

GLUT

Tips and Tricks

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GLUT Code Organization

Keep you main() simple!

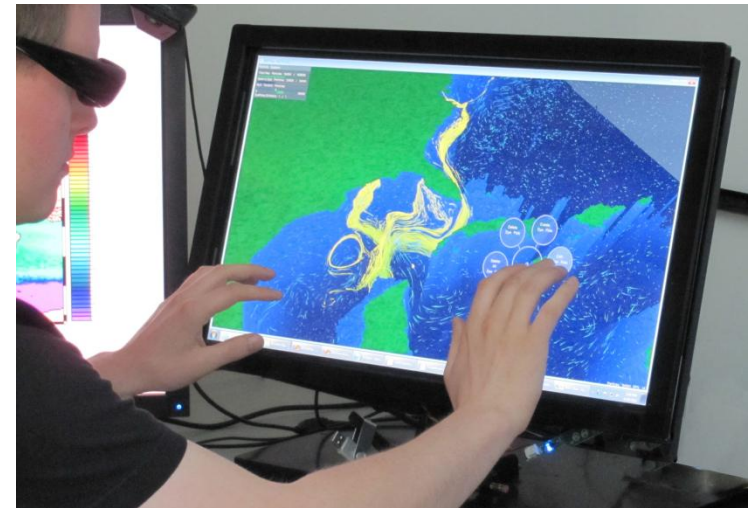
```
int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    glutInit(&argc, argv);
    if (STEREO_MODE)
        glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_DOUBLE | GLUT_RGBA | GLUT_DEPTH | GLUT_STENCIL | GLUT_STEREO);
    else
        glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_DOUBLE | GLUT_RGBA | GLUT_DEPTH | GLUT_STENCIL);

    glutInitWindowSize(1906, 1002);
    glutInitWindowPosition(0, 0);
    glutCreateWindow("SMT Flow - Feb 7th 2011");
    init();

    glutIdleFunc(idle);
    glutReshapeFunc(reshape);
    glutDisplayFunc(display);
    glutKeyboardFunc(keyboard);
    glutMouseFunc(mouseSelection);
    glutMotionFunc(motionFunc);

    glutMainLoop();

    return 0;
}
```



```
void init(void)
{
    leftMouseDown = false;
    rightMouseDown = false;

    srand(time(NULL));
    settings = new Settings();
    dataset = new NCDFdata(settings);

    glClearColor(MAIN_BACKGROUND_COLOR, 1.0);
    glEnable(GL_DEPTH_TEST);
    glPolygonMode(GL_FRONT_AND_BACK, GL_FILL);
    glEnable(GL_NORMALIZE);
    //glEnable(GL_LIGHTING);
    glEnable(GL_BLEND);
    // glShadeModel(GL_SMOOTH);
}
```

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Keep display() understandable

```
void display()
{
    //update animations
    calcAnimations();

    //set up camera, etc
    glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);
    glPushMatrix();
    glLoadIdentity();
    glOrtho(0.0, glutGet(GLUT_WINDOW_WIDTH), 0.0, glutGet(GLUT_WINDOW_HEIGHT), -1.0, 1.0);
    glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
    glPushMatrix();
    glLoadIdentity();

    //draw scene
    drawScene();
    //draw overlay
    drawOverlay();

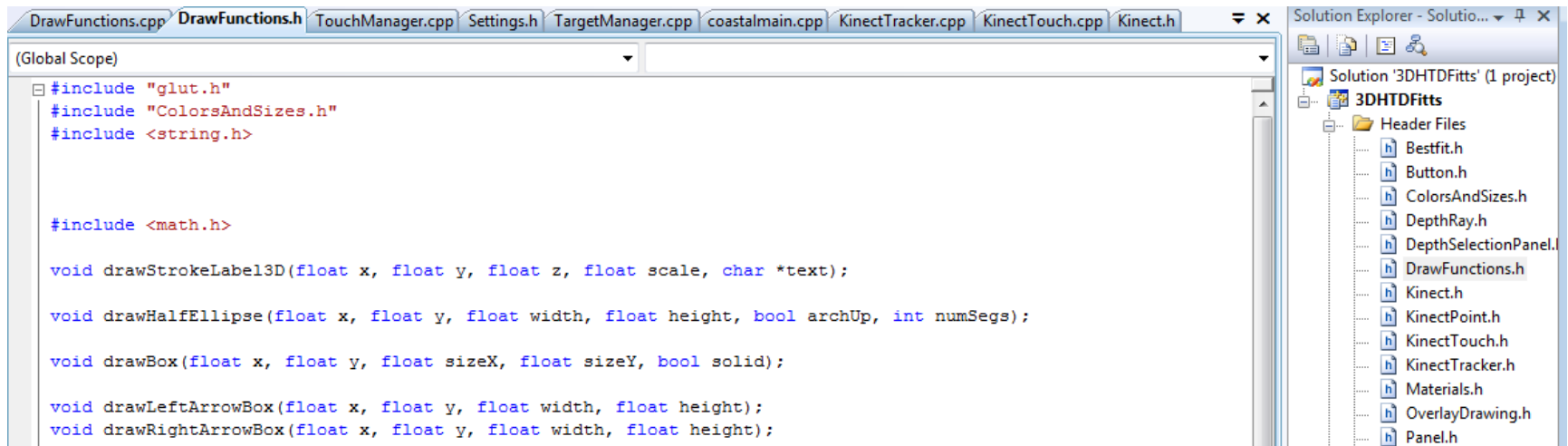
    //swap buffers
    glutSwapBuffers();

} //end display()
```

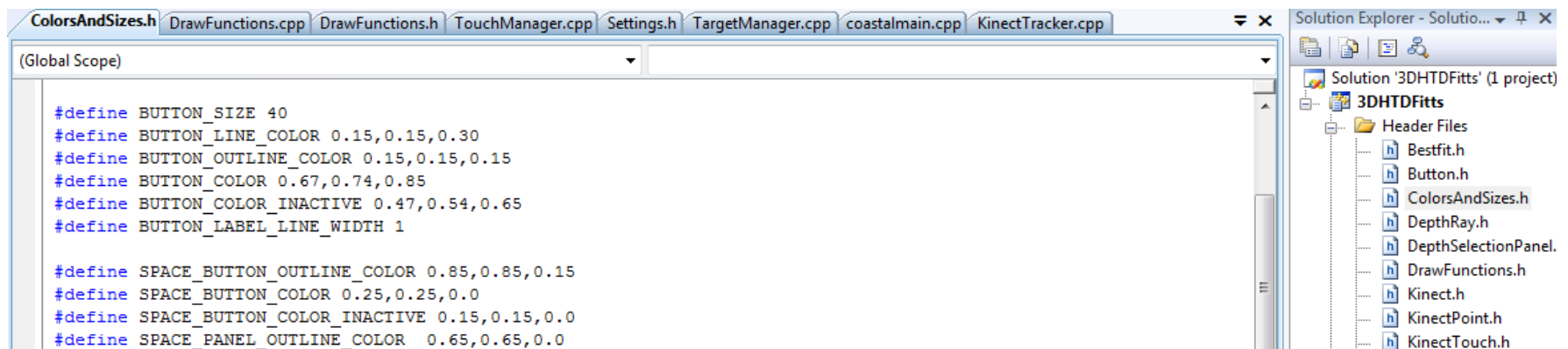
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Organize your drawing functions

Save flexible functions for reuse later:



Use `#define`'s to adjust look and feel across entire program(s):



Misc GLUT tips & tricks

To get current window size:

```
glutGet(GLUT_WINDOW_WIDTH);
```

```
glutGet(GLUT_WINDOW_HEIGHT);
```

Misc GLUT tips & tricks

Get the vertical transformation out of the way first.

```
void mouseSelection(int button, int state, int x, int y)
{
    y = glutGet(GLUT_WINDOW_HEIGHT) - y;
```

```
    if (state == GLUT_UP && button == GLUT_WHEEL_UP)
    {
        //zoom in
        settings->camera->MoveForward(settings->camera->moveSpeed*10);
        zoomIn = true;
    }
    else if (state == GLUT_UP && button == GLUT_WHEEL_DOWN)
    {
        //zoom out
        settings->camera->MoveBackward(settings->camera->moveSpeed*10);
        zoomIn = false;
    }
}
```

How to use mouse scroll wheel:

Misc GLUT tips & tricks

For arrow keys, function keys, etc:

`glutSpecialFunc(special);`

```
void special (int key, int x, int y)
{
    if (key == GLUT_KEY_LEFT)
        //do left behavior
    if (key == GLUT_KEY_RIGHT)
        //do right behavior
    if (key == GLUT_KEY_UP)
        //do up behavior
    if (key == GLUT_KEY_DOWN)
        //do down behavior
    glutPostRedisplay();
}
```

Misc GLUT tips & tricks

Escape key = 27 in ASCII:

```
void keyboard (unsigned char key, int x, int y)
{
    if (key == 27) //escape key
        exit(0);
}
```


Controlling Redrawing

Do Not: Call `display()` directly
(redundant draws!)

Do: Call: `glutPostRedisplay()`
Sets a “window needs redrawn” flag
Multiple calls only redraws once

Call `glutPostRedisplay()`:

- at the end of mouse & keyboard callbacks
- in your `idle()` function, or...
- in your `timer()` function.....

Controlling Redrawing - Timer

glutIdleFunc():

- Hogs processor power (even when minimized!)
- Sometime a certain max frame rate limit desired
- Smoother animation possible

glutTimerFunc():

- Add small timer function, which just calls glutPostRedisplay():

```
void timer(int id)
{
    glutPostRedisplay();
}
```

- Then set the timer at the very end of your display function:

```
glutSwapBuffers();
glutTimerFunc( 33, timer, 0);

} //end display
```

Minimum #
of milliseconds
until timer called

ms	fps
10	100
16.6	60
33.3	30
50	20

Smooth Animations

Animating a set amount each frame is bad!

- Frame rate determines speed of object
- IdleFunc can lead to varying speeds, incompatibility between systems
- Even TimerFunc does not guarantee set frame rate

E.g. if you move ball 1 pixel every frame, what seems like a good speed on your laptop, might be unplayably fast on the grader's desktop.

Smooth Animations

Use system time to interpolate:

- Windows: GetTickCount() returns time in milliseconds since boot

#include "Windows.h"

- Linux's equivalent is: gettimeofday()

```
float lastUpdate;

void calcAnimation()
{
    float now = GetTickCount();
    float since = now - lastUpdate;
    if (since > 20) //optional update rate clamp, here it won't update more than 50Hz
    {
        object.x += object.dx * (since * 0.001); //if dx is units/sec, we convert ms to s
        object.y += object.dy * (since * 0.001);
        lastUpdate = now;
    }
}

void display()
{
    calcAnimation();

    //draw scene
}

void init()
{
    lastUpdate = GetTickCount();
}
```

Area Threshold: [500]

of Change Points Threshold: [9]

☐ None ☒ 2002 ☐ 2003
☒ Draw Interstates ☒ Draw Thoroughfares
☒ Draw Streets
☒ Draw County Boundary
☐ Plot 2002 Building Permits
☐ Plot 2003 Building Permits
☒ Plot 2004 Building Footprints

☒ 3D Mode ☐ Map Mode

