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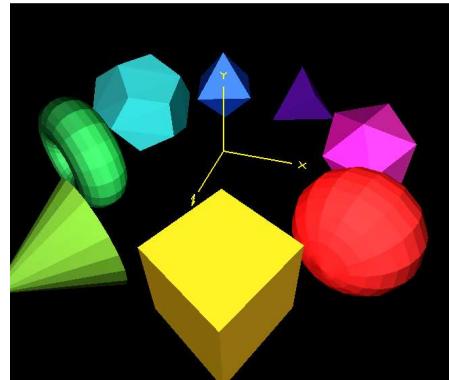
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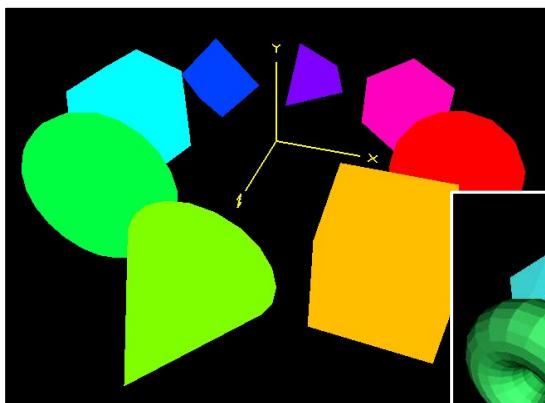


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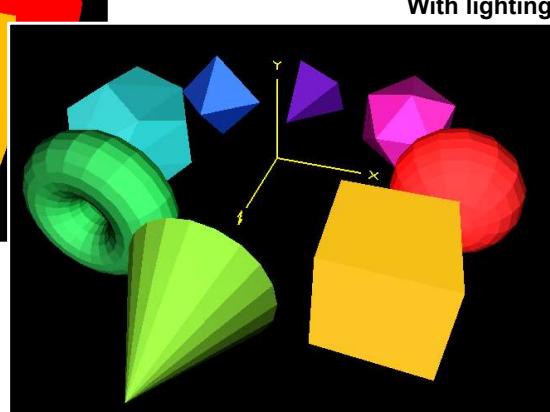
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Why Do We Care About Lighting?



Without lighting

Lighting “dis-ambiguates” 3D scenes



With lighting



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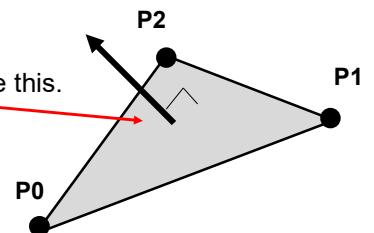
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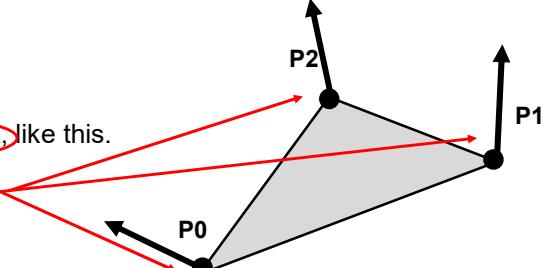
The Surface Normal Vector

A **surface normal** is a vector perpendicular to the surface.

Sometimes surface normals are defined or computed **per-face**, like this.

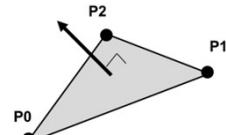
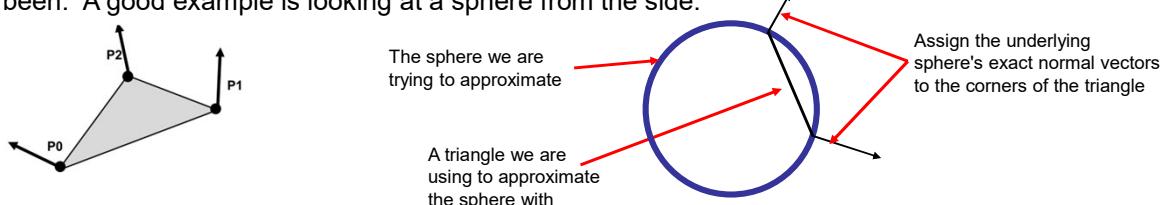


Sometimes they are defined or computed **per-vertex**, like this.



Where Do Surface Normal Vectors Come From?

When the triangle is approximating an underlying smooth surface that we know the equation of, we can get them by knowing what the exact normal of the smooth surface would have been. A good example is looking at a sphere from the side:



When the triangle is part of an arbitrary polyhedron for which we do not have an underlying exact equation, we use vector cross products of the edge vectors to get a vector that is perpendicular to the surface:

$$\mathbf{n} = (\mathbf{P}_1 - \mathbf{P}_0) \times (\mathbf{P}_2 - \mathbf{P}_0)$$

vector cross product

Setting a Per-Face Surface Normal Vector in OpenGL

```

glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );

glTranslatef( tx, ty, tz );
glRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );
glScalef( sx, sy, sz );

glNormal3f( nx, ny, nz );

glColor3f( r, g, b );
glBegin( GL_TRIANGLES );
    glVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );
    glVertex3f( x1, y1, z1 );
    glVertex3f( x2, y2, z2 );
glEnd();

```

Per-face normal is set
before the face is drawn


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Setting Per-Vertex Surface Normal Vectors in OpenGL

```

glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );

glTranslatef( tx, ty, tz );
glRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );
glScalef( sx, sy, sz );

glColor3f( r, g, b );
glBegin(GL_TRIANGLES );
    glNormal3f( nx0, ny0, nz0 );
    glVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );
    glNormal3f( nx1, ny1, nz1 );
    glVertex3f( x1, y1, z1 );
    glNormal3f( nx2, ny2, nz2 );
    glVertex3f( x2, y2, z2 );
glEnd();

```

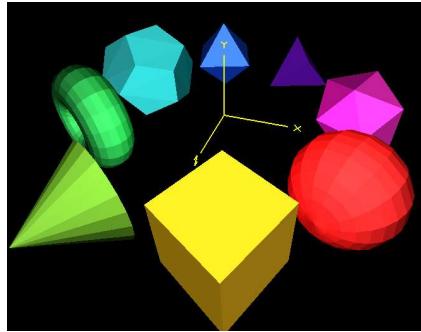
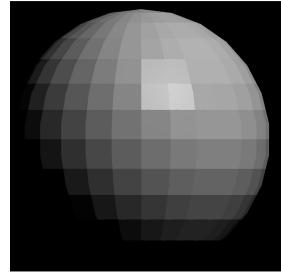
Per-vertex normal is set
while the face is being drawn


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Flat Shading (Per-face)

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```
glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );  
  
glTranslatef( tx, ty, tz );  
glRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );  
glScalef( sx, sy, sz );  
  
glShadeModel( GL_FLAT );  
glNormal3f( nx, ny, nz );  
  
	glColor3f( r, g, b );  
 glBegin(GL_TRIANGLES );  
     glVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );  
     glVertex3f( x1, y1, z1 );  
     glVertex3f( x2, y2, z2 );  
 glEnd( );
```



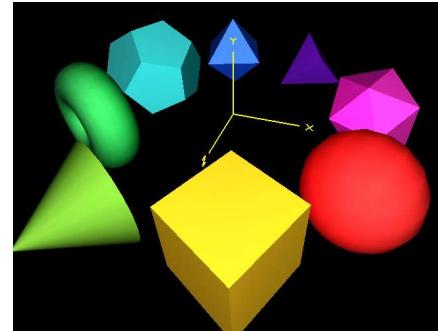
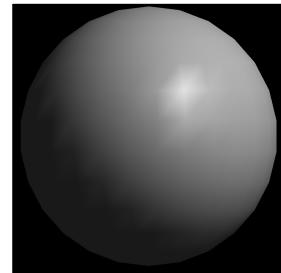
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Smooth Shading (Per-vertex)

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```
glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );  
  
glTranslatef( tx, ty, tz );  
glRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );  
glScalef( sx, sy, sz );  
  
glShadeModel( GL_SMOOTH );  
  
	glColor3f( r, g, b );  
 glBegin(GL_TRIANGLES );  
     glNormal3f( nx0, ny0, nz0 );  
     glVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );  
     glNormal3f( nx1, ny1, nz1 );  
     glVertex3f( x1, y1, z1 );  
     glNormal3f( nx2, ny2, nz2 );  
     glVertex3f( x2, y2, z2 );  
 glEnd( );
```

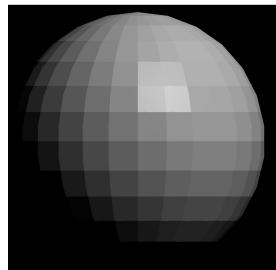


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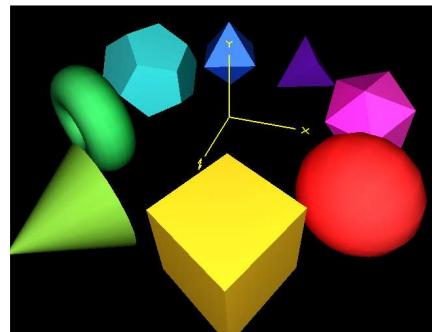
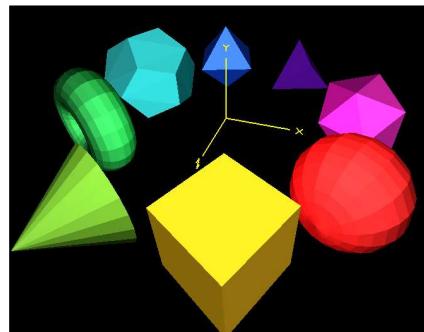
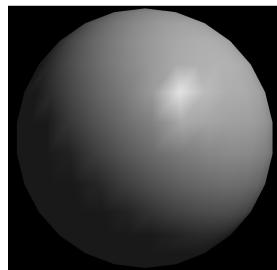
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GL_FLAT



GL_SMOOTH



OpenGL Surface Normal Vectors Need to be Unitized by Someone

```

glTranslatef( tx, ty, tz );
glRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );
glScalef( sx, sy, sz );

glNormal3f( nx, ny, nz );

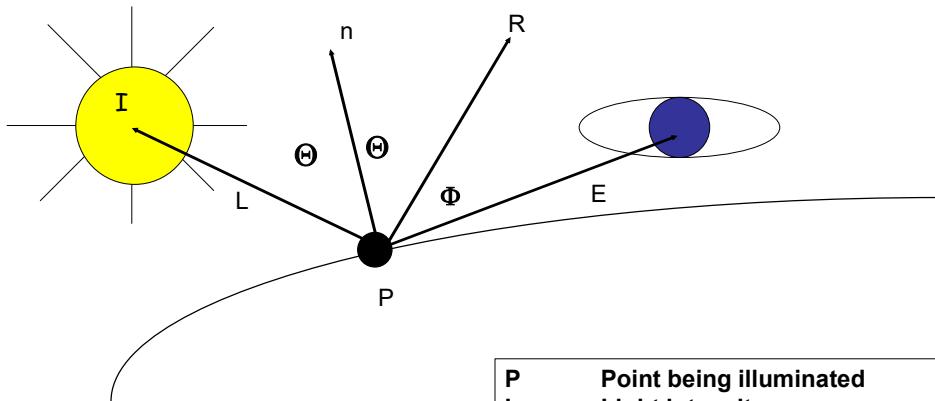
```

OpenGL expects the normal vector to be a ***unit vector***, that is: $nx^2 + ny^2 + nz^2 = 1$

If it is not, you can force OpenGL to do the unitizing for you with:

glEnable(GL_NORMALIZE);

The OpenGL “built-in” Lighting Model



P	Point being illuminated
I	Light intensity
L	Unit vector from point to light
n	Unit vector surface normal
R	Perfect reflection unit vector
E	Unit vector to eye position

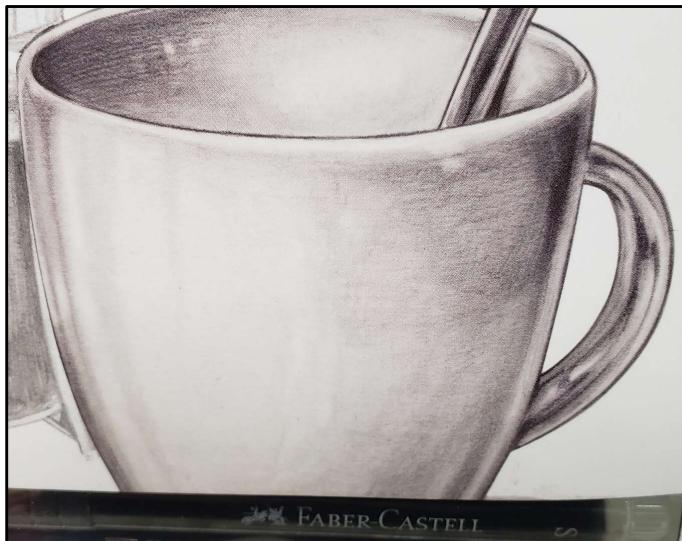
The OpenGL “built-in” Lighting Model

- 1. **Ambient** = a constant Accounts for light bouncing “everywhere”
- 2. **Diffuse** = $I^* \cos\Theta$ Accounts for the angle between the incoming light and the surface normal
- 3. **Specular** = $I^* \cos^S\phi$ Accounts for the angle between the “perfect reflector” and the eye. The exponent, S , accounts for surface shininess

Note that $\cos\Theta$ is just the dot product between unit vectors **L** and **n**

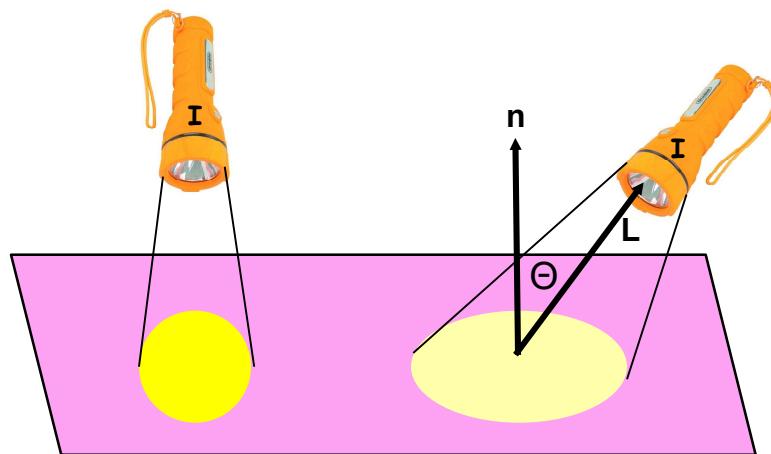
Note that $\cos\phi$ is just the dot product between unit vectors **R** and **E**

You are all familiar with the Diffuse Lighting effects



Diffuse Lighting actually works because of spreading out the same amount of light energy across more surface area

$$\text{Diffuse} = I * \cos\Theta$$



You are all familiar with the Specular Lighting effects



These all have metallic-looking surfaces. What tells you that?



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It's the shiny-reflection spots.

You are all familiar with the Specular Lighting effects



These are not actually metal. They are wood with special paint that mimics the metallic reflection highlights. We can mimic the same effects digitally!



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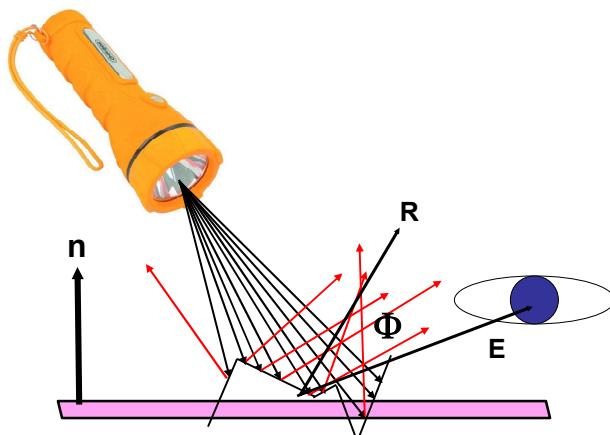
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The Specular Lighting equation is a heuristic equation that approximates reflection from a rough surface

$$\text{Specular} = I^* \cos^S \phi$$

$S \approx \text{"shininess"}$

$1/S \approx \text{"roughness"}$

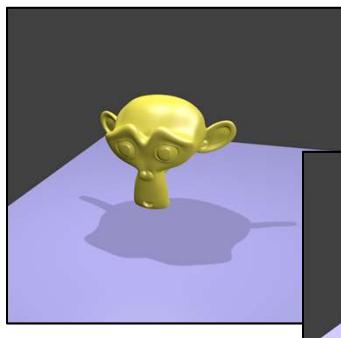


The Three Elements of Built-in OpenGL Lighting

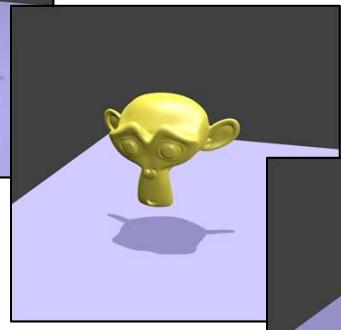


Types of Light Sources

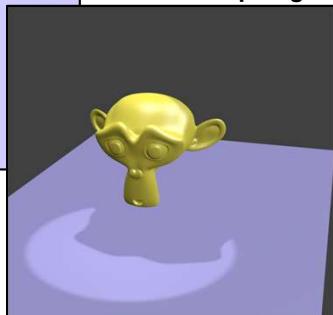
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Directional (Parallel, Sun)



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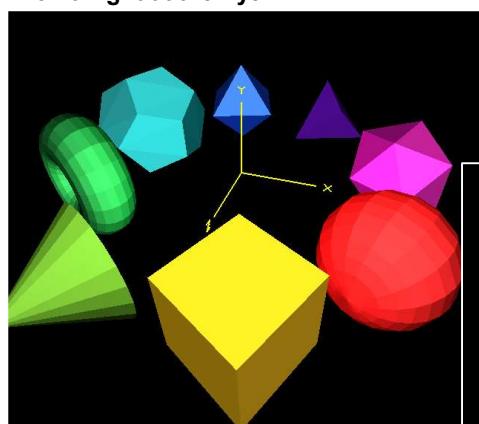
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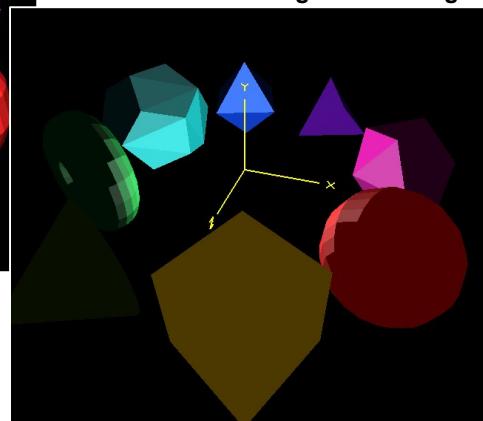
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Lighting Examples

Point Light at the Eye



Point Light at the Origin



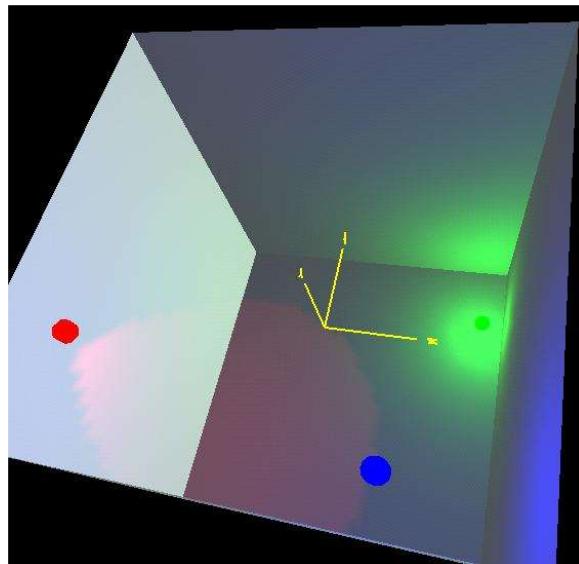
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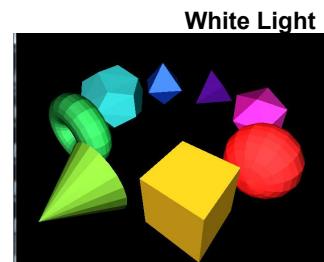
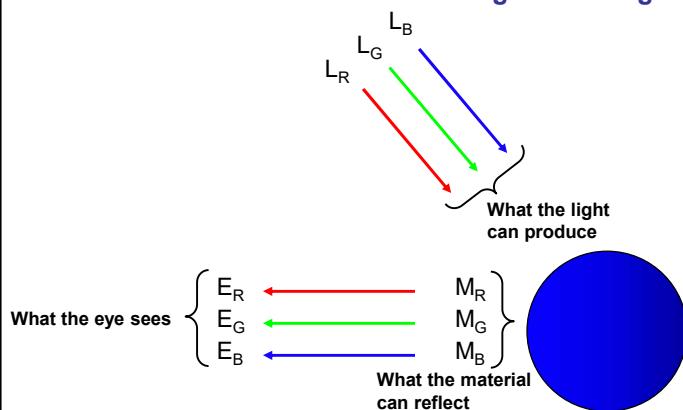
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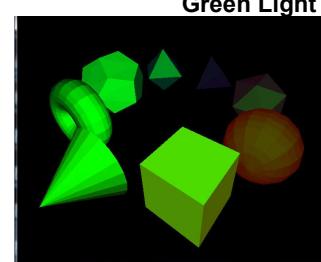


Spot Lights

Colored Lights Shining on Colored Objects



White Light



Green Light

Too Many Lighting Options

If there is one light and one material, the following things can be set independently:

- Global scene ambient red, green, blue
- Light position: x, y, z
- Light ambient red, green, blue
- Light diffuse red, green, blue
- Light specular red, green, blue
- Material reaction to ambient red, green, blue
- Material reaction to diffuse red, green, blue
- Material reaction to specular red, green, blue
- Material specular shininess

This makes for **25** things that can be set for just one light and one material! While many combinations are possible, some make more sense than others.


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Ways to Simplify Too Many Lighting Options

1. Set the ambient light globally using, for example,
`glLightModelfv(GL_LIGHT_MODEL_AMBIENT, MulArray3(.3f, WHITE))`
 i.e., set it to some low intensity of white.
2. Set the light's ambient component to zero.
3. Set the light's diffuse and specular components to the full color of the light.
4. Set each material's ambient and diffuse to the full color of the object.
5. Set each material's specular component to some fraction of white.


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```

const float WHITE[ ] = { 1.,1.,1.,1. };

// utility to create an array from 3 separate values:

float *
Array3( float a, float b, float c )
{
    static float array[4];

    array[0] = a;
    array[1] = b;
    array[2] = c;
    array[3] = 1.;

    return array;
}

// utility to create an array from a multiplier and an array:

float *
MulArray3( float factor, float array0[3] )
{
    static float array[4];

    array[0] = factor * array0[0];
    array[1] = factor * array0[1];
    array[2] = factor * array0[2];
    array[3] = 1.;

    return array;
}

```

The 4th element of the array being set to 1.0 is there on purpose. The reason for that is coming up soon!.

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Setting the Material Characteristics

```

glMaterialfv( GL_BACK, GL_AMBIENT, MulArray3( .4, WHITE ) );
glMaterialfv( GL_BACK, GL_DIFFUSE, MulArray3( 1., WHITE ) );
glMaterialfv( GL_BACK, GL_SPECULAR, Array3( 0., 0., 0. ) );
glMaterialf( GL_BACK, GL_SHININESS, 5. );
glMaterialfv( GL_BACK, GL_EMISSION, Array3( 0., 0., 0. ) );

```

} Characteristics for the back-facing surfaces

```

glMaterialfv( GL_FRONT, GL_AMBIENT, MulArray3( 1., rgb ) );
glMaterialfv( GL_FRONT, GL_DIFFUSE, MulArray3( 1., rgb ) );
glMaterialfv( GL_FRONT, GL_SPECULAR, MulArray3( .7, WHITE ) );
glMaterialf( GL_FRONT, GL_SHININESS, 8. );
glMaterialfv( GL_FRONT, GL_EMISSION, Array3( 0., 0., 0. ) );

```

} Characteristics for the front-facing surfaces

glMaterialfv(GL_FRONT_AND_BACK, ...);

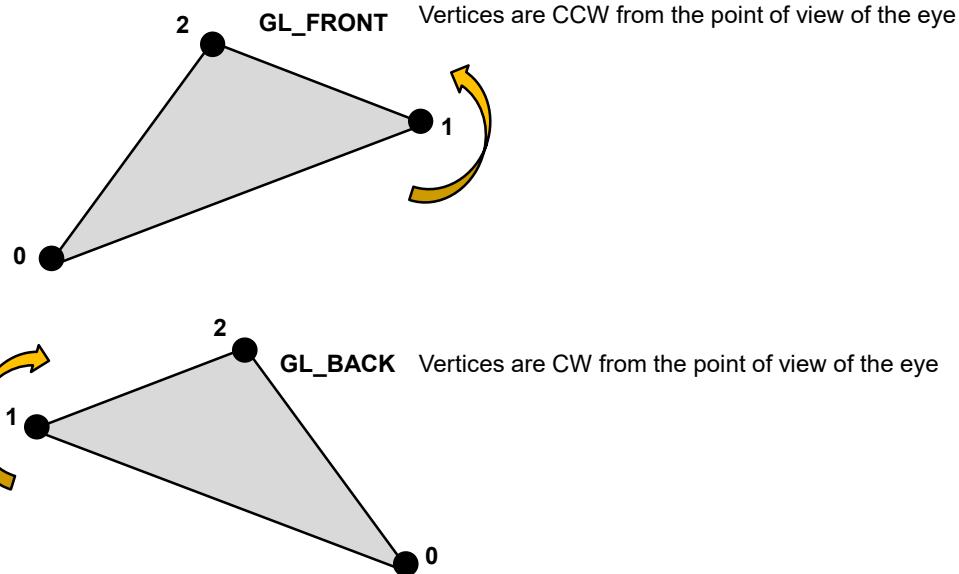
You can also set the front and back characteristics to be the same value at the same time



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How Does OpenGL Define GL_FRONT and GL_BACK?



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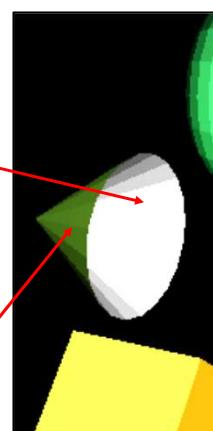
A Material-setting Helper Function I Like to Use

```
void
SetMaterial( float r, float g, float b, float shininess )
{
    glMaterialfv( GL_BACK, GL_EMISSION, Array3( 0., 0., 0. ) );
    glMaterialfv( GL_BACK, GL_AMBIENT, MulArray3( .4f, WHITE ) );
    glMaterialfv( GL_BACK, GL_DIFFUSE, MulArray3( 1., WHITE ) );
    glMaterialfv( GL_BACK, GL_SPECULAR, Array3( 0., 0., 0. ) );
    glMaterialf( GL_BACK, GL_SHININESS, 2.f );

    glMaterialfv( GL_FRONT, GL_EMISSION, Array3( 0., 0., 0. ) );
    glMaterialfv( GL_FRONT, GL_AMBIENT, Array3( r, g, b ) );
    glMaterialfv( GL_FRONT, GL_DIFFUSE, Array3( r, g, b ) );
    glMaterialfv( GL_FRONT, GL_SPECULAR, MulArray3( .8f, WHITE ) );
    glMaterialf( GL_FRONT, GL_SHININESS, shininess );
}
```

Back-facing= gray

Front-facing = (r,g,b)



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This code is in your sample code
folder in the file `setmaterial.cpp`

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Setting the Light Characteristics

```

glEnable( GL_LIGHTING );
glEnable( GL_LIGHT0 );
glLightModelfv( GL_LIGHT_MODEL_AMBIENT, MulArray3( .2, WHITE ) );
glLightModeli ( GL_LIGHT_MODEL_TWO_SIDE, GL_TRUE );

glLightfv( GL_LIGHT0, GL_AMBIENT, Array3( 0., 0., 0. ) );
glLightfv( GL_LIGHT0, GL_DIFFUSE, LightColor );
glLightfv( GL_LIGHT0, GL_SPECULAR, LightColor );

You can have multiple lights, nominally 0-7
glLightf ( GL_LIGHT0, GL_CONSTANT_ATTENUATION, 1. );
glLightf ( GL_LIGHT0, GL_LINEAR_ATTENUATION,
           0. );
glLightf ( GL_LIGHT0, GL_QUADRATIC_ATTENUATION, 0. );

// this is here because we are going to do object (and thus normal) scaling:
glEnable( GL_NORMALIZE );

```

$$\text{Attenuation} = \frac{1}{C + Ld + Qd^2} \quad \text{where } d \text{ is the distance from the light to the point being lit}$$

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Light Attenuation

$$\text{Attenuation} = \frac{1}{C + Ld + Qd^2} \quad \text{where } d \text{ is the distance from the light to the point being lit}$$

Physics tells us that light energy decreases with the inverse square of the distance, $\frac{1}{d^2}$. To emulate this, we would set **C=0.**, **L=0.**, **Q=1.**. Streetlights and car headlights are good uses for this.

Often, we don't want *any* attenuation, that is, we want to see *everything*. In that case, set **C=1.**, **L=0.**, **Q=0.**

```

glLightf ( GL_LIGHT0, GL_CONSTANT_ATTENUATION, 1. );
glLightf ( GL_LIGHT0, GL_LINEAR_ATTENUATION,
           0. );
glLightf ( GL_LIGHT0, GL_QUADRATIC_ATTENUATION, 0. );

```

And sometimes you might want to attenuate linearly. Why? Well, because you can! In that case, set **C=0.**, **L=1.**, **Q=0.**

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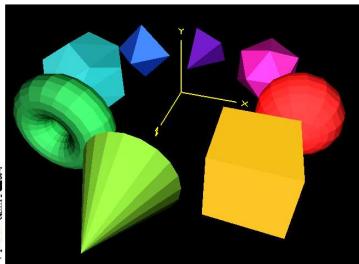
Should OpenGL Use the Lighting Equations or Use glColor3f?

If your code has most recently said:
`glEnable(GL_LIGHTING);`

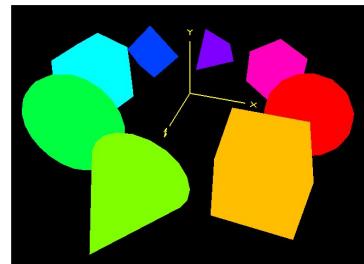
OpenGL will use the most recent Lighting values
 OpenGL will use the most recent Material values

If your code has most recently said:
`glDisable(GL_LIGHTING);`

OpenGL will use the most recent glColor3f values



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Setting the Light Position

```
glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );
glLoadIdentity();
```

The light position gets transformed by the **ModelView matrix** at the moment the `glLightfv(..., GL_POSITION, ...)` function is encountered. It is *really important* to remember this!

// 1. if we do this, then the light will be wrt the scene at XLIGHT, YLIGHT, ZLIGHT:

```
glLightfv( GL_LIGHT0, GL_POSITION, Array3(XLIGHT, YLIGHT, ZLIGHT) );
```

// translate the object into the viewing volume:

```
gluLookAt( XEYE, YEYE, ZEYE, 0., 0., 0., 1., 0. );
```

// 2. if we do this, then the light will be wrt the eye at XLIGHT, YLIGHT, ZLIGHT:

```
// glLightfv( GL_LIGHT0, GL_POSITION, Array3(XLIGHT, YLIGHT, ZLIGHT) );
```

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```
// perform the rotations and scaling about the origin:  
  
glRotatef( Xrot, 1., 0., 0. );  
glRotatef( Yrot, 0., 1., 0. );  
glScalef( Scale, Scale, Scale );  
  
// 3. if we do this, then the light will be wrt to the object at XLIGHT, YLIGHT, ZLIGHT:  
  
// glLightfv( GL_LIGHT0, GL_POSITION, Array3(XLIGHT, YLIGHT, ZLIGHT) );  
  
// specify the shading model:  
  
glShadeModel( GL_SMOOTH );  
  
// enable lighting:  
glEnable( GL_LIGHTING );  
  
glEnable( GL_LIGHT0 );  
  
// draw the objects:  
...  
glDisable( GL_LIGHTING );
```

You can enable and disable lighting “at all”.
(This toggles between using what the lighting equations say and what glColor3f() says.)

You can enable and disable each light independently

It is usually good form to disable the lighting after you are done using it

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Sidebar: Why are Light Positions 4-element arrays where the 4th element is 1.0? Homogeneous Coordinates!

```
float *  
Array3( float a, float b, float c )  
{  
    static float array[4];  
  
    array[0] = a;  
    array[1] = b;  
    array[2] = c;  
    array[3] = 1.;  
    return array;  
}
```

We usually think of a 3D point as being represented by a triple: (x,y,z).
Using homogeneous coordinates, we add a 4th number: (x,y,z,w)
Graphics systems take (x,y,z,w), perform all transformations, and then divide x, y, and z by w before using them.

$$X = \frac{x}{w}, Y = \frac{y}{w}, Z = \frac{z}{w}$$

Thus (1,2,3,1) , (2,4,6,2) , (-1,-2,-3,-1) all represent the same 3D point.


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Homogeneous Coordinates let us Represent Points at Infinity

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This is useful to be able specify a **parallel light source** by placing the light source **position at infinity**.

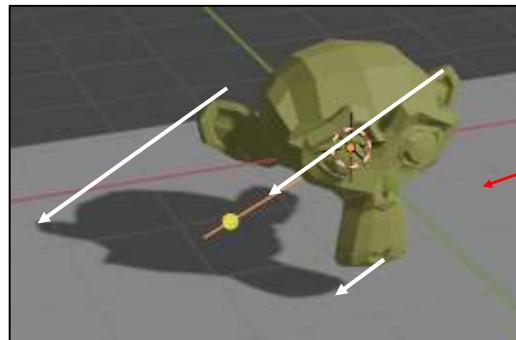
The point (1,2,3,1) represents the 3D point (1,2,3)

The point (1,2,3,.5) represents the 3D point (2,4,6)

The point (1,2,3,.01) represents the point (100,200,300)

So, (1,2,3,0) represents a point at infinity, along the ray from the origin through (1,2,3).

Points-at-infinity are used for parallel light sources (and some shadow algorithms)



Additional Parameters for Spotlights

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glLightfv(GL_LIGHT0, GL_SPOT_DIRECTION, Array3(xdir,ydir,zdir));

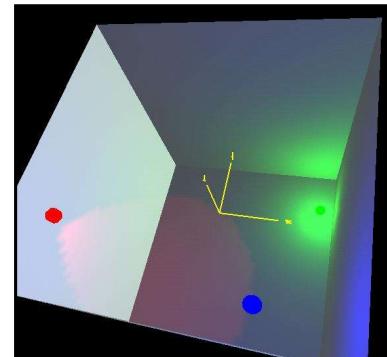
Specifies the spotlight-pointing direction. This gets transformed by the current value of the ModelView matrix.

glLightf(GL_LIGHT0, GL_SPOT_EXPONENT, e);

Specifies the spotlight directional intensity. This acts very much like the exponent in the specular lighting equation.

glLightf(GL_LIGHT0, GL_SPOT_CUTOFF, deg);

Specifies the spotlight maximum spread angle. A cutoff angle of 180° indicates that this is really a point light.



Three bouncing spotlights

Two Light-setting Helper Functions I Like to Use

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```

void
SetPointLight( int ilight, float x, float y, float z, float r, float g, float b )
{
    glLightfv( ilight, GL_POSITION, Array3( x, y, z ) );
    glLightf( ilight, GL_SPOT_CUTOFF, 180.f );
    glLightfv( ilight, GL_AMBIENT, Array3( 0., 0., 0. ) );
    glLightfv( ilight, GL_DIFFUSE, Array3( r, g, b ) );
    glLightfv( ilight, GL_SPECULAR, Array3( r, g, b ) );
    glLightf( ilight, GL_CONSTANT_ATTENUATION, 1.f );
    glLightf( ilight, GL_LINEAR_ATTENUATION, 0.f );
    glLightf( ilight, GL_QUADRATIC_ATTENUATION, 0.f );
    glEnable( ilight );
}

void
SetSpotLight( int ilight, float x, float y, float z, float xdir, float ydir, float zdir, float r, float g, float b )
{
    glLightfv( ilight, GL_POSITION, Array3( x, y, z ) );
    glLightfv( ilight, GL_SPOT_DIRECTION, Array3(xdir,ydir,zdir) );
    glLightf( ilight, GL_SPOT_EXPONENT, 1.f );
    glLightf( ilight, GL_SPOT_CUTOFF, 30.f );
    glLightfv( ilight, GL_AMBIENT, Array3( 0., 0., 0. ) );
    glLightfv( ilight, GL_DIFFUSE, Array3( r, g, b ) );
    glLightfv( ilight, GL_SPECULAR, Array3( r, g, b ) );
    glLightf( ilight, GL_CONSTANT_ATTENUATION, 1.f );
    glLightf( ilight, GL_LINEAR_ATTENUATION, 0.f );
    glLightf( ilight, GL_QUADRATIC_ATTENUATION, 0.f );
    glEnable( ilight );
}

```

This code is in your sample code folder in the file `setlight.cpp`



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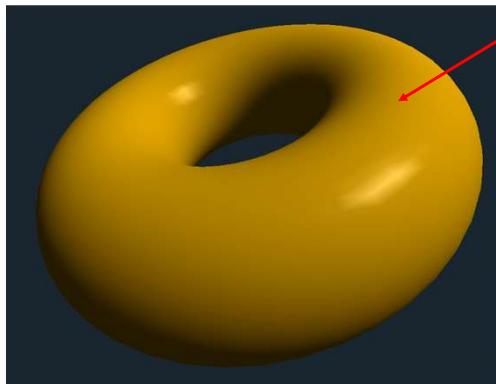
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Sidebar: Note that we are computing the light intensity at each vertex first, and then interpolating that intensity across the polygon second

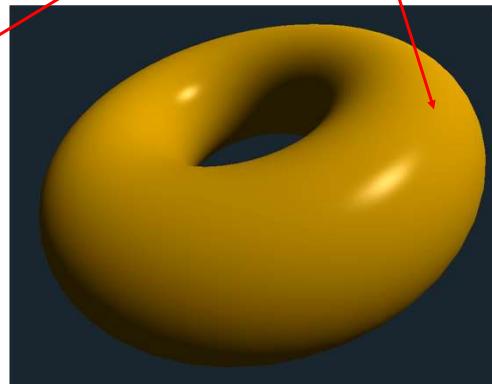
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That is, you are only using the lighting model *at each vertex*.

You can do an even better job if you interpolate the normal across the polygon first, and then compute the light intensity with the lighting model at each fragment second:



Per-vertex



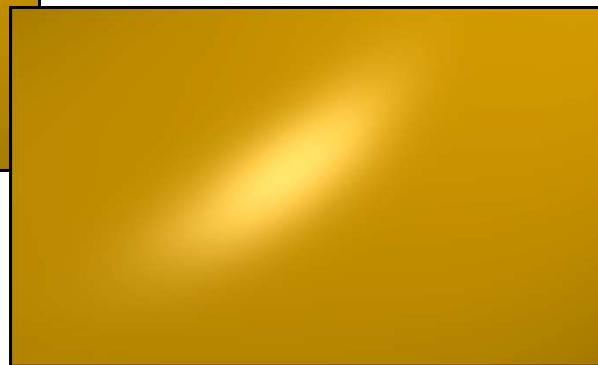
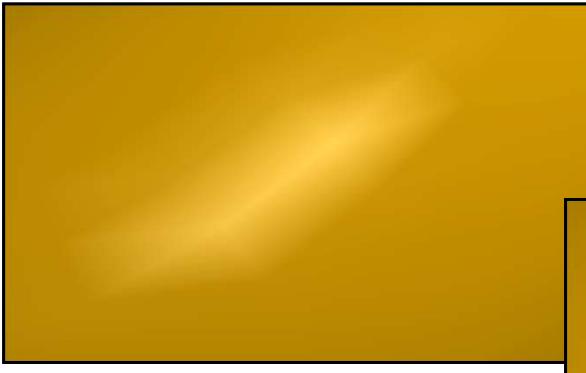
Per-fragment

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Per-vertex**Per-fragment**

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Sidebar: Smooth Shading can also interpolate vertex colors, not just the results of the lighting model

Before, when we talked about per-vertex normal vectors, we did this:

```
glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );
glTranslatef( tx, ty, tz );
glRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );
glScalef( sx, sy, sz );

glShadeModel( GL_SMOOTH );

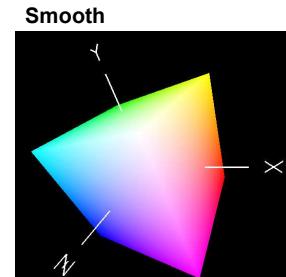
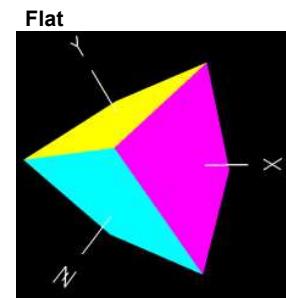
	glColor3f( r, g, b );
	glBegin(GL_TRIANGLES);
		glNormal3f( nx0, ny0, nz0 );
		glVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );
		glNormal3f( nx1, ny1, nz1 );
		glVertex3f( x1, y1, z1 );
		glNormal3f( nx2, ny2, nz2 );
		glVertex3f( x2, y2, z2 );
	glEnd();
```

We can also provide per-vertex colors to do this:

```
glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );
glTranslatef( tx, ty, tz );
glRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );
glScalef( sx, sy, sz );

glShadeModel( GL_SMOOTH );

glBegin(GL_TRIANGLES);
	glColor3f( r0, g0, b0 );
	glVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );
	glColor3f( r1, g1, b1 );
	glVertex3f( x1, y1, z1 );
	glColor3f( r2, g2, b2 );
	glVertex3f( x2, y2, z2 );
glEnd();
```

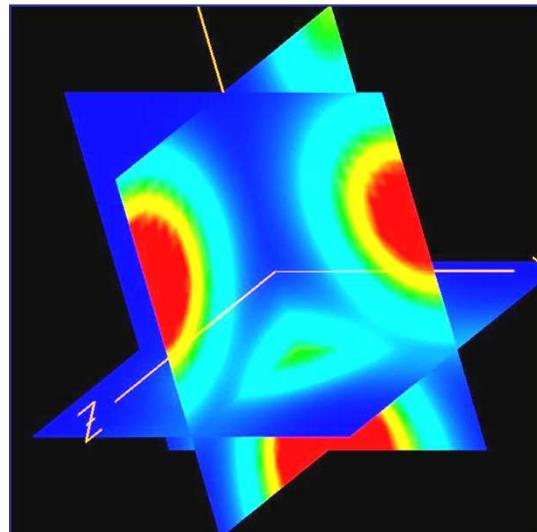


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**Smooth Shading can also interpolate vertex colors,
not just the results of the lighting model**

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This is especially useful when using colors for scientific visualization:



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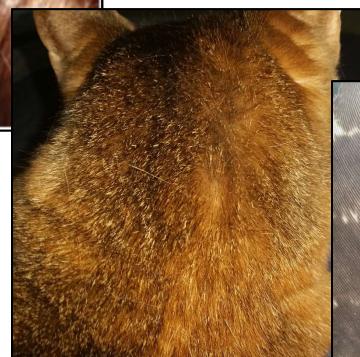
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Tricky Lighting Situations

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Hair



Fur



Feathers

Watch for these in movies!



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Tricky Lighting Situations

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Disney



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Notice the lighting in the fur!

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Sidebar: Beware of Mach Banding

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Notice how these vertical stripes look “scalloped”, like a Greek column. But, they are solid-color stripes. What is going on?

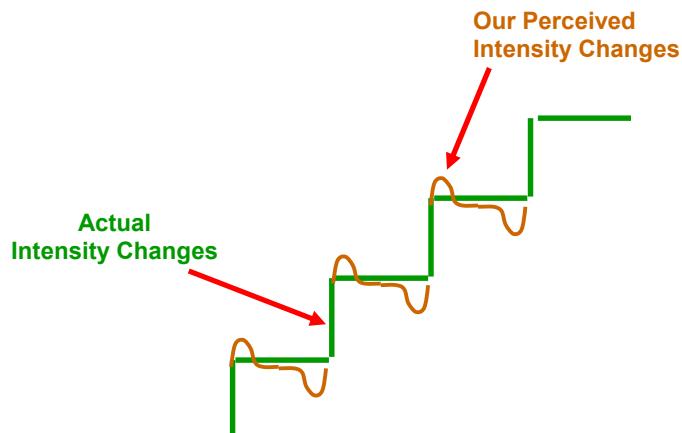
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Beware of Mach Banding

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Our vision systems can't handle abrupt changes in intensity.



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Beware of Mach Banding

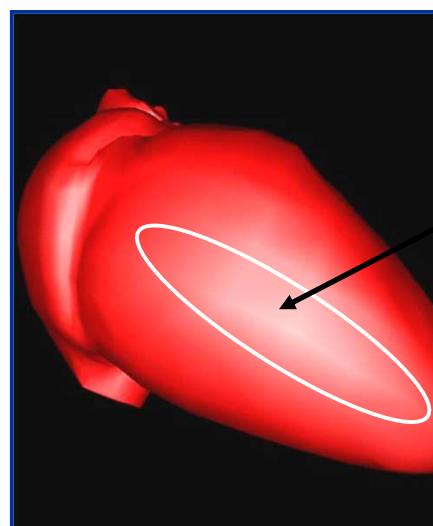
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In fact, our vision systems can't even handle abrupt changes in the *slope* of intensity.

Flat shading



Smooth shading



Our Perceived
Intensity Changes

Actual
Intensity Changes



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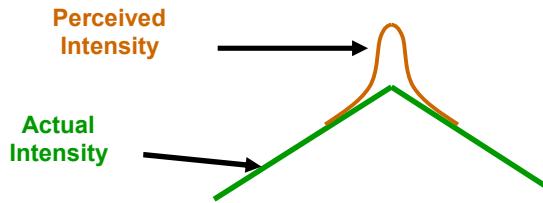
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Think of the Mach Banding problem as being similar to trying to round second base at a 90° angle.




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Lighting Steps

Is GL_LIGHTING enabled?
Yes No
Use SetMaterial and Set*Light to determine the color of this object Use glColor3f to determine the color of this object

Near the top of the program:

```
#include "setmaterial.cpp"
#include "setlight.cpp"
#include "osusphere.cpp"
//#include "osucone.cpp"
//#include "osutorus.cpp"
//#include "bmptotexture.cpp"
#include "loadobjfile.cpp"
//#include "keytime.cpp"
//#include "glslprogram.cpp"
```

In InitLists():

```
CowList = glGenLists( 1 );
glNewList( CowList, ... );
    SetMaterial(...)
    OsuSphere(...) or LoadObjFile( (char *)"cow.obj" )
glEndList( );
```

In Display():

```
if( NowLight == POINT )
    SetPointLight(GL_LIGHT0, ...)
else
    SetSpotLight(GL_LIGHT0, ...)

glEnable( GL_LIGHTING );
glEnable( GL_LIGHT0 );
glCallList( CowList );
glDisable( GL_LIGHTING );
```

Computer Graphics Framebuffers



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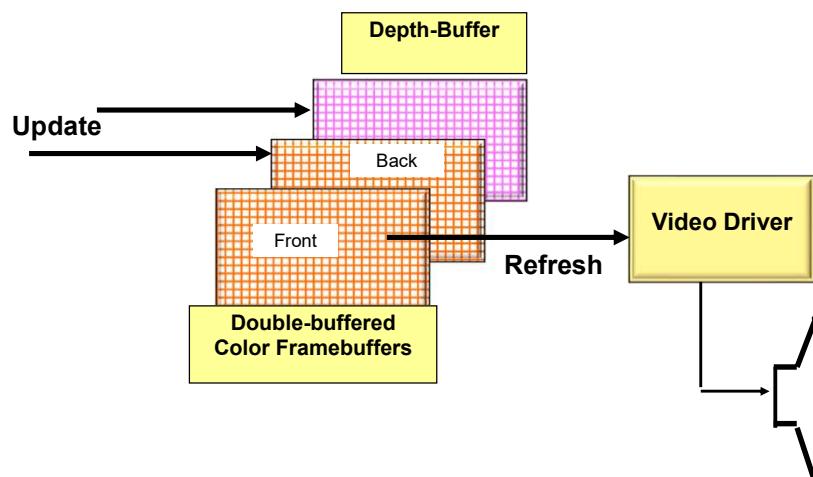
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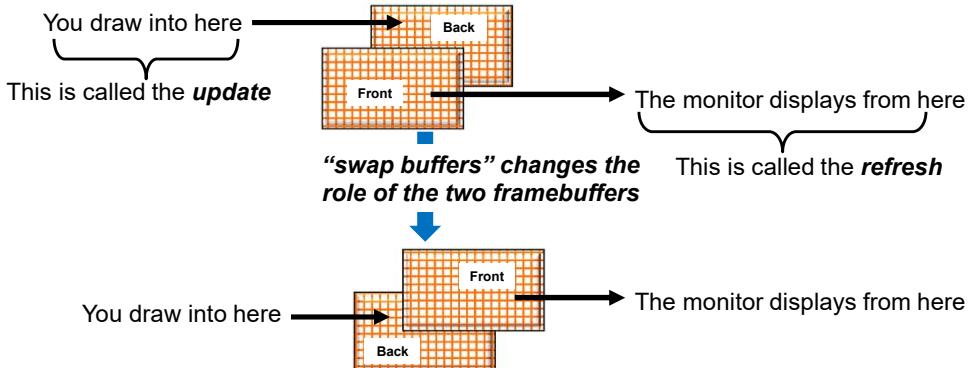
glutSwapBuffers()

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In InitGraphics(), we say: `glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_RGB | GLUT_DOUBLE | GLUT_DEPTH);`

At the top of Display(), we say:: `glDrawBuffer(GL_BACK);`

At the bottom of Display(), we say: `glutSwapBuffers();`



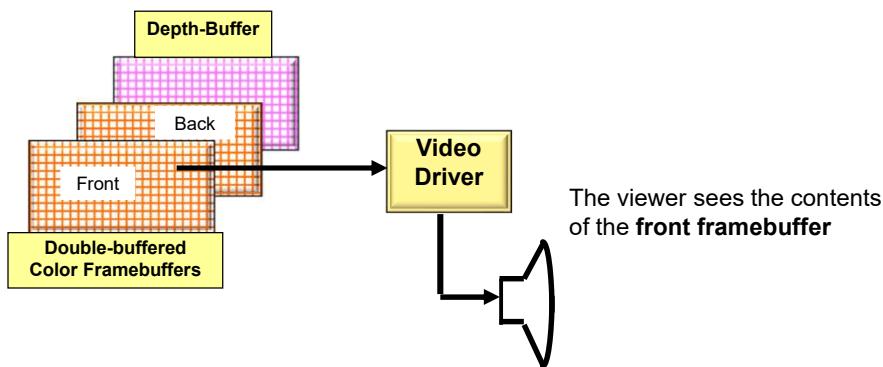
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The Video Driver

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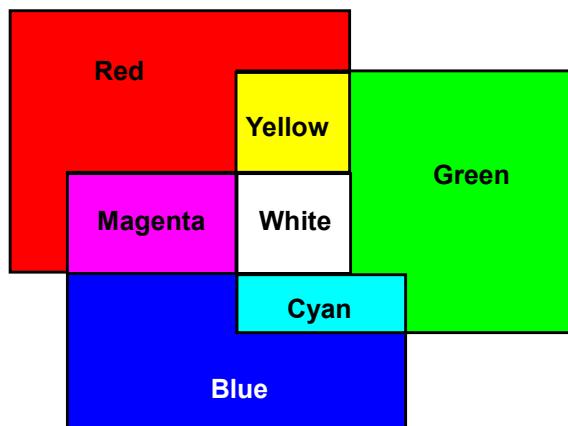
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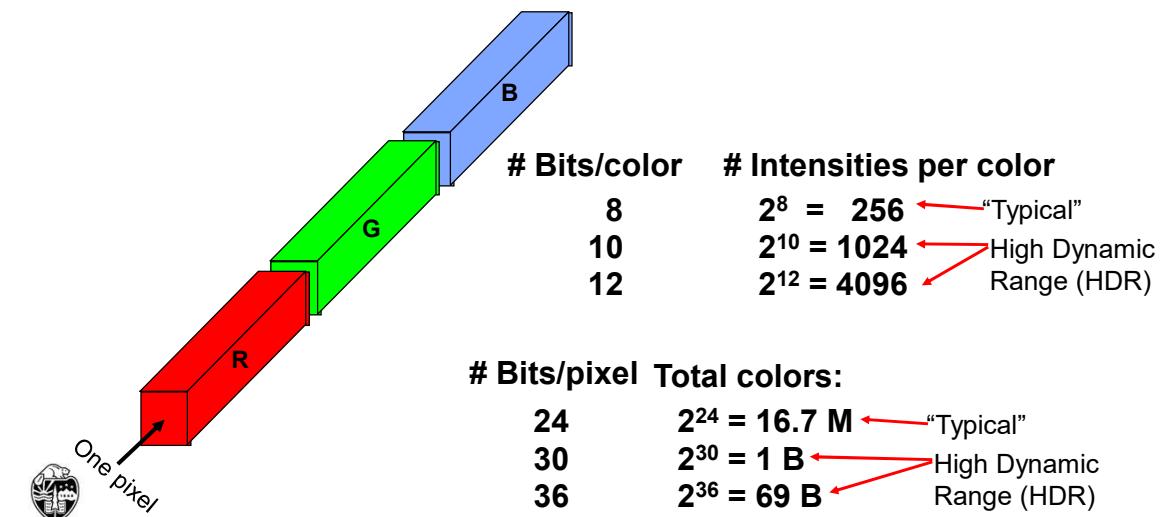
The Video Driver

- N **refreshes/second** (N is between 50 and 120, 60 is common)
- The framebuffer contains the R,G,B that define the color at each pixel
- Because of the double-buffering, **Refresh** is asynchronous from **Update**, that is, the monitor gets refreshed at N (60) frames per second, no matter how fast or slowly you update the back buffer.

The Framebuffer Uses RGB Colors



The Framebuffer: Integer Color Storage



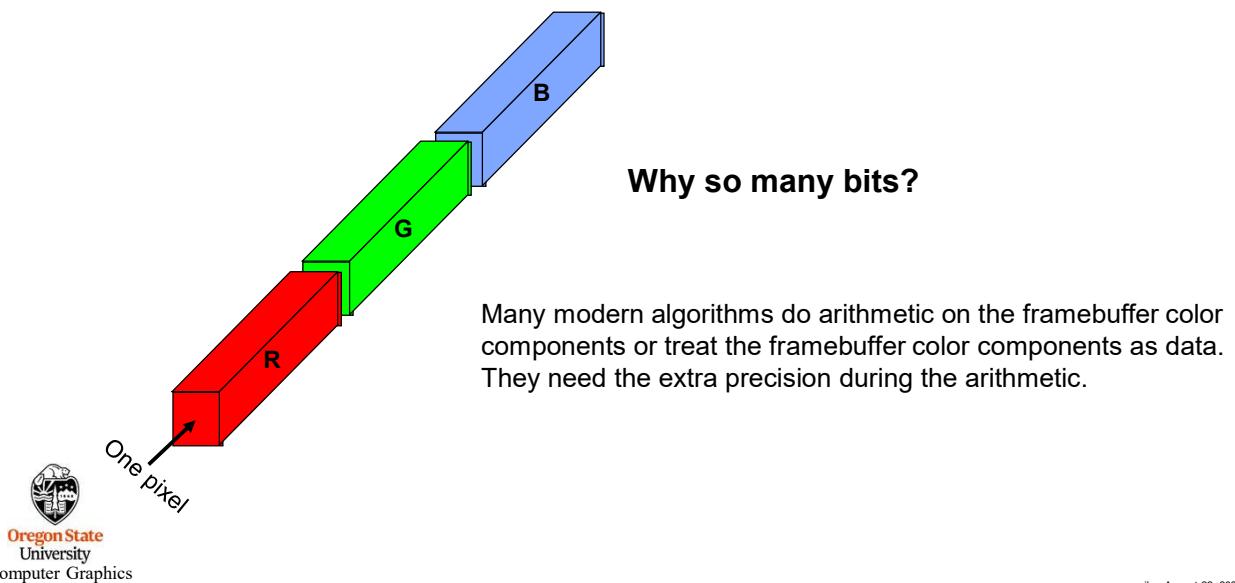
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The Framebuffer: Floating Point Color Storage

- 16- or 32-bit floating point for each color component



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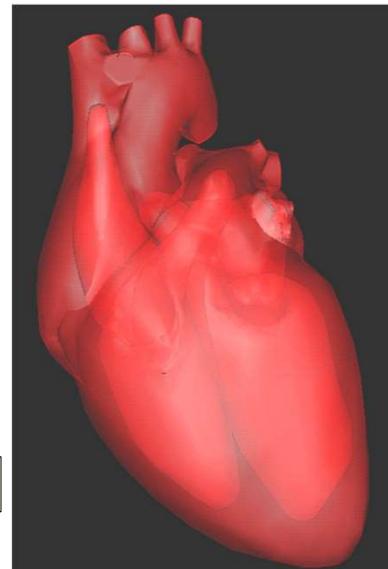
The Framebuffer

- **Alpha** values

- Transparency per pixel
 $\alpha = 0.$ is invisible
 $\alpha = 1.$ is opaque
- Represented in 8-32 bits (integer or floating point)
- Alpha blending equation:

$$\text{Color} = \alpha C_1 + (1 - \alpha) C_2$$

$$0.0 \leq \alpha \leq 1.0$$

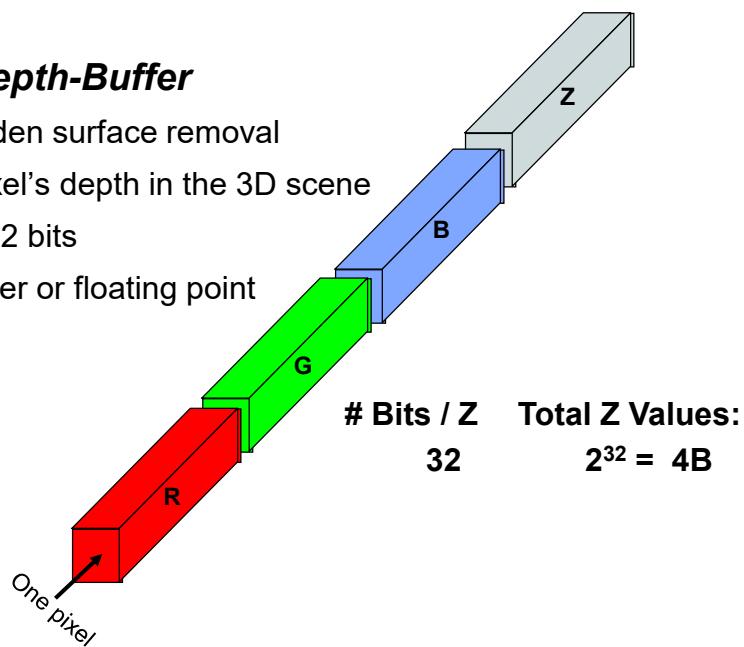


Note: this is really **blending**, not transparency!

The Framebuffer

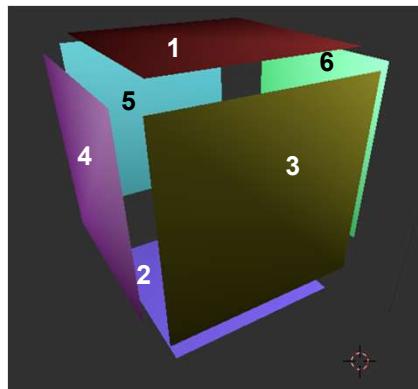
- **Z-buffer or Depth-Buffer**

- Used for hidden surface removal
- Holds the pixel's depth in the 3D scene
- Typically is 32 bits
- Can be integer or floating point



Why do things in front look like they are *really* in front?

Your application code might draw this cube's polygons in 1-2-3-4-5-6 order, but 1, 3, and 4 still need to look like they were drawn last:



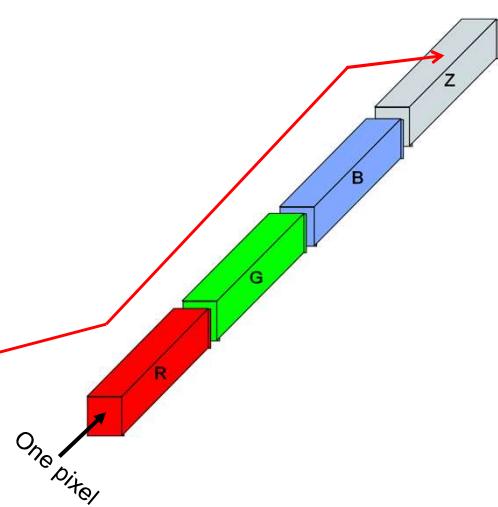
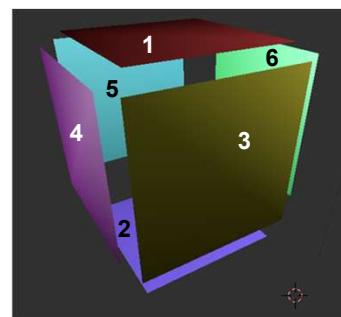
Solution #1: Sort your polygons in 3D by depth and draw them back-to-front.

In this case 1-2-3-4-5-6 becomes 5-6-2-4-1-3.

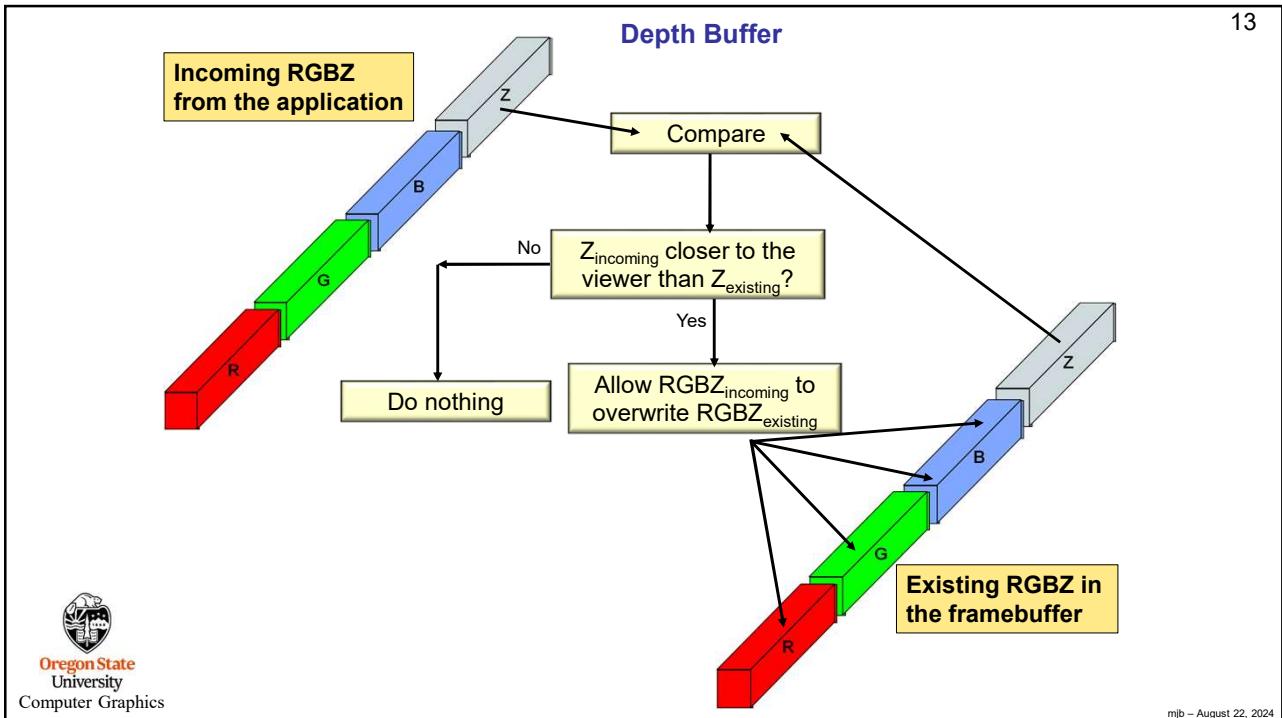
This is called the **Painter's Algorithm**. Once upon a time, we had to do things this way. It sucked even more than it sounds.

Why do things in front look like they are *really* in front?

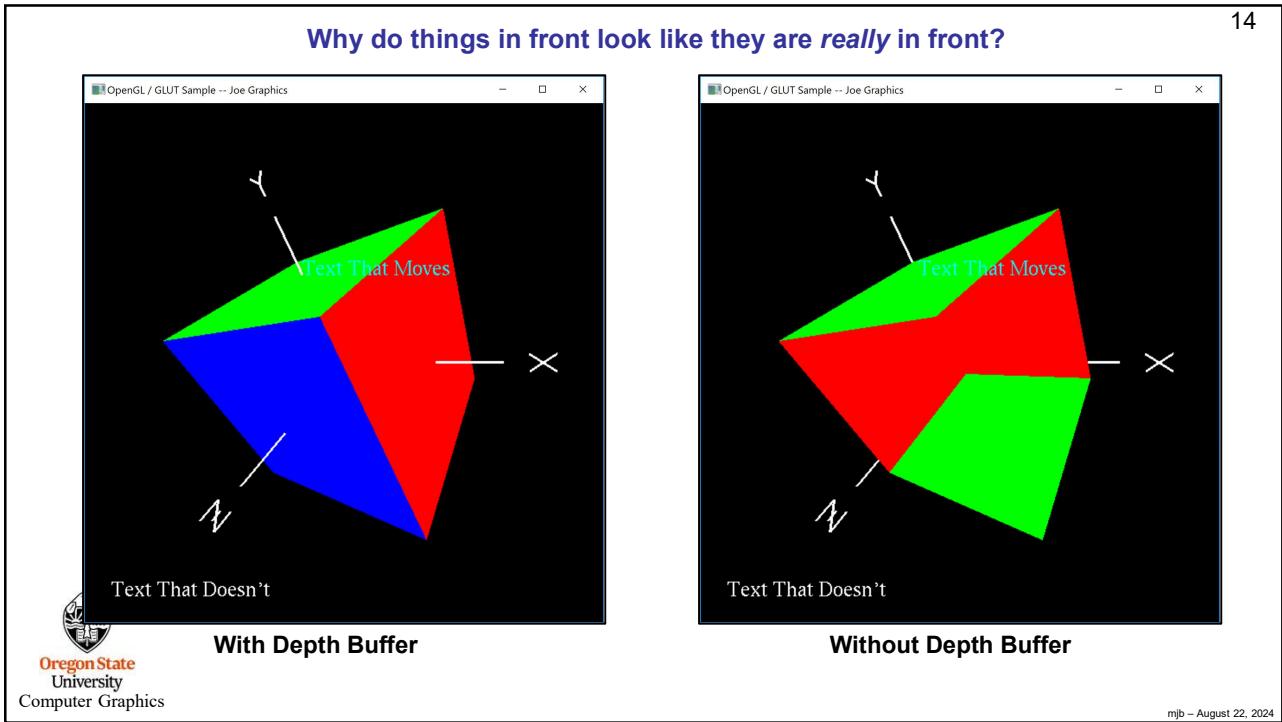
Your application might draw this cube's polygons in 1-2-3-4-5-6 order, but 1, 3, and 4 still need to look like they were drawn last:



Solution #2: Add an extension to the framebuffer to store the depth of each pixel. This is called a **Depth-buffer** or **Z-buffer**. Only allow pixel stores to take place when the depth of the incoming pixel is closer to the viewer than the pixel that is already there.

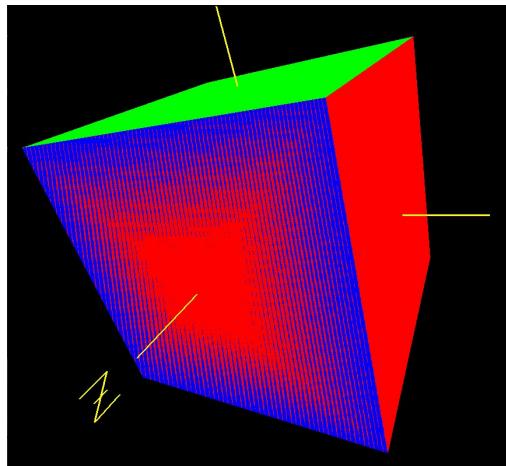


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What Does the Depth Buffer Do If Two Polygons are in *Exactly* the Same 3D Location?



You get an ugly phenomenon called "Z-Fighting", where the Depth Buffer sometimes chooses one and sometimes chooses the other. This will happen to you. It's not your fault.

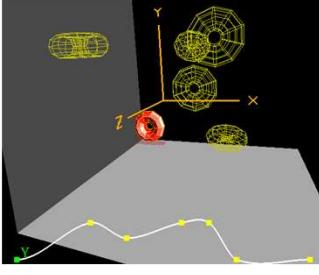


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Simple Keytime Animation for CS 450/550




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Approaches to Animation



1. Motion Capture ("MoCap")
2. Using the laws of physics ($F=ma$)
3. Using functional (target-driven) animation
- 4. Using keyframing**

We'll talk more about these others in our Animation notes!



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Keyframing

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Keyframing involves creating certain *key* positions for the objects in the scene, and then the program later interpolating the animation frames *in between* the key frames.

In hand-drawn animation, the key frames are created by the senior animators, and the in-between frames are developed by the junior animators.

In our case, you are going to be the senior animator, and the computer will do the in-betweening.

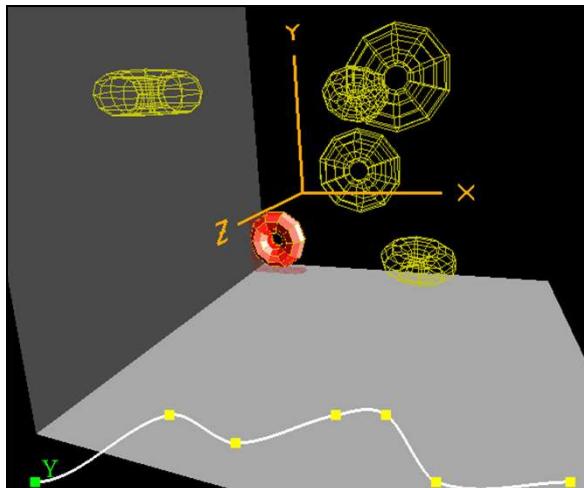


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The General Idea is to Interpolate the In-between Frames from the Smooth Curves Fit through the Key Frames

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To make this simple to use, our goal is to just specify the keyframe *values*, not the *slopes*. We will let the computer compute the slopes for us, which will then let the in-between frames be computed.

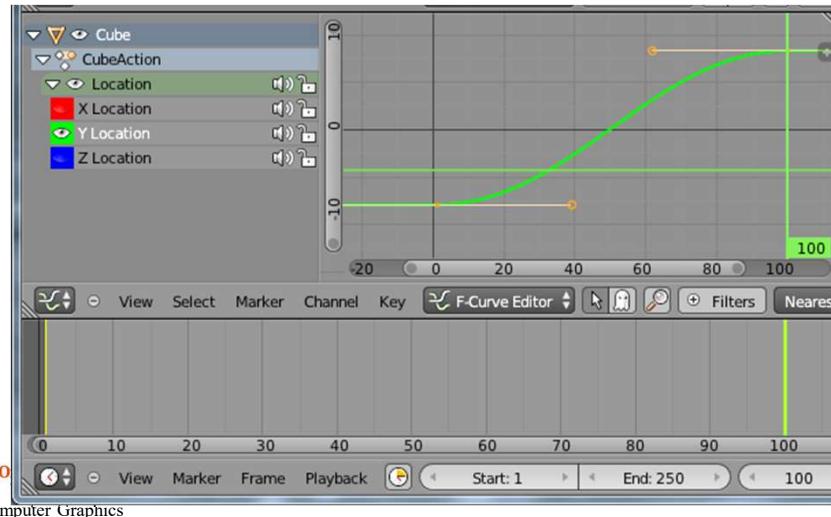
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Many Professional Animation Packages Make You Sculpt the Slopes (but we won't . . .)

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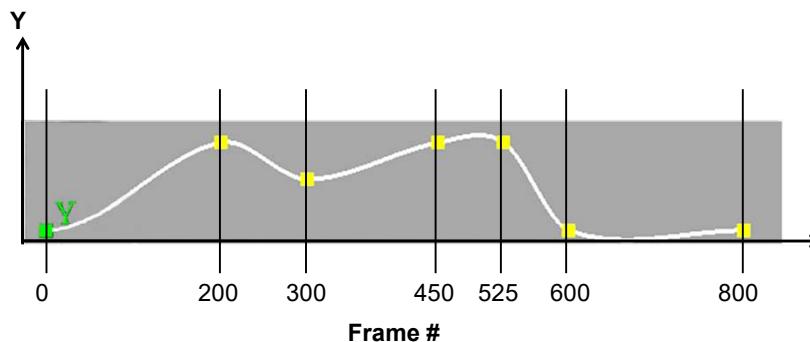
Blender:



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The "Y vs. Frame" Curve Looks Like This

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**Do This Same Thing for the X, Y, and Z Translations
and the X, Y, and Z Rotations**

X
Y
Z
 θ_x
 θ_y
 θ_z

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Instead of Key Frames, I Like Specifying Key Times Better

We created a C++ class to do the interpolation for you

```
class Keytimes:
    void AddTimeValue( float time, float value );
    float GetFirstTime( );
    float GetLastTime( );
    int GetNumKeytimes( );
    float GetValue( float time );
    void Init( );
    void PrintTimeValues( );
```

Un-comment this line in your sample code:
//#include "keytime.cpp"

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```

Keytimes Xpos;           // global variable

int
main( int argc, char *argv[] )
{
    // do this in main or in InitGraphics( ):
    Xpos.Init();
    Xpos.AddTimeValue( 0.0, 0.000 );
    Xpos.AddTimeValue( 2.0, 0.333 );
    Xpos.AddTimeValue( 1.0, 3.142 );
    Xpos.AddTimeValue( 0.5, 2.718 );
    fprintf( stderr, "%d time-value pairs:\n", Xpos.GetNumKeytimes() );
    Xpos.PrintTimeValues();

    fprintf( stderr, "Time runs from %8.3f to %8.3f\n", Xpos.GetFirstTime(), Xpos.GetLastTime() );

    for( float t = 0.f; t <= 2.f; t += 0.1f )
    {
        float v = Xpos.GetValue( t );
        fprintf( stderr, "%8.3f %8.3f\n", t, v );
    }

    ...
}

```

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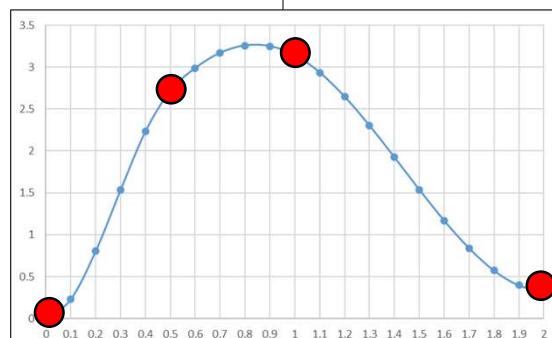
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```

( 0.00, 0.000)
( 0.00, 0.000) ( 2.00, 0.333)
( 0.00, 0.000) ( 1.00, 3.142) ( 2.00, 0.333)
( 0.00, 0.000) ( 0.50, 2.718) ( 1.00, 3.142) ( 2.00, 0.333)
4 time-value pairs
Time runs from 0.000 to 2.000

```

0.000	0.000
0.100	0.232
0.200	0.806
0.300	1.535
0.400	2.234
0.500	2.718
0.600	2.989
0.700	3.170
0.800	3.258
0.900	3.250
1.000	3.142
1.100	2.935
1.200	2.646
1.300	2.302
1.400	1.924
1.500	1.539
1.600	1.169
1.700	0.840
1.800	0.574
1.900	0.397
2.000	0.333



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Using the System Clock in Display() for Timing

```
#define MSEC      10000          // i.e., 10 seconds
Keytimes Xpos, Ypos, Zpos;
Keytimes ThetaX, ThetaY, ThetaZ;

// in InitGraphics( ):

<< init the Keytime classes and add the keyframe values >>
...

// in Display( ):

// # msec into the cycle ( 0 - MSEC-1 ):
int msec = glutGet( GLUT_ELAPSED_TIME ) % MSEC;

// turn that into a time in seconds:
float nowSecs = (float)msec / 1000.f;
glPushMatrix( );
    glTranslatef( Xpos.GetValue(nowSecs), Ypos.GetValue(nowSecs), Zpos.GetValue(nowSecs) );
    glRotatef( ThetaX.GetValue(nowSecs), 1., 0., 0. );
    glRotatef( ThetaY.GetValue(nowSecs), 0., 1., 0. );
    glRotatef( ThetaZ.GetValue(nowSecs), 0., 0., 1. );
    << draw the object >>
glPopMatrix( );
}
```

Number of msec in the animation cycle

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