

# Computer Graphics (Input and Interaction)

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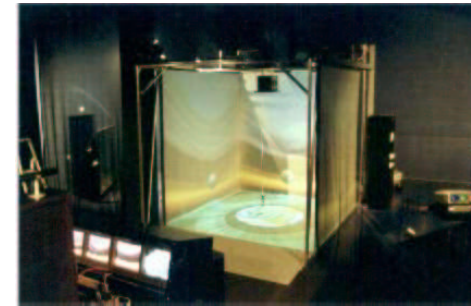
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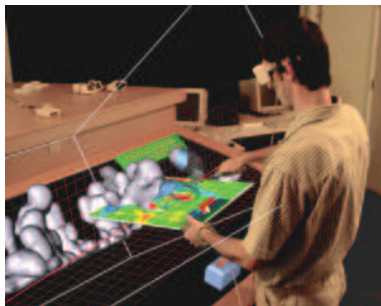
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## Adv: Scientific Visualization



Course given by Michal Koutek  
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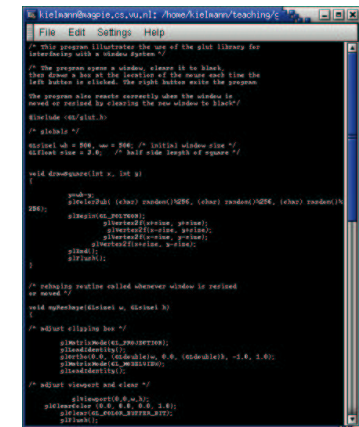
## A Word in advance...



read  
background  
material



connect the concepts



understand things REALLY

## Outline for today

- GLUT and the window system
- Output modes and display lists
- Input devices
- Programming event-driven input
- Picking
- Animating interactive programs

## Reminder: GLUT and the Window System

```
#include <GL/glut.h>
int main(int argc, char** argv){
    glutInit(&argc,argv);
    glutInitDisplayMode (GLUT_SINGLE | GLUT_RGB);
    glutInitWindowSize(500,500);
    glutInitWindowPosition(0,0);
    glutCreateWindow("Sierpinski Gasket");
    glutDisplayFunc(display); /* register display func. */

    myinit();          /* application-specific inits */
    glutMainLoop(); /* enter event loop */
    return 0;
}
```

## myinit() – Application-specific

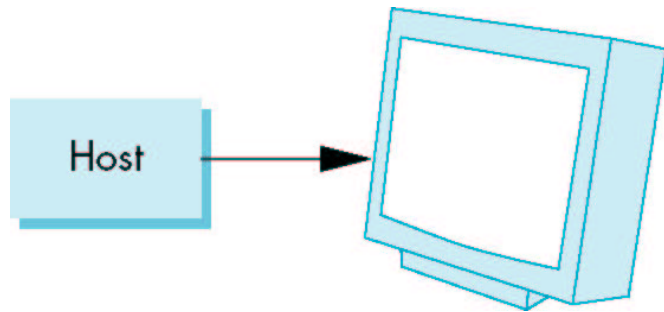
```
void myinit(void)
{
    glClearColor(1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0); /* white background */
                                   /* ^----- opaque background */
    glColor3f(1.0, 0.0, 0.0); /* draw in red */

    glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);
    glLoadIdentity();
    gluOrtho2D(0.0, 500.0, 0.0, 500.0);
    glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
}
```

## display() – Application-specific

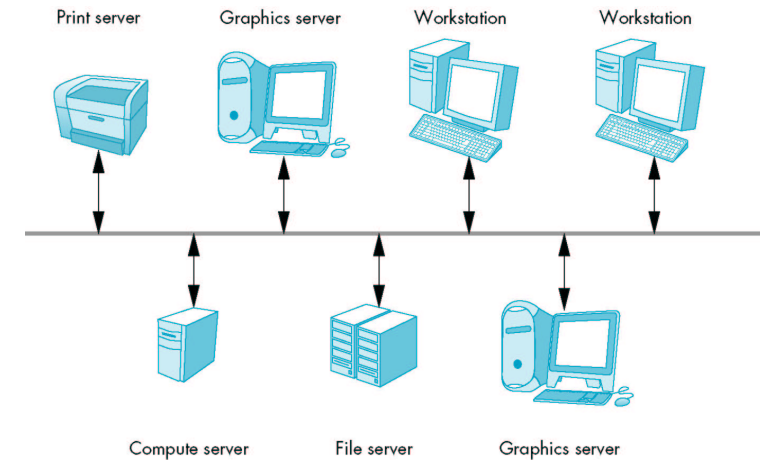
```
void display(void) {
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
    divide_triangle(v[0], v[1], v[2], n);
    glFlush();
}
```

## Output: Immediate Mode Graphics

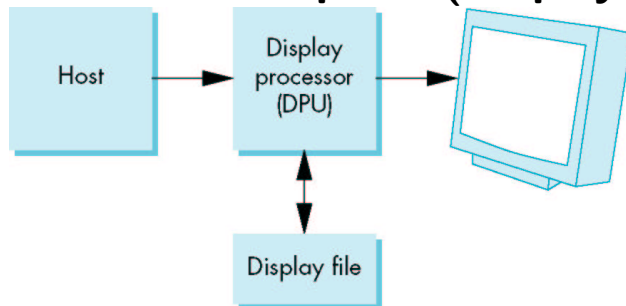


- Early: host has to write at 50–85 Hz to refresh screen
- Recent: frame buffer refreshing screen, host writes buffer

## Display Lists and Remote Displays

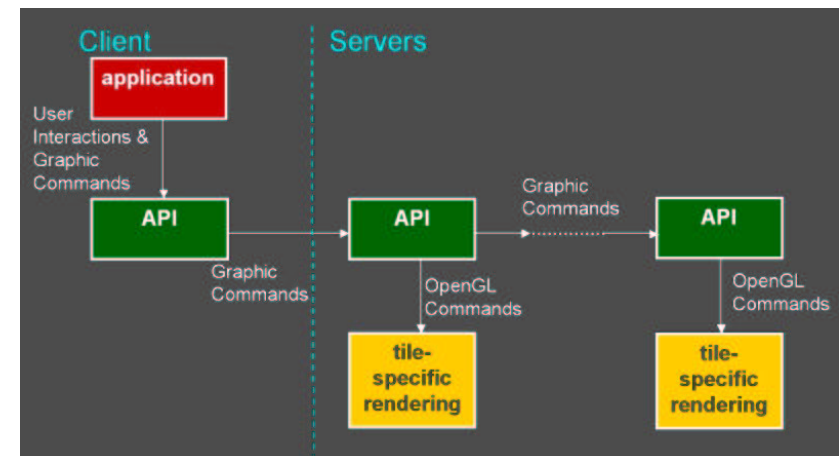


## Retained Mode Graphics (Display Lists)



- Like JIT-compilation for graphics operations
- Reduce traffic between Host and DPU
- Speed up both Host and DPU operation

## Display Lists and The ICWall



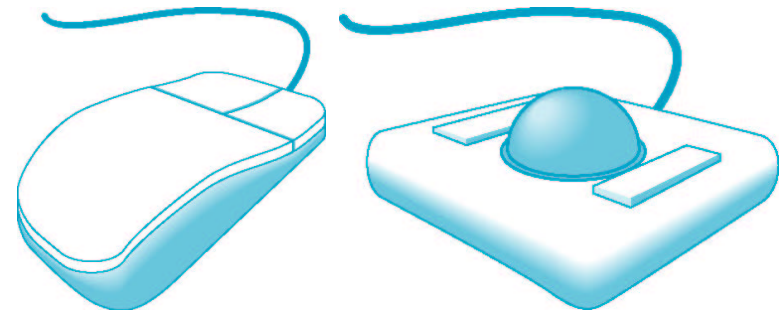
## Display Lists: Summary for Today

- OpenGL provides display lists (described in Chapter 3)
- With a simple PC and simple programs, you will hardly notice any effect. . .
- . . . unless you use high-end hardware like the ICWall
- We will get back to display lists along with Chapter 9 (scene graphs)

## Input and Interaction

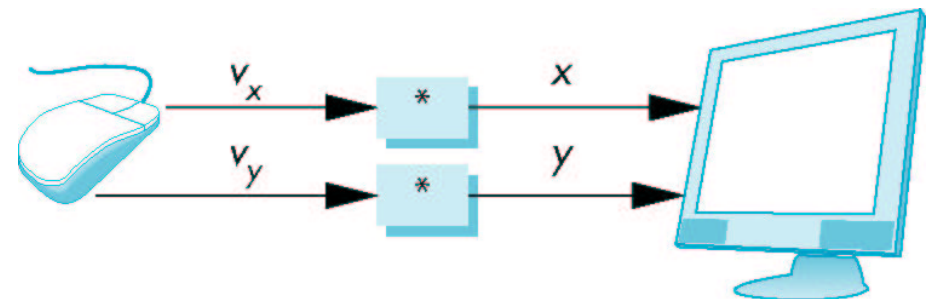
- Interaction with the user requires input devices
- physical input devices
- logical input devices
- input modes

## Physical Input Devices



- pointing device (mouse, trackball)
- keyboard device (keyboard)

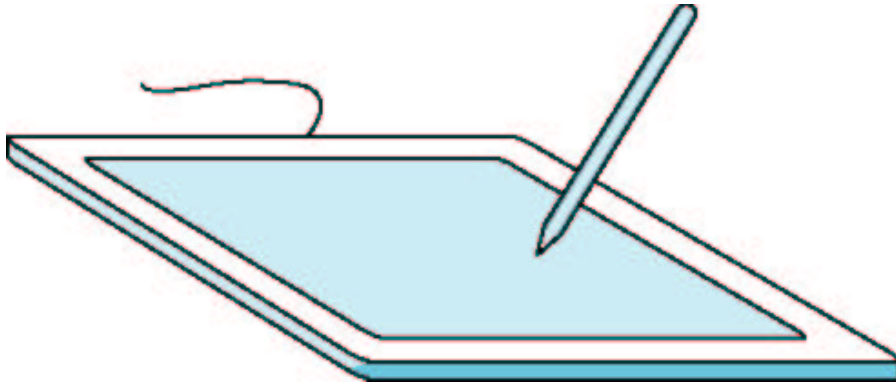
## Relative Positioning



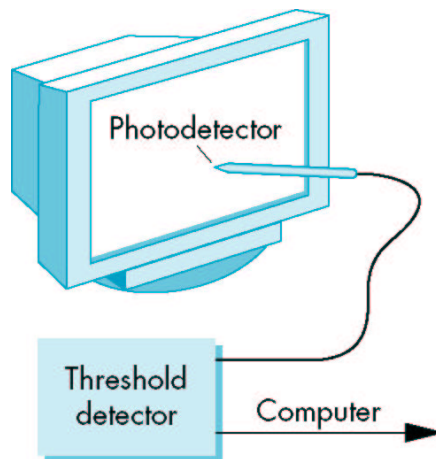
Device driver (or application) integrates mouse movement ticks (velocity) over time to compute new position.

## Absolute Positioning

Data tablet:

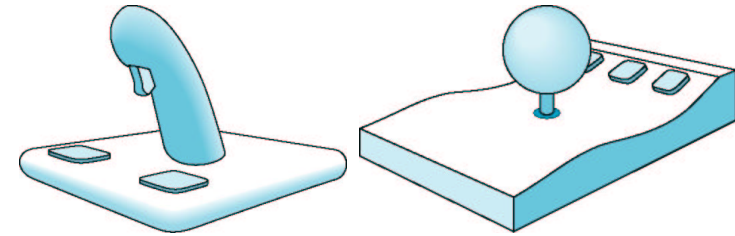


## Lightpen (Absolute Positioning)



Problems: dark screen areas, ergonomics

## Joystick and Spaceball



Movement interpreted as velocity/acceleration provides mechanical resistance

## Logical Devices

- String (keyboard)
- Locator (mouse)
- Pick (select item)
- Choice (menu)
- Dial ("analog" input: sliders)
- Stroke (array of locations, mouse movement)

## Measure and Trigger

- Measure:
  - ★ input data
  - ★ mouse position, typed string, . . .
- Trigger:
  - ★ signaling the application
  - ★ mouse button, return key, . . .

## Advantages of the Event Mode

- Program does not need to request/sample explicitly (no polling):
  - ★ No waste of CPU time while there is no input.
  - ★ No problem with location of polling statements in the code, and how often polling should occur. . .
- Multiple input devices (types of events) can be served, even without knowing how many are active.

## Input Modes

Request mode:



Sample mode:



Event mode:



## Handling Events: Callback Functions

```

#include <GL/glut.h>
int main(int argc, char** argv){
    glutInit(&argc,argv);

    ...
    glutDisplayFunc(display);
    glutKeyboardFunc(keyboard);
    glutMouseFunc(mouse);
    ...

    glutMainLoop(); /* enter event loop */
    return 0;
}
  
```

## Programming Event-driven Input

### Mouse callback: (colors.c)

```
void mouse(int btn, int btn_state, int x, int y){
    if (btn==GLUT_LEFT_BUTTON && btn_state==GLUT_DOWN){
        state++;
        state = state%7;
    }
    if (btn==GLUT_MIDDLE_BUTTON && btn_state==GLUT_DOWN){
        state = 0;
    }
    if (btn==GLUT_RIGHT_BUTTON && btn_state==GLUT_DOWN){
        exit();
    }
    glutPostRedisplay();
}
```

Main program: `glutMouseFunc(mouse);`



## Example Square Drawing

```
void drawSquare(int x, int y) // (square.c)
{
    y=wh-y; /* translate window to user coordinates */
    glColor3ub( (char) random()%256,
                (char) random()%256, (char) random()%256);
    glBegin(GL_POLYGON);
    glVertex2f(x+size, y+size);
    glVertex2f(x-size, y+size);
    glVertex2f(x-size, y-size);
    glVertex2f(x+size, y-size);
    glEnd();
    glFlush();
}
```

Register: `glutMotionFunc(drawSquare);`



## Mouse-related Callbacks

<code>glutMouseFunc</code>	button up/down
<code>glutMotionFunc</code>	movement with button pressed
<code>glutPassiveMotionFunc</code>	movement w/o button pressed

## Reshape Events

```
void myReshape(GLsizei w, GLsizei h){ // (square.c)
    /* adjust clipping box */
    glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);
    glLoadIdentity();
    glOrtho(0.0, (GLdouble)w, 0.0, (GLdouble)h, -1.0, 1.0);
    glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
    /* adjust viewport and clear */
    glViewport(0,0,w,h);
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
    glFlush();
    /* set global size for use by drawing routine */
    ww = w;   wh = h;
}
```

Main program: `glutReshapeFunc(myReshape);`  
 (Also called when window is displayed the first time.)



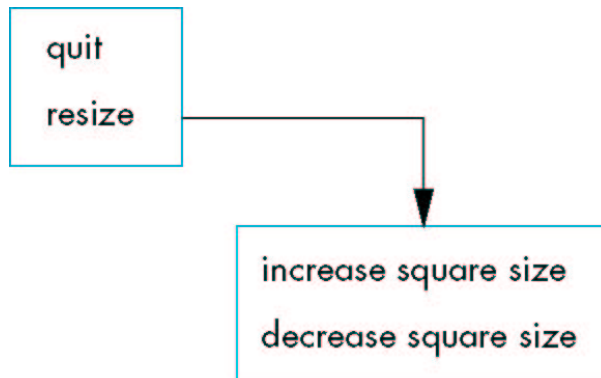
## Keyboard Events

```
void keyboard(unsigned char key, int x, int y){
    if ( key == 'q' ||
        key == 'Q' ||
        key == 27  // ESC
    ) exit();
}
```

```
glutKeyboardFunc(keyboard);
```

## Menus

Example for the **square** program:



## Sample Menu

In the main program:

```
sub_menu = glutCreateMenu(size_menu);
glutAddMenuEntry("increase square size", 1);
glutAddMenuEntry("decrease square size", 2);
glutCreateMenu(top_menu);
glutAddMenuEntry("quit",1);
glutAddSubMenu("resize", sub_menu);
glutAttachMenu(GLUT_RIGHT_BUTTON);
```

## Sample Menu: Callbacks

```
void size_menu(int id){
    if (id==1) size *= 2;
    if (id==2) size /= 2;
}
```

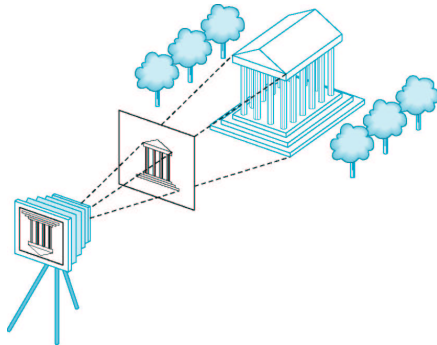
```
void top_menu(int id){
    if (id==1) exit();
}
```



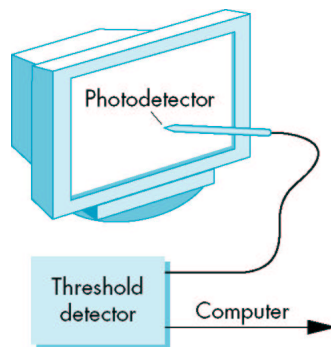
## Picking

Selecting a displayed object by the picking device.

Problem: getting back from 2D-screen coordinate to 3D-application coordinate:

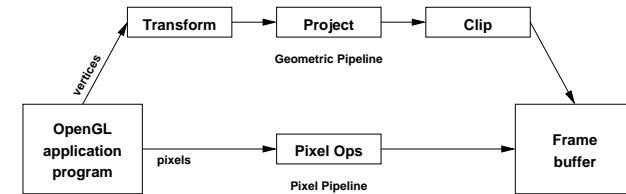


## Picking with Lightpen (once upon a time)



Lightpen generates interrupt when light ray comes along.  
 ⇒ Program knows the object currently being displayed.

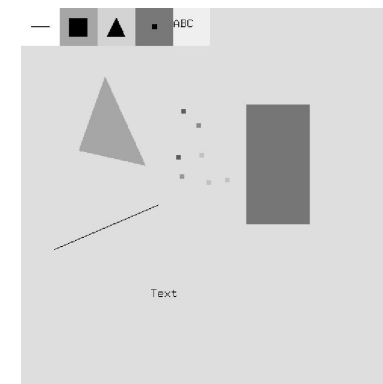
## Picking with Rendering Pipelines



Problems:

- Operations are hard to reverse (esp. in hardware).
- The application abstracts from screen coordinates **on purpose**.
- The logical grouping of elementary operations (vertices) to application objects unknown to OpenGL.

## Picking for Simple Applications



Application computes (2D) bounding boxes for its objects. (see Chapter 3.8 “A Simple Paint Program”)

## Picking with OpenGL's Selection Mode

Idea:

1. Re-render the scene (walk through all objects).  
No graphical output is produced while doing so.
  - (a) Application indicates when an object starts and ends.
  - (b) OpenGL checks which objects are close to the (mouse) position.
2. Application interprets which object to select.

## Render Mode vs. Selection Mode

Default:

```
glRenderMode(GL_RENDER)
```

Rendering output goes to frame buffer.

For picking:

```
glRenderMode(GL_SELECT)
```

Rendering output goes to (user-supplied) **select buffer**.

Select buffer stores objects that **hit** the picking position.

## Identifying Objects: the Name Stack

```
void glInitNames(); // initialize name stack
```

```
void glPushName(GLuint name); // "names" are unsigned integers
```

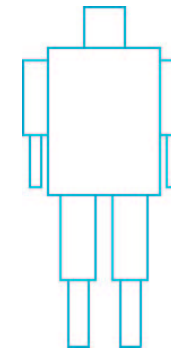
```
void glPopName();
```

```
void glLoadName(GLuint name); // overwrite top element
                             // "here starts object 'name'"
```

With simple objects, only one stack element is enough.

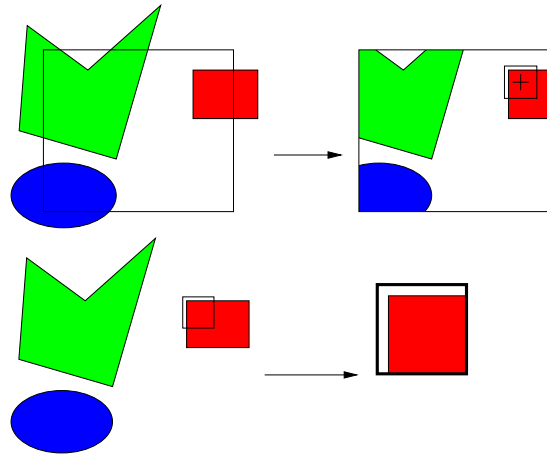
With complex objects (see Chapter 9), the whole stack trace needs to be captured – and the application needs to decide later, what is to be selected.

## Example of a Complex Object



Application needs to decide whether the lower-left arm, or the whole robot should be selected.

## Checking Proximity to Mouse by Clipping



## Proximity Check

1. Use `gluPickMatrix` to restrict clipping region to small area around the mouse position.

2. Re-render in selection mode

→ Objects within the (small) clipping region generate a **hit** in the select buffer

Use  $N \times N$  pixels area rather than single pixel to allow for human imprecision. . .

## Putting the Pieces Together. . .

```
void display() {           // pick.c
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
    draw_objects(GL_RENDER);
    glFlush();
}

void drawObjects(GLenum mode) {
    if (mode==GL_SELECT) glLoadName(1); // identify first rectangle
    glColor3f(1.0,0.0,0.0);
    glRectf(-0.5,-0.5,1.0,1.0);
    if (mode==GL_SELECT) glLoadName(2); // identify second rectangle
    glColor3f(0.0,0.0,1.0);
    glRectf(-1.0,-1.0,0.5,0.5);
}
```



## Picking in the Mouse Callback (1)

```
void mouse(int button, int state, int x, int y) {
    GLuint selectBuf[SIZE]; GLint hits; GLint viewport[4];
    if (button == GLUT_LEFT_BUTTON && state == GLUT_DOWN) {
        glGetIntegerv (GL_VIEWPORT, viewport); // get current viewport
        glSelectBuffer (SIZE, selectBuf);
        glRenderMode(GL_SELECT);

        glInitNames(); glPushName(0); // init name stack

        glMatrixMode (GL_PROJECTION); glPushMatrix (); // save old state

        glLoadIdentity ();
        /* create 5x5 pixel picking region near cursor location */
        gluPickMatrix ((GLdouble) x, (GLdouble) (viewport[3] - y),
                      5.0, 5.0, viewport);
        gluOrtho2D (-2.0, 2.0, -2.0, 2.0); // same as without picking
    }
}
```

## Picking in the Mouse Callback (2)

```
drawObjects(GL_SELECT);

glMatrixMode (GL_PROJECTION);
glPopMatrix (); // restore old state
glFlush ();

hits = glRenderMode (GL_RENDER); // switch back and get
                                   // number of hits

processHits (hits, selectBuf); // still to be implemented
glutPostRedisplay();          // ask GLUT for re-displaying
}
}
```

## The Select Buffer Data Structure

The select buffer is an array of **GLuint** values.

The data of all **hits** (returned by `glRenderMode`), is stored consecutively.

Values for each hit:

number of names  $n$  (the depth of the name stack)

minimum depth for all vertices of this hit

maximum depth for all vertices of this hit

name 1

name 2

...

name  $n$

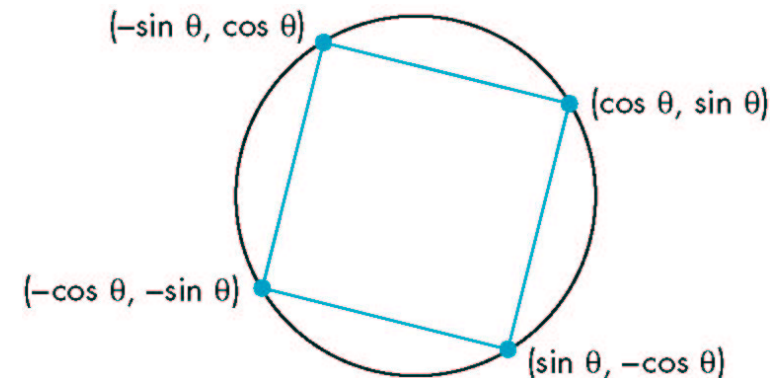
## Finally, processHits()

```
void processHits (GLint hits, GLuint buffer[]){
    unsigned int i, j;
    GLuint ii, jj, names, *ptr;

    printf ("hits = %d\n", hits);
    ptr = (GLuint *) buffer;
    for (i = 0; i < hits; i++) { /* for each hit */
        names = *ptr;
        ptr+=3;
        for (j = 0; j < names; j++) { /* for each name */
            if(*ptr==1) printf ("red rectangle\n");
            else printf ("blue rectangle\n");
            ptr++;
        }
    }
}
```

## Animating Interactive Programs

The rotating square:



## Displaying the Rotating Square

```
void display(){
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
    glBegin(GL_POLYGON);
    thetar = theta*((2.0*3.14159)/360.0);
    /* convert degrees to radians */
    glVertex2f( cos(thetar), sin(thetar));
    glVertex2f(-sin(thetar), cos(thetar));
    glVertex2f(-cos(thetar),-sin(thetar));
    glVertex2f( sin(thetar),-cos(thetar));
    glEnd();
}
```

## The Idle Function

```
double time;

void idle(){    // (single.c)
    double t = Wallclock();    // from glut.h (VU-made)
    if ( t < time + 0.01 ) return;
    time = t;
    theta+=2;
    if ( theta>=360.0) theta -= 360.0;
    glutPostRedisplay();
}
```



## Double Buffering

- screen image is refreshed 50-85 times per second
- drawing into the frame buffer is not an atomic action
  - ★ (and takes longer than 1/50 sec)
- the flickering we see is from partially drawn images
- solution: double buffering
  - ★ front buffer is used for display
  - ★ back buffer is used for drawing

## Double Buffering (OpenGL)

- initialize with:
 

```
glutInitDisplay(GLUT_RGB | GLUT_DOUBLE)
```
- add to display():
 

```
glutSwapBuffers()
```

(single\_double)



## Double Buffering

- . . . isn't always the solution
- see chapter 3.9.3
- we will get back to buffering issues with Chapter 7

## Direct Frame Buffer Access

- OpenGL allows to directly access the frame buffer
- Applications:
  - ★ popup-menus (restore the background without long re-rendering)
  - ★ rubberbanding (better done with raster operations)
- We get back to raster operations with Chapter 7.

## Summary

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## Summary

- Next week: affine transformations (simple math)