

# OSL in Blender

- Success story
- Story of artist involvement in contributing plugins
- Example: New procedural textures
- Even completely new tools are already available this way
- You can get out-of-the-box solutions or small building blocks

# Past:

```
#include "math.h"
#include "plugin.h"

#define NR_TYPES 1

float result[4];
float cDot;

int do_reset = FALSE;

extern float hnoise(float noisize, float x, float y, float z);

/* set up plugin menu */
char name[] = "Pie";
char strname[NR_TYPES*16] = {"Pie"};

Vstruct varst[4] {
/* type, name, default, min, max, tooltip */
(LABEL, "", 0, 0, 0, ""),
(NUMINT, "slices", 6, 0, 20, 1000),
/* The plugin: Number of slices */
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(NUMFLO, "hardness", 1, 0, 0, 5, 0),
/* The plugin: Soften Hardness */
/* determines sharpness of edge, could use some work */
(NUMFLO, "ang cbr", 0, 0, 180, 0, 180, 0),
/* The plugin: angle offset */
/* phase angle */
(NUMFLO, "turb dep", 0, 0, 5, 0, 5, 0),
/* The plugin: Turbulance depth */
/* The: Turb affects white, Neg affects black */
(NUMFLO, "turb size", 0, 0, 2, 0, 2, 0),
/* The plugin: Turbulance size */
};
typedef struct Cast {
float dum1;
int dir;
float hard;
float ang;
float turb;
float turbs;
} Cast;

/* ..... */
int plugin_tex_dot(int, Cast*, float*, float*, float*);
int plugin_tex_getversion(void)
{
return 8_FUSION_VERSION;
}

void plugin_but_changed(int but)
{
}

void plugin_int(void)
{
}

void plugin_getinfo(PluginInfo *info)
{
info->name = name;
info->types = NR_TYPES;
info->nvars = sizeof(varst)/sizeof(Vstruct);
info->shnames = strname[0];
info->result = result;
info->clear = do_reset;
info->varst = varst;

info->str plugin_int;
info->tex_dot = (TexDot) plugin_tex_dot;
info->callback = plugin_but_changed;
}

int plugin_tex_dot(int stype, Cast *cast, float *texvec, float *dot, float *dy)
{
float angle, turb=0;

angle = atan2(texvec[0], texvec[1]) + cast->ang*3.1415926/180.0;

if (cast->turb > 0.0) { /* save time if no turb */
turb = cast->turb * hnoise(cast->turb, texvec[0], texvec[1], texvec[2]);
printf("turb: %f\n", turb);
}

result[0] = 0.5 - 0.5*sin(angle * cast->dir + turb * 0.5);
if (cast->hard > 1) result[0] = pow(result[0], cast->hard); /*Very slow, better way?*/

if (result[0] > 1) result[0] = 1.0;
else if (result[0] < 0) result[0] = 0;

result[4] = 1.0;

return 0;
}
```

# Present:

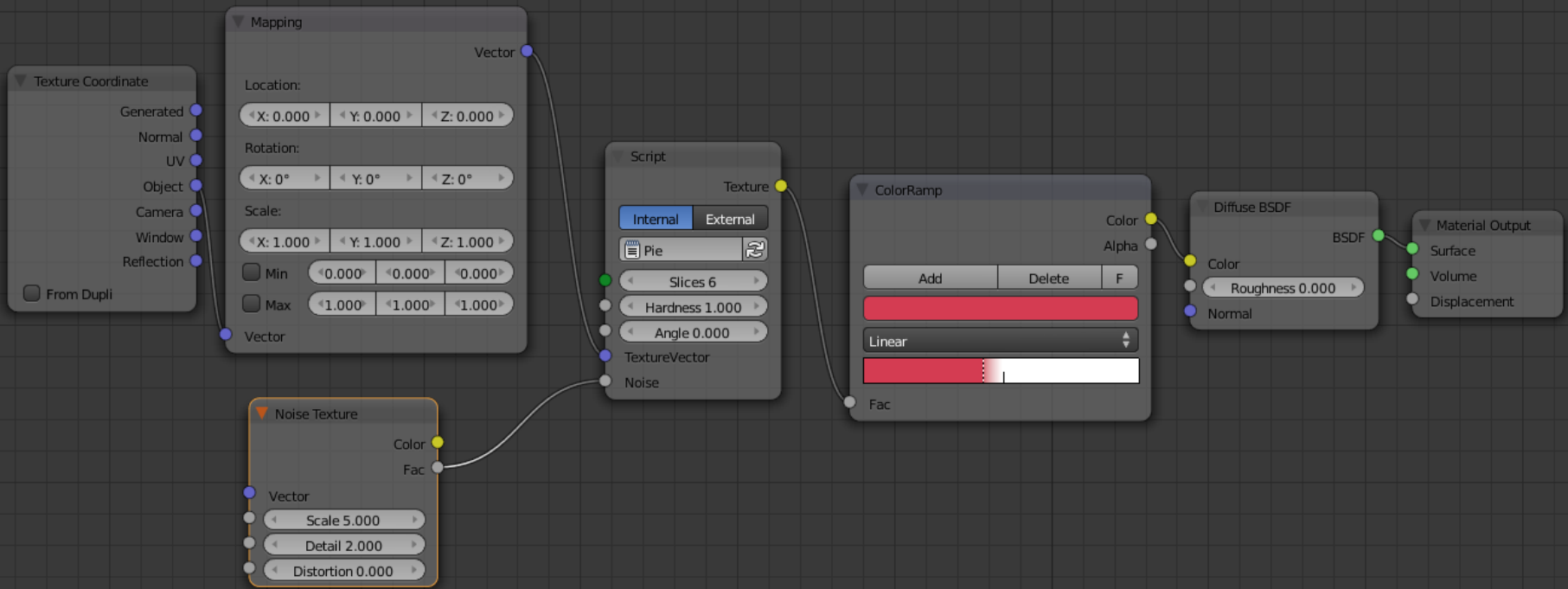
```
#include "stdosl.h"
```

```
shader node_Pie(
int Slices = 4,
float Angle = 0,
float SmoothCenter = 0,
float Noise = 0,
point TextureVector = P,
output color Texture = 0
)
{
float angle_intern = 0;
float centerDot = 0;
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centerDot =
sqrt(TextureVector[0]*TextureVector[0]+TextureVector[1]*TextureVector[1]);
centerDot = 1-centerDot;
centerDot = smoothstep(1-SmoothCenter,1,centerDot);
angle_intern = atan2(TextureVector[0],TextureVector[1]);
angle_intern -= radians(Angle);
float piepattern = 0.5-0.5*sin(angle_intern * Slices - Noise );
piepattern += centerDot;
piepattern = clamp(piepattern, 0,1);
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Texture = piepattern;
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}
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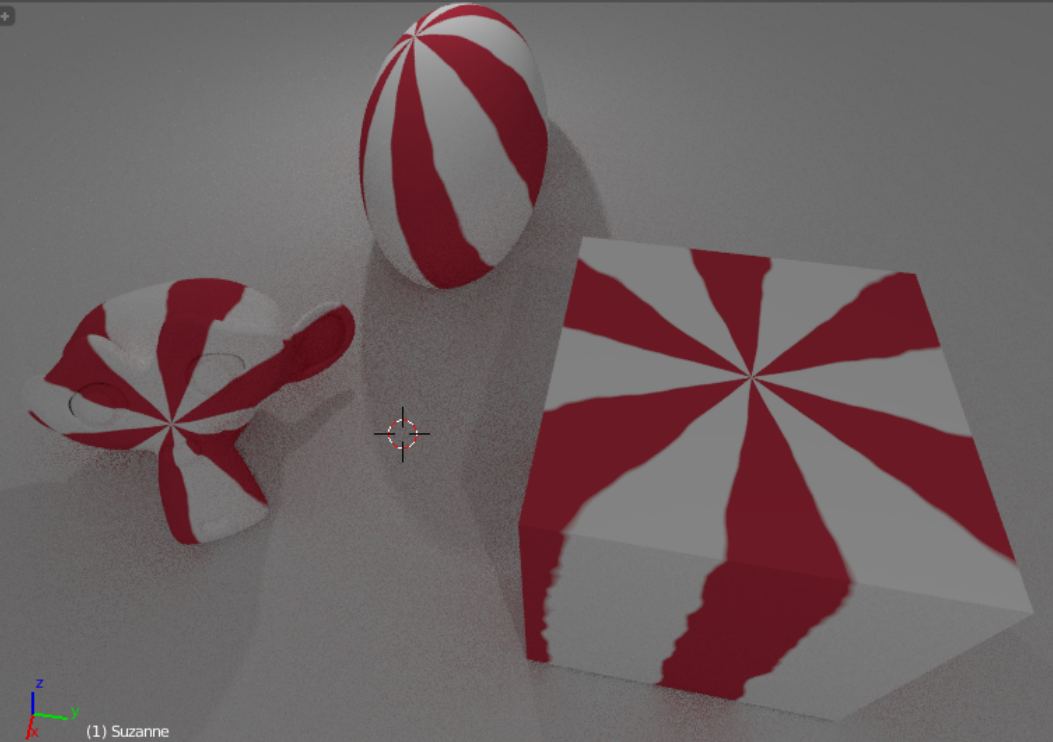
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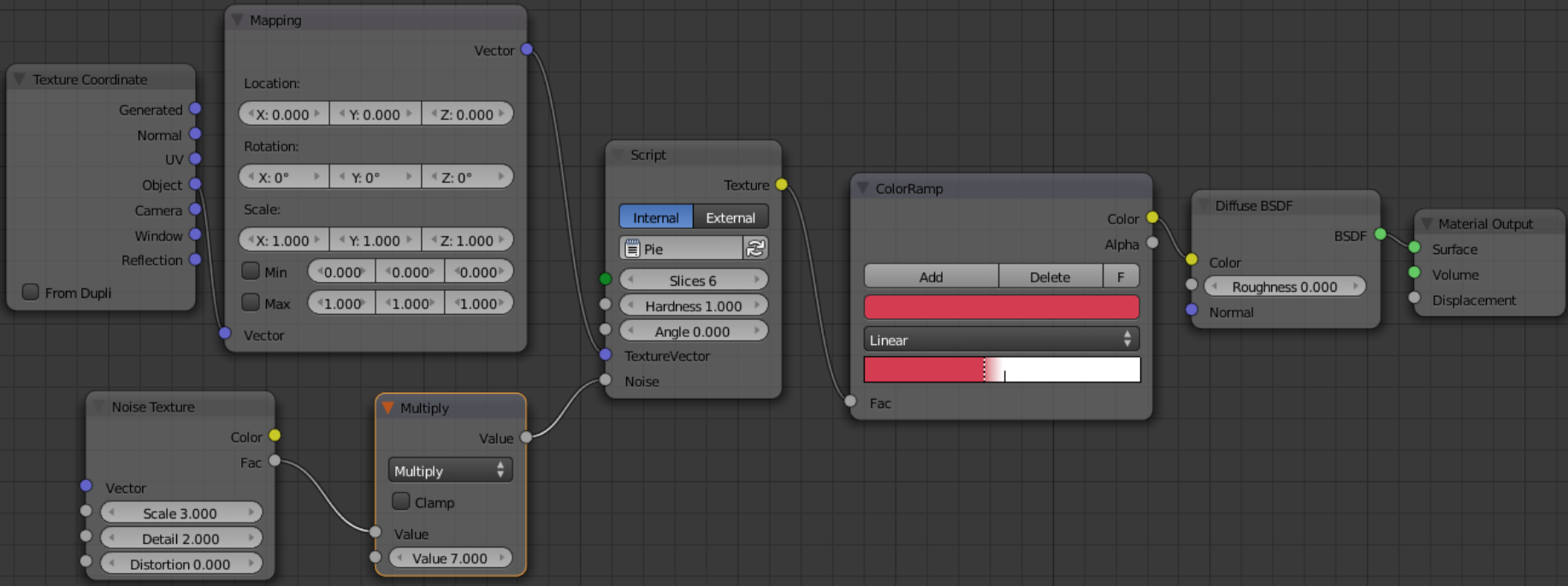
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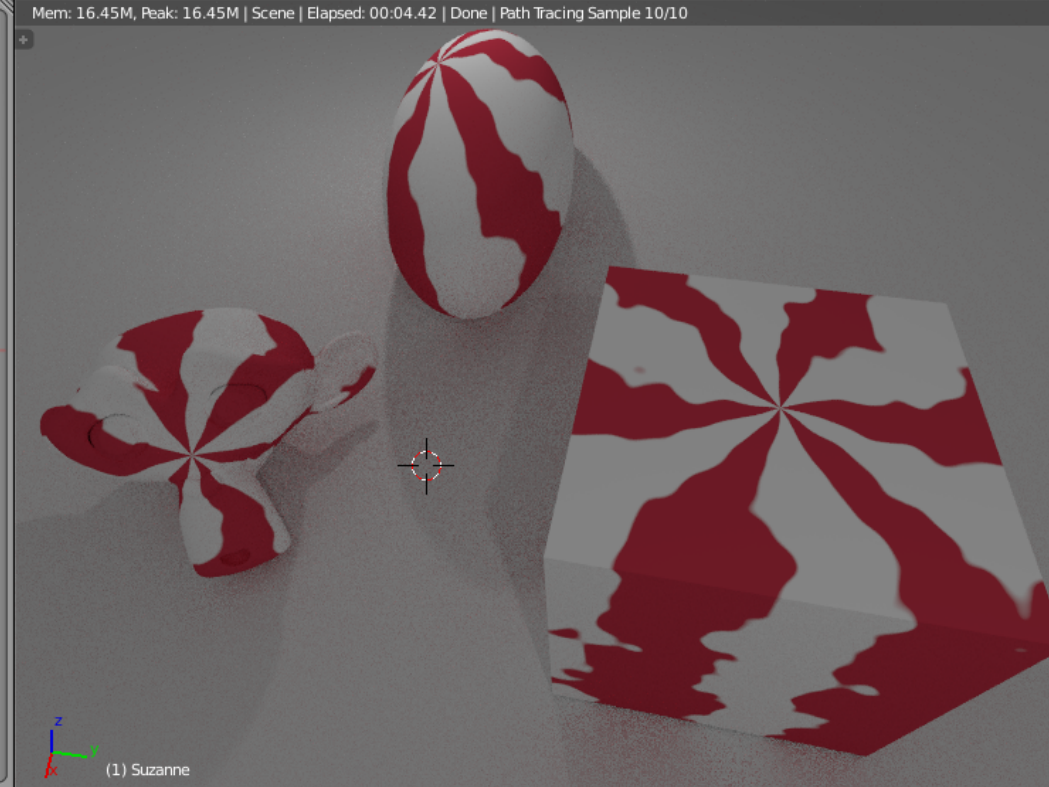


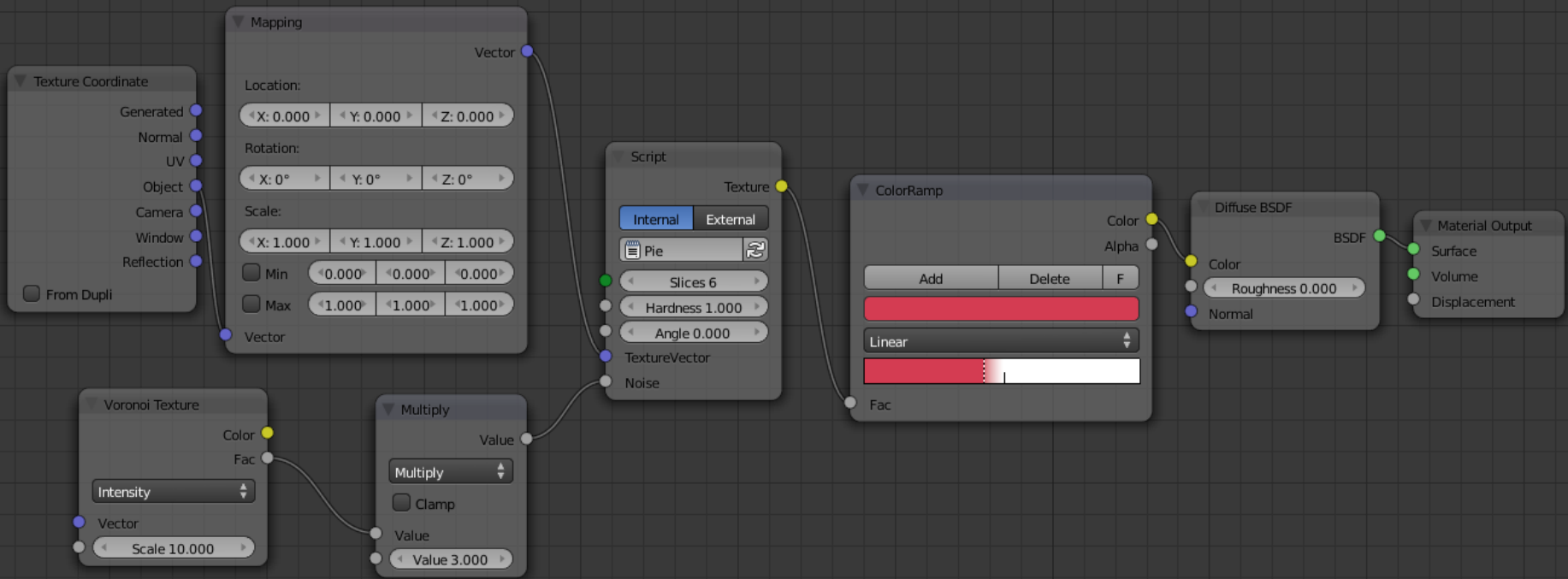
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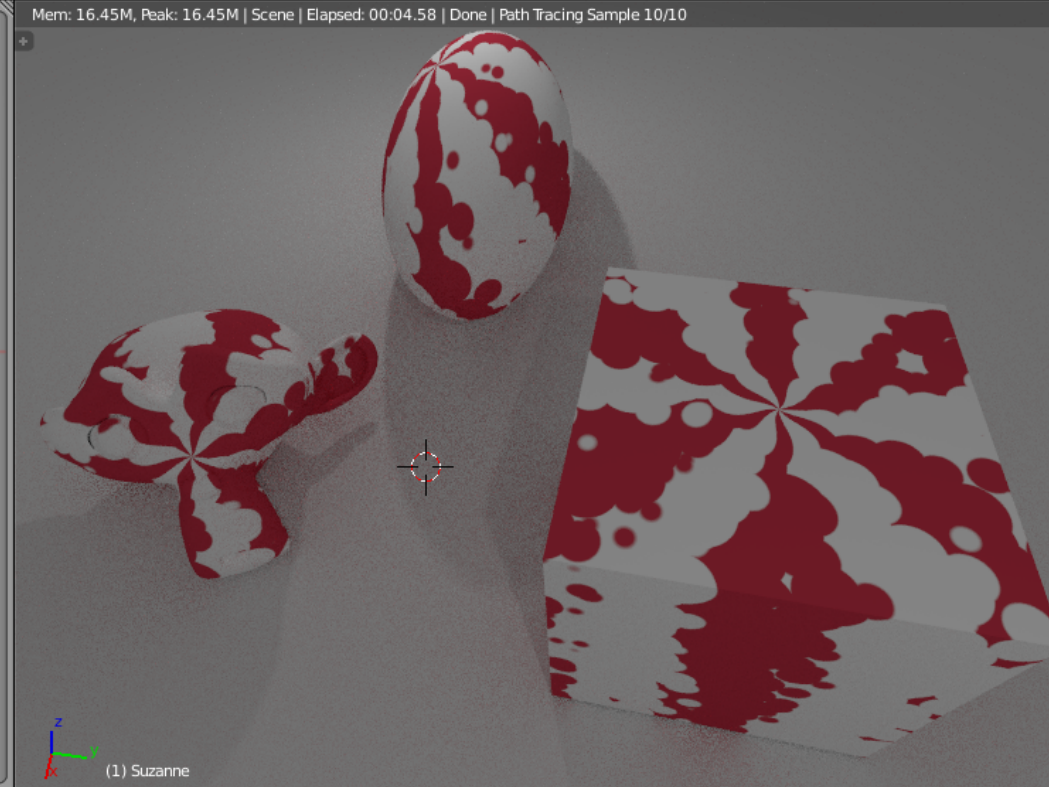


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# Past

- Few procedural textures to prevent feature-creep
- Only nodes and tools the core developers offered to the users

# Present

- Myriads of procedural textures and other custom shaders available as plugins
- Ability to customize nodes to the user's expectations
- All without interfering with the Blender core development

# Why OSL was a success

- Integrates well with Blender's node-based shader system
- Semantically similar to Cycles node
- Syntax close to RSL, GLSL, HSL etc.
- No Boilerplate code whatsoever
- (Nearly) Live-coding possible

# OSL Resources

- <http://www.openshading.com/>  
Tutorials and News on OSL and Cycles by Thomas Dinges
- <https://www.smashwords.com/books/view/368598>  
Open Shading Language for Blender – A Practical Primer by Michael Anders  
(Must-read if you want to dive into OSL coding, includes lots of finished shaders)
- <https://github.com/sambler/osl-shaders>  
Huge collection of OSL shaders that are ready to use
- <https://github.com/GottfriedHofmann/osl-lib>  
WIP of small and useful tools and procedural textures for Cycles
- <http://blenderartists.org/forum/forumdisplay.php?47-Coding>  
Has two sections dedicated to OSL, you will find useful shaders in both
- <http://cgcookie.com/blender/cgc-courses/introduction-to-osl-in-blender-cycles/>  
OSL coding intro
- <http://blendersushi.blogspot.de/>  
Follow Jimmy Gunawan on his journey through OSL