

Tools for Tuning OpenGL ES Apps on iOS

Taking the printf() out of graphics debugging

Session 416

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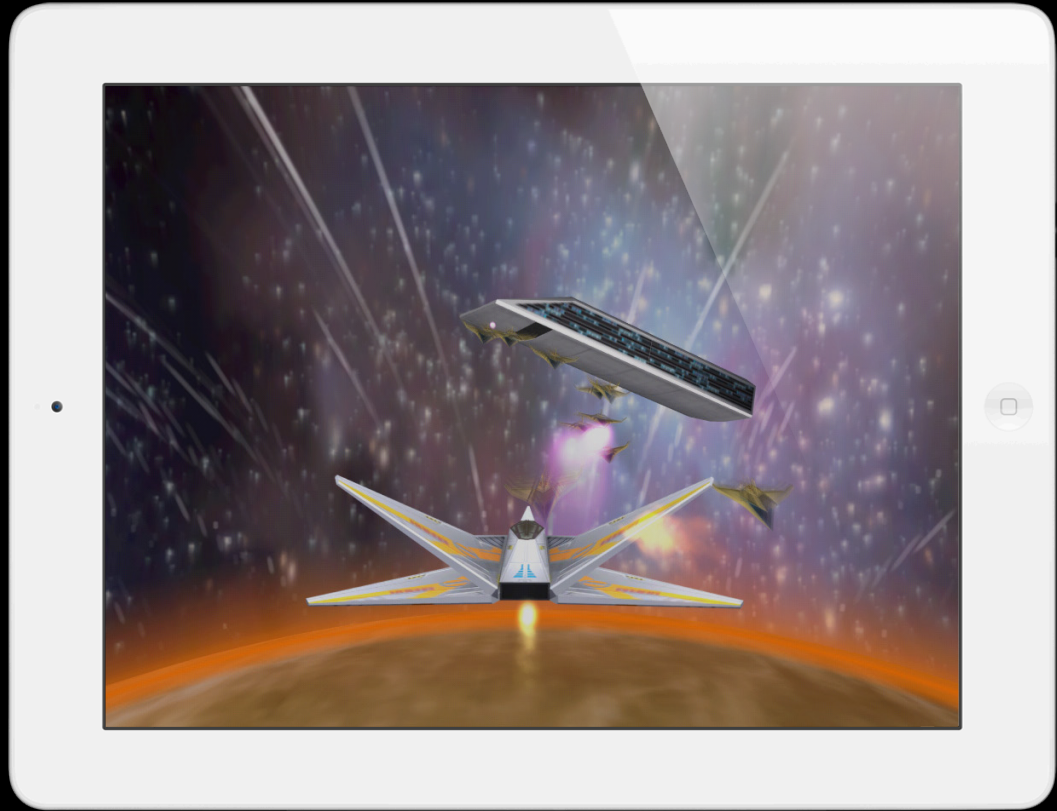
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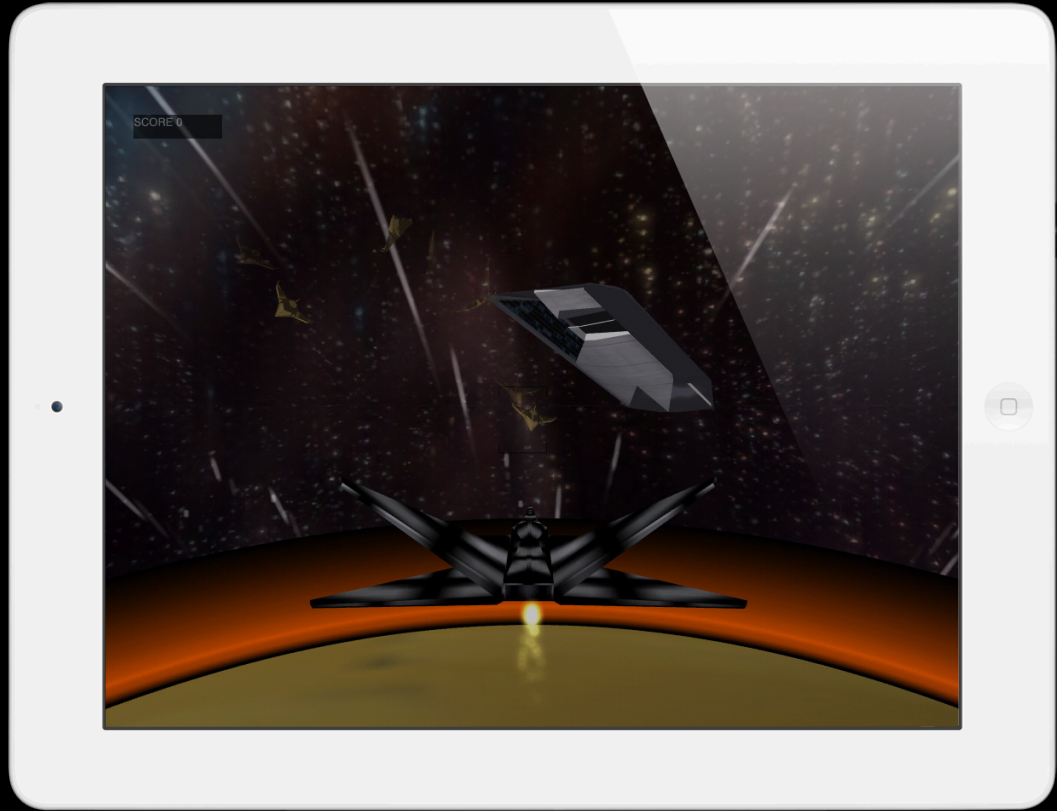
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Session Overview

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

OpenGL ES Performance Detective

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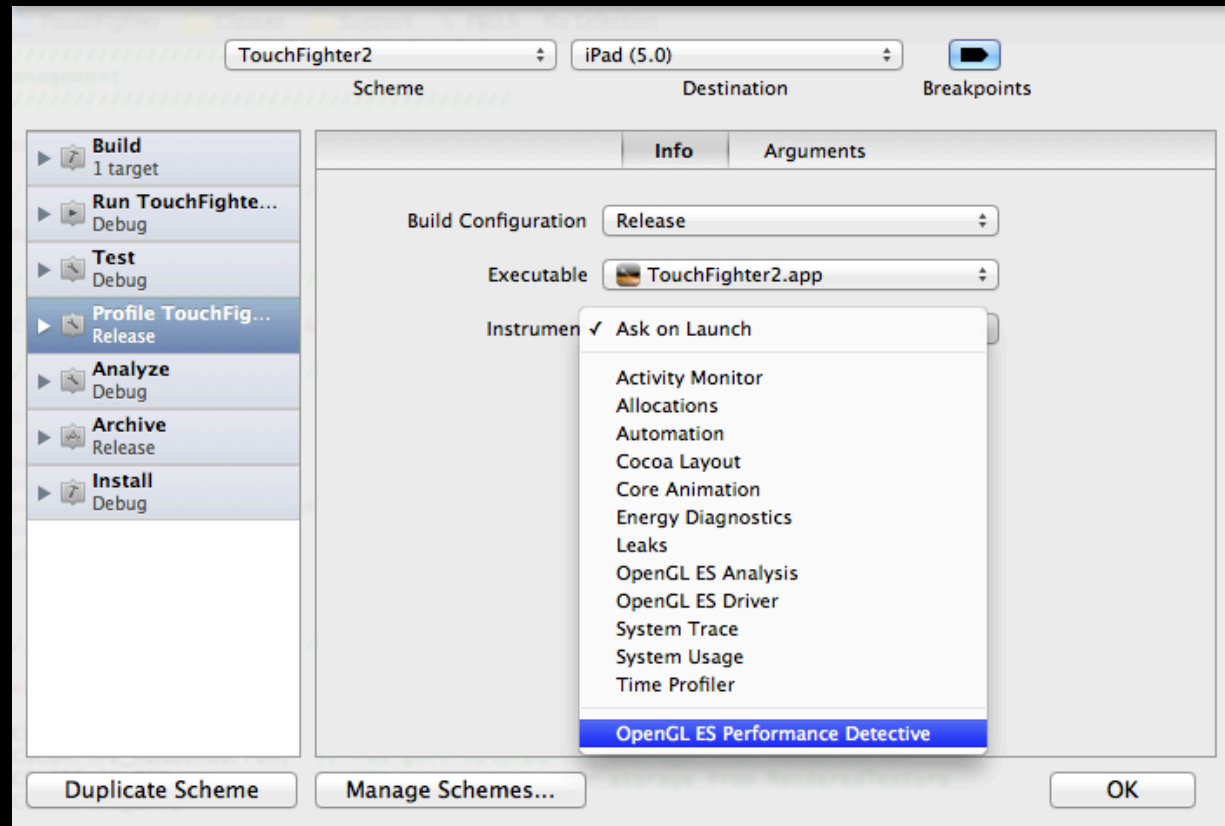
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What Is It?



OpenGL ES Performance Detective

Where Can I Find It?



How Do I Use It?

1. Select device
2. Select app
3. Trigger frame
4. Witness the magic
5. Look at the results



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Collect Evidence from your application

- Get Started
- Open Case
- Collect Evidence**
- Investigate

Collect Evidence

Choose the frame from which to collect evidence.

When your iOS application has reached the region of interest, click the "Collect Evidence" button below. Note, if your application does not use OpenGL ES, you will not be able to collect any evidence.

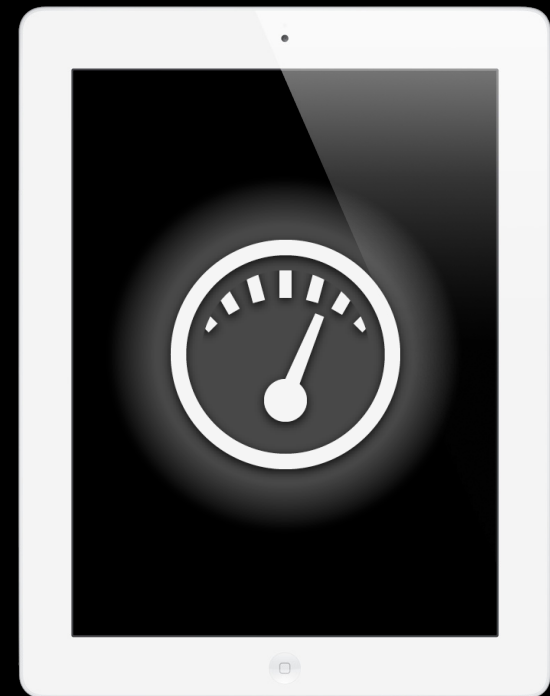
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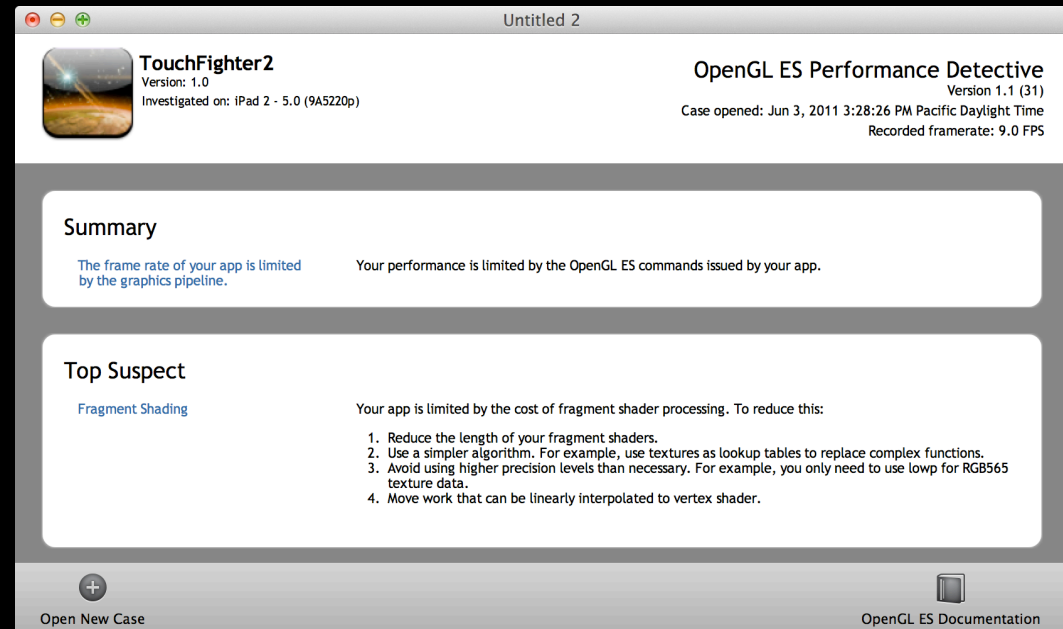
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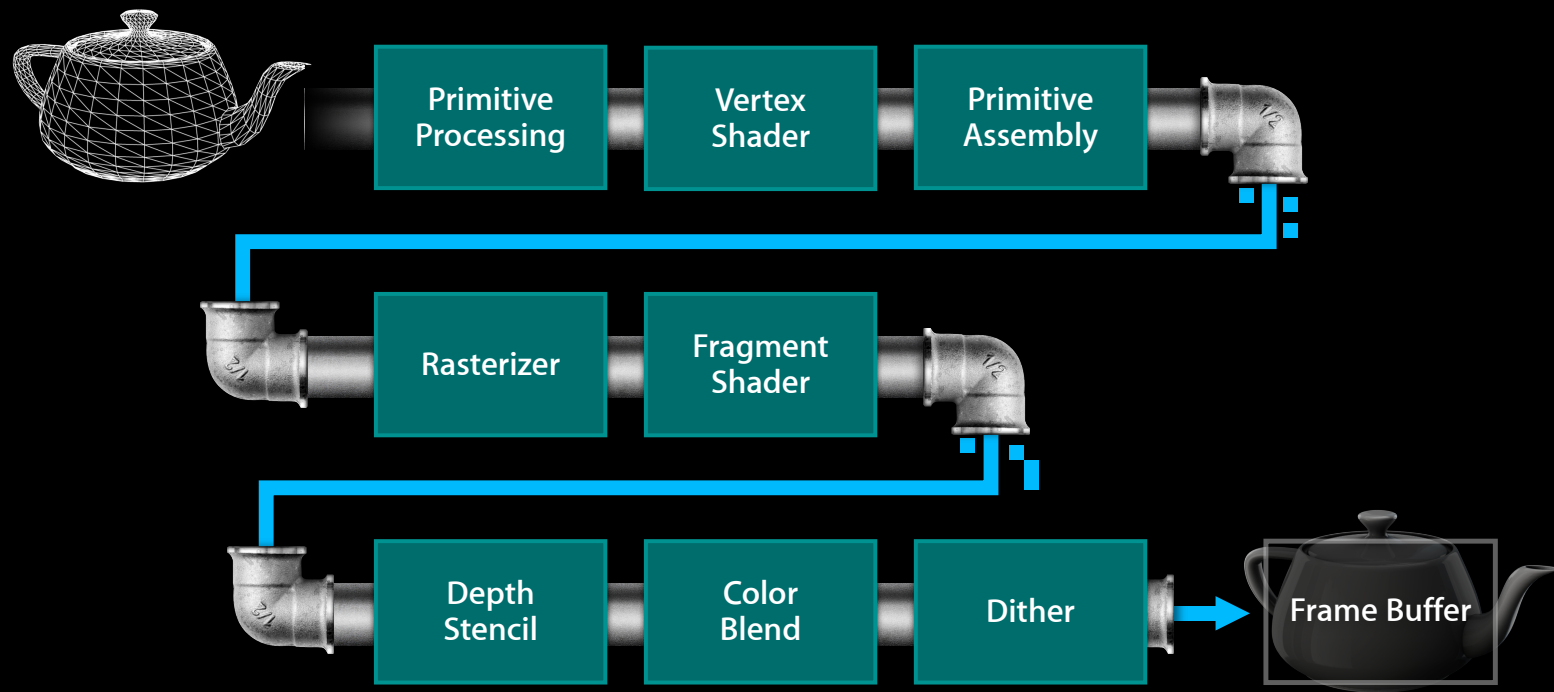
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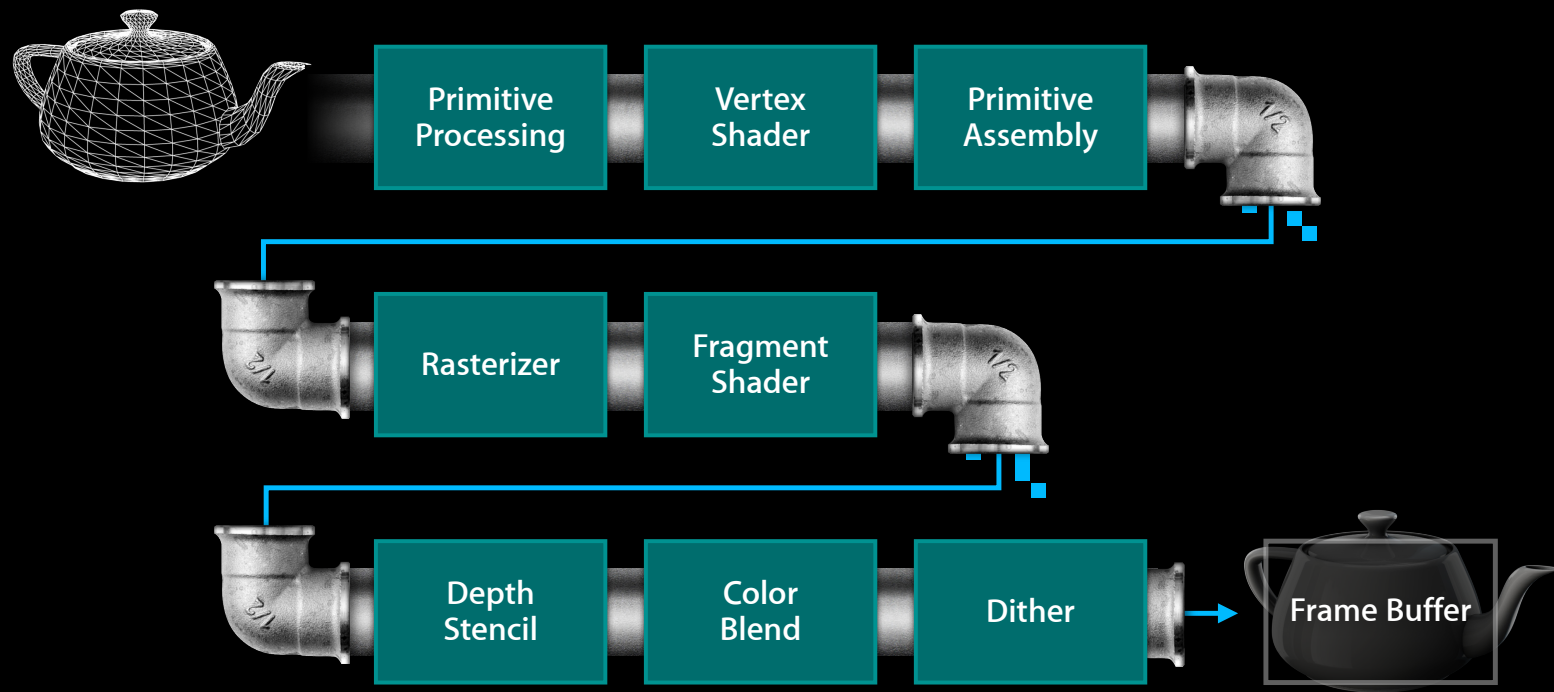
What Is Happening Under the Hood?

Graphics pipeline



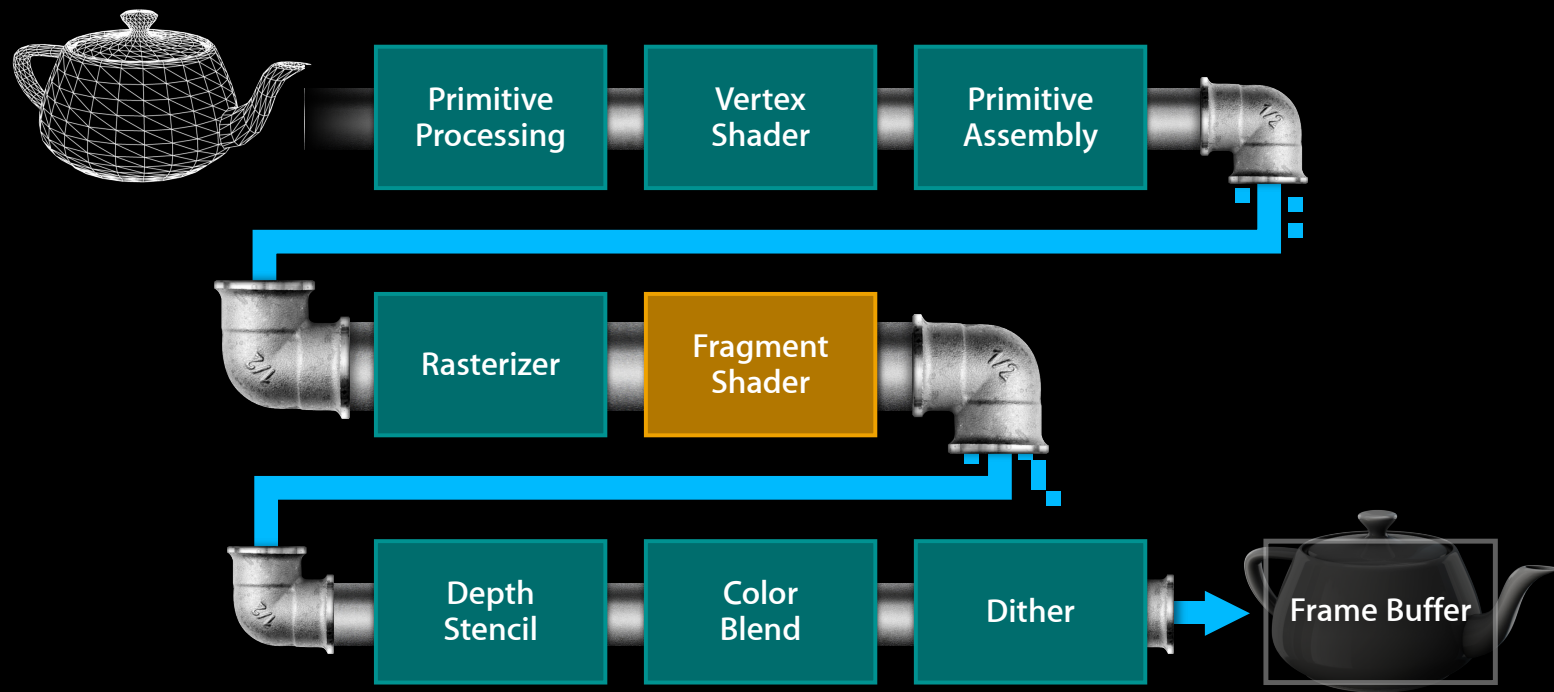
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Infinitely fast OpenGL ES

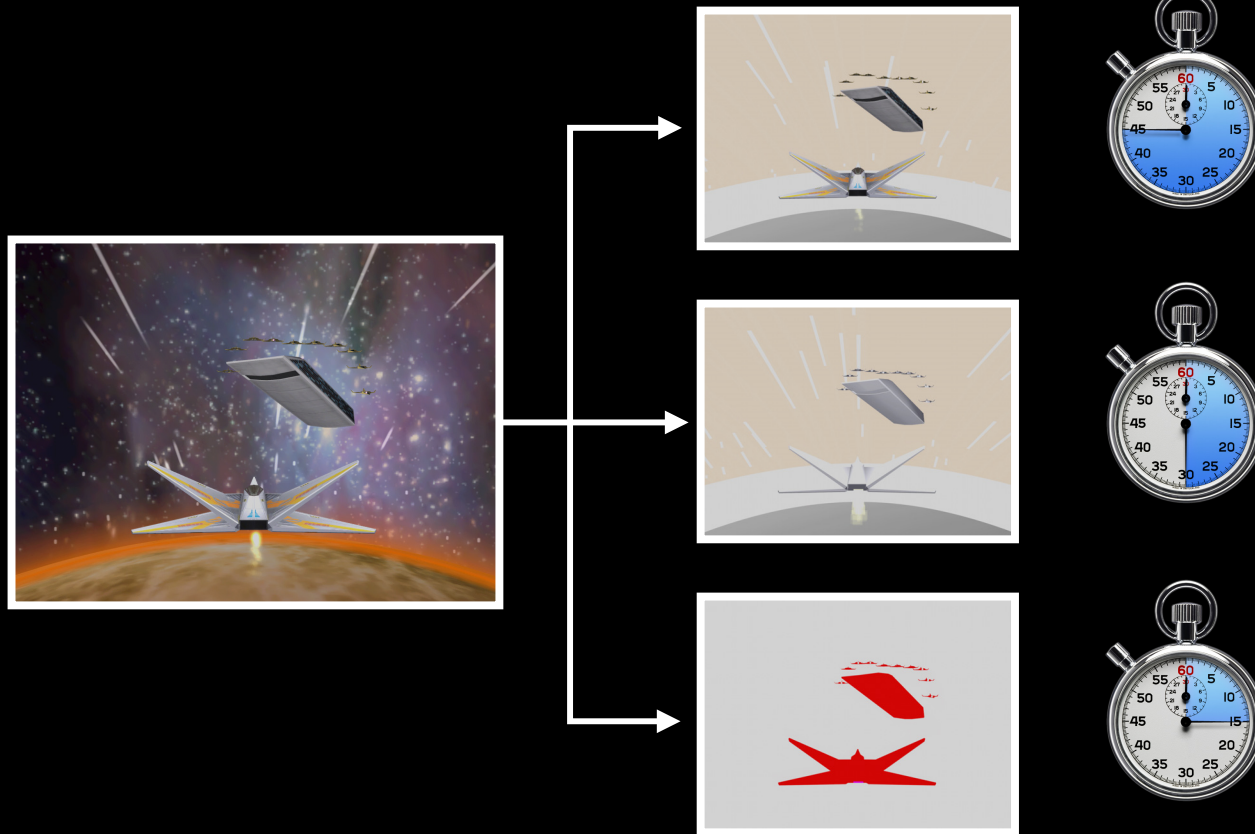


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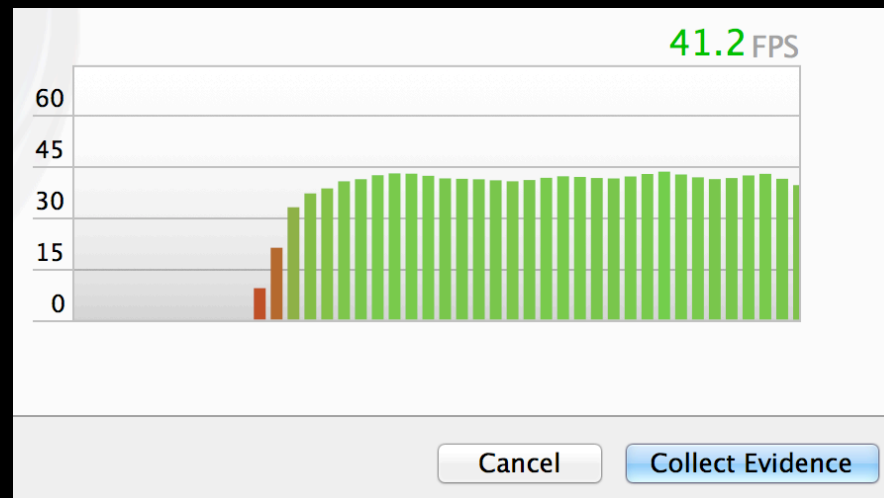
Infinitely fast fragment shader



Experimental Runs



How Do I Trigger a Capture?



```
glInsertEventMarkerAPPLE(0, "com.apple.GPUTools.event.debug-frame");
```

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.

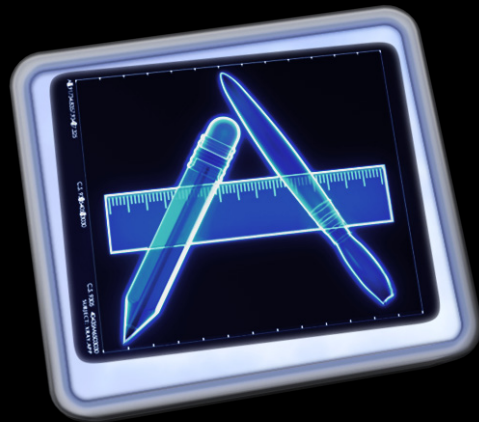
● 2. ...

Demo

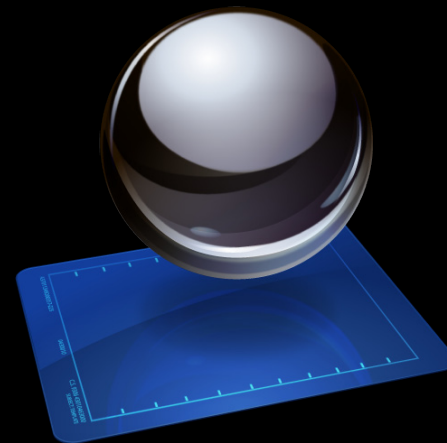
OpenGL ES Performance Detective

Instruments—OpenGL ES Analyzer

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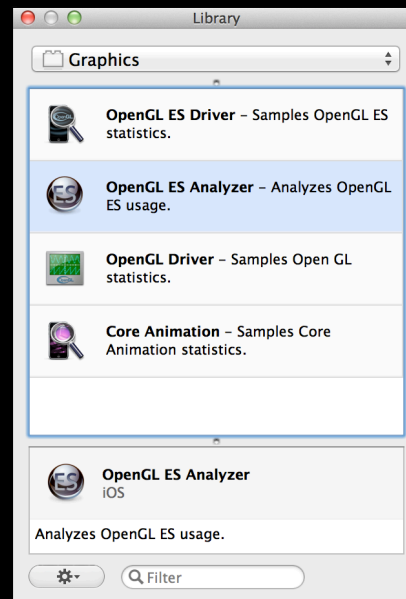


Instruments

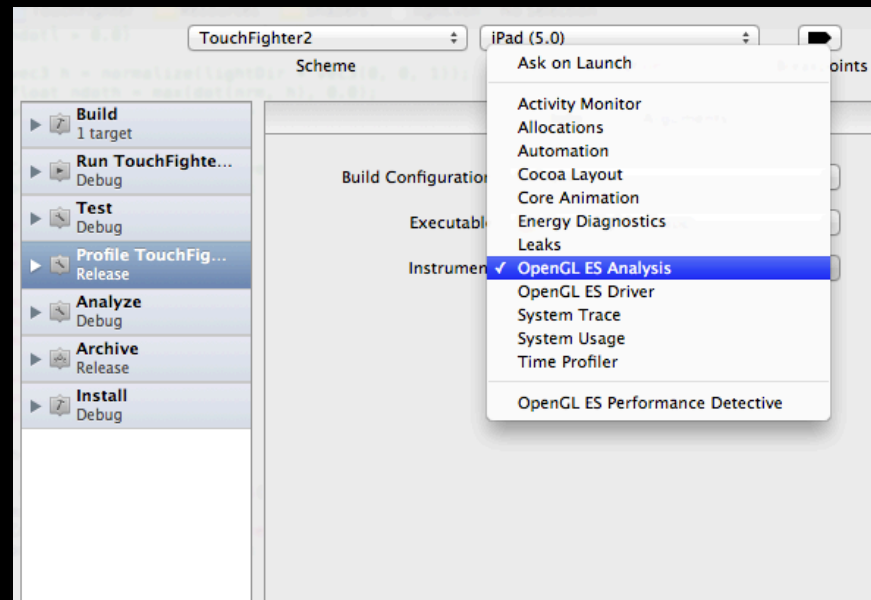


OpenGL ES Analysis

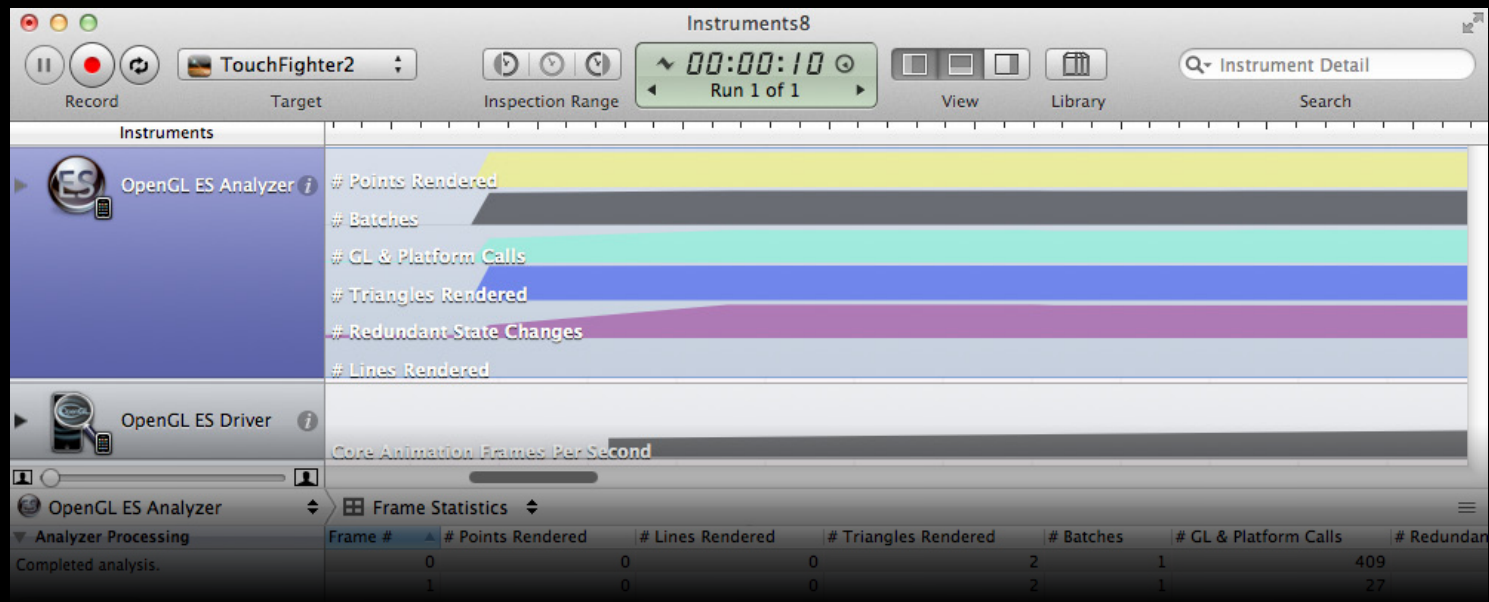
Where Can I Find It?



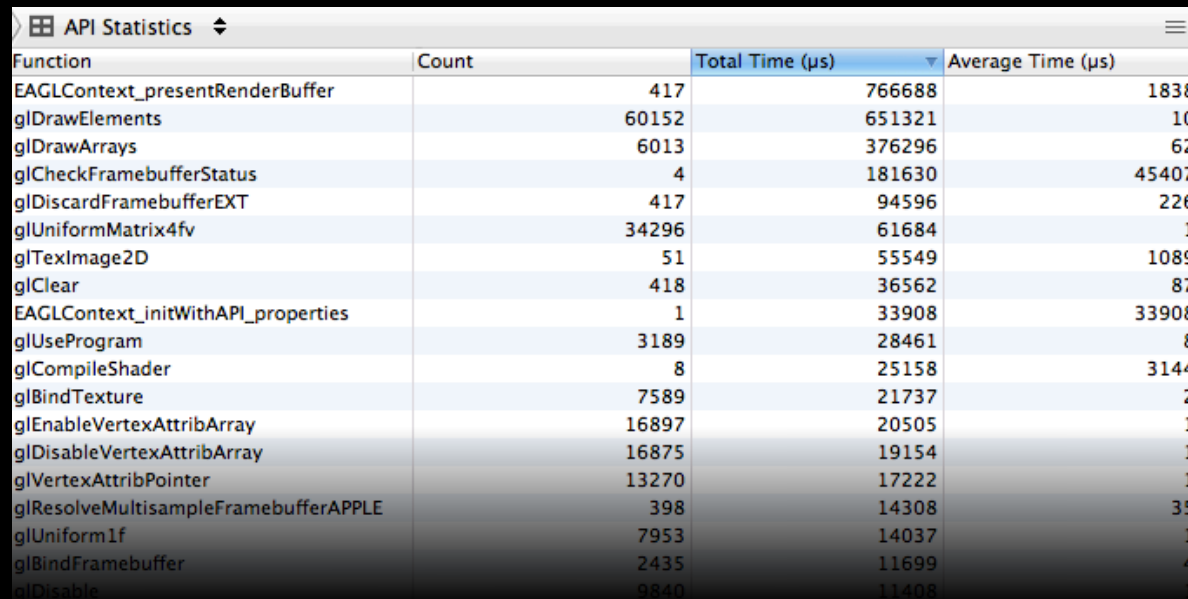
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What Is Graphed on the Timeline?

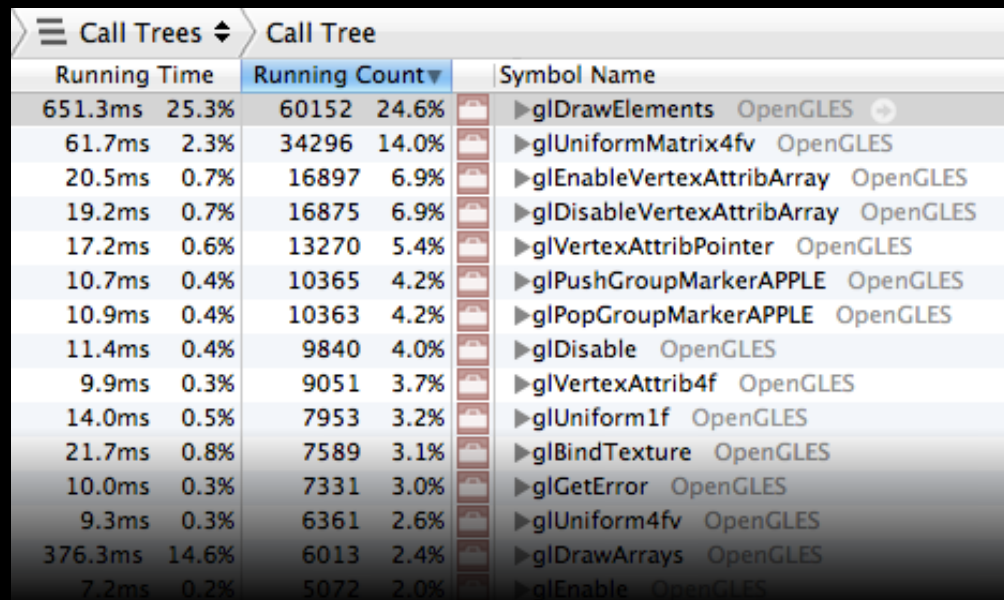


How Can I Find Out Where Time Was Spent?



| 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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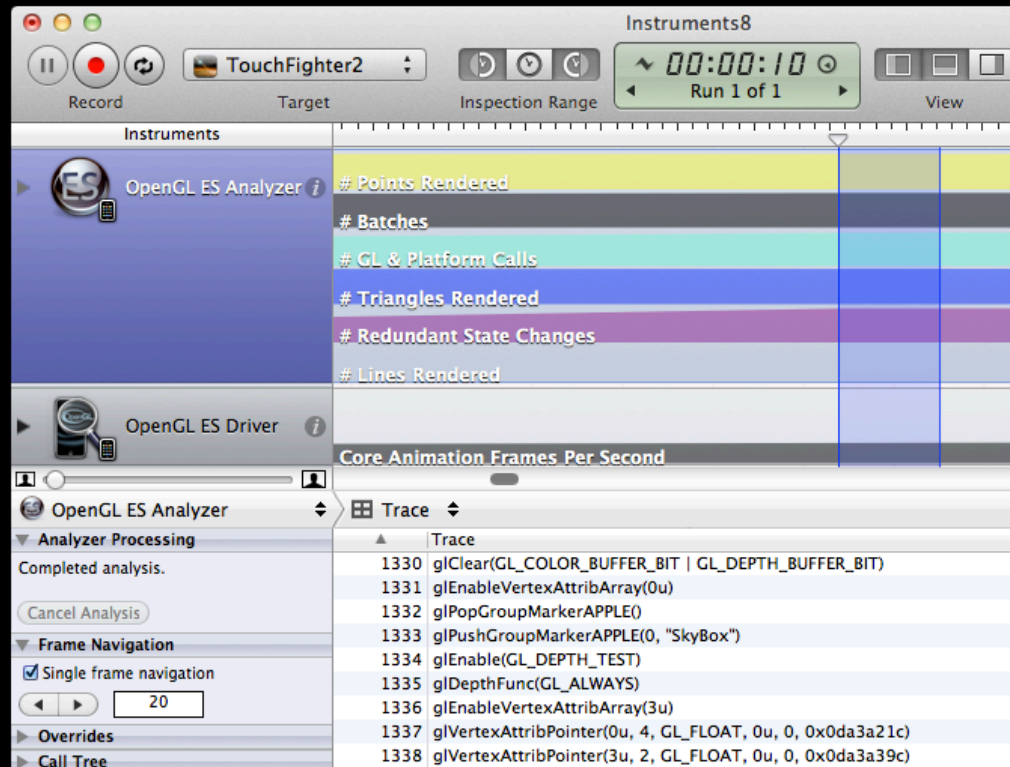
The screenshot shows a 'Call Tree' window with a table of performance data. The table has columns for 'Running Time' (split into absolute time and percentage), 'Running Count' (split into absolute count and percentage), and 'Symbol Name'. The top entry is 'glDrawElements' from the 'OpenGL' library, which is the most time-consuming function shown.

| Running Time | | Running Count | | Symbol Name |
|--------------|-------|---------------|-------|------------------------------------|
| 651.3ms | 25.3% | 60152 | 24.6% | ▶glDrawElements OpenGL |
| 61.7ms | 2.3% | 34296 | 14.0% | ▶glUniformMatrix4fv OpenGL |
| 20.5ms | 0.7% | 16897 | 6.9% | ▶glEnableVertexAttribArray OpenGL |
| 19.2ms | 0.7% | 16875 | 6.9% | ▶glDisableVertexAttribArray OpenGL |
| 17.2ms | 0.6% | 13270 | 5.4% | ▶glVertexAttribPointer OpenGL |
| 10.7ms | 0.4% | 10365 | 4.2% | ▶glPushGroupMarkerAPPLE OpenGL |
| 10.9ms | 0.4% | 10363 | 4.2% | ▶glPopGroupMarkerAPPLE OpenGL |
| 11.4ms | 0.4% | 9840 | 4.0% | ▶glDisable OpenGL |
| 9.9ms | 0.3% | 9051 | 3.7% | ▶glVertexAttrib4f OpenGL |
| 14.0ms | 0.5% | 7953 | 3.2% | ▶glUniform1f OpenGL |
| 21.7ms | 0.8% | 7589 | 3.1% | ▶glBindTexture OpenGL |
| 10.0ms | 0.3% | 7331 | 3.0% | ▶glGetError OpenGL |
| 9.3ms | 0.3% | 6361 | 2.6% | ▶glUniform4fv OpenGL |
| 376.3ms | 14.6% | 6013 | 2.4% | ▶glDrawArrays OpenGL |
| 7.2ms | 0.2% | 5072 | 2.0% | ▶glEnable OpenGL |

Which OpenGL ES Commands Am I Calling?

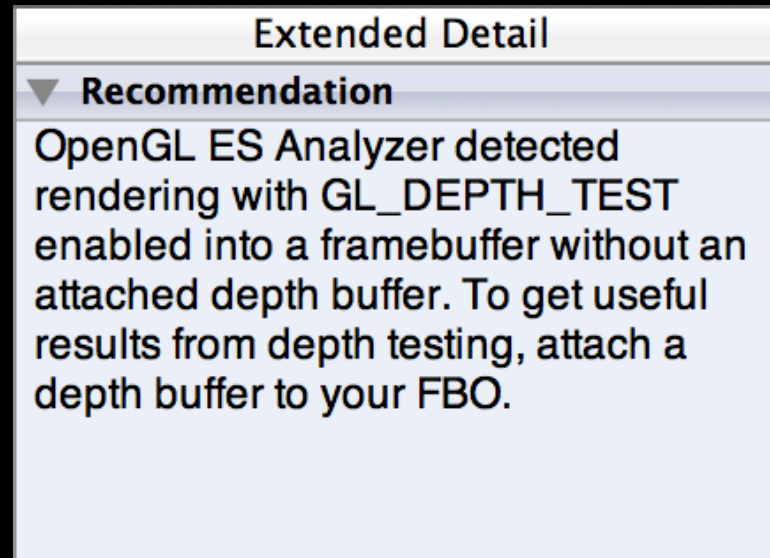
```
Trace
Trace
950 glVertexAttrib4f(1u, 1.0000000f, 1.0000000f, 1.0000000f, 1.0000000f)
951 glPopGroupMarkerAPPLE()
952 glPushGroupMarkerAPPLE(0, "Mothership")
953 glEnable(GL_DEPTH_TEST)
954 glEnableVertexAttribArray(2u)
955 glEnableVertexAttribArray(3u)
956 glVertexAttribPointer(3u, 2, GL_FLOAT, 0u, 0, 0x000fbab4)
957 glVertexAttribPointer(2u, 3, GL_FLOAT, 0u, 0, 0x000fb520)
958 glVertexAttribPointer(0u, 3, GL_FLOAT, 0u, 0, 0x000faf8c)
959 glVertexAttrib4f(1u, 0.0000000f, 0.0000000f, 0.0000000f, 1.0000000f)
960 glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 16u)
961 glUseProgram(7u)
```

What If I Want to Examine a Single Frame?



Is There Anything Else It Can Do?

How Do I Know What Action to Take?

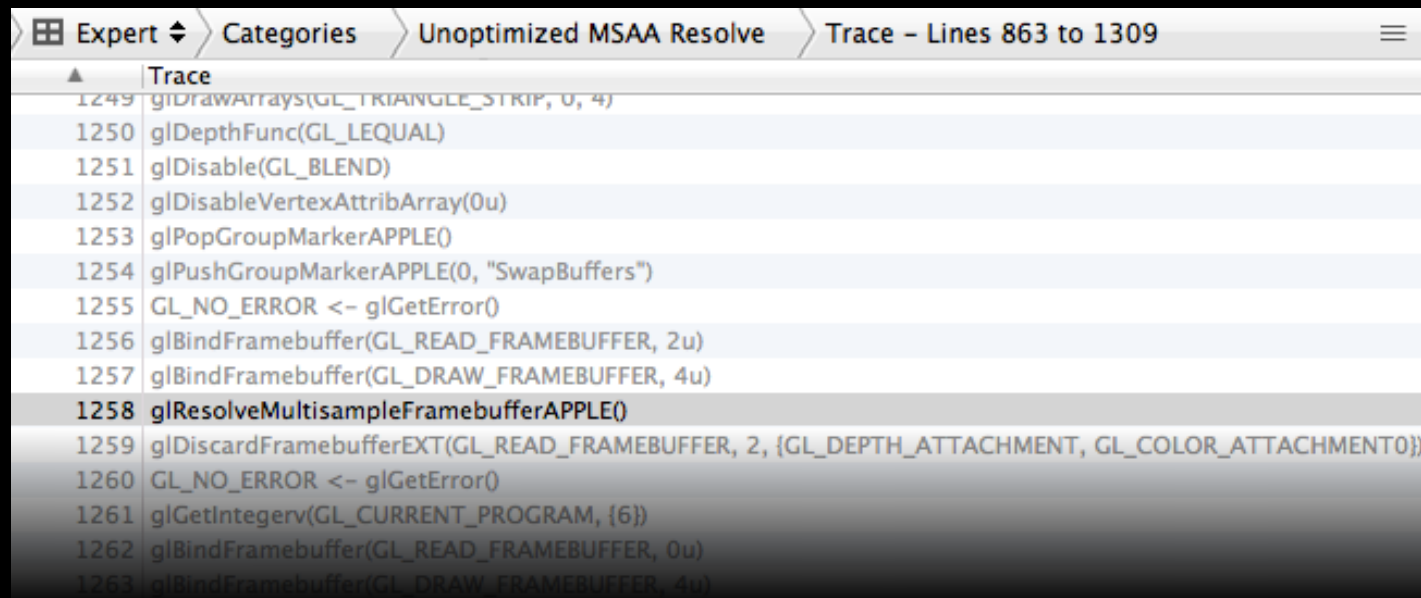


Extended Detail

▼ Recommendation

OpenGL ES Analyzer detected rendering with `GL_DEPTH_TEST` enabled into a framebuffer without an attached depth buffer. To get useful results from depth testing, attach a depth buffer to your FBO.

Where in My Code Is the Problem?



Expert Categories Unoptimized MSAA Resolve Trace - Lines 863 to 1309

| ▲ | Trace |
|------|--|
| 1249 | glDrawArrays(GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP, 0, 4) |
| 1250 | glDepthFunc(GL_LEQUAL) |
| 1251 | glDisable(GL_BLEND) |
| 1252 | glDisableVertexAttribArray(0u) |
| 1253 | glPopGroupMarkerAPPLE() |
| 1254 | glPushGroupMarkerAPPLE(0, "SwapBuffers") |
| 1255 | GL_NO_ERROR <- glGetError() |
| 1256 | glBindFramebuffer(GL_READ_FRAMEBUFFER, 2u) |
| 1257 | glBindFramebuffer(GL_DRAW_FRAMEBUFFER, 4u) |
| 1258 | glResolveMultisampleFramebufferAPPLE() |
| 1259 | glDiscardFramebufferEXT(GL_READ_FRAMEBUFFER, 2, {GL_DEPTH_ATTACHMENT, GL_COLOR_ATTACHMENT0}) |
| 1260 | GL_NO_ERROR <- glGetError() |
| 1261 | glGetIntegerv(GL_CURRENT_PROGRAM, {6}) |
| 1262 | glBindFramebuffer(GL_READ_FRAMEBUFFER, 0u) |
| 1263 | glBindFramebuffer(GL_DRAW_FRAMEBUFFER, 4u) |

Demo

Instruments—OpenGL ES Analyzer

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Xcode—Debugger for OpenGL ES

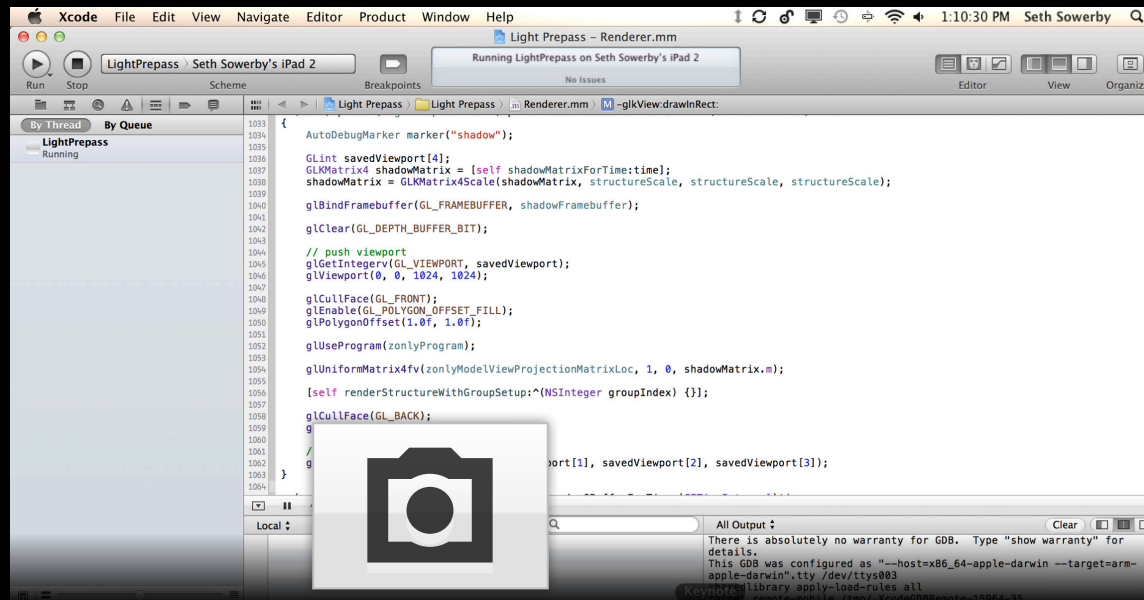
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The screenshot shows the Xcode IDE interface. The main editor window displays the file 'Renderer.mm' with the following code:

```
1033 {
1034     AutoDebugMarker marker("shadow");
1035
1036     GLint savedViewport[4];
1037     GLKMatrix4 shadowMatrix = [self shadowMatrixForTime:time];
1038     shadowMatrix = GLKMatrix4Scale(shadowMatrix, structureScale, structureScale);
1039
1040     glBindFramebuffer(GL_FRAMEBUFFER, shadowFramebuffer);
1041
1042     glClear(GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);
1043
1044     // push viewport
1045     glGetInteger(GL_VIEWPORT, savedViewport);
1046     glViewport(0, 0, 1024, 1024);
1047
1048     glCullFace(GL_FRONT);
1049     glEnable(GL_POLYGON_OFFSET_FILL);
1050     glPolygonOffset(1.0f, 1.0f);
1051
1052     glUseProgram(zonlyProgram);
1053
1054     glUniformMatrix4fv(zonlyModelViewProjectionMatrixLoc, 1, 0, shadowMatrix.m);
1055     [self renderStructureWithGroupSetup:^(NSInteger groupIndex) {}];
1056
1057     glCullFace(GL_BACK);
1058
1059     //
1060     //
1061     //
1062     //
1063     //
1064 }
```

A camera icon is overlaid on the code, positioned over the 'glViewport' and 'glCullFace' lines. The interface also shows a 'Run' button, a 'Scheme' dropdown set to 'LightPrepass - Seth Sowerby's iPad 2', and a 'Debugger' window at the bottom right with the text: 'All Output: There is absolutely no warranty for GDB. Type "show warranty" for details. This GDB was configured as "--host=x86_64-apple-darwin --target=arm-apple-darwin".tty /dev/ttys003'. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Keynotes' and 'library apply-load-rules all'.

Where Can I Find It?

EAGLView.m:168

Condition

Ignore times before stopping

Action

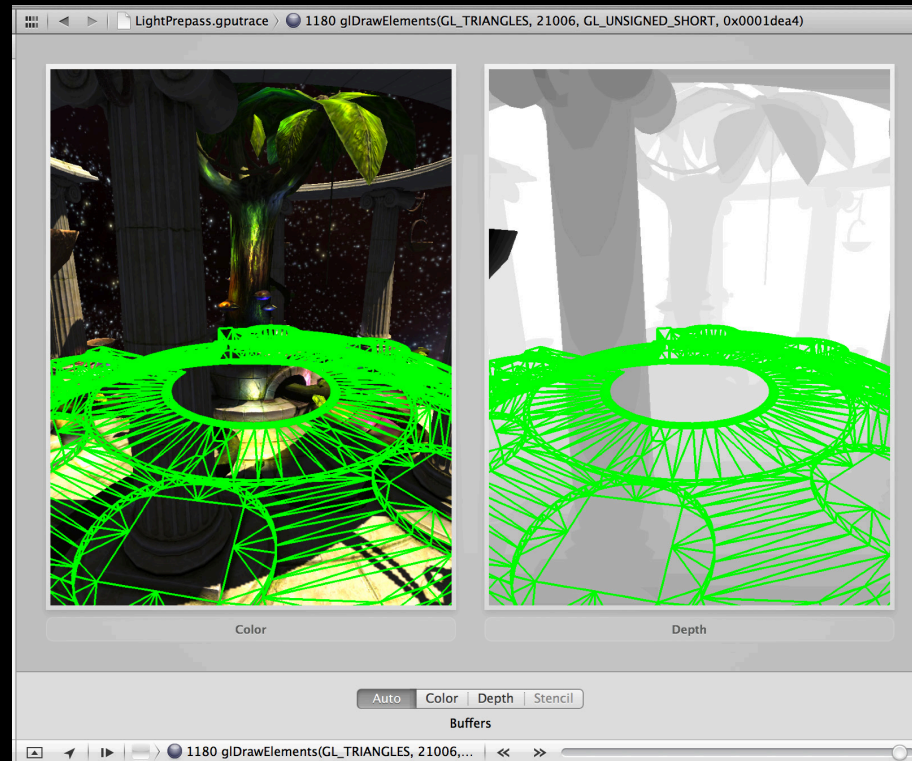
Options Automatically continue after evaluating actions

Done

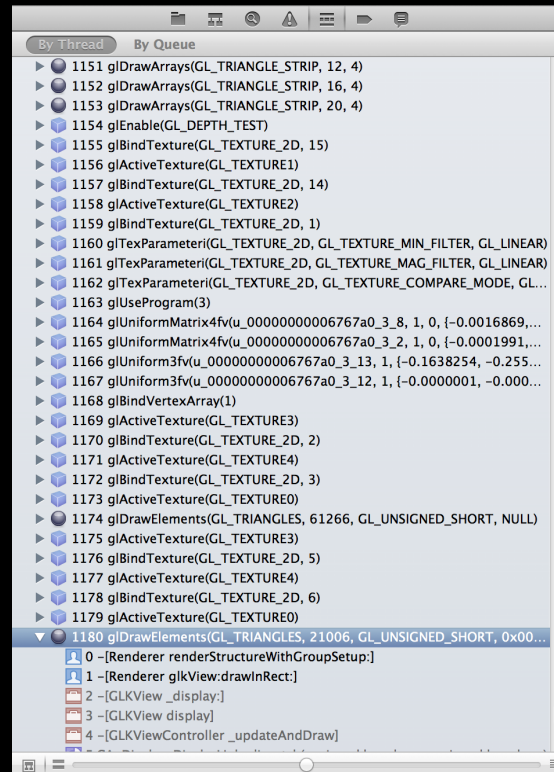
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```
glInsertEventMarkerAPPLE ( 0, "com.apple.GPUTools.event.debug-frame" );
```

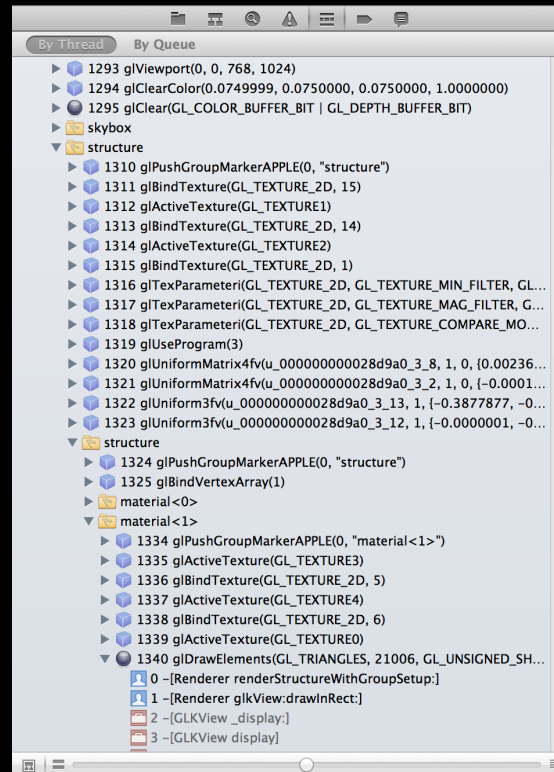
Inspect Your Framebuffer



Debug Navigator == Frame Navigator



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APPLE_debug_marker

```
glPushDebugMarkerAPPLE(0, "Draw Planet");
```

```
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, planetSurface);
```

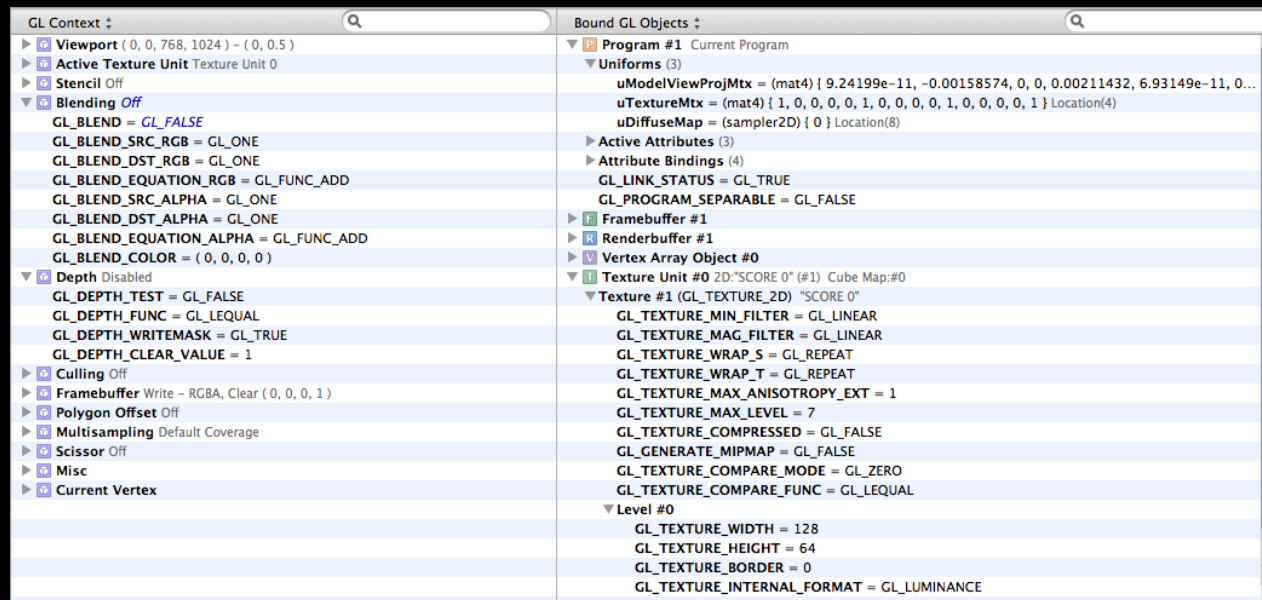
```
glUseProgram(diffuse);
```

```
glBindVertexArrayOES(planetMesh);
```

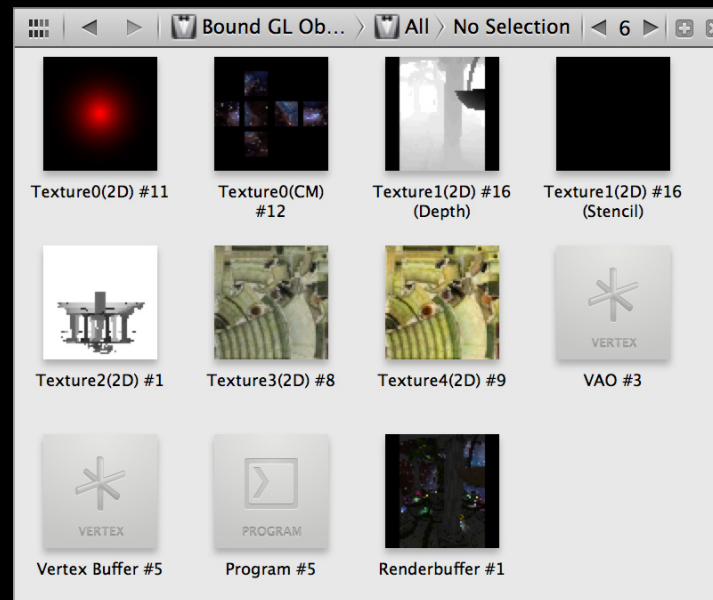
```
glDrawElements(GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP, 256, GL_UNSIGNED_SHORT);
```

```
glPopDebugMarkerAPPLE();
```

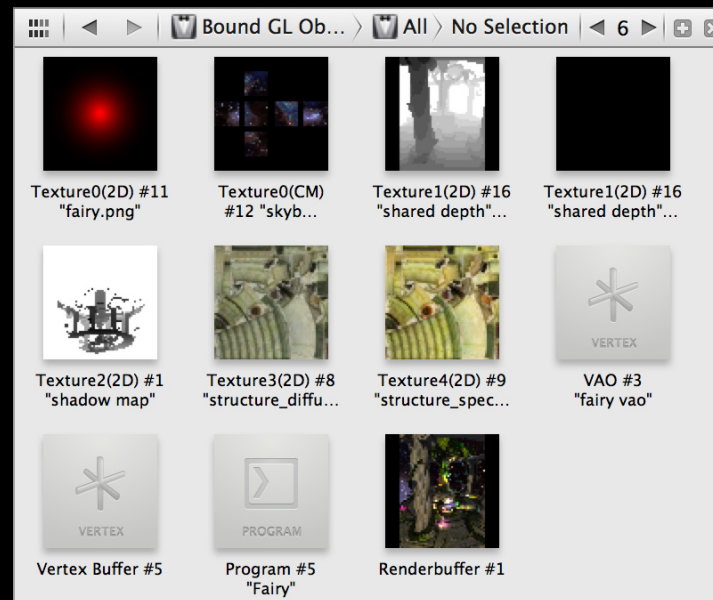

All the GL State You Can Eat



Show Me My GL Objects



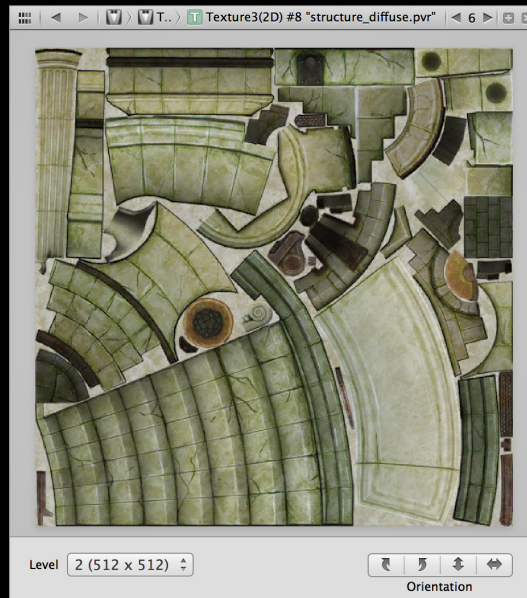
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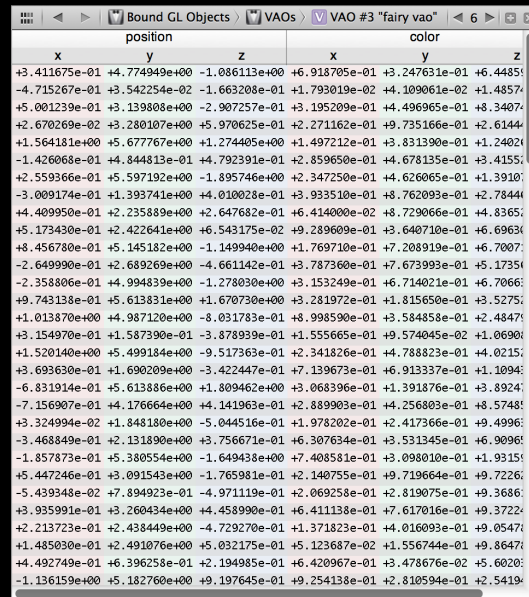
APPLE_debug_label

```
glGenTextures(1, &planetSurface);  
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, planetSurface);  
glLabelObjectAPPLE(GL_TEXTURE, planetSurface, 0, "Planet");
```

Detailed Object Views—Texture

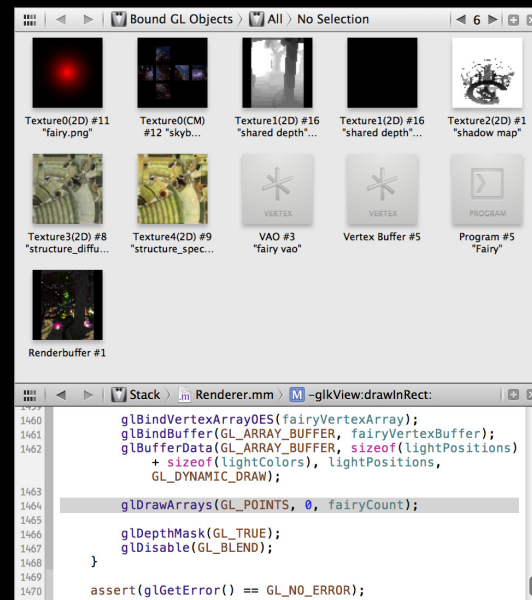


Detailed Object Views—Vertices



| position | | | color | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
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Configure Multiple Resource Views



Demo

Xcode—Debugger for OpenGL ES

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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
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OpenGL ES Lab

Graphics, Media & Games Lab A
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Graphics, Media & Games Lab B
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