

**FOSDEM 2020**

# Back to the Linux Framebuffer!

**LINUX-FBDEV**

Linux Framebuffer support in free software

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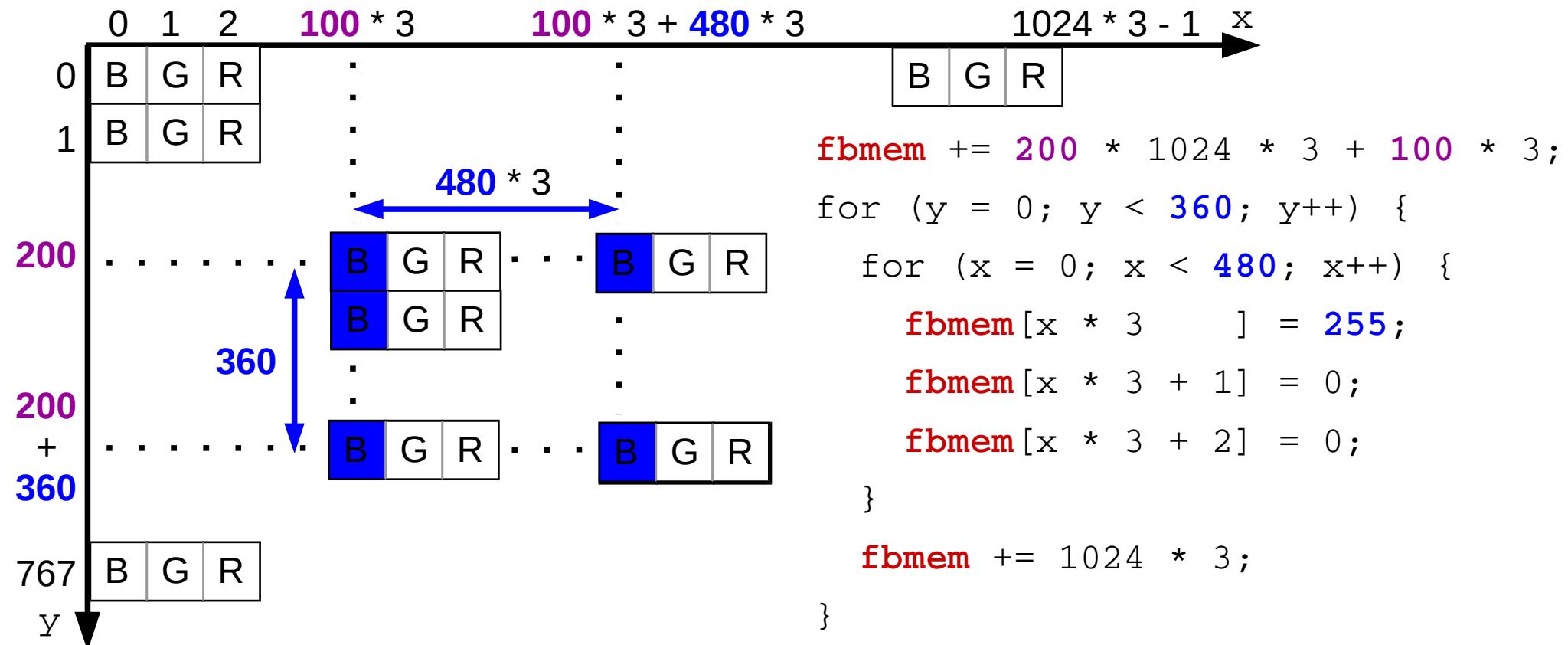
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# /dev/fb0 and mmap

- First check → `cat /dev/urandom > /dev/fb0`
  - Example with 3 bytes (blue, green and red) per pixel on 1024 x 768 screen resolution  
→ Framebuffer memory =  $1024 * 768 \text{ pixels} * 3 \text{ bytes}$

```
fd = open ("/dev/fb0", O_RDWR);
```

```
fbmem = mmap(NULL, 1024 * 768 * 3, PROT_WRITE, MAP_SHARED, fd, 0);
```





# /dev/fb0 and mmap demo

```
cat: write error: No space left on device
~$ #cat /dev/urandom > /dev/fb0
~$ gcc fb_mmap.c -o fb_mmap
~$ ./fb_mmap
~$
```



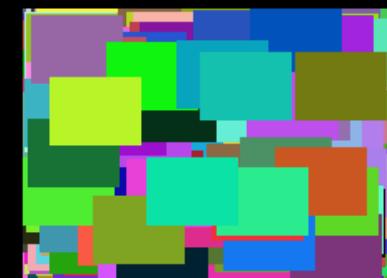


# fb-test-app, fbmark

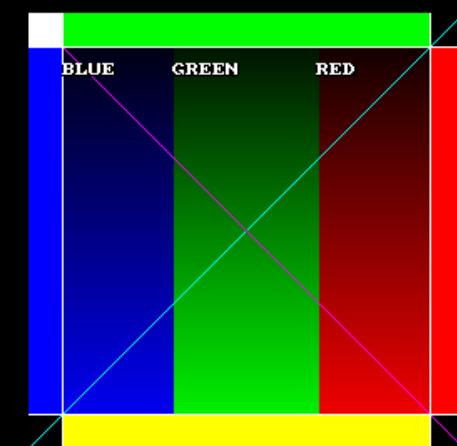
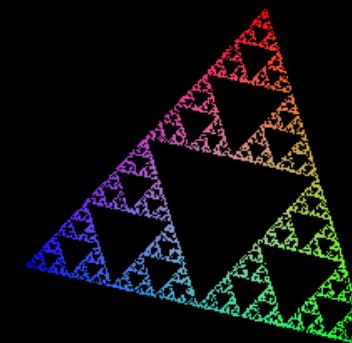
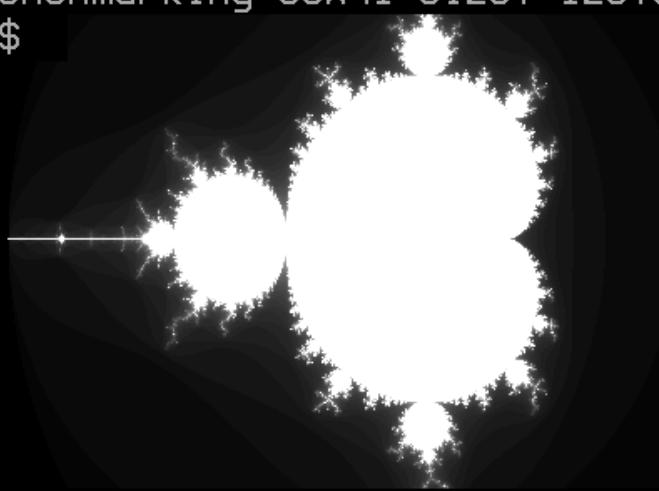
```
~$ fb-test -o 260x260+740+480
fb res 1024x768 virtual 1024x768, line_len 3072, bpp 24
~$ fb-string 820 40 "Linux Framebuffer" 0xff 0
fb res 1024x768 virtual 1024x768, line_len 3072, bpp 24
~$ WIDTH=260 HEIGHT=260 POSX=440 POSY=480 fb_sierpinski
Sierpinski frame buffer test bench
```

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```
Benchmarking      1024 iterations: 7237.46 Frames/second
Benchmarking      2048 iterations: 4239.95 Frames/second
Benchmarking      4096 iterations: 2325.17 Frames/second
```



```
~$ WIDTH=400 HEIGHT=300 POSX=20 POSY=460 fb_mandelbrot
Mandelbrot frame buffer test bench
Benchmarking 48 iterations: 0.43 seconds
~$ WIDTH=220 HEIGHT=165 POSX=800 POSY=220 fb_rectangle
Rectangle frame buffer test bench
Benchmarking 55x41 size: 126.30 MPixels/second
~$
```





# fb-test-app, fbmark

- fb-test-app test suite

<https://gitlab.com/meetroger/fb-test-app>

*fb-string.c, fb-test.c*

→ `fb_open()` in *common.c*

→ **fbmem = mmap()** on */dev/fb0*

- fbmark benchmarks

<https://github.com/caramelli/fbmark>

*fb\_sierpinski.c, fb\_mandelbrot.c, fb\_rectangle.c*

→ **fbmem = mmap()** on */dev/fb0*



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# Fbpad terminal emulator

```
~$ FBPAD_POS=160,120 FBPAD_SIZE=800x600 fbpad
```

```
FBPAD (x) n l h t r
~$ fbset

mode "1024x768-76"
    # D: 78.653 MHz, H: 59.949 kHz, V: 75.694 Hz
    geometry 1024 768 1024 768 24
    timings 12714 128 32 16 4 128 4
    rgba 8/16,8/8,8/0,0/0
endmode

~$ █
```



# Fbpad terminal emulator

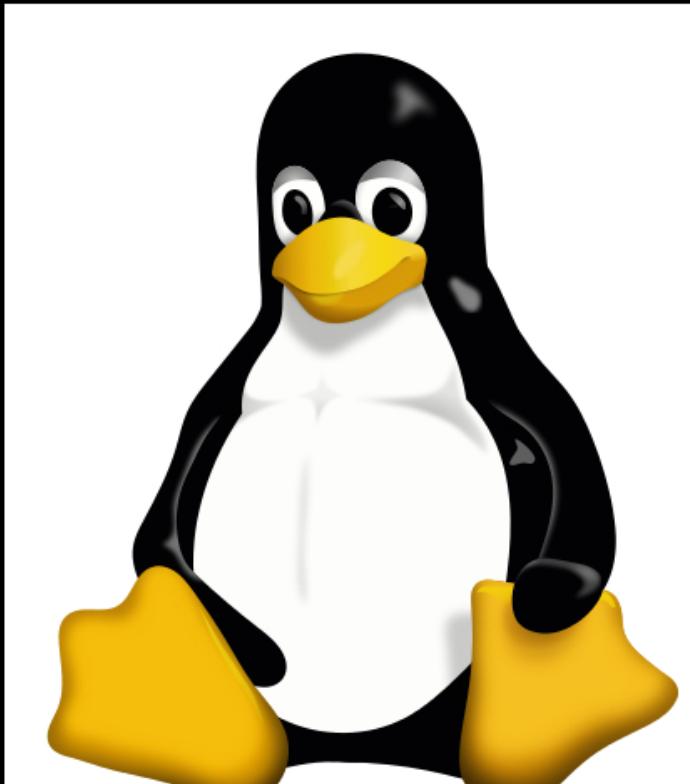
Fbpad <https://github.com/aligrudi/fbpad>

- `fb_init()` in *fbpad/draw.c*
  - **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**
- `execTerm("sh")` in *fbpad/fbpad.c*
  - `term_exec("sh")` in *fbpad/term.c*
    - `openpty()` → open pseudoterminal master **/dev/ptmx** and slave **/dev/pts/0** descriptors
    - `fork()` → child process duplicates slave descriptor to 0, 1, 2 and calls `execve("sh")`
- `pollTerms()` in *fbpad/fbpad.c*
  - `readchar()` in *fbpad/fbpad.c* → read on stdin
  - `term_send()` in *fbpad/term.c*
    - `writepty()` → master writes to the slave
  - `term_read()` in *fbpad/term.c*
    - `readpty()` → master reads data written by the slave
    - `pad_put()` in *fbpad/pad.c*
      - `fb_set()` → **copy of character to fbmem**



# Fbi, FIM image viewers

```
~$ fbi -geometry 424x500+20+220 tux.jpg &  
~$ fim -o fb=500x500+480+180 gnu.png
```





# Fbi, FIM image viewers

- Fbi <https://git.kraxel.org/cgit/fbida>

→ `fb_init()` in *fbi/fbtools.c*

→ **fbmem = mmap()** on */dev/fb0*

→ `read_image()` in *fbi/fbi.c* → use of **libjpeg**, **libpng**, ...

→ `shadow_render()` in *fbi/fb-gui.c*

→ copy of decoded image to **fbmem**

- FIM <http://svn.savannah.nongnu.org/svn/fbi-improved/trunk>

→ `fb_init()` in *fim/src/FramebufferDevice.cpp*

→ **fbmem = mmap()** on */dev/fb0*

→ `read_image()` in *fim/src/FbiStuff.cpp* → use of **libjpeg**, **libpng**, ...

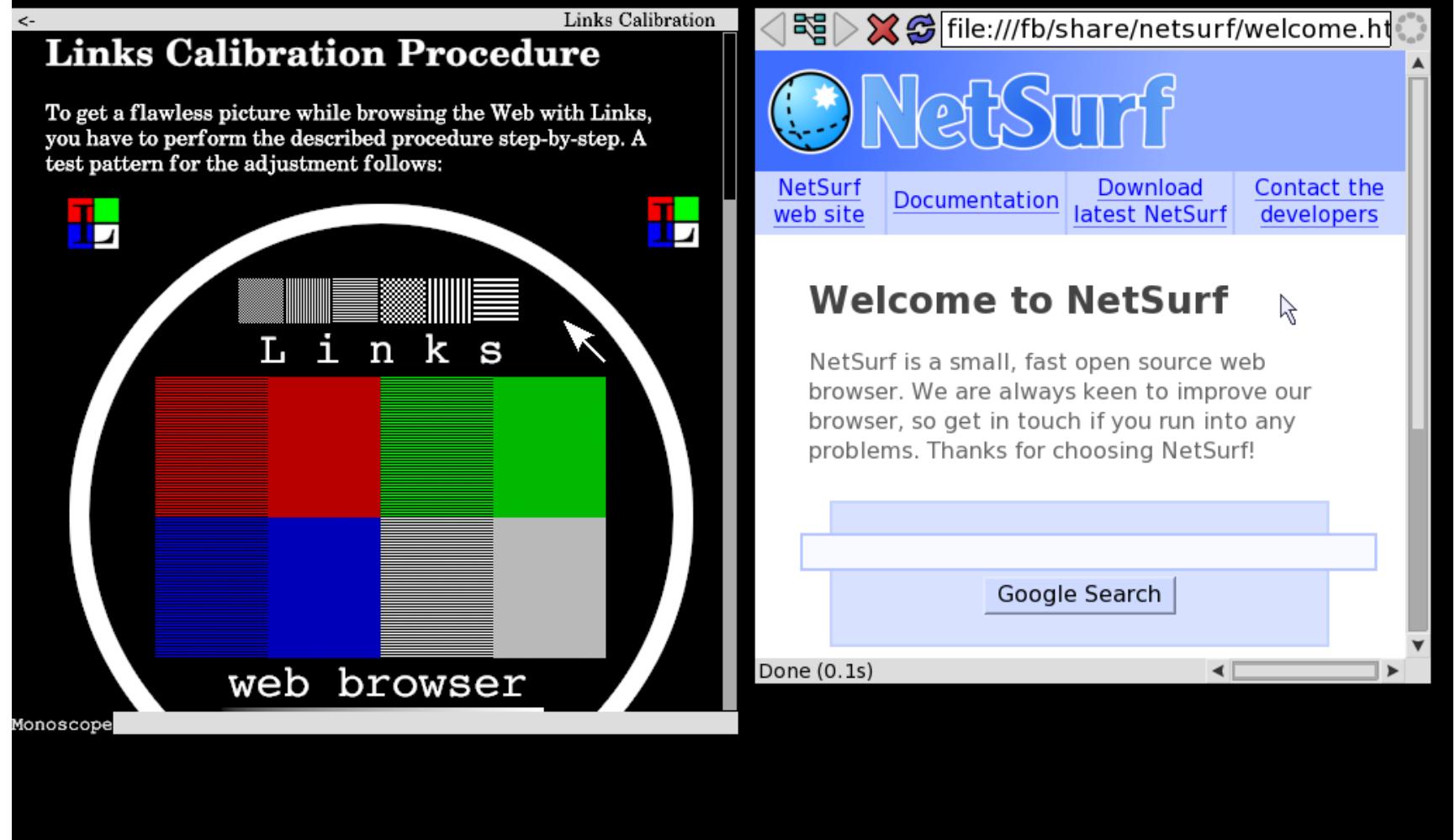
→ `convert_line()` in *fim/src/FramebufferDevice.cpp*

→ copy of decoded image to **fbmem**



# NetSurf, Links web browsers

```
~$ netsurf-linux --window_width 480 --window_height 480 --window_x 528 --  
window_y 172 &  
~$ links -mode 0,172,508,80 links/calibration.html
```





# NetSurf, Links web browsers

- NetSurf <https://git.netsurf-browser.org/netsurf.git>  
→ Libnsfb <https://git.netsurf-browser.org/libnsfb.git>



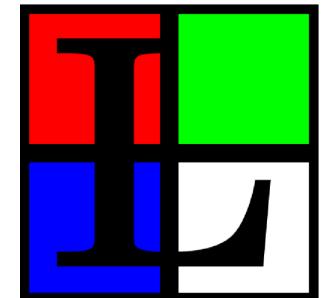
→ `linux_register_surface()` `__attribute__((constructor))` in *libnsfb/src/surface/linux.c*  
→ `nsfb_register_surface("linux", NSFB_SURFACE_LINUX, linux_rtns)`  
in *libnsfb/src/surface/surface.c*  
→ `gui_init()` in *netsurf/framebuffer/gui.c*  
→ `framebuffer_initialise()` in *netsurf/framebuffer/framebuffer.c*  
→ `nsfb_t * nsfb_new(NSFB_SURFACE_LINUX)` in *libnsfb/src/libnsfb.c*  
→ `nsfb_init(nsfb_t *)` in *libnsfb/src/libnsfb.c*  
→ `linux_initialise()` in *libnsfb/src/surface/linux.c*  
→ **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**  
→ `nsfb_plot_bitmap(), ...` in *libnsfb/src/plot/api.c*



draw in **fbmem**

- Links <http://links.twibright.com/download>

→ `init()` in *links/main.c*  
→ `init_graphics()` in *links/drivers.c*  
→ `init_graphics_driver(fb_driver)` in *links/drivers.c*  
→ `fb_init_driver()` in *links/framebuffer.c*  
→ **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**  
→ `fb_draw_bitmap(), ...` in *links/framebuffer.c*



draw in **fbmem**



# Fbff, MPlayer media players

```
~$ fbff -z 0.2 -x 640 -y 452 02_gran_dillama_1080p.mp4 &
~$ mplayer -quiet -vf scale=640:360 -geometry 0:380 01_llama_drama_1080p.
mp4
=====
Opening video decoder: [ffmpeg] FFmpeg's libavcodec codec family
Selected video codec: [ffh264] vfm: ffmpeg (FFmpeg H.264)
=====
=====
Opening audio decoder: [faad] AAC (MPEG2/4 Advanced Audio Coding)
Selected audio codec: [faad] afm: faad (FAAD AAC (MPEG-2/MPEG-4 Audio))
=====
AO: [alsa] 48000Hz 2ch s16le (2 bytes per sample)
VO: [fbdev] 640x360 => 640x360 BGR 24-bit
```





# Fbff, MPlayer media players

- Fbff <https://github.com/aligrudi/fbff>

- `fb_init()` in *fbff/draw.c*
  - **`fbmem = mmap()`** on */dev/fb0*
  - `ffs_vdec()` in *fbff/ffs.c*
  - `draw_frame()` in *fbff/fbff.c*
  - `fb_set()` in *fbff/draw.c*



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- MPlayer <http://svn.mplayerhq.hu/MPlayer/releases>

- `vo_functions_t * init_best_video_out()` in *MPlayer/libvo/video\_out.c*
  - **`return LIBVO_EXTERN(fbdev)`**
  - `decode_video()` in *MPlayer/libmpcodecs/dec\_video.c*
  - `mpcodecs_config vo()` in *MPlayer/libmpcodecs/vd.c*
  - `config()` in *MPlayer/libmpcodecs/vf(vo).c*
  - `config_video_out()` in *MPlayer/libvo/video\_out.c*
  - `config()` in *MPlayer/libvo/vo\_fbdev.c*
  - **`fbmem = mmap()`** on */dev/fb0*
  - `mpcodecs_get_image()` in *MPlayer/libmpcodecs/vd.c*
  - `filter_video()` in *MPlayer/libmpcodecs/dec\_video.c*
  - `put_image()` in *MPlayer/libmpcodecs/vf(vo).c*
  - `draw_slice()` in *MPlayer/libvo/vo\_fbdev.c*



copy of decoded video to **fbmem**





# Fbpdf document viewer

Fbpdf <https://github.com/aligrudi/fbpdf>

- fbmupdf → based on MuPDF framework

- fb\_init() in *fbpdf/draw.c*
- **fbmem = mmap()** on */dev/fb0*
- showpage() in *fbpdf/fbpdf.c*
- doc\_draw() in *fbpdf/mupdf.c*
- `fz_run_page()`
- fb\_set() in *fbpdf/draw.c* → copy of PDF page to render in **fbmem**



- fbpoppler → based on Poppler framework

- fb\_init() in *fbpdf/draw.c*
- **fbmem = mmap()** on */dev/fb0*
- showpage() in *fbpdf/fbpdf.c*
- doc\_draw() in *fbpdf/poppler.c*
- `poppler_page_render()`
- fb\_set() in *fbpdf/draw.c* → copy of PDF page to render in **fbmem**





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# Cairo

**mmap()**

*cairo\_image\_surface\_create()  
cairo\_create()*



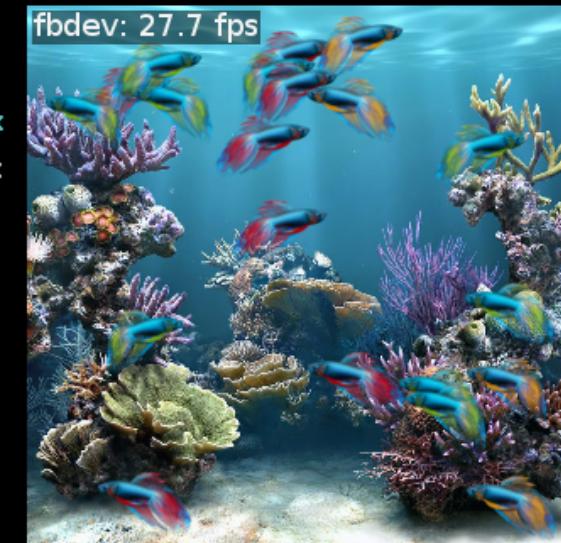
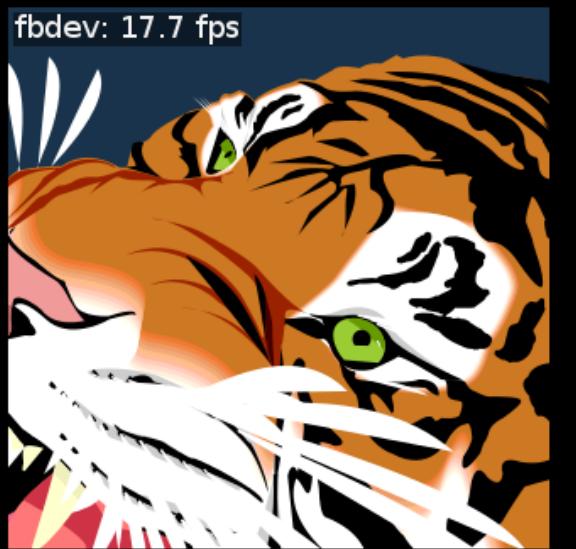
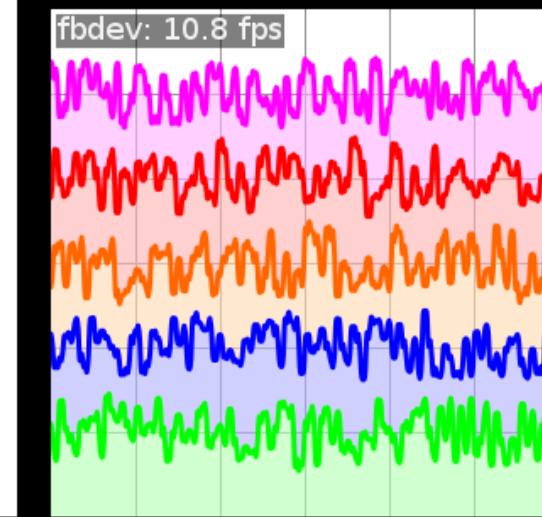
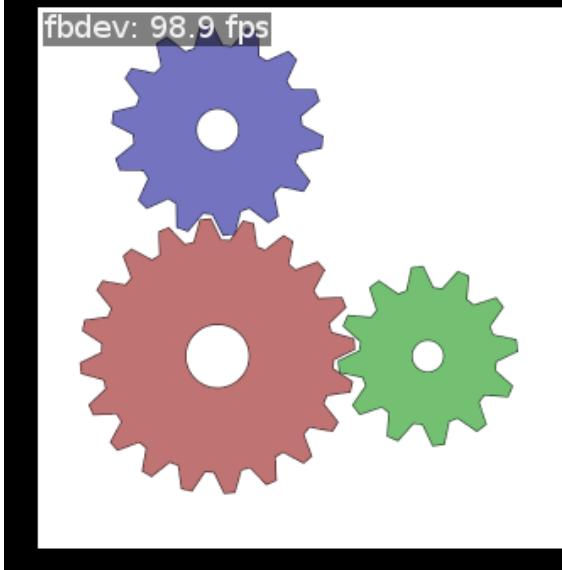
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- Cairo <https://cgit.freedesktop.org/cairo>
- Cairo-demos
  - <https://gitlab.com/cairo/cairo-demos>
    - *fbdev/cairo-fb.c*
  - <https://cgit.freedesktop.org/~ickle/cairo-demos>
    - *fbdev.c*



# Cairo demo

```
~$ cairo-fb  
The framebuffer device was opened successfully  
1024x768, 24bpp  
The framebuffer device was successfully mapped  
~$ tiger-demo --size 320x320 --position 680x430 &  
~$ chart-demo --size 300x300 --position 360x450 &  
~$ gears-demo --size 320x320 --position 20x430 &  
~$ fish-demo --size 320x320 --position 700x60 &  
~$ -
```





# Cairo internal

- Create a target surface for Linux Framebuffer (2 methods)

1) `cairo_surface_t * cairo_image_surface_create_for_data(void *fbmem)`

where **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**

→ `pixman_image_create_bits()` in *cairo/src/cairo-image-surface.c*

`cairo_surface_t * cairo_surface_create_similar(cairo_surface_t *)` for double buffering

2) `cairo_surface_t * cairo_image_surface_create()`

→ `pixman_image_create_bits()` in *cairo/src/cairo-image-surface.c*

- Create Cairo context

`cairo_t * cairo_create(cairo_surface_t *)`

- Draw using the Cairo API

`cairo_rectangle(cairo_t *), cairo_line_to(cairo_t *),`

`cairo_arc(cairo_t *), cairo_show_text(cairo_t *), ...`

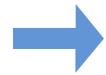
`cairo_set_source_surface(cairo_t *, cairo_surface_t *), cairo_paint(cairo_t *)`



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`cairo_image_surface_get_data(cairo_surface_t *)`



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# Evas

```
evas_new()  
evas_output_method_set("fb")  
evas_engine_info_set()  
→ mmap()
```



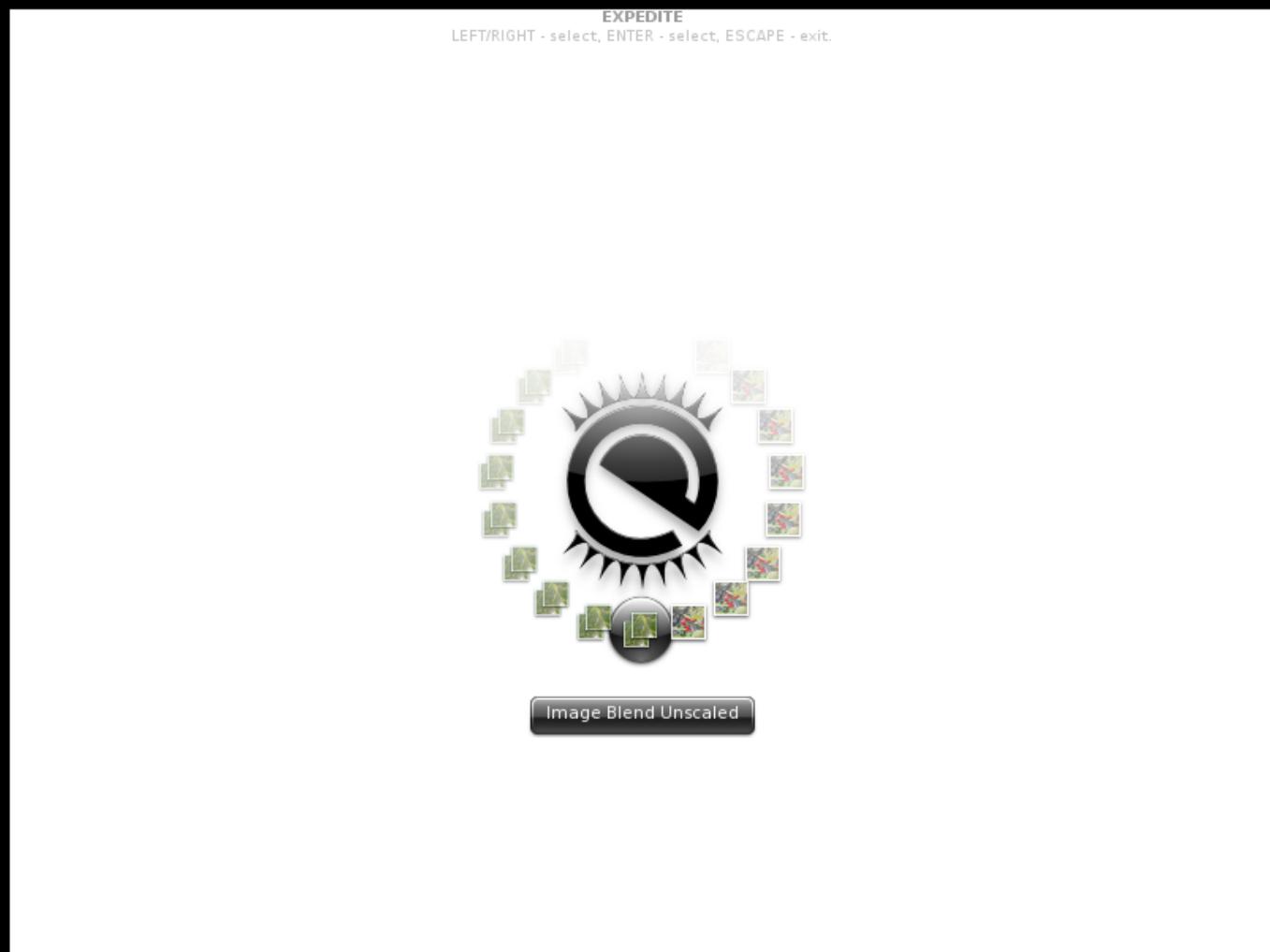
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- Evas
  - <https://git.enlightenment.org/core/efl.git/>
  - <https://git.enlightenment.org/legacy/evas.git/>
    - Linux Framebuffer support in `engines/fb` directory
- Expedite <https://git.enlightenment.org/tools/expedite.git/>
  - `src/bin/engine_fb.c`



# Evas demo

```
~$ EVAS_FB_POS=160,120 expedite -e fb
```





# Evas internal

- Setup a canvas for Linux Framebuffer

- Evas \* evas\_new()
  - evas\_output\_method\_set(Evas \*,  
                              evas\_render\_method\_lookup("fb"))
  - evas\_engine\_info\_set(Evas \*, Evas\_Engine\_Info\_FB \*)
    - setup() in *evas/engines/fb/evas\_engine.c*
    - evas\_fb\_outbuf\_fb\_setup\_fb() in *evas/engines/fb/evas\_outbuf.c*
    - fb\_postinit() in *evas/engines/fb/evas\_fb\_main.c*
    - **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**

- Draw using the Evas API

- ```
evas_object_rectangle_add(Evas *), evas_object_line_add(Evas *),
evas_object_image_add(Evas *), evas_object_text_add(Evas *), ...
evas_render(Evas *) or evas_render_updates(Evas *)
```

  - output\_redraws\_next\_update\_push() in *evas/engines/fb/evas\_engine.c*
  - evas\_fb\_outbuf\_fb\_push\_updated\_region() in *evas/engines/fb/evas\_outbuf.c*



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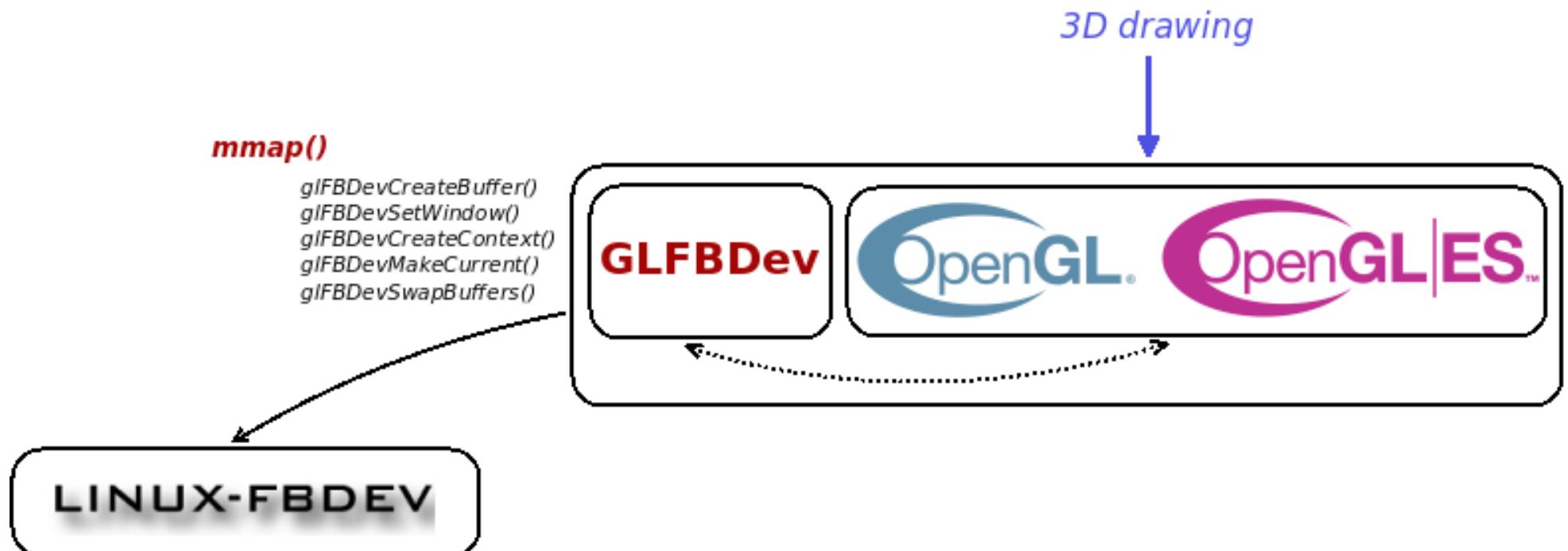


# OpenGL rendering

- The Mesa 3D project makes OpenGL and OpenGL ES rendering possible using CPU operations only and the Linux Framebuffer (without requiring a GPU)
- Applications can choose between 2 APIs for rendering
  - **GLFBDev** (OpenGL Extension to the Linux Framebuffer)
    - based on *Mesa legacy* infrastructure
  - **EGL** for Linux Framebuffer platform
    - based on *Mesa Gallium3D* infrastructure



# GLFBDev extension

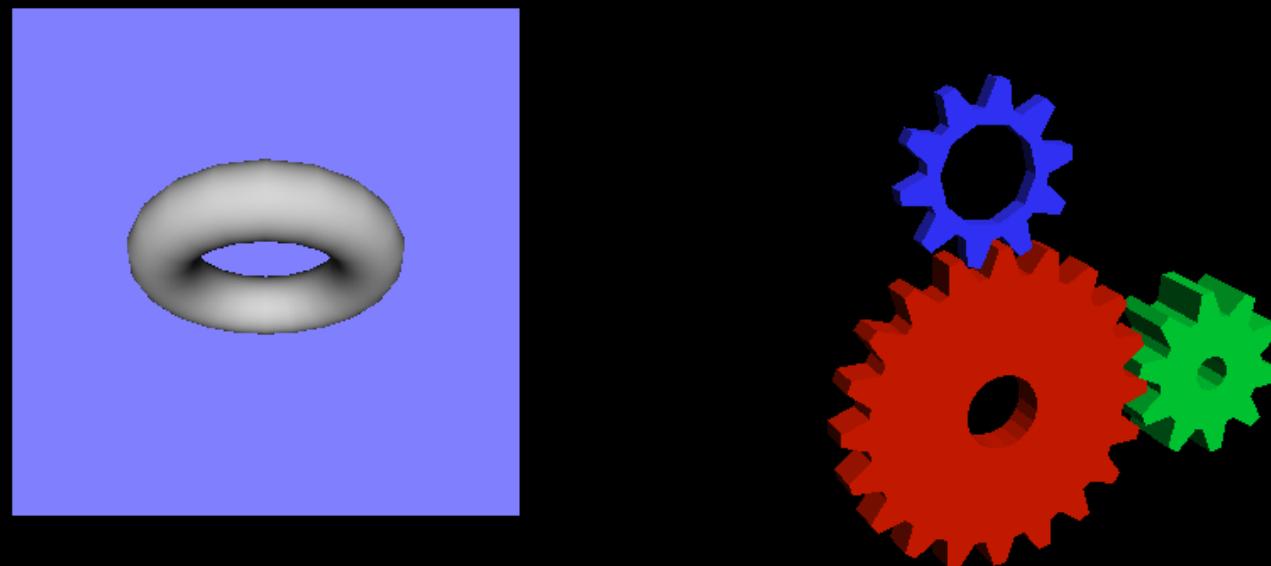


- Implemented in Mesa <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/mesa/mesa>
  - Interfaces and Linux Framebuffer support in `src/mesa/drivers/fbdev/glfbddev.c`
- Examples:
  - mesa-demos <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/mesa/demos>
    - `progs/fbdev/glfbddevtest.c`
  - yagears <https://github.com/caramelli/yagears>



# GLFBDev extension demo

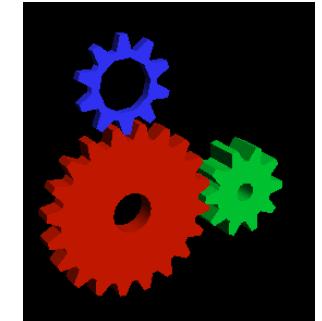
```
~$ POSX=100 POSY=200 glfbdevtest -f 10000 &
~$ WIDTH=360 HEIGHT=360 POSX=560 POSY=200 yagears -b gl-fbdev -e gl &
~$
```





# GLFBDev extension internal

yagears -b **gl-fbdev** -e gl



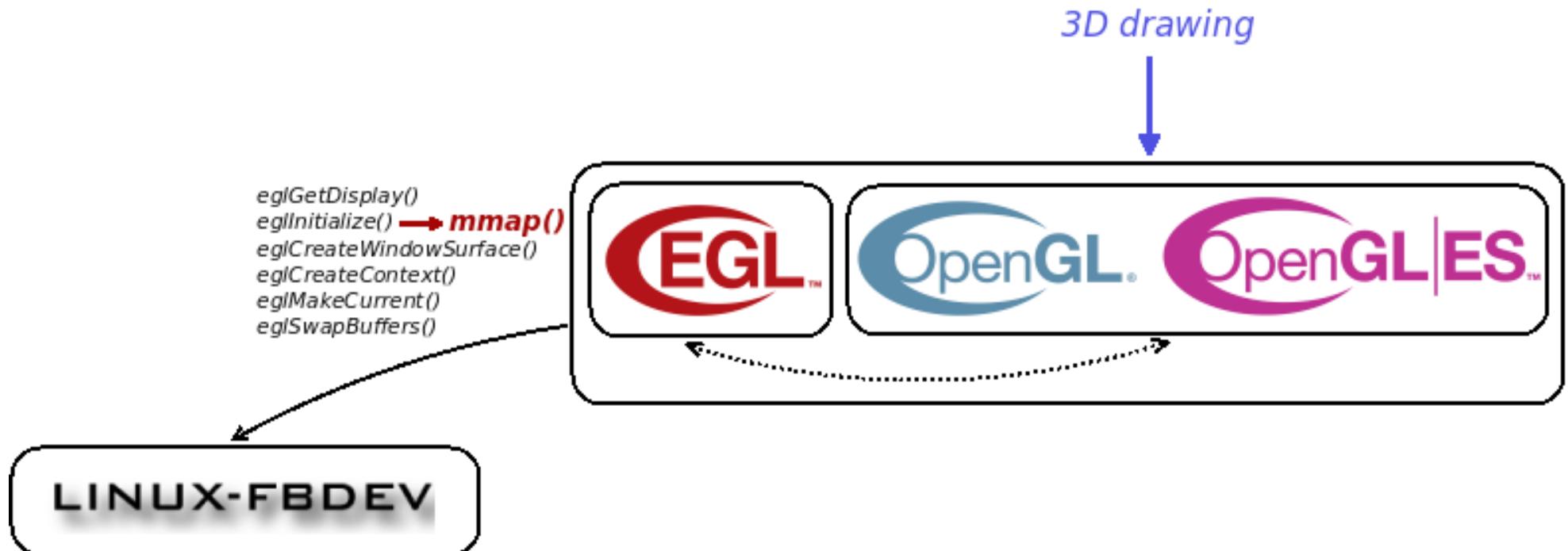
- GLFBDevBufferPtr glFBDevCreateBuffer (void \***fbmem**)  
where **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**  
→ in *Mesa/src/mesa/drivers/fbdev/glfbdev.c*  
**\_mesa\_initialize\_window\_framebuffer(struct gl\_framebuffer \*)**
- glFBDevSetWindow(GLFBDevBufferPtr, struct fb\_window)  
with struct fb\_window { int width; int height; int posx; int posy; };
- GLFBDevContextPtr glFBDevCreateContext()
- glFBDevMakeCurrent(GLFBDevContextPtr, GLFBDevBufferPtr)
- glFBDevSwapBuffers(GLFBDevBufferPtr)



copy of 3D drawing based on OpenGL API to **fbmem**



# EGL for Linux Framebuffer

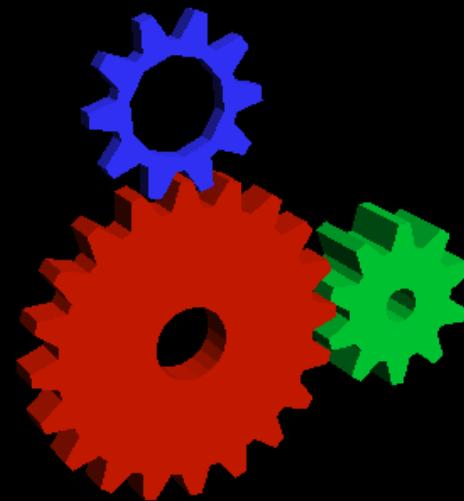
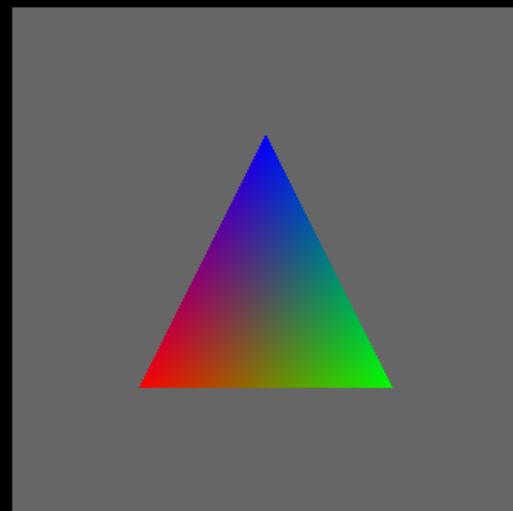


- Implemented in Mesa <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/mesa/mesa>
  - Interfaces in `src/egl/main/eglapi.c`, Linux Framebuffer support in `src/gallium/state_trackers/egl/fbdev` and `src/gallium/winsys/sw/fbdev` directories
- Examples:
  - mesa-demos <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/mesa/demos>
    - `src/egl.opengles1/eglfbdev.c`
  - yagears <https://github.com/caramelli/yagears>



# EGL for Linux Framebuffer demo

```
~$ POSX=100 POSY=200 egltri_fbdev &
~$ WIDTH=360 HEIGHT=360 POSX=560 POSY=200 yagears -b egl-fbdev -e gl &
~$ _
```



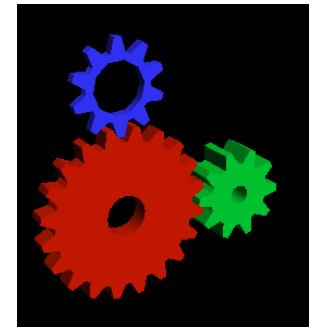


# EGL for Linux Framebuffer internal

yagears -b egl-fbdev -e gl

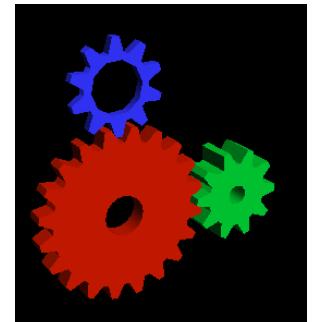


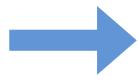
- EGLDisplay eglGetDisplay()
  - eglGetNativePlatform() in *Mesa/src/egl/main/egldisplay.c*
  - getenv("EGL\_PLATFORM") → EGL\_PLATFORM needs to be set to "**fbdev**"
- eglInitialize(egl\_dpy, ...)
  - egl\_g3d\_initialize() in *Mesa/src/gallium/state\_trackers/egl/common/egl\_g3d.c*
  - native\_create\_display() in *Mesa/src/gallium/state\_trackers/egl/fbdev/native\_fbdev.c*
  - fbdev\_create\_sw\_winsys() in *Mesa/src/gallium/winsys/sw/fbdev/fbdev\_sw\_winsys.c*
  - **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**
- EGLSurface eglCreateWindowSurface(EGLDisplay, struct fb\_window \*)
  - with struct fb\_window { int width; int height; int posx; int posy; };
- EGLContext eglCreateContext()
- eglMakeCurrent(EGLSurface, EGLContext)
  - egl\_g3d\_make\_current() in *Mesa/src/gallium/state\_trackers/egl/common/egl\_g3d\_api.c*
  - st\_api\_make\_current() in *Mesa/src/mesa/state\_tracker/st\_manager.c*
  - **\_mesa\_initialize\_window\_framebuffer(struct gl\_framebuffer \*)**



# EGL for Linux Framebuffer internal

yagears -b egl-fbdev -e gl



- `eglSwapBuffers (EGLSurface)`
  - `egl_g3d_swap_buffers ()` in *Mesa/src/gallium/state\_trackers/egl/common/egl\_g3d\_api.c*
  - `fbdev_surface_present ()` in *Mesa/src/gallium/state\_trackers/egl/fbdev/native\_fbdev.c*
  - `resource_surface_present ()` in *Mesa/src/gallium/state\_trackers/egl/common/native\_helper.c*
  - `softpipe_flush_frontbuffer ()` in *Mesa/src/gallium/drivers/softpipe/sp\_screen.c*
  - `fbdev_displaytarget_display ()` in *Mesa/src/gallium/winsys/sw/fbdev/fbdev\_sw\_winsys.c*
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- `EGL_LOG_LEVEL = debug` to print some informations



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# Multimedia frameworks

- Multimedia frameworks (FFmpeg, GStreamer, Xine, VLC) provide an output based on the Linux Framebuffer
- Display of the decoded video is CPU based
  - no video overlay



# FFmpeg

```
~$ ffmpeg -nostdin -hide_banner -loglevel quiet -nostats -s 854x480 -pix_fmt bgr24 -f fbdev -xoffset 120 -yoffset 150 /dev/fb0 -re -i big_buck_bunny_480p_stereo.avi &
~$ ffmpeg -nostdin -hide_banner -loglevel quiet -v -1 -s 404x108 -pix_fmt bgr24 -f fbdev -xoffset 120 -yoffset 650 /dev/fb0 -i ffmpeg-logo.png
~$ _
```





# FFmpeg internal

FFmpeg <https://git.ffmpeg.org/ffmpeg.git>

→ ffmpeg in ftools or root directory



- avcodec\_register\_all() / av\_register\_all()
- avdevice\_register\_all() in *libavdevice/alldevices.c*
  - av\_register\_output\_format(**fbdev\_muxer**) in *libavformat/utils.c*
- parse\_options() in *cmdutils.c*
  - AVFormatContext \*ic = avformat\_alloc\_context(), av\_open\_input\_file(ic, ...)
  - AVFormatContext \*oc = avformat\_alloc\_context(), av\_guess\_format("fbdev"),  
av\_new\_stream(oc), av\_guess\_codec(**fbdev\_muxer**) → **CODEC\_ID\_RAWVIDEO**
- transcode() in *ffmpeg.c*
  - av\_write\_header(oc) in *libavformat/utils.c*
    - fbdev\_write\_header(oc) in *libavdevice/fbdev\_enc.c*
      - **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**
  - av\_read\_frame(ic, AVPacket \*)
  - avcodec\_decode\_video(ic->streams[0]->codec, AVFrame \*, AVPacket \*)
  - avcodec\_encode\_video(oc->streams[0]->codec, AVPacket \*, AVFrame \*)
  - av\_interleaved\_write\_frame(oc, AVPacket \*) in *libavformat/utils.c*
    - fbdev\_write\_packet(oc, AVPacket \*) in *libavdevice/fbdev\_enc.c*

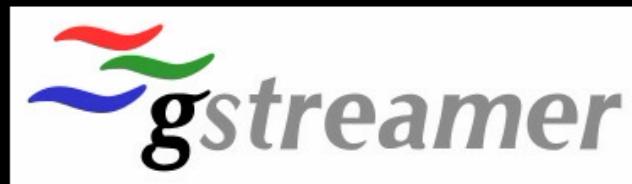


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# GStreamer

```
~$ gst-launch-0.10 -q filesrc location=big_buck_bunny_480p_stereo.avi ! decodebin ! ffmpegcolorspace ! fbdevsink offset-x=120 offset-y=150 &
~$ gst-launch-1.0 -q filesrc location=gstreamer-logo.jpg ! decodebin ! videoconvert ! imagefreeze ! fbdevsink offset-x=120 offset-y=650 &
~$
```





# GStreamer internal

- GStreamer <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/gstreamer/gstreamer>
  - gst-launch in *tools* directory
    - `gst_init()`
    - `GstElement * gst_parse_launchv("... ! fbdevsink ...")`
    - `gst_parse_launch_full()` in *gstparse.c*
    - `gst_element_factory_make()` in *gstelementfactory.c*
    - `g_object_new(GST_TYPE_FBDEVSINK)` from GLib
      - `gst_fbdevsink_class_init()` in *gst-plugins-bad/sys/fbdev/gstfbdevsink.c*
    - `gst_element_set_state(GstElement *, GST_STATE_PLAYING);`
    - Decoding (for example by **Libavcodec** from FFmpeg through GStreamer Libav plug-in)



- Rendering to Linux Framebuffer in GStreamer Bad Plug-ins

<https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/gstreamer/gst-plugins-bad>

- `gst_fbdevsink_start()` in *gstplugins-bad/sys/fbdev/gstfbdevsink.c*
  - **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**

in *gstplugins-bad/sys/fbdev/gstfbdevsink.c*

- `gst_fbdevsink_render()` on GStreamer 0.10
- `gst_fbdevsink_show_frame()` on GStreamer 1



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# Xine

```
~$ fbxine -x 120 -y 150 big_buck_bunny_480p_stereo.avi &
~$ fbxine -x 120 -y 650 xine-ui_logo.png &
~$ _
```



**XINE**



# Xine internal

- xine-lib
  - <https://sourceforge.net/p/xine/xine-lib>
  - <https://sourceforge.net/p/xine/xine-lib-1.2>
- xine-ui <https://sourceforge.net/p/xine/xine-ui>

→ fbxine in *src/fb* directory

```
→ xine_t * xine_new(), xine_init(xine_t *)
→ xine_video_port_t * xine_open_video_driver(xine_t *, "fb")
→ load_video_driver() in xine-lib/src/xine-engine/load_plugins.c
  → load_plugin_class() in xine-lib/src/xine-engine/load_plugins.c
    → fb_init_class() in xine-lib/src/video_out/video_out_fb.c
  → fb_open_plugin() in xine-lib/src/video_out/video_out_fb.c
  → fbmem = mmap() on /dev/fb0

→ xine_stream_t * xine_stream_new(xine_t *, xine_video_port_t *)
→ xine_open(xine_stream_t *, ...), xine_play (xine_stream_t *)
  → Decoding (for example by Libavcodec from FFmpeg)
  → fb_display_frame() in xine-lib/src/video_out/video_out_fb.c → copy to fbmem
```





# VLC

```
~$ vlc --quiet --vout fb --video-x=120 --video-y=150 big_buck_bunny_480p_stereo.avi &
~$ vlc --quiet --no-video-title-show --vout fb --video-x=120 --video-y=650 vlc-logo.jpg &
~$
```





# VLC internal

VLC <https://git.videolan.org/?p=vlc.git>



→ vlc in *bin* directory

- `libvlc_new("... - -vout fb ...")` in *vlc/src/control/core.c*
- `libvlc_InternalCreate()`, `libvlc_InternalInit()` in *vlc/src/libvlc.c*
- `playlist_ThreadCreate()` in *vlc/src/playlist/thread.c*
  - `playlist_PlayItem()` in *vlc/src/playlist/control.c*
    - `input_CreateThreadExtended()` in *vlc/src/input/input.c*
      - `input_DecoderNew()` in *vlc/src/input/decoder.c*
        - `vout_Create()` in *vlc/src/video\_output/video\_output.c*
          - `module_Need()` in *vlc/src/modules/modules.c*
            - `module_Call()` in *vlc/src/modules/os.c*
              - `vlc_entry()` in *vlc/modules/video\_output/fb.c*
  - `Create()` in *vlc/modules/video\_output/fb.c*
    - **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**
  - Decoding (for example by **Libavcodec** from FFmpeg)
  - `Display()` in *vlc/modules/video\_output/fb.c* → **copy to fbmem**

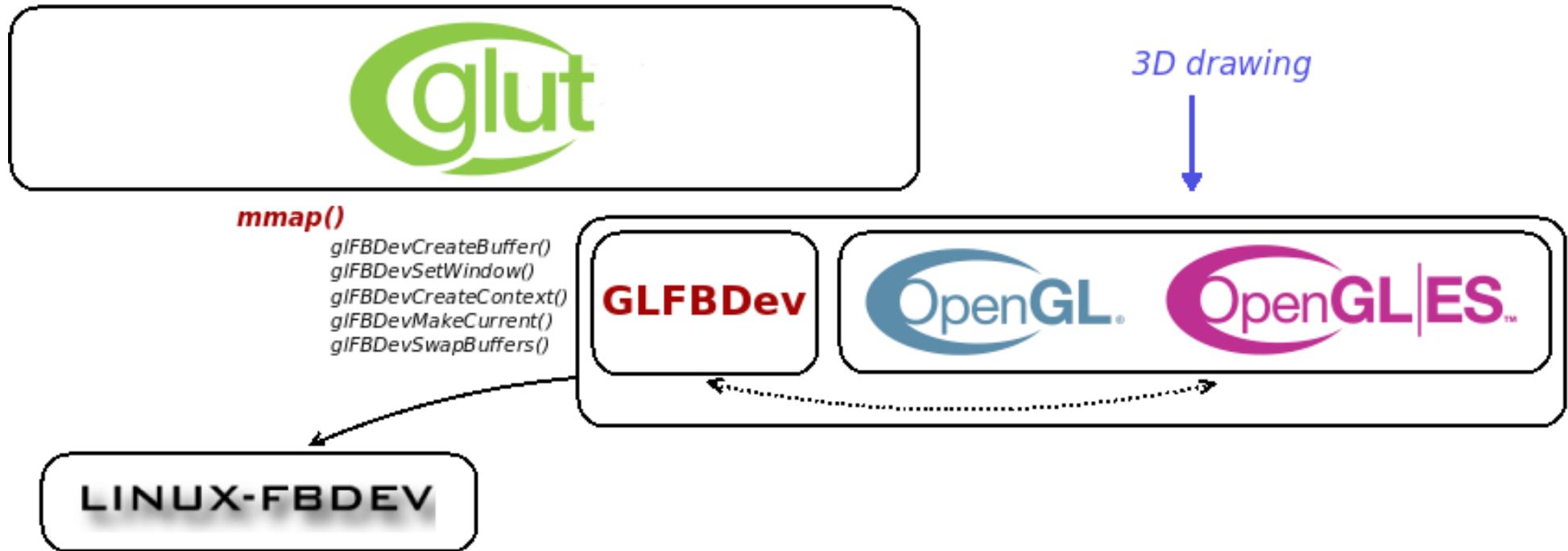


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# GLUT

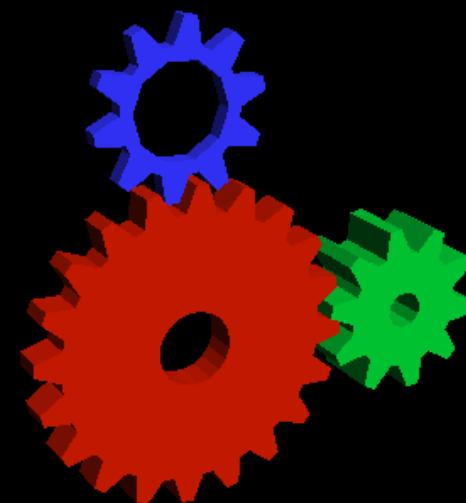
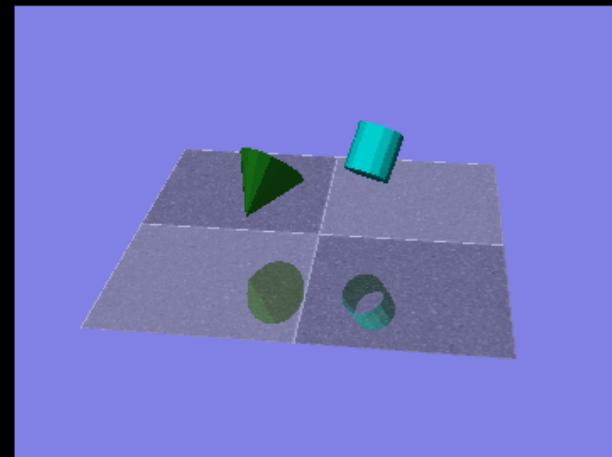
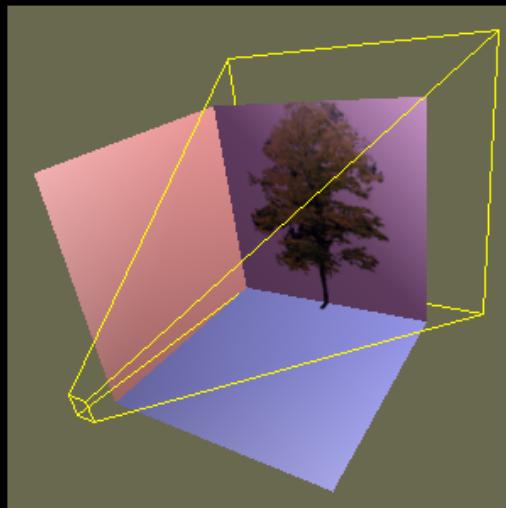


- GLUT <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/mesa/glut>
  - Linux Framebuffer support in *src/glut/fbdev* directory
  - Note: EGL for Linux Framebuffer could be used instead of GLFBDev
- Examples
  - mesa-demos <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/mesa/demos>
    - projtex, reflect, ... in *src/demos* directory
  - yagears <https://github.com/caramelli/yagears>



# GLUT demo

```
~$ GLUT_WINDOW_POS=80,240 projtex &
~$ GLUT_WINDOW_POS=520,120 reflect &
~$ WIDTH=360 HEIGHT=360 POSX=600 POSY=400 yagears-gui -t glut -e gl &
~$
```





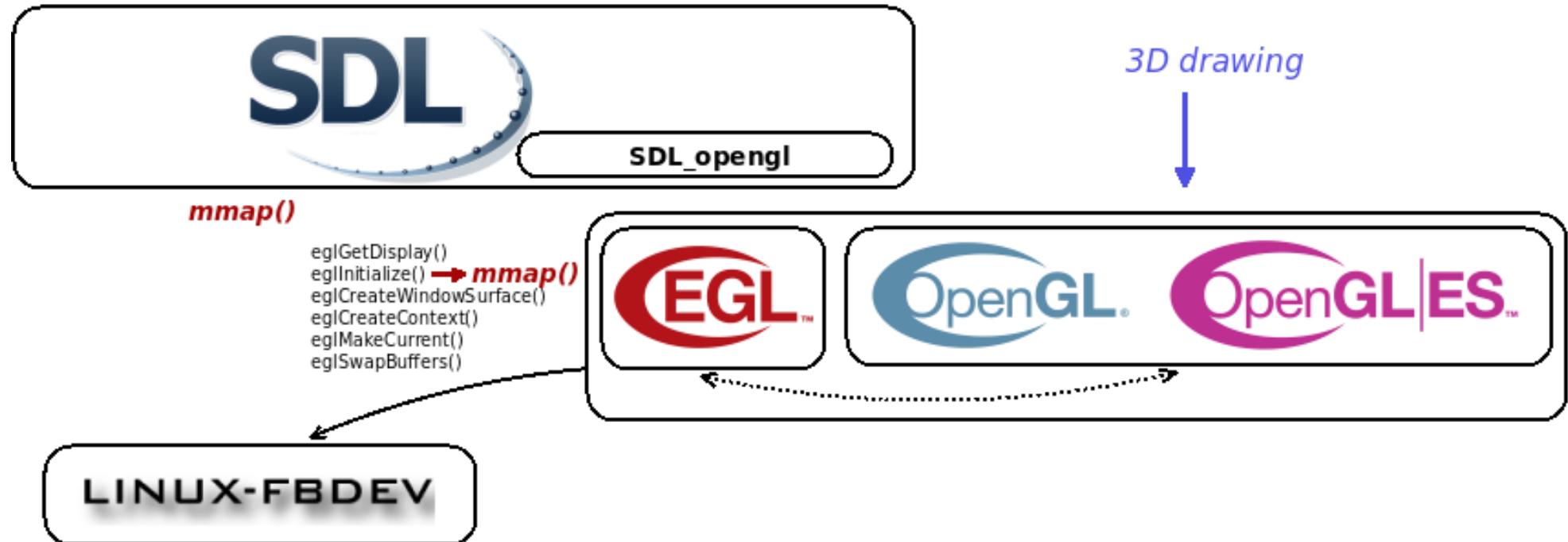
# GLUT internal



- glutInit()
  - glutCreateWindow()
    - in *MesaGLUT/src/glut/fbdev/fbdev.c*
      - fbmem = mmap() on /dev/fb0**
      - glFBDevCreateBuffer(), glFBDevSetWindow(struct fb\_window \*)**
      - glFBDevCreateContext(), glFBDevMakeCurrent()**
  - glutSwapBuffers()
    - in *MesaGLUT/src/glut/fbdev/fbdev.c*
      - glFBDevSwapBuffers()**
- copy of 3D drawing based on OpenGL API to **fbmem**



# SDL



- SDL <https://hg.libsdl.org/SDL>

Linux Framebuffer support in *src/video/fbcon* directory

Note: GLFBDev extension could be used instead of EGL

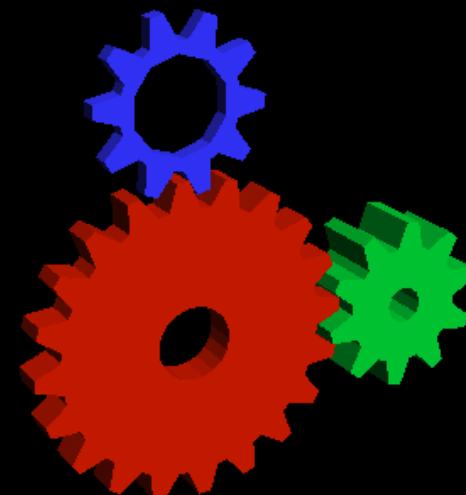
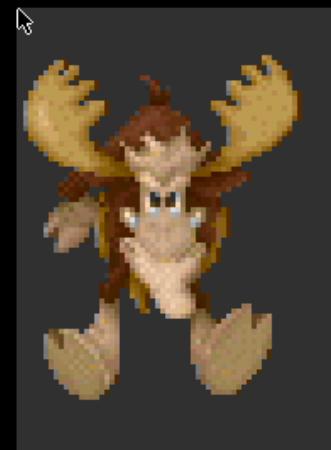
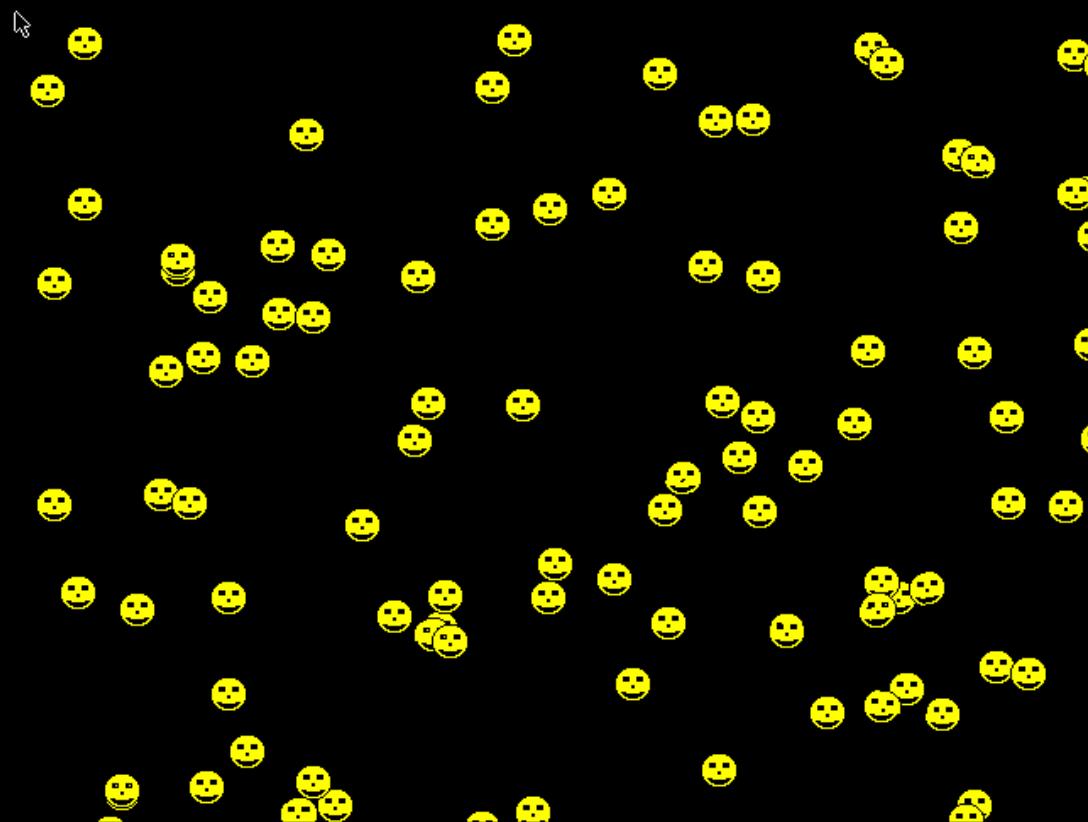
- Examples

- testsprite, testoverlay2, ... in *test* in directory
  - yagears <https://github.com/caramelli/yagears>



# SDL demo

```
~$ SDL_VIDEO_WINDOW_POS=10,130 testsprite &
~$ SDL_VIDEO_WINDOW_POS=760,130 testoverlay2 -scale 3 &
~$ WIDTH=360 HEIGHT=360 POSX=660 POSY=400 yagears-gui -t sdl -e gl &
~$ _
```





# SDL internal

- `SDL_Init()`
  - `SDL_VideoInit()` in *SDL/src/video/SDL\_video.c*
  - `FB_VideoInit()` in *SDL/src/video/fbcon/SDL\_fbvideo.c*
  - **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**
- `SDL_SetVideoMode()` → Set up window for drawing
  - `FB_SetVideoMode()` in *SDL/src/video/fbcon/SDL\_fbvideo.c*
  - For OpenGL**
    - **eglGetDisplay(), eglInitialize(), eglCreateWindowSurface(), eglCreateContext()**
  - For OpenGL**
    - `FB_GL_MakeCurrent()` in *SDL/src/video/fbcon/SDL\_fbvideo.c*
    - **eglGetCurrent()**
- `SDL_Flip()`, `SDL_UpdateRects()`
  - `SDL_LowerBlit()` in *SDL/src/video/SDL\_surface.c*
  - `SDL_SoftBlit()` in *SDL/src/video/SDL\_blit.c* → **copy to fbmem**
- **For OpenGL**, `SDL_GL_SwapBuffers()`
  - `FB_GL_SwapBuffers()` in *SDL/src/video/fbcon/SDL\_fbvideo.c*
  - **eglSwapBuffers()** → **copy of 3D drawing based on OpenGL API to fbmem**



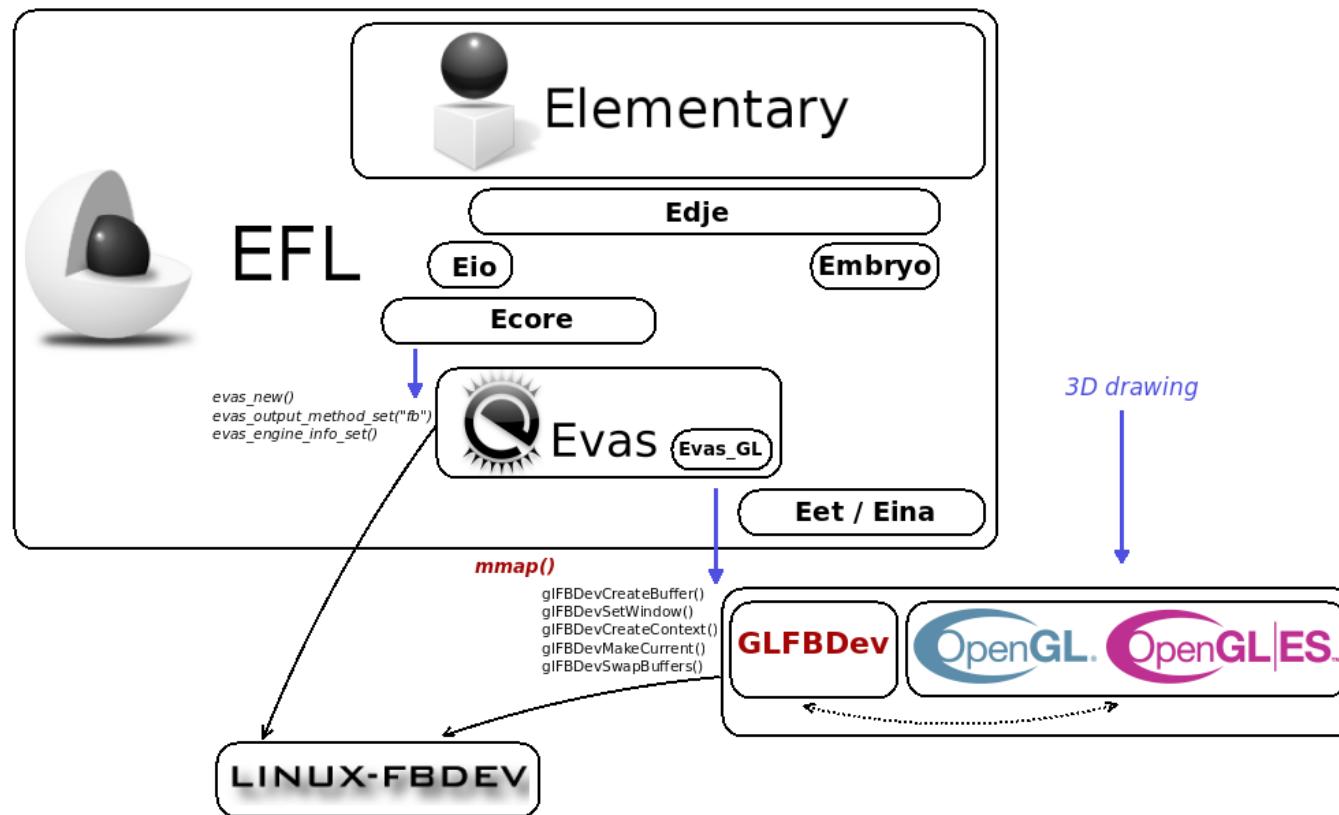


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# EFL



- EFL

<https://git.enlightenment.org/core/elementary.git/>

<https://git.enlightenment.org/core/efl.git/> or <https://git.enlightenment.org/legacy/{ecore.git,evas.git,...}/>

- Linux Framebuffer support in ecore/src/lib/ecore\_evas/ecore\_evas\_fb.c and ecore/src/lib/ecore\_fb directory
  - Evas\_GL interfaces in evas/src/lib/canvas/evas\_gl.c
- Note: EGL for Linux Framebuffer could be used instead of GLFBDev

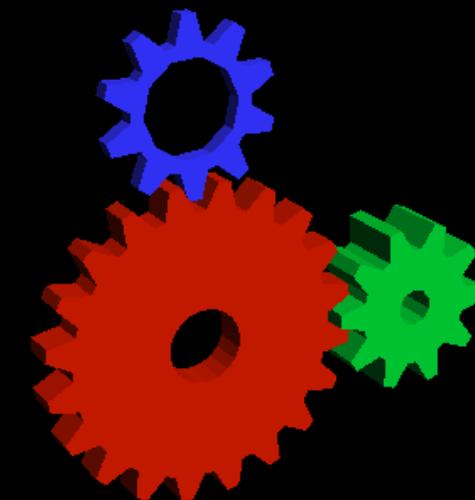
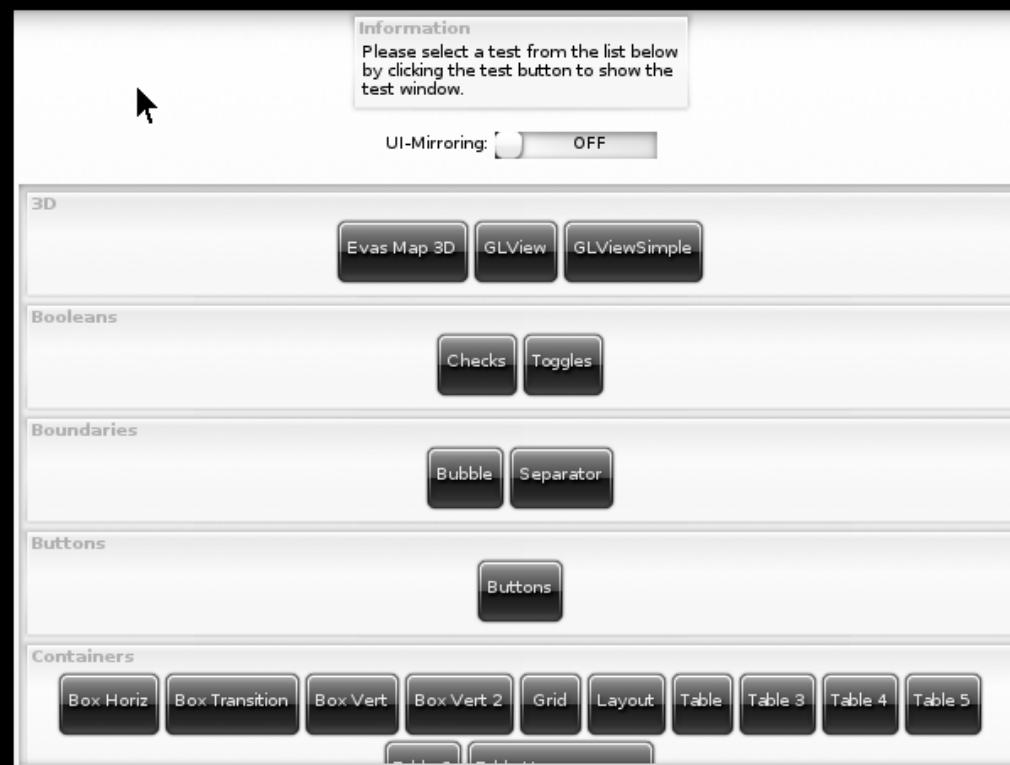
- Examples

- elementary\_test in *elementary/src/bin* in directory
- yagears <https://github.com/caramelli/yagears>



# EFL demo

```
~$ EVAS_FB_POS=20,160 elementary_test &
~$ WIDTH=360 HEIGHT=360 POSX=640 POSY=200 yagears-gui -t efl -e gl &
~$ _
```





# EFL internal



EFL

- elm\_init()
- elm\_win\_add() → toplevel window for widgets drawing
  - ecore\_evas\_fb\_new() in `ecore/src/lib/ecore_evas/ecore_evas_fb.c`
  - **evas\_new(), evas\_output\_method\_set("fb"), evas\_engine\_info\_set()**
    - **fbmem = mmap()** on `/dev/fb0`
- elm\_run()
  - ecore\_main\_loop\_begin() in `ecore/src/lib/ecore/ecore_main.c`
  - ecore\_evas\_idle\_enter() in `ecore/src/lib/ecore_evas/ecore_evas.c`
    - ecore\_evas\_fb\_render() in `ecore/src/lib/ecore_evas/ecore_evas_fb.c`
      - **evas\_render\_updates()**
        - output\_redraws\_next\_update\_push() in `evas/engines/fb/evas_engine.c`

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# EFL internal



EFL

## For OpenGL

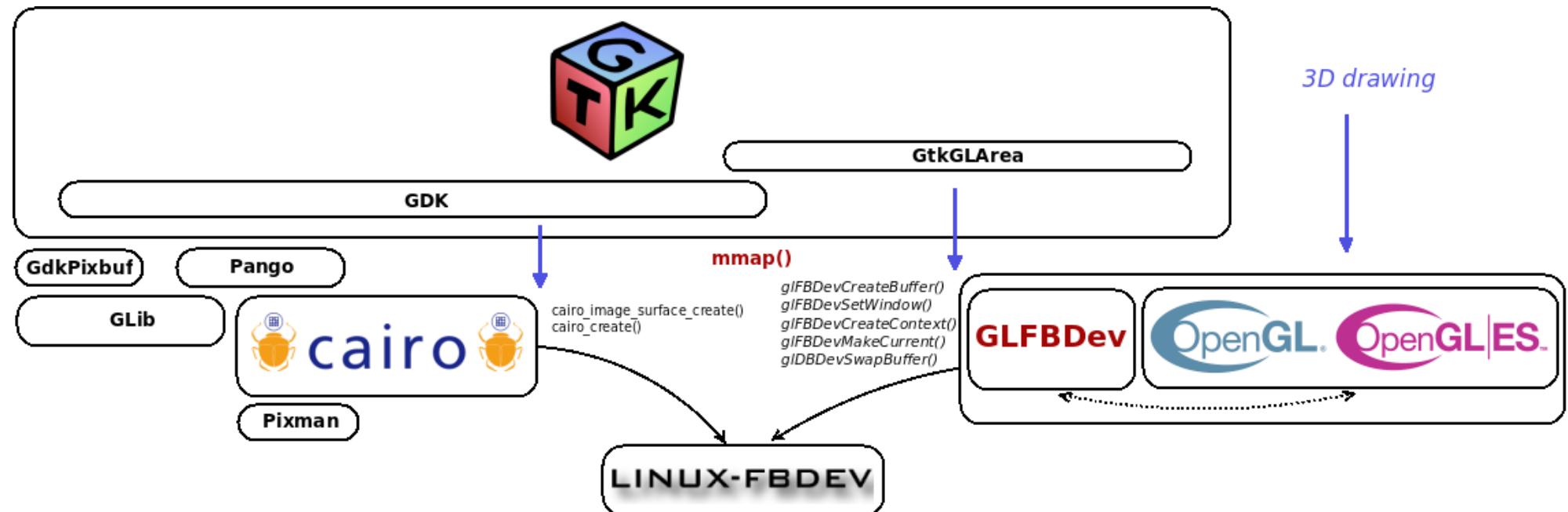
- elm\_glview\_add()
  - evas\_gl\_surface\_create()
  - gl\_surface\_create() in *evas/engines/fb/evas\_engine.c*
  - **glFBDevCreateBuffer()**
- elm\_glview\_changed\_set()
  - evas\_gl\_make\_current()
  - gl\_make\_current() in *evas/engines/fb/evas\_engine.c*
  - **glFBDevMakeCurrent()**
- evas\_object\_image\_pixels\_dirty\_set() in *evas/src/lib/canvas/evas\_object\_image.c*
  - output\_redraws\_next\_update\_push() in *evas/engines/fb/evas\_engine.c*
  - **glFBDevSetWindow(struct fb\_window \*), glFBDevSwapBuffers()**



copy of 3D drawing based on OpenGL API to **fbmem**



# GTK+

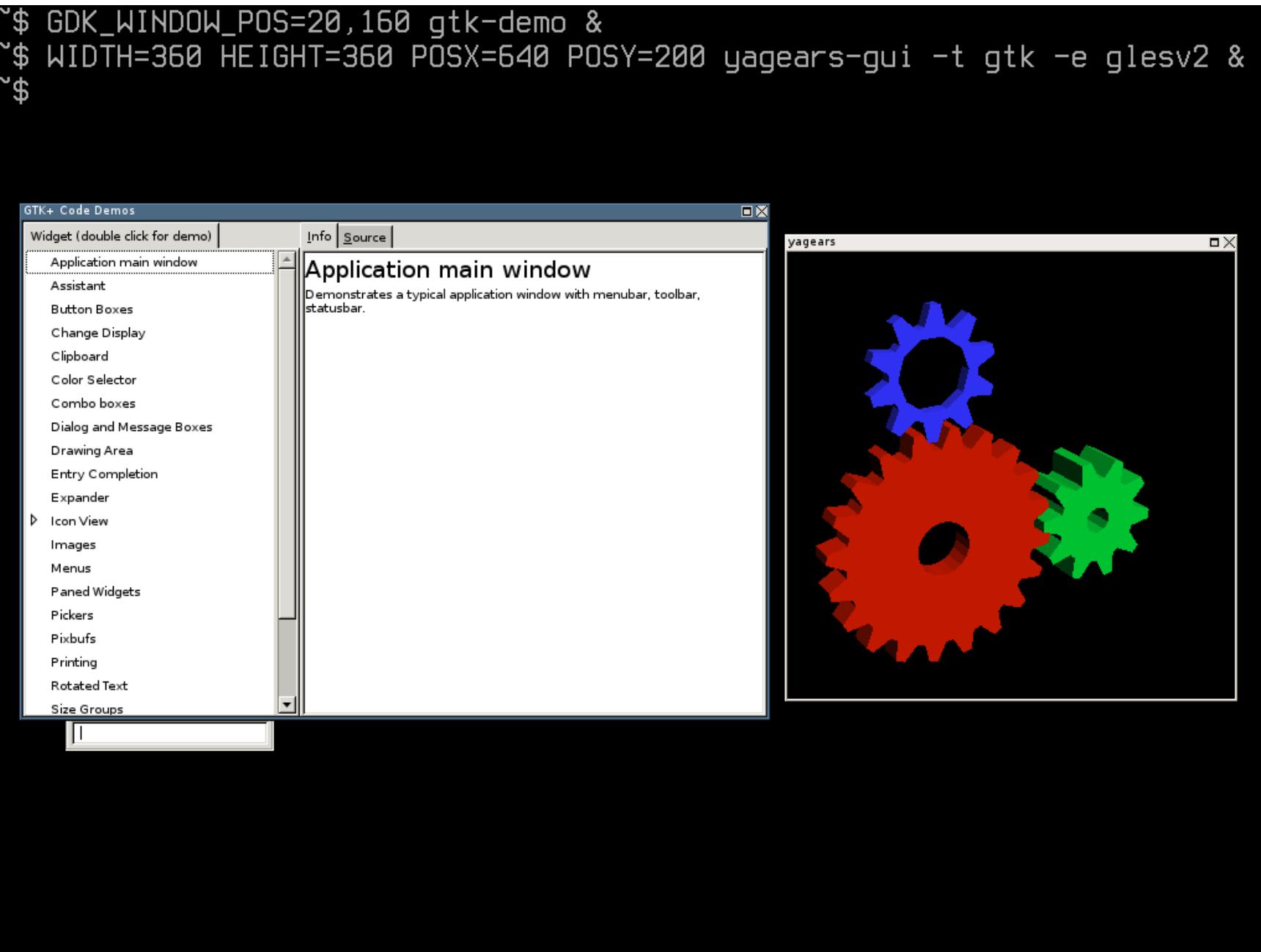


- GTK+ <https://gitlab.gnome.org/GNOME/gtk>
  - Linux Framebuffer support in *gdk/linux-fb* directory
  - GtkGLArea interfaces in *gtkgl/gtkglarea.c*  
Note: EGL for Linux Framebuffer could be used instead of GLFBDev
- Examples
  - gtk-demo in *demos/gtk-demo* directory
  - yagears <https://github.com/caramelli/yagears>



# GTK+ demo

```
~$ GDK_WINDOW_POS=20,160 gtk-demo &
~$ WIDTH=360 HEIGHT=360 POSX=640 POSY=200 yagears-gui -t gtk -e glesv2 &
~$
```





# GTK+ internal

- `gtk_init()`
    - `gdk_pre_parse_libgtk_only()` in *gtk/gdk/gdk.c*
    - `gdk_fb_display_new()` in *gtk/gdk/linux-fb/gdkmain-fb.c*
    - **`fbmem = mmap()`** on **`/dev/fb0`**
  - `gtk_window_new()` → toplevel window for widgets drawing
  - `gtk_main()`
    - `gdk_drawable_ref_cairo_surface()` in *gtk/gdk/gdkdraw.c*
    - `gdk_fb_ref_cairo_surface()` in *gtk/gdk/linux-fb/gdkdrawable-fb2.c*
      - **`cairo_image_surface_create()`**
    - `gdk_draw_drawable()` in *gtk/gdk/gdkdraw.c*
    - `gdk_fb_draw_drawable()` in *gtk/gdk/linux-fb/gdkdrawable-fb2.c*
    - `gdk_fb_draw_drawable_memmove()` in *gtk/gdk/linux-fb/gdkrender-fb.c*
      - **`cairo_image_surface_get_data()`**
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# GTK+ internal

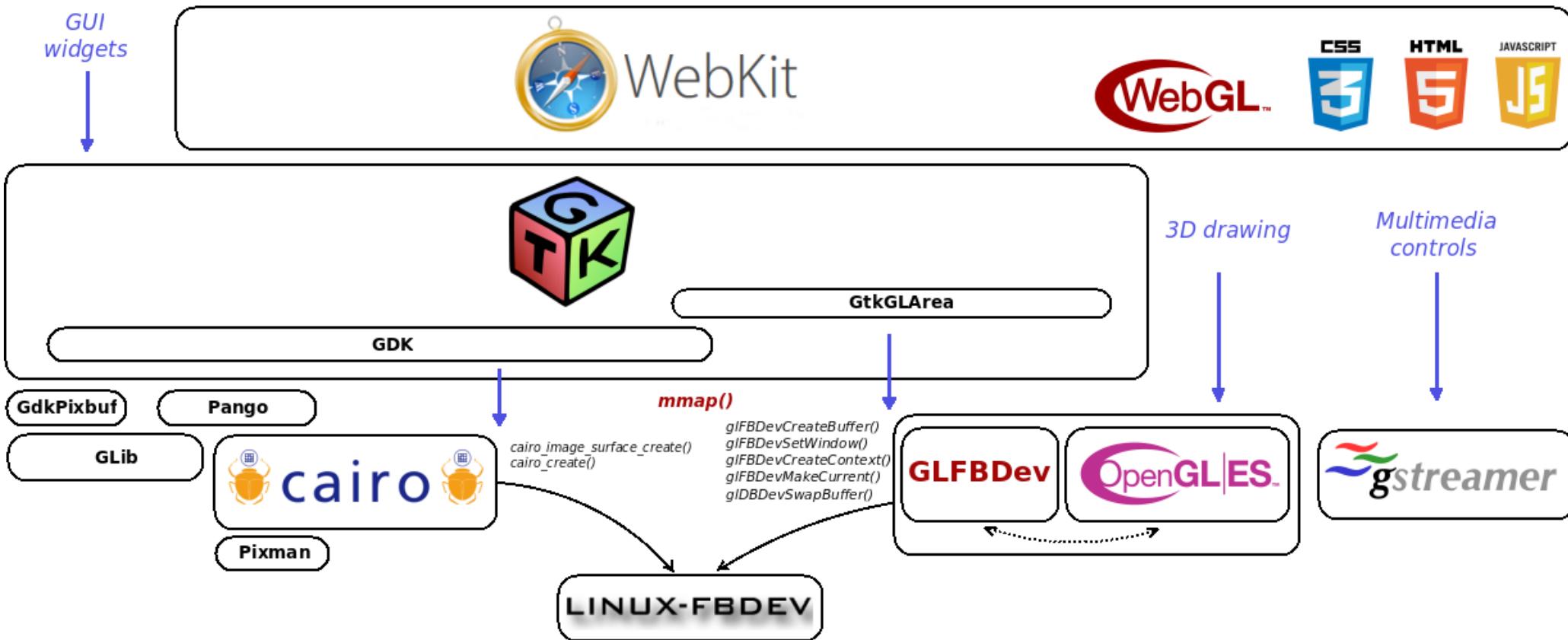
## For OpenGL

- `gtk_gl_area_new()`
    - `gdk_gl_context_share_new()` in *gtk/gtkgl/gdkgl.c*
      - **gIFBDevCreateBuffer(), gIFBDevCreateContext()**
  - `gtk_gl_area_make_current()`
    - `gdk_gl_make_current()` in *gtk/gtkgl/gdkgl.c*
      - **gIFBDevMakeCurrent()**
  - `gtk_gl_area_swap_buffers()`
    - `gdk_gl_swap_buffers()` in *gtk/gtkgl/gdkgl.c*
      - **gIFBDevSetWindow(struct fb\_window \*), gIFBDevSwapBuffers()**
- copy of 3D drawing based on OpenGL API to **fbmem**





# WebKitGTK+



WebKitGTK+ <https://svn.webkit.org/repository/webkit/releases/WebKitGTK>

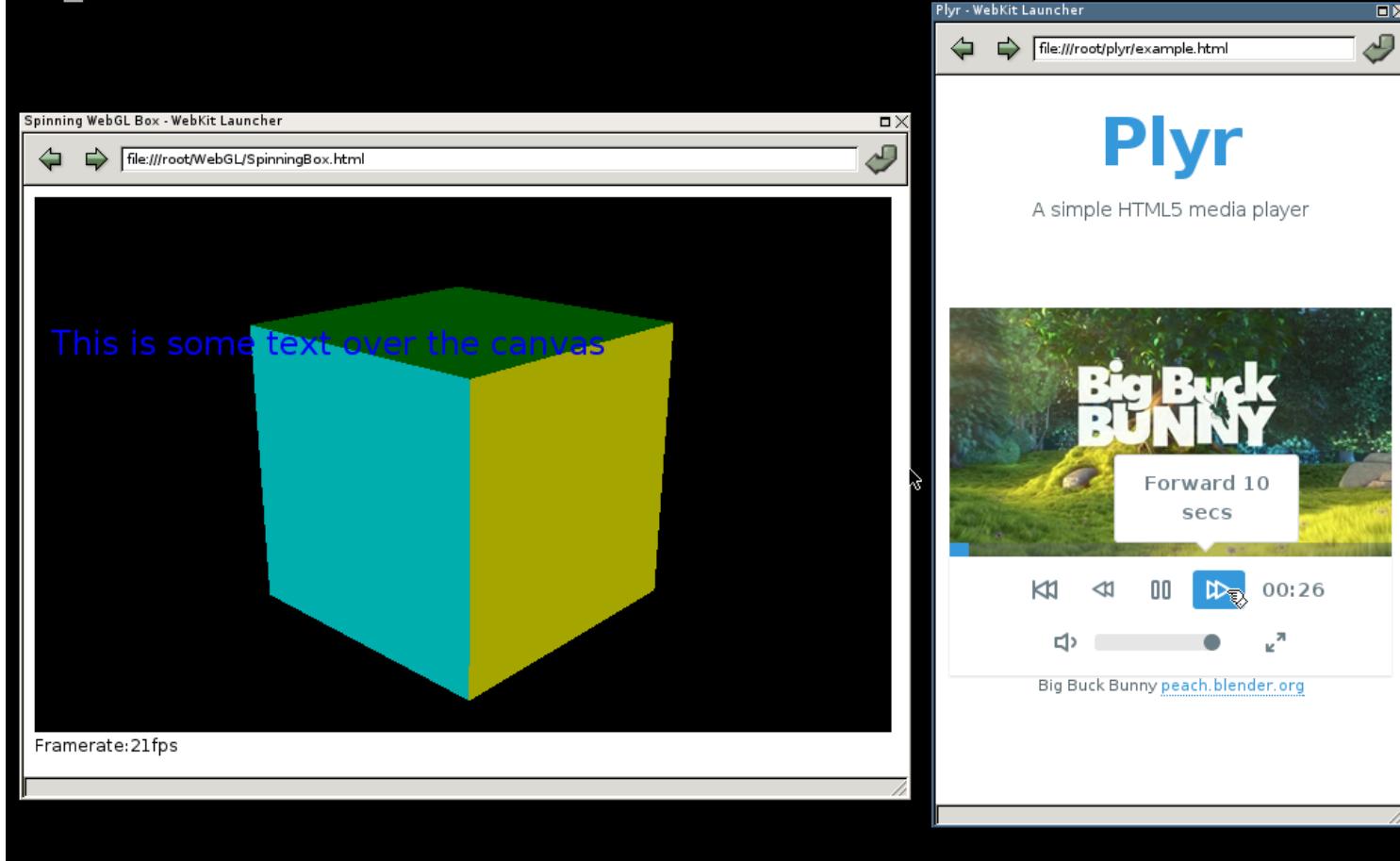
- *Tools/GtkLauncher*
- *Source/WebKit/gtk* → WebView widget
- *Source/WebCore/platform/{gtk, graphics/gtk, graphics/gstreamer}*

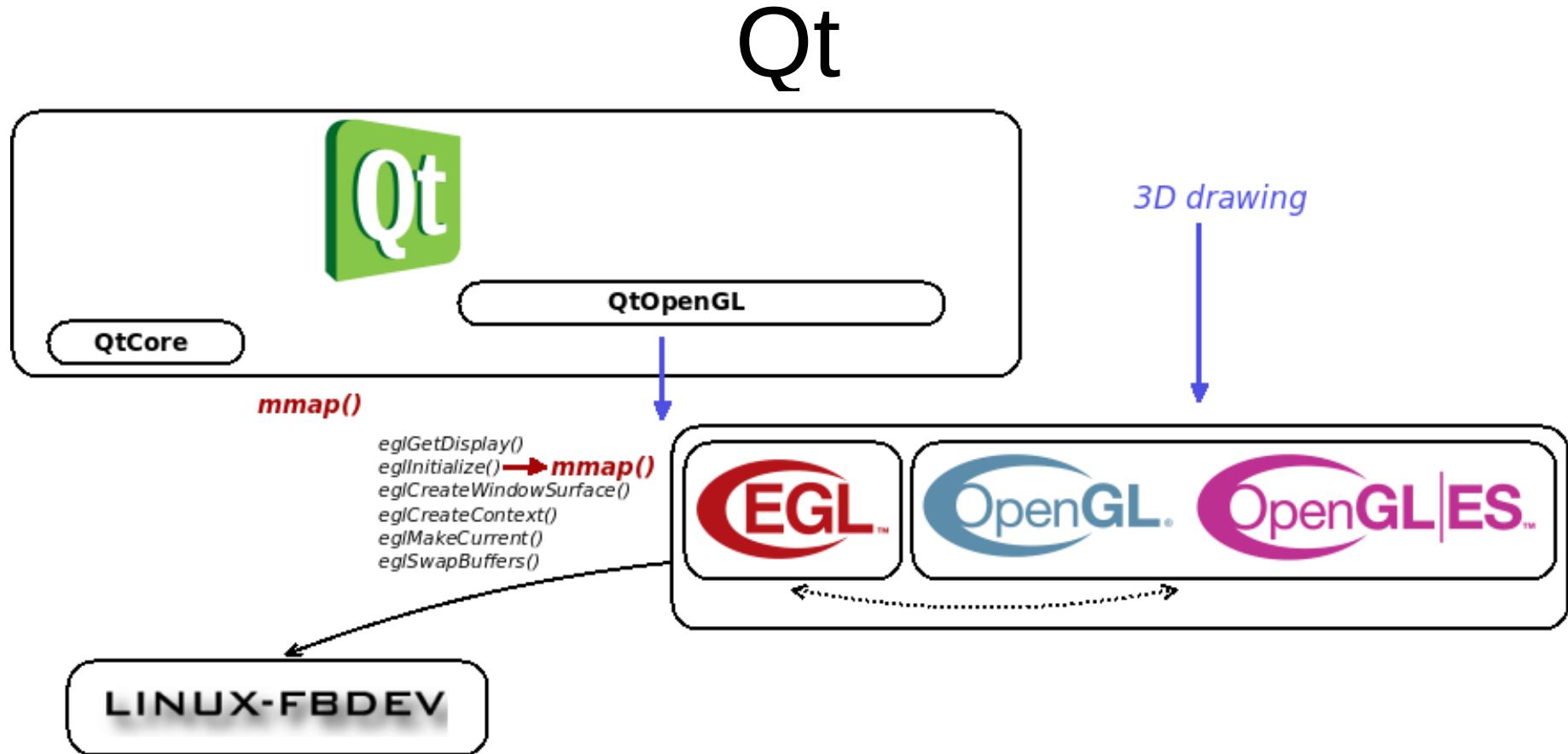


# WebKitGTK+ demo

- WebGL demos <https://github.com/KhronosGroup/WebGL>
- Plyr HTML5 media player <https://github.com/sampotts/plyr>

```
~$ GDK_WINDOW_POS=10,220 GTKLAUNCHER_SIZE=640x480 GtkLauncher WebGL/SpinningBox.html &
~$ GDK_WINDOW_POS=670,140 GTKLAUNCHER_SIZE=340x580 GtkLauncher plyr/example.html &
~$ _
```



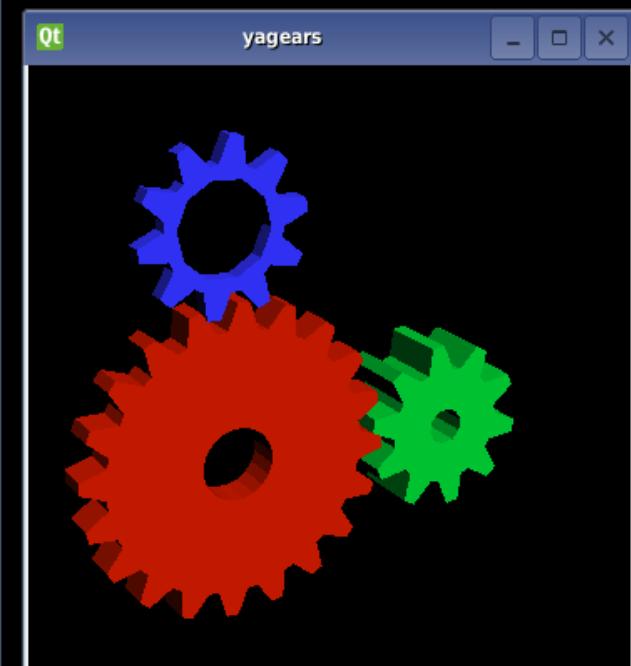
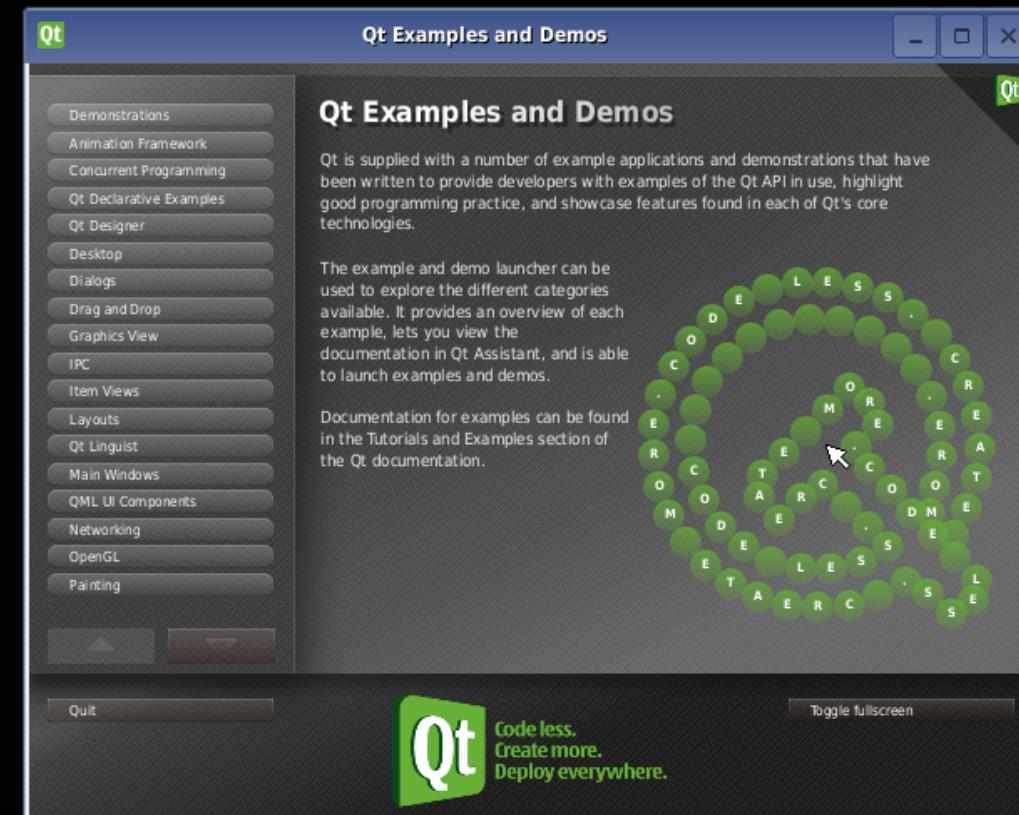


- Qt 4 <https://code.qt.io/cgit/qt/qt.git> and QT 5 <https://code.qt.io/cgit/qt/qtbase.git>
  - Linux Framebuffer support for Qt 4 in `src/plugins/gfxdrivers/linuxfb` directory → **QWS** (Qt Windowing System)
  - Linux Framebuffer support for Qt 5 in `src/plugins/platforms/linuxfb` directory → **QPA** (Qt Platform Abstraction)
  - QtOpenGL interfaces in `src/opengl/qgl.cpp`
- Examples
  - `qtdemo` in `demos/qtdemo` directory
  - `yagears` <https://github.com/caramelli/yagears>



# Qt demo

```
~$ QWS_POS=20,160 qtdemo &
~$ WIDTH=360 HEIGHT=360 POSX=640 POSY=200 yagears-gui -t qt -e glesv2 &
~$ _
```





# Qt internal



- `QApplication::QApplication()`
  - `qt_init()` in *qt/src/gui/kernel/qapplication\_qws.cpp*
  - `QWSWidgetServer::startup()` in *qt/src/gui/embedded/qwindowsystem\_qws.cpp*
  - `qt_init_display()` in *qt/src/gui/kernel/qapplication\_qws.cpp*
  - `qt_get_screen()` in *qt/src/gui/embedded/qscreen\_qws.cpp*
    - `QScreenDriverFactory::create()` in *qt/src/gui/embedded/qscreenfactory\_qws.cpp*
    - `QScreenLinuxFbPlugin::create()` in *qt/src/plugins/gfxdrivers/linuxfb/main.cpp*
    - `QLinuxFbScreen::QLinuxFbScreen()`
      - in *qt/src/gui/embedded/qscreenlinuxfb\_qws.cpp*
  - `QLinuxFbScreen::connect()` in *qt/src/gui/embedded/qscreenlinuxfb\_qws.cpp*
    - **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**
- `QWidget` → class for widgets drawing
- `QApplication::exec()`
  - *qt/src/gui/painting/qdrawhelper.cpp* → **copy to fbmem**



# Qt internal

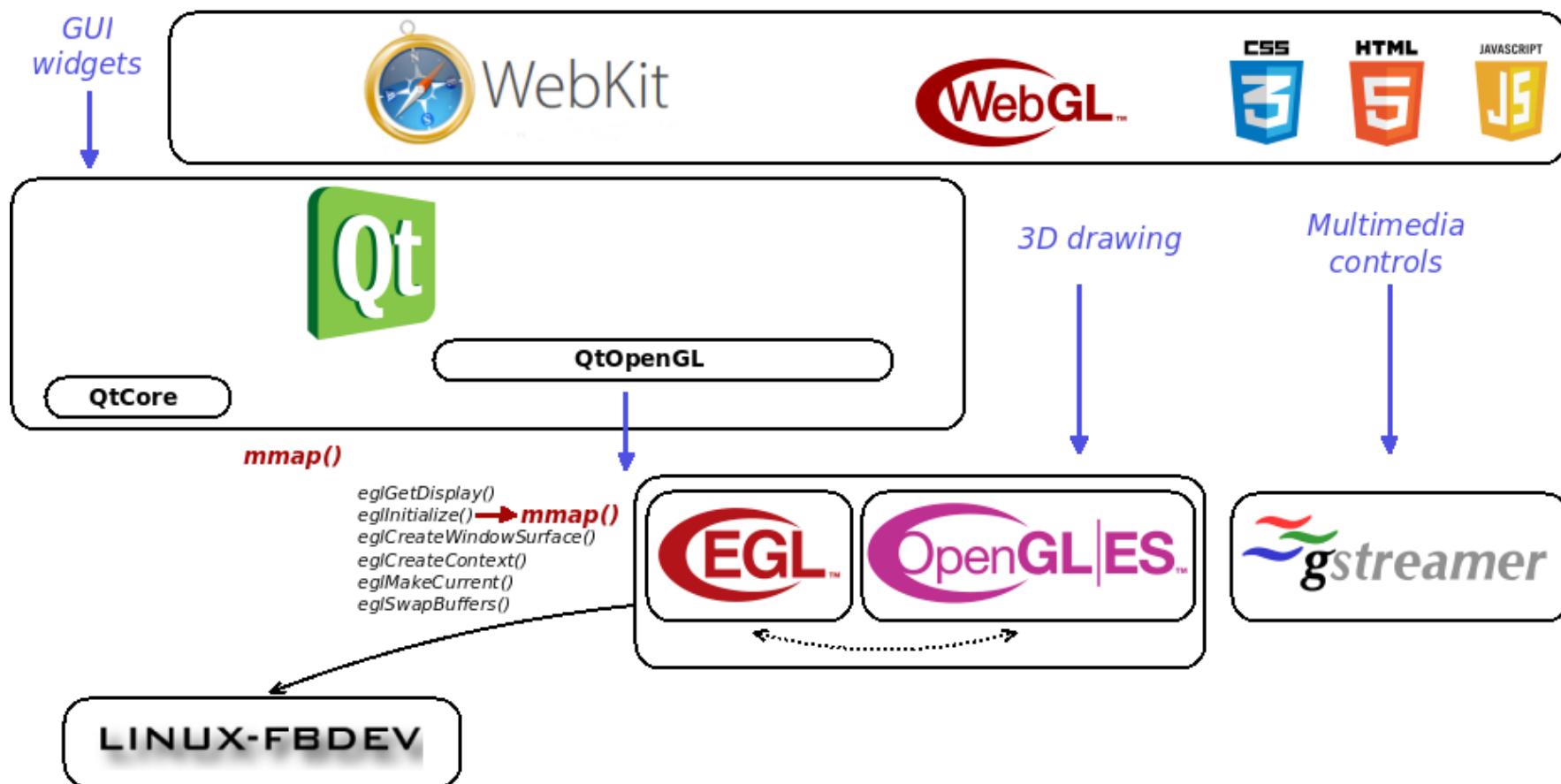


## For OpenGL

- QGLWidget → class for OpenGL rendering
  - QEglContext::chooseConfig() in *qt/src/gui/egl/qegl.cpp*
    - **eglGetDisplay(), eglInitialize()**
  - QEglContext::createContext() in *qt/src/gui/egl/qegl.cpp*
    - **eglCreateContext()**
  - QGLWidget::glInit() in *qt/src/opengl/qgl.cpp*
    - qt\_egl\_create\_surface() in *qt/src/opengl/qgl\_qws.cpp*
      - **struct fb\_window \* QlinuxFbScreenSurfaceFunctions::createNativeWindow()** in *qt/src/gui/embedded/qscreenlinuxfb\_qws.cpp*
      - **eglCreateWindowSurface(struct fb\_window \*)**
- QGLWidget::updateGL()
  - QEglContext::makeCurrent() in *qt/src/gui/egl/qegl.cpp*
    - **eglGetCurrent()**
  - QEglContext::swapBuffers() in *qt/src/gui/egl/qegl.cpp*
    - **eglSwapBuffers()** → copy of 3D drawing based on OpenGL API to **fbmem**



# QtWebKit



QtWebKit for QT 4 <https://gitorious.org/webkit/qtwebkit> or <https://gitorious.org/webkit/qtwebkit-23>

QtWebKit for QT 5 <https://code.qt.io/cgit/qt/qtwebkit.git>

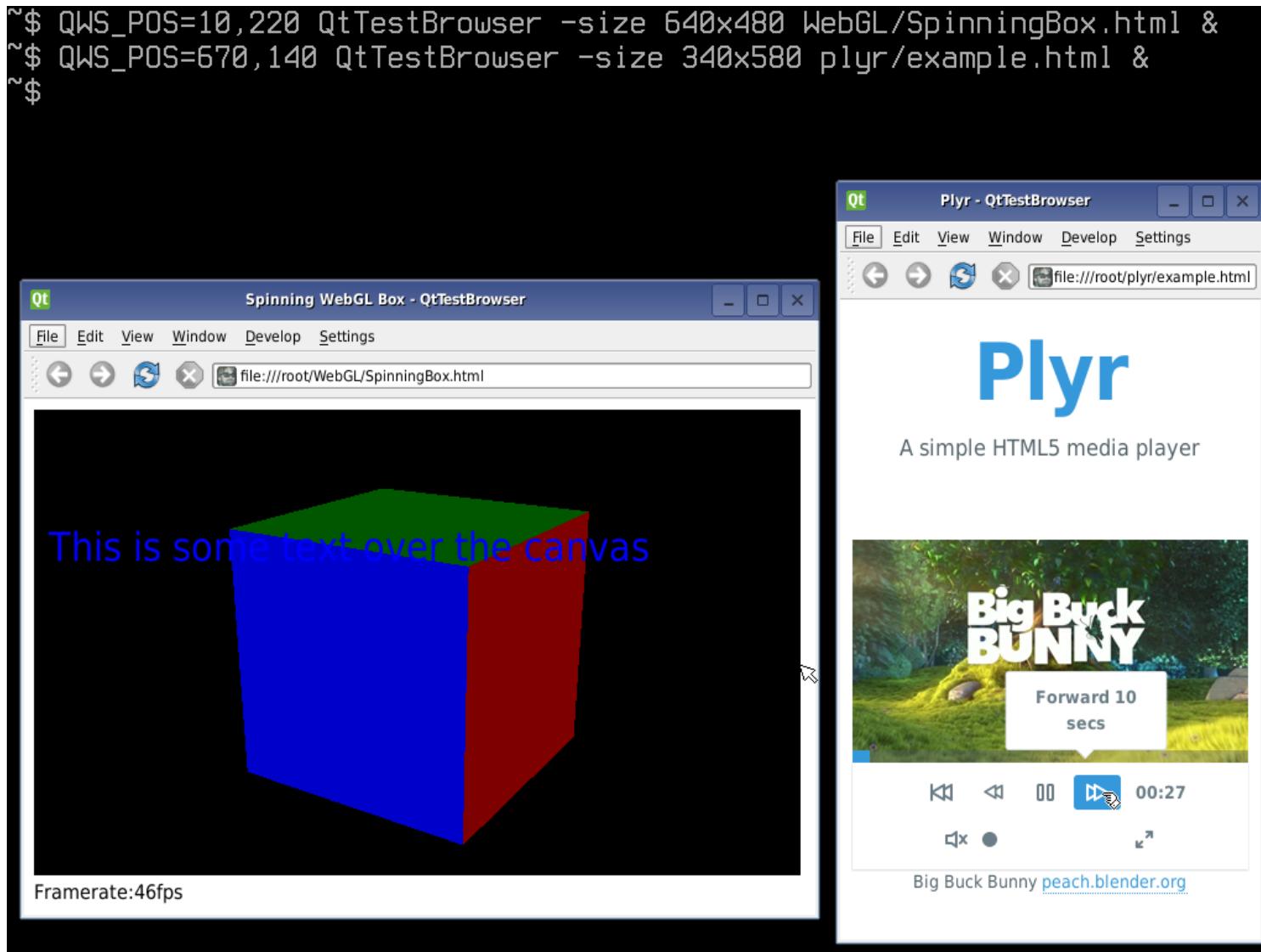
- Tools/QtTestBrowser
- Source/WebKit/qt → WebView widget
- Source/WebCore/platform/{qt, graphics/qt, graphics/gstreamer}



# QtWebKit demo

- WebGL demos <https://github.com/KhronosGroup/WebGL>
- Plyr HTML5 media player <https://github.com/sampotts/plyr>

```
~$ QWS_POS=10,220 QtTestBrowser -size 640x480 WebGL/SpinningBox.html &
~$ QWS_POS=670,140 QtTestBrowser -size 340x580 plyr/example.html &
~$
```





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# Running DirectFB, X11 or Wayland on top of the Linux Framebuffer



DirectFB <https://github.com/deniskropp/DirectFB>

→ Linux Framebuffer support in *systems/fbdev* directory



X11 <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/xorg/driver/xf86-video-fbdev>

→ Xorg Device Dependent X (DDX) for Linux Framebuffer



Wayland <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/wayland>

→ Linux Framebuffer support in *weston/src/compositor-fbdev.c*

## But it's another story ...



# Origins of this presentation ?

- Started a Linux from scratch distribution in 2005 for understanding how graphics work, and have continued to play with for the past 15 years
- Realized that some graphics backends will not be maintained anymore, and now belong to the past
  - HiGFXback (History of graphics backends) project in order to preserve them
- More infos on <https://github.com/caramelli/higfxback/wiki>