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ECHTZEIT COMPUTERGRAPHIK SS 2011 ASSIGNMENT 5

In this exercise we extend the existing `objLoader` to import vertex normals and texture coordinates and create a shader that is able to use and display textures. Please present your solution to this exercise on Monday, May 23rd, 2011.

5.1 Advanced `objLoader` (30 Points)

In the last assignment, you implemented a way to reconstruct normals from vertex data only. Of course this is not a very clever way.

The *Wavefront* OBJ format specifies many more attributes than vertex coordinates and faces using these vertices. Extend the existing `objLoader` to import vertex normals and texture coordinates. To reduce the file size, vertices are only defined once, but may be combined with several different attributes, when used in a face definition. These attributes are indexed themselves, but *do not* use the same indices as the vertices. So when importing a face definition, one must be careful to use the correct vertex/vertex-normal/texture-coordinate combination. When encountering vertices using *different* normals and/or texture coordinates, clone these vertices and use their copies in further face definitions. Make sure that for every vertex/vertex-normal/texture-coordinate triplet there is one instance, that may be indexed for rendering.

Having a loader like this, it is now possible to load vertex attributes from an `.obj` file and still be able to use this data in vertex arrays referenced by a single index array.

Additionally allow the `objLoader` to load quads as faces. Split these quads up into two triangles directly when importing them.

So valid face definitions in a file could be:

- `f v0 v1 v2 (v3)`
- `f v0//n0 v1//n1 v2//n2 (v3//n3)`
- `f v0/t0/ v1/t1/ v2/t2/ (v3/t3/)`
- `f v0/t0/n0 v1/t1/n1 v2/t2/n2 (v3/t3/n3)`

5.2 Textures in OpenGL and GLSL (20 Points)

First, implement the method `loadTextureData()` to load a texture from a file into a simple array of `unsigned char`. This data can then be passed to OpenGL texture object later on. You may use *OpenCV* to do this job, since it provides methods for loading several image file types such as png, jpeg and so on. (Hint: `cvLoadImage()`).

When having the texture data successfully loaded, implement the setup and use of textures in your project `Ex05`. Setup three different textures using different internal filtering methods like `GL_NEAREST`, `GL_LINEAR` and one using autogenerated MipMaps. For all these textures use the exact same texture data imported previously. These textures may be switched during rendering using the keys 1, 2 and 3. Create a vertex and a fragment shader handling texture coordinates and a texture uniform for shading the rendered object. Use very simple lighting in your shader for now (omnidirectional light at the camera's position).

Complete the following steps ...

- Load texture data from a file. (here: "trashbin.png")
- Initialize an OpenGL texture object.
- Set up texture parameters for filtering and clamping.
- Define a texture uniform in your shader and get it's location in your C++ code.
- Bind and pass the texture to the shader before rendering an object.

...and you should see a picture like this:



Figure 1: Fully textured trashbin using texture coordinates.