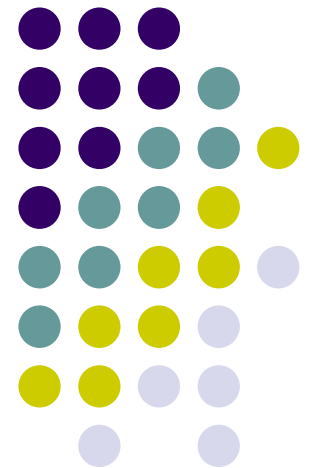


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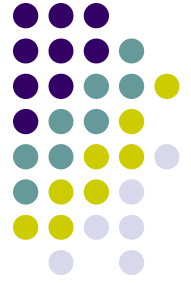


## Recall: Generated Points

- Generated points & stored vertices into an array

```
point3 points[3] = { point2(100,50),  
                    point2(100,130),  
                    point2(150, 130); }
```

- Draw points from array using **glDrawArrays**



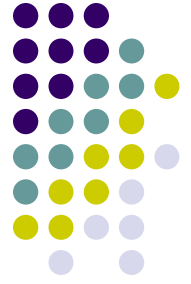
# Display Callback

- Once we get data to GPU, initiate rendering with simple callback

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

- Arrays are buffer objects that contain vertex arrays



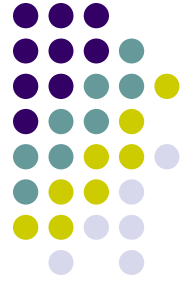


## Recall: Storing Vertices

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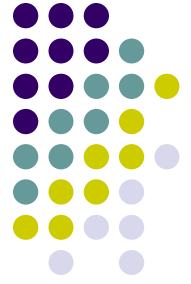


# Vertex Array Object

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

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

- At this point we have an *empty* current vertex array
- We can bind VAO to different buffers
- glBindVertexArray lets us switch between VBOs



## Recall: Move points GPU memory

- Rendering from GPU memory significantly faster. Move data there
- Fast GPU memory for data called **Buffer Objects**
- Three steps:
  1. Create VBO and give it name (unique ID number)

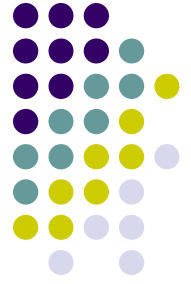
**GLuint buffer;**

**glGenBuffers(1, &buffer); // create one buffer object**

**Number of Buffer Objects to return**

2. Make created VBO currently active one

**glBindBuffer(GL\_ARRAY\_BUFFER, buffer); //data is array**



## Recall: Move points GPU memory

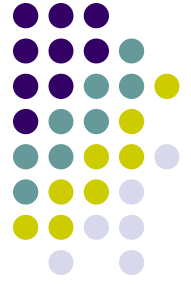
3. Move `points` generated earlier to VBO (Data in current vertex array is sent to GPU)

```
glBufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, buffer, sizeof(points), points,  
GL_STATIC_DRAW ); //data is array
```

**Data to be transferred to GPU  
memory (generated earlier)**

- **GL\_STATIC\_DRAW**: buffer object data will be specified once by application and used many times to draw
- **GL\_DYNAMIC\_DRAW**: buffer object data will be specified repeatedly and used many times to draw





## Recall: Draw points

```
glDrawArrays (GL_POINTS, 0, N) ;
```

Render buffered data as points

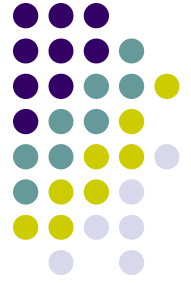
- Display function using `glDrawArrays` :

```
void mydisplay(void) {  
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT); // clear screen  
    glDrawArrays(GL_POINTS, 0, N);  
    glFlush( ); // force rendering to show  
}
```



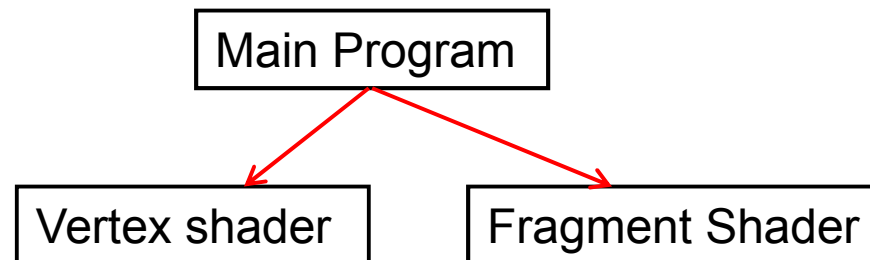
# Initialization

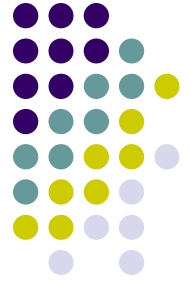
- Vertex array objects and buffer objects can be set in **init()**
- Also set clear color and other OpenGL parameters
- Also set up shaders as part of initialization
  - Read
  - Compile
  - Link



# Vertex Shader

- Remember: every OpenGL program must now write shaders that our OpenGL program will read in
- Need two shaders:
  - Vertex shader: program that is run **per vertex**
  - Fragment shader: program that is run **per pixel**
- OpenGL programs now have 3 parts:
  - Main program, vertex shader, fragment shader





# Vertex Shader

- We write a simple “pass-through” shader (does nothing)
- Save to file on disk called **vsource.glsl**

```
in vec4 vPosition
```

```
void main( )
```

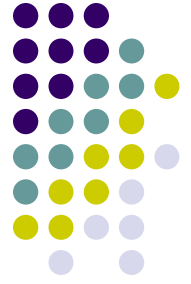
```
{
```

```
    gl_Position = vPosition;
```

```
}
```

input vertex position

output vertex position

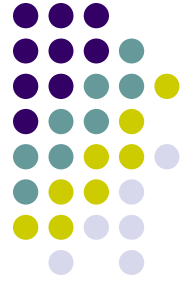


# Fragment Shader

- We write a simple fragment shader (sets color to red)
- Save to file on disk called **fsource.glsl**

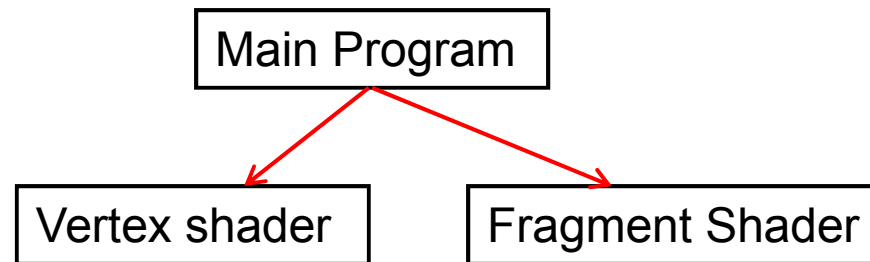
```
void main( )  
{  
    gl_FragColor = vec(1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);  
}
```

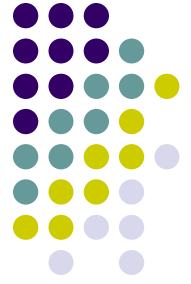
Set each drawn fragment color to red



## Putting it all together

- Vertex shader and Fragment shader in same directory as main program
- Main program reads in vertex shader and fragment shader (as strings) and uses them for rendering





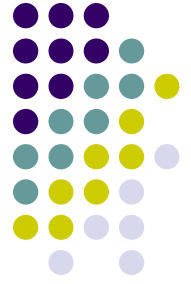
## Putting it all Together

- First, we create container called **program object**

```
GLuint = program;
```

```
program = InitShader("vsource.glsl", "fsource.glsl");  
glUseProgram(program);
```

- Shader sources are read in, compiled and linked
- During linking, names of all shader variables are bound to indices in tables
- We can retrieve internal index assigned to each variable using function **glGetAttribLocation** command



## Putting it all Together

- Example: To retrieve index of vertex shader variable **vPosition**

```
GLuint loc;
```

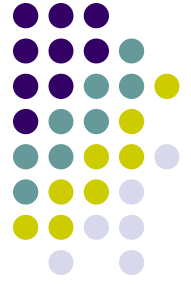
```
loc = glGetUniformLocation(program, "vPosition");
```

- We then have to enable vertex attributes in the shaders and describe the form of the data in the vertex array

```
glEnableVertexAttribArray(loc);
```

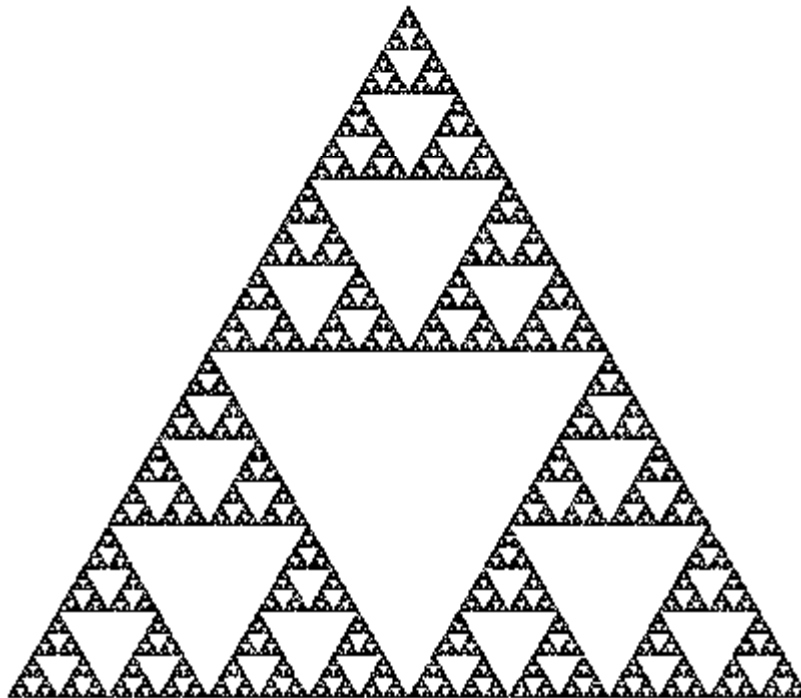
```
glVertexAttribPointer(loc, 2, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, 0  
                      BUFFER_OFFSET(0));
```





# Sierpinski Gasket Program

- Popular fractal

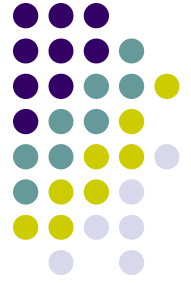


# Sierpinski Gasket



Start with initial triangle with corners  $(x_1, y_1, 0)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2, 0)$  and  $(x_3, y_3, 0)$

1. Pick initial point  $\mathbf{p} = (x, y, 0)$  at random inside a triangle
2. Select one of 3 vertices at random
3. Find  $\mathbf{q}$ , halfway between  $\mathbf{p}$  and randomly selected vertex
4. Draw dot at  $\mathbf{q}$
5. Replace  $\mathbf{p}$  with  $\mathbf{q}$
6. Return to step 2



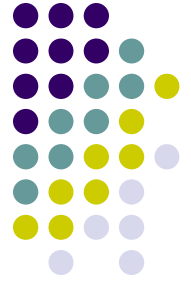
# Actual Sierpinski Code

```
#include "vec.h" // include point types and operations
#include <stdlib.h> // includes random number generator

void Sierpinski( )
{
    const int NumPoints = 5000;
    vec2 points[NumPoints];

    // Specify the vertices for a triangle
    vec2 vertices[3] = {
        vec2( -1.0, -1.0 ), vec2( 0.0, 1.0 ), vec2( 1.0, -1.0 )
    };
};
```

# Actual Sierpinski Code



```
// compute and store N-1 new points
for ( int i = 1; i < NumPoints; ++i ) {
    int j = rand() % 3;    // pick a vertex at random

    // Compute the point halfway between the selected vertex
    // and the previous point
    points[i] = ( points[i - 1] + vertices[j] ) / 2.0;
}
```

# References

- Angel and Shreiner, Chapter 2
- Hill, chapter 2

