Tools for Tuning OpenGL ES Apps on iOS

Taking the printf() out of graphics debugging

Session 416

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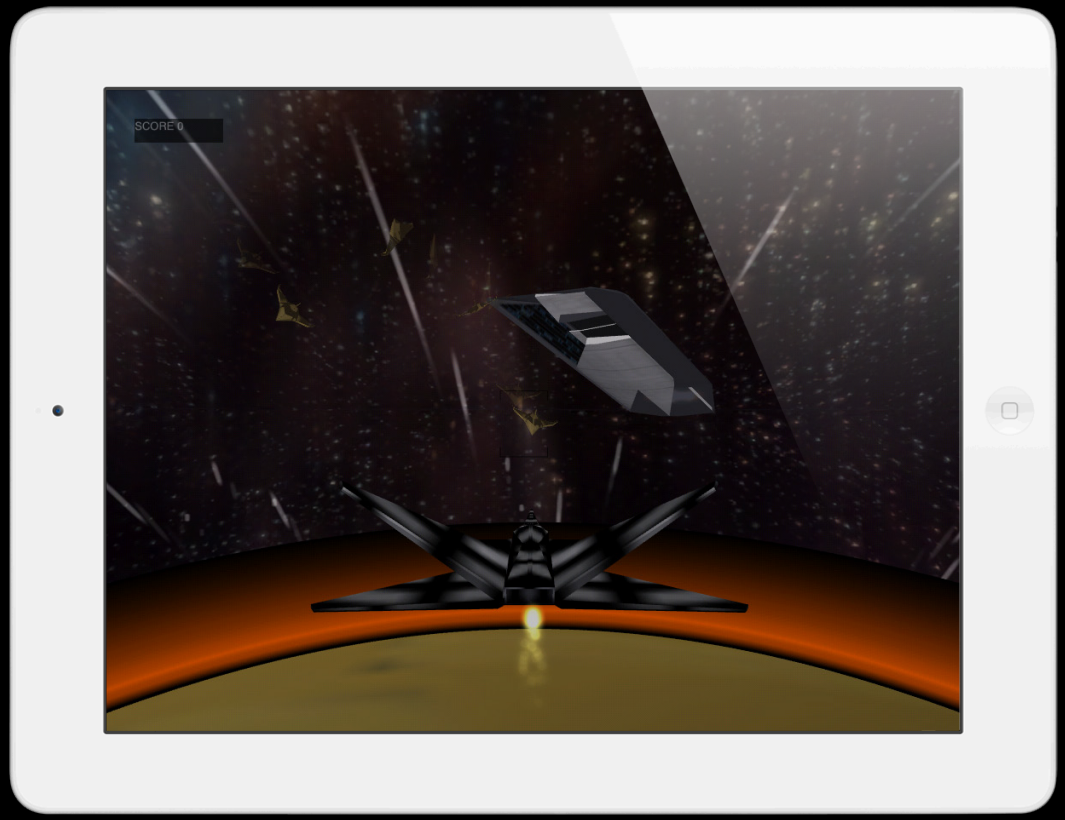
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Session Overview

- OpenGL ES Performance Detective
- Instruments—OpenGL ES Analyzer
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OpenGL ES Performance Detective

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What Is It?

OpenGL ES Performance Detective

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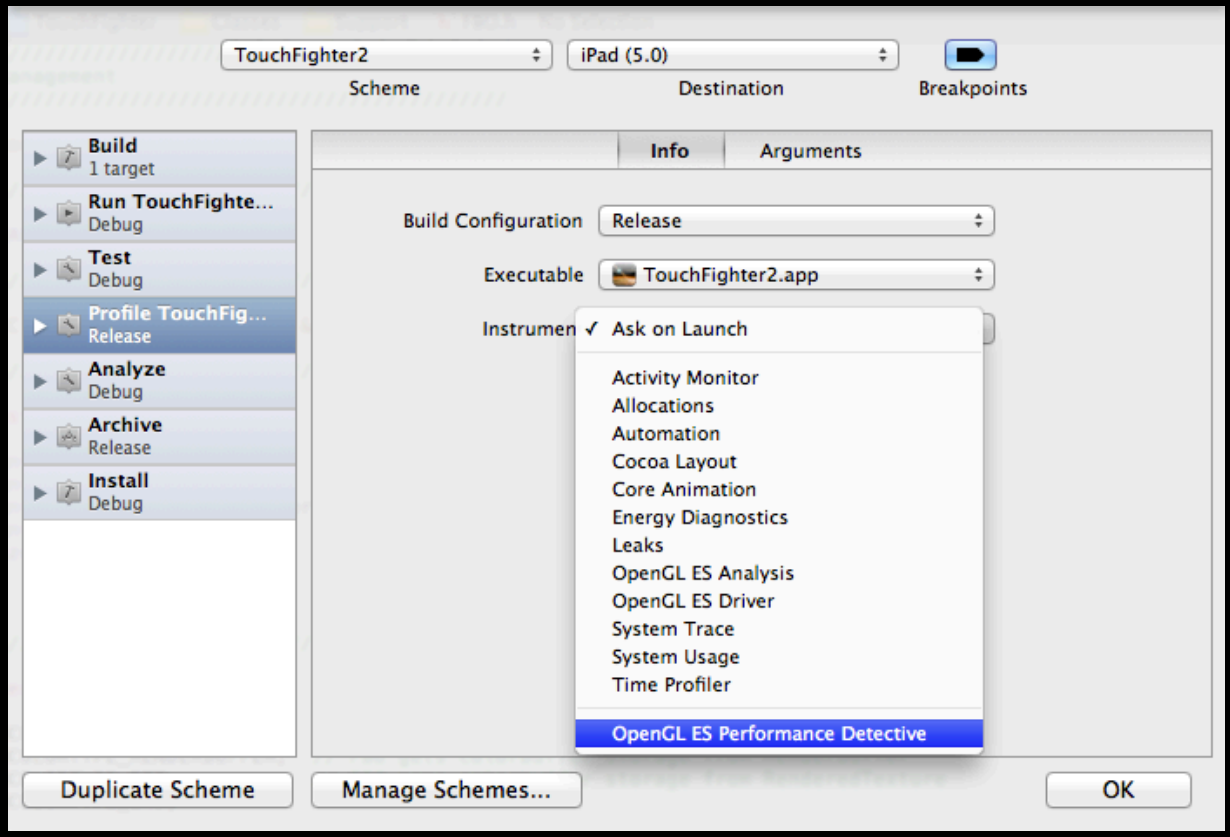

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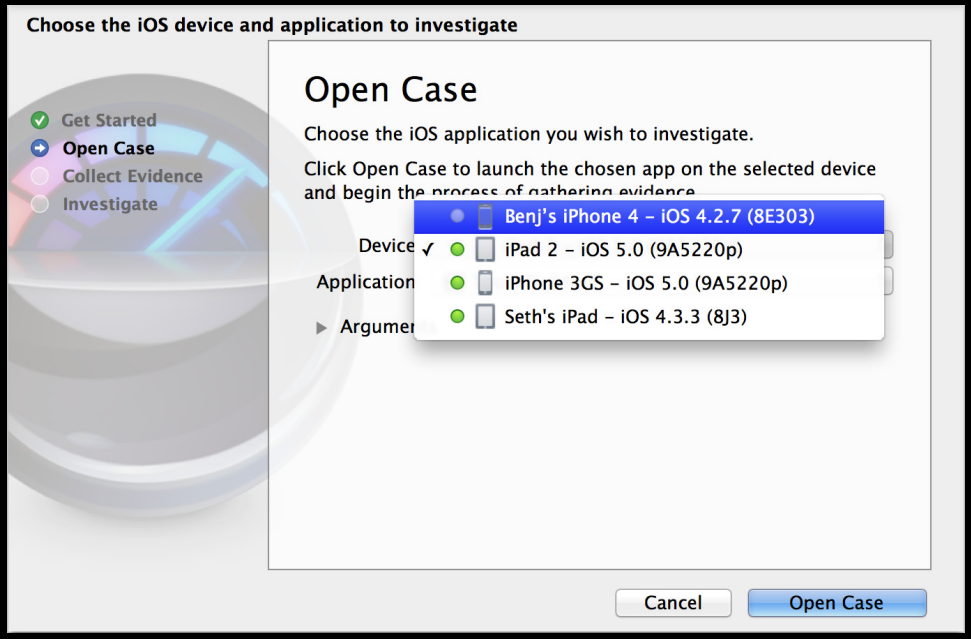

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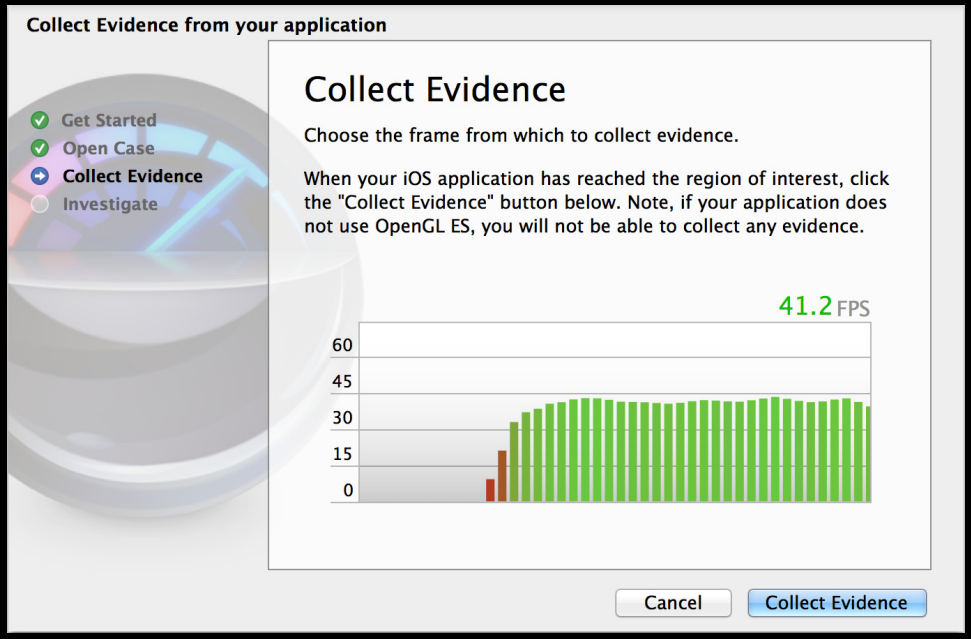

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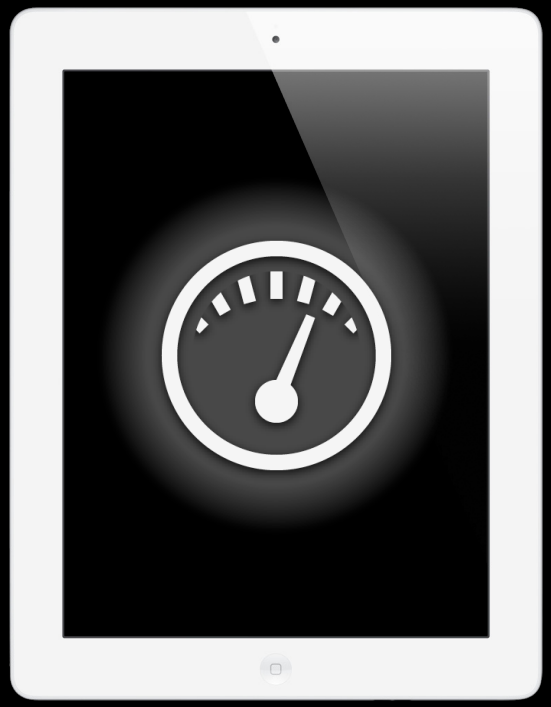

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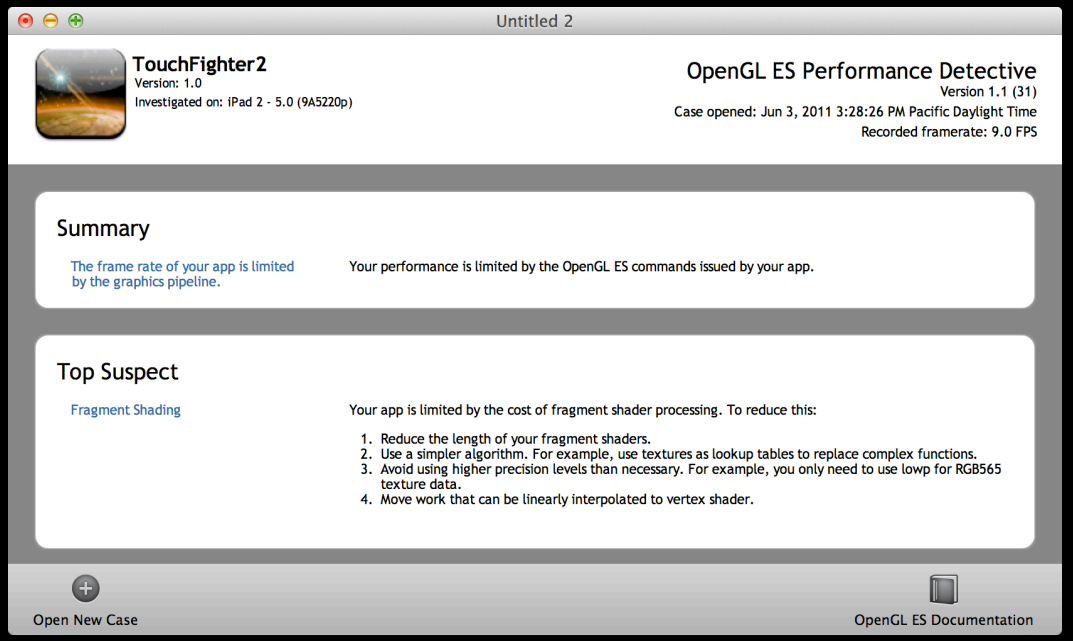
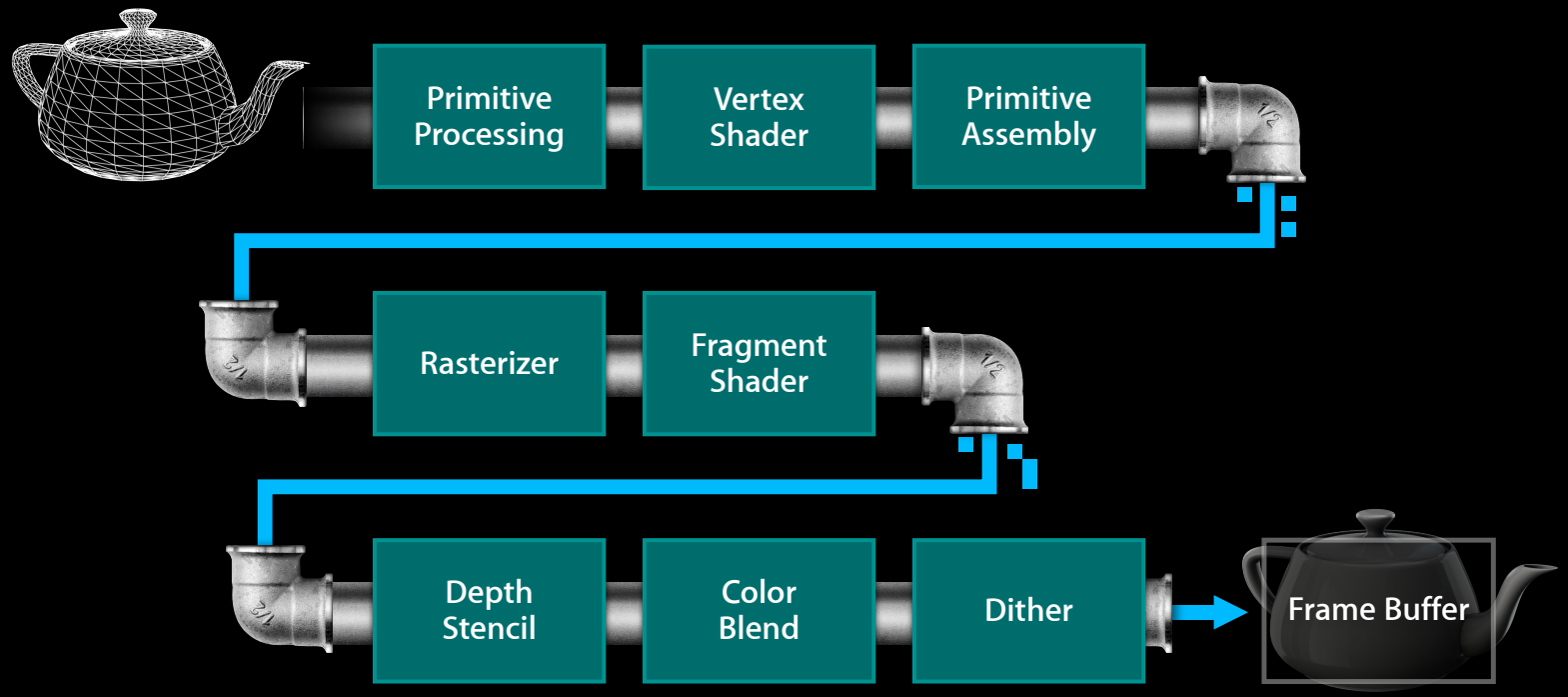


What Is Happening Under the Hood?

Graphics pipeline



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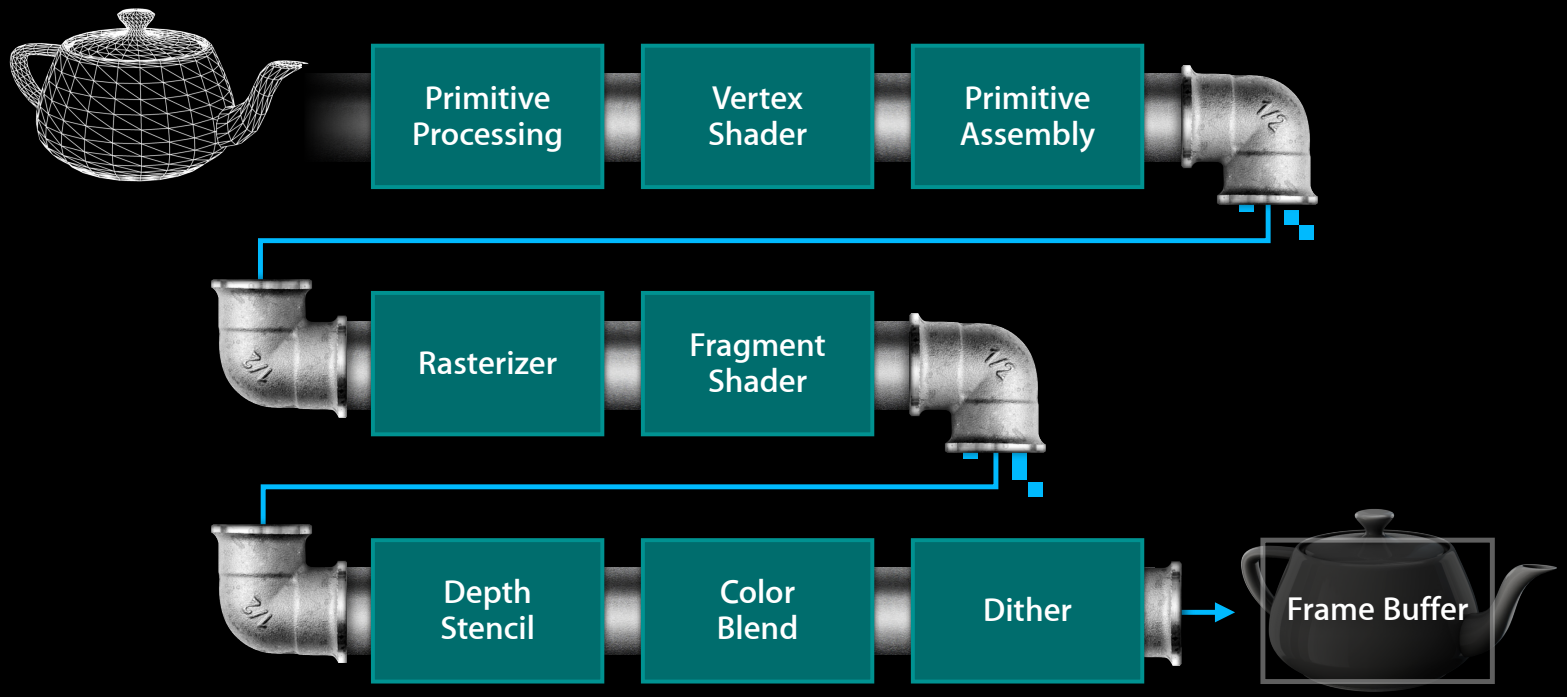

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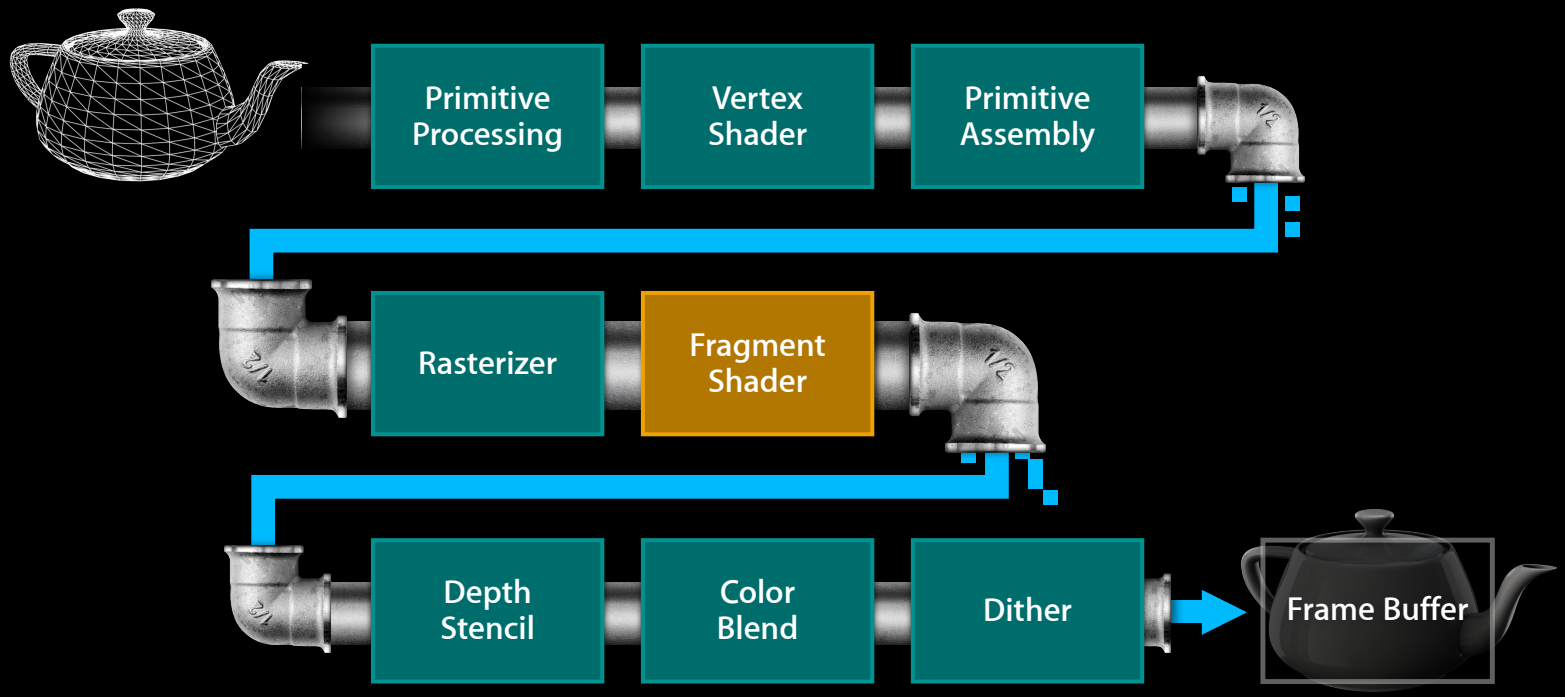
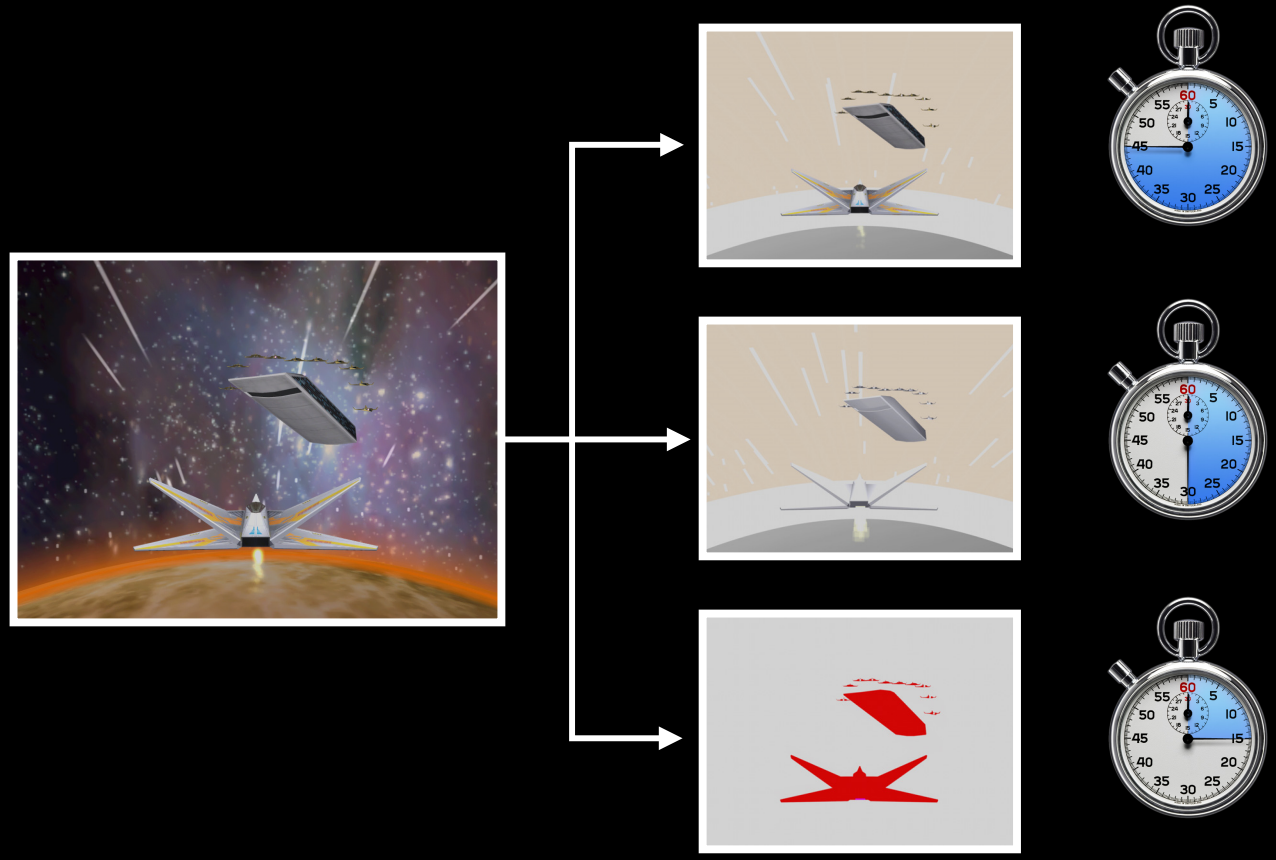
Infinitely fast fragment shader



Experimental Runs



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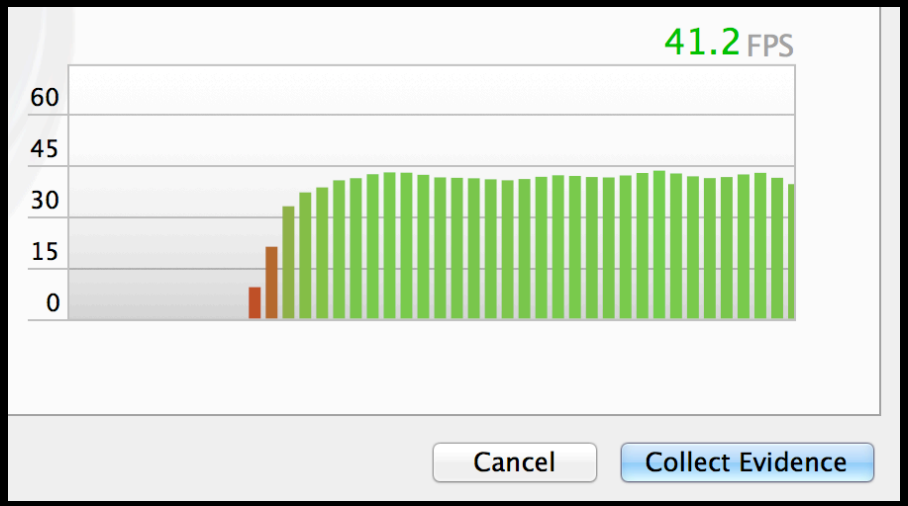


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What Sort of Results Will I Get?

The frame rate of your app is already at a desirable level.

You may be able to improve the image quality provided by your app without significantly reducing your frame rate. For example, you may be able to use more complex shaders, larger textures, or multi-sampled anti-aliasing without reducing your frame rate.

What Sort of Results Will I Get?

The frame rate of your app is not limited by the graphics pipeline.

Your performance is not limited by the OpenGL ES commands issued by your app. Use the Instruments tool to investigate where your application is bottlenecked.

What Sort of Results Will I Get?

Top Suspect: Fragment Shading

Your app is limited by the cost of fragment shader processing. To reduce this:

1. Reduce the length of your fragment shaders.
2. ...

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Instruments—OpenGL ES Analyzer

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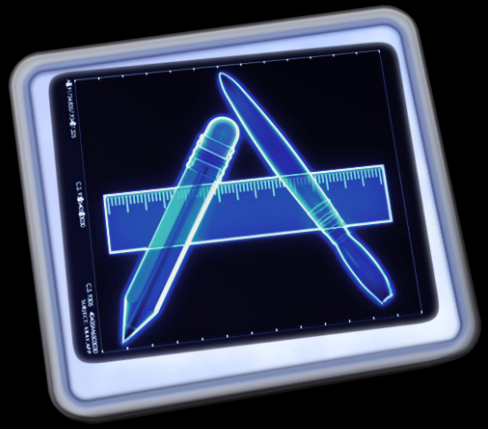

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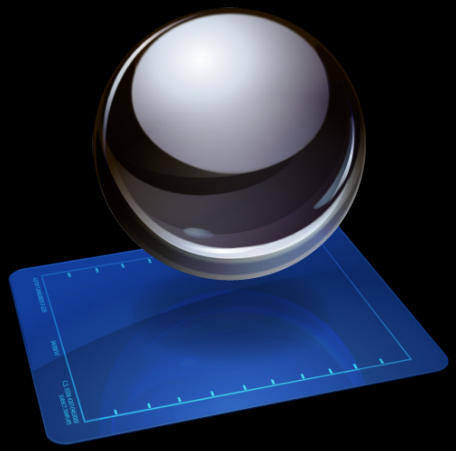

OpenGL ES Analysis

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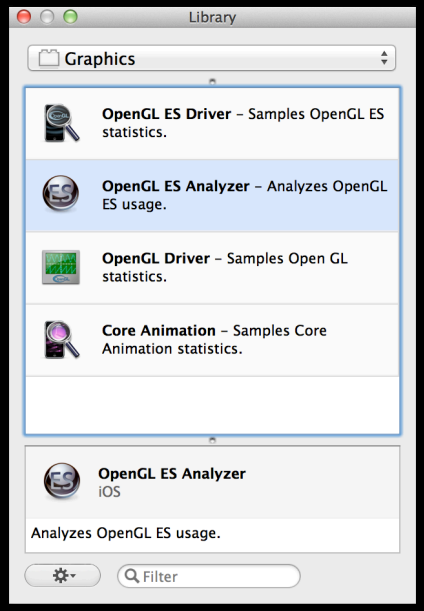

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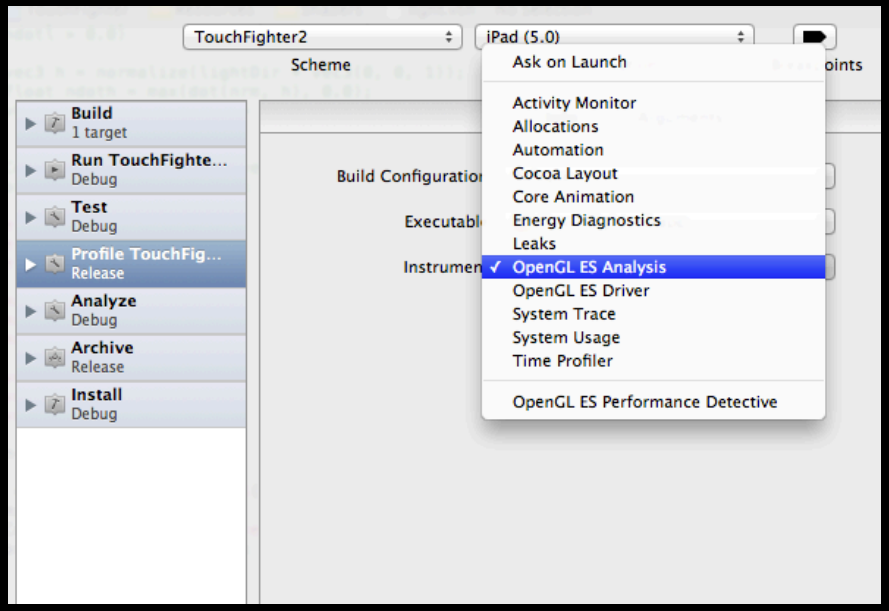
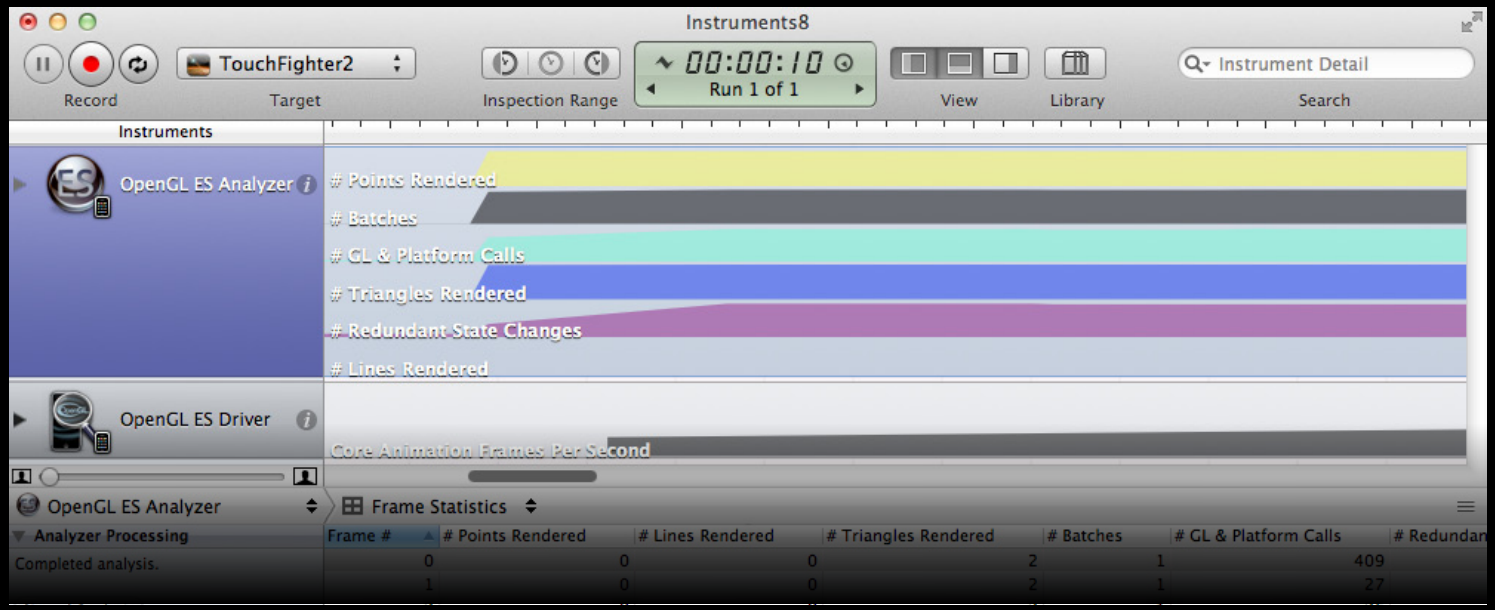


What Is Graphed on the Timeline?



How Can I Find Out Where Time Was Spent?

API Statistics

Function	Count	Total Time (µs)	Average Time (µs)
EAGLContext_presentRenderBuffer	417	766688	1838
glDrawElements	60152	651321	10
glDrawArrays	6013	376296	62
glCheckFramebufferStatus	4	181630	45407
glDiscardFramebufferEXT	417	94596	226
glUniformMatrix4fv	34296	61684	1
glTexImage2D	51	55549	1089
glClear	418	36562	87
EAGLContext_initWithAPI_properties	1	33908	33908
glUseProgram	3189	28461	8
glCompileShader	8	25158	3144
glBindTexture	7589	21737	2
glEnableVertexAttribArray	16897	20505	1
glDisableVertexAttribArray	16875	19154	1
glVertexAttribPointer	13270	17222	1
glResolveMultisampleFramebufferAPPLE	398	14308	35
glUniform1f	7953	14037	1
glBindFramebuffer	2435	11699	4
glDisable	9840	11408	1

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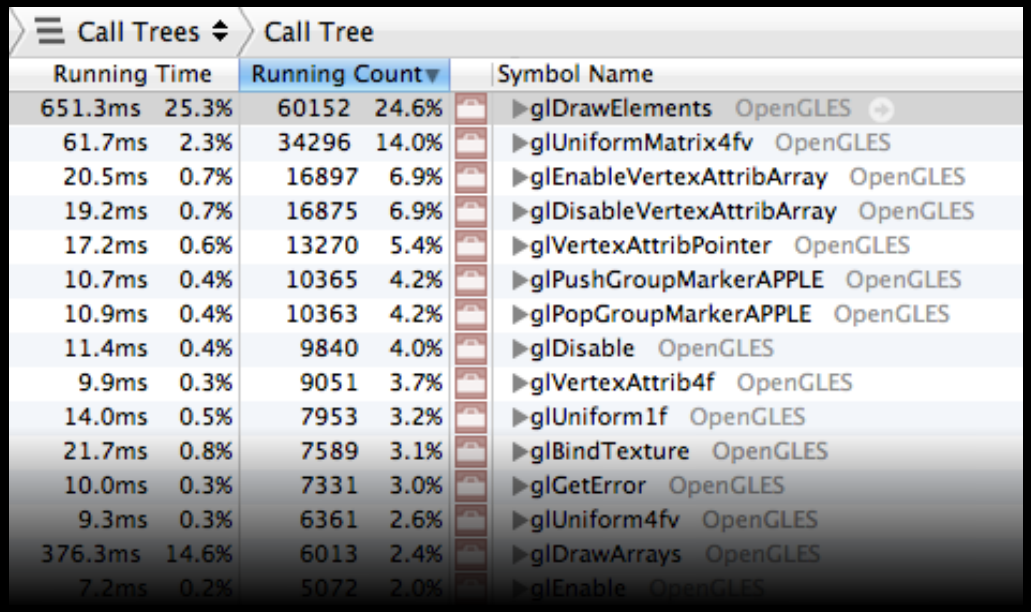
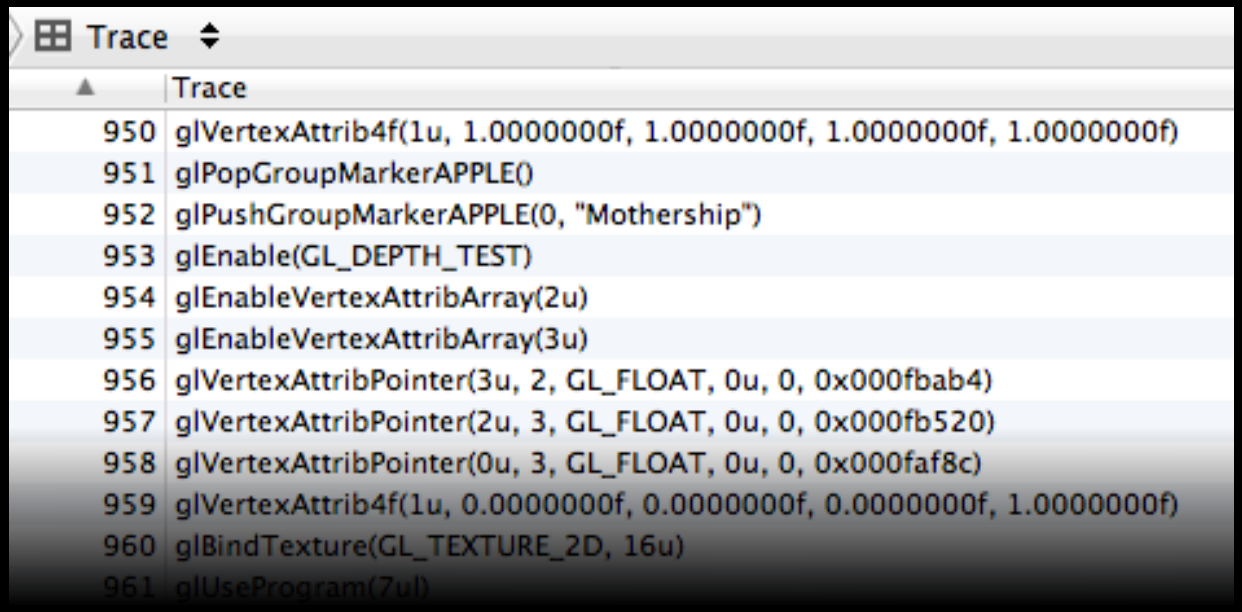


Which OpenGL ES Commands Am I Calling?



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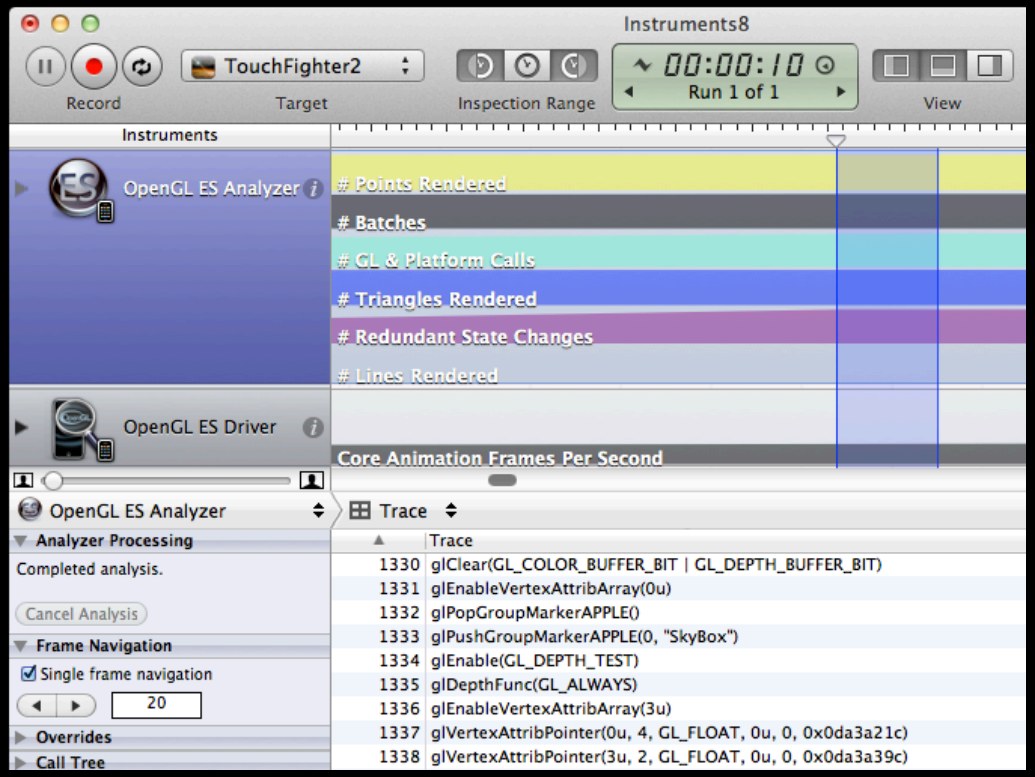
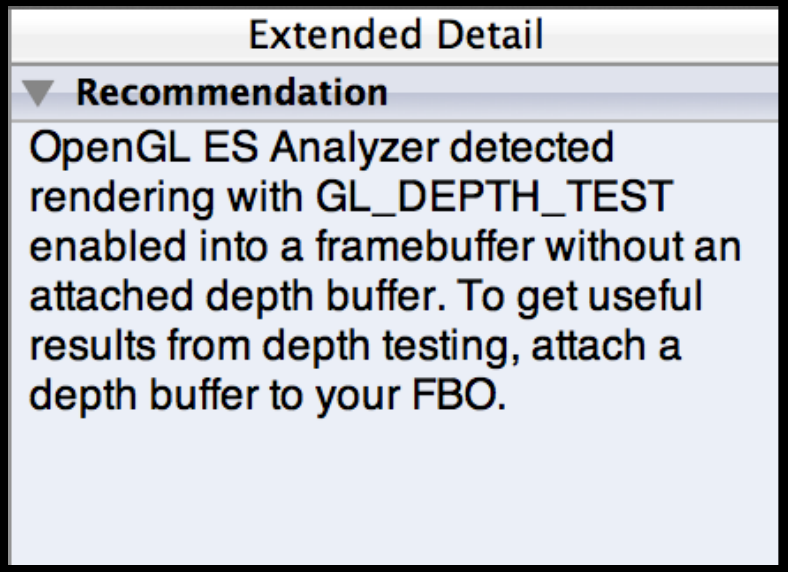
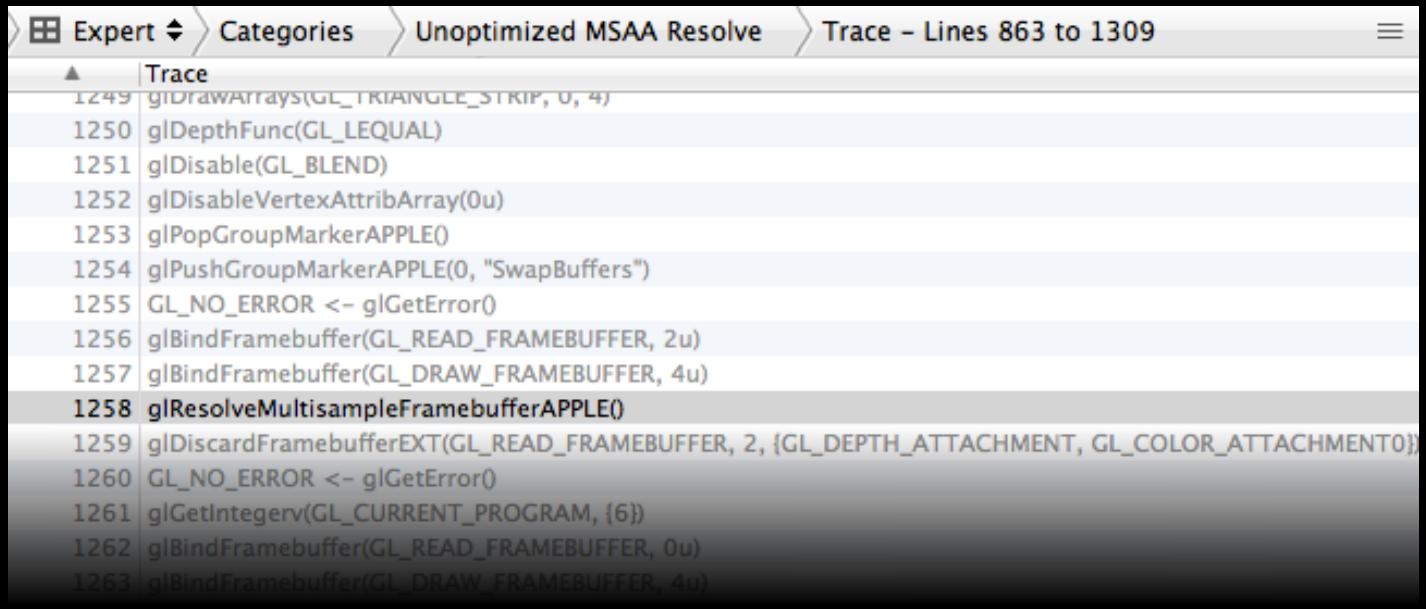


Is There Anything Else It Can Do?

How Do I Know What Action to Take?



Where in My Code Is the Problem?



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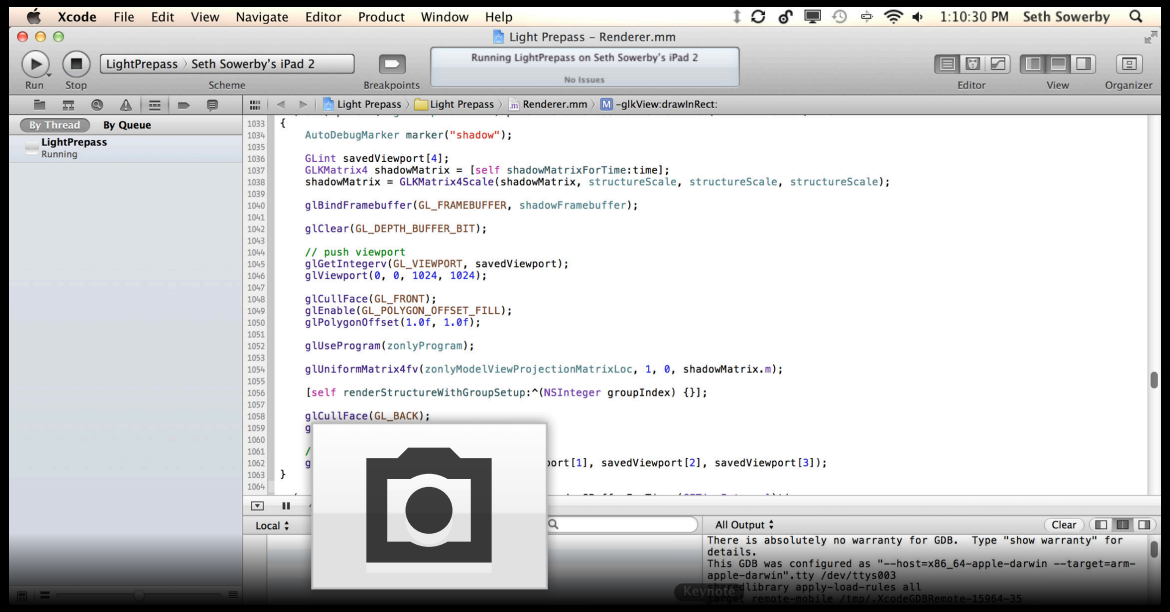

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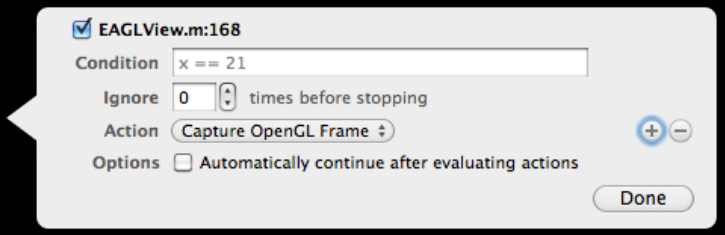

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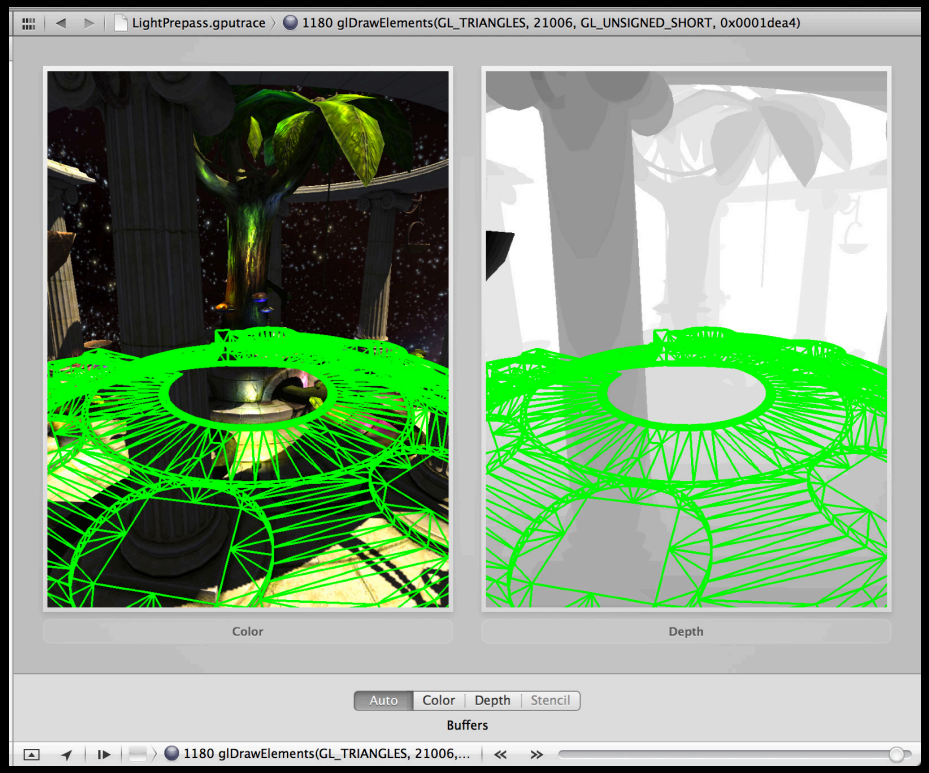
Inspect Your Framebuffer



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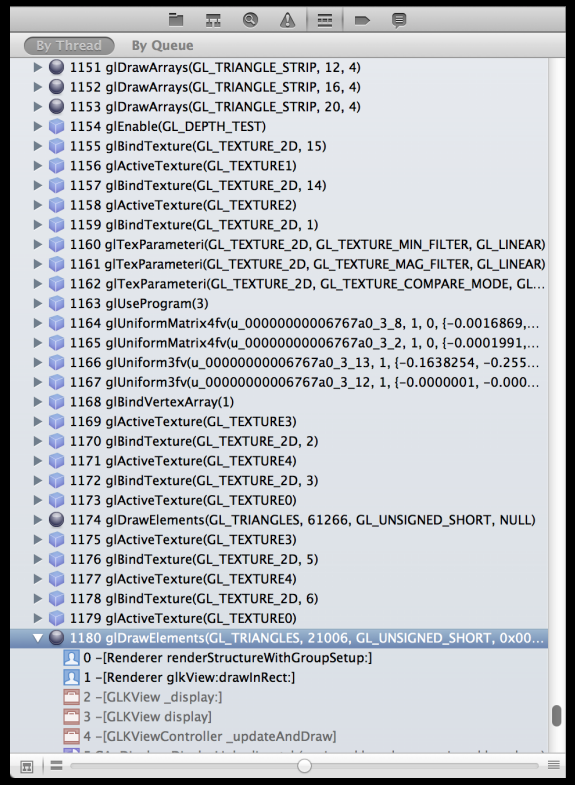

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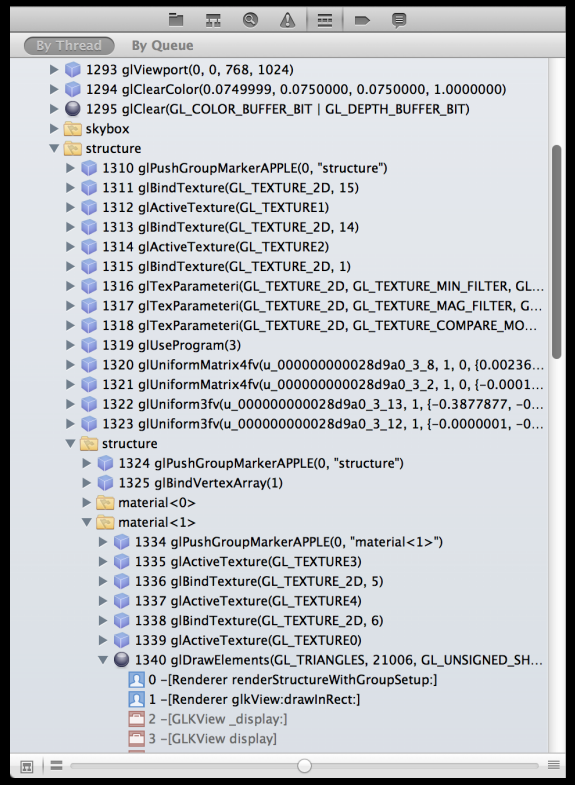


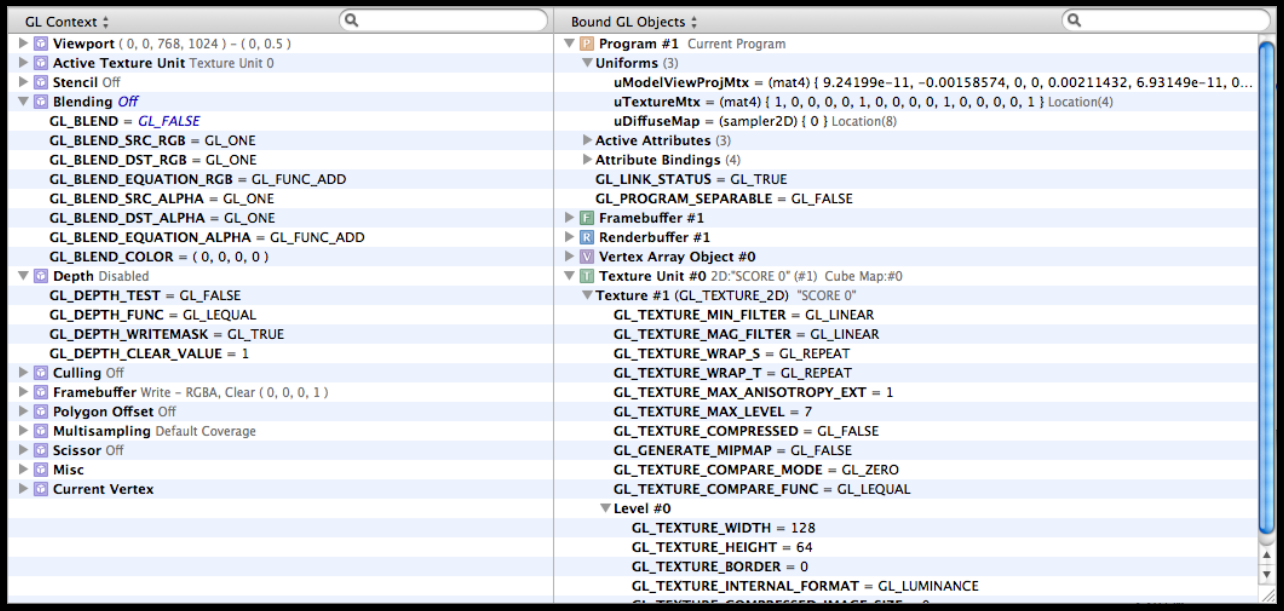
APPLE_debug_marker

```
glPushDebugMarkerAPPLE(0, “Draw Planet”);

glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, planetSurface);
glUseProgram(diffuse);
glBindVertexArrayOES(planetMesh);
glDrawElements(GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP, 256, GL_UNSIGNED_SHORT);

glPopDebugMarkerAPPLE();
```

All the GL State You Can Eat



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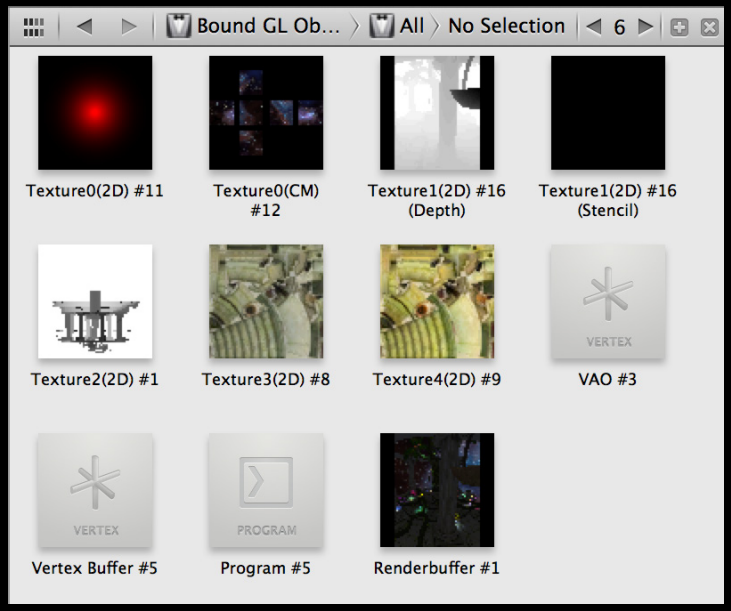

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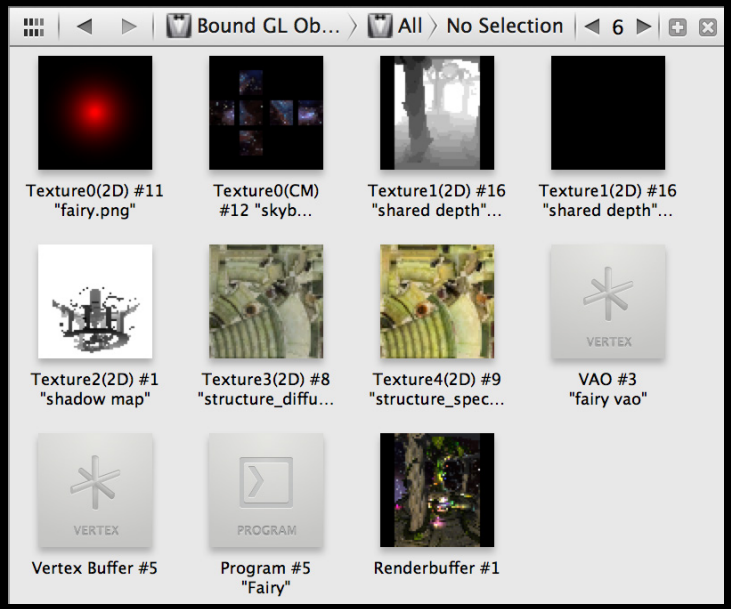

APPLE_debug_label

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glGenTextures(1, &planetSurface);
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, planetSurface);
glLabelObjectAPPLE(GL_TEXTURE, planetSurface, 0, “Planet”);
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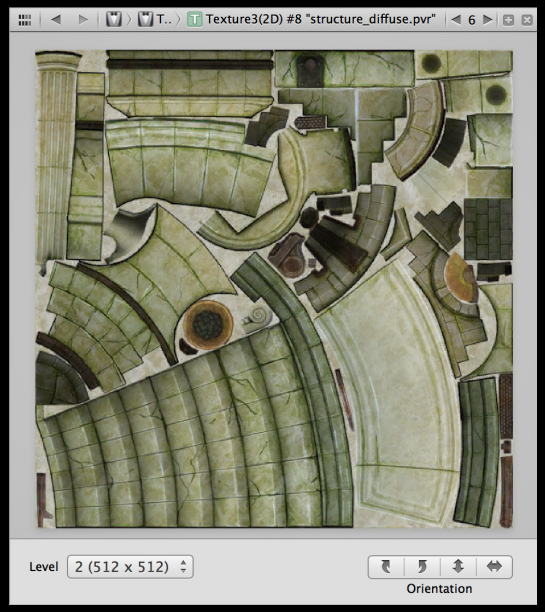
Detailed Object Views—Texture



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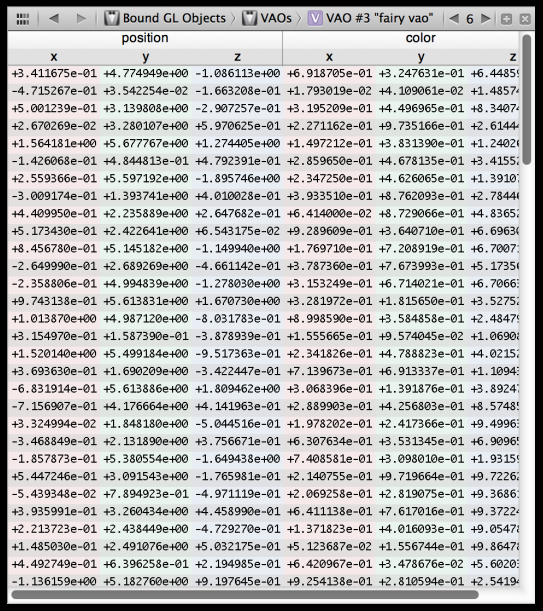

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+5.001239e-01	+3.139808e+00	-2.907257e-01	+3.195209e-01	+4.496965e-01	+8.3407
+2.670269e-02	+3.280107e+00	+5.970625e-01	+2.271162e-01	+9.735166e-01	+2.6144
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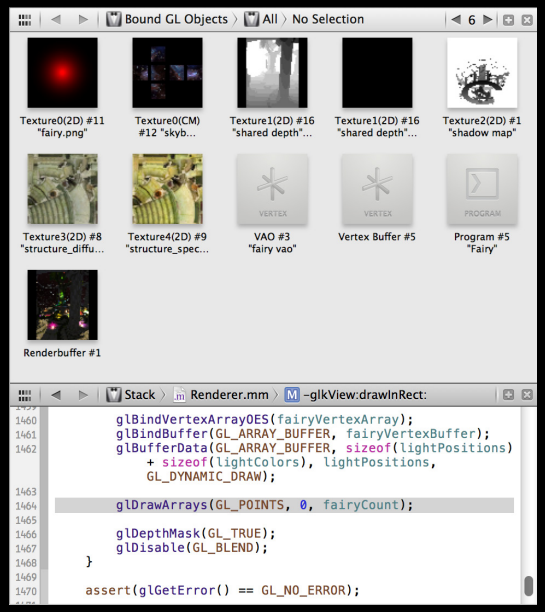

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Summary

- When to use each tool
- Where to find them—Xcode integration
- Go try them out!

More Information

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Related Sessions

Best Practices for OpenGL ES Apps in iOS	Mission Wednesday 4:30PM
Advances in OpenGL for Mac OS X Lion	Marina Thursday 10:15AM

Labs

OpenGL ES Lab	Graphics, Media & Games Lab A Thursday 9:00AM
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OpenGL for Mac OS X Lab	Graphics, Media & Games Lab B Thursday 2:00PM


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