Texture mapping is a computer graphics operation in which a separate image, referred to as the texture, is stretched onto a piece of 3D geometry and follows it however it is transformed. This image is also known as a texture map. This can be most any image. Some graphics hardware requires the image's pixel dimensions to be a power of two. (This restriction has been lifted on many graphics cards, but just to be safe... The X and Y dimensions do not need to be the same power of two, just a power of two. So, a 128x512 image would be OK, a 129x511 image might not.) Also, to prevent confusion, the texture pixels are not called pixels. A pixel is a dot in the final screen image. A dot in the texture image is called a texture element, or texel. Similarly, to avoid terminology confusion, a texture's width and height dimensions are not called X and Y. They are called S and T. A texture map is not generally indexed by its actual resolution coordinates. Instead, it is indexed by a coordinate system that is resolution-independent. The left side is always S=0, the right side is S=1, the bottom is T=0, and the top is T=1. Thus, you do not need to be aware of the texture's resolution when you are specifying coordinates that point into it. Think of S and T as a measure of what fraction of the way you are into the texture.

The Basic Idea

The mapping between the geometry of the 3D object and the S and T of the texture image works like this:

\[(X0, Y0, S0,T0)\]
\[(X1, Y1, S1,T1)\]
\[(X2, Y2, S2,T2)\]
\[(X3, Y3, S3,T3)\]
\[(X4, Y4, S4,T4)\]

Interpolated (S,T) = (.78, .67)

(199.68, 171.52)

You specify an (s,t) pair at each vertex, along with the vertex coordinate. At the same time that OpenGL is interpolating the coordinates, colors, etc. inside the polygon, it is also interpolating the (s,t) coordinates. Then, when OpenGL goes to draw each pixel, it uses that pixel's interpolated (s,t) to lookup a color in the texture image.

Using a Texture: Assign an (s,t) to each vertex

Enable texture mapping:

```c
glEnable( GL_TEXTURE_2D );
```

Draw your polygons, specifying a and b at each vertex:

```c
glBegin( GL_POLYGON );
glTexCoord2f( s0, t0 );
glNormal3f( nx0, ny0, nz0 );
glVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );
glTexCoord2f( s1, t1 );
glNormal3f( nx1, ny1, nz1 );
glVertex3f( x1, y1, z1 );
...```

```c
.glEnd();
```

Using a Texture: How do you know what (s,t) to assign to each vertex?

The easiest way to figure out what s and t are at a particular vertex is to figure out what fraction across the object the vertex is living at. For a plane,

\[ s = \frac{x - X_{\min}}{X_{\max} - X_{\min}} \]
\[ t = \frac{y - Y_{\min}}{Y_{\max} - Y_{\min}} \]

Or, for a sphere,

\[ s = \frac{\theta - (-\pi)}{2\pi} \]
\[ t = \frac{\phi - (-\pi/2)}{\pi} \]

From the Sphere code:

\[ s = \frac{\log (1 + M_{\phi} \pi)}{(2/M_{\phi}) \pi}; \]
\[ t = \frac{(\sin M_{\phi}/2)}{M_{\phi}}; \]
Using a Texture: How do you know what (s,t) to assign to each vertex?

\[ s = ? \quad t = ? \]

Uh-oh. Now what? Here’s where it gets tougher…,

You really are at the mercy of whoever did the modeling…

Be careful where \( s \) abruptly transitions from 1. back to 0.

Texture Wrapping

Define the texture wrapping parameters. This will control what happens when a texture coordinate is greater than 1.0 or less than 0.0:

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\begin{align*}
glTexParameteri( \text{GL_TEXTURE_2D}, \text{GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_S}, \text{wrap} ); \\
glTexParameteri( \text{GL_TEXTURE_2D}, \text{GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_T}, \text{wrap} );
\end{align*}
\]

where wrap is:

- GL_REPEAT specifies that this pattern will repeat (i.e., wrap-around) if transformed texture coordinates less than 0.0 or greater than 1.0 are encountered.
- GL_CLAMP specifies that the pattern will “stick” to the value at 0.0 or 1.0.

Texture Filtering

Define the texture filter parameters. This will control what happens when a texture is scaled up or down.

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\begin{align*}
glTexParameter( \text{GL_TEXTURE_2D}, \text{GL_TEXTURE_MAG_FILTER}, \text{filter} ); \\
glTexParameter( \text{GL_TEXTURE_2D}, \text{GL_TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER}, \text{filter} );
\end{align*}
\]

where filter is:

- GL_NEAREST specifies that point sampling is to be used when the texture map needs to be magnified or minified.
- GL_LINEAR specifies that bilinear interpolation among the four nearest neighbors is to be used when the texture map needs to be magnified or minified.

Reading in a Texture from a BMP File

unsigned char *BmpToTexture();
unsigned char *Texture;
int width, height;

Texture = BmpToTexture( "filename.bmp", &width, &height );

This function can be found in the bmptotexture.cpp file. The file filename.bmp needs to be created by something that writes uncompressed 24-bit color BMP files, or converted to the uncompressed BMP format by a tool such as ImageMagick’s convert or Adobe Photoshop.
Texture Environment

This tells OpenGL what to do with the local colors when it gets them:

\[\text{glTexImage2D( GL_TEXTURE_ENV, GL_TEXTURE_ENV_MODE, mode );}\]

There are several modes that can be used. Two of the most useful are:

- **GL_REPLACE** specifies that the 3-component texture will be applied as an opaque image on top of the polygon. The polygon’s specified color “shines” through the plastic texture. This is very useful for applying lighting to textures: paint the polygon white with lighting and let it shine up through a texture.
- **GL_MODULATE** specifies that the 3-component texture will be applied as piece of colored plastic on top of the polygon. The polygon’s specified color “shines” through the plastic texture. This is very useful for applying lighting to textures: paint the polygon white with lighting and let it shine up through a texture.

### Texture Transformation

In addition to the Projection and ModelView matrices, OpenGL maintains a transformation for texture map coordinates B and T as well. You use all the same transformation routines you are used to: \(\text{glRotatef( )}, \text{glScalef( )}, \text{glTranslatef( )}\), but you must first specify the Matrix Mode:

\[\text{glMatrixMode( GL_TEXTURE );}\]

The only trick to this is to remember that you are transforming the texture coordinates backwards:

\[\text{glTexParameterf( GL_TEXTURE, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_S, GL_REPEAT );}\]
\[\text{glTexParameterf( GL_TEXTURE, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_T, GL_REPEAT );}\]

### Texture Objects

The OpenGL \texttt{glTexImage2D} function does not just use that texture. It downloads it from the CPU to the GPU, every time that call is made! After the download, this texture becomes the “current texture image”.

\[\text{glTexImage2D( GL_TEXTURE_2D, level, ncomps, width, height, border, GL_RGB, GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE, Texture );}\]

If your scene has only one texture, this is easy to manage. Just do it once and forget about it. But, if you have several textures, all to be used at different times on different objects, it will be important to maximize the efficiency of how you create, store, and manage those textures. In this case you should bind texture objects.

Texture objects leave your textures on the graphics card and then re-uses them, which is always going to be faster than re-loading them.
Texture Objects

```c
// designate the tex1 texture as the “current texture”
// and set its parameters
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_S, GL_REPEAT);
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_T, GL_REPEAT);
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MAG_FILTER, GL_NEAREST);
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER, GL_NEAREST);
glTexEnvf(GL_TEXTURE_ENV, GL_TEXTURE_ENV_MODE, GL_MODULATE);
glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 0, 3, 512, 512, 0, GL_RGB, GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE, TextureArray1);
```

Then, later on in `Display()`:

```c
// ...snip...
```

```c
// ...snip...
```

```c
// ...snip...
```

Textures Objects

The OpenGL Rendering Context contains all the characteristic information necessary to produce an image from geometry. This includes the current transformations, colors, lighting, textures, where to send the display, etc.

The OpenGL term “binding” refers to “attaching” or “docking” (a metaphor which I find to be more visually pleasing) an OpenGL object to the Context. You can then assign characteristics, and they will “flow” through the Context into the object.

What Does “Binding” Really Mean?

Some Great Uses for Texture Mapping you have seen in the Movies

![Disney Feature Animation](image1)

![Disney Feature Animation](image2)

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![Disney Feature Animation](image3)

![Disney Feature Animation](image4)

Extra Topic: Procedural Texture Mapping

“Mandelzoom”: In this case, the texture is a pure equation, so you never run out of resolution.

We cover this in the shaders course: CS 457/557

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 whilst this is “procedural”, the amount of height data is finite, so you can still run out of resolution

Extra Topic: Procedural Texture Mapping

You can also create a texture from data on-the-fly. In this case, the fragment shader takes a grid of heights and uses cross-products to produce surface normal vectors for lighting.

Although this looks like an incredible amount of polygonal scene detail, the geometry for this scene consists of just a single quadrilateral

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