

CS 4300 Computer Graphics

Prof. Harriet Fell Fall 2012 Lecture 1 – September 5, 2011



Course Overview - Topics

- This course will chart a path through all the major aspects of mainstream computer graphics.
- You will learn the fundamental mathematics, algorithms, data structures, and programming techniques that are at the core of modern 2D and 3D graphics applications in practice
 - (drawing and design programs, data visualization interfaces, desktop window systems, and games)
- We will start with 2D graphics in the first half of the course, and extend to 3D in the second half.



Homework assignments

- Homework will consist largely of software development tasks where you will use your own creativity to apply the methods learned in class in building several interesting 2D and 3D graphics applications.
- There will also be a significant English writing component to at least one of the assignments.
- You will also be required to give at least one presentation of your work to the class.



Grading

- Programming Assignments 50%
 - Sampler (10 %)
 - 2-D-Project Functional Spec (5 %)
 - 2-D-Project (10 %)
 - Color Triangle (5 %)
 - Poly Mesh (10 %)Ray
 - Tracing (10 %)
- Two 65 minute exams (25% each)
 - The exams will be closed book.
 - You may bring one two-sided sheet of notes.



Early <u>History</u>

- <u>http://accad.osu.edu/~waynec/history/timeline.html</u>
- <u>http://sophia.javeriana.edu.co/~ochavarr/computer_graphics_history/historia/</u>
- 1801 Joseph-Marie Jacquard invented an automatic <u>loom</u> using punched cards to control patterns in the fabrics. The introduction of these looms caused the riots against the replacement of people by machines.
- 1941 First U.S. regular <u>TV broadcast</u>, 1st TV commercial (for Bulova watches)
- 1948 Transistors
- 1949 Williams tube (CRT storage tube)



Jacquard Loom





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Early TV







History – the 50s

- 1951 Graphics display, Whirlwind computer
- 1954 color TV
- 1955 Light Pen, SAGE- Lincoln Lab
- 1958 Graphics Console, TX-1 MIT
- 1958 <u>John Whitney Sr.</u> uses analog computer to make art



1951 Graphics display, Whirlwind computer











John Whitney Sr. 1958 CG



Vertigo Start Titles

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History - the 60s

- 1961 <u>Spacewars</u>, 1st video game, Steve Russell, MIT for PDP-1
- 1963 Sketchpad, Ivan Sutherland, MIT
- 1963 Mouse invented, Doug Englebart, SRI
- 1963 Roberts hidden line algorithm, MIT
- 1965 <u>Bresenham Algorithm for plotting lines</u>, IBM
- 1966 Odyssey, home video game, Ralph Baer,
 - Sanders Assoc, is 1st consumer CG product
- 1967 Full-color, real-time, interactive flight simulator for NASA - Rod Rougelet, GE



Spacewars





Ivan Sutherland & Sketchpad System on TX-2 at MIT(1963)





Odyssey

The very first home videogame, Odyssey, used Laner-created transparent overlays in lieu of computer-generated graphics.



http://gamesmuseum.pixesthesia.com/history/gen1/pong/

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Roberts Hidden Line Algorithm Block scene (576 blocks)





Bresenham Line Algorithm





History – the 70s

- 1970s Utah dominated algorithm development
- 1970 Watkins algorithm for visible surfaces
- 1970 Bezier free-form curve representation
- 1971 Gouraud shading
- 1973 Principles of Interactive Computer Graphics (Newman and Sproull)
- 1974 Addressable cursor in a graphics display terminal DEC VT52
- 1974 z-buffer developed by Ed Catmull (Univ of Utah)
- 1975 Phong shading
- 1975 Fractals Benoit Mandelbrot (IBM)
- 1978 <u>Bump mapping</u>, Blinn
- 1979 George Lucas starts Lucasfilm
 - with Ed Catmull, Ralph Guggenheim, and Alvy Ray Smith



Watkins Scan-Line Algorithm





Bezier Curves





Gouraud Shading



http://freespace.virgin.net/hugo.elias/graphics/x_polygo.htm



Phong Shading



FLAT SHADING

PHONG SHADING



Fractals





Bump Map



Bump Maps in PovRay

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History - the 80s

- 1980s Cheaper machines, memory quest for realsim
- 1980 Ray Tracing, Turner Whitted, Bell Labs
- 1981 IBM introduces the first IBM PC (16 bit 8088 chip)
- 1982 Data Glove, Atari
- 1984 Macintosh computer
 - introduced with Clio award winning commercial during Super Bowl
- 1985 <u>Perlin Noise</u>
- 1986 GIF format (CompuServe)
- 1988 Who Framed Roger Rabbit live action & animation



Whitted Ray-Tracing



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ray_tracing ©College of Computer and Information Science, Northeastern University

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Perlin Noise





Who Framed Roger Rabbit





History- the 90s

- 1990s Visualization, Multimedia, the Net
- 1991 JPEG/MPEG
- 1993 <u>Myst</u>, Cyan
- 1994 U.S. Patent to Pixar
 - for creating, manipulating and displaying images
- 1995 Toy Story, Pixar
- 1995 Internet 2 unveiled
- 1997 DVD technology unveiled
- 1998 XML standard
- 1999 deaths



Myst





Toy Story





Recent History

- 2000s Virtual Reality, Animation Reality
- 2001 Significant Movies
 - Final Fantasy, Square)
 - Monsters Inc, Pixar
 - Harry Potter, A.I., Lord of the Rings, Shrek, PDI
 - The Mummy, ILM
 - Tomb Raider, Cinesite
 - Jurassic Park III, Pearl Harbor, ILM
 - Planet of the Apes, Asylum
- 2001 Microsoft xBox and Nintendo Gamecube
- 2001, 2002, 2003 Lord of the Rings
 - Bringing Golum to Life



from Lord of the Rings

- Motion Capture Technology
 - Andy Serkis "played" Gollum by providing his voice and movements on set, as well as performing within a motion capture suit.

SKIN

 Christoper Hery, Ken McGaugh and Joe Letteri received a 2003 Academy Award, Scientific or Technical for implementing the BSSRDF (Bidirectional Surface Scattering Reflection Distribution Function) technique used for Gollum's skin in a production environment. Henrik Wann Jensen, Stephen Robert Marschner, and Pat Hanrahan, who developed BSSRDF, won another the same year.

MASSIVE

 a computer program developed by WETA to create automatic battle sequences rather than individually animate every soldier. Stephen Regelous developed the system in 1996, originally to create crowd scenes in *King Kong*.

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