

VERGELIJKENDE STUDIE

WebGL vs Canvas2D



Feiten

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WEBGL

- ◆ Javascript API
- ◆ <canvas> context
- ◆ Low-level
- ◆ 2D & 3D

CANVAS 2D

- Javascript API
- <canvas> context
- High-level
- 2D

BROWSER COMPATIBILITY



WEBGL

- ◆ Chrome 9
- ◆ Firefox 4
- ◆ IE 11 (partially)
- ◆ Opera 11
- ◆ Safari 5.1
- ◆ only 10% mobile support

CANVAS 2D

- Chrome 1
- Firefox 1.5
- IE 9
- Opera 9
- Safari 9

Complexiteit

LEARNING CURVE



WEBGL

- ◆ Hard & Long
- ◆ Low-level

CANVAS 2D

- ▶ Easy
- ▶ High-level

EXAMPLE: DRAWING AN IMAGE

WEBGL

- ◆ Draw A quad (2 triangles)
- ◆ Provide x&y for every vertex
- ◆ Attach texture
- ◆ ...

CANVAS 2D

- Create image and set x&y coordinates

EXAMPLE: DRAWING AN IMAGE (CODE)



WEBGL

- ◆ See [webgl/sample_1](#)
- ◆ ~140 lines of code

CANVAS 2D

- See [canvas2D/sample_1](#)
- ~3 lines of code



PERFORMANCE

PERFORMANCE TEST

- ◆ Add rectangles to scene
- ◆ Until fps < 30

PERFORMANCE TEST



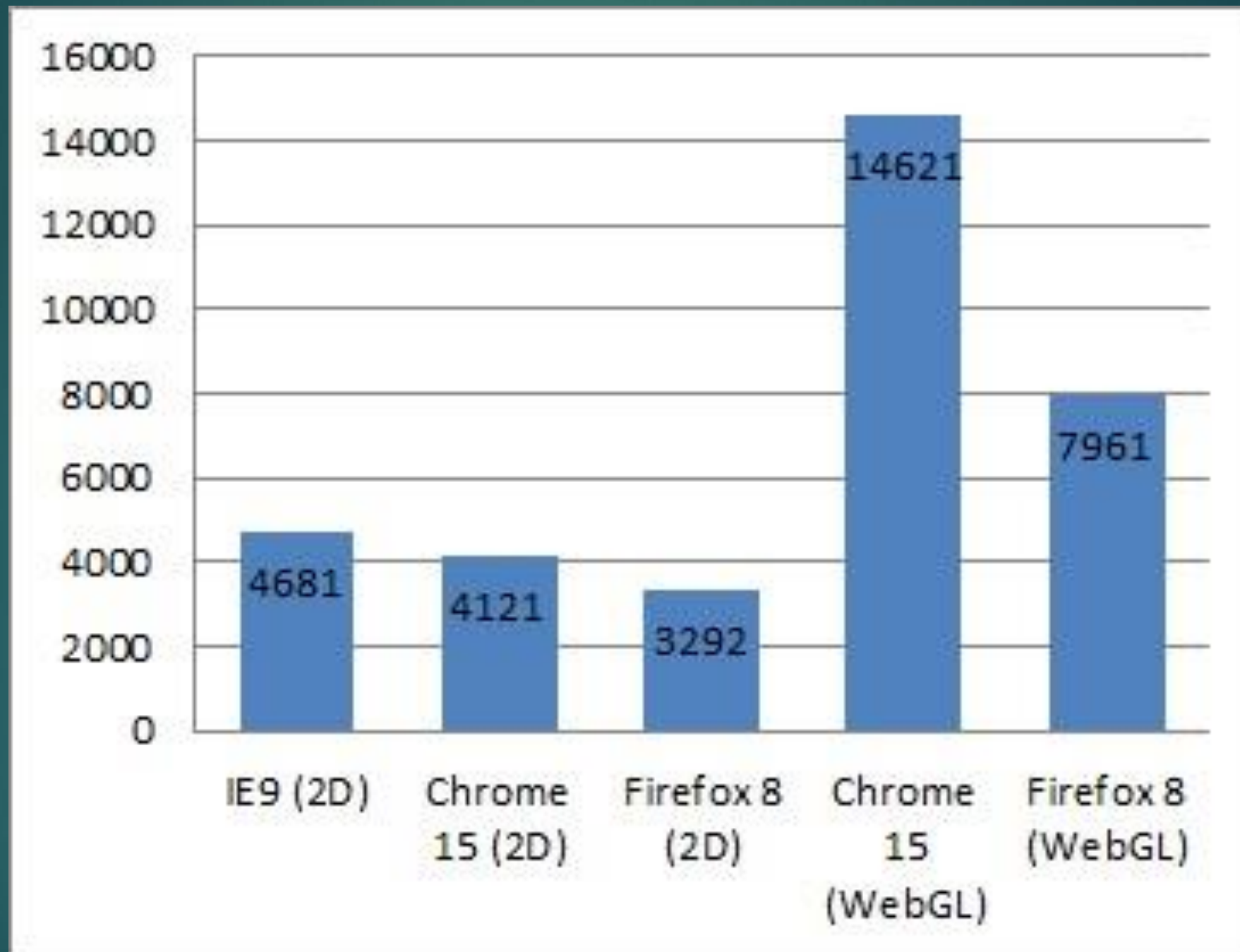
WEBGL

- ◆ Stops at ~1000 objects (safari) => Buffer data takes time
- ◆ Stops at ~14000 objects (chrome) => without buffer:
- ◆ GPU IS FAST! but sending data to it, not so much!

CANVAS 2D

- ▶ Stops at ~2000 objects (safari)
- ▶ Stops at ~2000 objects (Chrome)

PERFORMANCE TEST (Externe bron)



DRAWING AN IMAGE (Voorbeeld)



WEBGL

◆ See [webgl/sample_2](#)

CANVAS 2D

► See [canvas2D/sample_2](#)



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- ◆ Canvas 2D is fast but WebGL is king
- ◆ Canvas 2D is easier to learn and use
- ◆ Chrome beats all
- ◆ GPU Drawing speed will always be faster then you are
- ◆ WebGL not good for mobile