Animation Effects using a Timer

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Using Timers with Shaders

*glm* has a built-in Timer variable. You just need to declare it:

```glsl
uniform float Timer;
```

Then, just use it in your code.

It goes from 0. to 1. in 10 seconds, and then instantly back to 0.

Or, you can program a Timer yourself:

```c
float Timer;
const int MS_PER_CYCLE = 10*1000; // 10,000 ms = 10 seconds

... void Animate( )
{
    int ms = glutGet( GLUT_ELAPSED_TIME );
    ms %= MS_PER_CYCLE;
    Timer = (float)ms / (float)MS_PER_CYCLE; // 0. to 1. in 10 seconds
    glutSetWindow( MainWindow );
    glutPostRedisplay( );
}

void InitGraphics( )
{
    ...
    glutIdleFunc( Animate );
}
```
Fun With Zero-to-One:
There are many ways to map 0.→1. to a different function

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<td>Single ramp 0.→1.</td>
<td>float t = Timer;</td>
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<td>float t = Timer<em>Timer</em>Timer;</td>
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<td>float t = 3.*Timer^2 – 2.*Timer^3;</td>
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<td>float t = 10.*Timer^3 – 15.*Timer^4 + 6.*Timer^5</td>
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<td>Double ramp 0.→1. →0.</td>
<td>float t;</td>
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<td>if( Timer &lt;= .5 )</td>
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<td>t = 2.*Timer;</td>
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<td>else</td>
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<td>t = 2. * ( 1. – Timer );</td>
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<td>Smooth oscillation -1. → 1. → -1.</td>
<td>float t = sin( 2.<em>π</em>Timer );</td>
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<td>float t = .5 + .5*sin(2.<em>π</em>Timer );</td>
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<td>Faster oscillation</td>
<td>float t = sin( 2.<em>π</em>S*Timer );</td>
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<td>float t = Mag * sin( 2.<em>π</em>S*Timer );</td>
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Fun-With-Zero-To-One
Sidebar: Why Do These Two Curves Match So Closely?

\[ y = \sin^2\left( \frac{\pi}{2} x \right) \]

\[ y = 3x^2 - 2x^3 \]

The Taylor Series expansion of \( y = \sin^2\left( \frac{\pi}{2} x \right) \) around \( x = 0.5 \) is:

\[
y = \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi^3}{96} \right) + x \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi^3}{16} \right) + x^2 \left( \frac{\pi^3}{8} \right) - x^3 \left( \frac{\pi^3}{12} \right)
\]

\[
= 0.038 - 0.37x + 3.88x^2 - 2.58x^3
\]

which is somewhat close to: \( y = 3x^2 - 2x^3 \)