

Some of the Inner Workings of OpenGL: Feel Free to Detour Right to Slide #24 if You Don't Want to Know This





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In the Beginning of OpenGL ...

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You listed the vertices with separate function calls:

```
glBegin( GL_TRIANGLES );

glVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );

glVertex3f( x1, y1, z1 );

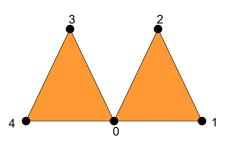
glVertex3f( x2, y2, z2 );

glVertex3f( x0, y0, z0 );

glVertex3f( x3, y3, z3 );

glVertex3f( x4, y4, z4 );

glEnd( );
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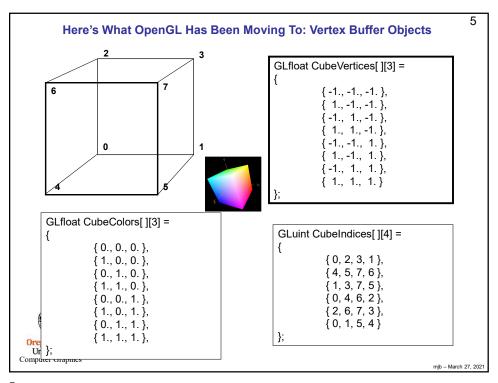


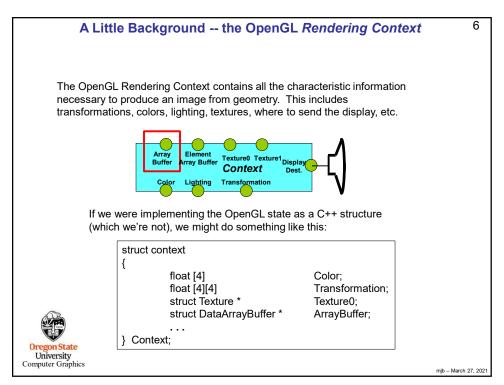
Then someone noticed how inefficient that was, for three reasons:

- 1. Sending large amounts of small pieces of information is less efficient than sending small amounts of large pieces of information
- 2. The vertex coordinates were being listed in the CPU and were being transferred to the GPU every drawing pass
- 3. Some vertices were listed twice

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More Background – How do you create a special OpenGL Array Buffer called a Vertex Buffer Object?

In C++, objects are pointed to by their address.

In OpenGL, objects are pointed to by an unsigned integer handle. You can assign a value for this handle yourself (not recommended), or have OpenGL generate one for you that is guaranteed to be unique. For example:

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GLuint buf;
glGenBuffers( 1, &buf );
```

This doesn't actually allocate memory for the buffer object yet, it just acquires a unique handle. To allocate memory, you need to bind this handle to the Context.



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More Background - What is an OpenGL "Object"?

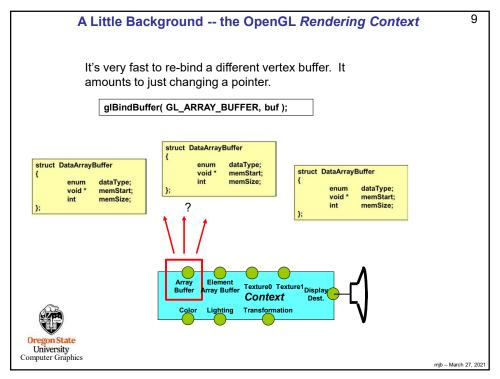
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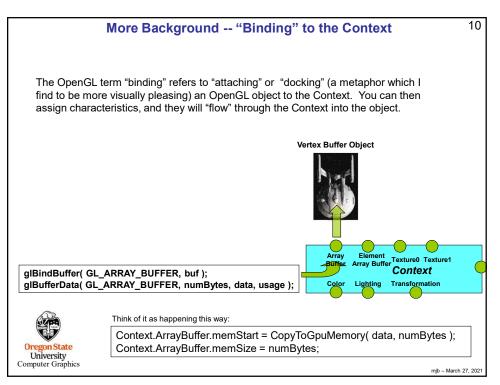
An OpenGL Object is pretty much the same as a C++ object: it encapsulates a group of data items and allows you to treat them as a unified whole. For example, a Data Array Buffer Object *could* be defined in C++ by:

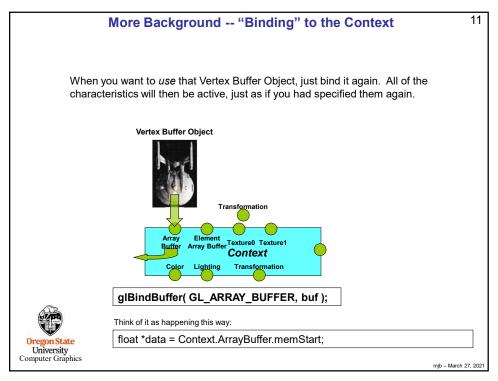
Then, you could create any number of Buffer Object instances, each with its own characteristics encapsulated within it. When you want to make that combination current, you just need to point the ArrayBuffer element of the Context to that entire struct ("bind"). When you bind an object, all of its information comes with it.



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Vertex Buffers: Putting Data in the Buffer Object

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glBufferData(type, numBytes, data, usage);

type is the type of buffer object this is:

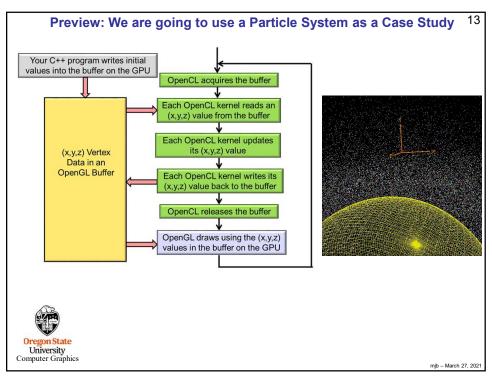
GL_ARRAY_BUFFER to store floating point vertices, normals, colors, and texture coordinates

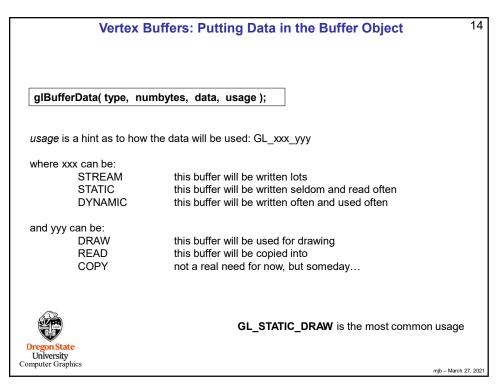
numBytes is the number of bytes to store in all. Not the number of numbers, but the number of bytes!

data is the memory address of (i.e., pointer to) the data to be transferred to the graphics card. *This can be NULL, and the data can be transferred later via memory-mapping.*



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Vertex Buffers: Step #2 – Create the Buffers and Fill Them

[g|GenBuffers(1, &buf);
g|BindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, buf);
g|BufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, 3*sizeof(GLfloat)*numVertices, Vertices, GL_STATIC_DRAW);

[g|BufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, 3*size
```

Vertex Buffers: Step #3 – Activate the Array Types That You Will Use 17

glEnableClientState(type)

where type can be any of:

GL_VERTEX_ARRAY
GL_COLOR_ARRAY
GL_NORMAL_ARRAY
GL_TEXTURE_COORD_ARRAY

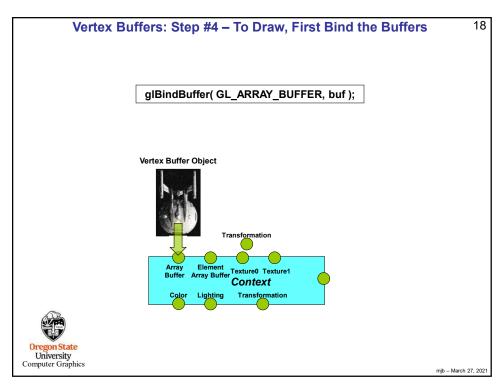
- Call this as many times as you need to enable all the arrays that you will need.
- There are other types, too.
- To deactivate a type, call:

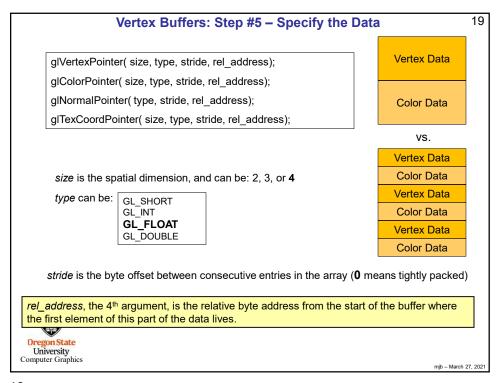
glDisableClientState(type)

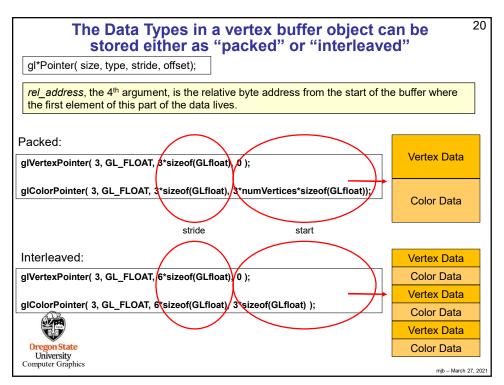


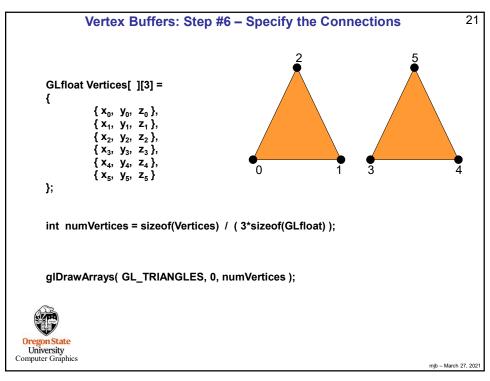
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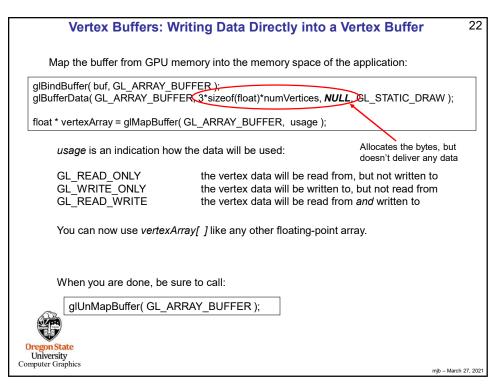
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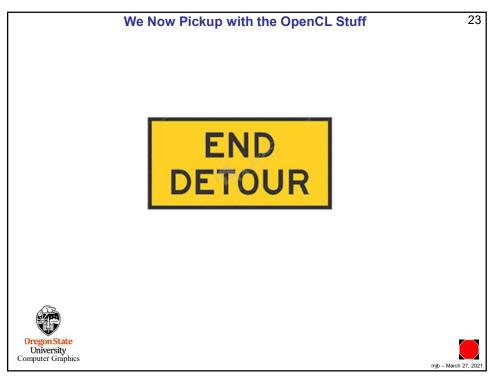


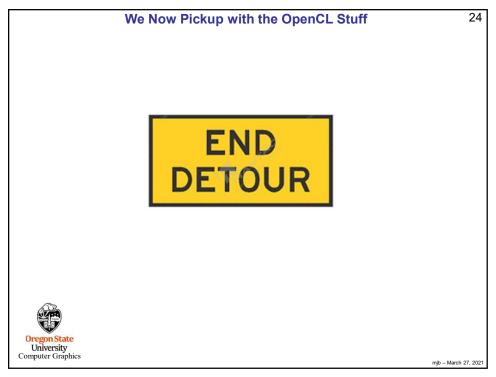


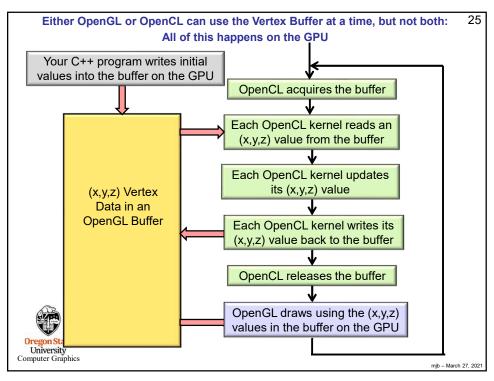


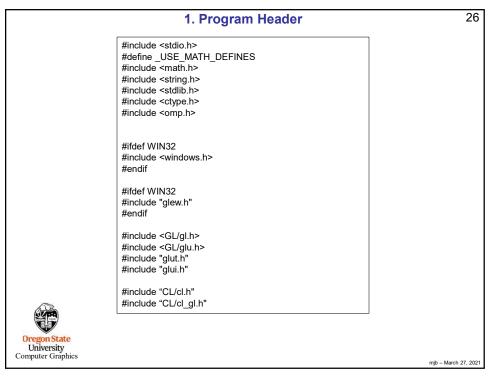












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Structures We Will Use to Fill the Vertex Buffers

// structs we will need later:
struct xyzw
{
float x, y, z, w;
};
struct rgba
{
float r, g, b, a;
};

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                              OpenCL Global Variables
          size_t GlobalWorkSize[3] = { NUM_PARTICLES, 1, 1 };
          size_t LocalWorkSize[3] = { LOCAL_SIZE,
          GLuint
                                         hPobj;
                                                   // host opengl object for Points
          GLuint
                                         hCobj;
                                                   // host opengl object for Colors
                                                   // host C++ array for Velocities
          struct xyzw *
                                         hVel;
                                                   // device memory buffer for Points
          cl_mem
                                         dPobj;
          cl mem
                                         dCobj;
                                                   // device memory buffer for Colors
                                                   // device memory buffer for Velocities
          cl mem
                                         dVel;
          cl_command_queue
                                         CmdQueue;
          cl_device_id
                                         Device;
          cl_kernel
                                         Kernel;
          cl_platform_id
                                         Platform;
          cl_program
                                         Program;
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int main(int argc, char *argv[]) { glutlnit(&argc, argv); InitGraphics(); InitGlui(); Reset(); InitGlui(); glutMainLoop(); return 0; }

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#ifdef WIN32
GLenum err = glewInit();
if(err != GLEW_OK)
{
fprintf(stderr, "glewInit Error\n");
}
#endif

This must wait to be called until after a graphics window is open!
Why? Because creating the window is what builds the graphics context.
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Setting up OpenCL:
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                Querying the Existence of an OpenCL Extension
     void
     InitCL()
                status = clGetDeviceIDs( Platform, CL_DEVICE_TYPE_GPU, 1, &Device, NULL );
                PrintCLError( status, "clGetDeviceIDs: " );
                // since this is an opengl interoperability program,
                // check if the opengl sharing extension is supported
                // (no point going on if it isn't):
                // (we need the Device in order to ask, so we can't do it any sooner than right here)
                if( IsCLExtensionSupported( "cl_khr_gl_sharing" ) )
                {
                            fprintf( stderr, "cl_khr_gl_sharing is supported.\n" );
                else
                {
                            fprintf( stderr, "cl_khr_gl_sharing is not supported -- sorry.\n" );
                            return;
                }
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                         Querying the Existence of an OpenCL Extension
         IsCLExtensionSupported( const char *extension )
               // see if the extension is bogus:
               if( extension == NULL || extension[0] == '\0')
                    return false;
               char * where = (char *) strchr( extension, ' ' );
               if( where != NULL )
return false;
               // get the full list of extensions:
               size_t_extensionsize; clGetDevice, CL_DEVICE_EXTENSIONS, 0, NULL, &extensionSize ); char *extensions = new char [ extensionSize ]; clGetDeviceInfo( Device, CL_DEVICE_EXTENSIONS, extensionSize, extensions, NULL );
               for( char * start = extensions;;)
                     where = (char *) strstr( (const char *) start, extension ); if( where == 0 )  
                           delete [] extensions;
                          return false:
                     char * terminator = where + strlen(extension); // points to what should be the separator
                      if(\ ^terminator == '' \ || \ ^terminator == '\0' \ || \ ^terminator == '\r' \ || \ ^terminator == '\n' ) \\
                           delete [] extensions;
                           return true;
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                     start = terminator:
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Setting up OpenCL: The Interoperability Context
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  void
  InitCL()
  // get the platform id:
  status = clGetPlatformIDs( 1, &Platform, NULL );
  PrintCLError( status, "clGetPlatformIDs: " );
  // get the device id:
  status = clGetDevicelDs( Platform, CL_DEVICE_TYPE_GPU, 1, &Device, NULL );
  PrintCLError( status, "clGetDevicelDs: " );
  // 3. create a special opencl context based on the opengl context:
  cl_context_properties props[ ] =
              CL GL CONTEXT KHR,
                                                 (cl context properties) wglGetCurrentContext(),
              CL_WGL_HDC_KHR,
                                                 (cl\_context\_properties) \ wglGetCurrentDC(\ ),
              CL_CONTEXT_PLATFORM,
                                                 (cl_context_properties) Platform,
  };
  cl_context Context = clCreateContext( props, 1, &Device, NULL, NULL, &status ); PrintCLError( status, "clCreateContext: " );
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                                       Setting up OpenCL:
    The Interoperability Context is Different for each OS (oh, good...)
   For Windows:
   cl_context_properties props[ ] =
               CL_GL_CONTEXT_KHR,
                                                  (cl_context_properties) wglGetCurrentContext( ),
               CL_WGL_HDC_KHR,
                                                  (cl_context_properties) wglGetCurrentDC( ),
               CL_CONTEXT_PLATFORM,
                                                  (cl_context_properties) Platform,
   cl_context Context = clCreateContext( props, 1, &Device, NULL, NULL, &status );
   For Linux:
   cl_context_properties props[ ] =
                                                  (cl_context_properties) glXGetCurrentContext( ), (cl_context_properties) glXGetCurrentDisplay( ),
               CL_GL_CONTEXT_KHR, CL_GLX_DISPLAY_KHR,
               CL CONTEXT PLATFORM,
                                                  (cl context properties) Platform,
   cl_context Context = clCreateContext( props, 1, &Device, NULL, NULL, &status );
   For Apple:
   cl_context_properties props[ ] =
               CL_CONTEXT_PROPERTY_USE_CGL_SHAREGROUP_APPLE,
                                                  (cl_context_properties) kCGLShareGroup,
   cl_context Context = clCreateContext( props, 0, 0, NULL, NULL, &status );
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                                  Setting up OpenCL
                                             "hVel" stands for "host Velocities"
   void
                                             "hPobj" stands for "host Points object"
  InitCL()
                                             "hCobj" stands for "host Colors object"
  // create the velocity array and the opengl vertex array buffer and color array buffer:
   delete [ ] hVel;
  hVel = new struct xyzw [ NUM_PARTICLES ];
  glGenBuffers( 1, &hCobj );
  glBindBuffer( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, hCobj );
glBufferData( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, 4 * NUM_PARTICLES * sizeof(float), NULL, GL_STATIC_DRAW );
   glBindBuffer( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, 0 );
                                           // unbind the buffer
   // fill those arrays and buffers:
   ResetParticles();
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                     Setting the Initial Particle Parameters, I
unsigned int Seed;
void
ResetParticles()
           glBindBuffer( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, hPobj );
          struct xyzw *points = (struct xyzw *) glMapBuffer( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, GL_WRITE_ONLY );
          for(int i = 0; i < NUM_PARTICLES; i++)
                     points[ i ].x = Ranf( &Seed, XMIN, XMAX );
                     points[ i ].y = Ranf( &Seed, YMIN, YMAX );
                     points[i].z = Ranf( &Seed, ZMIN, ZMAX );
                     points[ i ].w = 1.;
           glUnmapBuffer( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER );
          glBindBuffer( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, hCobj );
           struct rgba *colors = (struct rgba *) glMapBuffer( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, GL_WRITE_ONLY );
          for(int i = 0; i < NUM_PARTICLES; i++)
                     colors[ i ].r = Ranf( &Seed, 0., 1. );
                     colors[ i ].g = Ranf( &Seed, 0., 1. );
                     colors[ i ].b = Ranf( &Seed, 0., 1. );
                     colors[ i ].a = 1.;
          glUnmapBuffer( GL_ARRAY_BUFFER );
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Setting the Initial Particle Parameters, II for(int i = 0; i < NUM_PARTICLES; i++) { hVel[i].x = Ranf(&Seed, VMIN, VMAX); hVel[i].y = Ranf(&Seed, 0. , VMAX); hVel[i].z = Ranf(&Seed, VMIN, VMAX); hVel[i].x = 0.; } } Oregon State University Computer Graphics

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                                                                                Setting-up the Device-Side Buffers
  void
  InitCL()
  {
  // 5. create the opencl version of the velocity array:
  dVel = clCreateBuffer( Context, CL MEM READ WRITE, 4*sizeof(float)*NUM PARTICLES, NULL, &status );
  PrintCLError( status, "clCreateBuffer: " );
  /\!/ 6. write the data from the host buffers to the device buffers:
  status = \textbf{clEnqueueWriteBuffer}(\ CmdQueue,\ dVel,\ CL\_FALSE,\ 0,\ 4*sizeof(float)*NUM\_PARTICLES,\ hVel,\ vertex (blue) + v
  // 5. create the opencl version of the opengl buffers:
  dPobj = clCreateFromGLBuffer( Context, CL_MEM_READ_WRITE, hPobj, &status ),
  PrintCLError( status, "clCreateFromGLBuffer (1)");
  dCobj = clCreateFromGLBuffer( Context, CL_MEM_READ_WRITE , hCobj, &status );
  PrintCLError( status, "clCreateFromGLBuffer (2)");
  Note: you don't need an OpenGL-accessible buffer for the velocities. Velocities aren't needed for drawing.
  Velocities are only needed to update point positions. The velocity buffer can just be done internally to OpenCL
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This is how OpenCL and OpenGL Share the Same Memory Buffer

dPobj = clCreateFromGLBuffer(Context, CL_MEM_READ_WRITE, hPobj, &status); PrintCLError(status, "clCreateFromGLBuffer (1)");

Step #1: OpenGL creates the buffer on the GPU

Step #2: OpenCL is told about it and creates a device pointer to the already-filled memory, just as if you had called clCreateBuffer() and clEnqueueWriteBuffer()



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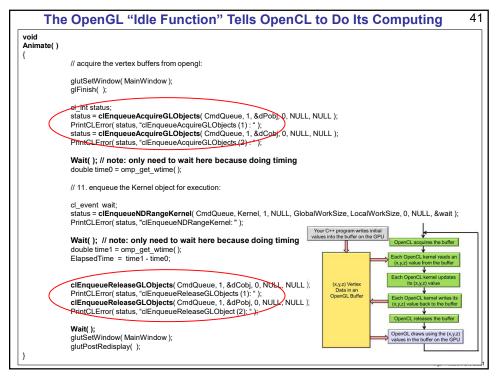
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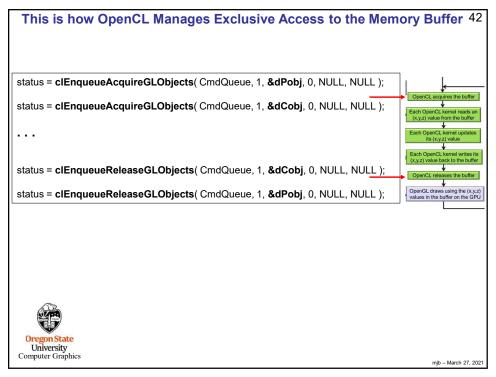
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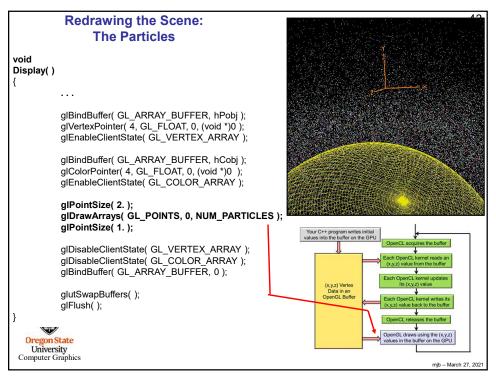
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                              Setup the Kernel Arguments...
void
InitCL()
{
// 10. setup the arguments to the Kernel object:
status = clSetKernelArg( Kernel, 0, sizeof(cl mem), &dPobj );
PrintCLError( status, "clSetKernelArg (1): ");
status = clSetKernelArg( Kernel, 1, sizeof(cl_mem), &dVel );
PrintCLError( status , "clSetKernelArg (2): " );
status = clSetKernelArg( Kernel, 2, sizeof(cl_mem), &dCobj );
PrintCLError( status, "clSetKernelArg (3): " );
                           ... to Match the Kernel's Parameter List
              kernel
              void
              Particle( global point * dPobj, global vector * dVel, global color * dCobj )
              {
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Redraw the Scene:
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void
Display()
{

char str[128];
 sprintf( str, "%6.1f GigaParticles/Sec", (float)NUM_PARTICLES/ElapsedTime/1000000000.);
 glDisable( GL_DEPTH_TEST_);
 glMatrixMode( GL_PROJECTION_);
 glLoadIdentity();
 glUOrtho2D( 0, 100, 0, 100, );
 glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW_);
 glLoadIdentity();
 glColor3f( 1, 1, 1, 1);
 DoRasterString( 5, 5, 0, , str );
}
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                                          13. Clean-up
              void
              Quit()
                         Glui->close();
                         glutSetWindow( MainWindow );
                         glFinish();
                         glutDestroyWindow( MainWindow );
                         // 13. clean everything up:
                         clReleaseKernel(
                                                     Kernel );
                         clReleaseProgram(
                                                     Program );
                                                     CmdQueue );
                         clReleaseCommandQueue(
                         clReleaseMemObject(
                                                     dPobj );
                         clReleaseMemObject(
                                                     dCobj );
                         exit( 0 );
              }
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                                                particles.cl, I
                  typedef float4 point;
                                                        // x, y, z – the w is unused
                                                        // vx, vy, vz – the w is unused
// r, g, b – the w is unused
                  typedef float4 vector;
                  typedef float4 color;
                  typedef float4 sphere;
                                                        // xc, yc, zc, r
                  // despite what we think of the 4 components as representing,
                  // they are all referenced as .x, .y, .z, and .w
                  constant float4 G
                                               = (float4) ( 0., -9.8, 0., 0. );
                                                                                               // gravity
                  constant float DT
                                               = 0.1;
                                                                                               // time step
                  constant sphere Sphere1 = (sphere)( -100., -800., 0., 600. );
                                                                                               // xc. yc, zc, r
                  bool
                  \textbf{IsInsideSphere}(\ point\ p,\ sphere\ s\ )
                               float r = fast_length( p.xyz - s.xyz );
                               return (r < \overline{s.w});
           points, vectors, colors, and spheres are all represented as float4's. The typedefs
           help the program's readability by showing what that float4 is actually representing.
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                                              particles.cl, II
     kernel
      void
     Particle( global point * dPobj, global vector * dVel, global color * dCobj )
                  int gid = get_global_id( 0 );
                                                       // particle #
                  point p = dPobj[gid];
                  vector v = dVel[gid];
                  point pp = p + v*DT + G * (point)(.5*DT*DT); // p'
                  vector vp = v + G*DT;
                  pp.w = 1.;
                  vp.w = 0.;
                  if( IsInsideSphere( pp, Sphere1 ) )
                              vp = BounceSphere( p, v, Sphere1 );
pp = p + vp*DT + G * (point)( .5*DT*DT );
                  dPobj[gid] = pp;
                                                    Computer Graphics Trick Alert: Making the bounce happen
                  dVel[gid] = vp;
                                                   from the surface of the sphere is time-consuming to compute.
                                                    Instead, bounce from the previous position in space. If DT is
                                                   small enough, nobody will ever know...
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                                                particles.cl, III
   vector
  Bounce(vector in, vector n)
                 n.w = 0.;
                 n = fast_normalize( n );
                                                            // make it a unit vector
                 // this is the vector equation for "angle of reflection equals angle of incidence": vector out = in - n * (vector)( 2.*dot( in.xyz, n.xyz ) );
                               // adding or subtracting 2 float4's gives you another float4
                               // multiplying 2 float4's gives you another float4
                               // when you want a dot product, use the dot( ) function
                 out.w = 0.:
                 return out:
  vector
  BounceSphere( point p, vector in, sphere s )
                 vector n;
                 n.xyz = p.xyz - s.xyz;
                               // the vector from the sphere center to the point is the normal
                 return Bounce(in, n);
     Remember from the OpenCL Assembly Language notes:
Oreg "The sqrt(x²+y²+z²) assembly code is amazingly involved. I suspect it is an issue of maintaining Uni highest precision. Use fast_sqrt(), fast_normalize(), and fast_length() when you can."
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