UI

(in 3D games)

Integrated / In-World UI

(UI uses X, Y, Z and is placed in the world)







UI Overlay

(what we originally did in 2D)







You may have noticed when drawing text in our newer projects, the UI was placed "in world."

This is due to everything being affected by the projection and view matrices.

```
attribute vec4 position;
attribute vec2 texCoord;
uniform mat4 modelMatrix;
uniform mat4 viewMatrix;
uniform mat4 projectionMatrix;
varying vec2 texCoordVar;
void main()
    vec4 p = viewMatrix * modelMatrix * position;
    texCoordVar = texCoord;
    gl_Position = projectionMatrix * p;
```

How do we break free of the 3D projection matrix and the moving view matrix to draw our UI in 2D?

We add an orthographic projection matrix and a non moving view matrix!

(just like we did way back)



Update main.cpp

```
// Add to the top
glm::mat4 uiViewMatrix, uiProjectionMatrix;
GLuint fontTextureID;
// Add inside of initialize
uiViewMatrix = glm::mat4(1.0);
uiProjectionMatrix = glm::ortho(-6.4f, 6.4f, -3.6f, 3.6f, -1.0f, 1.0f);
// Make sure you have a font in your project.
fontTextureID = Util::LoadTexture("font.png");
```

Update main.cpp

```
// Top of Render
program.SetProjectionMatrix(projectionMatrix);
program.SetViewMatrix(viewMatrix);
// Draw 3D objects here...
// Once we are done drawing 3D objects...switch!
program.SetProjectionMatrix(uiProjectionMatrix);
program.SetViewMatrix(uiViewMatrix);
Util::DrawText(&program, fontTextureID, "Lives: 3", 0.5, -0.3f,
                                                qlm::vec3(-6, 3.2, 0));
```

Let's Code!

Update main.cpp

Add the UI Matrices
Update Render
Draw Text

What about icons?



We can use our usual 2D drawing code!

Update Util.h

```
// Add this definition
static void DrawIcon(ShaderProgram *program, int iconTexture, glm::vec3 position);
```

Update Util.cpp

```
void Util::DrawIcon(ShaderProgram *program, GLuint iconTexture, glm::vec3 position)
   glm::mat4 modelMatrix = glm::mat4(1.0f);
   modelMatrix = glm::translate(modelMatrix, position);
   program->SetModelMatrix(modelMatrix);
   glVertexAttribPointer(program->positionAttribute, 2, GL_FLOAT, false, 0, vertices);
   glEnableVertexAttribArray(program->positionAttribute);
   glVertexAttribPointer(program->texCoordAttribute, 2, GL_FLOAT, false, 0, texCoords);
   glEnableVertexAttribArray(program->texCoordAttribute);
   glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, iconTexture);
   glDrawArrays(GL_TRIANGLES, 0, 6);
   glDisableVertexAttribArray(program->positionAttribute);
   glDisableVertexAttribArray(program->texCoordAttribute);
```

Update main.cpp

```
// Add to the top
GLuint heartTextureID;
// Add inside of initialize
heartTextureID = Util::LoadTexture("platformPack_item017.png");
// Add inside of Render
for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
     // These icons are small, so just move 0.5 to the right for each one.
     Util::DrawIcon(&program, heartTextureID, glm::vec3(5 + (i * 0.5f), 3.2, 0));
```

Let's Code!



Update main.cpp
Update Util.h and Util.cpp
Add the heart to your project

You can find it here (item 17):