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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



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Program Execution

- WebGL runs within the browser
 - complex interaction among the operating system, the window system, the browser and your code (HTML and JS)
- Simple model
 - Start with HTML file
 - files read in asynchronously
 - start with onload function
 - event driven input



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Coordinate Systems

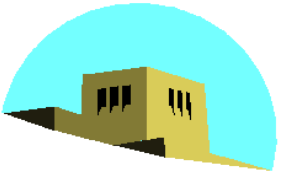
- The units in **points** are determined by the application and are called *object*, *world*, *model* or *problem coordinates*
- Viewing specifications usually are also in object coordinates
- Eventually pixels will be produced in *window coordinates*
- WebGL also uses some internal representations that usually are not visible to the application but are important in the shaders
- Most important is *clip coordinates*



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Coordinate Systems and Shaders

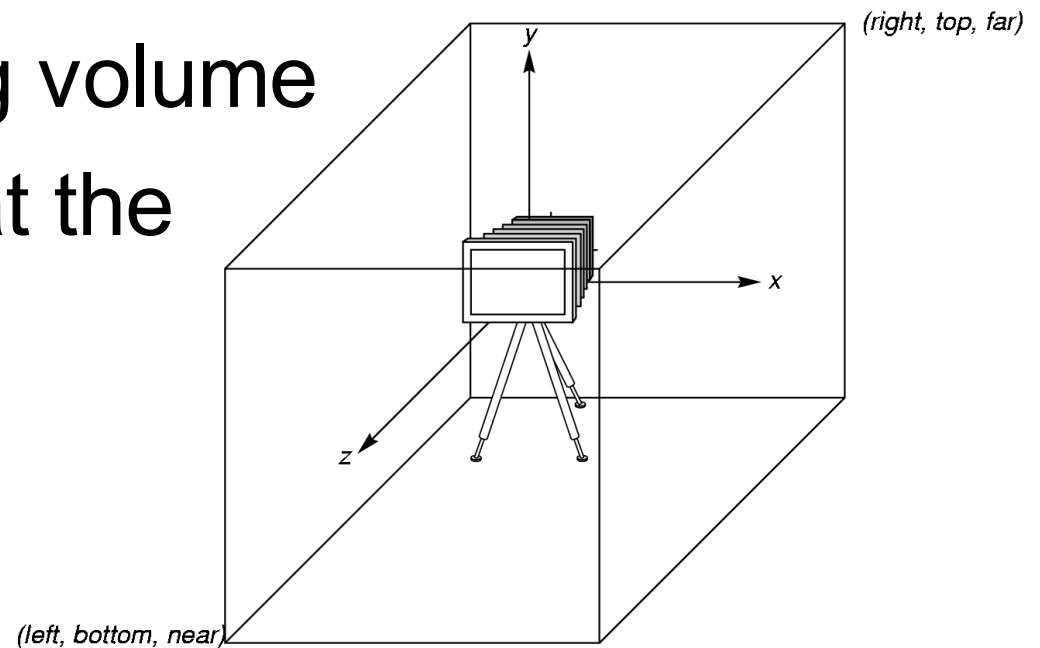
- Vertex shader must output in clip coordinates
- Input to fragment shader from rasterizer is in window coordinates
- Application can provide vertex data in any coordinate system but shader must eventually produce `gl_Position` in clip coordinates
- Simple example uses clip coordinates

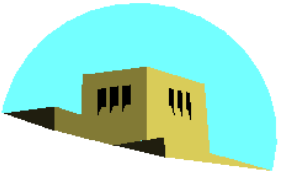


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WebGL Camera

- WebGL places a camera at the origin in object space pointing in the negative z direction
- The default viewing volume is a box centered at the origin with sides of length 2

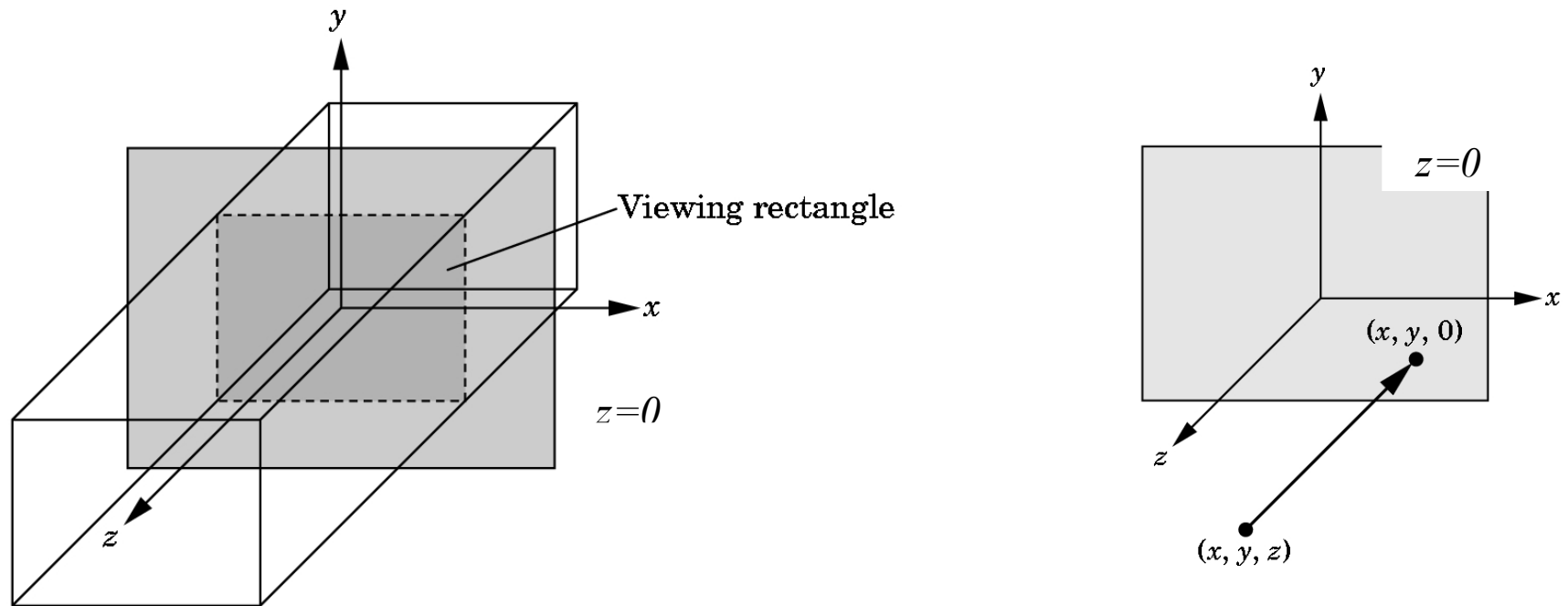


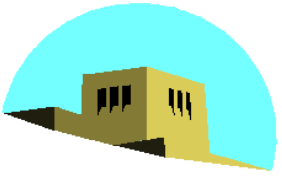


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Orthographic Viewing

In the default orthographic view, points are projected forward along the z axis onto the plane $z=0$

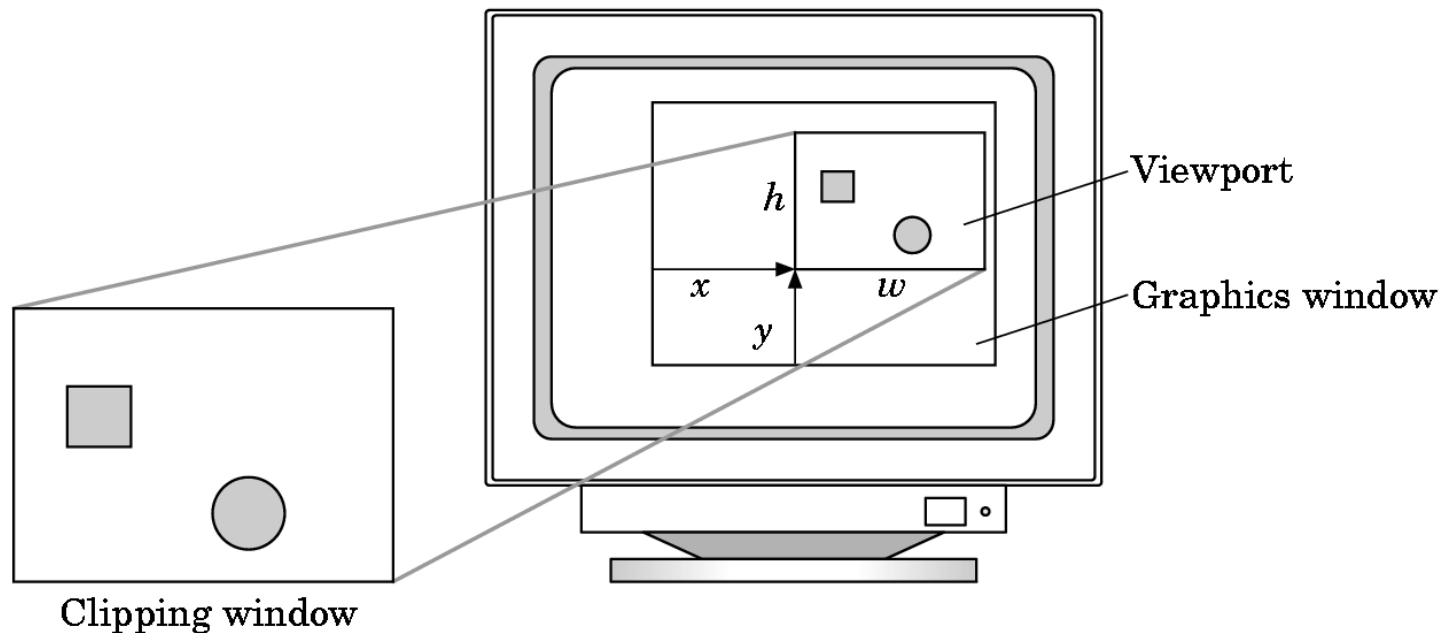




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Viewports

- Do not have use the entire window for the image: `gl.viewport(x, y, w, h)`
- Values in pixels (window coordinates)





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Transformations and Viewing

- In WebGL, we usually carry out projection using a projection matrix (transformation) before rasterization
- Transformation functions are also used for changes in coordinate systems
- Pre 3.1 OpenGL had a set of transformation functions which have been deprecated
- Three choices in WebGL
 - Application code
 - GLSL functions
 - MV.js



First Assignment: Tessellation and Twist

- Consider rotating a 2D point about the origin

$$x' = x \cos \theta - y \sin \theta$$

$$y' = x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta$$

- Now let amount of rotation depend on distance from origin giving us **twist**

$$x' = x \cos(d\theta) - y \sin(d\theta)$$

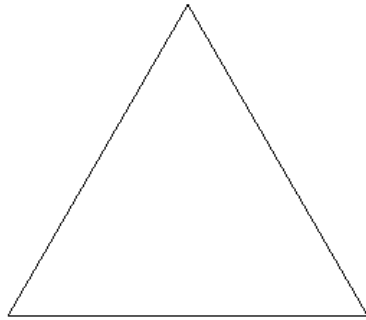
$$y' = x \sin(d\theta) + y \cos(d\theta)$$

$$d \propto \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

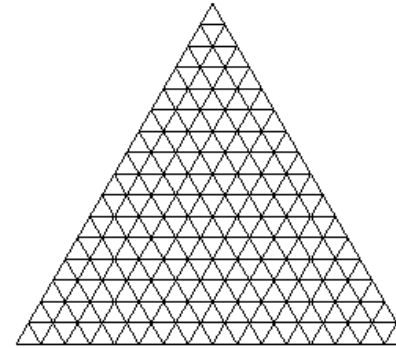


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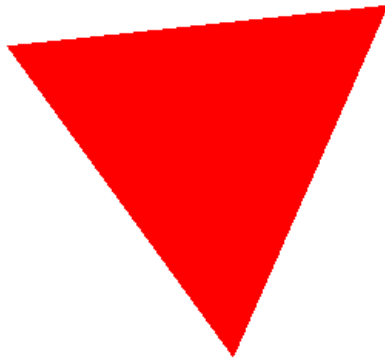
Example



triangle



tessellated triangle



twist without tessellation



twist after tessellation