

Developing a 3D Model Viewer for iOS using COLLADA and OpenGL ES

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Schedule

09:00am - 12:15pm

- **09:00am** Introduction / Welcome
- **09:15am** COLLADA
- **09:45am** OpenGL ES
- **10:15am** GLKit and GLKBaseEffect
- **10:45am** -BREAK-
- **11:00am** Shaders and GLSL
- **11:30am** User Interface and Gesture Recognizers
- **12:00pm** Conclusion / Q&A

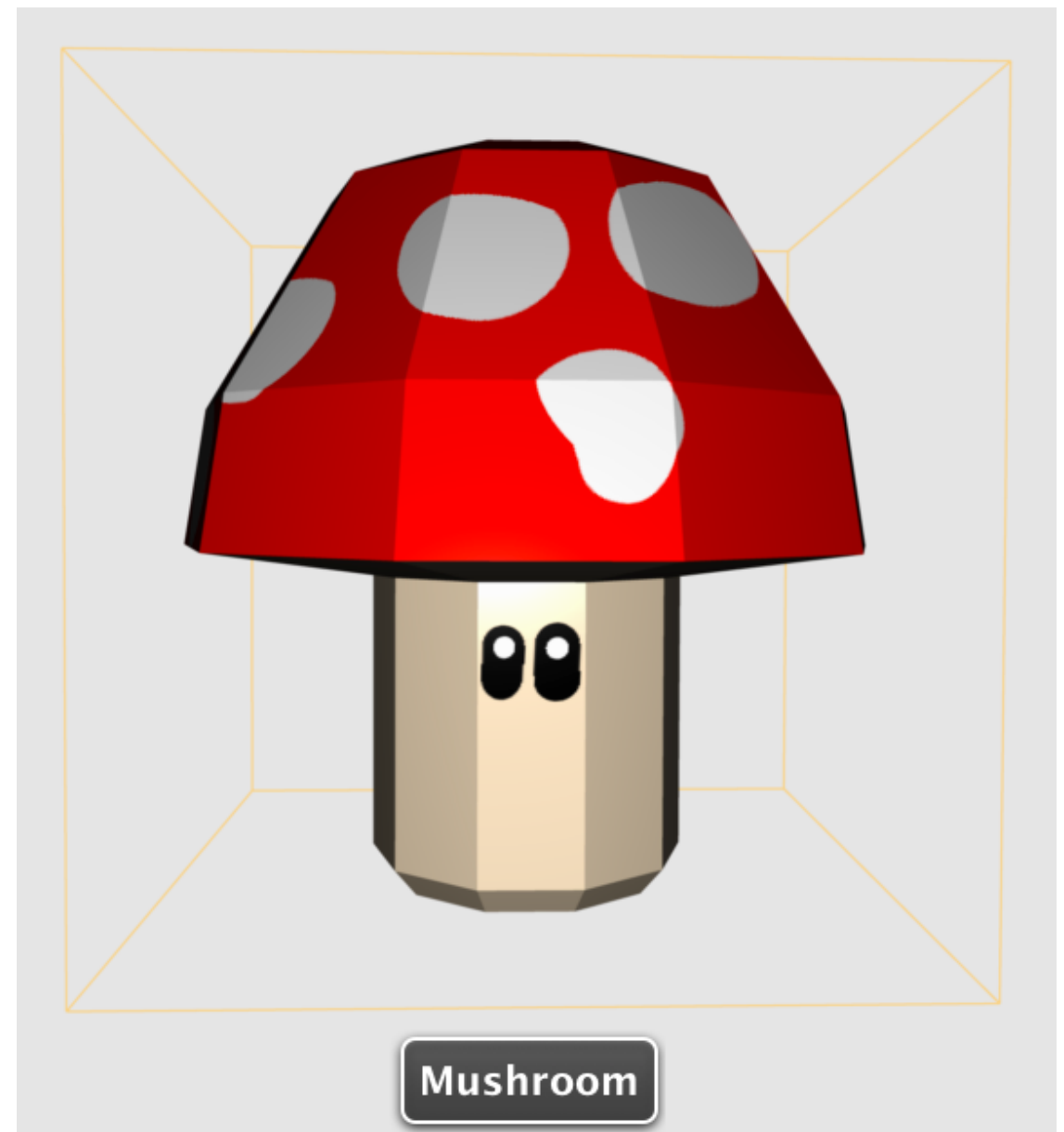


COLLADA (.dae)

Digital **A**sset **E**xchange

Compatible with...

- 3D: Maya, Blender
- 2D: Preview, Photoshop
- Development: Xcode / SceneKit



COLLADA (.xml)

Extensible Markup Language

- geometry
- mesh
- source
- float_array
- accessor
- input / vertices
- polylist / triangles

```
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  <mesh>
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-3.788765 -0.587279 0.8083209 -3.788765</float_array>
    <technique_common>
      <accessor source="#MushroomGeometry-mesh-positions-array" count="72" stride="3">
        <param name="X" type="float"/>
        <param name="Y" type="float"/>
        <param name="Z" type="float"/>
      </accessor>
    </technique_common>
  </mesh>
</geometry>
```

OpenGL ES Rendering Cycle

- **glEnableVertexAttribArray**
Enable a generic vertex attribute array (e.g. positions data).
- **glVertexAttribPointer**
Define an array of generic vertex attribute data (e.g. float array).
- **glDrawArrays**
Render primitives from array data (e.g. draw triangles).

```
glEnableVertexAttribArray( GLuint index );  
  
glVertexAttribPointer( GLuint indx,  
                      GLint size,  
                      GLenum type,  
                      GLboolean normalized,  
                      GLsizei stride,  
                      const GLvoid *ptr );  
  
|  
glDrawArrays( GLenum mode,  
              GLint first,  
              GLsizei count );
```

OpenGL ES Object Model

1. Define a generic, re-usable OpenGL ES Object Model.
2. Parse relevant COLLADA elements by tags.
3. Load COLLADA content into memory.
4. Convert COLLADA content into OpenGL ES arrays/data suitable for rendering.

```
#import "RRColladaObject.h"

@interface RRCOpenGLModel : NSObject

@property (assign, nonatomic, readonly) int count;
@property (assign, nonatomic, readonly) float* positions;
@property (assign, nonatomic, readonly) float* normals;
@property (assign, nonatomic, readonly) float* texels;

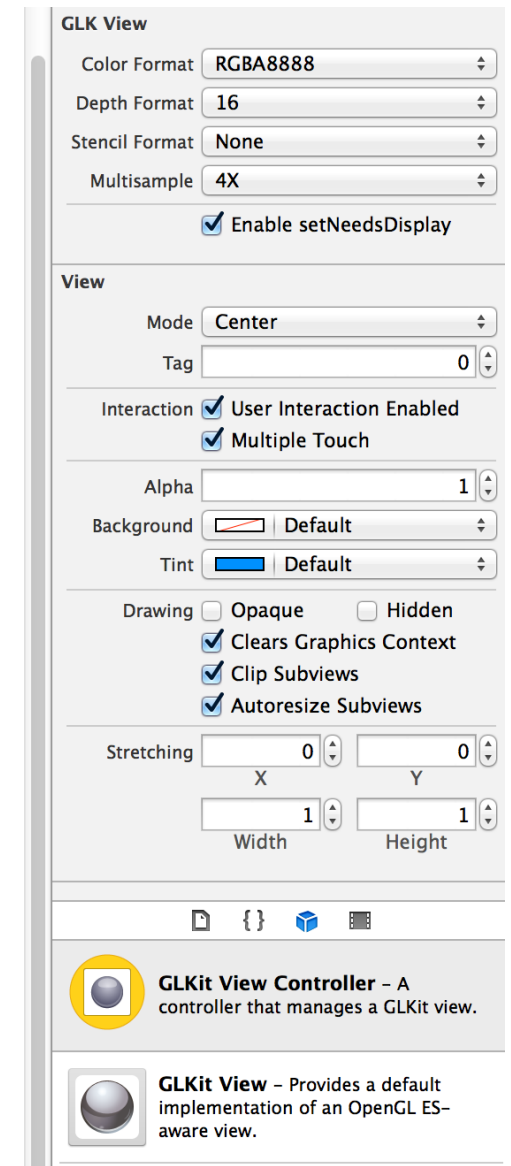
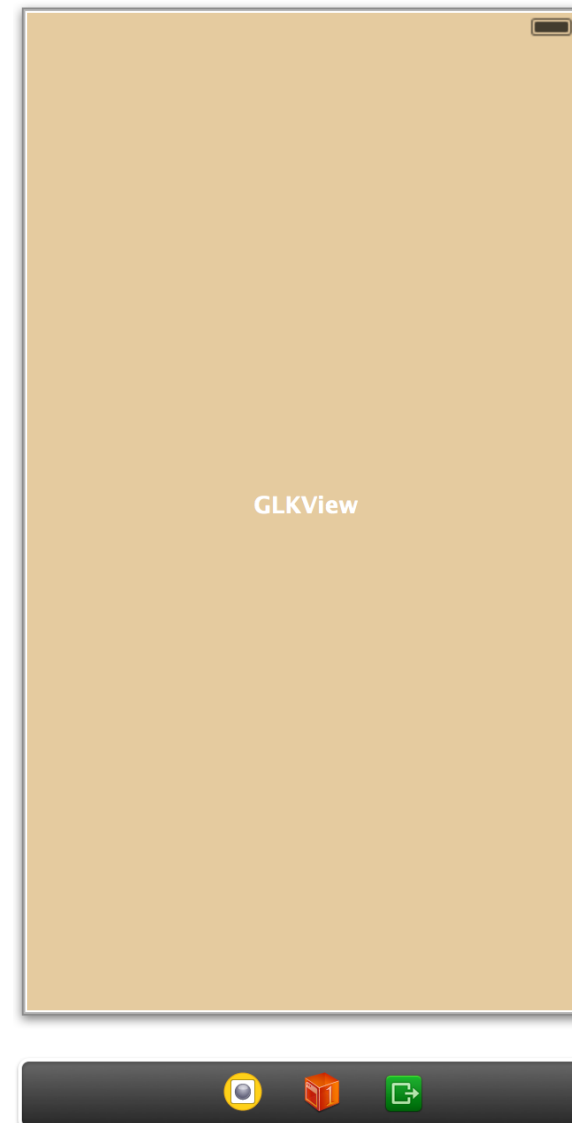
- (instancetype)initWithCollada:(RRColladaObject*)collada;

@end
```

GLKit

Benefits of using GLKit

- Easy setup with GLKView
- 1-step multisampling
- Automatic buffer handling
- *update* and *glkView:drawInRect:*
- Robust vector/matrix math library



GLKBaseEffect

- Very easy setup
- Mimics OpenGL ES 1.1 (fixed-function pipeline)
- No shader support (programmable pipeline)
- No points!
- Supports position, normal, color, and texture coordinate vertex attributes

```
- (void)createEffect
{
    // Initialize
    self.effect = [[GLKBaseEffect alloc] init];

    // Texture
    NSDictionary* options = @{@"GLKTextureLoaderOriginBottomLeft:@YES"};
    NSError* error;
    NSString* resource = [NSString stringWithFormat:@"Models/%@Texture", kRRRCModel];
    NSString* path = [[NSBundle mainBundle] pathForResource:resource ofType:@"png"];
    GLKTextureInfo* texture = [GLKTextureLoader textureWithContentsOfFile:path options:options error:&error];

    if(texture == nil)
        NSLog(@"%@:- Error loading texture: %@", [self class], [error localizedDescription]);

    self.effect.texture2d0.name = texture.name;
    self.effect.texture2d0.enabled = true;

    // Light
    self.effect.light0.enabled = GL_TRUE;
    self.effect.light0.position = GLKVector4Make(0.25f, 0.75f, 0.75f, 1.0f);
    self.effect.lightingType = GLKLightingTypePerPixel;

    // Material
    self.effect.material.diffuseColor = GLKVector4Make(0.75f, 0.75f, 0.75f, 1.0f);
    self.effect.material.specularColor = GLKVector4Make(0.25f, 0.25f, 0.25f, 1.0f);
}
```


Shaders (GLSL / GPU)

- Open**GL Shading Language**
C-like language
Compiled, linked, and run on the GPU
- **Vertex shader**
Called once per *vertex*
Computes *gl_Position*
- **Fragment shader**
Called once per *fragment*
Computes *gl_FragColor*

```
// Vertex Shader

static char* const BlinnPhongVSH = STRINGIFY
(
    // Attributes
    attribute vec3 aPosition;
    attribute vec3 aNormal;
    attribute vec2 aTexel;

    // Uniforms
    uniform mat4 uProjectionMatrix;
    uniform mat4 uModelViewMatrix;
    uniform mat3 uNormalMatrix;

    // Varying
    varying vec3 vNormal;
    varying vec2 vTexel;

    void main(void)
    {
        vNormal = uNormalMatrix * aNormal;
        vTexel = aTexel;

        gl_Position = uProjectionMatrix * uModelViewMatrix * vec4(aPosition, 1.0);
    }
);
```

Shaders (Objective-C / CPU)

- Program handle
Vertex shader + Fragment shader
- Attribute handles
Per-vertex variables (e.g. positions)
- Uniform handles
Per-frame variables (e.g. projection matrix)

```
// Shaders
#include "BlinnPhong.vsh"
#include "BlinnPhong.fsh"

@implementation RRCShaderBlinnPhong

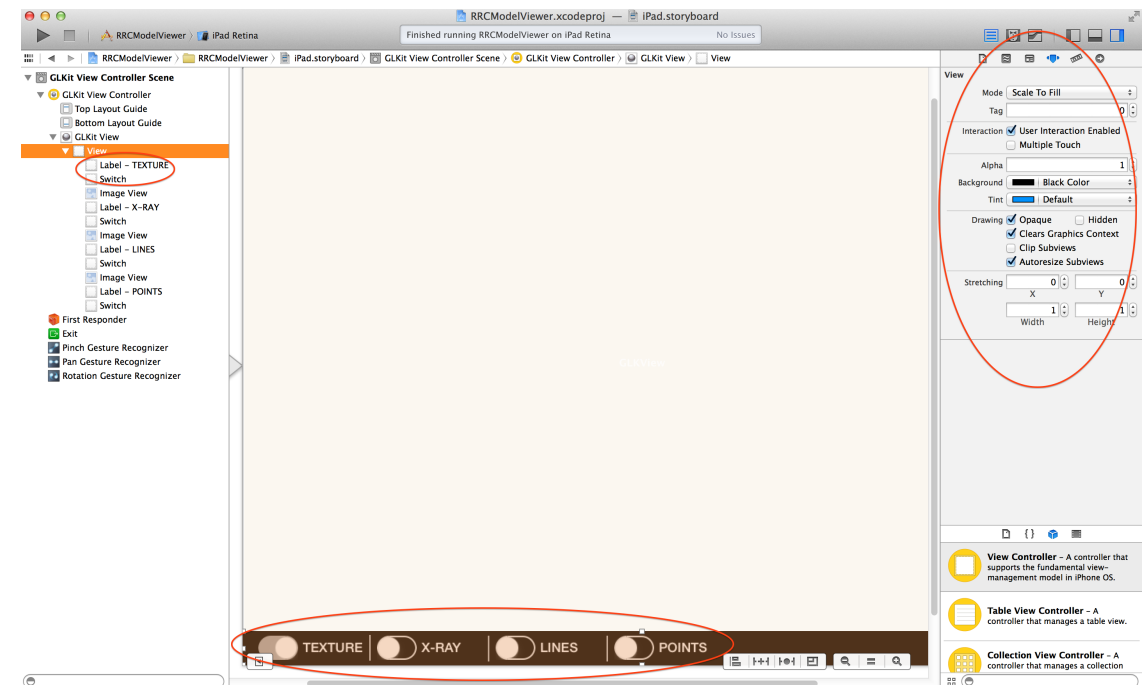
#pragma mark - init
- (instancetype)init
{
    if(self = [super initWithVertexShader:BlinnPhongVSH fragmentShader:BlinnPhongFSH])
    {
        // Attributes
        _aNormal = glGetAttribLocation(self.program, "aNormal");
        _aTexel = glGetAttribLocation(self.program, "aTexel");

        // Uniforms
        _uNormalMatrix = glGetUniformLocation(self.program, "uNormalMatrix");
        _uTexture = glGetUniformLocation(self.program, "uTexture");
        _uSwitchTexture = glGetUniformLocation(self.program, "uSwitchTexture");
        _uSwitchXRay = glGetUniformLocation(self.program, "uSwitchXRay");
    }
    return self;
}
```

User Interface

Drag, Drop, Customize, and Connect!

- UIView
- UISwitch
- UILabel
- UIImageView



Gesture Recognizers

- **UIPinchGestureRecognizer**
Scale XYZ
- **UIPanGestureRecognizer**
Translate XY (1 finger)
Rotate XY (2 fingers)
- **UIRotationGestureRecognizer**
Rotate Z

