

OpenGL 3.x Part 2: Textures and Objects

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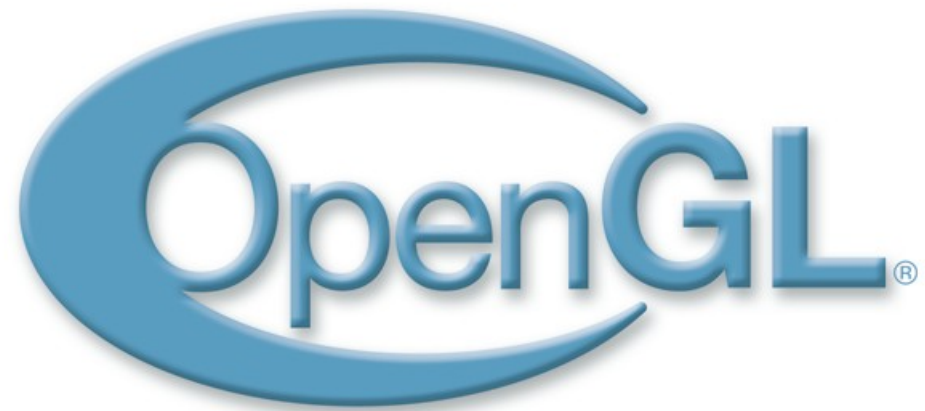
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- OpenGL 3.x Part 1 - Revisited
- Textures
- Framebuffer Objects
- Vertexbuffer Objects
- Vertex Array Objects
- Uniform Buffer Objects
- Notes on CG2





Set up OpenGL-Project



- Set up a MSVC-project as explained in the C++-lecture
- Version 1:
 - ◆ Include OpenGL-header:

```
#include <GL/gl.h> // basic OpenGL
```

- ◆ Link OpenGL-library “opengl32.lib”
- ◆ Bind extensions manually
- ◆ Cumbersome!

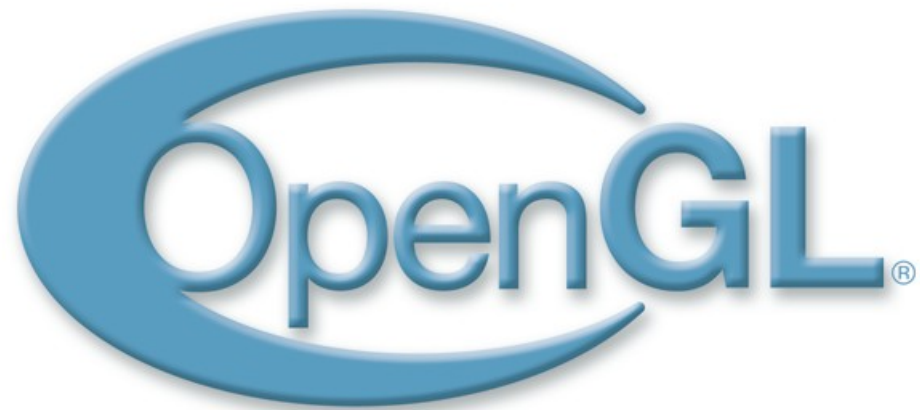


- Better: Version 2:
 - ◆ Include GLEW-header:

```
#include <GL/glew.h> // GLEW
```

- ◆ Link OpenGL-library “opengl32.lib” and “glew32.lib”
- ◆ Copy “glew32.dll” to bin folder
- ◆ U’r ready to go. 😊





OpenGL-Object life-cycle revisited

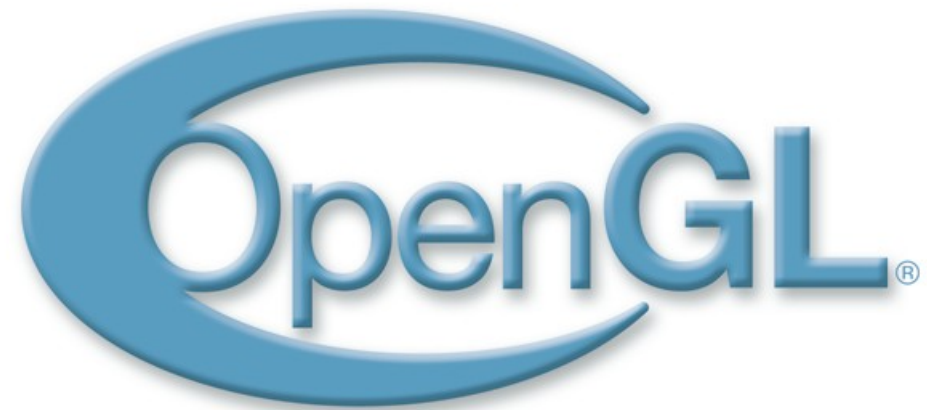


- In OpenGL, all objects, like buffers and textures, are somehow treated the same way.
- On object creation and initialization:
 - ◆ First, create a *handle* to the object (in OpenGL often called a *name*). Do this ONCE for each object.
 - ◆ Then, *bind* the object to make it current.
 - ◆ *Pass data* to OpenGL. As long as the data does not change, you only have to do this ONCE.
 - ◆ *Unbind* the object if not used.



- On rendering, or whenever the object is used:
 - ◆ *Bind* it to make it current.
 - ◆ *Use* it.
 - ◆ *Unbind* it.
- Finally, when object is not needed anymore:
 - ◆ *Delete* object.
 - ◆ Note that in some cases you manually have to delete attached resources!
- NOTE: OpenGL-objects are **NOT** objects in an OOP-sense!





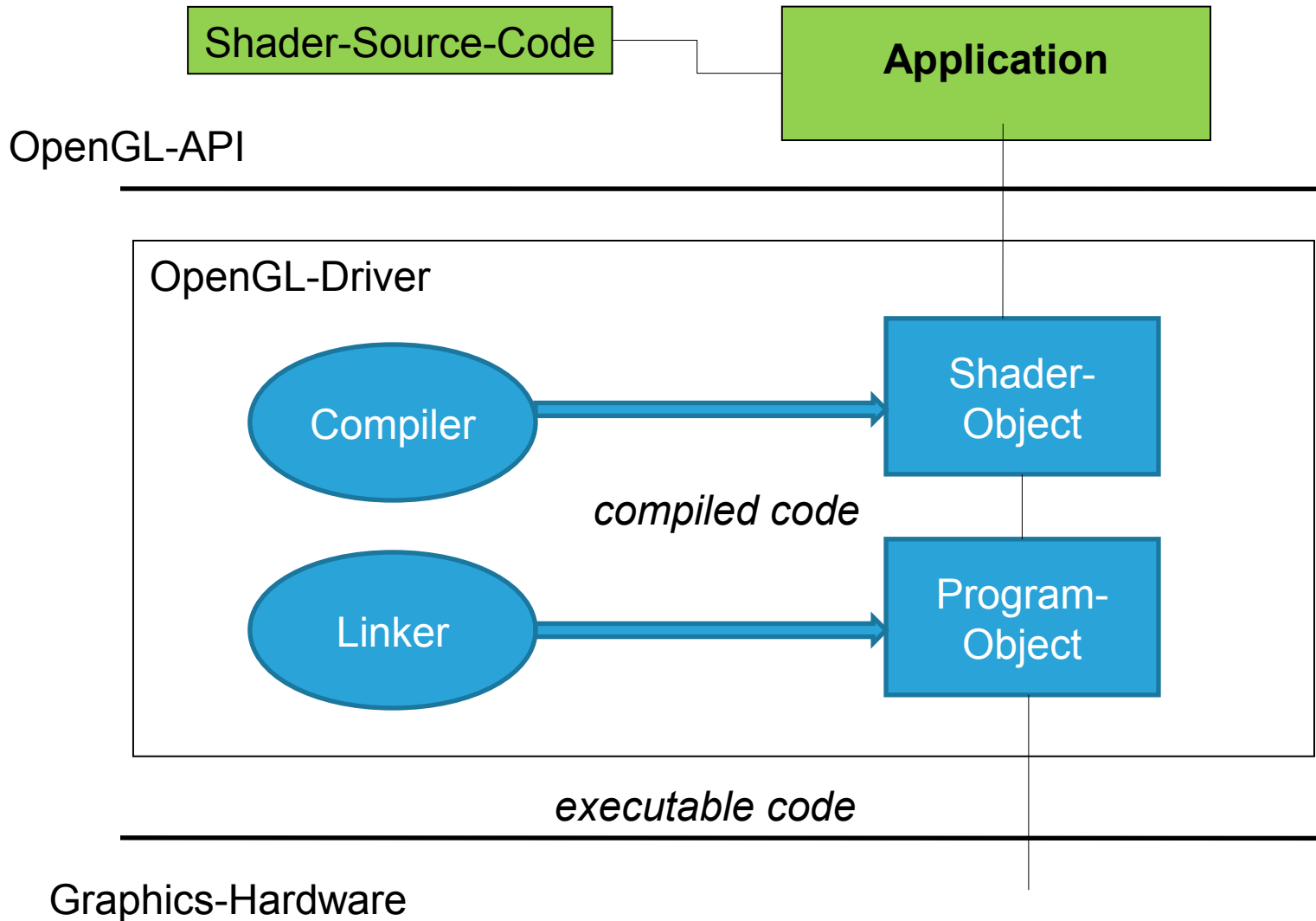
GLSL Shader revisited



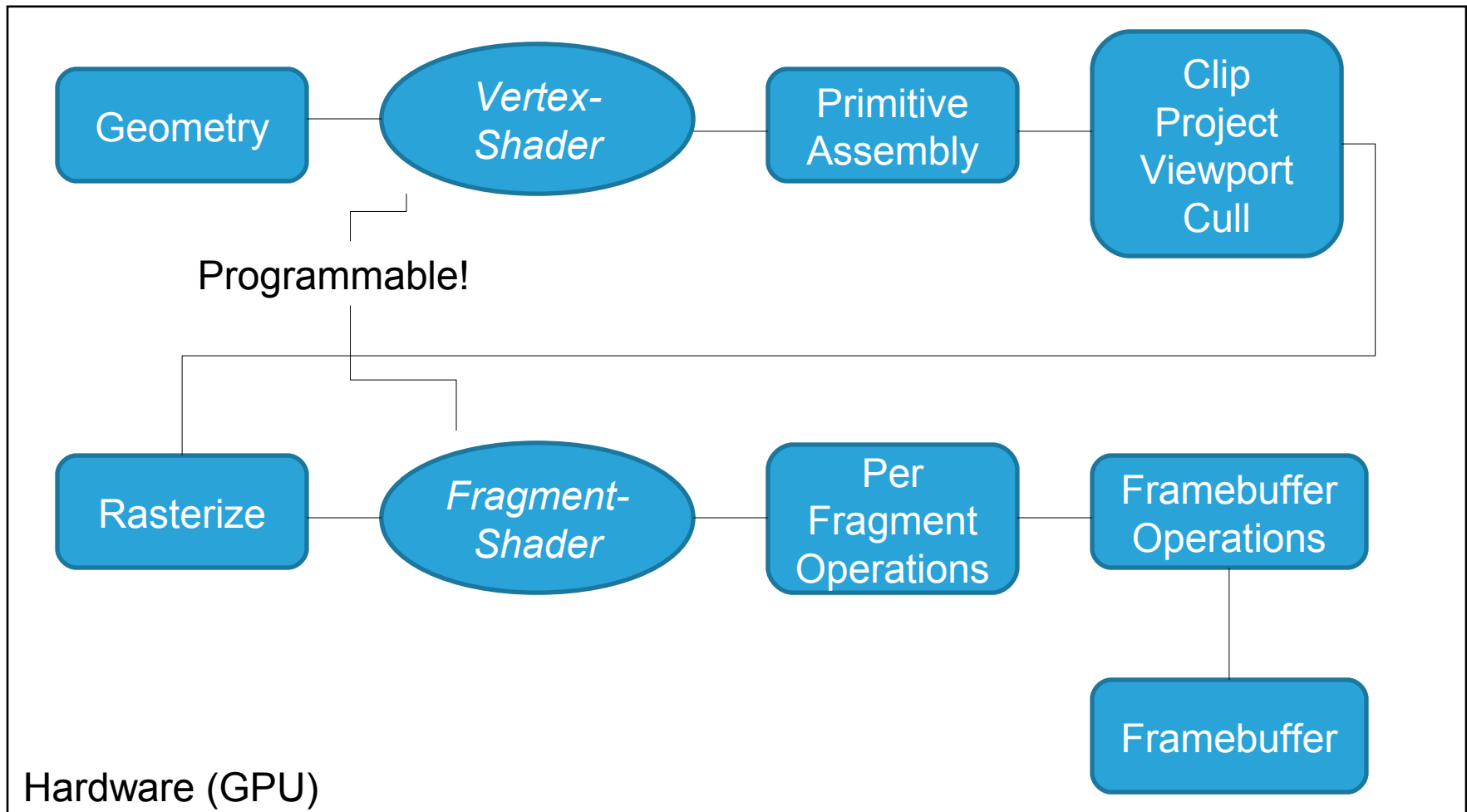
- Small C-like programs executed on the graphics-hardware
- Replace fixed function pipeline with shaders
- Shader-Types
 - ◆ Vertex Shader (VS): per vertex operations
 - ◆ Geometry Shader (GS): per primitive operations
 - ◆ Fragment shader (FS): per fragment operations
- Used e.g. for transformations and lighting



Shader-Execution model



■ OpenGL 3.x Rendering-Pipeline:



- Remember:
 - ◆ The *Vertex-Shader* is executed ONCE per each vertex!
 - ◆ The *Fragment-Shader* is executed ONCE per rasterized fragment (~ a pixel)!
- A *Shader-Program* consists of both,
 - ◆ One VS
 - ◆ One FS



- An application using shaders could basically look like this:

Load shader and initialize parameter-handles

Do some useful stuff like binding texture, activate texture-units, calculate and update matrices, etc.

```
glUseProgram(programHandle);
```

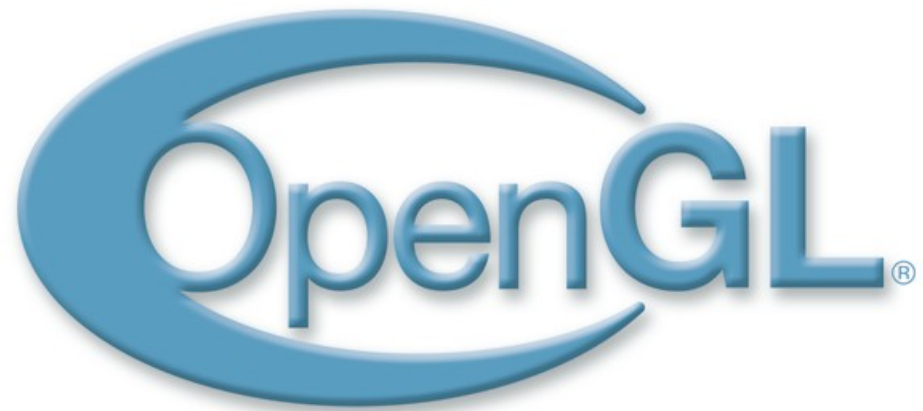
Set shader-parameters

Draw geometry

```
glUseProgram(anotherProgramHandle);
```

...

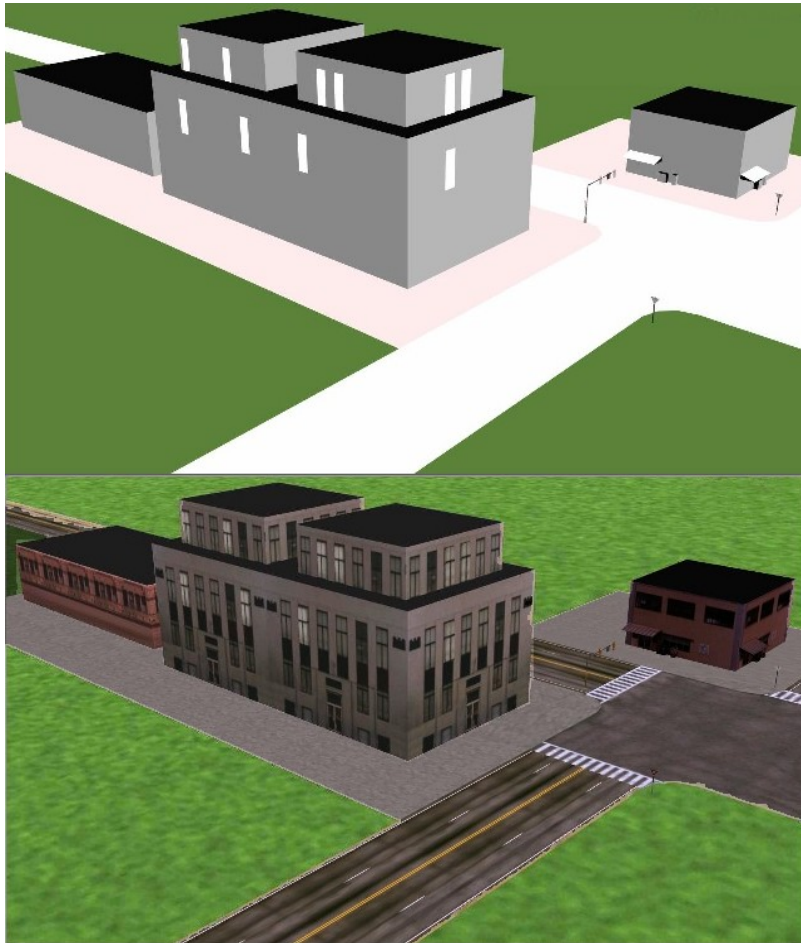




Textures



- Idea: enhance visual appearance of plain surfaces by applying fine structured details



- First things first:
 - ◆ Load image-data from a file or
 - ◆ Generate it (i.e. procedurally)
- Use Library to read data from files:
 - ◆ GLFW: glfw.sourceforge.net
 - ◆ Devil: openil.sourceforge.net
- Enable Texturing in OpenGL:

```
// enable 2D-texturing  
glEnable(GL_TEXTURE_2D);
```



- As usual in OpenGL:
 - ◆ Create texture-handle
 - ◆ Bind texture-handle to make it current
 - ◆ Pass data to OpenGL (next slide)

```
GLuint textureHandle; // variable for our texture-handle

// get _one_ texture-handle
glGenTextures(1, &textureHandle);

// bind texture
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, textureHandle); // could also
be 1D, 3D, ...
```



- Use `glTexImage* (...)` to pass loaded image-data stored in *data* to OpenGL
- If *data* is a null-pointer, the needed memory on the GPU will be allocated

```
int mipLevel = 0; int border = 0;
int internalFormat = GL_RGBA,
int width = 800; int height = 600;
int format = GL_RGBA;
int type = GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE;

// pass data for a 2D-texture
glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, mipLevel, internalFormat, width,
             height, border, format, type, data);
```

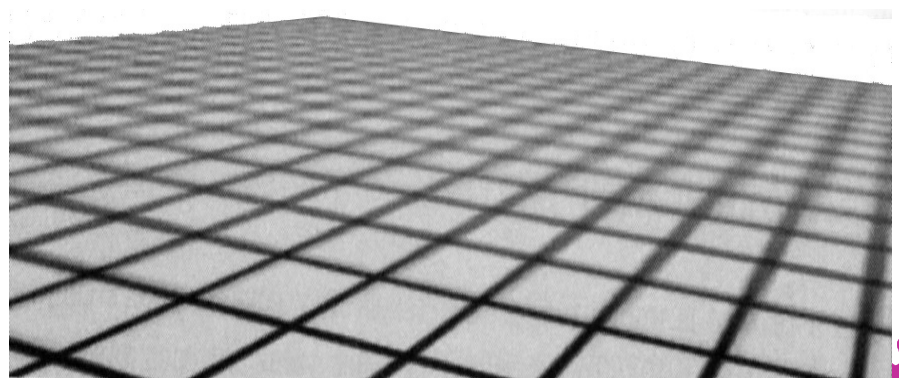
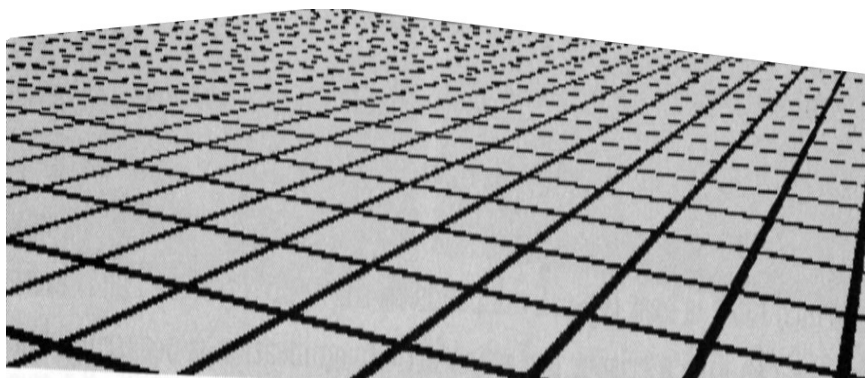
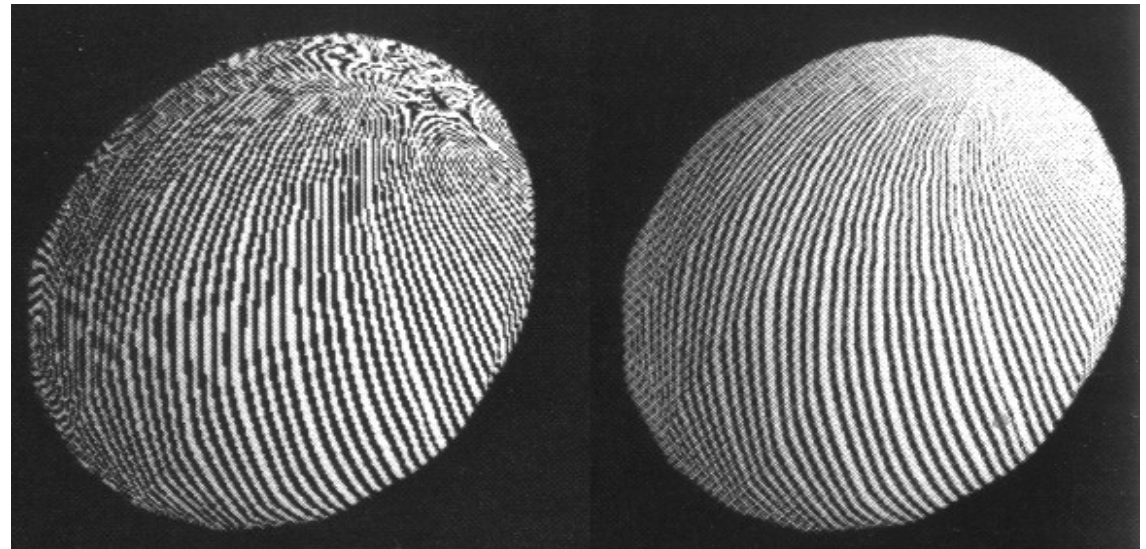


- As usual in OpenGL:
 - ◆ After using it, don't forget to unbind
 - ◆ Finally, if not needed anymore, delete the texture

```
// unbind texture  
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 0);  
  
...  
  
// delete texture  
glDeleteTextures(1, &textureHandle);
```



- Problem: One pixel in image space covers many texels
- Solution: Mipmaps



- (Pre-)Calculate different Levels of detail:
 - ◆ From original size (level 0) down to size of 1x1 pixel
- After data has been passed to OpenGL:
 - ◆ Use `glGenerateMipmap(...)` to generate a set of mipmaps for currently bound texture



```
// generate mipmaps for current bound 2D-texture  
glGenerateMipmap(GL_TEXTURE_2D);
```



■ Magnification-Filter:

◆ Nearest



vs.

Linear



```
// set filter-mode for currently bound 2D-texture  
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MAG_FILTER,  
                filter);
```

For filter-types see specification!

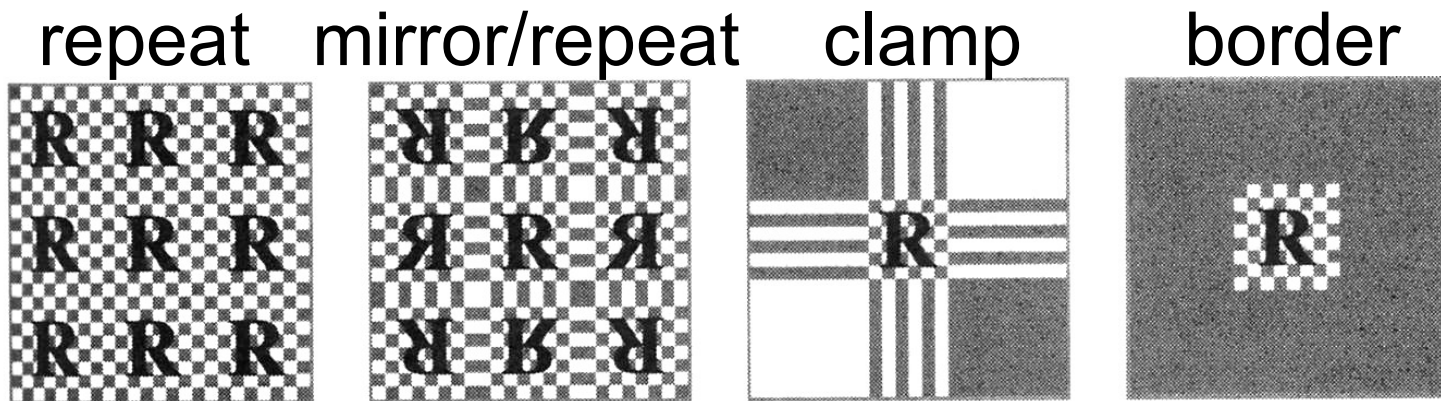


- Minification-Filter:
 - ◆ Without Mipmaps:
 - GL_*
 - ◆ With Mipmaps:
 - GL_*_MIPMAP_*
 - ◆ where * = NEAREST || LINEAR
 - ◆ **Recommended:**
 - Mipmaps with GL_LINEAR_MIPMAP_LINEAR

```
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER,  
                filter);
```



- Wrap and clamp:
 - ◆ GL_CLAMP, GL_REPEAT, GL_CLAMP_TO_BORDER, GL_CLAMP_TO_EDGE, GL_MIRRORED_REPEAT



```
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_*,  
                filter); // * = S || T || R
```



- Use different texture-units for different textures
- Use uniform `sampler*` variables in shader to access texture-units

```
// get location of sampler
GLuint texLocation = glGetUniformLocation(programHandle,
                                         "colorTexture");

// activate the texture-unit to which the texture should be bound to
glActiveTexture(GL_TEXTURE0 + textureUnit);
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, textureHandle);

// pass the texture unit (i.e., it's id) to the shader
glUniform1i(texLocation, textureUnit);
```



```
// Textures can be accessed with samplers
uniform sampler2D colorTexture;

// to access textures, coordinates are needed
in vec2 texCoord;

...

void main(void)
{
    ...

    // Access texture at specified coordinates
    vec4 texel = texture2D(colorTexture, texCoord);

    ...
}
```



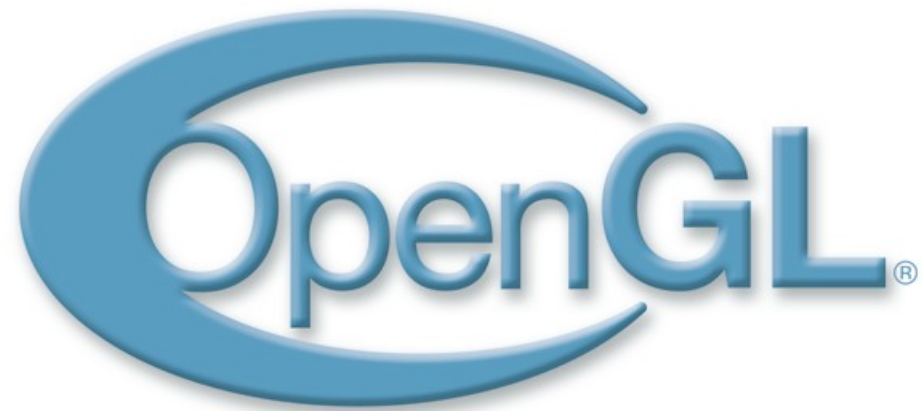
- If texture is not needed anymore, delete it

```
glDeleteTextures(1, &texId); // delete texture
```

■ References

- ◆ OpenGL Registry, <http://www.opengl.org/registry/>
- ◆ DGL Wiki, <http://wiki.delphigl.com>





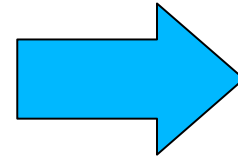
Framebuffer Objects

FBOs



■ “Normal” rendering

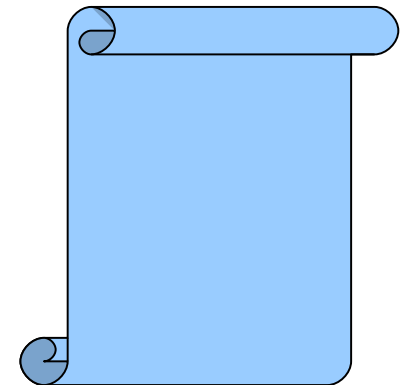
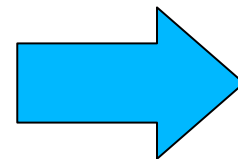
```
// GL Program
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vboHandle);
glVertexAttribPointer(vertexLocation, 4, GL_FLOAT,
GL_FALSE, 0, 0);
glEnableVertexAttribArray(vertexLocation);
glBindBuffer(GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER, vboHandle)
glDrawElements(GL_TRIANGLES, 3, GL_UNSIGNED_INT, 0);
glDisableVertexAttribArray(vertexLocation);
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, 0)
glBindBuffer(GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER, 0)
```



Screen

■ With FBO

```
// GL Program
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vboHandle);
glVertexAttribPointer(vertexLocation, 4, GL_FLOAT,
GL_FALSE, 0, 0);
glEnableVertexAttribArray(vertexLocation);
glBindBuffer(GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER, vboHandle)
glDrawElements(GL_TRIANGLES, 3, GL_UNSIGNED_INT, 0);
glDisableVertexAttribArray(vertexLocation);
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, 0)
glBindBuffer(GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER, 0)
```

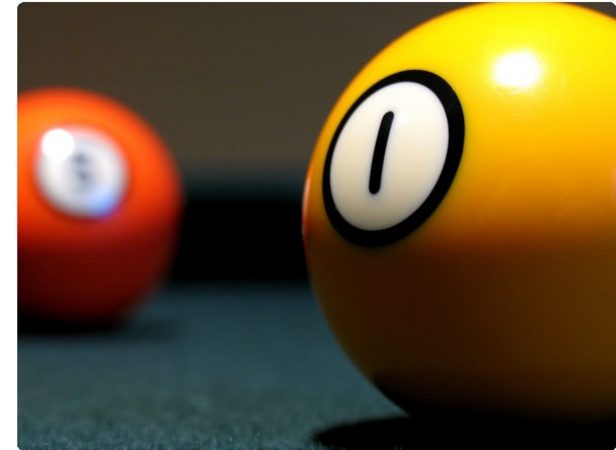


Texture





- Shadow Mapping
- Bloom
- HDR
- Motion Blur
- Depth of Field
- ...



- FBO is an encapsulation of attachments
- Attachments can be color- or renderbuffers
- Renderbuffers are objects that support off-screen rendering without an assigned texture
 - ◆ Depth- and stencil-buffer
- There can be more than one color attachment
 - ◆ Number depends on your HW
 - ◆ More than one is advanced stuff



- Generating an FBO is done as usual in OpenGL:
 - ◆ First generate an OpenGL-“name”
 - ◆ Then bind it to do something with it

```
GLuint fbo; // this will store our fbo-name  
  
// generate fbo  
glGenFramebuffers(1, &fbo);  
  
// bind FBO  
glBindFramebuffer(GL_FRAMEBUFFER, fbo);
```



- An FBO on it's own isn't much
- Therefore: attach renderable objects
- So we want to add a depth buffer
- Again, create name and bind it:

```
GLuint depthbuffer; // this will store our db-name  
  
// create a depth-buffer  
glGenRenderbuffers(1, &depthbuffer);  
  
// bind our depth-buffer  
glBindRenderbuffer(GL_RENDERBUFFER, depthbuffer);
```



- We didn't create any storage for our renderbuffer yet, so create it...
- ...and attach it to our FBO

```
// create storage for our renderbuffer  
glRenderbufferStorage(GL_RENDERBUFFER, GL_DEPTH_COMPONENT,  
width, height);
```

```
// attach renderbuffer to FBO  
glFramebufferRenderbuffer(GL_FRAMEBUFFER,  
GL_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT, GL_RENDERBUFFER, depthbuffer);
```



- To render to a texture, we first need one
- We create it as usual
- Note: width and height are the same as those for the FBO and renderbuffers!

```
// create a texture
GLuint img;

glGenTextures(1, &img);
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, img);

glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 0, GL_RGBA8, width, height,
             0, GL_RGBA, GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE, NULL);
```



- Simply attach the texture to the FBO

```
// attach texture to fbo  
glFramebufferTexture2D(GL_FRAMEBUFFER,  
    GL_COLOR_ATTACHMENT0, GL_TEXTURE_2D, img, 0);
```



- Check, if the creation worked out correctly
- See specification for detailed error-codes

```
// fbo-creation error-checking
GLenum status =
    glCheckFramebufferStatus(GL_FRAMEBUFFER);

if (status != GL_FRAMEBUFFER_COMPLETE) {
    // error
}
```



- Bind FBO – render scene – unbind FBO
- Note: need to set viewport for FBO!

```
// bind fbo
glBindFramebuffer(GL_FRAMEBUFFER, fbo);
glViewport(0, 0, width, height);

// clear our color- and depth-buffer
glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);

// render something here

// unbind fbo
glBindFramebuffer(GL_FRAMEBUFFER, 0);
```



- Just bind it like a regular texture
- Note: If you want to create MIP-maps from it, use `glGenerateMipmap()`! (For more see [GameDev\[1\]](#).)

```
// bind texture  
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, img);
```



- If FBO is not needed anymore, delete it
- Delete also all with the FBO associated renderbuffers and textures!

```
// delete fbo  
glDeleteFramebuffers(1, &fbo);  
  
// delete renderbuffer  
glDeleteRenderbuffers(1, &depthbuffer);  
  
// delete texture  
glDeleteTextures(1, &img);
```



- With an FBO, you can render into more than one texture simultaneously
- For more check the tutorials at www.gamedev.net[1] about DrawBuffers

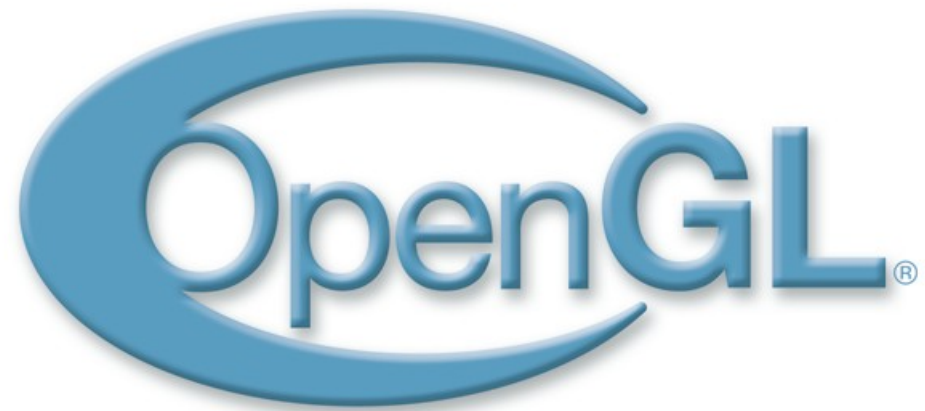
■ References:

◆ [1] Gamedev.net

<http://www.gamedev.net/reference/programming/features/fbo1/>

<http://www.gamedev.net/reference/programming/features/fbo2/>





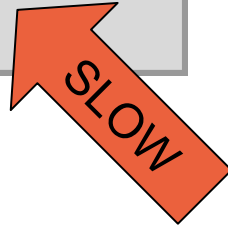
Vertexbuffer Objects VBOs



■ Without VBOs

```
Init()
  Load model data from file

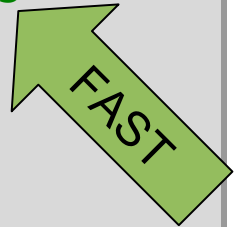
Render()
  Send model data to GPU
  Render model
```



■ With VBOs

```
Init():
  Load model data from file
  Send model data to GPU and
  store it in VBOs

Render():
  Enable VBOs
  Render model
```



- Slow: Send model data often to GPU
- Fast: Send model data once to GPU
- Conclusion: Use VBOs



■ Generate VBO

```
glGenBuffers(1, &vboHandle)

glBindBuffer(target, vboHandle);

glBufferData(target, size, data, usage)
```

■ *target*

◆ GL_ARRAY_BUFFER

- for vertex data: vertex position, normals, tex coords, tangent vector, ...

◆ GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER

- For index data



■ Generate VBO

```
glGenBuffers(1, &vboHandle)  
  
glBindBuffer(target, vboHandle);  
  
glBufferData(target, size, data, usage)
```

■ *size*

- ◆ used memory of data array
- ◆ e.g. `array_length * sizeof(float)`

■ *data*

- ◆ Array containing vertex data



■ Generate VBO

```
glGenBuffers(1, &vboHandle)

glBindBuffer(target, vboHandle);

glBufferData(target, size, data, usage)
```

■ *usage*

- ◆ GL_STREAM_DRAW, GL_STREAM_READ, GL_STREAM_COPY, GL_STATIC_DRAW, GL_STATIC_READ, GL_STATIC_COPY, GL_DYNAMIC_DRAW, GL_DYNAMIC_READ, GL_DYNAMIC_COPY



■ usage

GL_STREAM_...	You will modify the data once, then use it once, and repeat this process many times.
GL_STATIC_...	You will specify the data only once, then use it many times without modifying it.
GL_DYNAMIC_...	You will specify or modify the data repeatedly, and use it repeatedly after each time you do this.
..._DRAW	The data is generated by the application and passed to GL for rendering.
..._READ	The data is generated by GL, and copied into the VBO to be used for rendering.
..._COPY	The data is generated by GL, and read back by the application. It is not used by GL.

■ GL_STATIC_DRAW should be the most useful for CG2



■ Enable VBO and connect to Shader

```
// first get location
vertexLocation = glGetAttribLocation(programHandle,
"vertex");

// activate desired VBO
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vboHandle);

// set attribute-pointer
glVertexAttribPointer(vertexLocation, 4, GL_FLOAT,
GL_FALSE, 0, 0);

// finally enable attribute-array
glEnableVertexAttribArray(vertexLocation);
```



- Render triangles with DrawArrays or with DrawElements (if you have indices)

```
glDrawArrays(GL_TRIANGLES, 0, 3);
```

```
glBindBuffer(GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER, vboHandle)
```

```
glDrawElements(GL_TRIANGLES, 3, GL_UNSIGNED_INT, 0);
```

- Disable VBOs

```
glDisableVertexAttribArray(vertexLocation);
```

```
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, 0)
```

```
glBindBuffer(GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER, 0)
```



- If VBO is not needed anymore, delete it

```
glDeleteBuffers(1, &vboHandle)
```

■ References

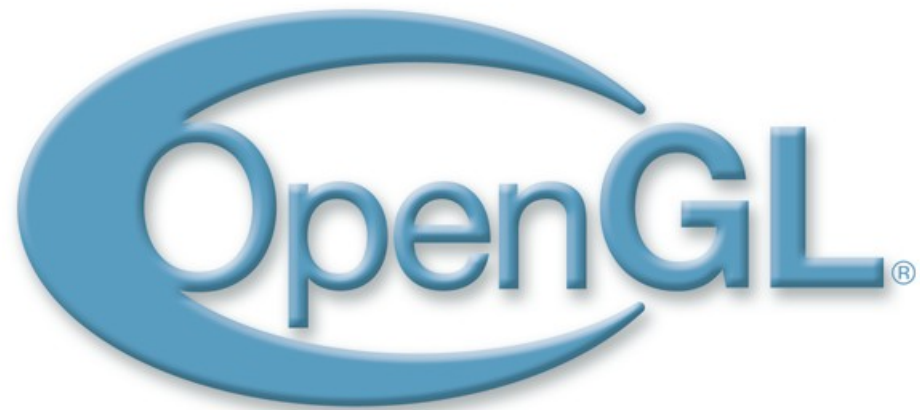
- ◆ OpenGL,

http://www.opengl.org/wiki/Vertex_Buffer_Objects

- ◆ DGL Wiki,

http://wiki.delphigl.com/index.php/Tutorial_Vertexbufferobject





Vertex Array Objects VAOs



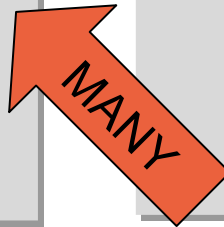
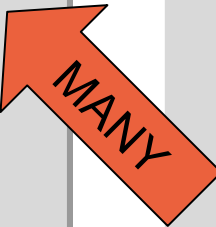
■ Without VAOs

Render()

```
Enable vertex attribute 1  
Enable vertex attribute 2  
...  
Enable vertex attribute n
```

Render model

```
Disable vertex attribute 1  
Disable vertex attribute 2  
...  
Disable vertex attribute n
```



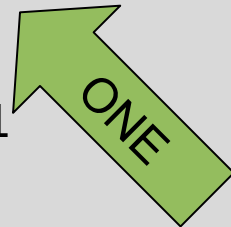
■ With VAOs

Render():

```
Enable VAO
```

```
Render model
```

```
Disable VAO
```



- VAOs are a collection of VBOs and attribute pointers



```
// Create and Bind VAO
glGenVertexArrays(1, &vaoId);
glBindVertexArray(vaoId);

// Bind VBO
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vbo1Id);
// Set Attribute Pointer
GLint loc = glGetAttribLocation(programHandle, "attrib1");
glEnableVertexAttribArray(loc);
glVertexAttribPointer(loc, 3, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, 0, 0);

// Continue with other VBOs/AttribPointers
...

// Unbind VAO
glBindVertexArray(0);
```

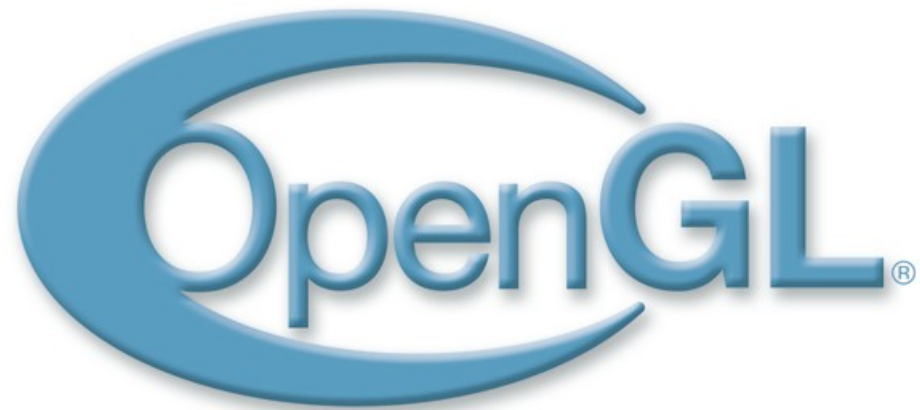


```
// Enable Shader  
glUseProgram(programHandle);  
  
// Bind VAO  
glBindVertexArray(vaoId);  
  
// Set Render Calls  
glDrawElements(GL_TRIANGLES, 3, GL_UNSIGNED_INT, 0);  
  
// Unbind VAO  
glBindVertexArray(0);  
  
// Disable Shader  
glUseProgram(0);
```



- Per combination of Shader and Model (VBOs) one VAO is needed
- Don't call `glBindBuffer(GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER, 0)`; when a VAO is bound, or the VAO will loose the current set index vbo
- References:
 - ◆ OpenGL,
http://www.opengl.org/registry/specs/ARB/vertex_array_object.txt





Uniform Buffer Objects UBOs

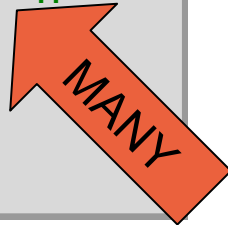


■ Without UBOs

Render()

```
Set uniform parameter 1  
Set uniform parameter 2  
...  
Set uniform parameter n
```

Render model



■ With UBOs

Render():

```
Enable UBO  
Pass uniform parameters  
at once
```

Render model

```
Disable UBO
```



- In shaders: uniforms are grouped into blocks
- Blocks can have scope names
 - ◆ Access to uniform only via scope name

```
uniform MaterialBlock {
    vec3 ambient;
    vec3 diffuse;
    vec3 specular;
    float shininess;
};

void main(void)
{
    out_Color = ambient;
}
```

```
uniform MaterialBlock {
    vec3 ambient;
    vec3 diffuse;
    vec3 specular;
    float shininess;
} material;

void main(void)
{
    out_Color = material.ambient;
}
```



- Data layout should be specified
 - ◆ 3 layouts available: packed, shared, std140

- ◆ Use std140

```
layout(std140) uniform MaterialBlock {  
    vec3 ambient;  
    vec3 diffuse;  
    vec3 specular;  
    float shininess;  
};
```

- It is possible to choose between row-major and column-major for matrices

```
layout(row_major) uniform;  
//Row major is now the default for matrices.
```



- The same data structure is needed in both, the shader and the program

In the shader:

```
uniform MaterialBlock {
    vec3 ambient;
    vec3 diffuse;
    vec3 specular;
    float shininess;
};
```

In the program:

```
GLfloat material[] =
{
    0.3f, 0.3f, 0.3f, // ambient
    0.6f, 0.6f, 0.6f, // diffuse
    0.1f, 0.1f, 0.1f, // specular
    50           // shininess
};
```



- Start with getting an id for the UBO

```
GLuint uboId;  
glGenBuffers(1, &uboId);
```

- Then get the index of the uniform block
 - ◆ This index helps us to identify a block

```
GLuint blockIdx;  
blockIdx = glGetUniformLocation(programHandle, "MaterialBlock");
```



- You might wanna ask OpenGL for the size of the block
- The block size should be the same as the size of the data structure in the program

```
Glint blockSize;
glGetActiveUniformBlockiv(programHandle, blockIdx,
GL_UNIFORM_BLOCK_DATA_SIZE, &blockSize);

// Test if both data structures have the same size
if( sizeof(material) != blockSize )
    ERROR!
```



- Create the buffer
- Choose `DYNAMIC_DRAW` since uniforms might be changed

```
glBindBuffer(GL_UNIFORM_BUFFER, uboId);  
glBufferData(GL_UNIFORM_BUFFER, blockSize, NULL, GL_DYNAMIC_DRAW);
```



- For rendering, just pass the data to the UBO
- The uniform blocks will automatically get the data since they are connected with the UBO

Enable Shader

Connect block/buffer to binding point (see next slide)

```
// Bind Buffer
glBindBuffer(GL_UNIFORM_BUFFER, uboId);
// And pass data to UBO
glBufferData(GL_UNIFORM_BUFFER, blockSize, material,
GL_DYNAMIC_DRAW);
```

Render Calls

Disable Shader



- At last, connect the uniform block and the uniform buffer to a binding point
- Binding points connect uniform blocks to uniform buffers
- Use different binding points for different blocks/buffers
 - ◆ Like you should use different texture units for different textures/samplers

```
GLuint bindingPoint = 0;  
glBindBufferBase(GL_UNIFORM_BUFFER, bindingPoint, uboId);  
glUniformBlockBinding(programHandle, blockIdx, bindingPoint);
```



- If UBO is not needed anymore, delete it

```
glDeleteBuffers(1, &uboId);
```

- References

- ◆ OpenGL,

http://www.opengl.org/registry/specs/ARB/uniform_buffer_object.txt



Notes on CG2



- Textures/VBOs are mandatory
- You also have to implement (at least) one of the following:

◆ FBOs



USEFUL FOR A LOT OF EFFECTS

◆ VAOs



JUST 5 LINES OF CODE

◆ UBOs

