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# Shaders and GLSL

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# Objectives

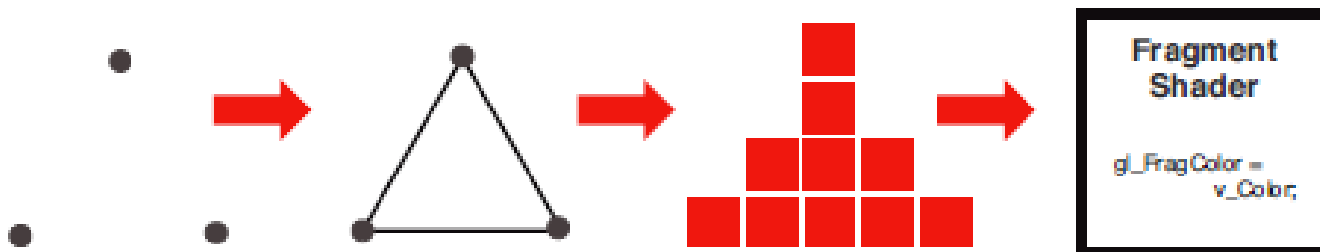
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- Introduce shaders
  - Vertex shaders
  - Fragment shaders
  - Introduce a standard program structure
- Initialization steps and program structure
- Review sample shaders

# Graphics Pipeline

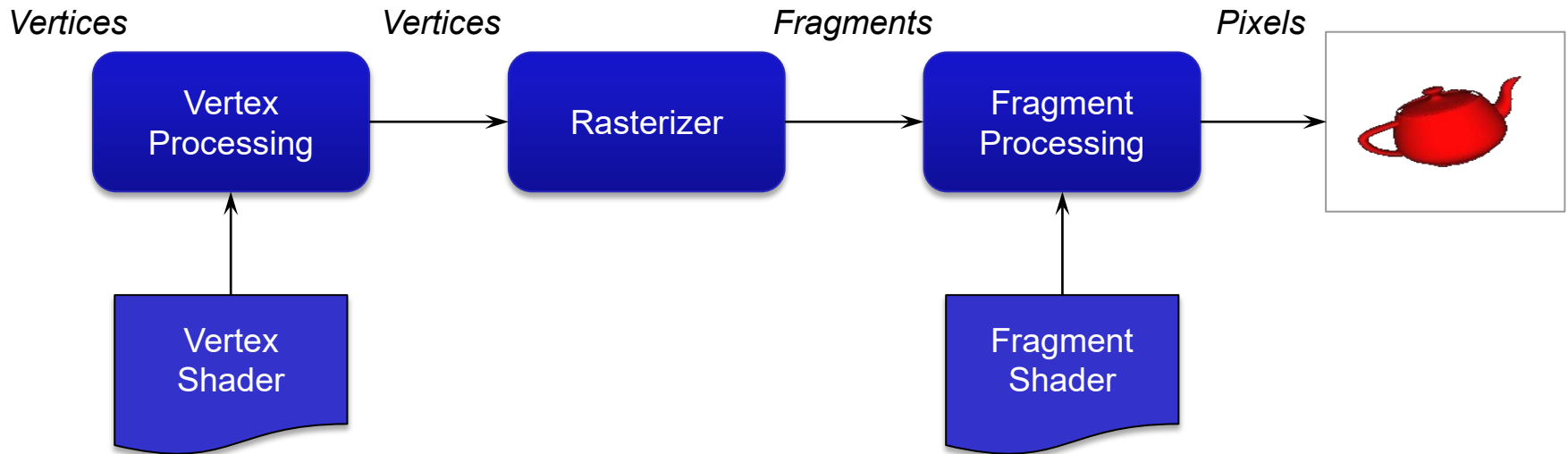
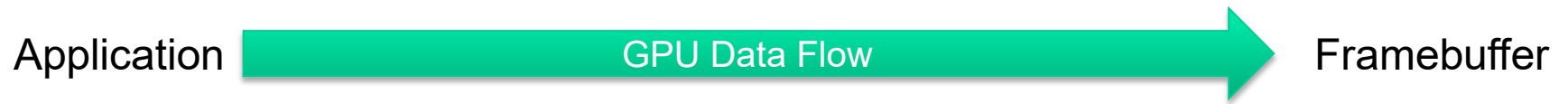
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- Vertices stream into vertex processor and are transformed into new vertices
- These vertices are collected to form primitives
- Primitives are rasterized to form fragments
- Fragments are colored by fragment processor



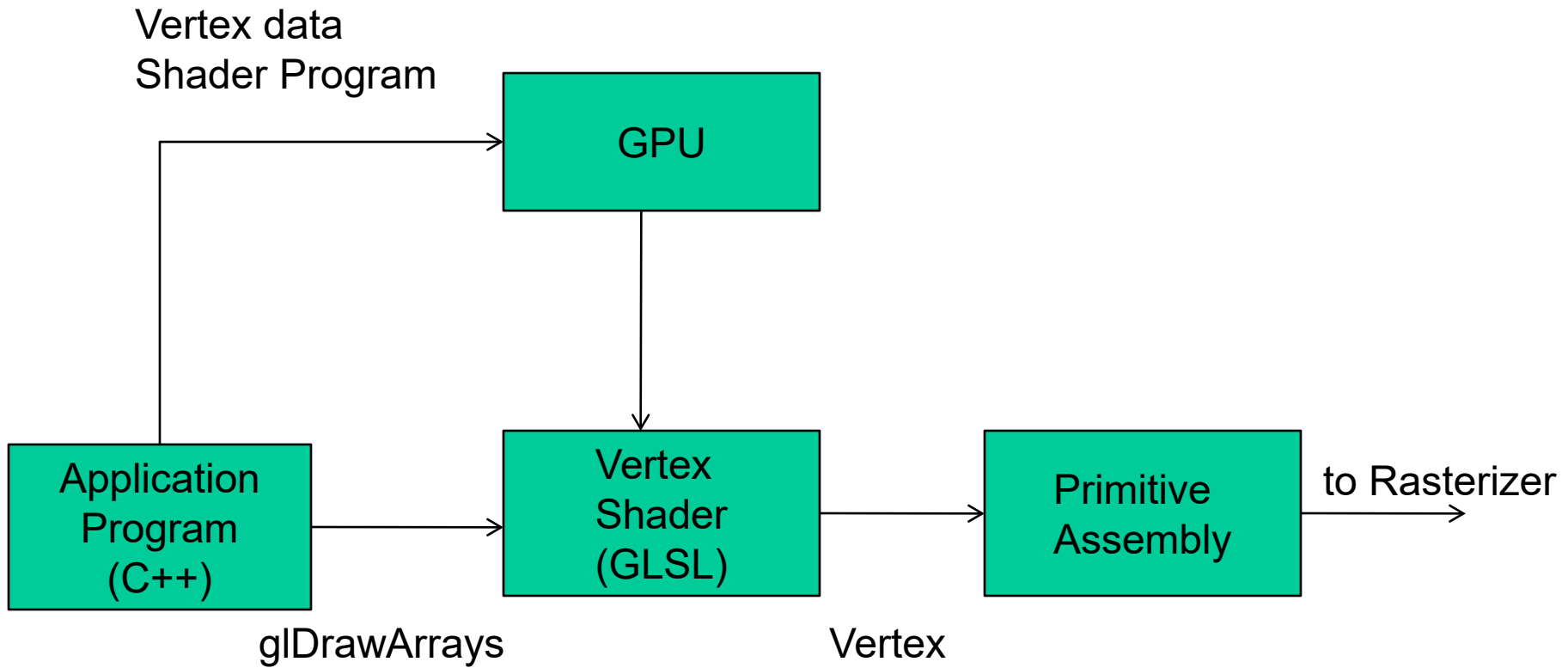
# Simplified Pipeline Model

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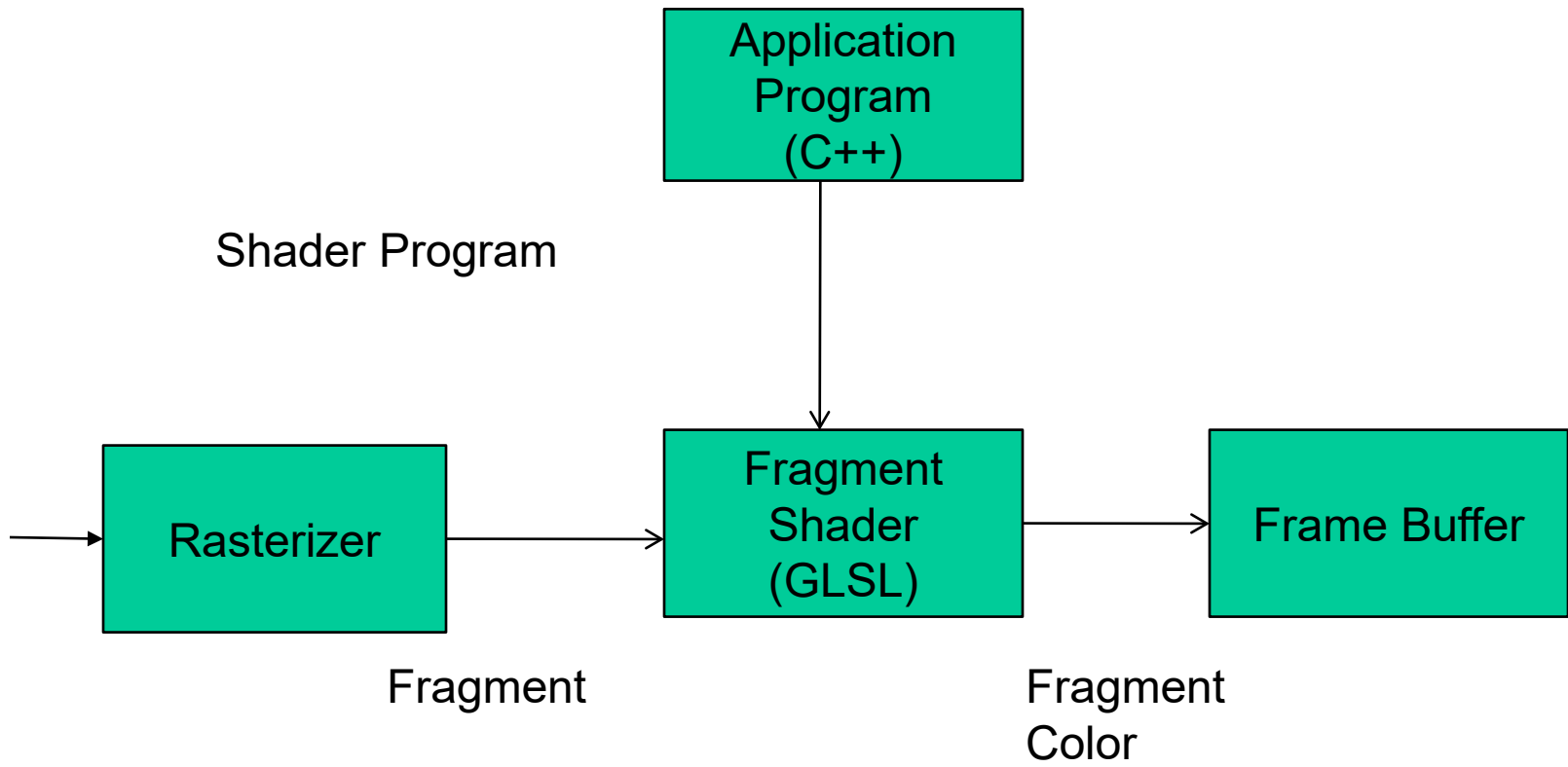
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# Writing Shaders

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- As of OpenGL 3.1, application programs must provide shaders
  - Application programs reside on CPU
  - Shader programs reside on GPU
- OpenGL extensions added for vertex and fragment shaders
- Shaders are written with the OpenGL Shading Language (GLSL)

# GLSL: OpenGL Shading Language

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- Part of OpenGL 2.0 and up
- High level C-like language
- New data types
  - Matrices (`mat2`, `mat3`, `mat4`)
  - Vectors (`vec2`, `vec3`, `vec4`, ...)
  - Samplers (`sampler1D`, `sampler2D`, ...)
- New qualifiers: `in`, `out`, `uniform`
- Similar to Microsoft HLSL
- New OpenGL functions to compile, link, and get information to shaders



# Differences between GLSL and C

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- Matrix and vector types are built into GLSL
  - they can be passed into and output from GLSL functions, e.g. `mat3 func(mat3 a)`
- GLSL is designed to be run on massively parallel implementations
  - Recursion is not allowed in GLSL
  - No pointers in GLSL
  - Precision requirements for floats are not as strict as IEEE standards that govern C implementations

# GLSL Data Types

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- Scalar types: float, int, bool
- Vector types: vec2, vec3, vec4  
ivec2, ivec3, ivec4  
bvec2, bvec3, bvec4
- Matrix types: mat2, mat3, mat4
- Texture sampling: sampler1D, sampler2D,  
sampler3D,  
samplerCube
- C++ Style Constructors  

```
vec3 a = vec3(1.0, 2.0, 3.0);
```

# Qualifiers (1)

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- GLSL has many of the same qualifiers as C/C++
- Need others due to the nature of the execution model
- Variables can change
  - Once per primitive
  - Once per vertex
  - Once per fragment
  - At any time in the application
- Vertex attributes are interpolated by the rasterizer into fragment attributes

# Qualifiers (2)

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- **in, out**

- Copy vertex attributes and other variable into and out of shaders

```
in  vec2 texCoord;  
out vec4 color;
```

- **uniform**

- shader-constant variable from application

```
uniform float time;  
uniform vec4 rotation;
```

# Simple Vertex Shader

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input from application; may use **attribute** (older style) instead of **in**

`in vec4 vPosition;`

`void main(void)`

must link to variable in application

{

`gl_Position = vPosition;`

}

built-in variable

# Simple Fragment Program

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```
void main(void)
{
    gl_FragColor = vec4(1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
}
```

# Attribute Qualifier

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- Attribute-qualified variables can change at most once per vertex
- There are a few built in variables such as `gl_Position` but most have been deprecated
- User defined (in application program)
  - Use **in** or **attribute** qualifier to get to shader
  - `in float temperature`
  - `attribute vec3 velocity`

# Varying Qualified

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- Variables that are passed from vertex shader to fragment shader
- Automatically interpolated by the rasterizer
- Old style used the varying qualifier  
`varying vec4 color;`
- Now use **out** in vertex shader and **in** in the fragment shader  
`out vec4 color;`



# Attribute and Varying Qualifiers

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- Starting with GLSL 1.5 attribute and varying qualifiers have been replaced by in and out qualifiers
- No changes needed in application
- Vertex shader example:

```
#version 1.4
attribute vec3 vPosition;
varying vec3 color;
```

```
#version 1.5
in vec3 vPosition;
out vec3 color;
```

# Uniform Qualified

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- Variables that are constant for an entire primitive
- Can be changed in application and sent to shaders
- Cannot be changed in shader
- Used to pass information to shader such as the bounding box of a primitive

# Built-in Variables

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- **gl\_Position**
  - (required) output position of current vertex
- **gl\_PointSize**
  - pixel width/height of the point being rasterized
- **gl\_FragCoord**
  - input fragment position
- **gl\_FragDepth**
  - input depth value in fragment shader

# Simple Vertex Shader

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```
#version 450
```

```
in  vec4 a_Position;
```

```
in  vec4 a_Color;
```

```
out vec4 color;
```

```
void main()
```

```
{
```

```
    color = a_Color;
```

```
    gl_Position = a_Position;
```

```
}
```

# Simple Fragment Shader

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```
#version 450

in  vec4 color;
out vec4 fColor; // fragment's final color

void main()
{
    fColor = color;
    // OR: gl_FragColor = color;
}
```

# Operators and Functions

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- Standard C functions
  - Arithmetic: `sqrt`, `power`, `abs`
  - Trigonometric: `sin`, `asin`
  - Graphical: `length`, `reflect`
- Overloading of vector and matrix types

```
mat4 a;  
vec4 b, c, d;  
c = b*a; // a row vector stored as a 1D array  
d = a*b; // a column vector stored as a 1D array
```

# Swizzling and Selection

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- Can refer to array elements by element using [ ] or selection (.) operator with
  - x, y, z, w
  - r, g, b, a
  - s, t, p, q
  - `a[2]`, `a.b`, `a.z`, `a.p` are the same
- **Swizzling** operator lets us manipulate components

```
vec4 a;  
a.yz = vec2(1.0, 2.0);
```

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# Objectives

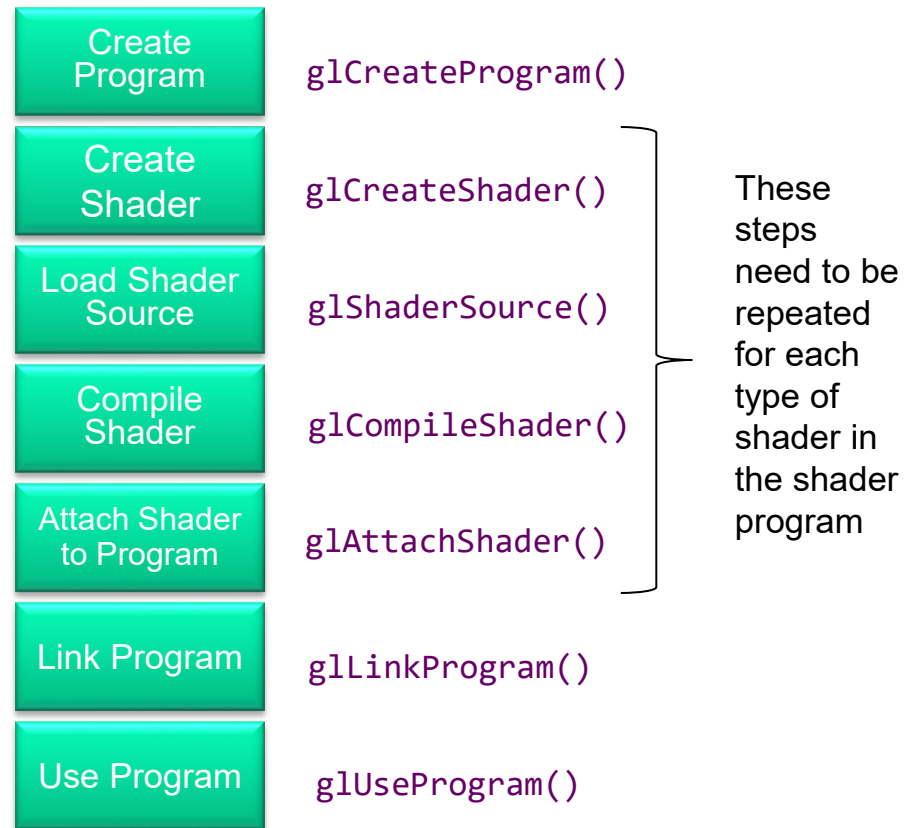
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- Coupling shaders to applications
  - Reading
  - Compiling
  - Linking
- Vertex Attributes
- Setting up uniform variables
- Example applications

# Getting Your Shaders into OpenGL

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- Shaders need to be compiled and linked to form an executable shader program
- OpenGL provides the compiler and linker
- A program must contain
  - vertex and fragment shaders
  - other shaders are optional



# Linking Shaders with Application

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- Read shaders
- Compile shaders
- Create a program object
- Link everything together
- Link variables in application with variables in shaders
  - Vertex attributes
  - Uniform variables

# Program Object

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- Container for shaders
  - Can contain multiple shaders
  - Other GLSL functions

```
GLuint program = glCreateProgram();
```

```
// define shader objects here
```

```
glUseProgram (program);
```

```
glLinkProgram(program);
```

# Reading a Shader

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- Shaders are added to the program object and compiled
- Usual method of passing a shader is as a null-terminated string using the function **glShaderSource**
- If the shader is in a file, we can write a reader to convert the file to a string

# Adding a Vertex Shader (1)

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```
GLuint LoadShaders(const char * vertex_file_path,const char * fragment_file_path){

    // Create the shaders
    GLuint VertexShaderID = glCreateShader(GL_VERTEX_SHADER);
    GLuint FragmentShaderID = glCreateShader(GL_FRAGMENT_SHADER);

    // Read the Vertex Shader code from the file
    std::string VertexShaderCode;
    std::ifstream VertexShaderStream(vertex_file_path, std::ios::in);
    if(VertexShaderStream.is_open())
    {
        std::string Line = "";
        while(getline(VertexShaderStream, Line))
            VertexShaderCode += "\n" + Line;
        VertexShaderStream.close();
    }

    // Read the Fragment Shader code from the file
    std::string FragmentShaderCode;
    std::ifstream FragmentShaderStream(fragment_file_path, std::ios::in);
    if(FragmentShaderStream.is_open()){
        std::string Line = "";
        while(getline(FragmentShaderStream, Line))
            FragmentShaderCode += "\n" + Line;
        FragmentShaderStream.close();
    }
}
```

# Adding a Vertex Shader (2)

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```
GLint Result = GL_FALSE;
int InfoLogLength;

// Compile Vertex Shader
printf("Compiling shader : %s\n", vertex_file_path);
char const * VertexSourcePointer = VertexShaderCode.c_str();
glShaderSource (VertexShaderID, 1, &VertexSourcePointer , NULL);
glCompileShader(VertexShaderID);

// Check Vertex Shader
glGetShaderiv(VertexShaderID, GL_COMPILE_STATUS, &Result);
glGetShaderiv(VertexShaderID, GL_INFO_LOG_LENGTH, &InfoLogLength);
std::vector<char> VertexShaderErrorMessage(InfoLogLength);
glGetShaderInfoLog(VertexShaderID, InfoLogLength, NULL, &VertexShaderErrorMessage[0]);
fprintf(stdout, "%s\n", &VertexShaderErrorMessage[0]);

// Compile Fragment Shader
printf("Compiling shader : %s\n", fragment_file_path);
char const * FragmentSourcePointer = FragmentShaderCode.c_str();
glShaderSource (FragmentShaderID, 1, &FragmentSourcePointer , NULL);
glCompileShader(FragmentShaderID);

// Check Fragment Shader
glGetShaderiv(FragmentShaderID, GL_COMPILE_STATUS, &Result);
glGetShaderiv(FragmentShaderID, GL_INFO_LOG_LENGTH, &InfoLogLength);
std::vector<char> FragmentShaderErrorMessage(InfoLogLength);
glGetShaderInfoLog(FragmentShaderID, InfoLogLength, NULL, &FragmentShaderErrorMessage[0]);
fprintf(stdout, "%s\n", &FragmentShaderErrorMessage[0]);
```

# Adding a Vertex Shader (3)

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```
// Link the program
fprintf(stdout, "Linking program\n");
GLuint ProgramID = glCreateProgram();
glAttachShader(ProgramID, VertexShaderID);
glAttachShader(ProgramID, FragmentShaderID);
glLinkProgram(ProgramID);

// Check the program
glGetProgramiv(ProgramID, GL_LINK_STATUS, &Result);
glGetProgramiv(ProgramID, GL_INFO_LOG_LENGTH, &InfoLogLength);
std::vector<char> ProgramErrorMessage( max(InfoLogLength, int(1)) );
glGetProgramInfoLog(ProgramID, InfoLogLength, NULL, &ProgramErrorMessage[0]);
fprintf(stdout, "%s\n", &ProgramErrorMessage[0]);

glDeleteShader(VertexShaderID);
glDeleteShader(FragmentShaderID);

return ProgramID;
}
```



# A Simpler Way

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- Qt created a routine to make it easy to load shaders

```
#include <QGLShaderProgram>
QGLShaderProgram program;
program.addShaderFromSourceFile(QGLShader::Vertex,    “:/vshader.glsl”);
program.addShaderFromSourceFile(QGLShader::Fragment, “:/fshader.glsl”);
```

- Fails if shaders don't compile, or program doesn't link
- Add shader programs in qrc file:

```
<RCC>
  <qresource prefix="/">
    <file>vshader.glsl</file>
    <file>fshader.glsl</file>
  </qresource>
</RCC>
```

# Associating Shader Variables and Data

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- Vertex attributes are named in the shaders
- Linker forms a table
- Application can get index from table and tie it to an application variable
- Similar process for uniform variables

# Vertex Attribute Example

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```
GLuint positionLoc = glGetAttribLocation( program, "a_Position" );
glEnableVertexAttribArray( positionLoc );
glVertexAttribPointer( positionLoc, // attribute at location positionLoc
    2, // size
    GL_FLOAT, // type
    GL_FALSE, // normalized?
    0, // stride
    (void *) 0 // array buffer offset
);
```

# Uniform Variable Example

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```
GLint angleLoc; // location of angle defined in shader
angleLoc = glGetUniformLocation(program, "angle");

// my_angle set in application
GLfloat my_angle = 5.0 // or some other value

glUniform1f(angleLoc, my_angle);
```

# Adding Color

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- If we set a color in the application, we can send it to the shaders as a vertex attribute or as a uniform variable depending on how often it changes
- Let's associate a color with each vertex
- Set up an array of same size as positions
- Send to GPU as a vertex buffer object

# Setting Colors

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```
vec3  base_colors[4] = {vec3(1.0, 0.0, 0.0), ...  
vec3  colors[NumVertices];  
vec3  points[NumVertices];  
  
// in loop setting positions  
  
colors[i] = base_colors[color_index]  
points[i] = .....
```

# Setting Up Buffer Object

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```
// this will identify our buffer
GLuint vertexbuffer

// generate one buffer, put the resulting identifier in vertexbuffer
glGenBuffers(1, &vertexbuffer);

// the following commands will talk about our "vertexbuffer" buffer
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vertexbuffer);

// pass vertices to OpenGL; NULL ptr: data will be loaded later
glBufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof(points) + sizeof(colors),
             NULL, GL_STATIC_DRAW);

// load data separately
glBufferSubData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, 0, sizeof(points), points);
glBufferSubData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof(points), sizeof(colors),
               colors);
```

# Link Buffer with Vertex Attributes

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```
// vPosition and vColor identifiers in vertex shader

loc1 = glGetAttribLocation(program, "vPosition");
glEnableVertexAttribArray(loc1);
glVertexAttribPointer(loc1, 3, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, 0,
                      (void *) 0);

loc2 = glGetAttribLocation(program, "vColor");
glEnableVertexAttribArray(loc2);
glVertexAttribPointer(loc2, 3, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, 0,
                      (void *) sizeof(points));

// draw the triangles
glDrawArrays(GL_TRIANGLES, 0, NumVertices);
```



# Vertex Shader Examples

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- A vertex shader is initiated by each vertex output by `glDrawArrays()`
- A vertex shader must output a position in clip coordinates to the rasterizer
- Basic uses of vertex shaders
  - Transformations
  - Lighting
  - Moving vertex positions

# Wave Motion Vertex Shader

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```
in vec4 vPosition;
uniform float xs, zs, // frequencies
uniform float h;      // height scale
void main()
{
    vec4 t = vPosition;
    t.y = vPosition.y
        + h*sin(time + xs*vPosition.x)
        + h*sin(time + zs*vPosition.z);
    gl_Position = t;
}
```

# Particle System

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```
in vec3 vPosition;
uniform mat4 ModelViewProjectionMatrix;
uniform vec3 init_vel;
uniform float g, m, t;

void main() {
    vec3 object_pos;
    object_pos.x = vPosition.x + vel.x*t;
    object_pos.y = vPosition.y + vel.y*t + g/(2.0*m)*t*t;
    object_pos.z = vPosition.z + vel.z*t;
    gl_Position = ModelViewProjectionMatrix*vec4(object_pos,1);
}
```

# Pass Through Fragment Shader

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```
// pass-through fragment shader
in vec4 color;
void main(void)
{
    gl_FragColor = color;
}
```

# Fragment Shader Applications (1)

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Per fragment lighting calculations



per vertex lighting

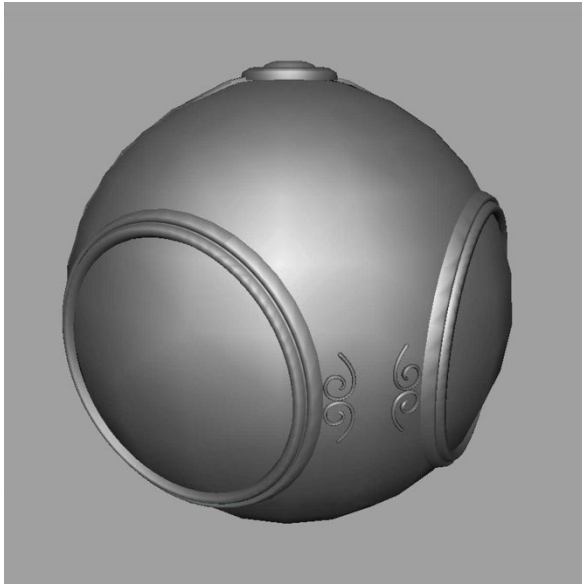


per fragment lighting

# Fragment Shader Applications (2)

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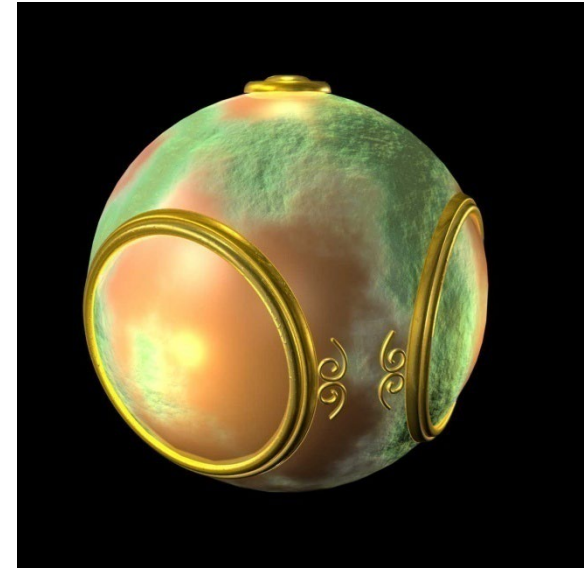
## Texture mapping



smooth shading



environment  
mapping



bump mapping

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# **Programming with OpenGL: A Complete Program with Shaders**

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# Objectives

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- Build a complete shader-based program
  - Application program (C++)
  - Shaders (GLSL)
    - Vertex shaders
    - Fragment shaders
  - Introduce a standard program structure
- Simple viewing
  - Two-dimensional viewing as a special case of three-dimensional viewing
- Initialization steps and program structure



# OpenGL Programming in a Nutshell

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- Modern OpenGL programs essentially do the following steps:
  - Create shader programs
  - Create buffer objects and load data into them
  - “Connect” data locations with shader variables
  - Render

# Application Program Structure

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- Most OpenGL programs have a similar structure that consists of the following functions
  - **main()** :
    - Opens main window with control panel and OpenGL canvas
    - Enters event loop (last executable statement)
  - **initializeGL()** : sets the state variables
    - Viewing
    - Attributes
  - **resizeGL()** : handles window resizing event
    - Sets viewport
    - Sets viewing coordinates for orthographic or perspective projection
  - **paintGL()** : render scene
    - Clear framebuffer
    - Call `glDrawArrays()` to pump vertices to vertex shader

# paintGL()

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- Key issue is that we must form a data array to send to GPU and then render it
- Once we get data to GPU, we can initiate the rendering with a call to `paintGL()`

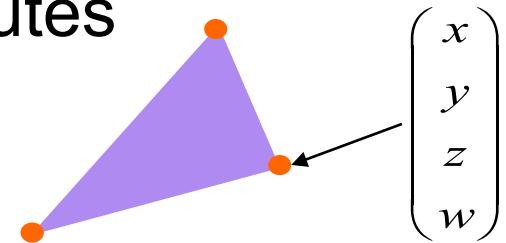
```
void paintGL()
{
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
    glDrawArrays(GL_TRIANGLES, 0, 3);
}
```

- Arrays are buffer objects that contain vertex arrays

# Representing Geometric Objects

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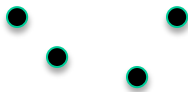
- Geometric objects are represented using *vertices*
- A vertex is a collection of generic attributes
  - positional coordinates
  - colors
  - texture coordinates
  - any other data associated with that point in space
- Position stored in 4D homogeneous coordinates
- Vertex data must be stored in vertex buffer objects (VBOs)
- VBOs may be stored in vertex array objects (VAOs)



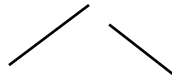
# OpenGL's Geometric Primitives

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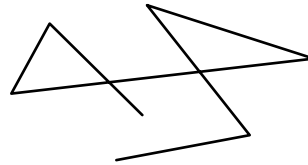
- All primitives are specified by vertices



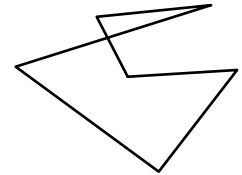
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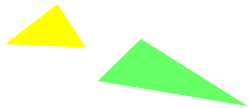
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GL\_LINE\_STRIP



GL\_LINE\_LOOP



GL\_TRIANGLES



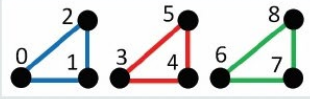
GL\_TRIANGLE\_STRIP



GL\_TRIANGLE\_FAN

# OpenGL's Geometric Primitives

## GL\_TRIANGLES

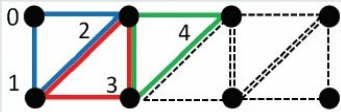


The most common primitive type in this book.  
Vertices that pass through the pipeline form distinct triangles:

vertices: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 etc.

triangles:  ✓  ✓  ✓

## GL\_TRIANGLE\_STRIP

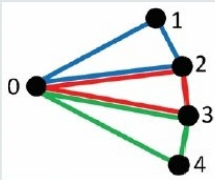


Each vertex that passes through the pipeline efficiently forms a triangle with the previous two vertices:

vertices: 0 1 2 1 2 3 2 3 4 etc.

triangles:  ✓  ✓  ✓

## GL\_TRIANGLE\_FAN



Each pair of vertices that passes through the pipeline forms a triangle with the very first vertex:

vertices: 0 1 2 3 4 etc.

triangles:  ✓  ✓  ✓

## GL\_LINES



Vertices that pass through the pipeline form distinct lines:

vertices: 0 1 2 2 3 3 4 5 etc.

lines:  ✓  ✓  ✓

## GL\_LINE\_STRIP



Each vertex that passes through the pipeline efficiently forms a line with the previous vertex:

vertices: 0 1 2 1 2 3 etc.

lines:  ✓  ✓  ✓

# Vertex Arrays

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- Vertices can have many attributes
  - Position
  - Color
  - Texture Coordinates
  - Application data
- A vertex array holds these data
- Using QVector2D types

```
typedef QVector2D vec2;  
vec2 points[3] = {  
    vec2(0.0, 0.0), vec2(0.0, 1.0), vec2(1.0, 1.0)  
};
```

# Vertex Array Object

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- Bundles all vertex data (positions, colors, ..,)
- Get name for buffer then bind

```
GLuint abuffer;  
glGenVertexArrays(1, &abuffer);  
glBindVertexArray(abuffer);
```

- At this point we have a current vertex array but no contents
- Use of `glBindVertexArray` lets us switch between VBOs
- At least one VAO must be created whenever shaders are used, even if no VBOs are used in application.



# Buffer Object

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- Buffer objects allow us to transfer large amounts of data to the GPU
- Need to create, bind and identify data

```
GLuint buffer;  
glGenBuffers(1, &buffer);  
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, buffer);  
glBufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof(points), points);
```

- Data in current vertex array is sent to GPU

# Our First Program

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- We'll render a cube with colors at each vertex
- Our example demonstrates:
  - initializing vertex data
  - organizing data for rendering
  - simple object modeling
    - building up 3D objects from geometric primitives
    - building geometric primitives from vertices

# Initializing the Cube's Data (1)

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- We'll build each cube face from individual triangles
- Need to determine how much storage is required
  - (6 faces)(2 triangles/face)(3 vertices/triangle)

```
const int NumVertices = 36;
```

- To simplify communicating with GLSL, we'll use a vec4 class (implemented in C++) similar to GLSL's vec4 type

# Initializing the Cube's Data (2)

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- Before we can initialize our VBO, we need to stage the data
- Our cube has two attributes per vertex
  - position
  - color
- We create two arrays to hold the VBO data

```
vec4  positions[NumVertices];  
vec4  colors    [NumVertices];
```

# Cube Data (1)

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- Vertices of a unit cube centered at origin
  - sides aligned with axes

```
vec4 xyz[8] = {  
    vec4( -0.5, -0.5,  0.5, 1.0 ),  
    vec4( -0.5,  0.5,  0.5, 1.0 ),  
    vec4(  0.5,  0.5,  0.5, 1.0 ),  
    vec4(  0.5, -0.5,  0.5, 1.0 ),  
    vec4( -0.5, -0.5, -0.5, 1.0 ),  
    vec4( -0.5,  0.5, -0.5, 1.0 ),  
    vec4(  0.5,  0.5, -0.5, 1.0 ),  
    vec4(  0.5, -0.5, -0.5, 1.0 )  
};
```

# Cube Data (2)

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- We'll also set up an array of RGBA colors

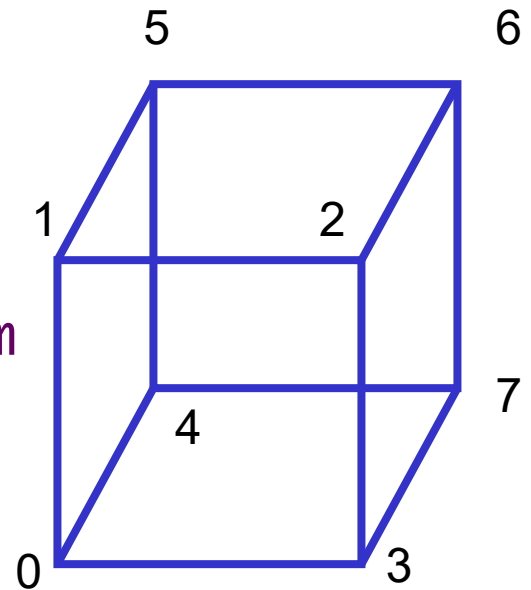
```
vec4 rgba[8] = {  
    vec4( 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0 ), // black  
    vec4( 1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0 ), // red  
    vec4( 1.0, 1.0, 0.0, 1.0 ), // yellow  
    vec4( 0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 1.0 ), // green  
    vec4( 0.0, 0.0, 1.0, 1.0 ), // blue  
    vec4( 1.0, 0.0, 1.0, 1.0 ), // magenta  
    vec4( 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0 ), // white  
    vec4( 0.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0 ) // cyan  
};
```

# Generating the Cube from Faces

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- Generate 12 triangles for the cube
  - 36 vertices with 36 colors

```
void colorcube()  
{  
    quad( 1, 0, 3, 2 ); // front  
    quad( 2, 3, 7, 6 ); // right  
    quad( 3, 0, 4, 7 ); // bottom  
    quad( 6, 5, 1, 2 ); // top  
    quad( 4, 5, 6, 7 ); // rear  
    quad( 5, 4, 0, 1 ); // left  
}
```



Vertices are ordered to obtain correct outward facing normals

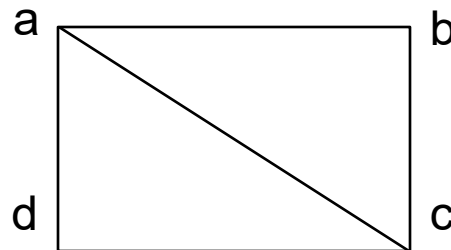
# Generating a Cube Face from Vertices

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- To simplify generating the geometry, we use a convenience function `quad()`
  - create two triangles for each face and assign colors to the vertices

```
int Index = 0; // global variable indexing into VBO arrays
```

```
void quad( int a, int b, int c, int d )  
{  
    colors[Index] = rgba[a]; positions[Index] = xyz[a]; Index++;  
    colors[Index] = rgba[b]; positions[Index] = xyz[b]; Index++;  
    colors[Index] = rgba[c]; positions[Index] = xyz[c]; Index++;  
    colors[Index] = rgba[a]; positions[Index] = xyz[a]; Index++;  
    colors[Index] = rgba[c]; positions[Index] = xyz[c]; Index++;  
    colors[Index] = rgba[d]; positions[Index] = xyz[d]; Index++;  
}
```





# Storing Vertex Attributes

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- Vertex data must be stored in a VBO
- Generate VBO names by calling `glGenBuffers()`
- Bind a specific VBO for initialization by calling

```
glBindBuffer( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, ... )
```

- load data into VBO using

```
glBufferData( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, ... )
```

# VBOs in Code

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- Create and initialize a buffer object

```
GLuint buffer;
glGenBuffers( 1, &buffer );
glBindBuffer( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, buffer );
glBufferData( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER,
              sizeof(positions) + sizeof(colors),
              NULL, GL_STATIC_DRAW );
glBufferSubData( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, 0,
                sizeof(positions), positions );
glBufferSubData( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof(vPositions),
                sizeof(colors), colors );
```

# Connecting Vertex Shaders with Geometric Data

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- Application vertex data enters the OpenGL pipeline through the vertex shader
- Need to connect vertex data to shader variables
  - requires knowing the attribute location
- Attribute location can either be queried by calling `glGetVertexAttribLocation()`

# Vertex Array Code

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- Associate shader variables with vertex arrays
  - do this after shaders are loaded

```
GLuint a_Position =
    glGetAttribLocation( program, "a_Position" );
glEnableVertexAttribArray( a_Position );
glVertexAttribPointer( a_Position, 4, GL_FLOAT,
    GL_FALSE, 0, (void *) 0);
```

```
GLuint a_Color =
    glGetAttribLocation( program, "a_Color" );
glEnableVertexAttribArray( a_Color );
glVertexAttribPointer( a_Color, 4, GL_FLOAT,
    GL_FALSE, 0, (void *) sizeof(a_Positions));
```

# A Better Approach

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- Associate shader variables with attribute variables
  - do this after shaders are loaded

```
enum { ATTRIB_VERTEX, ATTRIB_COLOR, ATTRIB_TEXTURE_POSITION };  
glBindAttribLocation(program, ATTRIB_VERTEX, "a_Position");  
glBindAttribLocation(program, ATTRIB_COLOR, "a_Color");
```

```
glEnableVertexAttribArray(ATTRIB_VERTEX);  
glVertexAttribPointer(ATTRIB_VERTEX, 4, GL_FLOAT, false, 0, NULL);
```

```
glEnableVertexAttribArray(ATTRIB_COLOR);  
glVertexAttribPointer(ATTRIB_COLOR, 4, GL_FLOAT,  
    GL_FALSE, 0, (void *) sizeof(a_Positions));
```

# Drawing Geometric Primitives

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- For contiguous groups of vertices

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

- Usually invoked in display callback
- Initiates vertex shader