

## **Triangle Trouble**

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### 1. Objectives

- A. To ensure students can initialize WebGL
- B. To ensure students understand the difference between
  - a. gl.TRIANGLE
  - b. gl.TRIANGLE\_STRIP
  - c. gl.TRIANGLE\_FAN

### 2. Equipment

A. A computer that can run notepad ++ and a modern web browser

### 3. <u>Lab Preparation</u>

A. Ensure you have the example code working and the WebGL initialized correctly.

#### 4. Lab Instruction

- A. You will make one WebGL object to render
- B. It will have the following vertices (X,Y), Z will always be 0 and you may choose what colors you want to use for each vertex.
  - a. (0,.5)
  - b. (1,.5)
  - c. (.5,1)
  - d. (.5,0)
  - e. (0,-1)
  - f. (-.5,0)
- C. You will also add a variable inside the object that will change how these vertices are rendered
  - a. If the variable =
    - i. 0 then use gl.TRIANGLE
    - ii. 1 then use gl.TRIANGLE\_STRIP
    - iii. 2 then use gl.TRIANGLE\_FAN
- D. In the HTML create a simple main class that will have a function which will change this objects variable.
  - a. (In the constructor of main instantiate this object)
- E. Create either three buttons or a drop down with the three different rendering styles.
- F. When the button (or dropdown) is pressed/changed, send the input to a global function, which will then send data to the main class's function.
- G. The function inside the main will set the objects variable appropriately
- H. Clear the screen with (gl.clear(gl.COLOR\_BUFFER\_BIT|gl.DEPTH\_BUFFER\_BIT);)
- I. Re-Render the object (with the new mode).

# 5. <u>Lab Rubric</u>

	Perfect	Close, but not quite right, (no syntax errors)	Not acceptable
Button (or dropdown) works	10	5	0
gl.TRIANGLES renders correctly	5	2	0
gl.TRIANGLE_STRIP renders correctly	5	2	0
gl.TRIANGLE_FAN renders correctly	5	2	0
Total	/25		

6. <u>Lab Report Requirements</u>
No lab report due but there is a peer review required for this assignment.