Visual Computation Mid-Evaluation

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Project Idea

Context

The project applies the theoretical knowledge obtained in the course "Visual Computation", focusing on **geometry manipulation**, **illumination**, and **texture mapping**.

The project will also include other advanced computer graphic concepts, with shadow rendering, environment effects, and more.

In this context, we're developing:

Puzzle Game with Shadows

A puzzle game where the player can **create and cast dynamic shadows** on surfaces to reveal or construct hidden messages, paths, or items by manipulating:

- Objects (e.g., moving objects).
- Light sources (e.g., adjusting light sources).
- Mirrors (e.g., rotating mirrors to redirect light).

Inspiration

Uncharted The Lost Legacy

Shadow Theater Puzzle

https://youtu.be/wTezSk5_bVE? si=gGkQ8QauPPzOYYD8



Computer Graphics Topics

Transformations, Projections and Physics

01

Transformations

The player can manipulate objects in the 3D space by moving or rotating them.

- General Objects
- Light Sources
- Mirrors

02

Projections

The player can change between projections:

- Perspective mode
- Orthographic mode

03

Physics

The game involves simulating world physics, such as:

- Object Collisions
- Character Control

Computer Graphics Topics

Illumination, Shading and Materials

04

Light Sources

The player can adjust different types of light sources – e.g. directional, point, spot.

05

Illumination Models

The player can change between illumination models (e.g., to reveal hidden messages).

06

Materials

The game includes objects with different material properties (e.g., emissive materials).

Computer Graphics Topics

Shadow Rendering, Texturing and Effects

07

Shadow Rendering

The game involves generating realistic shadows for puzzles.

Shadow Mapping

08

Texture Mapping

The game involves applying textures to objects for more realistic and detailed surfaces.

- Bump Mapping
- Normal Mapping

09

Visual Effects

The game involves simulating atmospheric conditions and environment elements.

- Rain, fog, lightning
- Fire, smoke, water

Class 08 - Textures

Unity

Unity is a cross-platform game engine with:

- World Building Terrains, Trees
- Built-in 3D Physics Character control, Collision
- Lightning Light Sources, Light Mapping, Light Probes, Shadow Mapping
- **Textures** Importing Textures
- Shaders Built-in Shaders, Writing Shaders, Importing Normal Maps, Importing Bump Maps
- Visual effects Particle Systems

