

COSE436

Lecture 5: OpenGL Basics

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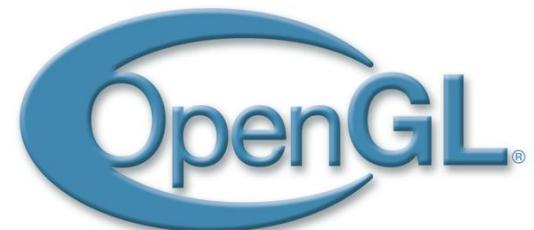
Outline

- OpenGL History
- How to create OpenGL application
- How to set up OpenGL camera
- How to pass the data to the GPU
- How to display onto screen
- How to make realistic 3D rendering



OpenGL

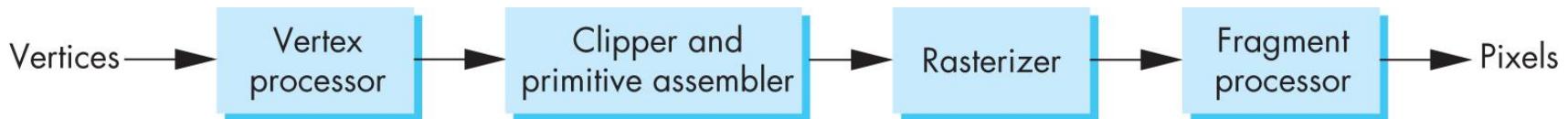
- OpenGL is a platform-independent API for graphics, first introduced in 1992
 - Interface for graphics hardware
- OpenGL is concerned only with rendering into a framebuffer and reading values in it
 - Easy to use
 - Platform independent
 - User interface is omitted
 - Windows system independent



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Modern OpenGL

- Performance is achieved by using GPU rather than CPU
- Control GPU through programs called shaders
- Application's job is to send data to GPU
- GPU does all rendering



OpenGL Evolution

- OpenGL 1.x : fixed pipeline
- OpenGL 2.x : programmable pipeline
- OpenGL 3.x : deprecated APIs
- The latest version is 4.6
 - Most of fixed stages and global state model are removed
 - Still available through GL_ARB_compatibility extension



Other GL Versions

- OpenGL ES
 - Embedded systems (Android, iPad,...)
 - Version 1.0 simplified OpenGL 2.1
 - Version 2.0 simplified OpenGL 3.1
 - Shader based
 - Version 3.0 simplified OpenGL 4.3
- WebGL
 - Javascript implementation of OpenGL ES
 - Supported on newer browsers



GLUT

- OpenGL Utility Toolkit (GLUT)
 - Platform-independent window management library
 - Create a GL window
 - Get input from mouse and keyboard
 - Menus
- freeglut adds new functionalities to original GLUT

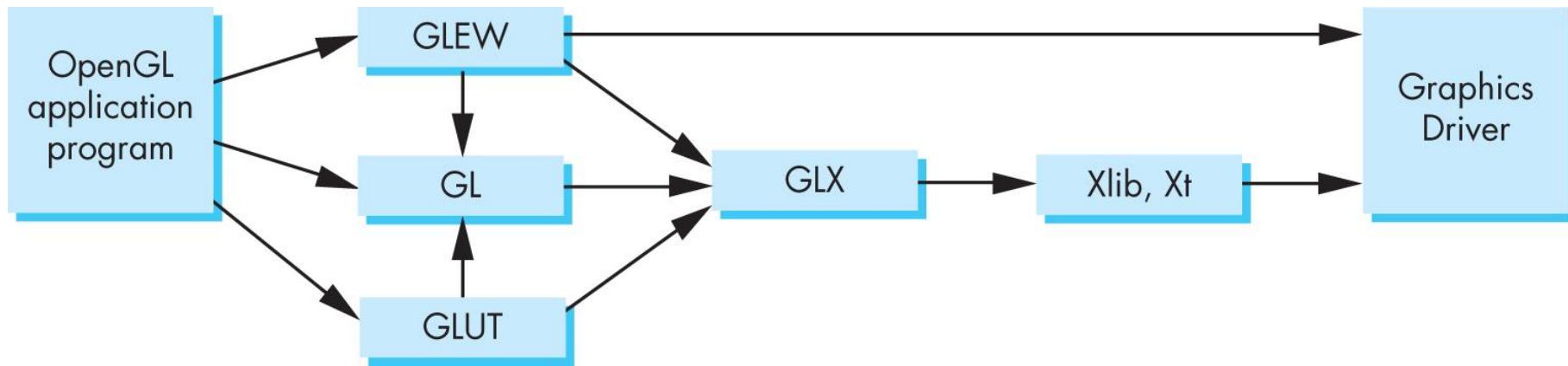


GLEW

- OpenGL Extension Wrangler Library
- Makes it easy to access OpenGL extensions available on a particular system
- Avoids having to have specific entry points in Windows code
- Application needs only to include `glew.h` and run a `glewInit()`

Download: <http://glew.sourceforge.net>

Software Organization



OpenGL is a Client-Server Model

- Host process (CPU)
 - Client
 - Send commands and data to server
 - Interconnect: PCIe
- Graphics hardware (GPU)
 - Server
 - Performs functions directed by the client



OpenGL Elements

- States
 - Snapshot of global parameters
 - GL context
- Primitives
 - Group of vertices
- Commands
 - Execution of graphics functions



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Start with Skeleton Code

- MS Visual Studio
 - <https://visualstudio.microsoft.com/ko/>
 - Visual Studio Download
- Download from LMS (Board→강의자료실)
 - glew
 - CMake
 - OpenGL Skeleton Code

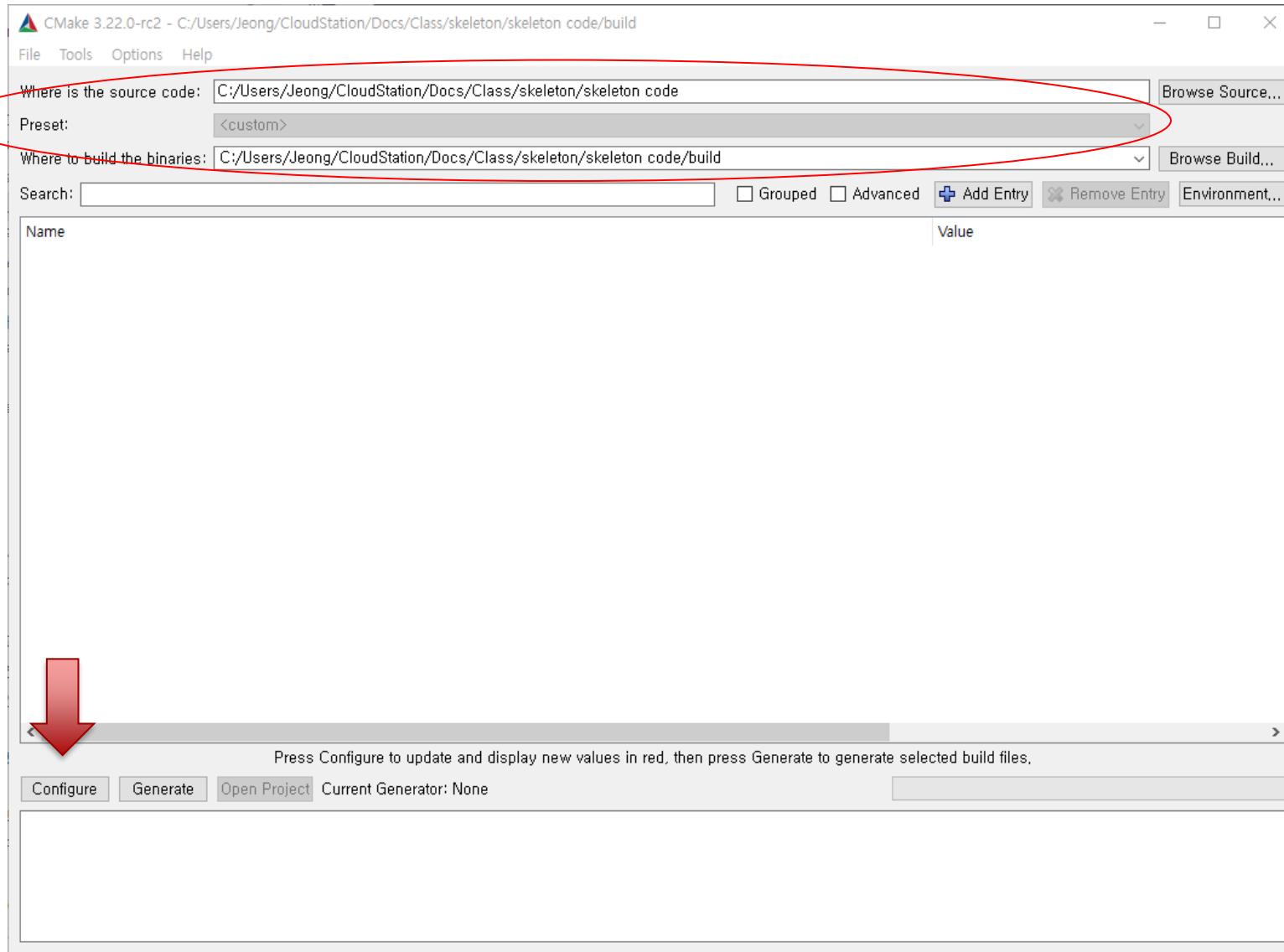
Check OpenGL Version

- `glewinfo.exe` → `glewinfo.txt`

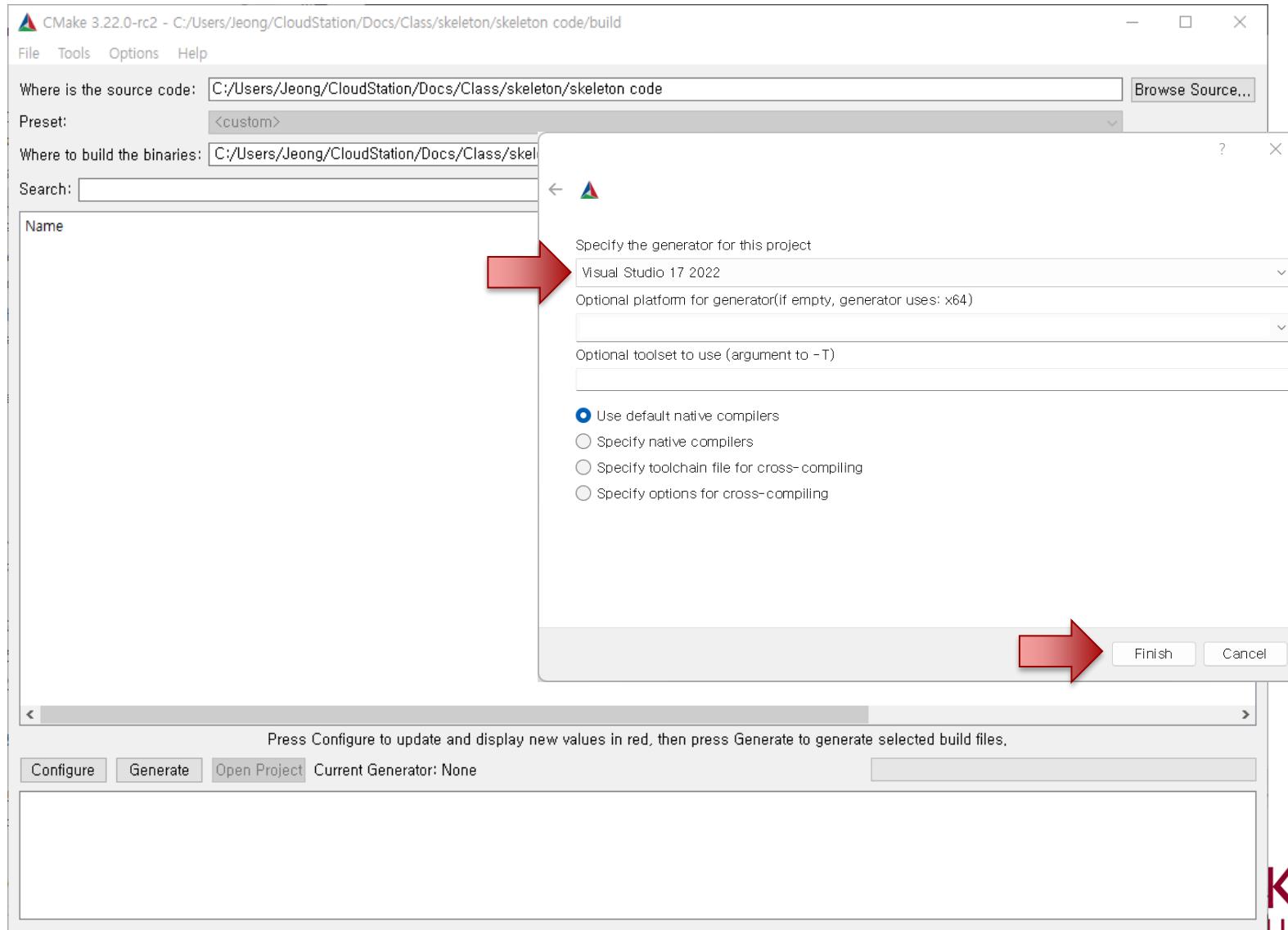
```
-----  
      GLEW Extension Info  
-----  
  
GLEW version 2.1.0  
Reporting capabilities of pixelformat 3  
Running on a Intel(R) HD Graphics 620 from Intel  
OpenGL version 4.4.0 - Build 21.20.16.4550 is supported  
  
GL_VERSION_1_1:                                OK  
-----  
  
GL_VERSION_1_2:                                OK  
-----  
    glCopyTexSubImage3D:                          OK  
    glDrawRangeElements:                         OK  
    glTexImage3D:                               OK  
    glTexSubImage3D:                            OK  
  
GL_VERSION_1_2_1:                                OK  
-----  
  
GL_VERSION_1_3:                                OK  
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    glActiveTexture:                           OK  
    glClientActiveTexture:                      OK  
    glCompressedTexImage1D:                     OK  
    glCompressedTexImage2D:                     OK
```



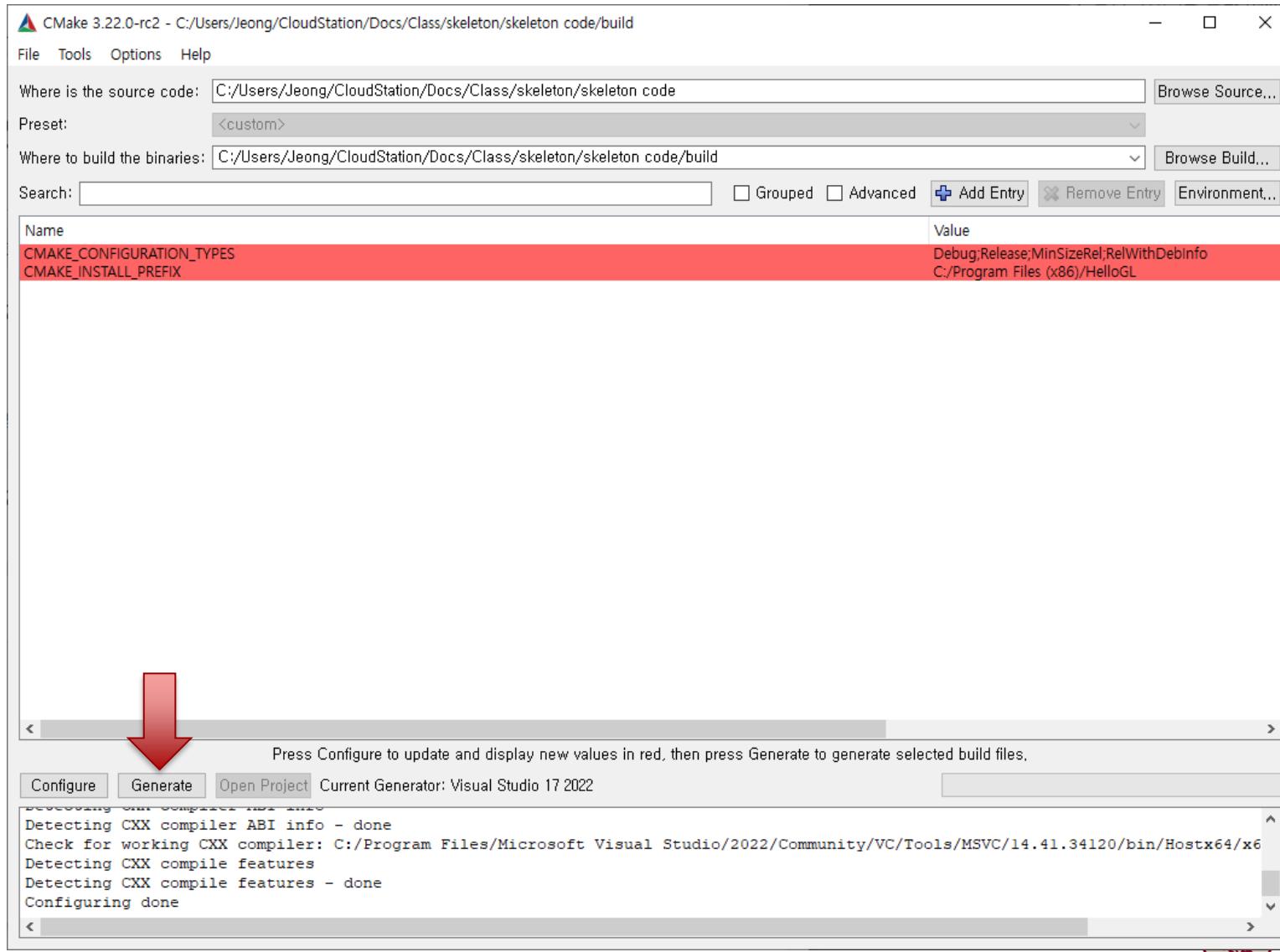
Run CMake to Create VS Project



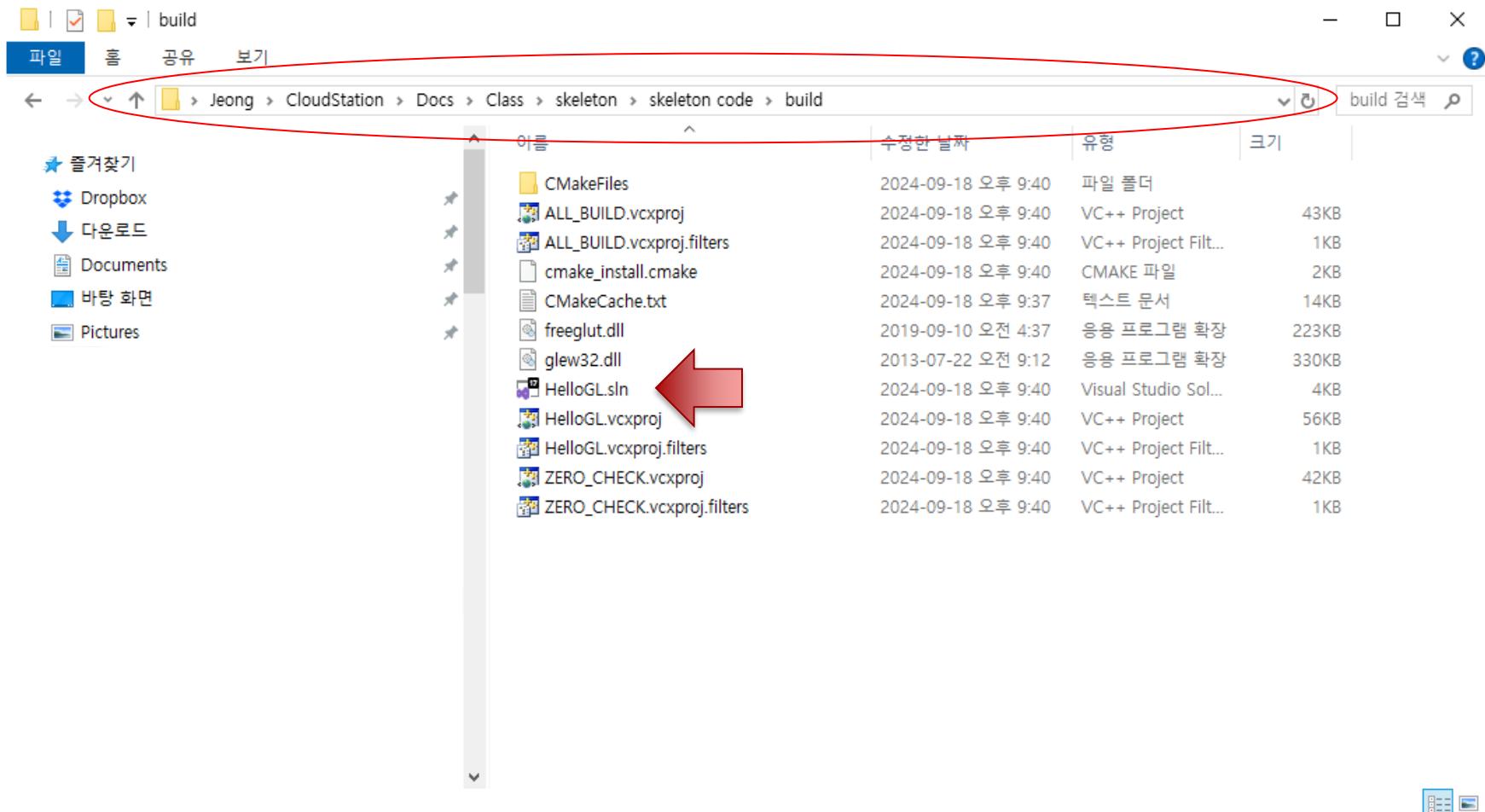
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Location of .sln File



새로운 기능 main.cpp CMakeLists.txt

HelloGL (전역 범위) reshape(int w, int h)

```
1 /*  
2  * Skeleton code for COSE436 Interactive Visualization  
3  *  
4  * Won-Ki Jeong, wkjeong@korea.ac.kr  
5  */  
6  
7 #include <stdio.h>  
8 #include <GL/glut.h>  
9  
10 void reshape(int w, int h)  
11 {  
12     glLoadIdentity();  
13     glViewport(0, 0, w, h);  
14     glOrtho(0, 100, 0, 100, 100, -100);  
15 }  
16  
17 void display(void) {  
18     glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);  
19  
20     // Draw something here!  
21     glColor3f(0, 0, 1);  
22     glRectf(30, 30, 70, 70);  
23  
24     glColor3f(1, 0, 1);  
25     glRectf(40, 40, 60, 60);  
26  
27     glutSwapBuffers();  
28 }  
29  
30 int main(int argc, char **argv) {  
31  
32     // init GLUT and create Window  
33     glutInit(&argc, argv);  
34     glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_DEPTH | GLUT_DOUBLE | GLUT_RGBA);  
35     glutInitWindowPosition(100, 100);  
36     glutInitWindowSize(800, 800);  
37 }
```

솔루션 탐색기 Set as Startup Project

솔루션 탐색기 검색(Ctrl+):

- 솔루션 'HelloGL' (3 프로젝트의 3)
 - ALL_BUILD
 - HelloGL
 - 참조
 - 외부 종속성
 - Source Files
 - main.cpp
 - CMakeLists.txt
 - ZERO_CHECK

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출력

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Hello World GL

- Use GLUT to handle GL windows and event
 - You do not need to use OS specific windows handling APIs
- GLUT is event-driven, callback function is called
 - When your screen is changed
 - When you press a keyboard
 - When you move mouse
 - When you are not doing anything



Create GL Window using GLUT

- Main window management and registering callback functions

```
int main(int argc, char** argv)
{
    glutInit(&argc, argv);
    glutInitDisplayMode (GLUT_DOUBLE | GLUT_RGB | GLUT_DEPTH);
    glutInitWindowSize (250, 250);
    glutInitWindowPosition (100, 100);
    glutCreateWindow (argv[0]);
    glutReshapeFunc(reshape);           // reshape callback
    glutDisplayFunc(display);          // display callback
    glutKeyboardFunc(keyboard);        // keyboard callback
    glutMouseFunc(mouse);             // Mouse callback
    glutMainLoop();
    return 0;
}
```

GLUT Functions

- **glutInit** allows application to get command line arguments and initializes system
- **gluInitDisplayMode** requests properties for the window (the *rendering context*)
 - RGB color
 - Double buffering
 - Use depth buffer
- **glutWindowSize** window size in pixels
- **glutWindowPosition** top-left corner position of display
- **glutCreateWindow** create window with title
- **glutDisplayFunc** display callback
- **glutMainLoop** enter infinite event loop

GLUT Callback Example

- glutKeyboardFunc(void(*f)(key, x, y))

```
void keyboard(unsigned char key, int x, int y)
{
    switch (key)
    {
        case 'Q' :
        case 'q' :
        case 27 : // ESC
            exit(0);
            break;
    }
}
```



Example: Hello World GL

```
#include <glut.h>

void reshape(int w, int h)
{
    glLoadIdentity();
    glViewport(0,0,w,h);
    glOrtho(0, 100, 0 ,100 , 100, -100);
}

void display(void)
{
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
    glColor3f(0,0,1);
    glRectf(30,30,70,70); —————— blue arrow
    glColor3f(1,0,1);
    glRectf(40,40,60,60); —————— magenta arrow
    glutSwapBuffers();
}

int main(int argc, char** argv)
{
    glutInit(&argc, argv);
    glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_DOUBLE | GLUT_RGB);
    glutCreateWindow("Hello World");
    glutReshapeFunc(reshape);
    glutDisplayFunc(display);
    glutMainLoop();

    return 0;
}
```

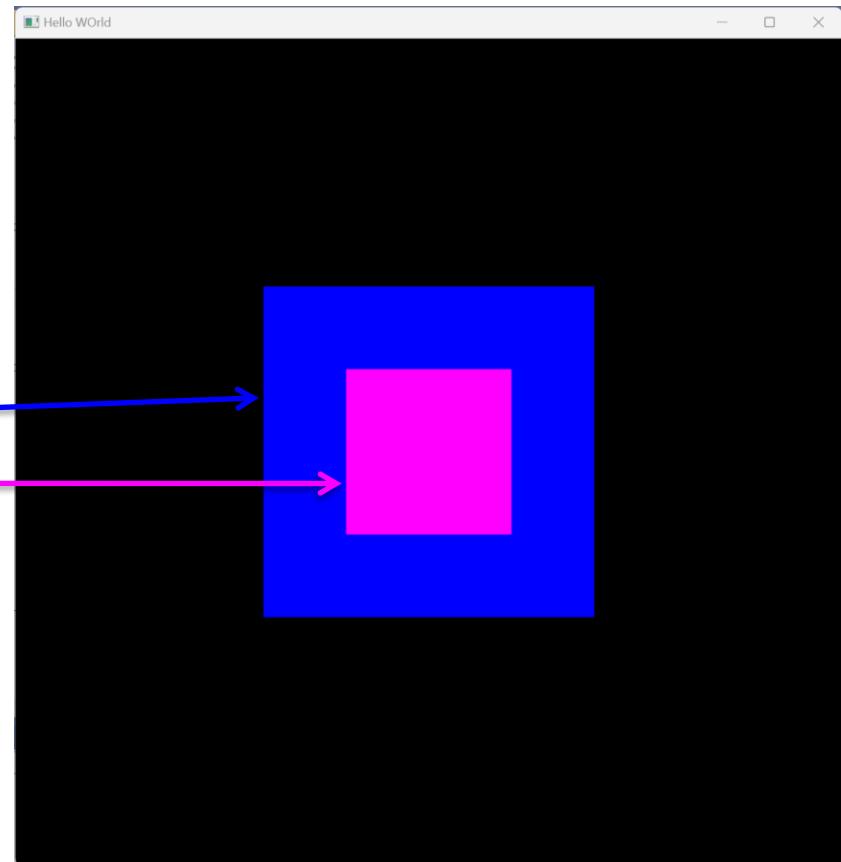
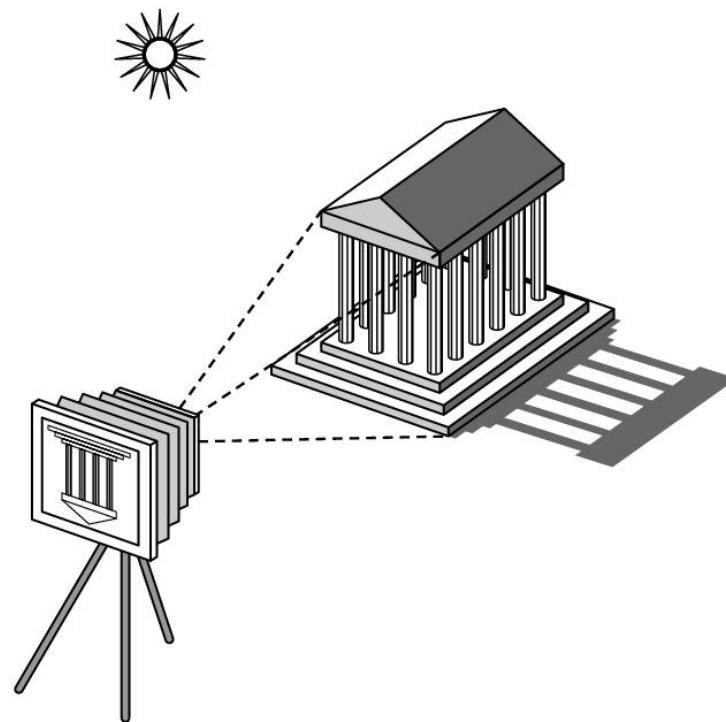


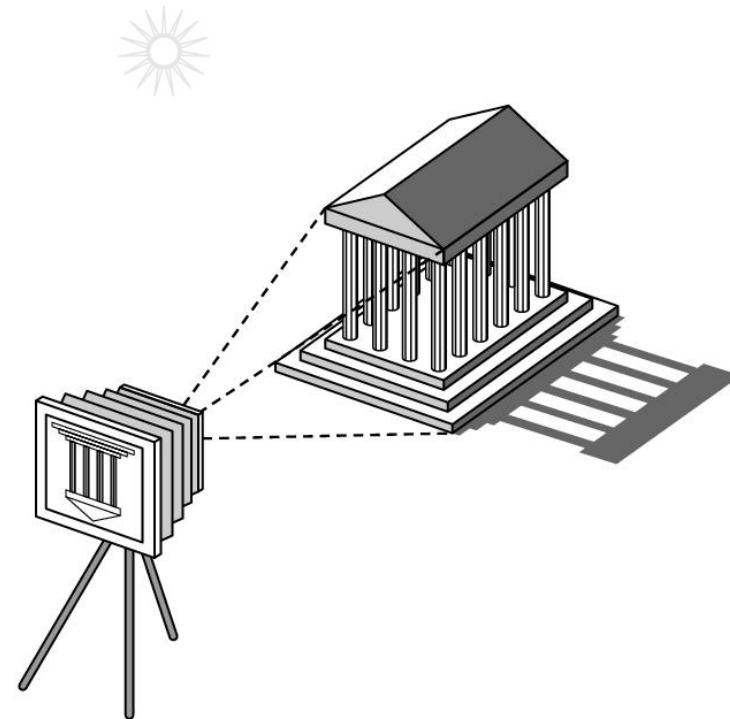
Image Formation

- Object
- Viewer
- Light sources



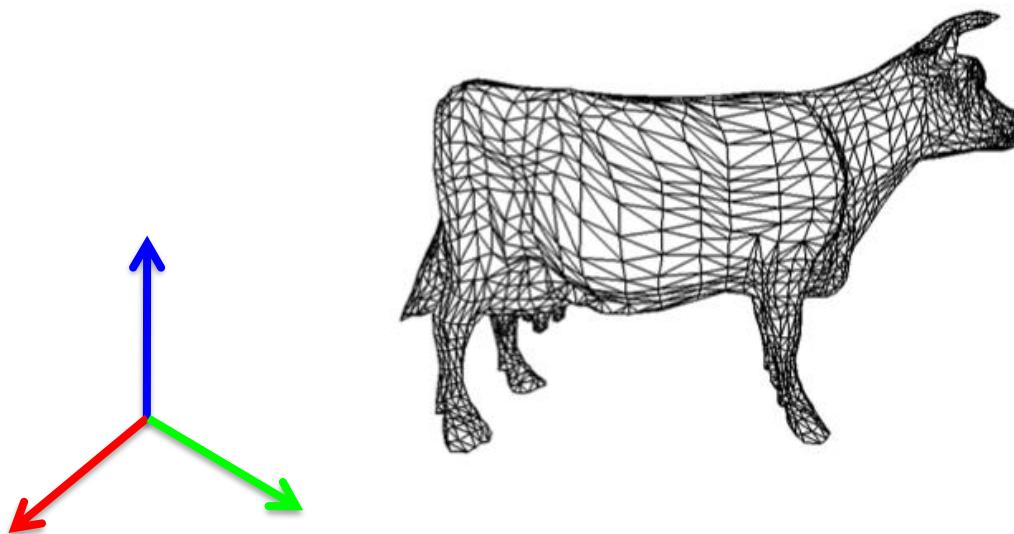
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Object in OpenGL

- How to place objects in 3D space?
 - Represent object as 3D polygons
 - Assign coordinate per vertex



Handling GL Data

- Immediate mode
 - Transfer data when rendering
 - Copy from CPU to GPU per render call
 - Expensive for large datasets
- Buffer objects
 - Data reside in GPU memory
 - Fast and flexible



Vertex Array

- Use array as vertex attributes
- Single GL draw command
- Stored in **client(CPU)**'s memory space
- Transfer data from client(CPU) to host(GPU) for rendering
 - *Immediate mode*

```
GLfloat vertices[] = { . . . };  
.  
. . .  
glEnableClientState(GL_VERTEX_ARRAY);  
glVertexPointer(3, GL_FLOAT, 0, vertices);  
  
glDrawArrays(GL_TRIANGLES, 0, n);  
  
glDisableClientState(GL_VERTEX_ARRAY);
```



Primitives

- From vertices to 3D objects
- How to tessellate (connect) vertices
- Point, Line, Polygon, 3D shapes

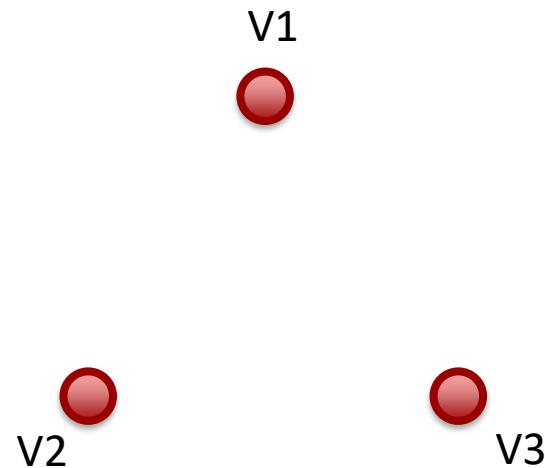
```
glDrawArrays(GL_TRIANGLES, 0, n);
```



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Point

- GL_POINTS



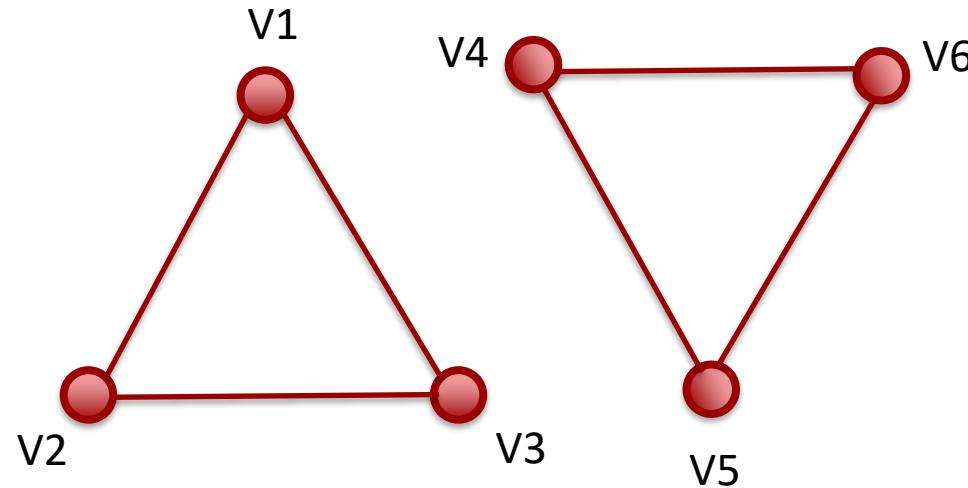
Line

- **GL_LINES**
 - Group every two vertices for a line segment



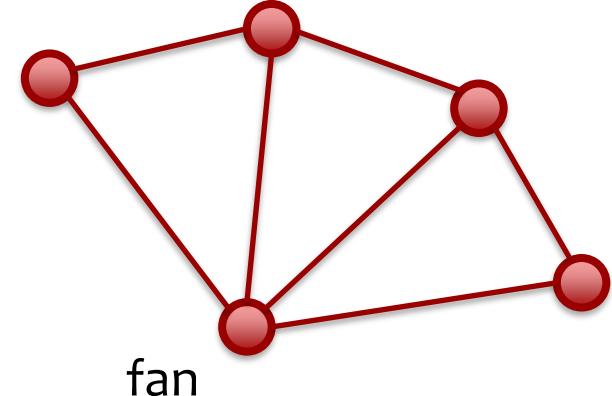
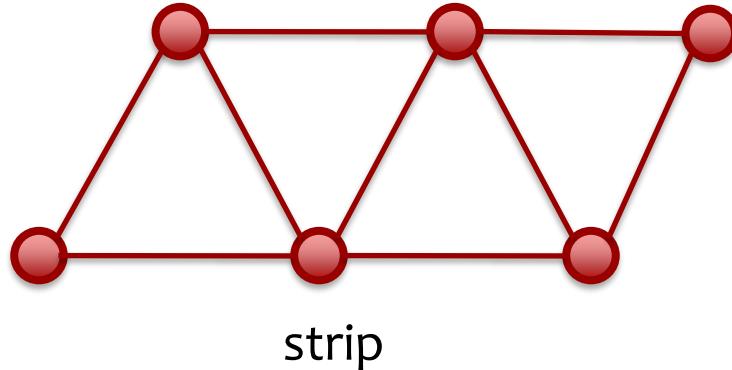
Triangle

- GL_TRIANGLES
 - Group every three vertices for a triangle



Other Primitives

- `GL_LINE_STRIP`, `GL_LINE_LOOP`
- `GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP`, `GL_TRIANGLE_FAN`
- `GL_QUADS`, `GL_QUAD_STRIP`
- `GL_POLYGON`



Handling Vertex Attributes

```
// two coords (x,y) per 2D vertex
float coords[6] = { 25,25, 75,50, 50,75 };

// three RGB values per vertex
float colors[9] = { 1,0,0, 0,1,0, 0,0,1 };

// Set data type and location
glVertexPointer( 2, GL_FLOAT, 0, coords );
glColorPointer( 3, GL_FLOAT, 0, colors );

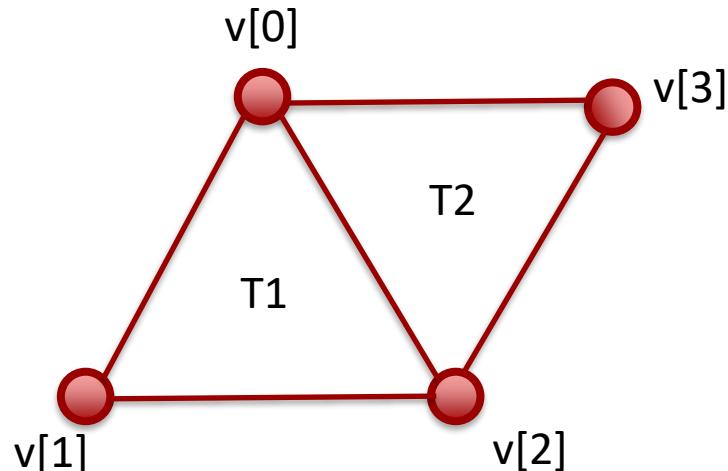
// Enable arrays
 glEnableClientState( GL_VERTEX_ARRAY );
 glEnableClientState( GL_COLOR_ARRAY );

// Draw triangle using 3 vertices, start with vertex 0
glDrawArrays( GL_TRIANGLES, 0, 3 );
```



Handling Redundant Vertices

- Use index array



```
// Coords for 3D vertices
float v[] = { 1.0,1.0,1.0,
              2.0,4.0,1.0,
              3.0,1.0,1.0,
              4.0,4.0,1.0 };

// Two triangles (T1, T2)
int idx = { 0,1,2, 0,2,3 };
```



Handling Vertex Index

```
// Cube example
// 8 vertices (3 coords/colors per vertex)
// 6 faces (4 indices per face)

float vertexCoords[24] = { ... };
float vertexColors[24] = { ... };
int indexArray[24] = { ... };

glVertexPointer( 3, GL_FLOAT, 0, vertexCoords );
glColorPointer( 3, GL_FLOAT, 0, vertexColors );

 glEnableClientState( GL_VERTEX_ARRAY );
 glEnableClientState( GL_COLOR_ARRAY );

glDrawElements( GL_QUADS, 24, GL_UNSIGNED_INT, indexArray );
```



Vertex/Index Buffer Object (VBO/IBO)

- Store vertices in **server(GPU)**'s memory space
- No transfer between client to server for rendering
- Most efficient method

Vertex Buffer Object

- Create buffer, bind buffer, copy data

```
float vertices[] = {....}; // n vertices  
GLuint buffer;  
glGenBuffers(1, &buffer);  
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, buffer);  
glBufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof(vertices), vertices,  
             GL_STATIC_DRAW);  
  
 glEnableClientState(GL_VERTEX_ARRAY);  
 glVertexPointer(3, GL_FLOAT, 0, 0);  
 // use currently bound buffer  
↑  
 # of vertices to draw  
glDrawArrays(GL_TRIANGLES, 0, n);
```



Index Buffer Object

- Create buffer, bind buffer, copy data

```
GLuint indices[] = {....}; // indices for n vertices  
GLuint ibo;  
glGenBuffers(1, &ibo);  
glBindBuffer(GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER, ibo);  
glBufferData(GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof(indices),  
             indices, GL_STATIC_DRAW);  
  
glDrawElements(GL_TRIANGLES, n, GL_UNSIGNED_INT, 0 );  
                         ↑  
                         # of vertices to draw  
                         ↑  
                         use currently bound buffer
```



Pre-defined 3D Shapes

- glut functions (solid, wire)
 - glut***Cube
 - glut***Tetrahedron
 - glut***Icosahedron
 - glut***Sphere
 - glut***Torus
 - glut***Cone
 - glut***Teapot



glutWireTeapot

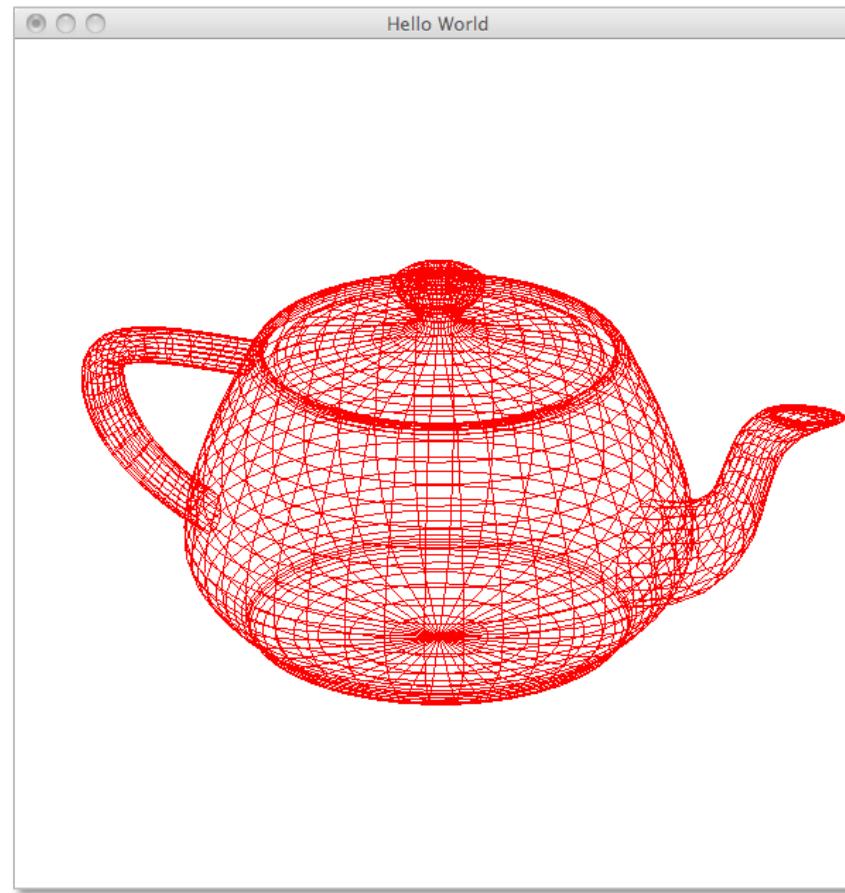
_glPolygonMode(face,mode)

- Polygon rasterization mode
- face
 - GL_FRONT
 - GL_BACK
 - GL_FRONT_AND_BACK
- mode
 - GL_POINT
 - GL_LINE
 - GL_FILL



Wireframe Rendering

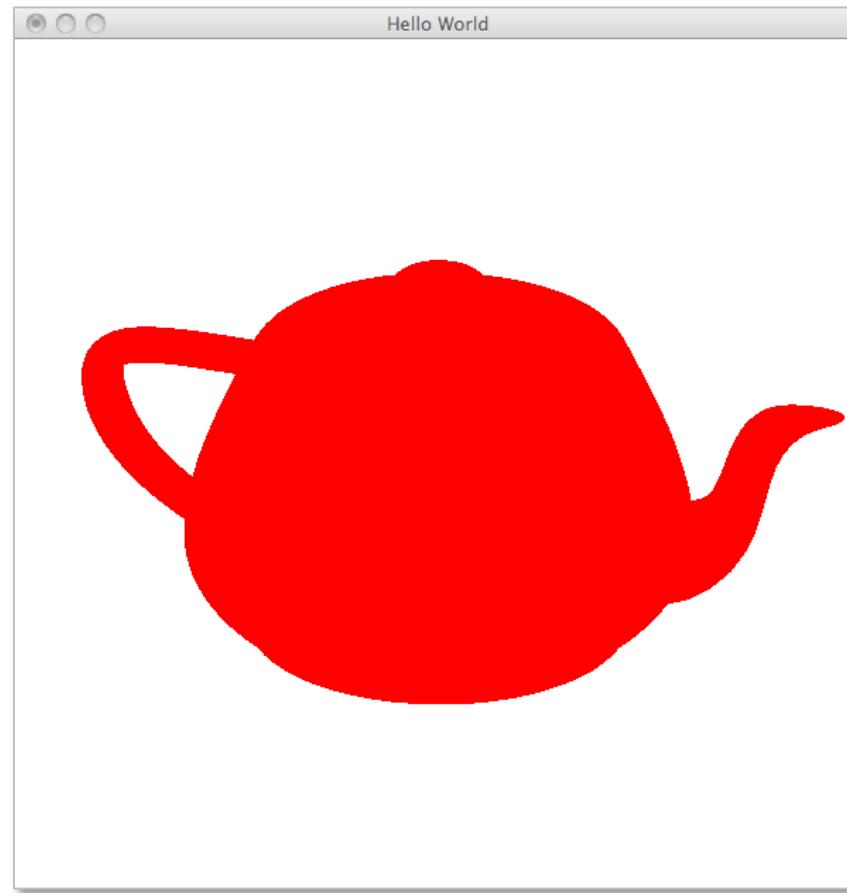
- `glPolygonMode(GL_FRONT_AND_BACK, GL_LINE)`



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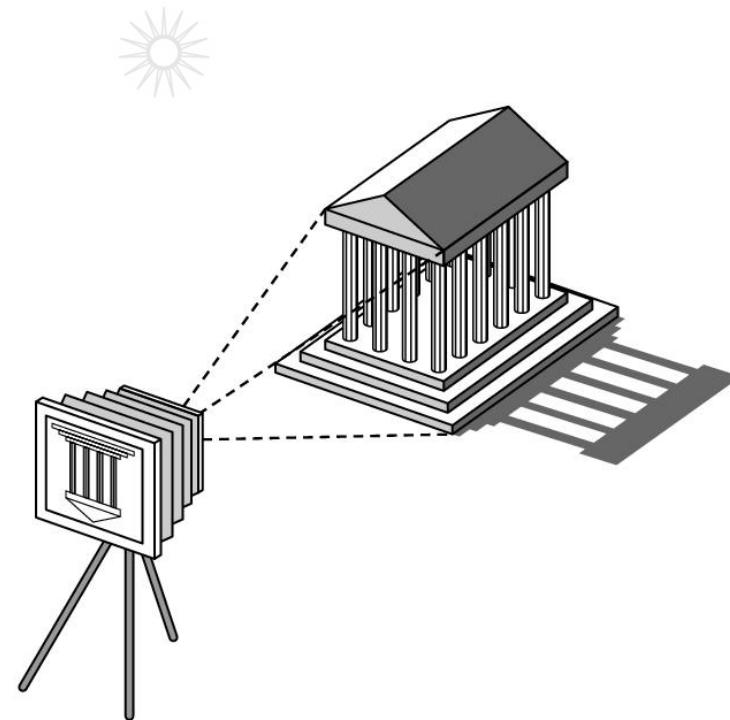
Solid Rendering

- `glPolygonMode(GL_FRONT_AND_BACK, GL_FILL)`



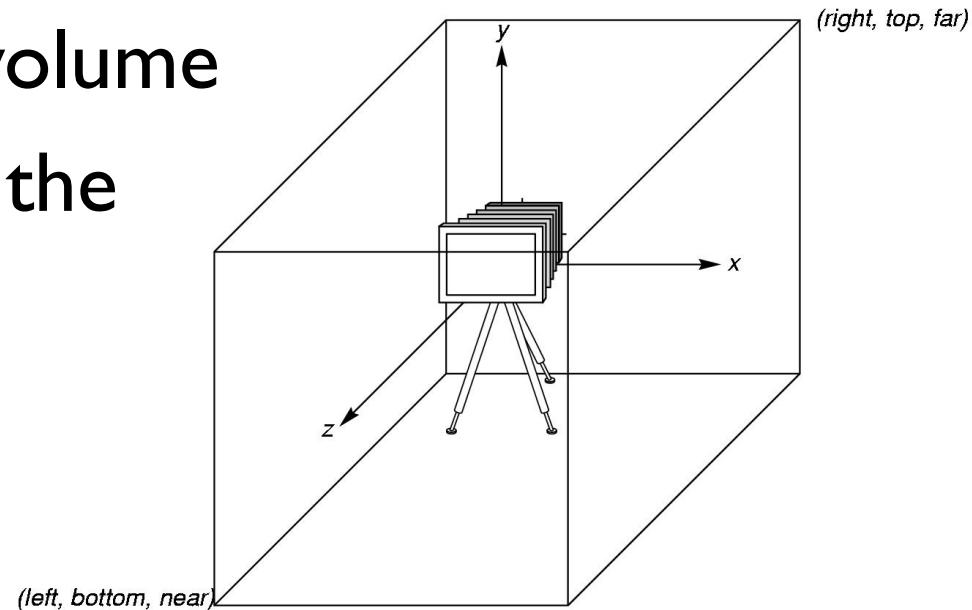
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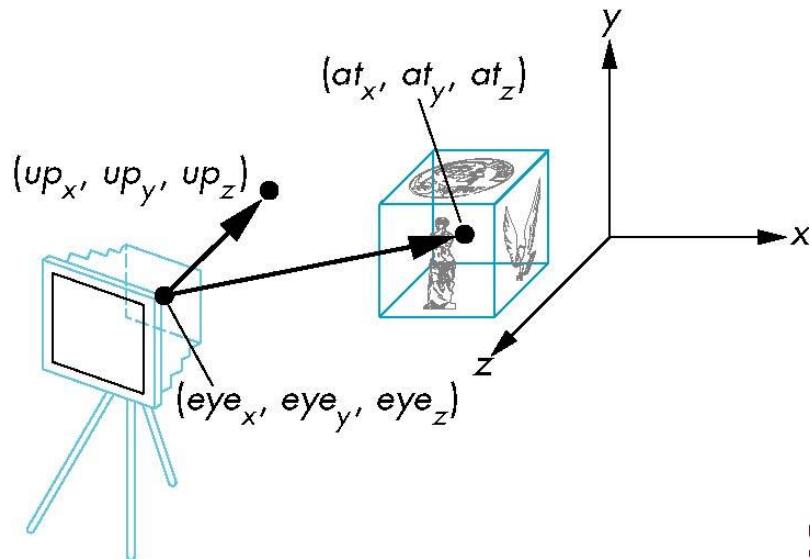
OpenGL Camera

- OpenGL places a camera at the **origin** in object space pointing in the **negative z** direction
- The default viewing volume is a box centered at the origin with sides of length 2



OpenGL Camera Commands

- Orientation
 - LookAt
- Field of view
 - Orthogonal/Perspective Projection
- Film/CCD
 - Buffers



LookAt

- Eye position, viewing direction, up vector



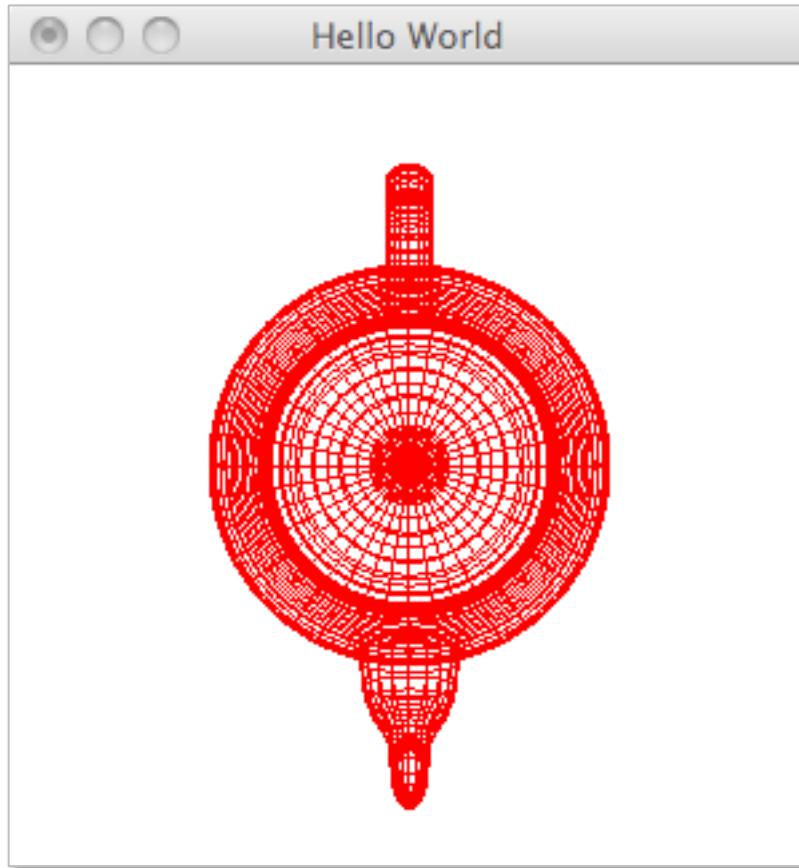
```
LookAt (0,0,100, 0,0,0, 0,1,0);
```



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LookAt

- Eye position, viewing direction, up vector



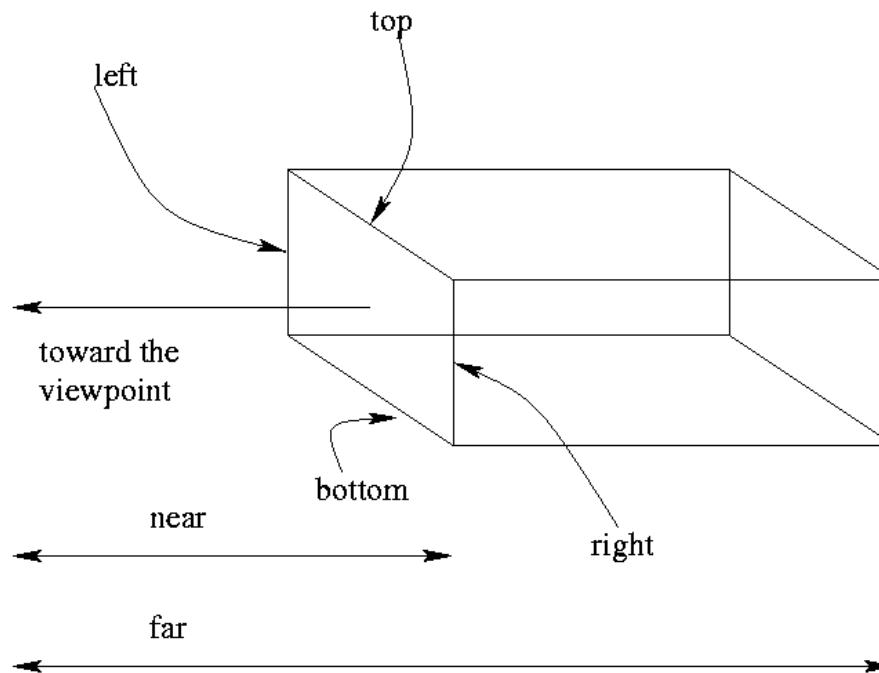
```
LookAt (0,100,0, 0,0,0, -1,0,0);
```



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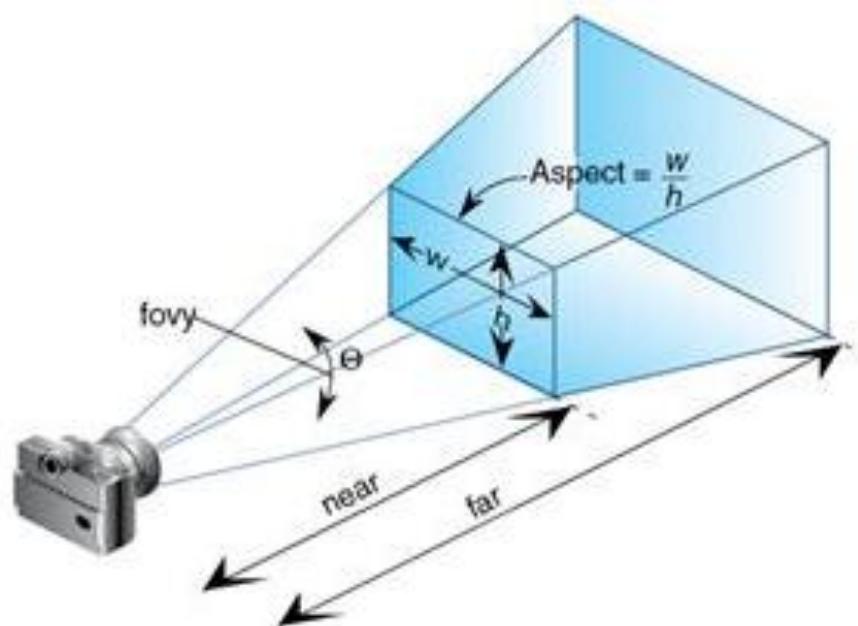
Orthogonal Projection

- left, right, bottom, top, near, far



Perspective Projection

- `fovy`, `aspect`, `near`, `far`



OpenGL Framebuffer

- Color buffers
 - Store pixel colors
 - Front, back, left, right, auxiliary
- Depth buffer
 - Store per-pixel depth value
- Stencil buffer
 - Mask for stencil test
- Accumulation buffer
 - Blend pixel values

Clear Buffers

- Set the clearing value for buffer
 - glClearColor, glClearIndex
 - glClearDepth
 - glClearStencil
 - glClearAccum
- Clear specific buffers
 - glClear(mask)
 - GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT, GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT...

```
glClearColor(1,1,1,0);
glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);

glClearDepth(1.0);
glClear(GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);
```

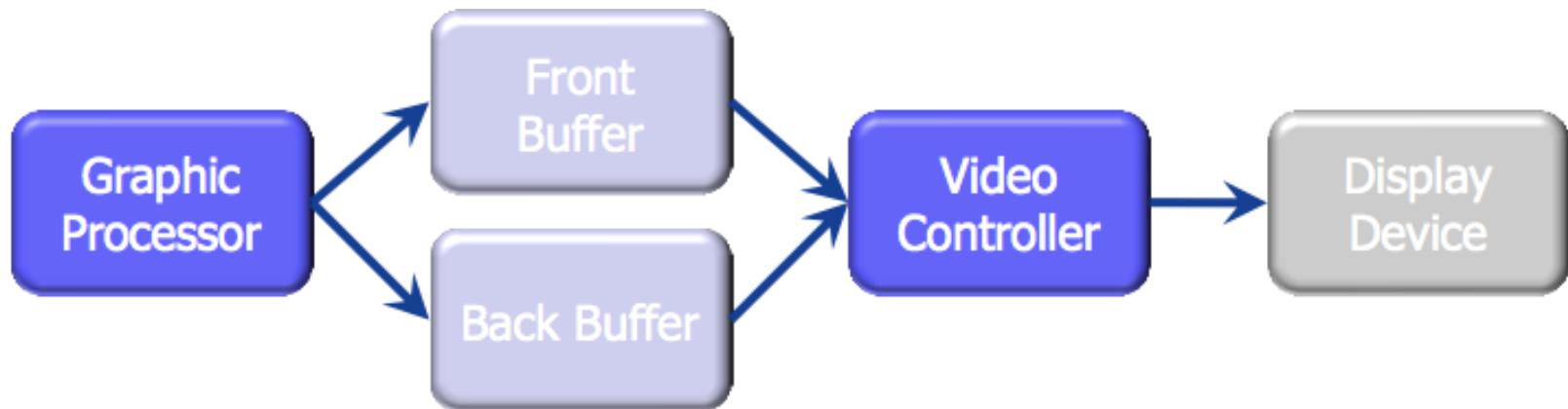


Select Buffers

- `glDrawBuffer(mode)`
 - Select target buffer to render onto
- `glReadBuffer(mode)`
 - Select buffer to read

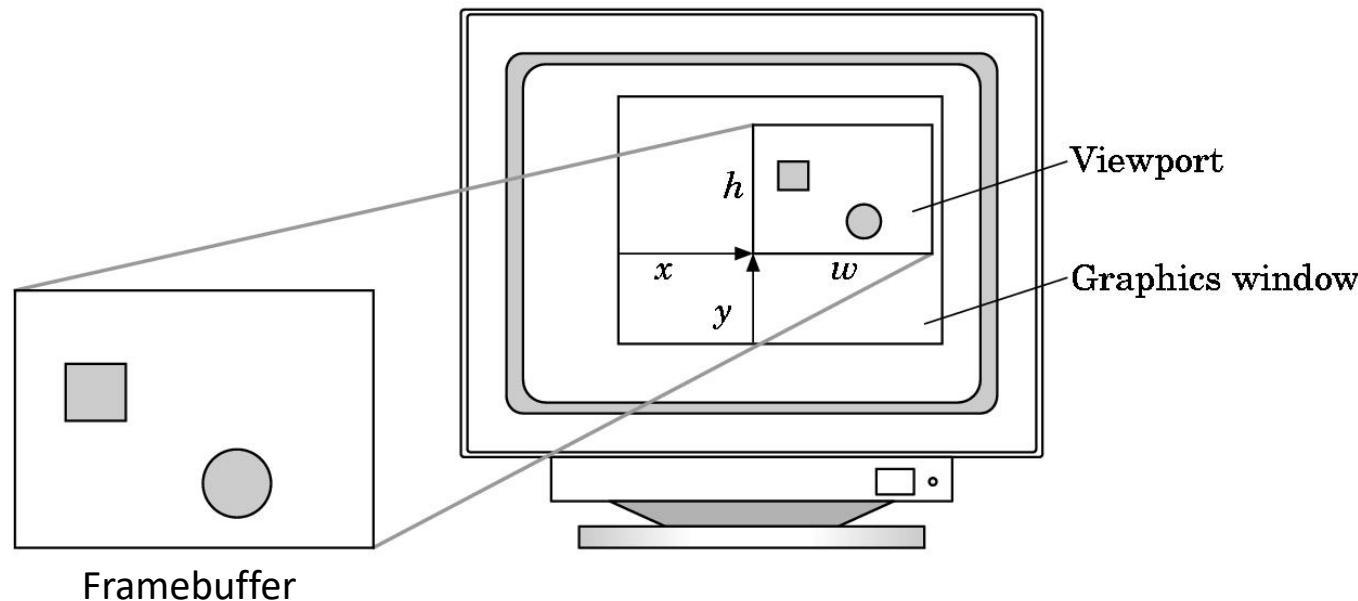
Double Buffering

- Rendering to framebuffer is slower than copying framebuffer to screen
- Use two buffers, `GL_FRONT` and `GL_BACK`
- Render to back buffer and swap
- Fast, reduce flickering and tearing



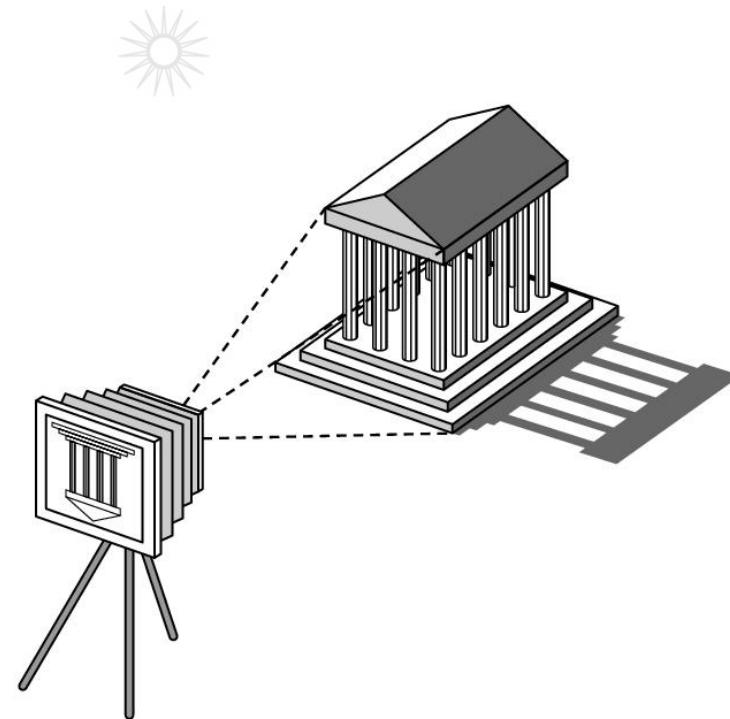
Viewport

- Mapping framebuffer to screen
 - `glViewport(x, y, w, h)`



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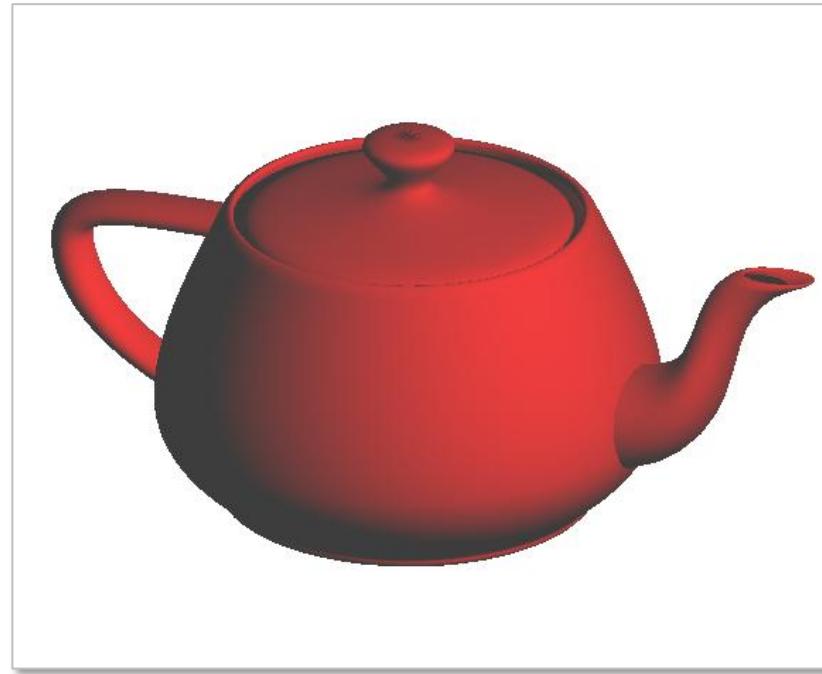
Shading Model

- Flat shading
 - Per-polygon shading
 - Constant color for a polygon



Shading Model

- Smooth shading
 - Per-vertex shading or per-pixel shading



Why?



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Depth Test

- Triangle rendering order is arbitrary
- You must discard fragments that are not visible

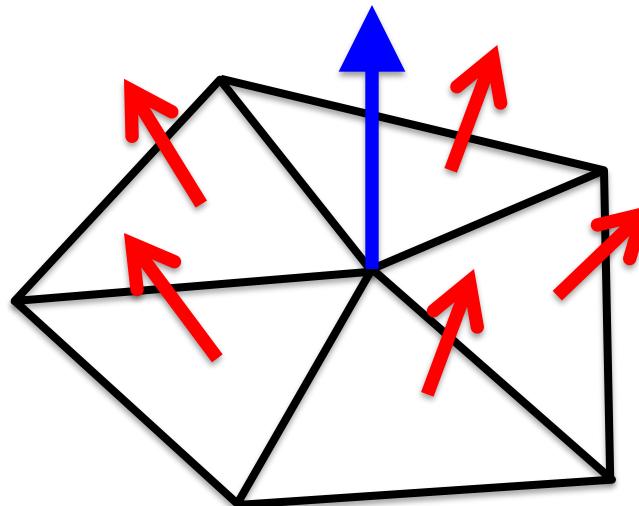
```
// once
glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_DEPTH | ...);
glEnable(GL_DEPTH_TEST);

...
// Before drawing something
glClearDepth(1.0);
glClear(GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT | ...)
```



Note

- You need to calculate per-vertex normals and assign them as vertex attribute
- Per-vertex normal can be an average of neighbor triangle normals



Questions?



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