

CSE-170 Computer Graphics

Lecture 3

OpenGL

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OpenGL

- Abstract API for drawing 2D and 3D graphics
- OpenGL is *only* concerned with rendering, another library must be used for interfacing with the windowing system, handling input, doing audio, etc.
 - In this course, that other library will be **freeglut**, but there are many alternatives (GLFW, SFML, Qt, etc.)



OpenGL

- OpenGL has a **state-based design**
- API calls tend to either
 1. query the current state
 2. modify the current state
 3. use the current state to render something
- This applies to OpenGL objects, too:
 - To modify an object, we need to bind it to the state system, then use function calls to use it or modify the state



OpenGL

- The collection of state information and OpenGL objects is called an **OpenGL context**
 - Almost always, this represents the one window our application is rendering to
 - An application *may* have more than one context or window, but it's uncommon



Older OpenGL

Version 1.0 was released on 6/30/1992.

Before version 2.0 (9/7/2004):

- Fixed-function pipeline
 - No stages were not programmable yet

Before version 3.0 (8/11/2008):

- Immediate mode was not deprecated yet, and so was still heavily used
 - glBegin/glEnd



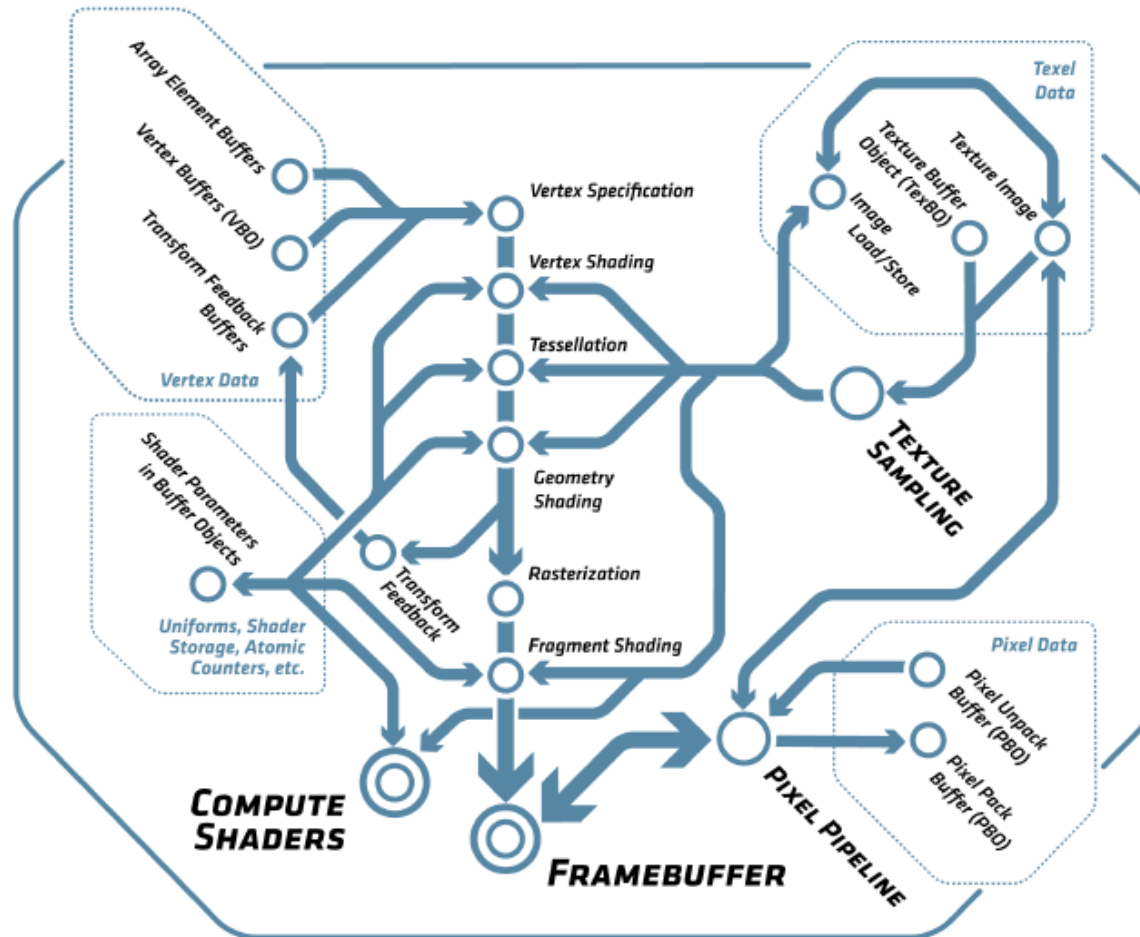
Modern OpenGL (3.0 onwards)

- Modern OpenGL is based on user-defined buffer objects and programmable shaders
 - Shaders are C-like programs that are executed at the main stages of the rendering pipeline
 - Main ones: vertex and fragment shaders
- Newer versions are highly flexible
 - Programmer can implement/change several stages of the pipeline
 - Very flexible, efficient, and controllable, but more work for the programmer
 - Allows for loading extensions (for ex, using GLEW)



OpenGL 4.6

CORE PROFILE



Cover page of glspec46.core.pdf (<https://registry.khronos.org/OpenGL/specs/gl/>)

Simplified OpenGL Pipeline View

You have to provide at least these “shaders”:
(C-like programs in the GLSL language)

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OpenGL 4.6 API Reference Guide

OpenGL Pipeline

A typical program that uses OpenGL begins with calls to open a window into the framebuffer into which the program will draw. Calls are made to allocate a GL context which is then associated with the window, then OpenGL commands can be issued.

The heavy black arrows in this illustration show the OpenGL pipeline and indicate data flow.

- Blue blocks indicate various buffers that feed or get fed by the OpenGL pipeline.
- Green blocks indicate fixed function stages.
- Yellow blocks indicate programmable stages.
- T Texture binding
- B Buffer binding

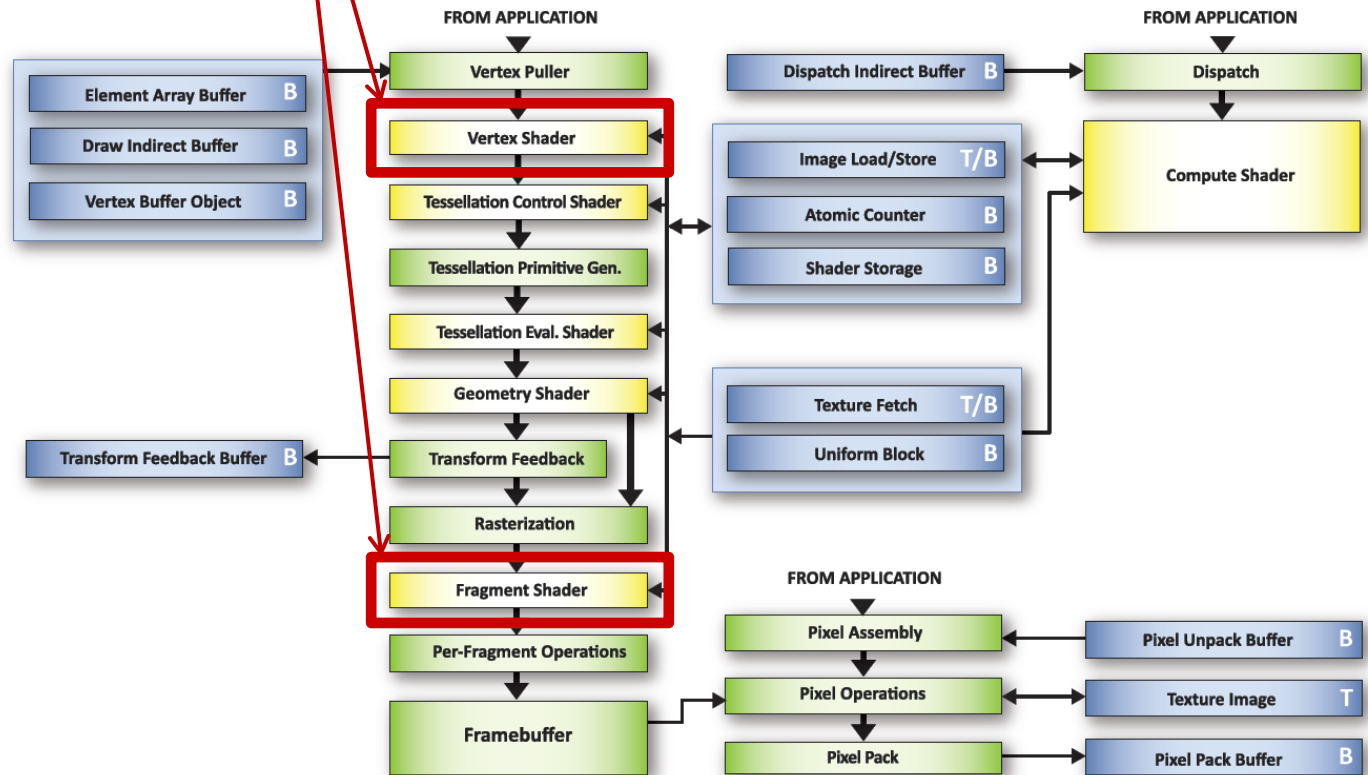


diagram from <https://www.khronos.org/files/opengl46-quick-reference-card.pdf>

Creating a window

- Before we render anything, we need to create a **context** (window)

```
int main( int argc, char** argv )
{
    glutInit( &argc, argv );

    glutInitWindowPosition( 100, 100 );
    glutInitWindowSize( 800, 600 );
    glutInitDisplayMode( GLUT_DOUBLE | GLUT_RGBA | GLUT_DEPTH );

    glutCreateWindow( "CSE-170 Computer Graphics" );

    (...)
```



Callback functions

- We also need to set a display function (at a minimum), and then enter the main loop

```
int main( int argc, char** argv )
{
    glutInit( &argc, argv );
    glutInitWindowPosition( 100, 100 );
    glutInitWindowSize( 800, 600 );
    glutInitDisplayMode( GLUT_DOUBLE | GLUT_RGBA | GLUT_DEPTH );
    glutCreateWindow( "CSE-170 Computer Graphics" );

    glutDisplayFunc( display );

    glutMainLoop();

    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```



Callback functions

- You can set other callback functions for a variety of events, for ex:

```
glutDisplayFunc( display );  
glutIdleFunc( display );  
glutReshapeFunc( reshape );  
glutKeyboardFunc( key_pressed );  
glutKeyboardUpFunc( key_released );  
glutSpecialFunc( key_special_pressed );  
glutSpecialUpFunc( key_special_released );  
glutMouseFunc( mouse_func );  
glutMotionFunc( active_motion_func );  
glutPassiveMotionFunc( passive_motion_func );  
(...)
```



Display function

- The typical steps:
 - clear the buffer(s)
 - render the new frame
 - flush it to the screen (swap buffers)

```
void display()
{
    glClear( GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT );

    //rendering here
    (...)

    glutSwapBuffers();
}
```

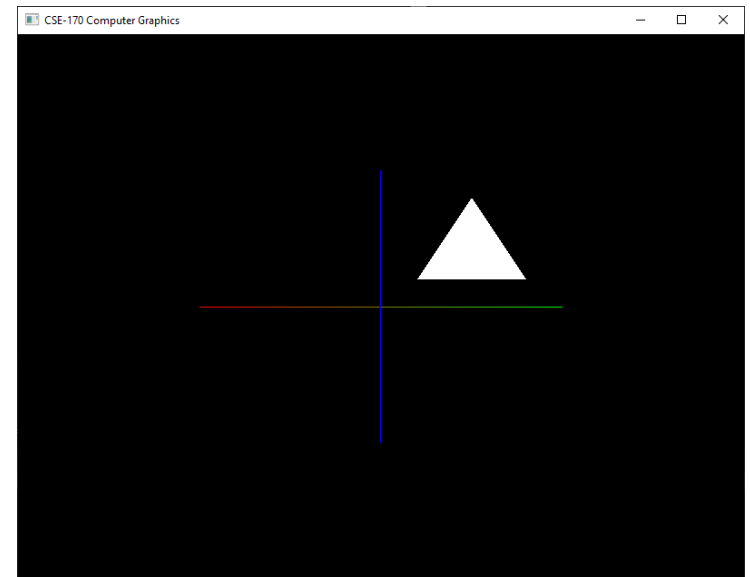


Drawing (immediate mode)

```
//rendering here
glBegin( GL_LINES );
    glColor3f( 1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f );
    glVertex2f( -0.5f, 0.0f );
    glColor3f( 0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f );
    glVertex2f( 0.5f, 0.0f );
glEnd();

glColor3f( 0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f );
glBegin( GL_LINES );
    glVertex2f( 0.0f, -0.5f );
    glVertex2f( 0.0f, 0.5f );
glEnd();

glColor3f( 1.0f, 1.0f, 1.0f );
glBegin( GL_TRIANGLES );
    glVertex2f( 0.1f, 0.1f );
    glVertex2f( 0.4f, 0.1f );
    glVertex2f( 0.25f, 0.4f );
glEnd();
```



Drawing (modern way)

- 1) Write the shaders
- 2) Initialize the shaders
 - Send shader programs to GPU (& compile)
- 3) Organize geometry data in buffers and send to the GPU
 - Create needed buffer objects (VAO, VBO, etc.)
- 4) Draw
 - Enable the shader program and buffers
 - Everything already in the graphics card
 - Send a draw command



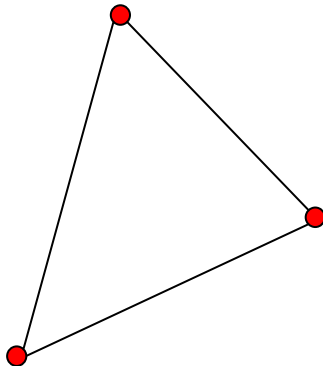
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1) Write shaders, for example:

vertex shader

Input: info per **vertex**,
for ex: position & color

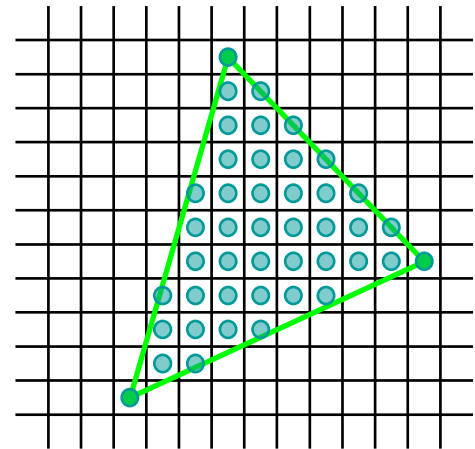
Output: transformed
information per interior point
of the triangle being rasterized,
to be sent to frag shader



fragment shader

Input: info per **pixel**,
for ex: color

Output: transformed
information (for ex: per-
fragment lighting)



OpenGL drawing 1/4

1) Write shaders, for example:

vertex shader

```
#version 400

layout(location=0) in vec4 in_Position;
layout(location=1) in vec4 in_Color;
out vec4 vert_Color;

uniform mat4 projectionMatrix;
uniform mat4 viewMatrix;
uniform mat4 modelMatrix;

void main(void)
{
    gl_Position = projectionMatrix * viewMatrix * modelMatrix *
in_Position;
    vert_Color = in_Color;
}
```

fragment shader

```
#version 400

in vec4 vert_Color;
out vec4 frag_Color;

void main(void)
{
    frag_Color = vert_Color;
}
```



OpenGL drawing 2/4

2) Create and initialize shaders:

```
GLuint vertex_shader_id = glCreateShader( GL_VERTEX_SHADER );  
const char* vsrc = ... // load shader from text file  
glShaderSource( vertex_shader_id, 1, &src, NULL );  
glCompileShader( vertex_shader_id );
```

```
GLuint fragment_shader_id = glCreateShader( GL_FRAGMENT_SHADER );  
const char* fsrc = ... // load shader from text file  
glShaderSource( fragment_shader_id, 1, &src, NULL );  
glCompileShader( fragment_shader_id );
```

```
shader_program_id = glCreateProgram();  
glAttachShader( shader_program_id, vertex_shader_id );  
glAttachShader( shader_program_id, fragment_shader_id );  
glLinkProgram( shader_program_id );
```



OpenGL drawing 3/4

3) Organize geometry data in buffers:

```
GLuint vao;  
glGenVertexArrays( 1, &vao );  
glBindVertexArray( vao );  
  
glEnableVertexAttribArray( 0 ); // first buffer: coordinates  
glBindBuffer( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, pos_buffer_id );  
glBufferData( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof_v, &v_data[0], GL_STATIC_DRAW );  
glVertexAttribPointer( 0, 2, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, 0, 0 );  
  
glEnableVertexAttribArray ( 1 ); // second buffer: colors  
glBindBuffer( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, color_buffer_id );  
glBufferData( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, sizeof_c, &c_data[0], GL_STATIC_DRAW );  
glVertexAttribPointer( 1, 4, GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE, GL_FALSE, 0, 0 );
```



OpenGL drawing 4/4

4) Send a draw call:

```
glUseProgram( shader_program_id ); // set shader program to use
```

```
//Sending uniforms to the GPU
```

```
//Note: this only has to be done again if the matrices change
```

```
glUniformMatrix4fv( proj_loc, 1, GL_FALSE, &proj_mat[0][0] );
```

```
glUniformMatrix4fv( view_loc, 1, GL_FALSE, &view_mat[0][0] );
```

```
glUniformMatrix4fv( model_loc, 1, GL_FALSE, &model_mat[0][0] );
```

```
glBindVertexArray( vao );
```

```
glDrawArrays( GL_TRIANGLES, 0, num_verts );
```



PA1

- In your first PA, you will use OpenGL's immediate mode to do some basic drawing, and freeglut to implement interactivity using callback functions.
- Instructions will be posted next Monday.
- We will use the modern shader-based approach from PA2 onwards.



More on OpenGL

- More sources of information on OpenGL:
 - Chapter 17 in our textbook (5th edition), "Using Graphics Hardware"
 - The OpenGL core specification and API reference card pdfs (in-depth)
 - OpenGL reference pages
(<https://registry.khronos.org/OpenGL-Refpages/gl4/>)
 - The OpenGL wiki
(<https://www.khronos.org/opengl/wiki>)

