Geometric Settings

When assigning instance attributes in Maya, they can be named like Primvars, where controls are found on the shape node. Or as attributes found on the transform node and variable per instance.

Example commands:

rfm2.ui.user_attrs.user_attrs_add(data_attr, nodelist, pdict) -> add to one or more nodes
rfm2.ui.user_attrs.user_attrs_del(data_attr, nodelist, attrlist) -> delete from one or more nodes
rfm2.ui.user_attrs.user_attrs(node) -> list all user attributes



Common

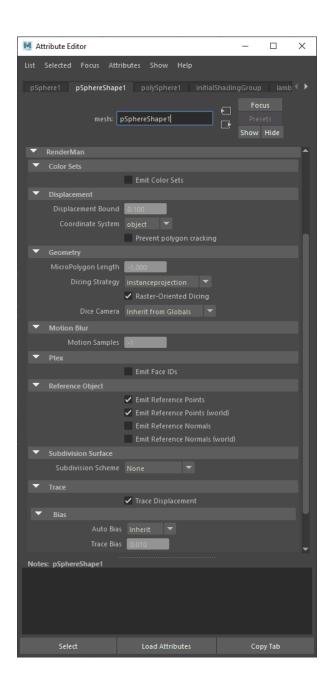
Name	Туре	Default	Description	
bake: activeudi ms	string	empty	Active udims for Integrator baking of texture atlases. Lists and ranges of udims can be provided in the string, for example: Attribute "bake" "string activeudims" "1001,1003,1005-1006". The default is "" which means all udims get baked.	
bake: udimreso lutions	string	empty	Udim texure resolutions for Integrator baking of texture atlases. Lists and ranges of udims can be provided in the string, for example: Attribute "bake" "string udimresolutions" "1001 512 512 1002,1003 64 32 1005-1006 16 16" If the string is empty (the default) then the Display Format resolution will be used.	
grouping: id	int	0	Grouping id used for raytrace disambiguation purposes. Value range: 0 to 15.	
grouping: member ship	string	empty	Grouping membership used for linking.	
identifier: id	int	0	Lower 32 bits of 64 bit object id.	
identifier: id2	int	0	Upper 32 bits of 64 bit object id.	
identifier: Ipegroup	string	empty	Grouping membership used for light path expressions.	
identifier: name	string	empty	Object instance name.	
stats: identifier	string	empty	Identifier string used by the stats system when referring to this instance.	

Shading

Name	Туре	Default	Description	
curves: widthaffectscurvature	int	1	Indicates whether curve width should be used when computing curve curvature. If turned off, only the curvature along the curve spline will be calculated.	
lightfilter:subset	string	empty	Active light filter groups in lighting.	
lighting:excludesubset	string	empty	Exclude light groups from lighting.	
lighting:mute	int	0	Mutes light emission.	
lighting:subset	string	empty	Light groups active in lighting.	
Ri:Matte	int	0	Indicates matte object.	
Ri:ReverseOrientation	int	0	Flip shading normals.	
Ri:Sides	int	2	Geometry can be one or two sided.	
shade: indexofrefraction	float	-1	Override material IOR for nested dielectrics.	
shade:minsamples	int	1	Min Pixel Samples. For fine-tuning adaptive sampling.	
shade: relativepixelvariance	float	1	PixelVariance multiplier for camera visible objects. For fine-tuning adaptive sampling.	
trace:holdout	int	0	Indicates holdout object.	
trace:intersectpriority	int	0	Raytrace intersection priority for nested dielectrics. Value range: 0 to 31.	
trace:maxdiffusedepth	int	1	Maximum diffuse light bounces.	
trace: maxspeculardepth	int	2	Maximum specular light bounces.	
trace: reflectexcludesubset	string	empty	Exclude object groups from reflections.	
trace:reflectsubset	string	empty	Object groups visible to reflections.	
trace: shadowexcludesubset	string	empty	Exclude object groups from casting shadows.	
trace:shadowsubset	string	empty	Object groups active in shadows.	
trace: transmitexcludesubset	string	empty	Exclude object groups from refractions.	
trace:transmitsubset	string	empty	Object groups visible to refractions.	

visibility:camera int 1 Indicates if object is visible to camera rays.		Indicates if object is visible to camera rays.	
visibility:indirect	int	1	Indicates if object is visible to indirect (reflection and refraction) rays.
visibility:transmission int 1 Inc		1	Indicates if object is visible to shadow rays.

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Added notes:

Emit Color Sets - Emits color sets assigned to objects, this is especially useful when rendering MASH objects with procedural coloring.

Prevent Polygon Cracking - Typically it's expected that you displace subdivision surfaces. However, should you need to displace a polygonal surface with "hard" normals, this option will attempt to prevent the object from coming apart once it's displaced.

Emit Face IDs - This is allows surfaces to make use of Ptex texturing.

Reference Object - _WPref and the place3d with the reference object should be parented below the object that you are animating. _WPref is necessary for instances to have the texture stick in the same way. However, during IPR if you move/translate your object and it does not deform, it is not re-evaluated and the _WPref is not updated if only the *transform* has changed. You will only see the correct values if you restart the render or trigger an update on the mesh somehow (for instance, tweaking the displacement bound).

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Name	Туре	Default	Description
identifier:object	string	empty	Object shape name.
stats:prototypeIdentifier	string	empty	Identifier string used by the stats system when referring to this prototype.

Shading

Name	Туре	Default	Description	
derivatives: extrapolate	int	1	Extrapolated smooth normals across grid boundaries. Value range: true/false.	
displacemen t: ignorerefere nceinstance	int	0	Indicates if displacement shading should ignore properties of the reference instance.	
displacemen tbound: CoordinateS ystem	string	object	The name of the coordinate system that the displacement bound is measured in.	
displacemen tbound: offscreen	int	0	Apply displacementbound to offscreen geometry when dicing. Geometry that is entirely offscreen, but displaces into view may be prone to undertessellation because of the offscreen dicing strategy. This can be corrected by enabling this control and setting a reasonable displacementbound. Doing so will incur a performance penalty commensurate with the size of the displacement bound.	
displacemen tbound: sphere	float	0	Maximum displacement distance used to compute object bounds. This value should be as tight as possible.	
Ri: Orientation	string	outside	Geometry winding order that determines surface normal. This attribute effects lighting and displacement. Supported values: inside outside.	
trace: autobias	int	1	Enable automatic raytrace bias. Value range: true/false.	
trace:bias	float	0.01	Manual raytrace bias in object space. Small values should be used to avoid artifacts such as shadow acne.	
trace: displacemen ts	int	1	Enable displacement shading. Value range: true/false.	
trace: sssautobias	int	1	Enable automatic raytrace bias for subsurface scattering rays. Value range: true/false.	
trace:sssbias	float	1e-4f	Manual raytrace bias (in object space) for subsurface scattering rays. Small values should be used to avoid artifacts such as surface acne.	

Dicing

Name	Туре	Default	Description
dice: micropolyg onlength	float	1	Micropolygon distance in raster space for "instanceprojection" dicing. Values are expressed in pixel size.
dice: offscreenm ultiplier	float	-1	Dicing rate multiplier for objects outside the viewing frustum. If a value less than zero is specified, the value from the Option with the same name will be used instead. Value range: -1 or more.
dice: offscreenstr ategy	string	viewfrustu mdistance	Dicing method of objects outside the viewing frustum. Supported values: viewfrustumdistance, worlddistance, objectdistance, planarprojection, sphericalprojection.
dice: rasterorient	int	1	Turning this off enables non-oriented dicing, a mode of dicing that computes micropolygon sizes using non-oriented raster space rather than screen-aligned raster space. Non-oriented dicing is useful for displacement around edges where projected micropolygon distance can be arbitrarily small. Value range: true/false.
dice: referenceca mera	string	empty	Specify the camera used for dicing. If no reference camera is specified, RenderMan will use the primary camera.

dice: referencein stance	string	empty	Specify the reference instance used for dicing and displacement shading. The reference instance is used to drive dicing and displacement based on its position, scale, user attributes, and scoped coordinate systems. Reference instances are specified by its identifier:name attribute (instance name). If no reference instance is specified, RenderMan will automatically pick the nearest instance inside the primary camera's view frustum.
dice: strategy	string	instancepr ojection	Dicing method of objects within the viewing frustum. Supported values: instanceprojection, worlddistance, objectdistance, sphericalprojection.
dice: worlddistan celength	float	-1	Micropolygon distance in world space for "worlddistance" dicing or object space for "objectdistance" dicing.
Ri: GeometricA pproximatio nFocusFact or	float	0	Allows the renderer to use more coarse dicing for blurry objects due to depth of field.

Points

Name	Туре	Default	Description	
falloffpo wer	float	0	For use with points, if not supplied, or set to zero, the points will have a hard edge. A value of 1 is a "reasonable" value that emulates the usual cosine based falloff; this will likely be the goto value for most people doing volumetric particle effects. Values between 0 and 1 makes the falloff faster, eroding the point faster - point has "less presence". Values higher than 1 (up to infinity) makes the falloff slower to the point of being non-existent.	

Curves

Name	Туре	Default	Description	
curve: opacitysamples	int	0	number of opacity/presence shading samples along a curve for opacity caching, if equal to zero then the value is determined using the dicing oracle and the length of each curve.	
curve: widthaffectscurv ature	int	1	When true the curve width of round curves is taken into account in the computation of the tube curvature, otherwise only the curvature along the curve is. This control does not affect curve ribbons. Value range: true/false.	

Volume

Name	Туре	Default	Description	
dice: minlength	float	-1	Volume minimum dice length. Negative indicates to automatically compute this value.	
dice: minlengt hspace	string	empty	Coordinate space of dice:minlength.	
Ri: Bound	float[6]	00000	Volume bounds.	
volume: aggregate	string	globalVolu meAggreg ate	The name of the volume aggregate to which a volume belongs. If non-empty, the volume will only be rendered if the integrator explicitly uses that named aggregate, or if a surface shader such as PxrSurface binds the named aggregate to its interior.	
volume: aggregat erespect visibility	int	empty	If set to 1, standard visibility attributes will be respected by the volume if it is part of an aggregate. If set to 0, the visibility attributes will be ignored and only the integrator visibility settings will apply. Value range: true/false.	
volume: dsomin max	int	empty	Currently only used for aggregate volumes, and only for volumes that use an ImplicitField DSO. If set to 1, the DSO may be able to use stored information from the file directly to compute the minimum and maximum values within the volume. This may allow the renderer to avoid shading the volume up front, greatly decreasing time to first pixel. This can only be enabled if the density signal fit the volume is used directly, or if the density signal is modulated only by the DSO itself. Any shading modifications of the density signal requires setting this parameter to off. Value range: true/false.	
volume: dsoveloc ity	int	0	Used only for aggregate volumes that use an ImplicitField DSO. If set to 1, the DSO can provide velocity bounds to the renderer directly via the BoxMotion call. This can allow the renderer to avoid upfront shading of the volume's velocity data when using Eulerian velocity, improving render time and time to first pixel greatly. This can only be enabled if the velocity signal from the DSO is used directly. Value range: true/false.	
volume: fps	float	1	The frames per second for volumetric velocity data. The velocity data will be divided by this quantity to derive the velocity for the frame.	
volume: shutterof fset	float	1	The shutter offset used to interpret volumetric velocity. A value of 1 will use the current position of the object and the position of the object on the next frame as the time interval to use for motion blur. A value of -1 will use the position of the object on the previous frame and the current position of the object as the time. A value of 0 will generate an interval which begins halfway through the previous frame and ends halfway into the next frame.	

volume: velocitys huttercor	int	0	If set to 1, volumetric velocity data for Eulerian motion blur will be assumed to be relative to the entire frame, and will be corrected to match the current shutter interval. If set to 0, no correction will be made. Value range: true/false.
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SubdivisionMesh

Name	Туре	Default	Description
dice:pretessellate	int	1	Pre-tessellate subdivision geometry to polygons. Value range: true/false.
dice:watertight	int	0	Tessellate geometry with no holes. Watertight geometry requires less raytrace bias. Value range: true/false.
shade:faceset	int[n]	empty	Active geometry face indexes.
stitchbound:CoordinateSystem	string	empty	
stitchbound:sphere	float	0	

NuPatch

Name	Туре	Default	Description
trimcurve:sense	string	inside	Supported values: inside, outside.

PolygonMesh

Name	Туре	Default	Description
polygon:concave	int	1	Allow concave polygons. Value range: true/false.
polygon: smoothdisplacement	int	0	Output smoothed (per-vertex) normals as Ndsp primvar, if polygon:smoothnormals hasn't already inserted smooth normals. Value range: true/false.
polygon:smoothnormals	int	0	Smooth (per-vertex) normals if not provided. Value range: true/false.

Procedural

Name	Туре	Default	Description
procedur al: immediat esubdivi de	int	Used by RiProcedural to compel a procedural to immediately subdivide (behavior supported via theimmediatesubdivide parameter in RiProcedural2). This attribute is "special" in that it is not inherited into sub-procedural contexts - meaning par immediate-subdivide procedurals don't accidentally trigger immediate-subdivide children. A value of 0 (the default) disable and 2 forces all child procedurals to crack immediately.	
procedur al: reentrant	int	0	Enabling this attribute will cause any subsequent procedural to not lock the global mutex. Note that this requires that the procedural be thread safe. This attribute is disabled by default, i.e. all procedurals remain locked. Value range: true/false.

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