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Input and Interaction

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Objectives

- Introduce the basic input devices
 - Physical Devices
 - Logical Devices
 - Input Modes
- Event-driven input
- Introduce double buffering for smooth animations
- Programming event input with GLUT


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Project Sketchpad

- Ivan Sutherland (MIT 1963) established the basic interactive paradigm that characterizes interactive computer graphics:
 - User sees an *object* on the display
 - User points to (*picks*) the object with an input device (light pen, mouse, trackball)
 - Object changes (moves, rotates, morphs)
 - Repeat



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Graphical Input

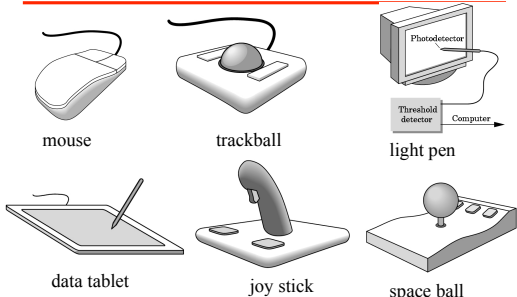
- Devices can be described either by
 - Physical properties
 - Mouse
 - Keyboard
 - Trackball
 - Logical Properties
 - What is returned to program via API
 - A position
 - An object identifier
 - A scalar value
- Modes
 - How and when input is obtained
 - Request or event

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Physical Devices



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Incremental (Relative) Devices

- Devices such as the data tablet return a position directly to the operating system
- Devices such as the mouse, trackball, and joy stick return incremental inputs (or velocities) to the operating system
 - Must integrate these inputs to obtain an absolute position
 - Rotation of cylinders in mouse
 - Roll of trackball
 - Difficult to obtain absolute position
 - Can get variable sensitivity

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Logical Devices

- Consider the C and C++ code
 - C++: `cin >> x;`
 - C: `scanf ("%d", &x);`
- What is the input device?
 - Can't tell from the code
 - Could be keyboard, file, output from another program
- The code provides *logical input*
 - A number (an `int`) is returned to the program regardless of the physical device


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Graphical Logical Devices

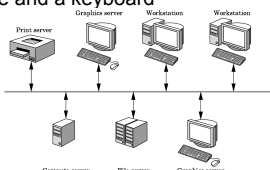
- Graphical input is more varied than input to standard programs which is usually numbers, characters, or bits
- Two older APIs (GKS, PHIGS) defined six types of logical input
 - Locator**: return a position
 - Pick**: return ID of an object
 - Keyboard**: return strings of characters
 - Stroke**: return array of positions
 - Valuator**: return floating point number
 - Choice**: return one of n items

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X Window Input

- The X Window System introduced a client-server model for a network of workstations
 - Client**: OpenGL program
 - Graphics Server**: bitmap display with a pointing device and a keyboard




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Input Modes

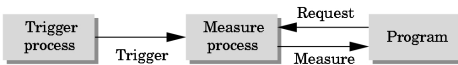
- Input devices contain a *trigger* which can be used to send a signal to the operating system
 - Button on mouse
 - Pressing or releasing a key
- When triggered, input devices return information (their *measure*) to the system
 - Mouse returns position information
 - Keyboard returns ASCII code

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Request Mode

- Input provided to program only when user triggers the device
- Typical of keyboard input
 - Can erase (backspace), edit, correct until enter (return) key (the trigger) is depressed




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Event Mode

- Most systems have more than one input device, each of which can be triggered at an arbitrary time by a user
- Each trigger generates an *event* whose measure is put in an *event queue* which can be examined by the user program



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Event Types

- Window: resize, expose, iconify
- Mouse: click one or more buttons
- Motion: move mouse
- Keyboard: press or release a key
- Idle: nonevent
 - Define what should be done if no other event is in queue

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Callbacks

- Programming interface for event-driven input
- Define a *callback function* for each type of event the graphics system recognizes
- This user-supplied function is executed when the event occurs
- GLUT example:



```
glutMouseFunc (mymouse)
```



mouse callback function

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GLUT callbacks

GLUT recognizes a subset of the events recognized by most/all window systems (Windows, X, Macintosh)

- `glutDisplayFunc`
- `glutMouseFunc`
- `glutReshapeFunc`
- `glutKeyboardFunc`
- `glutIdleFunc`
- `glutMotionFunc`,
- `glutPassiveMotionFunc`

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GLUT Event Loop


- Recall that the last line in `main.c` for a program using GLUT must be


```
glutMainLoop();
```

 which puts the program in an infinite event loop
- In each pass through the event loop, GLUT
 - looks at the events in the queue
 - for each event in the queue, GLUT executes the appropriate callback function if one is defined
 - if no callback is defined for the event, the event is ignored

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The display callback

- The display callback is executed whenever GLUT determines that the window should be refreshed, for example
 - When the window is first opened
 - When the window is reshaped
 - When a window is exposed
 - When the user program decides it wants to change the display
- In `main.c`
 - `glutDisplayFunc (mydisplay)` identifies the function to be executed
 - Every GLUT program must have a display callback

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Posting redispays

- Many events may invoke the display callback function
 - Can lead to multiple executions of the display callback on a single pass through the event loop
- We can avoid this problem by instead using


```
glutPostRedisplay();
```

 which sets a flag.
- GLUT checks to see if the flag is set at the end of the event loop
- If set then the display callback function is executed

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Animating a Display

- When we redraw the display through the display callback, we usually start by clearing the window
 - `glClear()`
 then draw the altered display
- Problem: the drawing of information in the frame buffer is decoupled from the display of its contents
 - Graphics systems use dual ported memory
- Hence we can see partially drawn displays
 - See the program `single_double.c` for an example with a rotating cube

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Double Buffering

- Instead of one color buffer, we use two
 - **Front Buffer**: one that is displayed but not written to
 - **Back Buffer**: one that is written to but not displayed
- Program then requests a double buffer in `main.c`
 - `glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_RGB | GLUT_DOUBLE)`
 - At the end of the display callback buffers are swapped

```
void mydisplay()
{
    glClear();

    /* draw graphics here */

    glutSwapBuffers();
}
```

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Using the idle callback

- The idle callback is executed whenever there are no events in the event queue
 - `glutIdleFunc(myidle)`
 - Useful for animations

```
void myidle() {
    /* change something */
    t += dt;
    glutPostRedisplay();
}

void mydisplay() {
    glClear();
    /* draw something that
       depends on t */
    glutSwapBuffers();
}
```

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Using globals

- The form of all GLUT callbacks is fixed
 - `void mydisplay()`
 - `void mymouse(GLint button, GLint state, GLint x, GLint y)`
- Must use globals to pass information to callbacks

```
float t; /*global */

void mydisplay()
{
    /* draw something that depends on t */
}
```

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Working with Callbacks

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Objectives

- Learn to build interactive programs using GLUT callbacks
 - Mouse
 - Keyboard
 - Reshape
- Introduce menus in GLUT

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The mouse callback

glutMouseFunc (mymouse)

void mymouse (GLint button, GLint state, GLint x, GLint y)

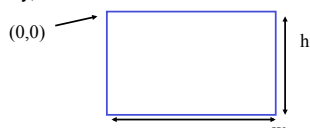
- Returns
 - which button (GLUT_LEFT_BUTTON, GLUT_MIDDLE_BUTTON, GLUT_RIGHT_BUTTON) caused event
 - state of that button (GLUT_UP, GLUT_DOWN)
 - Position in window

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Positioning

- The position in the screen window is usually measured in pixels with the origin at the top-left corner
 - Consequence of refresh done from top to bottom
- OpenGL uses a world coordinate system with origin at the bottom left
 - Must invert y coordinate returned by callback by height of window
 - $y = h - y;$



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Obtaining the window size

- To invert the y position we need the window height
 - Height can change during program execution
 - Track with a global variable
 - New height returned to reshape callback that we will look at in detail soon
 - Can also use query functions
 - glGetIntv
 - glGetFloatv

to obtain any value that is part of the state

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Terminating a program

- In our original programs, there was no way to terminate them through OpenGL
- We can use the simple mouse callback

```
void mouse(int btn, int state, int x, int y)
{
    if (btn==GLUT_RIGHT_BUTTON && state==GLUT_DOWN)
        exit(0);
}
```


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Using the mouse position

- In the next example, we draw a small square at the location of the mouse each time the left mouse button is clicked
- This example does not use the display callback but one is required by GLUT; We can use the empty display callback function `mydisplay() {}`

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Drawing squares at cursor location

```
void mymouse(int btn, int state, int x, int y)
{
    if (btn==GLUT_RIGHT_BUTTON && state==GLUT_DOWN)
        exit(0);
    if (btn==GLUT_LEFT_BUTTON && state==GLUT_DOWN)
        drawSquare(x, y);
}

void drawSquare(int x, int y)
{
    y=h-y; /* invert y position */
    points[i] = point2(x+size, y+size);
    points[i+1] = point2(x-size, y+size);
    points[i+2] = point2(x-size, y-size);
    points[i+3] = point2(x+size, y-size);
    i+=4;
}
```


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Using the motion callback

- We can draw squares (or anything else) continuously as long as a mouse button is depressed by using the motion callback
 - `glutMotionFunc(drawSquare)`
- Calls `drawSquare` if mouse is moving in window and any button is depressed
- Function is called with mouse's (x, y) location at the time of the event


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Using the motion callback

- We can draw squares without depressing a button using the passive motion callback
 - `glutPassiveMotionFunc(drawSquare)`
- The magnitude of motion that triggers this event is system dependent

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The entry callback

- Mouse generates an entry event whenever it enters or leaves the OpenGL window
- The callback for this event is registered with `glutEntryFunc()`

```
void glutEntryFunc(void (*f) (int state))
```
- Event returns state of entry
 - `(GLUT_ENTERED, GLUT_LEFT)`

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Using the keyboard

```
glutKeyboardFunc(mykey)
void mykey(unsigned char key,
            int x, int y)
    - Returns ASCII code of key depressed and mouse location


void mykey()
{
    if(key == 'Q' || key == 'q')
        exit(0);
}
```

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Special Keys

- GLUT defines the special keys in `glut.h`
 - Function key 1: `GLUT_KEY_F1`
 - Up arrow key: `GLUT_KEY_UP`
 - `if(key == 'GLUT_KEY_F1'`
- `glutSpecialFunc(myspecial)` specifies the callback function that is called when a special key (i.e. a function or arrow key) is depressed




Modifier Keys

- Can also check if one of the modifiers
 - `GLUT_ACTIVE_SHIFT`
 - `GLUT_ACTIVE_CTRL`
 - `GLUT_ACTIVE_ALT`
 is depressed with `glutGetModifiers()`

```
if((glutGetModifiers() == GLUT_ACTIVE_CTRL) &&
    (key == 'c' || (key == 'C'))
    exit(0);
```
- Allows emulation of three-button mouse with one- or two-button mice


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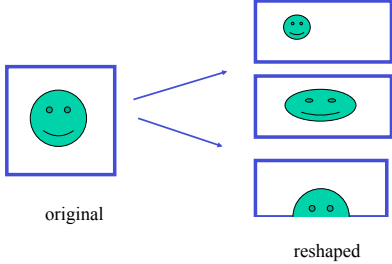
Reshaping the window

- We can reshape and resize the OpenGL display window by pulling the corner of the window
- What happens to the display?
 - Must redraw from application
 - Two possibilities
 - Display part of world
 - Display whole world but force to fit in new window
 - Can alter aspect ratio

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Reshape possibilities



original
reshaped

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The Reshape callback


```

glutReshapeFunc(myreshape)
void myreshape( int w, int h)
  - Returns width and height of new window (in pixels)
  - A redisplay is posted automatically at end of execution of the callback
  - GLUT has a default reshape callback but you probably want to define your own

```

- The reshape callback is good place to put viewing functions because it is invoked when the window is first opened

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Example Reshape

- We will revisit this once we have learned about viewing


```

void myReshape(int w, int h)
{
    glViewport(0, 0, w, h); /* Make viewport and window the same size */

    // More to come
}

```

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Timers

- Callback function that is triggered after a specified number of milliseconds

```


// change color each second
glutTimerFunc(1000,timerColor,0);
// change the shape after five seconds
glutTimerFunc(5000,timerShape,0);

void timerColor(int value){
    // get new color or a value in [0,1]
    r = (1.0*(random()%256))/256.0;
    g = (1.0*(random()%256))/256.0;
    b = (1.0*(random()%256))/256.0;

    // draw it + reinitialise timer
    glutPostRedisplay();
    glutTimerFunc(1000,timerColor,0);
}

```


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Redefining Callbacks

- Callback functions can be redefined
- Change binding during program execution
- Callbacks can be undefined
 - `glutReshapeFunc(NULL);`


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Toolkits and Widgets

- Most window systems provide a toolkit or library of functions for building user interfaces that use special types of windows called *widgets*
- Widget sets include tools such as
 - Menus
 - Slidebars
 - Dials
 - Input boxes
- But toolkits tend to be platform dependent
- GLUT provides a few widgets including menus


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Menus

- GLUT supports pop-up menus
 - A menu can have submenus
- Three steps
 - Define entries for the menu
 - Define action for each menu item
 - Action carried out if entry selected
 - Attach menu to a mouse button

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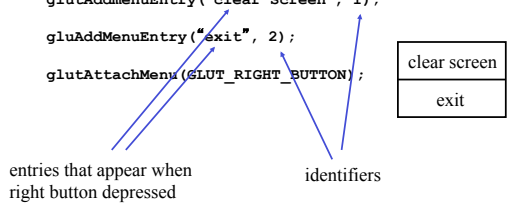
Defining a simple menu

• In `main.c`

```
menu_id = glutCreateMenu(mymenu);
glutAddMenuEntry("clear Screen", 1);

glutAddMenuEntry("exit", 2);

glutAttachMenu(GLUT_RIGHT_BUTTON);
```




entries that appear when right button depressed

identifiers

clear screen

exit

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Menu actions

- Menu callback

```
void mymenu(int id)
{
    if(id == 1) glClear();
    if(id == 2) exit(0);
}
```


- Note each menu has an id that is returned when it is created

- Add submenus by

```
glutAddSubMenu(char *submenu_name, submenu id)
```

entry in parent menu

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Submenu example


```
void createGLUTMenus() {
    int menu, submenu;

    submenu = glutCreateMenu(processMenuEvents);
    glutAddMenuEntry("Red", RED);
    glutAddMenuEntry("Blue", BLUE);
    glutAddMenuEntry("Green", GREEN);

    menu = glutCreateMenu(processMenuEvents);
    glutAddMenuEntry("White", WHITE);
    glutAddSubMenu("RGB Menu", submenu);
    glutAttachMenu(GLUT_RIGHT_BUTTON);
}
```

<http://www.lighthouse3d.com/opengl/glut>

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Submenu example

```
void processMenuEvents(int option)
{
    switch (option)
    {
        case RED : red = 1.0; green = 0.0; blue = 0.0; break;
        case GREEN : red = 0.0; green = 1.0; blue = 0.0; break;
        case BLUE : red = 0.0; green = 0.0; blue = 1.0; break;
        case WHITE : red = 1.0; green = 1.0; blue = 1.0; break;
    }

    glutPostRedisplay();
}
```

<http://glprogramming.com>

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Dynamic, Multiple Windows and Subwindows

```
int glutCreateWindow(char *name)

void glutDestroyWindow(int id)

void glutSetWindow(int id)
    — Set current window. This lets you change its properties, e.g. size

void glutCreateSubWindow(int parent, int x, int y,
                        int width, int height)

void glutPostWindowRedisplay(int winid)
    — Posts a redisplay for a particular window

— Menus are defined for specific windows
```

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Subwindow Example

```
int mainWindow, subWindow1;
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    glutInit(&argc, argv);
    glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_DEPTH | GLUT_DOUBLE | GLUT_RGBA);
    glutInitWindowPosition(100,100);
    glutInitWindowSize(w,h);
    mainWindow = glutCreateWindow("SnowMen from 3D-Tech");
    //keyboard stuff
    glutKeyboardFunc(processNormalKeys);
    // reshape function
    glutReshapeFunc(changeSize);
    // display and idle function
    glutDisplayFunc(renderScene);
    glutIdleFunc(renderSceneAll);
    subWindow1 = glutCreateSubWindow(mainWindow,
        border,border,w-2*border, h/2 - border*3/2);
    // Must register a display func for each window
    glutDisplayFunc(renderScene1);
}
```

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