CAPITULO I

REPRESENTACIÓN VISUAL COMPUTARIZADA

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INTRODUCCIÓN A LA PROGRAMACIÓN DE GRÁFICOS GRAPHICS PROGRAMMING INTRODUCTION

SGI and GL

- Silicon Graphics (SGI) revolutionized the graphics workstation by implementing the pipeline in hardware (1982)
- To access the system, application programmers used a library called GL
- With GL, it was relatively simple to program three dimensional interactive applications

OpenGL

The success of GL lead to OpenGL (1992), a platform-independent API that was

- Easy to use
- Close enough to the hardware to get excellent performance
- Focus on rendering
- Omitted windowing and input to avoid window system dependencies

OpenGL Evolution

- Controlled by an Architectural Review Board (ARB)
 - Members include SGI, Microsoft, Nvidia, HP, 3DLabs, IBM,.....
 - Relatively stable (present version 4.6)
 - Evolution reflects new hardware capabilities
 - 3D texture mapping and texture objects
 - Vertex programs
 - Allows for platform specific features through extensions

What Is OpenGL?

- OpenGL is a computer graphics rendering application programming interface, or API (for short)
 - With it, you can generate high-quality color images by rendering with geometric and image primitives
 - It forms the basis of many interactive applications that include 3D graphics
 - By using OpenGL, the graphics part of your application can be
 - operating system independent
 - window system independent

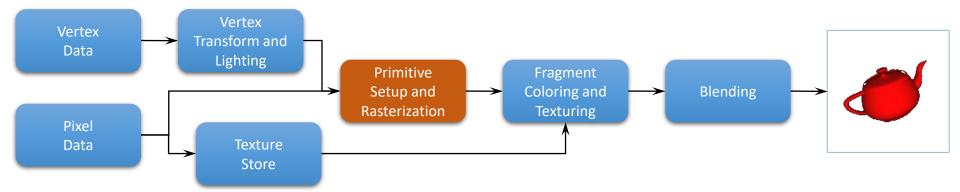


Evolution of the OpenGL Pipeline

In the Beginning ...



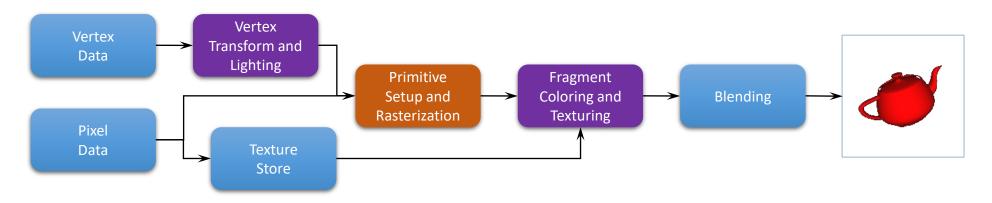
- OpenGL 1.0 was released on July 1st, 1994
- Its pipeline was entirely *fixed-function*
 - the only operations available were fixed by the implementation



- The pipeline evolved
 - but remained based on fixed-function operation through OpenGL versions 1.1 through 2.0 (Sept. 2004)

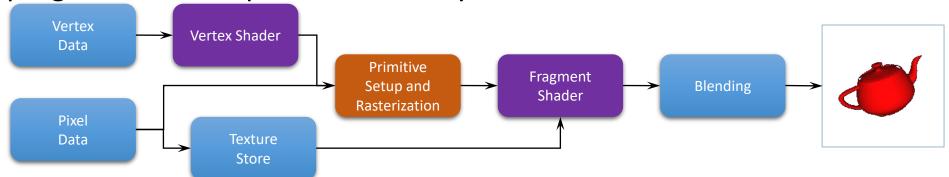
Beginnings of The Programmable Pipeline

- OpenGL 2.0 (officially) added programmable shaders
 - vertex shading augmented the fixed-function transform and lighting stage
 - fragment shading augmented the fragment coloring stage
- However, the fixed-function pipeline was still available



The Exclusively Programmable Pipeline

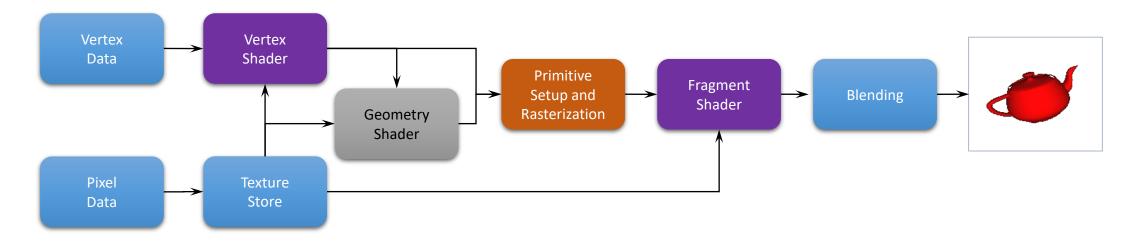
- OpenGL 3.1 removed the fixed-function pipeline
 - programs were required to use only shaders



- Additionally, almost all data is GPU-resident
 - all vertex data sent using buffer objects

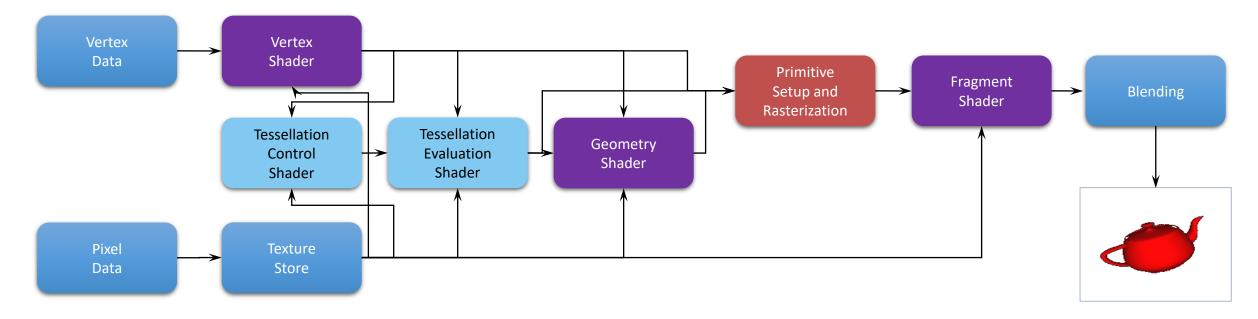
More Programmability

- OpenGL 3.2 (released August 3rd, 2009) added an additional shading stage geometry shaders
 - modify geometric primitives within the graphics pipeline



The Latest Pipelines

- OpenGL 4.1 (released July 25th, 2010) included additional shading stages – tessellation-control and tessellation-evaluation shaders
- Latest version is 4.6



OpenGL ES and WebGL



- OpenGL ES 3.2
 - Designed for embedded and hand-held devices such as cell phones
 - Based on OpenGL 4.3
 - Shader based
- WebGL 2.0
 - JavaScript implementation of ES 3.0
 - Runs on most recent browsers

OpenGL Libraries



- OpenGL core library
 - OpenGL32 on Windows
 - GL on most unix/linux systems (libGL.a)

Related toolkits and APIs:

https://www.khronos.org/opengl/wiki/Related toolkits and APIs#Beginner frameworks

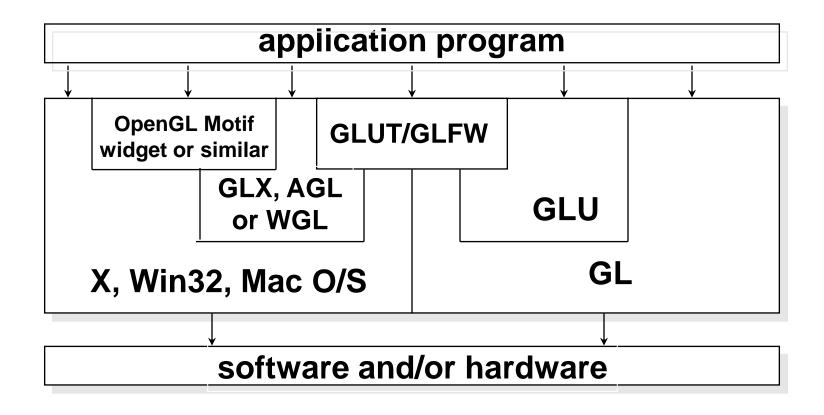
GLFW

• GLFW is a free, Open Source, multi-platform library for OpenGL, OpenGL ES and Vulkan application development.

• It provides a simple, platform-independent API for creating windows, contexts and surfaces, reading input, handling events, etc.

https://www.glfw.org/docs/latest/index.html

Software Organization



Software Org. – Window & Graphics Systems

- Window system controls/manages window creation, appearance, messages (event queue), etc.
 - Has its own API for programming, with and without accessing OpenGL

