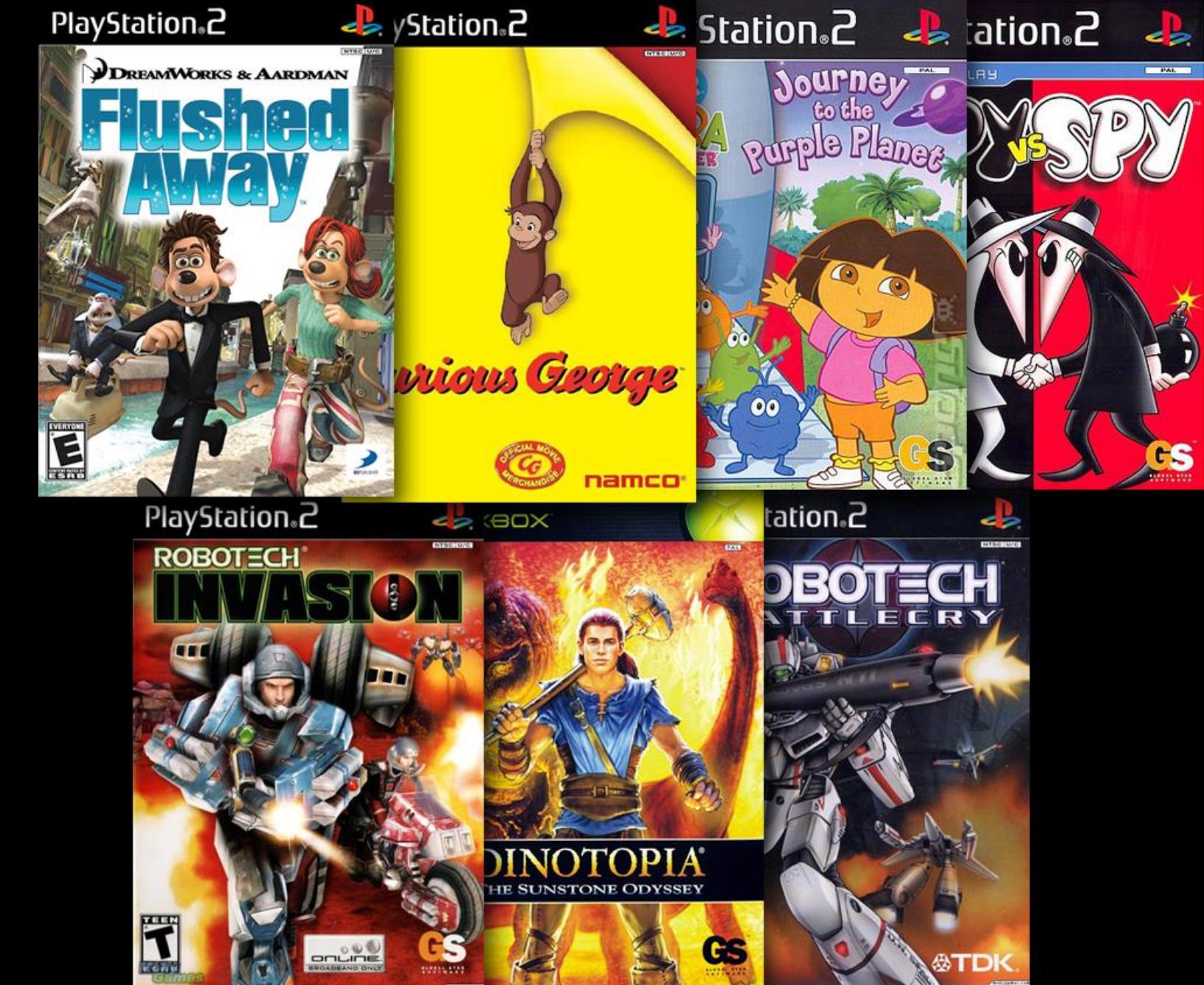
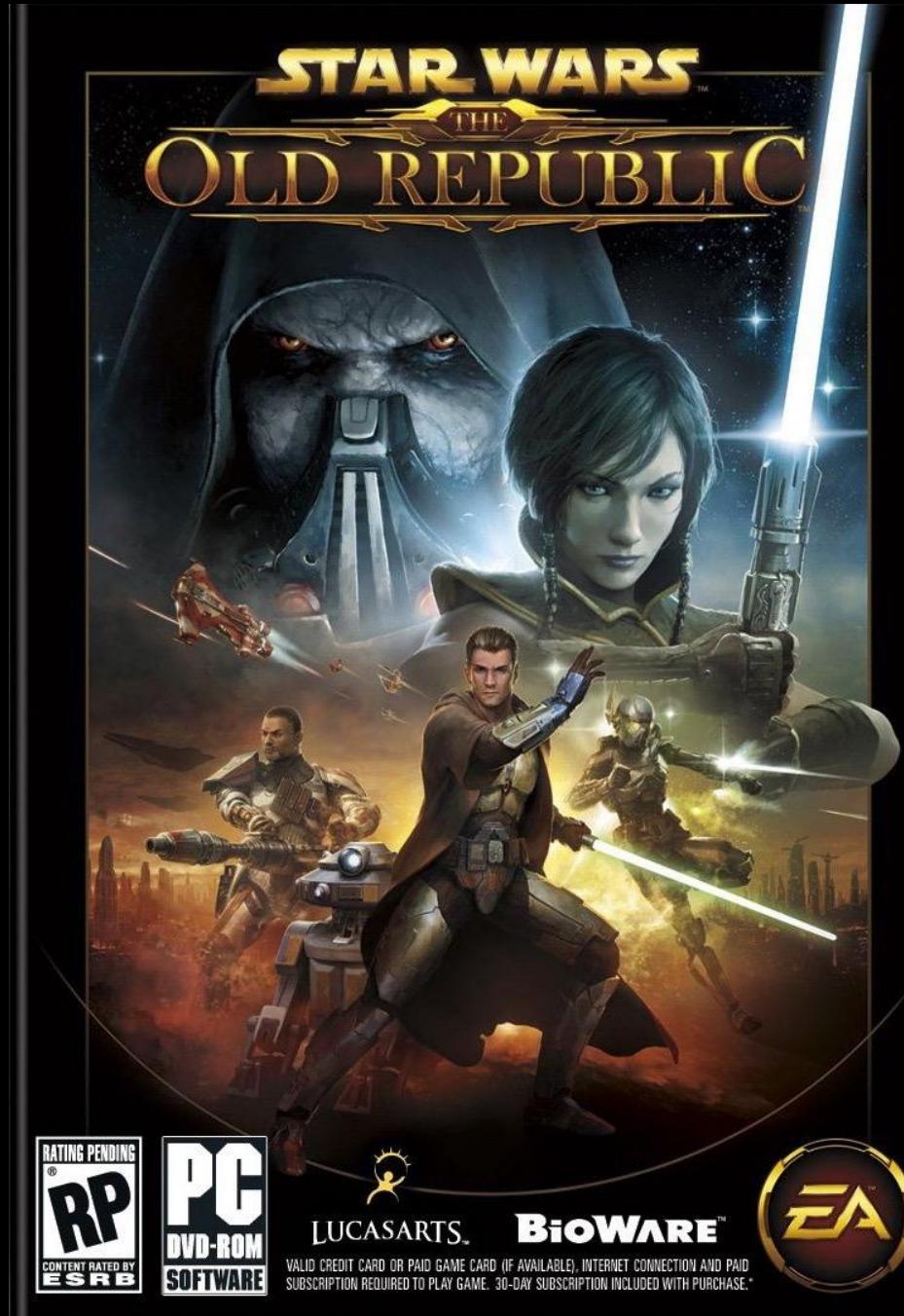


# Shaders 301

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# Who Are You?



A cinematic shot from the video game Anthem. In the foreground, a player character wearing a blue and orange suit is seen from behind, walking towards a large red mech. The mech has a bright orange glow on its chest and arms. In the background, another red mech is flying through the air. To the right, a yellow and black mech is standing on a rocky ledge, with a fire or explosion visible near its foot. The setting is a vast, rugged mountain range under a cloudy sky.

Who Are You?

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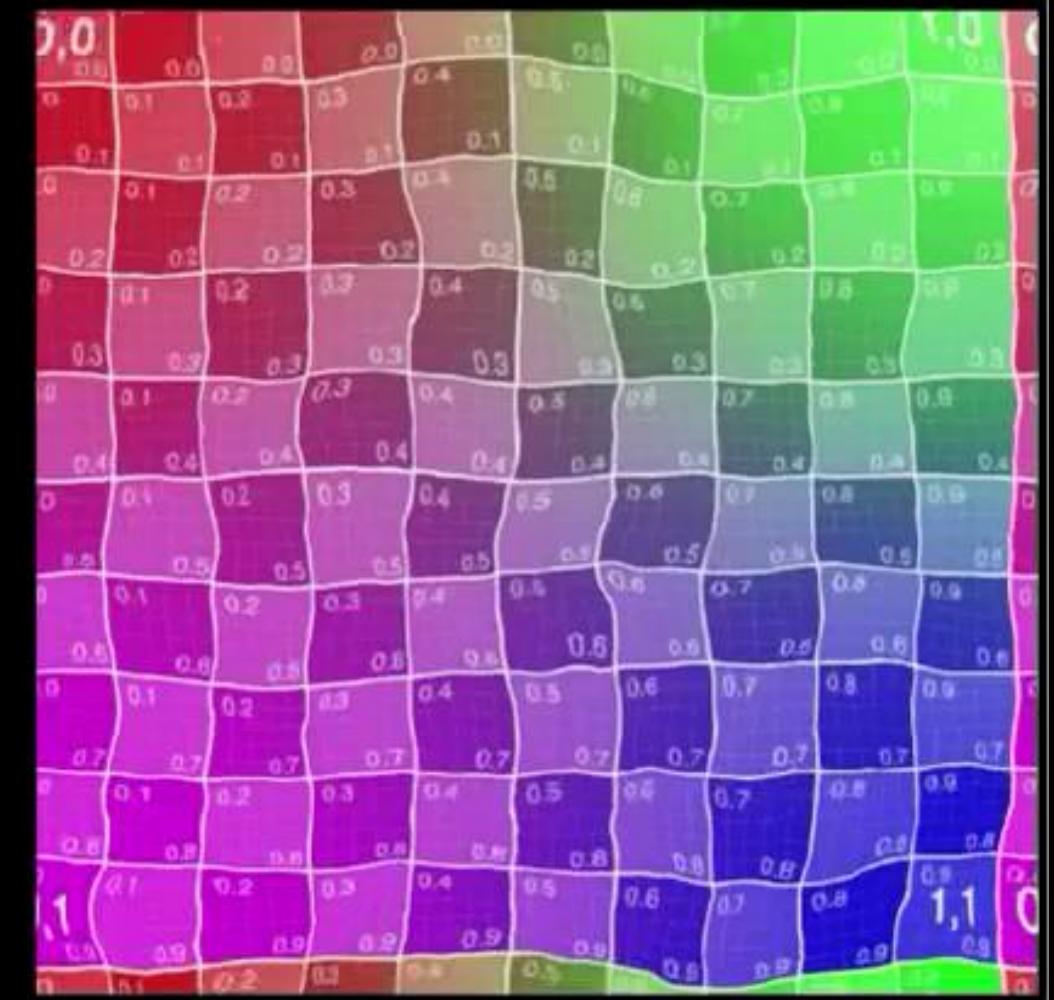
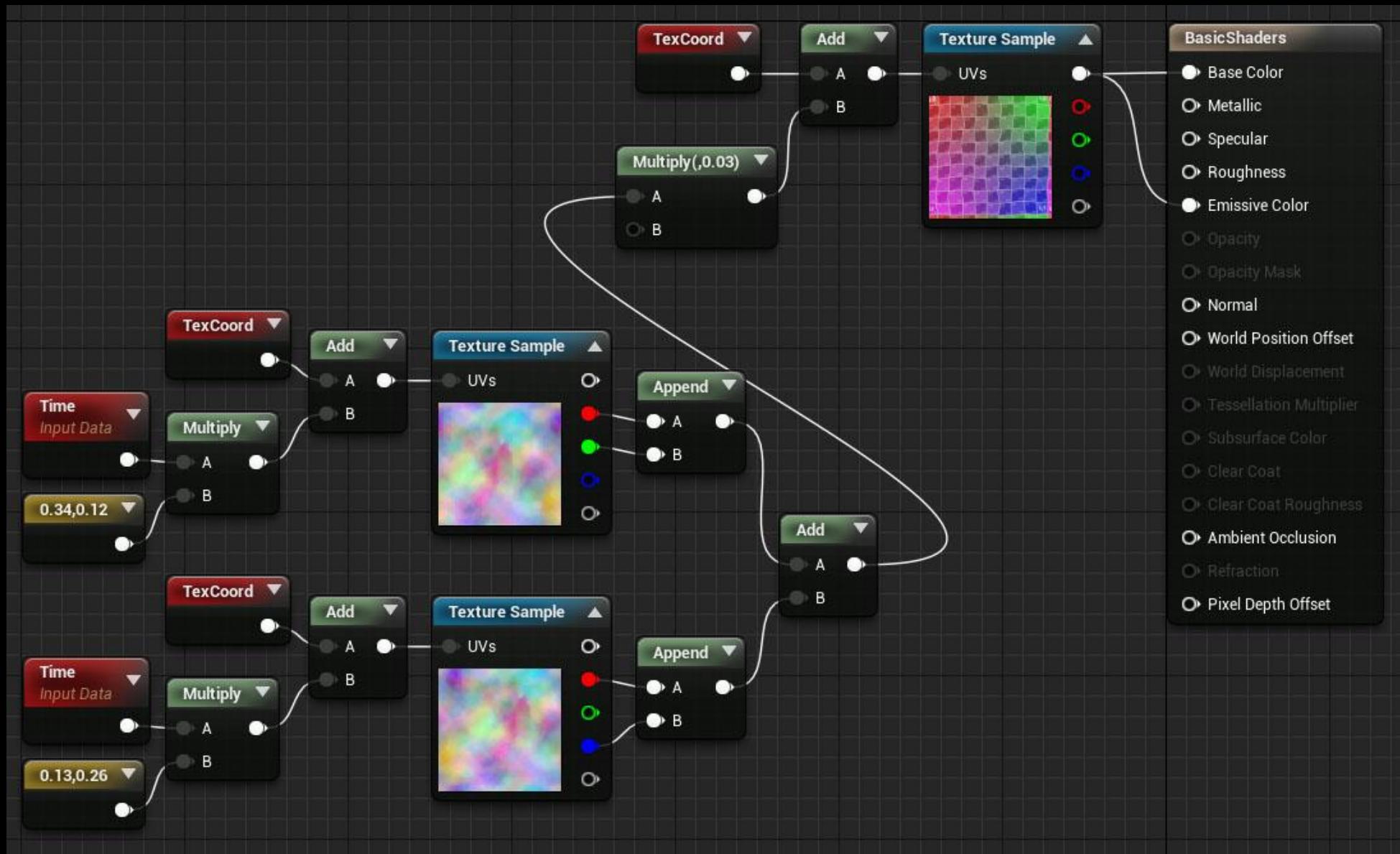
# Our Agenda

- Review
- Rustling Leaves
- Procedural Noise
  - Snowy Trees Example
  - Rock Layers Example

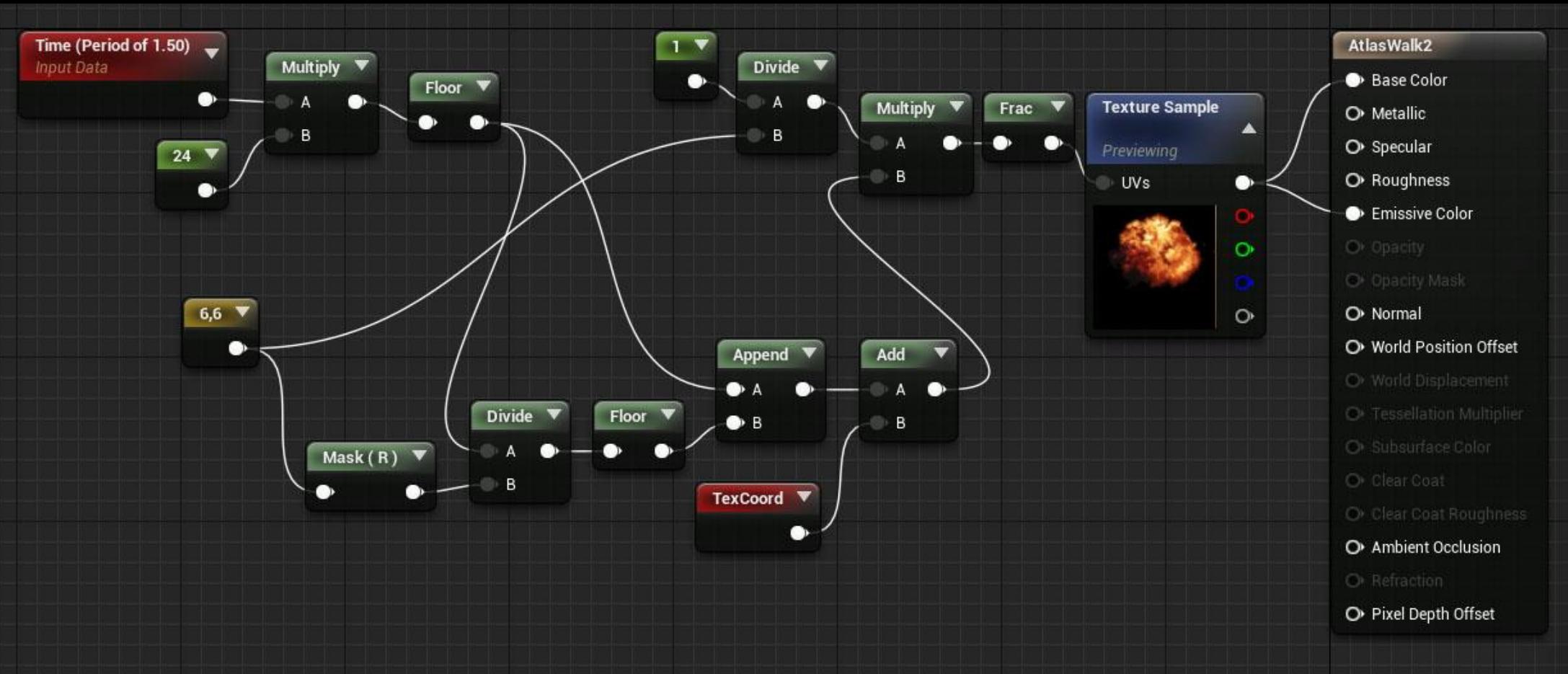
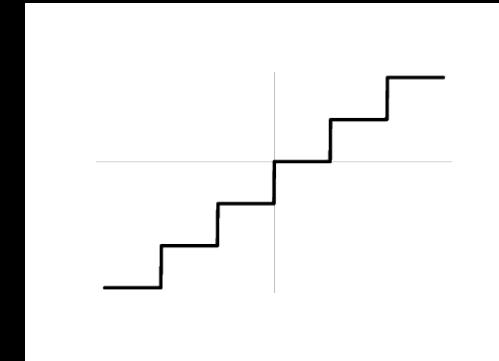
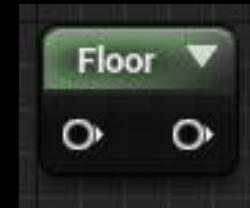
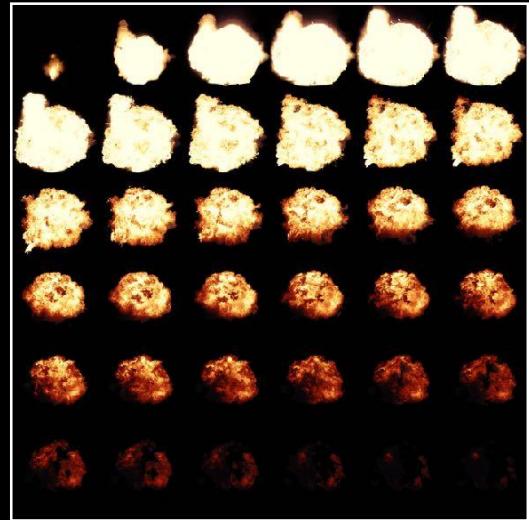
These concepts can be used in shader code and in node-based editors

# Let's Review!

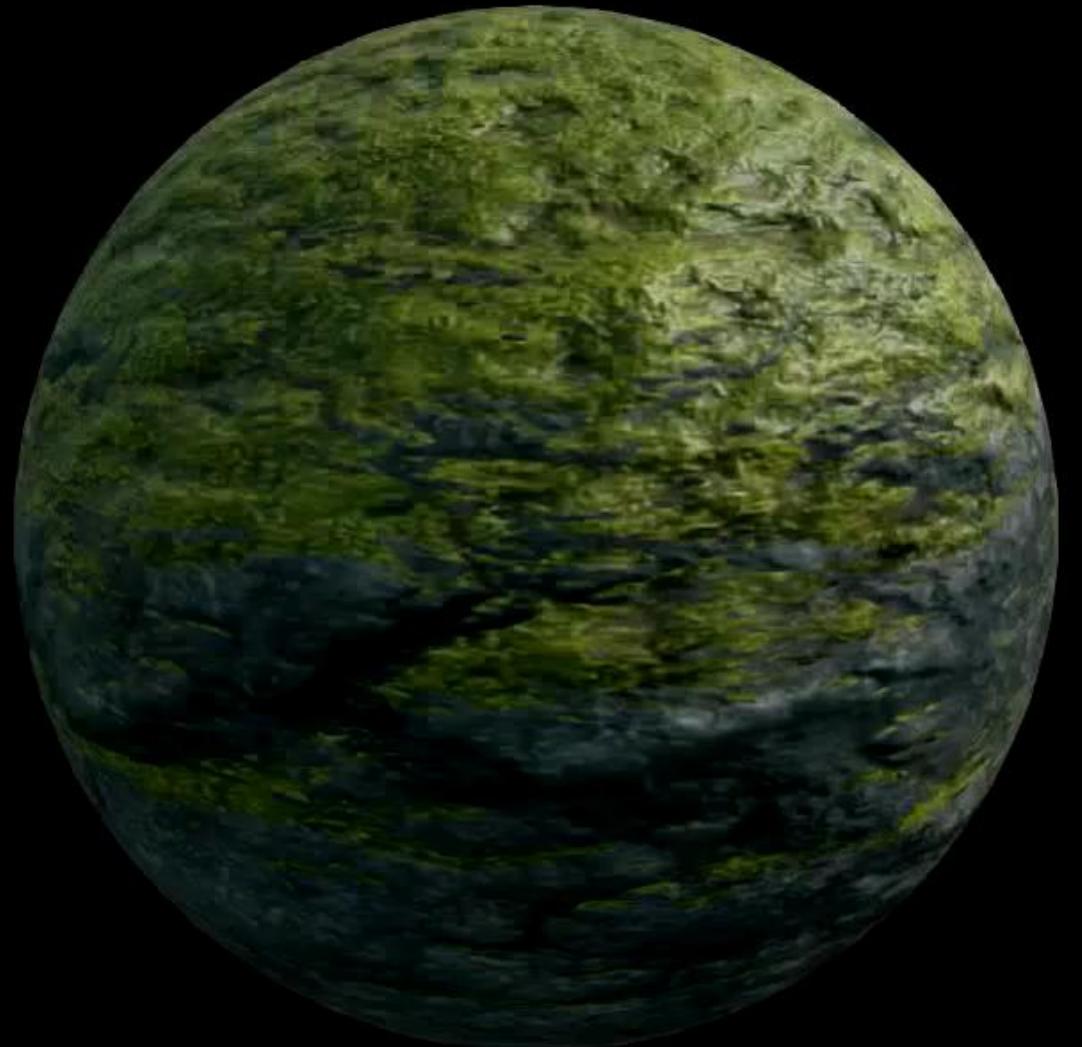
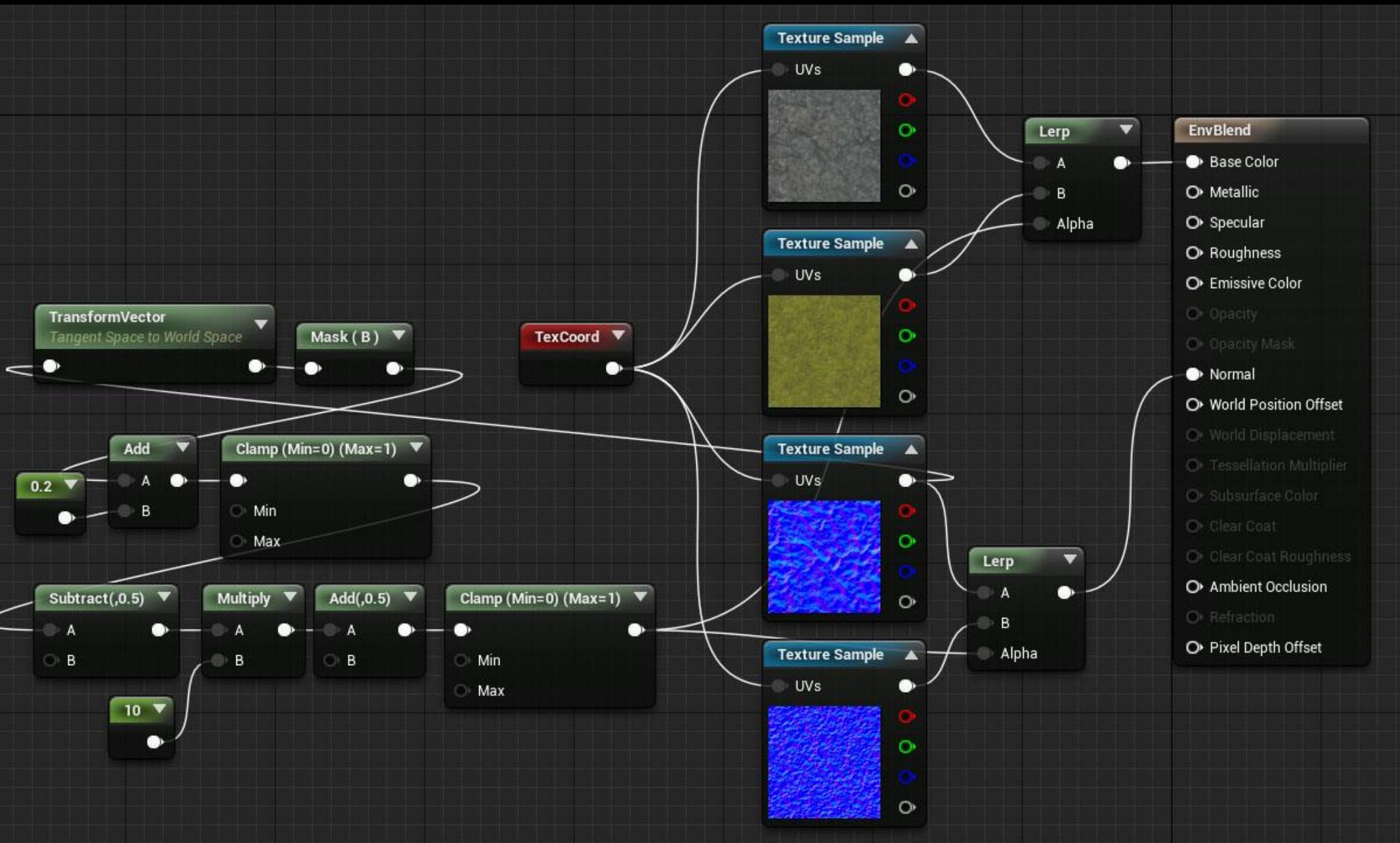
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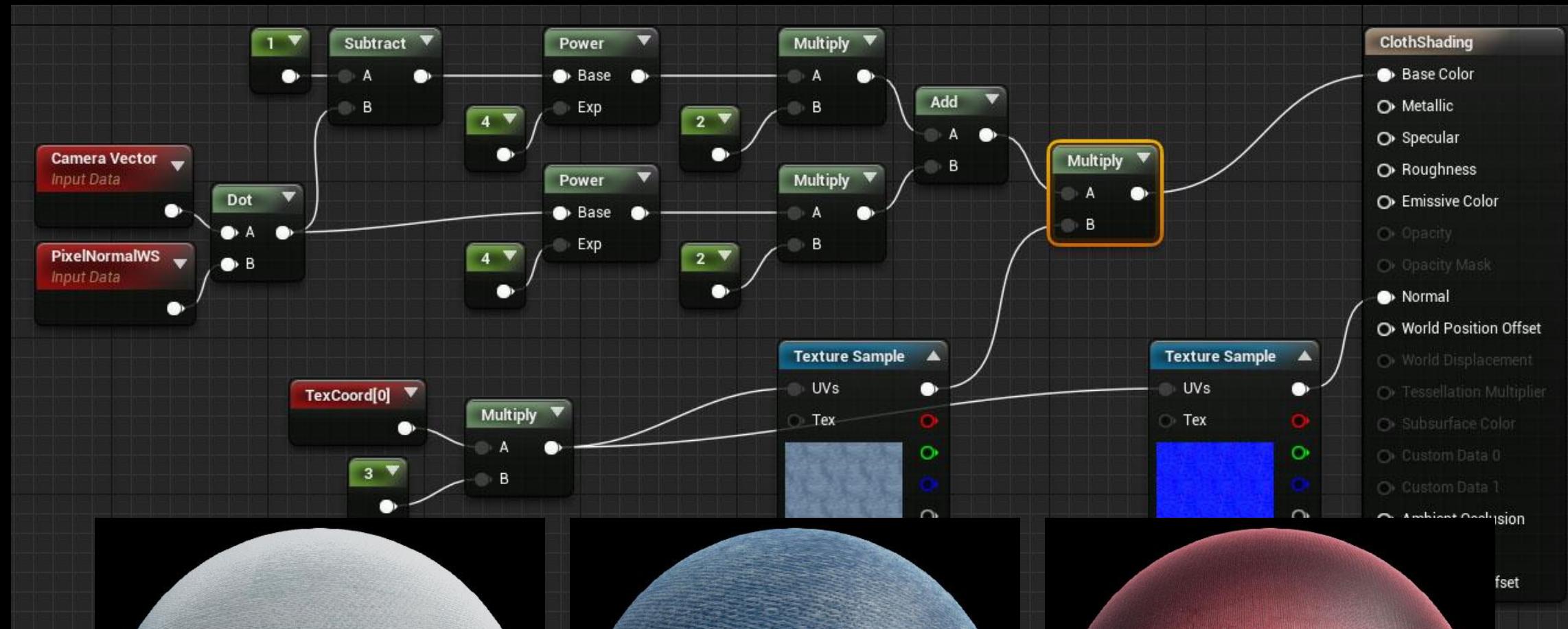
# Atlas Walk



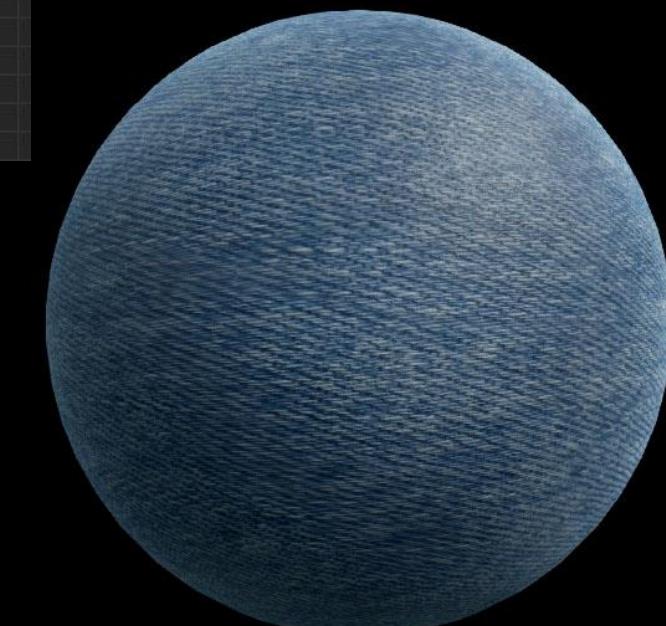
# Projection Blend



# Simple Cloth



Cotton

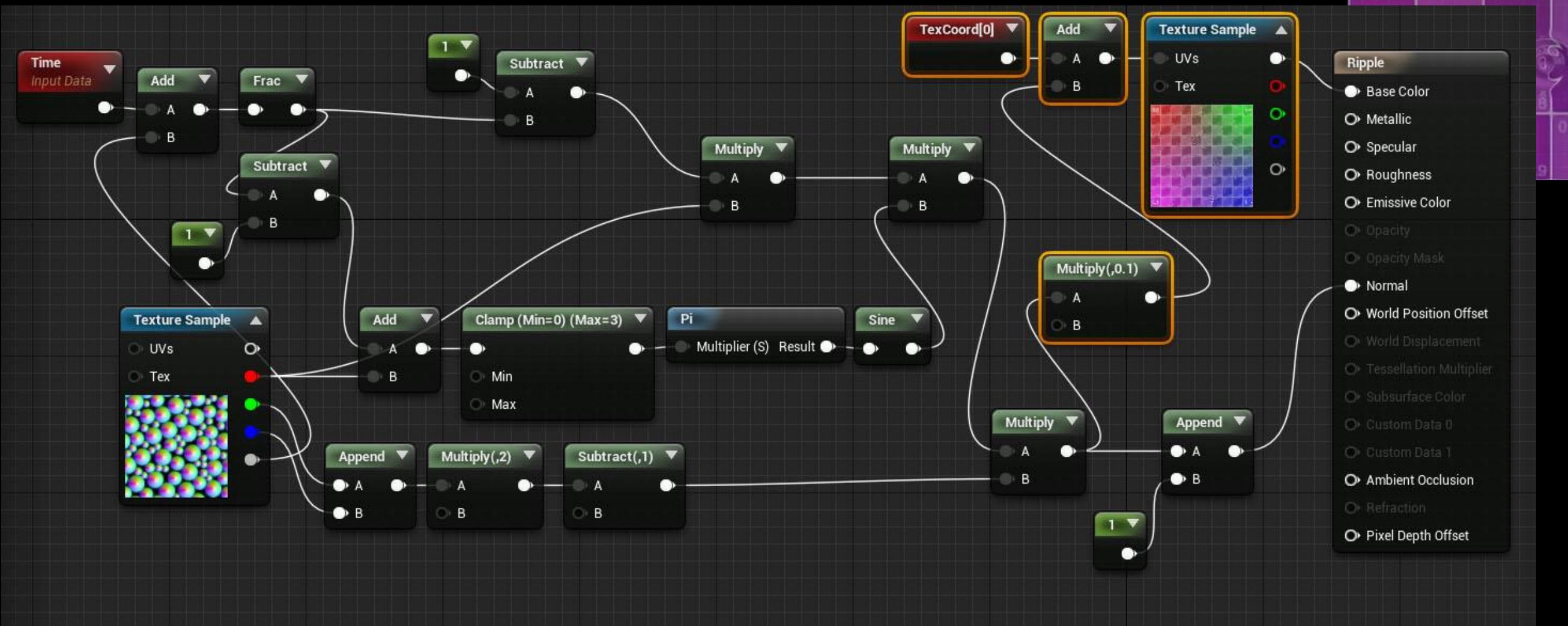


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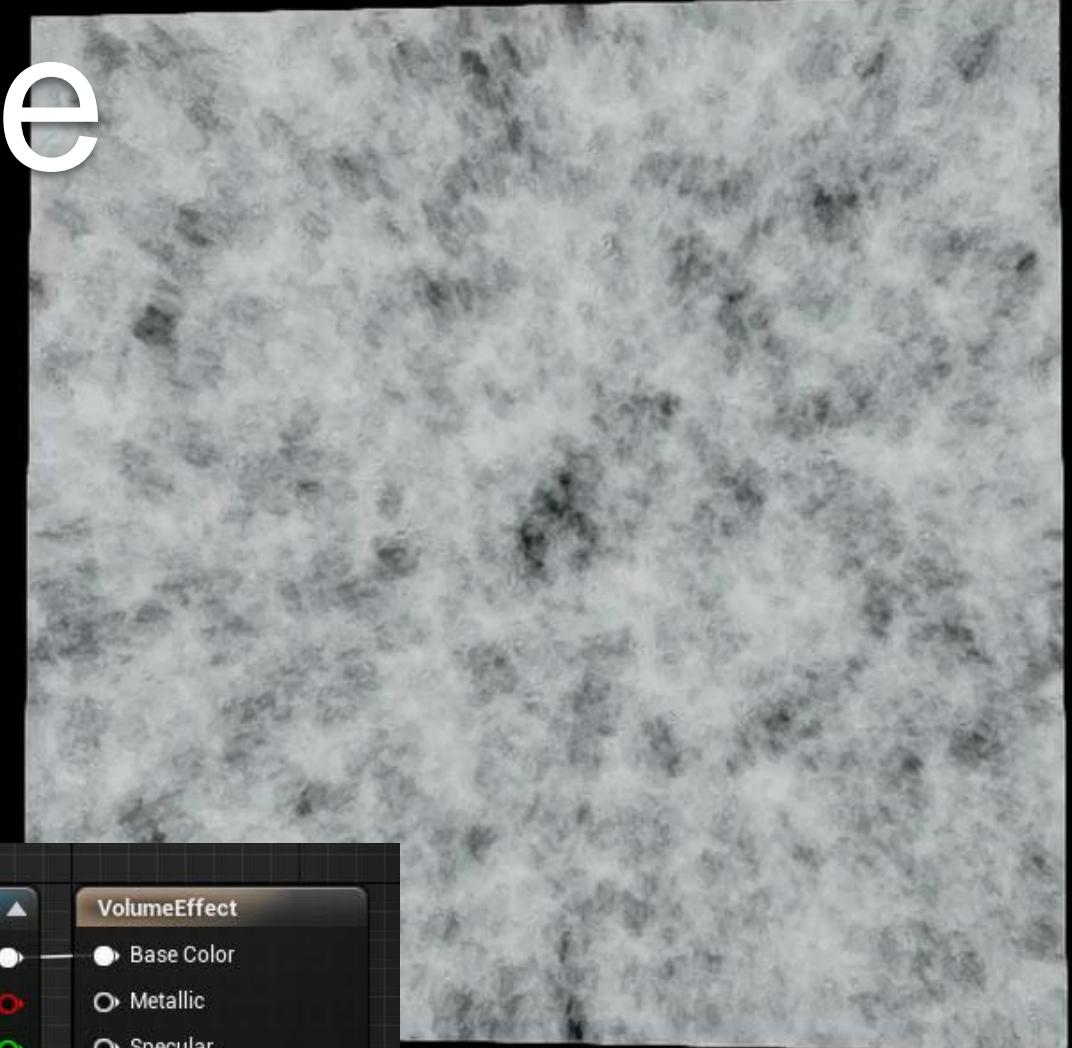
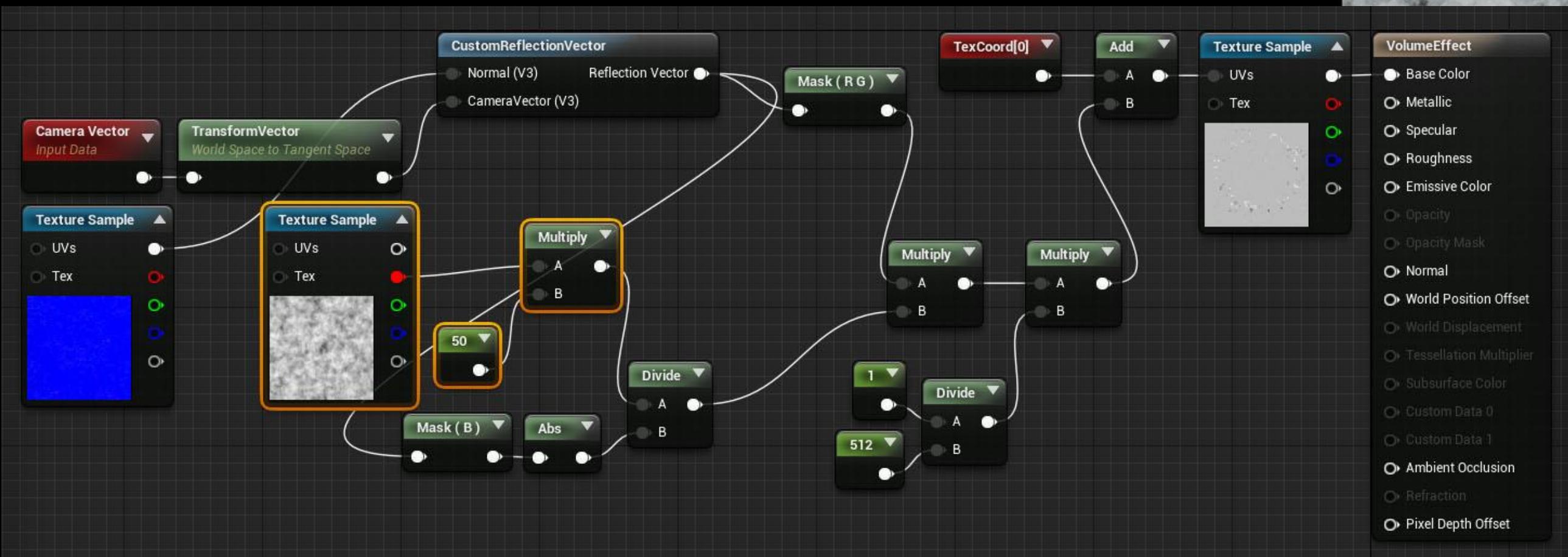


Silk

# Rain Ripples



# Volumetric Ice

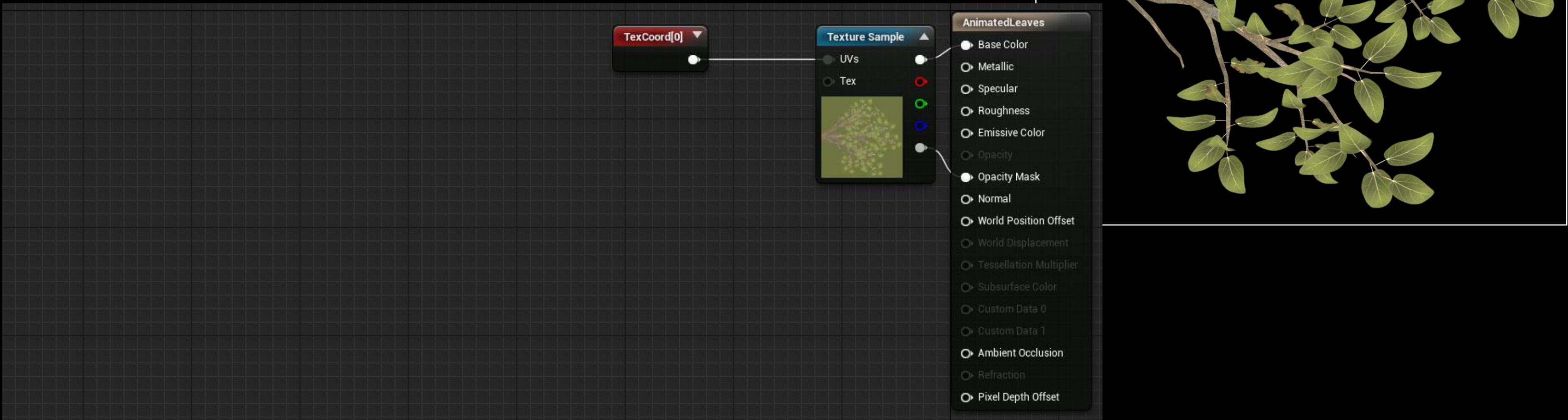


# Rustling Leaves

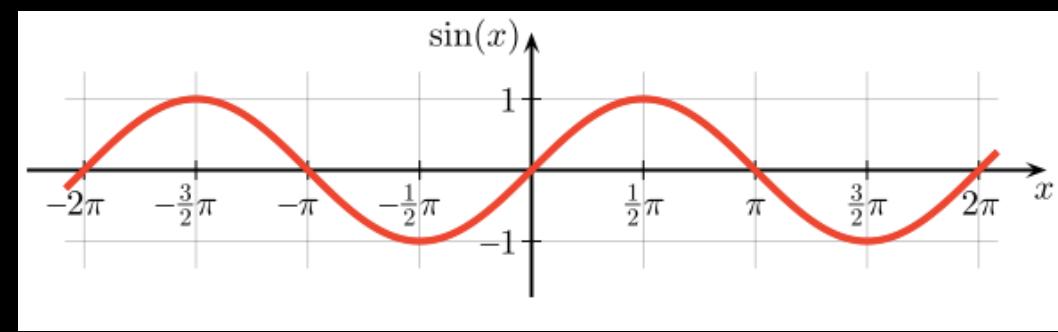
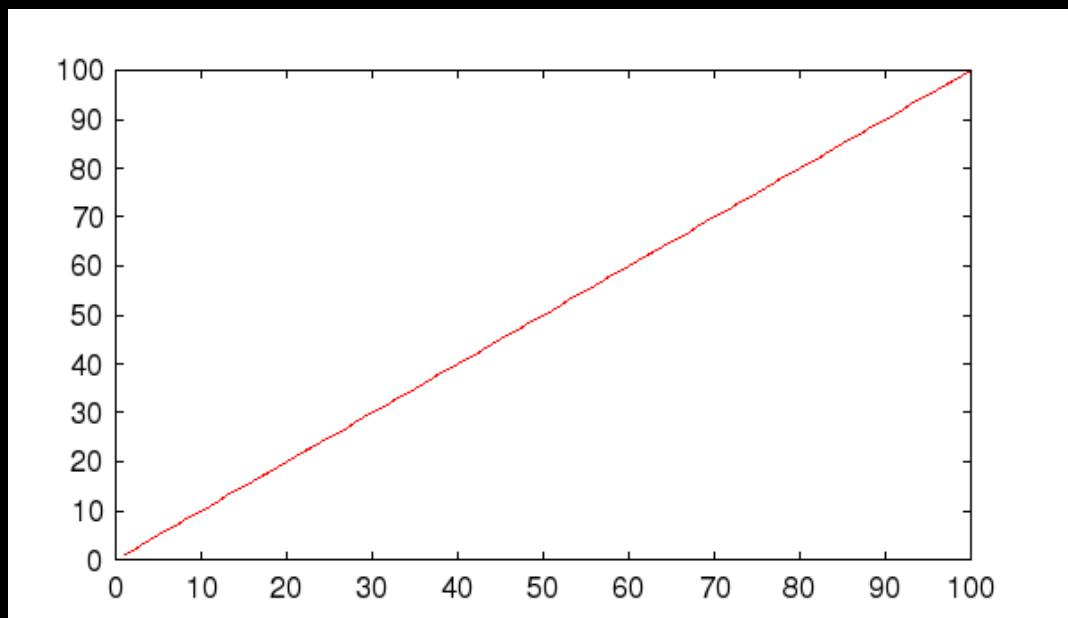
# Textures with Multiple Leaves



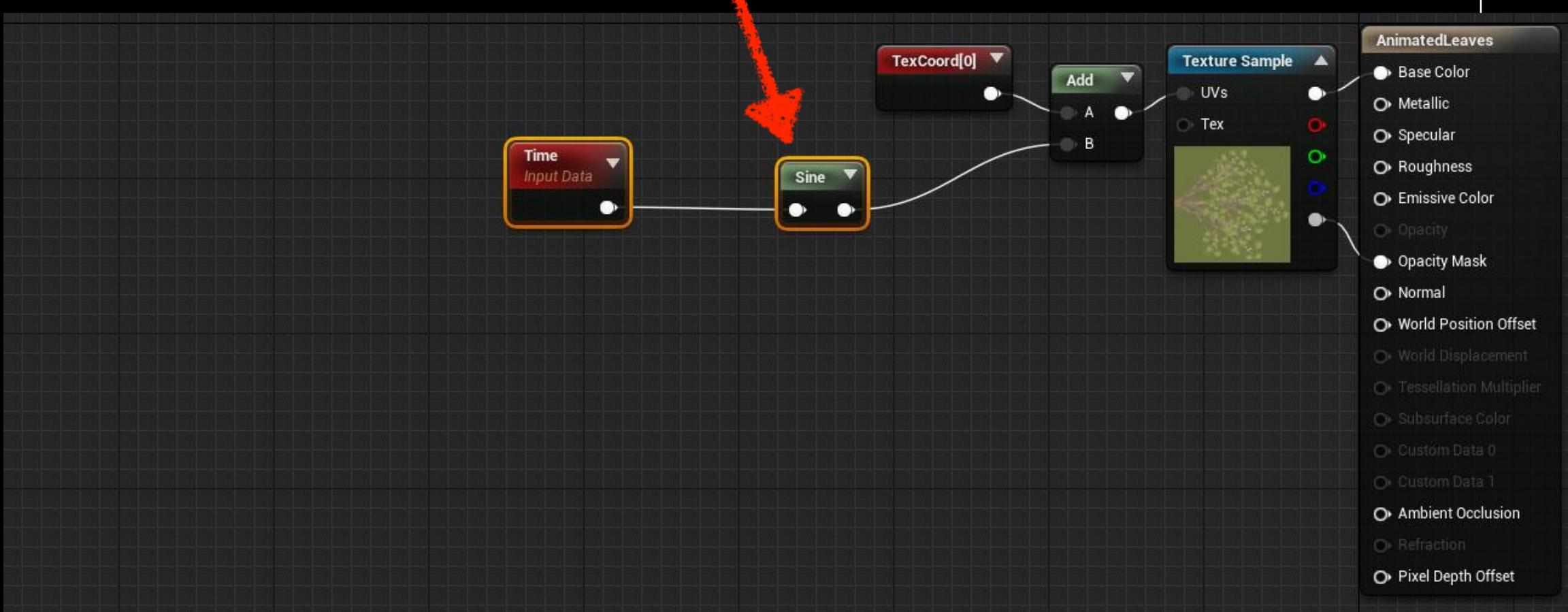
# Simple Shader



# Sine Node Converts Time To Wave



# Sine Wave Animation

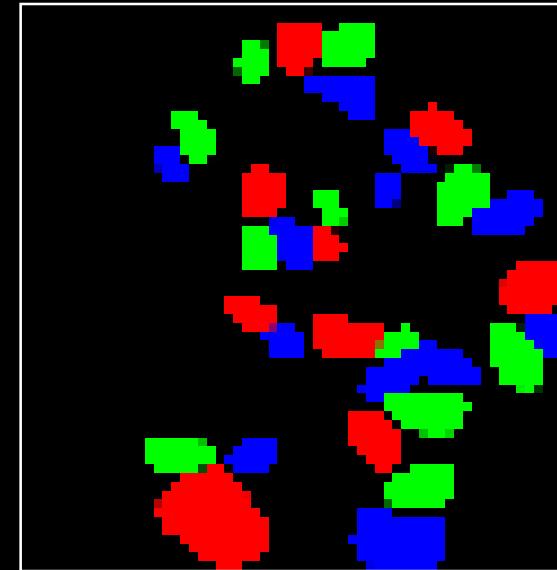
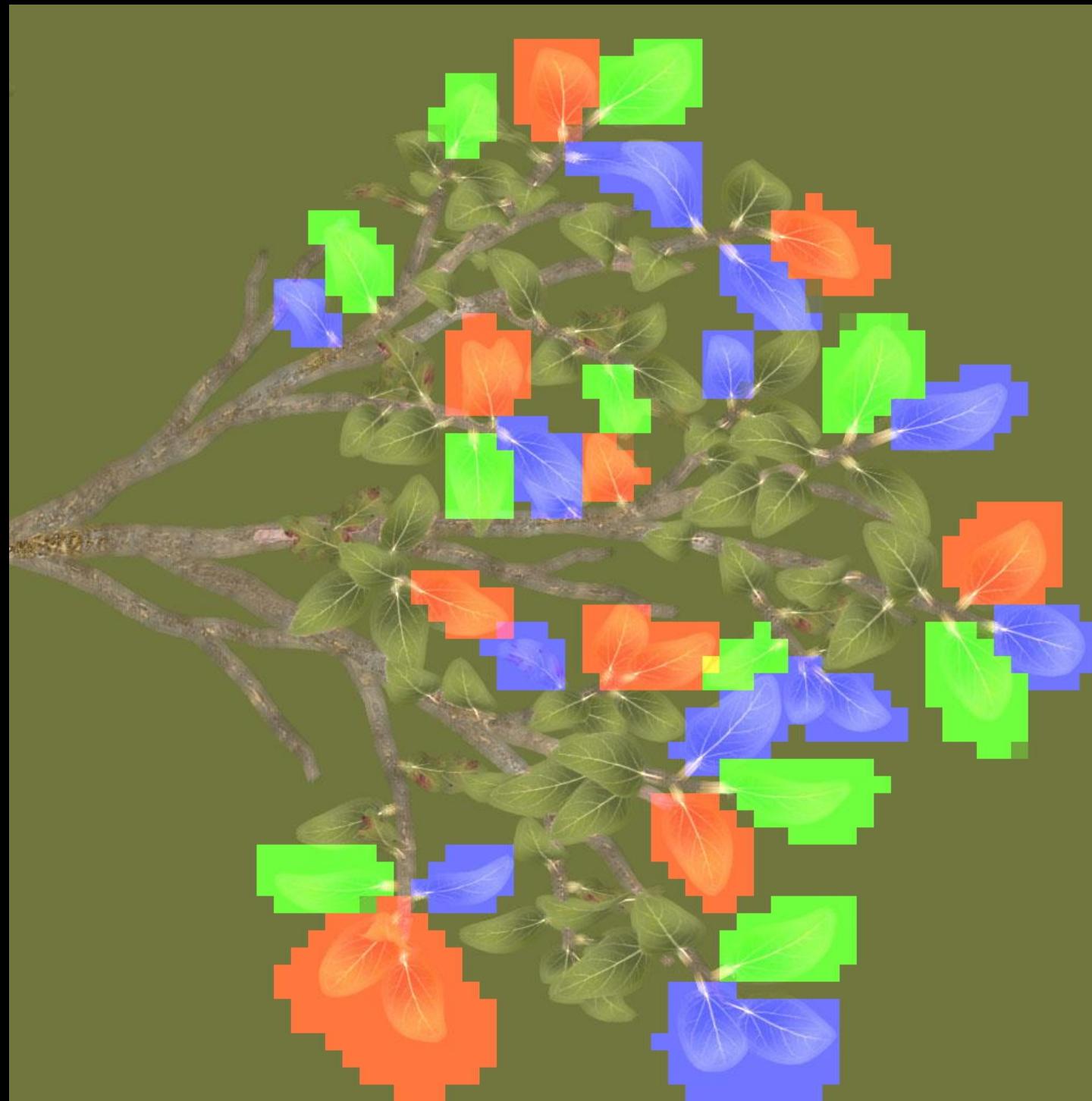


# Control Speed and Distance

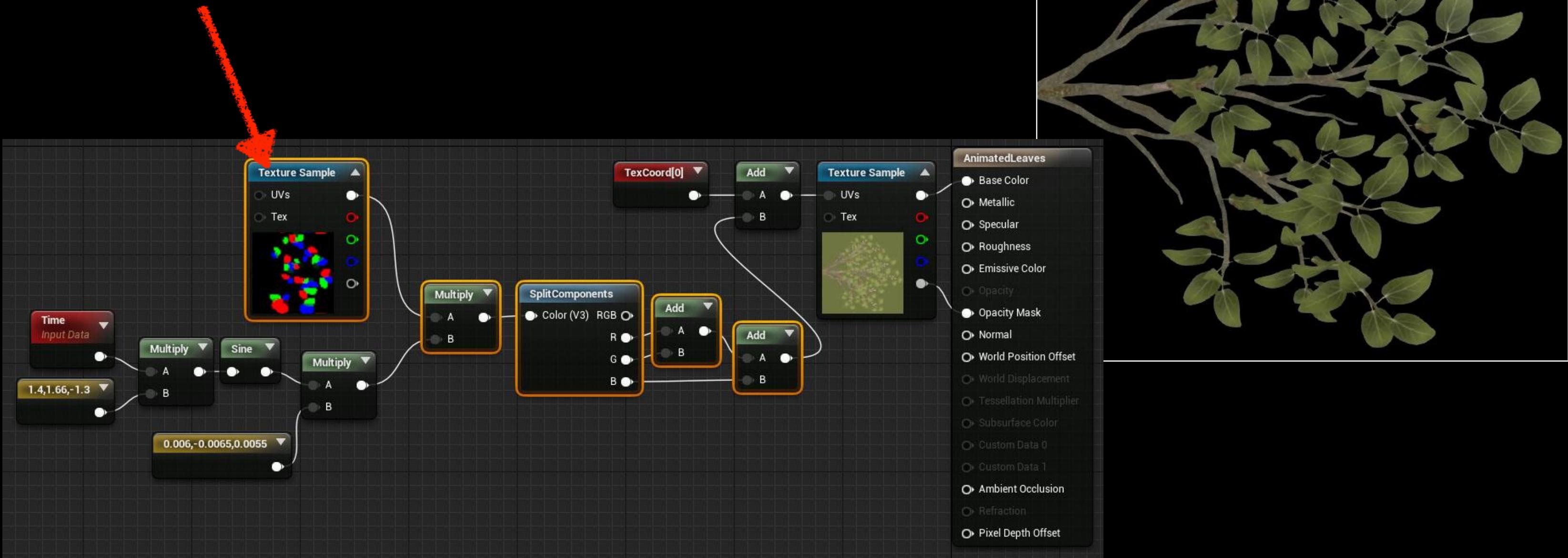
The image shows a node-based shader editor interface. On the left, a graph of nodes is displayed:

- A **Time** node (red) feeds into a **Multiply** node.
- The **Multiply** node has two inputs: **A** (from Time) and **B**.
- The **B** input is connected to a **1.4** float value node.
- The output of the first **Multiply** node goes to a **Sine** node.
- The **Sine** node's output goes to the **A** input of a second **Multiply** node.
- The **B** input of the second **Multiply** node is connected to a **0.006** float value node.
- The output of the second **Multiply** node is connected to the **TexCoord[0]** input of an **Add** node.
- The **Add** node also receives input from the **UVs** input of a **Texture Sample** node.
- The **Tex** input of the **Texture Sample** node is connected to a preview image of a leafy branch.
- The **Texture Sample** node has a context menu open, listing properties such as Base Color, Metallic, Specular, Roughness, Emissive Color, Opacity, Opacity Mask, Normal, World Position Offset, World Displacement, Tessellation Multiplier, Subsurface Color, Custom Data 0, Custom Data 1, Ambient Occlusion, Refraction, and Pixel Depth Offset.

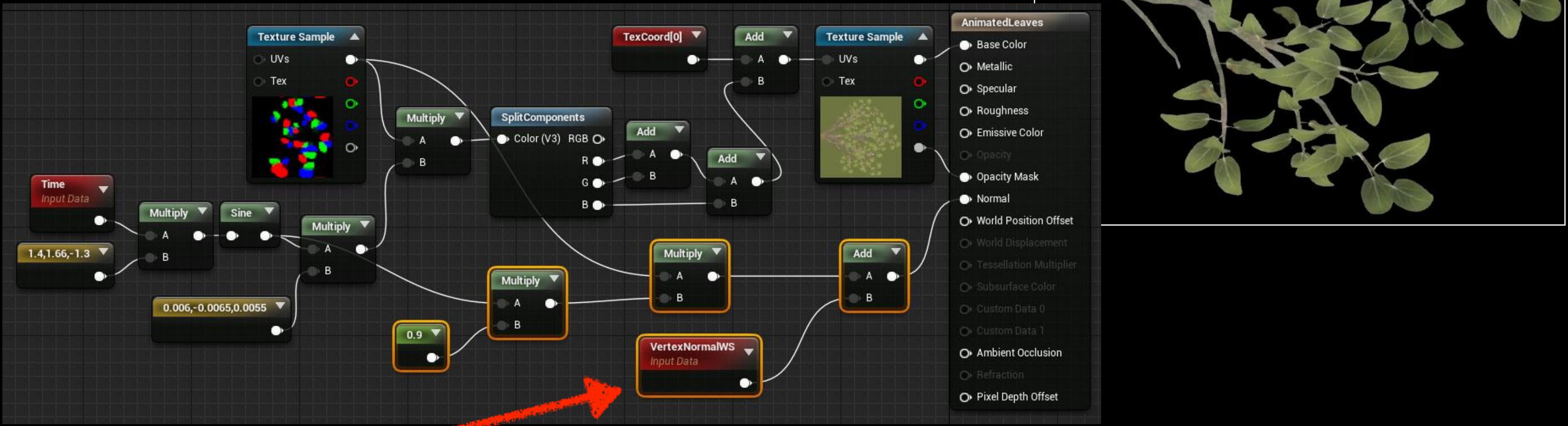
# Mask Texture

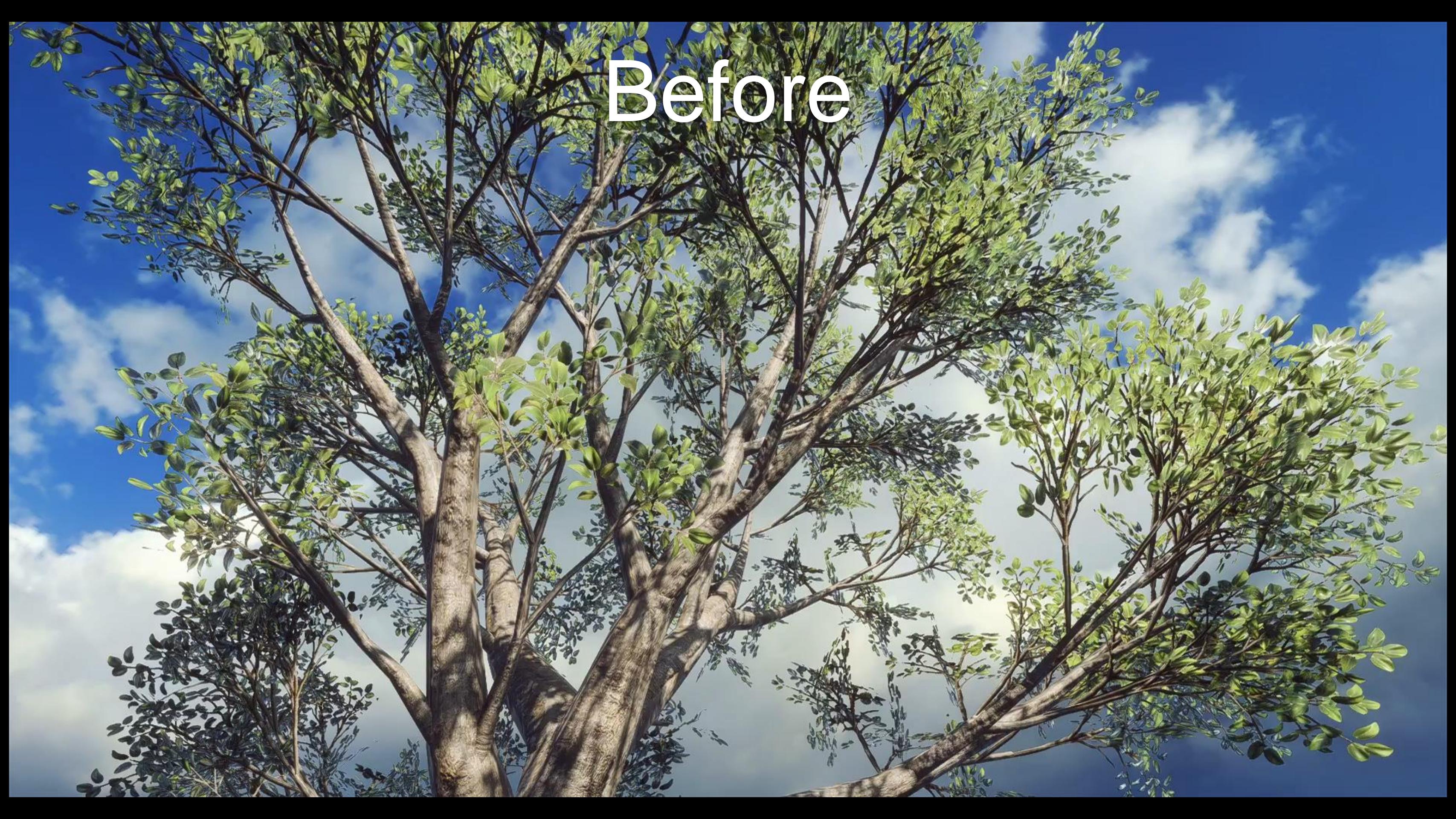


# Mask for Unique Movement



# Normal Offset



A photograph of a large, mature tree with a dense canopy of green leaves. The tree has several thick, light-colored trunks and branches. The background is a bright blue sky with scattered white, wispy clouds.

Before

A photograph of a large, mature tree with a dense canopy of green leaves against a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds.

After

# Leaf Wiggle Code

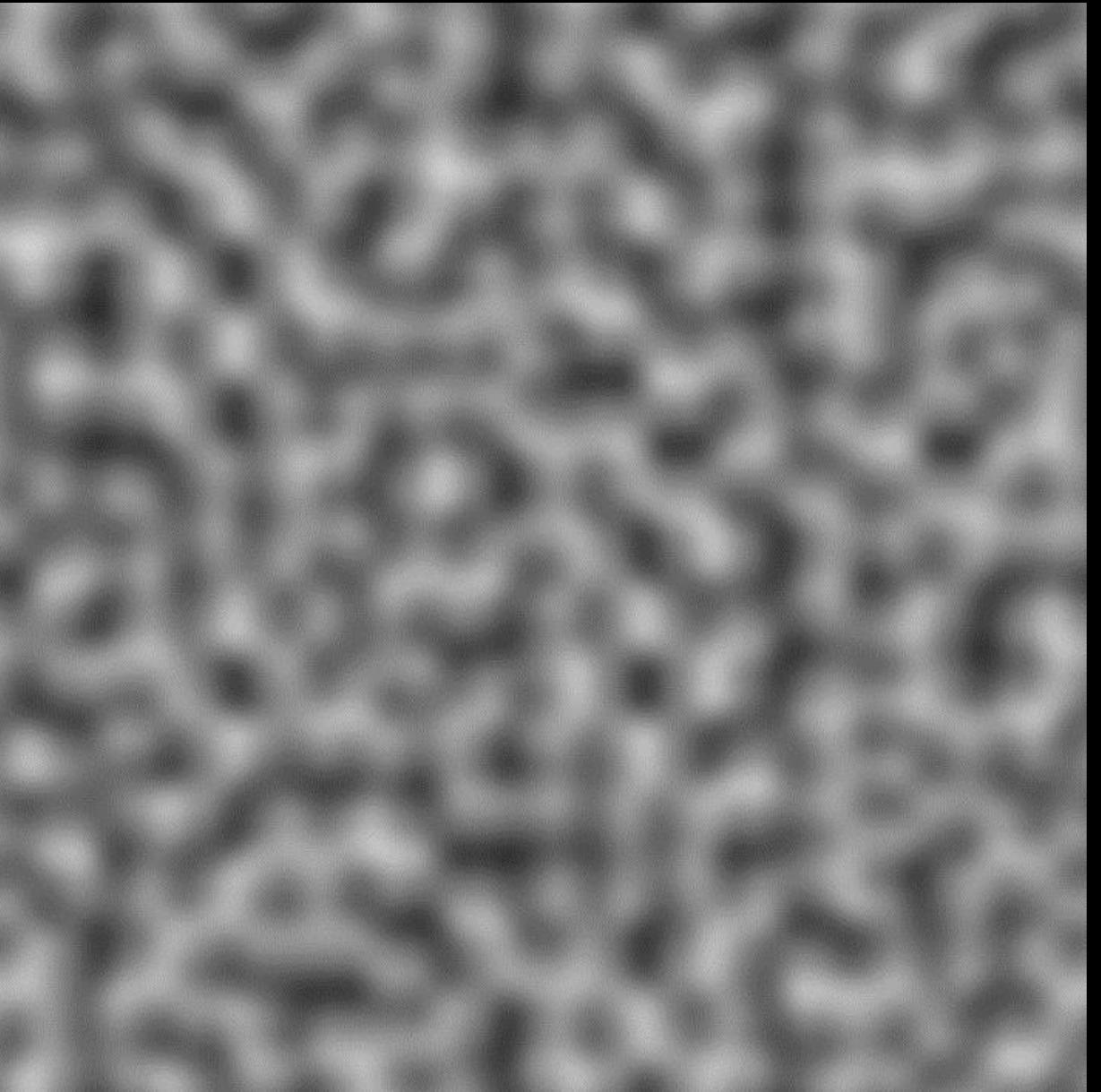
```
float LeafWiggleOffset(float2 UV, float CurrentTime)
{
    float4 wiggleMask = tex2D(wiggleMaskTexture, UV);
    float3 speeds = float3(1.4, 1.66. -1.3) * CurrentTime;
    float3 wiggles = sin(speeds) * float3(0.006, -0.0065, 0.0055) * wiggleMask.rgb;
    return wiggles.r + wiggles.g + wiggles.b;
}
```

# Procedural Noise



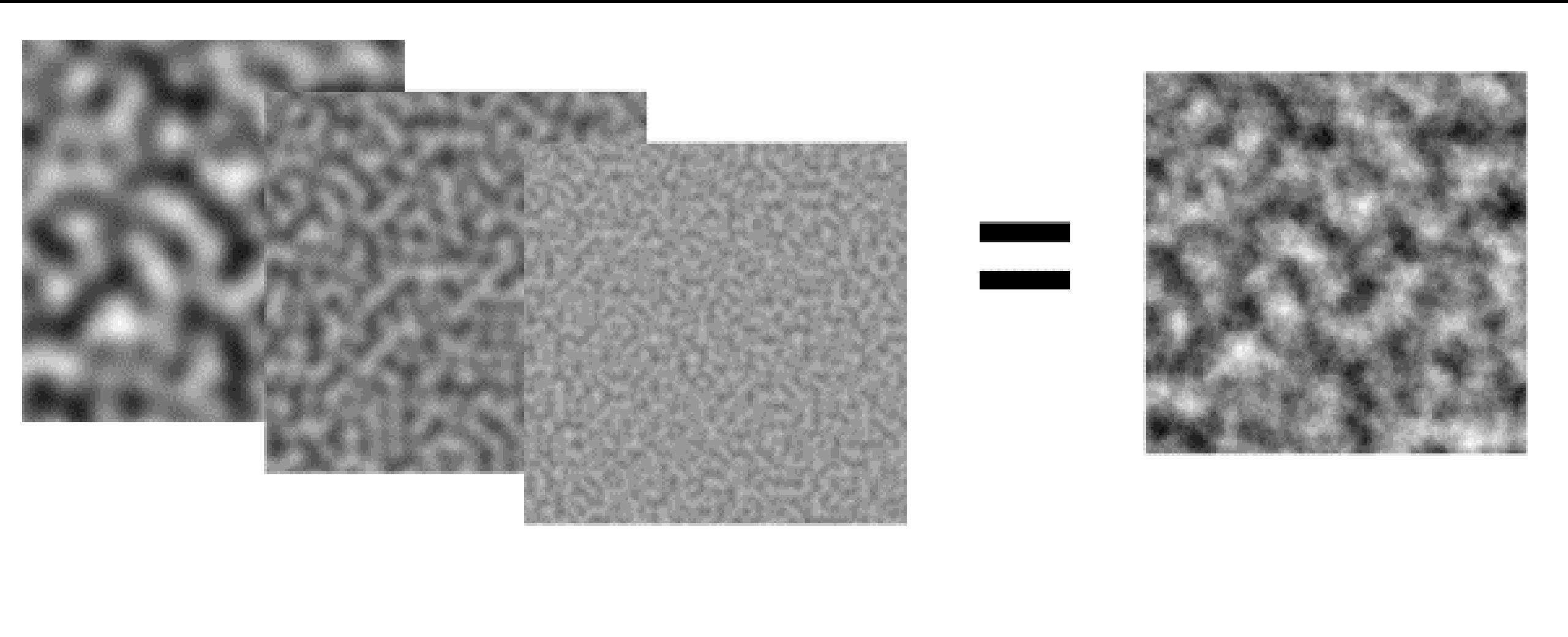
# What is it?

- Gradient noise algorithm
- Non-repeating
- Infinite without tiling
- No sharp edges
- Appears random

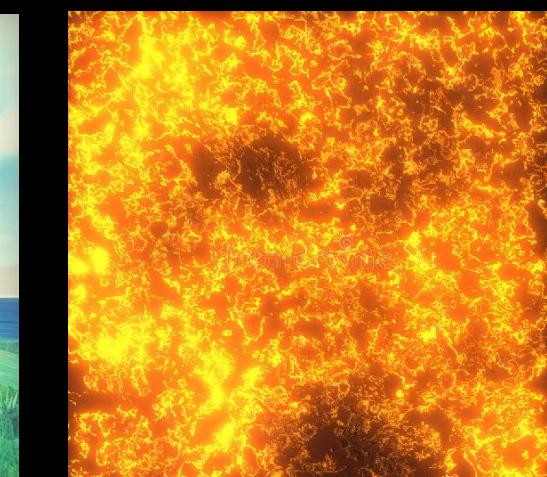
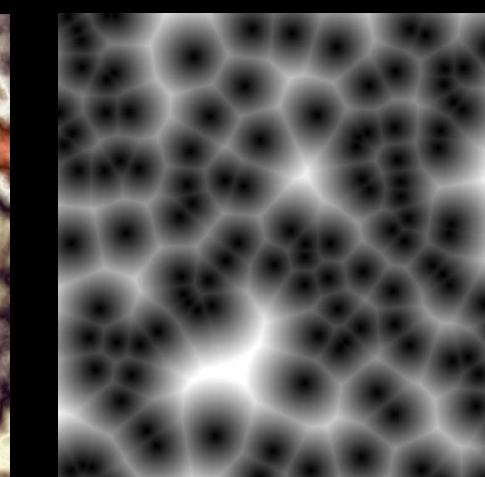
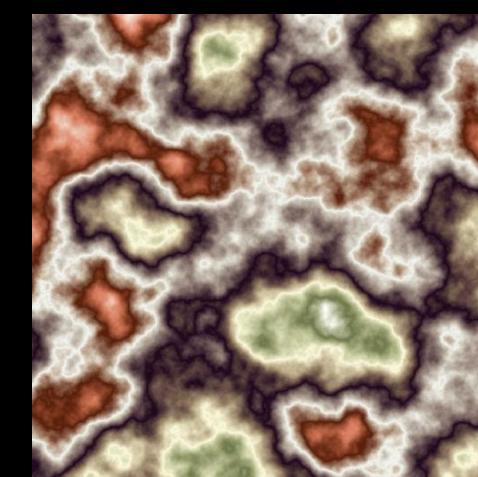
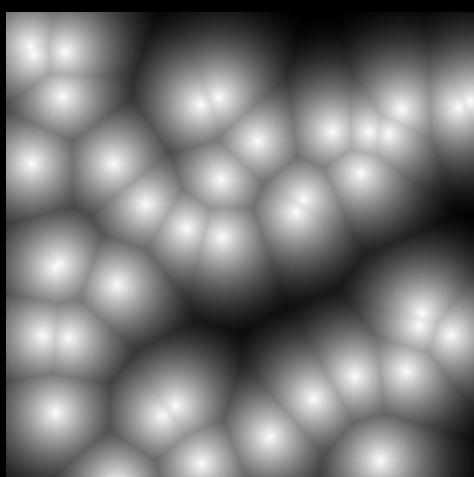
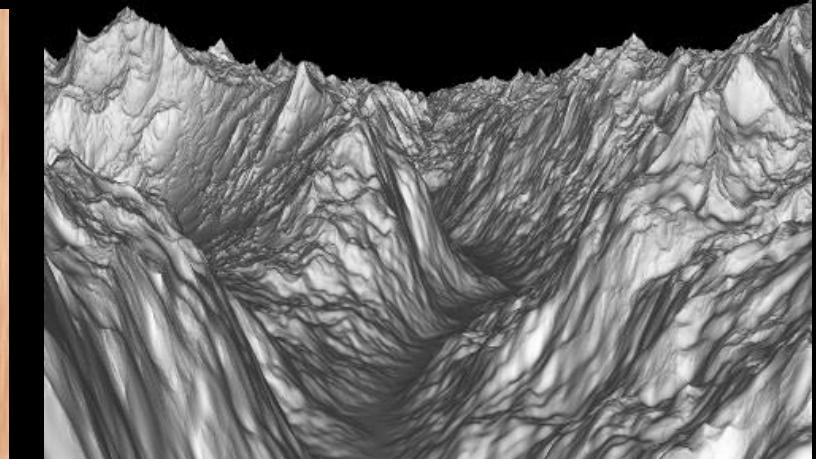
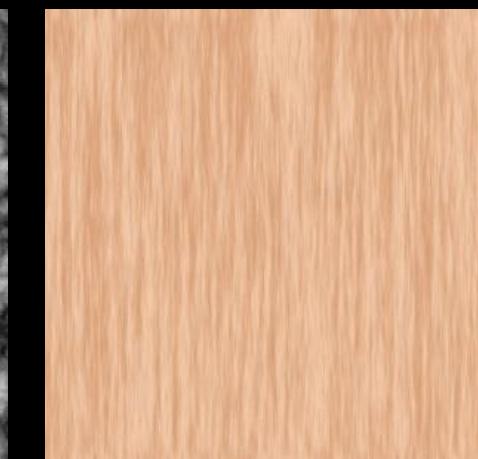
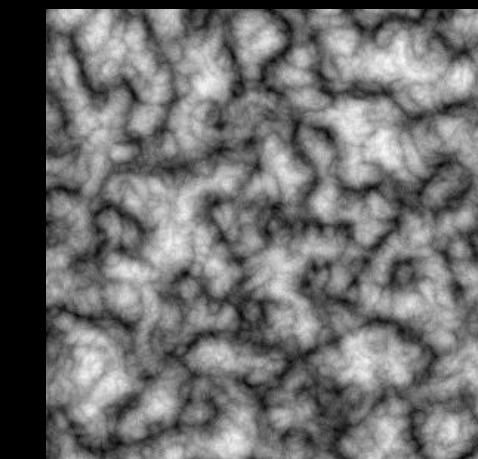
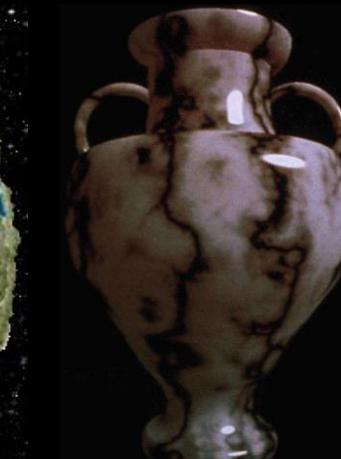
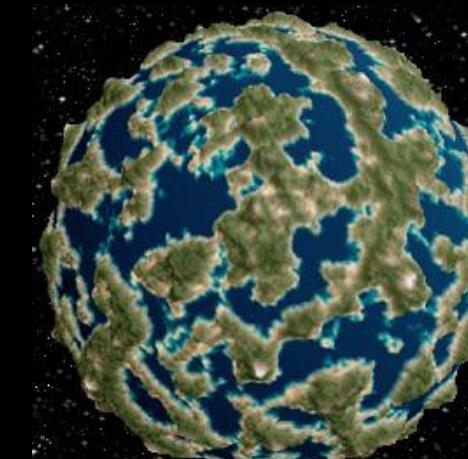
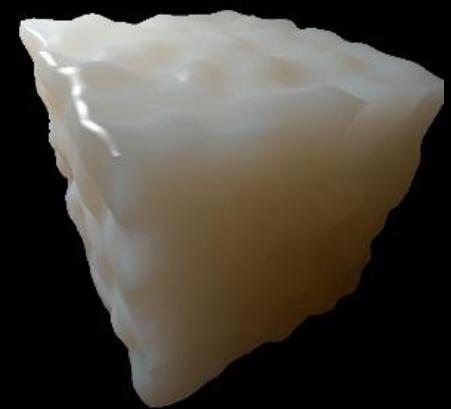
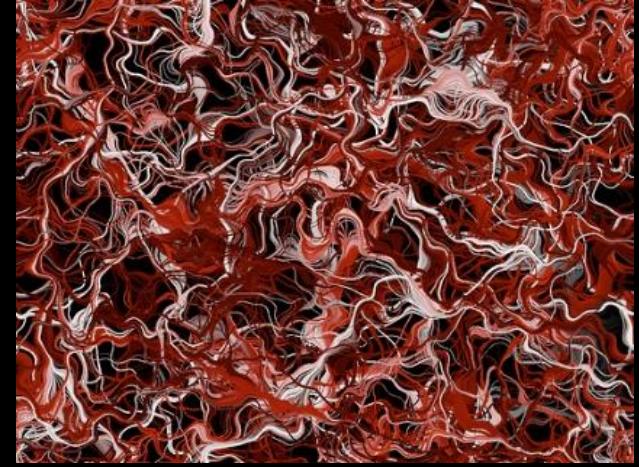
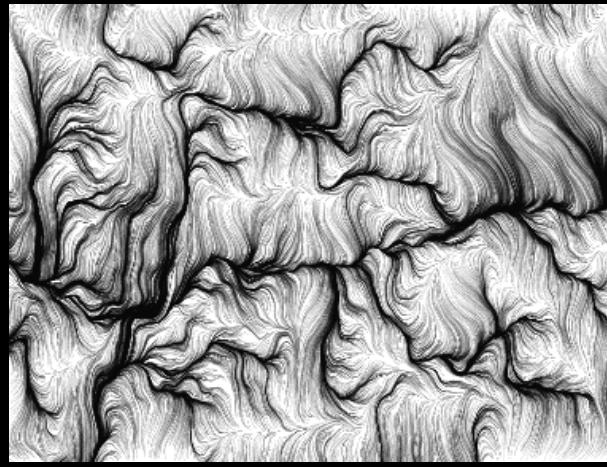
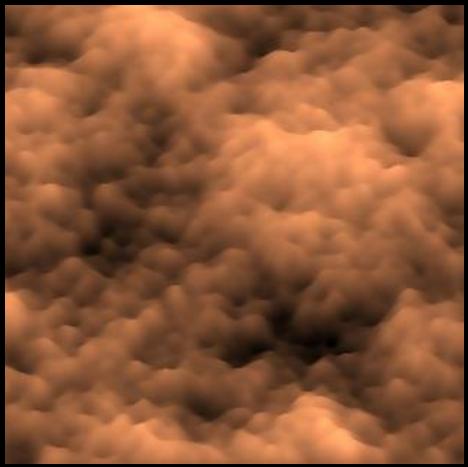
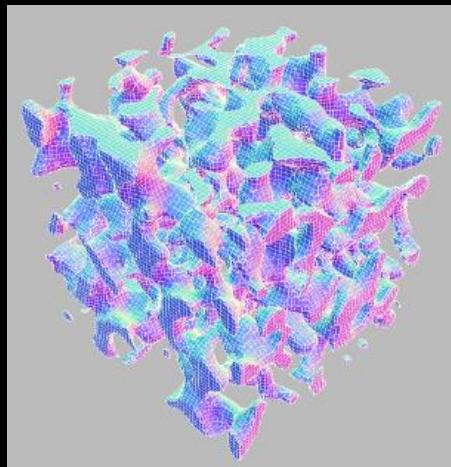


# What is it?

- Used to create fractal patterns



# What is it?



# Optimized for Real-Time

```
// optimized version
float inoise(float3 p)
{
    float3 P = fmod(floor(p), 256.0); // FIND UNIT CUBE THAT CONTAINS POINT
    p -= floor(p); // FIND RELATIVE X,Y,Z OF POINT IN CUBE.
    float3 f = fade(p); // COMPUTE FADE CURVES FOR EACH OF X,Y,Z.

    P = P / 256.0;
    const float one = 1.0 / 256.0;

    // HASH COORDINATES OF THE 8 CUBE CORNERS
    float4 AA = perm2d(P.xy) + P.z;

    // AND ADD BLENDED RESULTS FROM 8 CORNERS OF CUBE
    return lerp( lerp( lerp( gradperm(AA.x, p),
                           gradperm(AA.z, p + float3(-1, 0, 0)), f.x),
                       lerp( gradperm(AA.y, p + float3(0, -1, 0)),
                           gradperm(AA.w, p + float3(-1, -1, 0)), f.x), f.y),
                  lerp( lerp( gradperm(AA.x+one, p + float3(0, 0, -1)),
                           gradperm(AA.z+one, p + float3(-1, 0, -1)), f.x),
                      lerp( gradperm(AA.y+one, p + float3(0, -1, -1)),
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}
```

# Optimized for Real-Time

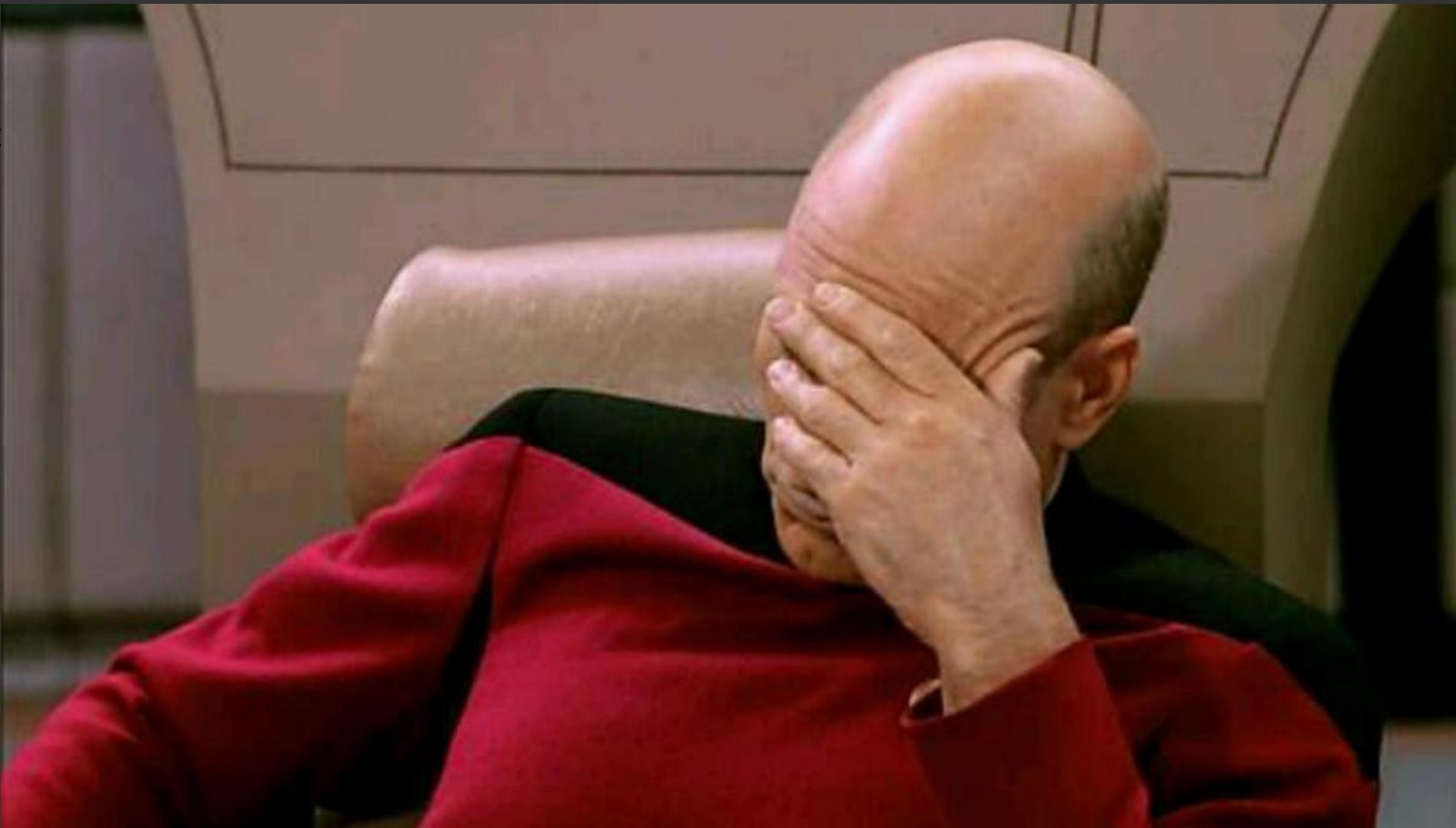
- **61 Pixel shader instructions**
- **8 Texture Samples**
- **Multiplied by the number of octaves**

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    return lerp( lerp( lerp( gradperm(AA.x, p),
        gradperm(AA.z, p + float3(-1, 0, 0)), f.x),
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        lerp( lerp( gradperm(AA.x+one, p + float3(0, 0, -1)),
            gradperm(AA.z+one, p + float3(-1, 0, -1)), f.x),
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                gradperm(AA.w+one, p + float3(-1, -1, -1)), f.x), f.y), f.z);
}
```

# Optimized for Real-Time

```
// optimized version  
float
```



```
}
```

```
, z);
```

# Optimized for Real-Time

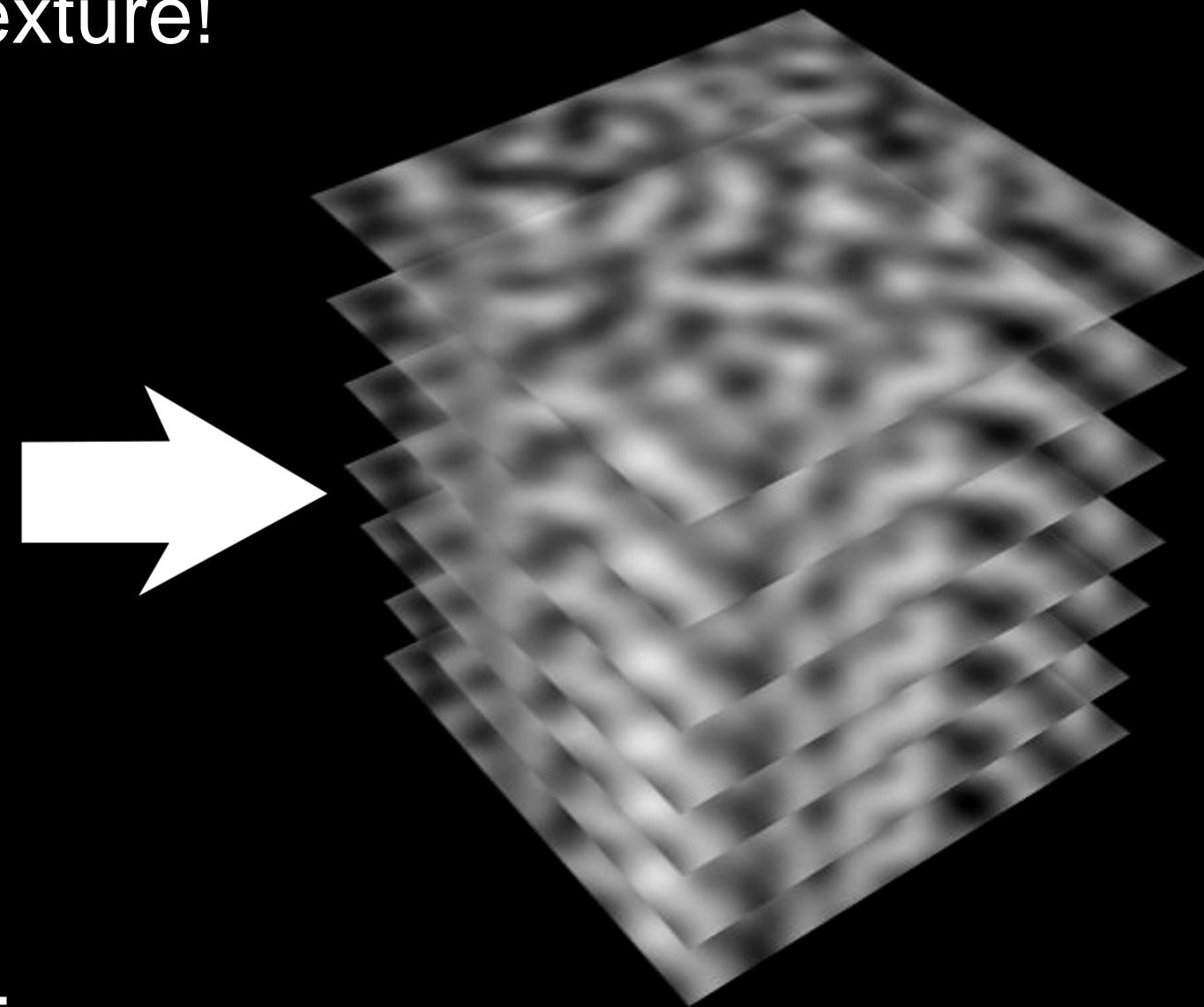
Convert it to a volume texture!

```
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```

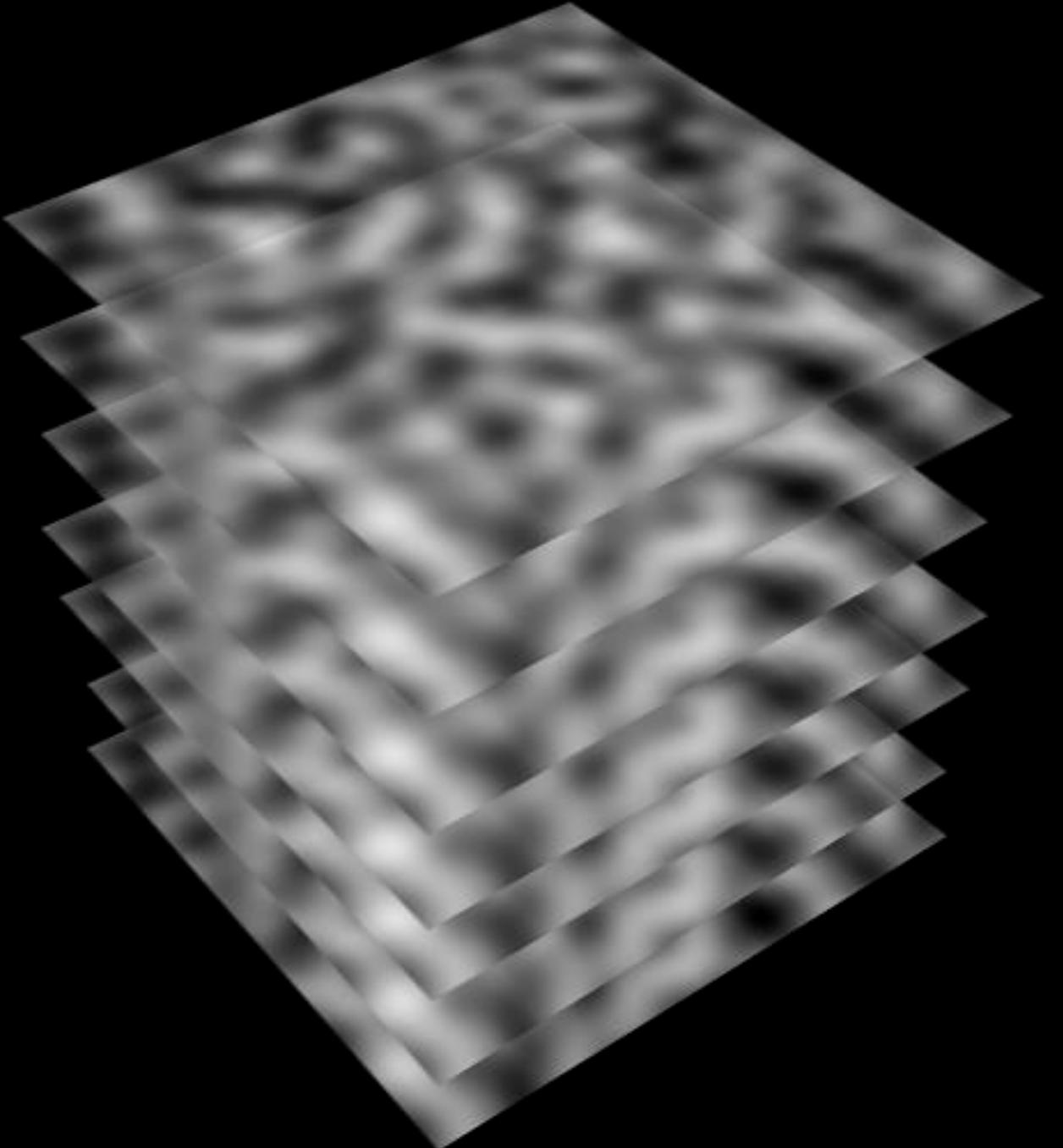


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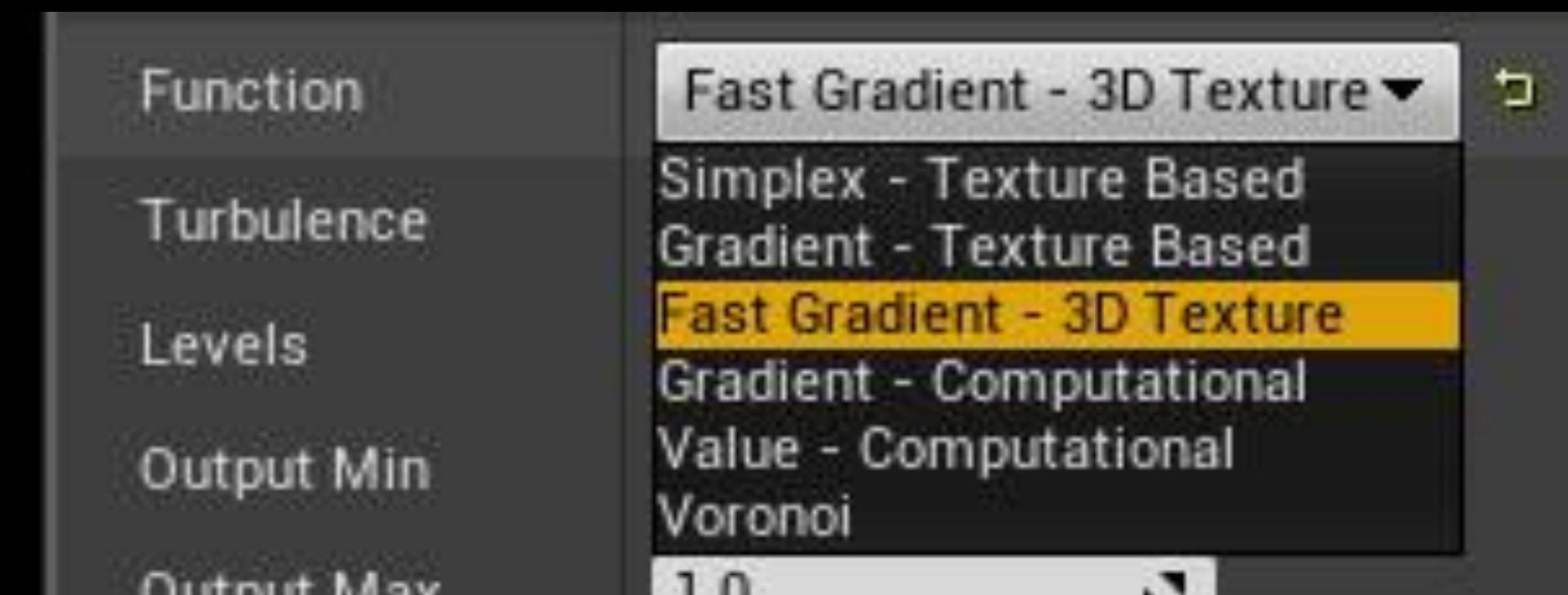
1 Texture Sample

# Pros and Cons of Volume Texture

- Pros
  - Faster and Cheaper!
- Cons
  - No longer infinite and random



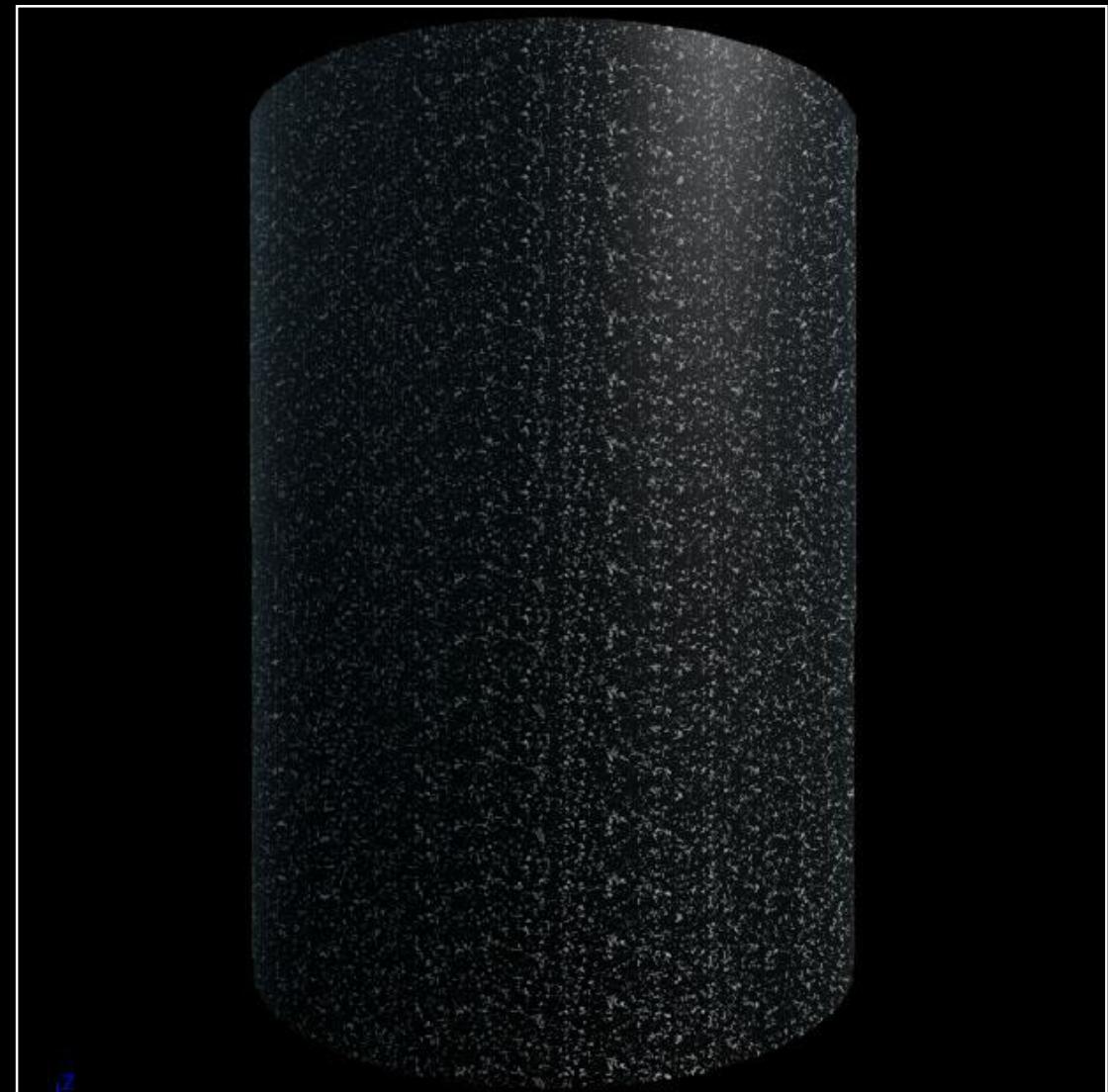
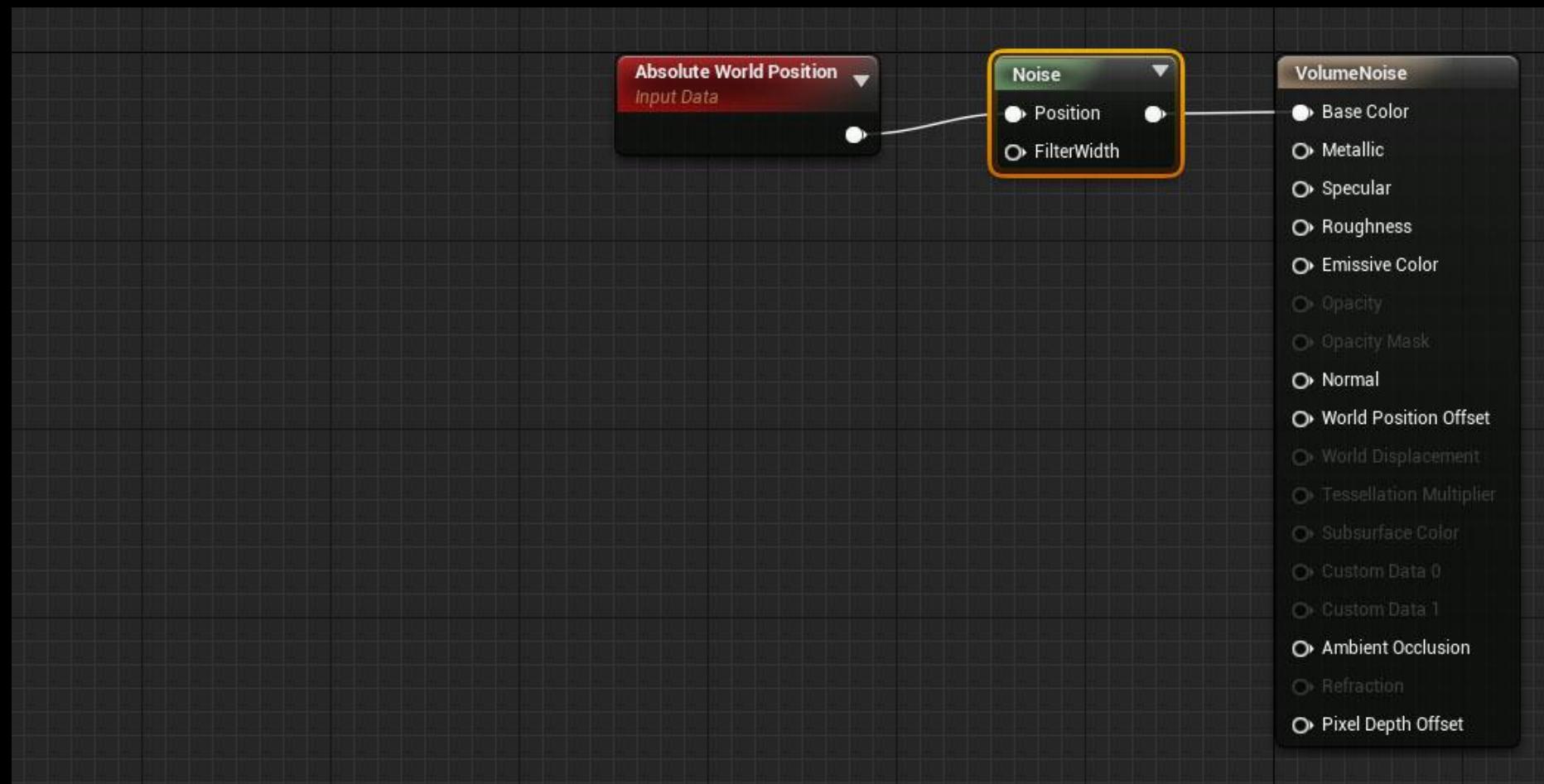
# Back to Unreal



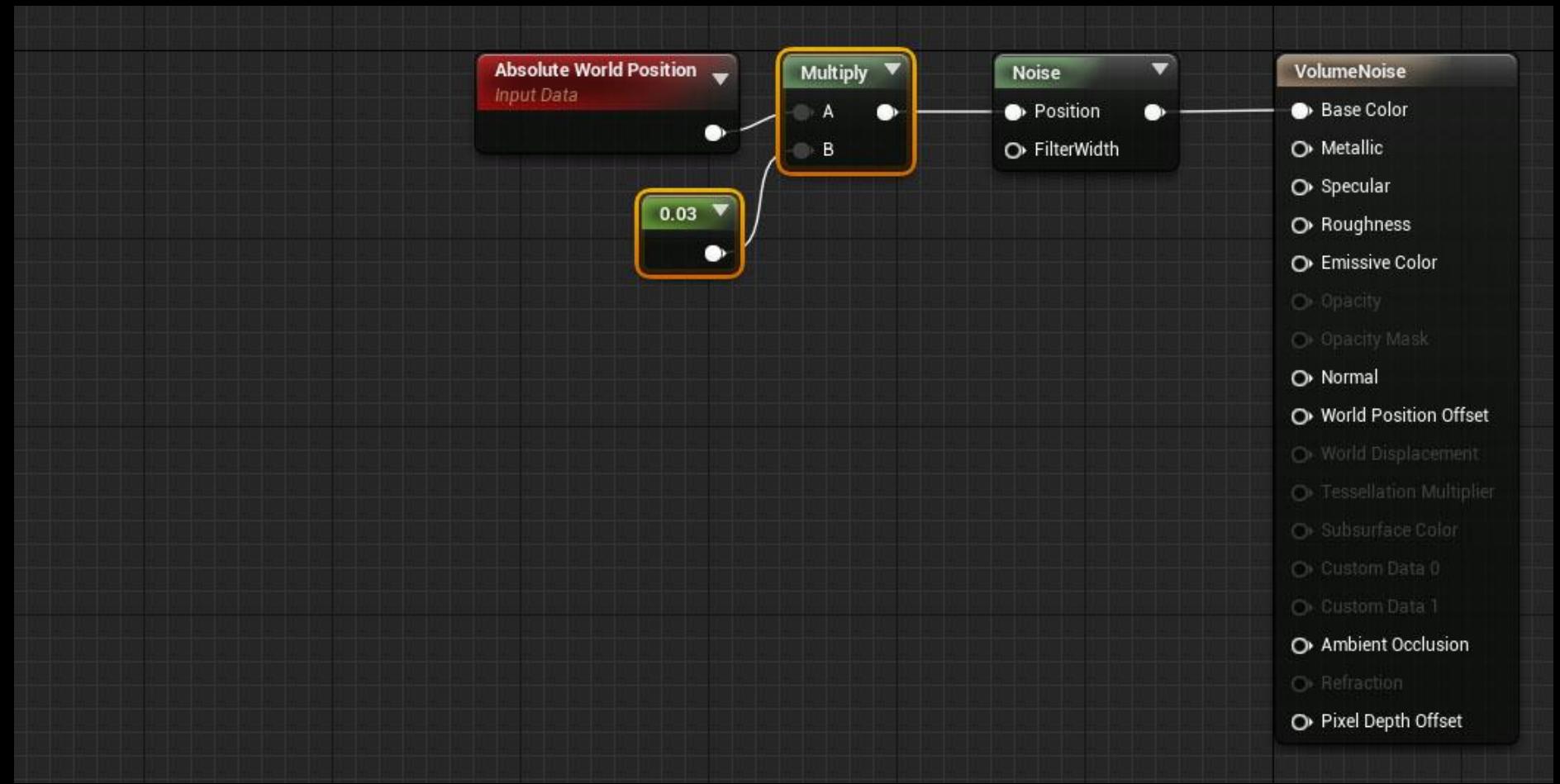
# Snowy Trees



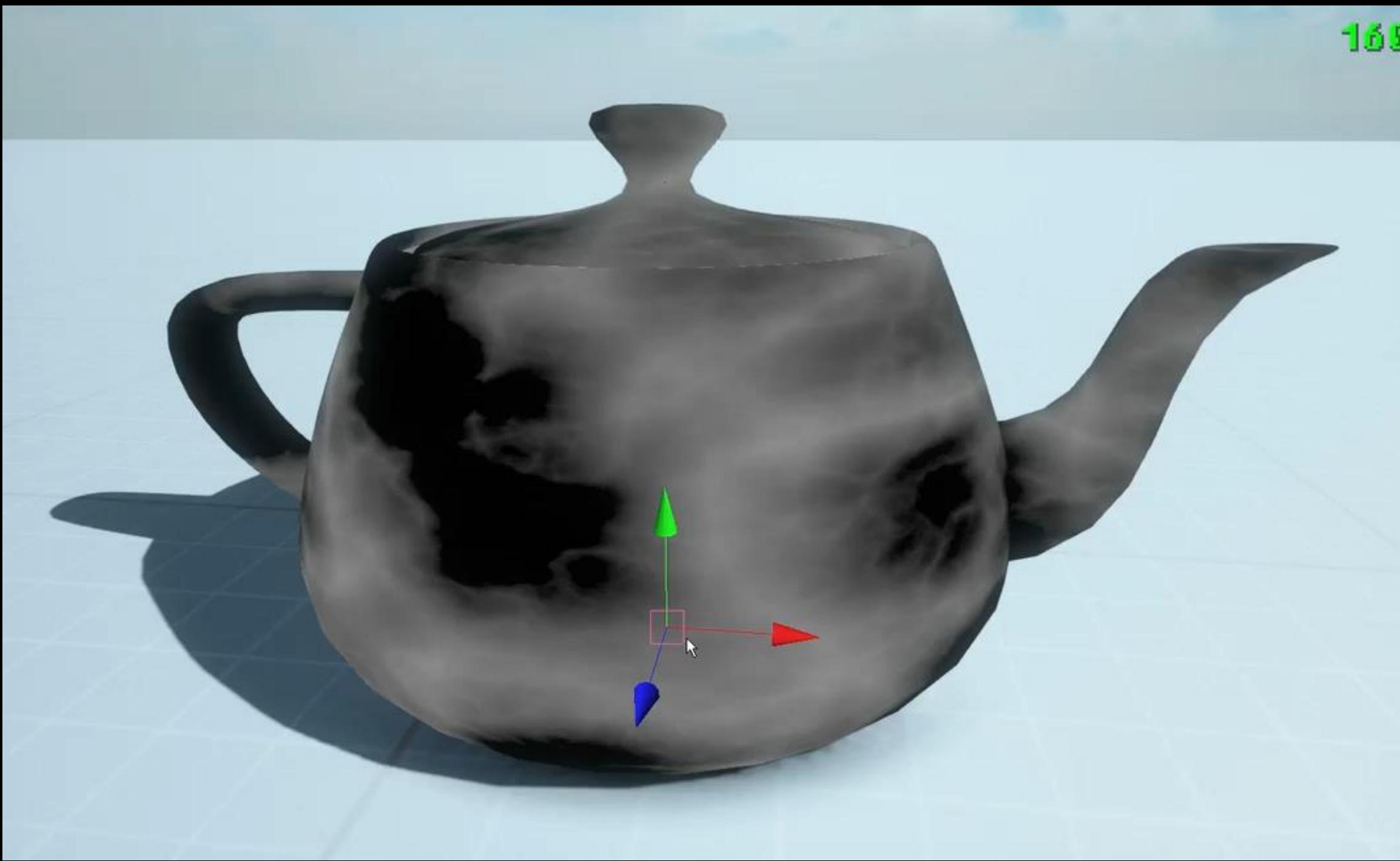
# Sample Noise With World Position



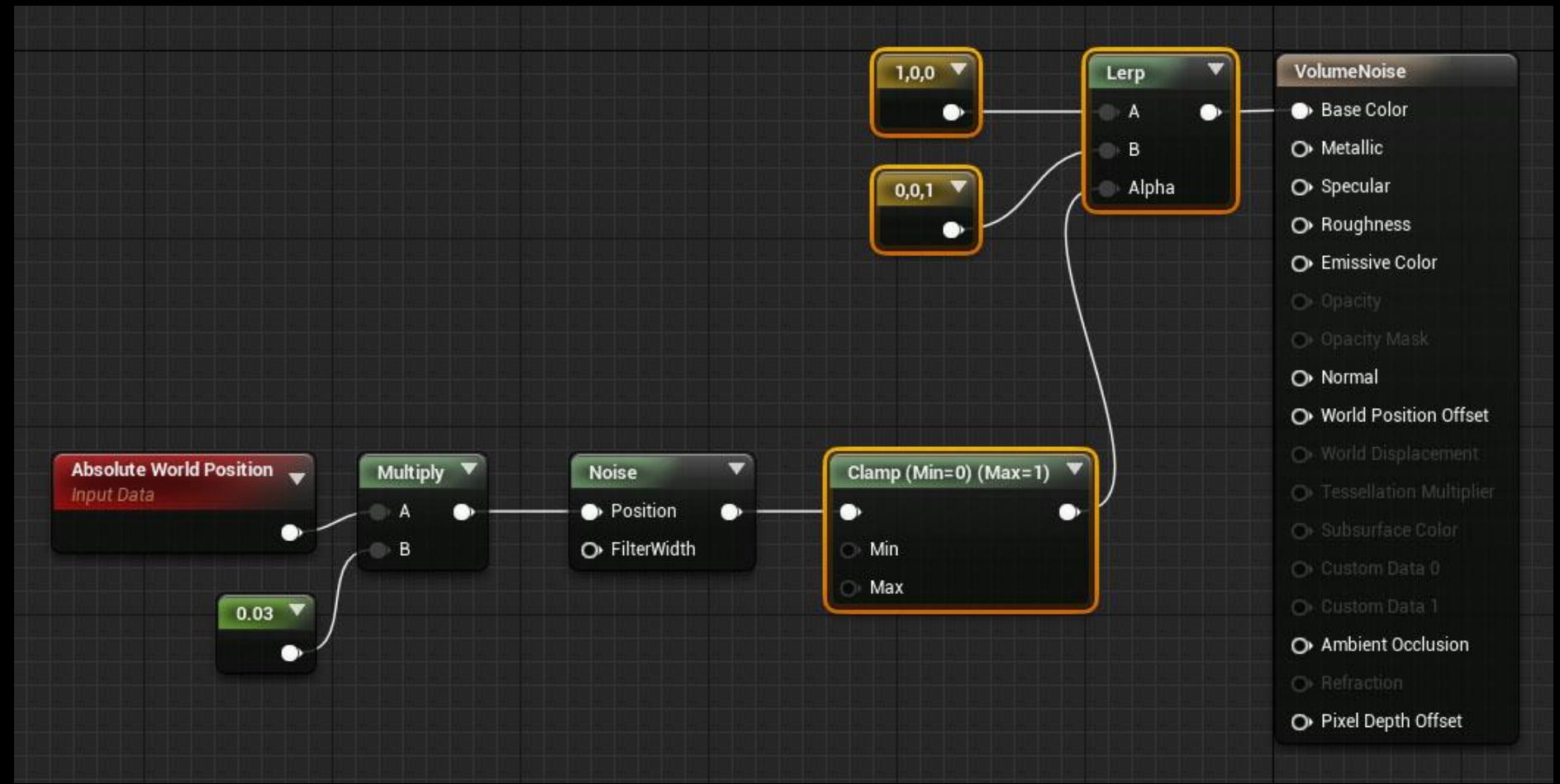
# Scale World Position Down



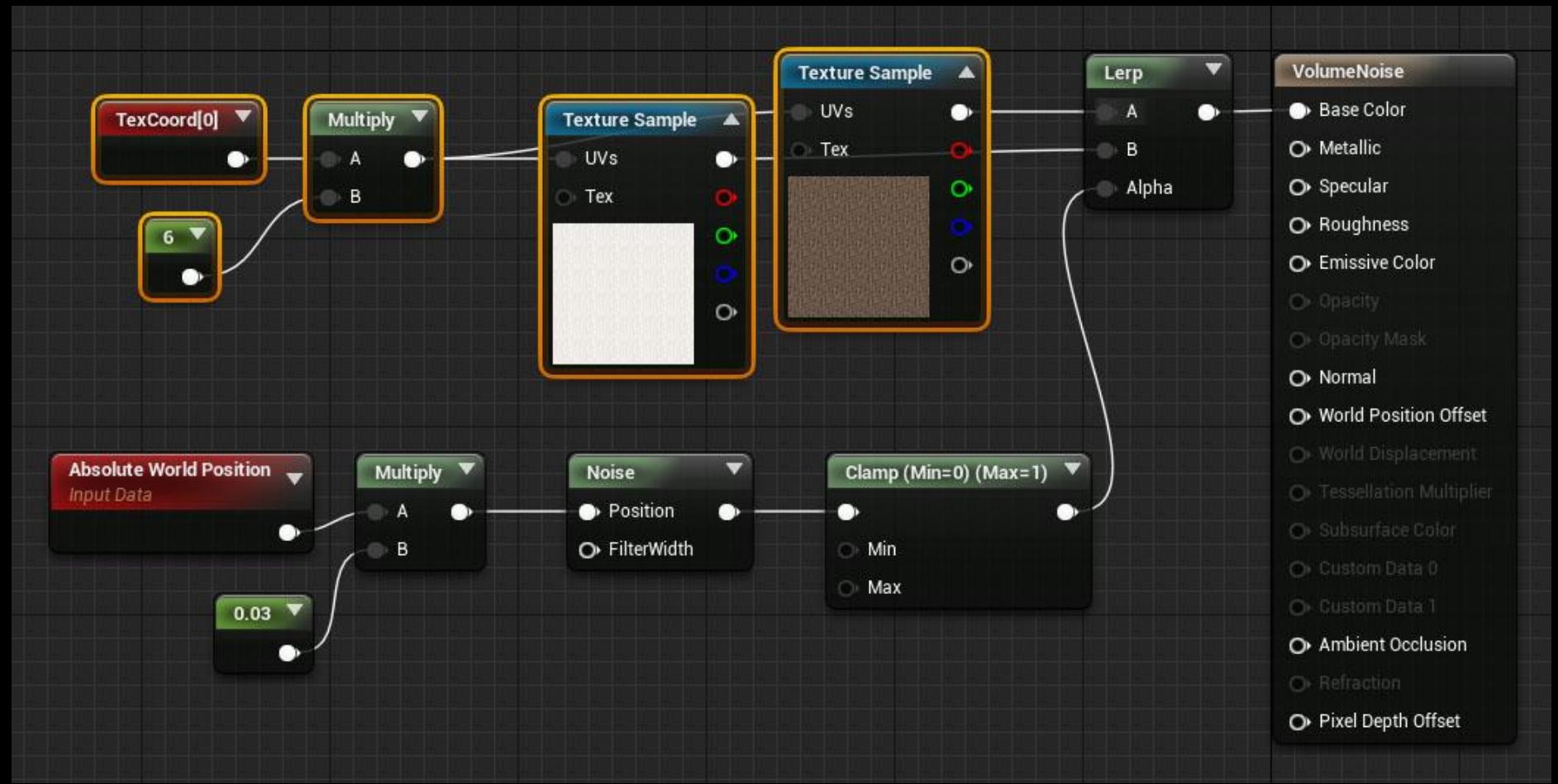
# Noise Is Volumetric!



# Use Noise As a Mask



# Blend Between Textures



# A Whole Forest of Unique Trees

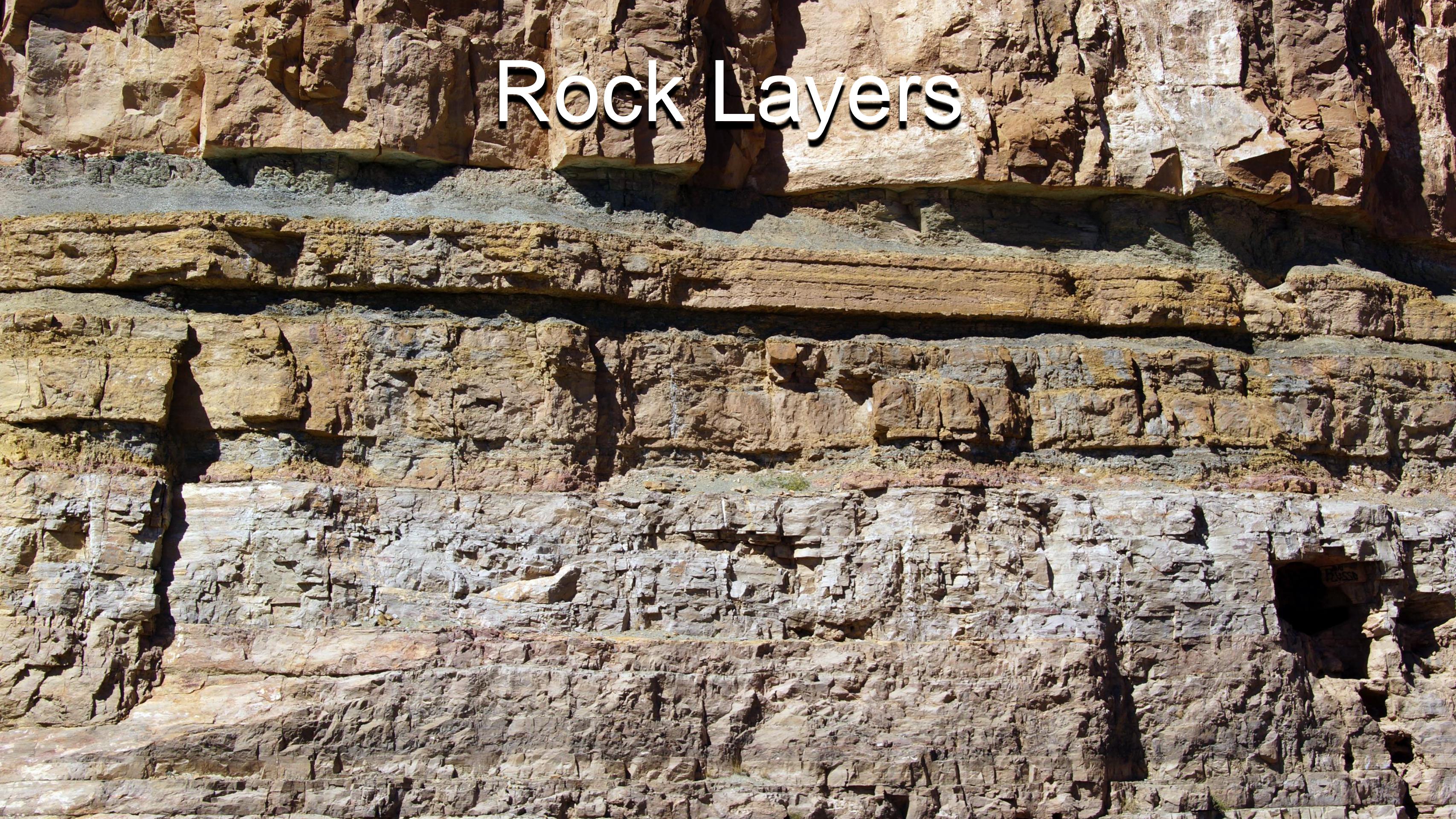


# Noise Mask Code

```
float fastGradientClouds(float3 worldPos, int octaves, float lacunarity, float gain)

{
    float sum = 0, freq = 1.0, amp = 1.0;
    for(int i=0; i<octaves; i++)
    {
        sum += (tex3D(perlinNoiseVolumeTexture, position*freq).x * 2 - 1) * amp;
        freq *= lacunarity;
        amp *= gain;
    }
    return sum;
}
```

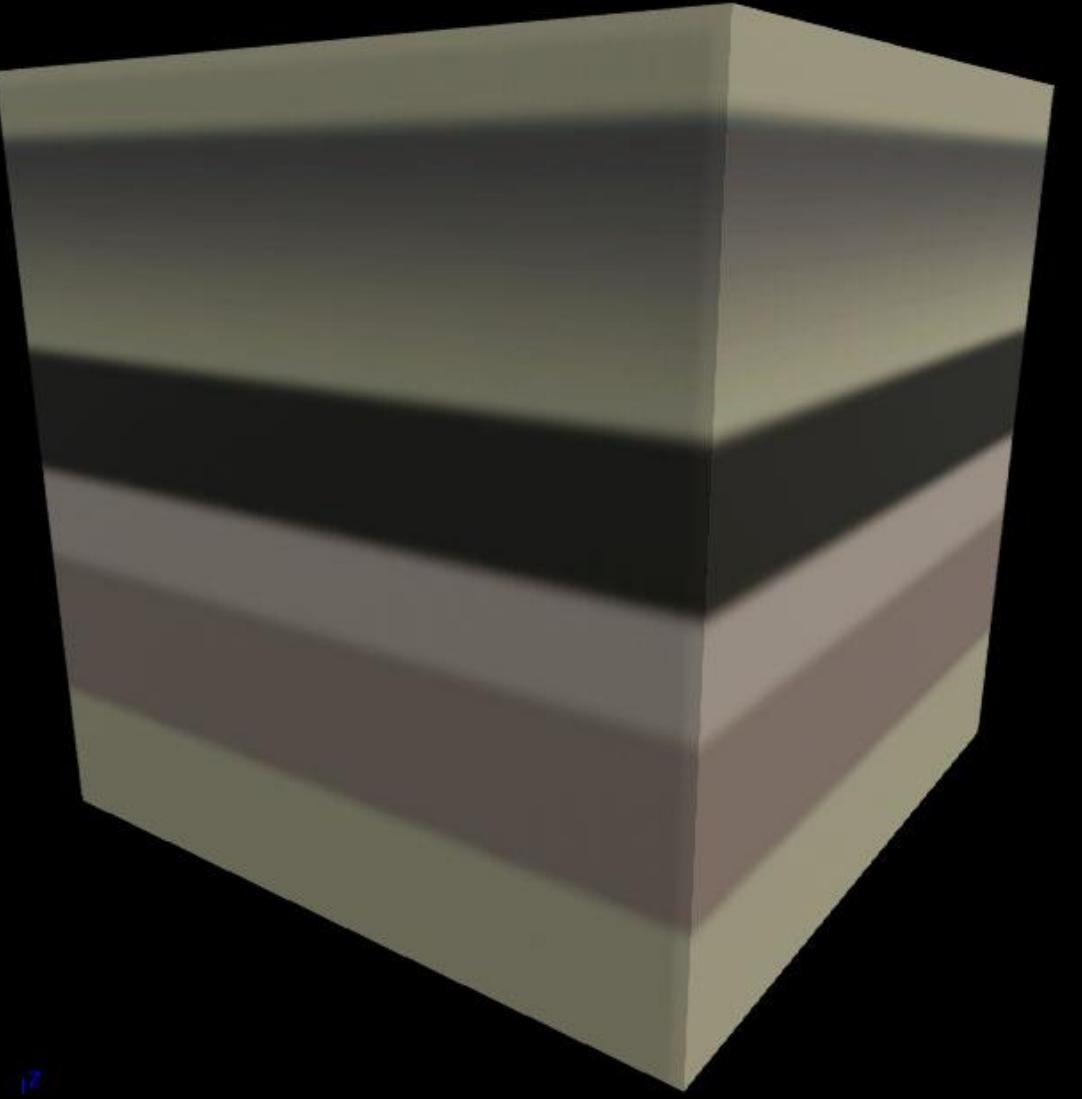
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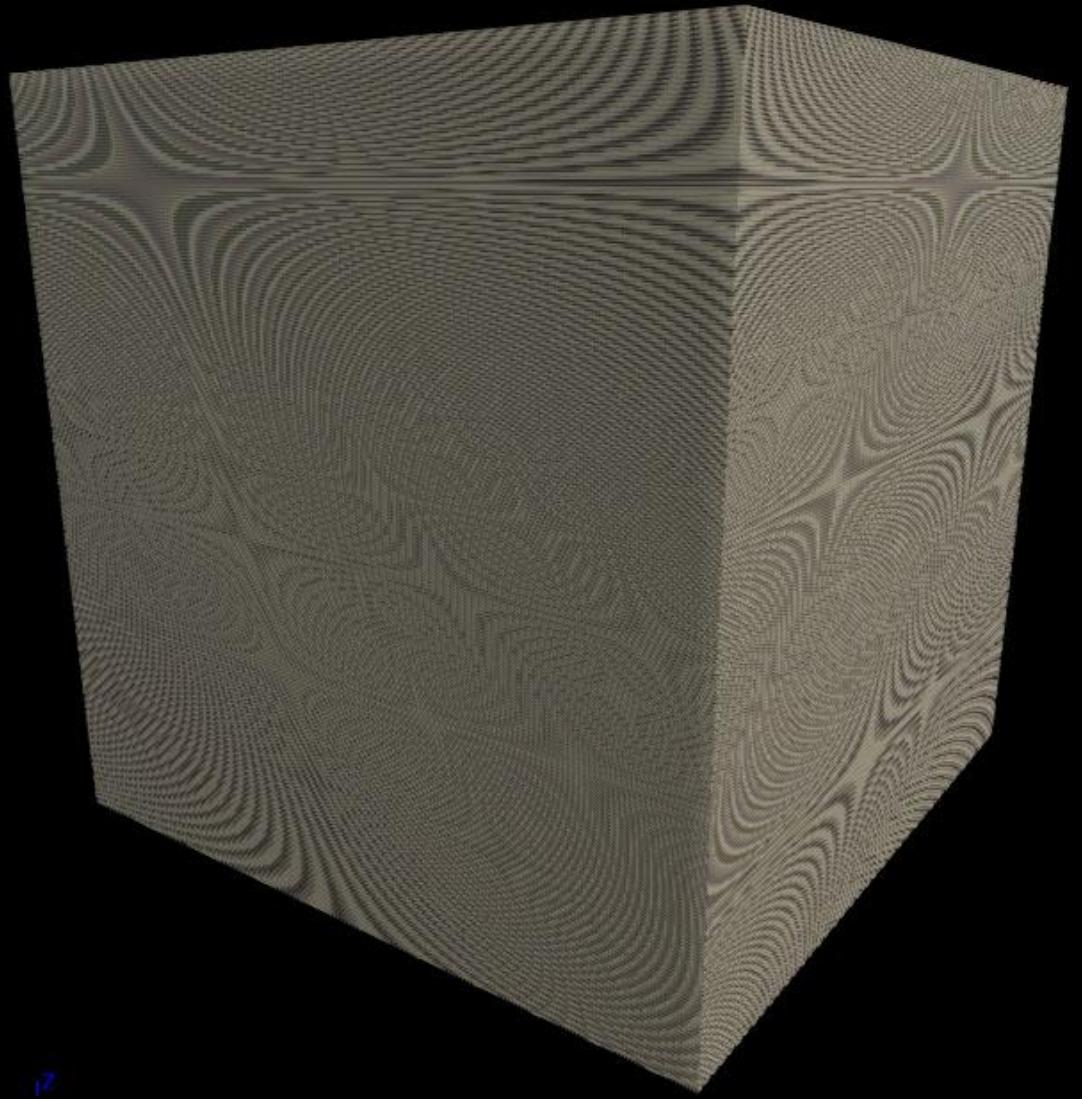
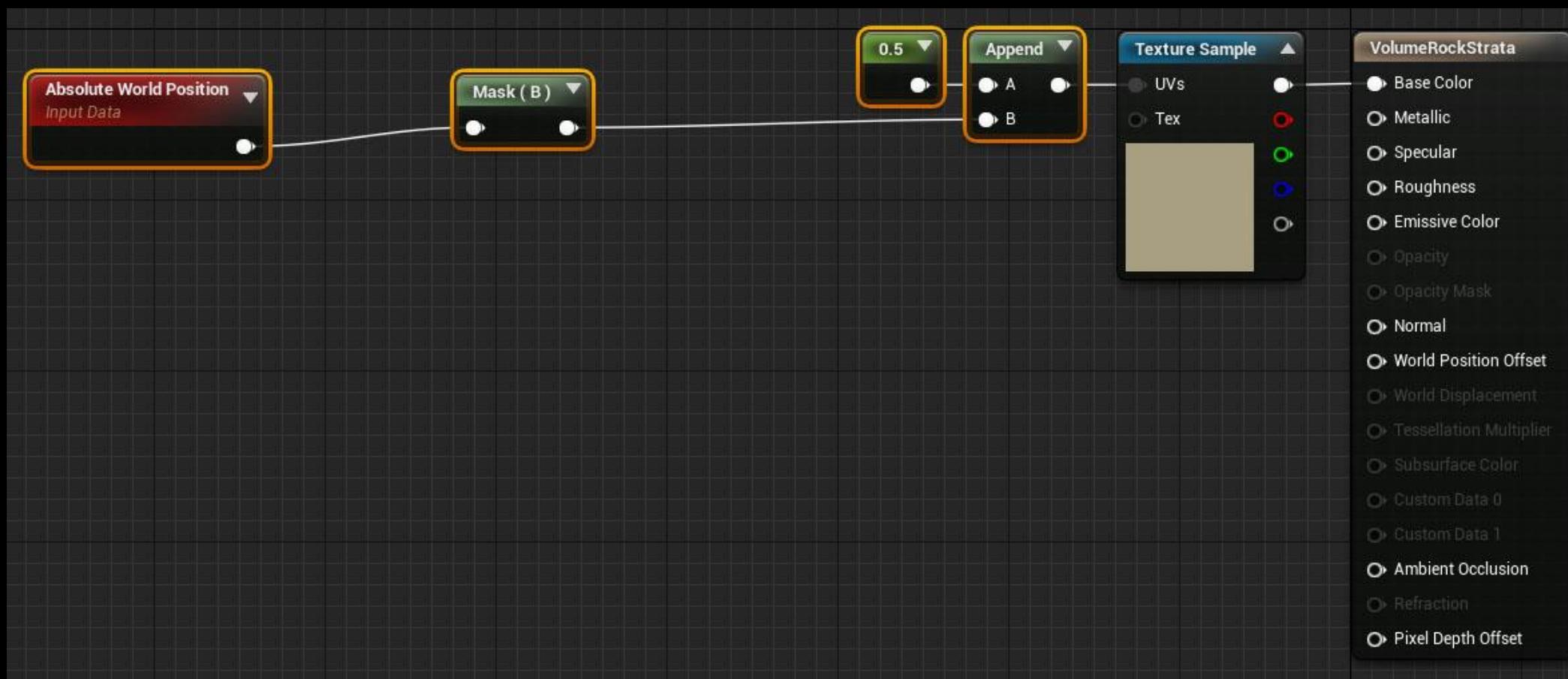
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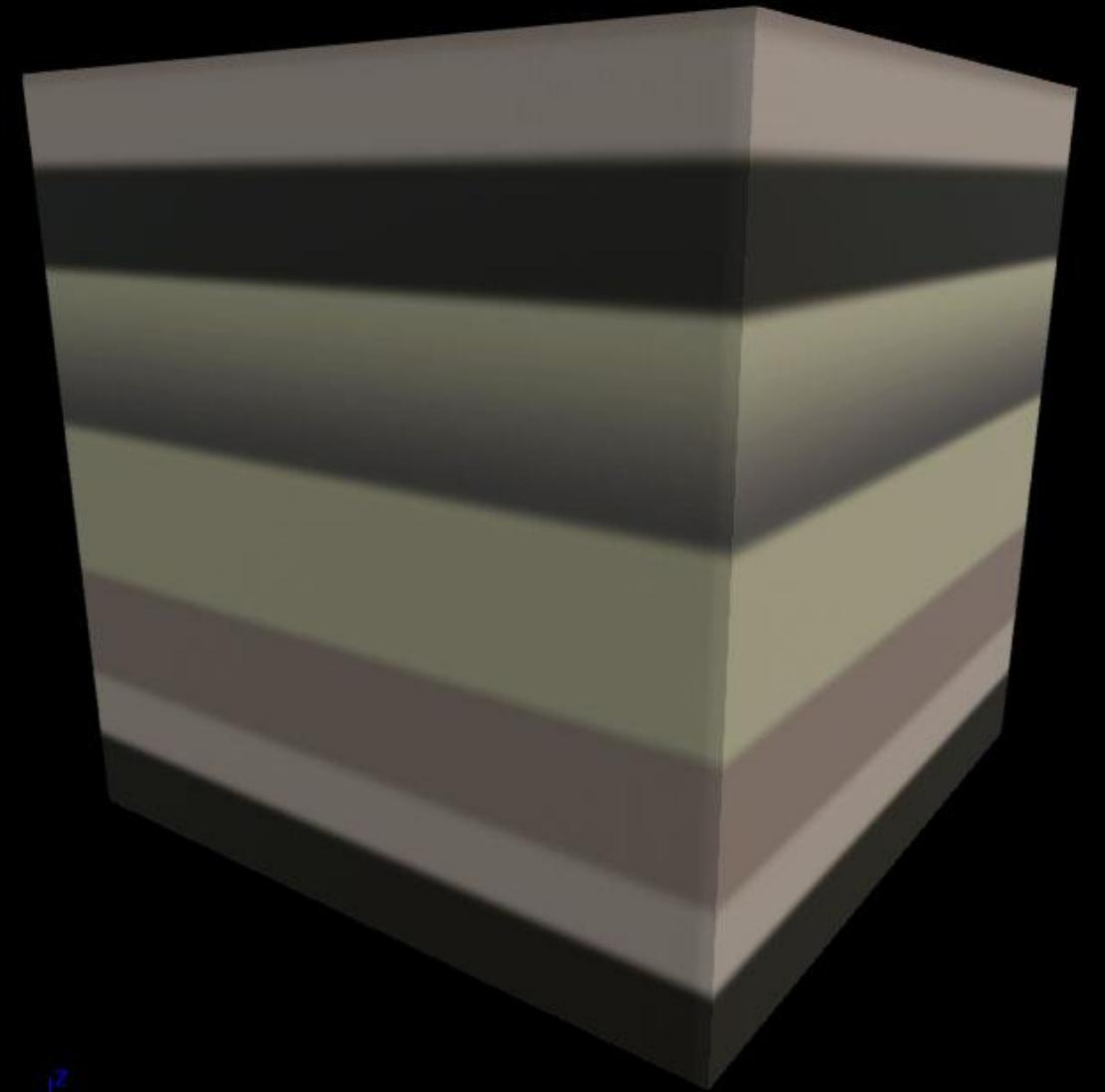
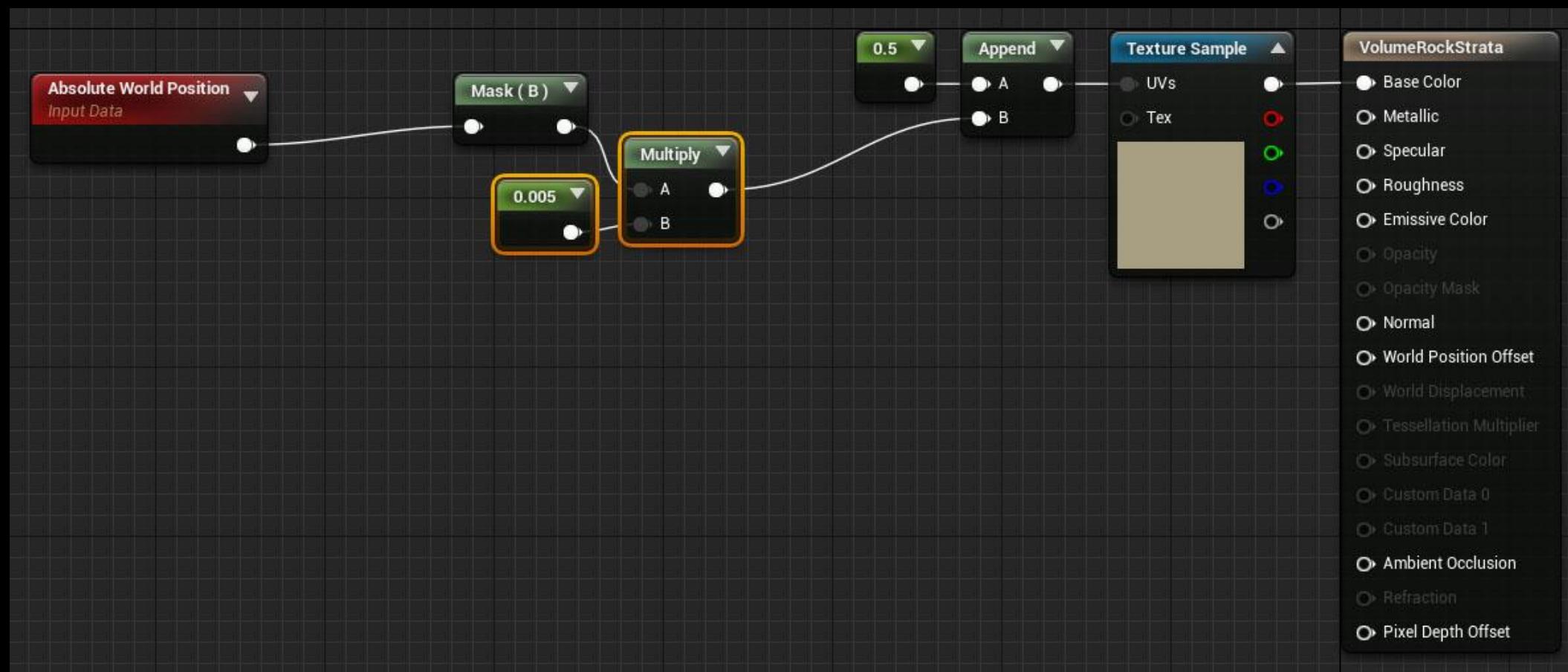
# Start with Gradient



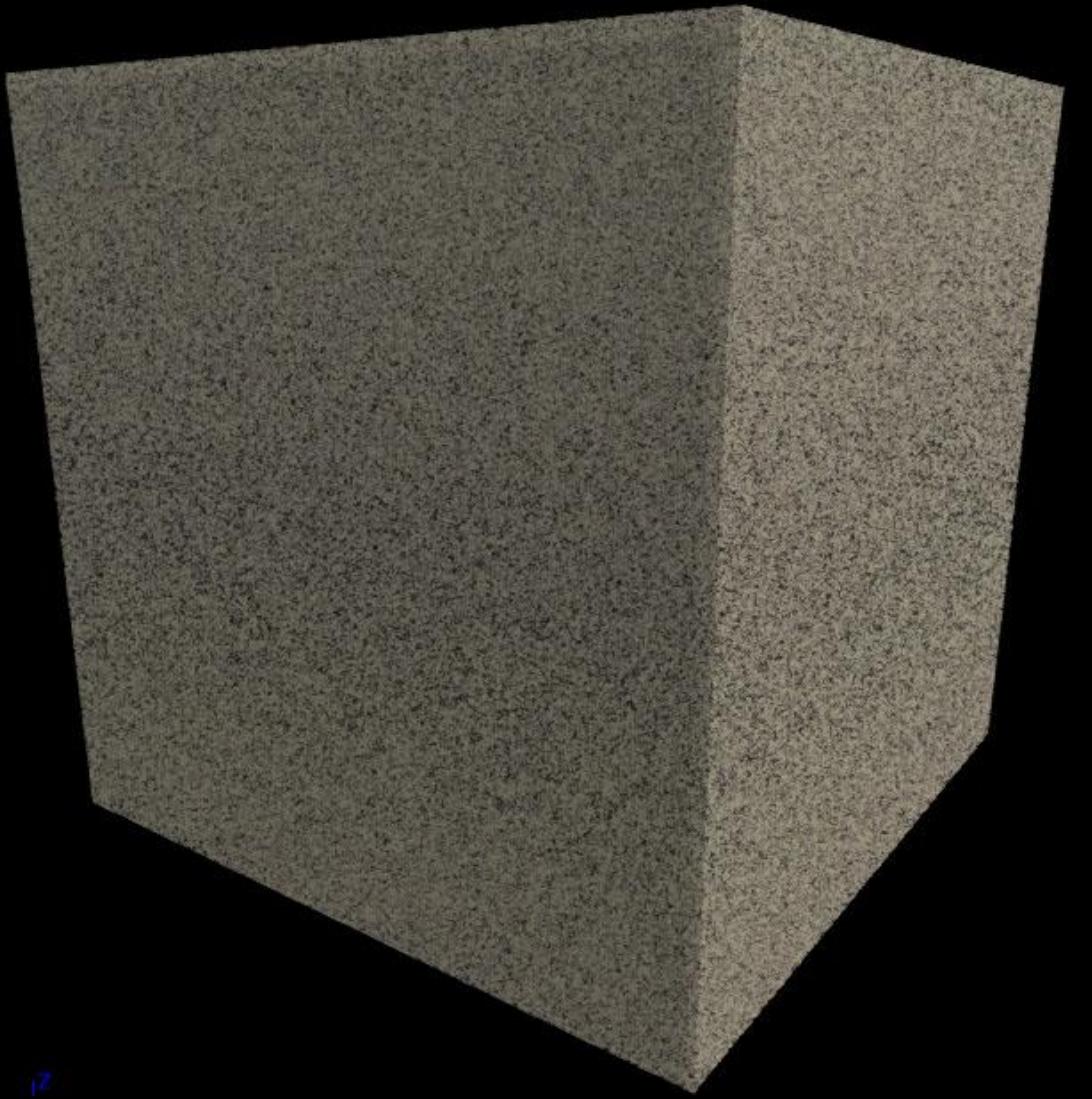
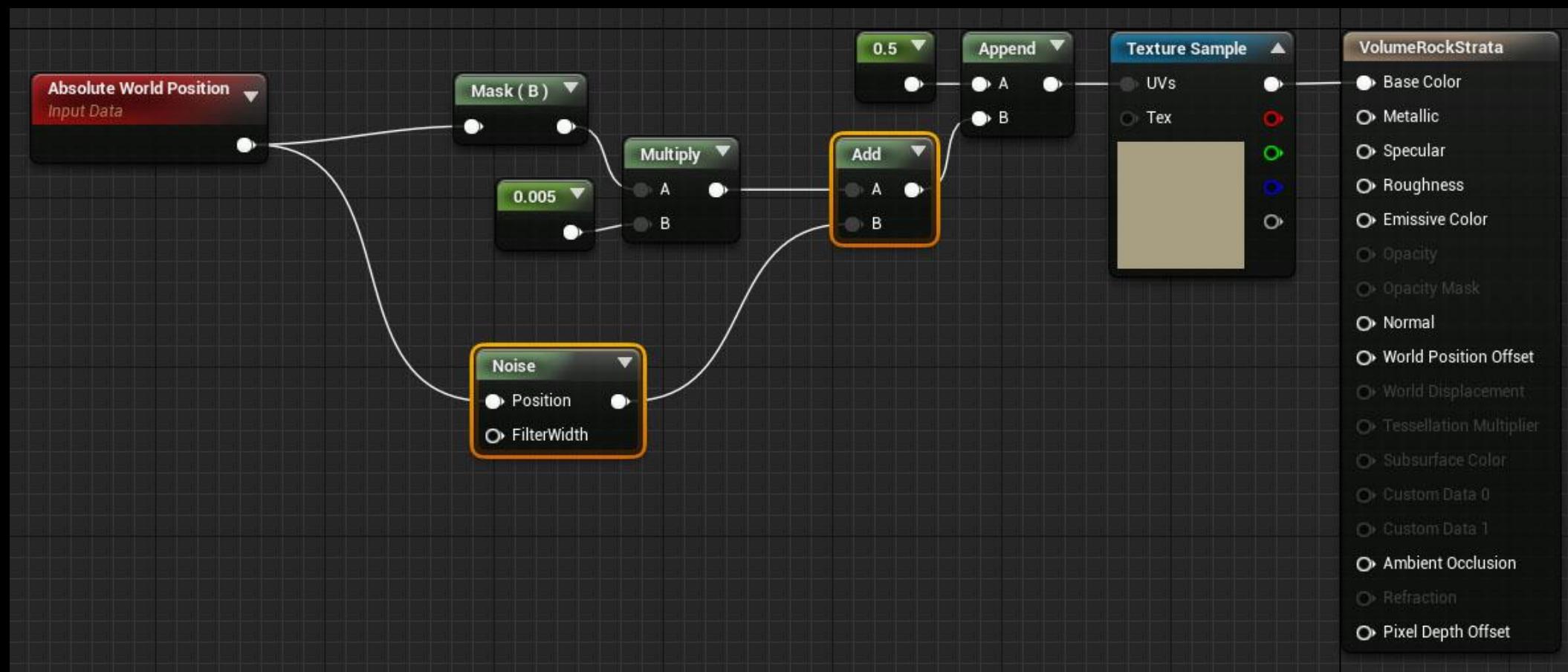
# Sample with World Up



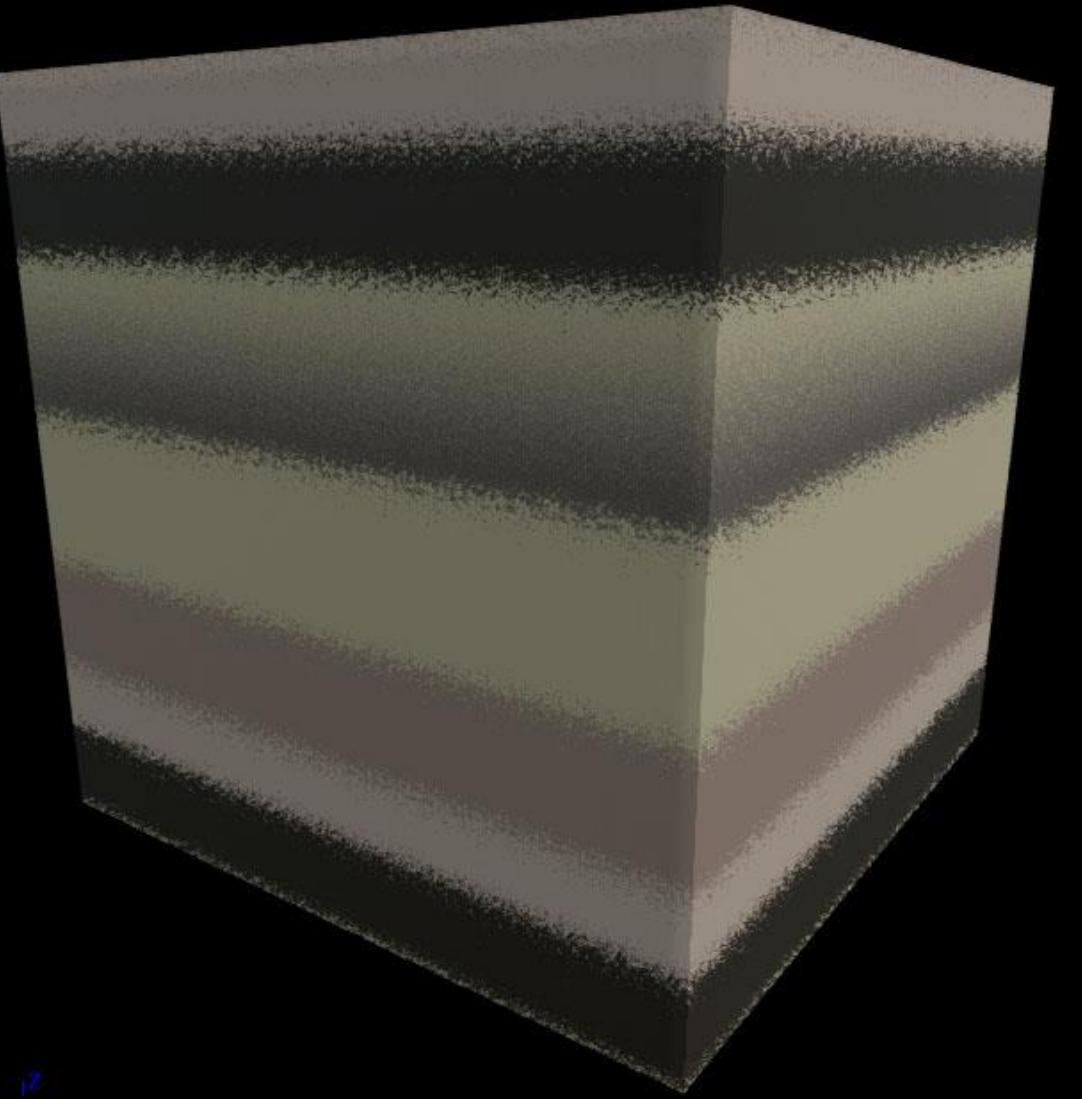
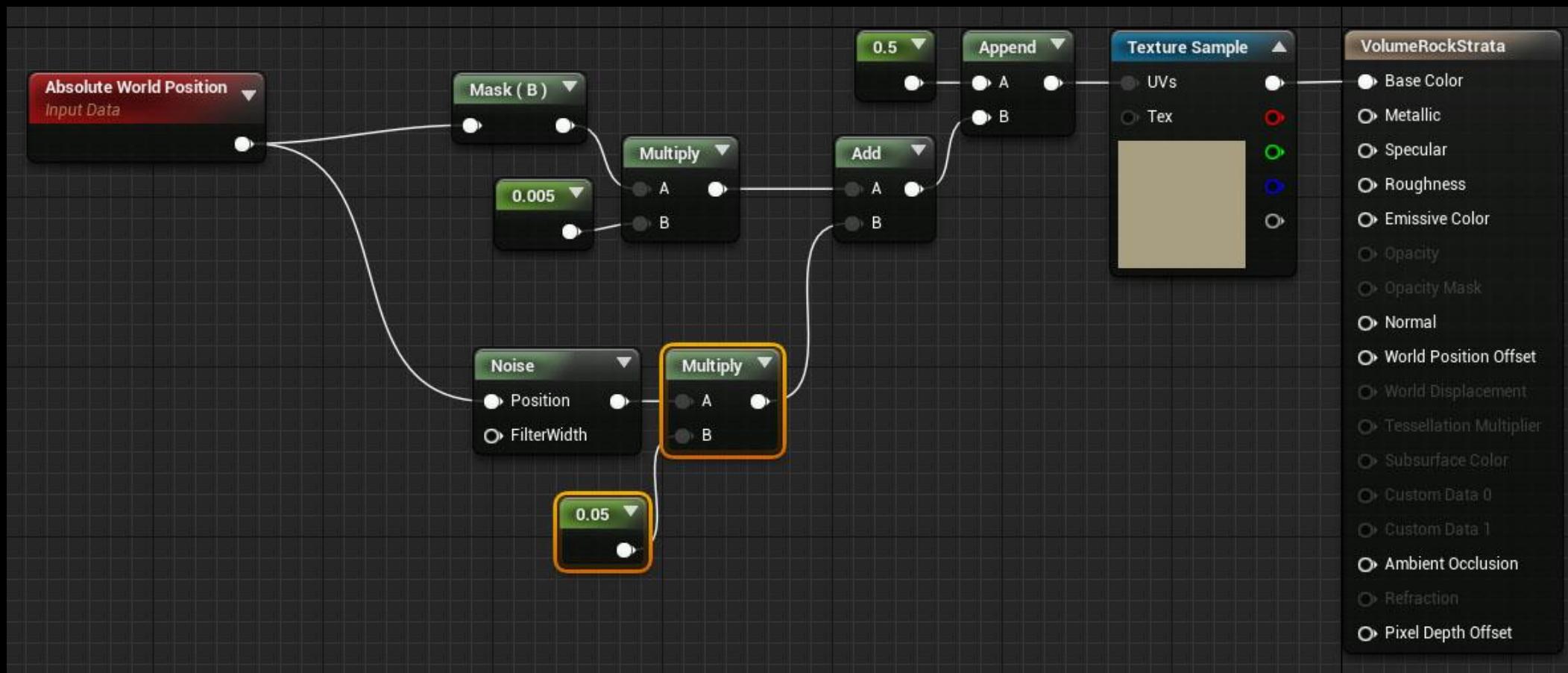
# Scale World Space



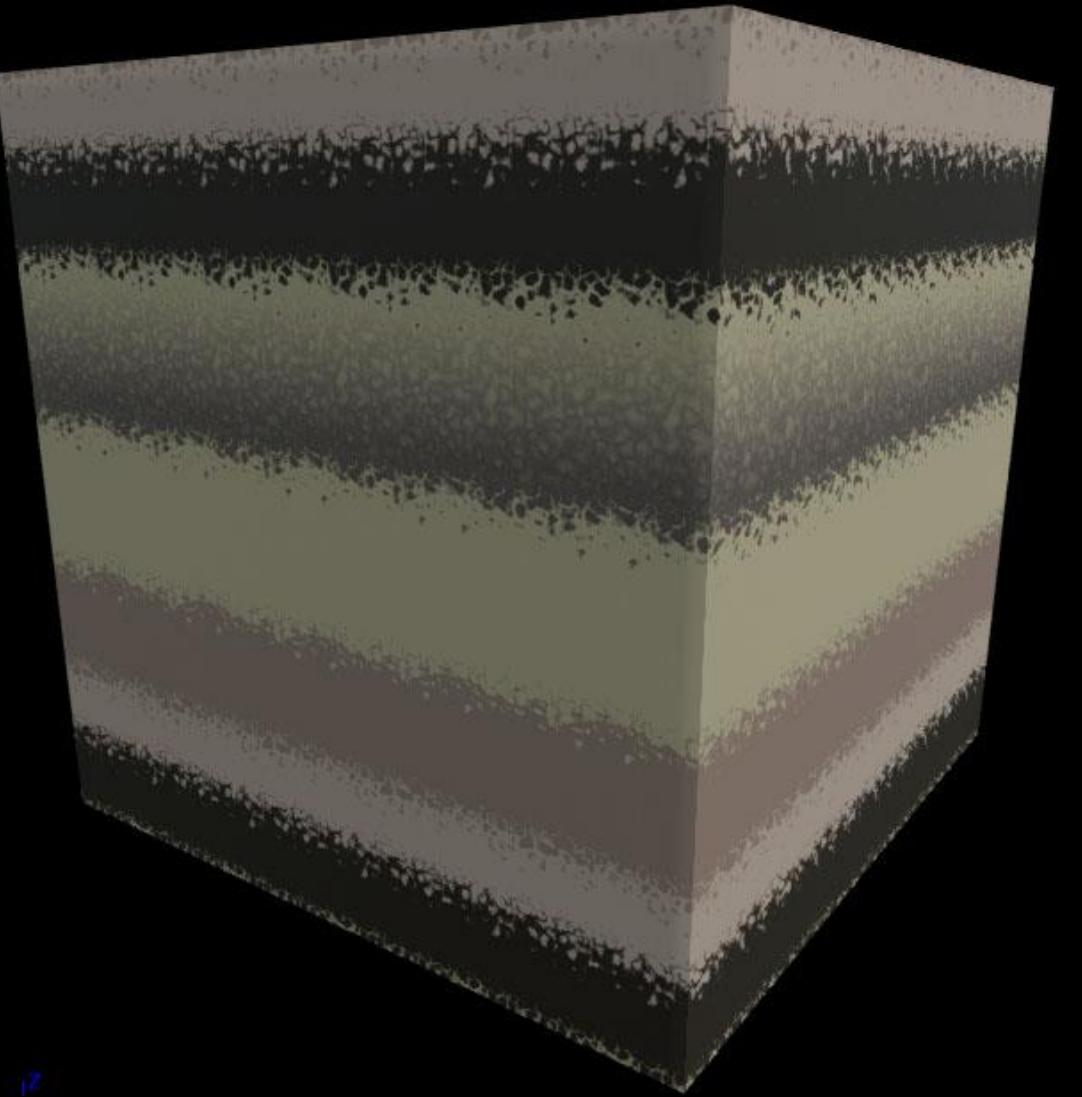
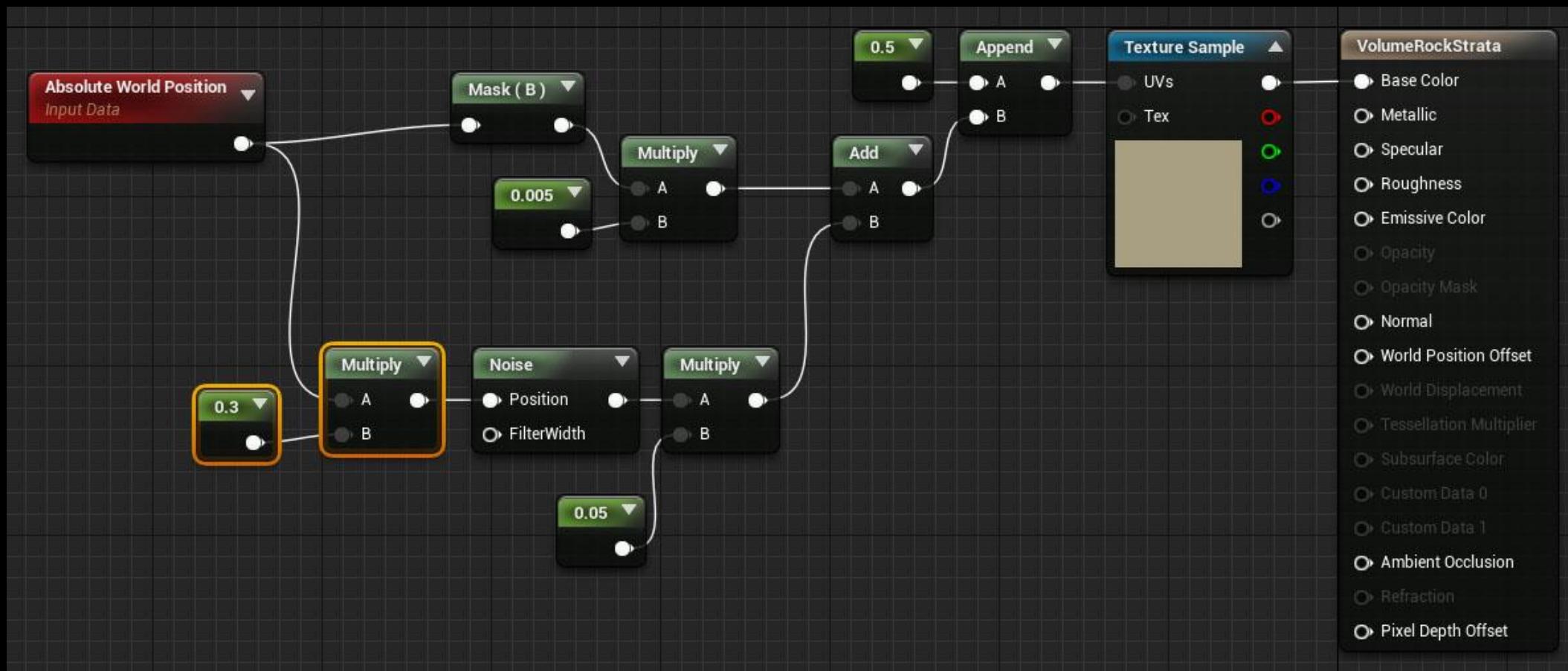
# Scale World Space

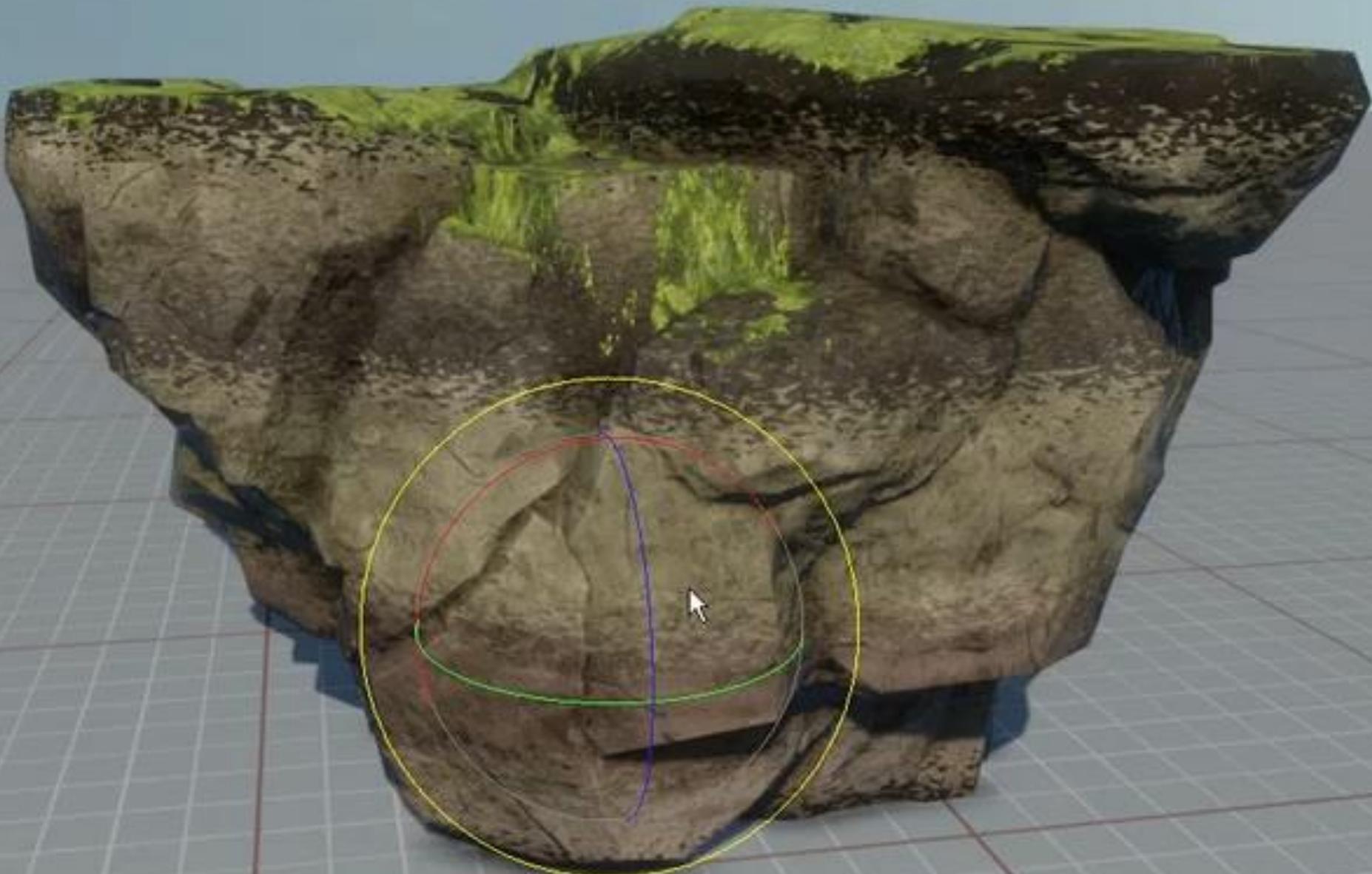


# Tone Down the Noise



# Scale the Noise





# Rock Layers Code

```
float3 rockLayerColor(float3 worldPos, float scale)

{
    float scaledWorldY = worldPos.y * scale;
    float noise = fastGradienClouds(worldPos * 0.3, 4, 2, 0.5);
    float gradientYcoord = (noise * 0.05) + scaledWorldY;
    return tex2D(rockStrataGradient, float2(0.5, gradientYcoord)).rgb;
}
```

# Next Steps

- Study what other games are doing
- Grab a book
- Google and YouTube Search
- Download Unreal or use ShaderFX in Max or Maya
- Write shaders!

# Books!

- The Cg Tutorial: The Definitive Guide to Programmable Real-Time Graphics - Randima Fernando
- Shaders for Game Programmers and Artists - Sebastien St-Laurent
- The COMPLETE Effect and HLSL Guide - Sebastien St-Laurent
- GPU Gems Series edited by Matt Pharr and Randima Fernando
- Shader X Series by Wolfgang Engel
- Advanced Lighting and Materials with Shaders - Kelly Dempski and Emmanuel Viale

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