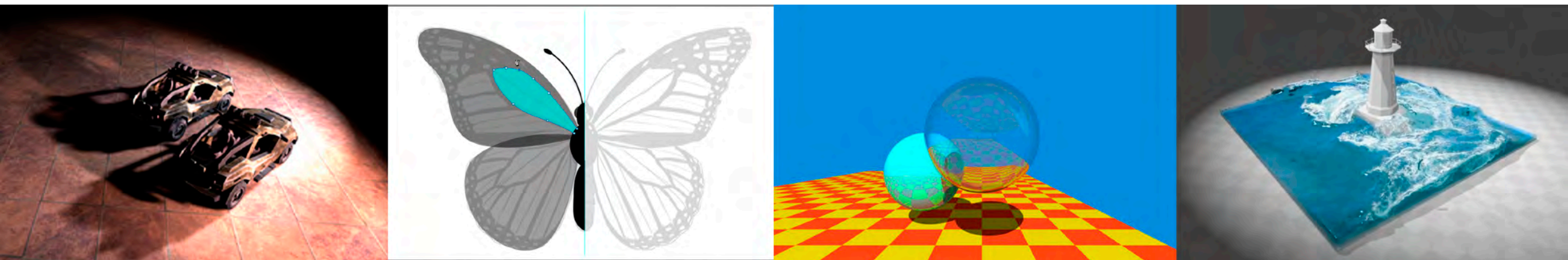


Introduction to Computer Graphics

GAMES101, Lingqi Yan, UC Santa Barbara

Lecture 1: Overview of Computer Graphics



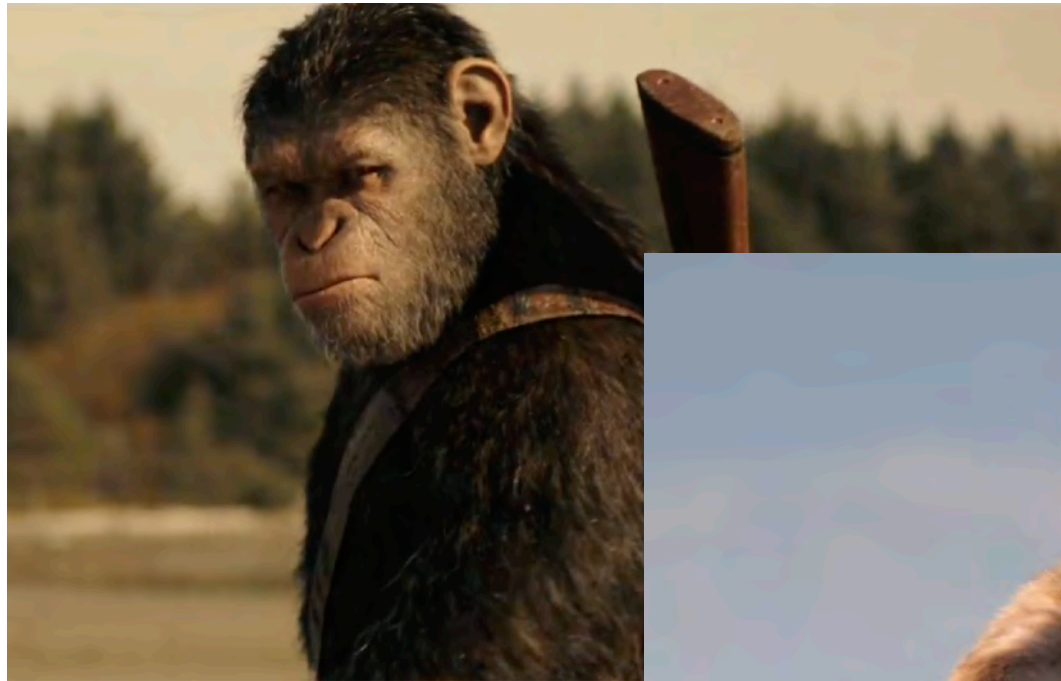
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Instructor

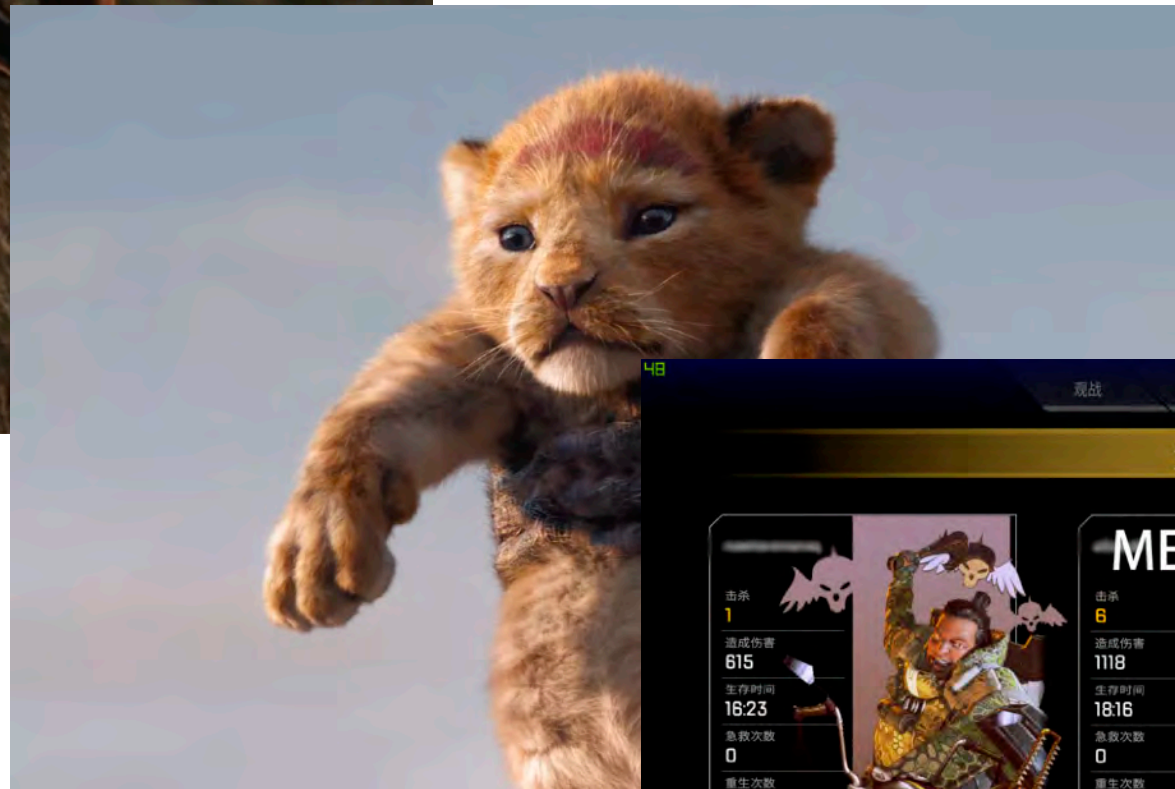
- Lingqi Yan (闫令琪)
 - 2018 - now: Assistant Professor @ UCSB
 - 2013 - 2018: Ph.D @ UC Berkeley
 - 2009 - 2013: B.E. @ Tsinghua University
 - Website: www.cs.ucsb.edu/~lingqi/
 - Research: Rendering in Computer Graphics
 - Hobbies: research, video games, piano, traveling, NBA, etc.



Instructor's Achievements



2018: Oscar Nominee
for Best Visual Effects



2019: research 2017
widely adopted in
Lion King HD



**2019: six APEX Champions in one evening
(collaborated with Adobe)**

Course Staff

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 - 邓俊辰 (哈工大, 1050106988@qq.com)
- More will be recruited soon after this lecture (based on need)

Today's Topics

- What is Computer Graphics?
- Why study Computer Graphics?
- Course Topics
- Course Logistics
- Linear Algebra Review

What is Computer Graphics?

com•put•er graph•ics /kəm'pyʊdər 'ɡrafiks/ n.

The use of computers to synthesize and manipulate visual information.

Today's Topics

- What is Computer Graphics?
- Why study Computer Graphics?
 - Applications
 - Fundamental Intellectual Challenges
 - Technical Challenges
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- Course Logistics

Video Games



Sekiro: Shadows Die twice (2019 Game of the Year)

Video Games



Borderlands 3 (2019)

Movies



The Matrix (1999)

Movies



Avatar (2009)

Animations



Zootopia (2016)

Animations



Frozen 2 (2019)

Design



CG



Photo

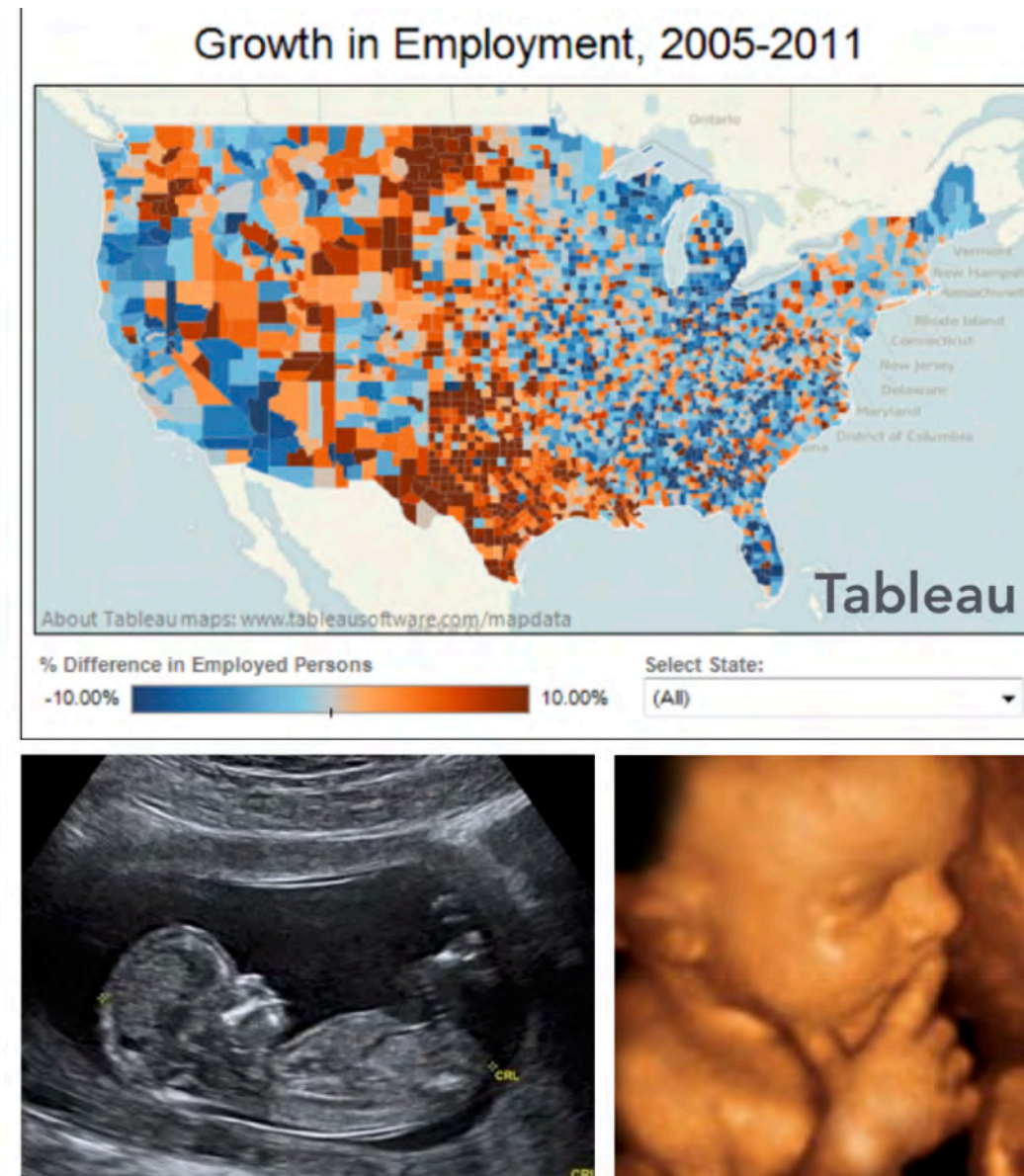
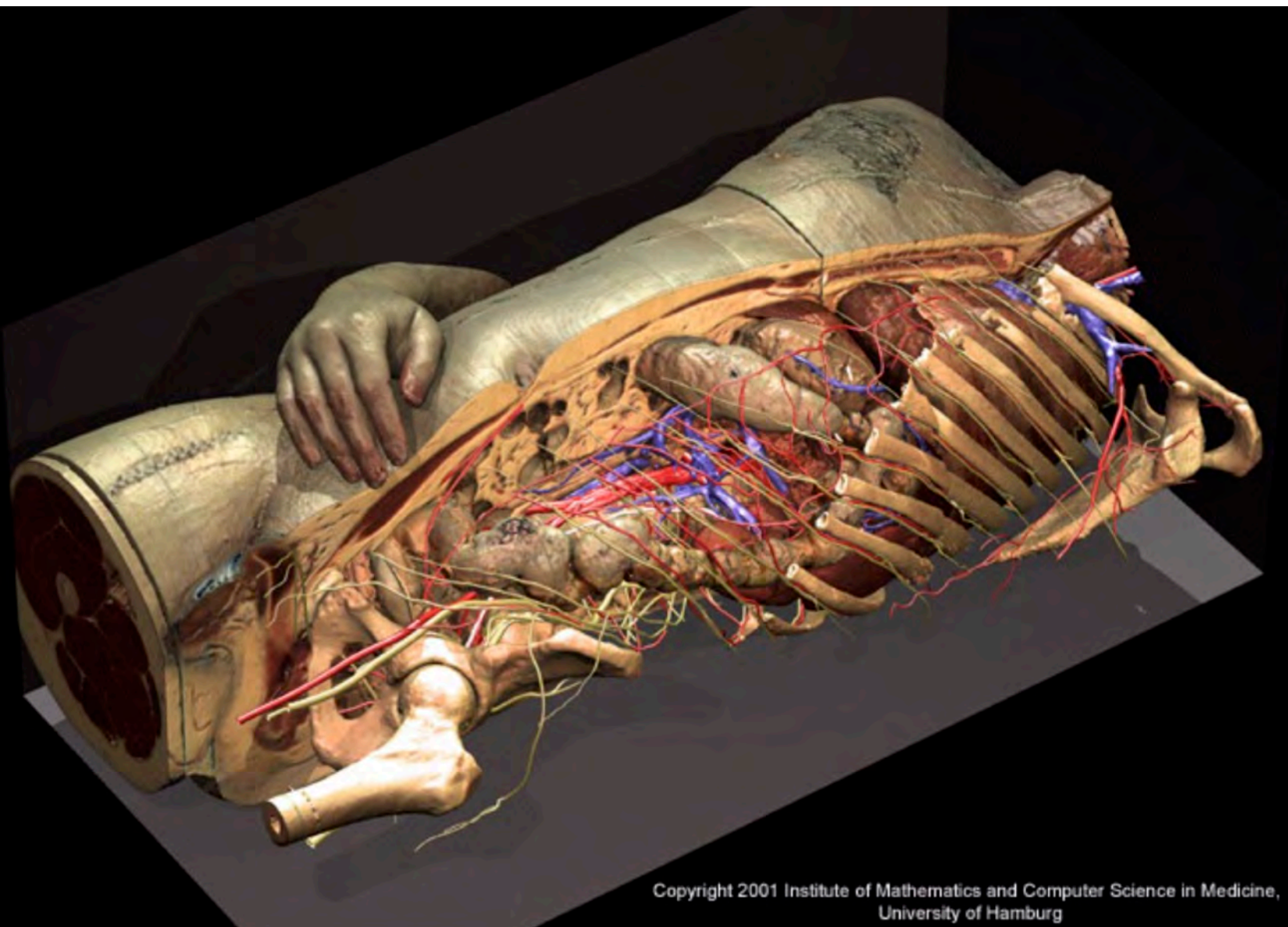
Autodesk Gallary

Design



Ikea - 75% of catalog is **rendered** imagery

Visualization

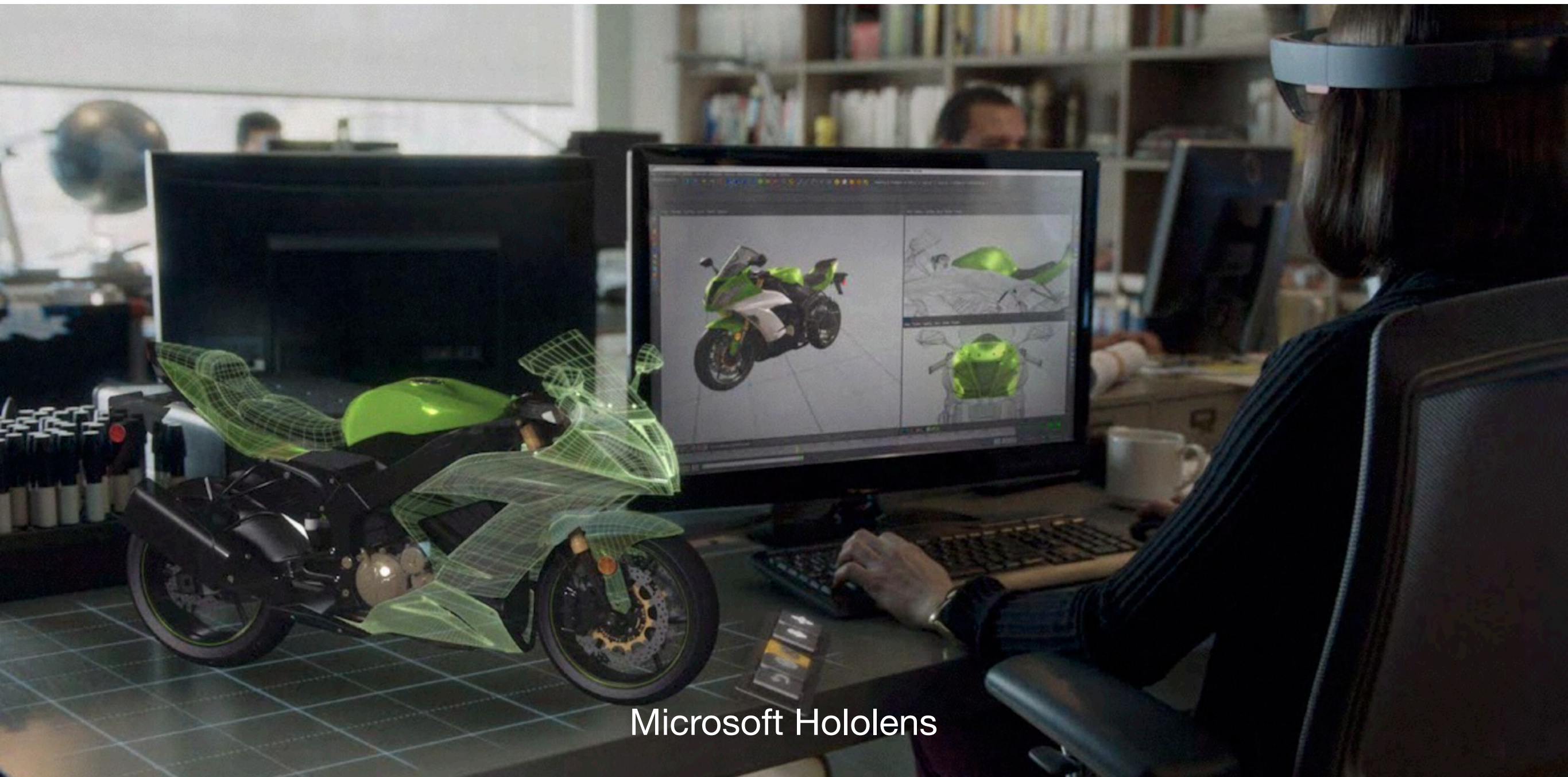


Science, engineering, medicine, journalism, etc.

Virtual Reality



Augmented Reality



Microsoft HoloLens

Digital Illustration



Simulation



The Dust Bowl phenomena



Black hole from Interstellar

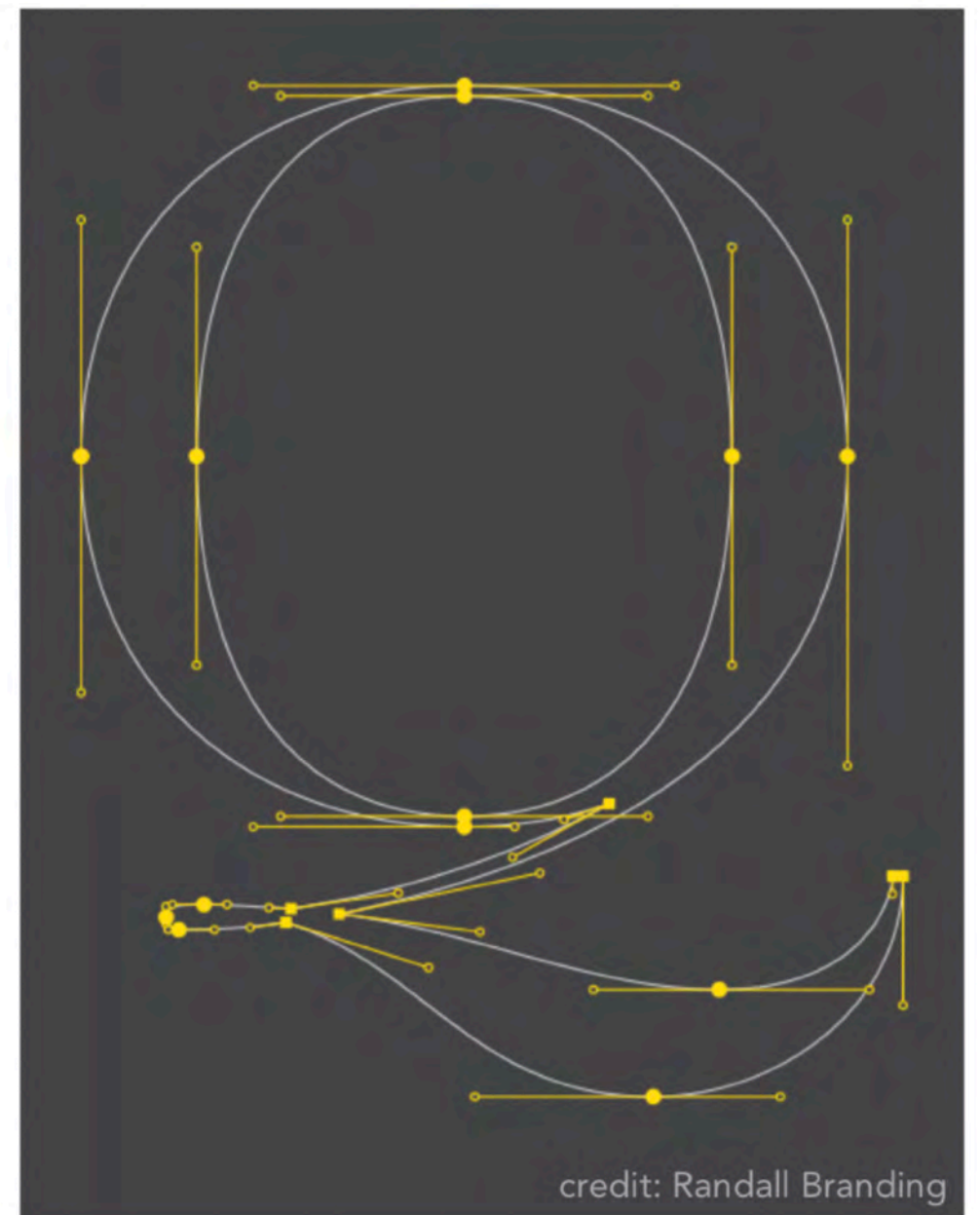
Graphical User Interfaces



Typography

The Quick Brown
Fox Jumps Over
The Lazy Dog

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz 01234567890



The font Baskerville

Why Study Computer Graphics?

- Fundamental Intellectual Challenges
 - Creates and interacts with realistic virtual world
 - Requires understanding of all aspects of physical world
 - New computing methods, displays, technologies

Why Study Computer Graphics?

- Technical Challenges
 - Math of (perspective) projections, curves, surfaces
 - Physics of lighting and shading
 - Representing / operating shapes in 3D
 - Animation / simulation
 - ~~3D graphics software programming and hardware~~

Why Study Computer Graphics?

- Forget about the previous reasons

Computer Graphics
is
AWESOME!

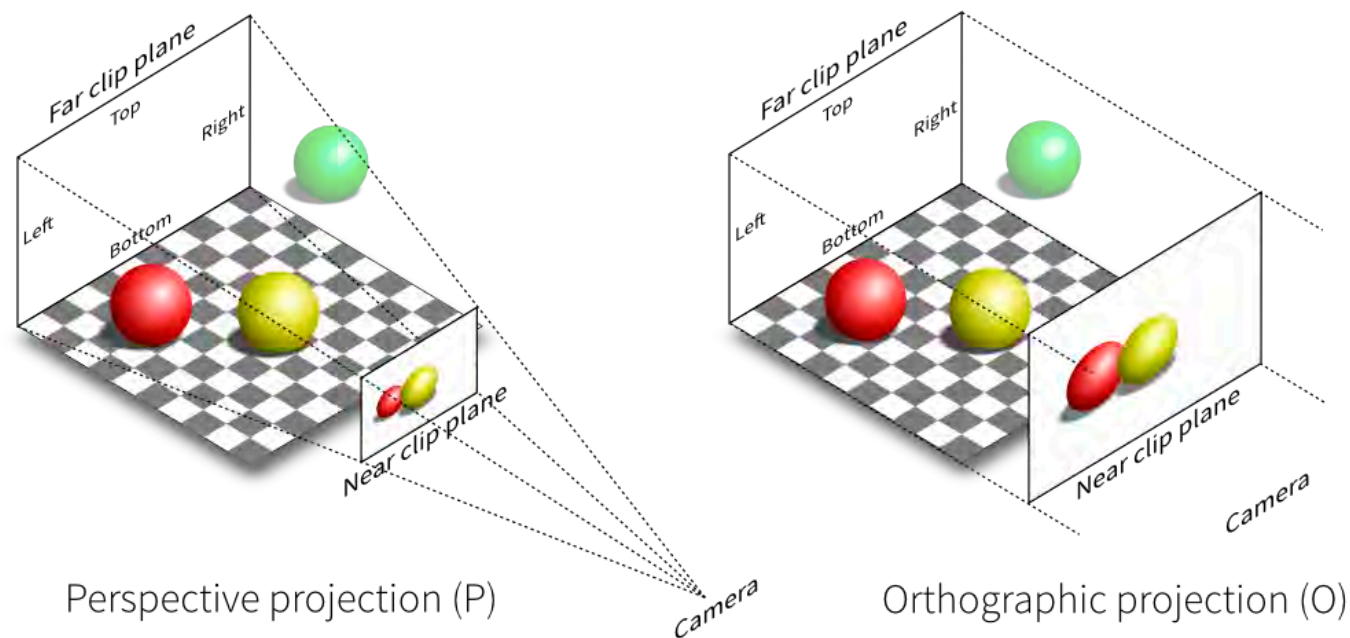
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Today's Topics

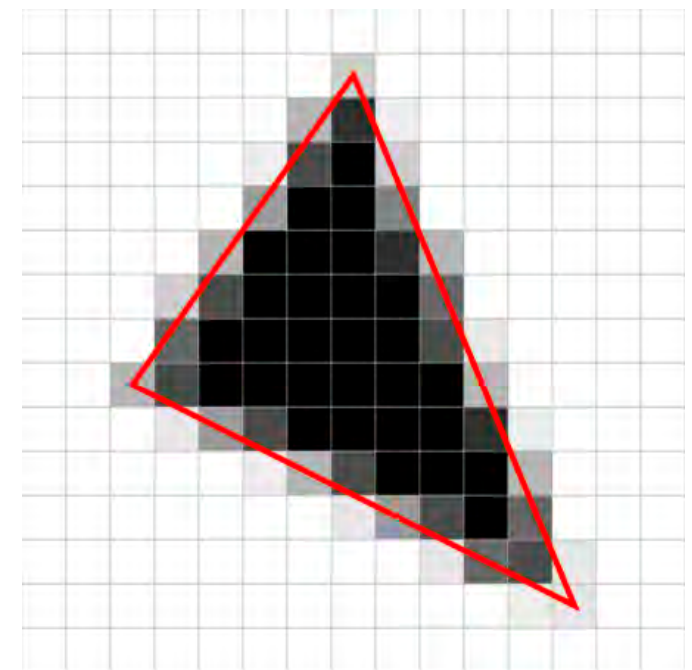
- What is Computer Graphics?
- Why study Computer Graphics?
- Course Topics (mainly 4 parts)
 - Rasterization
 - Curves and Meshes
 - Ray Tracing
 - Animation / Simulation
- Course Logistics

Rasterization

- Project **geometry primitives** (3D triangles / polygons) onto the screen
- Break projected primitives into **fragments** (pixels)
- Gold standard in Video Games (Real-time Applications)



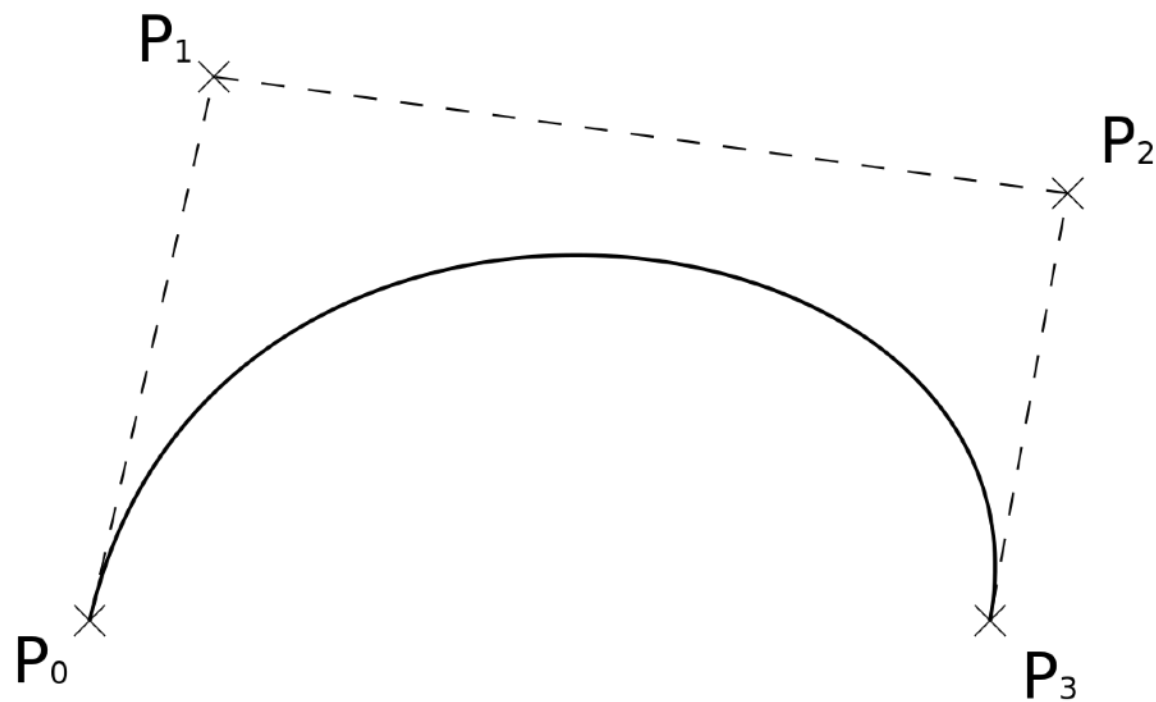
<http://vispy.org/modern-gl.html>



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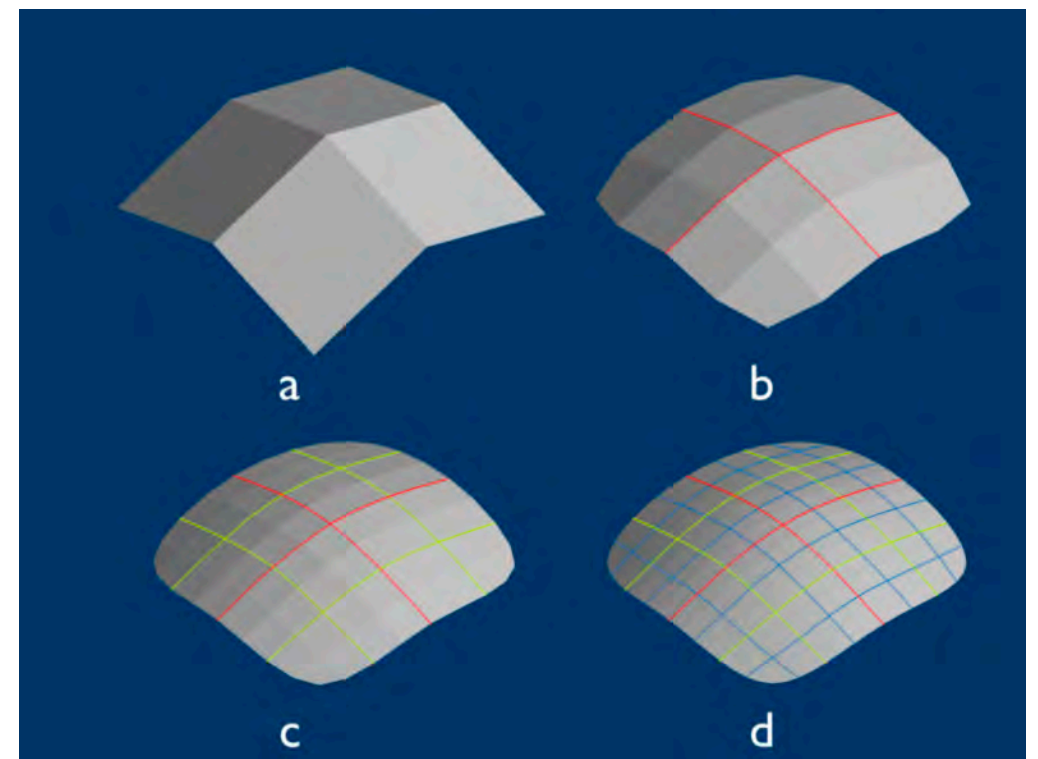
Curves and Meshes

- How to represent geometry in Computer Graphics



Bezier Curve

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bezier_curve

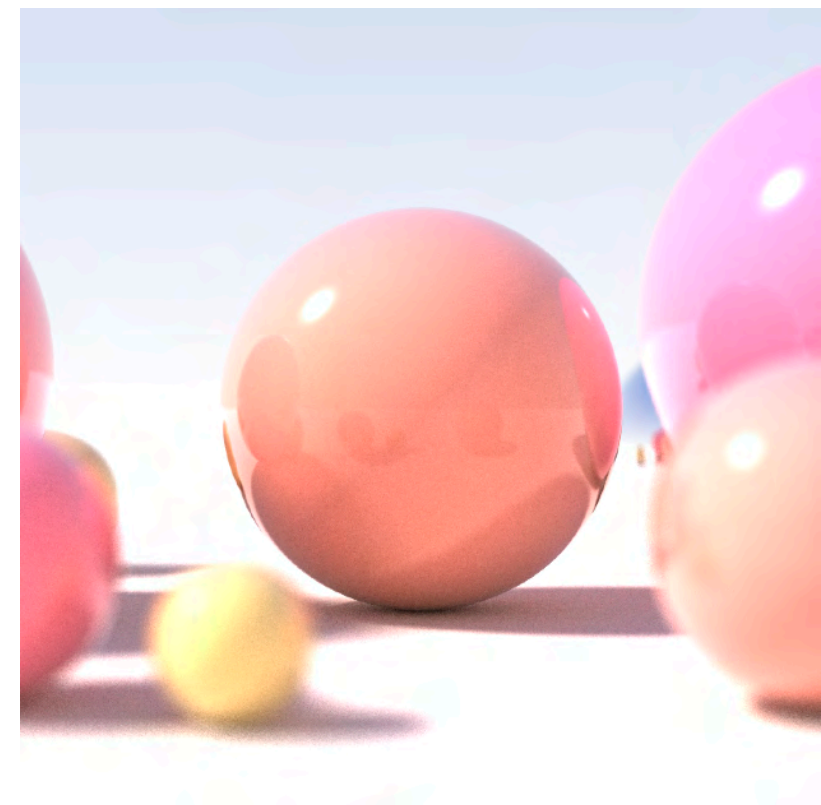
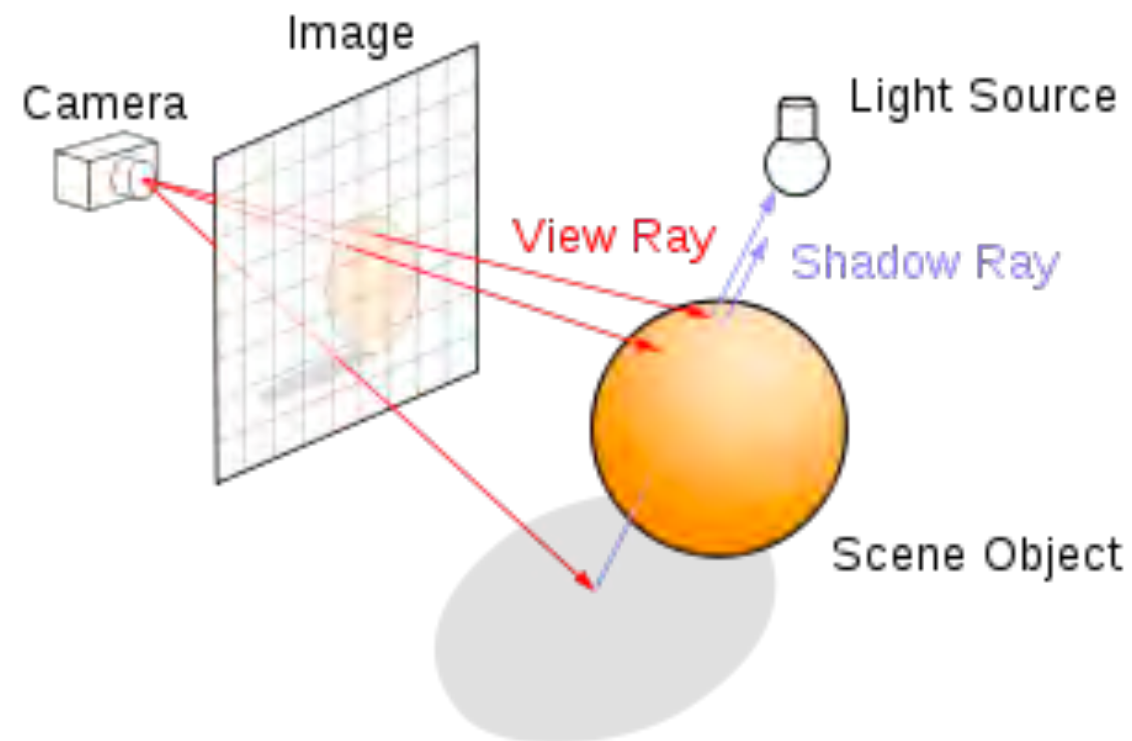


Catmull-Clark subdivision

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Catmull-Clark_subdivision_of_4_planes.png

Ray Tracing

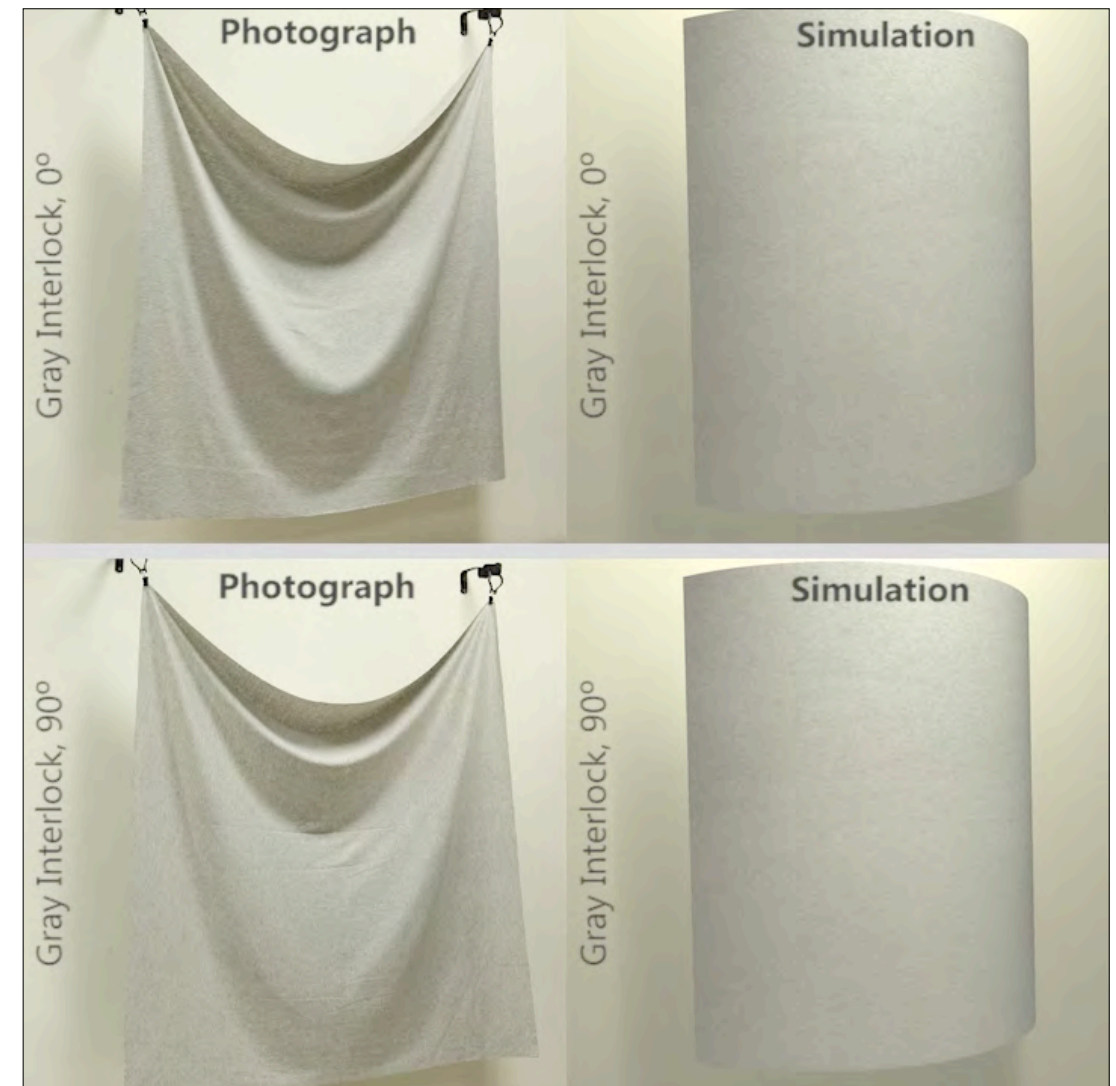
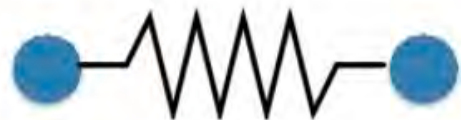
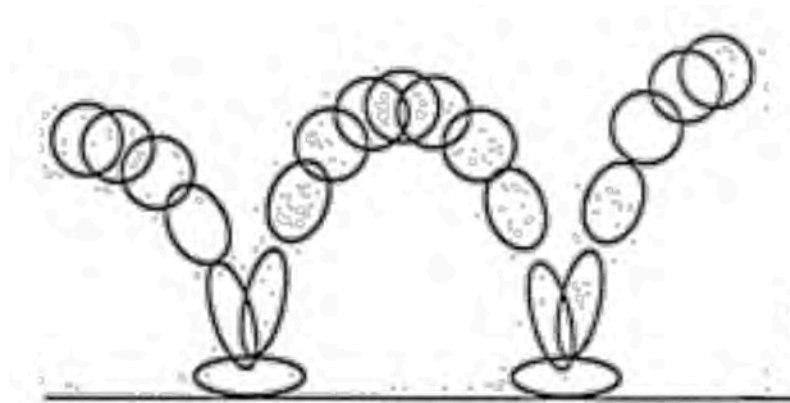
- Shoot rays from the camera through each pixel
 - Calculate **intersection** and **shading**
 - **Continue to bounce** the rays till they hit light sources
- Gold standard in Animations / Movies (Offline Applications)



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ray_tracing_\(graphics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ray_tracing_(graphics))

Animation / Simulation

- Key frame Animation
- Mass-spring System



GAMES101 is **NOT** about

- Using OpenGL / DirectX / Vulkan
- The syntax of Shaders
- We learn Graphics,
not Graphics APIs!
- After this course,
you'll be able to learn these
by yourself (**I promise**)

Name

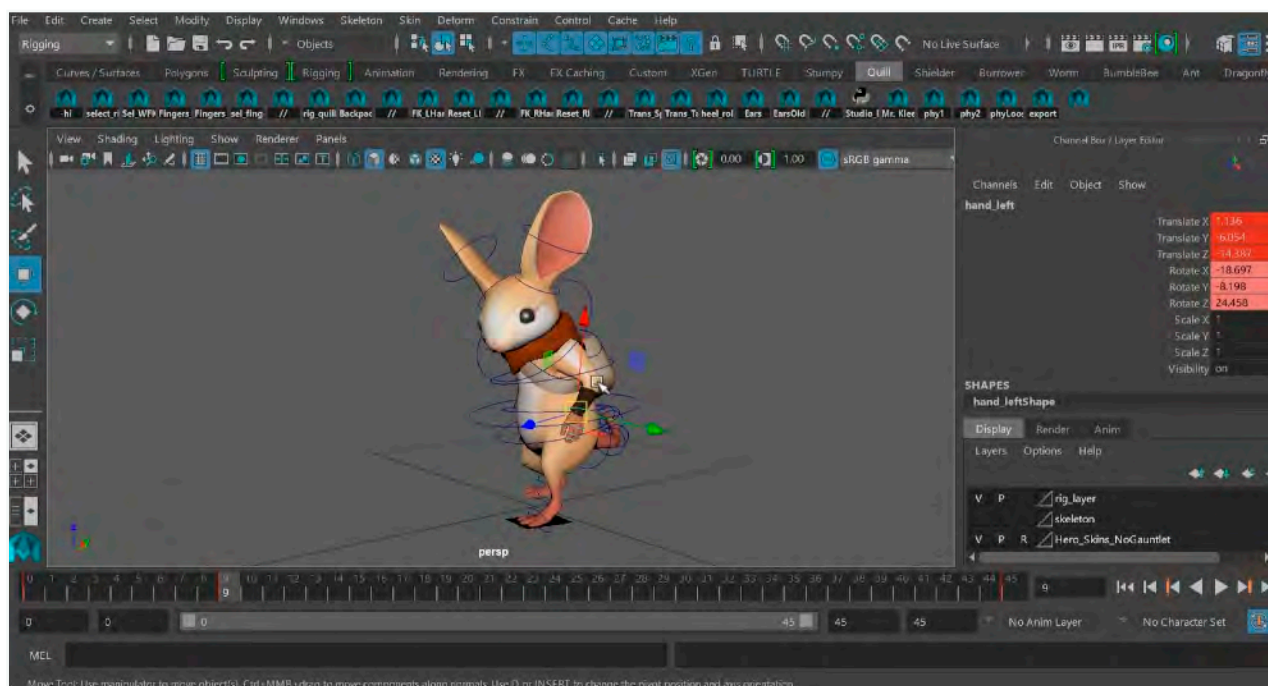
`gluPerspective` — set up a perspective projection matrix

C Specification

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void gluPerspective( GLdouble fovy,  
                    GLdouble aspect,  
                    GLdouble zNear,  
                    GLdouble zFar);
```

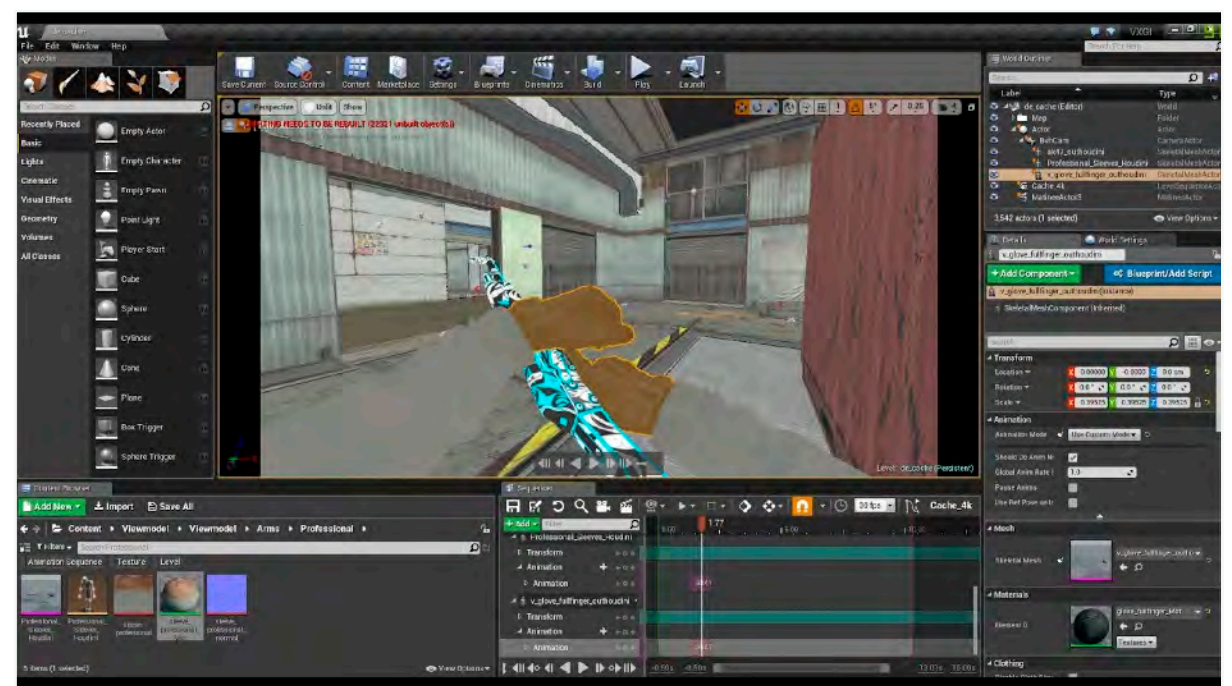

GAMES101 is **NOT** about

- 3D modeling using Maya / 3DS MAX / Blender, or VR / game development using Unity / Unreal Engine (where can I learn them?)



Modeling character animation in Maya

[<http://tutorials.cgreCORD.net/2017/08/17-minute-animation-process-in-autodesk.html>]



CSGO PoV Cam set up in Unreal Engine

[<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TQ18SmQSw0>]

GAMES101 is **NOT** about

- Computer Vision / Deep Learning topics, e.g. XYZ-GAN
(where can I learn them?)



Semantic Segmentation

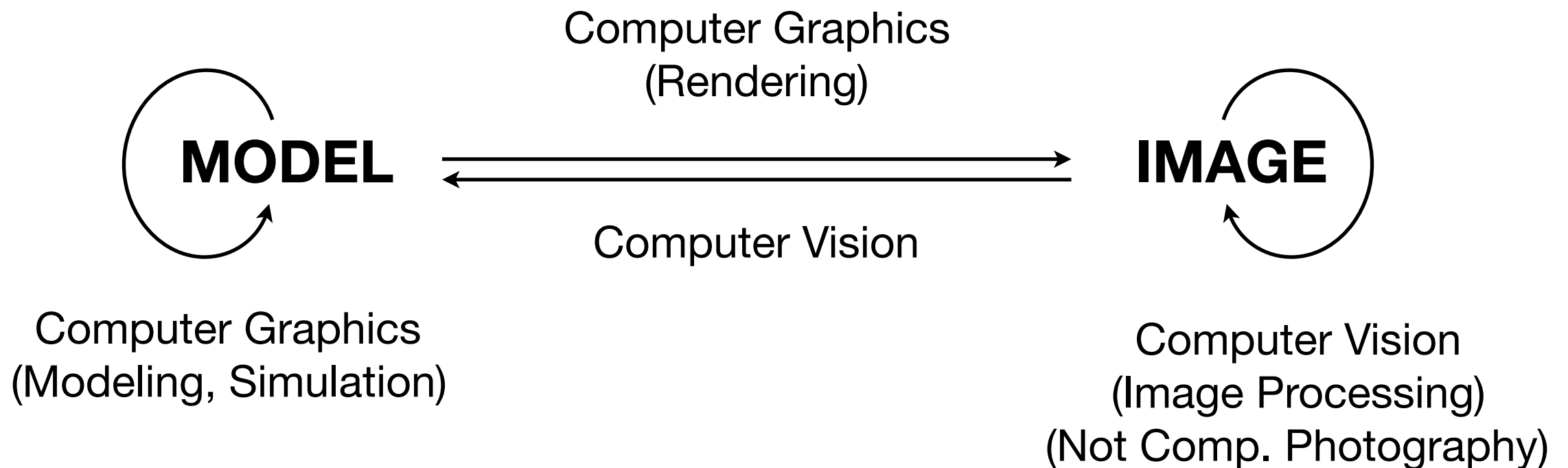
<https://modeldepot.io/oandrienko/icnet-for-fast-segmentation>



GAN 2.0: NVIDIA's
face generator (both are fake)

Differences?

- Personal Understanding



- No clear boundaries
- And I can't define Computer Graphics

Questions?

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General Information

- Modern Course

- Comprehensive but
without hardware programming!
- Pace / contents subject to change



- Course Website

- <http://www.cs.ucsb.edu/~lingqi/teaching/games101.html>
- Has all the needed information
- Syllabus, slides, reading materials, etc.

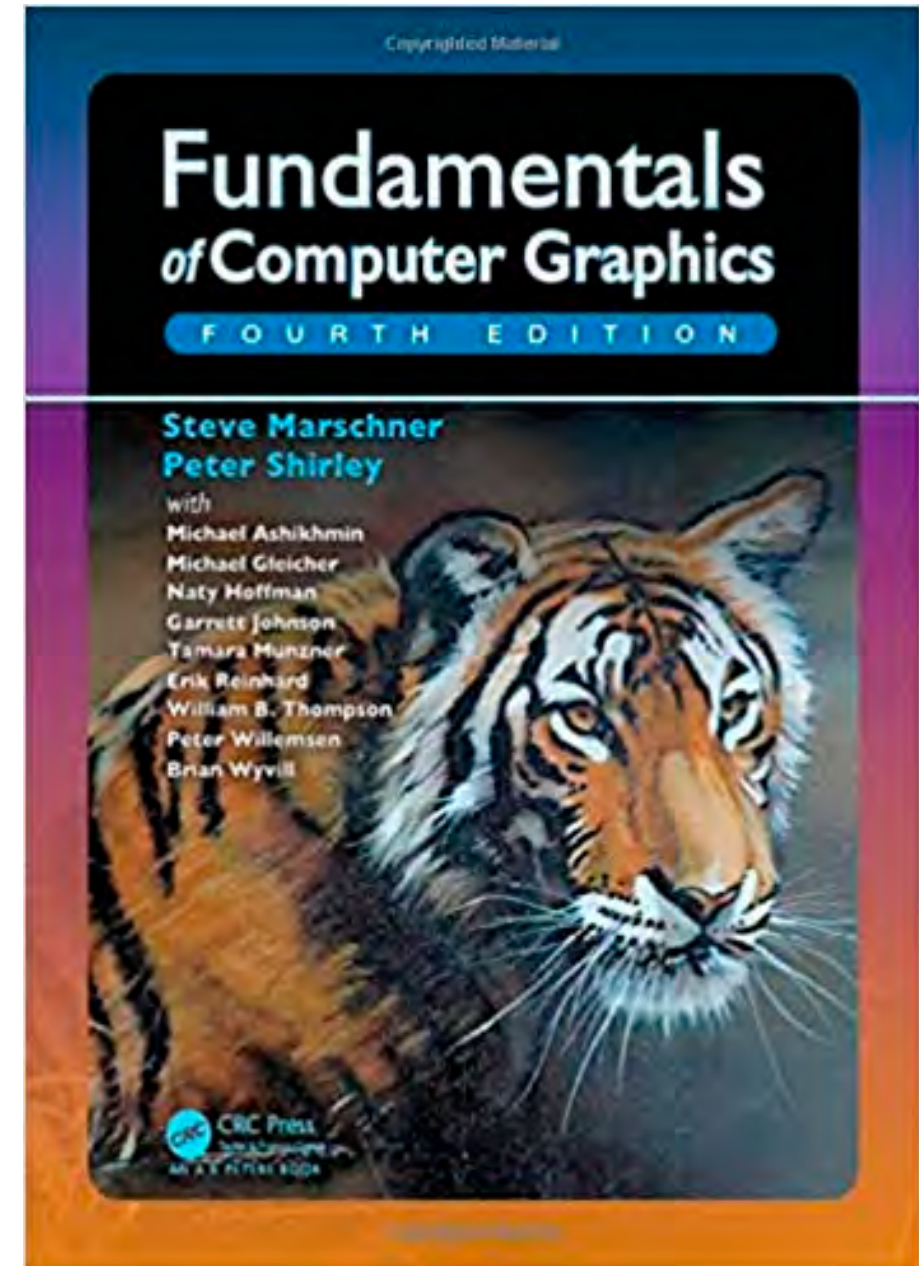
Course Website

- Course slides and (pre)-reading materials

Week	Date	Topics
1	Jan 7	Overview of Computer Graphics [PDF]
	Jan 9	Vectors and Linear Algebra Reading: Chapter 2 (Miscellaneous Math) and Chapter 5 (Linear Algebra)

References

- No Required Textbooks
 - Reading materials (if any) will be available online before lectures
 - Lecture slides will be available after class
- Most recommended reference
 - Steve Marschner and Peter Shirley, "Fundamentals of Computer Graphics", 3rd or later edition.



Q & A

- Sign up on our BBS for discussion
(<http://games-cn.org/forums/forum/games-online-course-forum/>)

The screenshot shows the forum interface for 'GAMES: Graphics And Mixed Environment Seminar'. The forum has 3 topics (+1 hidden), 1 reply, and was last updated 1 day, 12 hours ago by Chen, Linghao. The forum is titled '计算机图形学与混合现实研讨会' (Computer Graphics and Mixed Reality Seminar).

Forum Topics:

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Assignments

- Assignments
 - Mostly programming tasks with provided code skeletons and virtual machine image
 - Weekly (usually no more than 20 lines of code per week)
 - Language: C++
- Submission
 - Submit your project by 11:59PM on/before the due dates (strictly enforced)
 - Feedback will be provided in a week

Assignments

- Assignment Submission Website
(<http://www.smartchair.org/GAMES2020Course-YLQ/>)
- No Exams
- Course Project / Final Project
 - Starting midway of this course
 - References will be provided, but you decide the topic
 - Best work will be posted online for showing off



Use An IDE!

- IDE: Integrated Development Environment
- Helps you parse a entire project
 - And gives hints on syntax / usages of member functions, etc.
- Recommended IDEs
 - Visual Studio (Windows only) / Visual Studio Code (cross platform)
 - Qt Creator (personal)
- Not Recommended IDEs (for C++ programming)
 - CLion, Eclipse
 - Sublime Text, Vi / Vim, Emacs (not even IDEs)

Academic integrity

- Work alone for regular assignments
 - no copy-pasting from any other sources
- Do not publish your code (on Github, etc.) for assignments using our skeleton code
- Do not post your solution online
 - Discussion / explanation is welcomed

Questions?

Thank you!