Ballwall „3D – Flappy Bird“

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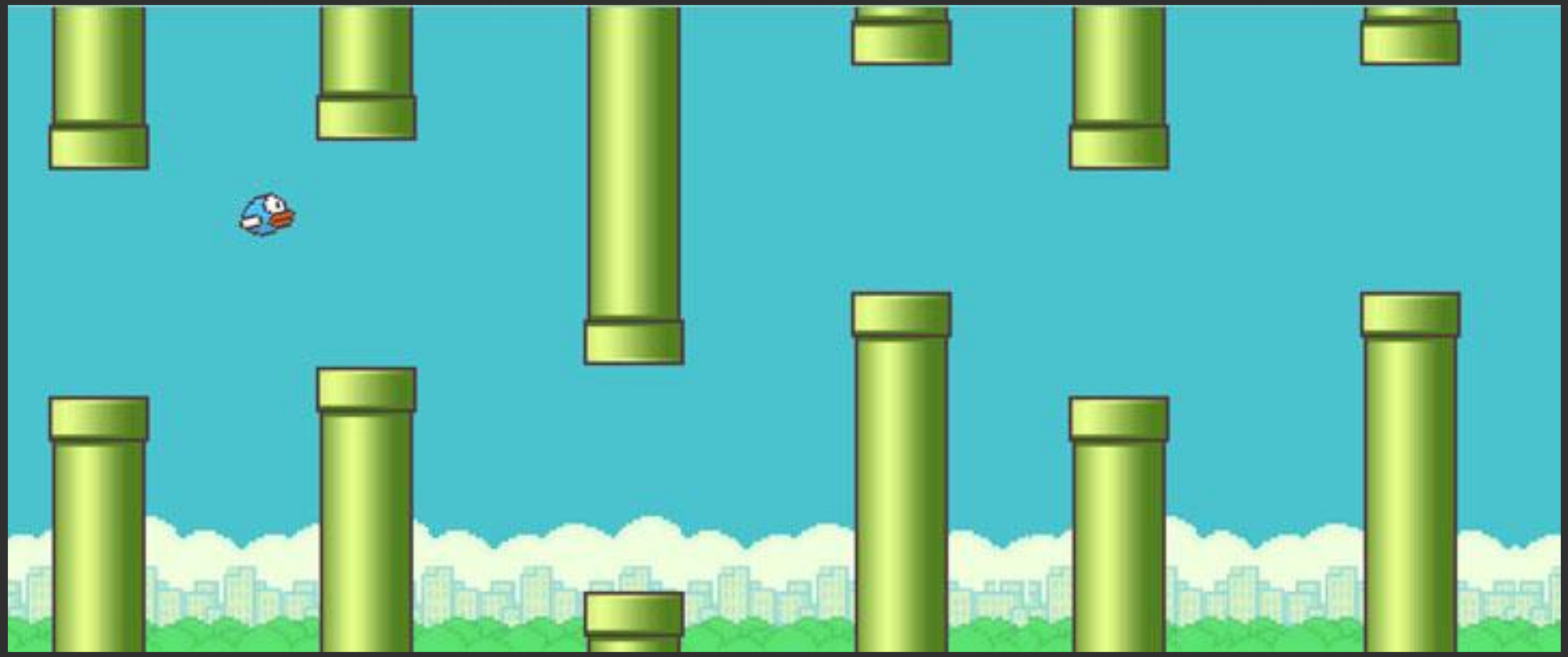
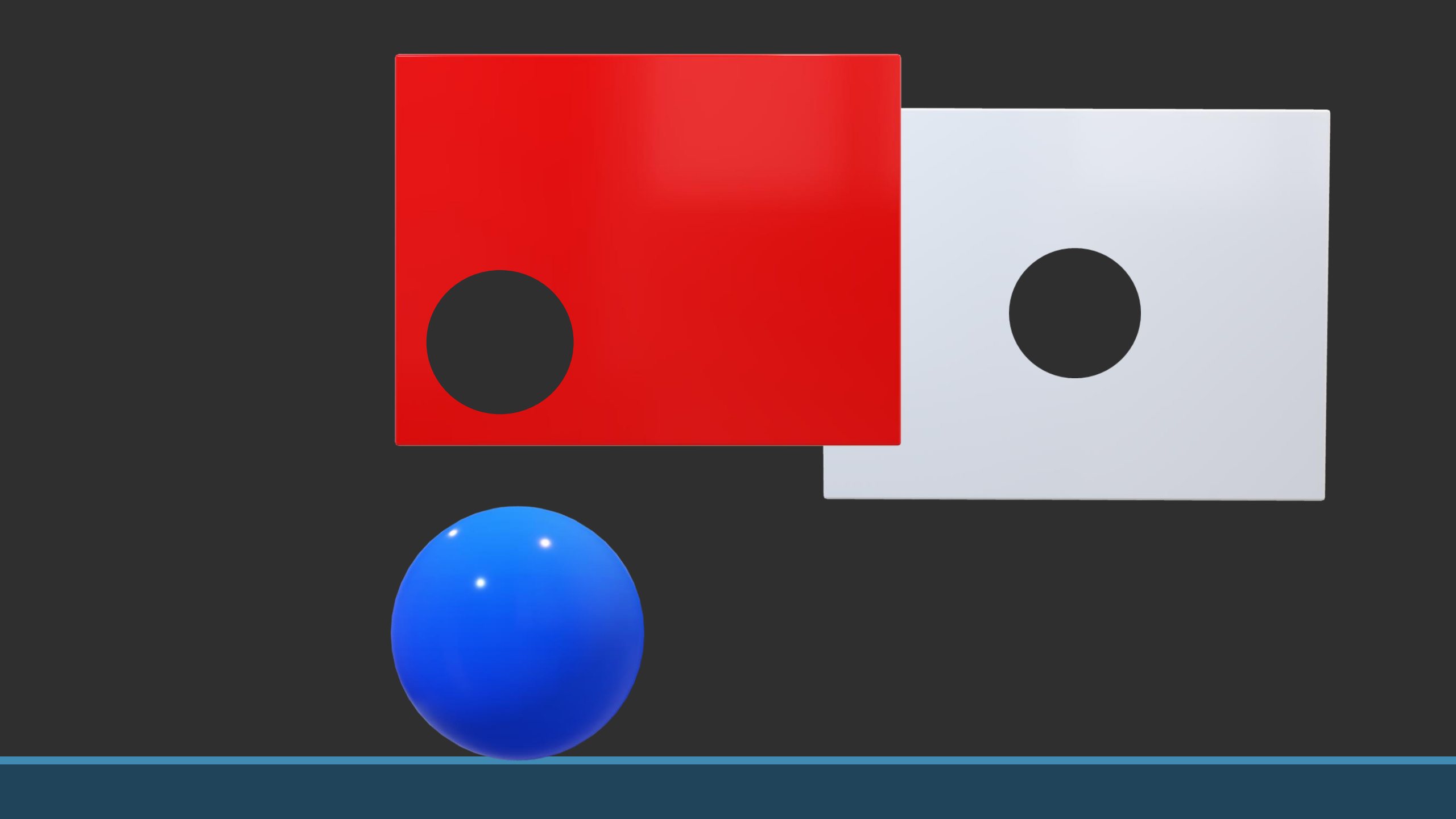




Libraries

- glew v2.2.0 OpenGL Extension Wrangler Library (GLEW) :
  - a cross-platform open-source C/C++ extension loading library
  - provides efficient run-time mechanisms for determining which OpenGL extensions are supported on the target platform
  - currently maintained by Nigel Stewart with bug fixes, new OpenGL extension support and new releases
  - was developed by Milan Ikits and Marcelo Magallon
  - Aaron Lefohn, Joe Kniss, and Chris Wyman were the first users and also assisted with the design and debugging process

Libraries

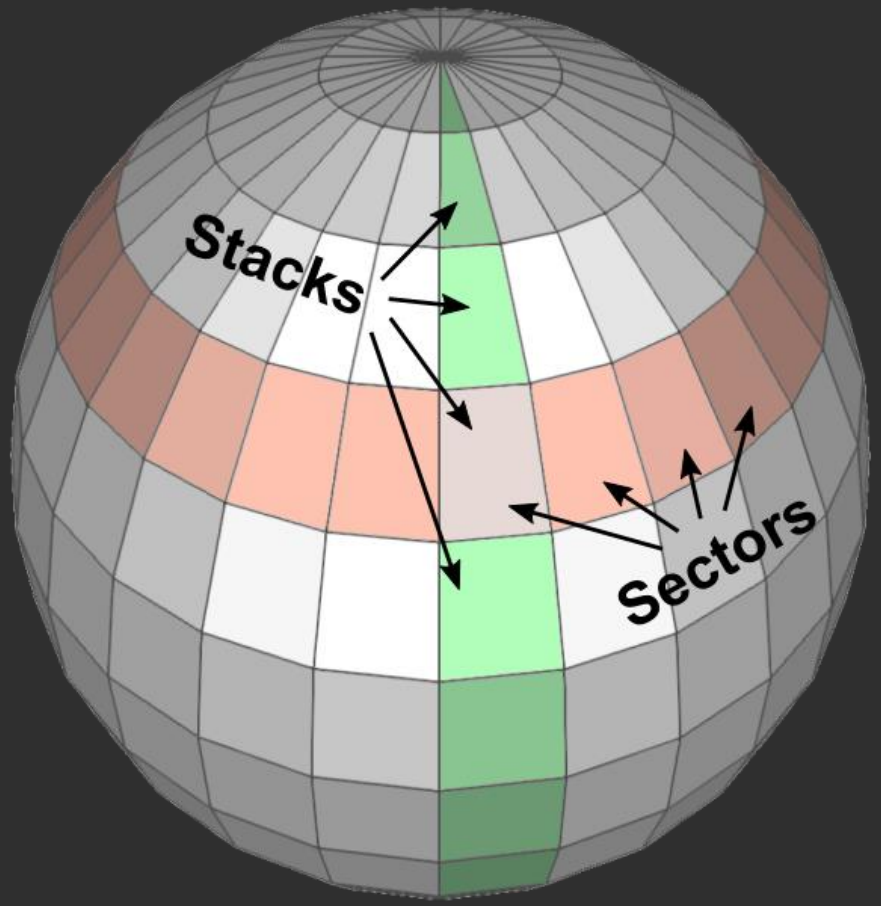
- freeglut v3.0.0 free GL Utility Toolkit:
  - GLUT vs freeglut:
  - GLUT is getting old and really needs improvement
  - its license does not allow anyone to distribute modified library code

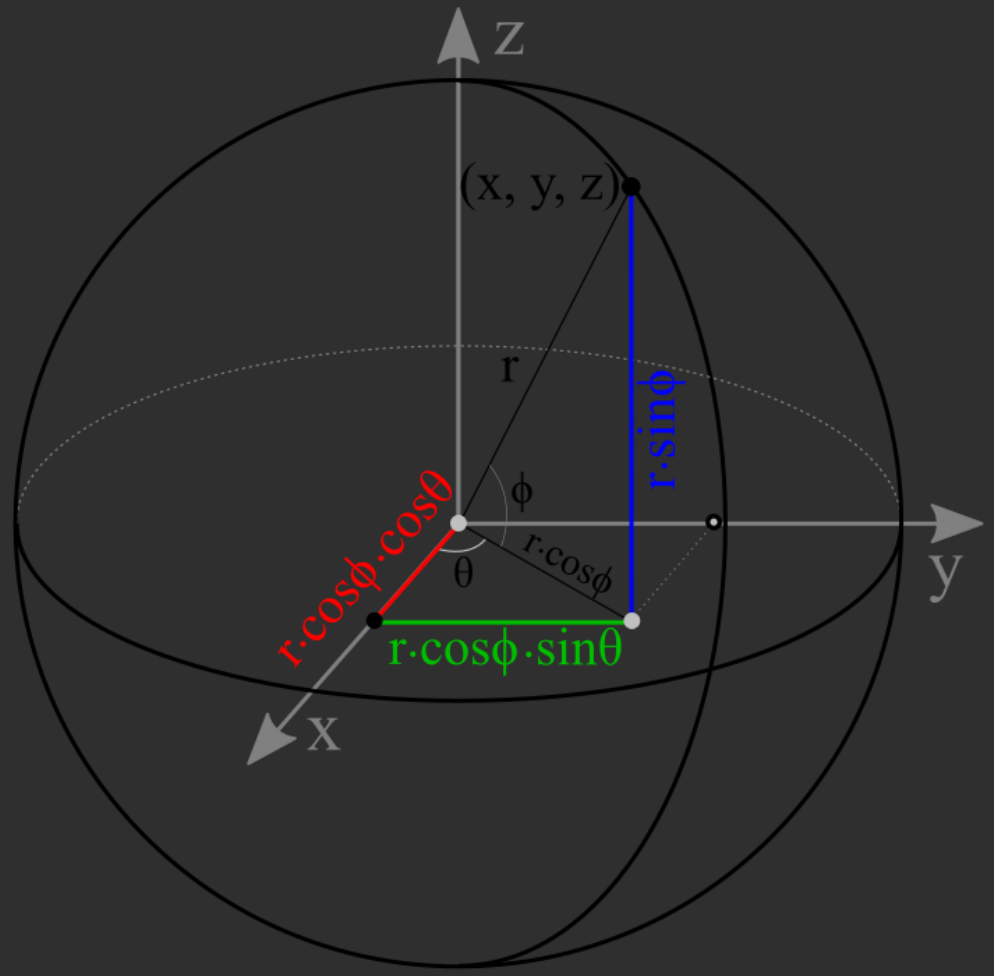
  - freeglut is a free-software/open-source alternative to the GLUT library
  - originally written by Pawel W. Olszta with contributions from Andreas Umbach and Steve Baker
  - John F. Fay, John Tsiombikas, and Diederick C. Niehorster are the current maintainers of the freeglut project

Sphere

- 3D closed surface where every point on the sphere is same distance (radius) from a given point
- $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$
- we cannot draw all the points on a sphere
- sample a limited amount of points by dividing the sphere by sectors and stacks
- an arbitrary point (x, y, z) on a sphere can be computed with the corresponding sector angle θ and stack angle ϕ
- $x = (r \cdot \cos\phi) \cdot \cos\theta \qquad z = r \cdot \sin\phi$

  $y = (r \cdot \cos\phi) \cdot \sin\theta$


Stacks
Sectors


z
(x, y, z)
r
r·sinϕ
ϕ
r·cosϕ·cosθ
θ
r·cosϕ
y
r·cosϕ·sinθ
x

Sphere

- range of sector angles is from 0 to 360 degrees
- stack angles are from 90 (top) to -90 degrees (bottom)
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$$\theta = 2\pi \cdot \frac{\text{sectorStep}}{\text{sectorCount}}$$

$$\phi = \frac{\pi}{2} - \pi \cdot \frac{\text{stackStep}}{\text{stackCount}}$$

Creating the sphere

- adapted from http://www.songho.ca/opengl/gl_sphere.html
- done in two main steps

Creating the sphere: 1.step

```
271         for(int i = 0; i <= stackCount; ++i)
272         {
273             stackAngle = Pi / 2 - i * stackStep;        // starting from pi/2 to -pi/2
274             xy = radius * cosf(stackAngle);             // r * cos(u)
275             z = radius * sinf(stackAngle);              // r * sin(u)
276 
277             // add (sectorCount+1) vertices per stack
278             // the first and last vertices have same position and normal, but different tex coords
279             for(int j = 0; j <= sectorCount; ++j)
280             {
281                 sectorAngle = j * sectorStep;           // starting from 0 to 2pi
282 
283                 // vertex position (x, y, z)
284                 x = xy * cosf(sectorAngle);             // r * cos(u) * cos(v)
285                 y = xy * sinf(sectorAngle);             // r * cos(u) * sin(v)
286                 vnbuffer2.push_back(x);
287                 vnbuffer2.push_back(y);
288                 vnbuffer2.push_back(z);
289 
290                 // normalized vertex normal (nx, ny, nz)
291                 nx = x * lengthInv;
292                 ny = y * lengthInv;
293                 nz = z * lengthInv;
294                 vnbuffer2.push_back(nx);
295                 vnbuffer2.push_back(ny);
296                 vnbuffer2.push_back(nz);
297             }
298         }
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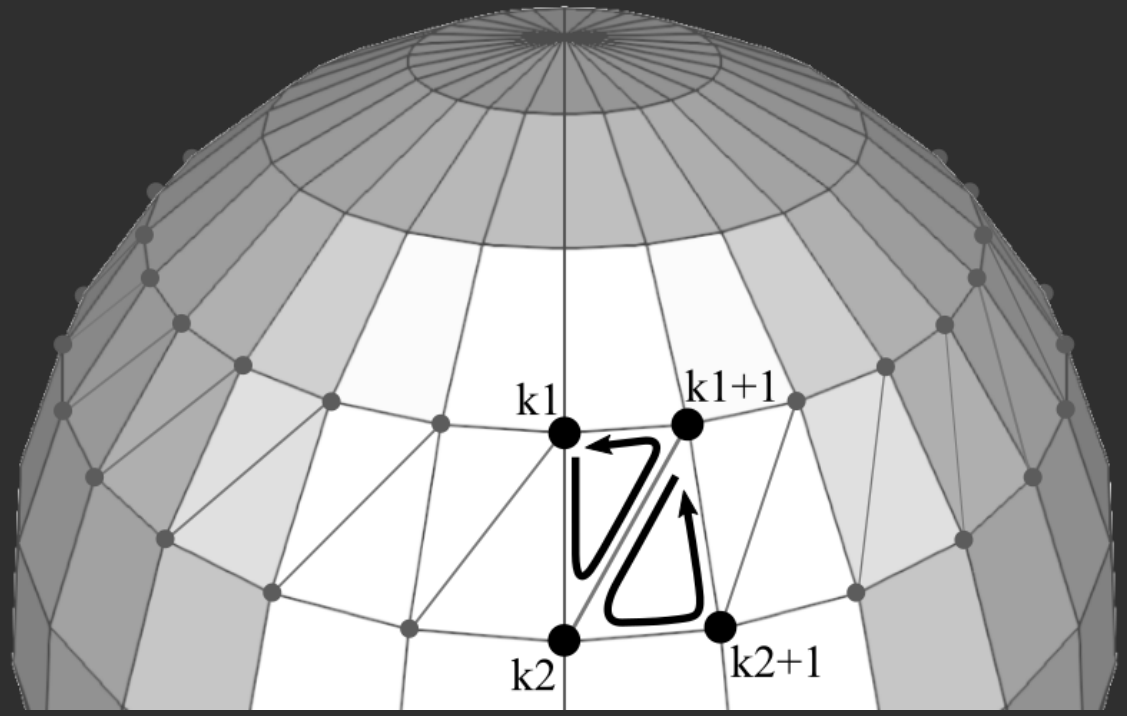
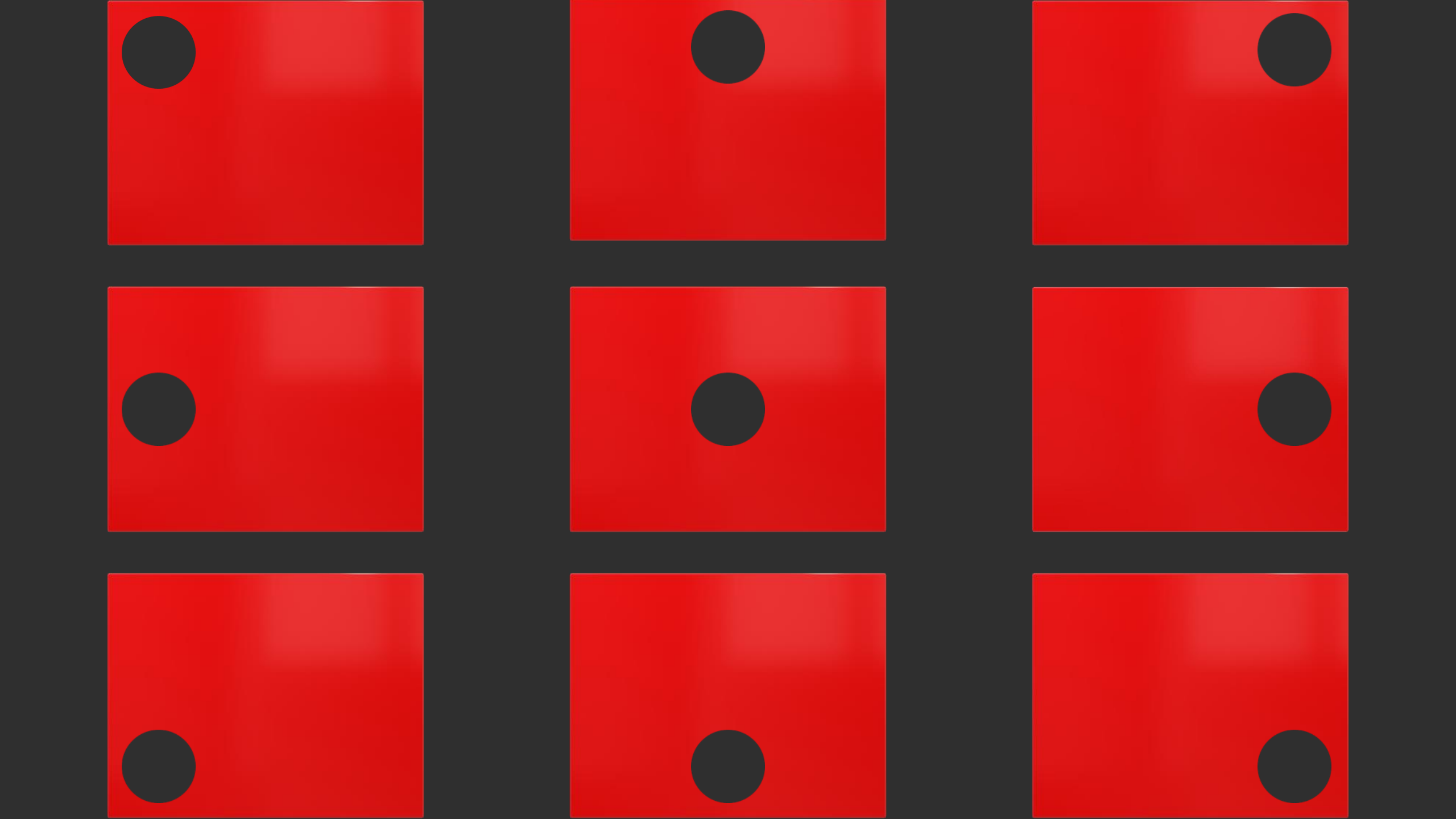


Sphere

- to draw the surface of a sphere in OpenGL, you must triangulate adjacent vertices to form polygons
- Each sector in a stack requires 2 triangles
- If the first vertex index in the current stack is k1 and the next stack is k2, then the counterclockwise orders of vertex indices of 2 triangles are;
- k1 ⟶ k2 ⟶ k1+1
- k1+1 ⟶ k2 ⟶ k2+1

Creating the sphere: 2.step

```
306         for(int i = 0; i < stackCount; ++i)
307         {
308             k1 = i * (sectorCount + 1);     // beginning of current stack
309             k2 = k1 + sectorCount + 1;      // beginning of next stack
310
311             for(int j = 0; j < sectorCount; ++j, ++k1, ++k2)
312             {
313                 // 2 triangles per sector excluding first and last stacks
314                 // k1 => k2 => k1+1
315                 if(i != 0)
316                 {
317                         indices.push_back(k1);
318                         indices.push_back(k2);
319                         indices.push_back(k1 + 1);
320                 }
321
322                 // k1+1 => k2 => k2+1
323                 if(i != (stackCount-1))
324                 {
325                         indices.push_back(k1 + 1);
326                         indices.push_back(k2);
327                         indices.push_back(k2 + 1);
328                 }
329             }
330         }
```



Demo