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GLSL

OpenGL Shading Language

Language with syntax similar to C

- Syntax somewhere between C och C++
- No classes. Straight and simple code. Remarkably understandable and obvious!
- Avoids most of the bad things with C/C++.

Some advantages come from the limited environment!

“Algol” descendant, easy to learn if you know any of its followers.



GLSL Example

Vertex shader:

```
void main()
{
    gl_Position = gl_ProjectionMatrix *
                  gl_ModelViewMatrix * gl_Vertex;
}
```

“Pass-through shader”, implements the minimal functionality of the fixed pipeline



GLSL Example

Fragment shader:

```
void main()
{
    gl_FragColor = vec4(1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0);
}
```

“Set-to-white shader”



Example

Pass-through vertex shader + set-to-white fragment shader



```
// Vertex shader
void main()
{
    gl_Position = gl_ProjectionMatrix *
                  gl_ModelViewMatrix * gl_Vertex;
}

// Fragment shader
void main()
{
    gl_FragColor = vec4(1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0);
}
```



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So what do we care about for GPGPU?

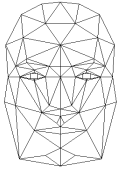
Vertex shader almost irrelevant.

**Light sources, vertex colors, geometry shader...
forget about most of them here.**

Fragment shader is the computing kernel.

Texture access vital.

Uniforms = constant memory.



Texture access

Example:

```
uniform sampler2D texture;  
  
void main()  
{  
    gl_FragColor = texture2D(texture,  
                             gl_TexCoord[0].st);  
}
```

texture2D() performs texture access



Texture coordinates

Built-in variables:

`gl_MultiTexCoord0` is texture coordinate for vertex for texture unit 0.

`gl_TexCoord[0]` is a built-in varying for interpolating texture coordinates.

`gl_TexCoord[0].s` and `gl_TexCoord[0].t` give the S and T components separately.



Texture data

In order to use predefined texture data, they should be communicated from OpenGL!

This is done by a “uniform”, a variable that can not be changed within a primitive.

“samplers”: pre-defined type for referencing texture data



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Writing to textures

Use Framebuffer Objects

Lets you bind a texture as rendering target.



Ping-ponging in working code

```
void runfilter(GLuint shader, GLuint texin, GLuint
texin2, GLuint fboout)
{
    glBindFramebufferEXT(GL_FRAMEBUFFER, fboout);
    glActiveTexture(GL_TEXTURE1);
    glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, texin2);
    glActiveTexture(GL_TEXTURE0);
    glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, texin);

    glViewport(0, 0, width, height);
    if (fboout == 0)
        glViewport(0, 0, lastw, lasth);

    // Clean matrices!
    glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);
    glPushMatrix();
    glLoadIdentity();
    glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
    glPushMatrix();
    glLoadIdentity();

    glUseProgram(shader);

    // Polygon over framebuffer
    glBegin(GL_POLYGON);
    glTexCoord2f(0, 0);
    glVertex2f(-1, -1);
    glTexCoord2f(1, 0);
    glVertex2f(1, -1);
    glTexCoord2f(1, 1);
    glVertex2f(1, 1);
    glTexCoord2f(0, 1);
    glVertex2f(-1, 1);
    glEnd();

    // Restore
    glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);
    glPopMatrix();
    glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
    glPopMatrix();
}
```



...gets pretty nice in the end

```
// Run treshold shader from tex 1 to tex/fbo 2
runfilter(tresholdShader, tex1, 0, fb2);

// Filter several times
for (i = 0; i < loops; i++)
{
    runfilter(lpVShader, tex2, 0, fb3);
    runfilter(lpHShader, tex3, 0, fb2);
}

// Output result
runfilter(0, tex2, 0, 0);
```



Conclusions:

- **Shader-based GPGPU is not dead, it is just not hyped**

Superior compatibility and ease of installation makes it highly interesting for the foreseeable future. Especially suitable for all image-related problems.

- **GLSL**

The OpenGL shading language was introduced.

- **How to do GPGPU with shaders**

FBOs, Ping-ponging, algorithms, special considerations.



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That's all folks!

Next time: OpenCL