CS 432 – Interactive Computer Graphics

Lecture 3 – Part 2

Animation

Reading

- Angel: Chapter 2
- Red Book: Chapter 2

Animation

- Obviously in most real graphic scenes things move
  - Animation
  - Interaction
- Or things may change in the scene
  - Lighting changes
  - Objects appear/disappear
- Therefore we may need to do things like
  - Update vertex locations
  - Change uniform variable values
- Often we can do this in our client application and/or the shader program
  - We have to decide which, why, and when!

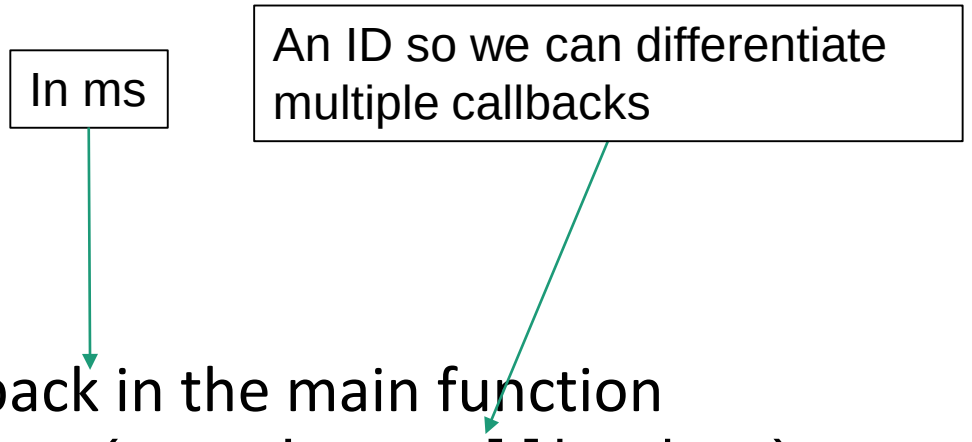
Animation

- So how do we do these updates?
- We could just wait for the next time the display callback is called
  - Terrible idea
  - Who knows when that will happen
- Recall from the list of callback functions we have
  - `glutIdleFunc`
  - `glutTimerFunc`

Animation

- The idle callback
  - Occurs whenever the program is idle
- The timer callback
  - Gets called after some number of microseconds
- Idle vs Timer
  - Generally speaking we'll use the timer callback so our animation is smooth.
  - Idle callback won't usually occur at even intervals. So we'd have to augment our animation step size based on system timestamps

Animation



- Bind a timer callback in the main function
  - `glutTimerFunc(50,timerCallback,0);`
- In the timer callback function
  - Update stuff (in our case vertex locations)
  - Move updated stuff to GPU
    - `glBindArray`, `glBindBuffer` and `glBufferData`
      - Now we may want our data to be `GL_DYNAMIC_DRAW` instead of `GL_STATIC_DRAW` since it's being updated often.
      - Also if the amount of data changed, we may need to update the shader attribute information
  - Request a redisplay
    - `glutPostRedisplay();`
  - Schedule another timer call
    - `glutTimerFunc(50, timerCallback, value);`

Frame Buffers for Animation

- The **frame buffer** stores information for drawing to the screen. This includes at least
  - Color at each pixel
  - Depth at each pixel
- If we're doing animation we don't want to get caught in a situation that we're writing to the frame buffer when it has to be used to display
- So let's have a 2nd frame buffer!
  - Display the front one
  - Write to the back one
  - When we're done writing to the back one, **swap** them.

Frame Buffers for Animation

- To use two buffers all we need to do is:
  - In the main, initialize the display mode to use double buffering

```
glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_RGBA|GLUT_DOUBLE)
```

  - In the display callback instead of calling `glFlush()` at the end, call `glutSwapBuffers();`

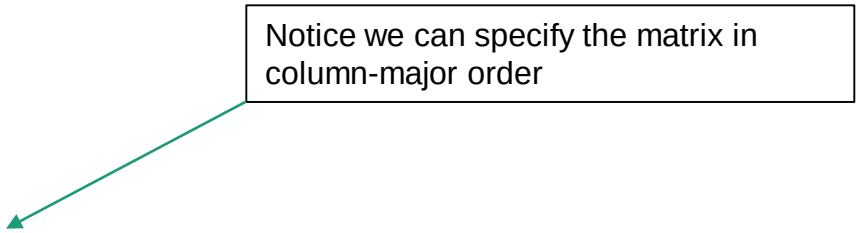
Animation Example

- Rotate a rectangle by 1 degree every 1/10 of a second
  - `glutTimerFunc(100,timerCallback,0);`
- Alternatively you could use the idle callback and use timestamps to determine how much to rotate
  - `present_time = glutGet(GLUT_ELAPSED_TIME);`
  - `float dt = 0.001*(present_time-last_time);`
  - `last_time = present_time;`
- Recall our 2D homogenous rotation matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta & 0 \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Client-Side Animation Example

```
void timerCallback(int value)
{
    theta++;
    if(theta > 360)
        theta = 0;

    float rad = theta*2*3.14/360;
    float s = sin(rad);
    float c = cos(rad);

    mat3 rot(c, s, 0, -s, c, 0, 0, 0, 1);

    for(int i=0; i < NumVertices; i++){
        points[i] = rot*points[i];
    }

    //update data in the GPU
    glBindVertexArray(abuffers[0]);
    glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER,buffers[0]);
    glBufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof(points), points, GL_DYNAMIC_DRAW);


    glutTimerFunc (interval, timerCallback, value);
    glutPostRedisplay();
}
```



Shader-side animation example

```
void
display( void )
{
    glClear( GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);

    //draw lineloop
    glBindVertexArray(VAOs[1]);
    glUseProgram(program);
    glLineWidth(1.0);
    glUniform4fv(color_loc,1,red_opaque);
    glUniformMatrix3fv(mm_loc, 1, GL_TRUE, model_matrix);
    glDrawArrays( GL_LINE_STRIP, 0, NumVertices2 );
```

```
void timerCallback(int value)
{

    theta++;
    if(theta > 360)
        theta = 0;

    float rangle = theta*2.0*3.14/360;
    float c = cos(rangle);
    float s = sin(rangle);
    mat3 rot = mat3(vec3(c, -s, 0), vec3(s, c, 0), vec3(0, 0, 1));
    model_matrix = rot;

    glutTimerFunc (interval, timerCallback, value);
    glutPostRedisplay();

}
```

Vertex Shader

```
#version 150

in  vec3 vPosition;
uniform mat3 model_matrix;

void main()
{
     gl_Position = vec4((model_matrix*vPosition).xy,0,1);

}
```

When and why?

- Generally speaking you want the GPU to do as much as possible
  - Parallelizable!
- However sometimes you still need to update things on the client-size
  - In order to do global computations
    - Like collision detection
    - Graphics pipeline treats each vertex independently ☹
- Still may be better to do computations in both places
  - Can avoid the bottleneck of moving data from CPU to GPU