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# **Introduction to Computer Graphics**



## **OpenGL Basics**

Following the SIGGRAPH Lecture  
of Prof. Ed Angel  
+ Materials from the red book

# Why study OpenGL

- **OpenGL is the dominant graphics API**
  - Supported on almost all architectures
  - Makes it easy to teach a programming-oriented class
- **Another possibility:**
  - **DirectX: Microsoft platform dependent**

# What is OpenGL?

## ● Graphics rendering API

- high-quality color images composed of geometric and image primitives
- window system independent
- operating system independent
- close to hardware
  - leads to discussions of algorithms and implementation

# Physical Approaches to Rendering

## ● Ray tracing

- Close to physics for simple models
- Easy to teach
- Easy to start with
- Limited

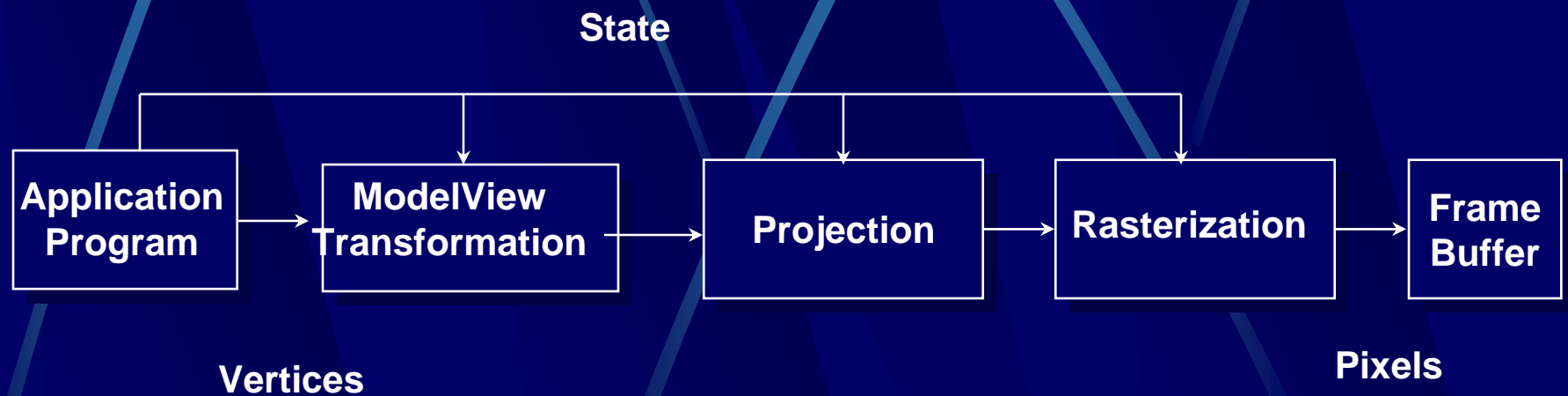
## ● Radiosity

- Closer to rendering equation
- Not suitable for real time graphics
- Not suitable for teaching first class

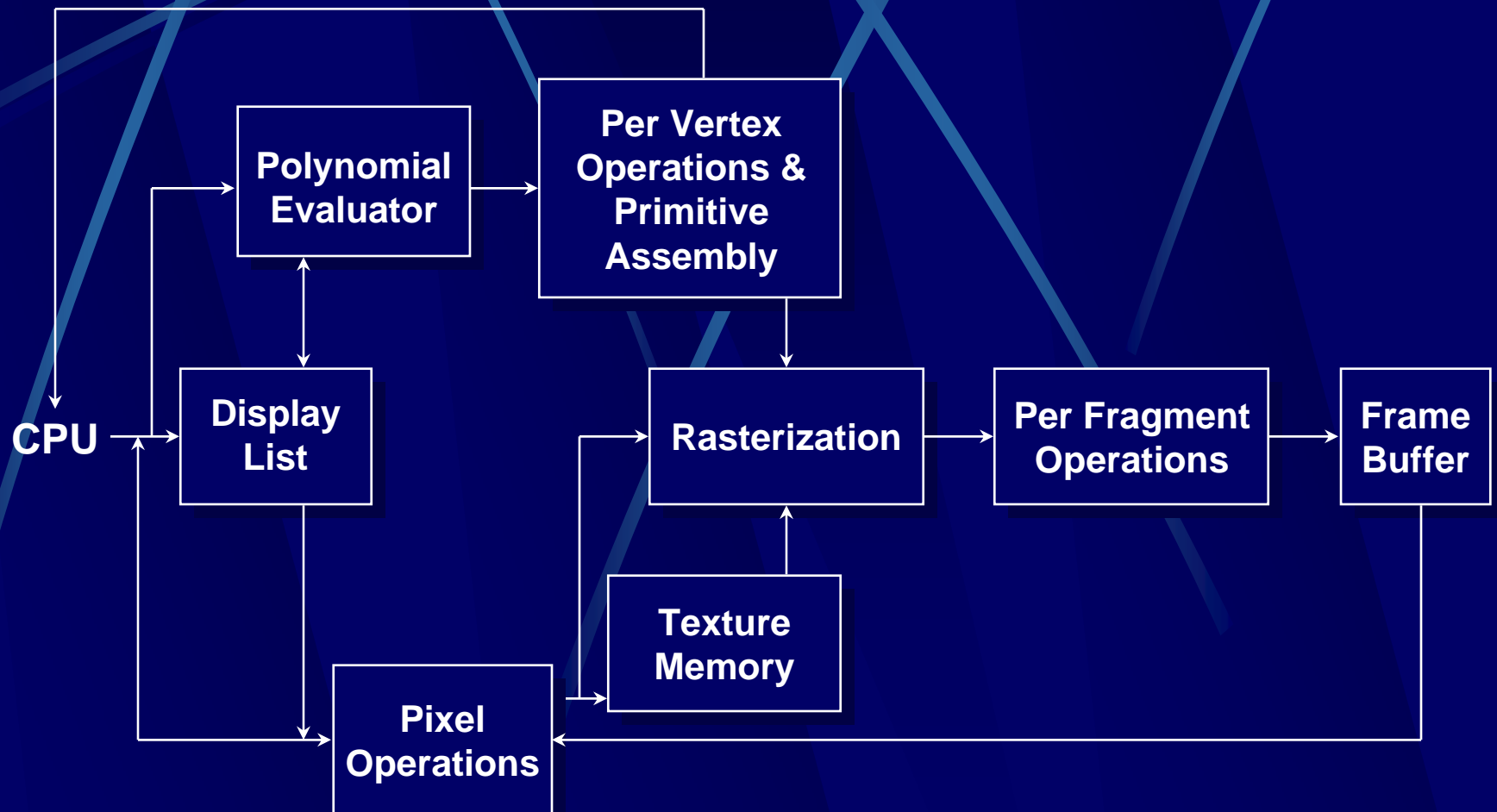
# Pipeline Model

- Close to hardware
- Easy to program
- Direct implementation of synthetic camera
  - Image formation by computer is analogous to image formation by camera (or human)
  - Specify viewer, objects, lights
  - Let hardware/software form image (via projection)

# OpenGL Geometric Pipeline



# OpenGL Architecture



# OpenGL as a Renderer

- Geometric primitives
  - points, lines and polygons
- Image Primitives
  - images and bitmaps
  - separate pipeline for images and geometry
    - linked through texture mapping
- Rendering depends on state
  - colors, materials, light sources, etc.



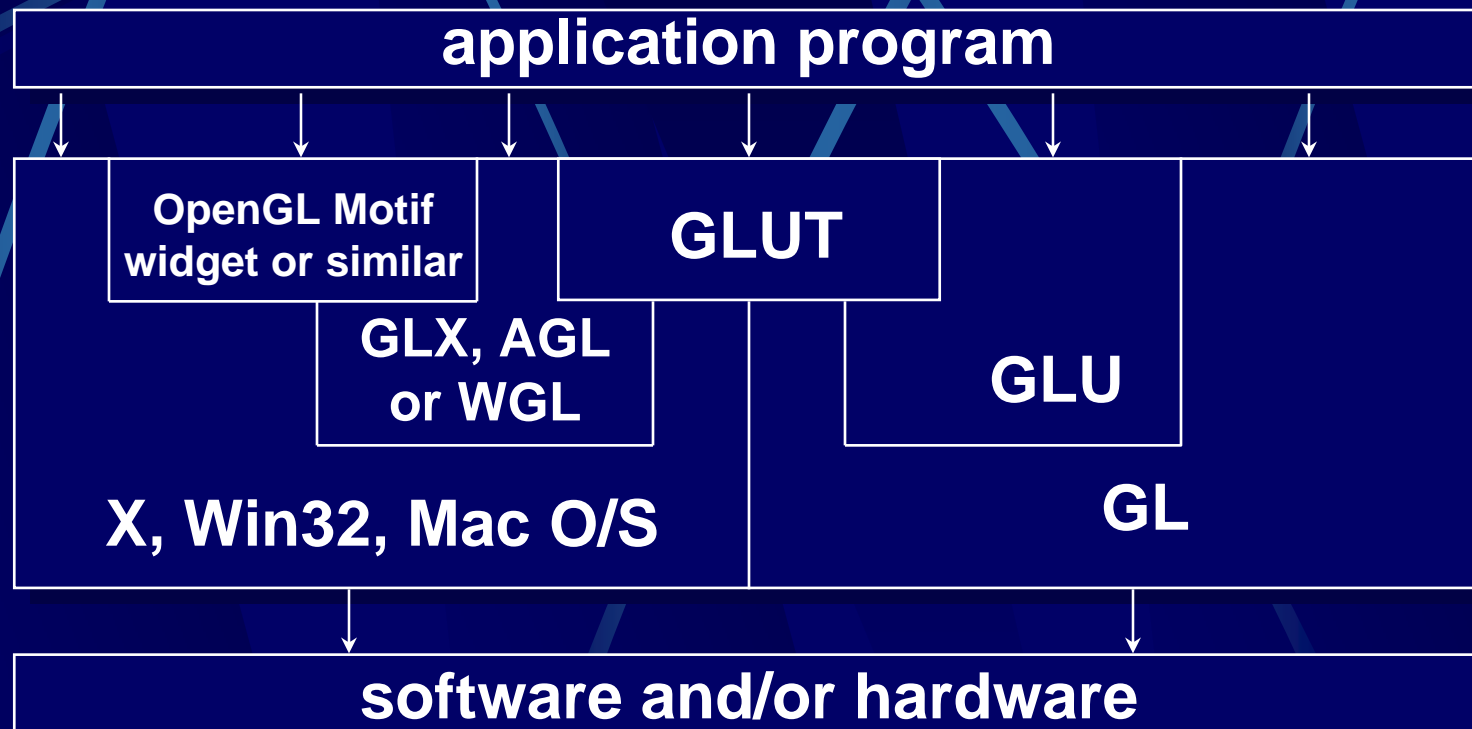
# OpenGL and the Windowing System

- OpenGL is concerned only with rendering
  - Window system independent
  - No input functions
- OpenGL must interact with underlying OS and windowing system
  - Need minimal interface which may be system dependent
    - Done through additional libraries: AGL, GLX, WGL

# GLU and GLUT

- GLU (OpenGL Utility Library)
  - part of OpenGL
  - NURBS, tessellators, quadric shapes, etc.
- GLUT (OpenGL Utility Toolkit)
  - portable windowing API
  - not officially part of OpenGL

# OpenGL and Related APIs



# Preliminaries

## ● Headers Files

- #include <GL/gl.h>
- #include <GL/glu.h>
- #include <GL/glut.h>

## ● Libraries

## ● Enumerated Types

- OpenGL defines numerous types for compatibility
  - GLfloat, GLint, GLenum, etc.

# GLUT Basics

## ● Application Structure

- Configure and open window
- Initialize OpenGL state
- Register input callback functions
  - render
  - resize
  - input: keyboard, mouse, etc.
- Enter event processing loop

# Sample Program

```
void main( int argc, char** argv )
{
    int mode = GLUT_RGB | GLUT_DOUBLE;
    glutInitDisplayMode( mode );
    glutCreateWindow( argv[0] );
    init();
    glutDisplayFunc( display );
    glutReshapeFunc( resize );
    glutKeyboardFunc( key );
    glutIdleFunc( idle );
    glutMainLoop();
}
```

# GLUT Callback Functions

- Routine to call when something happens

- window resize or redraw
- user input
- animation

- “Register” callbacks with GLUT

```
glutDisplayFunc( display );  
glutIdleFunc( idle );  
glutKeyboardFunc( keyboard );
```

# Rendering Callback

- Do all of your drawing here

```
glutDisplayFunc( display );
```

```
void display( void )  
{  
    glClear( GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT );  
    glBegin( GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP );  
        glVertex3fv( v[0] );  
        glVertex3fv( v[1] );  
        glVertex3fv( v[2] );  
        glVertex3fv( v[3] );  
    glEnd();  
    glutSwapBuffers();  
}
```



# Idle Callbacks

- Use for animation and continuous update

```
glutIdleFunc( idle );
```

```
void idle( void )  
{  
    t += dt;  
    glutPostRedisplay();  
}
```

# User Input Callbacks

- Process user input

```
glutKeyboardFunc( keyboard );
```

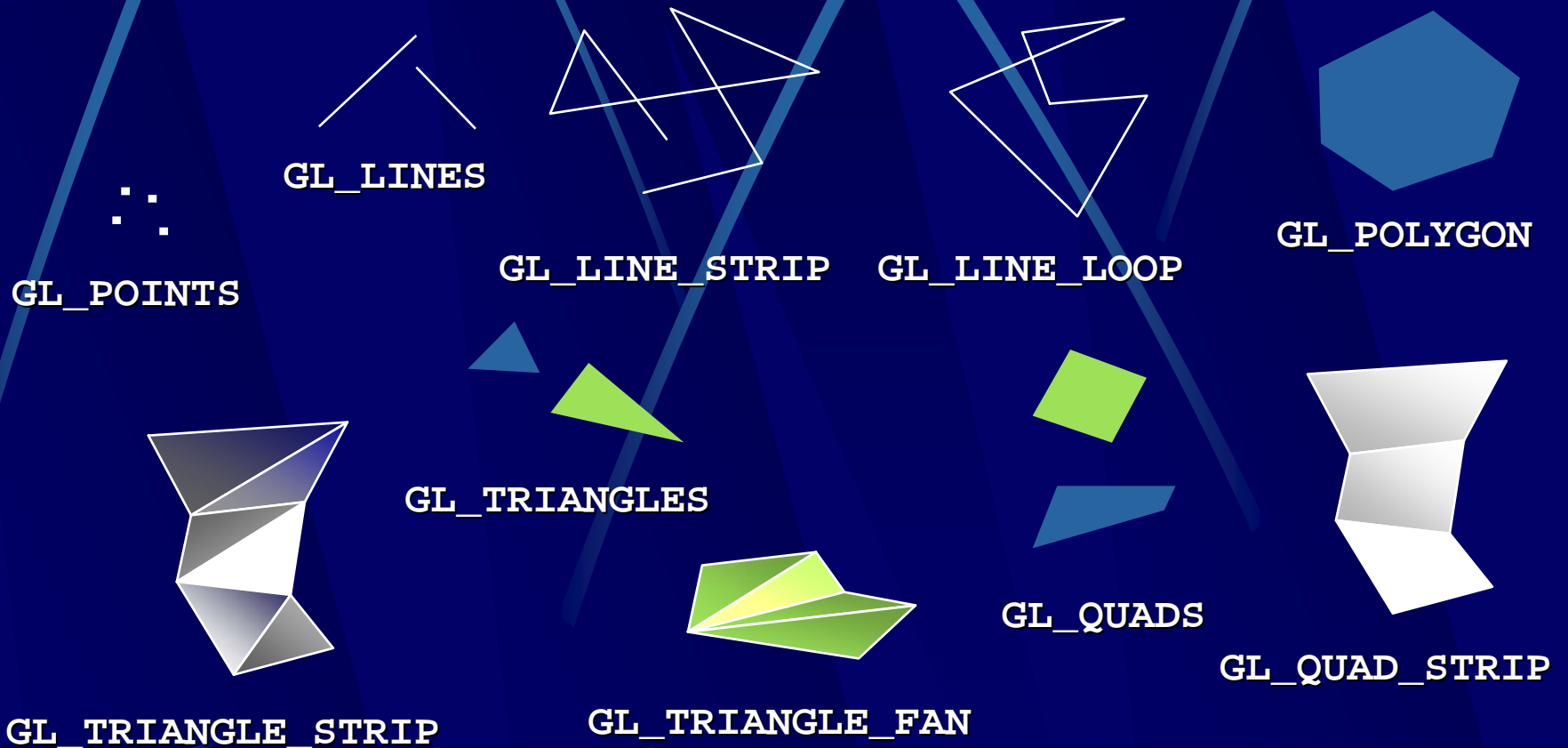
```
void keyboard( char key, int x, int  
y )  
{  
    switch( key ) {  
        case 'q' : case 'Q' :  
            exit( EXIT_SUCCESS );  
            break;  
  
        case 'r' : case 'R' :  
            rotate = GL_TRUE;  
            break;  
    }  
}
```

# Elementary Rendering

- Geometric Primitives
- Managing OpenGL State
- OpenGL Buffers

# OpenGL Geometric Primitives

- All geometric primitives are specified by vertices



# OpenGL Command Formats

**glVertex3fv( v )**

*Number of  
components*

2 - (x,y)  
3 - (x,y,z)  
4 - (x,y,z,w)

*Data Type*

b - byte  
ub - unsigned byte  
s - short  
us - unsigned short  
i - int  
ui - unsigned int  
f - float  
d - double

*Vector*

omit "v" for  
scalar form  
**glVertex2f( x, y )**

# Specifying Geometric Primitives

- Primitives are specified using

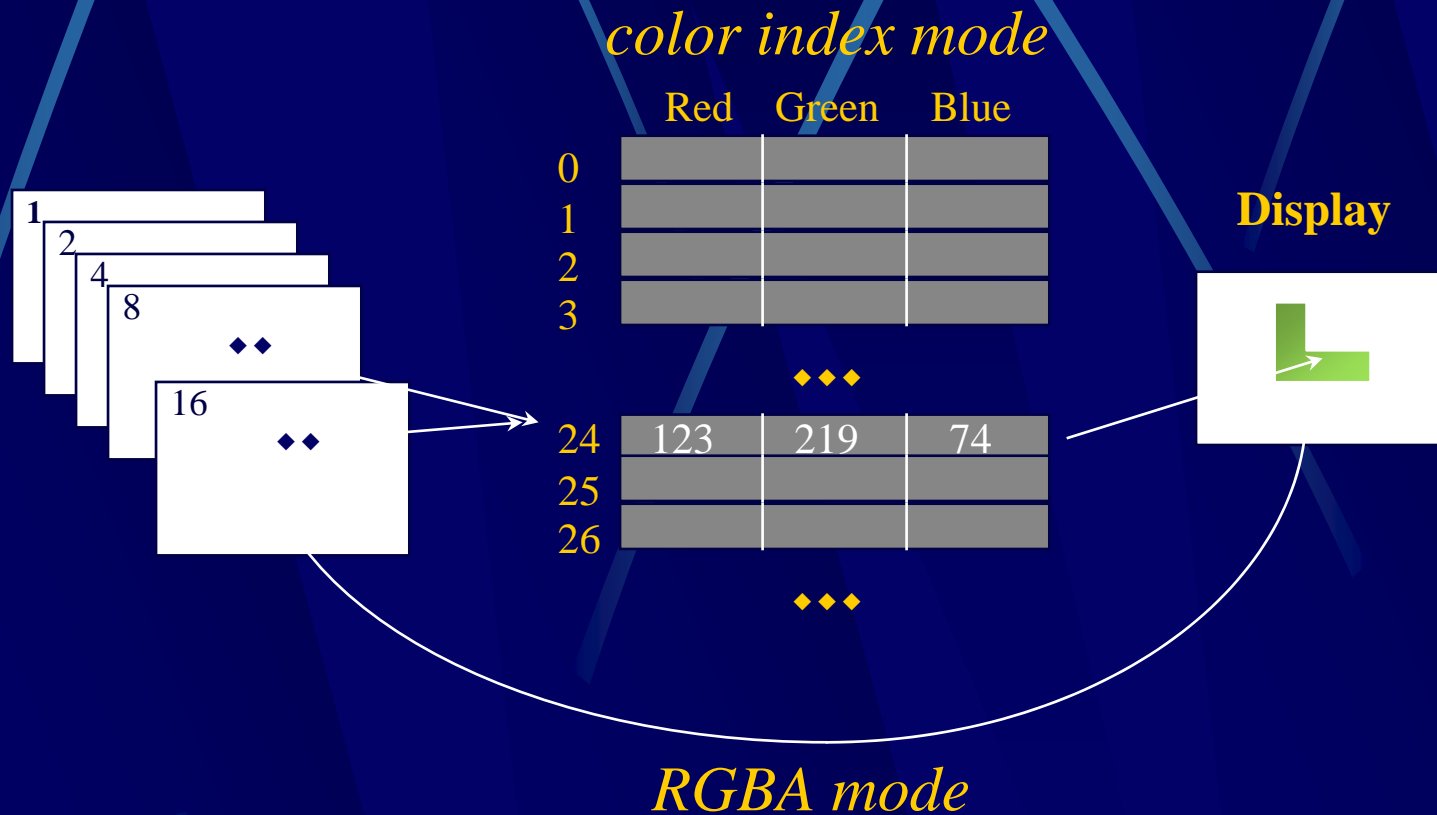
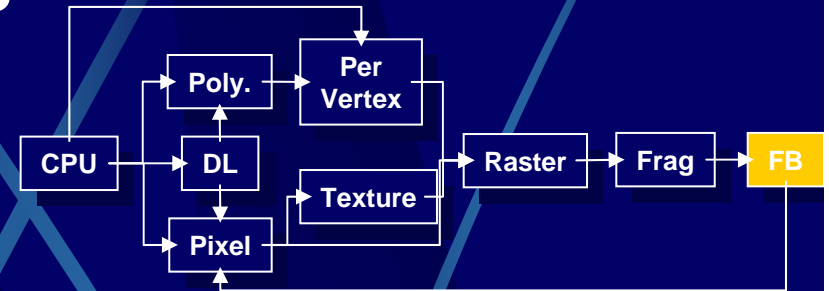
```
glBegin( primType );  
glEnd();
```

- *primType* determines how vertices are combined

```
GLfloat red, green, blue;  
GLfloat coords[3];  
glBegin( primType );  
for ( i = 0; i < nVerts; ++i ) {  
    glColor3f( red, green, blue );  
    glVertex3fv( coords );  
}  
glEnd();
```

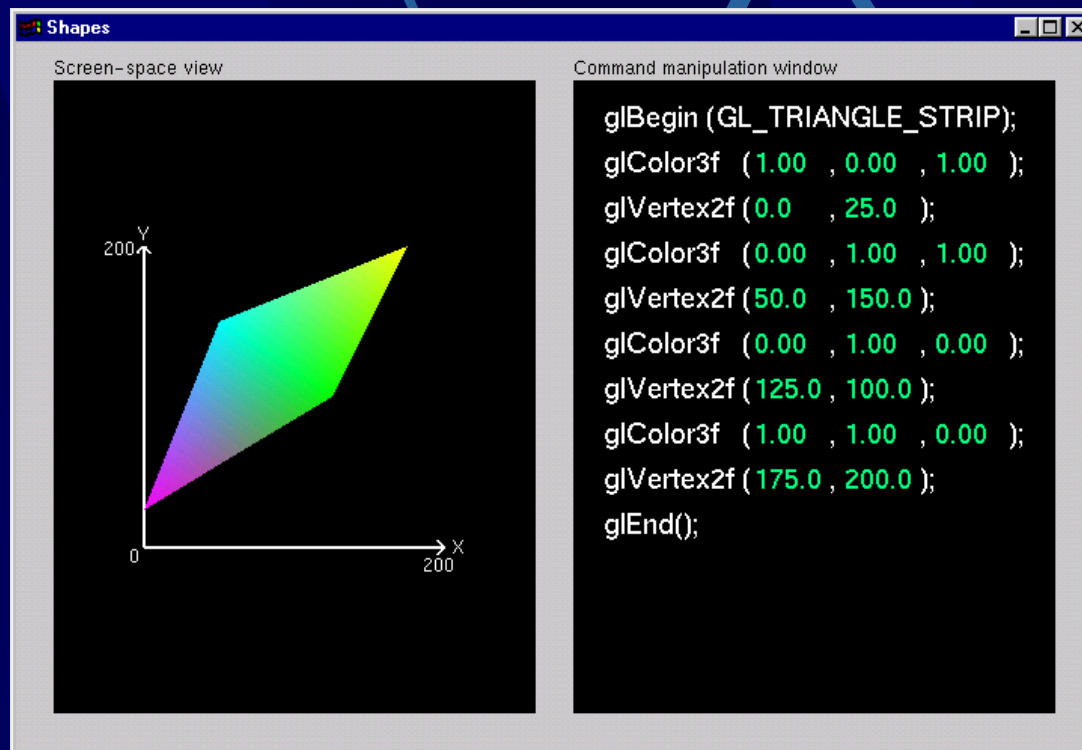
# OpenGL Color Models

## ● RGBA or Color Index



# Shapes Tutorial

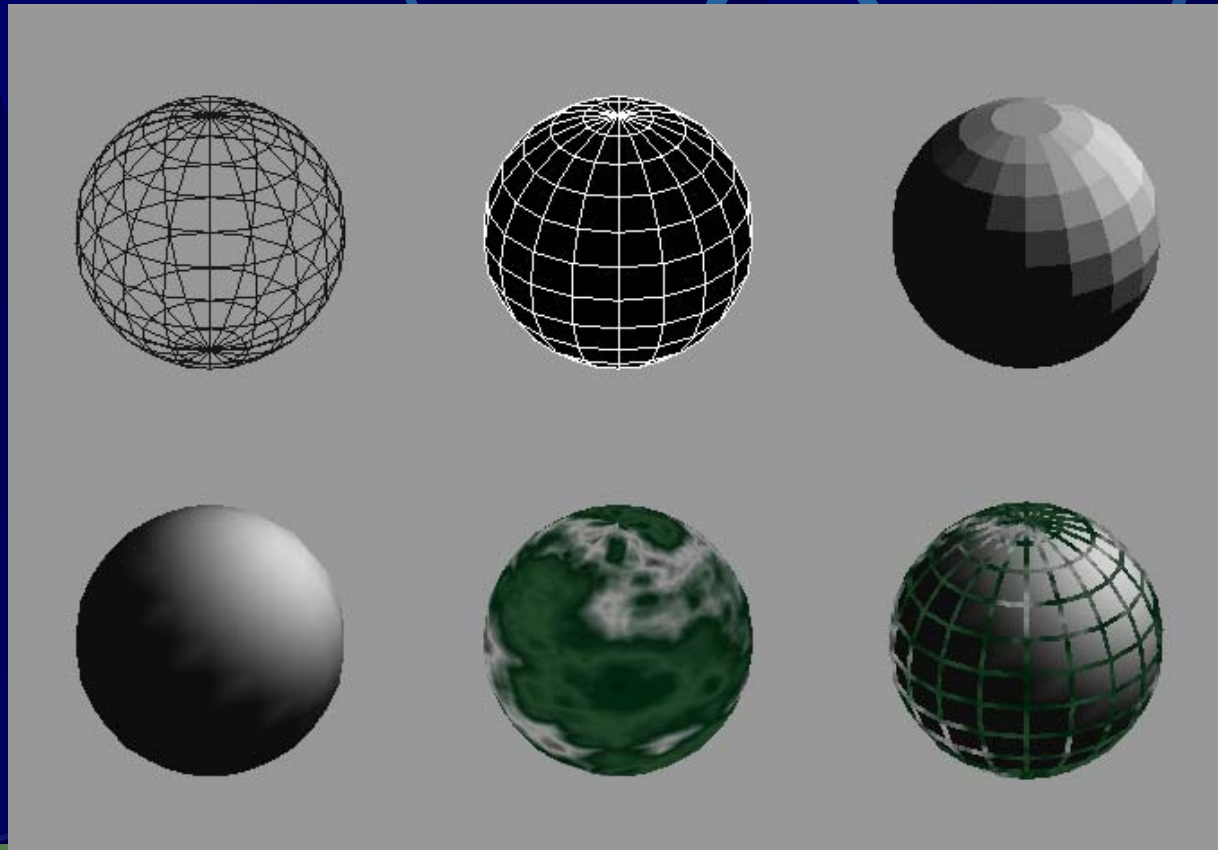
- developed by Nate Robbins
- Available on web (see references)





# Controlling Rendering Appearance

## ● From Wireframe to Texture Mapped



# OpenGL's State Machine

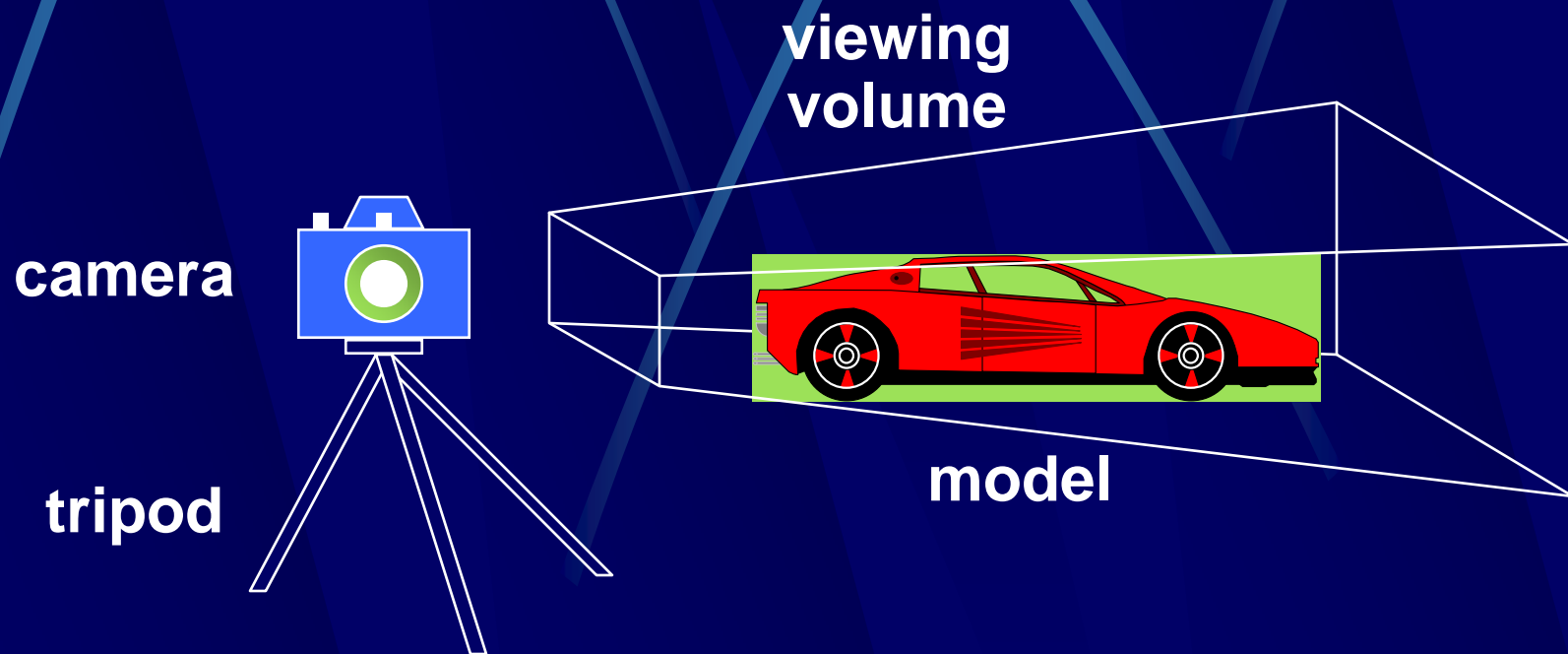
- All rendering attributes are encapsulated in the OpenGL State
  - rendering styles
  - shading
  - lighting
  - texture mapping

# Transformations in OpenGL

- Modeling
- Viewing
  - orient camera
  - projection
- Animation
- Map to screen

# Camera Analogy

- 3D is just like taking a photograph (lots of photographs!)



# Camera Analogy and Transformations

- Projection transformations
  - adjust the lens of the camera
- Viewing transformations
  - tripod—define position and orientation of the viewing volume in the world
- Modeling transformations
  - moving the model
- Viewport transformations
  - enlarge or reduce the physical photograph

# Coordinate Systems and Transformations

- Steps in Forming an Image
  - specify geometry (world coordinates)
  - specify camera (camera coordinates)
  - project (window coordinates)
  - map to viewport (screen coordinates)
- Each step uses transformations
- Every transformation is equivalent to a change in coordinate systems (frames)

# Affine Transformations

- Want transformations which preserve geometry
  - lines, polygons, quadrics
- Affine = line preserving
  - Rotation, translation, scaling
  - Projection
  - Concatenation (composition)

# Homogeneous Coordinates

- each vertex is a column vector

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

- $w$  is usually 1.0
- all operations are matrix multiplications
- directions (directed line segments) can be represented with  $w = 0.0$



# 3D Transformations

- A vertex is transformed by 4 x 4 matrices
  - all affine operations are matrix multiplications
  - all matrices are stored column-major in OpenGL
  - matrices are always post-multiplied
  - product of matrix and vector is

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} m_0 & m_4 & m_8 & m_{12} \\ m_1 & m_5 & m_9 & m_{13} \\ m_2 & m_6 & m_{10} & m_{14} \\ m_3 & m_7 & m_{11} & m_{15} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{M}\vec{v}$$

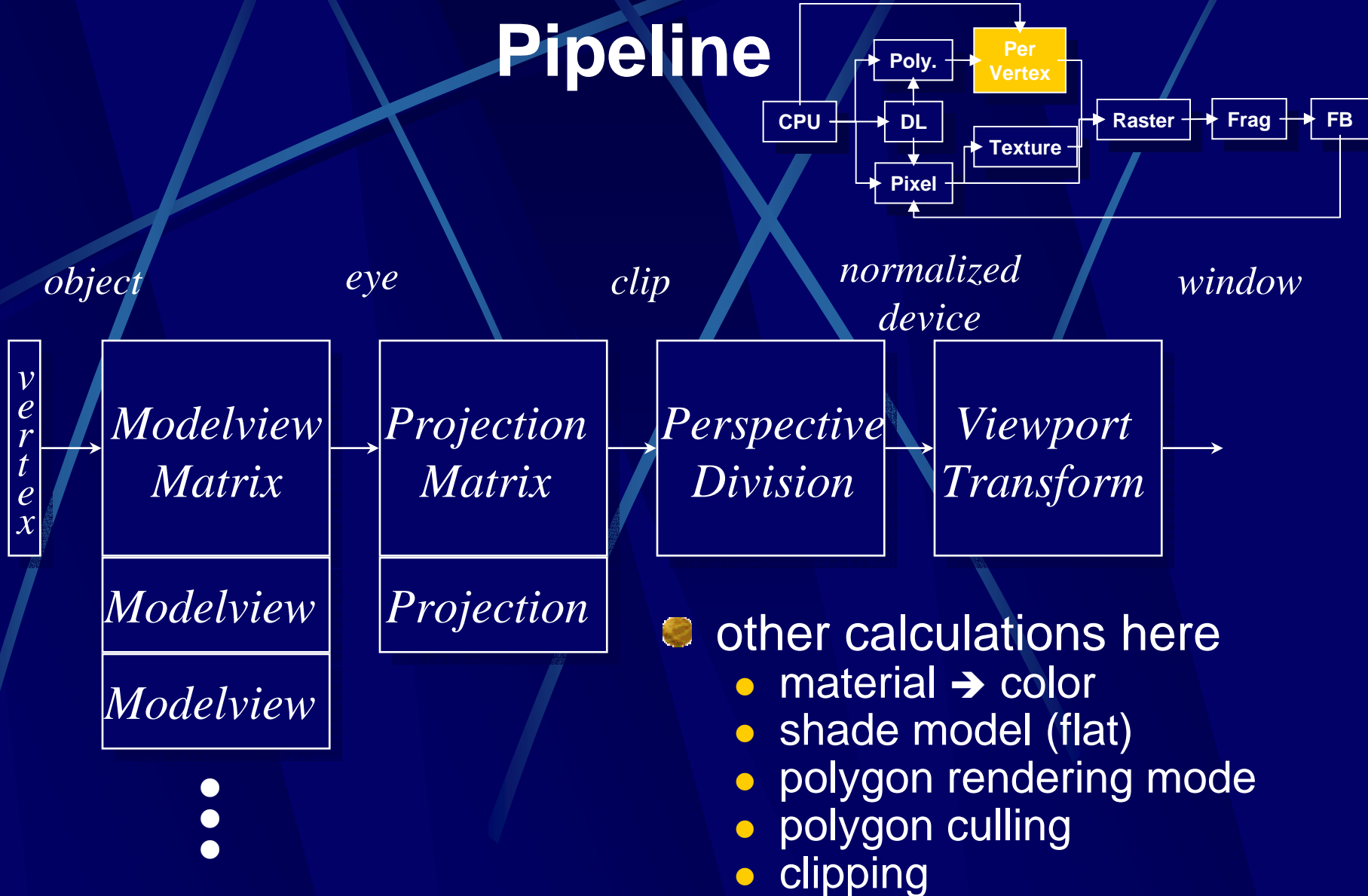
# Specifying Transformations

- Programmer has two styles of specifying transformations
  - specify matrices (**glLoadMatrix**, **glMultMatrix**)
  - specify operation (**glRotate**, **glOrtho**)
- Programmer does not have to remember the exact matrices
  - check appendix of Red Book (Programming Guide)

# Programming Transformations

- Prior to rendering, view, locate, and orient:
  - eye/camera position
  - 3D geometry
- Manage the matrices
  - including matrix stack
- Combine (composite) transformations

# Transformation Pipeline



# Matrix Operations

- Specify Current Matrix Stack

`glMatrixMode( GL_MODELVIEW or  
GL_PROJECTION )`

- Other Matrix or Stack Operations

`glLoadIdentity()      glPushMatrix()  
glPopMatrix()`

- Viewport

- usually same as window size
- viewport aspect ratio should be same as projection transformation or resulting image may be distorted

`glViewport( x, y, width, height )`

# Projection Transformation

- Shape of viewing frustum
- Perspective projection

```
gluPerspective( fovy, aspect,  
               zNear, zFar )
```

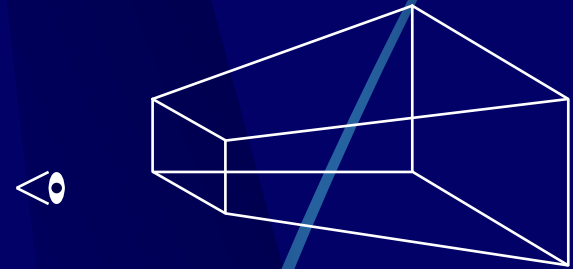
```
glFrustum( left, right, bottom, top,  
          zNear, zFar )
```

- Orthographic parallel projection

```
glOrtho( left, right, bottom, top,  
        zNear, zFar )
```

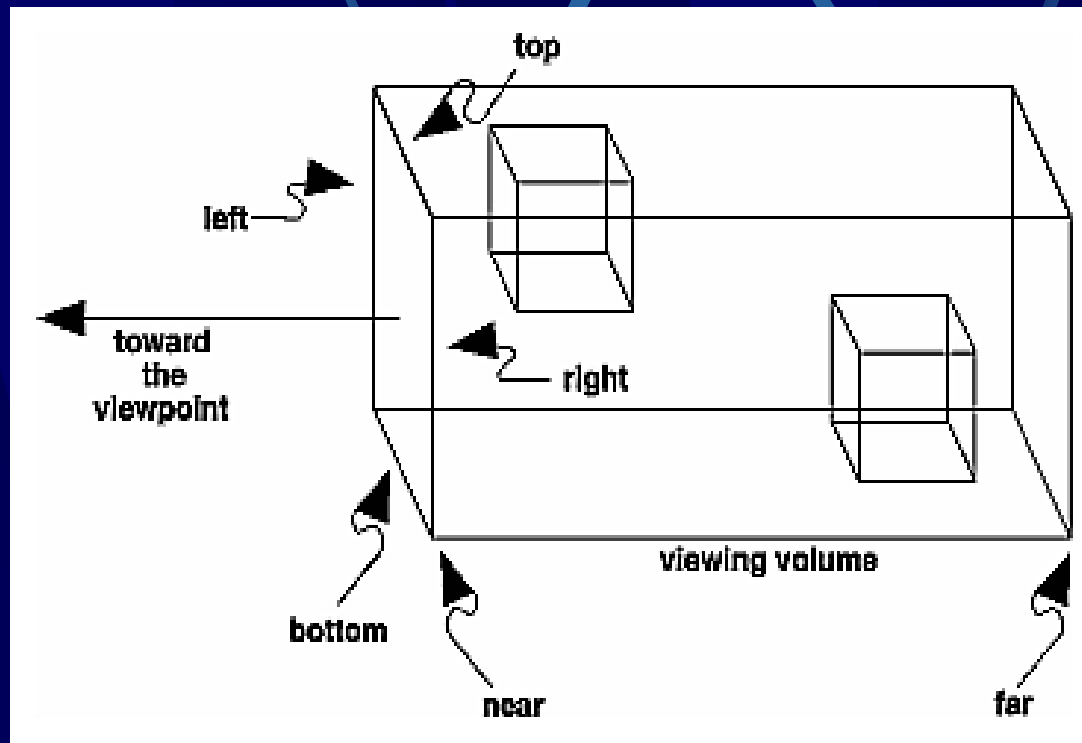
```
gluOrtho2D( left, right, bottom,  
            top )
```

- calls `glOrtho` with z values near zero



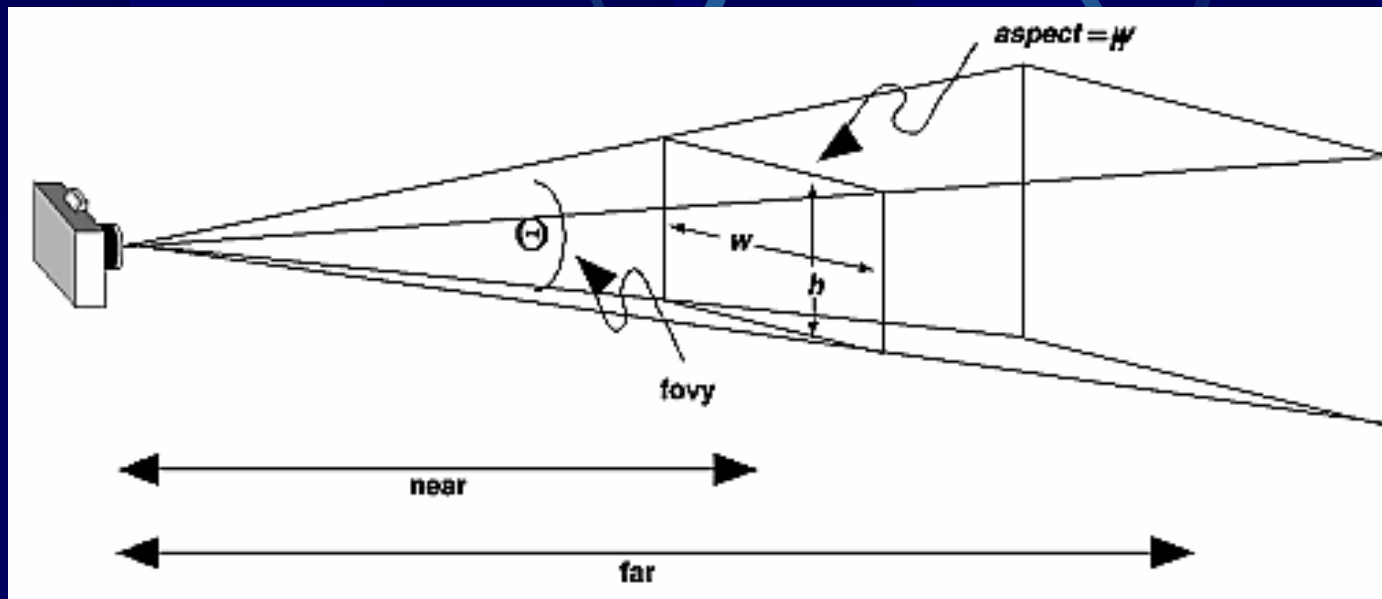
# Program Structure

- void **glOrtho** (GLdouble left, GLdouble right, GLdouble bottom, GLdouble top, GLdouble near, GLdouble far);
- Creates a matrix for an **orthographic parallel viewing volume** and multiplies the current matrix by it.



# Program Structure

- void **gluPerspective** (GLdouble fovy, GLdouble aspect, GLdouble near, GLdouble far);
- Creates a matrix for an **symmetric perspective-view frustum** and multiplies the current matrix by it.
  - **fovy** is the angle of the field of view in the x-z plane;

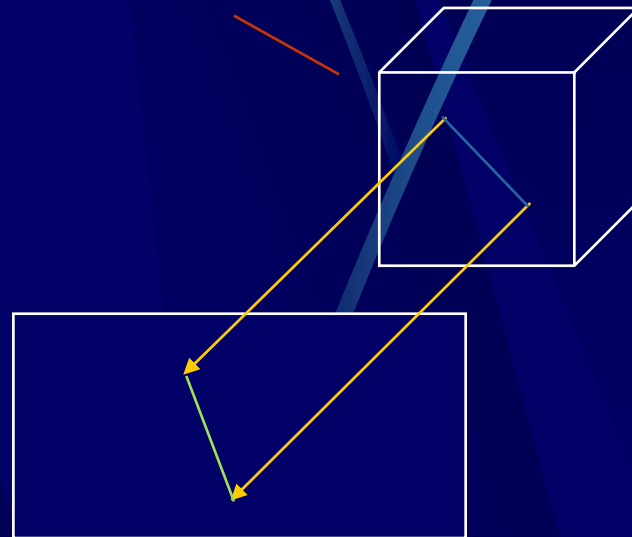




# Applying Projection Transformations

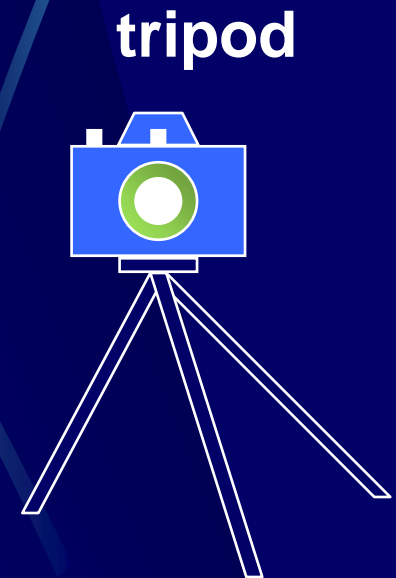
- Typical use (orthographic projection)

```
glMatrixMode( GL_PROJECTION );  
glLoadIdentity();  
glOrtho( left, right, bottom, top, zNear,  
        zFar );
```



# Viewing Transformations

- Position the camera/eye in the scene
  - place the tripod down; aim camera
- To “fly through” a scene
  - change viewing transformation and redraw scene
- `gluLookAt( eyex, eyey, eyez,  
aimx, aimy, aimz,  
upx, upy, upz )`
  - up vector determines unique orientation
  - careful of degenerate positions



# Modeling Transformations

- Move object

`glTranslate{fd}( x, y, z )`

- Rotate object around arbitrary axis  $(x \ y \ z)$

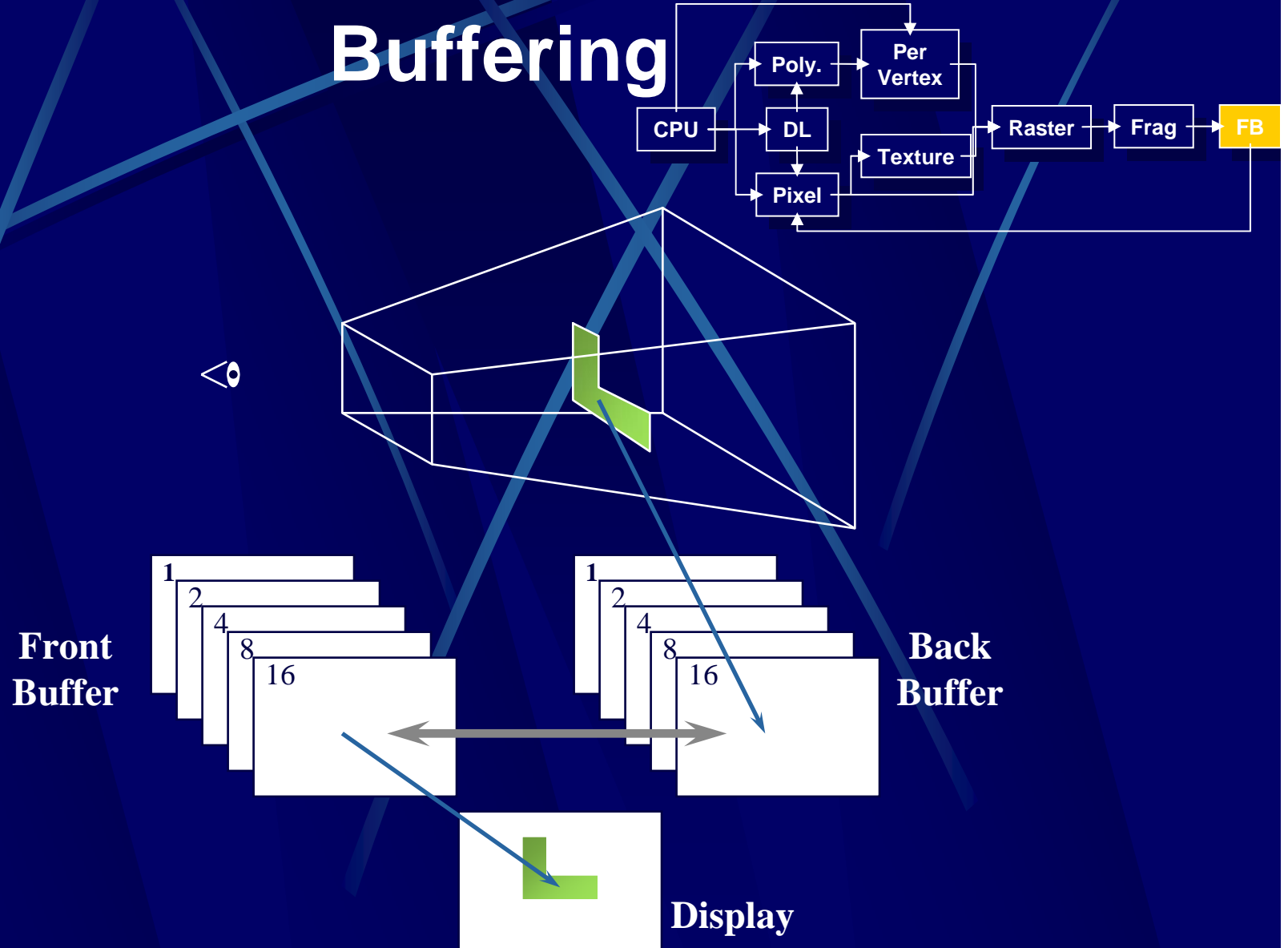
`glRotate{fd}( angle, x, y, z )`

- angle is in degrees

- Dilate (stretch or shrink) or mirror object

`glScale{fd}( x, y, z )`

# Double Buffering



# Animation Using Double Buffering

- ① Request a double buffered color buffer

```
glutInitDisplayMode( GLUT_RGB | GLUT_DOUBLE  
);
```

- ② Clear color buffer

```
glClear( GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT );
```

- ③ Render scene

- ④ Request swap of front and back buffers

```
glutSwapBuffers();
```

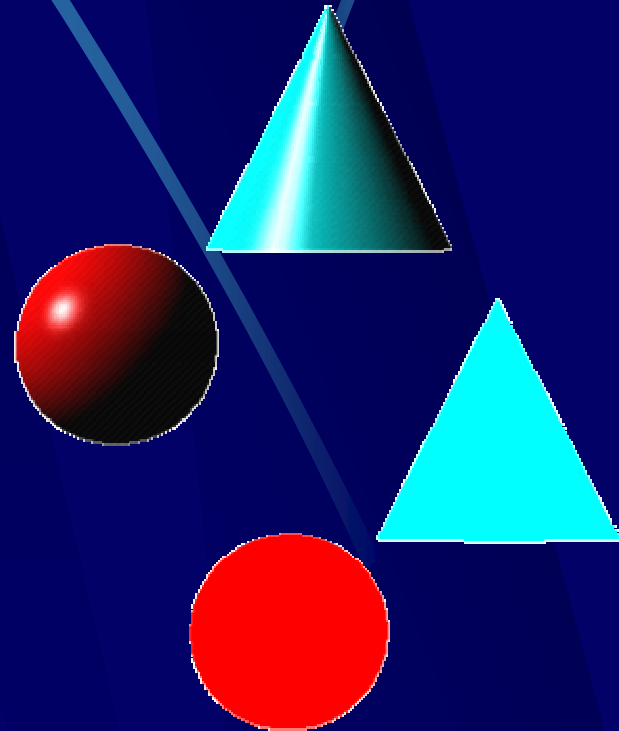
- Repeat steps 2 - 4 for animation

# An Updated Program Template

```
void main( int argc, char** argv )
{
    glutInit( &argc, argv );
    glutInitDisplayMode( GLUT_RGB |
        GLUT_DOUBLE );
    glutCreateWindow( "Tetrahedron"
    );
    init();
    glutIdleFunc( idle );
    glutDisplayFunc( display );
    glutMainLoop();
}
```

# Lighting Principles

- Lighting simulates how objects reflect light
  - material composition of object
  - light's color and position
  - global lighting parameters
    - ambient light
    - two sided lighting
  - available in both color index and RGBA mode

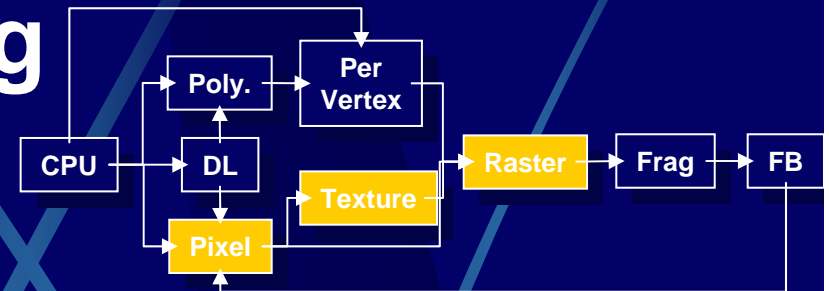


# How OpenGL Simulates Lights

- Phong lighting model
  - Computed at vertices
- Lighting contributors
  - Surface material properties
  - Light properties
  - Lighting model properties

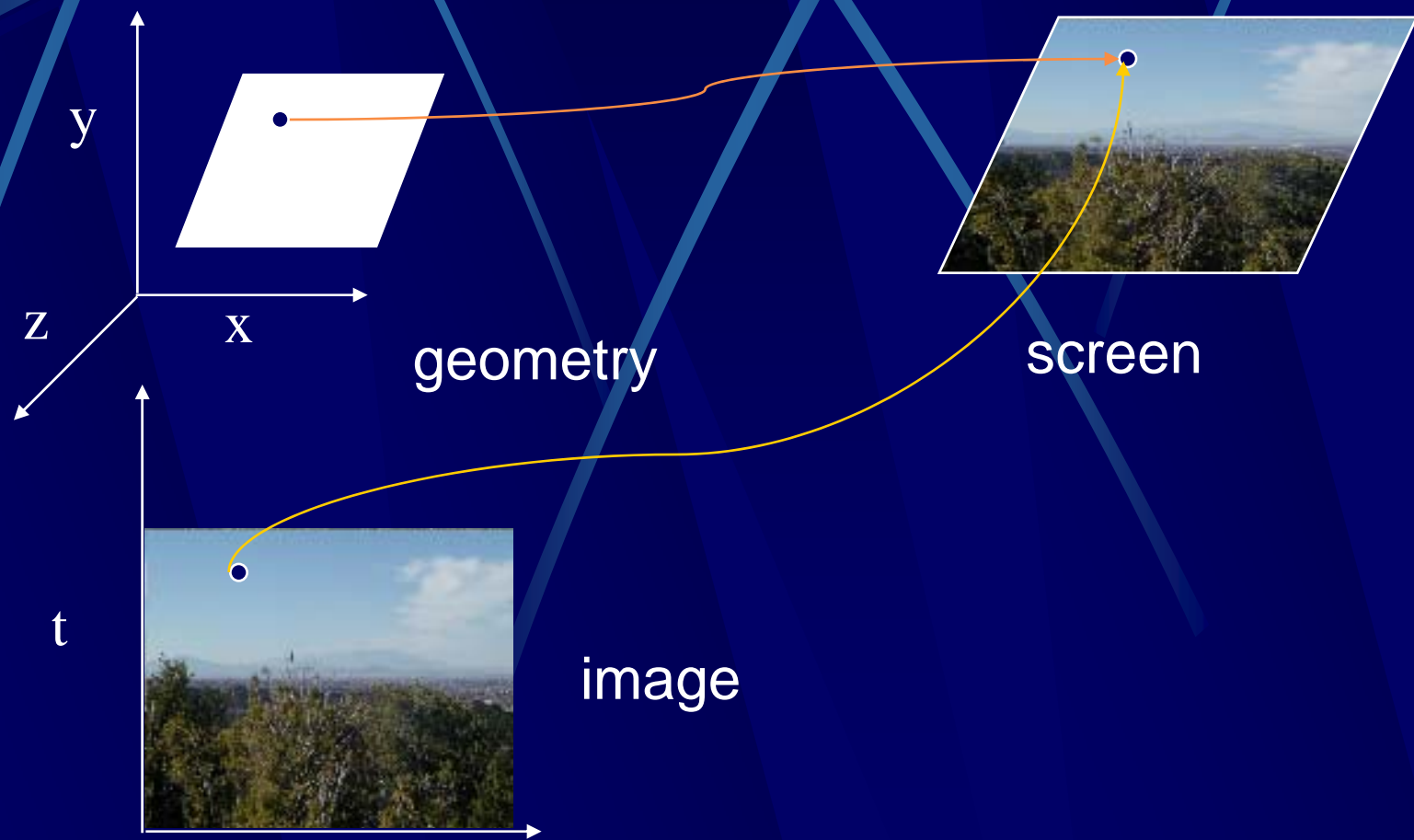


# Texture Mapping



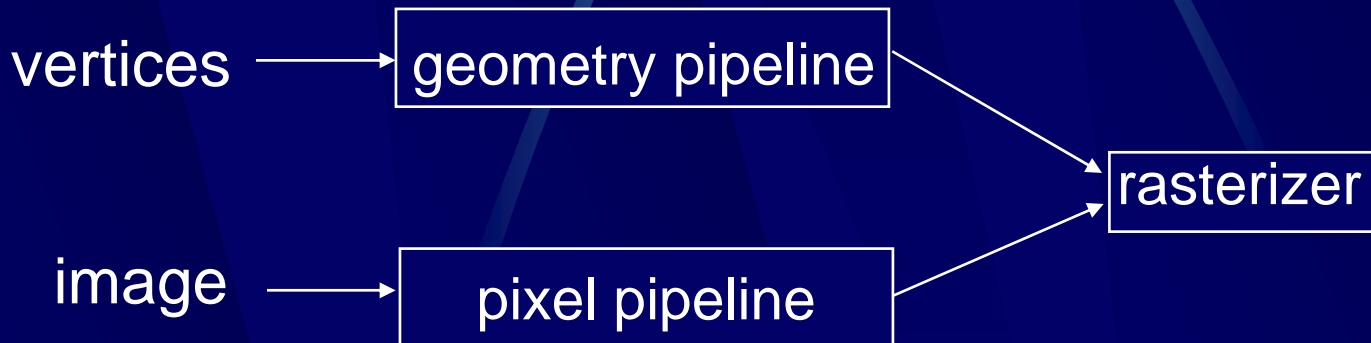
- Apply a 1D, 2D, or 3D image to geometric primitives
- Uses of Texturing
  - simulating materials
  - reducing geometric complexity
  - image warping
  - reflections

# Texture Mapping



# Texture Mapping and the OpenGL Pipeline

- Images and geometry flow through separate pipelines that join at the rasterizer
  - “complex” textures do not affect geometric complexity



# Applying Textures I

## ● Three steps

### ① specify texture

- read or generate image
- assign to texture

### ② assign texture coordinates to vertices

### ③ specify texture parameters

- wrapping, filtering

# Immediate Mode versus Display Listed Rendering

## ● Immediate Mode Graphics

- Primitives are sent to pipeline and display right away
- No memory of graphical entities

## ● Display Listed Graphics

- Primitives placed in display lists
- Display lists kept on graphics server
- Can be redisplayed with different state
- Can be shared among OpenGL graphics contexts

# Ed Angel Class

● [www.cs.unm.edu/~angel/CS433](http://www.cs.unm.edu/~angel/CS433)

# On-Line Resources

- <http://www.opengl.org>
- <news:comp.graphics.api.opengl>
- <http://www.sgi.com/software/opengl>
- <http://www.mesa3d.org/> (Mesa)
- <http://www.cs.utah.edu/~narobins/opengl.html> (Tutorials)
- <http://www.cs.unm.edu/~angel>
- <http://www.ecs.umass.edu/ece/hill>
- **Nate Robins: GLUT ported to Win32 GLUT**  
<http://www.xmission.com/~nate/glut.html>  
glut-3.7.6-bin.zip (117 KB)