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### Play avi's on BillboardNode w/ help of opencv lib



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#### Message

Posted: Tue Jul 22, 2008 12:12 am    Post subject: Play avi's on BillboardNode w/ help of opencv lib



here is a full main.cpp to play two avi's at the same time with the help of opencv. Also good for learning how to convert opencv's IplImage to an ITexture.

To see this code running on youtube.. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vvp-08yegI>

#### Code:

```
#include <irrlicht/irrlicht.h>
#include <opencv/cv.h>
#include <opencv/cxcore.h>
#include <opencv/highgui.h>
#include <time.h>
#include <sys/timeb.h>

using namespace irr;

using namespace core;
using namespace scene;
using namespace video;
using namespace io;
using namespace gui;

IrrlichtDevice *device;
IVideoDriver* driver;
ISceneManager* smgr;

ITexture* create_ITexture_from_CvCapture(CvCapture* capture);
ITexture* update_ITexture_from_CvCapture(ITexture *dest,
```

```
CvCapture* capture, double time_since_last_update, double
*over_flow_time);
double current_time();

int main()
{
    device = createDevice( video::EDT_OPENGL,
dimension2d<s32>(640, 480), 16, false, false, false, 0);
    driver = device->getVideoDriver();
    smgr = device->getSceneManager();

    device->setWindowCaption(L"Hello World! - Irrlicht Engine
Demo");

    //something for 3d reference
    IAnimatedMesh* mesh = smgr->getMesh("media/sydney.md2");
    IAnimatedMeshSceneNode* node =
smgr->addAnimatedMeshSceneNode( mesh );
    if (node)
    {
        node->setMaterialFlag(EMF_LIGHTING, false);
        node->setMD2Animation ( scene::EMAT_STAND );
        node->setMaterialTexture( 0,
driver->getTexture("media/sydney.bmp" ) );
    }

    //our billboard
    IBillboardSceneNode* our_bill_node =
smgr->addBillboardSceneNode(NULL, dimension2d<f32>(25.0f,
25.0f), vector3df(-30,0,0));
    our_bill_node->setMaterialFlag(video::EMF_LIGHTING,
false);
    // #2
    IBillboardSceneNode* our_bill_node2 =
smgr->addBillboardSceneNode(NULL, dimension2d<f32>(25.0f,
25.0f), vector3df(30,20,30));
    our_bill_node2->setMaterialFlag(video::EMF_LIGHTING,
false);

    //camera stuff
    ICameraSceneNode* camera = smgr->addCameraSceneNodeFPS();
    camera->setPosition(vector3df(60,0,0));
    camera->setTarget(vector3df(0,0,0));

    //choose your own avi's
    //refer to this if needed to convert your vid to cv
usable...
    //mencoder in.avi -ovc raw -vf format=i420 -o out.avi
    CvCapture* capture =
cvCaptureFromFile("verona60avi56k.avi");
    CvCapture* capture2 = cvCaptureFromFile("out.avi");

    if (!capture)
        printf("Could not initialize capturing1...\n");
    if (!capture2)
        printf("Could not initialize capturing2...\n");

    //get the initial image
    ITexture* CvImage =
create_ITexture_from_CvCapture(capture);
    ITexture* CvImage2 =
create_ITexture_from_CvCapture(capture2);
```

```
our_bill_node->setMaterialTexture( 0, CvImage );
our_bill_node2->setMaterialTexture( 0, CvImage2 );

//fps stuff with a bit more precision
double last_time = current_time();
double add_on_time = 0, add_on_time2 = 0;

while(device->run())
{
    driver->beginScene(true, true,
SColor(255,100,101,140));

    smgr->drawAll();

    driver->endScene();

    update_ITexture_from_CvCapture(CvImage, capture,
current_time() - last_time, &add_on_time);
    update_ITexture_from_CvCapture(CvImage2, capture2,
current_time() - last_time, &add_on_time2);
    last_time = current_time();
}

device->drop();

return 0;
}

ITexture* update_ITexture_from_CvCapture(ITexture *dest,
CvCapture* capture, double time_since_last_update, double
*over_flow_time)
{
    //get these variables about the video
    int frameH    = (int) cvGetCaptureProperty(capture,
CV_CAP_PROP_FRAME_HEIGHT);
    int frameW    = (int) cvGetCaptureProperty(capture,
CV_CAP_PROP_FRAME_WIDTH);
    int fps       = (int) cvGetCaptureProperty(capture,
CV_CAP_PROP_FPS);

    //alittle code to try and keep it all at the right speed
    int frames_to_capture = (int)(fps *
(time_since_last_update + *over_flow_time));
    if(frames_to_capture)
    {
        *over_flow_time = time_since_last_update -
(frames_to_capture / fps * 1.0);
    }
    else
    {
        *over_flow_time = *over_flow_time +
time_since_last_update;
        return dest;
    }

    //grab an image and potentially skip some frames
    IplImage* img = 0;
    for(int i=0;i<frames_to_capture; i++)
    {
        if(!cvGrabFrame(capture))
        {

```

```
        printf("Could not grab a frame\n");
        return dest;
    }

}

img = cvRetrieveFrame(capture);

//now put the img data into the texture data
u8* pixels = (u8*)(dest->lock());
u8* ardata = (u8*)img->imageData;
int max_pixels = frameH * frameW;

for(int i=0;i<max_pixels;i++)
{
    *pixels = *ardata;
    pixels++; ardata++;
    *pixels = *ardata;
    pixels++; ardata++;
    *pixels = *ardata;
    pixels++; ardata++;

    pixels++;
}

dest->unlock();

return dest;
}

ITexture* create_ITexture_from_CvCapture(CvCapture* capture)
{
    char unique_tex_name[50];

    //for irrlicht
    sprintf(unique_tex_name, "cv_image:%d", capture);

    //grab an image
    IplImage* img = 0;
    if(!cvGrabFrame(capture))
    {
        printf("Could not grab a frame\n");
        return 0;
    }
    img=cvRetrieveFrame(capture);

    //get these variables about the video
    int frameH = (int) cvGetCaptureProperty(capture,
CV_CAP_PROP_FRAME_HEIGHT);
    int frameW = (int) cvGetCaptureProperty(capture,
CV_CAP_PROP_FRAME_WIDTH);
    int fps = (int) cvGetCaptureProperty(capture,
CV_CAP_PROP_FPS);

    //make our texture
    ITexture* m_poTileTexture =
driver->addTexture(core::dimension2d<s32>(frameW, frameH),
unique_tex_name, video::ECF_A1R5G5B5);

    // read the pixels directly into the texture
    u8* pixels = (u8*)(m_poTileTexture->lock());
    u8* ardata = (u8*)img->imageData;
```

```
int max_pixels = frameW * frameH;

for(int i=0;i<max_pixels;i++)
{
    *pixels = *ardata;
    pixels++; ardata++;
    *pixels = *ardata;
    pixels++; ardata++;
    *pixels = *ardata;
    pixels++; ardata++;

    pixels++;
}

m_poTileTexture->unlock();

return m_poTileTexture;
}

//this function brings back seconds with milliseconds since
it was first called
double current_time()
{
    static int first_sec = 0;
    static int first_msec = 0;
    struct timeb new_time;

    //set current time
    ftime(&new_time);

    //set if not set
    if(!first_sec)
    {
        first_sec = new_time.time;
        first_msec = new_time.millitm;
    }

    return (new_time.time - first_sec) + ((new_time.millitm -
first_msec) * 0.001);
}
```

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**hybrid**  
Admin

Posted: Tue Jul 22, 2008 8:20 am    Post subject:



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I didn't test the code, yet, but it seems wrong. You're creating an A1R5G5B5 texture, but you access it as 32bits. You should always check which format the texture has, and according to this format add the proper conversions. Since the conversions are not yet exposed, you might have to copy some parts from CColorConversion for this to work properly. Another good idea is to create a non-alpha texture, in order to avoid the extra alpha byte which seems to be unsupported by OpenCV. This would allow for a very fast memcpy if both libraries use the same color encoding.

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Posted: Tue Jul 22, 2008 10:52 pm Post subject:



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you dont have to look at the code to see if it works or not, check out the youtube video.

I really have no clue about A1R5G5B5, but it definitely is in rgba format or 32bit, and the opencv images are 24bit or rgb which is why when copying the data over I need to skip the last 8 bits of the irrlicht's image pixel data.

This code isn't ment to be a **final** product but the idea of converting both to 24bit or both to 32bit so that you can use memcpy is smart as far as i know.

What would be even faster of course is recode opencv alittle bit so that it just writes right into an ITexture.

-Or there might be a way to have the ITexture and opencv Image structure share the same data array... ? I dunno I just hacked this up in a few hours for work and thought I'd share it.

[Back to top](#)**Acki**

Posted: Tue Jul 22, 2008 11:14 pm Post subject:



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hmm, I didn't check this, but would it not be better to create a texture with 24bit RGB format (ECF\_R8G8B8) ???

and maybe then you can just do a memcpy or even share the same datas...



while(!asleep) sheep++;

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<http://abusoft.g0dsoft.com>

BTW: **my avatar is not showing me and I'm not dutch !!!** 😊

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Posted: Wed Jul 23, 2008 8:14 am Post subject:




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Thanks Acki. We actually do need the alpha channel for how we're using it...

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Yes, the code works in this situation, because the driver enables ALWAYS\_32\_BIT by default, and the OpenGL driver creates an A8R8G8B8 even if you desire an A1R5G5B5. However, once a different texture creation flag is chosen it won't work. I'd suggest to change the format of the texture to A8R8G8B8 and change the texture creation flags to ALWAYS\_32\_BIT right before creating the texture. This will definitely fix the issues, and since you say that you need the 32bit textures there's also no unnecessary memory usage involved.

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is this better?

CvIrrCamTexture.h

**Code:**

```
#include <opencv/cv.h>
#include <opencv/highgui.h>
#include <irrlicht/irrlicht.h>
#include <math.h>

//I'm lazy
using namespace irr;

using namespace core;
using namespace scene;
using namespace video;
using namespace io;
using namespace gui;

class CvIrrCamTexture
{
public:
    CvIrrCamTexture(IVideoDriver* driver, int cvflags = 0,
int use_rgba_texture = 0);
    ~CvIrrCamTexture();

    ITexture* getTexture();
    int UpdateTexture();
private:
    //needed to manipulate irr textures
    IVideoDriver* driver;

    //our texture
    ITexture* irr_texture;

    //cv capture
    CvCapture* cv_capture;
```

```
void copy_over_image(IplImage* cv_img);  
};
```

### CvIrrCamTexture.cpp

#### Code:

```
#include "CvIrrCamTexture.h"  
  
CvIrrCamTexture::CvIrrCamTexture(IVideoDriver* driver, int  
cvflags, int use_rgba_texture)  
{  
    char unique_tex_name[50];  
    IplImage* cv_img = 0;  
  
    //set this  
    this->driver = driver;  
  
    //start the capture  
    this->cv_capture = cvCaptureFromCAM(cvflags);  
    if(!this->cv_capture) return;  
  
    //grab an image  
    cv_img = cvQueryFrame(this->cv_capture);  
    if(!cv_img) return;  
  
    //for irrlicht scheme  
    sprintf(unique_tex_name, "cv_image_CAM:%d", this);  
  
    //make the texture  
    if(use_rgba_texture)  
        this->irr_texture =  
this->driver->addTexture(core::dimension2d<s32>  
(cv_img->width, cv_img->height), unique_tex_name,  
video::ECF_A8R8G8B8);  
    else  
        this->irr_texture =  
this->driver->addTexture(core::dimension2d<s32>  
(cv_img->width, cv_img->height), unique_tex_name,  
video::ECF_R8G8B8);  
  
    //finally  
    this->copy_over_image(cv_img);  
}  
  
CvIrrCamTexture::~CvIrrCamTexture()  
{  
  
}  
  
ITexture* CvIrrCamTexture::getTexture()  
{  
    return this->irr_texture;  
}  
  
int CvIrrCamTexture::UpdateTexture()  
{  
    IplImage* cv_img = 0;
```



```
//grab an image
cv_img = cvQueryFrame(this->cv_capture);
if(!cv_img) return 0;

this->copy_over_image(cv_img);
}

void CvIrrCamTexture::copy_over_image(IplImage* cv_img)
{
    // read the pixels directly into the texture
    char* pixels = (char*)(this->irr_texture->lock());
    char* ardata = (char*)cv_img->imageData;
    char* final_loc = cv_img->imageSize + cv_img->imageData;

    switch(this->irr_texture->getColorFormat())
    {
        case ECF_R8G8B8:
            while(ardata < final_loc)
            {
                *pixels = *ardata;
                pixels++; ardata++;
                *pixels = *ardata;
                pixels++; ardata++;
                *pixels = *ardata;
                pixels++; ardata++;

            }
            break;

        case ECF_A8R8G8B8:
            while(ardata < final_loc)
            {
                *pixels = *ardata;
                pixels++; ardata++;
                *pixels = *ardata;
                pixels++; ardata++;
                *pixels = *ardata;
                pixels++; ardata++;

                pixels++;
            }
            break;
    }

    this->irr_texture->unlock();
}
```

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Example using it:

**Code:**

```
#include <irrlicht/irrlicht.h>
#include <opencv/cv.h>
#include <opencv/highgui.h>

#include "CvIrrCamTexture.h"

using namespace irr;

using namespace core;
using namespace scene;
using namespace video;
using namespace io;
using namespace gui;

IrrlichtDevice *device;
IVideoDriver* driver;
ISceneManager* smgr;

int main()
{
    device = createDevice( video::EDT_OPENGL,
dimension2d<s32>(640, 480), 16, false, false, false, 0);
    driver = device->getVideoDriver();
    smgr = device->getSceneManager();

    device->setWindowCaption(L"Hello World! - Irrlicht Engine
Demo");

    //something for 3d reference
    IAnimatedMesh* mesh = smgr->getMesh("media/sydney.md2");
    IAnimatedMeshSceneNode* node =
smgr->addAnimatedMeshSceneNode(mesh);
    if (node)
    {
        node->setMaterialFlag(EMF_LIGHTING, false);
        node->setMD2Animation ( scene::EMAT_STAND );
        node->setMaterialTexture( 0,
driver->getTexture("media/sydney.bmp") );
        node->setPosition(vector3df(10,10,-10));
    }

    //and some more
    device->getFileSystem()->addZipFileArchive("media/map-
20kdm2.pk3");
    IAnimatedMesh* mesh2 = smgr->getMesh("20kdm2.bsp");
    ISceneNode* node2 = 0;
    if (mesh2)
        node2 = smgr->addOctTreeSceneNode(mesh2->getMesh(0), 0,
-1, 128);
    if (node2)
        node2->setPosition(vector3df(-1300,-144,-1249));

    //our billboard
    IBillboardSceneNode* our_bill_node =
smgr->addBillboardSceneNode(NULL, dimension2d<f32>(25.0f,
25.0f), vector3df(0,0,0));
    our_bill_node->setMaterialFlag(video::EMF_LIGHTING,
false);

    //camera stuff
    ICameraSceneNode* camera = smgr->addCameraSceneNodeFPS();
```

```
camera->setPosition(vector3df(60,10,0));
camera->setTarget(vector3df(0,0,0));

//start the webcam
CvIrrCamTexture* cv_text_mgr = new
CvIrrCamTexture(driver,0,0);
//set the texture
our_bill_node->setMaterialTexture( 0,
cv_text_mgr->getTexture() );

while(device->run())
{
    //update webcam texture
    cv_text_mgr->UpdateTexture();


    driver->beginScene(true, true,
SColor(255,100,101,140));

    smgr->drawAll();


    driver->endScene();
}


device->drop();


return 0;
}
```

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Posts: 23

you should try to make it so you can render the video to a render target  
then it would be able to be textured on a mesh such as a tv screen.

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It is already a texture, so you can do so. Now 

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hey guys, can you tell me what version of [opencv](#) to use ?  
because I am getting the error

**Code:**

```
[Linker error] undefined reference to `cvCaptureFromFile'
```

when trying to compile the first code posted by FreakNigh.  
I am using WinXp with DevC++.

thanks.

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**jeromegz**

Posted: Mon Nov 23, 2009 11:38 am    Post subject: no



Joined: 02 Aug 2008  
Posts: 6

hi all i am french, sorry for bad english:

i have tried with :  
devcpp \_latest version (4.9...)  
irrlicht 1.3.1  
opencv 1.0

work with it and i think that the code support an newer version of irrlicht but  
i have no try , but now we are at the version 6 of irrlicht , but irrlichr have a  
lot of change since version 1.3.1 and if anyone try , thanks.

i am "anywone" too , so, i start to try now.

Hello

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**jawdy**

Posted: Thu Feb 18, 2010 9:18 am    Post subject:



Joined: 13 Jan 2010  
Posts: 7

Sorry to add to an old post - but a couple of people have asked some  
questions about getting this to work with newer versions of Irr and CV... well  
folks, I've been working on this for a few days and have cracked it 😊

The first thing is to make sure you've added the include and library paths to  
your project (in Visual Studio, use the main Tool->Options and add it to the  
list of resources in there, then they'll be available to every project. I'm not in  
front of my machine right now, but I'll write it up properly when I am!).

Another thing I've noticed with OpenCV is that you need to Link the libraries directly (again, in Visual Studio). So in the project properties, under linker, then "input" and add the URL to each library.

In order to make nigh's code work in the latest version(s) of Irr, you'll need to make a few changes to the code, namely anything that says <s32> for signed integers, you need to change to <u32>.

I apologise for this quick post, not giving enough instructions for setting up the project nor providing my code - I promise that as soon as I'm in front of my PC I'll put it up!

Oh, and I've also gotten it multi-threading, so the Irrlicht rendering loop operates at over 300fps, whilst the camera is doing it's capturing thing (I've linked it to a live feed of camera, rather than avi - it's part of cvIrrCaptureCam I think, but I've modified that)... it should all become clear when I put my code up!

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**briaj**

Posted: Tue Feb 23, 2010 7:46 am    Post subject:



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I wasn't able to compile it. I try to compile it with eclipse and always appear errors in 2 classes of the opencv 2.0. I changed the s32 to u32 too.  
I would like to know how can I compile it please.

Thank you very much in advance.

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