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Course Goals



- Provide a background for papers, panels, and other courses
- Create a common understanding of computer graphics vocabulary
- Help appreciate the images you will see
- Get more from the Exhibition
- Provide pointers for further study



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Specific Topics



- The Graphics Process
- Graphics Hardware
- Modeling
- Rendering
- GPU Shaders
- Finding More Information



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Schedule

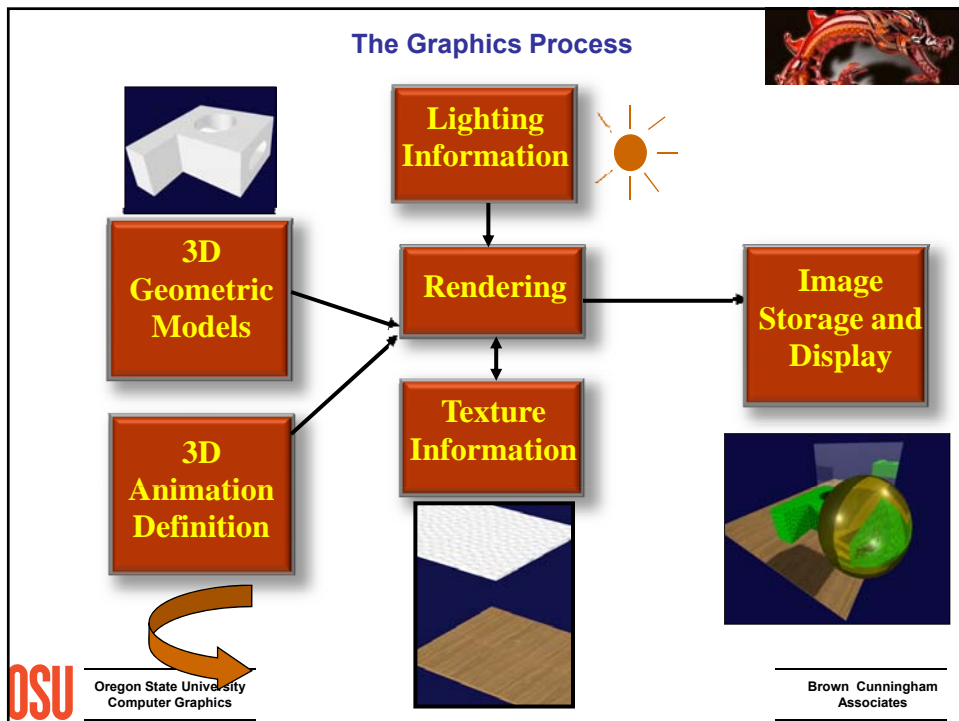
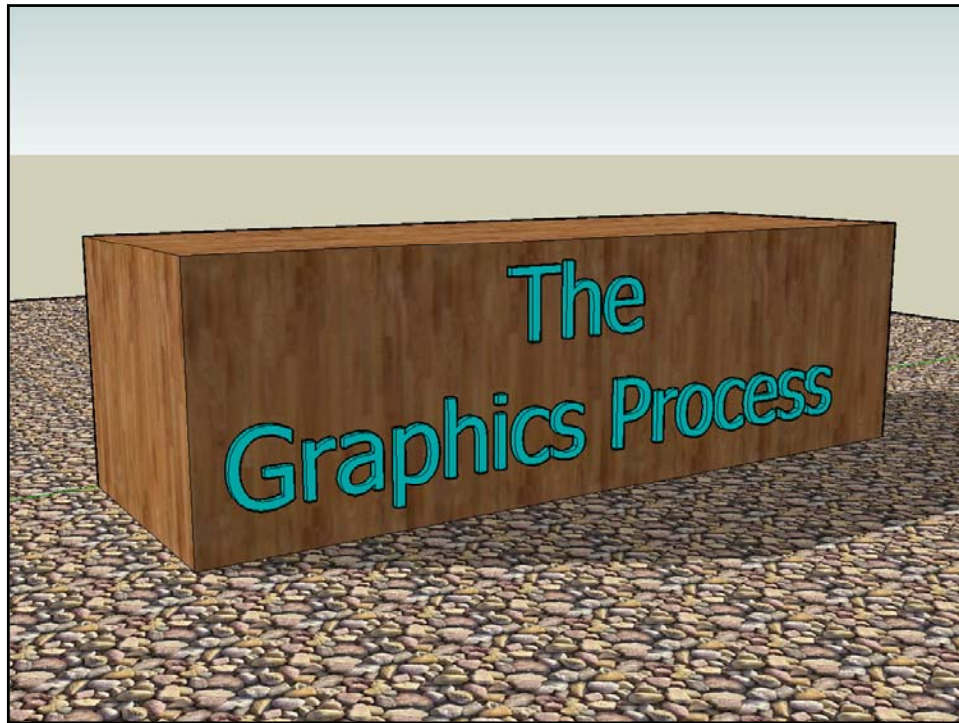


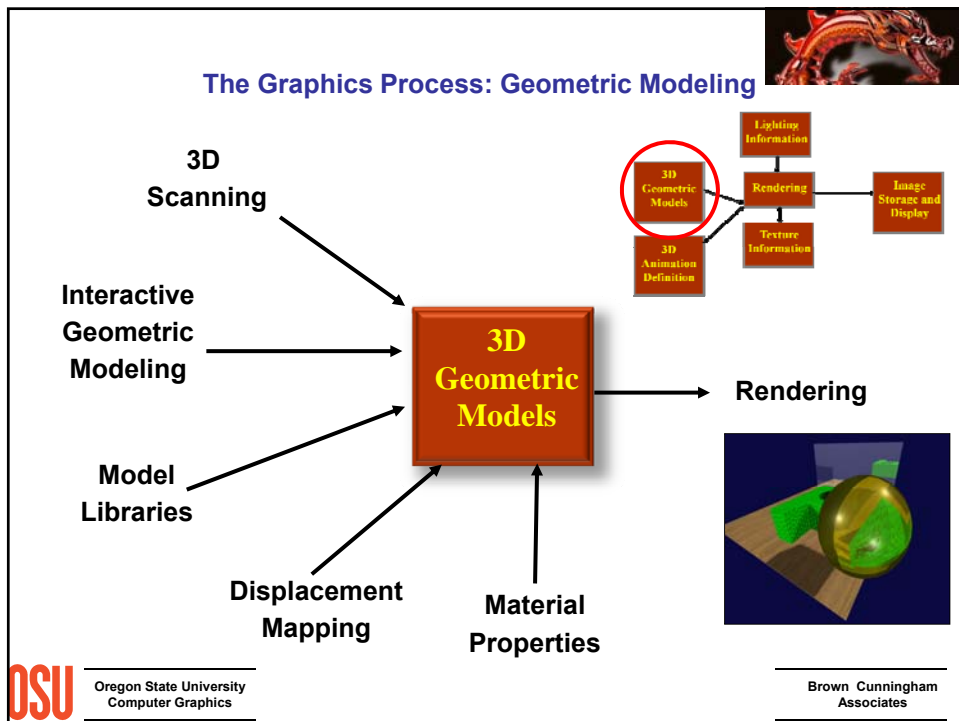
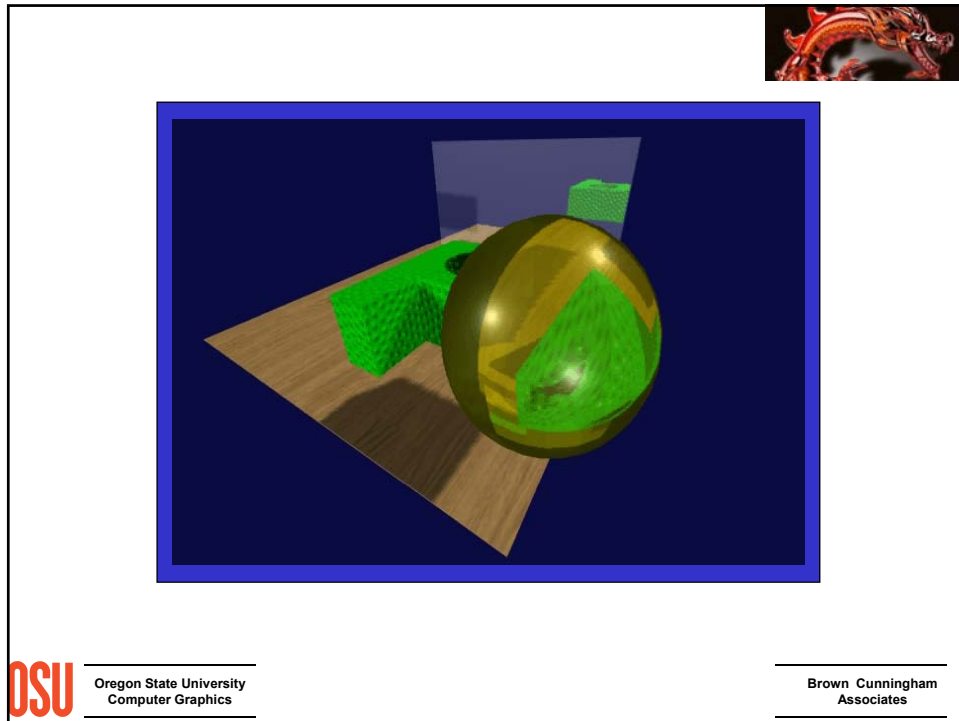
- 0:00 Welcome and Overview
- 0:10 The Graphics Process
- 0:40 Graphics Hardware
- 1:10 Modeling
- 1:45 Break
- 2:00 Maybe our vision isn't as good as we think it is ☺
- 2:15 Rendering
- 2:30 GPU Shaders
- 2:50 Finding Additional Information
- 3:10 Discussion and Questions
- 3:30 Finish

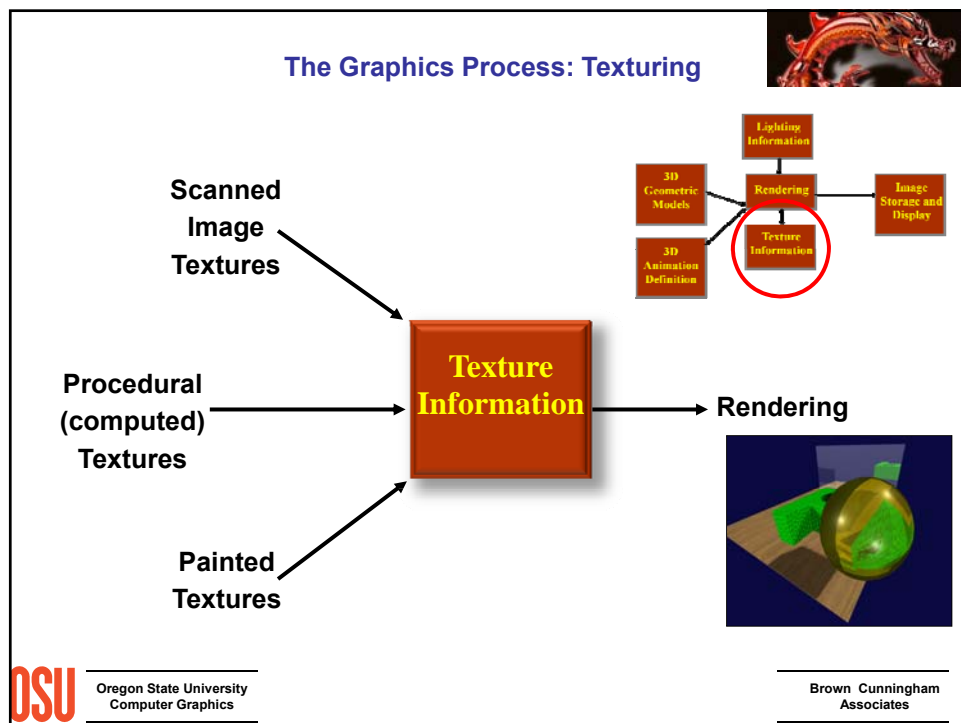
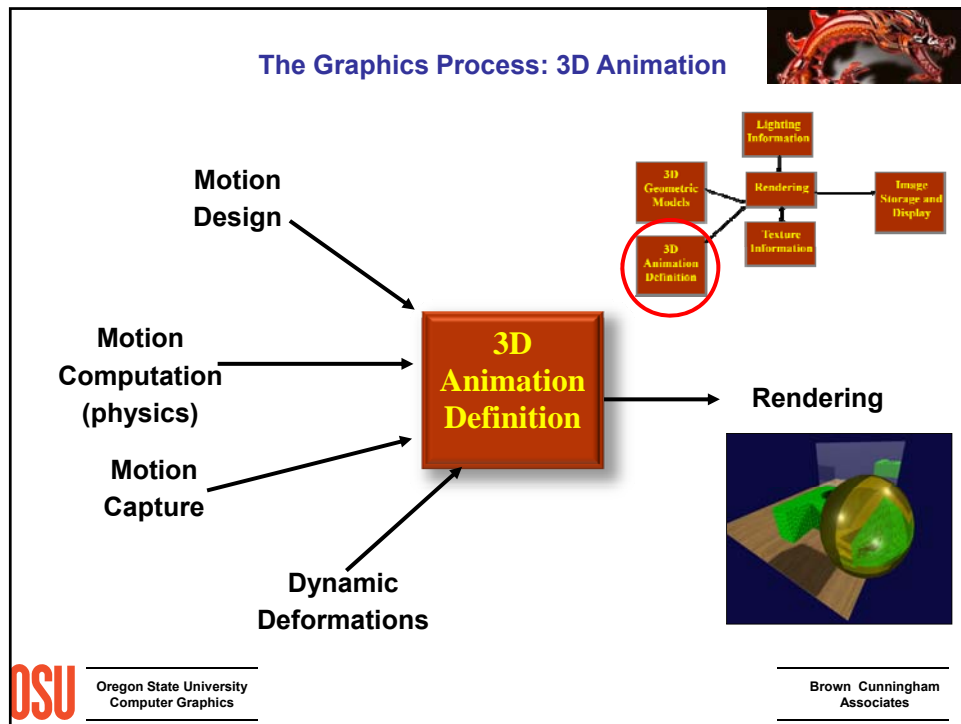


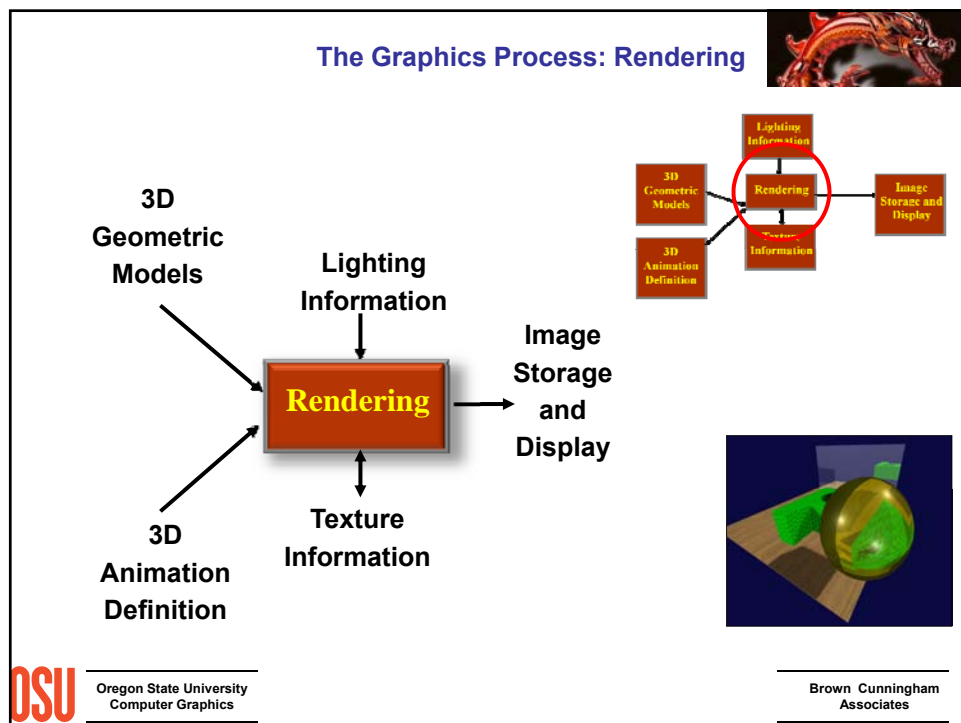
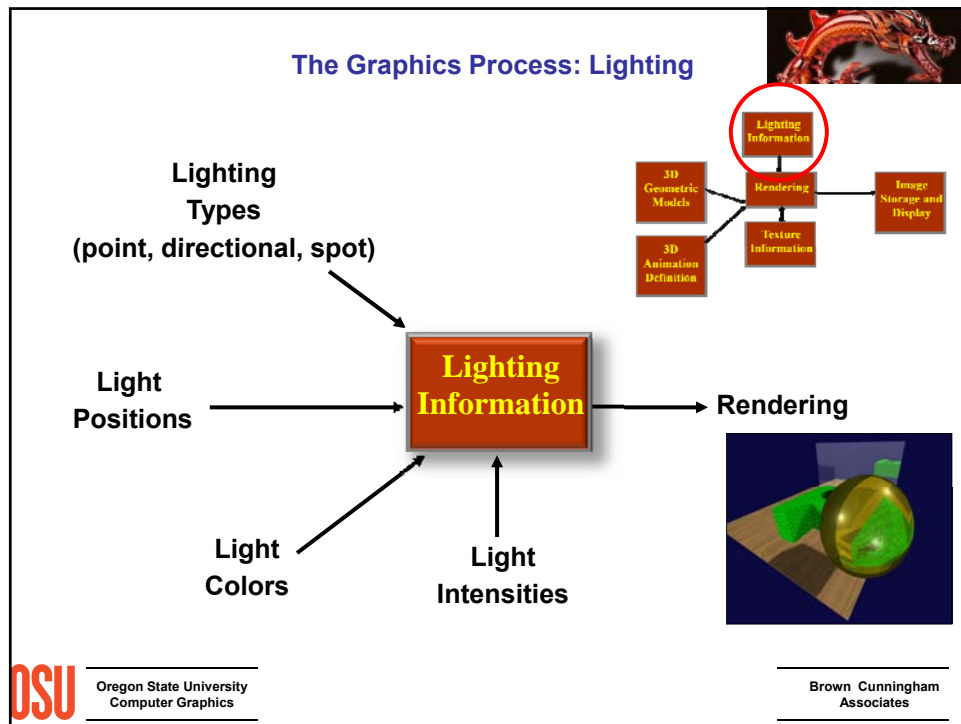
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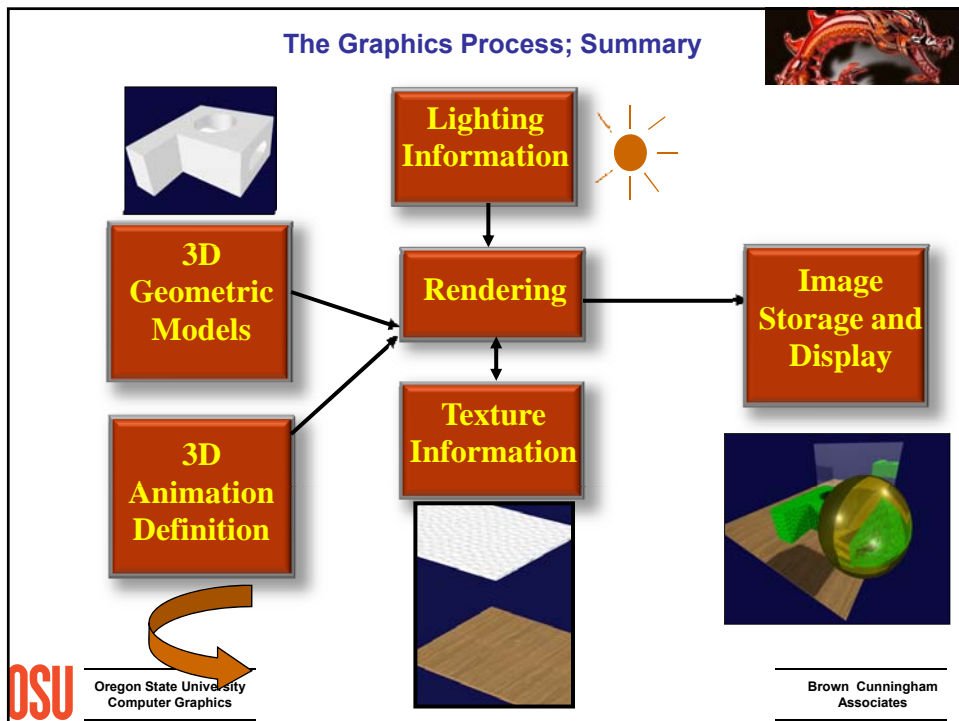
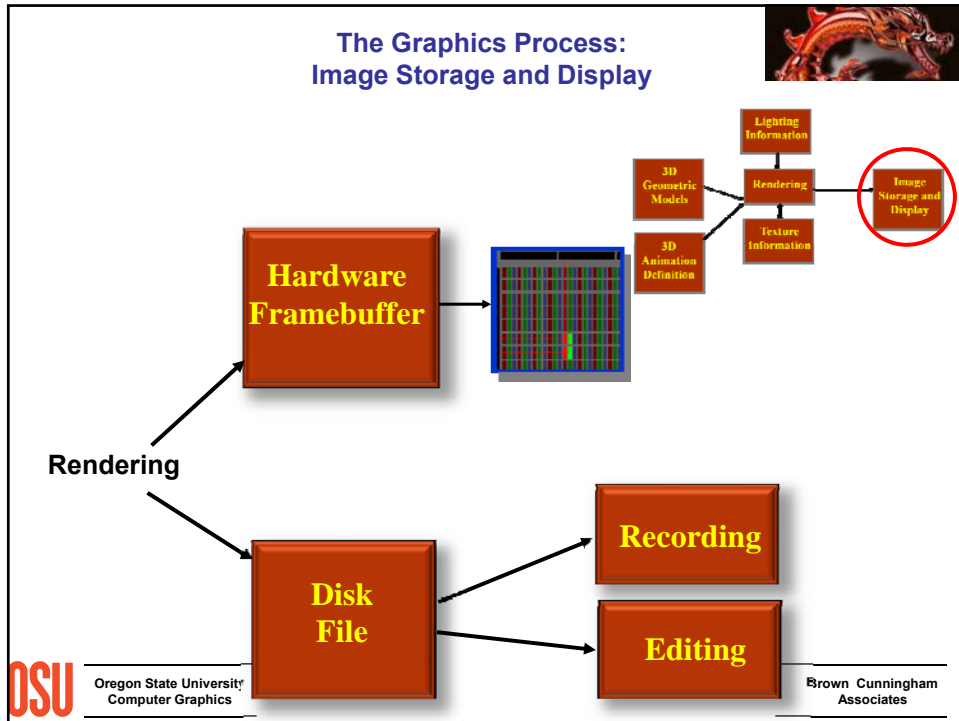
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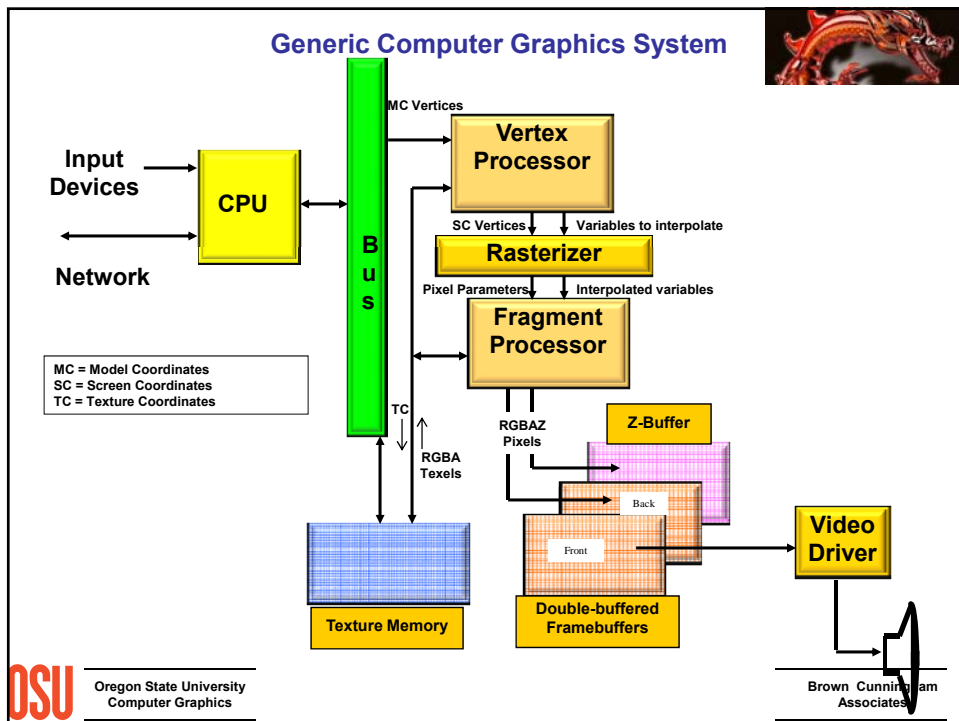
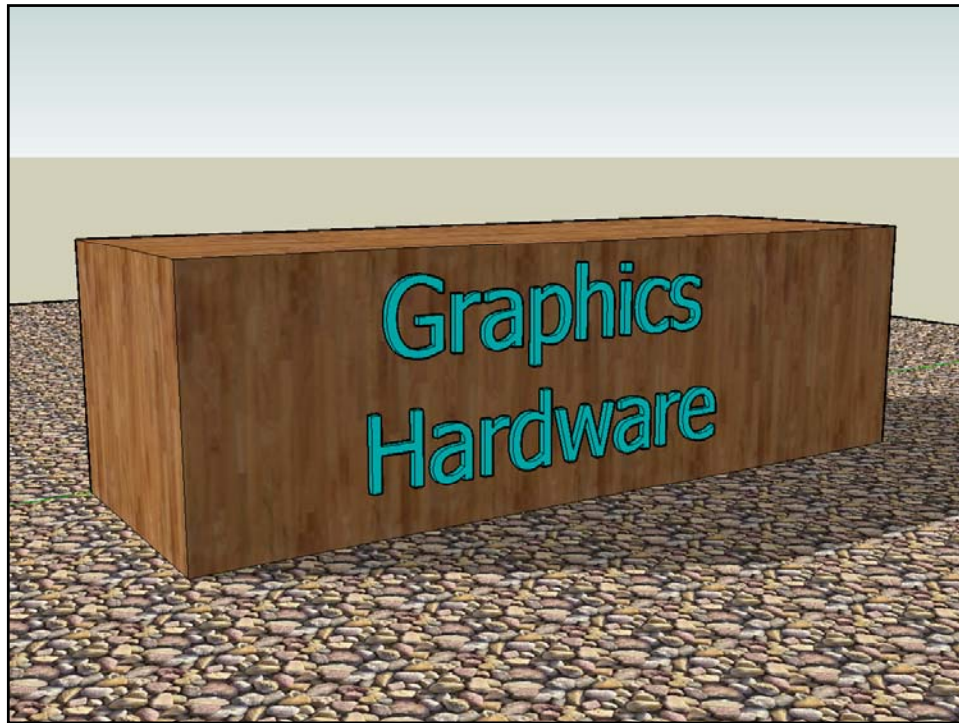




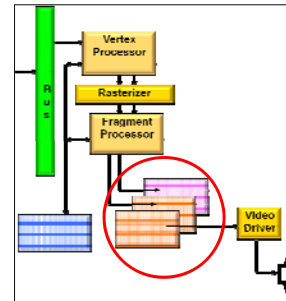
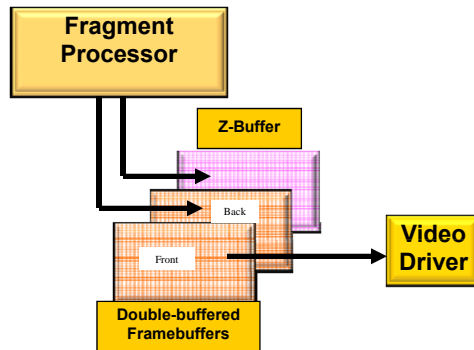








The Framebuffer



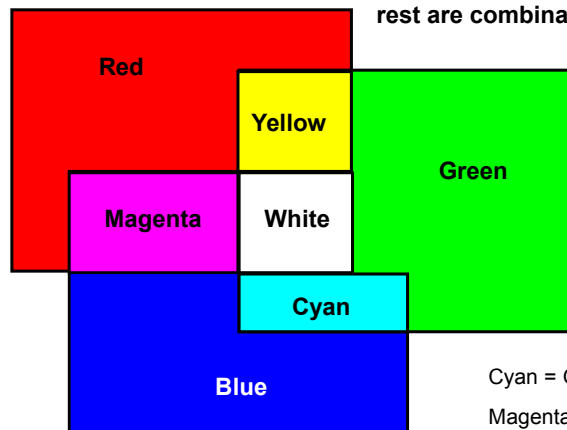
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The Framebuffer Uses Additive Colors (RGB)



Red, Green, and Blue are provided. The rest are combinations of those three.



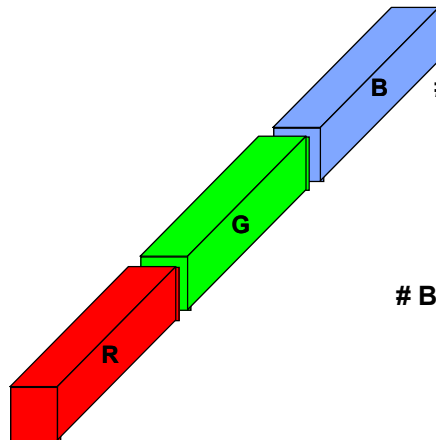
Cyan = Green + Blue
Magenta = Red + Blue
Yellow = Red + Green
White = Red + Green + Blue



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The Framebuffer: Integer Color Storage



# Bits/color	# Intensities per color
8	$2^8 = 256$
10	$2^{10} = 1024$
12	$2^{12} = 4096$

# Bits/pixel	Total colors:
24	$2^{24} = 16.7 \text{ M}$
30	$2^{30} = 1 \text{ B}$
36	$2^{36} = 69 \text{ B}$



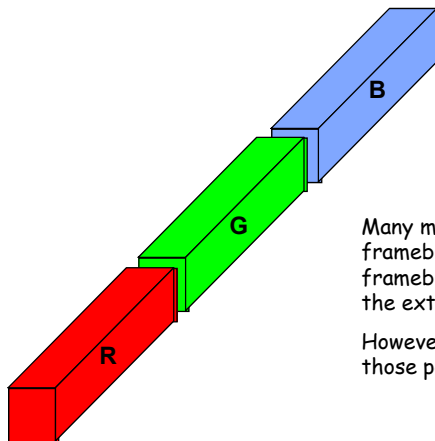
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The Framebuffer: Floating Point Color Storage



- 16- or 32-bit floating point for each color component



Why so much?

Many modern algorithms do arithmetic on the framebuffer color components, or treat the framebuffer color components as data. They need the extra precision during the arithmetic.

However, the display system cannot display all of those possible colors.



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The Framebuffer



- **Alpha** values
 - Transparency per pixel
 $\alpha = 0$. is invisible
 $\alpha = 1$. is opaque
 - Represented in 8-32 bits
(integer or floating point)
 - Alpha blending equation:

$$Color = \alpha C_1 + (1 - \alpha) C_2$$

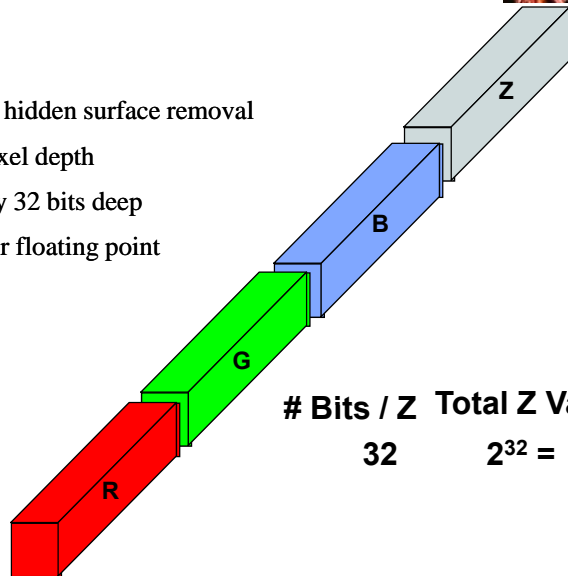


0.0 $\leq \alpha \leq$ 1.0
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The Framebuffer



- **Z-buffer**
 - Used for hidden surface removal
 - Holds pixel depth
 - Typically 32 bits deep
 - Integer or floating point



Bits / Z Total Z Values:
32 $2^{32} = 4 \text{ B}$



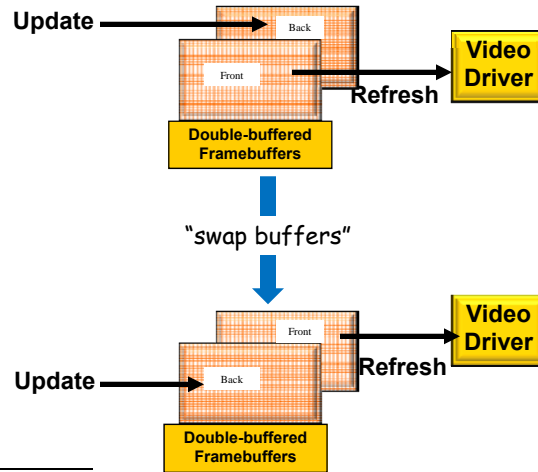
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The Framebuffer



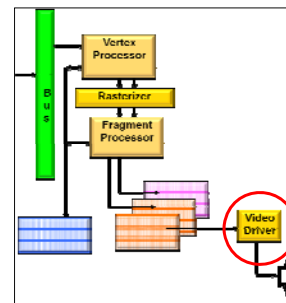
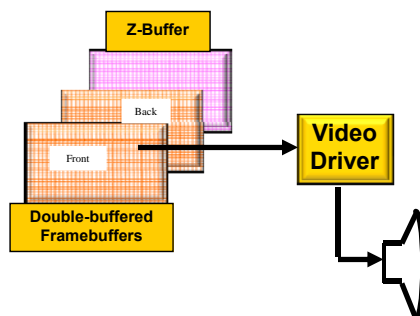
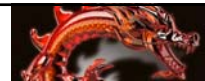
Double-buffering: Don't let the viewer see *any* of the scene until the entire scene is drawn



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The Video Driver



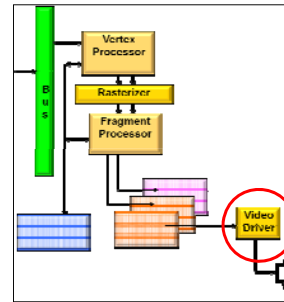
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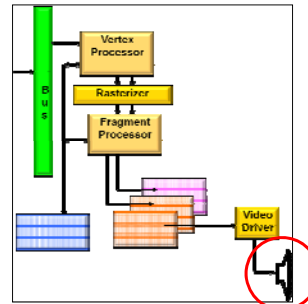
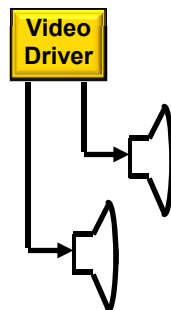
- N **refreshes/second** (N is usually between 50 and 100)
- Framebuffer contains the R,G,B that define the color at each pixel
- Cursor
 - Appearance is stored near the video driver in a “mini-framebuffer”
 - x,y is given by the CPU
- Video input



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The Computer Graphics Monitor(s)



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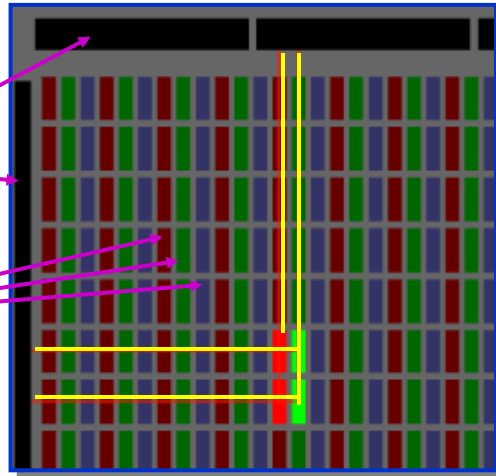
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Displaying Color on a Computer Graphics LCD Monitor



- Grid of electrodes

- Color filters



Source: <http://electronics.howstuffworks.com>



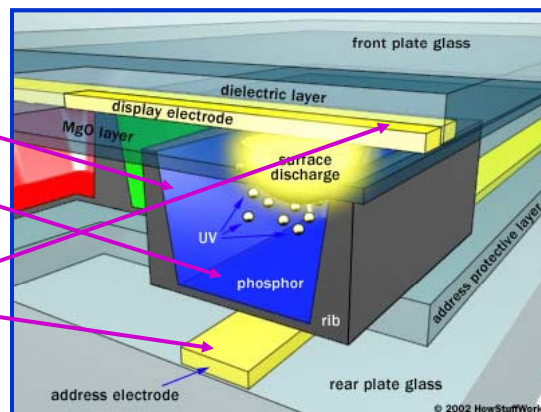
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Displaying Color on a Plasma Monitor



- Gas cell
- Phosphor
- Grid of electrodes



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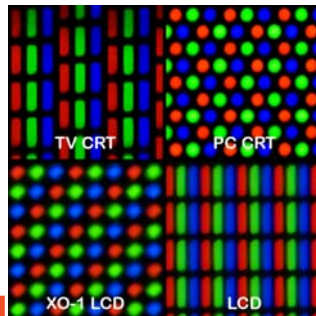
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Display Resolution



- **Pixel** resolutions (1024x768 - 1920x1152 are common)
- Screen size (13", 16", 19", 21" are common)
- Human acuity: 1 arc-minute is achieved by viewing a 19" monitor with 1280x1024 resolution from a distance of ~40 inches



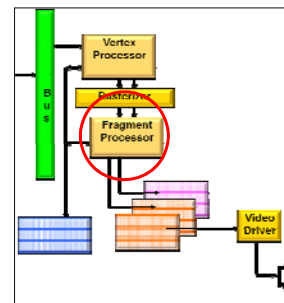
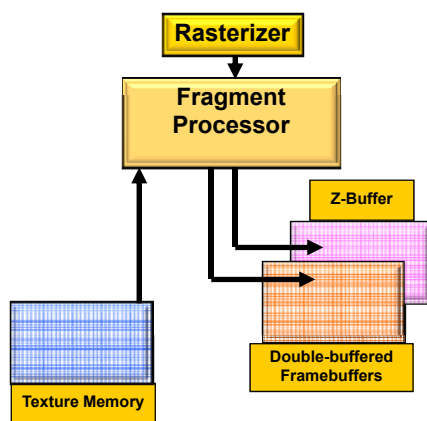
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The Fragment Processor



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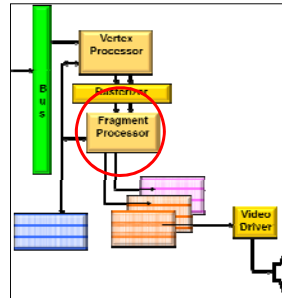
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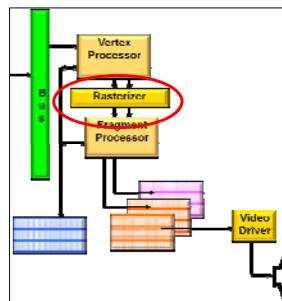
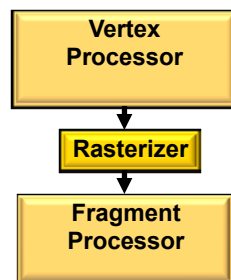
- Takes in all information that describes this pixel
- Produces the RGBA for that pixel's location in the framebuffer



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The Rasterizer



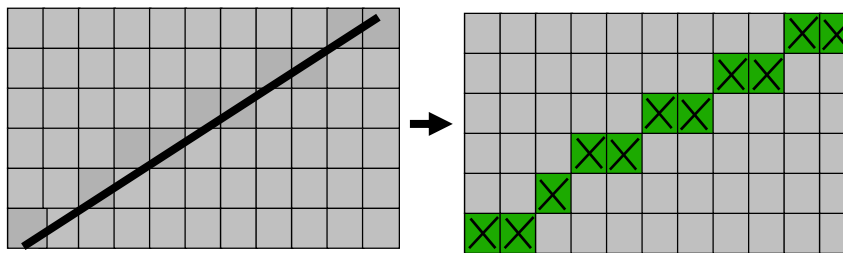
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Rasterization



- Turn screen space vertex coordinates into pixels that make up lines and polygons
- A great place for custom electronics



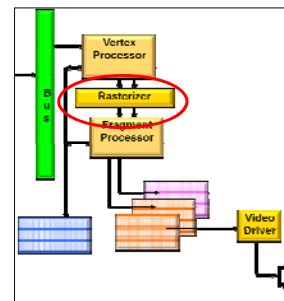
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Rasterizers Can Interpolate:

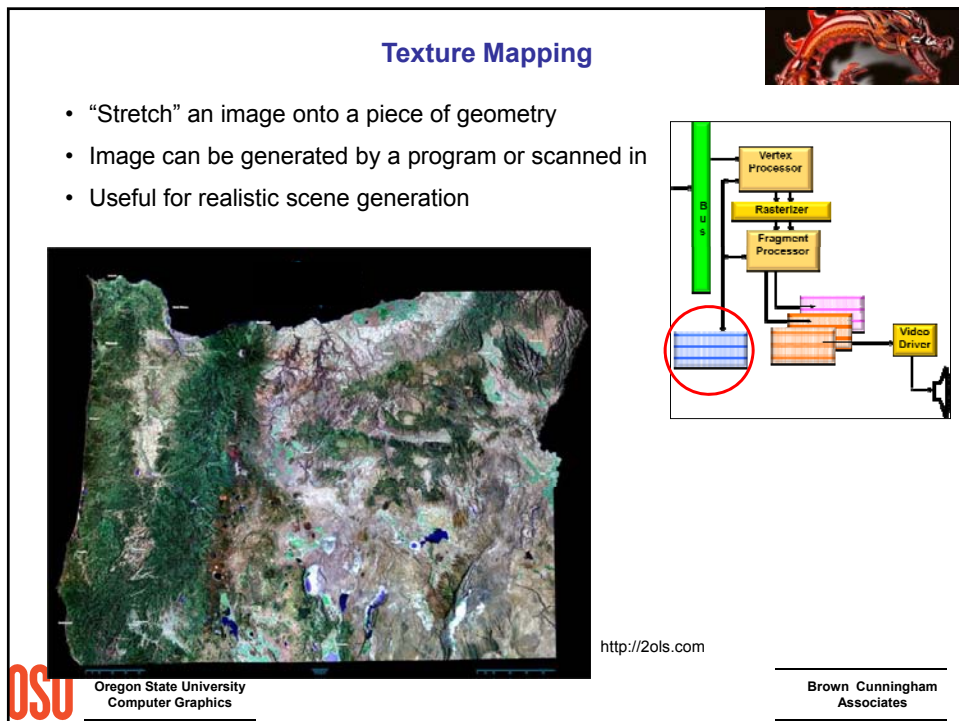
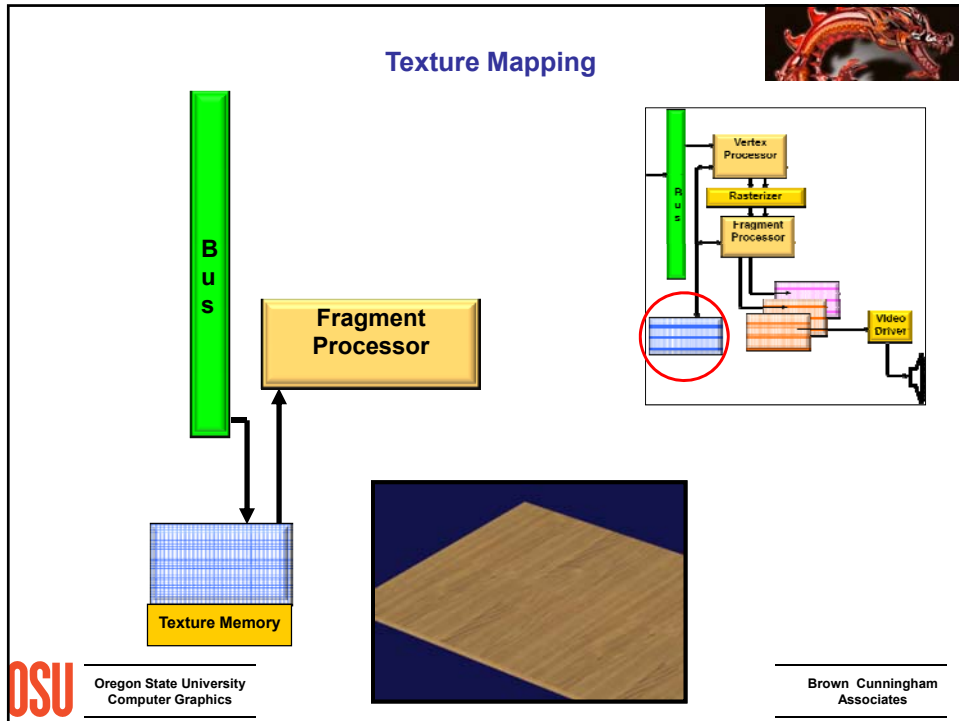


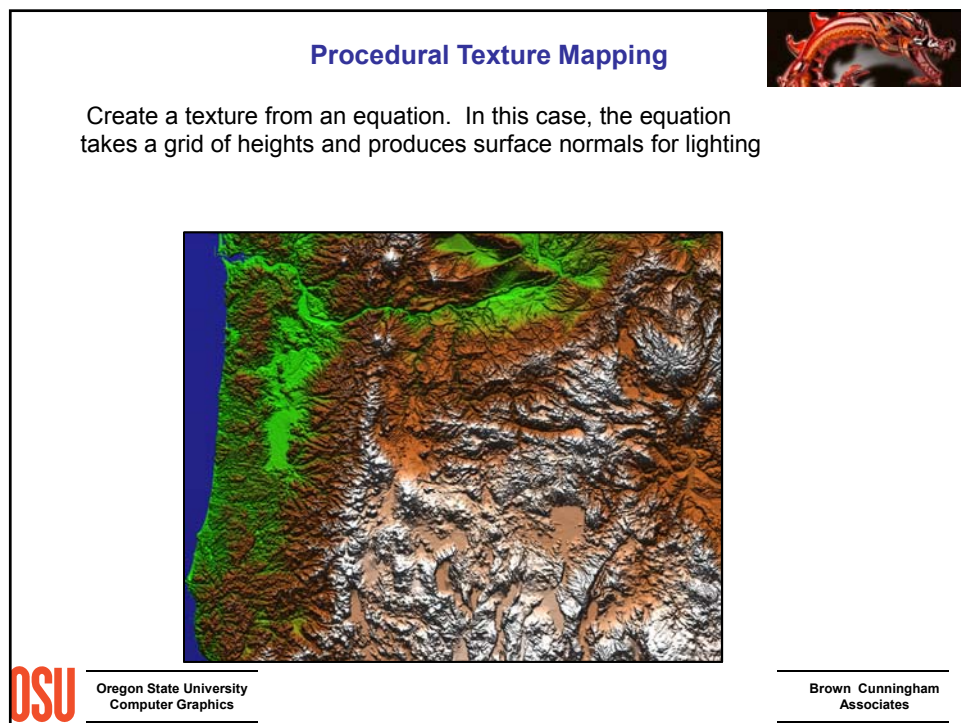
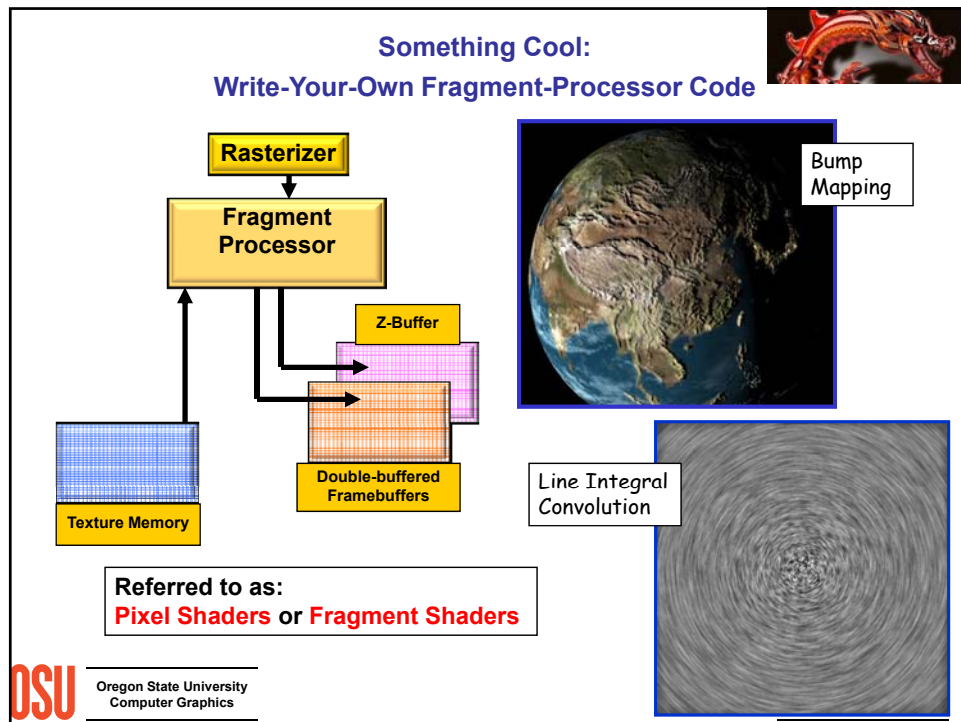
- X and Y
- Red-green-blue values
- Alpha values
- Z values
- Intensities
- Surface normals
- Texture coordinates
- Custom values given by the shaders



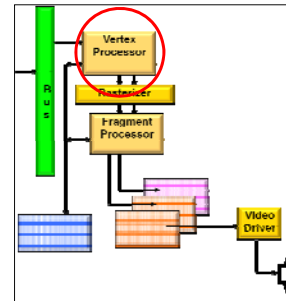
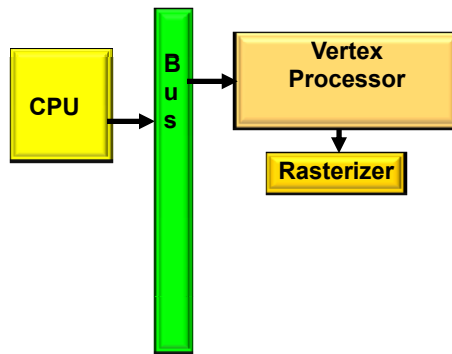
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The Vertex Processor



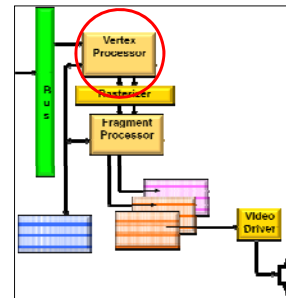
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Vertex Processor



- Coordinates enter in model units
- Coordinates leave in screen (pixel) units
- Another great place for custom electronics



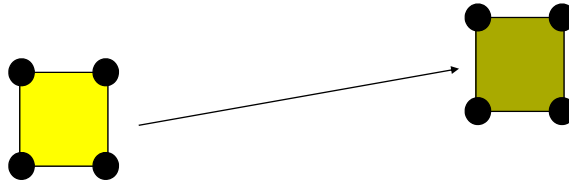
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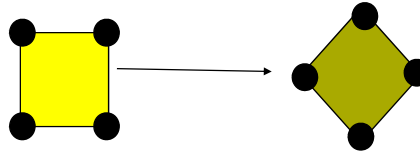
Vertex Processor: Transformations



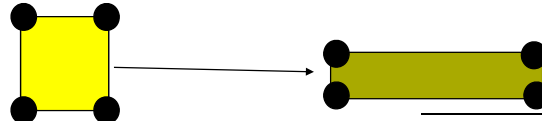
- Used to correctly place objects in the scene
- Translation



- Rotation



- Scaling



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Vertex Processor: Windowing and Clipping



- Declare which portion of the 3D universe you are interested in viewing
- This is called the *view volume*
- Clip away everything that is outside the viewing volume



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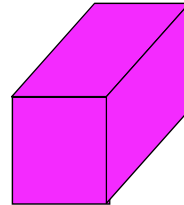
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Vertex Processor: Projection



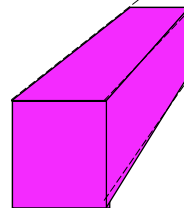
- Turn 3D coordinates into 2D

- *Parallel projection*



Parallel lines
remain parallel

- *Perspective projection*



Some parallel lines
appear to converge

"vanishing point"



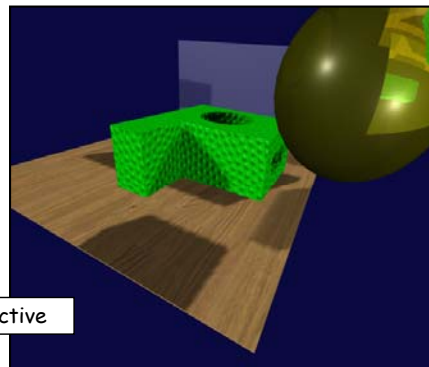
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Vertex Processor: Projection



Parallel

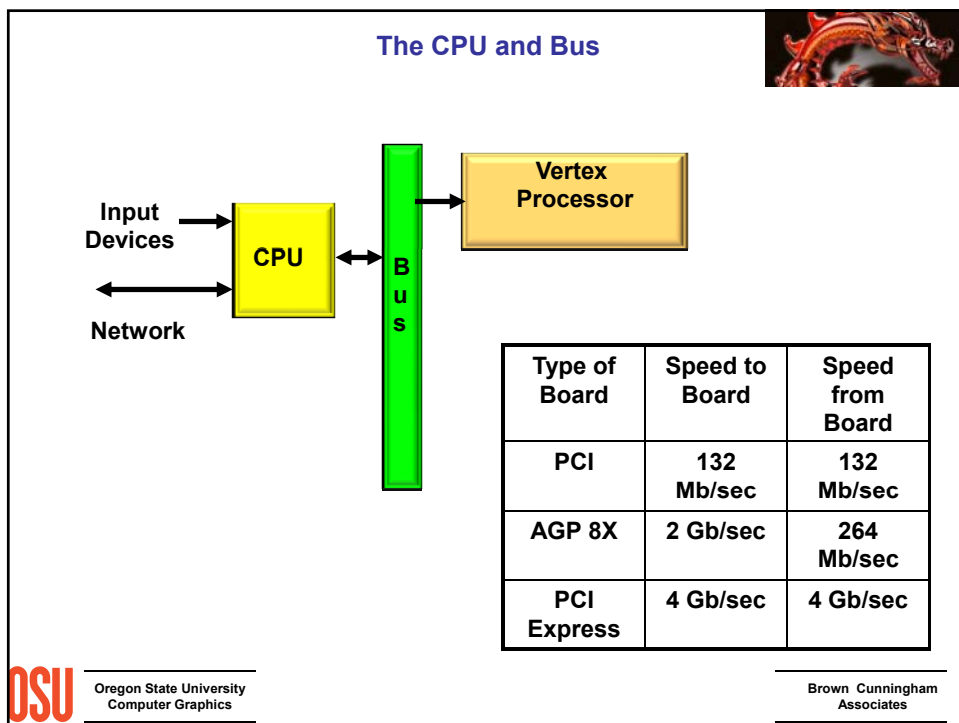
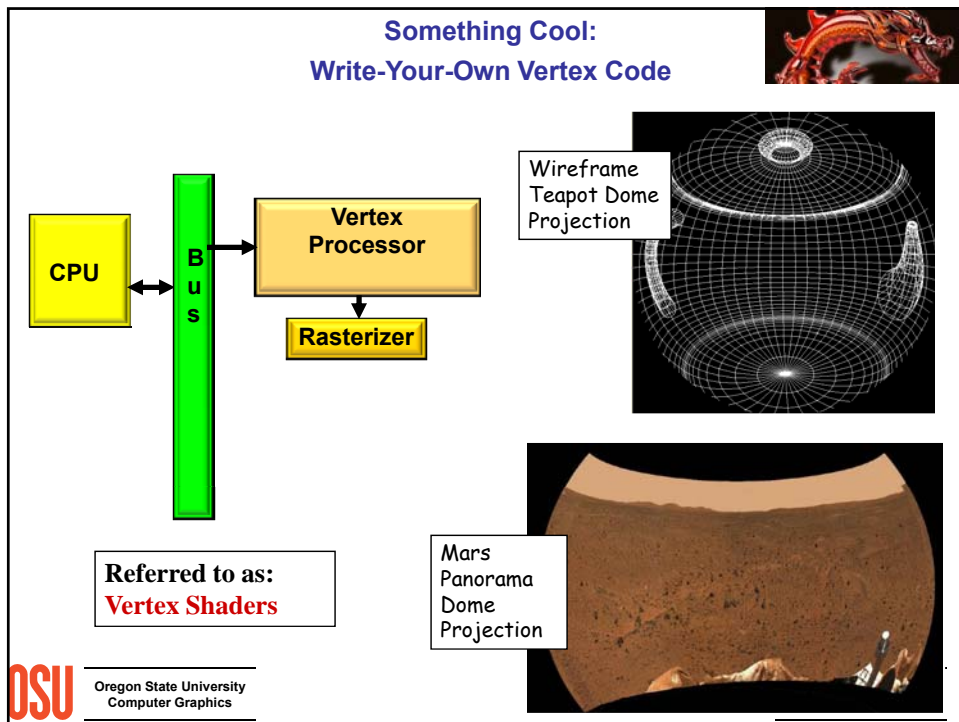


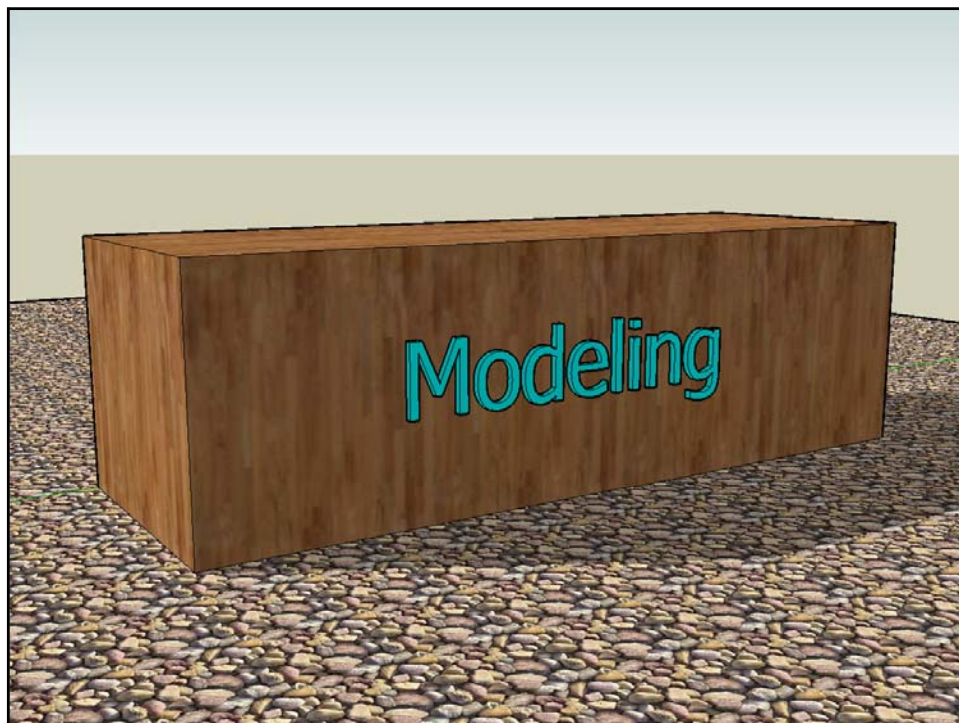
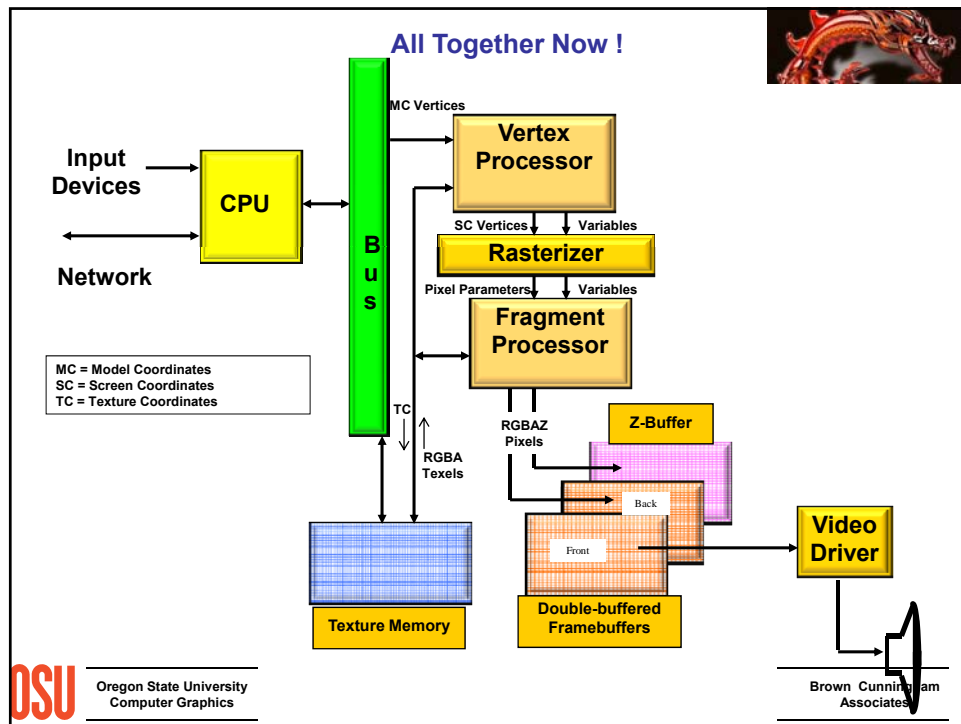
Perspective



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What is a Model?



A is a model of B if A can be used to ask questions about B.

In computer graphics applications, what do we want to ask about B?

- What does B look like?
- How do I want to interact with (shape) B?
- Does B need to be a legal solid?
- How does B interact with its environment?
- What is B's surface area and volume?

These questions, and answers, control what type of geometric modeling you need to do



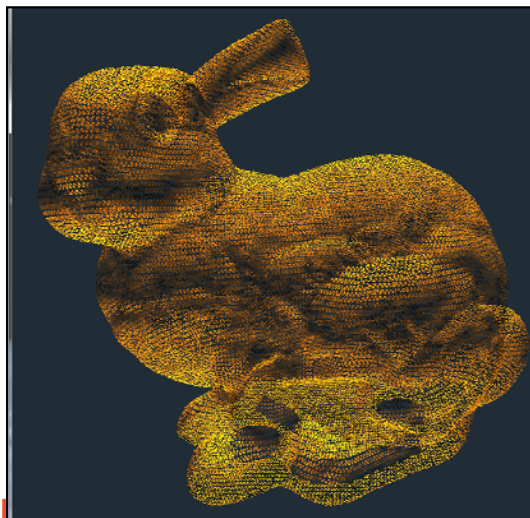
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Explicitly Listing Geometry and Topology



Models can consist of thousands of vertices and faces – we need some way to list them efficiently



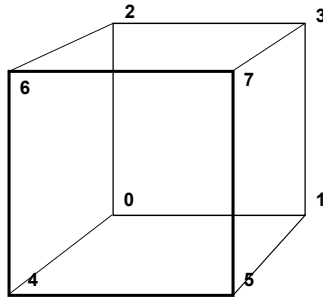
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```
static GLfloat CubeVertices[ ][3] =
{
    { -1., -1., -1. },
    { 1., -1., -1. },
    { -1., 1., -1. },
    { 1., 1., -1. },
    { -1., -1., 1. },
    { 1., -1., 1. },
    { -1., 1., 1. },
    { 1., 1., 1. }
};
```

```
static GLfloat CubeColors[ ][3] =
{
    { 0., 0., 0. },
    { 1., 0., 0. },
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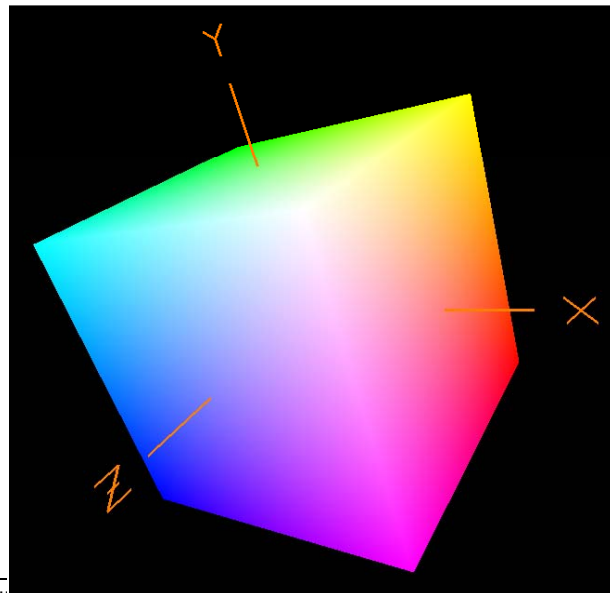
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static GLuint CubeIndices[ ][4] =
{
    { 0, 2, 3, 1 },
    { 4, 5, 7, 6 },
    { 1, 3, 7, 5 },
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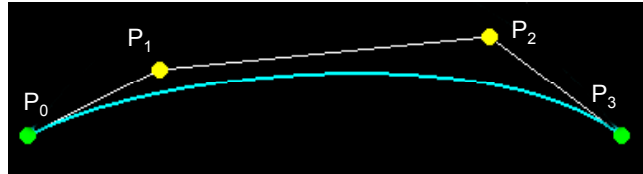
Cube Example



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Curve Sculpting – Bezier Curve Sculpting



$$P(t) = (1-t)^3 P_0 + 3t(1-t)^2 P_1 + 3t^2(1-t)P_2 + t^3 P_3$$

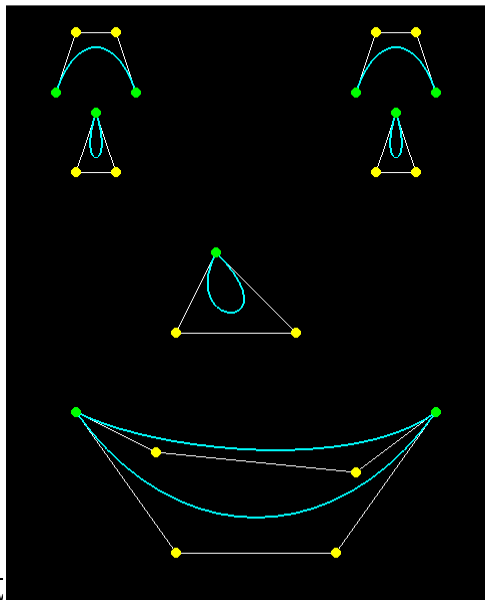
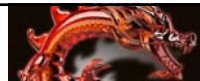
$$0 \leq t \leq 1.$$



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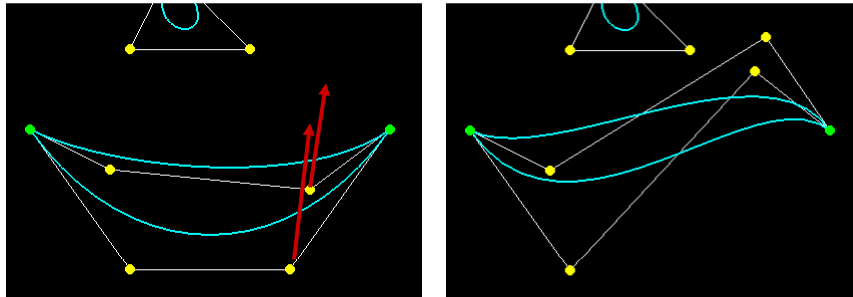
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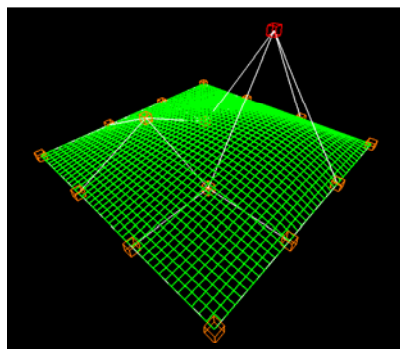
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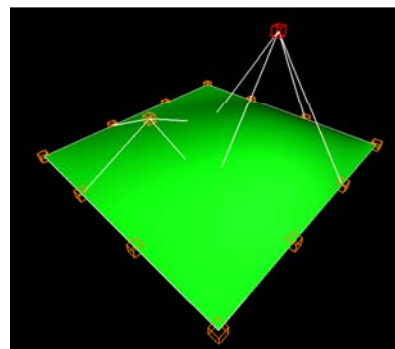
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Surface Sculpting



Wireframe



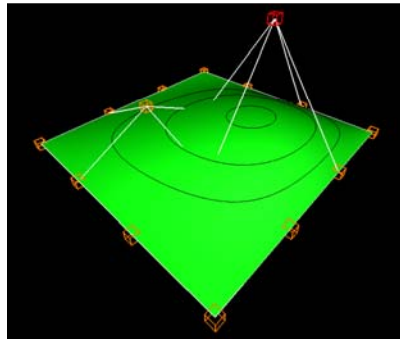
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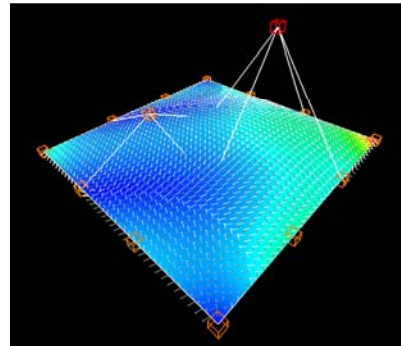
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Surface equations can also be used for Analysis



With Contour Lines



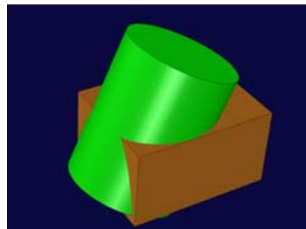
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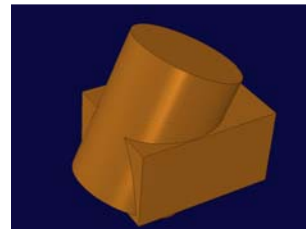
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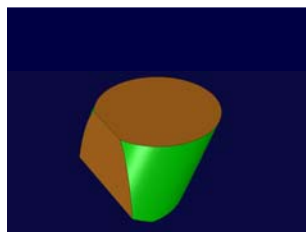
Solid Modeling Using Boolean Operators



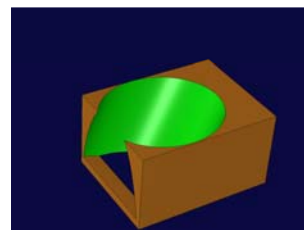
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Union



Intersection



Difference

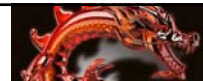


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Rendering



Rendering is the process of creating an image of a geometric model. Again, there are questions you need to ask:

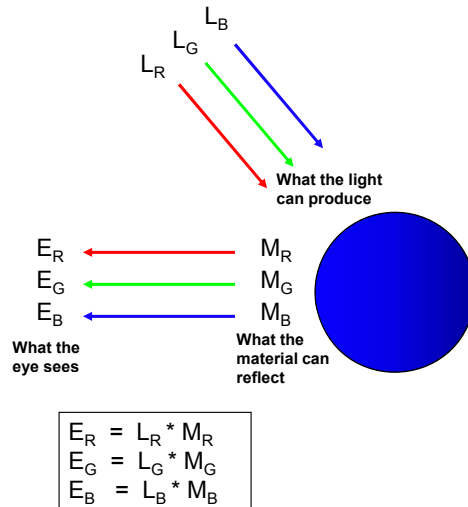
- How realistic do I want this image to be?
- How much compute time do I have to create this image?
- Do I need to take into account lighting?
- Does the illumination need to be global or will local do?
- Do I need to take into account shadows?
- Do I need to take into account reflection and refraction?



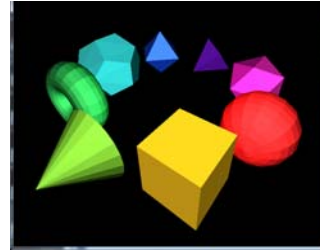
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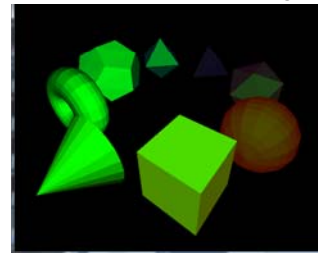
Fundamentals of Computer Graphics Lighting



White Light



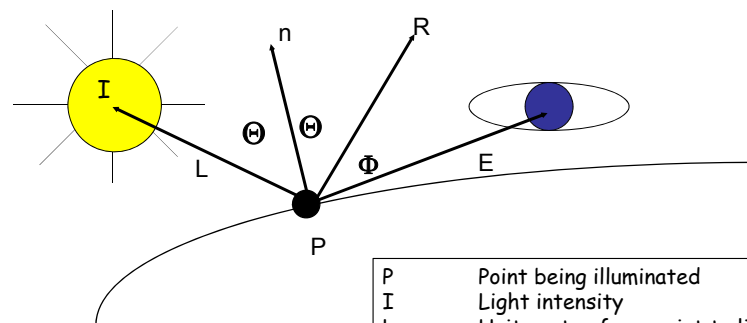
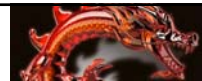
Green Light



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The Computer Graphics Lighting Environment



P	Point being illuminated
I	Light intensity
L	Unit vector from point to light
n	Unit vector surface normal
R	Perfect reflection unit vector
E	Unit vector to eye position



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Three Elements of Computer Graphics Lighting



1. Ambient = a constant Accounts for light bouncing "everywhere"
2. Diffuse = $I \cdot \cos\Theta$ Accounts for the angle between the incoming light and the surface normal
3. Specular = $I \cdot \cos^S\phi$ Accounts for the angle between the "perfect reflector" and the eye; also the exponent, S , accounts for surface shininess

Note that $\cos\Theta$ is just the dot product between unit vectors L and n

Note that $\cos\phi$ is just the dot product between unit vectors R and E



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Three Elements of Computer Graphics Lighting



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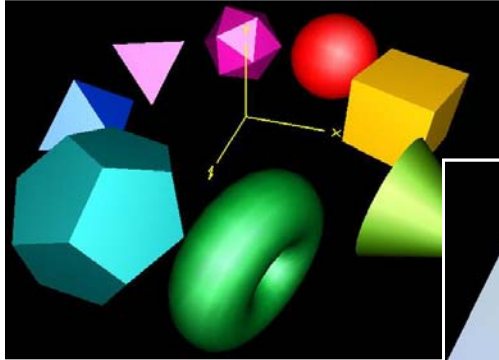


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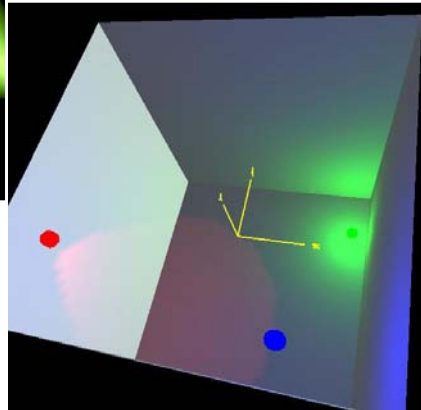
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Lighting Examples



Omnidirectional Point Light

Spot Lights

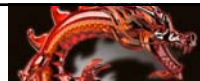


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Two Types of Rendering



1. Starts at the object
2. Starts at the eye



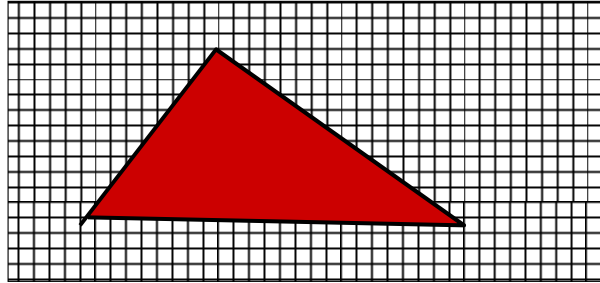
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Starts at the Object



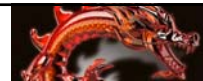
This is the typical kind of rendering you get on a graphics card.
Start with the geometry and project it onto the pixels.



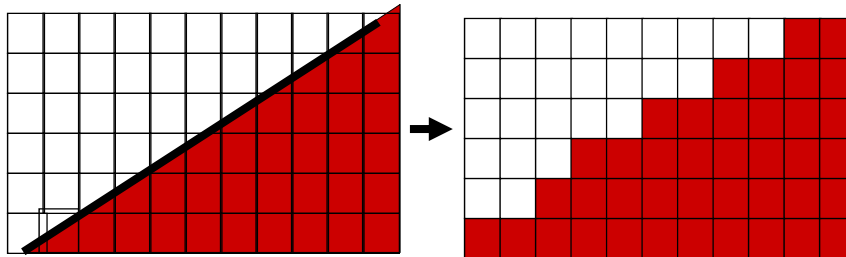
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Rasterization



- Turn screen space vertex coordinates into pixels that make up lines and polygons
- A great place for custom electronics



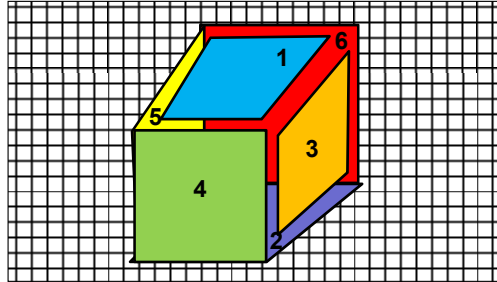
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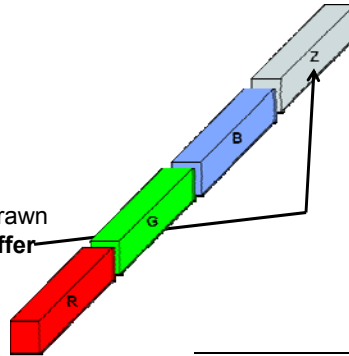
How do things in front *look* like they are really in front?



Your application might draw the polygons in 1-2-3-4-5-6 order, but 1, 3, and 4 still need to look like they were drawn last:



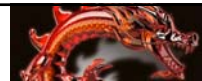
Either the polygons need to be re-arranged to be drawn in a back-to-front order, or we need to have a **Z-buffer**



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Another From-the-Object Method -- Radiosity

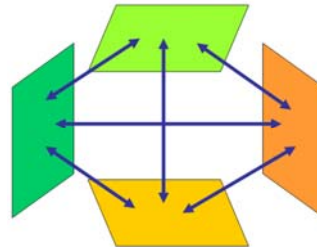


Based on the idea that all surfaces gather light intensity from all other surfaces

The fundamental radiosity equation is an energy balance that says:

“The light energy leaving surface i equals the amount of light energy generated by surface i plus surface i 's reflectivity times the amount of light energy arriving from all other surfaces”

$$B_i A_i = E_i A_i + \rho_i \sum_j B_j A_j F_{j \rightarrow i}$$



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The Radiosity Equation



$$B_i A_i = E_i A_i + \rho_i \sum_j B_j A_j F_{j \rightarrow i}$$

B_i is the light energy intensity shining from surface element i

A_i is the area of surface element i

E_i is the internally-generated light energy intensity for surface element i

ρ_i is surface element i 's reflectivity

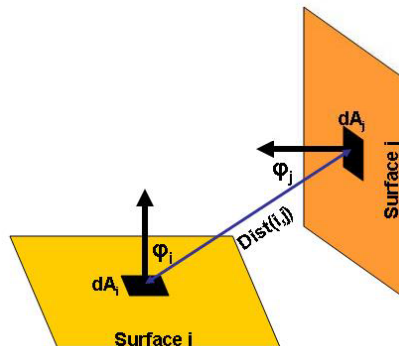
$F_{j \rightarrow i}$ is referred to as the Form Factor, or Shape Factor, and describes what percent of the energy leaving surface element j that arrives at surface element i



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The Radiosity Shape Factor



$$F_{j \rightarrow i} = \int \int_{A_i A_j} \text{visibility}(di, dj) \frac{\cos \Theta_i \cos \Theta_j}{\pi \text{Dist}(di, dj)^2} dA_j dA_i$$



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The Radiosity Matrix Equation



Expand $B_i A_i = E_i A_i + \rho_i \sum_j B_j A_j F_{j \rightarrow i}$

For each surface element, and re-arrange to solve for the surface intensities, the B 's:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - \rho_1 F_{1 \rightarrow 1} & -\rho_1 F_{1 \rightarrow 2} & \cdots & -\rho_1 F_{1 \rightarrow N} \\ -\rho_2 F_{2 \rightarrow 1} & 1 - \rho_2 F_{2 \rightarrow 2} & \cdots & -\rho_2 F_{2 \rightarrow N} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ -\rho_N F_{N \rightarrow 1} & -\rho_N F_{N \rightarrow 2} & \cdots & 1 - \rho_N F_{N \rightarrow N} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ \cdots \\ B_N \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \\ \cdots \\ E_N \end{Bmatrix}$$

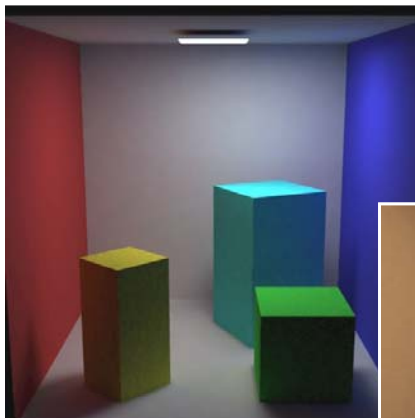
This is a lot of equations!



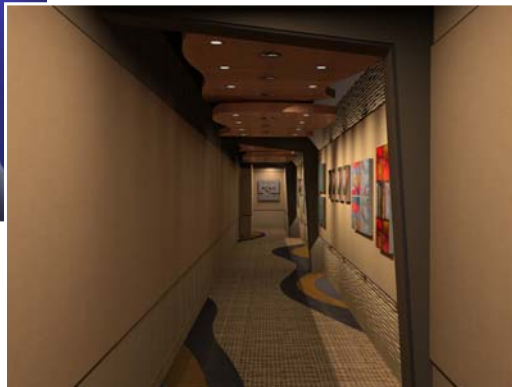
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Radiosity Examples



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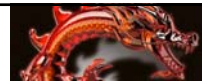


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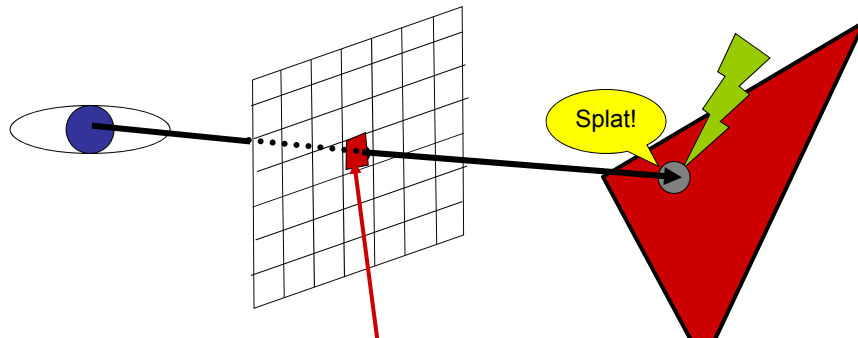


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Starts at the Eye



The most common approach in this category is ray-tracing:



The pixel is painted the color of
the nearest object that is hit.

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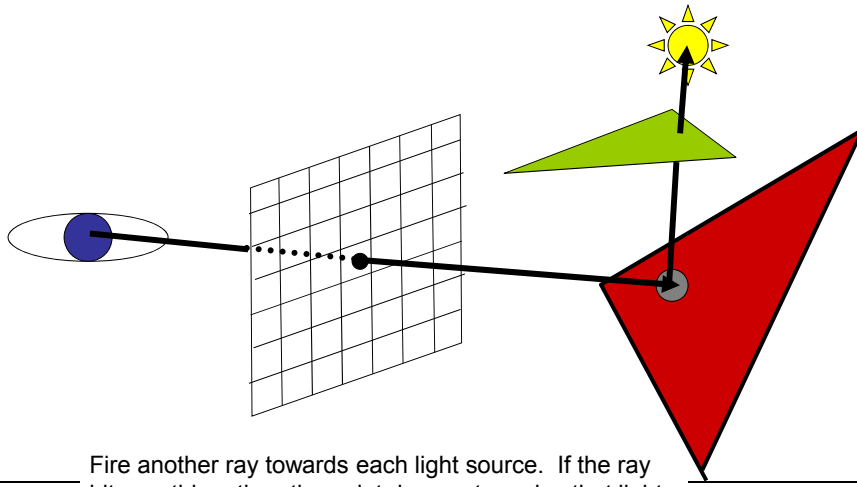


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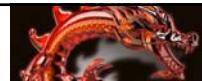
It's also easy to see if this point lies in a shadow:



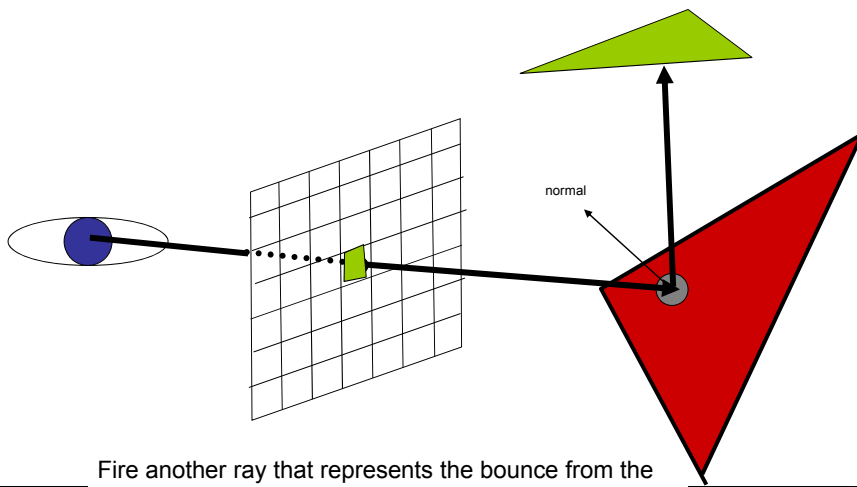
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It's also easy to handle reflection



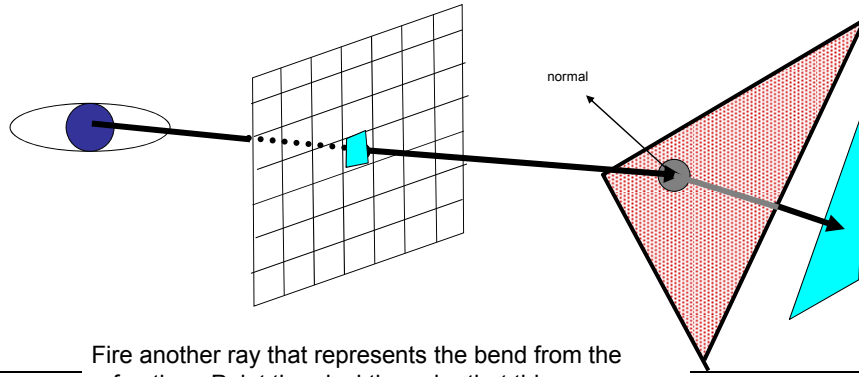
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It's also easy to handle refraction

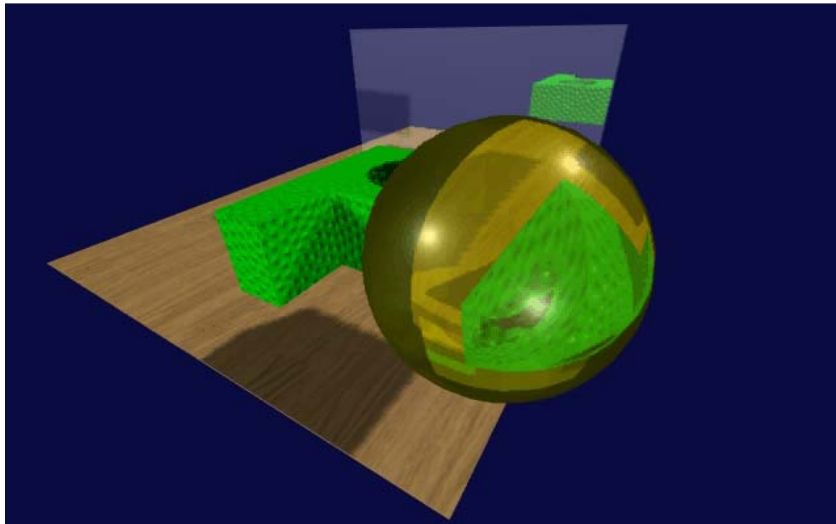
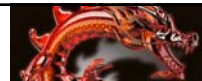


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Fire another ray that represents the bend from the refraction. Paint the pixel the color that this ray sees.

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Ray Tracing Examples



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Ray Tracing Examples



Quake 4 Ray-Tracing Project



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Ray Tracing Examples



IBM's Cell Interactive Ray-tracer



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GPU Shader Programming

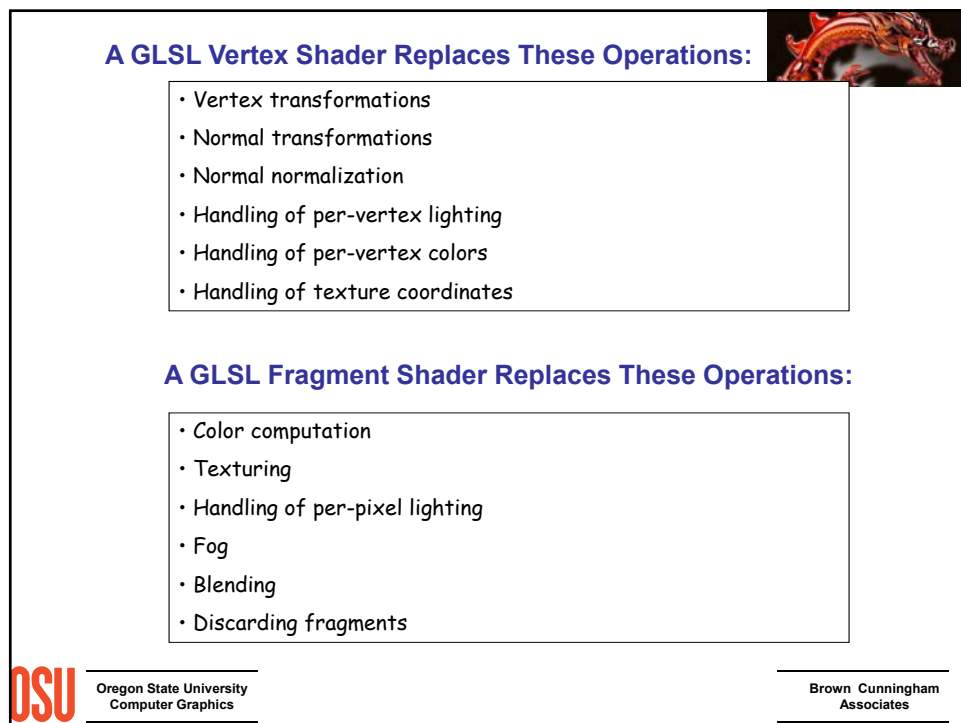
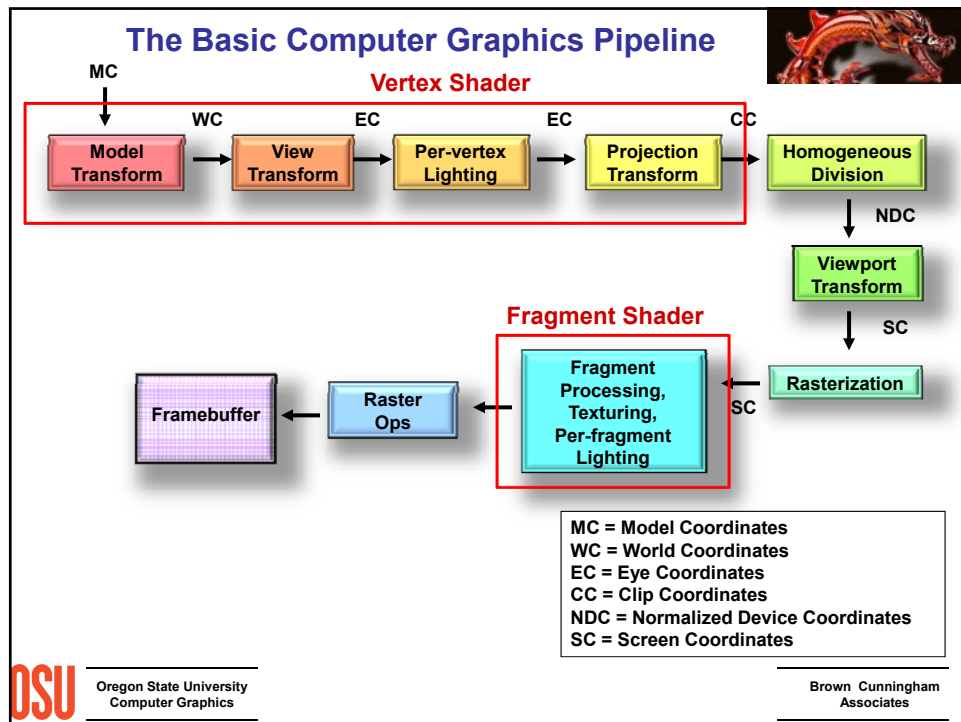


- Allows programmers to load their own code into parts of the hardware graphics pipeline
- Gives a unique combination of control and speed
- This is a hot, new area in computer graphics
- These notes will focus on *what* can be done this way, not on *how* to do it (that would take lots more time)
- If you want to know more, there's another course on just this topic!



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A GLSL Tessellation Shader:



- Breaks geometry into smaller pieces based on adjacent points, size, curvature, etc.

A GLSL Geometry Shader:

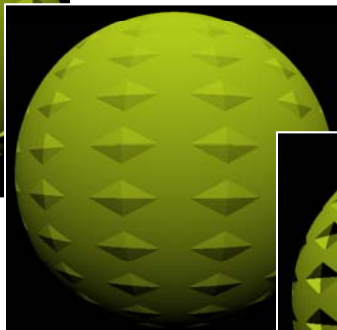
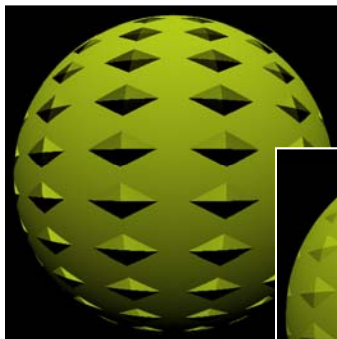
- Breaks geometry into smaller pieces based on more limited information
- Changes the geometry's topology type
- Changes the object's coordinates



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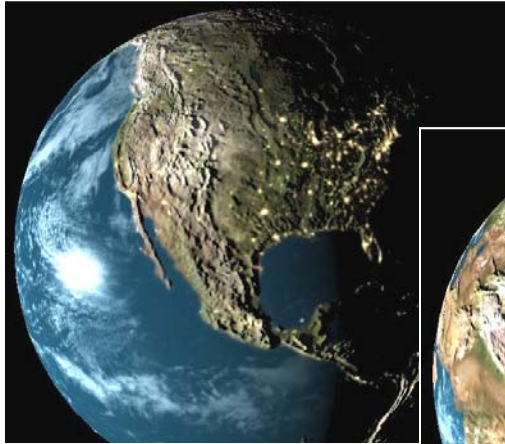
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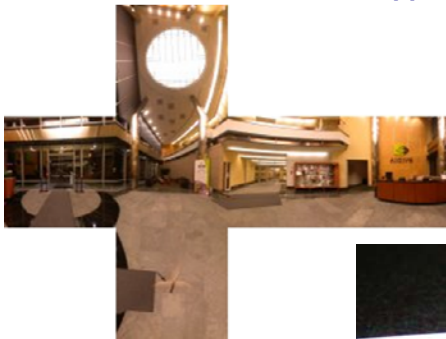


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Cube Mapping with Shaders



Cube Map of NVIDIA's Lobby



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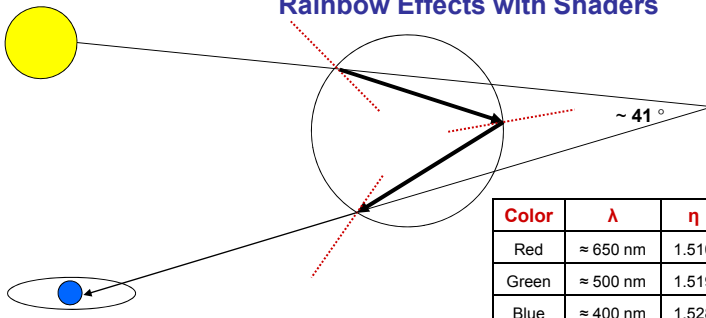
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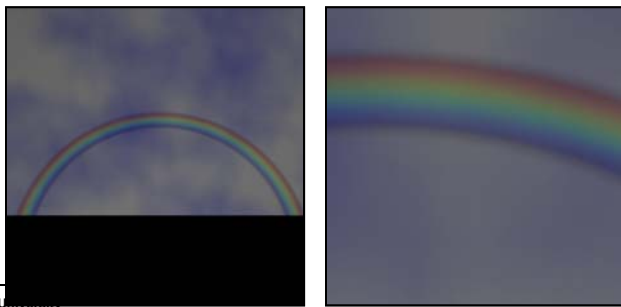
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Rainbow Effects with Shaders



Color	λ	η	Θ	$\cos\Theta$	$\Theta\Theta$
Red	$\approx 650 \text{ nm}$	1.510	42°	0.743	50.0°
Green	$\approx 500 \text{ nm}$	1.519	41°	0.755	51.5°
Blue	$\approx 400 \text{ nm}$	1.528	40°	0.766	53.0°

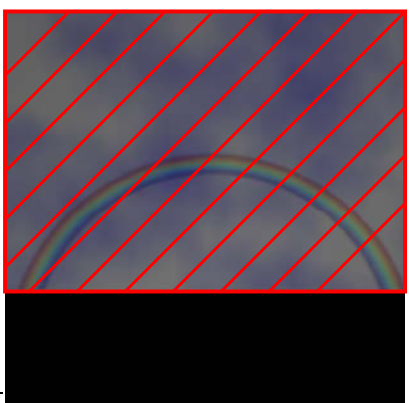


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Rainbow Strategy

1. Draw one big quadrilateral across the scene
2. Anywhere that $.7400 \leq \cos(\Theta) \leq .7700$, paint the correct color
3. If not, discard that fragment



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Where to Find More Information about Computer Graphics and Related Topics

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Journal of Graphics, GPU, and Game Tools: published by A.K. Peters
(<http://www.akpeters.com>, 617-235-2210)

Game Developer: published by CMP Media
(<http://www.gdmag.com>, 415-905-2200)
(Once a year publishes the *Game Career Guide*.)

Computer Graphics Quarterly: published by ACM SIGGRAPH
(<http://www.siggraph.org>, 212-869-7440)

Computer Graphics Forum., published by Eurographics
(<http://www.eurographics.org/EG/Publications/CGF>)

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(<http://www.computer.org>, 714-821-8380)

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(<http://www.acm.org>, 212-869-7440)

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3. Professional organizations

ACMAssociation for Computing Machinery
<http://www.acm.org>
212-869-7440

SIGGRAPHACM Special Interest Group on Computer Graphics
<http://www.siggraph.org>
212-869-7440

EuroGraphics ...European Association for Computer Graphics
<http://www.eg.org>
Fax: +41-22-757-0318

IEEE.....Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
<http://www.computer.org>
202-371-0101

IGDAInternational Game Developers Association
<http://www.igda.org>
856-423-2990

SIGCHIACM Special Interest Group on Computer-Human Interfaces
<http://www.acm.org/sigchi>
212-869-7440

NABNational Association of Broadcasters
<http://www.nab.org>
800-521-8624

ASMEAmerican Society of Mechanical Engineers
<http://www.asme.org>
800-THE-ASME

4. Conferences

ACM SIGGRAPH:

2012: Los Angeles, CA – August 5-9
2013: Los Angeles, CA – July 28 – August 1
<http://www.siggraph.org/s2012>
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SIGGRAPH Asia:

2011: Hong Kong – December 12-15
<http://www.siggraph.org/asia2011>

IEEE Visualization:

2011: Providence, RI – October 23-28

<http://visweek.org>

Eurographics

2012: Cagliari, Italy – May 13-18

<http://www.eurographics2012.it>

Game Developers Conference:

2012: San Francisco, CA – March 5 - 9

<http://www.gdconf.com>

E3Expo

2012: Los Angeles, CA – June 7-9

<http://www.e3expo.com>

PAX (Penny Arcade Expo)

2011: Seattle, WA – August 26-28

<http://www.paxsite.com>

ASME International Design Engineering Technical Conferences (includes the Computers and Information in Engineering conference):

2012: Chicago, IL – August 12-15

<http://www.asmeconferences.org/ideetc2012>

National Association of Broadcasters (NAB):

2012: Las Vegas, NV – April 14-19

<http://www.nab.org>

ACM SIGCHI:

2012: Austin, TX – May 5-10

<http://www.acm.org/sigchi>

ACM SIGARCH / IEEE Supercomputing:

2011: Seattle, WA -- November 12-18

<http://www.supercomputing.org>

5. Graphics Performance Characterization

The GPC web site tabulates graphics display speeds for a variety of vendors' workstation products. To get the information, visit:

<http://www.spec.org/benchmarks.html#gwpg>