Chapter 10: OpenGL

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Introduction to OpenGL

- Silicon Graphics Inc. (SGI) started developing OpenGL in 1991 and released it in January 1992.
- OpenGL (Open Graphics Library) is a cross-platform, hardwareaccelerated, language-independent, industrial standard API for producing 3D (including 2D) graphics.
- Modern computers have dedicated GPU (Graphics Processing Unit) with its own memory to speed up graphics rendering. OpenGL is the software interface to graphics hardware.
- In other words, OpenGL graphic rendering commands issued by your applications could be directed to the graphic hardware and accelerated.

What is OpenGL?

- Software API to graphics hardware.
- Designed as a streamlined, hardware-independent interface to be implemented on many different hardware platforms
- No high-level commands for describing models of three-dimensional objects
- Graphics rendering API (Low Level)
- High-quality color images composed of geometric and image primitives
- Window system independent
- Operating system independent
- Display device independent
- No windowing commands!
- Close enough to the hardware to get excellent performance

Callback Function

- A callback function is a function which the library (**GLUT**) calls when it needs to know how to process something.
- e.g. when glut gets a key down event it uses the glutKeybourdFunc callback routine to find out what to do with a key press.
- See glutOverlayDisplayFunc to understand how distinct callbacks for the overlay and normal plane of a window may be established.
- When a window is created, no display callback exists for the window. It is the responsibility of the programmer to install a display callback for the window before the window is shown. A display callback *must* be registered for any window that is shown. If a window becomes displayed without a display callback being registered, a fatal error occurs. Passing NULL to glutDisplayFunc is illegal as of GLUT 3.0; there is no way to `deregister' a display callback (though another callback routine can always be registered).
- GLUT supports a number of callbacks to respond to events.

Callback Function

- **GLFW** (Graphics Library Framework) is a lightweight utility library for use with <u>OpenGL</u>. It provides programmers with the ability to create and manage windows and OpenGL contexts, as well handle <u>joystick</u>, <u>keyboard</u> and <u>mouse</u> input.
- GLFW is used in programs that require a <u>window</u>, due to OpenGL not providing any mechanisms for creating the necessary contexts, managing windows, user input, timing, etc

Callback Functions

- Callbacks are user-defined functions designed to react on specific events:
 - Whenever OpenGL decided it needs to redraw window contents
 - What to do when a user resizes a window.
 - Handle mouse motions
 - React on keyboard,
 - What to do during idle period (no input from user)
- For OpenGL to become aware of your callbacks, you need to register them within it before you start drawing things.
- Some of the callbacks are mandatory, such as display, so that OpenGL know how to render your graphics.

Callback Functions

- Programming interface for event-driven input
- Define a callback function for each type of event the graphics system recognizes.
- This user-supplied function is executed when the event occurs. Example: glutMouseFunc(mymouse)
- glutMouseFunc(myMouse);
 - Handles mouse button presses. Knows mouse location and nature of button (up or down and which button).
- glutMotionFunc(myMotionFunc);
 - Handles case when the mouse is moved with one or more mouse buttons pressed.

GLUT Callback Functions

- Contents of window need to be refreshed: glutDisplayFunc()
- Window is resized or moved: glutReshapeFunc()
- Mouse button action: glutMouseFunc()
- Mouse moves while a button is pressed: glutMotionFunc()
- Mouse moves regardless of mouse button state: glutPassiveMouseFunc()
- Called when nothing else is going on: glutIdleFunc()
- glutPassiveMotionFunc(myPassiveMotionFunc): Handles case where mouse enters the window with no buttons pressed.
- glutKeyboardFunc(myKeyboardFunc): Handles key presses and releases. Knows which key was pressed and mouse location.
- glutMainLoop(): Runs forever waiting for an event. When one occurs, it is handled by the appropriate callback function.

Events in OpenGL

| Event | Example | OpenGL Callback Function |
|----------|--|---|
| Keypress | KeyDown KeyUp | glutKeyboardFunc |
| Mouse | leftButtonDown glutMouseFunc leftButtonUp | |
| Motion | With mouse press Without | glutMotionFunc glutPassiveMotionFunc |
| Window | Moving Resizing | glutReshapeFunc |
| System | Idle Timer | glutIdleFunc glutTimerFunc |
| Software | What to draw | glutDisplayFunc |

Color Models: RGB

- Used in display screen. Pixels emit three kinds of light: Red, Green and Blue.
- We choose Red, Green and Blue to be our primary colors.
- RGB and RGBA modes
 - "A" stands for alpha, refers to transparency.
 - Alpha = 1.0 : Fully opaque
 - Alpha = 0.0: Fully transparent
 - In RGB mode, alpha is assumed to be 1.0.
- In OpenGL, color is specified in RGB.

glColor3f(r, g, b);

• Where r, g and b are floating point numbers between 0.0 and 1.0.

Color Model

rgb(red, green, blue)

- Each parameter (red, green, and blue) defines the intensity of the color between 0 and 255.
- For example, rgb(255, 0, 0) is displayed as red, because red is set to its highest value (255) and the others are set to 0.
- To display black, set all color parameters to 0, like this: rgb (0, 0, 0).
- To display white, set all color parameters to 255, like this: rgb (255, 255, 255).
- rgba(red, green, blue, alpha)
- The alpha parameter is a number between 0.0 (fully transparent) and 1.0 (not transparent at all):
- Experiment by mixing the RGBA values below:
- Rgba (255, 99, 71, 0.5)

Color Models: RGB

- glColor3f(red value, green value, blue value);
 - Used to specify the wanted color
 - Has three float parameter;
- glClearColor(red value, green value, blue value, alpha value);
 - Used to specify the initial background color.
 - Has four float parameters
 - Alpha value is used to determine the color of two overlapped objects
- glClear (GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
 - Used to set the bit value in the color buffer (refresh buffer) to the color indicated in the glClearColor function.

Color Models: RGB

Example

- glColor3f(0.5,1.0,0.9);
 - ✓ This tells display to emit 0.5 intensity red light together with 0.1 intensity green light together with 0.9 intensity blue light.
 - ✓ RGB mode, fully opaque
- *glColor4f(0.5,1.0,0.6,0.3);* // RGBA mode, alpha set to 0.3

| Color Component | | | Color Common Name |
|-----------------|---|---|-------------------|
| R | G | В | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | Black |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | Blue |
| 0 | 1 | 0 | Green |
| 0 | 1 | 1 | Cyan |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | Red |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | Magenta |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | Yellow |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | White |

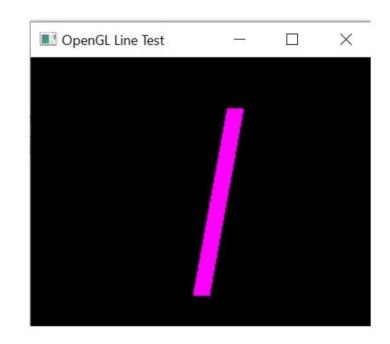
OpenGL display function to draw Line

```
void display() {

// Set background color to black and opaque
glClearColor(0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f);

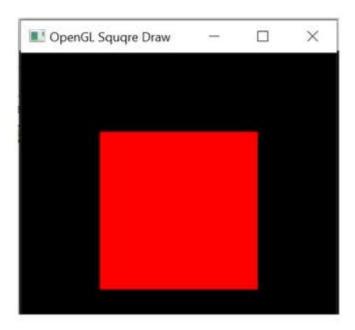
// Clear the color buffer (background)
glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);

glLineWidth(15);
glBegin(GL_LINES);
glColor3f(1.0,0.0,1.0);
glVertex2f(0.2,0.7);
glVertex2f(0.0,-0.4);
glEnd();
glFlush(); // Render now
```



OpenGL display function to draw Square

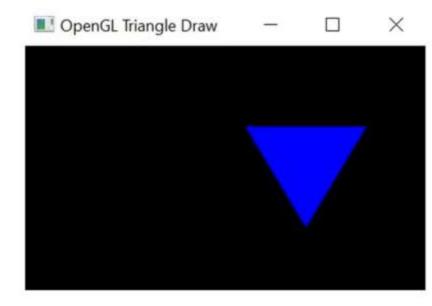
```
void display() {
    // Set background color to black and opaque
    glClearColor(0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f);
    // Clear the color buffer (background)
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
    // Draw a Red 1x1 Square centered at origin
    glBegin(GL_QUADS); // Each set of 4 vertices form a quad
        glColor3f(1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f); // Red
        glVertex2f(-0.5f, -0.5f); // x, y
        glVertex2f( 0.5f, -0.5f);
        glVertex2f( 0.5f, 0.5f);
        glVertex2f(-0.5f, 0.5f);
        glVertex2f(-0.5f, 0.5f);
        glFlush(); // Render now
}
```



OpenGL display function to draw Triangle

```
void display() {
    // Set background color to black and opaque
    glClearColor(0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f);
    // Clear the color buffer (background)
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);

glBegin(GL_TRIANGLES);
    glColor3f(0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f); // Blue
    glVertex2f(0.1f, 0.6f);
    glVertex2f(0.7f, 0.6f);
    glVertex2f(0.4f, 0.1f);
    glEnd();
    glFlush(); // Render now
}
```



OpenGL display function to draw Polygon

```
void display() {
  // Set background color to black and opaque
  glClearColor(0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f);
  // Clear the color buffer (background)
  glClear(GL COLOR BUFFER BIT);
   // These vertices form a closed polygon
    glBegin(GL POLYGON);
      glColor3f(1.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f); // Yellow
      glVertex2f(0.4f, 0.2f);
      glVertex2f(0.6f, 0.2f);
      glVertex2f(0.7f, 0.4f);
      glVertex2f(0.6f, 0.6f);
      glVertex2f(0.4f, 0.6f);
      glVertex2f(0.3f, 0.4f);
   glEnd();
   glFlush(); // Render now
```

