

Built-In Inputs, Outputs, and Constants [7]

Shader programs use Special Variables to communicate with fixed-function parts of the pipeline. Output Special Variables may be read back after writing. Input Special Variables are read-only. All Special Variables have global scope.

Vertex Shader Special Variables [7.1]**Outputs:**

Variable	Description	Units or coordinate system
highp vec4 gl_Position;	transformed vertex position	clip coordinates
mediump float gl_PointSize;	transformed point size (point rasterization only)	pixels

Fragment Shader Special Variables [7.2]

Fragment shaders may write to `gl_FragColor` or to one or more elements of `gl_FragData[]`, but not both.

The size of the `gl_FragData` array is given by the built-in constant `gl_MaxDrawBuffers`.

Inputs:

Variable	Description	Units or coordinate system
mediump vec4 gl_FragCoord;	fragment position within frame buffer	window coordinates
bool gl_FrontFacing;	fragment belongs to a front-facing primitive	Boolean
mediump vec2 gl_PointCoord;	fragment position within a point (point rasterization only)	0.0 to 1.0 for each component

Outputs:

Variable	Description	Units or coordinate system
mediump vec4 gl_FragColor;	fragment color	RGB color
mediump vec4 gl_FragData[n]	fragment color for color attachment n	RGB color

Built-In Constants With Minimum Values [7.4]

Built-in Constant	Minimum value
const mediump int gl_MaxVertexAttribs	8
const mediump int gl_MaxVertexUniformVectors	128
const mediump int gl_MaxVaryingVectors	8
const mediump int gl_MaxVertexTextureImageUnits	0
const mediump int gl_MaxCombinedTextureImageUnits	8
const mediump int gl_MaxTextureImageUnits	8
const mediump int gl_MaxFragmentUniformVectors	16
const mediump int gl_MaxDrawBuffers	1

Built-In Uniform State [7.5]

Specifies depth range in window coordinates. If an implementation does not support highp precision in the fragment language, and state is listed as highp, then that state will only be available as mediump in the fragment language.

```
struct gl_DepthRangeParameters {
    highp float near; // n
    highp float far; // f
    highp float diff; // f - n
};
```

```
uniform gl_DepthRangeParameters gl_DepthRange;
```

Built-In Functions**Angle & Trigonometry Functions [8.1]**

Component-wise operation. Parameters specified as angle are assumed to be in units of radians. T is float, vec2, vec3, vec4.

T radians(T degrees)	degrees to radians
T degrees(T radians)	radians to degrees
T sin(T angle)	sine
T cos(T angle)	cosine
T tan(T angle)	tangent
T asin(T x)	arc sine
T acos(T x)	arc cosine
T atan(Ty, Tx)	arc tangent
T atan(Ty_over_x)	arc tangent

Exponential Functions [8.2]

Component-wise operation. T is float, vec2, vec3, vec4.

T pow(T x, T y)	x^y
T exp(T x)	e^x
T log(T x)	$\ln x$
T exp2(T x)	2^x
T log2(T x)	$\log_2 x$
T sqrt(T x)	square root
T inversesqrt(T x)	inverse square root

Common Functions [8.3]

Component-wise operation. T is float, vec2, vec3, vec4.

T abs(T x)	absolute value
T sign(T x)	returns -1.0, 0.0, or 1.0
T floor(T x)	nearest integer $\leq x$
T ceil(T x)	nearest integer $\geq x$
T fract(T x)	$x - \text{floor}(x)$
T mod(T x, T y)	modulus
T min(T x, T y)	minimum value
T min(T x, float y)	
T max(T x, T y)	maximum value
T max(T x, float y)	
T clamp(T x, T minVal, T maxVal)	
T clamp(T x, float minVal, float maxVal)	$\min(\max(x, \text{minVal}), \text{maxVal})$
T mix(T x, T y, T a)	linear blend of x and y
T mix(T x, T y, float a)	
T step(T edge, T x)	0.0 if $x < \text{edge}$, else 1.0
T step(float edge, T x)	
T smoothstep(T edge0, T edge1, T x)	clip and smooth

Geometric Functions [8.4]

These functions operate on vectors as vectors, not component-wise. T is float, vec2, vec3, vec4.

float length(T x)	length of vector
float distance(T p0, T p1)	distance between points
float dot(T x, T y)	dot product
vec3 cross(vec3 x, vec3 y)	cross product
T normalize(T x)	normalize vector to length 1
T faceforward(T N, T I, T Nref)	returns N if $\dot{Nref, I} < 0$, else -N
T reflect(T I, T N)	reflection direction $I - 2 * \dot{N, I} * N$
T refract(T I, T N, float eta)	refraction vector

Matrix Functions [8.5]

Type mat is any matrix type.

```
mat matrixCompMult(mat x, mat y) multiply x by y component-wise
```

Vector Relational Functions [8.6]

Compare x and y component-wise. Sizes of input and return vectors for a particular call must match. Type bvec is bvecn; vec is vecn; ivec is ivec_n (where n is 2, 3, or 4). T is the union of vec and ivec.

bvec lessThan(T x, T y)	$x < y$
bvec lessThanEqual(T x, T y)	$x \leq y$
bvec greaterThan(T x, T y)	$x > y$
bvec greaterThanEqual(T x, T y)	$x \geq y$
bvec equal(T x, T y)	$x == y$
bvec equal(bvec x, bvec y)	$bvec x == bvec y$
bvec notEqual(T x, T y)	$x != y$
bvec notEqual(bvec x, bvec y)	$bvec x != bvec y$
bool any(bvec x)	true if any component of x is true
bool all(bvec x)	true if all components of x are true
bvec not(bvec x)	logical complement of x

Texture Lookup Functions [8.7]

Available only in vertex shaders.

vec4 texture2DLod(sampler2D sampler, vec2 coord, float lod)	
vec4 texture2DProjLod(sampler2D sampler, vec3 coord, float lod)	
vec4 texture2DProjLod(sampler2D sampler, vec4 coord, float lod)	
vec4 textureCubeLod(samplerCube sampler, vec3 coord, float lod)	

Available only in fragment shaders.

vec4 texture2D(sampler2D sampler, vec2 coord, float bias)	
vec4 texture2DProj(sampler2D sampler, vec3 coord, float bias)	
vec4 texture2DProj(sampler2D sampler, vec4 coord, float bias)	
vec4 textureCube(samplerCube sampler, vec3 coord, float bias)	

Available in vertex and fragment shaders.

vec4 texture2D(texture2D texture, vec2 coord)	
vec4 texture2DProj(texture2D texture, vec3 coord)	
vec4 texture2DProj(texture2D texture, vec4 coord)	
vec4 textureCube(textureCube texture, vec3 coord)	

Statements and Structure**Iteration and Jumps [6]**

Function Call	call by value-return
Iteration	for (;;) { break, continue } while () { break, continue } do { break, continue } while () ;
Selection	if () {} if () {} else {}
Jump	break, continue, return discard // Fragment shader only
Entry	void main()

Sample Program

A shader pair that applies diffuse and ambient lighting to a textured object.

Vertex Shader

```
uniform mat4 mvp_matrix; // model-view-projection matrix
uniform mat3 normal_matrix; // normal matrix
uniform vec3 ec_light_dir; // light direction in eye coords

attribute vec4 a_vertex; // vertex position
attribute vec3 a_normal; // vertex normal
attribute vec2 a_texcoord; // texture coordinates

varying float v_diffuse;
varying vec2 v_texcoord;

void main(void)
{
    // put vertex normal into eye coords
    vec3 ec_normal = normalize(normal_matrix * a_normal);

    // emit diffuse scale factor, texcoord, and position
    v_diffuse = max(dot(ec_light_dir, ec_normal), 0.0);
    v_texcoord = a_texcoord;
    gl_Position = mvp_matrix * a_vertex;
}
```

Fragment Shader

```
precision mediump float;
uniform sampler2D t_reflectance;
uniform vec4 i_ambient;
varying float v_diffuse;
varying vec2 v_texcoord;

void main (void)
{
    vec4 color = texture2D(t_reflectance, v_texcoord);
    gl_FragColor = color * (vec4(v_diffuse) + i_ambient);
}
```



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