CSI 3200 Micro-Computer Graphics Atmospheric effects

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- What are Atmospheric Effects?
- Implementing
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- Review Questions

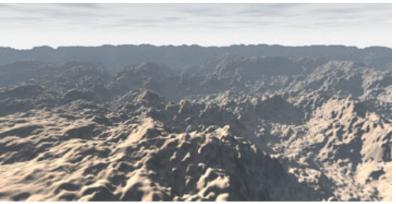
What are atmospheric effects?

- Fog is a general term that describes similar forms of atmospheric effects; it can be used to simulate
 - haze,
 - mist,
 - smoke,
 - Or any form of pollution

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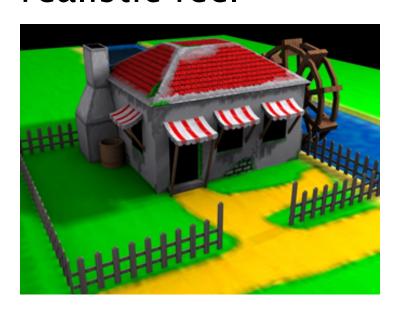
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Fog in CG

- Fog can improve performance
- Fog add realism
- Fog is applied after matrix transformations, lighting, texturing are performed; everything in the scene is affected by it
- Most CG APIs allow the control of the
 - Density (indirectly allows you to control the fade level by distance)
 - Color (white/grey fog?)

How fog is applied in scene?

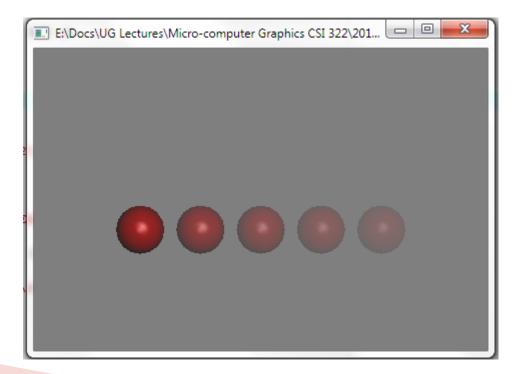
- Discuss...
- Can the z-buffer play a part?

How fog is applied in OpenGL

- Pass GL_FOG to glEnable(),
 - glEnable(GL_FOG)
- Choose the color and the equation that controls the density with glFog*()
 - you can supply a value for GL_FOG_HINT with glHint()

Example Program

- Program used five different fog equations to demonstrate fog
 - "f" to toggle through the equations



Questions?

Resources

- http://www.iquilezles.org/www/articles/fog/fog.htm
- Paper of methods (general)
 - http://www.cg.tuwien.ac.at/hostings/cescg/CESCG-2004/web/Zdrojewska-Dorota/