

# OpenGL Lighting

## Complete guide for Section 9 + Lab 3

Includes: Lights, Materials, Normals, Shading, Lighting Equation

**Tips:** Always `glEnable(GL_LIGHTING)` and `GL_LIGHT0`. Use `glNormal3f()` before each vertex. Set material **once** per object. Use `glLightModel*` for global ambient.

## 1. Enable Lighting

```
glEnable(GL_LIGHTING);           // MUST enable
glEnable(GL_LIGHT0);            // Default white directional light

// Default GL_LIGHT0: White, directional, from viewer, diffuse only
// Up to 8 lights: GL_LIGHT0 to GL_LIGHT7
```

## 2. Light Types & Properties

### 2.1 Light Properties (`glLightfv`)

```
float white[] = {1,1,1,1};
float dim[]   = {0.3,0.3,0.3,1};
float pos[]   = {5,5,5,1};    // Point light at (5,5,5)
float dir[]   = {0,0,-1,0};  // Directional light (w=0)

glLightfv(GL_LIGHT1, GL_AMBIENT, dim);
glLightfv(GL_LIGHT1, GL_DIFFUSE, white);
glLightfv(GL_LIGHT1, GL_SPECULAR, white);
glLightfv(GL_LIGHT1, GL_POSITION, pos);
```

Property	Meaning
<code>GL_AMBIENT</code>	Background glow
<code>GL_DIFFUSE</code>	Main color (Lambert)
<code>GL_SPECULAR</code>	Shiny highlight
<code>GL_POSITION</code>	$[x,y,z,w] \rightarrow w=1$ : point, $w=0$ : directional

### 2.2 Global Ambient (Scene-wide)

```
float globalAmb[] = {0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 1};
glLightModelfv(GL_LIGHT_MODEL_AMBIENT, globalAmb);
```

### 3. Material Properties

```

float red[]      = {0.8, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0};
float shiny[]    = {1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0};
float none[]     = {0,0,0,1};

glMaterialfv(GL_FRONT_AND_BACK, GL_AMBIENT_AND_DIFFUSE, red);
glMaterialfv(GL_FRONT_AND_BACK, GL_SPECULAR, shiny);
glMaterialf(GL_FRONT_AND_BACK, GL_SHININESS, 50.0); // 0-128
glMaterialfv(GL_FRONT_AND_BACK, GL_EMISSION, none);

```

#### Notes:

- **GL\_AMBIENT\_AND\_DIFFUSE**: Shortcut (usually same)
- **GL\_SHININESS**: Higher = smaller, sharper highlight
- **GL\_EMISSION**: Glow (no light cast)

### 4. Normals – Critical for Lighting!

```

glNormal3f(0, 0, 1); // Front face
 glBegin(GL_QUADS);
   glVertex3f(-1,-1, 1);
   glVertex3f( 1,-1, 1);
   glVertex3f( 1, 1, 1);
   glVertex3f(-1, 1, 1);
 glEnd();

```

- Normals per face → **Flat shading**
- Normals per vertex → **Smooth shading (average at vertex)**

#### Auto-Normal for Sphere (Example)

```

void drawSphere() {
    for (int i = 0; i <= stacks; i++) {
        float lat = M_PI * (-0.5 + (float)i / stacks);
        float sinLat = sin(lat), cosLat = cos(lat);
        glBegin(GL_QUAD_STRIP);
        for (int j = 0; j <= slices; j++) {
            float lng = 2 * M_PI * j / slices;
            float x = cos(lng) * cosLat;
            float y = sinLat;
            float z = sin(lng) * cosLat;
            glNormal3f(x, y, z); // Normal = position (unit sphere)
            glVertex3f(r*x, r*y, r*z);
        }
    }
}

```

```

    }
    glEnd();
}
}

```

## 5. Lighting Equation (OpenGL 1.1)

For each light and each vertex:

$$I = \text{Ambient} + \text{Diffuse} + \text{Specular}$$

### Ambient

$$I_{\text{amb}} = \text{light\_ambient} \times \text{material\_ambient}$$

### Diffuse (Lambert)

$$I_{\text{diff}} = \text{light\_diffuse} \times \text{material\_diffuse} \times \max(0, \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{L})$$

### Specular (Phong)

$$\begin{aligned} R &= 2(\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{L})\mathbf{N} - \mathbf{L} \\ I_{\text{spec}} &= \text{light\_specular} \times \text{material\_specular} \times \max(0, \mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{V})^{\text{shininess}} \end{aligned}$$

#### Where:

- $\mathbf{N}$ : Surface normal (unit)
- $\mathbf{L}$ : Light direction (from surface to light)
- $\mathbf{V}$ : View direction (from surface to camera)
- $\mathbf{R}$ : Reflection vector

## 6. Shading Types

Type	How
Flat	One normal per face → <code>GL_FLAT</code>
Smooth	Normals per vertex → <code>GL_SMOOTH</code> (default)

```
glShadeModel(GL_FLAT); // Faceted
glShadeModel(GL_SMOOTH); // Default
```

## 7. Complete Lit Cube Example

```
void display() {
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);
    glLoadIdentity();
    gluLookAt(3,4,5, 0,0,0, 0,1,0);

    glEnable(GL_LIGHTING);
    glEnable(GL_LIGHT0);

    // Light
    float lightPos[] = {5,5,5,1};
    float white[] = {1,1,1,1};
    glLightfv(GL_LIGHT0, GL_POSITION, lightPos);
    glLightfv(GL_LIGHT0, GL_DIFFUSE, white);
    glLightfv(GL_LIGHT0, GL_SPECULAR, white);

    // Material
    float red[] = {0.8,0.1,0.1,1};
    float shiny[] = {1,1,1,1};
    glMaterialfv(GL_FRONT, GL_AMBIENT_AND_DIFFUSE, red);
    glMaterialfv(GL_FRONT, GL_SPECULAR, shiny);
    glMaterialf(GL_FRONT, GL_SHININESS, 80);

    drawCube(1.0); // With normals!

    glutSwapBuffers();
}
```

## 8. Lab 3 – WebGL Shaders (Modern OpenGL)

Use [Lab 3.1.html](#) → [Lab 3.2.html](#) → [Lab 3.3.html](#)

Lab 3.1: Solid Color + Rotation

**Vertex Shader:**

```
attribute vec3 a_position;
uniform mat4 u_modelview;
uniform mat4 u_projection;

void main() {
```

```

    gl_Position = u_projection * u_modelview * vec4(a_position, 1.0);
}

```

**Fragment Shader:**

```

precision mediump float;
void main() {
    gl_FragColor = vec4(0.5, 0.7, 1.0, 1.0); // Solid blue
}

```

**JS Rotation Example:**

```

let angle = 0;
function render() {
    angle += 0.01;
    mat4.identity(modelview);
    mat4.translate(modelview, modelview, [0,0,-5]);
    mat4.rotateY(modelview, modelview, angle);

    gl.uniformMatrix4fv(u_modelview, false, modelview);
    gl.drawElements(gl.TRIANGLES, indices.length, gl.UNSIGNED_SHORT, 0);
    requestAnimationFrame(render);
}

```

**Lab 3.2: Lambert + Cell Shading****Vertex Shader:**

```

attribute vec3 a_position;
attribute vec3 a_normal;
uniform mat4 u_modelview;
uniform mat4 u_projection;
uniform mat4 u_normalMatrix; // inverse transpose

varying vec3 v_normal;
varying vec3 v_lightDir;

void main() {
    vec4 pos = u_modelview * vec4(a_position, 1.0);
    v_normal = normalize((u_normalMatrix * vec4(a_normal, 0.0)).xyz);
    v_lightDir = normalize(vec3(5,5,5) - pos.xyz); // Light pos
    gl_Position = u_projection * pos;
}

```

**Fragment Shader (Cell Shading):**

```
precision mediump float;
varying vec3 v_normal;
varying vec3 v_lightDir;

void main() {
    float NdotL = max(0.0, dot(v_normal, v_lightDir));

    // Cell shading: quantize to 4 levels
    float levels = 4.0;
    float shade = floor(NdotL * levels) / levels;

    vec3 color = vec3(0.2, 0.6, 0.8); // Base
    gl_FragColor = vec4(color * shade, 1.0);
}
```