Introduction to Computer Graphics

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About This Course

- Lectures:
  - p.m. 3:10~6:00, Tuesday
  - R4263, CSIE
- Prerequisites
  - Programming skills in C/C++/Java
  - Data structures
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- Textbooks:
  - E. Angel, Interactive Computer Graphics 6th Ed., Addison-Wesley, 2012.
  - D. Hearn, M.P.Baker, Computer Graphics with OpenGL 3rd Ed., Prentice Hall, 2004.
  - Tomas Akenine-Moller, Eric Haines, Naty Hoffman, Real-Time Rendering, 3rd Ed., 2008.
  - Matt Pharr, Greg Humphreys, Physically Based Rendering, From Theory To Implementation, 2nd Ed., 2010.
  - Christer Ericson, Real-Time Collision Detection (The Morgan Kaufmann Series in Interactive 3-D Technology), 2004.
  - Watt. 3D Computer Graphics, 3rd ed., Addison-Wesley, 1999.

What Can I Learn from This Course?

- Fundamentals of computer graphics techniques.
- Programming ability of OpenGL Shading Language (GLSL).
- Some of 2D image special effects and usage of editing tools.

Syllabus

- 2/23 Overview of Computer Graphics + HW1
- 3/1 Computer Animation Pipeline
- 3/8 Data Representation
- 3/15 Rendering Pipeline
- 3/22 Coordinates and Transformations
- 3/29 Introduction of GLSL+ HW2
- 4/5 Spring Vacation
- 4/12 Basic Shading Algorithms (Part I)
- 4/19 Basic Shading Algorithms (Part II) + HW3
- 4/26 Surface Reconstruction
- 5/3 Image Processing + HW4
- 5/10 Computer Animation
- 5/17 參訪西基電腦動畫股份有限公司
- 5/24 Physically Based Rendering
- 5/31 Global Illumination (Part I)
- 6/7 Global Illumination (Part II)
- 6/14 3D Stereo and 3D Compression
- 6/21 Final Project Demo

Grading

- HW1: Create your own 3D model by Blender 3D (10%)
  - Deadline: 02/29 pm 10:00
- HW2: GLSL (15%)
  - Deadline: 04/11 pm 10:00
- HW3: GLSL (15%)
  - Deadline: 05/02 pm 10:00
- HW4: GLSL (15%)
  - Deadline: 05/23 pm 10:00
- Midterm: Paper presentation each week (15%)
- Final: Project (30%)
  - Deadline: 06/20 pm 10:00

Course Notice

- Office hour:
  - By an appointment
- No late submission of HW !
- Discussion is encouraged, but plagiarize (even the codes from websites) is not allowed !
- Food is ok~
- Zzz…not that ok~

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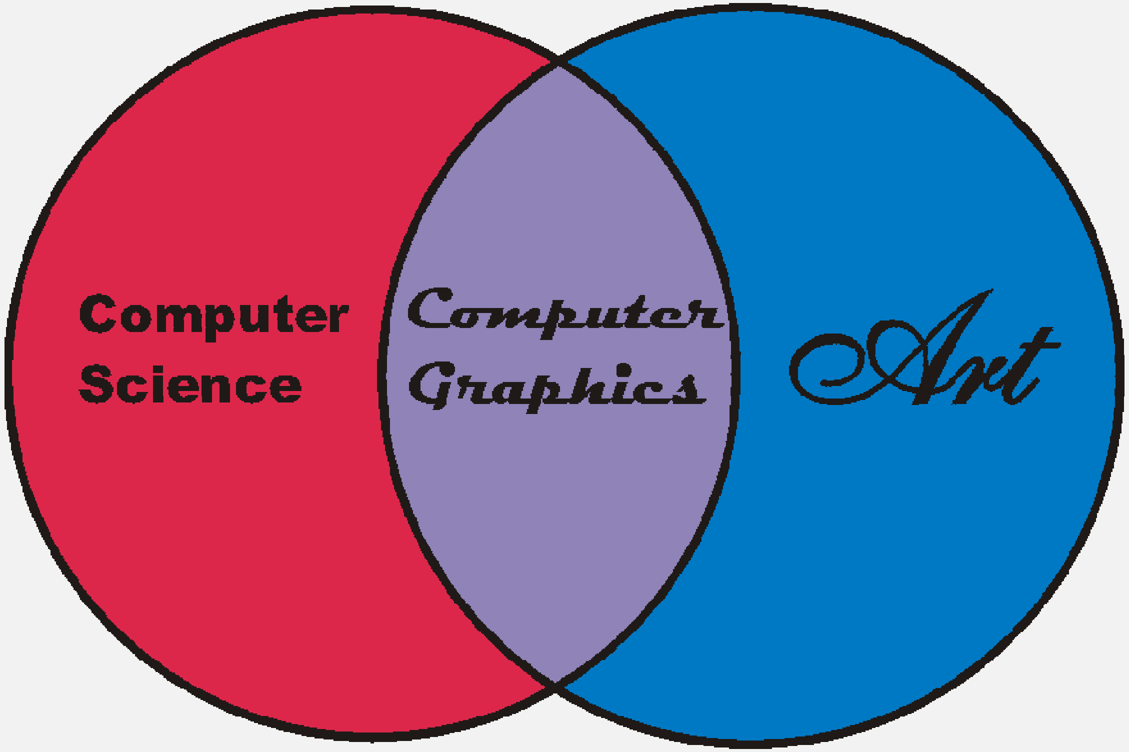

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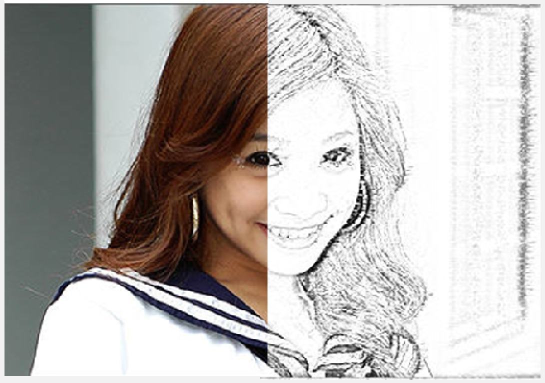
- Computer Graphics
  - Producing pictures or images using computer.
  - Displaying a realistic virtual environment or synthesizing virtual objects in real time.
    - Mainly focusing on 3D graphics
  - Displaying a real scene/object with specific styles.




Behind The Scenes: Angry Birds 2 Launch Film

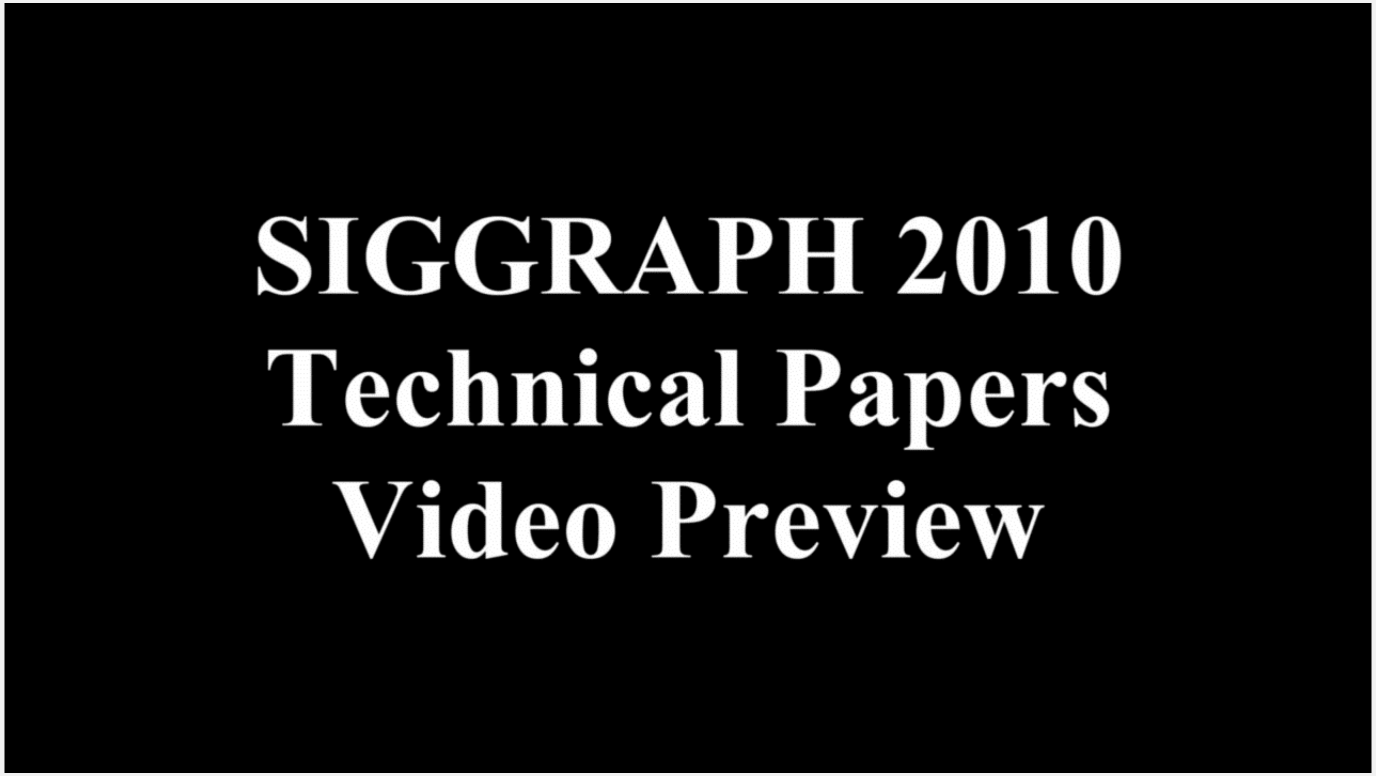
Face Transformation

Real Digital Human Face

Facial Reenactment

3D Avatar Creation

SIGGRAPH 2010



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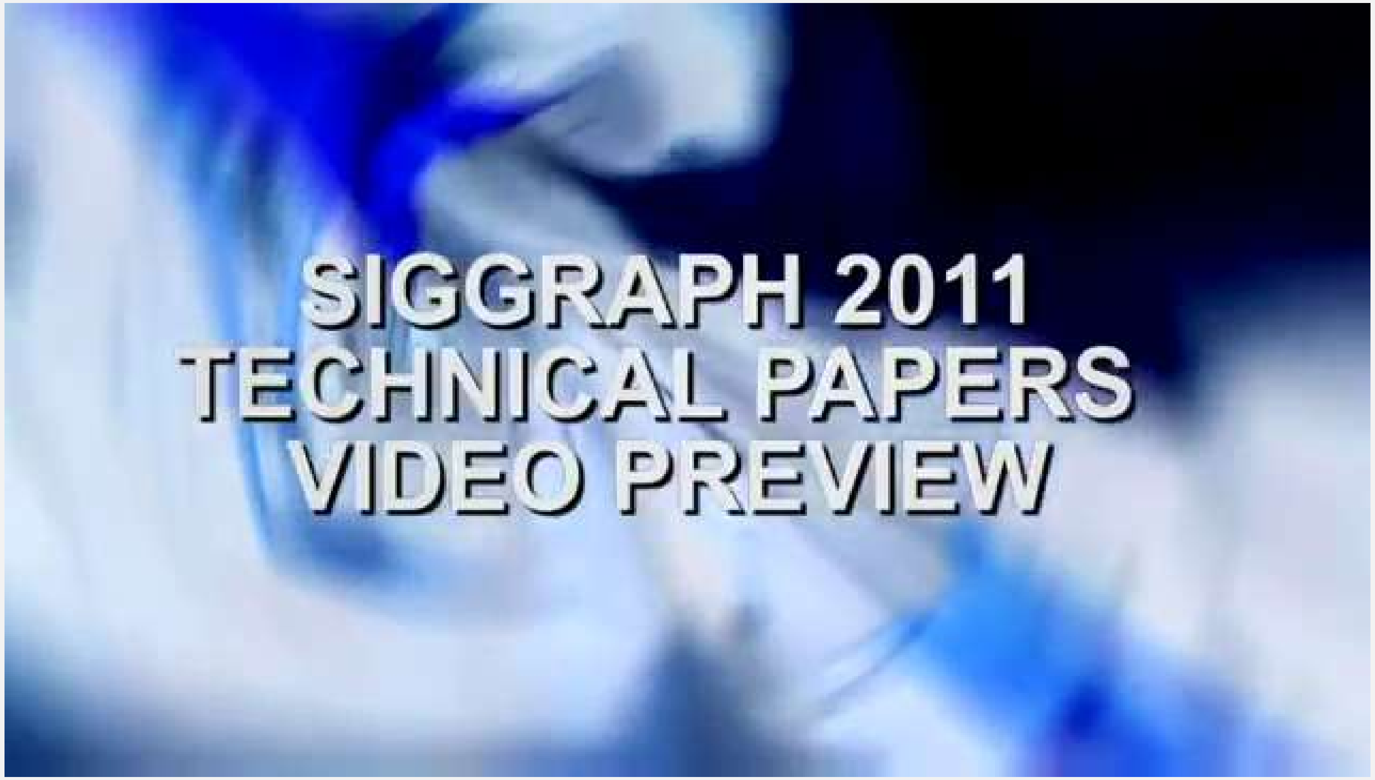

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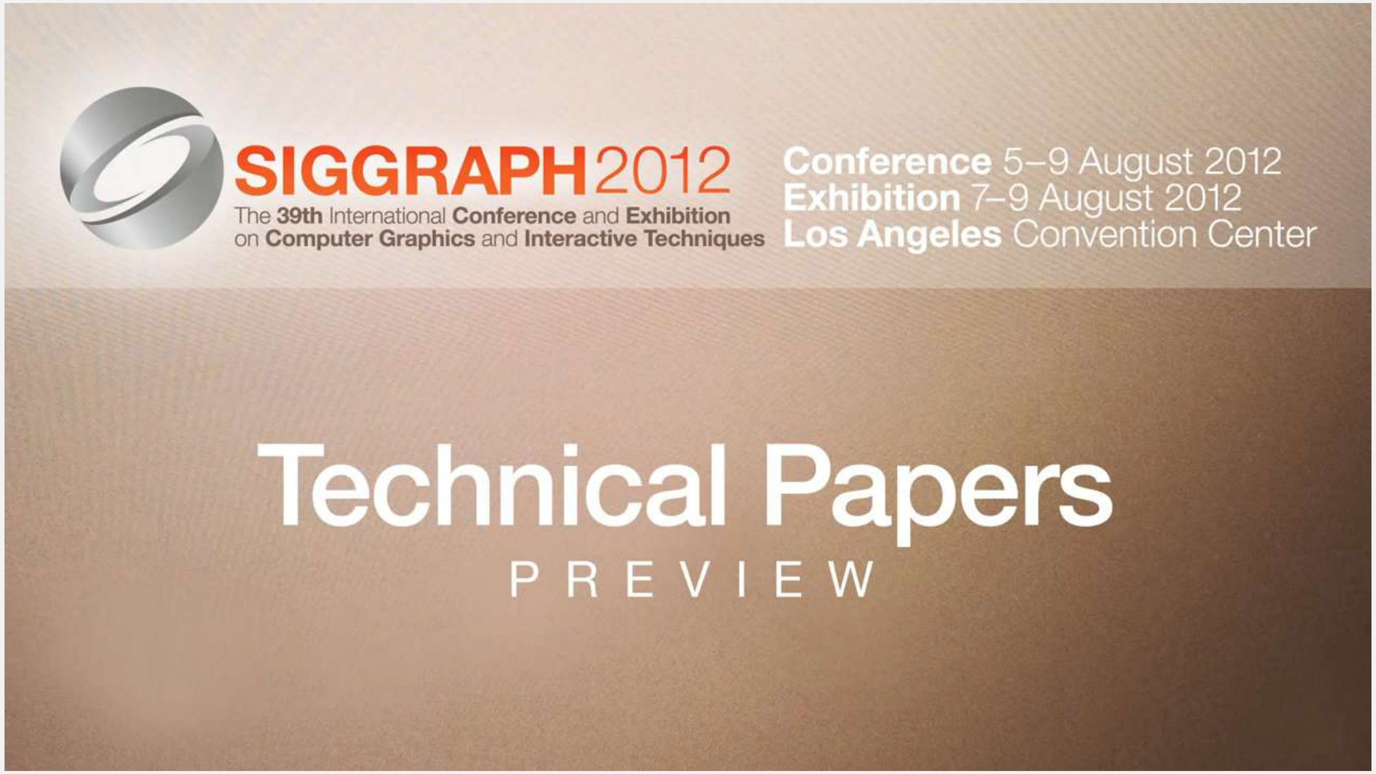

SIGGRAPH 2013

SIGGRAPH 2014

SIGGRAPH 2015

SIGGRAPH 2015 (Real Time Live)

SIGGRAPH 2015 (Computer Animation Festival)

CG or Magic ??

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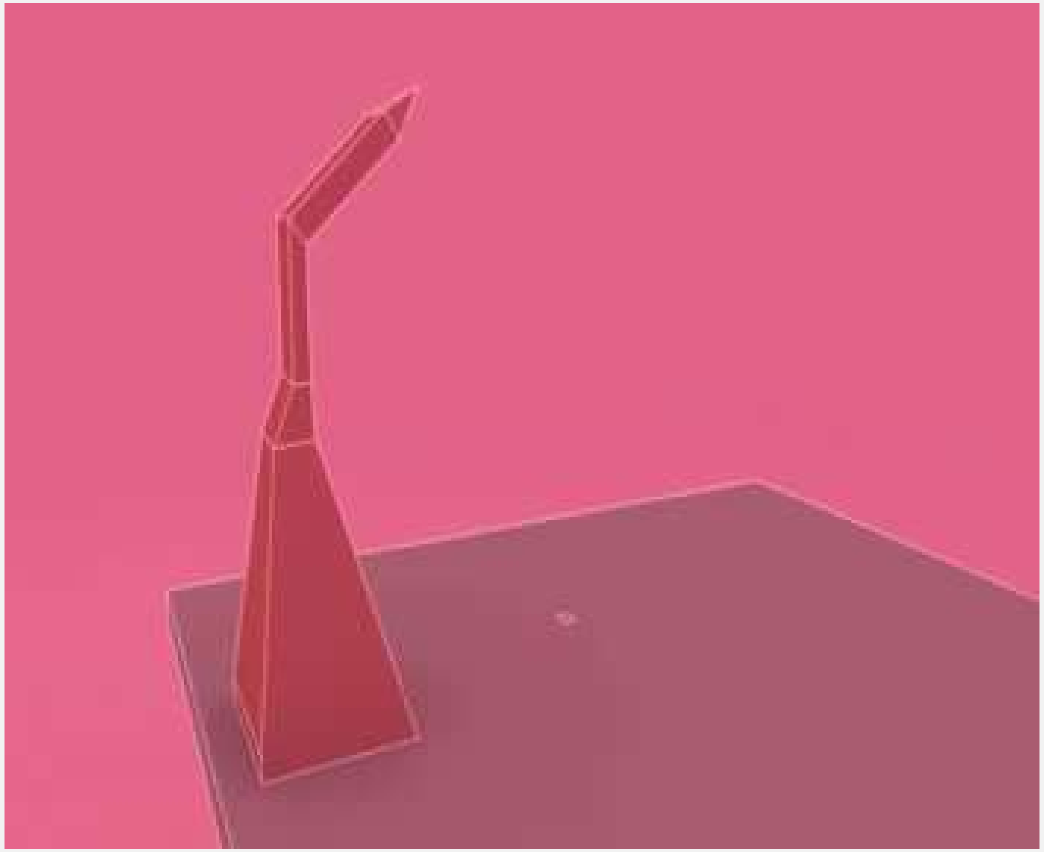


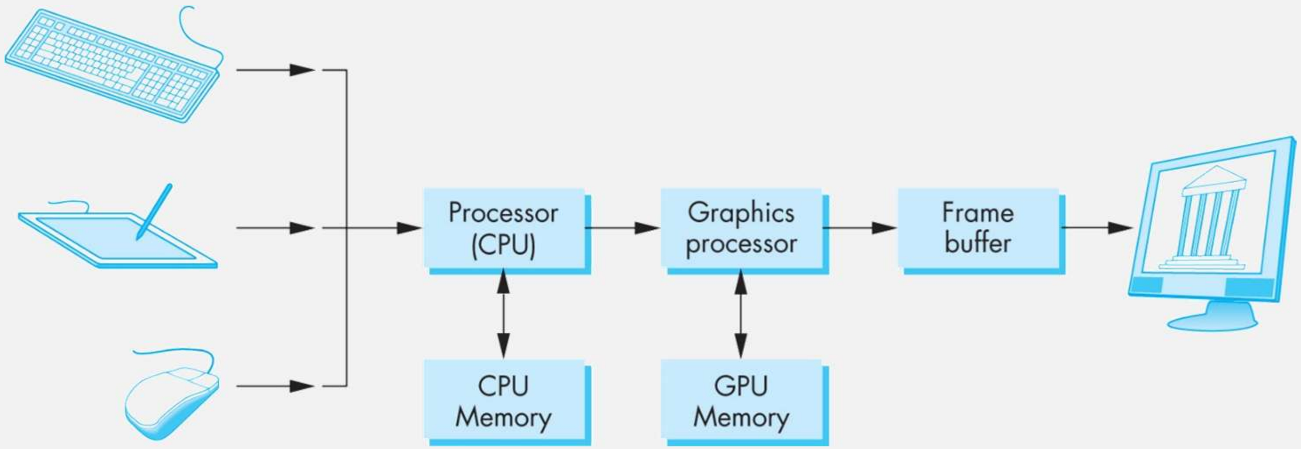
獲2005年ACM SIGGRAPH 國際動畫展「電子劇院」觀眾票選第一名。導演全明遠，編劇孫春望。

Applications of Computer Graphics

- Display/visualization of information
  - Architectural/mechanical drafting systems
  - Cartography
  - Plotting packages to visualize multiple large data sets
  - Medical imaging (CT/MRI)
- Design
  - Computer-aided design (CAD)
  - Very-large-scale integrated (VLSI) circuits design
- Simulation and animation
  - Training of pilots
  - 2D/3D motion-pictures in TV/advertising industries
  - Virtual Reality (VR) & Augmented Reality (AR)
- User interface
  - Windowing systems
  - Browser interface

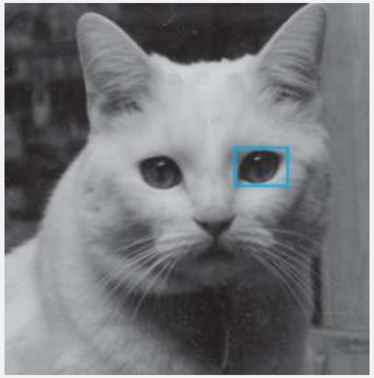
A Graphics System

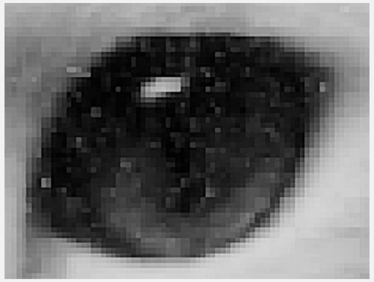
- Components of a general-purpose computer system:
  - Input devices
  - Central Processing Unit
  - Graphics Processing Unit
  - Memory
  - Frame buffer
  - Output devices



Pixels & Frame Buffer

- The image we see on the output device is an array (the raster) of picture elements (pixels) produced by the graphics system.
- Pixels are stored in a part of memory called the frame buffer.
- Resolution: the number of pixels in the frame buffer.
- Depth/Precision: the number of bits used for each pixel.
  - 1-bit-deep frame buffer: only two colors
  - 8-bit-deep frame buffer: 256 colors
  - Full-color/True-color/RGB-color system: 24 (or more) bits per pixel
  - HDR systems: 12 (or more) bits per color component

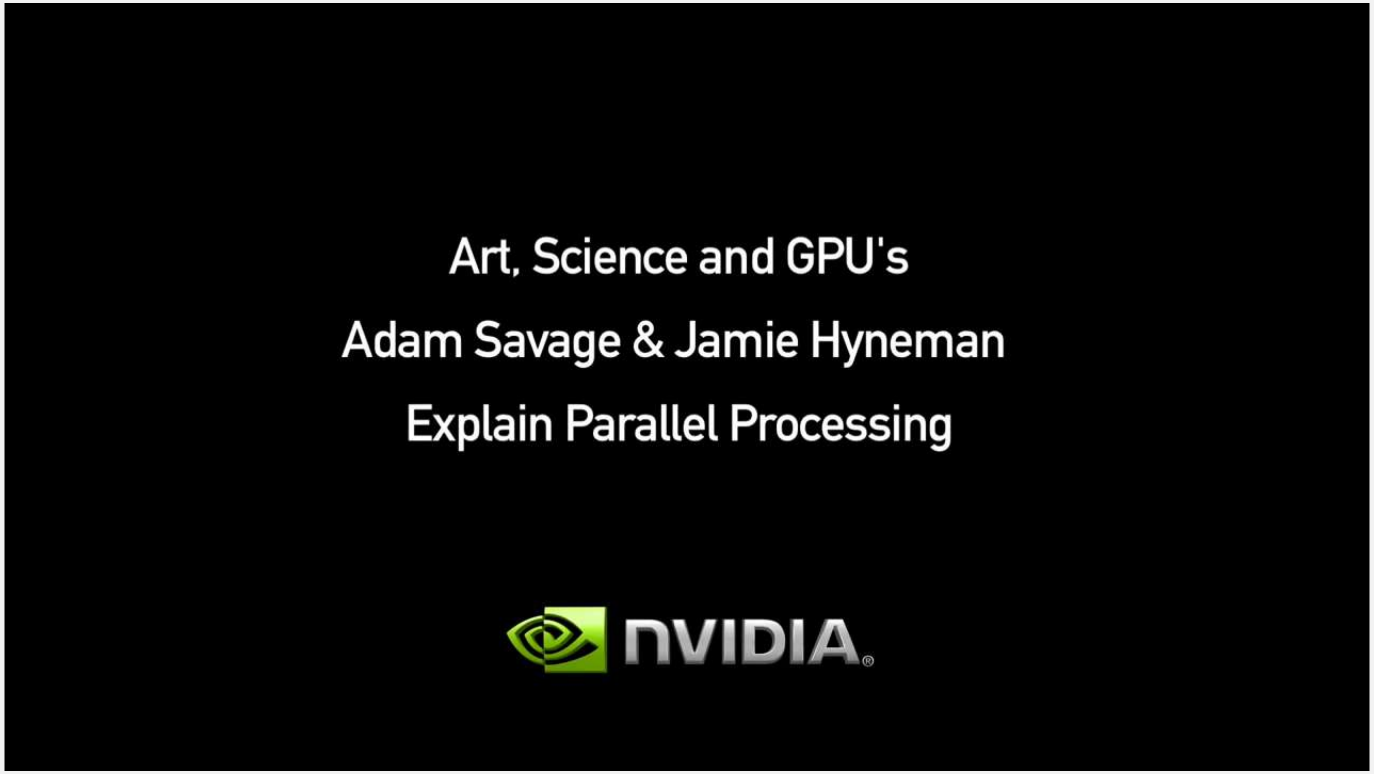




CPU & GPU

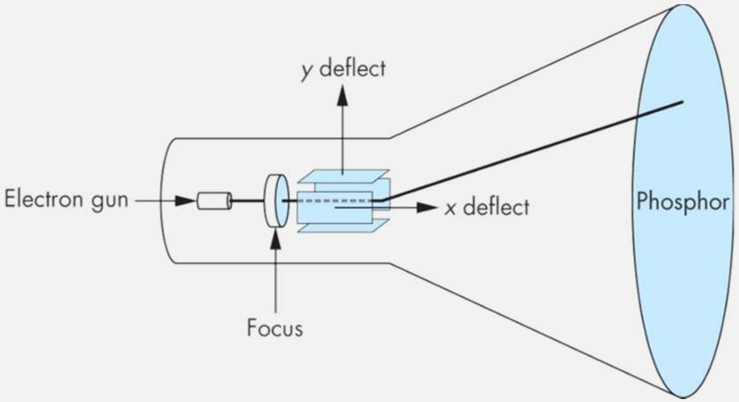
- Main graphical function of the processor:
  - Rasterization/Scan conversion: Conversion of geometric entities (such as lines, circles, polygons) to pixel colors and locations in the frame buffer.
- Frame buffer was part of the standard memory that could be directly addressed by the CPU in early graphics system.
- Today, graphical systems are characterized by special-purpose graphical processing units (GPUs) that can perform graphical operations with high degree of parallelism.
- GPU can be either on the mother board of the system or on a graphics card.

Art Science & GPU's

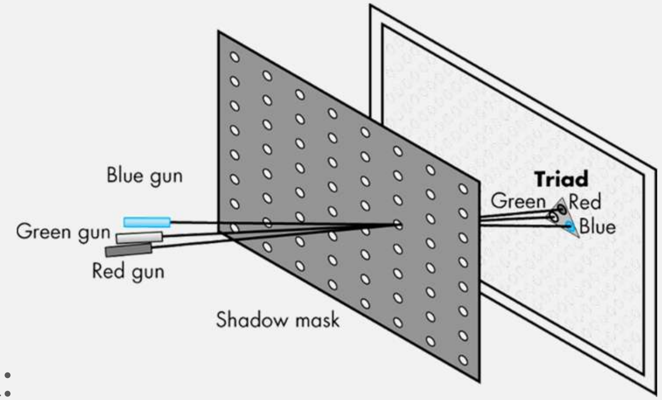


Output Devices

- Cathode-ray tube (CRT) display/monitor



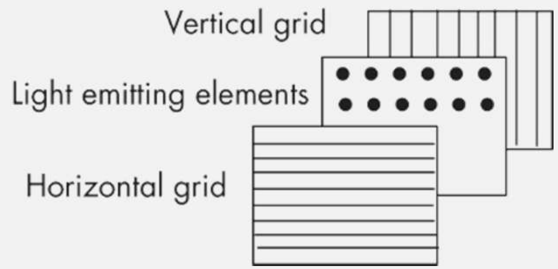
- Color CRT



- Raster system:
  - Noninterlaced system:
    - Pixels are displayed row by row or scan line by scan line
  - Interlaced system:
    - Odd rows and even rows are refreshed alternately

Output Devices (Cont.)

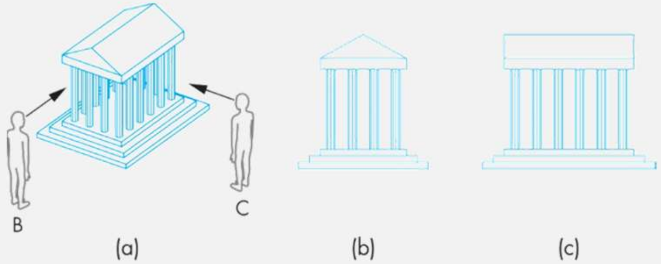
- Flat-panel monitors
  - Lighting-emitting diodes (LEDs)
  - Liquid-crystal displays (LCDs)
  - Plasma panels

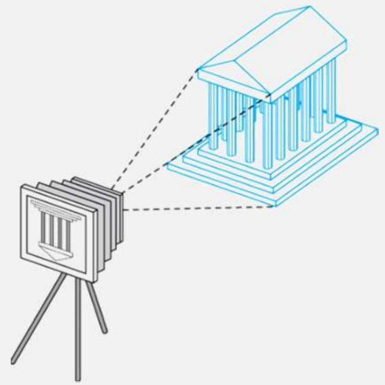


- Projection systems: usually raster-based devices
- Hard-copy devices: usually raster-based devices but cannot be refreshed

Objects & Viewers

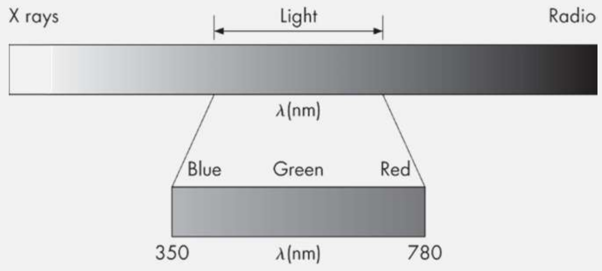
- Objects:
  - Can be defined/approximated by a set of locations in space, i.e. vertices.
- Viewers:
  - Who form the image of the objects.
- Both objects and viewers exist in a 3D world. However, the formed image is 2D.

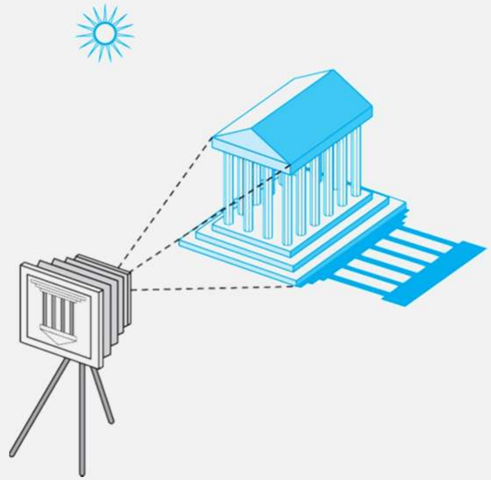




Light & Images

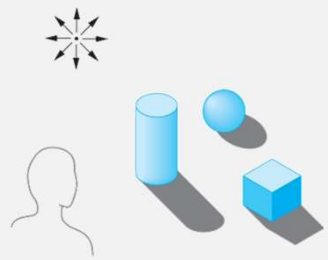
- Visible spectrum: 350~780 nm
- Point source:
  - Emits energy from a single location at one or more frequencies equally in all directions.
- Light bulb:
  - Emits light over an area and emitting more light in one direction than another.
- Complex light sources can be approximated by a number if carefully placed point sources.

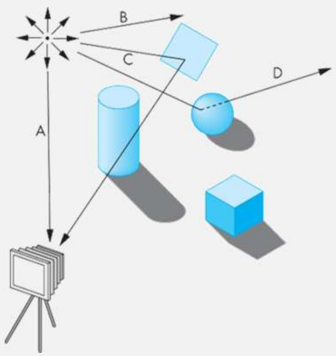




Imaging Models

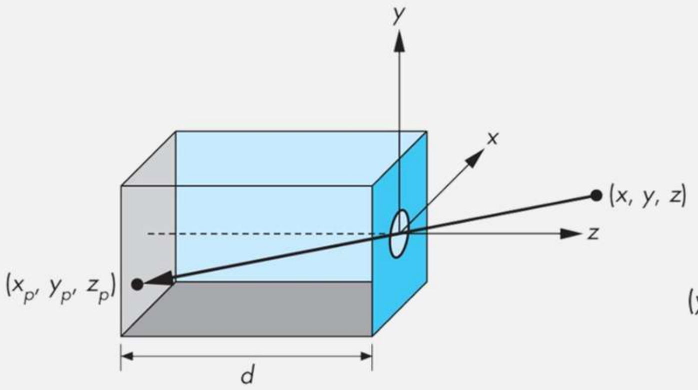
- How we can form images from a set of objects with different light-reflecting properties and different light sources?
  - Building the imaging model by following light from a source.
    - E.g. Raytracing/raycasting and photon mapping
    - Can provide a close approximation to the physical world, but is not well suited for real-time computation.
  - Conservation of energy.
    - E.g. Radiosity
    - Works best for surfaces that scatter the incoming light equally in all directions.

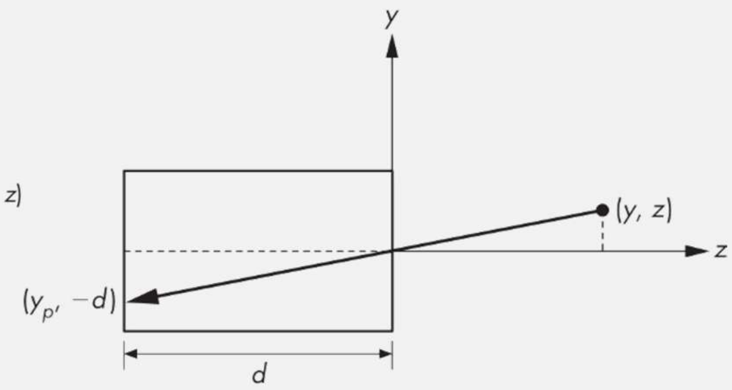




Imaging Systems: Pinhole Camera

- The pinhole camera:
  - Suppose that the camera is oriented along the z-axis, with the pinhole at the origin of our coordinate system.
  - Assume that the hole is so small that only a single ray of light from a point can enter it.



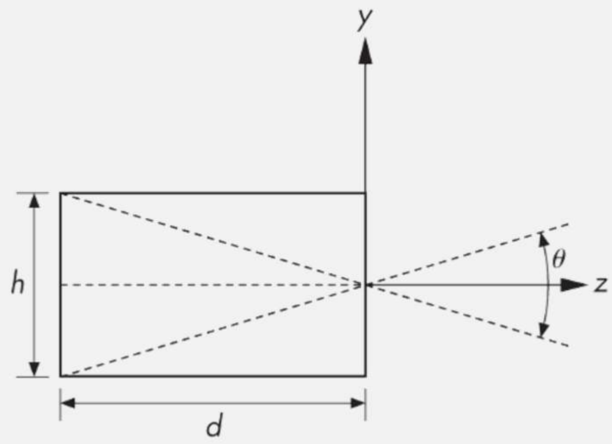


$$y_p = -\frac{y}{z/d}$$

$$x_p = -\frac{x}{z/d}$$

Imaging Systems: Pinhole Camera (Cont.)

- The field/angle of view:
  - The angle made by the largest object that our camera can image on its film plane.
  - The ideal pinhole camera has an infinite depth of filed. (Every point in its filed of view is in focus)
- Disadvantages:
  - Admits only a single ray from a point source, and therefore almost no light enters the camera.
  - The camera cannot be adjusted to have a different angle of view.

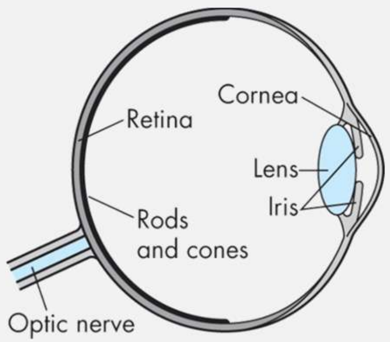


$$\tan\frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{h/2}{d}$$

$$\theta = 2\tan^{-1}\frac{h}{2d}$$

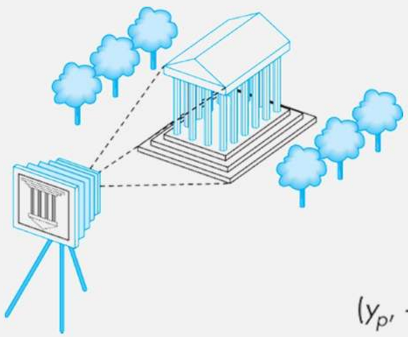
Imaging Systems: Human Visual System

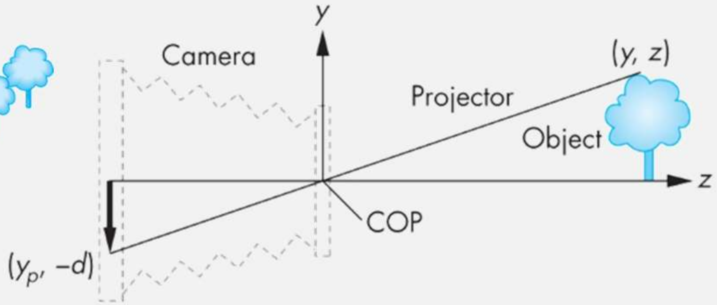
- Sensors in the human eye do not react uniformly to light energy at different wavelength.
  - Most sensitive to green light and least sensitive to red and blue.
- There are three types of cones and therefore we can use three standard primaries to approximate any color that we can perceive.
  - Intensity is a physical measure of light energy.
  - Brightness is a measure of how intense we perceive the light from an object.

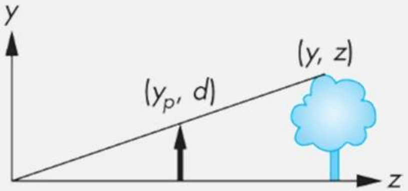


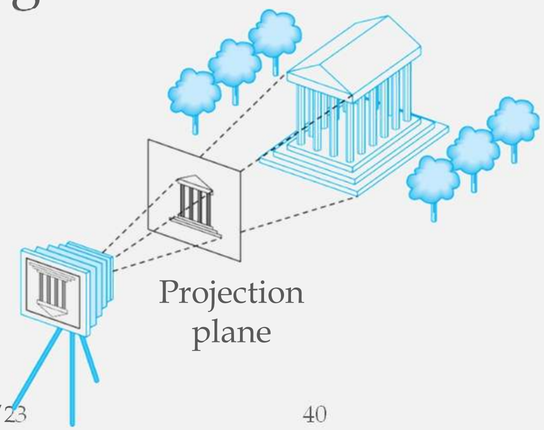
The Synthetic-Camera Model

- The specification of the objects is independent of the specification of the viewer.
  - Within a graphics library, there will be separate functions for specifying the objects and the viewer.
- We can compute the image using simple geometric calculation
- Draw another plane in front of the lens to avoid flipping



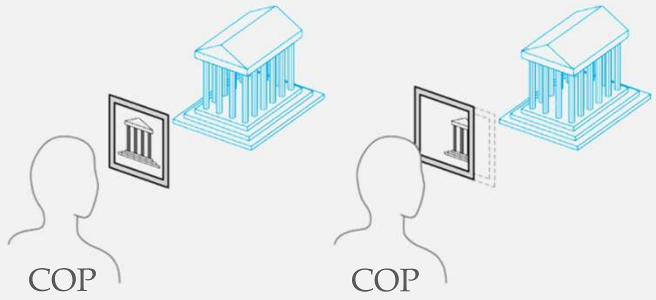






The Synthetic-Camera Model (Cont.)

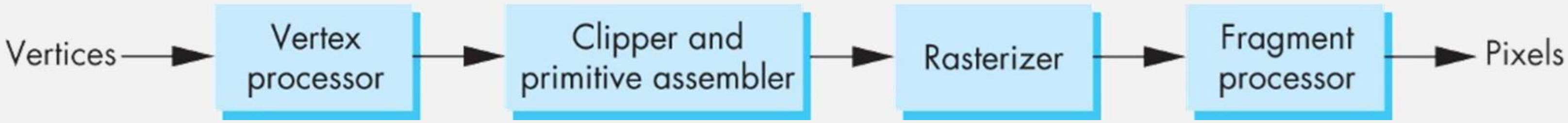
- Not all objects can be imaged onto the pinhole camera's film plane, and the synthetic camera move the limitation to the front by placing a clipping rectangle/window in the projection plane.
- What determines which object will appear in the image?
  - The location of the center of projection (COP)
  - The location and orientation of the projection plane
  - The size of the clipping rectangle



LookAt(COP, at, up);

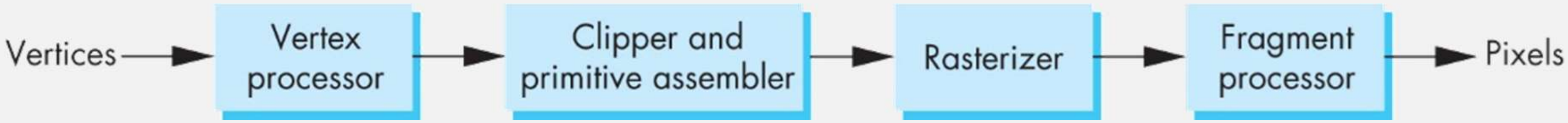
Perspective(field_of_view, aspect_ratio, near, far);

The Graphics Pipeline



- The graphics pipeline or rendering pipeline refers to the sequence of steps used to create a 2D raster representation of a 3D scene/model.
- Vertex processing
  - Each vertex is processed independently.
  - To carry out coordinate transformations.
    - Each change of the camera coordinate can be represented by a matrix.
  - To compute a color for each vertex.
- Clipper and Primitive Assembly
  - Efficient clipping must be done on a primitive-by-primitive basis rather than on a vertex-by-vertex basis.

The Graphics Pipeline (Cont.)



- Rasterization (Scan conversion)
  - Primitives emerging from the clipper are still represented in terms of their vertices and must be converted to pixels in the frame buffer.
  - Determine which pixels in the frame buffer are inside the polygon.
  - Output of rasterization is a set of fragments (potential pixels with color, location, and depth information) for each primitive.
- Fragment Processing
  - Update the pixels in the frame buffer according to the processed fragments. (Some surfaces may not be visible because of occlusion)
  - The color of pixels in each fragment can be altered by texture mapping or bump mapping.

Q & A ?