{0} & m{0} & m{S_3} & m{0} \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot egin{bmatrix} x \ y \ z \ 1 \end{pmatrix} = egin{bmatrix} m{S_1} \cdot x \ S_2 \cdot y \ S_3 \cdot z \ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Translation Matrix

$$egin{bmatrix} egin{bmatrix} 1 & oldsymbol{0} & oldsymbol{0} & oldsymbol{0} & oldsymbol{T_x} \ 0 & oldsymbol{0} & oldsymbol{1} & oldsymbol{T_x} \ 0 & oldsymbol{0} & oldsymbol{0} & oldsymbol{1} \end{bmatrix} \cdot egin{pmatrix} x \ y \ z \ z \ 1 \end{pmatrix} = egin{pmatrix} x + oldsymbol{T_x} \ y + oldsymbol{T_y} \ z + oldsymbol{T_z} \ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Rotation Matrix

Around X-axis

$$egin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & \cos heta & -\sin heta & 0 \ 0 & \sin heta & \cos heta & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot egin{bmatrix} x \ y \ z \ 1 \end{pmatrix} = egin{bmatrix} x \ \cos heta \cdot y - \sin heta \cdot z \ \sin heta \cdot y + \cos heta \cdot z \ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Around Y-axis

$$egin{bmatrix} \cos heta & 0 & \sin heta & 0 \ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \ -\sin heta & 0 & \cos heta & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot egin{bmatrix} x \ y \ z \ 1 \end{pmatrix} = egin{bmatrix} \cos heta \cdot x + \sin heta \cdot z \ y \ -\sin heta \cdot x + \cos heta \cdot z \ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Around Z-axis

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Sample code

Translating a vector of (1,0,0) by (1,1,0)

```
The matrix to transform (identity Matrix4)

trans = glm::translate(trans, glm::vec3(1.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f));

vec = trans * vec;

Multiply vec by the translation matrix

A translate function
```

Coordinates system

Transforming coordinates to NDC is done by a process regrouping several intermediate coordinate systems



Local Space



World Space



View Space

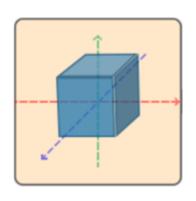




Screen Space



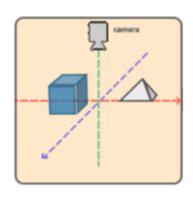
Local Space



Coordinates of the object relative to its local origin

In general, all new objects have (0, 0, 0) as initial position

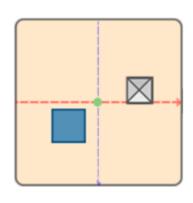
World Space



Coordinates of all the objects are relative to some global origin of the world

We use a <u>model matrix</u> which translates, scales and/or rotates the object to place it in the world

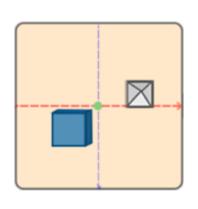
View Space



Each coordinates is seen from the camera's point of view

This is done by a combination of translations & rotations of the scene which is stored in a <u>view matrix</u>

Clip Space



Each coordinates is seen from the camera's point of view

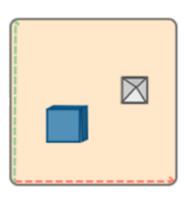
For this step, we use a <u>projection matrix</u> which transform the coordinates into NDC

Example:

Specified range [-1000, 1000] for each dimension

(1250, 500, 750) → Not visible (900, 500, 750) → Visible

Screen Space

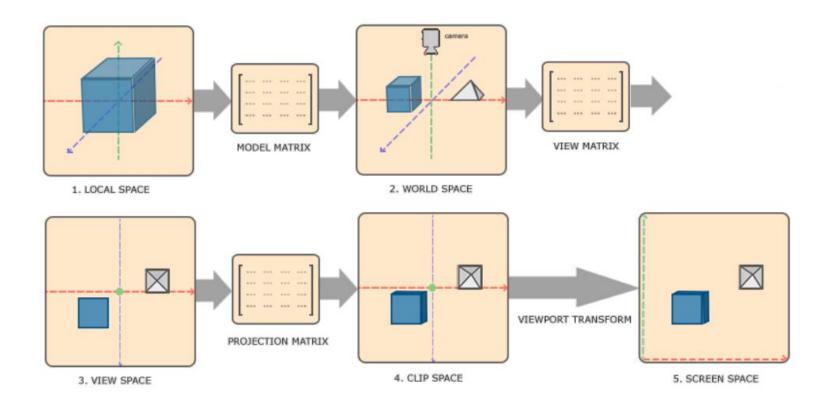


Transforms the NDC coordinates to the window coordinates with the *glViewport()* function

Resulting coordinates are then sent to the rasterizer

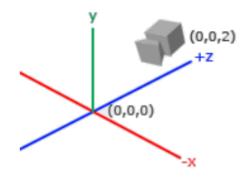
Overall view

A vertex coordinate is transformed to clip coordinates as follow: $V_{clip} = M_{projection} \cdot M_{view} \cdot M_{model} \cdot V_{local}$

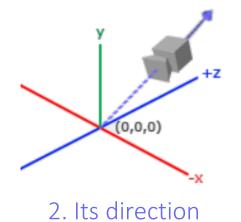


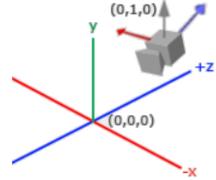
Camera

To define a camera we need 4 pieces of information

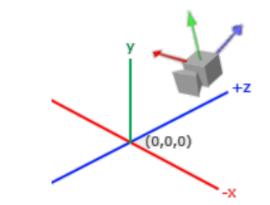


1. Its position in the world space



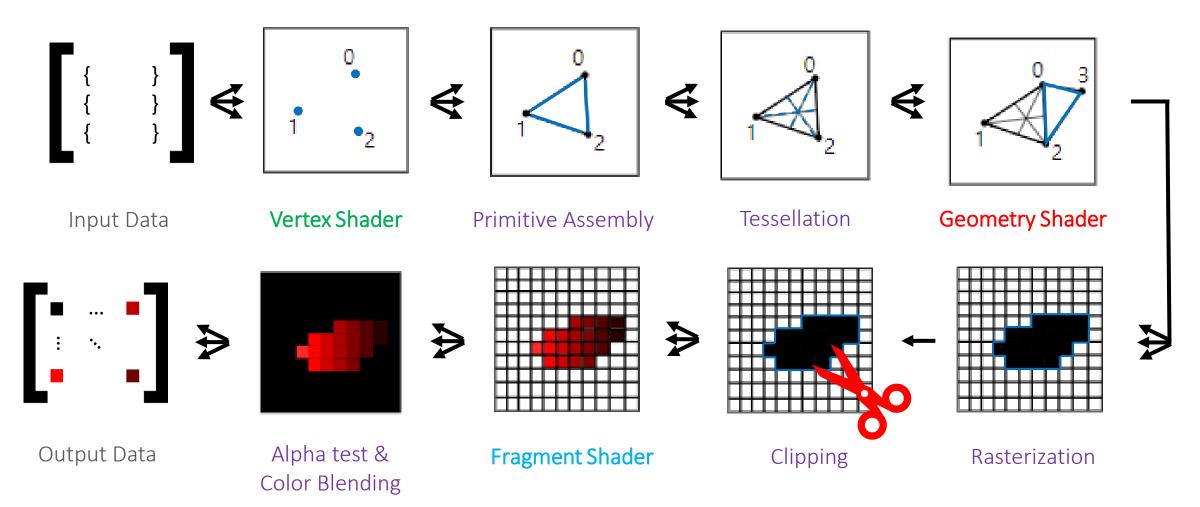


3. A vector pointing to the right



4. A vector pointing upwards

Recall: Graphics pipeline



Pipeline abstraction

We can see the pipeline as a function composition which can give us:

Context

We can define the notion of context that gives us the valid constants for a run (see after Uniforms)

The formula below is applied for every run

output_data = (cb o at o fs o c o r o t o pa o vs) (input_data)

Recall: Input data



A VBO is built containing the attributes of all vertices which give us a huge vector of data

To work with that, we have to use offsets, strides, etc.

Idea of the abstraction



No longer working with containers of type

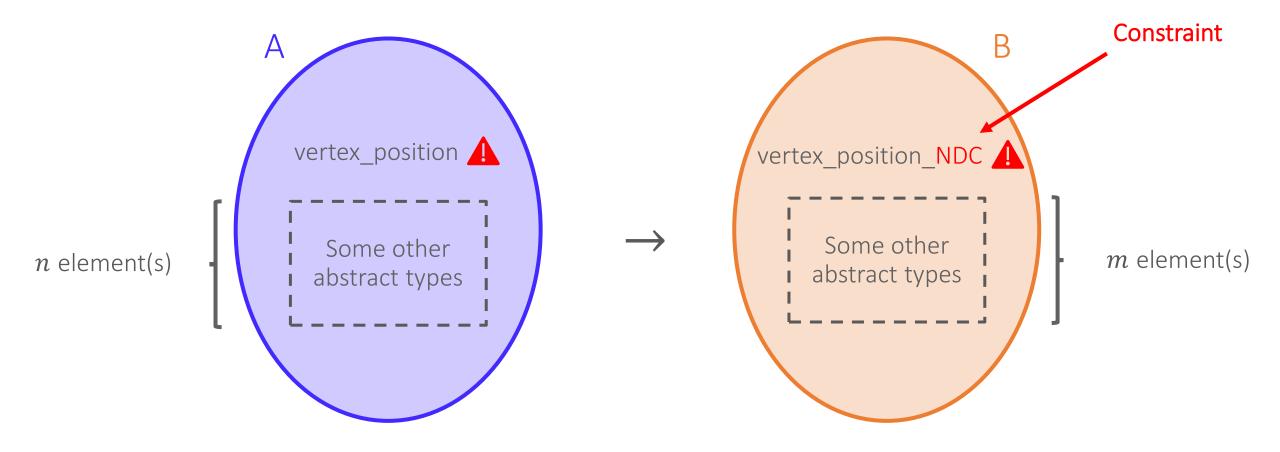
Ex: vec3, vec4, ivec4, mat4, ...



But with abstract type objects

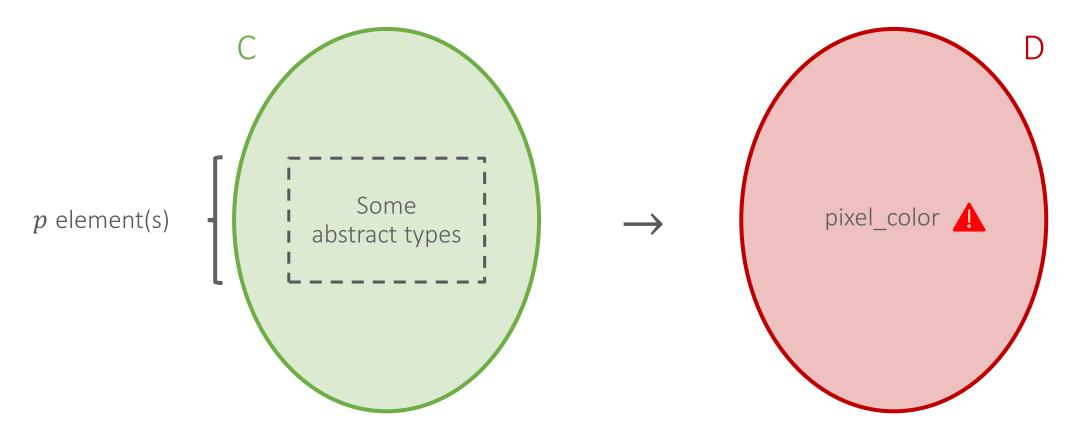
Ex: color, position, textures, ...

Vertex Shader function $vs: A \rightarrow B$



 $VS(_:vertex_position, \cup _:(A_i \setminus vertex_position))$

Fragment Shader function fs : C → D



$$fs(\underline{}:C_i)$$

Fragment Shader function $fs: C \rightarrow D$ Alternative



$$fs(\underline{}: C_i)$$

Several signatures



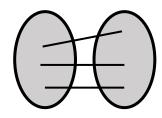
Depending on why a shader is created, the signature will be different

Examples:

Uniforms



We saw that uniform variables are global variables



They are part of the domain and the codomain of the vs() & fs() function



These variables are set for a run and define the context

Type checking between vs() & fs()

Check that names and types variables shared between the vertex & the fragment shader are identical

Example:

```
#version 330 core
layout (location = 0) in vec3 aPos;

out vec4 vertexColor;

void main()
{
    gl_Position = vec4(aPos, 1.0);
    vertexColor = vec4(0.5, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
}
```

Vertex shader

```
#version 330 core
out vec4 FragColor;
in vec4 vertexColor;

void main()
{
    FragColor = vertexColor;
}
```

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Fragment shader

Recall: Different languages



DirectX High-Level Shader Language

(Unreal Engine)



Cg Shader Language

(Unity)



OpenGL Shading Language

Similar structures

A sample Cg vertex shader:

Types definition

Calculate output coordinates & colors

```
input vertex
     struct VertIn {
         float4 pos
                      : POSITION;
         float4 color : COLORO;
     };
     // output vertex
     struct VertOut {
         float4 pos
                       : POSITION;
         float4 color : COLORO;
                                          Uniform keyword
     };
     // vertex shader main entry
     VertOut main(VertIn IN, uniform float4x4 modelViewProj) {
         VertOut OUT;
                     = mul(modelViewProj, IN.pos);
         OUT.pos
                     = IN.color;
         OUT.color
         return OUT;
Output
```

Same abstraction



The different shader languages are very similar



We could therefore use the same abstraction for any language

Domain-Specific Language (DSL)

A DSL is a programming language whose specifications allow to overcome some constraints in a specific domain



The specific domain will be for us the shaders and especially vertex & fragment shaders

Advantages & disadvantages



DSL will allow us to gain in productivity

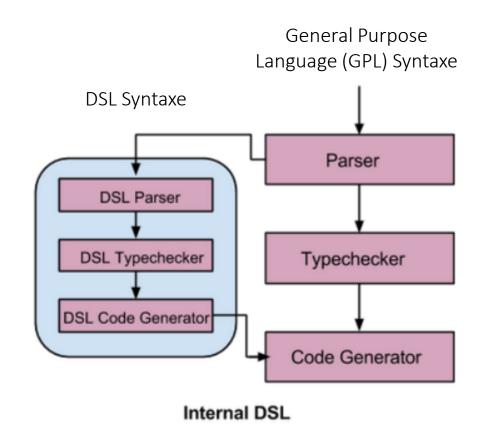
DSL can be reused for other purposes

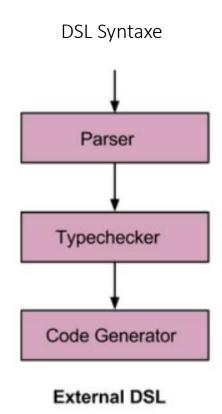


DSL maintenance is complicated

The cost of a DSL is expensive

Different types of DSL





Our way



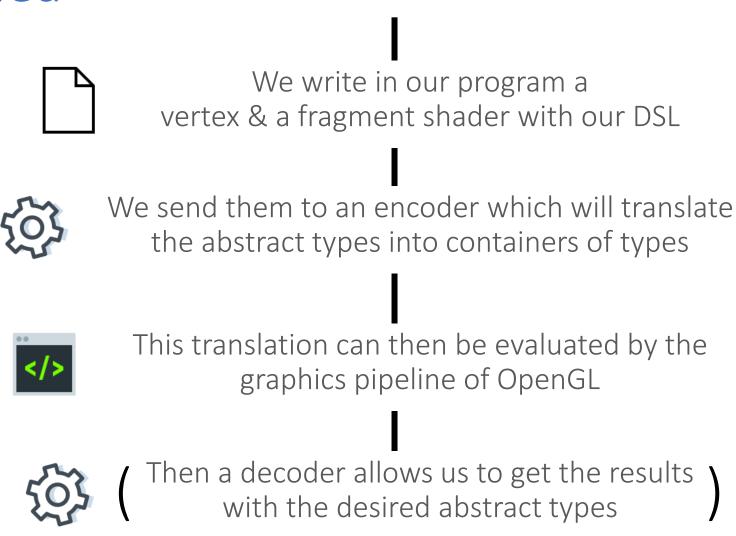
First, we will go on an Internal DSL based on the Swift language

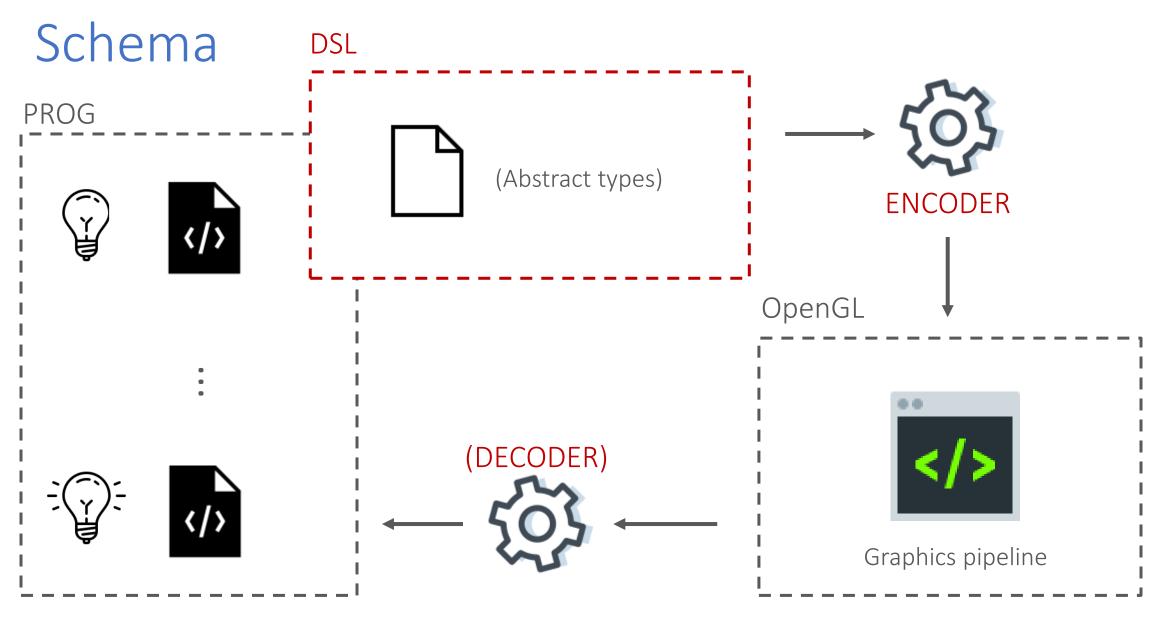


Later, we can potentially encounter a lot of constraints relating to Swift

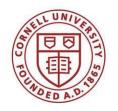
If so, we will go on an External DSL at this time

Main idea





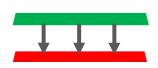
Gator



Language created by Dietrich Geisler, Irene Yoon, Aditi Kabra, Horace He, Yinnon Sanders & Adrian Sampson



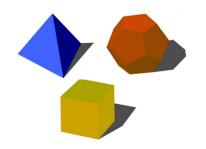
Higher level programming model that allows focus on the geometric semantics of programs



Gator is a surface language with an extended type system based on a target language with a type set (GLSL)

A type-directed translation allows to compile Gator to GLSL

Problem & ideas



3D scenes consist of many individual objects & the rendering code must combine vectors of different coordinate systems

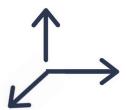


Geometry bugs are difficult to detect



Introduce a type system to eliminate this class of bugs & implement a mechanism that can exclude some bugs by construction

A geometry type



"Geometry types describe the coordinate system representing each value and the transformations that manipulate them"

A geometry type is made up of 3 components:

- Reference frame
- Geometric object
- Coordinate scheme

Define which operations are legal

Syntax



Geometry types give more information about the objects they represent than simple vector types in GLSL

Syntax for a geometry type is *scheme*<*frame*>.*object*

Example:

cart3<world>.point

represents the type of a point in world space represented in a 3D cartesian coordinate scheme

Example: Diffuse Lighting

GLSL implementation

```
float naiveDiffuse(vec3 lightPos, vec3 fragPos), vec3 fragNorm) {
  vec3 lightDir = normalize(lightPos - fragPos);
  return max(dot(lightDir, normalize(fragNorm)), 0.);
}
```

lightPos & fragPos have the same type but they are not geometrically compatible. We have different vectors in different coordinate systems

Subtraction between fragPos (model space) & lightPos (world space)

```
float naiveDiffuse(vec3 lightPos, vec3 fragPos, vec3 fragNorm) {
   vec3 lightDir = normalize(lightPos - uModel * fragPos));
   return max(dot(lightDir, normalize(fragNorm)), 0.);
}
```

To correct the problem we transform the two vectors into a common coordinate system

We define a transformation matrix to go from model to world space

```
float naiveDiffuse(vec3 lightPos, vec3 fragPos, vec3 fragNorm) {
   vec3 lightDir = normalize(lightPos - vec3(uModel * vec4(fragPos, 1.)));
   return max(dot(lightDir, normalize(fragNorm)), 0.);
}
```

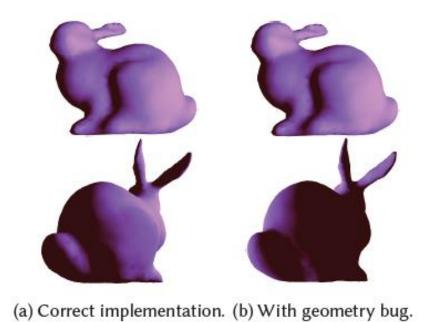
3x3 Cartesian transformation matrices allow only linear transformations 4x4 transformation matrices in Homogeneous coordinates can express affine transformations

```
Cartesian to Homogeneous: [x, y, z] \rightarrow [x, y, z, 1.]
Homogeneous to Cartesian: [x, y, z, w] \rightarrow [x/w, y/w, z/w]
```

```
float naiveDiffuse(vec3 lightPos, vec3 fragPos, vec3 fragNorm) {
   vec3 lightDir = normalize(lightPos - vec3(uModel * vec4(fragPos, 1.)));
   return max(dot(lightDir, normalize(vec3(uModel * vec4(fragNorm, 0.)))))
}
```

The final calculation of the diffuse intensity

We must transform now fragNorm into world space It's a direction so w should be 0



Subtle differences can imply errors

```
frame model has dimension 3;
frame world has dimension 3;
```

Gator implementation

lightPos & fragPos are both positions but their reference frames are different : <world> vs <model>

The subtraction implies an error

Gator implementation (Cont.)

```
with frame(3) r:
coordinate cart3 : geometry {
  object vector is float[3];
  ...
}
```

```
float diffuse(
    cart3<world>.point lightPos,
    cart3<model>.point fragPos,
    cart3<model>.direction fragNorm,
    hom3<model>.transformation<world> uModel) {
    cart3<world>.direction lightDir =
        normalize(lightPos - (uModel * fragPos));
    return max(dot(lightDir, normalize(uModel * fragNorm)), 0.0);
```

We need to define an affine transformation matrix to transform fragPos & fragNorm into world reference frame

Multiplying uModel & fragPos implies an error because the coordinate schemes are different

```
coordinate hom3 : geometry {
                                                            object point is float[4];
                                                            object direction is float[4];
                                                            with frame(3) r:
Gator implementation (Cont.)
                                                           object transformation is float[4][4];
 float diffuse(
     cart3<world>.point lightPos,
     cart3<model>.point fragPos,
     cart3<model>.direction fragNorm,
     hom3<model>.transformation<world> uModel) {
   cart3<world>.direction lightDir =
      normalize(lightPos - reduce(uModel * homify(fragPos)));
   return max(dot(lightDir, normalize(reduce(uModel * homify(fragNorm)))), 0.0);
  homify() allows us to go from cart3<model>.point to hom3<model>.point (w=1)
      or to go from cart3<model>.direction to hom3<model>.direction (w=0)
          reduce() allows to map Homogeneous to Cartesian coordinates
```

Subtyping in Gator

Object & type declarations extend existing types

All types must be given a supertype which can be a primitive type (bool, int, float, string, array) or a geometry type

type angle is float;
type acute is angle;
type obtuse is angle;
Subtype of angle

Example:

Conclusion



The Gator type system avoids statically incorrect coordinate system transformation codes



We can thus automatically generate a correct transformation code by construction

→ Programmers do not write vector-matrix multiplication calculations
 → Let the compiler find the right transformations

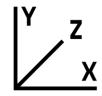


Gator helps to limit the number of geometry bugs

Limitations



The created abstraction remains low level



It's only based on coordinate system transformations

The syntax is a bit complicated



Inspiration



The notion of surface language



New types based on primitives

color, light, texture, normal, (position)

A little less complicated syntax

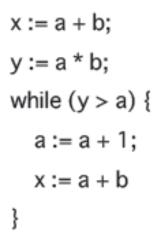


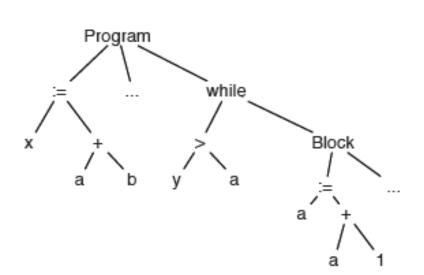
Abstract Syntax Tree (AST)

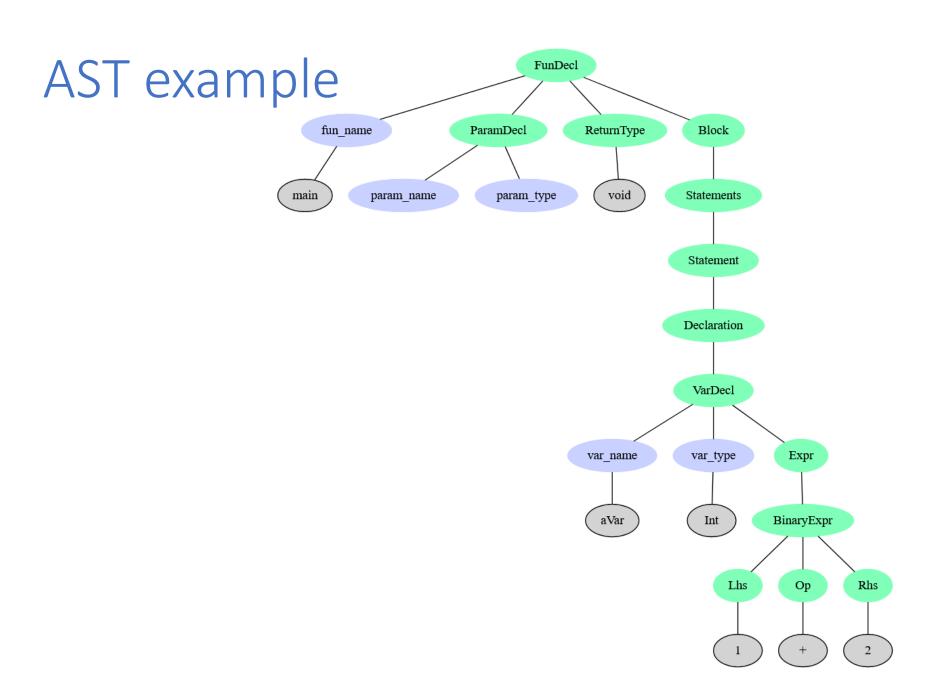


Tree in which, internal nodes are marked by operators and where external ones represent the operands

Example:







Some tools



Swift-AST-Explorer

Only supports Swift language

Structure representation with pop-up details for each element of the code



AST-Explorer

Supports a lot of languages like Java, HTML, Python, ... & GLSL

Tree or JSON representation

Examples

Swift-AST-Explorer

```
1 import Foundation
2
3 let num: Int = 5
4
5 func hello() -> String {
6   return "hello"
7 }
```

```
▼ CodeBlockItem

✓ FunctionDecl

               func
               hello

▼ FunctionSignature

▼ ParameterClause

CC
                     FunctionParameterList

✓ ReturnClause

                     ->

▼ SimpleTypeIdentifier

                        String

✓ CodeBlock

▼ CodeBlockItemList

∨ CodeBlockItem

✓ ReturnStmt

                                return

→ StringLiteralExpr

→ StringLiteralSegments

✓ StringSegment

                                         hello
```

Examples (Cont.)

AST-Explorer

```
1 varying vec3 ourColor;
2
3 void main() {
4  FragColor = vec4(ourColor, 1.0f);
5 }
6
```

```
- children: [
  + placeholder {mode, token, children, type, id}
  + keyword {mode, token, children, type, id}
   - function {
        mode: 4
      + token: operator {type, data, position, line, column}
      - children: [
         + ident {mode, token, children, type, id, ... +2}
        + functionargs {mode, token, children, type, id}
         - stmtlist {
              mode: 2
            + token: ident {type, data, position, line, column, ... +2}
            - children: [
               - stmt {
                    mode: 1
                  + token: ident {type, data, position, line, column, ... +2}
                  - children: [
                     - expr {
                          mode: 11
                        + token: ident {type, data, position, line, column, ... +2}
                        + children: [1 element]
                          type: "expr"
                          id: "399d8c18.17fc04"
                        + expecting: [1 element]
                        + tokens: [8 elements]
                          parenlevel: 0
                          bracelevel: 0
```

GLSL 3.0 Grammar



```
Examples: function_identifier:
```

type_specifier

IDENTIFIER

FIELD_SELECTION

```
parameter_declarator:
```

type_specifier IDENTIFIER

type_specifier IDENTIFIER LEFT_BRACKET constant_expression RIGHT_BRACKET

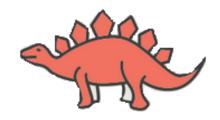
expression:

assignment_expression

expression COMMA assignment_expression

DynaSOAr

Here, we will be based on the idea of DynaSOAr



Which is an object-oriented language for manipulating objects

General idea



We want to have the perfect language for our use-cases



We want to have high-level objects that can be handled in a simple way

Development



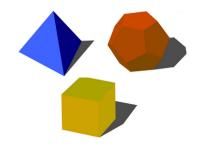
First, we must define our language and the concepts we want



Then, we must specify the syntax of this language

Concepts

Use-cases



Our needs are to write graphics applications in which we manipulate 3D objects



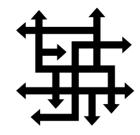
We want to call methods on them, do calculations, etc.

Concepts

Limitations



Here, we want to define everything that it would be possible to do for users ...



... but it's complicated to be complete

Concepts

The abstractions that we need to write an application with 3D objects are:



The position of the objects



The type of the objects



The color of the objects



The operations linked to these objects



The physics of the objects

Declarative Language

We are moving towards a declarative language inspired by React



React is based on the notions of:



Components, Properties and States



Render function, Update functions

React - Component





The component system allows us to consider each piece of code independently



We can then combine different components to get something more complex

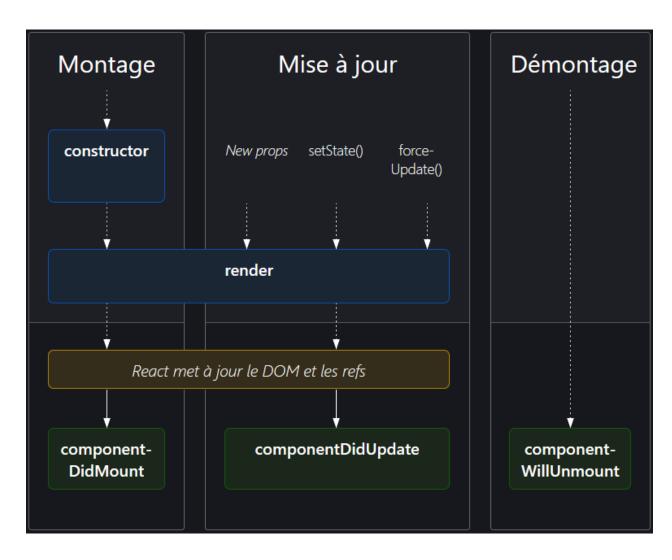
Example:

```
function Welcome(props) {
  return <h1>Bonjour, {props.name}</h1>;
}
```

```
class Welcome extends React.Component {
   render() {
    return <h1>Bonjour, {this.props.name}</h1>;
  }
}
```

React - Life cycle





React - Constructor, Props & State





this.props contains the properties defined by the caller of the component

A component should never modify its own properties



Local state contains component-specific data, which may change over time

To modify the local state of a component we use setState()

React - Render()





The render() method takes data as input and returns what should be displayed.



When the local state of a component changes, its display is updated by calling render()



We use a tick() function to update every second / frame

React - componentDidMount() & componentDidUpdate()





componentDidMount() is called immediately after the component is mounted

This is where we make the subscriptions



componentDidUpdate() is called immediately after the update has taken place.

React - componentWillUnmount()





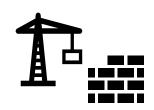
componentWillUnmount() is called immediately before a component is unmounted

Here we delete the subscriptions made in componentDidMount()

Idea for our language



We give some basic geometric shapes



The idea is to use the notion of mesh (primitive), which is a complete object, composed of several shapes

Example:

A cube is a <u>particular mesh</u> constructed with two triangles per face



Syntax



We define in the syntax how we would like to define and manipulate the objects



Our goal is to have a simple and meaningful syntax



The syntax will be based on React

React to our language



We use this notion of components to declare and define a geometric object



We use the same principle of global state, property, and render function



Use of the tick function to update every second / frame

Components (highest level)

Defines the global state of the application

It is only used in the highest component

Component declaration

Variables or constants
declaration

A way to sub and unsub to Tick()

```
Component <name component>
 var state: [String: AnyObject] = [:]
 init() {
    self.state = ["key": value,
 var <var name> = <value>
 function <function name>([<arg name>: <type>]) -> <return type> {
   <body>
   return <return_value>
```

Declares the functions relating to the component

Components (highest level)

Function given in the standard library to update the global state

Tick() function declaration

Component rendering function

```
function tick() {
  state = updateState(lastState: state,
                      newState: ["key": value,
function render() {
 return (
    <container>
      <<component_name> ([<arg_name>=value])/>
    </container>
```

Components (lowest level)

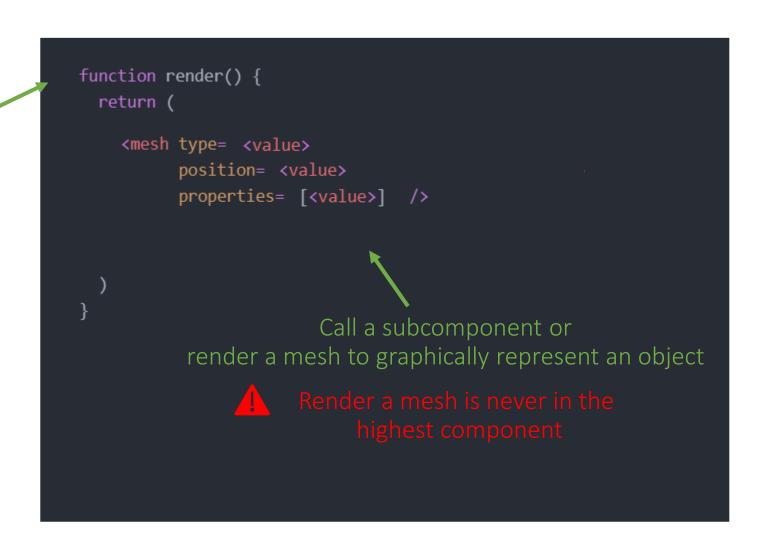
Get the properties passed to the component

Component declaration

```
Component <name_component>
 init() {
   super.init()
 var <var name> = <value>
 function <function name>([<arg name>: <type>]) -> <return type> {
   <body>
   return <return value>
```

Components (lowest level)

Component rendering function



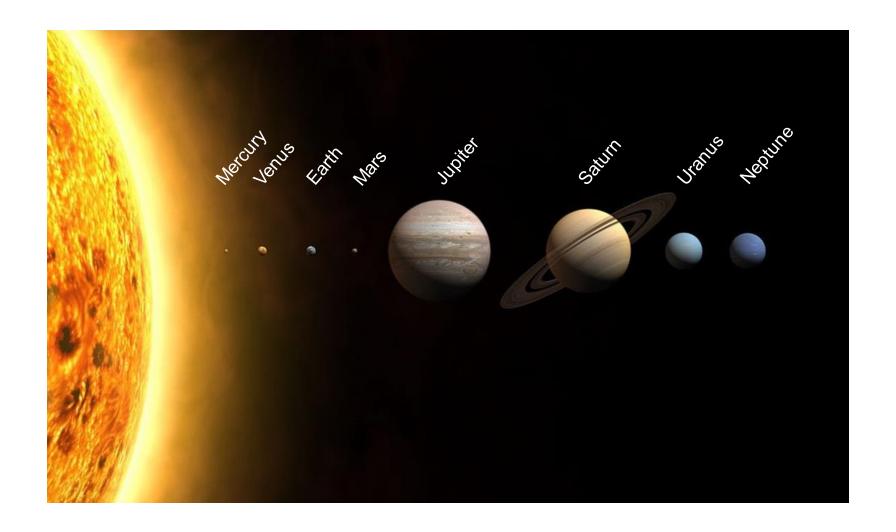
Entry point

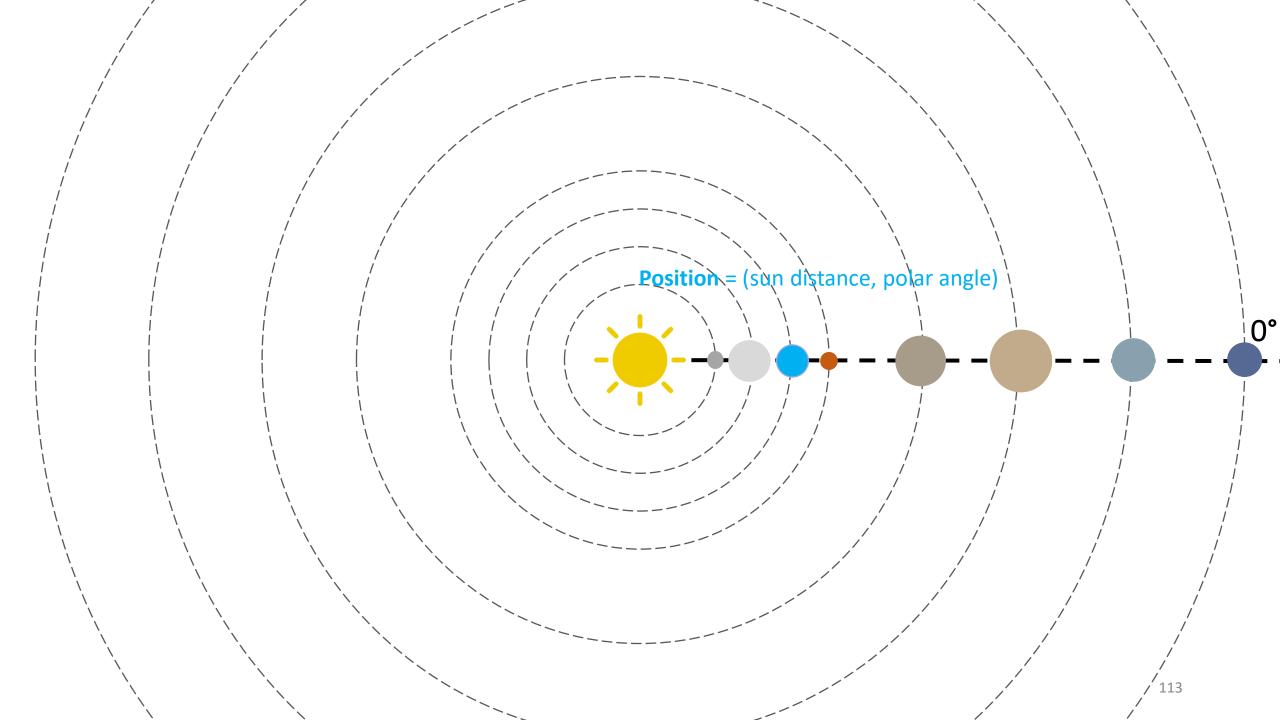
Users can define their own types in addition to what is given in the standard library

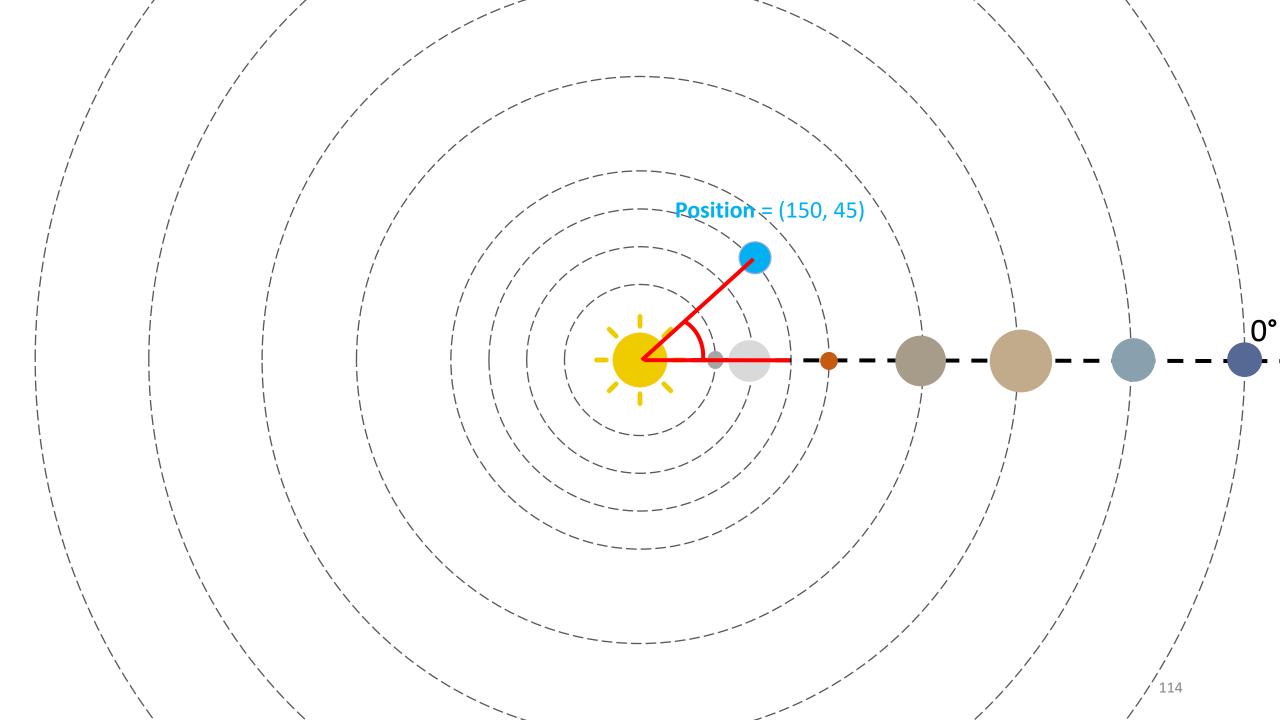
Then, we specify the top-level component

```
structure <name_structure> {
  var <var_name>: <type>
 init(<args>) {
 function <function_name>([<arg_name>: <type>]) -> <return_type> {
   <body>
   return <return_value>
<<highest_level_component> ()/>
```

Example - Solar system







```
Component SystemSolar {
 var state: [String: AnyObject] = [:]
 init() {
    self.state = ["solarCoord": Coord(polar: (0, Angle(deg: 0)), "solarRevo": 0, "solarRadius": 696340,
                  "mercuryCoord": Coord(polar: (58, Angle(deg: 0)), "mercuryRevo": 88, "mercuryRadius": 2440,
                  "venusCoord": Coord(polar: (108, Angle(deg: 0)), "venusRevo": 225, "venusRadius": 6050,
                  "earthCoord": Coord(polar: (150, Angle(deg: 0)), "earthRevo": 365, "earthRadius": 6370,
                  "marsCoord": Coord(polar: (228, Angle(deg: 0)), "marsRevo": 687, "marsRadius": 3390,
                  "jupiterCoord": Coord(polar: (779, Angle(deg: 0)), "jupiterRevo": 4380, "jupiterRadius": 69910,
                  "saturnCoord": Coord(polar: (1434, Angle(deg: 0)), "saturnRevo": 10585, "saturnRadius": 58230,
                  "uranusCoord": Coord(polar: (2871, Angle(deg: 0)), "uranusRevo": 30660, "uranusRadius": 25360,
                  "neptuneCoord": Coord(polar: (4495, Angle(deg: 0)), "neptuneRevo": 60225, "neptuneRadius": 24600
```

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The application has a global state which contains all the information It is defined in the highest-level component

```
structure Angle {
    var deg: Double
    var rad: Double
    init(deg: Double = nil, rad: Double = nil) {
        self.deg = deg
        self.rad = rad
    function degToRad() -> Double {
        return (deg * (pi/180))
    function radToDeg() -> Double {
        return (rad * (180/pi))
```

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```
structure Coord {
   var polar: (Double, Angle) // Angle(deg: )
   var cart: (Double, Double)
   init(polar: (Double, Angle) = nil, cart: (Double, Double) = nil) {
       self.polar = polar
       self.cart = cart
   function polarToCart() -> (Double, Double) {
       cons r = polar[0]
       cons t = polar[1]
       return (r*cos(t), r*sin(t))
   function cartToPolar() -> (Double, Angle) {
       cons x = cart[0]
       cons y = cart[1]
       return (sqrt(x^2 + y^2), atan(y/x))
```

```
// Directly call when the component is created
let st = subTick(interval: 1)
```

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```
// Call when the component is removed
let _ = unsubTick(sub: st)
```

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```
function subTick(interval: Double) {
    while(1) {
        sleep(interval)
        tick()
    }
}
```

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```
function unsubTick(sub: _ ) {
   destroy(sub)
}
```

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```
function updatePlanetPos(currentAngle: Angle, revolution: Int) -> Angle {
  var newAngle = currentAngle+(360/revolution)
  return (newAngle % 360)
function tick() {
  state = updateState(lastState: state,
                      newState: ["mercuryCoord": Coord(polar: (58,
                                                               Angle(deg: this.updatePlanetPos(currentAngle: state["mercuryCoord"].polar[1],
                                                                                                revolution: state["mercuryRevo"])))),
                                 "venusCoord": Coord(polar: (108,
                                                             Angle(deg: this.updatePlanetPos(currentAngle: state["venusCoord"].polar[1],
                                                                                             revolution: state["venusRevo"])))),
                                 "earthCoord": Coord(polar: (150,
                                                             Angle(deg: this.updatePlanetPos(currentAngle: state["earthCoord"].polar[1],
                                                                                             revolution: state["earthRevo"])))),
```

```
function updateState(lastState: [String: AnyObject], newState: [String: AnyObject]) -> [String: AnyObject] {
    for key in newState {
        lastState[key] = newState[key]
    }
    return lastState
}
```

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```
Component Sphere {
  init() {
    super.init()
  let meshPosition = pos.polarToCart()
  function render() {
    return (
        <mesh type="sphere"</pre>
              position={meshPosition}
              properties=[{radius}]/>
```

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Local states are avoided in low-level components
We get the information with super.init()

```
// Entry point
<SystemSolar ()/>
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```

In summary



The application state is separated from the rendering (graphic representation)



All properties descend from the highest component to the lowest component

Recall: Embedded DSL



The idea is to use Swift as the host language



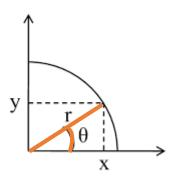
This implies making some sacrifices on the syntax of our language ...



... but allows us to use the swift compiler

Example - Solar system: Using Swift

```
class SystemSolar {
    var state: Dictionary<String, Any> = [:]
    var callTick: Bool = true
    init() {
        self.state = ["solarCoord": Coord(polar: (0, Angle(deg: 0))), "solarRevo": 0.0, "solarRadius": 696340.0,
                       "mercuryCoord": Coord(polar: (58, Angle(deg: 0))), "mercuryRevo": 88.0, "mercuryRadius": 2440.0,
                       "venusCoord": Coord(polar: (108, Angle(deg: 0))), "venusRevo": 225.0, "venusRadius": 6050.0,
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                       "marsCoord": Coord(polar: (228, Angle(deg: 0))), "marsRevo": 687.0, "marsRadius": 3390.0,
                       "jupiterCoord": Coord(polar: (779, Angle(deg: 0))), "jupiterRevo": 4380.0, "jupiterRadius": 69910.0,
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                       "neptuneCoord": Coord(polar: (4495, Angle(deg: 0))), "neptuneRevo": 60225.0, "neptuneRadius": 24600.0
        self.subTick(interval: 1)
```



```
"solarCoord": Coord(polar: (0, Angle(deg: 0)))
```

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```
struct Coord {
   var polar: (Double, Angle)?
   var cart: (Double, Double)?
    init(polar: (Double, Angle)? = nil, cart: (Double, Double)? = nil) {
        self.polar = polar
        self.cart = cart
    func polarToCart() -> (Double, Double) {
       let x = polar!.0 * cos(polar!.1.deg!)
        let y = polar!.0 * sin(polar!.1.deg!)
        return (x,y)
   func cartToPolar() -> (Double, Angle) {
        let r = sqrt(pow(cart!.0, 2.0) + pow(cart!.1, 2.0))
        let t = Angle(deg: atan(cart!.1 / cart!.0))
        return (r,t)
```

```
"solarCoord": Coord(polar: (0, Angle(deg: 0)))
```

main.patl

```
struct Angle {
    var deg: Double?
   var rad: Double?
    init(deg: Double? = nil, rad: Double? = nil) {
        self.deg = deg
        self.rad = rad
    func degToRad() -> Double {
        return (deg! * (Double.pi/180))
    func radToDeg() -> Double {
        return rad! * (180/Double.pi)
```

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```
// Directly call when the component is created
func subTick(interval: UInt32) {
    self.callTick = true
    while(callTick) {
        self.tick()
        sleep(interval)
    }
}
```

main.patl

```
// Call when the component is removed
func unsubTick() {
   self.callTick = false
}
```

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```
func updatePlanetPos(currentAngle: Angle, revolution: Double) -> Double {
  let newAngle = currentAngle.deg!+(360/revolution)
  return (newAngle.truncatingRemainder(dividingBy: 360.0))
}
```

main.patl

```
func tick() {
  self.state = updateState(currentState: state,
                          nextState: ["mercuryCoord": Coord(polar: ((state["mercuryCoord"] as! Coord).polar!.0,
                                                                     Angle(deg. self.updatePlanetPos(cyrrentAngle: (state["mercuryCoord"] as! Coord).polar!.1,
                                                                                                      evolution: (state["mercuryRevo"] as! Double))))),
                                      "venusCoord": Coord(polar: ((state["venusCoord"] as! Coord).polar!.0,
                                                                   Angle deg: self.updatePlanetPos currentAngle: (state["venusCoord"] as! Coord).polar!.1,
                                                                                                   revolution: (state["venusRevo"] as! Double))))),
  let = self.render()
                                                                                                                                                   main.patl
                         Coord(polar: (58, Angle(deg: 0)
                                                                        (58, Angle(deg: 0))
```

```
func updateState(currentState: [String: Any], nextState: [String: Any]) -> [String: Any] {
    var tmpState = currentState
    for (key, _) in nextState {
        tmpState.updateValue(nextState[key]!, forKey: key)
    }
    return tmpState
}
```

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```
func render() -> (Sphere, Sphere, Sphere, Sphere, Sphere, Sphere, Sphere, Sphere, Sphere, Sphere) {
    return (
        Sphere(name: "Solar", pos: (state["solarCoord"] as! Coord), props: [state["solarRadius"]]),
        Sphere(name: "Mercury", pos: (state["mercuryCoord"] as! Coord), props: [state["mercuryRadius"]]),
        Sphere(name: "Venus", pos: (state["venusCoord"] as! Coord), props: [state["venusRadius"]]),
        Sphere(name: "Earth", pos: (state["earthCoord"] as! Coord), props: [state["aarthRadius"]]),
        Sphere(name: "Jupiter", pos: (state["jupiterCoord"] as! Coord), props: [state["jupiterRadius"]]),
        Sphere(name: "Saturn", pos: (state["saturnCoord"] as! Coord), props: [state["saturnRadius"]]),
        Sphere(name: "Uranus", pos: (state["uranusCoord"] as! Coord), props: [state["uranusRadius"]]),
        Sphere(name: "Neptune", pos: (state["neptuneCoord"] as! Coord), props: [state["neptuneRadius"]])
}
```

main.patl

```
class Sphere {
    var name: String
    var pos: (Double, Double)
                                                                        Coord(polar: (58, Angle(deg: 0))
    var props: [Any?]
    init(name: String, pos: Coord, props: [Any?]) {
                                                                     func polarToCart() -> (Double, Double) {
      self.name = name
                                                                         let x = polar!.0 * cos(polar!.1.deg!)
                                                                         let y = polar!.0 * sin(polar!.1.deg!)
      self.pos = pos.polarToCart()
                                                                         return (x,y)
      self.props = props
      let _ = self.render()
    func render() -> Mesh {
      log(str: "render a Sphere for [\((name)\) at position: \((pos)\) with props: \((props)\)]")
      return (
          Mesh(meshType: "Sphere", meshPosition: pos, meshProps: props)
```

```
struct Mesh {
    var meshType: String
    var meshPosition: (Double, Double)
    var meshProps: [Any?]

    init(meshType: String, meshPosition: (Double, Double), meshProps: [Any?]) {
        self.meshType = meshType
        self.meshPosition = meshPosition
        self.meshProps = meshProps
    }
}
```

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```
// Entry: Call the highest component
let _ = SystemSolar()
```

main.patl

Syntax decoration

So, to get a different syntax from Swift we will go through:



The definition of custom operators



The creation of a template language to define our own keywords

Formalization

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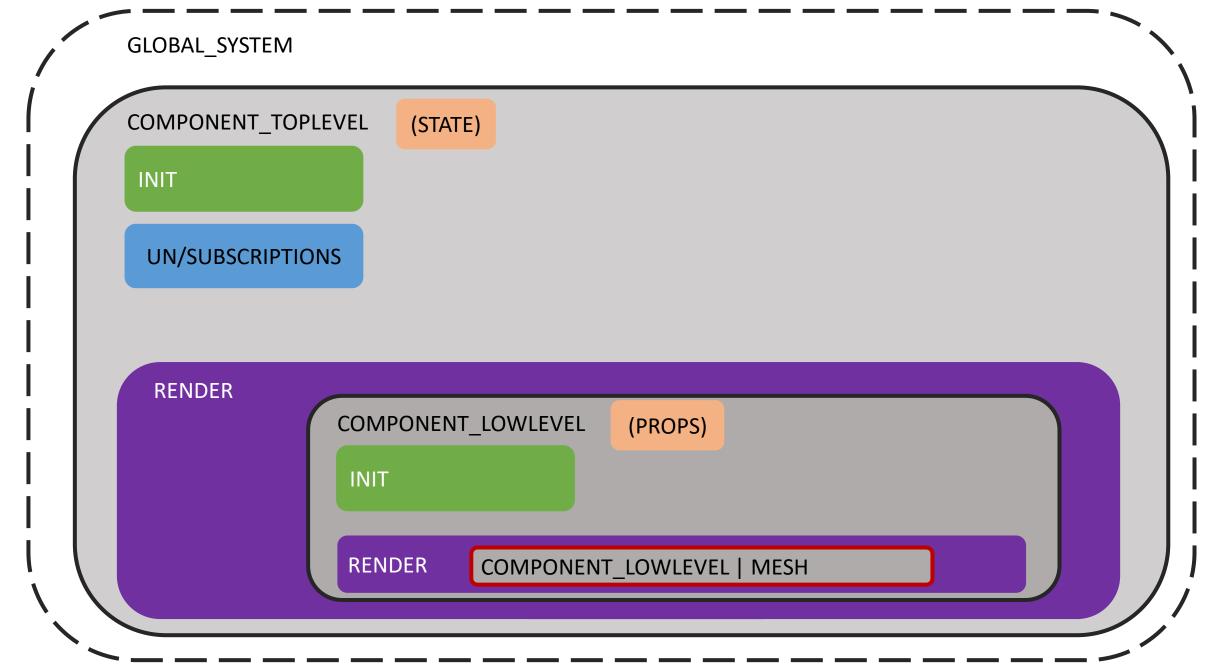
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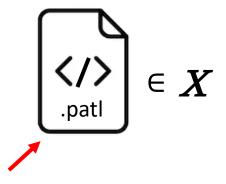
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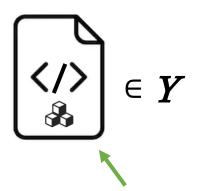


GLOBAL_SYSTEM

$$h: X \rightarrow Y$$



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graphics program
(OpenGL instruction sequence)

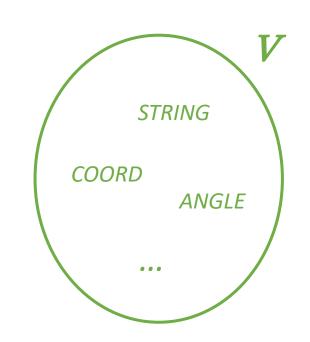
COMPONENT_TOPLEVEL

Can be considered as a 5-tuple:

(COMPONENT_NAME, STATE, SUBTICK, TICK, RENDER)

COMPONENT_NAME ∈ STRING

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STATE \in S
Where S is a set of partial function : S: IDENTIFIER \longrightarrow DICT
                        IDENTIFIER E STRING
                        DICT \in D
Where D is a set of partial function : d: IDENTIFIER \longrightarrow [KEY: VALUE]
                        KEY ∈ STRING
                        VALUE E
```



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RENDER (TOP_LEVEL)
                           rt: STATE → COMPONENT_LOWLEVEL
Where STATE \in S
and where COMPONENT_LOWLEVEL can be considered as a 3-tuple:
                         ( COMPONENT_NAME, PROPS, RENDER )
                          COMPONENT_NAME ∈ STRING
```

```
PROPS \in P
Where P is a set of partial function : p: IDENTIFIER \longrightarrow VALUE
                                                                        STRING
                         IDENTIFIER ∈ STRING
                                                             d: IDENTIFIER \longrightarrow [KEY: VALUE]
                        VALUE \in V
                                                                    COORD
                                                                                ANGLE
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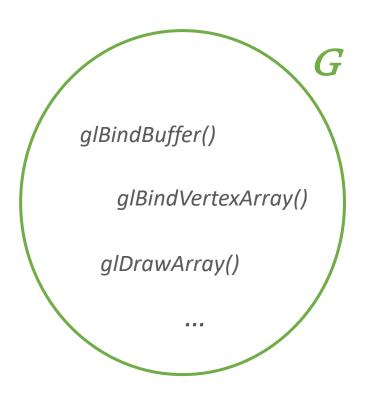
RENDER (LOW_LEVEL)

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rl: PROPS \longrightarrow COMPONENT_LOWLEVEL U MESH
```

Where PROPS $\in P$ and MESH $\in M$

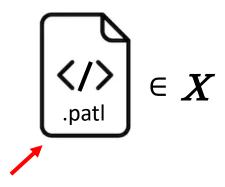
where M is a set of partial function: $m: PROPS \longrightarrow INSTR_GLSL$

INSTR_GLSL $\in G$

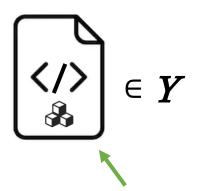


GLOBAL_SYSTEM

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Graphics program
(OpenGL instruction sequence)

Then sent to an interpreter

A Component Descriptor is written C(props)

A Mounted Component is written C @a(props)

A CONFIGURATION is a 5-tuple (σ , δ , γ , l, e)

Associated with an object in the heap stored at address a

Expression of the configuration

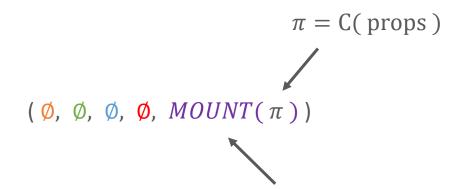
A listener map: partial map from componant addresses to a set of lambda expressions

A heap : partial map from addresses to values

The component state map: partial map from component addresses to objects (contains the following state)

The component shape map: partial map from component addresses to pairs of mounted component a sequence of addresses (contains the current "shape" of a mounted component)

INITIAL STATE



Mount the highest level component descriptor

MOUNT (creation)

We want to mount composee An and jedtises to are with Lapotage to the hope proposent state pod pte 1

$$\pi = C(\text{props}) \quad a \notin dom(\sigma) \quad \sigma' = \sigma[a \rightarrow \{props\}] \quad \delta' = \delta[a] \quad l' = l[a]$$

$$(\sigma, \delta, \gamma, l, MOUNT(\pi)) \longrightarrow (\sigma', \delta', \gamma, l', MOUNTED(C@a(props), MOUNTSEQ(RENDER(\pi))))$$

Update the component shape map to reflect the current "shape" of component α and its current subcomponents

$$\gamma' = \gamma[a \rightarrow (C @a(props), \bar{a})]$$

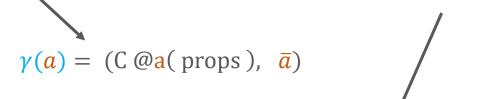
Recursively mount its subcomponents

$$(\sigma, \delta, \gamma, l, MOUNTED(C@a(props), \bar{a})) \longrightarrow (\sigma, \delta, \gamma', l, a)$$

UNMOUNT

Subcomponents of α are known from γ

First, unmount subcompanentamonant a



$$(\sigma, \delta, \gamma, l, UNMOUNT(a)) \longrightarrow (\sigma, \delta, \gamma, l, UNMOUNTSEQ(\bar{a}); UNMOUNTED(a))$$

Once the subcomponents of a have been unmounted, remove all listener (event) l' = l - a

$$(\sigma, \delta, \gamma, l, UNMOUNTED(a)) \longrightarrow (\sigma, \delta, \gamma, l', NIL)$$

RECONCILIATION (update a mounted component)

First case: a mounted component is replaced by another one

The new component we wantplaces the component at the address raptor and mounted components are different

$$\pi = C_1(\text{nextprops}) \quad \gamma(a) = (C_2 @a(\text{prevprops}),_{-}) \quad C_1 \neq C_2$$

$$(\sigma, \delta, \gamma, l, RECONCILE(\pi, a)) \longrightarrow (\sigma, \delta, \gamma, l, UNMOUNT(a); MOUNT(\pi))$$

Mounted component is unmounted & we mount π

Second case: update a mounted component with new props & state

RENDER We want to render π Invoke the render method of the component

$$\pi = C(\text{props}) \quad (\sigma, \delta, \gamma, l, render()) \longrightarrow (\sigma, \delta, \gamma, l, \bar{\pi})$$

$$(\sigma, \delta, \gamma, l, RENDER(\pi)) \longrightarrow (\sigma, \delta, \gamma, l, \bar{\pi})$$

RERENDER (for a mounted component)

Return the sequence of remaining components

Use the address a to retrieve the component from γ

$$\gamma(a) = (C @a(props),_) \qquad (\sigma, \delta, \gamma, l, render()) \longrightarrow (\sigma, \delta, \gamma, l, \bar{\pi})$$

$$(\sigma, \delta, \gamma, l, RERENDER(a)) \longrightarrow (\sigma, \delta, \gamma, l, \bar{\pi})$$

Abstractions

See what abstractions we must set up:

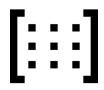


Extend abstractions for all kinds of graphics applications



and concerning all the calculations to be made

For rendering



See how to calculate the different matrices (model, view, projection) for the graphical representation



See how translate all the information in a model and how to send it to the graphics card

Work incoming



Describe more our language (formalization)



Work on the syntax decoration



Work on the points of the 2 previous slides

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Add react semantics

Working with shaders

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