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Advanced Computer Graphics Advanced Shader Programming



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- Programmable vertex und fragment processors
 - Expose that which was already there anyway
- Texture memory = now general storage for any data





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A More Abstract Overview of the Programmable Pipeline









Declare texture in the shader (vertex or fragment):

```
uniform sampler2D myTex;
```

Load und bind texture in OpenGL-program as always:

```
glBindTexture( GL_TEXTURE_2D, myTexture );
glTexImage2D(...);
```

Establish a connection between the two:

uint mytex = glGetUniformLocation(prog, "myTex");

glUniform1i(mytex, 0); // 0 = texture unit, not ID

Access in fragment shader:

vec4 c = texture2D(myTex, gl_TexCoord[0].xy);



Example: A Simple "Gloss" Texture

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Idea: expand the conventional Phong lighting by introducing a specular reflection coefficient that is mapped from a texture on the surface

$$I_{\rm out} = (r_d \cos \Phi + r_s \cos^p \Theta) \cdot I_{\rm in}$$

$$r_s = r_s(u, v)$$





demos/shader/vorlesung_demos/gloss.{frag,vert}



Procedural Textures Using Shader Programming



 Goal: Brick texture









- General mechanics:
 - Vertex shader: normal lighting calculation
 - Fragment shader:
 - For each fragment, determine if the point lies in the brick or in the mortar on the basis of the x/y coordinates of the corresponding point in the object's space
 - After that, multiply the corresponding color with intensity from lighting model
- First 3 steps towards a complete shader program:



vorlesung_demos/brick.vert and brick[1-3].frag





- Most procedural textures look too "clean"
- Idea: add all sorts of noise
 - Dirt, grime, random irregularities, etc., for a more realistic appearance
- Ideal qualities of a noise function:
 - At least C²-continuous
 - It's sufficient if it looks random
 - No obvious patterns or repetitions
 - Repeatable (same output with the same input)
 - Convenient domain, e.g. [-1,1]
 - Can be defined for 1-4 dimensions
 - Isotropic (invariant under rotation)





- Simple idea, demonstrated by a 1-dimensional example:
 - 1. Choose random y-values from [-1,1] at the integer points:



2. Interpolate in between, e.g. cubically (linearly isn't sufficient):



This kind of noise function is called "value noise"





3. Generate multiple noise functions with different frequencies:







• The same thing in 2D:





Result

- Easily allows itself to be generalized into higher dimensions
- Also called *Perlin noise, pink noise,* or fractal noise
 - Ken Perlin first dealt with this during his work on TRON



