

COMP5514 Computer Graphics in C/C++

Lab 05

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Debugging OpenGL

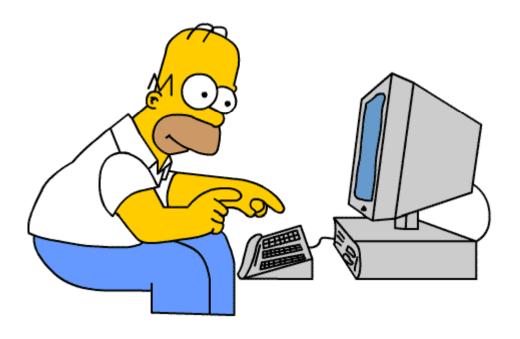
- Graphics Programs are hard to debug...
- Mental tracing is necessary.
- Much patience is required.
- **♦** Make changes, watch, trace.

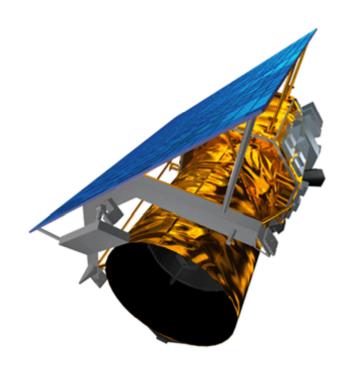
Some tips...

- Use "printf" to trace the execution.
- Print out meaningful messages.
- Print messages before and after function calls.
- Look for symmetry in coordinate variables.
- Look for symmetry in function calls.
- Understand your API (in this case OpenGL).
- Do not count on a bug free API implementation.
- Always draw a primitive object on the screen.
- **♦** Start small, grow slowly...

Try things out...

• See Example: lab05.zip





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