

# orxSHADER structure

## Summary

```
[ShaderTemplate]
Code = "// Shader code
void main()
{
    // Do stuff
}"
KeepInCache      = <bool>
ParamList        = ParamFloat # ParamTexture # ParamVector
ParamFloat       = <float>
ParamVector      = <vector>
ParamTexture     = path/to/TextureFile|screen
UseCustomParam   = <bool>
```

## Details

Here's a list of the available properties for an orxSHADER structure:

- **Code**: This block <sup>[1](#)</sup> contains the code that will be executed. It needs to be provided and be valid [GLSL](#) fragment shader code.
- **KeepInCache**: Defines if the shader code should be kept in memory even if no shader of this type is currently in use. This saves time (reading from disk + compiling) but costs memory. Its default value is `false`.
- **ParamList**: This defines the list of parameters needed and used by the shader's code. Every defined parameter must have a default value that will help orx guess their type. If none is provided, then its type will be assumed to be a texture. Available types are `<float>`, `<vector>` and texture (if a path to a texture file or the keyword `screen` is provided). If an invalid path is provided for a parameter, or the parameter isn't defined at all, the owner's texture will be used <sup>[2](#)</sup>. **If an explicit list is provided for any parameter, the shader variable will be an array of this parameter type (instead of a regular variable) and its size will be the number of items in the list.**
- **UseCustomParam**: Defines if parameters can have their value overridden at runtime (ie. interactive). Its default value is `false` which means only the default values will be used.

Here's a simple example of a non-interactive shader as seen in the [spawner/shader tutorial](#).

```
[Decompose]
Code = "void main()
{
    float fRed, fGreen, fBlue;

    // Computes positions with offsets
    vec2 vRedPos    = vec2(gl_TexCoord[0].x + offset.x, gl_TexCoord[0].y +
offset.y);
    vec2 vGreenPos  = vec2(gl_TexCoord[0].x, gl_TexCoord[0].y);
```

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    vec2 vBluePos    = vec2(gl_TexCoord[0].x - offset.x, gl_TexCoord[0].y - offset.y);

    // Red pixel inside texture?
    if((vRedPos.x >= 0.0) && (vRedPos.x <= 1.0) && (vRedPos.y >= 0.0) && (vRedPos.y <= 1.0))
    {
        // Gets its value
        fRed = texture2D(texture, vRedPos).r;
    }

    // Green pixel inside texture?
    if((vGreenPos.x >= 0.0) && (vGreenPos.x <= 1.0) && (vGreenPos.y >= 0.0) && (vGreenPos.y <= 1.0))
    {
        // Gets its value
        fGreen = texture2D(texture, vGreenPos).g;
    }

    // Blue pixel inside texture?
    if((vBluePos.x >= 0.0) && (vBluePos.x <= 1.0) && (vBluePos.y >= 0.0) && (vBluePos.y <= 1.0))
    {
        // Gets its value
        fBlue = texture2D(texture, vBluePos).b;
    }

    // Outputs the final decomposed pixel
    gl_FragColor = vec4(fRed, fGreen, fBlue, 1.0);
}"
```

ParamList = texture # offset  
offset = (-0.05, -0.05, 0.0) ~ (0.05, 0.05, 0.0); <= Let's take some random offset

Please see the [spawner/shader tutorial](#) for more information.

- 1) delimited by double quotes ("") as seen in the [syntax page](#)
- 2) if the owner is a viewport, it will be its associated texture; if it's an object, it's current graphic/animation key's texture will be used

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