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OpenGL Texture Mapping

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Basic Strategy

Three steps to applying a texture

1. specify the texture
 - read or generate image
 - assign to texture
 - enable texturing
2. specify texture parameters
 - wrapping, filtering
3. assign texture coordinates to vertices
 - Proper mapping function is left to application

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Texture Mapping

geometry

display

image

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Texture Example

•The texture (below) is a 256 x 256 image that has been mapped to a rectangular polygon which is viewed in perspective

Screen-space view

Texture-space view

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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

```
graph LR; vertices --> geometry[geometry pipeline]; image --> pixel[pixel pipeline]; geometry --> rasterizer[rasterizer]; pixel --> rasterizer;
```

vertices → geometry pipeline → rasterizer

image → pixel pipeline → rasterizer

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Specifying a Texture Image

- Define a texture image from an array of *texels* (texture elements) in CPU memory
`Glubyte my_texels[512][512];`
- Define as any other pixel map
 - Scanned image
 - Photo image
 - Generate by application code
- Enable texture mapping
 - `glEnable(GL_TEXTURE_2D)`
 - OpenGL supports 1-4 dimensional texture maps

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Define Image as a Texture

```
glTexImage2D( target, level, components,
               w, h, border, format, type, texels );
```

target: type of texture, e.g. `GL_TEXTURE_2D`
level: used for mipmaping (discussed later)
components: elements per texel
w, h: width and height of *texels* in pixels
border: used for smoothing (discussed later)
format and type: describe texels
texels: pointer to texel array

```
glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 0, 3, 512, 512, 0,
             GL_RGB, GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE, my_texels);
```

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Converting A Texture Image

- OpenGL used to require texture dimensions to be powers of 2. Still a good idea!
- If dimensions of image are not powers of 2


```
gluScaleImage( format, w_in, h_in,
                     type_in, *data_in, w_out, h_out,
                     type_out, *data_out );
```

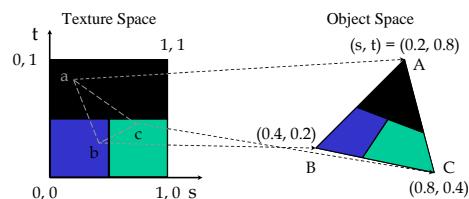
 - `data_in` is source image
 - `data_out` is for destination image
- Image interpolated and filtered during scaling

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Mapping a Texture

- Based on parametric texture coordinates
`glTexCoord*()` specified at each vertex



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Typical Code

```
glBegin(GL_POLYGON);
  glColor3f(r0, g0, b0); //if no shading used
  glNormal3f(u0, v0, w0); // if shading used
  glTexCoord2f(s0, t0);
  glVertex3f(x0, y0, z0);
  glColor3f(r1, g1, b1);
  glNormal3f(u1, v1, w1);
  glTexCoord2f(s1, t1);
  glVertex3f(x1, y1, z1);
  .
  .
glEnd();
```

Note that we can use vertex arrays to increase efficiency

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Interpolation

OpenGL uses interpolation to find proper texels from specified texture coordinates

Can be distortions

good selection
of tex coordinates

poor selection
of tex coordinates

texture stretched
over trapezoid
showing effects of
bilinear interpolation



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Texture Parameters

- OpenGL has a variety of parameters that determine how texture is applied
 - Wrapping parameters determine what happens if s and t are outside the (0,1) range
 - Filter modes allow us to use interpolation instead of point samples
 - Mipmapping allows us to use textures at multiple resolutions (area averaging)
 - Environment parameters determine how texture mapping interacts with shading

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Wrapping Mode

Clamping: if $s,t > 1$ use 1, if $s,t < 0$ use 0

Wrapping: use $s,t \bmod 1$

```
glTexParameteri( GL_TEXTURE_2D,
    GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_S, GL_CLAMP )
glTexParameteri( GL_TEXTURE_2D,
    GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_T, GL_REPEAT )
```



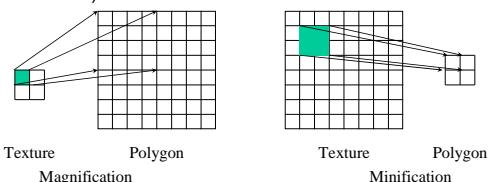
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Magnification and Minification

More than one texel can cover a pixel (*minification*) or more than one pixel can cover a texel (*magnification*)

Can use point sampling (nearest texel) or linear filtering (2 x 2 filter) to obtain texture values



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Filter Modes

Modes determined by

```
-glTexParameteri( target, type, mode )
```

```
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MAG_FILTER,
    GL_NEAREST);
```

```
glTexParameteri(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER,
    GL_LINEAR);
```

Note that linear filtering requires a border of an extra texel for filtering at edges (border = 1)

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Mipmapped Textures

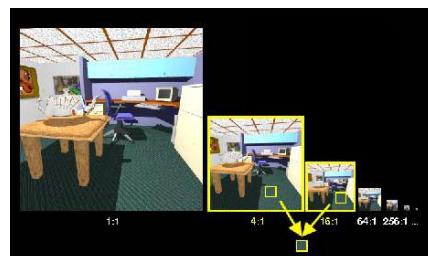
- Mipmapping* allows for prefiltered texture maps of decreasing resolutions
- Lessens interpolation errors for smaller textured objects
- Declare mipmap level during texture definition
`glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, level, ...)`
- GLU mipmap builder routines will build all the textures from a given image
`gluBuild2DMipmaps(...)`

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MIP Mapping (*multum in parvo*)

“Many things in a small place”



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MIP Mapping (LOD)

A diagram illustrating MIP mapping. It shows a 4x4 grid of texels. The top-left texel is green (G), the top-right is red (R), the bottom-left is blue (B), and the bottom-right is white (.). The other four texels are smaller versions of G, R, and B, indicating they are from lower-resolution mipmap levels.

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Mipmapped Textures

- Mipmap allows
 - prefiltered texture maps
 - decreasing resolutions
- Lessens interpolation errors for smaller objects
- OpenGL supports LOD

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Example

Four images comparing texture sampling methods:

- point sampling: shows vertical banding and aliasing.
- linear filtering: shows smoother results than point sampling.
- mipmapped point sampling: shows vertical banding and aliasing.
- mipmapped linear filtering: shows the best results, with smooth transitions and no aliasing.

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Texture Functions

- Controls how texture is applied
 - `glTexEnv{fi}[v](GL_TEXTURE_ENV, prop, param)`
- `GL_TEXTURE_ENV_MODE` modes
 - `GL_MODULATE`: modulates with computed shade
 - `GL_BLEND`: blends with an environmental color
 - `GL_REPLACE`: use only texture color
 - `GL(GL_TEXTURE_ENV, GL_TEXTURE_ENV_MODE, GL_MODULATE);`
- Set blend color with `GL_TEXTURE_ENV_COLOR`

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Perspective Correction Hint

- Texture coordinate and color interpolation
 - either linearly in screen space
 - or using depth/perspective values (slower)
- Noticeable for polygons “on edge”
- `glHint(GL_PERSPECTIVE_CORRECTION_HINT, hint)`
where `hint` is one of
 - `GL_DONT_CARE`
 - `GL_NICEST`
 - `GL_FASTEST`

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Generating Texture Coordinates

- OpenGL can generate texture coordinates automatically
`glTexGen{ifd}[v]()`
- specify a plane
 - generate texture coordinates based upon distance from the plane
- generation modes
 - `GL_OBJECT_LINEAR`
 - `GL_EYE_LINEAR`
 - `GL_SPHERE_MAP` (used for environmental maps)

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Texture Objects

- Texture is part of the OpenGL state
 - If we have different textures for different objects, OpenGL will be moving large amounts data from processor memory to texture memory
- Recent versions of OpenGL have *texture objects*
 - one image per texture object
 - Texture memory can hold multiple texture objects

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Applying Textures II

1. specify textures in texture objects
2. set texture filter
3. set texture function
4. set texture wrap mode
5. set optional perspective correction hint
6. bind texture object
7. enable texturing
8. supply texture coordinates for vertex
 - coordinates can also be generated

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Other Texture Features

- Environment Maps
 - Start with image of environment through a 90 deg angle lens (left, right, top, bottom, front, back)
 - Can be either a real scanned image or an image created in OpenGL
 - Use these textures to generate a cube map
 - Use automatic texture coordinate generation
- Multitexturing
 - Apply a sequence of textures through cascaded texture units

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