

Buffers

Define a buffer by its spatial resolution ($n \times m$) and its depth (or precision) k , the number of bits/pixel

Diagram illustrating a buffer defined by its spatial resolution ($n \times m$) and its depth (k), the number of bits/pixel. The diagram shows a stack of buffers, with the front buffer having dimensions n and m , and the depth being k .

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Diagram illustrating the components of a buffer: Stencil buffer, Depth buffer, Back buffer, and Front buffer. The diagram shows a 3D box with dimensions m and n .

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Depth Buffering and Hidden Surface Removal

Diagram illustrating the process of depth buffering and hidden surface removal. It shows a 3D box being rendered onto a 2D plane. The process involves a Color Buffer and a Depth Buffer, which are then displayed on the Display.

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Depth Buffering (already using it)

- Hint for depth buffer resolution
`void glfwWindowHint(GLFW_DEPTH_BITS, 16);`
- Enable depth buffering
`glEnable(GL_DEPTH_TEST);`
- Clear color and depth buffers
`glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);`
- Render scene
- Swap color buffers

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Other Buffers

Diagram illustrating other buffers: stencil buffer, accumulation buffer, overlay planes, auxiliary buffers, color indices, depth buffer, back buffer, and front buffer. The diagram shows a 3D box with dimensions m and n .

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Other Buffers

OpenGL

Using Framebuffers

- clearing buffers
 - clearing individual buffer is expensive
 - Use `glClear` with bitwise-ORed masks to clear multiple buffers
- selecting color buffers for writing/clearing
 - `glBindFramebuffer`: useful in FBO (framebuffer object)

OpenGL

Masking Buffers

- Before OpenGL writes data into the enabled color, depth, or stencil buffers, a masking operation is applied to the data, as specified with one of the following commands.
- A bitwise logical AND is performed with each mask and the corresponding data to be written

OpenGL

Masking Buffers (cont)

- `void glColorMask(GLboolean red, GLboolean green, GLboolean blue, GLboolean alpha);`
- `void glDepthMask(GLboolean flag);`
- `void glStencilMask(GLuint mask);`
 - If a 1 appears in mask, the corresponding bit in the stencil buffer is written; where a 0 appears, the bit is not written.
- The default values of all the GLboolean masks are `GL_TRUE`, and the default values for the two GLuint masks are all 1's

OpenGL

Red Mask <code>GL_TRUE</code>	<code>glColorMask(</code>
Green Mask <code>GL_TRUE</code>	<code>GL_FALSE, GL_TRUE,</code>
Blue Mask <code>GL_TRUE</code>	<code>GL_FALSE, GL_FALSE)</code>
	Only Green Mask <code>TRUE</code>

OpenGL

Accumulation Buffer

- Gone after OpenGL 3.1 (deprecated)
- Can use FBO for multi-pass rendering with an appropriate fragment program
- Useful for several effects
- Basically, same functions can be done with multi-pass rendering.
- Initially, it was the floating-point buffer but now all buffers can be floating-point!

OpenGL

Accessing Accumulation Buffer

```
glAccum( op, value )
```

- operations
 - within the accumulation buffer: `GL_ADD`, `GL_MULT`
 - from read buffer: `GL_ACCUM`, `GL_LOAD`
 - transfer back to write buffer: `GL_RETURN`
- `glAccum(GL_ACCUM, 0.5)` multiplies each value in write buffer by 0.5 and adds to accumulation buffer



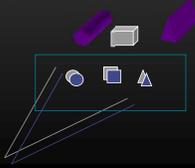
Accumulation Buffer Applications

- Compositing
- Full Scene Antialiasing
- Depth of Field
- Filtering
- Motion Blur



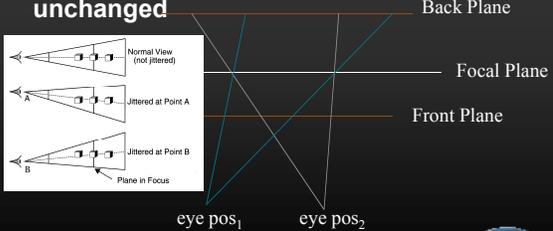
Full Scene Antialiasing : Jittering the view

- Each time we move the viewer, the image shifts
 - Different aliasing artifacts in each image
 - Averaging images using accumulation buffer averages out these artifacts
- Replaced with
- `GL_MULTISAMPLE`




Depth of Focus : Keeping a Plane in Focus

- Jitter the viewer to keep one plane unchanged




Depth of Field

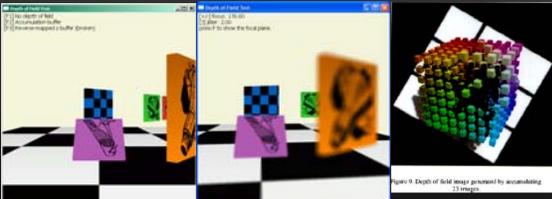
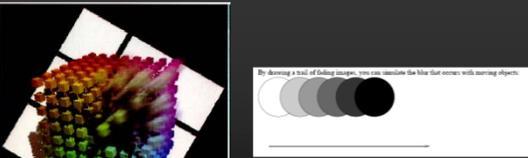


Figure 9. Depth of field image generated by accumulating 23 images.



Motion Blur

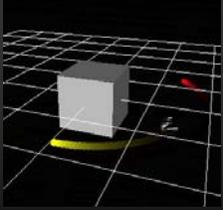


By blurring a trail of fading images, you can simulate the blur that occurs with moving objects.

Figure 7. Motion blur image generated by accumulating 23 images.

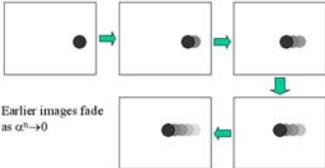


Motion Blur w/o Accum.Buffer



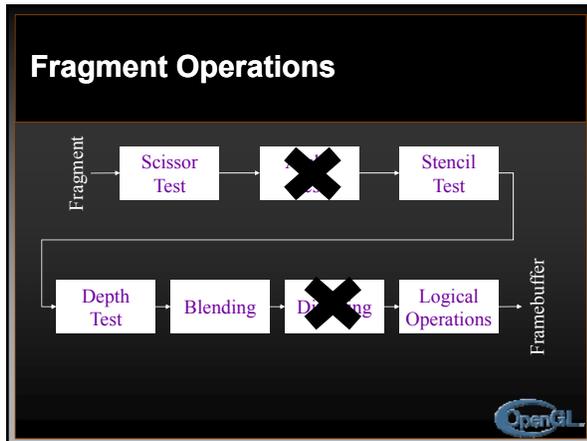
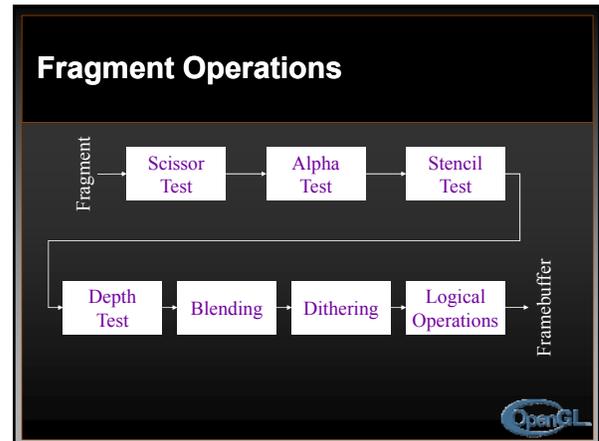
```

While (1) {
  render previous frame as background with  $\alpha$ 
  render current scene
  save result as next background
  [this image containing previous frame]
}
    
```



Earlier images fade as $\alpha^n \rightarrow 0$

Details:
scene dynamically render to texture;
modulate with a polygon (1,1,1,a)



Scissor Box

- Additional Clipping Test
 - `glScissor(x, y, w, h)`
 - any fragments outside of box are clipped
 - useful for updating a small section of a viewport
 - affects `glClear()` operations

Scissor test

```

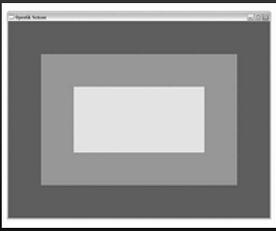
void RenderScene(void) {
  // Clear dark gray window
  glClearColor(0.2f, 0.2f, 1.2f, 0.0f);
  glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);

  // Now set scissor to smaller gray sub region
  glClearColor(0.5f, 0.5f, 0.5f, 0.0f);
  glScissor(100, 100, 600, 400);
  glEnable(GL_SCISSOR_TEST);
  glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);

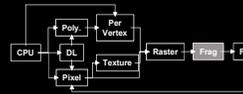
  // Finally, an even smaller gray rectangle
  glClearColor(0.75f, 0.75f, 0.75f, 0.0f);
  glScissor(200, 200, 400, 200);
  glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);

  // Turn scissor back off for next render
  glDisable(GL_SCISSOR_TEST);

  glutSwapBuffers();
}
    
```



Alpha Test (deprecated)



- Reject pixels based on their alpha value
 - `glAlphaFunc(func, value)`
 - `glEnable(GL_ALPHA_TEST)`
 - use alpha as a mask in textures
- Alpha test:
 - accept/reject a fragment based on its alpha value
 - implement transparency
 - use this test to filter opaque objects
 - see-through decal (billboarding): reject the transparent fragments (from ruining the depth buffer)



Just use a fragment program!

Stencil Buffer

- Used to control drawing based on values in the stencil buffer
 - Fragments that fail the stencil test are not drawn
 - Example: create a mask in stencil buffer and draw only objects not in mask area

Stenciling

Mimicking Stencil

- Compose stencil template
- Control template then render
- Multi-pass rendering

Controlling Stencil Buffer

`glStencilFunc (func, ref, mask)`

- compare value in buffer with `ref` using `func`
- only applied for bits in `mask` which are 1
- `func` is one of standard comparison functions

`glStencilOp (fail, zfail, zpass)`

- Allows changes in stencil buffer based on passing or failing stencil and depth tests: `GL_KEEP`, `GL_INCR`
- `glStencilFuncSeparate (face, ref, mask)`
- `glStencilOpSeparate (face, fail, zfail, zpass)`

glStencilFunc(func, ref, mask)

never always
<
<=
=
=>
>
!=

Compare value in stencil buff with ref using func

Bit-wise mask for comparison

glStencilOp(fail, zfail, zpass)

Pass Stencil?

NO: Update stencil buf w/ 'fail' op discard fragment

YES: Pass Depth?

Pass Depth? YES: Update stencil buf w/ 'zpass' op fragment -> blending

NO: Update stencil buf w/ 'zfail' op discard fragment

- Keep
- Zero
- Replace
- Incr (_WRAP)
- Decr (_WRAP)
- Invert

How to set the stencil?



Creating a Mask

```
glfwWindowHint(GLFW_STENCIL_BITS, 16);
glEnable( GL_STENCIL_TEST );
glClearStencil( 0x0 );

glStencilFunc( GL_ALWAYS, 0x1, 0x1 );
glStencilOp( GL_REPLACE, GL_REPLACE,
            GL_REPLACE );
```

- *draw mask*



Using Stencil Mask

```
glStencilFunc( GL_EQUAL, 0x1, 0x1 )
```

- draw objects where stencil = 1

```
glStencilFunc( GL_NOT_EQUAL, 0x1, 0x1 );
glStencilOp( GL_KEEP, GL_KEEP, GL_KEEP );
```

- draw objects where stencil != 1



Example: Room w/ Window

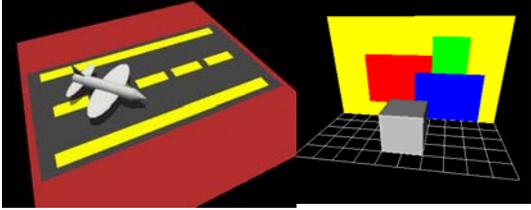
Room with a view

1. Turn off color buffer
2. Turn off depth buffer updates
3. Turn on stencil buffer
4. Setup the stencil test
5. Draw the window
6. Sets up the stencil test for background
7. Turn on the color buffer
8. Turn on the depth buffer
9. Draw the background
10. Setup test for the wall
11. Draw the wall
12. Reset state
13. Draw any interior

Room with a view

1. Turn off color buffer	1. glColorMask(F,F,F,F)
2. Turn off depth buffer updates	2. glDepthMask(F)
3. Turn on stencil buffer	3. glEnable(stencil-test)
4. Setup the stencil test	4. glStencilFunc(A,0x01,0x01) glStencilOp(K,K,R)
5. Draw the window	5. <i>Draw the window</i>
6. Sets up the stencil test for background	6. glStencilFunc(=,0x01,0x01)
7. Turn on the color buffer	glStencilOp(k,k,k)
8. Turn on the depth buffer	7. glColorMask(T,T,T,T)
9. Draw the background	8. glDepthMask(T)
10. Setup test for the wall	9. <i>Draw background</i>
11. Draw the wall	10. glStencilFunc(!=,0x01,0x01)
12. Reset state	11. <i>Draw wall</i>
13. Draw any interior	12. glDisable(stencil-test)
	13. <i>Draw anything else</i>

Decal



Bad way to resolve z-fighting

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Decaling w/ Depth Buffer (Painter's Alg)

1. Disable depth buffer updates
2. Draw the base polygon
3. Draw the decal polygons
4. Disable color buffer updates
5. Enable depth buffer updates
6. Draw base polygon
7. Reset state (enable color buffers)

Decaling w/ Depth Buffer (Painter's Alg)

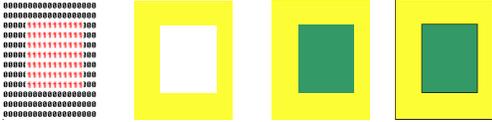
1. Disable depth buffer updates `glEnable(GL_DEPTH_TEST)`
`glDepthMask(GL_FALSE)`
2. Draw the base polygon
3. Draw the decal polygons
4. Disable color buffer updates `glColorMask(GL_FALSE,...)`
5. Enable depth buffer updates `glDepthMask(GL_TRUE)`
6. Draw base polygon
7. Reset state (enable color buffers)
`glColorMask(GL_TRUE...)`

Decaling w/ stencil buffer

- A. Create a mask in the stencil buffer which defines the decal region
- B. Use this mask in 2 passes:
base polygon
decal polygon(s)

Stenciling

- Steps to draw 2 coplanar rectangles:
 1. Make the stencil for yellow one first (by drawing the green polygon)
 2. Draw the yellow one with the stencil
 3. Draw the green one



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Stenciling (cont)

```

glEnable(GL_STENCIL_TEST);
glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT |
        GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT |
        GL_STENCIL_BUFFER_BIT);
// so that all pixels in stencil buffer are 0
// MAKING THE STENCIL:
// disable write to color buffer
glColorMask(GL_FALSE, GL_FALSE, GL_FALSE, GL_FALSE);
glDisable(GL_DEPTH_TEST);
glStencilFunc(GL_ALWAYS, 0x1, 0x0);
glStencilOp(GL_REPLACE, GL_REPLACE, GL_REPLACE);

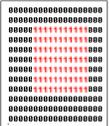
// [draw GREEN rectangle], to the area of GREEN filled with 1s
// ready to write to color buffer
glColorMask(GL_TRUE, GL_TRUE, GL_TRUE, GL_TRUE);

// first draw YELLOW rectangle to 0s
glStencilFunc(GL_EQUAL, 0x0, 0x1);
// no change to the stencil values
glStencilOp(GL_KEEP, GL_KEEP, GL_KEEP);

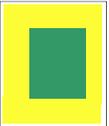
// [draw YELLOW rectangle]
// disable stencil test
glDisable(GL_STENCIL_TEST);

// [draw GREEN rectangle]
glEnable(GL_DEPTH_TEST);
    
```

Stencil buffer



Color buffer



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Decaling w/ stencil buffer

1. Enable stenciling
2. Set test to always pass
w/ref=1, mask=1
3. Set stencil op
1: if depth passes
0: if depth fails
4. Draw the base polygon
5. Set stencil function to pass
6. Disable writes to the stencil buf
7. Turn off depth buffering
8. Render the decal polygon

Decaling w/ stencil buffer

1. Enable stenciling	glEnable(GL_Stencil_Test)
2. Set test to always pass w/ref=1, mask=1	glStencilFunc(GL_ALWAYS,1,1)
3. Set stencil op 1: if depth passes 0: if depth fails	glStencilOp(GL_KEEP, GL_ZERO, GL_REPLACE)
4. Draw the base polygon	glStencilFunc(GL_EQUAL,1,1)
5. Set stencil function to pass	glStencilOp(GL_KEEP, GL_KEEP, GL_KEEP)
6. Disable writes to the stencil buf	glDisable(GL_DEPTH_TEST)
7. Turn off depth buffering	
8. Render the decal polygon	
9. Reset state	glDisable(GL_STENCIL_TEST) glEnable(GL_DEPTH_TEST)

Decal

How to resolve z-fighting

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Decaling

[0] Base: (-5,0)→(5,6)
[1] R: (-3,1)→(2,4)
[2] G: (1,2)→(3,5)
[3] B: (0,0)→(4,3)

1. Draw everything else (set up the depth buffer)
2. Draw base; set the blocker id to be 8; rest 0
3. Arrange the decal id in increasing order
4. The decals can be drawn in any order - o o

Test the program

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```

glEnable (GL_LIGHTING);
glPushMatrix();
glTranslatef (0.,1,3.);
glutSolidCube (2.0);
glPopMatrix();
glDisable (GL_LIGHTING);
glEnable (GL_STENCIL_TEST);

glStencilFunc (GL_ALWAYS, 0, 0xFF);
glStencilOp (GL_KEEP, GL_REPLACE, GL_ZERO);
glColor3ub (255,255,0); glRectf (-5.,0., 5.,0.);

glDisable (GL_DEPTH_TEST);
glStencilFunc (GL_EQUAL, 1, 0xFF);
glStencilOp (GL_KEEP, GL_REPLACE, GL_REPLACE);
glColor3ub (0,255,0); glRectf (1,2., 3,5);

glStencilFunc (GL_EQUAL, 3, 0xFF);
glStencilOp (GL_KEEP, GL_REPLACE, GL_REPLACE);
glColor3ub (0,0,255); glRectf (0,0., 4,3);

glDisable (GL_STENCIL_TEST);
glEnable (GL_DEPTH_TEST); // restore
    
```

StencilOp(fail, zfail, zpass)

Color buffer

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	0
0	0	3	1	1	3	3	3	3	0
0	0	8	8	8	8	8	8	3	0
0	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	3	0

Stencil buffer

What is wrong with this?

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```

glEnable (GL_LIGHTING);
glPushMatrix();
glTranslatef (0.,1,3.);
glutSolidCube (2.0);
glPopMatrix();
glDisable (GL_LIGHTING);
glEnable (GL_STENCIL_TEST);

glStencilFunc (GL_ALWAYS, 0, 0xFF);
glStencilOp (GL_KEEP, GL_REPLACE, GL_ZERO);
glColor3ub (255,255,0); glRectf (-5.,0., 5.,0.);

glDisable (GL_DEPTH_TEST);
glStencilFunc (GL_EQUAL, 1, 0xFF);
glStencilOp (GL_KEEP, GL_REPLACE, GL_REPLACE);
glColor3ub (0,255,0); glRectf (1,2., 3,5);

glStencilFunc (GL_EQUAL, 3, 0xFF);
glStencilOp (GL_KEEP, GL_REPLACE, GL_REPLACE);
glColor3ub (0,0,255); glRectf (0,0., 4,3);

glDisable (GL_STENCIL_TEST);
glEnable (GL_DEPTH_TEST); // restore
    
```

StencilOp(fail, zfail, zpass)

Color buffer

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	0
0	0	3	1	1	3	3	3	3	0
0	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	3	0
0	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	3	0

Stencil buffer

What is wrong with this?

Drawn in different order!

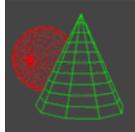
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Hidden Lines

-polygon offset, draw twice

Polygon Offset (depth-buffer biasing)

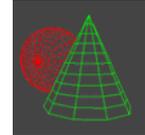
```
glEnable(GL_DEPTH_TEST);
glPolygonMode(GL_FRONT_AND_BACK, GL_LINE);
set_color(foreground);
draw_object_with_filled_polygons();
glPolygonMode(GL_FRONT_AND_BACK, GL_FILL);
glEnable(GL_POLYGON_OFFSET_FILL);
glPolygonOffset(1.0, 1.0);
set_color(background);
draw_object_with_filled_polygons();
glDisable(GL_POLYGON_OFFSET_FILL);
```



Hidden Lines

draw on per object basis with stencilling

```
glEnable(GL_STENCIL_TEST);
glEnable(GL_DEPTH_TEST);
glClear(GL_STENCIL_BUFFER_BIT);
glStencilFunc(GL_ALWAYS, 0, 1);
glStencilOp(GL_INVERT, GL_INVERT, GL_INVERT);
set_color(foreground);
for (i=0; i < max; i++) {
    outline_polygon(i);
    set_color(background);
    glStencilFunc(GL_EQUAL, 0, 1);
    glStencilOp(GL_KEEP, GL_KEEP, GL_KEEP);
    fill_polygon(i);
    set_color(foreground);
    glStencilFunc(GL_ALWAYS, 0, 1);
    glStencilOp(GL_INVERT, GL_INVERT, GL_INVERT);
    outline_polygon(i);
}
```

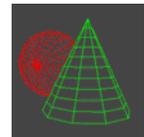


draw on per object basis with stencilling

- Outline polygon (FG) setting the stencil
 - glStencilFunc(GL_ALWAYS, 0, 0x1)
 - GLStencilOp(GL_INVERT, GL_INVERT, GL_INVERT)
 - Set color to foreground
 - Draw the polygon outline
- Fill polygon (BG) where stencil is not set
 - glStencilFunc(GL_EQUAL, 0, 0x1)
 - glStencilOp(GL_KEEP, GL_KEEP, GL_KEEP)
 - Fill the polygon (BG)
- Outline polygon (FG) resetting stencil
 - glStencilFunc(GL_ALWAYS, 0, 0x1)
 - GLStencilOp(GL_INVERT, GL_INVERT, GL_INVERT)
 - Set color to foreground
 - Draw the polygon outline

Hidden Lines

Correct method – save the depth buffer



Correct Version

- Need to save/reset the depth-buffer for each object.
- See the web-page (Lectures notes) for the details

Silhouettes

- See web-page (lectures notes) solutions

