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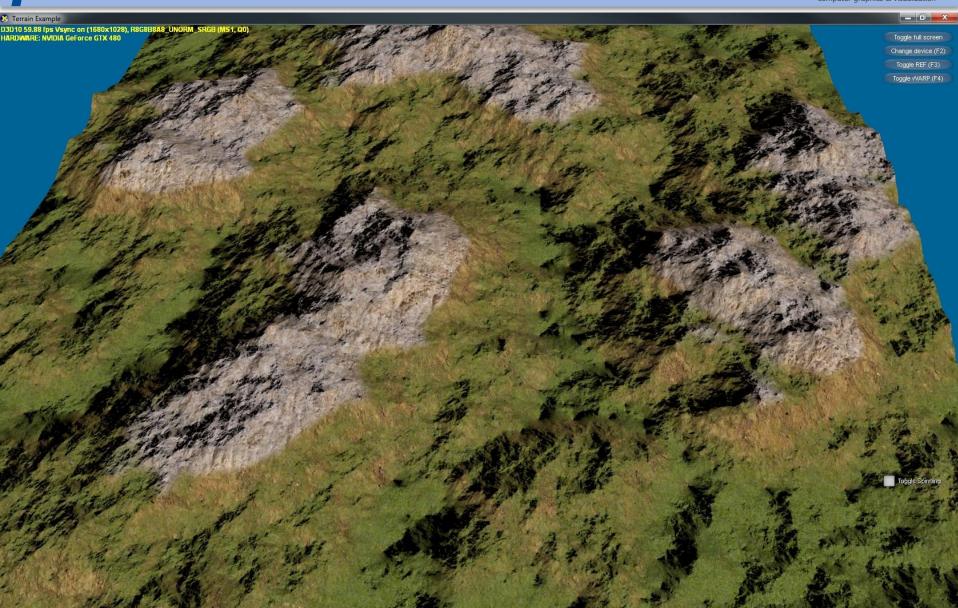






This week: Realtime Rendering





Assignment 4



Goal:

- Render the terrain yourself (implement the viewer)
- Input: height map + color texture + normal texture
- Output: realtime rendering of a lit and textured landscape
- Using only the "fixed" function pipeline (no shader programs)



- Direct3D is a graphics API to access the underlying hardware
 - Part of DirectX
 - Provides GPU memory allocation / deallocation ("GPU resources"), pipeline configuration, draw calls and much more...

Microsoft® DirectX®





- DirectX API is based on abstract interfaces
 - You never work on real class instances
 - DirectX allocates and deallocates its resources
 - Available through pointers to <u>IUnknown</u> (or a descendent of it)
 - Lifecycles management: Internal reference counters via IUnknown::AddRef() and IUnknown::Release()



- AddRef / Release: Similar to new and delete
 - Each AddRef() requires a Release()
 - DirectX calls AddRef() automatically whenever a pointer to an Interface is created

```
ID3D11Device* device;
...
ID3D11DeviceContext* context;
device->GetImmediateContext(&context);  // Calls AddRef() on the created context
```



Two main Direct3D interfaces

ID3D11Device

- Access to a Direct3D device (usually a single GPU)
- Used to create all resources for a GPU

ID3D11DeviceContext

- Manages the current pipeline state
- Used to bind resources to various pipeline stages
- Used for draw calls

ID3D11DeviceContext: State machine



Resources



Resource: An object allocated in GPU memory

- Buffers
 - Vertex / Index Buffer: Vertex data and connectivity
 - ConstantBuffer: Variables accessed in GPU shader programs
- Textures
 - Texture1D, Texture2D, Texture3D
 - Like buffers with additional functionality
 - Multi-dimensional access, hardware interpolation

All these resources are read-only for the GPU

Resources



- All resources descend from ID3D11Resource
 - ID3D11Buffer
 - ID3D11Texture2D

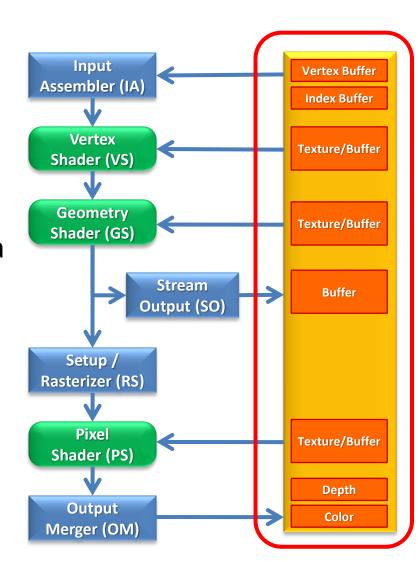
• Creation:

- ID3D11Device::CreateBuffer()
- ID3D11Device::CreateTexture2D()
- **—** ...

Graphics Pipeline



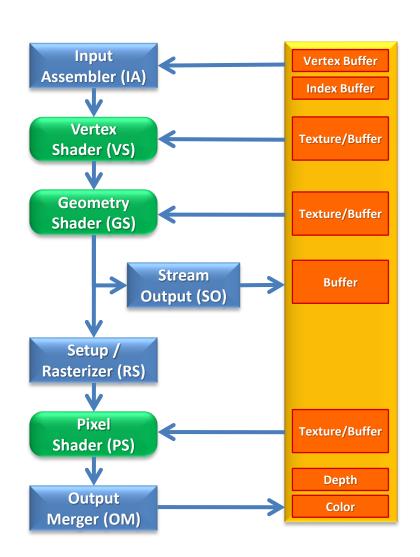
- Resources are **bound** to the graphics pipeline
 - Draw call: Process a fixed number of vertices
 - Resources cannot change during a draw call
 - Different stages may have access to different resources
 - Pipeline state: ID3D11DeviceContext



Input Assembler



- Purpose:
 - Generate vertex data from input
- Input:
 - Vertex Buffers + Index Buffer
- Output:
 - Vertices with attributes
- Controllable through:
 - IASetVertexBuffers/
 IASetIndexBuffer
 - IASetInputLayout
 - IASetPrimitiveTopology



Input Assembler (IA)



The *Input Assembler* stage supplies geometry data (e.g. Lines or Triangles) for the rest of the pipeline

- It reads user defined data blocks and
 - Uses an *Input Layout* to interpret the data
 - Generates a set of geometric primitives controlled by D3D11_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY
 - D3D11_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLELIST
 - Supplies the assembled primitives to the rest of the pipeline
- The elemental unit thereby is the edge point (vertex), which can carry arbitrary user defined attributes (e.g. position, normal, color, ...)

Vertices



- Vertices contain arbitrary user defined attributes
- Most common:
 - Position(s)
 - Normal(s)
 - Color(s)
 - Texture coordinate(s)
 - Material parameter(s)

Vertex Data



C++ side: vertices are stored in linear arrays

```
float triangle[] = {
   // Vertex 0
      0.0f,
              0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f, // Position
      0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, // Normal
      0.0f, 0.0f,
                                  // Texcoords
   // Vertex 1
               0.0f,
                       0.0f, 1.0f, // Position
      1.0f,
                       0.0f, 0.0f, // Normal
      0.0f,
               1.0f,
      0.0f,
               1.0f,
                                  // Texcoords
   // Vertex 2
              0.0f, 1.0f, 1.0f, // Position
      0.0f,
      0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, // Normal
              0.0f,
                                  // Texcoords
      1.0f,
};
```

Usually represented by a struct for cleaner code:

```
- struct SimpleVertex
{
    DirectX::XMFLOAT4 Pos;  // Position
    DirectX::XMFLOAT4 Normal;  // Normal
    DirectX::XMFLOAT2 UV;  // Texture coordinates
};
```

Input Layout



- The GPU gets the raw data in one (or several) buffer(s)
- Additionally it needs an *Input-Layout* to interpret the data
- A D3D11_INPUT_ELEMENT_DESC thereby describes each vertex attribute
- Must be consistent with the vertex on C++ (struct) and HLSL (GPU vertex shader input) sides!
- Is already defined in our template!

Input Layout



Example:

- To create the InputLayout, the input signature of the vertex shader is required (here: signature of a pass)
- The input layout is bound to the pipeline via:

```
// Set input layout
pd3dImmediateContext->IASetInputLayout( g_terrainVertexLayout );
```

Vertex Buffer



- Now the GPU knows how to interpret the data, but it still needs the data itself.
- Therefore we create a Vertex Buffer on the GPU and fill it with our data.
- Creation requires two additional structures:
 - D3D11 BUFFER DESC describes the buffer
 - D3D11_SUBRESOURCE_DATA to deliver the data

Vertex Buffer



Vertex buffer creation:

```
// Create and fill description
D3D11_SUBRESOURCE_DATA id;
id.pSysMem = &triangle[0];
id.SysMemPitch = 10 * sizeof(float); // Stride
id.SysMemSlicePitch = 0;

// Define initial data
D3D11_BUFFER_DESC bd;
bd.BindFlags = D3D11_BIND_VERTEX_BUFFER;
bd.ByteWidth = triangle.size() * sizeof(float);
bd.CPUAccessFlags = 0;
bd.MiscFlags = 0;
bd.WiscFlags = 0;
bd.Usage = D3D11_USAGE_DEFAULT;

// Create buffer
V(device->CreateBuffer(&bd, &id, &vertexBuffer));
```

Vertex buffer binding:

```
context->IASetVertexBuffers(0, 1, vbs, strides, offsets);
```

- Stride: size of one element
- Offset: offset of the first element in the buffer

Primitive Topology



Now the GPU has the vertex data and knows how to interpret it

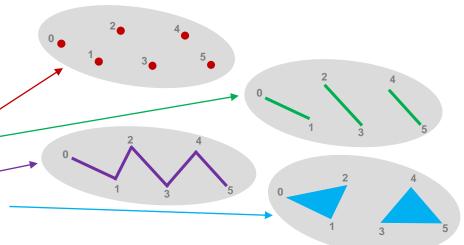
Now we tell it the kind of geometric primitive we want

to describe

- Examples:
 - D3D11_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_POINTLIST
 - D3D11_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINELIST
 - D3D11_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINESTRIP
 - D3D11_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_TRIANGLELIST



context->IASetPrimitiveTopology(D3D11_PRIMITIVE_TOPOLOGY_LINESTRIP);



Execute the Rendering (Draw)

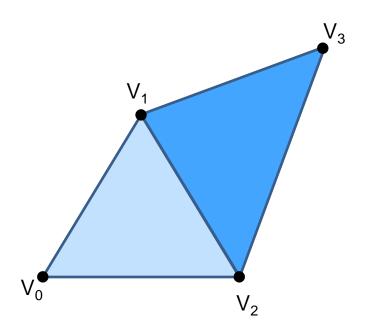


 When the pipeline state is completely set, we "draw" our data using a certain pass of an effect technique:

```
// Render
   D3D11_TECHNIQUE_DESC techDesc;
   g_pTechnique->GetDesc( &techDesc );
   for( UINT p = 0; p < techDesc.Passes; ++p ) {</pre>
        // A technique may require multiple rendering passes
       g_pTechnique->GetPassByIndex( p )->Apply(0, context);
       context->Draw((3)(0)
   }
                         Index of the first
Number of vertices
                         vertex within the
    to draw
                          buffer to daw
```

Draw() vs. DrawIndexed()





- Draw
 - $VB[]=\{V_0,V_1,V_2,V_2,V_1,V_3\};$
 - Implicit topology
 - Redundant data, e.g.
 - Position, Normal, UV ...

DrawIndexed

$$- VB[]={V_0,V_1,V_2,V_3};$$

$$- IB[] = \{0,1,2,2,1,3\};$$

Explicit topology

Index Buffer



Creation similar to Vertex Buffer:

```
// Create and fill description
ZeroMemory(&bd, sizeof(bd));
bd.Usage = D3D11_USAGE_DEFAULT;
bd.ByteWidth = sizeof(unsigned int) * indices.size();
bd.BindFlags = D3D11_BIND_INDEX_BUFFER;
bd.CPUAccessFlags = 0;
bd.MiscFlags = 0;
// Define initial data
ZeroMemory(&id, sizeof(id));
id.pSysMem = &indices[0];

// Create Buffer
V(device->CreateBuffer( &bd, &id, &indexBuffer ));
```

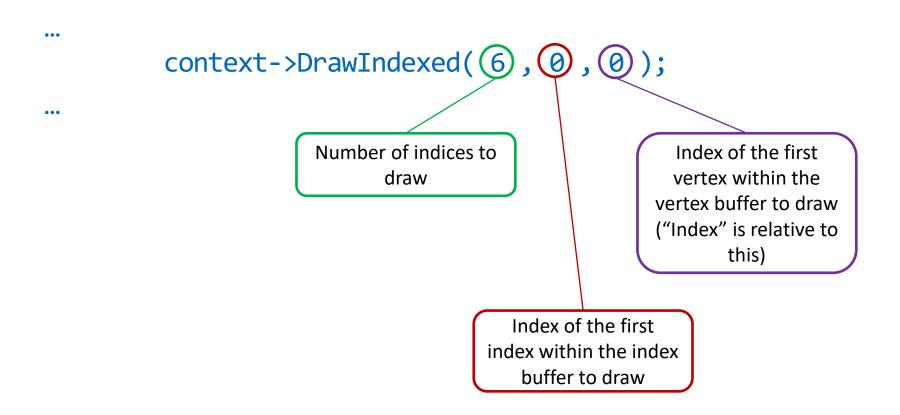
Binding:

```
context->IASetIndexBuffer(indexBuffer, DXGI_FORMAT_R32_UINT, 0);
```

DrawIndexed



Slightly different draw command:



Resource Views



Shader programs do not access resources directly

- Instead: ResourceViews are bound to the pipeline
 - ID3D11ShaderResourceView
 - ID3D11Device::CreateShaderResourceView()
 - Each resource needs at least one ResourceView when it is accessed by a shader

- ResourceViews offer more flexible control
 - E.g. only bind a specific mip-map of a texture

Resource Views



```
HRESULT CreateShaderResourceView(
        [in] ID3D11Resource *pResource,
        [in] const D3D11_SHADER_RESOURCE_VIEW_DESC *pDesc,
        [out] ID3D11ShaderResourceView **ppSRView
);
```

 D3D11_SHADER_RESOURCE_VIEW_DESC describes the resource view to be created (width, height, etc)

- Common usecase: Textures
 - You can pass nullptr for pDesc!

Resource Views



DirectX::CreateDDSTextureFromFile(device, L"resources\\debug_green.dds", nullptr, &debugSRV)

- DDSTextureLoader.h: Simple DDS loading
 - Creates a resource and a resource view
 - Can also be nullptr if you do not need both
 - Top example: Resource is also created, of course!
 - Released upon release of the resource view (by reference counting)
 - You'll need to release the resource view (debugSRV) yourself

The Template Project



- A sample project to get started fast
 - Initializes Direct3D
 - Manages the Window
 - Manages all Graphics Resources
 - Implements the Rendering Loop
 - Handles Mouse/Keyboard Inputs
 - Draws the User Interface
 - and much more
 - Looks complicated first, but you'll get used to it
- Alternative: Starting from scratch
 - Next three weeks would be Direct3D initialization...

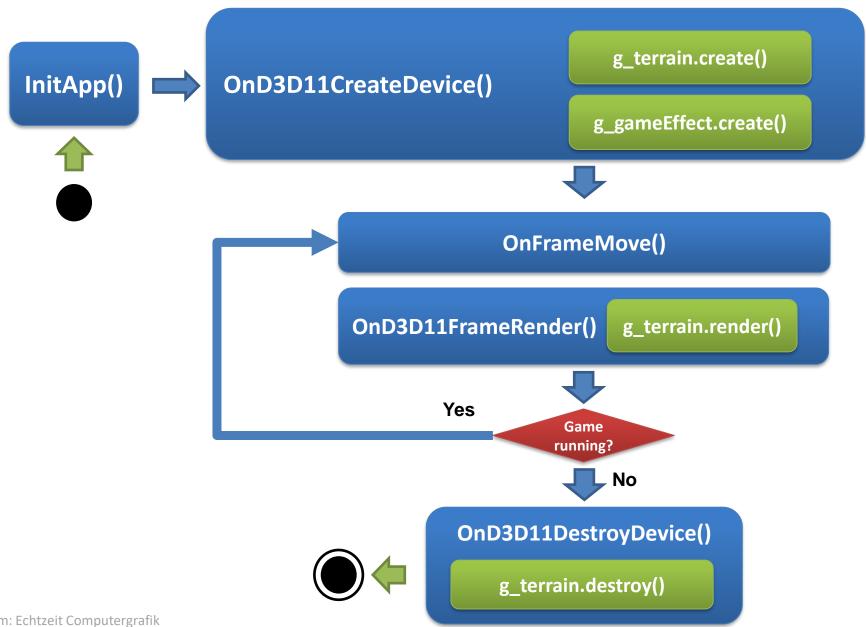
The Template Project



- Important files
 - game.cpp
 - (De-)Initialization
 - Main rendering loop, calls all neccessary functions
 - Keyboard / mouse callbacks
 - Terrain.h / Terrain.cpp
 - Terrain loading, (GPU) creation and rendering
 - game.fx
 - GPU shader code for terrain rendering
 - Not relevant for the current assignment!
 - GameEffect.h
 - The "CPU part" of our shader (game.fx)
 - Access to "GPU variables"

Program Flow (Simplified)





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GameEffect



- g_gameEffect is globally accessable
 - As long as you include "GameEffect.h"
 - In GameEffect.h:

```
extern GameEffect g_gameEffect;
```

- Tells the Linker: "g_gameEffect is instantiated in some other .obj file"
- Exactly one .cpp file must contain an instantiation of g_gameEffect
- See game.cpp:

```
GameEffect g_gameEffect;
```



- The template project makes heavy use of DXUT
 - The DirectX Utility Library (DXUT) simplifies the usage of the WINDOWS and D3D APIs

- DXUT was developed for the DXSDK samples
 - Keeps sample code clean and easy to understand

- DXUT helps with:
 - Window / device creation, window events (e.g. user input)
 - Simple user interfaces
 - **—** ...

The template project: Main



```
int WINAPI wWinMain(...) {
    DXUTSetCallbackMsgProc( MsgProc );
    DXUTSetCallbackKeyboard( OnKeyboard );
    DXUTSetCallbackFrameMove( OnFrameMove );
    DXUTSetCallbackDeviceChanging( ModifyDeviceSettings );
    DXUTSetCallbackD3D11DeviceAcceptable( IsD3D11DeviceAcceptable );
    DXUTSetCallbackD3D11DeviceCreated( OnD3D11CreateDevice );
    DXUTSetCallbackD3D11SwapChainResized( OnD3D11ResizedSwapChain );
    DXUTSetCallbackD3D11SwapChainReleasing( OnD3D11ReleasingSwapChain );
    DXUTSetCallbackD3D11DeviceDestroyed( OnD3D11DestroyDevice );
    DXUTSetCallbackD3D11FrameRender( OnD3D11FrameRender );
    InitApp();
    DXUTInit( true, true, NULL );
    DXUTSetCursorSettings( true, true );
    DXUTCreateWindow( L"My Game" );
    DXUTCreateDevice( D3D FEATURE LEVEL 10 0, true, 1280, 720 );
    DXUTMainLoop();
    return DXUTGetExitCode();
```



- Interaction with DirectX and Windows is controlled via callback functions:
 - DXUTSetCallbackD3D11DeviceCreated:

Create (device->CreateX) and initialize everything which does **not** depend on the window size.

- DXUTSetCallbackD3D11SwapChainResized:
 Create and initialize everything which depends on the window size.
- DXUTSetCallbackD3D11SwapChainReleasing:
 Release everything which was Created in SwapChainResized.
- DXUTSetCallbackD3D11DeviceDestroyed:
 Release everything which was Created in DeviceCreated.



- Callback-functions continued:
 - DXUTSetCallbackD3D11FrameRender:

Render your scene (context->DrawX). Unless you control all device states yourself, also place all your context->SetX calls here.

– DXUTSetCallbackFrameMove:

Called **before** the rendering. Place your sound, physics, game-logic, etc. here.

– DXUTSetCallbackMsgProc:

Handle window messages (e.g. mouse/UI events).

– DXUTSetCallbackKeyboard:

Handle keyboard events



- Additional features:
 - Camera-Classes
 - CFirstPersonCamera
 - CModelViewerCamera
 - Graphical User Interface
 - Text rendering

("First Person")

("Third Person")

Terrain-Viewer Implementation



- Load the config file
 - Parser provided (by you :P)
- Load the terrain files
 - Everything provided
- Convert the terrain heightfield into a vertex buffer
- Triangulate the terrain using an index buffer
- Create the terrain color texture
 - File format loader provided
- Draw the terrain
 - Complete the provided renderer
 - Some small modifications necessary
- Everything else:
 - Provided

Height Field to Vertex Buffer



- Heightfield:
 - Entry count
 - N = Res * Res
 - Entry
 - Height: h

Vertex position: p.x = [-width / 2,

p.y = [0,

p.x = [-depth / 2,

Texture: t.u, t.v = [0.0,

Heightfield: i.x, i.y = [0,

For now, just recalculate

this - the normalmap will

be used next assignment!

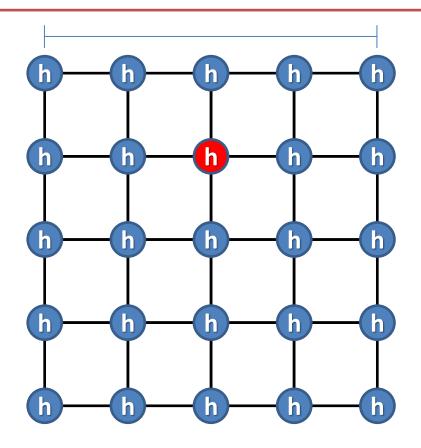
width / 2] height]

depth / 2]

1.01

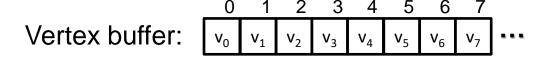
Res-1]

- Vertex buffer:
 - Entry count
 - N = Res * Res
 - Entry
 - Position: p = (p.x, p.y, p.z, 1)
 - Normal: n = (n.x, n.y, n.z, 0)
 - Tex Coord: t = (t.u, t.v)
- Conversion necessary
 - Vertex buffer: "height" is stored in y!
 - h = hf[IDX(i.x, i.y, Res)]
 - t.u = i.x / (Res 1)
 - p.x = (i.x / Res 0.5) * width
 - p.y = h * height

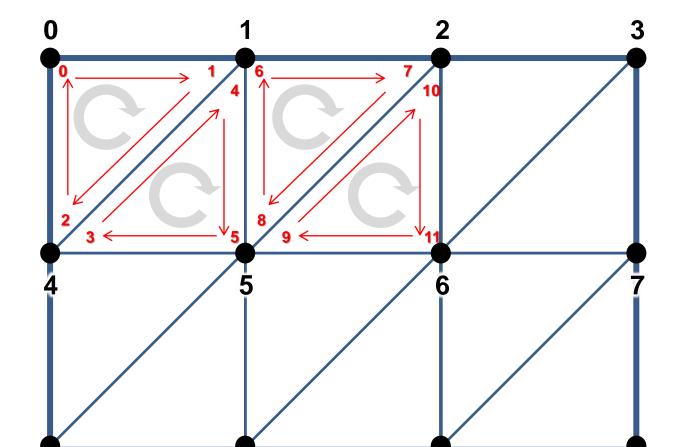


Index Buffer Content





Index buffer: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 0 1 4 4 1 5 1 2 5 5 2 6 ...



- Index buffer
 - List of triangles
 - Triangle:
 - 3 vertex indices

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- The Normal-Map isn't used at this point
 - For now, recalculate the normals from the heightfield

- The normals need to be scaled depending on your terrain configuration
 - Calculate them as if depth == width == height
 - Rescale the normals before storage in the vertex buffer



- Normal transformation: DirectXMath
 http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ee415574(v=vs.85).aspx
 - #include <DirectXMath.h>
 - Contains Matrix / Vector operations in the DirectX namespace (DirectX::XM...)
 - Less typing effort: using namespace DirectX;
 - Only do this in .cpp files, not in header files!



DirectX::XMVECTOR: 4-component 32bit float vector

DirectX::XMMATRIX: 4x4 32bit float matrix

- Optimized for speed
 - You can not access member of those classes directly

```
XMMATRIX matTest = XMMatrixIdentity();
XMVECTOR vTest = XMVectorSet(x, y, z, 1);

XMFLOAT4 vectorDest;
XMStoreFloat4(&vectorDest, vTest);

XMFLOAT4X4 matrixDest;
XMStoreFloat4x4(&matrixDest, matTest);
```



Important: Normals need to be scaled using the inverted, transposed matrices!

```
XMMATRIX matNormalScaling = XMMatrixScaling(x, y, z);
matNormalScaling = XMMatrixTranspose(XMMatrixInverse(nullptr, matNormalScaling));
```

Transform each normal vector

```
vNormal = XMVector4Transform(vNormal, matNormalScaling);
```

Don't forget to normalize afterwards

```
vNormal = XMVector3Normalize(vNormal);
```

GPU memory management (DXUT)



- All allocated GPU memory must also be freed.
- DXUT convenience macro: SAFE_RELEASE (Pointer)
- In debug builds the following message is displayed if resources are not yet released when the program is closed:

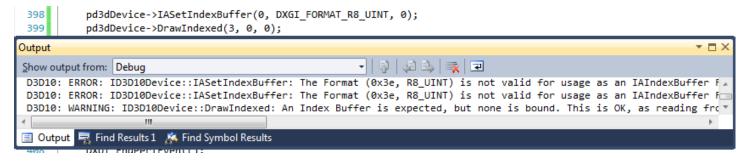


- We NEVER want to see this message
 - Whenever your write device->CreateX you should immediately also write SAFE_RELEASE(x)

Direct3D Debugging Tipps



- At Runtime (in debug builds):
 - Direct3D emits warnings and error messages
 - When you see them popping up every frame, your code is almost certainly doing something wrong



 DXUT reports GPU memory leaks when the process terminates

```
    □void CALLBACK OnD3D10DestroyDevice( void* pUserContext )

331
332
           g DialogResourceManager.OnD3D10DestroyDevice();
333
           g_SettingsDlg.OnD3D10DestroyDevice();
334
           SAFE RELEASE( g Font10 );
335
           //SAFE_RELEASE( g_Effect10 );
336
           SAFE RELEASE( g VertexLayout );
           SAFE RELEASE( g Sprite10 );
337
338
           SAFE DELETE( g TxtHelper );
339
                                                                  X
empty_project
         The Direct3D device has a non-zero reference count, meaning some
         objects were not released.
```

Tip for finding CPU memory leaks



- At Runtime (in debug builds):
 - Memory leak detection when the process terminates can be enabled (already in the template project):

 By including "debug.h" as last include in all .cpp files, memory leaks can be found with one click

```
char* foo = new char[20];
225
226
         return;
227
Output
                                                  | 🔝 | 🚑 🚉 | 🕎 | 🔁
Show output from: Debug
 The thread 'Win32 Thread' (0x13a0) has exited with code 0 (0x0).
 'empty_project.exe': Unloaded 'C:\Windows\SysWOW64\nvwgf2um.dll'
 The thread 'Win32 Thread' (0x1e64) has exited with code 0 (0x0).
 Detected memory leaks!
 Dumping objects ->
 d:\development\pra1112\external\empty_project\empty_project.cpp(225) :
                     Object dump complete.
 The program '[4288] empty_project.exe: Native' has exited with code 0 (0x0).
```

References



Direct3D Reference and programming guide:

http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/hh309466%28v=vs.85%29.aspx

 DXUT samples and documentation: <u>http://dxut.codeplex.com/documentation</u>

DirectXMath:

http://msdn.microsoft.com/enus/library/windows/desktop/ee415574(v=vs.85).aspx





Questions?

