

Introduction to OpenGL and GLUT



What is OpenGL?

- An application programming interface (API)
- A (low-level) Graphics rendering API
- Generate high-quality color images composed of geometric and image primitives

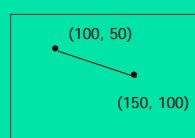
What is OpenGL?



Maximal Portability

- Display device independent
- Window system independent
- Operating system independent

Without a standard API (such as OpenGL) - impossible to port



Line(100,50,150,80) - device/lib 1

Moveto(100,50)
Lineto(150,100) - device/lib 2



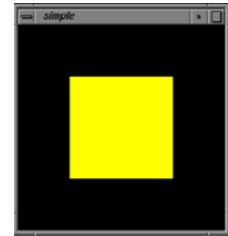
OpenGL Basics



- OpenGL's primary function – **Rendering**
- Rendering? – converting geometric/mathematical object descriptions into frame buffer values
- OpenGL can render:
 - Geometric primitives
 - Bitmaps and Images (Raster primitives)

Code Example

```
void Display()
{
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);
    glColor4f(1,1,0,1);
    glBegin(GL_POLYGON);
    glVertex2f(-0.5, -0.5);
    glVertex2f(-0.5, 0.5);
    glVertex2f(0.5, 0.5);
    glVertex2f(0.5, -0.5);
    glEnd();
    glFlush();
}
....
```



Specifying Geometric primitives



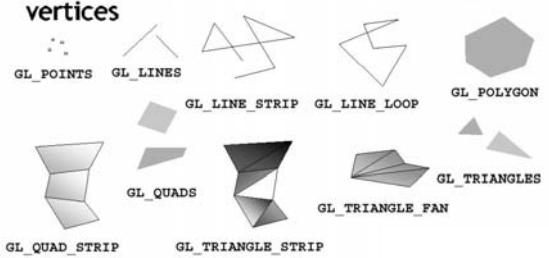
- Primitives are specified using

```
glBegin(primType);
// define your primitives here
...
glEnd();
```
- primType: GL_POINTS, GL_LINES, GL_TRIANGLES,
GL_QUADS, ...

Primitive Types



All geometric primitives are specified by vertices



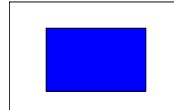
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Sample Example



```
Void DrawQuad(GLfloat color[])
{
    glColor3f(0,0,1);
    glBegin(GL_QUADS);
    glVertex2f(0,0);
    glVertex2f(1.0, 0.0);
    glVertex2f(1.0, 1.0);
    glVertex2f(0.0, 1.0);
    glEnd();
}
```



OpenGL Command Formats



`glVertex2f(x, y)`

number of Components/
Dimensions

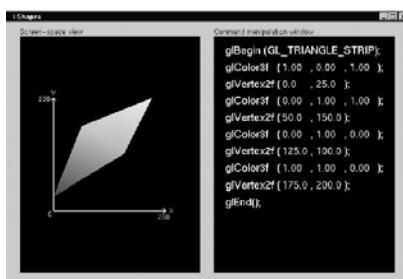
2 – (x,y)
3 – (x,y,z)
4 – (x,y,z,w) or
(r,g,b,a)

B – byte
ub – unsigned byte
s – short
us – unsigned short
i – int
ui – unsigned int
f – float
d – double

Add 'v' for vector form
`glVertex2fv(v)`



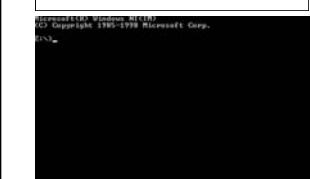
Shape Example



Window-based programming

- Most of the modern graphics systems are window-based

Non-window based environment



Window based environment



Window system independent

- OpenGL is window system independent
 - No window management functions – create windows, resize windows, event handling, etc
 - This is to ensure the application's portability
 - Create some headache though – just a pure OpenGL program won't work anywhere.

More APIs are needed

- X window system: GLX
- Apple Macintosh: AGL
- Microsoft Windows: WGL

These libraries provide complete functionality to create Graphics User Interface (GUI) such as sliders, buttons, menus etc.

Problem – you need to learn and implement them all to write a true portable software

Use GLUT (OpenGL Utility Toolkit)

- For fast prototyping, we can use GLUT to interface with different window systems
- GLUT is a window independent API – programs written using OpenGL and GLUT can be ported to X windows, MS windows, and Macintosh with no effort
- GLUT does not contain all the bells and whistles though (no sliders, no dialog boxes, no menu bar, etc)

GLUT Basics



Program Structure

1. Configure and open window ([GLUT](#))
2. Initialize OpenGL (Optional)
3. Register input callback functions ([GLUT](#))
 - Render
 - Resize
 - Input: keyboard, mouse, etc
4. Enter event processing loop ([GLUT](#))



Sample Program

GLUT

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

Void main(int argc, char** argv)
{
    int mode = GLUT_RGB|GLUT_SINGLE;
    glutInitDisplayMode(mode);
    glutInitWindowSize(500,500);
    glutCreateWindow(argv[0]);
    init();
    glutDisplayFunc(display);
    glutKeyboardFunc(key);
    glutMainLoop();
}
```



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    glutCreateWindow( "Simple" );
    init();
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}
```

← Specify the display
Mode – RGB or color
Index, single or double
Buffer



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← Create a window
Named "simple"
with resolution
500 x 500



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← Your OpenGL initialization
code (Optional)

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    glutCreateWindow( "Simple" );
    init();
    glutDisplayFunc(display); ← Register your call back
    glutKeyboardFunc(key);
    glutMainLoop();
}
```

Callback functions?

GLUT

- Most of window-based programs are event-driven
 - which means do nothing until an event happens, and then execute some pre-defined functions
- Events – key press, mouse button press and release, window resize, etc.

glutDisplayFunc(void (*func)(void))

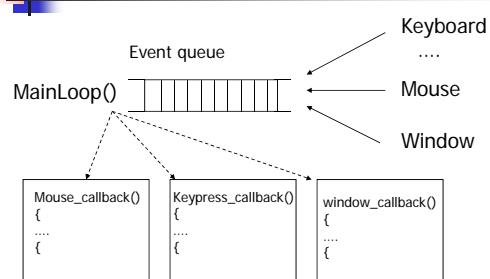
GLUT

```
Void main(int argc, char** argv)
{
    ...
    glutDisplayFunc(display);
    ...
}
```

void display() – the function you provide. It contains all the OpenGL drawing function calls and will be called when pixels in the window need to be refreshed.

Event Queue

GLUT





And many more ...

GLUT

- **glutKeyboardFunc()** – register the callback that will be called when a key is pressed
- **glutMouseFunc()** – register the callback that will be called when a mouse button is pressed
- **glutMotionFunc()** – register the callback that will be called when the mouse is in motion while a button is pressed
- **glutIdleFunc()** – register the callback that will be called when nothing is going on (no event)



glutMainLoop()

GLUT

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    glutInitDisplayMode(mode);
    glutInitWindowSize(500,500);
    glutCreateWindow( "Simple" );
    init();
    glutDisplayFunc(display);
    glutReshapeFunc(resize);
    glutKeyboardFunc(key);
    glutMainLoop(); ← The program goes into a infinite loop waiting for events
}
```