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# Hands On with Open/Free VR Packages: **OpenSG & VRJuggler**

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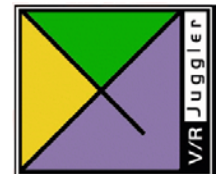
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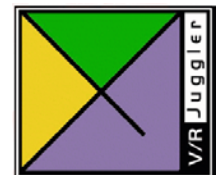


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## Prerequisites

This tutorial assumes that you have

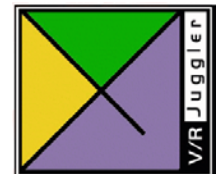
- basic C++ knowledge
  - Including basic STL use (vector)
- basic Computer Graphics knowledge
  - Polygon, Normal, Texture Coordinate and specular highlight should tell you something
- Downloaded, installed and tested the basic software package from <http://external.lite3d.com/VR09Tutorial/>
- Are willing and capable of downloading the addon package from there now and extract it into tutorial/tutorial



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## Compiling and running the Examples

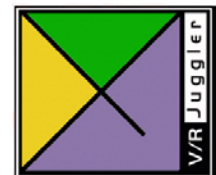
- You need a working compiler
  - Windows: VS 2005 or higher
  - Linux: g++ 4.2 or higher
- Add tutorial/lib to your PATH environment
  - Start->System->Advanced->Environment Variables->PATH and append ; and the path to your unpacked tutorials
  - Create a new one called OSG\_LOAD\_LIBS with “OSGFileIO;OSGImageFileIO”
- You need cmake (2.6 or higher)
  - Point it at the source code (opensg\_tut, vrjuggler\_tut) and create a new build directory



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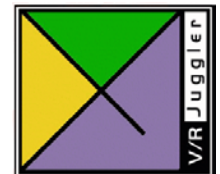
- Cmake...
  - Run Configure
    - Might need to add include dir for boost and GLUT in Advanced View
  - Run Generate, pick your compiler
    - Creates VS Project file
  - Compile Project and Run it.
- We are using a current version of OpenSG 2
  - Not released yet, documentation a little sparse



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## VRJuggler vs. OpenSG

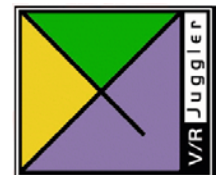
- Why use both, what does VRJuggler have that OpenSG doesn't (and vice versa)?
- VRJuggler does everything until there is an open window to draw into
  - Motivation: bring existing OpenGL apps into VR
- OpenSG starts there
  - Do rendering, not device/UI management
- Overlap:
  - Both can do stereo/head-tracked rendering
    - But OpenSG doesn't handle the devices
  - Both can do clustering (in different ways)



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## Motivation

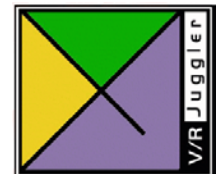
- Why use lower-level/programming libraries like OpenSG & VRJuggler?
  - Programming libraries vs. High-level system
- Pro:
  - More control / fewer constraints
  - Better Performance
- Con:
  - Higher initial resistance
  - More potential for errors
- How low do you want to go?
  - VRJuggler is happy with bare OpenGL



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## Motivation Scene Graphs

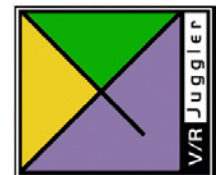
- OpenGL is very low-level
  - Immediate mode based
  - No object concept beyond display lists
  - User has full control...
    - ...and lots of ways to shoot himself in the foot.
    - Hardware can be picky about details
  - User has full responsibility
    - Needs to specify all data for every frame



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## Motivation Scene Graphs

- Scene Graphs are at a higher level
  - Retained mode
    - Build the data structures once
    - Use them as often as needed
  - Object-oriented
  - Knows the whole scene, can optimize better
  - Provide a lot of utility functions
- Compared to languages, OpenGL is like a macro assembler, while scene graphs are like C++.

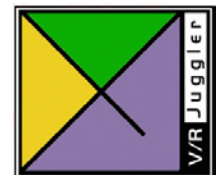




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## When to use a Scenegraph

- Things scenegraphs do better than straight OpenGL:
  - Complex scenes: many different materials, large scenes where only a part is visible, complex hierarchy / transformations
  - Relatively static geometry
  - Scenes that are loaded from files
  - Specific features (particles, cluster, etc.)
- Things that scenegraphs don't do better than straight OpenGL:
  - Simple scenes (one object in the middle of the screen, a few simple additions)
  - Highly dynamic geometry



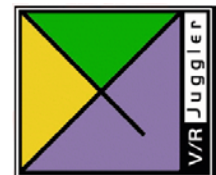
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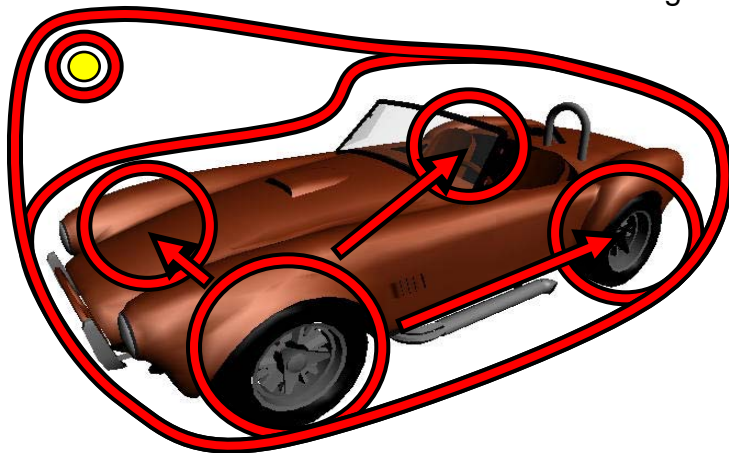
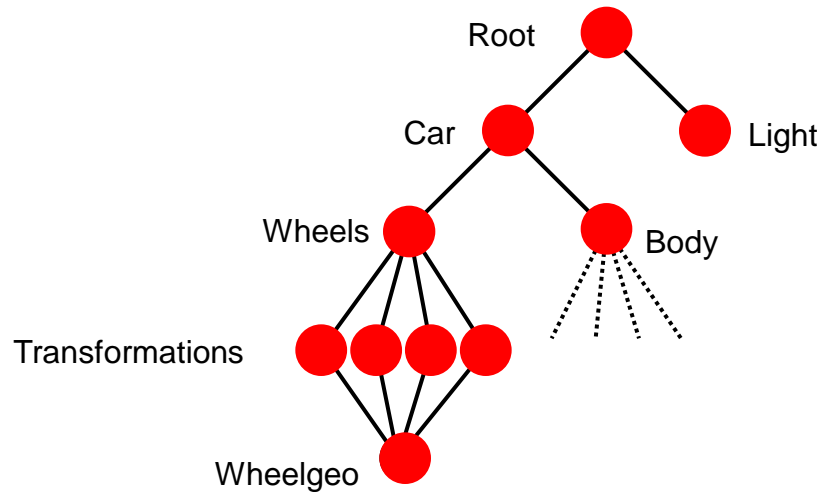
- OpenSG is not Open Scene Graph!
- Two totally independent projects, with pretty much no overlap in people
  - But quite a bit in content, they're both modern scenegraphs after all
- Started at about the same time
- The two big Open Source scenegraphs
  - There are a bunch of smaller ones
  - And a ton of game engines...



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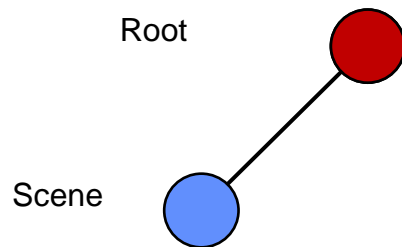
## Scene Graph Structure



- Directed
- Acyclic
- Heterogeneous
- Logical Structure and Control in interior nodes
- Geometry / renderable Primitives in the leaves
  - E.g. polygonal meshes, particles etc.
- A lot of the flexibility of a scenegraph lies in the different node types it supports

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## Building a Trivial Graph



```
NodeRefPtr rootN = makeCoredNode<Group>( );  
NodeRefPtr sceneN = makeTorus(.5,2.,16,16);  
rootN->addChild(sceneN);  
commitChanges( );
```

Questions...

- Why a RefPtr instead of just a Node\*?
- What is a CoredNode?
- What is a Group?
- Where does the torus come from?
- What does commitChanges mean?

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## RefPtr: Memory Management or Who's going to clean up the mess?

- Keeping track of pointers in scenegraphs can get non-trivial
  - Many pointers to one node possible
    - Both inside the graph and outside
- Need robust method to keep track and clean up unneeded parts
- Solution: Reference Counting
  - Count the number of pointers to an object
  - When it falls to 0: delete the object
  - Hide bookkeeping in new type: RefPtr
    - Looks, acts just like a \*, converts to it
    - Use always except for temporary variables

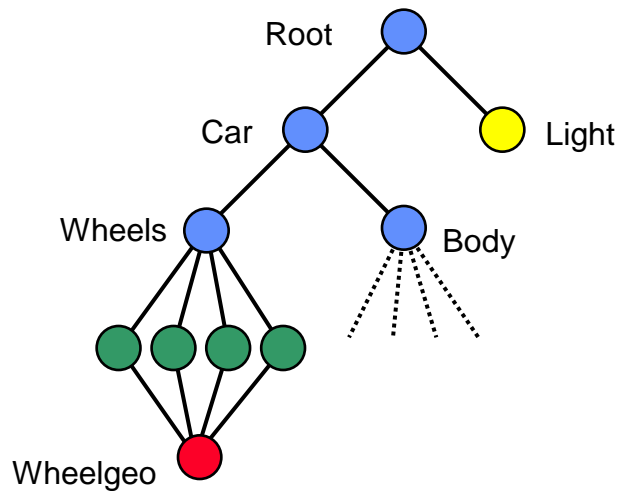
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## Reference Counting and Pointer Types

- New objects are created with a 0 refcount and returned as a RefPtr
  - Not created via `new`, have to use `TYPE::create()` factory method
  - Can't assign to a `*`, need to store them in a RefPtr or they will be deleted immediately
- Special Return Type: TransitPtr
  - RefPtr without conversion
  - Only useful for generator functions/methods
  - Don't worry about them, but if you see errors about TransitPtr: that's what it is
- There are other pointer types, more later

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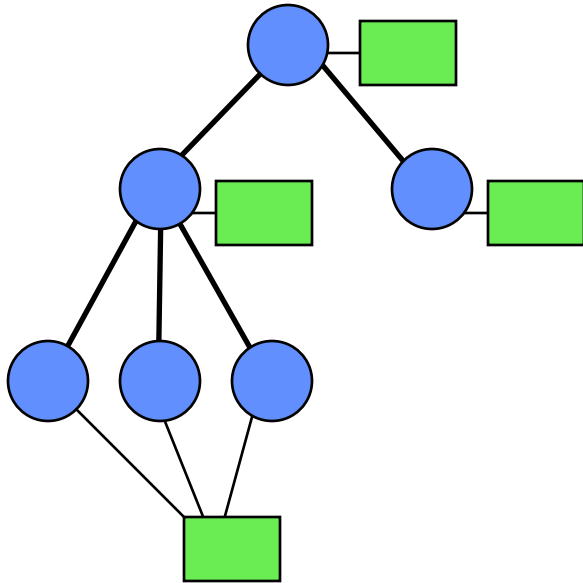
## Nodes and Cores



- Sharing in the graph is important
  - Want to use same geometry multiple times
  - Want to use the same switch to affect multiple places, ...
- How to do?
  - Attach a node to multiple parents
  - Each different parent just points to the same child
- Problems:
  - pointers / names can't be used to identify nodes
  - storage of position dependent data (e.g. accumulated matrix or world bbox) is impossible

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## Nodes and Cores



- Multiple parents not needed for data reuse
  - lean backbone (type **Node**)
  - reusable cores (type **NodeCore**)
    - define the actual behaviour
    - store the data
    - shareable
- Flipside: need to create two C++ objects for each object in the graph
  - Convenience function `makeCoredNode<TYPE>()`
  - Creates a `NodeCore` of type `TYPE`, a `Node` and connects the two
  - Problem: don't have the core to set parameters



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## The Complete Way

```
SwitchRefPtr flipper = Switch::create();  
flipper->setChoice(Switch::ALL);  
NodeRefPtr flipperN = Node::create();  
flipperN->setCore(flipper);  
commitChanges();
```

**Slightly more convenient:**

```
SwitchRefPtr flipper = Switch::create();  
flipper->setChoice(Switch::ALL);  
NodeRefPtr flipperN = makeNodeFor(flipper);  
commitChanges();
```

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## Consequence: Sharing is Easy

- NodeCores can be shared between Nodes:

```
SwitchRefPtr flipper = Switch::create();  
flipper->setChoice(Switch::ALL);  
NodeRefPtr flipper1N = Node::create();  
flipper1N->setCore(flipper);  
NodeRefPtr flipper2N = Node::create();  
flipper2N->setCore(flipper);  
commitChanges();
```

- Changes to `flipper` will affect both nodes in the scenegraph

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## Sideline: Attachments

- Nodes (and some other objects) can store additional data: Attachments
  - Prime example: Name
- Stored as a map indexed by Attachment type and index
  - User-extendable
- Convenience functions for name:
  - setName(object, name);
  - getName(object);

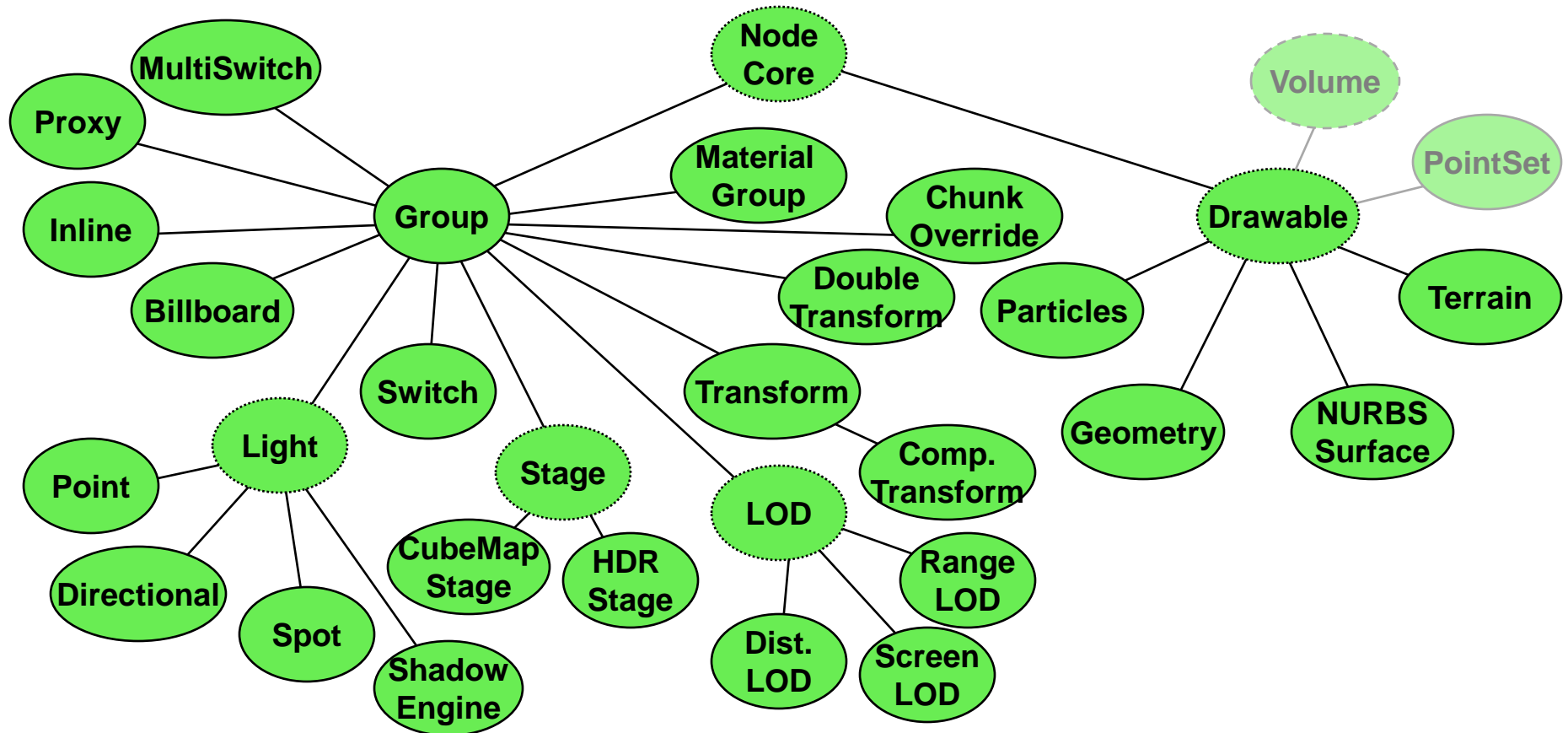
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## What's a Group? Or Node Types

- Major flexibility point for scenegraphs: different types of Nodes (or NodeCores in OpenSG)
- For many different functions:
  - Grouping logical/structural subgraphs (Composite pattern)
  - For defining higher-level rendering functions (multi-pass/stage methods)
  - Drawing only parts of the scene depending on different conditions
  - Changing how lower parts are drawn
    - Lighting
    - Materials
    - Transformations

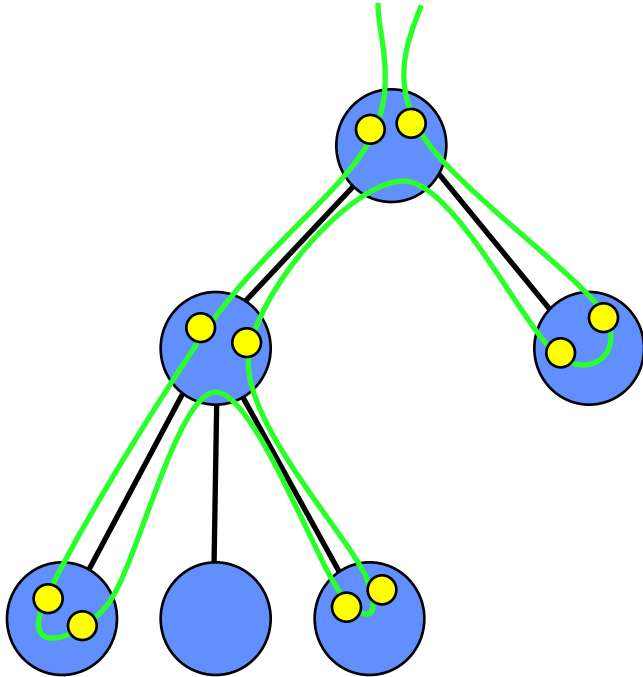
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## OpenSG NodeCore Types (Partial)



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## How do Cores do it? Or: What do you do with the tree?



- Operation style: tree traversal
  - Start at a node, operate on it
  - Recurse through all, or some, children (if any)
  - Cleanup operation and return
- 3 control points:
  - Starting operation
  - Picking children to recurse through
  - Cleanup operation
- Many different levels of complexity...

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## Traversals

- Number of built-in traversals
  - Rendering
  - File writing
  - Intersection
  - Optimization
    - Striping
    - Find sharable parts and share them
    - Remove unneeded nodes
  - ...
- Two different implementations: Actions & GraphOps

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## Actions / GraphOps / Direct Traversal

- Actions
  - Easy to add NodeCore types at runtime
  - A little more complicated to write
  - Built-in: Render, Intersect
- GraphOps
  - Can only deal with known NodeCore types
  - Easier to write
  - Number of builtins
- Direct Traversal
  - Either manually or using `traverse` helper function



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## Action: Using IntersectAction Example

- Shoot ray into scene, find first intersection

```
IntersectAction *act = IntersectAction::create();
act->setLine(Line(Pnt3f(0,0,0), Vec3f(1,0,0)));
act->apply(rootN);
if (act->didHit())
    std::cerr          << "Hit object "    << act-
    >getHitObject()
        << " tri "      << act->getHitTriangle()
        << " at "       << act->getHitPoint();
else
    std::cerr << "Nothing hit." << std::endl;
commitChanges();
delete act;
```

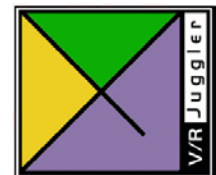
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## GraphOps: SharePtr Example

```
SharedPtrGraphOp *op = SharedPtrGraphOp();  
op->setIncludes("Material,StateChunk");  
op->traverse(rootN);
```

- GraphOps can be created and parameterized from strings
- Multiple GraphOps can be sequenced in a GraphOpSeq

```
GraphOpSeq seq("Stripe() SharedPtr(includes=Material,StateChunk)");  
seq->run(rootN);
```



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## Simple and Useful Nodes

- Group
  - Just for structuring the graph
  - No operation, recurse through all children
  - No parameters
- Switch
  - For drawing subparts of the graph
  - Recurse through one or all of its children
  - Parameter: UInt32 choice
    - Index of child to recurse, or `Switch::ALL`

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## Simple and Useful Nodes

- MultiSwitch
  - Recurse through some of its children
  - Parameter: `UInt32 mode`, `UInt32 choices`
    - `mode: MultiSwitch::ALL, NONE` or `CHOICES`
    - `choices`: list of children to recurse through
- For switching large parts of the scene (i.e. many different nodes all throughout the graph) switches get unwieldy

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## Masked Traversal

- Often parts of the scene have different purposes
  - Collision vs. Rendering, Left vs. Right Eye, ...
- Need to designate individual nodes to be one, the other, or both
  - And possibly for multiple purposes
- Solution: Traversal Mask
  - 32 bit mask in Node and Action
    - Action: copied from Viewport
  - Node is only traversed if bitwise and is  $\neq 0$
- Allows arbitrary grouping for up to 32 groups

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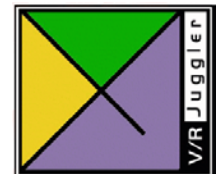
## Transformations

- Static scenes can be nice, but moving things around is much more interesting
- Need to add transformation to the system
  - Transform NodeCore
    - Define Transformation as matrix
  - ComponentTransform
    - Define as product of translation/rotation/scale factors
- Transformations are valid for all children of the Node
- Transformations accumulate

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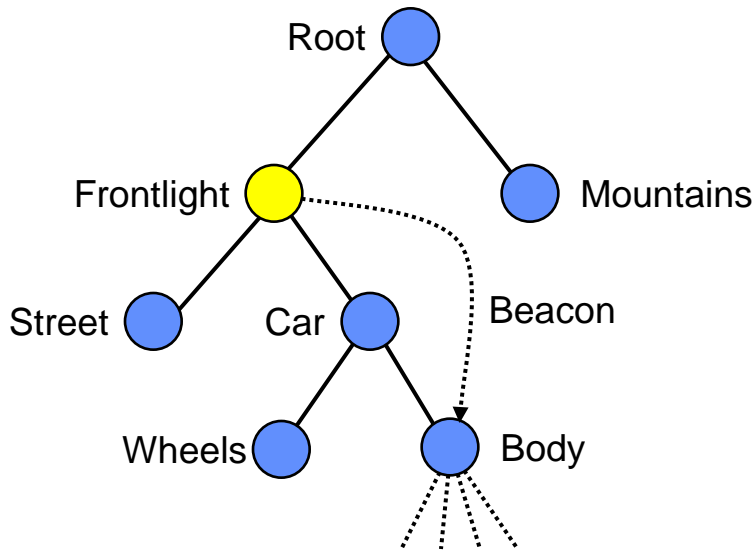
## Matrices

- (4x4) Matrix at the core
- OpenSG provides the usual set of matrix methods
  - Direct creation and from primitive transformations (translate, rotate, scale, ...)
  - Multiplication of matrices and points/vectors
    - Vectors and Points are different, more later
  - Inversion, Transposition etc.



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## Lights

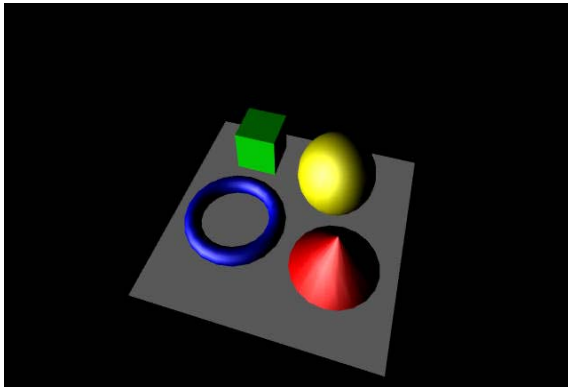
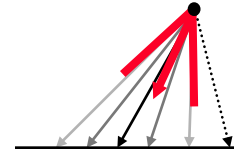
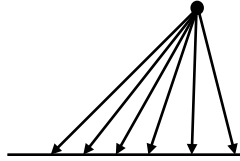
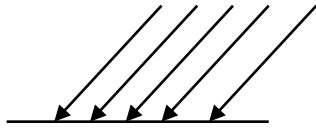


- Lights need two positions in the scenegraph:
  - One to define what is lit by them
    - Defined by the position in the tree, all children are lit
  - The second to define position/orientation
    - Defined by another node, the so called *beacon*
    - Cameras use beacons too. If a light uses the same beacon, it is head-mounted
- OpenSG doesn't have default lights, but the SimpleSceneManager helper adds a headlight

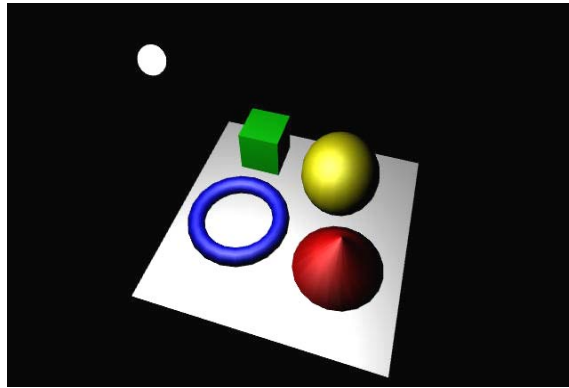


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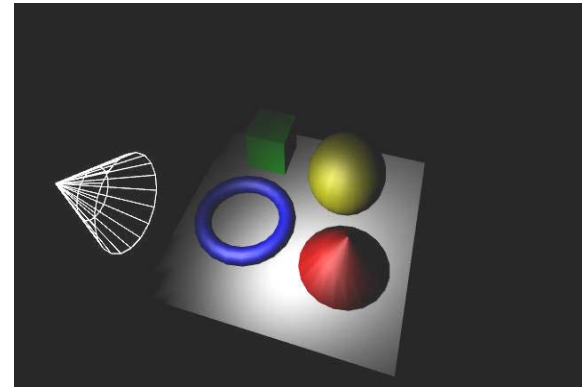
# Light Types



Directional



Point

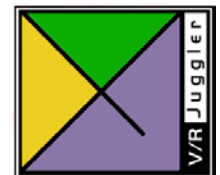


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## Geometry

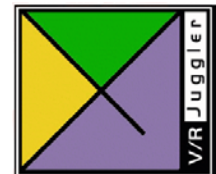
- Most common leaf node type
- Closely modeled after OpenGL
  - Mainly a set of arrays with uniform data types
    - Called Properties
  - A little more so than OpenGL
- All OpenGL primitives
  - ...and all mixed in one geometry
- All OpenGL types
- Non-indexed, single-indexed and multi-indexed
- Only one material per Geometry though



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## Properties

- Primarily just an array of uniform types
- Supports all OpenGL types
  - 1,2,3,4 D vectors and points
  - UInt8, UInt16, UInt32, Real32, Real64, ...
- Naming scheme: Geo{TYPE}Property
  - E.g. GeoUInt8Property, GeoPnt3fProperty
- Simple interfaces
  - STL vector (push\_back etc.)
  - Automatically converts type to internally stored one



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## Vectors / Points

- Typed Variants
  - 1,2,3,4 dim, all types, e.g. Vec2f, Vec4ub, Pnt3f, Pnt4d, ...
- Standard value access interface []
- Difference Point / Vector
  - Points are positions in space
    - Operations : scale, negate, test, add vector, sub point, ...
  - Vectors are directions in space (derived from point)
    - Operations : dot, cross, +, -, ...

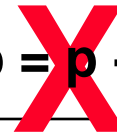
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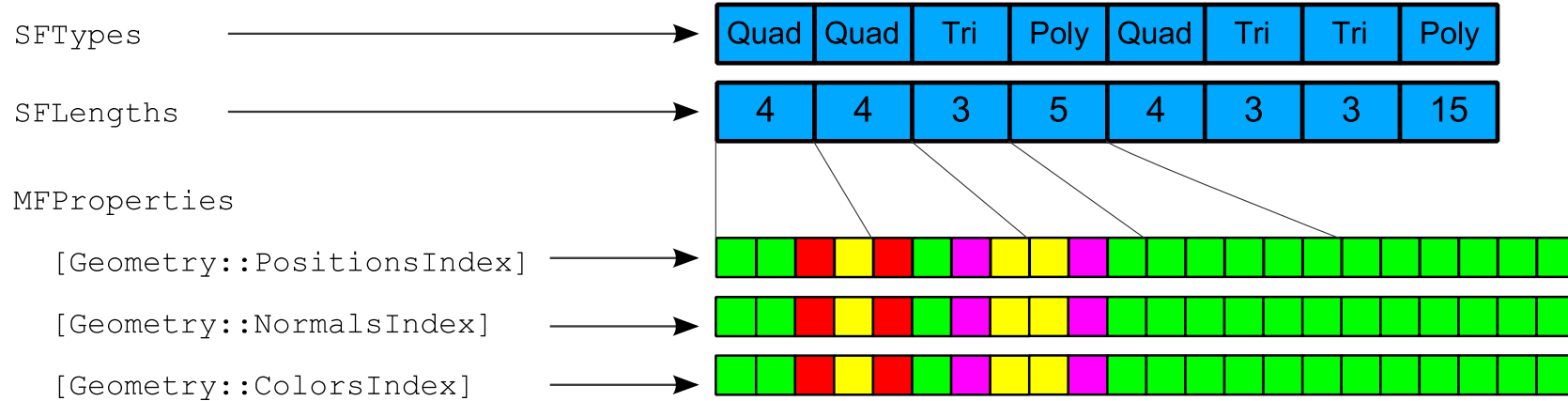
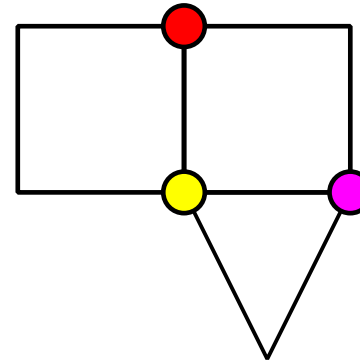
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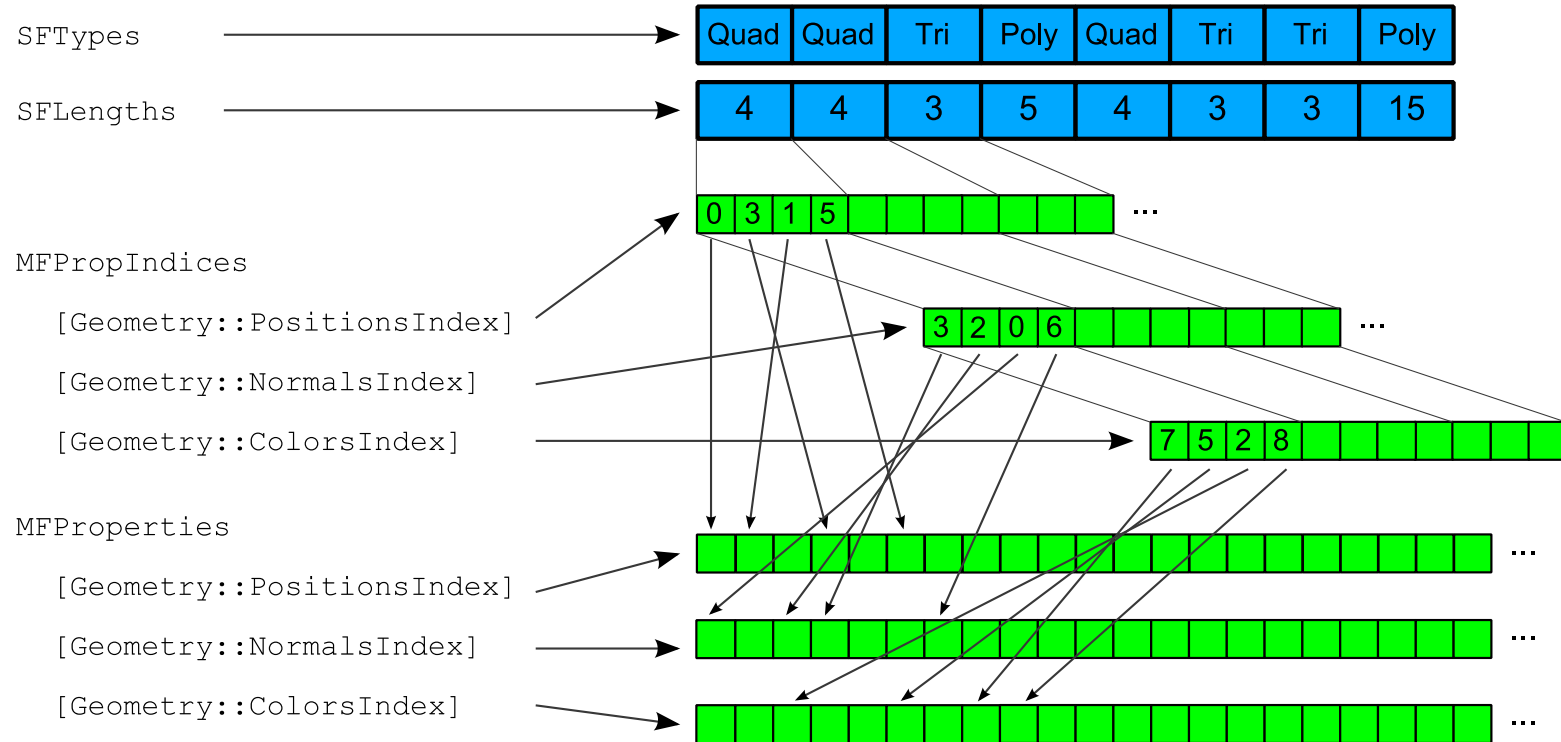
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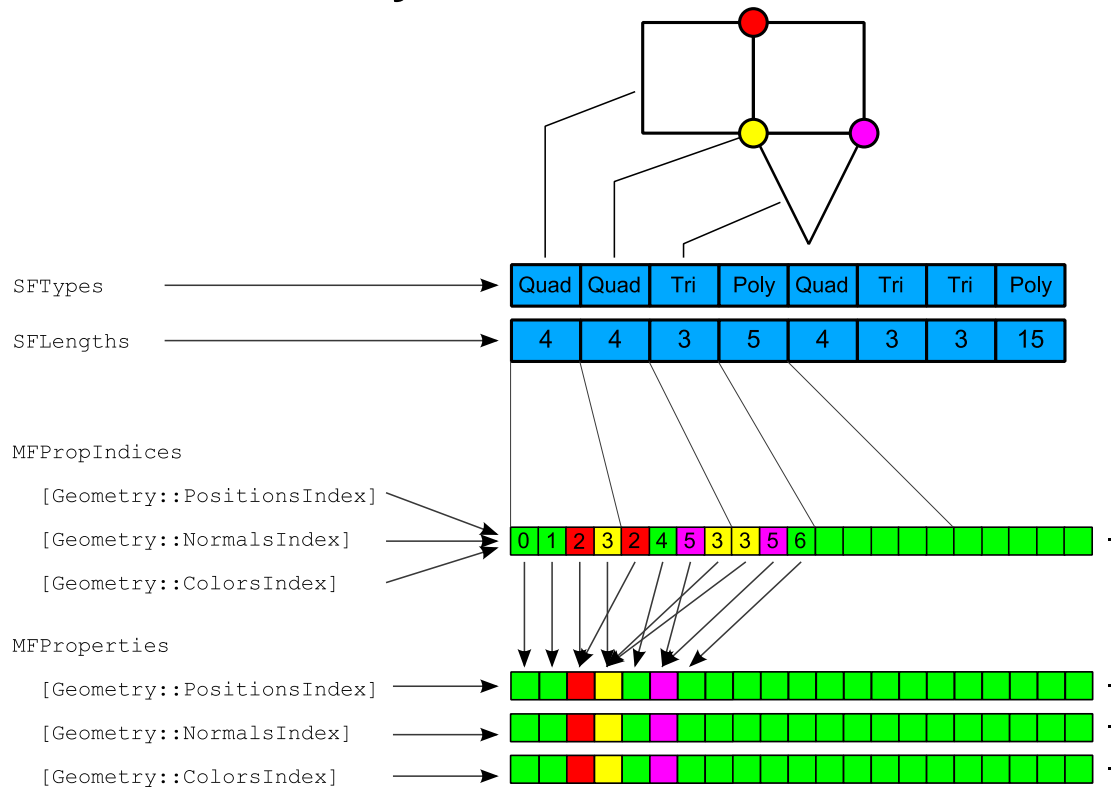
# Non-Indexed Geometry



# Multi-Indexed Geometry



# Single-Indexed Geometry



Best Performance, so this is recommended to use!

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## Example: Creating a simple geometry

```
GeoUInt8PropertyRefPtr type =  
    GeoUInt8Property::create();  
type->addValue(GL_TRIANGLES);
```

```
GeoUInt32PropertyRefPtr lens =  
    GeoUInt32Property::create();  
lens->addValue(3);
```

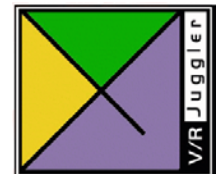
```
GeoPnt3fPropertyRefPtr pnts =  
    GeoPnt3fProperty::create();  
pnts->addValue(Pnt3f(-1, -1, -1));  
pnts->addValue(Pnt3f(-1, -1, 1));  
pnts->addValue(Pnt3f( 1, -1, 1));
```

```
GeoVec3fPropertyRefPtr colors =  
    GeoVec3fProperty::create();  
colors->addValue(Color3f(1, 1, 0));  
colors->addValue(Color3f(1, 0, 0));  
colors->addValue(Color3f(1, 0, 1));
```

```
GeoUInt32PropertyRefPtr indices =  
    GeoUInt32Property::create();  
indices->addValue(2);  
indices->addValue(0);  
indices->addValue(1);
```

```
GeometryRefPtr geo = Geometry::create();  
geo->setTypes      (type);  
geo->setLengths    (lens);  
geo->setIndices    (indices);  
geo->setPositions  (pnts);  
geo->setColors     (colors);  
geo->setMaterial   (getDefaultMaterial());
```

```
// put the geometry core into a node  
NodeRefPtr n = Node::create();  
n->setCore(geo);  
  
commitChanges();
```





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## Easier: GeoBuilder

- Helper class to incrementally create Geometry
  - Support indexed and non-indexed geometry and arbitrary attributes
- Trivial Example:

```
GeoBuilder b;
```

```
b.begin(GL_TRIANGLES);
```

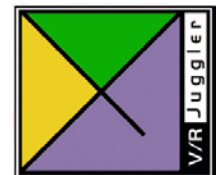
```
b.fullVertex(Pnt3f(1,1,1), Pnt3f(0,1,0), Color3f(0,0,1));
```

```
b.fullVertex(Pnt3f(-1,1,1), Pnt3f(0,1,0), Color3f(1,0,1));
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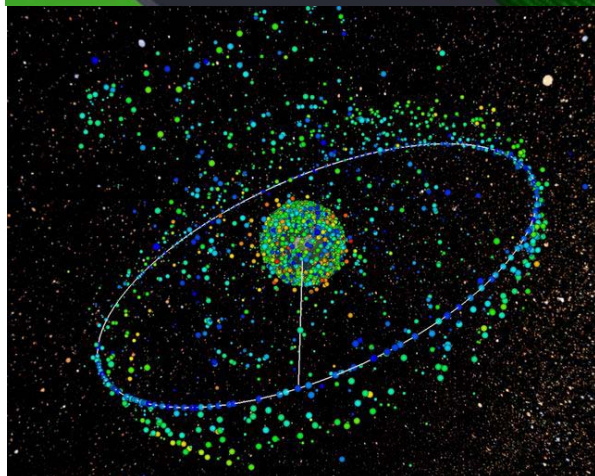
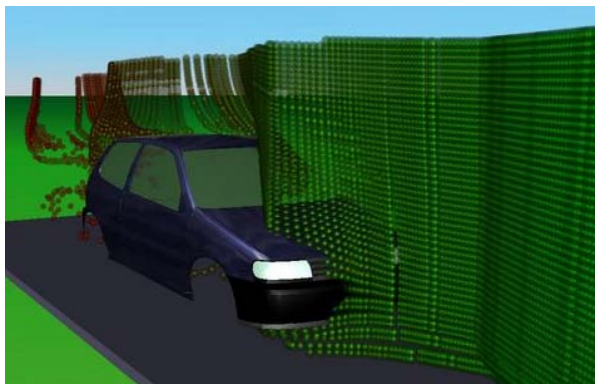
```
b.end();
```

```
GeometryRefPtr geo = b.getGeometry();
```



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## Particles



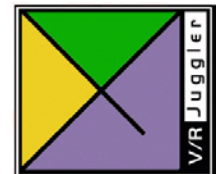
- Renders different kinds of simple geometry
  - Points, Viewer-aligned quads, Arrows, ...
- Per-object Data
  - drawStyle:
  - drawOrder: Any, BackToFront, FrontToBack
- Per-particle data
  - Geometry-style Properties
    - Positions, Normals, Colors
  - Sizes: size of particle
- Note: this is only the rendering part, there is no simulation built into OpenSG
  - We have a little framework, if you're interested
  - Not enough time in this course

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## Loading Models

- OpenSG can load a variety of model formats:
  - 3DS, Collada , WRL, OBJ, OFF, STL, OpenFlight (very partial)
  - Internal binary format (OSB) for fast loading
- Loading of the file is handled by the SceneFileHandler

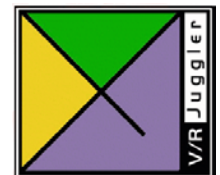
```
NodeRefPtr scene =  
    SceneFileHandler::the() -  
    >read("tie.wrl");
```



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## CommitChanges?

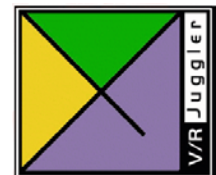
- OpenSG records all changes to the scene graph
  - Needed for Multithreading and Clustering
- Also used to update dependent data
- commitChanges gives all changed Objects a chance to update what needs to be updated
  - Inefficient to call after every single change
- Rule of thumb: call after finishing all changes for an object (or set of objects)
  - Need to be called before dependent data (e.g. bounding volume) can be read
- A few too many doesn't hurt, just don't do it after every single change



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## Multi-Threading

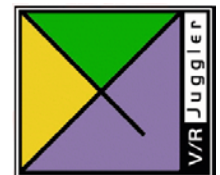
- Big Topic!
  - But not really introductory
    - Other things more important to get up and running
  - Talk to us afterwards if you're interested
- Just so much: OpenSG supports parallel changes to anything in the scenegraph (and most things outside of it)
  - One of the main things that make it unique
  - Very opaque for the user, hidden behind special pointer types, but that's it



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## Clustering

- More and more important (as seen in the instantReality part)
- iR's clustering is a pretty direct mapping into OpenSG
  - Classes are called pretty much the same
- Examples can use VRJuggler clustering
  - Different method, similar effect
- OpenSG can run tiled walls and performance clusters, but doesn't handle devices/tracking by itself
- Talk to us later if you're interested in details

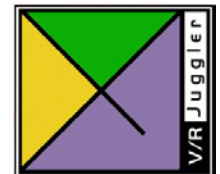


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# OpenSG Materials



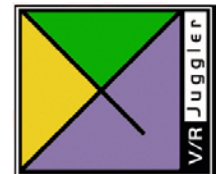
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# SimpleMaterial

- - Wraps OpenGL Material parameters:
  - Ambient, Diffuse and Specular color
  - Transparency
  - Lighting status (lit/unlit)
  - Interaction with lighting calculations (colorMaterial)
- Sufficient for untextured geometry





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# SimpleTexturedMaterial

- Like SimpleMaterial, with additional
  - Image
  - Mipmap filtering control (minFilter, magFilter)
  - Interaction of texture color with material color (envMode, e.g. GL\_REPLACE, GL\_MODULATE)
- Convenient for quickly adding a single texture to an object

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# Connecting Materials with Drawables

- MaterialDrawable is the base of everything that has a Material, in particular Geometry

```
geo->setMaterial(myMat);
```

- MaterialGroup, determines Material for a subtree, taking precedence over what is already there

```
matGroup->setMaterial(myMat);
```

- More fine grained control is possible with StateChunks

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# StateChunk – Basic unit of State

- All OpenGL State is stored in StateChunks
- Container for closely related settings that often change together
- Defaults are the same as OpenGL
- Combination of multiple StateChunks determines appearance of rendered objects
- Can (and should!) be used in multiple materials

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# BlendChunk

- Alpha blending (srcFactor, destFactor)

```
blendChunk->setSrcFactor(GL_SRC_ALPHA);
```

```
blendChunk->setDestFactor(GL_ONE_MINUS_SRC_ALPHA);
```

- Alpha testing (alphaFunc, alphaValue)

```
blendChunk->setAlphaFunc(GL_GREATER);
```

```
blendChunk->setAlphaValue(0.5f);
```

- Marks the Material as transparent
- Transparent objects are rendered after opaque ones for correct blending

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# PolygonChunk

- Backface culling (cullFace)

```
polyChunk->setCullFace(GL_BACK);
```

- Orientation – which side is front (frontFace)

```
polyChunk->setFrontFace(GL_CCW);
```

- Filled/Wireframe/Point mode for front and back face (frontMode, backMode)

```
polyChunk->setFrontMode(GL_LINE);
```

```
polyChunk->setBackMode(GL_FILL);
```

- Polygon offset

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## Other Chunks

- MaterialChunk
  - Same setting as SimpleMaterial
- TwoSidedLightingChunk
  - Enable lighting calculations for front and back face polygons
- ShadeModelChunk
  - Choose between flat and smooth shading

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# ChunkMaterial – Grouping Chunks

- Container for multiple StateChunks
- Some types of chunks can be present more than once (e.g. textures, clip planes)
- Each chunk type has one or more slots that can be filled
  - Used to assign e.g. textures to texture units
- Base of SimpleMaterial
  - Missing settings can be added by adding the relevant chunk

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# ChunkOverrideGroup

- Overrides/Adds chunks to Materials
  - Allows to quickly change appearance for whole subtrees
- Accumulated during tree traversal
  - Same chunks can be overridden multiple times, closest override wins
  - Especially useful with shader (GLSL) related chunks



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## Example – Drawing a subtree as wireframe

```
PolygonChunkRefPtr polyChunk = PolygonChunk::create();  
polyChunk->setFrontMode(GL_LINE);  
polyChunk->setBackMode(GL_LINE);
```

```
ChunkOverrideGroupRefPtr cog =  
    ChunkOverrideGroup::create();  
cog->addChunk(polyChunk);
```

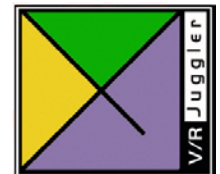
```
NodeRefPtr cogN = makeNodeFor(cog);
```

```
// add cogN on top of a subtree
```

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# SortKey – Influencing Render Order

- Materials with smaller sort key values are rendered first
- Sometimes can be used to manually correct alpha blending problems
- Chunks present on a material determine default
- Ensures that Materials with similar chunks are rendered together – reduces state changes



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# Textures

- Two chunks
  - TextureObjChunk – The texture object itself
  - TextureEnvChunk – How it is applied
- Pixel data is stored in an Image
- No further distinction between 1D, 2D, 3D, Cube textures

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# Image

- One type for everything that has pixels
  - Mipmaps
  - Multiple Frames (animated Images)
  - Multiple Slices (3D Images)
  - Compressed Texture data
- Loading from files

```
ImageRefPtr img = ImageFileHandler::the()->read("fileName");
```

- Supported formats  
JPG, PNG, TGA, TIF, GIF, DDS, HDR, MNG,  
MTD, ...

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# Image II

- Variety of data formats
  - RGB(A)
  - BGR(A)
  - Luminance
  - DXT1 – DXT5
  - Signed integer variants
- ... and types
  - 8, 16, 32 bit per channel integer
  - 16, 32 bit per channel floating point

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# Textures – TextureObjChunk

- Represents a single texture map (1D, 2D, 3D, Cube)

```
texObj->setImage(img);
```

- Filter controls (minFilter, magFilter)

```
texObj->setMinFilter(GL_LINEAR_MIPMAP_LINEAR);
```

```
texObj->setMagFilter(GL_LINEAR);
```

- Wrapping mode in S,T,R direction
- Can refer to an Image with NULL data for Textures that are only in GPU memory

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# Textures – TextureEnvChunk

- Interaction of texture colors with material colors (envMode)

```
texEnvChunk->setEnvMode( GL_MODULATE );
```

```
texEnvChunk->setEnvMode( GL_REPLACE );
```

- Gives access to older texture shader extensions (NV\_texture\_shader{,2,3})

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## Example – Adding a Texture to a Material

```
ImageRefPtr img =  
    ImageFileHandler::the()->read("carpet.jpg");
```

```
TextureObjChunkRefPtr texObj = TextureObjChunk::create();  
texObj->setImage(img);
```

```
TextureEnvChunkRefPtr texEnv = TextureEnvChunk::create();  
texEnv->setEnvMode(GL_MODULATE);
```

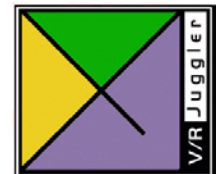
```
chunkMat->addChunk(texObj);  
chunkMat->addChunk(texEnv);
```



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# Shaders

- Written in GLSL or Cg (when supported by the driver)
- ShaderProgram – Independently compileable piece of shader code
- ShaderProgramChunk – Collects multiple ShaderPrograms
- ShaderProgramVariables – Stores (uniform) variables passed to the shader code
- ShaderProgramVariablesChunk – Collects multiple ShaderProgramVariables



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# Shaders – Creating

- Create a ShaderProgram of the desired type

```
ShaderProgramRefPtr vp = ShaderProgram::createVertexProgram();
```

```
ShaderProgramRefPtr gp = ShaderProgram::createGeometryProgram();
```

```
ShaderProgramRefPtr fp = ShaderProgram::createFragmentProgram();
```

- Set the code

```
vp->setProgram(std::string(" ... "));
```

- Or load it from a file

```
vp->readProgram("fileName");
```

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# Shaders – Adding uniform variables

- Directly to the ShaderProgram

```
vp->addUniformVariable("sunPosition", Pnt3f(100.f, 300.f, 50.f));
```

- Separate ShaderProgramVariablesChunk object

```
ShaderProgramVariablesChunkRefPtr varChunk =  
    ShaderProgramVariablesChunk::create();  
  
varChunk->addUniformVariable(  
    "moonPosition", Pnt3f(-200.f, -300.f, 50.f));
```

- Modify values with `updateUniformVariable`
- Remove variables with `subUniformVariable`

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# Shaders – System Variables

- Access to variables OpenSG tracks internally during the tree traversal

```
vp->addOSGVariable( "OSGWorldMatrix" );
```

```
vp->addOSGVariable( "OSGViewMatrix" );
```

```
vp->addOSGVariable( "OSGLight0Active" );
```

- In the shader code these are declared just like any other uniform

```
uniform mat4 OSGWorldMatrix;
```

```
uniform bool OSGLight0Active;
```

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# Shaders – Putting it all together

- Add ShaderPrograms to a ShaderProgramChunk

```
ShaderProgramChunkRefPtr spChunk = ShaderProgramChunk::create();  
spChunk->addShader(vp);  
spChunk->addShader(fp);
```

- ... add the program chunk to a material

```
mat->addChunk(spChunk);
```

- ... as well as the variables chunk (optional)

```
mat->addChunk(varChunk);
```

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## Example Outline – Per pixel lighting

- Create Vertex and Fragment ShaderPrograms and load the GLSL code from a file

```
ShaderProgramRefPtr vpPPL =  
    ShaderProgram::createVertexProgram( );  
ShaderProgramRefPtr fpPPL =  
    ShaderProgram::createFragmentProgram( );  
vpPPL->readProgram( "pixellight.vp.glsl" );  
fpPPL->readProgram( "pixellight.fp.glsl" );
```

- Create a chunk to hold the two program objects

```
ShaderProgramChunkRefPtr shaderChunk =  
    ShaderProgramChunk::create( );  
shaderChunk->addShader( vpPPL );  
shaderChunk->addShader( fpPPL );
```

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## Example Outline – Per pixel lighting (Cont.)

- Create uniform variables to get access to the texture and light status

```
ShaderProgramVariablesChunkRefPtr varChunk =  
    ShaderProgramVariablesChunk::create();  
varChunk->addUniformVariable( "diffuseTexture", 0 );  
varChunk->addOSGVariable    ( "OSGLight0Active"    );
```

- Add both chunks to a Material

```
mat->addChunk( shaderChunk );  
mat->addChunk( varChunk    );
```

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# Example – Per pixel lighting (Vertex Shader)

```
varying vec3 normalVec, lightVec;

void main()
{
    vec4 ecPos;
    normalVec = normalize(gl_NormalMatrix * gl_Normal);
    ecPos      = gl_ModelViewMatrix * gl_Vertex;
    lightVec   = normalize(vec3(gl_LightSource[0].position - ecPos));
    gl_TexCoord[0] = gl_MultiTexCoord0;
    gl_Position   = ftransform();
}
```



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# Example – Per pixel lighting (Fragment Shader)

```
varying vec3 normalVec, lightVec;

uniform bool OSGLight0Active;
sampler2D    diffuseTexture;

vec4 computeLight(int index, vec3 lightVec, vec4 diffCol);

void main(void)
{
    vec4 color = vec4(0., 0., 0., 0.);
    if(OSGLight0Active)
    {
        vec4 diffCol = texture2D(diffuseTexture, gl_TexCoord[0]);
        color += computeLight(0, lightVec, diffCol);
    }

    gl_FragColor = color;
}
```

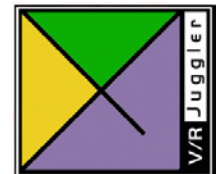
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# Graphics Effects and Advanced Techniques



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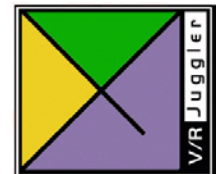
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# Stage – Redirecting rendering output

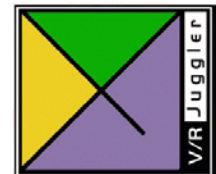
- Base of family of types
  - Render output control – FrameBufferObject
  - Pre/Post processing of generated image data
- Implement a specific effect
  - High Dynamic Range (HDR) rendering
  - Shadow Maps
  - Display Filter (Color, Geometry, Resolution correction)
- Building block for user created effects (SimpleStage)



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# SimpleStage – Common Fields

- Fields `renderTarget` and `inheritedTarget` determine where pixels are written to
- Camera to change point of view and projection
- Values for `left`, `right`, `top`, `bottom` to restrict rendering to a subrectangle of the `renderTarget`
- `pre/postRenderCallbacks`
  - List of callback functors
  - Typically used for image processing operations



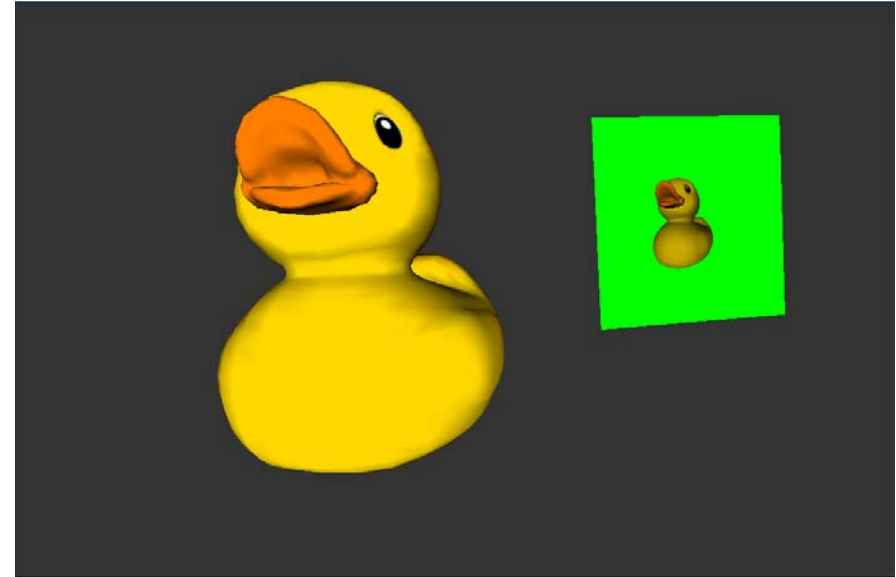
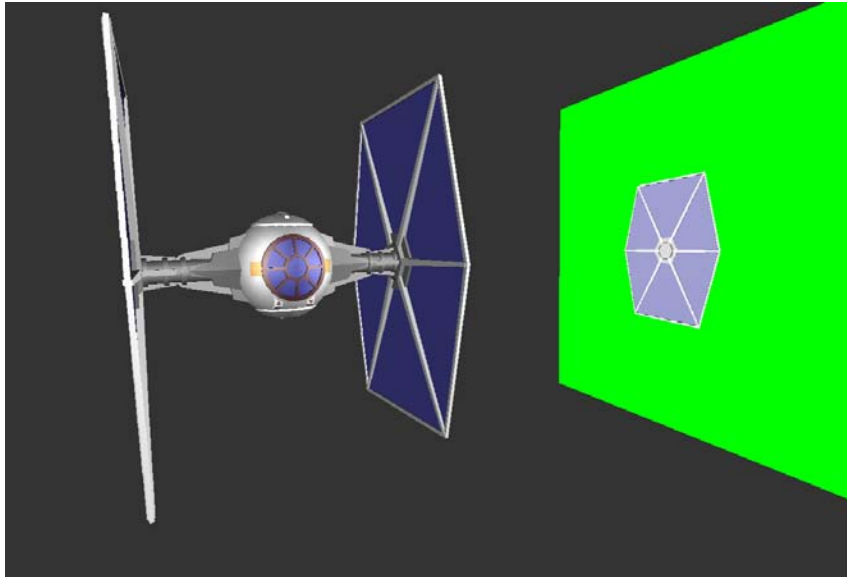
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## Example Outline – Building a Mirror

- Render the scene from a second point of view
- Use the image as a texture when rendering the regular view
- Create a SimpleStage
  - Add a FrameBufferObject as render target
    - Add a TextureBuffer as color attachment
    - Add a RenderBuffer as depth attachment
  - Add a new a Camera at the reflected viewer position
- Apply the generated texture (color attachment) to the mirror object
  - The TextureObjChunk of the TextureBuffer can be directly added to the mirrors material

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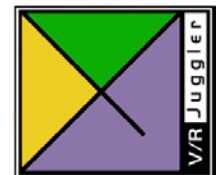
# Example Outline – Building a Mirror – Images



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# ShadowStage

- Implements 6 shadow map algorithms
  - Percentage closer filtering
  - Perspective shadow maps
  - Variance shadow maps
  - Percentage closer soft shadows
  - Dither shadow maps
  - Standard shadow maps
- Smoothness factor to control filtering quality vs. performance



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# ShadowStage – Adding shadows to a scene

- Choose an algorithm to use

```
shadowStage->setShadowMode(ShadowStage::PCF_SHADOW_MAP);
```

- Choose a map size

```
shadowStage->setMapSize(1024);
```

- Enable autoSearchForLights mode or add lights explicitly

```
shadowStage->setAutoSearchForLights(true);
```

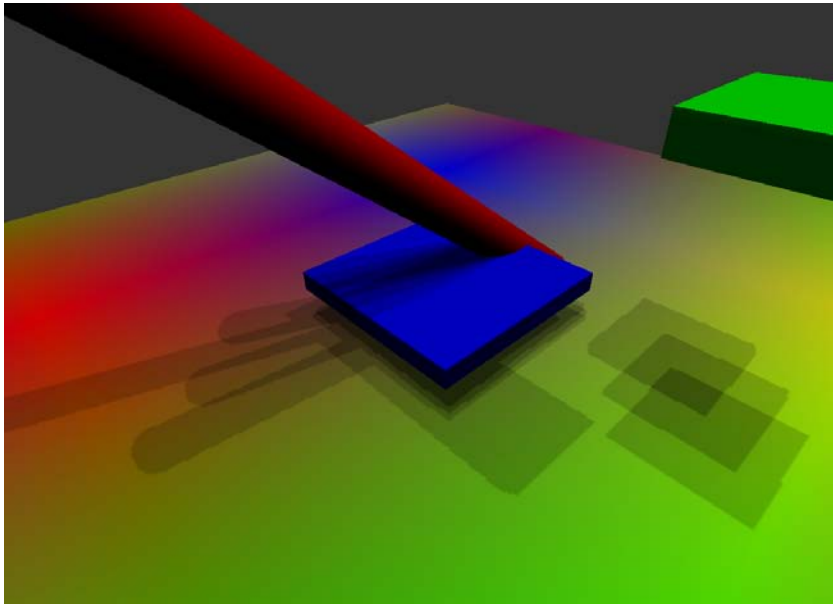
```
shadowStage->editMFLightNodes()->push_back(lightNode);
```

- Add on top of an existing scene

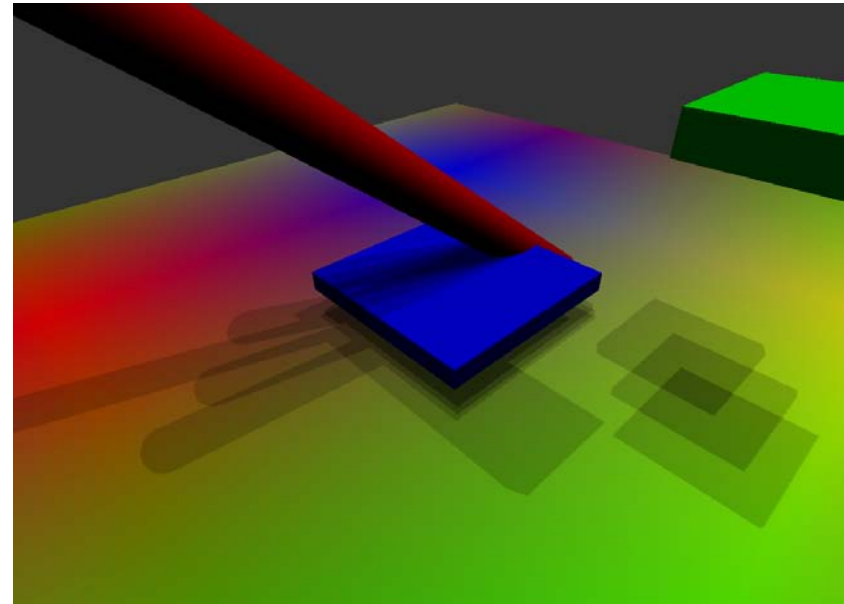


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# ShadowStage – Example Images



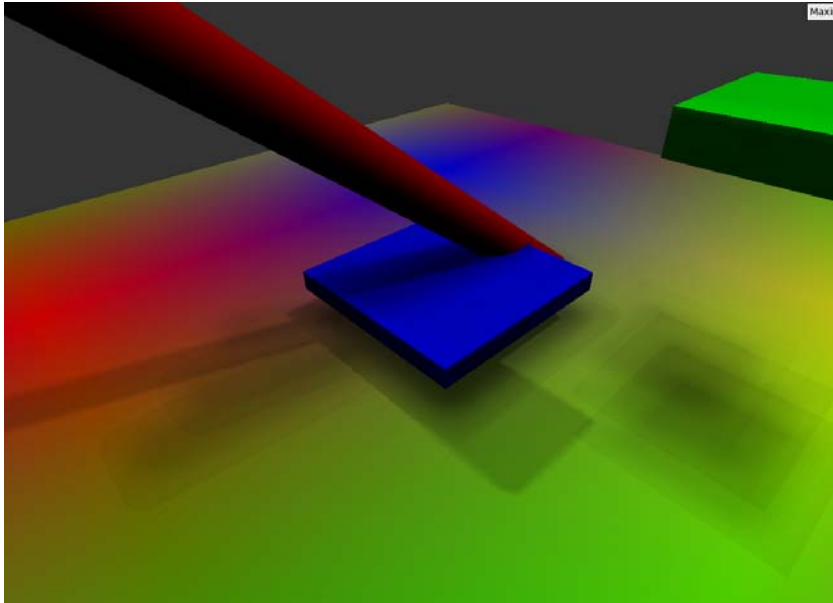
Standard



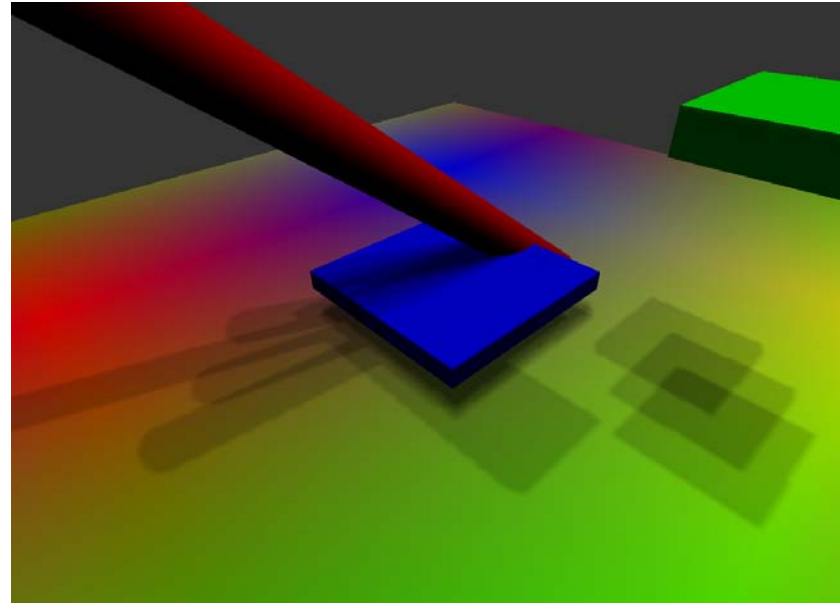
Perspective

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# ShadowStage – Example Images II



Percentage Closer Soft  
Shadows (PCSS)



Percentage Closer Filtering  
(PCF)

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# HDRStage

- Renders the scene to a floating point texture buffer
- Applies tone mapping and blur operations to the buffer
- Combines tone mapped and blurred buffers into final image

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# HDRStage – Setup

- Select blur kernel size

```
hdrStage->setBlurWidth(3.f);
```

- Select strength of blur and bloom effect

```
hdrStage->setBlurAmount(0.5f);
```

```
hdrStage->setEffectAmount(0.2f);
```

- Select exposure and gamma value

```
hdrStage->setExposure(8.f);
```

```
hdrStage->setGamma(0.5f);
```

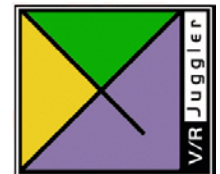
- Add on top of scene

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# Up next: VRJuggler



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## Summary

- OpenSG and VRJuggler provide a wide array of tools to create interactive and immersive 3D applications
- It is more effort than just running an existing system
- But it gives more flexibility, especially for unconventional applications
  - If all you want to do is flying through a model it's probably overkill
  - But if you need to write new and exciting ways of dealing with complex data, they are a good base.

