JCAT Game Engine Proposal

Description: JCAT Game engine is a project where we build a game engine from scratch using Vulkan and C/C++. We started this project because we wanted to learn how low level graphics programming works and wanted to learn the process of how a game is created from the primitive level. The goal by the end of this semester is to have a functional game engine that we could use to develop a game with. We also want to be able to have a deep understanding of how the game engine works.

Communication:

Communication channel - https://github.com/JCAT-Games/JCAT-Game-Engine

Techstack:

C/C++

Vulkan

GLFW

Glm

glslc

Blender

CMake

Make

Goals

- 1. Develop a deep understanding of low-level graphics programming
- 2. Gain a comprehensive understanding of the functionality and architecture of a game engine.
- 3. Learn and apply C++, C, and Vulkan to design and develop a game engine.
- 4. Design and implement a game engine that facilitates the development of games in the foreseeable future.
- 5. Develop the capability to integrate and utilize 3D models within our game engine.
- 6. Integrate and implement shaders within our game engine to enhance visual rendering.
- 7. Implement a physics engine to simulate realistic physical interactions within our game engine.
- 8. Implement particle systems and visual effects to enhance the realism and visual dynamics of the game engine.

Milestones

Milestones for September:

- Start our GitHub repository
- Get all members development set up
- Learn the basics of Vulkan and graphics programming

Milestone for October:

- Begin working on the game engine
- Create classes for our graphics pipeline
- Configure CMake and Make instructions to build on different machines

Milestone for November:

- Start developing to load models, objects, images, etc.
- Start developing code for physics engine and simulation (Maybe)
- Look into implementing animation systems
- Start developing a layer to build games from the engine

Milestone for December:

- Finalize the game engine
- Have a deep understanding of how the game engine works and its processes

Current Team Members:

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