

Introduction to OpenGL

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Graphics Hardware APIs

- RenderMan and raytracing are software-based methods for image generation
- Most computers today have a piece of hardware designed to accelerate image generation
- Using the graphics processing unit (GPU) requires using a new programming interface
- DirectX is a Microsoft API available only on Windows
- OpenGL is a cross-platform API and is used for this class
- Knowledge of one API is highly portable to the other API

OpenGL Overview

- You can use C or C++ with OpenGL
- OpenGL is a low-level hardware API
- Does not provide support for windows, user interaction, etc.
- GLUT is a simple cross-platform API that provides windows and user interaction
- For advanced projects, GLUT might be too simple, but for this class its perfect
- Programs hand execution control over to GLUT which uses callbacks when the program must do some work
- Sample program to illustrate basics of OpenGL and GLUT runs on Mac, Linux, and Windows

Immediate Mode

- Immediate mode is deprecated functionality in latest OpenGL specifications
- Most tutorials and examples on the web still use immediate mode
- Commands such as `glVertex3f`, `glColor3f`, `glNormal3f` are immediate mode commands
- The sample program uses data arrays which add some complexity but are more suited to modern hardware
- Caveat: data arrays (`glVertexPointer`, `glColorPointer`, `glNormalPointer`) are *also* deprecated in the latest specification
- Latest specifications are more complex to program for because they closely match the latest hardware
- Data arrays are an intermediate step away from old functionality

Demo

Header Includes

main.cpp

```
1  #include <cstdlib>
2
3  #if defined(__APPLE__) || defined(MACOSX)
4  #include <GLUT/glut.h>
5  #elif defined(_WIN32)
6  #include "glut.h"
7  #else
8  #include <GL/glut.h>
9  #endif
10
11 #include "userinput.h"
12 #include "drawcube.h"
13
14 static int g_WindowWidth = 1024, g_WindowHeight = 768;
15 static int g_WindowTopLeftX = 100, g_WindowTopLeftY = 100;
16 static char const* g_WindowTitle = "OpenGL Intro";
17
18 // Forward declarations for callback functions.
19 extern "C" void idle();
20 extern "C" void reshape(int width, int height);
21 extern "C" void display();
22
23 void initGLUT(int *argc, char *argv[]);
24 void initGL();
```

Main

main.cpp

```
24 void initGL ();
25
26 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
27     initGLUT(&argc, argv);
28     initGL ();
29
30     // Start the GLUT processing loop.
31     glutMainLoop ();
32
33     return EXIT_SUCCESS;
34 }
```


GLUT Initialization

main.cpp

```
37 void initGLUT(int *argc, char *argv[]) {
38     glutInit(argc, argv);
39
40     // We want a full color, depth buffer, and double-buffered context.
41     glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_RGBA | GLUT_DEPTH | GLUT_DOUBLE);
42
43     // Set the initial size and position for the window.
44     glutInitWindowSize(g_WindowWidth, g_WindowHeight);
45     glutInitWindowPosition(g_WindowTopLeftX, g_WindowTopLeftY);
46
47     // Creating the window creates the OpenGL context.
48     glutCreateWindow(g_WindowTitle);
49
50     // Set the callback functions, must be set after creating the window.
51     glutKeyboardFunc(keyboard);
52     glutMouseFunc(mouse);
53     glutMotionFunc(motion);
54
55     glutIdleFunc(idle);
56     glutReshapeFunc(reshape);
57     glutDisplayFunc(display);
58 }
```

OpenGL Initialization

main.cpp

```
61 void initGL() {
62     // Set the color to clear the screen to.
63     glClearColor(0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f);
64
65     // Enable depth testing.
66     glEnable(GL_DEPTH_TEST);
67     glDepthFunc(GL_LEQUAL);
68     glClearDepth(1.0);
69
70     // Enable face culling.
71     glEnable(GL_CULL_FACE);
72     glCullFace(GL_BACK);
73 }
```

Support Functions

main.cpp

```
75 // Request a redraw anytime the loop is idle.
76 void idle() {
77     glutPostRedisplay();
78 }
79
80 // Handle window reshape events.
81 void reshape(int width, int height) {
82     // Reset the viewport.
83     glViewport(0, 0, width, height);
84
85     // Set up the projection matrix.
86     glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);
87     glLoadIdentity();
88
89     gluPerspective(45.0, width / static_cast<GLdouble>(height), 0.1, 100.0);
90 }
```

Rendering

main.cpp

```
92 // Perform all rendering.
93 void display() {
94     // Clear the color and depth buffers.
95     glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);
96
97
98     // Set up the model view matrix.
99     glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
100    glLoadIdentity();
101
102    glTranslated(g_PositionX, g_PositionY, g_PositionZ);
103    glRotated(g_AngleX, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0);
104    glRotated(g_AngleY, 0.0, 1.0, 0.0);
105    glRotated(g_AngleZ, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
106
107    // Draw a cube.
108    drawCube();
109
110    // Swap the front and back buffers.
111    glutSwapBuffers();
112 }
```

Drawing the Cube

drawcube.cpp

```
61 void drawCube() {
62     // Specify the vertex, color, and normal data.
63     glVertexPointer(3, GL_FLOAT, 0, g_Vertices);
64     glEnableClientState(GL_VERTEX_ARRAY);
65
66     glColorPointer(3, GL_FLOAT, 0, g_Colors);
67     glEnableClientState(GL_COLOR_ARRAY);
68
69     glNormalPointer(GL_FLOAT, 0, g_Normals);
70     glEnableClientState(GL_NORMAL_ARRAY);
71
72
73     // Draw the specified triangles.
74     int triangles = sizeof(g_Indices) / sizeof(g_Indices[0]);
75     glDrawElements(GL_TRIANGLES, triangles, GL_UNSIGNED_INT, g_Indices);
76
77
78     // Reset what we turned on.
79     glDisableClientState(GL_NORMAL_ARRAY);
80     glDisableClientState(GL_COLOR_ARRAY);
81     glDisableClientState(GL_VERTEX_ARRAY);
82 }
```

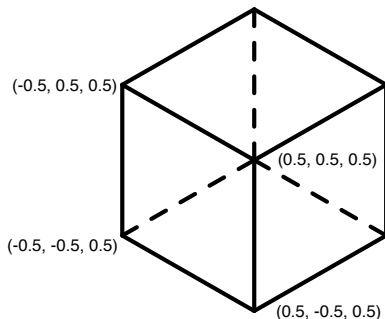
Specifying Geometry

- OpenGL supports a small set of primitive types
- The most common primitive is the triangle: `GL_TRIANGLES`
- Primitives are described using an array of vertices
- Indexed vertices are the most efficient way to draw primitives
- The array of vertices holds a single position for each vertex (i.e. there are no overlapping vertices)
- An array of *indices* indicates which vertices from the vertex array to use to create a primitive

Defining the Vertices

drawcube.cpp

```
9 // A set of vertices for a triangle.
10 static GLfloat g_Vertices[] = {
11     0.500000f, 0.500000f, 0.500000f,
12     -0.500000f, 0.500000f, 0.500000f,
13     0.500000f, -0.500000f, 0.500000f,
14     -0.500000f, -0.500000f, 0.500000f,
15     0.500000f, 0.500000f, -0.500000f,
16     -0.500000f, 0.500000f, -0.500000f,
17     0.500000f, -0.500000f, -0.500000f,
18     -0.500000f, -0.500000f, -0.500000f
19 };
```



Normals and Colors for the Vertices

drawcube.cpp

```
21 // A set of normals for the vertices.
22 static GLfloat g_Normals[] = {
23     0.577350f,  0.577350f,  0.577350f,
24     -0.333333f,  0.666667f,  0.666667f,
25     0.666667f, -0.333333f,  0.666667f,
26     -0.666667f, -0.666667f,  0.333333f,
27     0.666667f,  0.666667f, -0.333333f,
28     -0.666667f,  0.333333f, -0.666667f,
29     0.333333f, -0.666667f, -0.666667f,
30     -0.577350f, -0.577350f, -0.577350f
31 };
32
33 // A set of vertex colors for the vertices.
34 static GLfloat g_Colors[] = {
35     0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f,
36     0.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f,
37     0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f,
38     0.0f, 1.0f, 1.0f,
39     1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f,
40     1.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f,
41     1.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f,
42     1.0f, 1.0f, 1.0f
43 };
```


Triangle Indices

Inside `void drawcube()`:

```
73 // Draw the specified triangles.  
74 int triangles = sizeof(g_Indices) / sizeof(g_Indices[0]);  
75 glDrawElements(GL_TRIANGLES, triangles, GL_UNSIGNED_INT, g_Indices);
```

`drawcube.cpp`

```
45 // A set of indices for 4 triangles to form a cube.  
46 static GLuint g_Indices[] = {  
47     0, 1, 2,  
48     3, 2, 1,  
49     0, 2, 4,  
50     6, 4, 2,  
51     0, 4, 1,  
52     5, 1, 4,  
53     7, 5, 6,  
54     4, 6, 5,  
55     7, 6, 3,  
56     2, 3, 6,  
57     7, 3, 5,  
58     1, 5, 3  
59 };
```

