

# Programming The Pipeline

→ Review the Pipeline

Vertex Stage  $\leftarrow$  input: world space vertices  
output: NOC vertices w/ more info

Assembled / Primitives Stage: input: triangles clip // subdivide  
output: triangles

Rasterization - find fragments  
interpolate

Fragment  $\leftarrow$  input: fragments  
output: fragments "filled in" (

Vertex | Fragment

In: partially filled object

Out: fill in key slots

Language Detail (instantiates model)

① model gives variable types

uniform (once per primitive)

vertex (or input)  $\leftarrow$  call in

varying variables  $\leftarrow$  called "out" from Vertex shaders

How GLSL does it

- everything passed through variables

Shaders are all:

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void main() { }
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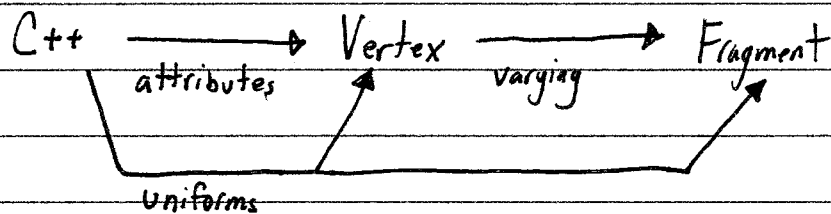
all they do is fill in the magic variables

Some variables are defined by GL

Some variables can be defined by user



Variables always "connect" 2 things



built in: see Appendix I of red book

MVMatrix, MVPMatrix, Normal Matrix	uniforms
gl-Vertex, gl-Color, gl-Normal, gl-MultTexCoord	attribute
gl-Position, gl-FrontColor	outputs
gl-FragColor, gl-FragDepth,	

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Doing this:

C++ (host)

- ① load in source code to shader
- ② run compiler (check for errors)
- ③ attach shaders
- ④ draw polygon  $\Rightarrow$  send variables
- ⑤ detach shader

$\rightarrow$  mechanism to see what variables shader wants

- name  $\Rightarrow$  index (per program)
- array of attributes/uniforms