CSCI 480 Computer Graphics
Lecture 3

Interaction

Client/Server Model
Callbacks
Double Buffering
Hidden Surface Removal
Simple Transformations
[Angel Ch. 3]

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Triangles (Clarification)

• Can be any shape or size
• Well-shaped triangles have advantages for numerical simulation
• Shape quality makes little difference for basic OpenGL rendering

Choice of Programming Language

• OpenGL lives close to the hardware
• OpenGL is not object-oriented
• OpenGL is not a functional language (as in, ML)
• Use C to expose and exploit low-level details
• Use C++, Java, … for toolkits
• Support for C in assignments

Client/Server Model

• Graphics hardware and caching
  “Client” "Server"

CPU GPU

• Important for efficiency
• Need to be aware where data are stored
• Examples: vertex arrays, display lists

The CPU-GPU bus

AGP, PCI, PCI Express
Fast, but limited bandwidth

CPU GPU

possible, but very slow

Display Lists

• Cache a sequence of drawing commands
• Optimize and store on server (GPU)

“Client” "Server"

CPU GPU

Display (CRT)

Store geometry, colors, lighting properties of objects on the GPU
Display Lists

- Cache a sequence of drawing commands
- Optimize and store on server (GPU)

```c
GLuint listName = glGenLists(1); /* new list name */
gNewList(listName, GL_COMPILE); /* new list */
gColor3f(1.0, 0.0, 1.0);
gBegin(GL_TRIANGLES);
   glVertex3f(0.0, 0.0, 0.0);
   ...;
   glEnd();
gEndList(); /* at this point, OpenGL compiles the list */
gCallList(listName); /* draw the object */
```

Display Lists Details

- Very useful with complex objects that are redrawn often (e.g., with transformations)
- Another example: fonts (2D or 3D)
- Display lists can call other display lists
- Display lists cannot be changed
- Display lists can be erased / replaced
- Not necessary in first assignment
- Display lists are now deprecated in OpenGL
  For complex usage, use the VertexBufferObject (VBO) extension

Vertex Arrays

- Draw cube with 6*4=24 or with 8 vertices?
- Expense in drawing and transformation
- Strips help to some extent
- Vertex arrays provide general solution
- Advanced (since OpenGL 1.2)
  - Define (transmit) array of vertices, colors, normals
  - Draw using index into array(s)
  - Vertex sharing for efficient operations
- Not needed for first assignment

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GLUT Program with Callbacks

```
START
   Initialization
   Main event loop
     Idle
     Display
     KeyBoard
     Menu
     ... Mouse
   END
```

Main Event Loop

- Standard technique for interaction (GLUT, Qt, wxWidgets, ...)
- Main loop processes events
- Dispatch to functions specified by client
- Callbacks also common in operating systems
- "Poor man’s functional programming"
Types of Callbacks

• Display ( ) : when window must be drawn
• Idle ( ) : when no other events to be handled
• Keyboard (unsigned char key, int x, int y) : key pressed
• Menu (...) : after selection from menu
• Mouse (int button, int state, int x, int y) : mouse button
• Motion (...) : mouse movement
• Reshape (int w, int h) : window resize
• Any callback can be NULL

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Screen Refresh

• Common: 60-100 Hz
• Flicker if drawing overlaps screen refresh
• Problem during animation
• Solution: use two separate frame buffers:
  – Draw into one buffer
  – Swap and display, while drawing into other buffer
• Desirable frame rate >= 30 fps (frames/second)

Enabling Single/Double Buffering

• glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_SINGLE);
• glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_DOUBLE);

• Single buffering:
  Must call glFinish() at the end of Display()
• Double buffering:
  Must call glutSwapBuffers() at the end of Display()
• Must call glutPostRedisplay() at the end of Idle()
• If something in OpenGL has no effect or does not work, check the modes in glutInitDisplayMode

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Hidden Surface Removal

• Classic problem of computer graphics
• What is visible after clipping and projection?

• Object-space vs image-space approaches
• Object space: depth sort (Painter's algorithm)
• Image space: z-buffer algorithm
• Related: back-face culling
Object-Space Approach

• Consider objects pairwise

• Complexity $O(k^2)$ where $k = \#$ of objects
• Painter’s algorithm: render back-to-front
• “Paint” over invisible polygons
• How to sort and how to test overlap?

Depth Sorting

• First, sort by furthest distance $z$ from viewer
• If minimum depth of $A$ is greater than maximum depth of $B$, $A$ can be drawn before $B$
• If either $x$ or $y$ extents do not overlap, $A$ and $B$ can be drawn independently

Some Difficult Cases

• Sometimes cannot sort polygons!

• One solution: compute intersections & subdivide
• Do while rasterizing (difficult in object space)

Painter’s Algorithm Assessment

• Strengths
  – Simple (most of the time)
  – Handles transparency well
  – Sometimes, no need to sort (e.g., heightfield)
• Weaknesses
  – Clumsy when geometry is complex
  – Sorting can be expensive
• Usage
  – PostScript interpreters
  – OpenGL: not supported
  (must implement Painter’s Algorithm manually)

Image-Space Approach

• Raycasting: intersect ray with polygons

• $O(k)$ worst case (often better)
• Images can be more jagged (need anti-aliasing)

The z-Buffer Algorithm

• z-buffer stores depth values $z$ for each pixel
• Before writing a pixel into framebuffer:
  – Compute distance $z$ of pixel from viewer
  – If closer, write and update z-buffer, otherwise discard
z-Buffer Algorithm Assessment

• Strengths
  – Simple (no sorting or splitting)
  – Independent of geometric primitives

• Weaknesses
  – Memory intensive (but memory is cheap now)
  – Tricky to handle transparency and blending
  – Depth-ordering artifacts

• Usage
  – z-Buffering comes standard with OpenGL; disabled by default; must be enabled

Depth Buffer in OpenGL

• glInitDisplayMode(GLUT_DOUBLE | GLUT_RGBA | GLUT_DEPTH);

• glEnable (GL_DEPTH_TEST);

• Inside Display():
  glClear (GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);

• Remember all of these!
• Some “tricks” use z-buffer in read-only mode

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Specifying the Viewing Volume

• Clip everything not in viewing volume
• Separate matrices for transformation and projection
  glMatrixMode (GL_PROJECTION);
  glLoadIdentity();
  ... Set viewing volume ...
  glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);

Parallel Viewing

• Orthographic projection
• Camera points in negative z direction
• glOrtho(xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax, near, far)

Perspective Viewing

• Slightly more complex
• glFrustum(xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax, near, far)
Simple Transformations

- Rotate by given angle (in degrees) about axis given by (x, y, z)
  
  ```
  glRotate(fd)(angle, x, y, z);
  ```

- Translate by the given x, y, and z values
  
  ```
  glTranslate(fd)(x, y, z);
  ```

- Scale with a factor in the x, y, and z direction
  
  ```
  glScale(fd)(x, y, z);
  ```

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Example: Rotating Color Cube

- Adapted from [Angel, Ch. 4]

- Problem:
  - Draw a color cube
  - Rotate it about x, y, or z axis, depending on left, middle or right mouse click
  - Stop when space bar is pressed
  - Quit when q or Q is pressed

Step 1: Defining the Vertices

- Use parallel arrays for vertices and colors

  ```
  /* vertices of cube about the origin */
  GLfloat vertices[8][3] =
  { {-1.0, -1.0, -1.0}, {1.0, -1.0, -1.0},
    {1.0, 1.0, -1.0}, {-1.0, 1.0, -1.0},
    {-1.0, -1.0, 1.0}, {1.0, -1.0, 1.0},
    {1.0, 1.0, 1.0}, {-1.0, 1.0, 1.0} };
  
  /* colors to be assigned to vertices */
  GLfloat colors[8][3] =
  { {0.0, 0.0, 0.0}, {1.0, 0.0, 0.0},
    {1.0, 1.0, 0.0}, {0.0, 1.0, 0.0},
    {0.0, 0.0, 1.0}, {1.0, 0.0, 1.0},
    {1.0, 1.0, 1.0}, {0.0, 1.0, 1.0} };
  ```

Step 2: Set Up z-buffer and Double Buffering

```c
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    glutInit(&argc, argv);
    // double buffering for smooth animation */
    glutInitDisplayMode
    (GLUT_DOUBLE | GLUT_DEPTH | GLUT_RGB);
    ... // window creation and callbacks here */
    glEnable(GL_DEPTH_TEST);
    glutMainLoop();
    return(0);
}
```
Step 4: Reshape Callback

- Set projection and viewport, preserve aspect ratio

```c
void myReshape(int w, int h)
{
    GLfloat aspect = (GLfloat) w / (GLfloat) h;
    glViewport(0, 0, w, h);
    glMatrixMode(GL_PROJECTION);
    glLoadIdentity();
    if (w <= h) /* aspect <= 1 */
        glOrtho(-2.0, 2.0, -2.0/aspect, 2.0/aspect, -10.0, 10.0);
    else /* aspect > 1 */
        glOrtho(-2.0*aspect, 2.0*aspect, -2.0, 2.0, -10.0, 10.0);
    glMatrixMode(GL_MODELVIEW);
}
```

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Step 5: Display Callback

- Clear, rotate, draw, flush, swap

```c
GLfloat theta[3] = {0.0, 0.0, 0.0};
void display(void)
{
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);
    glLoadIdentity();
    glRotatef(theta[0], 1.0, 0.0, 0.0);
    glRotatef(theta[1], 0.0, 1.0, 0.0);
    glRotatef(theta[2], 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
    colorcube();
    glutSwapBuffers();
}
```

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Step 6: Drawing Faces

- Call face(a, b, c, d) with vertex index
- Orient consistently

```c
void colorcube(void)
{
    face(0,3,2,1);
    face(2,3,7,6);
    face(0,4,7,3);
    face(1,2,6,5);
    face(4,5,6,7);
    face(0,1,5,4);
}
```

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Step 7: Drawing a Face

- Use vector form of primitives and attributes

```c
void face(int a, int b, int c, int d)
{
    glBegin(GL_POLYGON);
    glColor3fv(colors[a]);
    glVertex3fv(vertices[a]);
    glColor3fv(colors[b]);
    glVertex3fv(vertices[b]);
    glColor3fv(colors[c]);
    glVertex3fv(vertices[c]);
    glColor3fv(colors[d]);
    glVertex3fv(vertices[d]);
    glEnd();
}
```

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Step 8: Animation

- Set idle callback

```c
GLfloat delta = 2.0;
GLint axis = 2;
void spinCube()
{
    /* spin the cube delta degrees about selected axis */
    theta[axis] += delta;
    if (theta[axis] > 360.0) theta[axis] -= 360.0;
    /* display result (do not forget this!) */
    glutPostRedisplay();
}
```

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Step 9: Change Axis of Rotation

- Mouse callback

```c
void mouse(int bpn, int state, int x, int y)
{
    if (bpn==GLUT_LEFT_BUTTON && (state == GLUT_DOWN))
        axis = 0;
    if (bpn==GLUT_MIDDLE_BUTTON && (state == GLUT_DOWN))
        axis = 1;
    if (bpn==GLUT_RIGHT_BUTTON && (state == GLUT_DOWN))
        axis = 2;
}
```
Step 10: Toggle Rotation or Exit

• Keyboard callback

```c
void keyboard(unsigned char key, int x, int y)
{
    if (key=='q' || key == 'Q')
        exit(0);
    if (key== ' ')
        stop = !stop;
    if (stop)
        glutIdleFunc(NULL);
    else
        glutIdleFunc(spinCube);
}
```

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Announcements

• Assignment 1 will be posted this week
• Microsoft Visual Studio (Windows) access enabled via Microsoft’s MSDN
• Please start early
• Check web page for instructions