Space shooting project description

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Introduction

This is a development of a simple computer game, space shooting, which covers all elements of OpenGL. This project is made by using C++ language in Visual Studio 2015. It is implemented by 15 classes including main class. In this game, it has three different types of enemies loaded with different objects and moving in in different ways: normal way, sine and cosine. The plane and enemies both can shoot bullets. I hardcode the 3D model directly in the source code instead of using 3D model object for the spaceship. For the enemies, I download assimp-3.2 and build it to get the built files, and assimp-vc130-mtd.lib in the VC library of Microsoft Visual Studio 14.0.

 Following lib have been used from openGL:

- GL/glew.h
- GL/glut.h
- GL/freeglut
- GL/gl.h
- SOIL
- ASSIMP

Programming description

It has 14 classes. Following are the brief description of which I implemented:

1. BattleField
   It is a class for making the valley and the route for enemies and plane moving. It use muti-texture so that the battlefield is 3-dimensional. I draw a landscape based on the geometry from the battlefield. Use multi-texturing to render two textures. One of the textures should be stretched across the landscape. The second texture should be stretched over a quad and repeated across the landscape. This texture will represent the details in the landscape. And then use a fragment shader for texturing. A height field is a texture that is used to store height values, which is used to generate a terrain. Use one of the textures to generate a landscape. Send the texture to a vertex shader that uses the pixel value to specify the height of the landscape. Use a color map for texturing of the landscape. Use vertex buffer object and the geometry from the battlefield implementation.

2. BitmapText
   A bitmap is a rectangular array of the values 0 and 1, which are used as a mask for drawing to a rectangular portion of the window.

3. Bullet
   Made two different types of bullets for spaceship and enemies. One is using glutSolidSphere and the other one is using GL_QUADS.

4. Camera
   It is a class given by teacher. Not too much changing in this class.

5. Enemy
    In this class, it has three different enemies moving in different ways. Each of the enemy has different route to move. Enemies are loaded by two different objects.

6. GameManager
    It is the engine of the game. It controls all the function here. Collision detection is also made here.

7. ParticleGenerator
    Make the particle. Put it behinds the plane as a jet.

8. Shader
    This is the class for loading shaders. Textures can be accessed in both vertex and fragment shaders.

9. Skybox
    Create a unit-sized cube and texture the cube with a cube map. Position the camera in the middle of the cube each frame. Disable depth test.

10. SpaceObjects
    It is a class for organize all the variables for different Objects such as Space ship, Bullet, Enemy etc.

11. SpaceShip
    It is a class for the plane. I hardcode the geometry of the plane.

12. Water
    I create a tessellated water surface that can be used for rendering of a water simulation. It is 128*512 here. Using shaders I made a dynamic water surface. Use environment mapping on the water surface so that it has refection. I use following wave equation:
    v.y = sin(waveWidth * v.x + waveTime) * cos(waveWidth * v.y + waveTime) * waveHeight

13. Main
    It is a class given by teacher. I modified some line to fulfill my willing. For example I changed the keypress space to send bullet instead of moving the camera down.

Game function

In this game, most functions work by keyboard. For moving the camera:

W-> watching forward;

S-> watching backward;

C-> watching up;

X-> watching down;

A-> watching left;

D-> watching right.

For moving the plane, we use the arrow keys.

↑ : moving up;

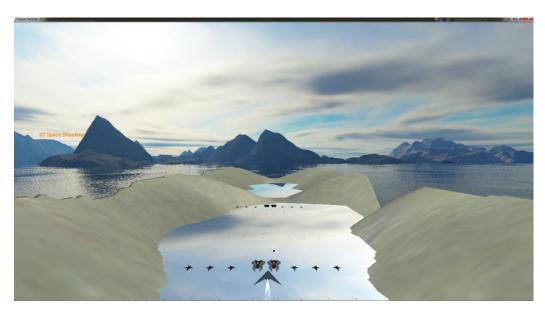↓ : moving down;

← : moving left;

→ : moving right;

Space key for sending bullets.

Future work

If I have time, I need to work on the playable quality. I is good to have the life bar for the plane and enemies so that it will show how long they will die. I also need to implement the text so that it will show the life number of the plane, the level of the game and so on. It will be good if I make the particle to show the explosion. Implement shadow mapping in the GameManager.

Project result overview

Here is the screenshot of the result.

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