HOWTO: Setup an OSX development environment for OpenGL and GLUT

Procedure I followed on my OSX 10.8.3 system

XCode is free from Apple and can be downloaded from the App Store Look under the App Development category

If you are using the recent current version of XCode and you also want to be able to use the development tools from the command line (Terminal) then you will need the Command Line Tools for XCode which you can download from here:

https://developer.apple.com/downloads/index.action

Make sure to download the correct version for your system (e.g. Lion, Mountain Lion)

I downloaded the Mountain Lion version

Once downloaded go to your Downloads folder and double-click the dmg file

A window will pop up with the 'Command Line Tools' package showing

Double-click to install it - follow the instructions that are presented

Double-click XCode from the applications folder or Launchpad to start it (I am using v4.6.1)

On the welcome screen click on 'Create a New XCode Project'

Another dialog will pop up

In the left pane click on 'Application' just under the OSX entry

Click on 'Command Line Tool' in the right pane

Click Next

Enter GLUT-Test for the project name

Enter UCLA-CS174A into the company identifier (or whatever you want here)

You can change the Type to C++ if you like, I do not think it matters, but I did

Click Next

Here you need to select a location on your local disk for your project

I chose to locate my project in the Documents folder

Click Create

Now you will see the main XCode window (lots going on here)

Click on the 'Build Phases' Tab at the top of the central pane

Click on the drop down arrow for the entry titled 'Link Binaries with Libraries'

Click on the '+'

A dialog will appear

Type the following into the search box: OpenGL

At this point you should see 'OpenGL.framework appear in the window below

Click on the 'OpenGL.framework' and click Add

Click on the '+' again

A dialog will appear

Type the following into the search box: GLUT

At this point you should see 'GLUT.framework appear in the window below

Click on the 'GLUT.framework' and click Add

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Click on the 'main.cpp' entry in the left pane to bring up the text editor
Now type (or copy) the following test code into the editor window in the center pane
=====ENTER CODE BELOW THIS LINE
#include <GLUT/glut.h>
void display()
}
int main(int argcp, char **argv) {
/* Set window size and location */
glutInit(&argcp, argv);
glutInitWindowSize(640, 480);
glutInitWindowPosition(0, 0);
/* Select type of Display mode: single buffer & RGBA color */
glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_RGBA | GLUT_SINGLE);
/*Initialize GLUT state */
glutCreateWindow("Hello World");
glutDisplayFunc( display );
glutMainLoop();
return 0;
=====ENTER CODE ABOVE THIS LINE
Now you can compile and run your code.
Click on the big Run arrow at the top left of the window
The code should compile and run
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Things are working - if you do not go back and make sure you followed the instructions here carefully or post your questions to the class forum

You should see a window open with a blank white background

Do not close XCode yet!

Command-Q will quit the program

If you got this far you are go to start on Assignment #1 or see below about install GLEW

Installing GLEW on OSX

It is not clear this is necessarily needed for the class but if you do this is the easiest way to accomplish the install that I have found.

While downloading and building and installing GLEW is possible it is probably not something you want to do (and I do not want to explain)

So, we will use MacPorts (which is a package manager for OSX). Actually, we will use Homebrew which is a more friendly front end to MacPorts. This means we can download and install GLEW without much effort.

Download and install Homebrew from the Terminal (http://mxcl.github.io/homebrew)

Type the following into the Terminal (or cut and paste from the Homebrew website homepage)

ruby -e "\$(curl -fsSL https://raw.github.com/mxcl/homebrew/go)"

Hit Enter to start the script

You will see 'Hit ENTER to continue or any other key to abort'

Hit Enter

It will ask for your password

Enter your password

The installation will proceed...

Once finished you will see that it tells you to run 'brew doctor'

type: 'brew doctor' into the Terminal

Now we are ready to install GLEW Type the following into your Terminal brew install glew All done.

Now you have to get XCode to see the library you just installed

Back in XCode (hopefully you left it open from before)

At the top left of the editor window there are two triangle (arrows) facing left and right

Click on the left arrow

Click on the GLUT-Test under the 'PROJECT' entry in the left pane

Click on the 'Build Settings' Tab

Click on 'Base SDK' and change it to 'Current OSX'

Click on the GLUT-Test under the 'TARGETS' entry in the left pane

Click on the 'Build Phases' tab

Click on the 'Link Binaries with Libraries' dropdown

Click the '+'

Enter 'libglew' into the search box

Click on 'libGLEW.dylib' in the box below

Click Add

Click the little right arrow at the top left of the center pane to go back to the editor

Enter the following line ABOVE the #include <GLUT/glut.h> line #include <GL/glew.h>

Then enter the following lines AFTER the glutDisplayFunc() line
===
GLenum err = glewInit();
if (GLEW_OK != err)
{
}
std::cerr << "Status: Using GLEW " << glewGetString(GLEW_VERSION) << std::endl;

Now click the Run arrow at the top left Everything should compile and run again - you should see the white window You should ALSO see some output in the XCode output window

You should be ready to do on to Assignment #1

-Scott