OpenGL: Overview

- Background on OpenGL
- Primitives
- The OpenGL Pipeline
- The OpenGL state machine
- Cameras, light and shading, textures
- Graphics data arrays
- Buffering, copying and filtering
- animation and effects
- GLU and GLUT

Background on OpenGL

- Originally developed by SGI (Silicon Graphics Inc.).
- Controlled today by 'ARB': Architecture Review Board.
- API for processing streams of 2D- and 3D-primitives:
  - Transform, Lighting, Shading, Texturing, Pixel ops.
  - OpenGL provides no support for the windowing system
  - GLUT 'layer' provides windowing system independent support
- Discussion forums, documentation and examples:
  - www.opengl.org
  - www.sgi.com/software/opengl

Design Goals

- Real-time: 30-120 frames/s
- Double buffering:
  - for smooth transitions
  - View one buffer, render to the other
  - 4 for stereo, of course.
- All code executed for every frame:
  - OpenGL remembers nothing, everything must be re-rendered
- Animation
  - Render all graphics for an image, wait for sync, swap buffers
- Version and Extensions:
  - glGetString
    - GL_VENDOR, GL_RENDERER, GL_VERSION, GL_EXTENSIONS

API conventions

- Function names begin with gl and use mixed case:
  - glBegin, glEnd, glFrontFace
- Constants begin with GL_ and use only upper case:
  - GL_TRIANGLES, GL_BACK, GL_LIGHT0
- Types begin with GL and use only lower case:
  - GLint, GLbyte, GLshort, GLfloat, ...

API conventions: Function names show arguments

- glVertex{234}{sifd}[v]()
  - glVertex3i(Glint x, Glint y, Glint z)
  - glVertex3fv(GLfloat *v)
- argument types:
  - GLbyte, GLshort, GLint, GLfloat, GLdouble
  - unsigned byte (ub), short (us), int (ui)
- v indicates vector
Example function names

- glVertex2s(1, 2);
- glVertex3d(1.0, 2.0, 3.142);
- glVertex4f(1.0, 2.0, 3.142, -6.284);
- GLdouble dvec[3] = {1.0, 2.0, 3.142};
- glVertex3dv(dvec);

Points
- GL_POINTS

Lines
- GL_LINES, GL_LINE_STRIP, GL_LINE_LOOP

Triangles
- GL_TRIANGLES, GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP, GL_TRIANGLE_FAN

Quadrilaterals and all other polygons
- GL_QUADS, GL_QUAD_STRIP, GL_POLYGON

Ordering of vertices (corners) defines front & back
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- GL_CCW

Primitives

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GL Primitives - Triangles

```c
glBegin(GL_TRIANGLES);
/* First Triangle */
glVertex3f(1.0, 0.0, 0.0);
glVertex3f(-0.5, 1.0, 0.5);
glVertex3f(0.0, -0.5, -0.2);
/* Second Triangle */
glVertex3f(1.0, -0.4, 0.0);
glVertex3f(0.0, 0.6, 0.0);
glVertex3f(-0.6, -0.2, 0.4);
glEnd();
```

Primitives: GL_QUAD_STRIP

```c
glBegin(GL_QUAD_STRIP);
/* First quad */
glVertex3f(-0.5, 0.5, -0.5);
glVertex3f(-0.5, 0.5, 0.5);
glVertex3f(0.5, -0.5, 0.5);
glVertex3f(0.5, 0.5, 0.5);
/* Second */
glVertex3f(-0.5, -0.5, 0.5);
glVertex3f(-0.5, -0.5, -0.5);
/* Third */
glVertex3f(-0.5, 0.5, 0.5);
glVertex3f(-0.5, 0.5, -0.5);
/* Fourth */
glVertex3f(0.5, 0.5, -0.5);
glVertex3f(0.5, -0.5, -0.5);
```

Sample pseudoprogram

```c
#include <stuff.h>
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    MakeGraphicsWindow(); /* Not done in OpenGL */
    glClearColor(0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0);
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
    glColor3f(1.0, 1.0, 1.0);
    glOrtho(0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 1.0, -1.0, 1.0);
    glBegin(GL_POLYGON);
    glVertex3f(0.25, 0.25, 0.0);
    glVertex3f(0.75, 0.25, 0.0);
    glVertex3f(0.75, 0.75, 0.0);
    glVertex3f(0.25, 0.75, 0.0);
    glEnd();
    glFlush();
    UpdateWindowAndWaitForEvents(); /* Not GL's job */
}
```

PI PELINE

[Diagram of the pipeline]

- **Display List**
  - Stores vertex and pixel data for later processing
  - Can be stored in the graphics hardware for speed and reuse
  - Particularly useful for repeated or hardware-bound operations
• Evaluators
  • Handles parametric shapes
  • Curves and surfaces
  • e.g. NURBS, Quadrics, Tessellators

• Per-Vertex Operations and Primitive Assembly
  • Transforms to screen coordinates
  • Lighting, texture coordinate processing
  • Clipping, perspective projection

• Rasterization
  • Polygon, line and vertex information into raster fragments of the frame buffer (pixels, almost)

• Texture Assembly
  • Building, storing and prioritizing texture objects

• Per-Fragment Operations
  • Texturing, fog, alpha, depth and stencil tests, blending, dithering, masking, etc.

• Pixel Operations
  • Rescaling and biasing of pixel data
  • Unpacking and repacking of pixel data
  • Filtering

• Post-Operations
  • Pixel data, list and vertex information into raster fragments of the frame buffer (pixels, almost)
The GL state machine

- State machine - you define the state
  - Send parameters
  - Define controls
  - Define colours
  - Define textures
  - Define transforms
  - Send primitives
- Then execute the state

Controlling the state

- glEnable and glDisable
  - e.g.: GL_LIGHTING, GL_DEPTH_TEST
- glPushMatrix and glPopMatrix
  - glPushMatrix creates a copy of the current matrix on the stack – many deep?
  - glPopMatrix throws away the current one and recovers the previously pushed one
- Error control and feedback
  - glGetError, gluErrorString
  - glRenderMode, glPassThrough, glFeedbackBuffer

Camera and projection matrix

- Orthographic or perspective projection
  - glFrustum or glOrtho
  - glViewport
- Front and back clip planes (Near, Far)
- Define matrix mode:
  - glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION)
  - glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW)
- Actual view set by the model view-matrix

Colour

- Real colour (RGBA) or colour index
  - RGBA mode is more general than index mode
  - Colour index mode reduces the number of bits per pixel
  - Special effects ‘tricks’ like index-animation
- Colours defined for polygon vertices
  - glColor or glIndex
  - Shading affects colour:
    - GL_FLAT: Constant colour across polygon
    - GL_SMOOTH: Interpolation across polygon
**Lights**

- OpenGL defines 8 light sources
  - glEnable: GL_LIGHTING, GL_LIGHT0 ... GL_LIGHT7
- Parameters: glLight*(...)
  - Ambient, Diffuse, Specular, Position, Spot Direction, Spot Exponent, Spot Cutoff, Constant Att., Linear Att., Quadratic Att.
- Model for the lighting: glLightModel*(...)
  - Ambient, Local Viewer, Two Sided (bidirectional)
- Switch on lighting with glEnable(GL_LIGHTING)

**Materials**

- To set the colour properties of the illuminated object (front and back)
  - glMaterial
  - glColorMaterial
- Parameters:
  - Ambient, Diffuse, Specular, Shininess, Emission
  - Parameter channels can create combinations (ambient-diffuse)
- Changing the material is costly!
  - Group polygons with similar materials if possible

**Shading**

- Correct normal vectors are required
  - normal magnitude is always 1!
  - Automatic normalization is available
    - glEnable(GL_NORMALIZE)
  - Can give bad performance!
  - Asymmetric scaling affects the normals
    - requires normalization
- GL_FLAT or GL_SMOOTH shading
  - glShadeModel
  - Set the normals correctly
    - one per polygon or one per vertex as appropriate

**Textures**

- 1, 2 or 3 dimensional 'images'
  - glTexImage1D, glTexImage2D, glTexImage1D, glTexImage2D, glTexImage3D
  - Texture dimensions are always $2^n$ ($2^{n+2}$ if has a border)
- glTexSubImage replaces a part of a texture
  - Often much cheaper than replacing the whole thing

**Textures - Usual uses: 2D**

**Textures - Usual Uses: 1D**
Textures – Other uses

- Mipmaps
  - Multim Im Parvo – Many things in a small place
  - Use multiple pre-processed textures to handle level of detail changes when objects are far away
  - Avoids flickering and ‘scintillation’
- Texturobjects – A management system to control textures
  - glGenTextures, glBindTexture, glDeleteTextures
  - Store many textures in an object, switch between them without changing texture object.
  - Fast and efficient
  - Mosaic, UV-mapping

Vertex Arrays

- Store vertex data in arrays
  - Coordinates, colours (RGBA or index), normals, texture coordinates, polygon ‘edge flags’
  - glVertexPointer, glColorPointer, glIndexPointer, glNormalPointer, glTexCoordPointer, glEdgeFlagPointer
- Packed arrays (improved memory access)
  - glInterleavedArrays
- Render primitives from array data
  - glArrayElement, glDrawElements, glDrawArrays

Frame Buffer management

- Colour, Depth, Alpha, Stencil, Accumulation
  - glClear* - initialize the buffer
  - glDrawBuffer, glReadBuffer
  - glAlphaTest, glStencilTest, glStencilOp
  - glDepthFunc
  - glAccum - Accum, Load, Return, Add, Mult

Pixel Copying

- Copy pixel data:
  - between buffers
  - from buffer to main memory
- glReadPixels, glDrawPixels, glCopyPixels
- glPixelStore, glPixelTransfer, glPixelMap
- Other Pixel operations can be applied
  - glPixelZoom

Effects

- Multipass rendering
  - Render images several times with different settings and blending the images
  - e.g. transparency – order of operations is wrong
  - e.g. different lighting and texturing passes
- Shadows, Bump-mapping, Per-pixel lighting
- Transform-matrix for colour encoding
- Lots of different methods

GL UTILITY ES (GLU)

- Included in Standard OpenGL
- Higher level graphics primitives
  - gluSphere, gluCylinder, gluDisk
- Parametric surfaces:
  - Tesselators, Quadrics, NURBS
  - gluNewTess, gluNewQuadric, gluNewNurbsRenderer
- Camera management
  - gluLookat, gluPerspective, gluUnProject
GL UTILITY TOOLKIT (glut)

- Not part of Standard OpenGL
- General independent window support
  - Manages keyboard, mouse, window management (resize, paint), mainloop
    - glutInit, glutInitDisplayMode, glutInitWindowSize, glutInitWindowPosition, glutCreateWindow
    - glutDisplayFunc, glutReshapeFunc, glutKeyboardFunc, glutMouseFunc, glutMotionFunc
    - glutMainLoop, glutPostRedisplay, glutIdleFunc
- Also provides some higher primitives
  - glutSolidSphere, glutSolidCube, glutSolidTorus, glutSolidCone, glutSolidTeapot, etc.

Sample Program 2

- Sample program earlier didn't work
  - No window
  - No management of events
- glut can do these things for us
- The revised program looks like...

Sample Program 2.1

- #include <GL/gl.h>
- #include <GL/glut.h>

Sample Program 2.2

- void init (void)
  - {
    /* select clearing colour */
    glColor3f (1.0, 1.0, 1.0);
    glBegin(GL_POLYGON);
    glVertex3f (0.25, 0.25, 0.0);
    glVertex3f (0.75, 0.25, 0.0);
    glVertex3f (0.75, 0.75, 0.0);
    glVertex3f (0.25, 0.75, 0.0);
    glEnd();
    /* don’t wait! Immediately start processing buffered OpenGL routines */
    glutPostRedisplay();
  }

Sample Program 2.3

- /* Set initial window params & display mode. Open window with "hello" in
  * title bar. Call init routines. Register callback to display graphics. Enter
  * +glut+main loop */
  - int main(argc, argv)
    - {
      glutInit(&argc, argv);
      glutInitDisplayMode (GLUT_SINGLE | GLUT_RGB);
      glutInitWindowSize (250, 250);
      glutInitWindowPosition (100, 100);
      glutCreateWindow ("hello");
      init();
      glutDisplayFunc(display);
      glutMainLoop();
      return(0);
    }
Sample Program 2 - compilation

- cc -o hello hello.c
  -I/usr/include/.../glut/include
  -L/usr/lib/.../glut/lib
  -lglut -lGLU -lGL -lXmu -lXext -lX11

So, now we know...

- Can Write basic GL programs in C
- Can create 3D objects from primitives
- Can colour and texture them
- Can interact with them through the main loop function

A Hardware implementation of OpenGL

- The SGI Onyx Infinite Reality 2 graphics Pipe
  - Just one example
  - There are many others
  - Your own PC probably has one!
- OpenGL lends itself well to hardware rendering
  - The state machine!

Onyx IR2 - Features

- 2.62 Million Pixels/pipe (10.48 Million/system)
- Multisampling and antialiasing
- CLIP mapping
- Projective textures
- Shadow Maps
- Convolution
- Dynamic Video Resolution (DVR)
- Genlock (generator locking device)
- Swap Synchronization for multiple pipes

Onyx IR2 - Architecture

- Graphics 'pipe' made up of a mix of:
  - Transform manager Board(s)
  - Raster Manager Board(s)
  - Display Generator Board(s)
Transform Manager Board
(2 or 4 TE’s per board)

Raster Manager Board
(1,2 or 4 per pipe)

Display Generator Board
(Option for 8 channels)

OpenGL on IR2

So...

- Entire OpenGL pipeline is Hardware!
- Each pipe can accept up to 300MB/s of OpenGL commands
- TM system can process 1.1M Δ/s
- Pixel Generator can rasterize 12M Δ/s
- Fragment processor can produce 800M textured pixels/s