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Module 9C Advanced Texturing



Advanced Texturing Techniques

- Material mapping / gloss mapping
 - Alpha mapping
- Bump mapping
 - Blinn's method
 - Normal mapping
 - Relief mapping
- Environment mapping
 - Blinn and Newell's method
 - Sphere mapping
 - Cubic environment mapping
- Light mapping
- Image based effects
 - Rendering spectrum
 - Skyboxes
 - Billboarding
- Texturing with Shaders
 - Procedural textures with shaders



Multipass Rendering

• Multipass rendering:

- Evaluate separate parts of the illumination equation in separate passes
 - Each pass modifies previous results
 - Framebuffer is used to store intermediate results
- Prior to shaders: hardware accelerators were not flexible enough to solve complex lighting models in a single pass
- Example: Modulate diffuse color by a texture but not the specular highlight
 - Use 2 passes: first add diffuse component with texture modulation, then in 2nd pass add specular component without texture
- Quake III used up to 10 passes
 - Passes 1-4: Accumulate bump map
 - Pass 5: diffuse lighting
 - Pass 6: base texture
 - Pass 7: specular lighting
 - Pass 8: emissive lighting
 - Pass 9: volumetric/atmospheric effects
 - Pass 10: screen flashes
 - On less capable hardware might only perform Pass 5 and 6



Multipass Rendering

- After application of texture in the graphics pipeline a fragment is produced for the pixel
 - Color (RGBA) and geometric information (z-depth, stencil value)
 - Normally the fragment replaces the pixel in the framebuffer
 - Or is discarded if fails z buffer or stencil test
- With multipass rendering the fragment is combined with the current pixel
 - Add adds the fragment color to the framebuffer color
 - Blend combine the fragment and framebuffer color using blending based on an alpha value
 - Alpha can come from stored pixel information, texture, constant value, or from vertices (each vertex has an alpha value – becomes interpolated)
 - Output framebuffer is used as resource texture for the next pass



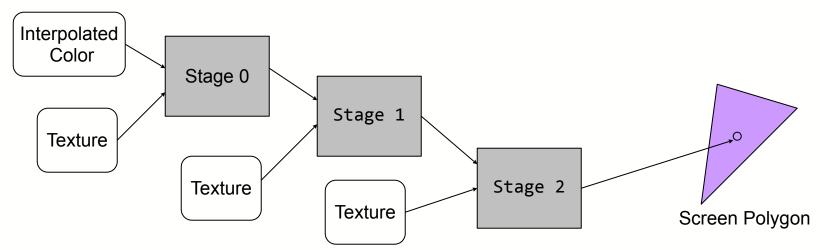
Shader Scene Node

- May want ability to change shaders within scene graph
 - Different effects for different objects
 - Rather than one "master" shader program to handle all effects use different shaders
 - More efficient, compact shader code for each
- Possible design
 - Compile and link shader code in constructor
 - Can use ShaderSupport code
 - During Draw, call glUseProgram
 - Reset to prior program (or program 0) after children are drawn
 - Place near the root node as switching programs is expensive
- Need a way to handle different uniform variables within other scene nodes
 - Not all shaders need each other's uniform variables
 - Carry the set within SceneState and modify only those that are active
 - Use -1 value to indicate inactive



Multitexturing

- Multitexturing allows 2 or more textures to be accessed during the same rendering pass
 - Texture blending pipeline
 - Made up of a series of texture stages
- Saves rendering passes
- Supported in most graphics accelerators
- Provides support for features such as lightmaps, bump-mapping, gloss mapping, etc.





Simple Example

- http://www.lighthouse3d.com/tutorials/glsl-12-tutorial/multi-texture/
- Example uses same texture coordinates for both textures
 - So no change to vertex shader
 - Fragment shader access both textures:



Texture Unit 1



Texture Unit 2



