

Objectives

- Begin implementing the project with ImGui, Boost.Signals2, and GLFW/GLAD libraries.
 - Study GLFW and GLAD usage, including their compatibility and independent application.
 - Debug and enhance the transformed code for UI functionality and event handling.
 - Document the new linking and installation process for the updated libraries.
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Activities

1. Studied GLFW and GLAD Usage

- Explored scenarios for using GLFW and GLAD:
 - **Using GLFW + GLAD Together:** Recommended for modern OpenGL development.
 - GLFW handles window and OpenGL context management and user input.
 - GLAD loads modern OpenGL functions (3.3+).
 - **Using GLFW Only:** For window management and input handling without OpenGL rendering.
 - **Using GLAD Only:** For OpenGL rendering when window management is handled by another library or API.
- Recommendation: Use GLFW + GLAD together for modern OpenGL projects.

2. Code Integration

- Replaced wxWidgets UI with ImGui for menus, toolbars, and dialogs.
- Switched from SFML's `sf::RenderWindow` to GLFW for OpenGL context management.
- Integrated GLAD for OpenGL function loading.
- Replaced SFML's transformations and textures with GLM's `glm::mat4` and OpenGL texture management.
- Enhanced file dialogs using ImGui and C++'s `std::filesystem`.
- Improved input handling using GLFW callbacks.
- Added GLSL shaders for rendering and effects.

- Optimized rendering pipeline with OpenGL's NDC coordinates.

3. Library Installation

- Installed all libraries (ImGui, Boost.Signals2, GLFW, GLAD) using vcpkg.
- Tested the installations with sample code.
- Documented the installation and linking process with step-by-step instructions.

4. Debugging and Testing

- Initial issues:
 - **UI Buttons Not Clickable:**
 - Debugged `render()` to ensure ImGui rendering occurred after scene rendering but before buffer swap.
 - Verified proper configuration flags in `initializeImGui()` and correct window flags for ImGui components.
 - Checked GLFW callbacks registration after ImGui initialization.
 - **Suspected Event Order Issue:**
 - Modified `drawToolbar()` to handle button click events.
 - Implemented `drawFileDialog()` for file browser functionality with navigation and file selection.
 - Updated `render()` to integrate dialogs with toolbar interactions.
 - **Persistent Issues:**
 - Investigated the possibility that ImGui rendering was incomplete or misconfigured.

5. File Operations

- Developed functionality for "Load Image" and "Save Image" buttons:
 - Implemented dialogs for file browsing and saving.
 - Handled directory navigation and file selection.
 - Integrated OpenGL resource management for rendering loaded images.

6. Further Debugging

- Tested with hardcoded file paths to bypass UI button issues:
 - Confirmed file loading but observed no image rendering.
 - Investigated ImGui file dialog functionality for better integration.
 - Referenced external resources, e.g., [aiekick/ImGuiFileDialog](#), for enhancements.
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Achievements

- Successfully transitioned from wxWidgets/SFML to ImGui, GLFW, and GLAD with Boost.Signals2.
 - Installed and tested new libraries, documenting the process for future reference.
 - Enhanced toolbar and file dialog functionality in ImGui.
 - Identified root causes of UI button issues and implemented partial solutions.
 - Enabled basic file operations for "Load Image" and "Save Image" with OpenGL rendering pipeline preparation.
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Problems & Solutions

1. **Problem:** UI Buttons Not Clickable

○ **Solution:**

- Updated `render()` to adjust the order of scene and UI rendering.
- Verified ImGui component configuration flags.
- Checked GLFW callbacks and event processing.

2. **Problem:** Persistent Button Interaction Issues

○ **Solution:**

- Modified `drawToolbar()` to properly handle button click events.
- Implemented file dialog functionality for file loading and saving.

3. **Problem:** File Loaded But Image Not Rendered

○ **Solution:**

- Hardcoded file paths for testing.
- Investigated ImGui file dialog integration for proper rendering of images.

4. **Problem:** Debugging Toolbar and Modal Interactions

○ **Solution:**

- Updated toolbar logic to manage modal dialogs.
- Handled file system access exceptions in dialogs.
- Improved dialog management with ImGui's `OpenPopup()` and `BeginPopupModal()`.