Computer Graphics

Hierarchies of Objects

Modeling Complex Objects

- It is necessary to link or group pieces together into an object at times.
- An example of this would be a human limb. You rotate your shoulder and the arm rotates as well



How would you do this?

- Shoulder
 - Translate, Rotate
 - push Transformation
 - Draw upper arm
 - Elbow
 - Rotate
 - push Transformation
 - Draw Lower Arm
 - Wrist
 - Rotate
 - push Transformation
 - Draw Hand
 - pop Tranformation
 - pop Transformation
 - pop Transformation

Order is Important

- Note that we have arranged things so that the shoulder transformation stays in effect for the entire arm.
- The elbow transformation only affects the lower arm and hand
- The wrist transformation only affects the hand.
- We could continue on down to the individual fingers but you should get the idea.

A Simple Program To Demonstrate This

```
class Arm {
  private:
    double shoulderAngle, elbowAngle, wristAngle;
    unsigned int upperArm, lowerArm, hand;
public:
    Arm();
    void rotateShoulder ( double angle);
    void rotateElbow ( double angle);
    void rotateWrist ( double angle);
    void resetAngles();
    void draw ();
};
```

```
Arm::Arm( ) {
    shoulderAngle = 0.0;
    elbowAngle = 0.0;
    wristAngle = 0.0;
}
```

```
void Arm::draw ( )
{
    glPushMatrix();
    /*
        * Moving the shoulder (rotation)
        */
        glRotated(shoulderAngle, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
        glColor3d(1.0, 0.0, 0.0);
        glBegin( GL_LINES );
        glVertex3d( 0.0, 0.0, 0.0 );
        glVertex3d( 0.0, 10.0, 0.0);
        glEnd( );
        glPushMatrix( );
```

```
void Arm::rotateShoulder( double angle ) {
    shoulderAngle += angle;
}

void Arm::rotateElbow( double angle ) {
    elbowAngle += angle;
}

void Arm::rotateWrist ( double angle ) {
    wristAngle += angle;
}
```

```
display();

void display()
{
    // Display draws the arm with its hopefully
    revised position.
    glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT |
    GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);

glLoadIdentity();    // reset the transform
    glLinewidth(8.0);
    testobj.draw();
    glFlush();
    return;
}
```

```
menuHandler();

void menuHandler(int selection)
{
    // Handle the menu and update the angles
    // appropriately. The step size for rotations
    // is fixed for my convenience.

switch (selection) {
    case 1:
        testobj.rotateShoulder(-10.0);
        break;
    case 2:
        testobj.rotateShoulder(10.0);
        break;
    case 3:
        testobj.rotateElbow(-10.0);
        break;
```

Let's build a System For Complex Objects

- What do I mean by a "complex object"
 - Multiple pieces (at least possible)
 - There are possible translations at each "joint" between sections
 - Different types of objects not only predefined primitives and glut objects.
- The object is structured somewhat like a tree. A
 base object is the root, objects connected to the
 base object are the children, etc...

Using the STL

- STL Standard Template Library
- Has common data structures implemented as templates and able to be used.
 - List, Stack, Queue, Vector, Deque
 - Set, Map, Multiset, Hash
- The basic operations are there and available.

Our Base Class

- · Needs to allow transformations
- · Should allow for a draw routine
- Should allow at least some attributes to be set.
- Should allow attached objects to be added (children)
- · Should maintain state (pop/push)

Version 0.0

```
#ifndef __HIERARCHICALOBJECT_H_
#deffine __HIERARCHICALOBJECT_H_
#include "glut.h"
#include vlist> // STL list to hold subobjects
using namespace std;
class Hierarchicalobject;

class Hierarchicalobject {
protected:

public:
    Hierarchicalobject();
    void translate ( double dx, double dy, double dz);
    void translate ( double angle, double vx, double vy, double vz);
    void scale ( double sx, double sy, double sz);
    virtual void draw() = 0;
    addSubobject(HierarchicalObject *obj);
};
#endif
```

Needed Yet...

- · Routines for non-virtual functions
- Protected instance variables
- Attributes...

Protected Variables

double currentTransform[16];
list<hierarchicalObject *> subObjectList;

- The currentTransform will hold the current transformation (the result of all of the transforms on the current object) – We look at it as a 4x4 matrix but OpenGL stores it as a 16 element vector.
- subObjectList is a possibly empty list of objects that are connected to this object. I'm using pointers in this case to limit the problems with copying objects.

Constructor

```
HierarchicalObject::HierarchicalObject() {
    /* Sets the initial transform to the identity matrix.
    * In a finished version it would also initialize
    * any attributes.
    */
    int i;
    for (i = 0; i < 16; i++) {
        currentTransform[i] = 0.0;
    }
    for (i = 0; i < 16; i=i+5) {
        currentTransform[i] = 1.0;
    }
}</pre>
```

translate

scale

rotate

addSubObject

Now, lets inherit the class

```
Class lampBase: public HierarchicalObject {
    public:
        void draw();
};

void lampBase::draw()
{
    double angle;
    list<HierarchicalObject *>::iterator current;
    glPushMatrix();
    glPushMatrix();
    glPushAttrib(GL_ALL_ATTRIB_BITS);
    glMatrixd(currentTransformation);
    glColor3f(1.0, 1.0, 1.0);
    glBegin(GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP);
    for (angle = 0; angle < 2.0 * pi; angle += pi / 9) {
        glVertex3f(5.0*sin(angle), 0.0, 5.0 * cos(angle));
        glVertex3f(5.0*sin(angle), 0.5, 5.0 * cos(angle));
    }
    glEnd();
```

Why Trees of Objects?

- Often you have objects whose motion is linked together.
- Think of your arm If you move your upper arm the hand moves too!

Why build off the Hierarchy?

- Prototyping speed we don't have to make a lot of explicit connections.
- Generalization we have gotten rid of special cases…

Why not use the Hierarchy

- Speed I'm trying to be safe and sometimes that will affect speed.
- It may be tough to do many things hard to plan for everything.
- Size This isn't going to be small when talking about either code size or executable size.

What's posted

- What we are going to post is a version of this based off of last years.
- Corrections include a few more checks and balances.
- · Has some attributes built in.
- · Going to animate the infamous lamp.

Additions to Classes

- Among the additions to the existing classes we should add:
 - Materials (so that objects can be shaded appropriately)
 - Polygonal objects objects made up of polygons for more complex objects.
 - Display lists to hold the items