

# CA417 - Computer Graphics

## OpenGL - Part 1

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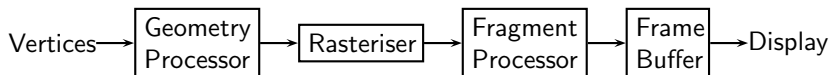
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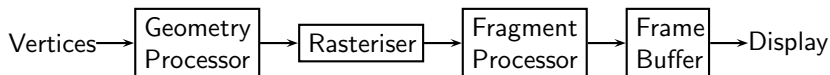
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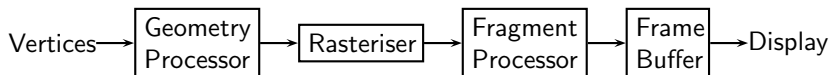


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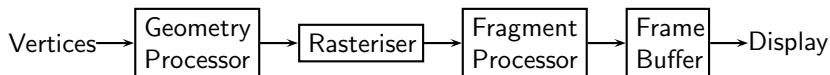
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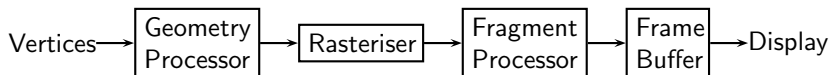
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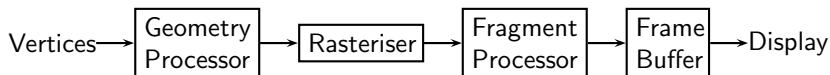
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**Input/Window** Strictly, these are not part of the core OpenGL libraries. They are provided in the GLUT library.

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OpenGL functions that end with a `v` allow the programmer to pass a parameter by a pointer.

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glVertex3fv (point);
```

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12     glEnd ();
13
14     glFlush ();
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16 }
17
18 int main (int argc, char **argv)
19 {
20     glutInit (&argc, argv);
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OpenGL and GLUT use **event loops** and **callbacks**. In this paradigm, common in interactive and real-time applications, the application responds to events. Events, such as mouse movement, mouse clicks, key presses, window movements and resizing, are placed in an **event queue** and are handled by the **event loop**. The **event loop** uses **callback functions** to handle each event.

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The **event loop** is entered by the call to `glutMainLoop` in line 23. This function is never returned from unless the program is killed.

Code included after the call to `glutMainLoop` will never get executed. Some compilers expect `main` to return a value, so in those cases you can include the line

```
return (0);
```

after the call to `glutMainLoop`.

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Colour is part of the OpenGL state. There are two colour active in the OpenGL state, the **current drawing colour** and the **current clear colour**. The **current clear colour** is an RGBA value and is set by:

```
void glClearColor (GLclampf r, GLclampf g,  
                  GLclampf b, GLclampf a)
```

The **current drawing colour** is set by either:

```
void glColor3f (type r, type g, type b)  
void glColor3fv (type *colour)
```

for RGB, and for RGBA by either:

```
void glColor4f (type r, type g, type b, type a)  
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There are b, i, d, ub, us, ui versions of the above OpenGL functions.

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We can setup multiple **viewports** on a screen.

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void glViewport (GLint x, GLint y,  
                GLsizei w, GLsizei h)
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specifies a viewport of width  $w$  pixels and height  $h$  pixels whose lower left corner is located at  $(x,y)$ .

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- Specify the matrix.
- Set the matrix to the identity matrix.
- Alter the matrix.

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```
void init (void)
{
    // set clear color to black

    glClearColor (0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0);

    // set fill color to white

    glColor3f (1.0, 1.0, 1.0);

    // Set up a standard orthogonal view with clipping box
    // as a cube of side length 2 centred at the origin.
    // As this is the default, these statements can be removed.

    glMatrixMode (GL_PROJECTION);
    glLoadIdentity ();

    // define the left, right, bottom and top clipping planes
    gluOrtho2D (-2.0, 2.0, -1.0, 1.0);

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```
int main (int argc , char **argv)
{

    glutInit (&argc , argv);

    glutInitDisplayMode (GLUT_SINGLE | GLUT_RGB);

    // window size relates directly to (is proportional to)
    // the clipping planes
    glutInitWindowSize (500, 250);
    glutInitWindowPosition (0, 0);

    glutCreateWindow ("simple2");
    glutDisplayFunc (display);
    init ();
    glutMainLoop ();

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# Attributes

**Attributes** affect the way a primitive is rendered. While it is natural to think of the attributes as belonging to the primitive, they are actually part of the OpenGL state. When an attribute is changed it affects the way every subsequent primitive is rendered.

# Points

Points are the most basic of primitives. The attributes that affect points are the point size and the colour.

```
glPointSize (2.0);  
glBegin (GL_POINTS);  
    glColor3f (1.0, 1.0, 1.0);  
    glVertex2f (-0.5, -0.5);  
    glColor3f (1.0, 1.0, 0.0);  
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`GL_LINE_STRIP` defines a sequence of lines that starts at the first vertex and where the end point of one segment is the start point of the next segment.



## Lines (2)

```
glBegin (GL_LINE_LOOP);  
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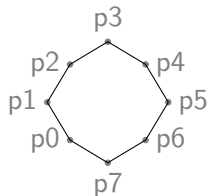
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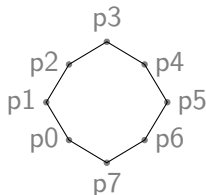




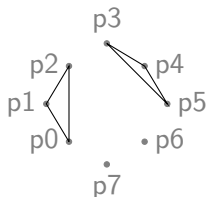
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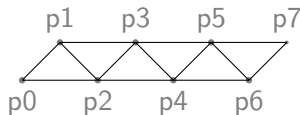


```
glBegin (GL_TRIANGLES);  
    glVertex2f (-0.5, -0.5);  
    glVertex2f (-0.8, 0.0);  
    glVertex2f (-0.5, 0.5);  
    glVertex2f (0.0, 0.8);  
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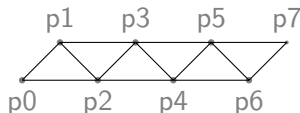
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```
glBegin (GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP);  
  glVertex2f (0, 0);  
  glVertex2f (1, 1);  
  glVertex2f (2, 0);  
  glVertex2f (3, 1);  
  glVertex2f (4, 0);  
  glVertex2f (5, 1);  
  glVertex2f (6, 0);  
  glVertex2f (7, 1);  
glEnd ();
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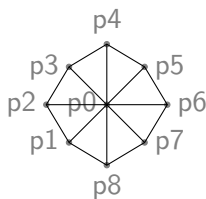


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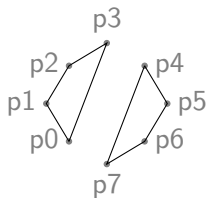


```
glBegin (GL_TRIANGLE_FAN);  
    glVertex2f (0.0, 0.0);  
    glVertex2f (-0.5, -0.5);  
    glVertex2f (-0.8, 0.0);  
    glVertex2f (-0.5, 0.5);  
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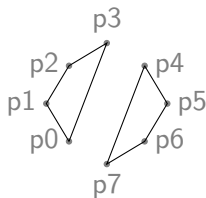
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```
glBegin (GL_QUADS);  
    glVertex2f (-0.5, -0.5);  
    glVertex2f (-0.8, 0.0);  
    glVertex2f (-0.5, 0.5);  
    glVertex2f (0.0, 0.8);  
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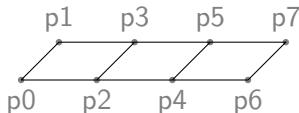


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Colour is specified at vertices and, if the default **shading model**, `GL_SMOOTH`, is used, the interior point will be linearly interpolate between the colour of the vertices. If the `GL_FLAT` model is used, the colour of the last vertex is used.

```
glShadeModel (GLenum mode)
```

where `mode` is either `GL_SMOOTH` or `GL_FLAT`.

## Saving the State

Two of the most important elements of the OpenGL state are the **model view matrix** and the **projection matrix**. These matrices can be saved and restored from **matrix stacks** using the `glPushMatrix ()` and `glPopMatrix ()` functions. Which **matrix stack** is used is determined by the OpenGL function `glMatrixMode (mode)` where mode can be either `GL_MODELVIEW` or `GL_PROJECTION`.

```
glMatrixMode (GL_PROJECTION);  
// set projection matrix and draw scene  
glPushMatrix ();  
// change projection matrix and draw scene.  
glPopMatrix ();  
// restore previous projection matrix.
```

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