

Components of a Graphics Software System

Introduction to OpenGL

Basic Components of a Graphics Software System

- ☞ Examples from: Windows GDI and OpenGL

1. Output Primitives

- ☞ Building blocks for drawing pictures
- ☞ **Plotting a pixel**--most primitive
- ☞ Windows CDC:

```
COLORREF colref;  
SetPixel(x,y,colref); // Windows--plots pixel  
colref = GetPixel(x,y); // returns pixel color
```
- ☞ OpenGL:

```
glBegin (GL_POINTS); // OpenGL  
    glVertex2f (x, y); // 2==>2D, f==>floating pt  
glEnd(); // current drawing is color used
```

 - In general:

```
glVertex{234}{sifd} (TYPE coords,...); or  
glVertex{234}{sifd}v (TYPE *coords);
```

☞ Lines

- Windows CDC:

```
MoveTo(x1,y1); // Set Curr. Pos., one endpoint  
LineTo(x2,y2); // line from CP to (x2,y2)  
// current pen is used
```
- OpenGL:

```
glBegin (GL_LINES); // OpenGL  
    glVertex2f(x1,y1); // 2D endpoint vertices  
    glVertex2f(x2,y2); // appear in pairs  
glEnd() // current glLineWidth & glColor
```

Polylines and Polygons

– Windows CDC:

```
Polyline(lppts,num_pts); // Windows
Polygon(lppts,num_pts);
// parameters: POINT array, number of points
```

– OpenGL:

```
glBegin (GL_POLYGON); // OpenGL
glVertex2f(x1,y1); // first polygon vertex
glVertex2f(x2,y2); // second polygon vertex
...
// more vertices
glEnd(); // current glColor & glPolygonMode are used
```

Other primitives

– Windows CDC:

- Lots of other primitives
- See prior notes on Windows programming
 - Especially Help on CDC class

– OpenGL:

- GL_TRIANGLES, GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP,
GL_TRIANGLE_FAN, GL_LINE_STRIP,
GL_QUADS, etc. ---- lots more

Text

Windows CDC:

```
TextOut(x,y,lpszStr,cStrLength);
```

OpenGL:

- Design a font set using bitmap functions in the core library
- Use GLUT character-generation library functions

```
char* str = "abcde";
glRasterPos2i(10,10);
for (int k=0; k<5; k++)
    glutBitmapCharacter(GLUT_BITMAP_9_BY_15, str[k]);
```

3-D primitives

Windows has nothing

OpenGL:

- GLU graphics library
 - sphere, cube, cone, etc.

2. Attributes (State Variables)

- ☞ Properties of primitives
 - how they appear
 - e.g., color, line style, text style, fill patterns
- ☞ Usually modal
 - values retained until changed
- ☞ Windows –
 - see prior notes (e.g., pens, brushes)
- ☞ OpenGL-- glProperty();
 - 'Property' is state variable to set, e.g.
glColor3f (1.0, 0.0, 0.0); // bright red
glLineWidth(3.0); // 3 pixels wide
glPolygonMode(GL_FRONT_AND_BACK,GL_LINE);

3. Transformations

- ☞ Done with matrix math
- ☞ Setting windows/viewports
 - Window-to-viewport transformation
- ☞ Moving objects
 - Geometric Transformations
 - e.g., translation, rotation, scaling
- ☞ Changing coordinate system
- ☞ Changing viewpoint
- ☞ Different types of projections

☞ Windows

- window-to-viewport transformation
 - done with Mapping Modes
- programmer must implement others

☞ OpenGL is very rich

- glLoadMatrix(), glRotatef(), glTranslatef(),
glScalef(), glViewport(), glFrustum(),
glOrtho2D(), gluPerspective(), etc.

4. Segmentation

- ☞ Dividing scene into component parts for (later) manipulation
- ☞ Windows: GDI strictly immediate mode
 - But there are Metafiles (can be played back)
- ☞ OpenGL has Display lists:
 - Groups of OpenGL commands that have been stored for later execution
 - Can be hierarchical
- ☞ PHIGS uses hierarchical segments

5. Input/Interaction

- ☛ Obtain data from input devices or graphics system
 - So user can manipulate scene interactively
- ☛ Windows:
 - Built into event-driven, message-based paradigm

5. Input/Interaction in OpenGL

- ☛ Obtain data from input devices/system and respond to events
- ☛ Auxiliary libraries (GLX, WGL, AGL)
 - All use the underlying windowing system
- ☛ Or GLUT callback functions
 - All take pointers to an event handler function, e.g.
 - Window must be redrawn: glutDisplayFunc (mydisplay)
 - Then write: mydisplay () function;
 - Keyboard: glutKeyboardFunc (mykey)
 - Then write: mykey (key, xmouse, ymouse) function
 - Mouse events: glutMouseFunc (mymouse)
 - Then write: mymouse (button, action, xmouse, ymouse)
 - Mouse motion: glutMotionFunc (mymotion)
 - Then write: mymotion (xmouse, ymouse)

6. Control/Housekeeping

- ☞ Initialize system, create window, etc.
- ☞ Windows: Extensive support
 - RegisterClass(), CreateWindow(), etc.
 - Mostly hidden in MFC framework
- ☞ OpenGL:
 - Use GLUT library functions
 - glutInit(&argc, argv); glutInitDisplayMode(mode); glutInitWindowSize(w, h); glutInitWindowPosition(x, y); glutCreateWindow("Title"); glutMainLoop();
 - Or use WGL functions under Windows

7. Storing/retrieving/manipulating bitmapped Images

- ☞ BitBLT -- Bit Block Transfer
- ☞ Windows:
 - Device Dependent Bitmaps
 - BitBlt(), StretchBlt(), StretchDIBits()etc.
 - But very slow
 - Device Independent Bitmaps--faster
 - DirectX -- flipping surfaces--fastest!
- ☞ OpenGL:
 - glReadPixels(); glDrawPixels(); glCopyPixels();

8. Rendering/Photorealism

- ☞ Hidden surfaces, lighting, shading, reflection properties, etc.
- ☞ Windows GDI: Very little support
 - DirectX (Direct3D)--Quite a bit of support
- ☞ OpenGL: A lot of support!
 - e.g., light sources, lighting models, material properties, blending, antialiasing, fog, depth buffer (hidden surface removal), texturing, etc.

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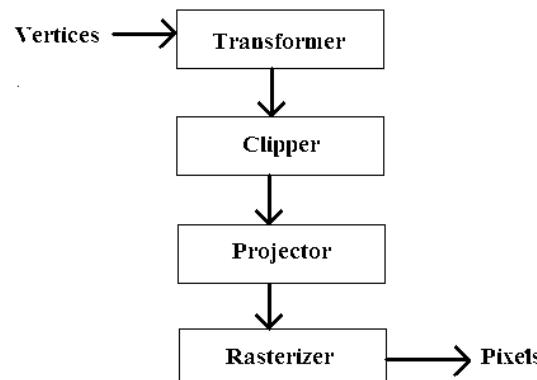
The OpenGL API

- ☞ A basic library of functions for specifying 2-D and 3-D graphics primitives, attributes, transformations, viewing setups, and many other operations
- ☞ Hardware and platform independent
 - All functions in OpenGL library are device independent
 - So many operations (windowing, I/O, etc.) are not included in basic core library
 - Many auxiliary libraries for these
- ☞ Close enough to hardware so that programs written in OpenGL run efficiently
- ☞ Easy to learn and use

Three Views of OpenGL

- ☞ Programmer's view
 - Specify a set of output primitives to render
 - Describe properties (attributes) of these objects
 - Define how these objects should be viewed
- ☞ OpenGL state machine with functions to:
 - Specify inputs to state machine
 - Change the state of the machine
 - Both determine the machine's outputs
- ☞ The OpenGL Pipeline

The OpenGL Pipeline



Related Libraries

- ☞ GLU: utility library provides routines for working with viewing/projection matrices, approximating complex 3D objects with polygons, displaying quadrics & splines, surface rendering, and much more
 - GLU functions begin with `glu`
 - All OpenGL implementations include the GLU library

Windowing Support Libraries

- ☞ Windowing systems are platform dependent
- ☞ Support libraries:
 - GLX: OpenGL Extension to the X Window System, functions begin with glX
 - WGL: Microsoft Windows-to-OpenGL interface, functions begin with wgl
 - Comes with Microsoft Visual Studio
 - AGL: Apple GL, functions begin with agl
 - GLUT: OpenGL Utility Toolkit
 - A library of functions for interacting with screen-windowing system, functions begin with glut
 - Works with many different platforms
 - Doesn't come with Visual Studio, but easily obtained

OpenGL for Microsoft Windows

- ☞ Industry standard for high-quality 3-D graphics applications
- ☞ Available on many HW and OS platforms
- ☞ “Thin” software interface to underlying graphics HW
 - Implies very good performance
- ☞ Implementing on Windows brings workstation-class graphics to PC
- ☞ Real 3-D graphics for Windows

Using OpenGL from Microsoft Windows

☞ Two approaches:

- WGL

- Underlying Windows functionality does most of the work
- Easy to use from either Win32 API or MFC

- GLUT

- Contains functions to create and manage windows
- Others to set up handler functions for user-initiated events
- Applications more easily ported to other platforms

Using the GLUT in OpenGL Windows Applications

-Visual Studio 2005-

☞ Download the Windows version from:

- <http://www.xmission.com/~nate/glut.html>

☞ Copy files to following directories:

- glut32.dll to: Windows\system32
- glut32.lib to: Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio 8\VC\PlatformSDK\lib
- glut.h to: Program Files\Microsoft Visual Studio 8\VC\PlatformSDK\include\gl

Using GLUT from VS 2008

- ☞ Could download the GLUT libraries and header files
- ☞ But it's more complex to put them in the correct directories
- ☞ Easier to go to the following website and download an installer which will get the libraries and install them in the right places:
 - <http://tempvariable.blogspot.com/2008/02/installing-freeglut-on-visual-studio.html>
- ☞ Click on the package link in the fourth paragraph
 - And download the freeglut glut.zip file (229.4 KB)
 - After unzipping it, run the install.bat file

Creating a GLUT-based Win32 API Application

- ☞ Create a Win32 API Application (Empty)
 - Under Project Properties:
 - Configuration Properties / Linker / Input / Additional Dependencies, add:
 - opengl32.lib glu32.lib glut32.lib
 - Under Linker / Advanced / Entry Point, set to:
 - mainCRTStartup

Header Files

- ☞ `#include <GL/glut.h>`
 - gl.h and glu.h not needed if we're using the GLUT
 - May need other C/C++ standard header files:
 - stdio.h, stdlib.h, math.h, time.h, etc.

Main Program

- ☞ Just like regular C/C++ app -- entry point is:
 - `void main(int &argc, char** argv)`
- ☞ In `main()` do following:
 - 1. Initialize the GLUT with
 - `glutInit(&argc, argv);`
 - 2. Set the display mode
 - Specify kind of buffering, color mode, etc:
 - `glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_SINGLE | GLUT_RGB);`
 - 3. Set initial window position on screen:
 - `glutInitWindowPosition(x,y);`
 - 4. Set initial window size on screen
 - `glutInitWindowSize(w,h);`
 - 5. Create the window:
 - `glutCreateWindow("title");`

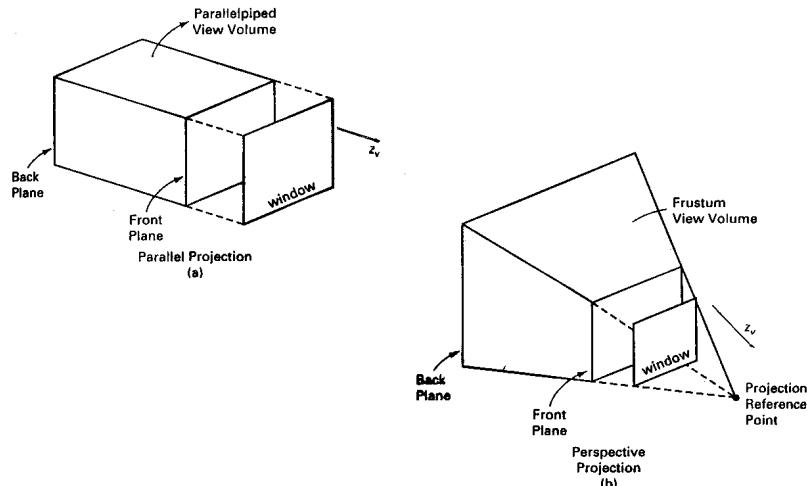
Setting the Background Color

- ☞ Set background color for display window
 - `glClearColor(1.0,1.0,1.0,0.0); //white`
 - Assigns a color, but does not paint it, Use:
 - `glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);`
 - Causes values in color buffer to be set to values given in `glClearColor()`

More Initialization: Projection Type, Viewing Transformation, Clipping

- ☞ OpenGL designed for 3D graphics
- ☞ Must project onto a 2D window
- ☞ Also do window-to-viewport transformation
 - with clipping
- ☞ For 2D graphics, use an orthogonal projection
 - `gluOrtho2D(xmin,xmax,ymin,ymax)`
 - Equivalent to taking $z=0$ & setting a “window” with clipping boundaries: $xmin \leq x \leq xmax$, $ymin \leq y \leq ymax$
 - Will be mapped to entire client area of physical window
 - Since projection transformations are done with matrices, must first set the matrix mode and initialize the matrix:
 - `glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);`
 - `glLoadIdentity();`

Projections: orthogonal/perspective



After Initialization

- ☛ Specify what to display in display window
 - Create the picture in a display “callback” function using OpenGL drawing functions
 - Pass the address of that callback function to the GLUT routine glutDisplayFunc(callback_ftn);
 - Subsequently callback_ftn gets called any time client area of display window is exposed
 - Like MFC OnDraw(), callback_ftn is called in response to WM_PAINT messages
 - Place code there that specifies what is to be displayed
 - End with glFlush() to force buffered commands to execute
- ☛ Finally start the message loop in main():
 - glutMainLoop();
 - Must be last statement in main()

Example GLUT Windows Application

- ☞ See Section 2-9 of the text book (Hearn and Baker)
- ☞ Modified Program listing on page 80
 - See [First OpenGL program using GLUT \(ogl-pgm1-cc\)](#) link on “Example Programs” web page
 - Just draws two diagonal red straight lines
 - And some text

Using OpenGL with Microsoft Windows: WGL Approach

Steps in Using OpenGL in Windows Applications – WGL Approach

- ☞ Get a DC for a rendering location (window)
- ☞ Choose & set a “pixel format” for the DC
 - Describes desired HW capabilities
- ☞ Create a Rendering Context (RC) for the DC
 - Links OpenGL calls to the DC associated with a window client area
- ☞ Associate (bind) the RC with the DC
- ☞ Draw using OpenGL function calls
- ☞ Release the RC & DC

Rendering Context (RC)

- ☞ OpenGL equivalent of Windows GDI Device Context
- ☞ Mechanism by which OpenGL calls are rendered to the device via a DC
- ☞ Links OpenGL calls to a window client area through the associated DC
 - RC Must be compatible with a window's DC
- ☞ Keeps track of current values of OpenGL state variables
 - Just like DC does for GDI state variables
 - Attributes, drawing objects, etc.

Pixel Format

Translation layer between OpenGL ftn. calls
& Windows physical rendering operation

Describe things like:

- If using single or double buffering
- If direct or indirect color
- If drawing to a window or offscreen bitmap
- Color depth (# of bit planes)
- ZBuffer depth
- Lots of others

PIXELFORMATDESCRIPTOR

- ↗ Data structure used to set the Pixel Format
- ↗ Some fields:
 - dwFlags: “OR” of properties constants, e.g.
 - doublebuffered, stereo, window or bitmap, etc.
 - iPixelType
 - color type (RGBA or indexed)
 - cColorBits: # of bitplanes
 - cRedBits: # of bits in red color channel
 - cRedShift: where red bits are
 - cDepthBits: depth of Z-buffer (hidden surface removal)
 - etc.
- ↗ See online help: PIXELFORMATDESCRIPTOR

Choosing and Setting the Pixel Format

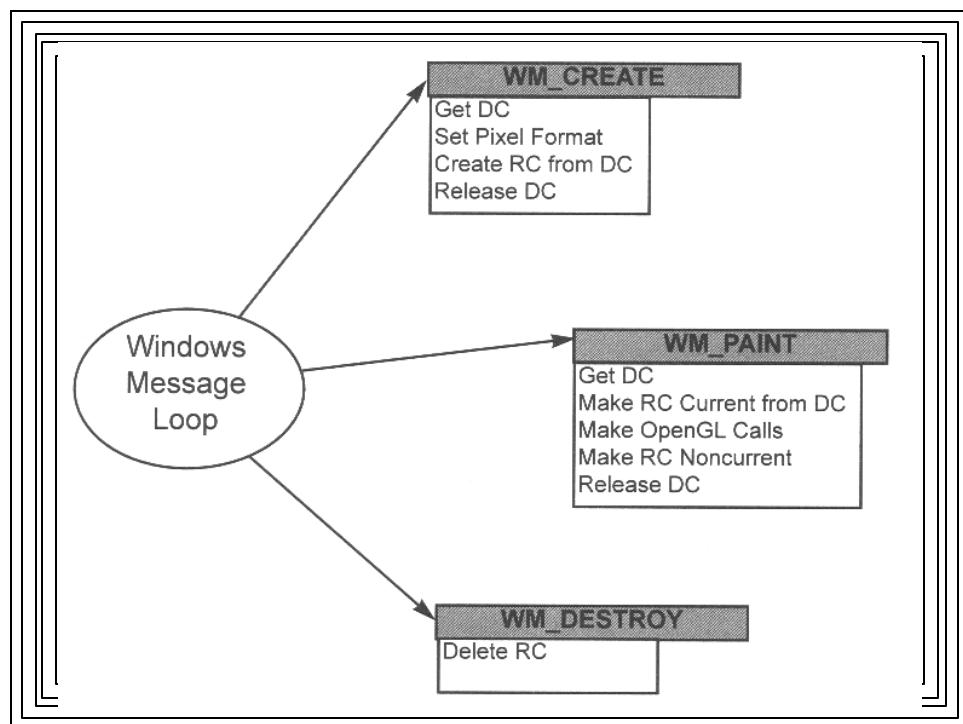
- ☛ Set up a PIXELFORMATDESCRIPTOR variable (e.g., pfd)
- ☛ pf_index=ChoosePixelFormat(hDC,&pf)
 - gets DC's pixel format that's the closest match to the desired PFD
 - returns an integer (e.g., pf_index)
- ☛ SetPixelFormat(hDC, pf_index, &pf)
 - Set that pixel format into the DC

Creating and Using a Rendering Context

- ☛ Use WGL function to create an RC:
 - hRC = wglCreateContext(hDC);
 - Returns a handle to an OpenGL Rendering Context:
 - HGLRC hRC
 - Will have all capabilities of selected pfd
- ☛ Make the RC “Current” [bind RC to DC]
 - wglGetCurrentContext(hDC, hRC);
 - Binds the RC to the window's DC and the current thread of execution
- ☛ Now we can draw with OpenGL calls

Cleanup

- ☞ Make RC non-current (Unbind RC from DC)
 - `wglGetCurrent(hDC, NULL);`
- ☞ Get rid of the DC
 - `ReleaseDC()` in a Win32 API app.
 - Done automatically in MFC when `OnDraw()` returns
- ☞ Get rid of the RC
 - `wglDeleteContext(hRC);`



Building a Windows/OpenGL App using the WGL Interface

- ☞ Includes in .h file:
 - <gl\gl.h> // OpenGL interface
 - <gl\glu.h> // OpenGL utility library interface
 - Note we're not using the GLUT
- ☞ Must add opengl32.lib & glu32.lib to Linker's Object library modules
 - Under .NET:
 - 'Project' | 'Properties' | 'Configuration Properties' | 'Linker' | 'Input' | 'Additional Dependencies'
 - Type in: opengl32.lib glu.lib

MINOGL Example Program

- ☞ Displays a rectangle in different shades of red
- ☞ See online listing of CView class of minogl example OpenGL program
 - Look on CS-460/560 “Sample Programs” Page
 - Link:
 - [MINOGL: A Simple OpenGL Example Program for Windows MFC \(minoglView.cpp\)](#)