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3D Graphics Programming Tools

OpenGL: Events and Animation

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Objectives

- Event-driven input
- Introduce double buffering for smooth animations
- Programming event input with GLUT
- Learn to build interactive programs using GLUT callbacks
 - Mouse
 - Keyboard
 - Reshape
- Introduce menus in GLUT



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Event Mode

- Most systems have more than one input device, each of which can be triggered at an arbitrary time by a user
- Each trigger generates an *event* whose measure is put in an *event queue* which can be examined by the user program



Event Types

- Window: resize, expose, iconify
- Mouse: click one or more buttons
- Motion: move mouse
- Keyboard: press or release a key
- Idle: nonevent
 - Define what should be done if no other event is in the queue

Callbacks

- Programming interface for event-driven input
- Define a *callback function* for each type of event the graphics system recognizes
- This user-supplied function is executed when the event occurs
- GLUT example:
glutMouseFunc (mymouse)

mouse callback function



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GLUT callbacks

GLUT recognizes a subset of the events recognized by any particular window system (Windows, X, Macintosh)

-glutDisplayFunc
-glutIdleFunc
-glutMouseFunc
-glutMotionFunc, glutPassiveMotionFunc
-glutKeyboardFunc, glutKeyboardUpFunc
glutSpecialFunc, glutSpecialUpFunc
-glutReshapeFunc



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GLUT Event Loop

- Recall that the last line in `main` for a program using GLUT must be

`glutMainLoop();`

which puts the program in an infinite event loop

- In each pass through the event loop, GLUT
 - looks at the events in the queue
 - for each event in the queue, GLUT executes the appropriate callback function if one is defined
 - if no callback is defined for the event, the event is ignored

main

```
int main (int argc, char** argv) {  
    glutInit (&argc, argv);  
    glutInitWindowSize (ww, wh);  
    glutInitDisplayMode (GLUT_SINGLE | GLUT_RGB);  
    glutCreateWindow ("interactive");  
    myinit ();  
    glutReshapeFunc (myreshape);  
    glutMouseFunc (mymouse);  
    glutDisplayFunc (mydisplay);  
    glutMainLoop ();  
}
```

The display callback

- The display callback is executed whenever GLUT determines that the window should be refreshed, for example
 - When the window is first opened
 - When the window is reshaped
 - When a window is exposed
 - When the user program decides it wants to change the display (i.e. draw)
- In **main**
 - `glutDisplayFunc(mydisplay)` identifies the function to be executed
 - Every GLUT program must have a display callback

Posting redispays

- Many events may invoke the display callback function
 - Can lead to multiple executions of the display callback on a single pass through the event loop
- We can avoid this problem by instead using `glutPostRedisplay();` which sets a flag.
- GLUT checks to see if the flag is set at the end of the event loop
- If set then the display callback function is executed

Animating a Display

- When we redraw the display through the display callback, we usually start by clearing the window
 - `glClear()`

then draw the altered display

- Problem: the drawing of information in the frame buffer is decoupled from the display of its contents
 - Hence we can see partially drawn displays

Double Buffering

- Instead of one color buffer, we use two
 - **Front Buffer**: one that is displayed but not written to
 - **Back Buffer**: one that is written to but not displayed
- Program must request a double buffer in main
 - `glutInitDisplayMode(GL_RGB | GL_DOUBLE)`
- At the end of the display callback, buffers are swapped

```
void mydisplay()  
{  
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);  
  
    /* draw graphics here */  
  
    glutSwapBuffers()  
}
```

Using the idle callback

- The idle callback is executed whenever there are no events in the event queue

`-glutIdleFunc(myidle)`

- Useful for animations

```
void myidle() {
    /* change something */
    t += dt
    glutPostRedisplay();
}

void mydisplay() {
    glClear();
    /* draw something that depends on t */
    glutSwapBuffers();
}
```



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Using globals

- The form of all GLUT callbacks is fixed
 - void mydisplay()
 - void mymouse(GLint button, GLint state, GLint x, GLint y)
- Must use globals to pass information to callbacks

```
float t; /*global */

void mydisplay()
{
    /* draw something that depends on t */
}
```



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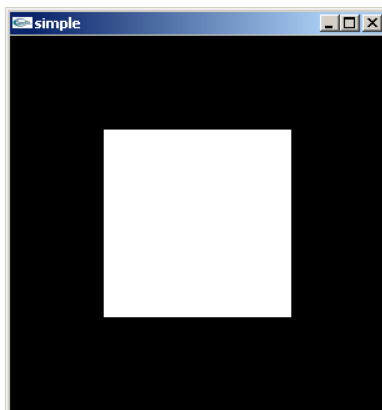
Using globals

```
float    t;
GLfloat pos[3];

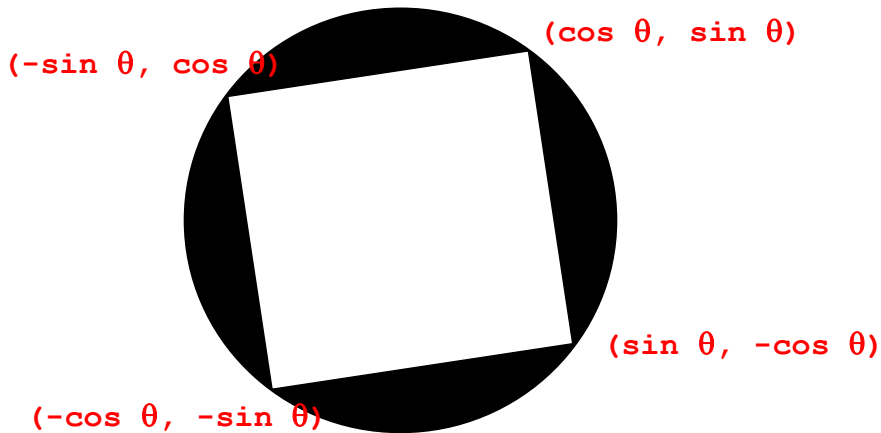
void myidle() {
    /* change something */
    t += dt;
    pos[0] = 0; pos[1] = 0; pos[3] = t;
    glutPostRedisplay();
}

void mydisplay() {
    glClear();
    /* draw something at position pos */
    glutSwapBuffers();
}
```

E.g. Rotating a square



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```
#include <math.h>
#define DEGREES_TO_RADIANS 3.14159/180.0
GLfloat theta = 0.0;
GLfloat a, b;

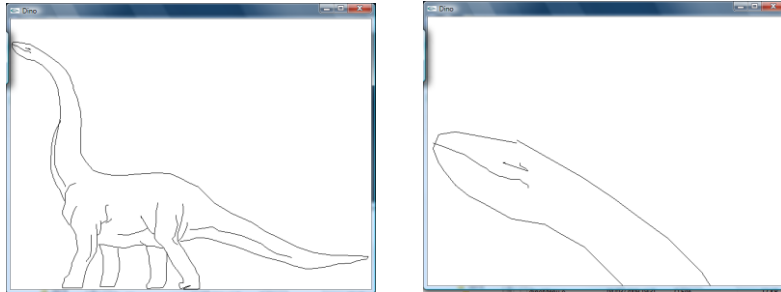
void myidle() {
    theta = theta + 5.0;
    if (theta > 360.0) theta = theta - 360.0;
    a = 0.5 * cos(DEGREES_TO_RADIANS * theta);
    b = 0.5 * sin(DEGREES_TO_RADIANS * theta);
    glutPostRedisplay();
}

void square() {
    glBegin(GL_QUADS);
        glVertex2f(a, b);
        glVertex2f(-b, a);
        glVertex2f(-a, -b);
        glVertex2f(b, -a);
    glEnd();
}

void mydisplay() {
    glClear (GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
    square();
    glutSwapBuffers ();
}
```

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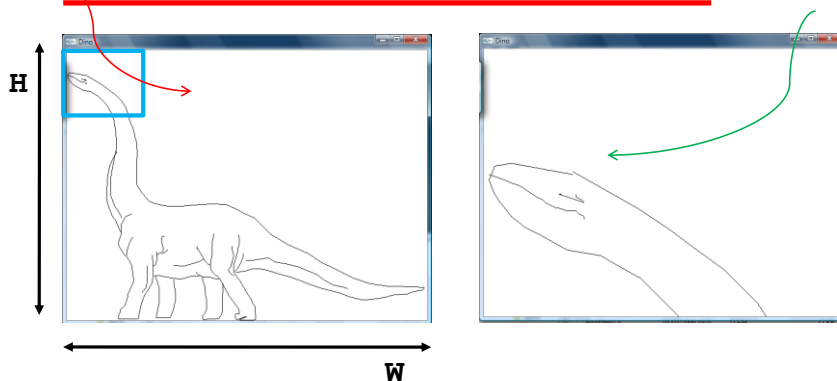
E.g. Zooming and animation



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```
gluOrtho2D(0.0, 640.0, 0.0, 480.0);  
gluOrtho2D(0.0, (640.0)/5, (4*480.0)/5, 480.0);
```



```
gluOrtho2D (0, W*zoom, H*(1-zoom), H);
```

```
0.2 <= zoom <= 1.0
```

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E.g. Zooming and animation

```
GLdouble zoom = 1.0;

void myidle() {
    if (zoom > 0.2) zoom -= 0.0005;
    glutPostRedisplay();
}

void mydisplay() {
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
    gluOrtho2D(0, W*zoom, H*(1-zoom), H);
    drawDinosaur ...
    glutSwapBuffers();
}
```



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The mouse callback

glutMouseFunc (mymouse)

void mymouse(GLint button, GLint state, GLint x, GLint y)

- Returns

- which button (GLUT_LEFT_BUTTON, GLUT_MIDDLE_BUTTON, GLUT_RIGHT_BUTTON) caused event
- state of that button (GLUT_UP, GLUT_DOWN)
- Position in window



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Terminating a program

- In our original programs, there was no way to terminate them through OpenGL
- We can use a simple mouse callback

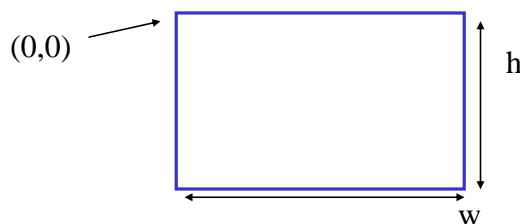
```
void mouse(int btn, int state, int x, int y)
{
    if(btn==GLUT_RIGHT_BUTTON && state==GLUT_DOWN)
        exit(0);
}
```

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Positioning



- The position in the screen window is usually measured in pixels with the origin at the top-left corner
 - Consequence of refresh done from top to bottom
- OpenGL uses a world coordinate system with origin at the bottom left
 - Must invert y coordinate returned by callback by height of window
 - $y = h - y$;



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Obtaining the window size

- To invert the y position we need the window height
 - The height can change during program execution
 - It must be tracked using a global variable
 - The new height is returned by the reshape callback (that we will look at in detail soon)
 - We can also use query functions
 - `glGetIntegerv`
 - `glGetFloatv`
- to obtain any value that is part of the state

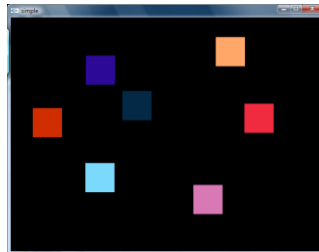
Obtaining the window size

```
glInt viewport[4];  
glGetIntegerv (GL_VIEWPORT, viewport);
```

- `viewport[0] = x`
- `viewport[1] = y`
- `viewport[2] = width`
- `viewport[3] = height`

Using the mouse position

- In the next example, we draw a small square at the location of the mouse each time the left mouse button is clicked.



Drawing squares at cursor location

```
void mymouse(int btn, int state, int x, int y)
{
    if(btn==GLUT_RIGHT_BUTTON && state==GLUT_DOWN)
        exit(0);
    if(btn==GLUT_LEFT_BUTTON && state==GLUT_DOWN)
        drawSquare(x, y);
}

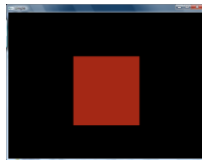
void drawSquare(int x, int y)
{
    y = h - y; /* invert y position */
    glColor3ub( (char)rand()%256, (char)rand()%256,
                (char)rand()%256); /* a random color */

    glBegin(GL_POLYGON);
        glVertex2f(x+size, y+size);
        glVertex2f(x-size, y+size);
        glVertex2f(x-size, y-size);
        glVertex2f(x+size, y-size);
    glEnd();
}
```

Using the motion callback

- We can draw squares (or anything else) continuously as long as a mouse button is depressed by using the motion callback

`-glutMotionFunc (drawSquare)`



Drawing squares continuously

```
GLint xx = 0;
GLint yy = 0;

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    ...
    glutDisplayFunc(mydisplay);
    glutMouseFunc(mymouse);
    glutMotionFunc(drawSquare);
    ...
}

void mydisplay() {
}
```

Drawing squares continuously

```
void mymouse(int btn, int state, int x, int y)
{
    GLint viewport[4];
    glGetIntegerv (GL_VIEWPORT, viewport);
    if(btn==GLUT_LEFT_BUTTON && state==GLUT_DOWN)
    {
        glColor3ub((char)rand()%256,
                   (char)rand()%256,
                   (char)rand()%256);
        xx = x;
        yy = viewport[3] - y;
    }
}
```



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Drawing squares continuously

```
void drawSquare(int x, int y) {
    GLint viewport[4];
    glGetIntegerv (GL_VIEWPORT, viewport);
    y = viewport[3] - y; /* invert y position */
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
    glBegin(GL_POLYGON);
        glVertex2i(xx, yy);
        glVertex2i(x, yy);
        glVertex2i(x, y);
        glVertex2i(xx, y);
    glEnd();
    glFlush();
}
```



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Using the passive motion callback

- We can draw without depressing a button using the passive motion callback

`-glutPassiveMotionFunc(drawPath)`



Using the keyboard

`glutKeyboardFunc(mykey)`

`void mykey(unsigned char key,
 int x, int y)`

- Returns ASCII code of key depressed and mouse location

```
void mykey(unsigned char key, int x, int y)
{
    if(key == 'Q' | key == 'q')
        exit(0);
}
```

Moving the squares with the arrow keys

```
void mykey(unsigned char key, int x, int y)
{
    switch (key) {
        case KEY_LEFTARROW:
            chpos[0] = 1; // set a flag that is used in the idle function to change the position
            break;
        case KEY_RIGHTARROW:
            chpos[0] = -1;
            break;
        case KEY_Q:
            exit(0);
        default:
            printf('Key %d is not defined\n', key);
    }
}

int main(){
    glutKeyboardFunc(mykey);
    glutKeyboardUpFunc(mykeyup); // this is called when a key is depressed
}
```

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Special and Modifier Keys

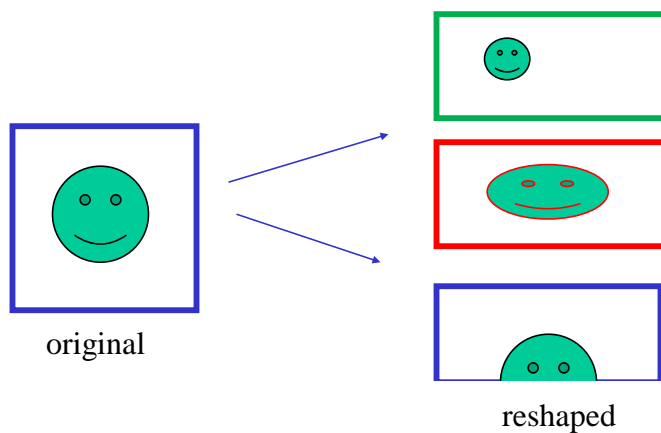
- GLUT defines special keys in `glut.h`
 - Function key 1: `GLUT_KEY_F1`
 - Up arrow key: `GLUT_KEY_UP`
 - `if(key == 'GLUT_KEY_F1'`
- Uses `glutSpecialFunc` and `glutSpecialUpFunc` for the callbacks
- Can also check if one of the modifiers
 - `GLUT_ACTIVE_SHIFT`
 - `GLUT_ACTIVE_CTRL`
 - `GLUT_ACTIVE_ALT`is depressed by
`glutGetModifiers()`

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Reshaping the window

- We can reshape and resize the OpenGL display window by pulling the corner of the window
- What happens to the display?
 - It must be redrawn

Reshape possibilities



The Reshape callback

glutReshapeFunc (myreshape)

void myreshape(int w, int h)

- Returns width and height of new window (in pixels)
- A redisplay is posted automatically at the end of the execution of the callback
- GLUT has a default reshape callback but you probably want to define your own ...
- Note: the reshape callback is a good place to put viewing functions because it is invoked when the window is first opened

Example Reshape

- This reshape preserves shapes by making the viewport and world window have the same aspect ratio

```
void myReshape(int w, int h)
{
    glViewport(0, 0, w, h);
    glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION); /* switch matrix mode */
    glLoadIdentity();
    if (w <= h)
        gluOrtho2D(-2.0, 2.0, -2.0 * (GLfloat) h / (GLfloat) w,
                    2.0 * (GLfloat) h / (GLfloat) w);
    else
        gluOrtho2D(-2.0 * (GLfloat) w / (GLfloat) h, 2.0 *
                    (GLfloat) w / (GLfloat) h, -2.0, 2.0);
    glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW); /* return to modelview mode */
}
```

Toolkits and Widgets

- Most window systems provide a toolkit or library of functions for building user interfaces that use special types of windows called *widgets*
- Widget sets include tools such as
 - Menus
 - Slidebars
 - Dials
 - Input boxes
- But toolkits tend to be platform dependent
- GLUT provides just a few widgets including menus



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Menus

- GLUT supports pop-up menus
 - A menu can have submenus
- Three steps
 - Define entries for the menu
 - Define action for each menu item
 - Action is carried out if the entry is selected
 - Attach menu to a mouse button

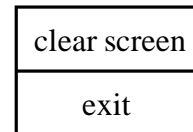


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Defining a simple menu

- In `main.c`

```
menu_id = glutCreateMenu(mymenu);  
glutAddMenuEntry("clear Screen", 1);  
  
glutAddMenuEntry("exit", 2);  
  
glutAttachMenu(GLUT_RIGHT_BUTTON);
```



entries that appear when
right button depressed

identifiers

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Menu actions

- Menu callback

```
void mymenu(int id)  
{  
    if(id == 1) glClear();  
    if(id == 2) exit(0);  
}
```

- Note each menu has an id that is returned when it is created

- Add submenus by

```
glutAddSubMenu(char *submenu_name, submenu id)
```

entry in parent menu

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Other functions in GLUT

- Dynamic Windows
 - Create and destroy during execution
- Subwindows
- Multiple Windows
- Changing callbacks during execution
- Timers
- Portable fonts
 - `glutBitmapCharacter`
 - `glutStrokeCharacter`