CS 402:
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Lecture Notes 04:

OpenGL Overview

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OpenGL Overview

- Graphics SW/HW
- What is OpenGL?
- OpenGL Naming Notations
- OpenGL Programming Overview
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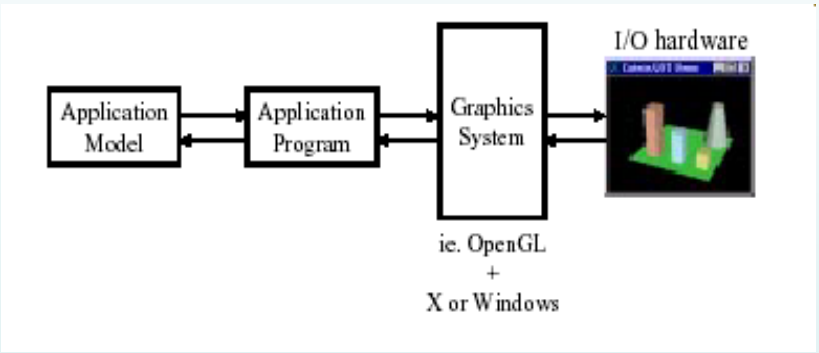
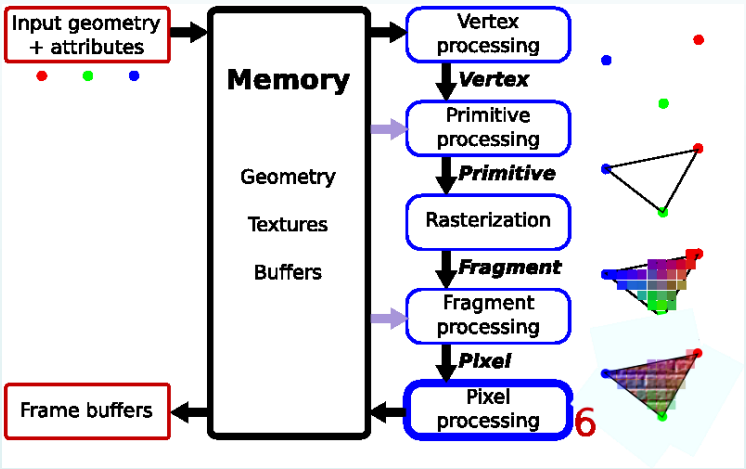
- **Readings**: See OpenGL resources at the end of this lecture notes.

Graphics SW/HW

Overview of a SW Graphics application

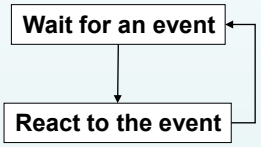


OpenGL Pipeline



Interactive Programming

- **Interactive programs are event driven**



  - **What are events?**
    - Mouse Click, double click, hover, etc.
    - Button pressed
    - Time elapsed

What is OpenGL?

- **OpenGL: Open Graphics Library**
  - the premier environment for developing portable, interactive 2D and 3D graphics applications.
  - Since its introduction in 1992, OpenGL has become the industry's most widely used and supported 2D and 3D graphics application programming interface (API), bringing thousands of applications to a wide variety of computer platforms.
  - fosters innovation and speeds application development by incorporating a broad set of rendering, texture mapping, special effects, and other powerful visualization functions.

What is OpenGL?

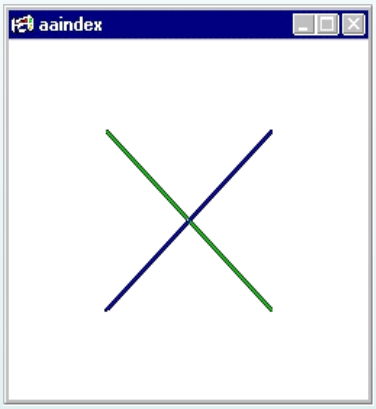
- A software interface to graphics hardware.
  - Contains routines that can be used to specify objects and operation needed to produce 3D application.
- Platform independent
  - No support for window tasks (see GLUT).
  - Use geometric primitives to construct 3D models (objects).

What is GLUT?

- GLUT: OpenGL Utility Toolkit
  - A Graphics library that handle window tasks
    - Create windows
    - detect user input (Keyboard strokes, mouse clicks)
  - Also contains some complex 3D shapes.
    - A sphere, a torus, and a teapot

OpenGL Examples

- Some examples of OpenGL graphics



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- OpenGl is a library of functions (Not OOP):
  - Function names:
    - Begins with gl .
    - Each component word start with capital letter.
    - Some functions require constant arguments.
  - Examples:
    - glClear()
    - glClearColor()

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- **Basic Constants:**
  - Starts with GL
  - Component words are written in Capital letters and separated by underscore (_).
  - Examples:
    - GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT
    - GL_RGB
    - GL_PROJECTION
    - GL_POINTS
    - GL_LINES

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The OpenGL Library Setup:

glut.h → %VSDir%\...\..\VC98\include\GL

glut32.lib → %VSDir%\...\..\VC98\lib

glut32.dll → %Windows%\System

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```
#include <GL/glut.h>
void display()
{
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
    glBegin(GL_POLYGON);
        glVertex2f(-0.5, -0.5);
        glVertex2f(-0.5, 0.5);
        glVertex2f(0.5, 0.5);
        glVertex2f(0.5, -0.5);
    glEnd();
    glFlush();
}
int main(int argc, char** argv)
{
    glutInit(&argc,argv);
    glutCreateWindow("CS454 First OGL Program");
    glutDisplayFunc(display);
    GlutMainLoop();
}
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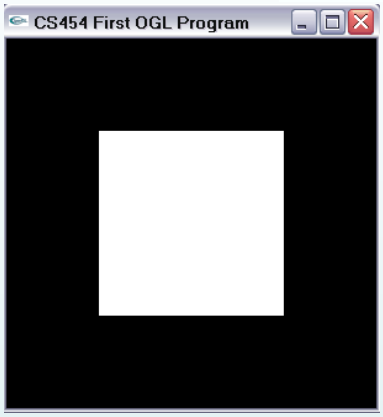

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void glutInit(int argc, char **argv)

- Initializes GLUT and should be called before any OpenGL functions: glutInit() takes the arguments from main() and can use them in an implementation dependent manner.

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int glutCreateWindow(*char title)

- Creates a window on the screen with the title given by the argument.
- The function returns an integer that can be used to refer to the window in multiwindow situations.

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void glutDisplayFunc(void (*func) (void))

- The function func() is called each time there is a display callback.

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void glutMainLoop()

- Causes the program to enter an event-processing loop.
- This statement should be the last one in the main() function.

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void glVertex{234}{sifd}(TYPE xcoordinate, TYPE ycoordinate,....)

void glVertex{234}{sifd}v(TYPE *coordinates)

- Specifies the location of a vertex in 2, 3, or 4 dimensions with the types short (s), int (i), float (f), or double (d).
- If v is present, coordinates is a pointer to an array of the type specified;
  - e.g., glVertex2fv(p) specifies a vertex at the first two locations of an array of floats, that is, (p[0], p[1]).

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void glBegin(GLenum mode)

- Specifies the beginning of an object of type mode. Modes include **GL_POINTS**, **GL_LINES**, and **GL_POLYGON**.

void glEnd()

- Specifies the end of a list of vertices.

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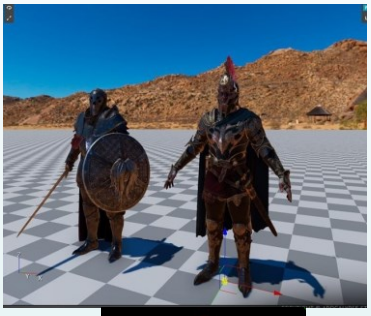
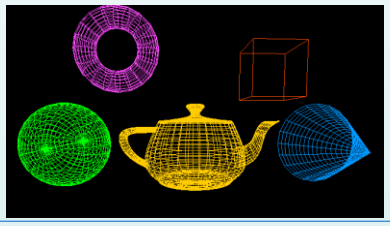
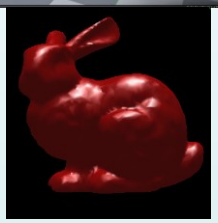
void glClear(GLbitfield mask)

- Clears all buffers whose bits are set in mask.
- The mask is formed by the logical OR of values defined in gl.h. **GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT** refers to the color buffer.

void glFlush()

- Forces OpenGL commands to execute.

What can we do with OpenGL?

OpenGL Resources

- **OpenGL Tutorial:**
  - https://www.opengl-tutorial.org/beginners-tutorials/
- **OpenGL in One Lecture:**
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45MIykWJ-C4
- **Every thing about OpenGL in a 31-Lectures:**
  - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3gAzLwfIP0&list=PLlrATfBNZ98foTJPJ_Ev03o2oq3-GGOS2&index=1
- **OpenGL Projects:**
  - https://www.codeproject.com/Articles/1186329/OpenGL-MFC-Projects-in-One

Practice OpenGL and Have Fun!