



**13th Summer
School on
SCIENTIFIC
VISUALIZATION**

VTK Tutorial

Data structures, filtering and rendering

Stefano Perticoni – s.perticoni@scsitaly.com





Live material

<http://notepad.stefanoperticoni.org>

Pastebin ☆ ■

File Edit View Insert Format Tools Table Add-ons Help Last edit was seconds ago



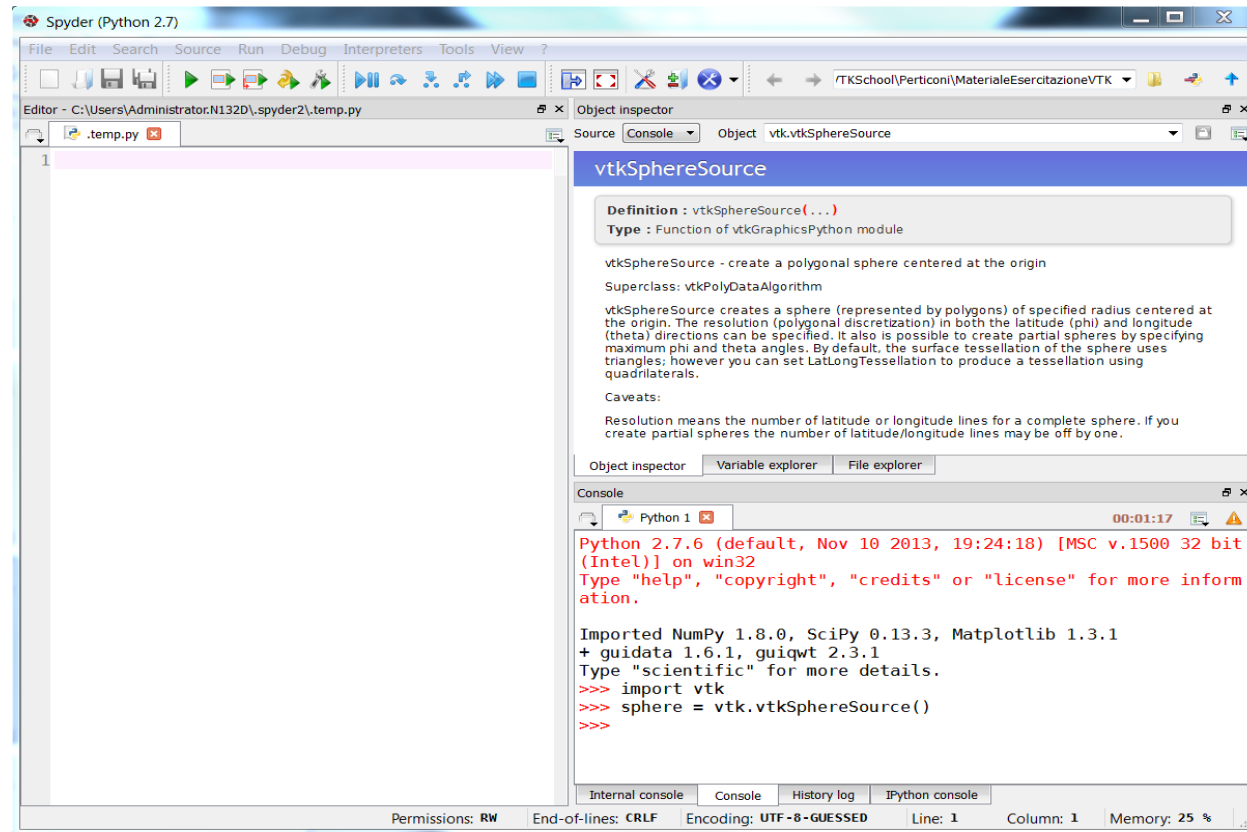


Prerequisites



spyder²

Light, intuitive, simple, powerful





Prerequisites

The following Python 2.7 and vtk 5.10 execution environment for Windows is available on your pc through the Spyder GUI:



pythonxy

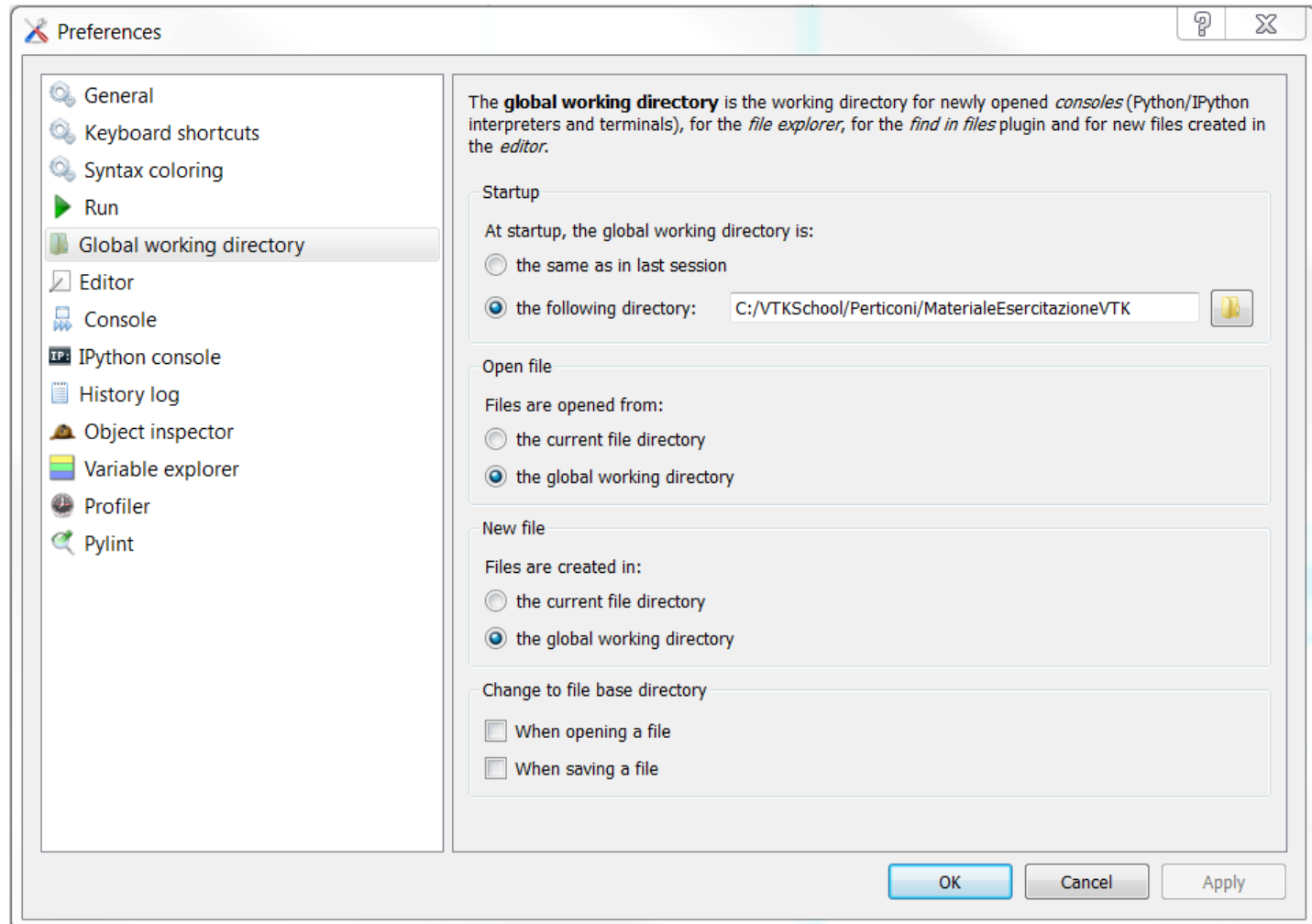
Scientific-oriented Python Distribution based on Qt and Spyder

Run **Spyder** (pythonxy gui) from startup icon or command line:

C:\Python27\Scripts\spyder.exe



Tools -> Preferences





Exercise: learn vtkArray

#1 Make an array

```
import vtk
myArray = vtk.vtkDoubleArray()
list_dir(myArray)
help(myArray.SetValue)
print(myArray)
myArray.SetName('my first array')
myArray.SetNumberOfComponents(1)
myArray.SetNumberOfTuples(500*500) #going to make a 500x500 picture
```

#2 Fill it with data

```
from math import sin, cos
for x in range(0,500):
    for y in range(0,500):
        myArray.SetValue(x*500+y, 127.5+(1.0+sin(x/25.0)*cos(y/25.0)))
```



Exercise: learn vtkArray

#1. Create the Data structure

```
id = vtk.vtkImageData()
```

#2. Define its Geometry

```
id.SetOrigin(0,0,0)
```

```
id.SetSpacing(1,1,1)
```

#3. Define its Topology

```
id.SetDimensions(500,500,1)
```

#4. Assign Data to the Structure, Geometry and/or Topology

```
id.SetScalarType(vtk.VTK_DOUBLE)
```

```
id.GetPointData().SetScalars(myArray)
```

#5. Inspect it

```
print(id)
```

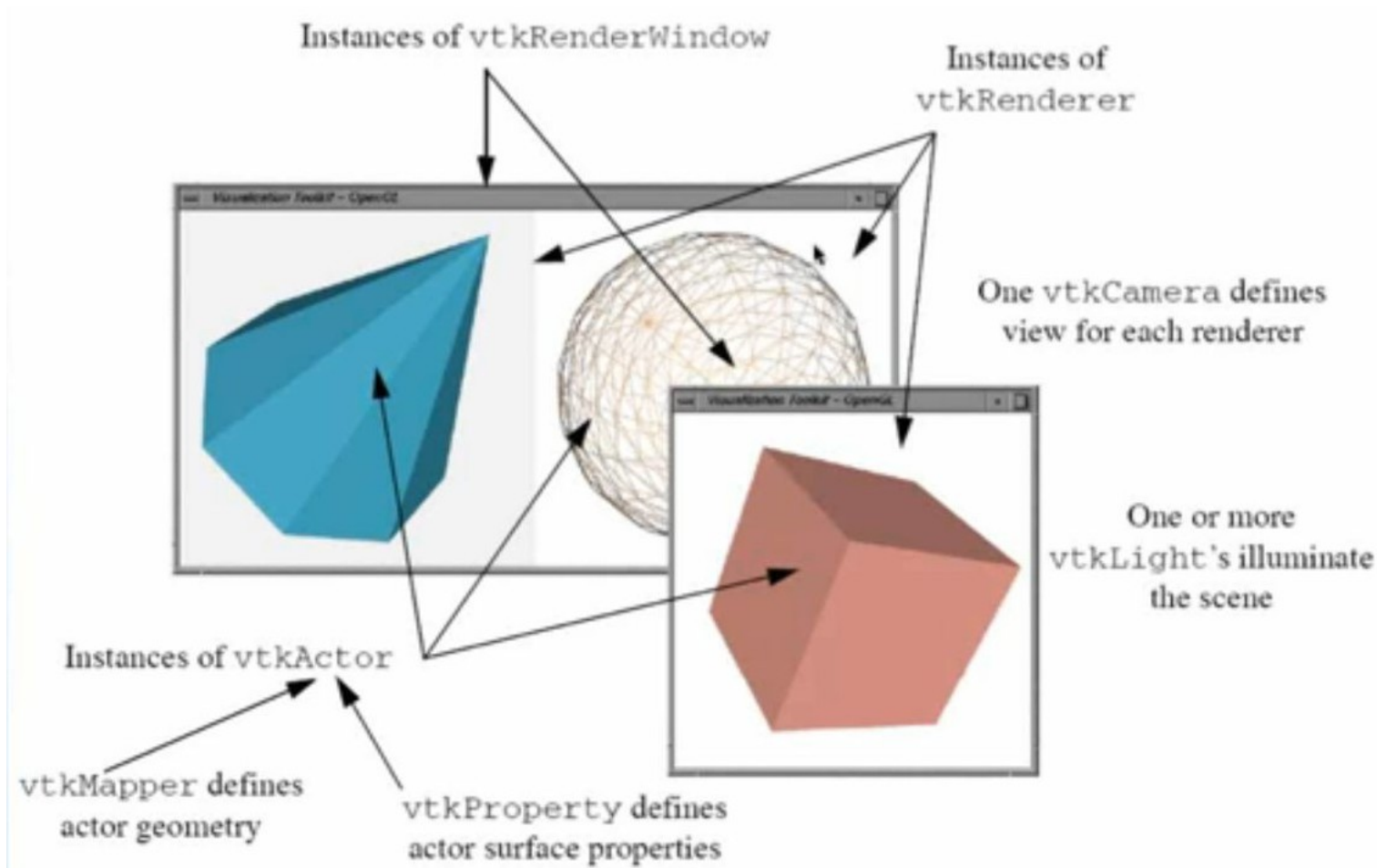
```
print(id.GetPointData())
```

```
array = id.GetPointData().GetArray('my first array')
```

```
array.GetRange()
```



The VTK Graphics Subsystem





vtkRenderWindow

- `SetSize()` — set the size of the window
- `AddRenderer()` — add another renderer which draws into this
- `SetInteractor()` — set class to handles mouse/key events
- `vtkRenderWindowInteractor->SetInteractorStyle()`
- `Render()` — updates pipeline and draws scene



vtkRenderer

- `SetViewport()` - specify where to draw in the render window
- `SetLayer()` - set pane/depth in render window to draw on

- `AddViewProp()` - add objects to be rendered
- `AddLight()` - add a light to illuminate the scene
- `SetAmbient()` - set the intensity of the ambient lighting
- `SetBackground()` - set background color

- `SetActiveCamera()` - specify the camera to use to render the scene
- `ResetCamera()` - reset the camera so that all actors are visible



vtkCamera

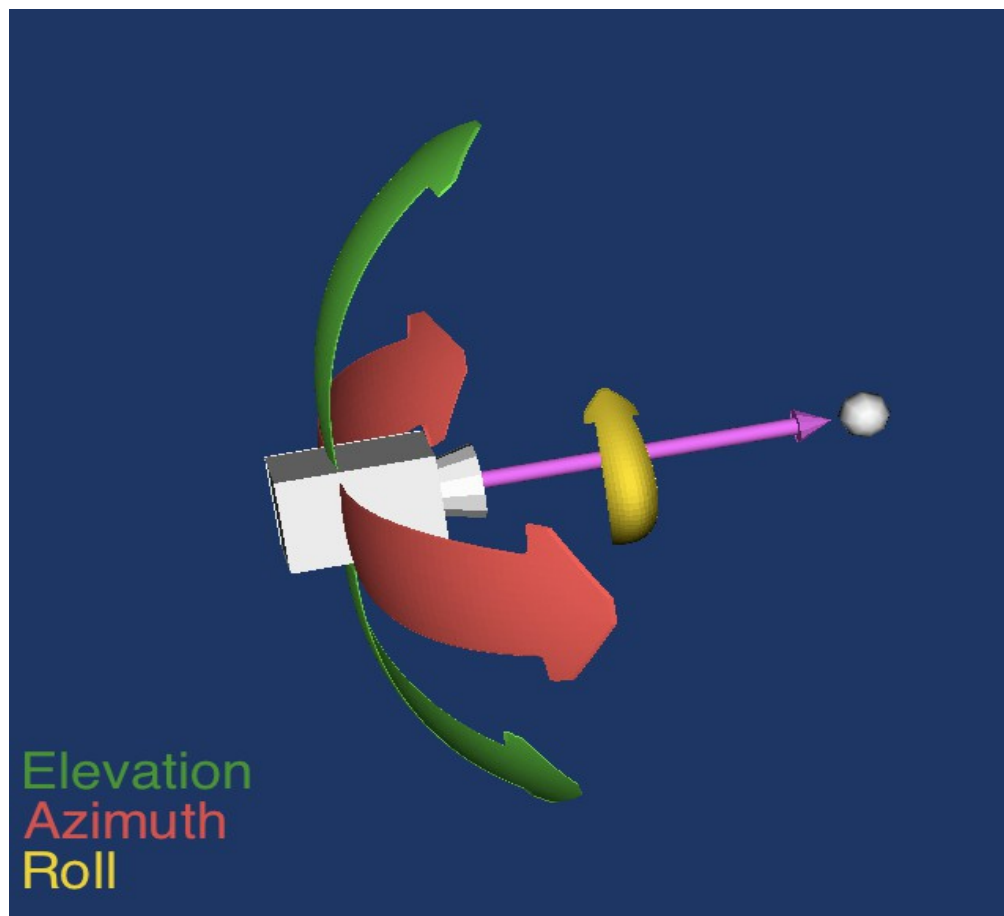
- Position - where the camera is located
- FocalPoint - where the camera is pointing
- ViewUp - which direction is "up"
- ClippingRange - data outside of this range is clipped
- ViewAngle - the camera view angle controls perspective effects
- ParallelProjection - turn parallel projection on/off (no perspective effects)

- Roll, Pitch, Yaw, Elevation, Azimuth
move the camera in a variety of ways

- Zoom, Dolly - changes view angle (Zoom);
move camera closer (Dolly)



vtkCamera





vtkActor (subclass of vtkProp)

- Visibility - is the actor visible?
- Pickable - is the actor pickable?
- Texture - a texture map associated with the actor
- SetOrigin/Scale/UserTransform - control where it is drawn
- GetBounds
- vtkProperty - surface lighting properties



Exercise: make a window

#1. Make a window

```
renwin = vtk.vtkRenderWindow()  
renwin.SetSize(500,500)
```

#2. Make a renderer for that window

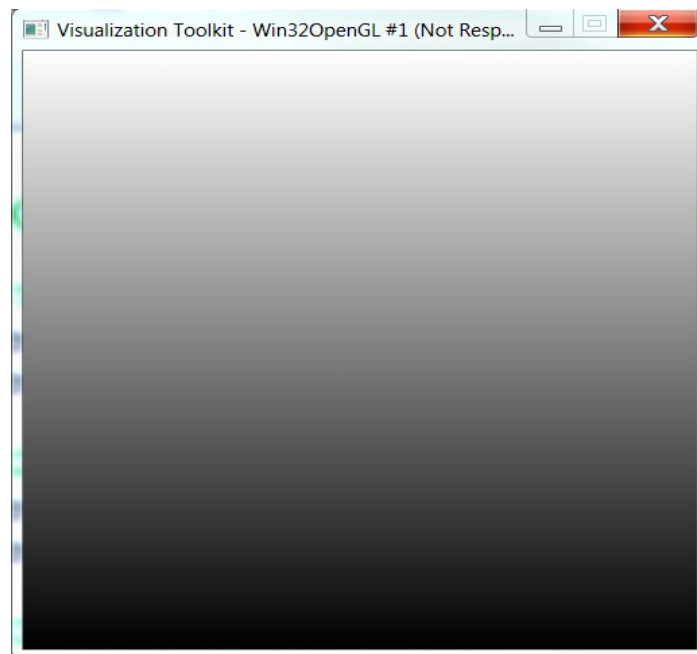
```
renderer = vtk.vtkRenderer()  
renwin.AddRenderer(renderer)
```

#3. Control how it all looks

```
renderer.SetBackground2(1,1,1)  
renderer.SetGradientBackground(1)
```

#4. Show it

```
renwin.Render()
```





Exercise: show some data

#1. Access the data processing pipeline that has your data

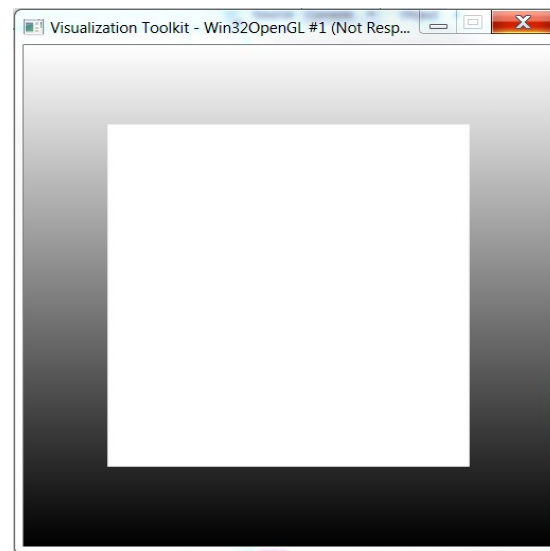
```
mapper = vtk.vtkDataSetMapper()  
mapper.SetInput(id)  
mapper.ScalarVisibilityOff() # we'll talk about this soon
```

#2. Link that to the display system

```
actor = vtk.vtkActor()  
actor.SetMapper(mapper)  
renderer.AddViewProp(actor)  
renwin.Render()
```

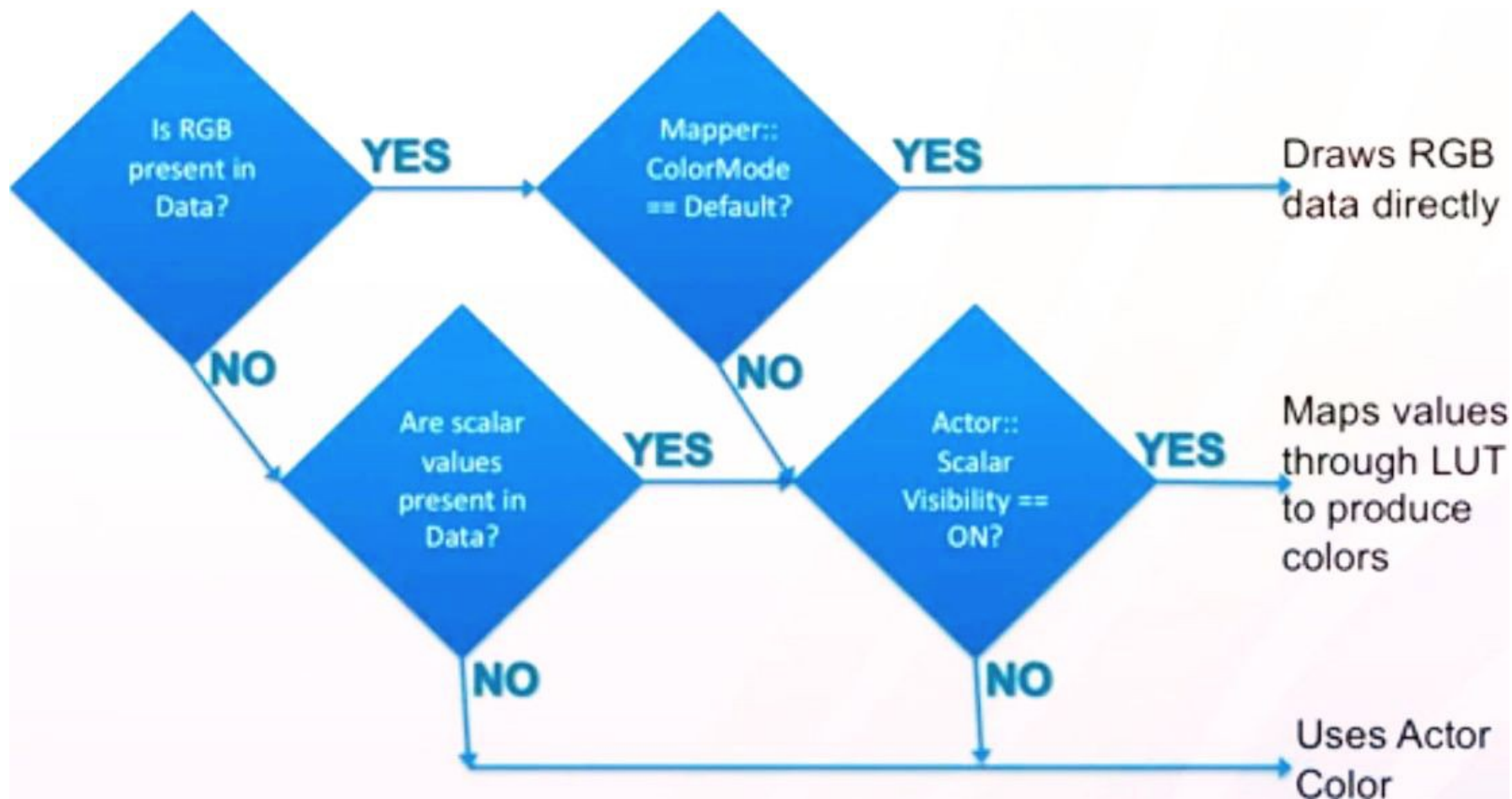
#3. Adjust the camera for a better view

```
renderer.ResetCamera()  
renwin.Render()
```





Color control by vtkActor and vtkMapper





vtkProperty (Actor has)

- AmbientColor, DiffuseColor, SpecularColor — a different color for ambient, diffuse, and specular lighting
- Color — sets the three colors above to the same
- Interpolation - shading interpolation method (Flat, Gouraud)
- Representation — how to represent itself (Points, Wireframe, Surface)
- Opacity — control transparency



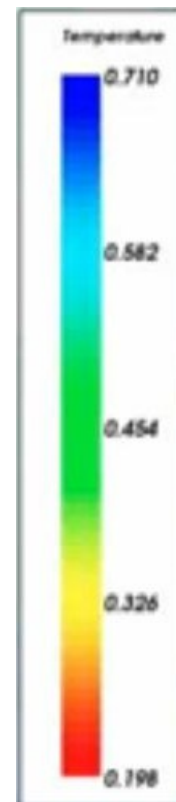
vtkMapper (Actor also has)

- `ScalarVisibilityOn()/Off()`
 - Color cells/points by data values or entire object by actor color
- Choose which array to color by
 - `SetScalarModeToDefault()`
 - `SetScalarModeToUsePointData()`
 - `SetScalarModeToUseCellData()`
 - `SelectColorArray(array name)`
- `SetLookupTable(lut)`
- `SetScalarRange(min, max)`
 - range of data values for lut
- `InterpolateScalarBeforeMappingOn()/Off()`
 - whether to interpolate colors across cells in color or data space



vtkLookupTable (Mapper has)

- NumberOfColors - number of colors in the table
- TableRange - the min/max scalar value range to map
- If building a table from linear **HSVA** ramp:
 - HueRange - min/max hue range
 - SaturationRange - min/max saturation range
 - ValueRange - min/max value range
 - AlphaRange - min/max transparency range
- If manually building a table
 - Build (after setting NumberOfColors)
 - SetTableValue(idx, rgba) for each NumberOfColors entries





Exercise : Visualize the topology

#1. Specify whole Prop color

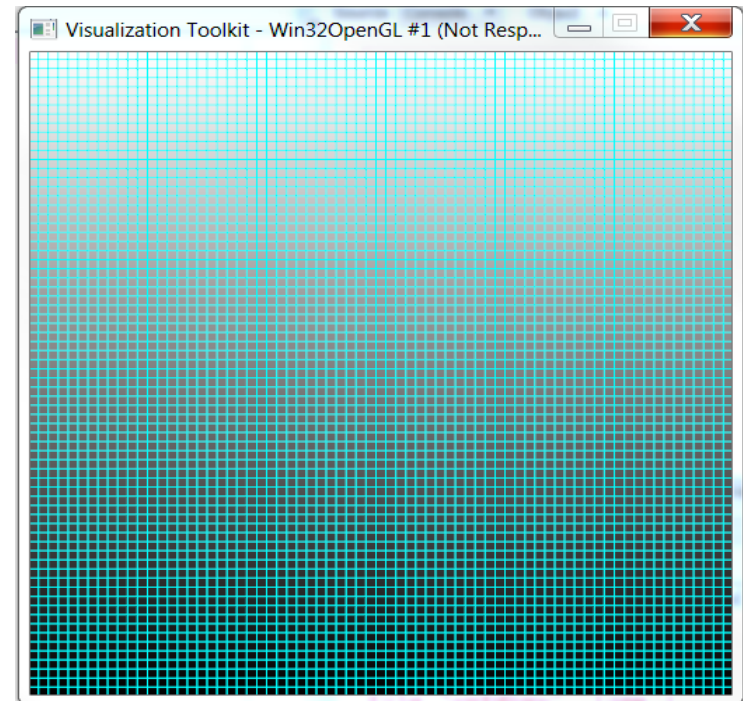
```
actorProperty = actor.GetProperty()  
actorProperty.SetDiffuseColor(0,1,1)  
renwin.Render()
```

#2. Change from surface to edges rendering

```
actorProperty.SetRepresentationToWireframe()  
renwin.Render()  
renderer.GetActiveCamera().Zoom(10)  
renwin.Render()
```

#3. Reset

```
actorProperty.SetRepresentationToSurface()  
renderer.ResetCamera()
```





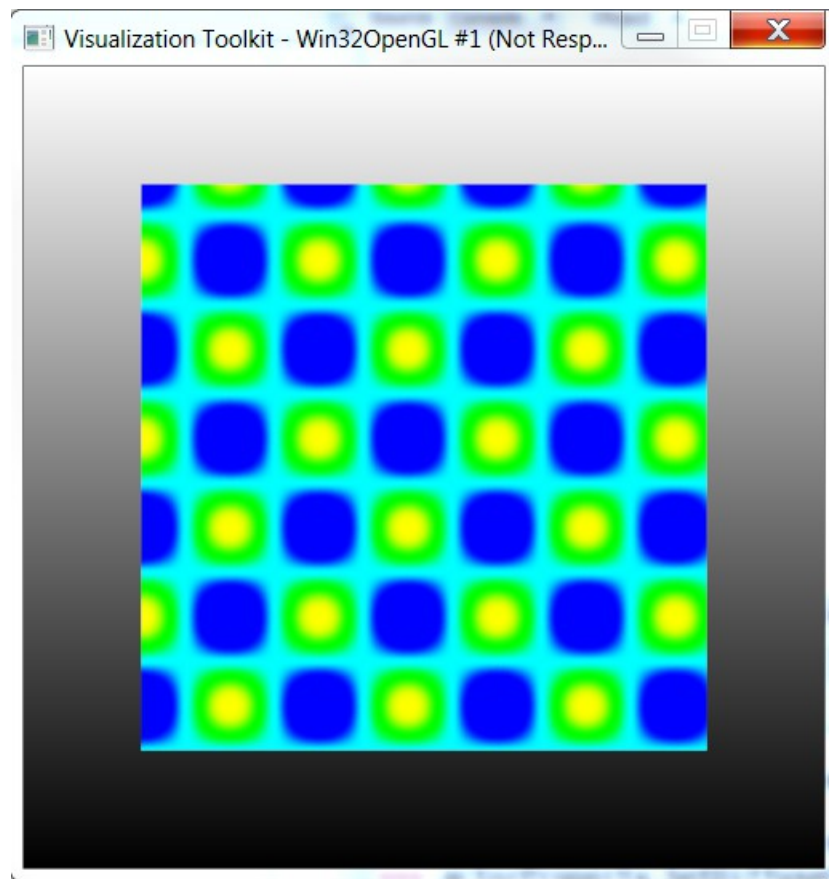
Exercise : Visualize the topology

#1. Turn on color from values

```
mapper.ScalarVisibilityOn()  
renwin.Render()
```

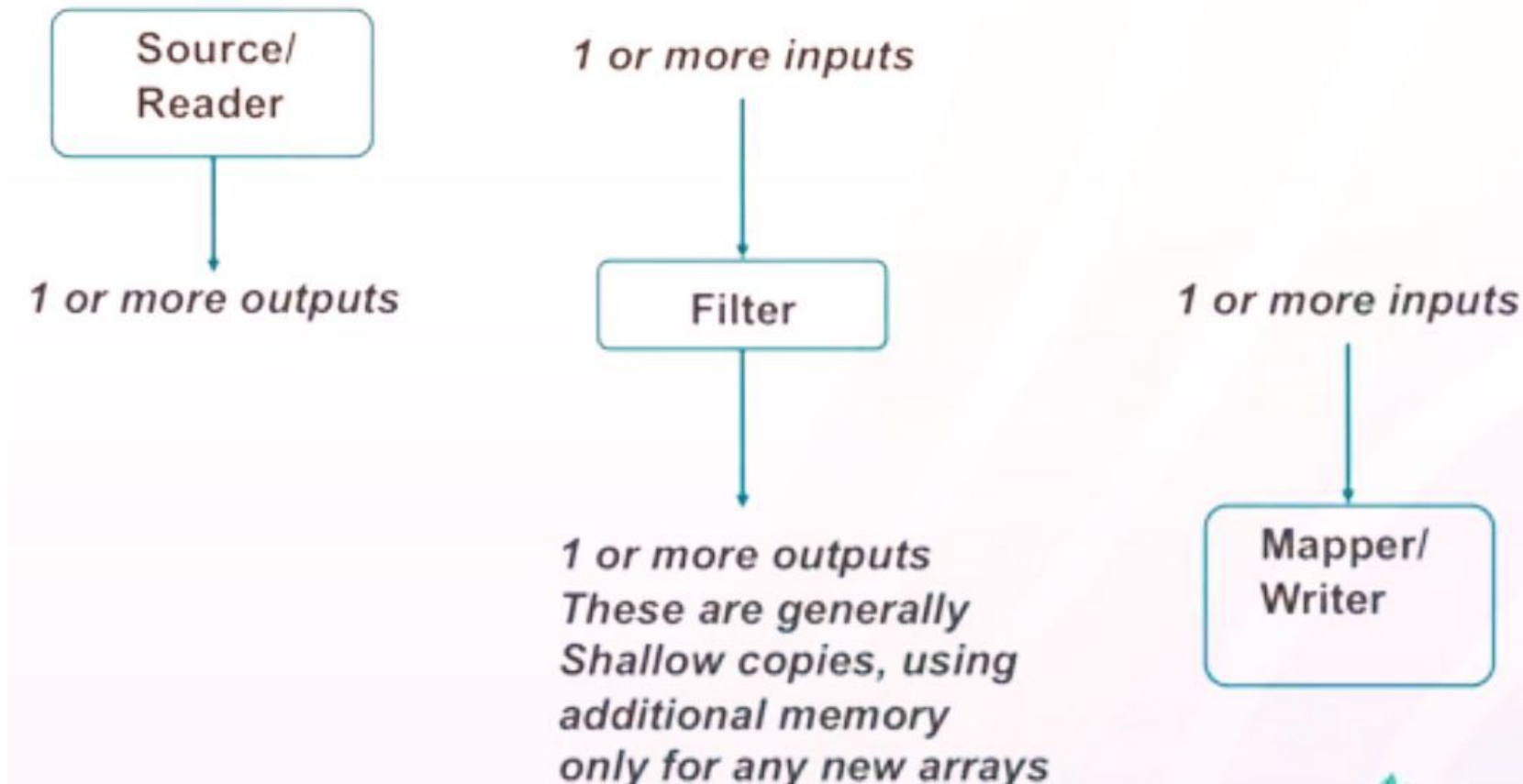
#2. Match up lookuptable range

```
myArray.GetRange()  
mapper.SetScalarRange(127,129)  
renwin.Render()
```





Algorithms





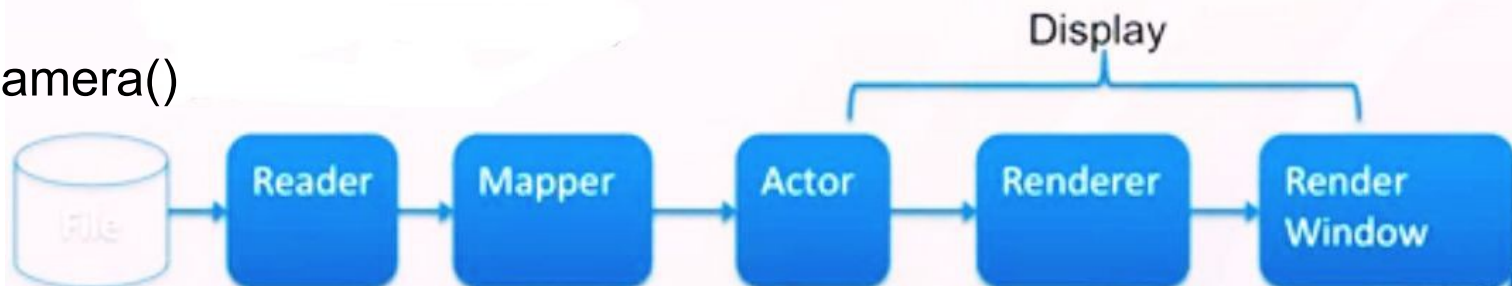
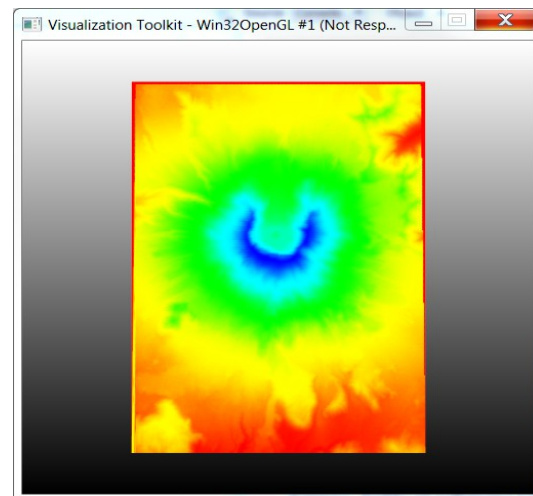
Read a data file, inspect and visualize

#1. Create a reader, tell it what file and run it

```
reader = vtk.vtkDataSetReader()  
reader.SetFileName("c:/VTKSchool/Perticoni/MaterialeEsercitazioneVTK/data/Saint  
HelenSP.vtk")
```

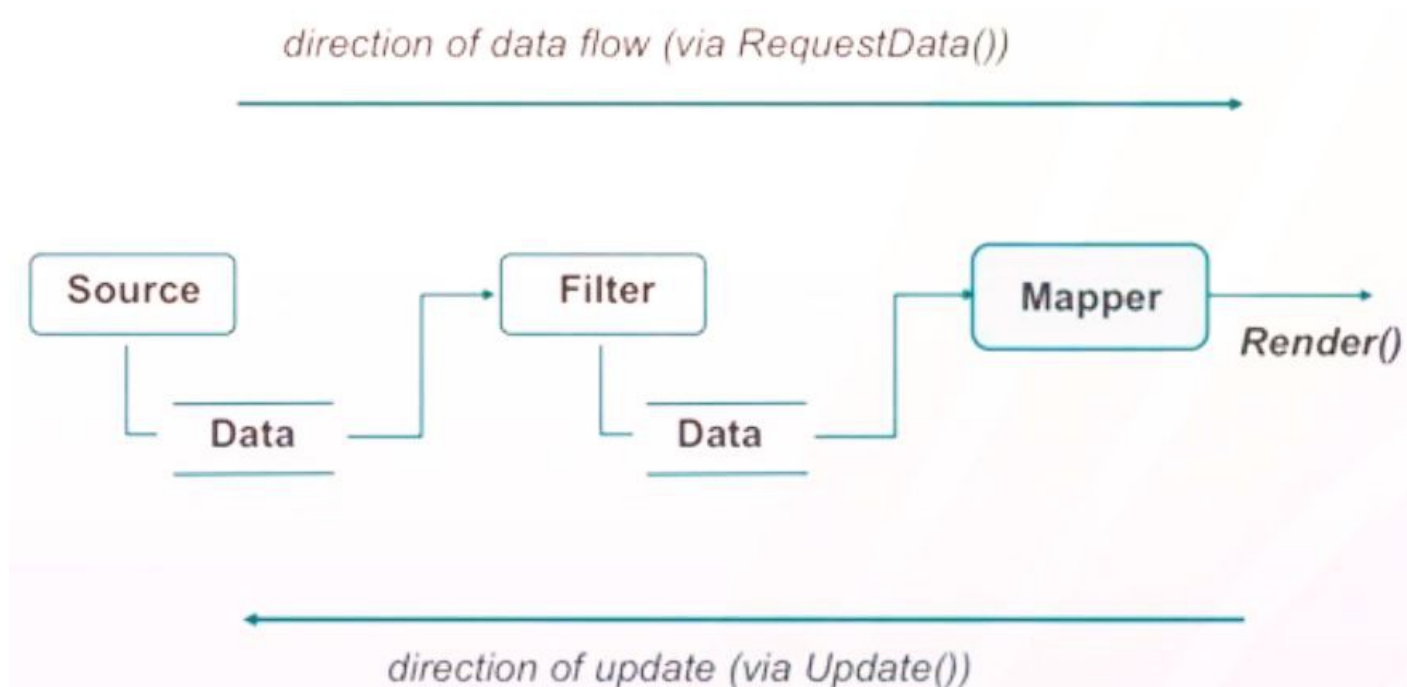
#2. Examine the result

```
id = reader.GetOutput()  
print id.GetPointData().GetArray(0)  
reader.Update()  
print id.GetPointData().GetArray(0).GetRange()  
mapper.SetInputConnection(reader.GetOutputPort())  
mapper.SetScalarRange(682.0, 2543.0)  
renwin.Render()  
renderer.ResetCamera()  
renwin.Render()
```





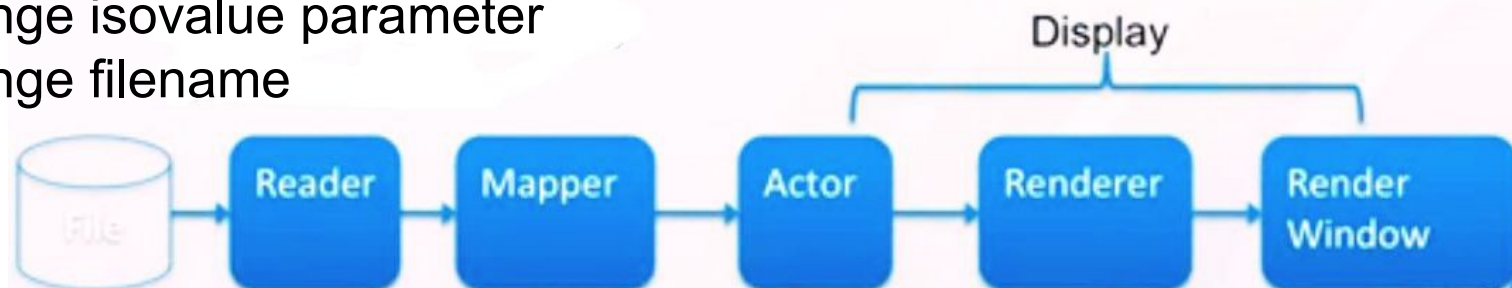
Pipeline execution model





Demand Driven Pipeline

- Lazy evaluation
 - Pipeline only produces results when you ask it to Update or Render()
 - Changing a parameter or rearranging the pipeline doesn't do that.
 - Each filter caches its most recent output
- Modified time
 - Each filter keeps track of when it last produced data, and when its parameters were last changed
 - Pipeline only updates as far back as it has to
 - Examples:
 - Camera motion - data isn't reread, only mapper has to execute
 - Change isovalue parameter
 - Change filename





Exercise : manipulate the read in data

#1. Make filter to convert to a less constrained data structure

```
triangles = vtk.vtkDataSetTriangleFilter()
```

#2. Connect it

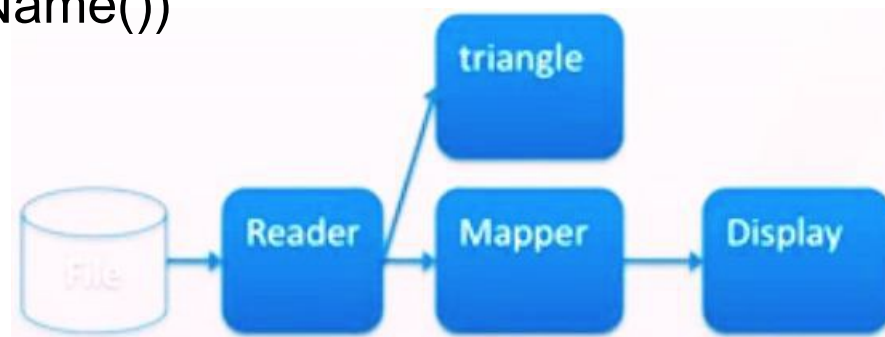
```
triangles.SetInputConnection(reader.GetOutputPort())
```

#3. Run it

```
triangles.Update()
```

```
print(reader.GetOutput().GetClassName())
```

```
print(triangles.GetOutput().GetClassName())
```





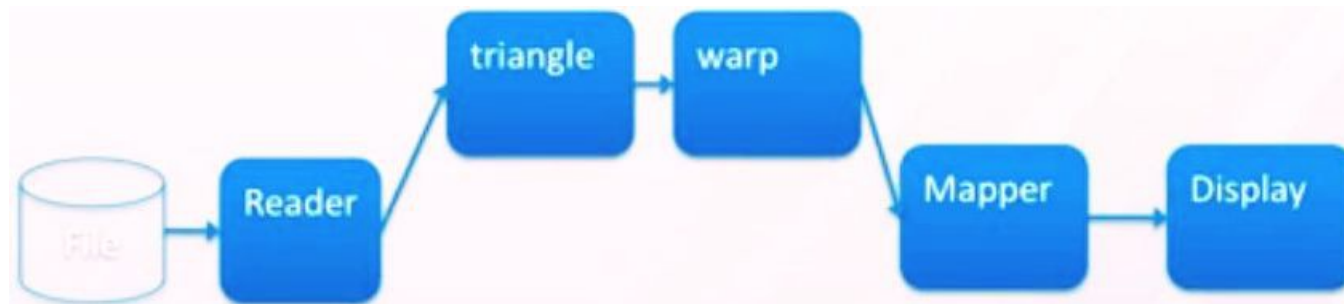
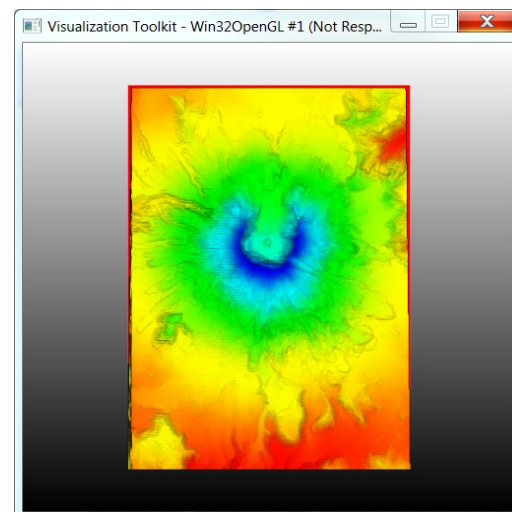
Exercise: manipulate the read in data

#1. Make and use a filter to change the geometry

```
warp = vtk.vtkWarpScalar()  
warp.SetInputConnection(triangles.GetOutputPort())  
warp.Update()  
print(triangles.GetOutput().GetBounds())  
print(warp.GetOutput().GetBounds())
```

#2. Show it

```
mapper.SetInputConnection(warp.GetOutputPort())  
renwin.Render()
```



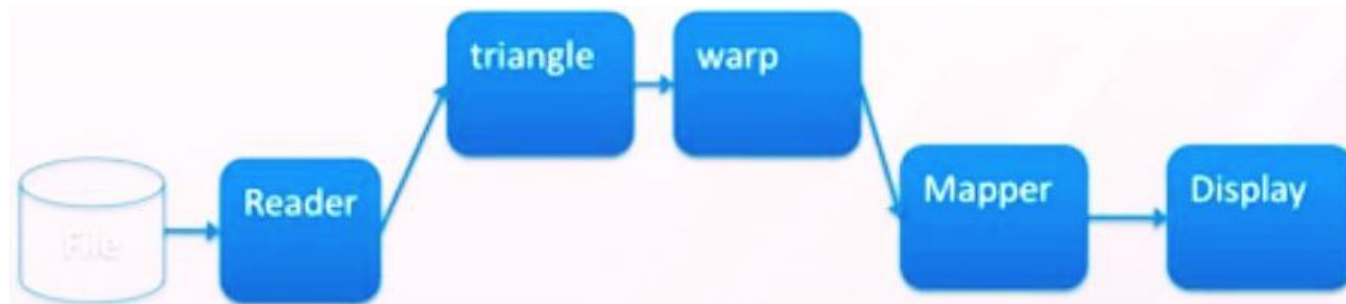
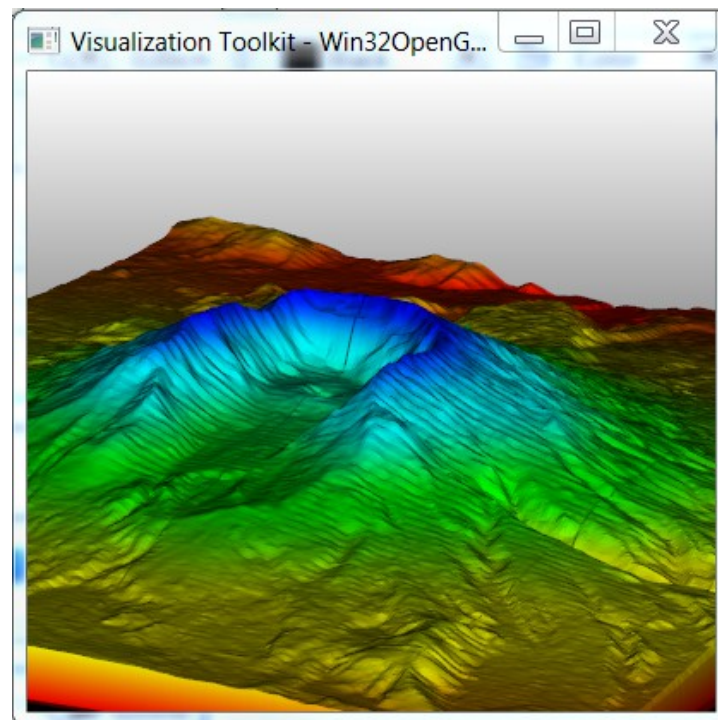


Exercise: manipulate the read in data

#3 Get a hold of window events

```
iren = vtk.vtkRenderWindowInteractor()  
renwin.SetInteractor(iren)  
iren.Initialize()  
iren.Start()
```

```
# Press "e" to exit from the interaction  
# Press "t" to select camera  
Trackball interactor
```





Exercise: manipulate the data

#1. Make a clip filter and put it in pipeline

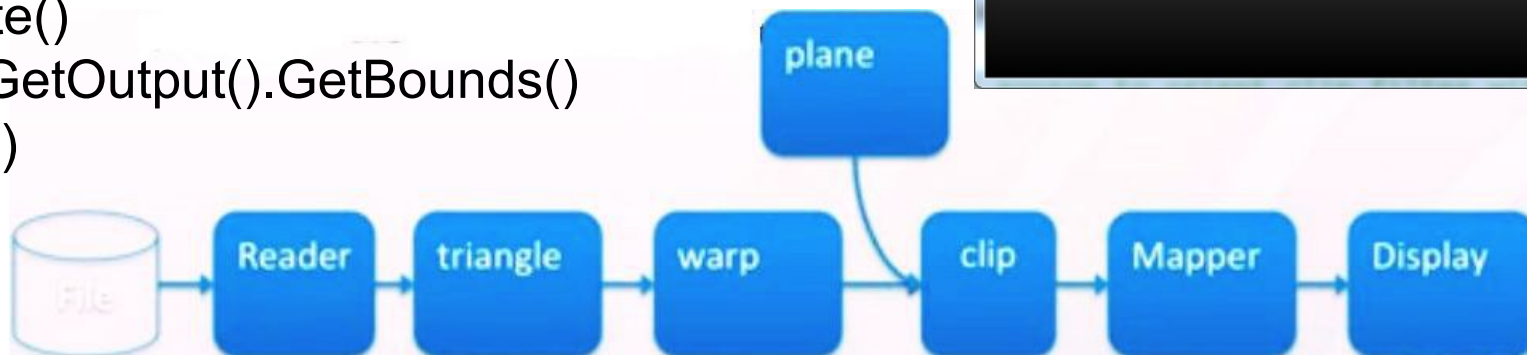
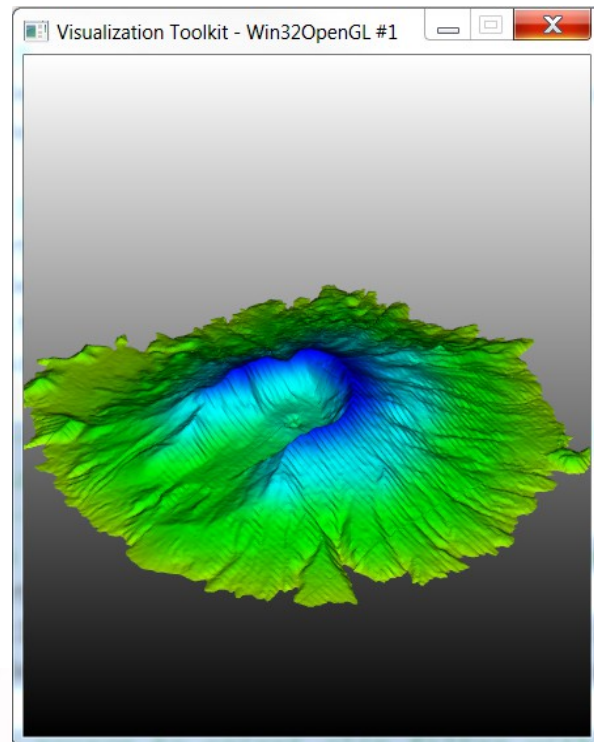
```
clip = vtk.vtkClipDataSet()  
clip.SetInputConnection(warp.GetOutputPort())  
mapper.SetInputConnection(clip.GetOutputPort())
```

#2. Make a source to orient clip filter with

```
plane = vtk.vtkPlane()  
clip.SetClipFunction(plane)  
plane.SetOrigin(560000,5120000,2000)
```

#3. Inspect the result

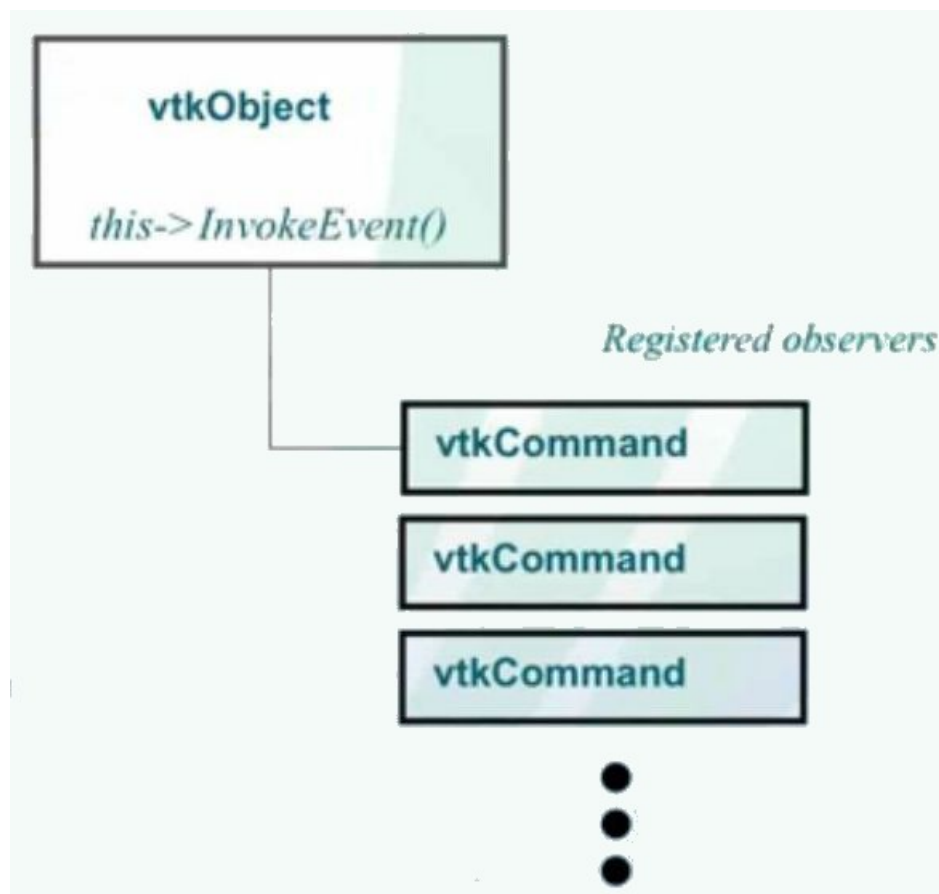
```
clip.Update()  
print clip.GetOutput().GetBounds()  
iren.Start()
```





Interaction

- Events
 - Instances of vtk classes can fire events and watch events fired by others
 - watcher executes some code whenever the event occurs
- Interactors
 - Watch mouse, keyboard, window system events to move camera call render etc
- Widgets
 - Special purpose classes that are drawn in scene and watch events





Exercise: use a widget to interact with the data

#1. Get a hold of window events

```
iren = vtk.vtkRenderWindowInteractor()  
renwin.SetInteractor(iren)
```

#2. Make and initially place the widget

```
widget = vtk.vtkImplicitPlaneWidget()  
widget.PlaceWidget(warp.GetOutput().GetBounds())  
widget.SetOrigin([plane.GetOrigin()[x] for x in 0,1,2])  
widget.SetNormal([plane.GetNormal()[x] for x in 0,1,2])
```

#3. Connect it to the renderwindow's events

```
widget.SetInteractor(iren)
```



Exercise: use a widget to interact with the data

#1. Connect the widget's events to our pipeline

```
def eventhandler(obj , event):  
    global plane  
    obj.GetPlane(plane)
```

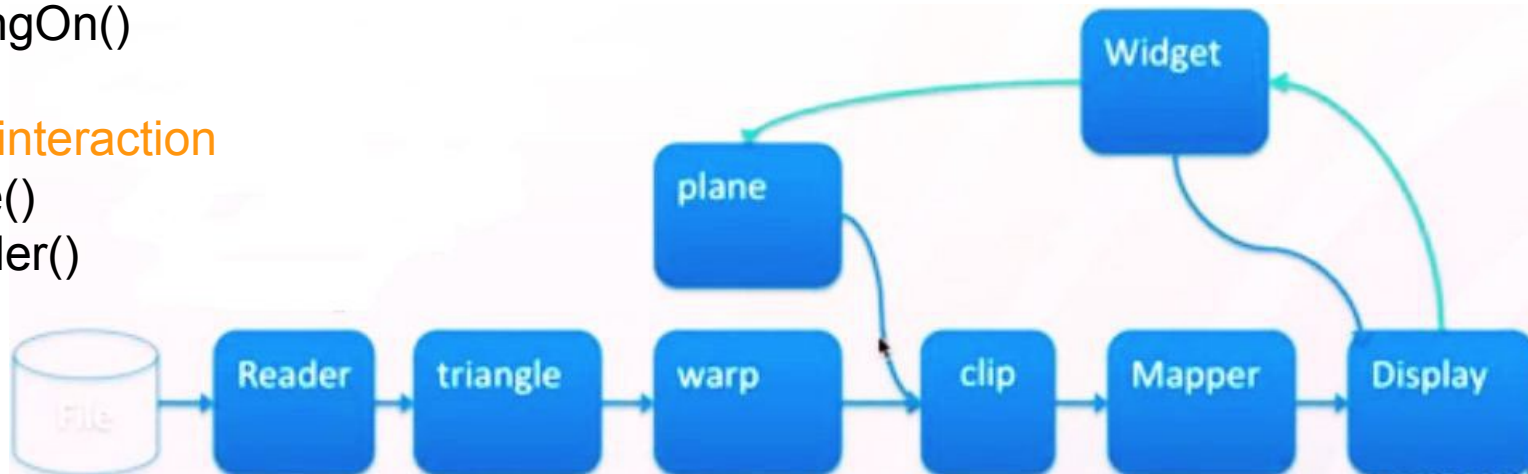
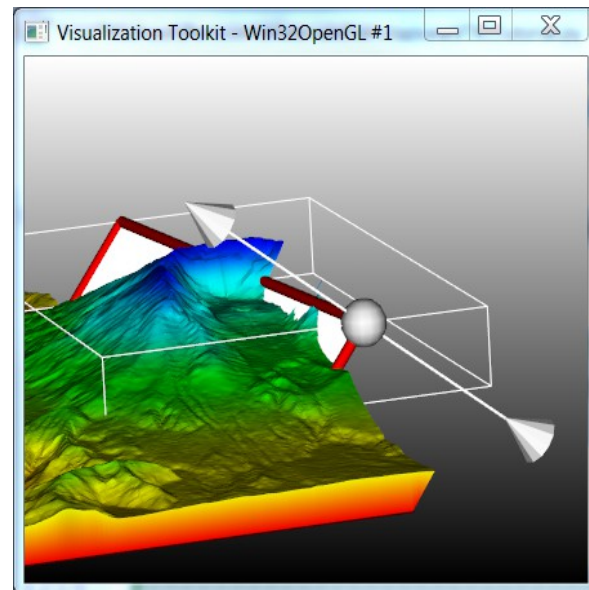
```
widget.AddObserver("InteractionEvent", eventhandler)
```

#2. Configure the widget

```
widget.SetEnabled(1)  
widget.DrawPlaneOn()  
widget.TubingOn()
```

#3. Turn on interaction

```
iren.Initialize()  
renwin.Render()  
iren.Start()
```





Exercises

From your browser open the Summary page

file:///C:/VTKSchool/Perticoni/MaterialeEsercitazioneVTK/index.html

CORSO DI VTK: ESERCITAZIONE

Sommario

Prerequisiti

1. [VTK: concetti di Base](#)
2. [Usare VTK con Python](#)

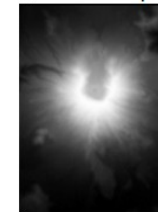
Tecniche di visualizzazione

1. [Color Mapping](#)
2. [Color Mapping Discreto](#)
3. [Warping](#)
4. [Texture Mapping](#)
5. [Texture Mapping - coordinate di texture](#)
6. [Bounding Box](#)
7. [Outline](#)
8. [Plane Extraction](#)

Creiamo una LookupTable con una scala di q

```
LT = vtk.vtkLookupTable() # crei
LT.SetNumberOfTableValue(128)
LT.SetSaturationRange(0,0) # satur
LT.SetValueRange(0,1) # lumin
LT.Build()
DSM.SetLookupTable(LT) # la as
RW.Render()
```

Questo e' quello che dobbiamo ottenere.



Esercizi:

Provate adesso ad ottenere le visualizzazioni di seguit

