WINDOWS

Install your favorite IDE. This tutorial assumes that you have Microsoft Visual Studio installed on your machine.

1. Install OpenGL

OpenGL v1.1 software runtime is included as part of operating system for WinXP, Windows 2000, Windows 98, Windows 95 (OSR2) and Windows NT. So you only need to download this if you think your copy is somehow missing. The OpenGL v1.1 libraries are also available as the self-extracting archive file from the Microsoft.

OpenGL Libraries and header files are

- opengl32.lib
- glu32.lib
- gl.h
- glu.h

2. Install GLUT

If you do not have GLUT installed on your machine you can download it from: http://www.xmission.com/~nate/glut/glut-3.7.6-bin.zip

GLUT Libraries and header files are

- glut32.lib
- glut.h

3. Use OpenGL & GLUT in your source code

Use the three header files (gl.h, glu.h and glut.h) in your source code. Please check the path of your project to see if these files are found by your compiler.

4. Change project settings

In Visual C/C++ and .NET you'll have to do the following in order to link an application using GLUT:

- Select Project/Settings.
- Goto linker settings.
- Add the following files to the Object/library modules: opengl32.lib glu32.lib glu32.lib

5. Changes in code

Use the include file <windows.h> in your source code.

MAC OS X

Install Project Builder. If you are using Mac OS 10.1 to 10.5 download and install the April 2002 version of Project Builder. For all Jaguar revisions (v10.2 to v10.2.8) use the Dec 2002 version of Project Builder. For Panther and Tiger you will use the new Xcode.

Install OpenGL & GLUT

These are already installed with the OS.

Using OpenGL and GLUT in you source

Start Project builder and create a new Cocoa Application. Delete the default files. Now go to the Target tab and make sure that no prefix headers are used. The exact location of this varies with the version of the Project Builder. However this is usually in the section on compiler settings. Now go back to the Files tab. Click on Project -> Add Frameworks and add two frameworks OpenGL Framework and the GLUT Framework.

Finally in your source include the files as needed

- #include <OpenGL/gl.h>
- #include <OpenGL/glu.h>
- #include <GLUT/glut.h>

LINUX

Install OpenGL

OpenGL and GLX and the X server integration of GLX, are Linux system components, and should be part of the Debian, RedHat, SuSE, or Caldera distribution you use.

Install GLUT

Download glut source from

http://www.opengl.org/resources/libraries/glut/glut_downloads.html and follow the instructions in the package

Files to be included

#include <GL/glut.h> // Header File For The GLUT Library

#include <GL/gl.h> // Header File For The OpenGL32 Library

#include <GL/glu.h> // Header File For The GLu32 Library

Linker settings in Makefile

LIBRARIES = -IX11 -IXi -IXmu -lglut -IGL -IGLU -lm