Getting Started with OpenGL Graphics Programming in C/C++

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We’ll come back to this later. For now, understand that there are multiple steps to go from your **3D vertices in your geometry** to the **pixels that you see on the screen**.

**MC** = Model Coordinates  
**WC** = World Coordinates  
**EC** = Eye Coordinates  
**CC** = Clip Coordinates  
**NDC** = Normalized Device Coordinates  
**SC** = Screen Coordinates
Geometry vs. Topology

Geometry:
Where things are (e.g., coordinates)

Topology:
How things are connected

Original Object

Geometry = changed
Topology = same (1-2-3-4-1)

Geometry = same
Topology = changed (1-2-4-3-1)
3D Coordinate Systems

Left-handed

Right-handed

OpenGL uses this one
Homer Simpson uses Right-handed Coordinates. Who are we to argue with Homer Simpson?
Right-handed 3D Coordinate System for a CNC Machine
Right-handed Positive Rotations

Right-Handed Coordinate System
Drawing in 3D

```c
void draw_line_strip(float r, float g, float b, float x0, float y0, float z0, float x1, float y1, float z1, float x2, float y2, float z2, float x3, float y3, float z3, float x4, float y4, float z4)
{
    glColor3f(r, g, b); // Set the color
    glBegin(GL_LINE_STRIP); // Begin the line strip
    glVertex3f(x0, y0, z0); // Add vertices
    glVertex3f(x1, y1, z1);
    glVertex3f(x2, y2, z2);
    glVertex3f(x3, y3, z3);
    glVertex3f(x4, y4, z4);
    glEnd(); // End the line strip
}
```

This is a wonderfully understandable way to start with 3D graphics – it is like holding a marker in your hand and sweeping out linework in the 3D air in front of you!

But it is also incredibly internally inefficient! We’ll talk about that later and what to do about it…
OpenGL Topologies

GL_POINTS

GL_LINES

GL_LINE_STRIP

GL_LINE_LOOP

GL_TRIANGLES

GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP
OpenGL Topologies

GL_TRIANGLE_FAN

GL_QUAD_STRIP

GL_QUADS

GL_POLYGON
OpenGL Topologies – Polygon Requirements

Polygons must be:

- **Convex** and
- **Planar**

GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP and GL_TRIANGLES are considered to be preferable to GL_QUAD_STRIP and GL_QUADS. GL_POLYGON is rarely used.
OpenGL Topologies -- Orientation

Polygons are traditionally:

- CCW when viewed from outside the solid object

It doesn’t matter much, but there is an advantage in being *consistent*
OpenGL Topologies – Vertex Order Matters

GL_LINE_LOOP

V_0 V_1 V_2 V_3

Probably what you meant to do

GL_LINE_LOOP

V_0 V_1 V_2 V_3

Probably not what you meant to do

This disease is referred to as “The Bowtie” 😊
What does “Convex Polygon” Mean?

We can go all mathematical here, but let’s go visual instead. In a convex polygon, a line between any two points inside the polygon never leaves the inside of the polygon.
Why is there a Requirement for Polygons to be Convex?

Graphics polygon-filling hardware can be highly optimized if you know that, no matter what direction you fill the polygon in, there will be two and only two intersections between the scanline and the polygon’s edges.

Convex

Not Convex

2 edge intersections

4 edge intersections
What if you need to display Polygons that are not Convex?

There are two good solutions I know of (and there are probably more):

1. OpenGL’s utility (gluXxx) library has a built-in tessellation capability to break a non-convex polygon into convex polygons.

2. There is an open source library to break a non-convex polygon into convex polygons. It is called Polypartition, and the source code can be found here:

   https://github.com/ivanfratric/polypartition

If you ever need to do this, contact me. I have working code for each approach…
Why is there a Requirement for Polygons to be Planar?

Graphics hardware assumes that a polygon has a definite front and a definite back, and that you can only see one of them at a time.
OpenGL Drawing Can Be Done Procedurally

gColor3f( r, g, b );
gBegin( GL_LINE_LOOP );
    glVertex3f( x0, y0, 0. );
    glVertex3f( x1, y1, 0. );
    . . .
gEnd( );

Listing a lot of vertices explicitly gets old in a hurry

The graphics card can’t tell how the numbers in the glVertex3f calls were produced: both explicitly listed and procedurally computed look the same to glVertex3f.

gColor3f( r, g, b );
float dang = 2. * M_PI / (float)( NUMSEGS – 1 );
float ang = 0.;
gBegin( GL_LINE_LOOP );
    for( int i = 0; i < NUMSEGS; i++ ) 
    {
        glVertex3f( RADIUS*cos(ang), RADIUS*sin(ang), 0. );
        ang += dang;
    }
gEnd( );
Color

```c
.glColor3f( r, g, b );
```

0.0 ≤ r, g, b ≤ 1.0

This is referred to as "Additive Color"

Red

Magenta

White

Yellow

Green

Cyan

Blue

Cyan = Green + Blue
Magenta = Red + Blue
Yellow = Red + Green
White = Red + Green + Blue
Transformations

Translation

Rotation

Scaling
OpenGL Transformations

```c
glTranslatef( tx, ty, tz );
```

```c
glRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );
```

```c
glScalef( sx, sy, sz );
```
Single Transformations

```c
glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );
glLoadIdentity( )

glRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );

glColor3f( r, g, b );
glBegin( GL_LINE_STRIP );
    glVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );
    glVertex3f( x1, y1, z1 );
    glVertex3f( x2, y2, z2 );
    glVertex3f( x3, y3, z3 );
    glVertex3f( x4, y4, z4 );
glEnd( );
```
Compound Transformations

glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );
glLoadIdentity( )

glTranslatef( tx, ty, tz );
glRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );
glScalef( sx, sy, sz );

1.  
2.  
3.

These transformations “add up”, and look like they take effect in this order

glColor3f( r, g, b );
glBegin( GL_LINE_STRIP );
   glVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );
   glVertex3f( x1, y1, z1 );
   glVertex3f( x2, y2, z2 );
   glVertex3f( x3, y3, z3 );
   glVertex3f( x4, y4, z4 );

   glEnd( );
Why do the Compound Transformations Take Effect in Reverse Order?

Envision fully-parenthesizing what is going on. In that case, it makes perfect sense that the most recently-set transformation would take effect first.
Order Matters!
Compound Transformations are Not Commutative

Rotate, then translate

Translate, then rotate
The OpenGL Drawing State

The designers of OpenGL could have put lots and lots of arguments on the glVertex3f call to totally define the appearance of your drawing, like this:

```c
glVertex3f( x, y, z, r, g, b, m00, ..., m33, s, t, nx, ny, nz, linewidth, ... );
```

Yuch! *That* would have been ugly. Instead, they decided to let you create a “current drawing state”. You set all of these characteristics first, then they take effect when you do the drawing. They continue to remain in effect for future drawing calls, until you change them.

You must set the transformations before you expect them to take effect!

Set the state first

Draw with that state second
Projecting an Object from 3D into 2D

Orthographic (or Parallel) projection

\[
\text{glOrtho}( \, \text{xl}, \, \text{xr}, \, \text{yb}, \, \text{yt}, \, \text{zn}, \, \text{zf} \, );
\]

Perspective projection

\[
\text{gluPerspective}( \, \text{fovy}, \, \text{aspect}, \, \text{zn}, \, \text{zf} \, );
\]
Projecting on Object from 3D to 2D

Parallel/Orthographic is good for lining things up and comparing sizes

Perspective is more realistic-looking

The Vanishing Point
"The vanishing point? ... It's straight ahead.
You can't miss it."

https://www.gocomics.com/rubes
OpenGL Projection Functions

```
void glMatrixMode( GLenum mode );
void glLoadIdentity( );
void glMatrixMode( GLenum mode );
void glLoadIdentity( );

void gluOrtho2D( GLdouble left, GLdouble right, GLdouble bottom, GLdouble top, GLdouble near, GLdouble far );
void gluOrtho2D( GLdouble x1, GLdouble x2, GLdouble y1, GLdouble y2, GLdouble z1, GLdouble z2 );

void gluPerspective( GLdouble fovy, GLdouble aspect, GLdouble zn, GLdouble zf );
void gluPerspective( GLdouble fovy, GLdouble aspect, GLdouble zn, GLdouble zf );
```

**Use one of these, but not both!**

```
void glBegin( GLenum mode );
void glEnd( );
```
How the Viewing Volumes Look from the Outside

\[
\text{glOrtho}( \ x_l, \ x_r, \ y_b, \ y_t, \ z_n, \ z_f \ ); \quad \text{gluPerspective}( \ fovy, \ aspect, \ z_n, \ z_f \ );
\]

Parallel/Orthographic

Perspective
The Perspective Viewing Frustum

\[ \text{gluPerspective( fovy, aspect, } \text{ zn, zf )}; \]

\( \text{fovy} \) = vertical field of view angle (degrees)  
(good values are 50-100°)
Arbitrary Viewing

```c
glMatrixMode( GL_PROJECTION );
glLoadIdentity( );
gluPerspective( fovy, aspect, zn, zf );

glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );
glLoadIdentity( );

gluLookAt( ex, ey, ez, lx, ly, lz, ux, uy, uz );

glTranslatef( tx, ty, tz );
glRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );
glScalef( sx, sy, sz );

glColor3f( r, g, b );
glBegin( GL_LINE_STRIP );
  glVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );
  glVertex3f( x1, y1, z1 );
  glVertex3f( x2, y2, z2 );
  glVertex3f( x3, y3, z3 );
  glVertex3f( x4, y4, z4 );

glEnd( );
```
Chicago Fly-through: Changing Eye, Look, and Up

Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill
How Can You Be Sure You See Your Scene?

\texttt{gluPerspective( fovy, aspect, zn, zf );}

\texttt{gluLookAt( ex, ey, ez, lx, ly, lz, ux, uy, uz );}

Here’s a good way to start:

1. Set $lx, ly, lz$ to be the average of all the vertices

2. Set $ux, uy, uz$ to be 0., 1., 0.

3. Set $ex=lx$ and $ey=ly$

4. Now, you change $\Delta E$ or $fovy$ so that the object fits in the viewing volume:

\[
\tan\left(\frac{fovy}{2}\right) = \frac{H/2}{\Delta E}
\]

Giving:

\[
fovy = 2\arctan\left[\frac{H}{2\Delta E}\right]
\]

or:

\[
\Delta E = \frac{H}{2\tan\left(\frac{fovy}{2}\right)}
\]
Specifying a Viewport

Be sure the y:x aspect ratios match!!

```c
glViewport( ixl, iyb, idx, idy );

glMatrixMode( GL_PROJECTION );
gluPerspective( fovy, aspect, zn, zf );

glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );
gluLookAt( ex, ey, ez, lx, ly, lz, ux, uy, uz );
glTranslatef( tx, ty, tz );
glRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );
glScalef( sx, sy, sz );

glColor3f( r, g, b );
glBegin( GL_LINE_STRIP );
  glVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );
  glVertex3f( x1, y1, z1 );
  glVertex3f( x2, y2, z2 );
  glVertex3f( x3, y3, z3 );
  glVertex3f( x4, y4, z4 );

  glEnd( );
```

Note: setting the viewport is not part of setting either the Modelview or the Projection transformations.
Saving and Restoring the Current Transformation

```c
glViewport( ixl, iyb, idx, idy );

glMatrixMode( GL_PROJECTION );
glLoadIdentity( );
gluPerspective( fovy, aspect, zn, zf );

glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );
glLoadIdentity( );
gluLookAt( ex, ey, ez, lx, ly, lz, ux, uy, uz );
glTranslatef( tx, ty, tz );
**glPushMatrix( );**

**glPushMatrix( );**
glRotatef( degrees, ax, ay, az );
glScalef( sx, sy, sz );

glColor3f( r, g, b );
glBegin( GL_LINE_STRIP );
    glVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );
    glVertex3f( x1, y1, z1 );
    glVertex3f( x2, y2, z2 );
    glVertex3f( x3, y3, z3 );
    glVertex3f( x4, y4, z4 );

    glEnd( );
**glPopMatrix( );**

    . . .
```
sample.cpp Program Structure

• #includes
• Consts and #defines
• Global variables
• Function prototypes
• Main program
• InitGraphics function
• Display callback
• Keyboard callback
#includes

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <ctype.h>

#define _USE_MATH_DEFINES
#include <math.h>

#ifdef WIN32
#include <windows.h>
#pragma warning(disable:4996)
#include "glew.h"
#endif

#include <GL/gl.h>
#include <GL/glu.h>
#include "glut.h"
const char *WINDOWTITLE = { "OpenGL / GLUT Sample - Joe Graphics" };  
const char *GLUITITLE   = { "User Interface Window" };  
const int GLUITRUE  = { true  };  
const int GLUIFALSE = { false };  
const int ESCAPE = { 0x1b };  
const int INIT_WINDOW_SIZE = { 600 };  
const float BOXSIZE = { 2.f };  
const float ANGFACT = { 1. };  
const float SCLFACT = { 0.005f };  
const float MINSCALE = { 0.05f };  
const int LEFT   = { 4 };  
const int MIDDLE = { 2 };  
const int RIGHT  = { 1 };  
enum Projections  
{   
   ORTHO,  
   PERSP  
};  
enum ButtonVals  
{   
   RESET,  
   QUIT  
};  
enum Colors  
{   
   RED,  
   YELLOW,  
   GREEN,  
   CYAN,  
   BLUE,  
   MAGENTA,  
   WHITE,  
   BLACK  
};

Change this to be your name!
Initialized Global Variables

const GLfloat BACKCOLOR[ ] = { 0., 0., 0., 1. };
const GLfloat AXES_WIDTH   = { 3. };
char * ColorNames[ ] =
{
    "Red",
    "Yellow",
    "Green",
    "Cyan",
    "Blue",
    "Magenta",
    "White",
    "Black"
};
const GLfloat Colors[ ][3] =
{
    { 1., 0., 0. },    // red
    { 1., 1., 0. },    // yellow
    { 0., 1., 0. },    // green
    { 0., 1., 1. },    // cyan
    { 0., 0., 1. },    // blue
    { 1., 0., 1. },    // magenta
    { 1., 1., 1. },    // white
    { 0., 0., 0. },    // black
};
const GLfloat FOGCOLOR[4] = { .0, .0, .0, 1. };
const GLenum FOGMODE  = { GL_LINEAR };
const GLfloat FOGDENSITY = { 0.30f };
const GLfloat FOGSTART  = { 1.5 };
const GLfloat FOGEND    = { 4. };
int ActiveButton; // current button that is down
GLuint AxesList; // list to hold the axes
int AxesOn; // != 0 means to draw the axes
int DebugOn; // != 0 means to print debugging info
int DepthCueOn; // != 0 means to use intensity depth cueing
GLuint BoxList; // object display list
int MainWindow; // window id for main graphics window
float Scale; // scaling factor
int WhichColor; // index into Colors[ ]
int WhichProjection; // ORTHO or PERSP
int Xmouse, Ymouse; // mouse values
float Xrot, Yrot; // rotation angles in degrees
Function Prototypes

```c
void Animate( );
void Display( );
void DoAxesMenu( int );
void DoColorMenu( int );
void DoDepthMenu( int );
void DoDebugMenu( int );
void DoMainMenu( int );
void DoProjectMenu( int );
void DoRasterString( float, float, float, char * );
void DoStrokeString( float, float, float, float, char * );
float ElapsedSeconds( );
void InitGraphics( );
void InitLists( );
void InitMenus( );
void Keyboard( unsigned char, int, int );
void MouseButton( int, int, int, int );
void MouseMotion( int, int );
void Reset( );
void Resize( int, int );
void Visibility( int );
void Axes( float );
void HsvRgb( float[3], float[3] );
```
int main( int argc, char *argv[] )
{
    // turn on the glut package:
    // (do this before checking argc and argv since it might
    // pull some command line arguments out)
    glutInit( &argc, argv );

    // setup all the graphics stuff:
    InitGraphics( );

    // create the display structures that will not change:
    InitLists( );

    // init all the global variables used by Display( );
    // this will also post a redisplay
    Reset( );

    // setup all the user interface stuff:
    InitMenus( );

    // draw the scene once and wait for some interaction:
    // (this will never return)
    glutSetWindow( MainWindow );
    glutMainLoop( );

    // this is here to make the compiler happy:
    return 0;
}
void
InitGraphics()
{
    // request the display modes:
    // ask for red-green-blue-alpha color, double-buffering, and z-buffering:
    glutInitDisplayMode( GLUT_RGBA | GLUT_DOUBLE | GLUT_DEPTH );

    // set the initial window configuration:
    glutInitWindowPosition( 0, 0 );
    glutInitWindowSize( INIT_WINDOW_SIZE, INIT_WINDOW_SIZE );

    // open the window and set its title:
    MainWindow = glutCreateWindow( WINDOWTITLE );
    glutSetWindowTitle( WINDOWTITLE );

    // set the framebuffer clear values:
    glClearColor( BACKCOLOR[0], BACKCOLOR[1], BACKCOLOR[2], BACKCOLOR[3] );

    glutSetWindow( MainWindow );
    glutDisplayFunc( Display );
    glutReshapeFunc( Resize );
    glutKeyboardFunc( Keyboard );
    glutMouseFunc( MouseButton );
    glutMotionFunc( MouseMotion );
    glutTimerFunc( -1, NULL, 0 );
    glutIdleFunc( NULL );
}
GLenum err = glewInit();
if( err != GLEW_OK )
{
    fprintf( stderr, "glewInit Error\n" );
}

InitGraphics( ), II
void 
Display( ) 
{ 
    // set which window we want to do the graphics into:

    glutSetWindow( MainWindow );

    // erase the background:

    glDrawBuffer( GL_BACK );
    glClear( GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT );
    glEnable( GL_DEPTH_TEST );

    // specify shading to be flat:

    glShadeModel( GL_FLAT );

    // set the viewport to a square centered in the window:

    GLsizei vx = glutGet( GLUT_WINDOW_WIDTH );
    GLsizei vy = glutGet( GLUT_WINDOW_HEIGHT );
    GLsizei v = vx < vy ? vx : vy;                  // minimum dimension
    GLint xl = ( vx - v ) / 2;
    GLint yb = ( vy - v ) / 2;
    glViewport( xl, yb,  v, v );
Display( ), II

// set the viewing volume:
// remember that the Z clipping values are actually
given as DISTANCES IN FRONT OF THE EYE

glMatrixMode( GL_PROJECTION );
gLoadIdentity( );
if( WhichProjection == ORTHO )
    glOrtho( -3., 3., -3., 3., 0.1, 1000. );
else
    gluPerspective( 90., 1., 0.1, 1000. );

// place the objects into the scene:

glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );
gLoadIdentity( );

// set the eye position, look-at position, and up-vector:

gluLookAt( 0., 0., 3., 0., 0., 0., 0., 1., 0. );

// rotate the scene:

glRotatef( (GLfloat)Yrot, 0., 1., 0. );

// uniformly scale the scene:

if( Scale < MINSCALE )
    Scale = MINSCALE;

glScalef( (GLfloat)Scale, (GLfloat)Scale, (GLfloat)Scale );
Display( ), III

// set the fog parameters:

if( DepthCueOn != 0 )
{
    glFogi( GL_FOG_MODE, FOGMODE );
    glFogfv( GL_FOG_COLOR, FOGCOLOR );
    glFogf( GL_FOG_DENSITY, FOGDENSITY );
    glFogf( GL_FOG_START, FOGSTART );
    glFogf( GL_FOG_END, FOGEND );
    glEnable( GL_FOG );
}
else
{
    glDisable( GL_FOG );
}

// possibly draw the axes:

if( AxesOn != 0 )
{
    glColor3fv( &Colors[WhichColor][0] );
    glCallList( AxesList );
}

// draw the current object:

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Replay the graphics commands from a previously-stored Display List.

Display Lists have their own noteset.
Display( ), IV

// draw some gratuitous text that just rotates on top of the scene:

glDisable( GL_DEPTH_TEST );
gColor3f( 0., 1., 1. );
DoRasterString( 0., 1., 0., "Text That Moves" );

// draw some gratuitous text that is fixed on the screen:
// the projection matrix is reset to define a scene whose
// world coordinate system goes from 0-100 in each axis
// this is called "percent units", and is just a convenience
// the modelview matrix is reset to identity as we don't
// want to transform these coordinates

gDisable( GL_DEPTH_TEST );
gMatrixMode( GL_PROJECTION );
gLoadIdentity( );
gluOrtho2D( 0., 100., 0., 100. );
gMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW );
gLoadIdentity( );
gColor3f( 1., 1., 1. );
DoRasterString( 5., 5., 0., "Text That Doesn't" );

// swap the double-buffered framebuffers:

glutSwapBuffers( );

// be sure the graphics buffer has been sent:
// note: be sure to use glFlush( ) here, not glFinish( ) !

glFlush( );
}
`glutSwapBuffers()`

// swap the double-buffered framebuffers:

```c
void glutSwapBuffers()
{
    glutSwapBuffers();
    glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_RGBA | GLUT_DOUBLE | GLUT_DEPTH);
    glDrawBuffer(GL_BACK);
}
```

"swap buffers" changes the role of the two framebuffers

You draw into here

Front

Back

This is called the `update`

The monitor displays from here

This is called the `refresh`

You draw into here

Front

Back

The monitor displays from here
The OSU ColorPicker Program

Red, Green, Blue
Hue, Saturation, Value
Sidebar: How Did We Make the Transition from Vertices to Pixels?

Vertices

- Model Transform
- View Transform
- Per-vertex Lighting
- Projection Transform
- Homogeneous Division

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Pixels

- Framebuffer
- Raster Ops
- Fragment Processing, Texturing, Per-fragment Lighting
- Rasterization

- SC = Screen Coordinates
Sidebar: How Did We Make the Transition from Vertices to Pixels?

There is a piece of hardware called the **Rasterizer**. Its job is to interpolate a line or polygon, defined by vertices, into a collection of **fragments**. Think of it as filling in squares on graph paper.

A fragment is a “pixel-to-be”. In computer graphics, the word “pixel” is defined as having its full RGBA already computed. A fragment does not yet have its final RGBA computed, but all of the information needed to compute the RGBA is available to it.

A fragment is turned into a pixel by the **fragment processing** operation.

In CS 457/557, you will do some pretty snazzy things with your own fragment processing code!