# Using OpenGL in Java with JOGL

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- All of the `GLEventListener` methods are executed on the AWT event dispatching thread.
- Future versions may change this.
- `setRenderingThread()` is currently a no-op.
- This is a change from previous versions in response to a variety of threading issues.

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# The `Animator` Class

- Causes continual calls to `display()`
- As fast as possible, no FPS limit.
- Give `GLDrawable` instance to `Animator` upon creation.
- Can be started and stopped repeatedly.
- Can not be started until `GLCanvas` is “realized”
- Starting at the end of `init()` seems to work well

# A Clocked Animator: `FPSAnimator`

- Uses `java.util.Timer`
- Calls `GLDrawable.display()` every x microseconds based on fps.
- JOGL community's `FPSAnimator` possibly unstable.
  - Seems to fail when stopping and restarting on some OSs.

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- Add additional behaviors to GL pipeline.
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- Slow?

# Converting `BufferedImage` to OpenGL Format

- `BufferedImage` provides access to pixel data in a variety of formats.
- JOGL prefers `java.nio` direct buffers.
- This example uses `ByteBuffer`:
  - `ByteBuffer.allocateDirect( nBytes );`
- Unpack pixels from `BufferedImage` and pack into `ByteBuffer`.
- `BufferedImage.getRGB(row,col)` returns `int` pixel in ARGB format.

# Outline

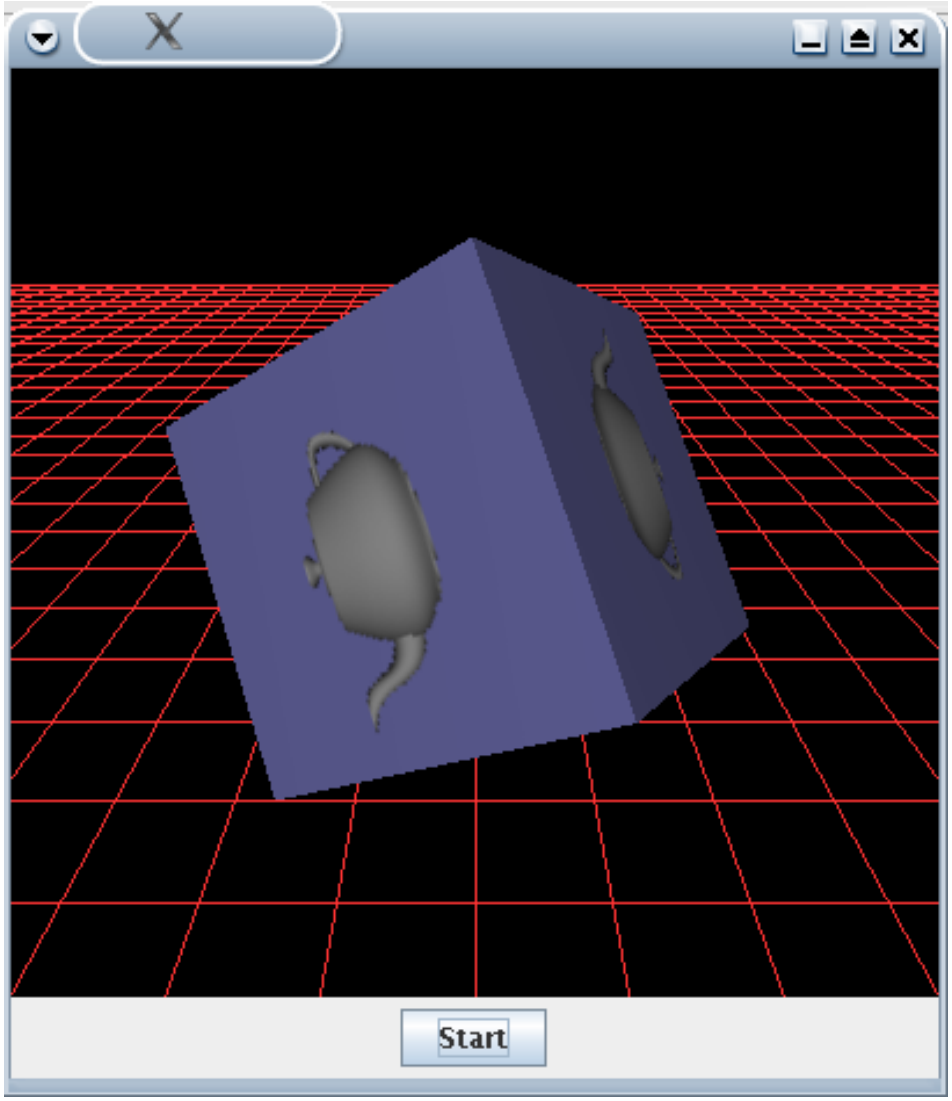
# Creating an Offscreen Drawable

- Support depends on graphics card
- JOGL API is experimental, may change
- Check for support: `drawable.canCreateOffscreenDrawable()`
- `drawable.createOffscreenDrawable(caps, w, h)`
- Returns `GLPbuffer`
- The main drawable, and the Pbuffer may have separate `GLEventListeners`.
- Texture data and display lists are shared.

# Using the PBuffer as a Texture

- Direct render to texture is supported in limited hardware.
- This example: render to Pbuffer, copy pixels to texture.
- At end of `display()` in Pbuffer: `glCopyTexImage2D(...)`

# Screenshot



# Outline

# Creating Multiple Canvases with Shared Data

- Sharing of display lists, texture data, etc.
- Second parameter to `createGLCanvas()`, is canvas to share with.
  - `...createGLCanvas(caps, otherCanvas)`
- This example shows sharing of display list and two textures.

# Outline

# Using `java.nio` Buffers for Vertex Arrays

- Helper methods for creating buffers: `net.java.games.jogl.util.BufferUtils`
- Vertex, normal arrays: `java.nio.DoubleBuffer`
- Index array: `java.nio.IntBuffer`
- Creation: `vertexBuffer = BufferUtils.newDoubleBuffer( nDoubles )`
- Append triple: `vertexBuffer.put( vertex )`
- Give to OpenGL: `gl.glVertexPointer(3, GL.GL_DOUBLE, 0, vertexBuffer)`

# Outline

# Retrieving the Frame Buffer Using `GLReadPixels`

- Copy frame buffer into `ByteBuffer`
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  - Copy pixels: `gl.glReadPixels(..., GL.GL_RGB, GL.GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE, ...)`
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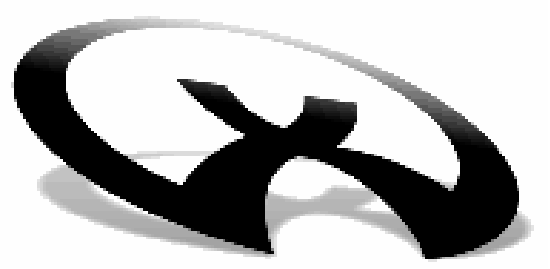
# Java Web Start

- Deploy JOGL apps via web link.
- JNLP (Java Network Launch Protocol) file:
  - XML based
  - Point to jar file and JOGL libraries.
  - Pre-defined jnlp for JOGL libs hosted at: `https://jogl.dev.java.net/webstart/jogl.jnlp`
  - Will select appropriate native libs.
  - Avoids security headaches (signed by Sun with VeriSign cert.)
- Web server must supply correct MIME type: `application/x-java-jnlp-file`

# Scenegraph Support



- Scenegraph: Xith 3D ( `http://xith.org` )
  - Built on JOGL (or LWJGL)
  - Provides access to OpenGL commands
  - Alternative to Java3D, using similar structure
  - Includes 3ds loader.

# Game Programming

- Quake 2 engine developed by Clark et al. for instructional purposes, written in JOGL. (JCSC V. (20) 2, December 2004)
- Full featured Quake 2 engine (open source) called Jake 2, developed using JOGL.
  - `http://www.bytonic.de`
  - Benchmarks: “Fast JOGL” 250 fps vs Original C code 315 fps.

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# JOGL in Intro. Computer Graphics at PLU

- Previous experiments: GLUT, Qt
- At PLU: CS1/2 are taught in Java.
- STL skills?
- Java Collection API: Familiar, no extra instruction
- Student job market preparation

# Thanks!

- Tutorial materials: `http://www.cs.plu.edu/~dwolff/talks/jogl-ccsc`
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- Questions?