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Final Project

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Design -- Classes, Variables, and Methods

- `blocks[]` - array of types of blocks, containing a static draw index as well as the width, height and length of block.
- `objects[]` - contains regular shaped blocks, for easy binding.
- `MatrixStack` - provides ability to push/pop, rotate, scale, and translate matrices.
- `MouseWheelHandler(e)` - sets translation in z-direction based on mouse scroll.
- `toggleScroll()` - enable/disable z-translation based on mouse scroll.
- `box(width, height, length)` - returns a box with given dimensions, in same format as `basic-object-models-IFS.js`
- `drawTexturedPrimitive(primitiveType, texCoords, vertices, drawMethod)` - draw a primitive with the current texture.
- `drawTextureRectangle(width, height, texNum, stretch)` - draws a rectangle using texture number `texNum`. If `stretch` is true it will stretch the texture to fit the surface.
- `drawBox(width, height, length, color)` - draws a box with color, without lighting.
- `drawSpecularObject(object, diffuseColor)` - draws the given object with the given diffuse color, using an element vertex buffer.
- `move(cols, rows)` - translates the current matrix by peg size (a peg is the 'knob' on a block and surrounding space).
- `elevateBy(height)` - translates current matrix in y-direction.
- `drawPegs(onBlock, color)` - given an object, will draw a grid of pegs on top of that object in given color.
- `drawBlock(blockNum, color)` - uses `blockNum` as an index to `object[]` and draws that block (with pegs at the top) at the current location.
- `drawE(color)`, `drawLadder(color)`, `drawFlower(color)`, `drawDoor(color)`, `drawWindow(color)`, `drawBlockCircle(color)`, `drawBlockHC(color)`, `drawBlockArch(color)`, `drawDog()`, `drawFence()` - these draw all the special kinds of blocks by series of translations, rotations, and scales. They all return the `currentMatrix` back to normal once complete.
- `toggleDoor()`, `toggleWindow()`, `toggleLadder()`, `toggleExplode()` - alternates animations for movable objects in the scene.
- `handleExplode()` - gradually changes the height of space in between layers of blocks. (my favorite)
- `draw()` - sets up the model view matrix and then draws the scene.
- `loadTexture(url, textureUnit, textureObj)` - loads an image into a texture slot on GPU.
- `installModel(modelData)` - binds given object to an array buffer and sends vertex and vertex normals to GPU (uses `STATIC_DRAW`)
- `initGL()` - handle basic initialization of WebGL, including three shader programs.

- `init()` - initializes the canvas and adds all event listeners.
- `doKey(evt)` - handles keyboard responses
- `frame()` - enables animation by increasing a frame number and requesting a new frame.

User's Guide

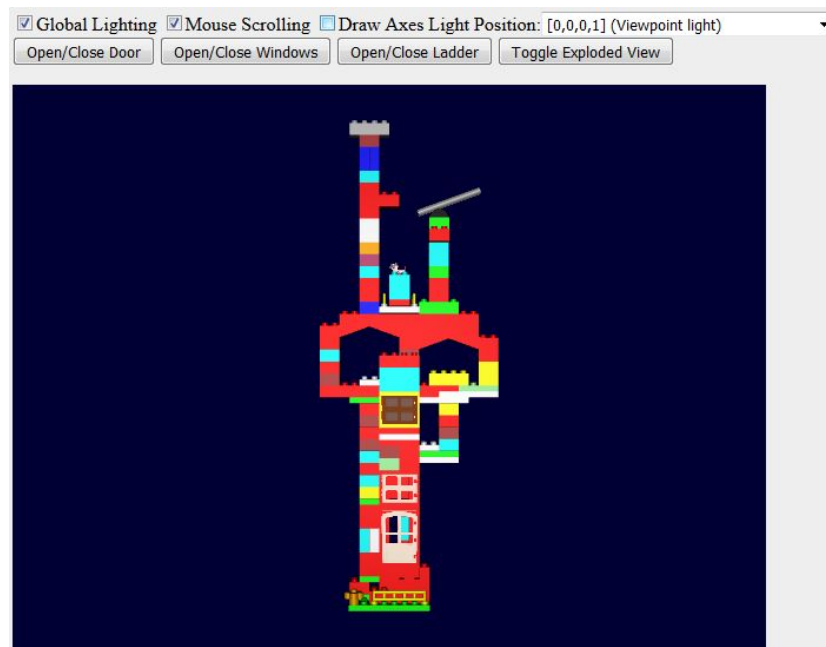
--How To Run The Project

- Open "public_html\index.html" with a web browser.

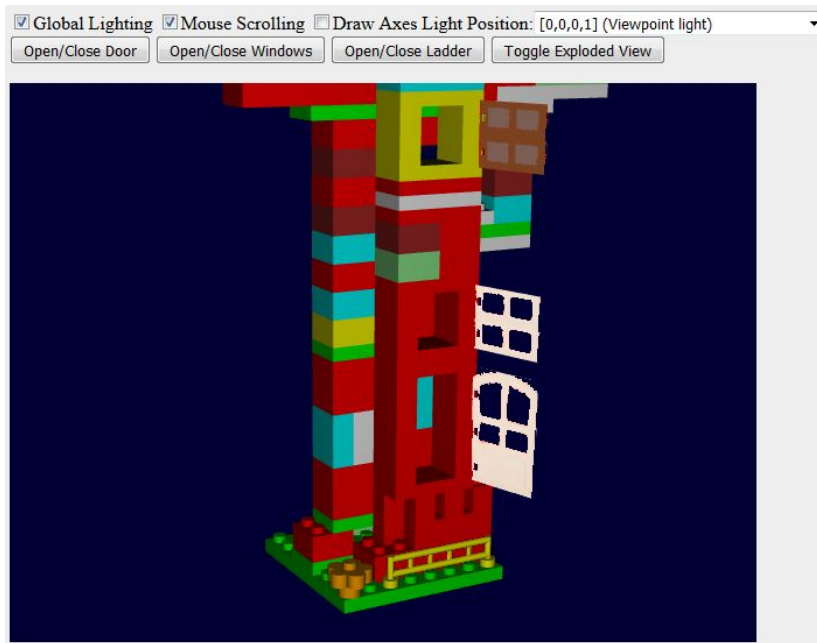
--Special Features

- Enable/disable lighting
- Enable/disable mouse scrolling
- Open/close door and windows
- Exploded view

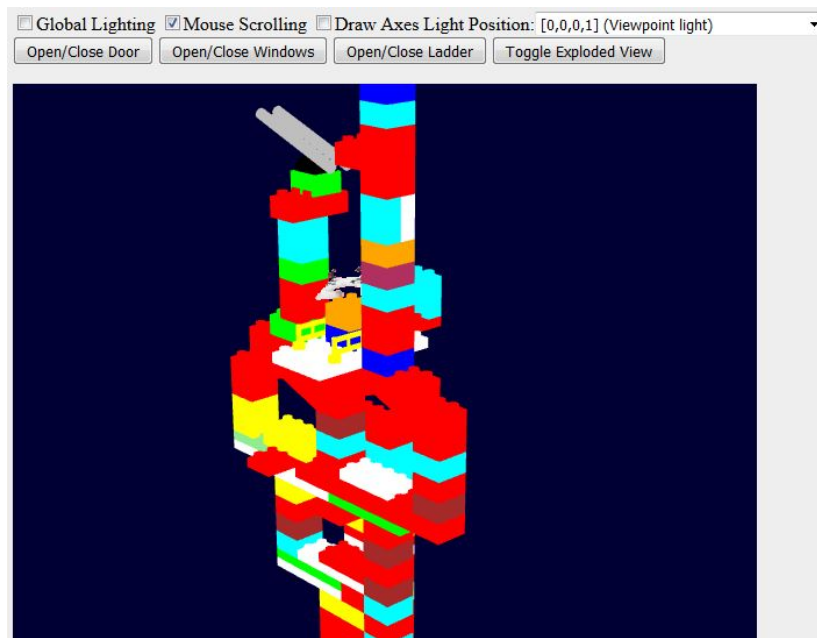
--Screen Shots



(default view)



(doors and windows open)



(global lighting disabled)



(light from above)



(exploded view)

Test Plan

--Test Package

- The test package is located in the "Young_Jesse_Final_Project \test" folder.

--Expectations

- Draw a 3D tower of LEGOs, designed by my son. Should allow the user basic interaction and use different light sources as well as some extra functionality.

Lessons Learned

--Memories of Work

This was one of my favorite projects. First of all I have to mention that the inspiration for this project came from my son, Mason. He built a LEGO tower on the living room floor and I just had to try to create it myself. I included a picture of his creation below the references section.

I have to admit I was a little lost for a while on this one too. The implementation of the vertex and fragment shaders had me pulling out my hair. I couldn't figure out how to use more than one shader so I scoured through the example code and eventually found some good starting points.

I had a difficult time implementing the element array buffer as well, the example that I started from only had one shader program so it did not explain how to use multiple shader programs with element array buffers. Also, I didn't understand why there was a single element array buffer. It took a lot of tinkering but eventually I had a breakthrough and things made a lot more sense. It's funny how much easier it is to read code than the textbook!

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The Original LEGO Tower, by Mason Young

