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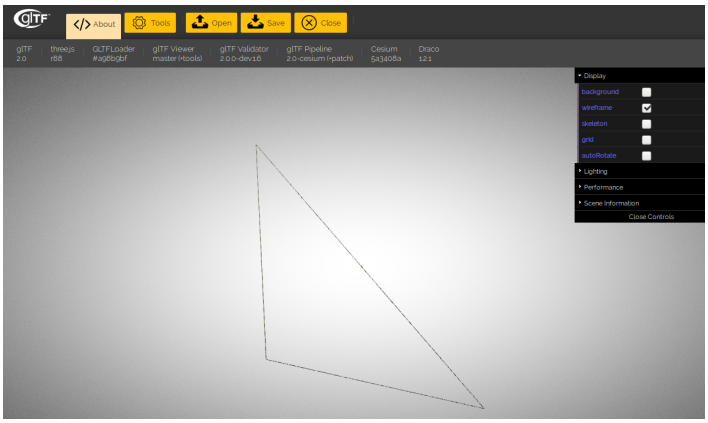
Assignment 10: glTF!

We will load our favorite mesh from a file and then convert it to a valid glTF file. You can choose if you want to do this assignment in JavaScript or in Python. In class, we used Python (see our colab from class `https://cs460.org/shortcuts/33/`).



Starter code for assignment 10. After pulling from upstream, there is the folder `10` in your fork. This folder contains an `index.html` file that uses JavaScript to make glTF JSON. This folder also contains a `gltf.py` script that you can run with `python gltf.py` to output the glTF JSON. As a start for this assignment, both versions create an identical valid glTF JSON structure holding a single triangle (see screenshot above).

Part 1 (1 points): Please decide which language you will use: JavaScript or Python. Python might be a bit easier to load and parse an existing file—with JavaScript we need to use Ajax to load the existing mesh and parse it (or as option 3: use a Three.js loader and grab the vertices/indices from there). For parsing files with Python look here: `https://tutorial.eyehunts.com/python/python-read-file-line-by-line-readlines/` For using Javascript and Ajax look here: `https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/XMLHttpRequest/Using_XMLHttpRequest`.

Part 2 (15 points): Load a mesh from an external file. A .PLY or .OBJ file might be the easiest to parse.

Part 3 (20 points): Parse all vertices from the loaded mesh and create the VERTICES array and base64 code.

Part 4 (20 points): Parse all indices from the loaded mesh and create the INDICES array and base 64 code.

Part 5 (10 points): Calculate all required fields for the glTF file (as we did in class) and generate the glTF JSON code. Store the glTF JSON code in a glTF file.

Part 6 (5 points): Please make sure the glTF file is valid using `http://github.khronos.org/glTF-Validator/`.

Part 7 (5 points): Visualize the glTF file using `https://gltf.insimo.com/`. You might have to choose the wireframe

display option since the glTF file does not include material (Display -> Wireframe, in the dat.GUI). **Please replace the screenshot above.**

Part 8 (5 points): Add the glTF file to your fork.

Part 9 (10 points): Choose a final project—either an existing one from `https://cs460.org/assignments/final/` or a new one. Please list the project here and in the link. If working as a team, assemble your team and list the team members below and in the link.

For my project, as a steppingstone to later tackling fluid visualization in my own time, I wish to implement the concept of ”advection” on a 2D quad in Vanilla WebGL. This is part of the Eulerian strategy of fluid visualization in which instead of having particles, every pixel has associated with it, a velocity and a color of dye. The algorithm causes these velocities to have a certain peculiar way of morphing through time in which velocities seem to move and feed into each other, while carrying colors with them. I should be able to come up with something presentable to the fast-forward, but so far I have some blur shaders, which are interesting enough. I shall be working alone for this one.

Part 10 (9 points): Make sure this PDF and your glTF file are in your fork on github. Then, please send a pull request.

Bonus (33 points):

Part 1 (15 points): Please add any kind of material to the glTF file. For this, you would have to read the specs or google for examples :)

Part 2 (18 points): Write THREE.js code that displays your glTF file using the `THREE.GLTFLoader`.