Programming with OpenGL
Part 2: Complete Programs

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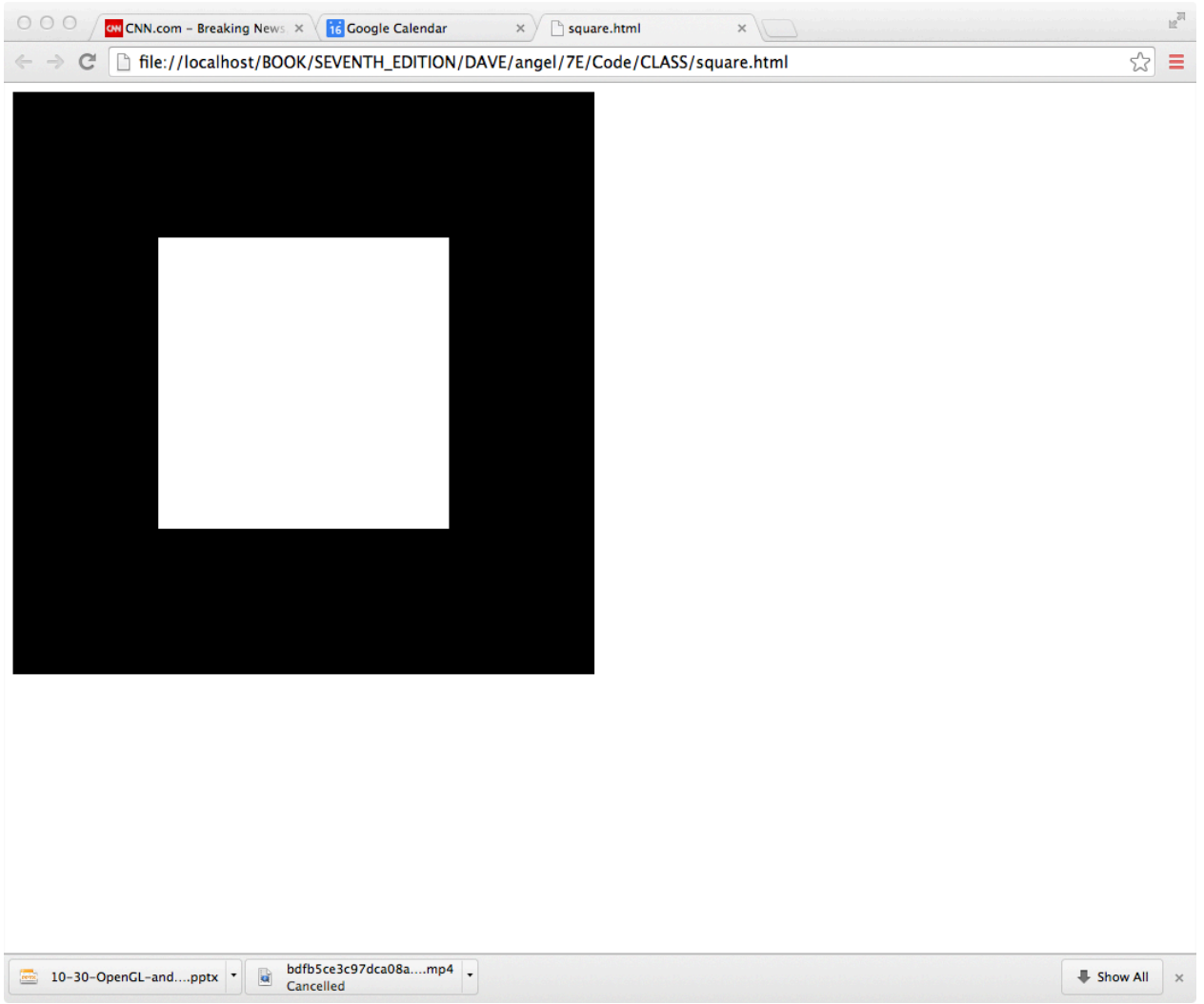
Objectives

- Build a complete first program
  - Introduce shaders
  - Introduce a standard program structure
- Simple viewing
  - Two-dimensional viewing as a special case of three-dimensional viewing
- Initialization steps and program structure

Square Program



WebGL

- Five steps
  - Describe page (HTML file)
    - request WebGL Canvas
    - read in necessary files
  - Define shaders (HTML file)
    - could be done with a separate file (browser dependent)
  - Compute or specify data (JS file)
  - Send data to GPU (JS file)
  - Render data (JS file)

square.html

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<script id="vertex-shader" type="x-shader/x-vertex">

attribute vec4 vPosition;
void main()
{
    gl_Position = vPosition;
}
</script>

<script id="fragment-shader" type="x-shader/x-fragment">

precision mediump float;

void main()
{
    gl_FragColor = vec4( 1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0 );
}
</script>
```

Shaders

- We assign names to the shaders that we can use in the JS file
- These are trivial pass-through (do nothing) shaders that which set the two required built-in variables
  - gl_Position
  - gl_FragColor
- Note both shaders are full programs
- Note vector type vec2
- Must set precision in fragment shader

square.html (cont)

```
<script type="text/javascript" src="../Common/webgl-utils.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="../Common/initShaders.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="../Common/MV.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="square.js"></script>
</head>

<body>
<canvas id="gl-canvas" width="512" height="512">
Oops ... your browser doesn't support the HTML5 canvas element
</canvas>
</body>
</html>
```

Files

- **`../Common/webgl-utils.js`**: Standard utilities for setting up WebGL context in Common directory on website
- **`../Common/initShaders.js`**: contains JS and WebGL code for reading, compiling and linking the shaders
- **`../Common/MV.js`**: our matrix-vector package
- **`square.js`**: the application file

square.js

```
var gl;
var points;

window.onload = function init(){
    var canvas = document.getElementById( "gl-canvas" );

    gl = WebGLUtils.setupWebGL( canvas );
    if ( !gl ) { alert( "WebGL isn't available" );
 }
    // Four Vertices

    var vertices = [
        vec2( -0.5, -0.5 ),
        vec2(  -0.5,  0.5 ),
        vec2(  0.5, 0.5 ),
        vec2( 0.5, -0.5)
    ];
```

Notes

- **`onload`**: determines where to start execution when all code is loaded
- canvas gets WebGL context from HTML file
- vertices use vec2 type in MV.js
- JS array is not the same as a C or Java array
  - object with methods
  - vertices.length // 4
- Values in clip coordinates

square.js (cont)

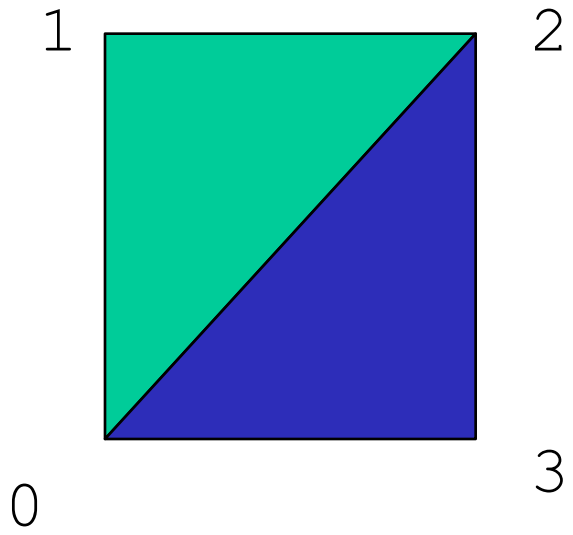
```
//  Configure WebGL

gl.viewport( 0, 0, canvas.width, canvas.height );
gl.clearColor( 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0 );

 //  Load shaders and initialize attribute buffers

var program = initShaders( gl, "vertex-shader", "fragment-shader"
);
gl.useProgram( program );

 // Load the data into the GPU

var bufferId = gl.createBuffer();
gl.bindBuffer( gl.ARRAY_BUFFER, bufferId );
gl.bufferData( gl.ARRAY_BUFFER, flatten(vertices), gl.STATIC_DRAW
);

 // Associate out shader variables with our data buffer

var vPosition = gl.getAttribLocation( program, "vPosition" );
gl.vertexAttribPointer( vPosition, 2, gl.FLOAT, false, 0, 0 );
```

Notes

- **`initShaders`** used to load, compile and link shaders to form a program object
- Load data onto GPU by creating a **vertex buffer object** on the GPU
  - Note use of flatten() to convert JS array to an array of float32's
- Finally we must connect variable in program with variable in shader
  - need name, type, location in buffer

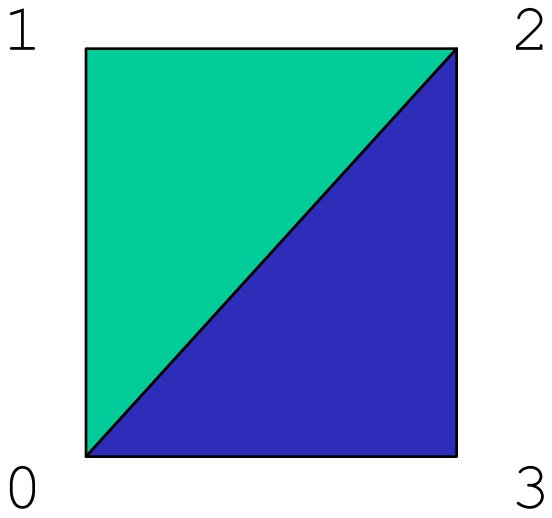
square.js (cont)

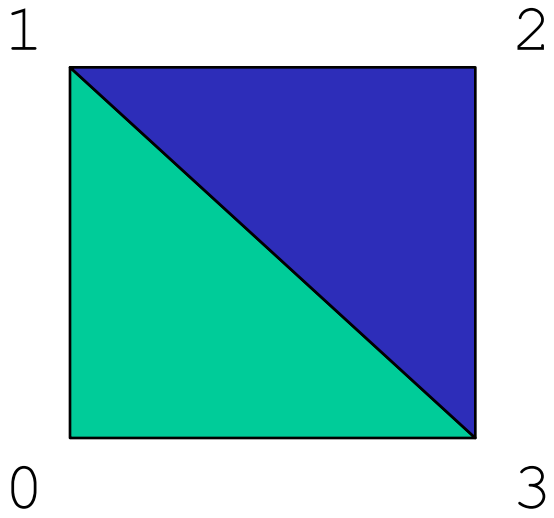
```
    render();
};

function render() {
    gl.clear( gl.COLOR_BUFFER_BIT );
    gl.drawArrays( gl.TRIANGLE_FAN, 0, 4 );
}
```



Triangles, Fans or Strips

```
gl.drawArrays( gl.TRIANGLES, 0, 6 ); // 0, 1, 2, 0, 2, 3

gl.drawArrays( gl.TRIANGLE_FAN, 0, 4 ); // 0, 1 , 2, 3
```






```
gl.drawArrays( gl.TRIANGLE_STRIP, 0, 4 ); // 0, 1, 3, 2
```