

# CIS367 - Computer Graphics Other WebGL Libraries

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three.js

→ <https://threejs.org/>

babylon.js

→ <https://www.babylonjs.com/>

phaser(.js)

→ <https://phaser.io/>

pixi.js

→ <https://pixijs.io/>

# What are all of these?

Abstraction layers over WebGL

- You know how much fun it is to draw vertex by vertex...



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<https://davidlyons.dev/threejs-intro>

<https://medium.com/javascript-in-plain-english/javascript-in-3d-an-introduction-to-three-js-780f1e4a2e6d>

# Vectors and boxes

Vector3 → (x, y, z)

- Similar to vec3 from book's library

```
const vect = new THREE.Vector3(1, 1, 1);
```

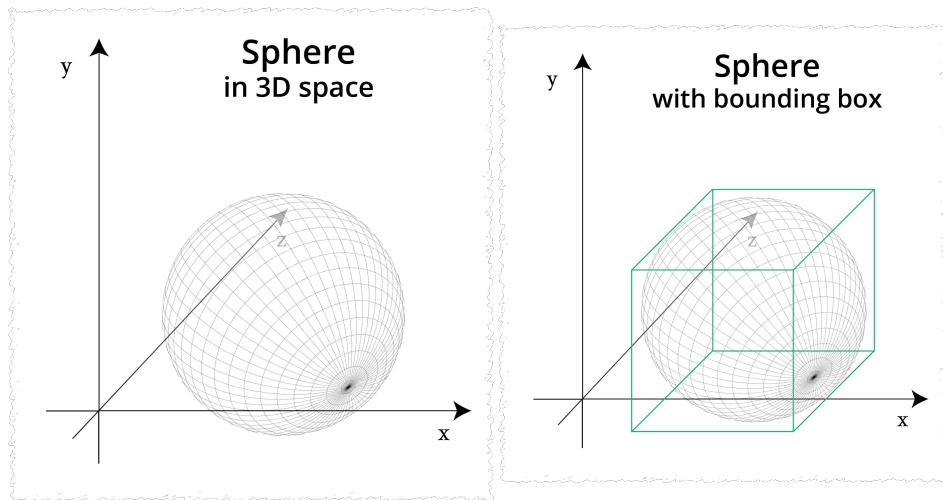
Box3 → 3D box

- Bounding box for other objects
- Aligned with world x, y, z axes

```
const box = new THREE.Box3(vect);
```

# Box from object

```
const box = new THREE.Box3();  
box.setFromObject(object);
```





# Visible things!

Mesh is the generic visual element in three.js

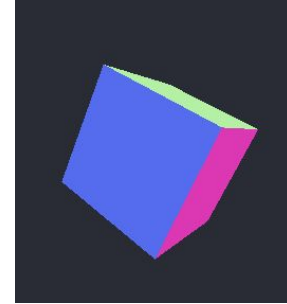
- Geometry → defines shape
- Material → defines appearance

(vertex/fragment shader analogue)

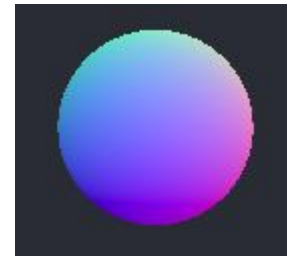
Cube:

```
const geometry = new THREE.BoxGeometry(20, 20, 20);
```

```
const geometry = new  
THREE.BoxGeometry(20, 20, 20);
```



```
const geometry = new  
THREE.SphereGeometry(20, 64, 64);
```



# Ok, basics now:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <body>
    <script src="js/three.js"></script>
    <script>
      // Our Javascript will go here.
    </script>
  </body>
</html>
```

# David Lyons Slides

<https://davidlyons.dev/threejs-intro>

Orbit controls: <https://faculty.computing.gvsu.edu/frederer/three/orbit.html>

Materials: <https://faculty.computing.gvsu.edu/frederer/three/mat.html>

Resources:

<https://threejs.org/docs/#manual/en/introduction/Installation>

<https://threejs.org/docs/#examples/en/controls/OrbitControls>

<https://threejs.org/manual/#en/materials>

<https://threejs.org/manual/#en/lights>

[http://jaredmmoore.com/EvoEnv/evo\\_main.html](http://jaredmmoore.com/EvoEnv/evo_main.html)



BABYLON

Rosa-Luxemburg-Straße

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<https://doc.babylonjs.com/examples/>

<https://www.babylonjs.com/community/>

[https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Games/Techniques/3D on the web/Building up a basic demo with Babylon.js?utm\\_campaign](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Games/Techniques/3D_on_the_web/Building_up_a_basic_demo_with_Babylon.js?utm_campaign)

→ <https://jsfiddle.net/end3r/8r66fdvp/>

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<https://doc.babylonjs.com/setup/starterHTML>

<https://playground.babylonjs.com/>

[https://www.reddit.com/r/javascript/comments/a7zbfp/threejs\\_or\\_babylonjs\\_and\\_why/](https://www.reddit.com/r/javascript/comments/a7zbfp/threejs_or_babylonjs_and_why/)

[https://www.slant.co/versus/11077/11348/~babylon-js\\_vs\\_three-js](https://www.slant.co/versus/11077/11348/~babylon-js_vs_three-js)

# Differences between 3 and Babylon?

Good question!

Both are equally viable!!

Babylon *tends* to be recommended more often than not

- More "complete" (less plugins)
- Better documented
- Quick bugfixing
- Industry support

But,

- Three.js has been around longer and has more market penetration
  - (lots of tutorials)



# phaser.io

One thing you'll notice ... tutorials/links/etc. for multiple versions. Current is Phaser

3. Many games out there run Phaser 2.

→ Not all tutorials match up!

<https://www.phaser.io/tutorials/getting-started-phaser3>

# Web server required!

The old XSS issue again, so setup a local webserver or use ~~GCP~~ EOS.

You'll also need the library somewhere accessible, per usual

- <https://www.phaser.io/download/stable>



# phaser necessities

The library, obviously (get via CDN, GitHub, download, etc.)

```
config
var config = {
  type: Phaser.AUTO,  // will try to pick WebGL canvas
  width: 800,
  height: 600,
  scene: {
    preload: preload,
    create: create,
    update: update
  }
};
```

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functions:

- `preload`
- `create`
- `update` (not in hello-world, but in the 10-part demo game)

# preload

```
function preload ()
{
  this.load.image('sky',      'assets/sky.png');
  this.load.image('ground',   'assets/platform.png');
  this.load.image('star',     'assets/star.png');
  this.load.image('bomb',     'assets/bomb.png');

  this.load.spritesheet('dude',
    'assets/dude.png',
    { frameWidth: 32, frameHeight: 48 }
  );
}
```

Spritesheet?



```
function create ()  
{  
    this.add.image(400, 300, 'sky');  
    this.add.image(400, 300, 'star');  
}
```

<https://faculty.computing.gvsu.edu/frederer/phaser/part3.html>

```
var platforms;

function create ()
{
    this.add.image(400, 300, 'sky');

    platforms = this.physics.add.staticGroup();

    platforms.create(400, 568,
'ground').setScale(2).refreshBody();

    platforms.create(600, 400, 'ground');
    platforms.create(50, 250, 'ground');
    platforms.create(750, 220, 'ground');
}
```

```
var config = {
    type: Phaser.AUTO,
    width: 800,
    height: 600,
    physics: {
        default: 'arcade',
        arcade: {
            gravity: { y: 300 },
            debug: false
        }
    },
    scene: {
        preload: preload,
        create: create,
        update: update
    }
};
```



# Step through some CODE!!!11!

<https://faculty.computing.gvsu.edu/frederer/phaser/part10.html>

# pixi.js

<https://pixijs.io/examples/>

<https://github.com/kittykatattack/learningPixi>

# p5 and JS!

flow field: <https://editor.p5js.org/frederer/sketches/DbWjEErKy>

logo seeker: <https://editor.p5js.org/frederer/sketches/I6MDAxlca>

<https://efredericks.github.io/fishyRL> (simple roguelike prototype in vanilla JS)

<https://efredericks.github.io/CozyRL> (overworld roguelike prototype in vanilla JS)

# In-Class Things

Pick **one** 2D framework and describe a 'simple' demo project you can do

- Any project, just try something out!
- Might be part of your homework...

Jot down 3 things you'll need to do to accomplish this task