

# The GL Utility Toolkit (GLUT)



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## What is GLUT?

The **GL Utility Toolkit** (GLUT) serves two major purposes:

1. It interfaces with your operating system and window system
2. It provides various application utilities, such as drawing 3D shapes for you

You can find GLUT (actually freeGLUT) at:

<http://freeglut.sourceforge.net/>

You don't actually have to go out here. We will give you some libraries that are ready-to-use.



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## Using GLUT to Setup the Window

All the GLUT\_XXX constants  
are #defined in **glut.h**

GLUT_RGBA	I want to display colors
GLUT_DOUBLE	I want to do double-buffering
GLUT_DEPTH	I want to use a depth-buffer while rendering

```

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 );

```

Constants not beginning with **GL\_** or **GLUT\_** are user-defined



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## Using GLUT to Specify Event-driven Callback Functions

```
glutSetWindow( MainWindow );  
glutDisplayFunc( Display );  
glutReshapeFunc( Resize );  
glutKeyboardFunc( Keyboard );  
glutMouseFunc( MouseButton );  
glutMotionFunc( MouseMotion );
```

For example, the **Keyboard( )** function gets called whenever a keyboard key is hit

```
glutPassiveMotionFunc( NULL );  
glutVisibilityFunc( Visibility );  
glutEntryFunc( NULL );  
glutSpecialFunc( NULL );  
glutSpaceballMotionFunc( NULL );  
glutSpaceballRotateFunc( NULL );  
glutSpaceballButtonFunc( NULL );  
glutButtonBoxFunc( NULL );  
glutDialsFunc( NULL );  
glutTabletMotionFunc( NULL );  
glutTabletButtonFunc( NULL );  
glutMenuStateFunc( NULL );  
glutTimerFunc( -1, NULL, 0 );  
glutIdleFunc( NULL );
```

A NULL callback function means that this event will be ignored



## The Keyboard Callback Function

```

void
Keyboard( unsigned char c, int x, int y )
{
    if( DebugOn != 0 )
        fprintf( stderr, "Keyboard: '%c' (0x%0x)\n", c, c );

    switch( c )
    {
        case 'o': case 'O':
            WhichProjection = ORTHO;
            break;

        case 'p': case 'P':
            WhichProjection = PERSP;
            break;

        case 'q': case 'Q':
        case ESCAPE:
            DoMainMenu( QUIT ); // will not ever return
            break; // keep the compiler happy

        default:
            fprintf( stderr, "Don't know what to do with keyboard hit: '%c' (0x%0x)\n", c, c );
    }

    // force a call to Display( ):
    glutSetWindow( MainWindow );
    glutPostRedisplay( );
}

```

Where the mouse was when the key was hit

The key that was hit

Assign new display parameter values depending on what key was hit

Good programming practice

glutPostRedisplay( ) forces your Display( ) function to be called to redraw the scene with the new display parameter values



## The *MouseButton* Callback Function

```

void
MouseButton( int button, int state, int x, int y )
{
    int b = 0;           // LEFT, MIDDLE, or RIGHT
    if( DebugOn != 0 )
        fprintf( stderr, "MouseButton: %d, %d, %d, %d\n", button, state, x, y );

    // get the proper button bit mask:
    switch( button )
    {
        case GLUT_LEFT_BUTTON:
            b = LEFT;      break;

        case GLUT_MIDDLE_BUTTON:
            b = MIDDLE;    break;

        case GLUT_RIGHT_BUTTON:
            b = RIGHT;     break;

        default:
            b = 0;
            fprintf( stderr, "Unknown mouse button: %d\n", button );
    }

    // button down sets the bit, up clears the bit:
    if( state == GLUT_DOWN )
    {
        Xmouse = x;
        Ymouse = y;
        ActiveButton |= b;      // set the proper bit
    }
    else
    {
        ActiveButton &= ~b;     // clear the proper bit
    }
}

```

Where the mouse was when the button was hit

GLUT\_DOWN or GLUT\_UP

Which button was hit



## The *MouseMotion* Callback Function

```

void
MouseMotion( int x, int y )
{
    if( DebugOn != 0 )
        fprintf( stderr, "MouseMotion: %d, %d\n", x, y );

    int dx = x - Xmouse;    // change in mouse coords
    int dy = y - Ymouse;    // change in mouse coords

    if( ( ActiveButton & LEFT ) != 0 )
    {
        Xrot += ( ANGFACT*dy );
        Yrot += ( ANGFACT*dx );
    }

    if( ( ActiveButton & MIDDLE ) != 0 )
    {
        Scale += SCLFACT * (float) ( dx - dy );

        // keep object from turning inside-out or disappearing:
        if( Scale < MINSCALE )
            Scale = MINSCALE;
    }

    Xmouse = x;            // new current position
    Ymouse = y;

    glutSetWindow( MainWindow );
    glutPostRedisplay( );
}

```

Where the mouse moved to

If the mouse moved with the left button down, do a rotate

If the mouse moved with the middle button down, do a scale

**glutPostRedisplay( )** forces your Display( ) function to be called to redraw the scene with the new display parameter values



## The *Animate* Idle Callback Function

The Idle Function gets called when the GLUT event handler has nothing else to do

```
glutSetWindow( MainWindow );
glutIdleFunc( Animate );
```

Setting it up in InitGraphics( )

We'll talk about this later. This is a good way to control your animations!

```
void
Animate( )
{
    // put animation stuff in here -- change some global variables
    // for Display( ) to find:

    int ms = glutGet( GLUT_ELAPSED_TIME );    // milliseconds
    ms %= MS_IN_THE_ANIMATION_CYCLE;
    Time = (float)ms / (float)MS_IN_THE_ANIMATION_CYCLE;    // [ 0., 1. )

    // force GLUT to do a call to Display( ) next time it is convenient:

    glutSetWindow( MainWindow );
    glutPostRedisplay( );
}
```

} **glutPostRedisplay( )** forces your Display( ) function to be called to redraw the scene with the new display parameter values





## Pop-up Menus are easy to Create with GLUT

```

void
InitMenus( )
{
    glutSetWindow( MainWindow );

    int numColors = sizeof( Colors ) / ( 3*sizeof(int) );
    int colormenu = glutCreateMenu( DoColorMenu );
    for( int i = 0; i < numColors; i++ )
    {
        glutAddMenuEntry( ColorNames[i], i );
    }

    int axesmenu = glutCreateMenu( DoAxesMenu );
    glutAddMenuEntry( "Off", 0 );
    glutAddMenuEntry( "On", 1 );

    int depthcuemenu = glutCreateMenu( DoDepthMenu );
    glutAddMenuEntry( "Off", 0 );
    glutAddMenuEntry( "On", 1 );

    int debugmenu = glutCreateMenu( DoDebugMenu );
    glutAddMenuEntry( "Off", 0 );
    glutAddMenuEntry( "On", 1 );

    int projmenu = glutCreateMenu( DoProjectMenu );
    glutAddMenuEntry( "Orthographic", ORTHO );
    glutAddMenuEntry( "Perspective", PERSP );

    int mainmenu = glutCreateMenu( DoMainMenu );
    glutAddSubMenu( "Axes", axesmenu );
    glutAddSubMenu( "Colors", colormenu );
    glutAddSubMenu( "Depth Cue", depthcuemenu );
    glutAddSubMenu( "Projection", projmenu );
    glutAddMenuEntry( "Reset", RESET );
    glutAddSubMenu( "Debug", debugmenu );
    glutAddMenuEntry( "Quit", QUIT );

    // attach the pop-up menu to the right mouse button:
    glutAttachMenu( GLUT_RIGHT_BUTTON );
}

```

This is the color menu's callback function. When the user selects from this pop-up menu, its callback function gets executed. Its argument is the integer ID of the menu item that was selected. You specify that integer ID in `glutAddMenuEntry( )`.

This is how you create hierarchical sub-menus

Finally, tell GLUT which mouse button activates the entire menu hierarchy

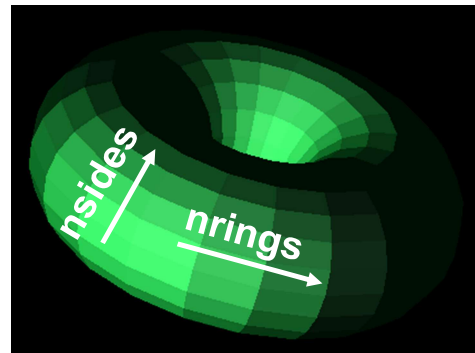
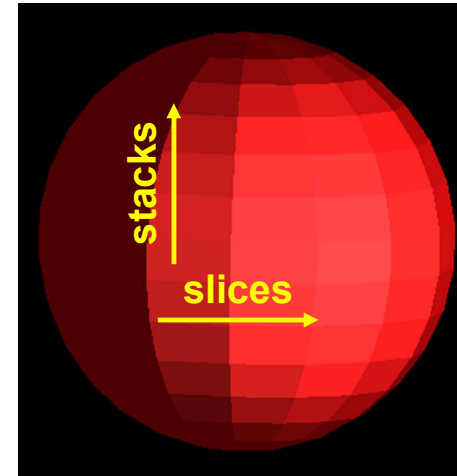


## The GLUT 3D Objects

```

glutSolidSphere( radius, slices, stacks );
glutWireSphere( radius, slices, stacks );
glutSolidCube( size );
glutWireCube( size );
glutSolidCone( base, height, slices, stacks );
glutWireCone( base, height, slices, stacks );
glutSolidTorus( innerRadius, outerRadius, nsides, nrings );
glutWireTorus( innerRadius, outerRadius, nsides, nrings );
glutSolidDodecahedron( );
glutWireDodecahedron( );
glutSolidOctahedron( );
glutWireOctahedron( );
glutSolidTetrahedron( );
glutWireTetrahedron( );
glutSolidIcosahedron( );
glutWireIcosahedron( );
glutSolidTeapot( size );
glutWireTeapot( size );

```



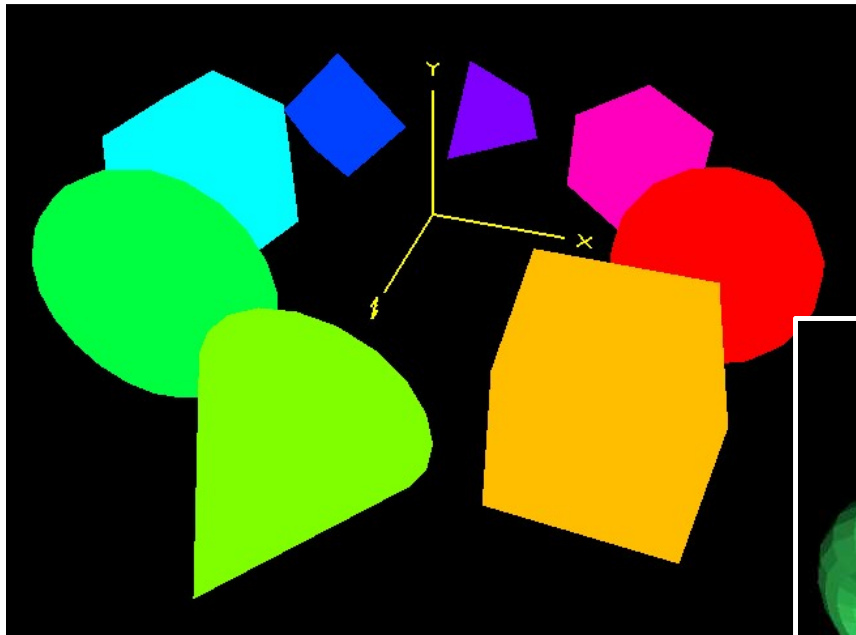
In case you have a hard time remembering which direction “slices” are, think of this:



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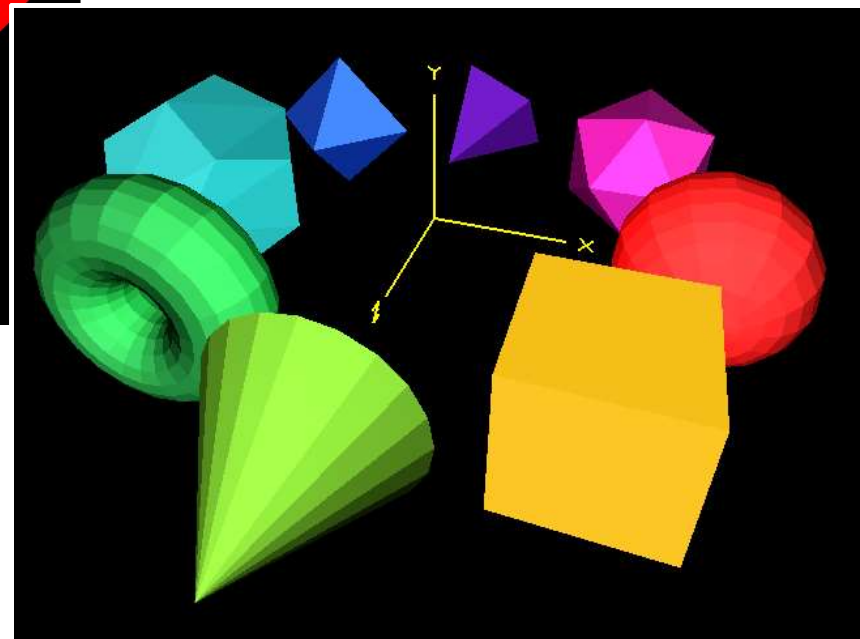
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# The GLUT 3D Objects



Without lighting

Without *lighting*, the GLUT solids don't look very cool. I'd recommend you stick with the wireframe versions of the GLUT 3D objects for now! We will get to lighting soon.



With lighting

