

3D Modeling Assignment 2 : Constructing and displaying an airport model.

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## Introduction.

The goal of this assignment was to be able to create a functional model loader and load in multiple different models to construct an airport. We needed to use a mixture of both C++ and OpenGL to build the model loader.

The model loader needed to be able to read a number of different line within a (.obj) file and save all of the data from it. It first needed to read the v line then if there were any the vn and finally the vt lines. Vectors for the data needed to be created to store the data so that they could be drawn later.

After the model was created the a texture needed to be associated with it to give the scene more depth. So thus a texture loader was required, using the provided C++ and header files I slotted the texture loader into my existing code and it worked perfectly.

With that I had all of the tools I needed to construct the scene, I figured out how to position the models within the scene and quickly added the corresponding functions into my model class.

However, due to a lack of time after having an embarrassing number of issues with the actual model loading from an (.obj) file itself; I was unable to implement a system where the scene could be easily loaded from an external file and had to resort to hard coding the scene into the program.

## What Went Well.

After I was able to implement a system wherein the model could be loaded into the scene from an (.obj) file I was rather quick at implementing the following systems; ones like loading the textures from the file, positioning the models and the interaction the classes had with each other.

## What Was Learnt.

I now have a firm grasp on how to use OpenGL and I can now confidently load models and textures from an external file.

I have learnt and become more adept at using the 3D modeling software Maya, a skill which will be pretty useful in the future no doubt.

Improvements.

If I were to attempt this assignment again with fresh eyes, I would most importantly add in a more fluid system for moving the camera, ideally one which centers on mouse movement to control what the user is looking at.

The next improvement I would make would be to include a more diverse selection of models in the scene, at first I was rather ambitious with the number of models I wanted to include in the scene, (as shown within my reference images folder); but upon my first stumble I lost a lot of time attempting to fix my issues, and thus was unable to create my grand scene.

Class Diagrams :







