Opengl

OpenGL’s native language is C, so a C++ program can make direct OpenGL

function calls. There are 3 variants (opengl, opengles, webgl).

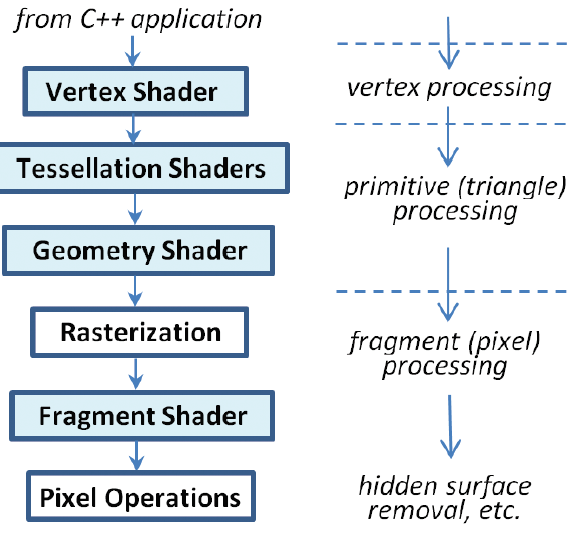
OpenGL doesn’t draw to a computer screen. Rather, it renders to a

*frame buffer*, and it is the job of the individual machine to then draw the contents

of the frame buffer onto a window on the screen.

GLSL is an example of a *shader language*. Shader languages are intended to run on a GPU, in the

context of a graphics pipeline.



**glClearColor() command specifies the color value to be applied**

**when clearing the background—in this case (1,0,0,1), corresponding to the RGB**

**values of the color red (plus a “1” for the opacity component). We then use the**

**OpenGL call glClear(GL\_COLOR\_BUFFER\_BIT) to actually fill the color buffer with**

**that color. Opacity is transparency.**

* **In the constructor, we call QGLWidget::setFormat() to specify the OpenGL**

**display context, and we initialize the class’s private variables.**

Ex: Tetrahedron::Tetrahedron(QWidget \*parent)

: QGLWidget(parent)

{

setFormat(QGLFormat(QGL::DoubleBuffer | QGL::DepthBuffer));

rotationX = -21.0;

rotationY = -57.0;

rotationZ = 0.0;

faceColors[0] = Qt::red;

faceColors[1] = Qt::green;

faceColors[2] = Qt::blue;

faceColors[3] = Qt::yellow;

}

* **The initializeGL() function is called just once, before paintGL() is called. This**

**is the place where we can set up the OpenGL rendering context, define display**

**lists, and perform other initializations.**

**Ex:** void Tetrahedron::initializeGL()

{

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qglClearColor(Qt::black);

glShadeModel(GL\_FLAT);

glEnable(GL\_DEPTH\_TEST);

glEnable(GL\_CULL\_FACE);

}

glShadeModel — select flat or smooth shading: void **glShadeModel**(GLenum mode);

Accepted values for GLenum mode are GL\_FLAT and GL\_SMOOTH. The initial value is GL\_SMOOTH.

glEnable — enable or disable server-side GL capabilities: void **glEnable**(GLenum cap);

void **glDisable**(GLenum cap);

* **The resizeGL() function is called before paintGL() is called the first time, but**

**after initializeGL() is called. It is also called whenever the widget is resized.**

**This is the place where we can set up the OpenGL viewport, projection, and**

**any other settings that depend on the widget’s size.**

**Ex:** void Tetrahedron::resizeGL(int width, int height)

{

glViewport(0, 0, width, height);

glMatrixMode(GL\_PROJECTION);

glLoadIdentity();

GLfloat x = GLfloat(width) / height;

glFrustum(-x, x, -1.0, 1.0, 4.0, 15.0);

glMatrixMode(GL\_MODELVIEW);

}

glViewport — set the viewport:

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| --- | --- |
| void **glViewport**( | GLint *x*, |
|  | GLint *y*, |
|  | GLsizei *width*, |
|  | GLsizei *height*); |

**Description**

glMatrixMode sets the current matrix mode. *mode* can assume one of these values:

GL\_MODELVIEW

Applies subsequent matrix operations to the modelview matrix stack.

GL\_PROJECTION

Applies subsequent matrix operations to the projection matrix stack.

GL\_TEXTURE

Applies subsequent matrix operations to the texture matrix stack.

glLoadIdentity — replace the current matrix with the identity matrix(An identity matrix is a **square** matrix having 1s on the main diagonal, and 0s everywhere else)

