



# CPSC 314 Computer Graphics

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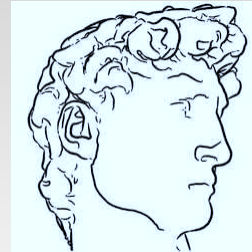
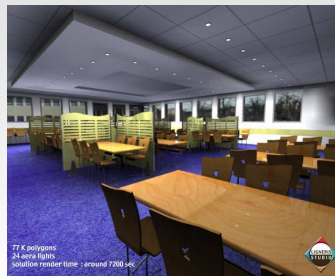
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# What is Computer Graphics?

## Create or manipulate images with computer

- this course: algorithms for image generation



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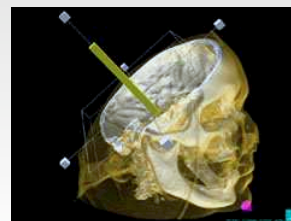
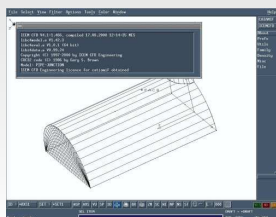


# What is CG used for?

## Graphical user interfaces

- Modeling systems
- Applications

## Simulation & visualization



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## What is CG used for?

### Movies

- Animation
- Special effects



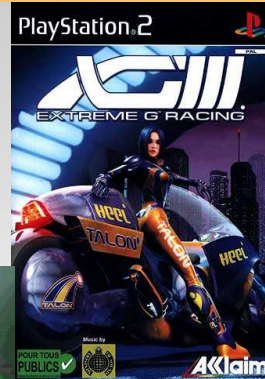
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## What is CG used for?

### Computer games



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## What is CG used for?

### Images

- Design
- Advertising
- Art



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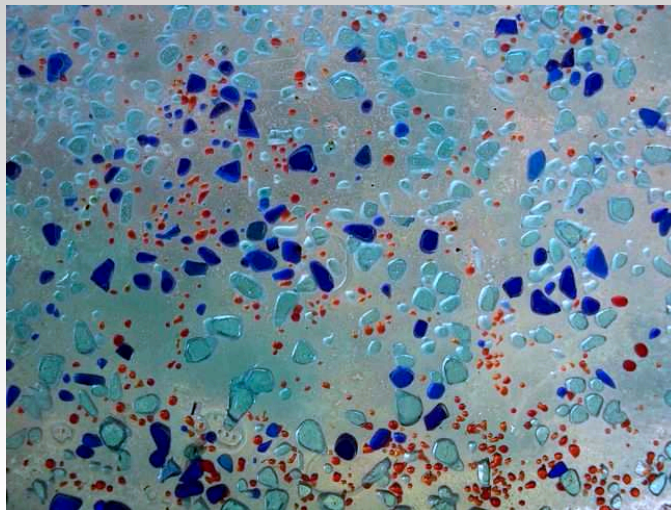
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## What This Course Is About

### **Topics covered**

- Fundamental algorithms of computer graphics
- Interactive graphics:
  - *The rendering pipeline*
    - Abstract model for the functioning of graphics hardware and interactive graphics systems
  - *Color spaces and reflection models*
  - *Shadow algorithms*
- Ray-tracing, global illumination

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## What This Course is NOT About

### **Topics NOT covered:**

- Artistic and design issues
- Usage of commercial software packages
- Applications (i.e. game design)

### **Topics covered with little detail:**

- Animation, Geometric Modeling
  - *These have separate undergrad classes*
  - *CPSC 424 (Geometric Modeling)*

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## Learning OpenGL

### ***This is a graphics course using OpenGL***

- Not a course on OpenGL

### ***Learning API mostly on your own***

- Only minimal lecture coverage
  - *Basics, some of the tricky bits*
- Also: ask in the labs
- OpenGL Red Book
- many tutorial sites on the web
  - *nehe.gamedev.net*

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## Course Organization

### Components:

- Lectures
- Homework problems, reading
- Labs
- Programming assignments (3+1)
- Quizzes (2)
- Final

### Required skills:

- Assignments: demanding programming problems
- Exams: math heavy, lots of linear algebra, some calculus, algorithms

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## Course Organization

### Grades and Grading

- Programming assignments: 35%
  - 5% for Assignment 0, 10% each for A1-3
- Quiz 1: 10%      Quiz 2: 15%
- Final: 40%
- You **MUST** pass the **final** and the **assignment** portion to pass the course
  
- Assignment 0 is out today, due next Monday
  - *Mostly math refresher, setting up programming environment*

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## Course Organization

### **Homework problems**

- NOT graded
- BUT: essential preparation for quizzes/final

### **Labs**

- Opportunity to work on assignments with TAs present
- TAs discuss solutions to homeworks, quizzes, etc.
  - *If you have problems solving the homeworks, **go to the labs!***
- Labs start today (go there for help setting up the compute environment for A0)

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## Course Organization

### **Programming assignments:**

- C++, Linux (or Windows, Mac)
- OpenGL graphics library / GLUT for user interface
- Labs: ICICS 005
  - *Linux machines*
  - *All assignments need to run on these machines*

### **Collaboration policy:**

- No collaboration on programming assignments
- Reference all external resources

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## Course Organization

### **Up-to-date information:**

- <http://www.ugrad.cs.ubc.ca/~cs314>
- WebCT (follow link from course home page)
  - *Bulletin board*
  - *Reporting of grades*

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## Books

### **Textbook:**

- Shirley: Fundamentals of Computer Graphics, 2nd edition, AK Peters
  - *Contains required reading*
- Woo, Neider: OpenGL Programming Guide
  - *Very useful as reference for assignments*
  - ***This book is online:*** see link from course web page

### **Other Books:**

- Foley, vanDam, Feiner, Hughes: Computer Graphics, Principles and Practice 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition in C, Addison Wesley

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## Syllabus

### Overview

#### ***The Rendering Pipeline (1)***

- Geometry transformations, linear, affine, and perspective transformations
- Lighting/illumination
- Clipping of lines and polygons
- Vertex arrays, triangle strips, display lists

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## Syllabus

#### ***The Rendering Pipeline (2)***

- Scan conversion of lines and polygons
- Shading and interpolation
- Texture mapping

#### ***The Rendering Pipeline (3)***

- Modern hardware features
- Vertex shaders / pixel shaders, etc.

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## Syllabus

### ***Color and reflection***

- Color spaces and tristimulus theory
- Physical reflection models

### ***Shadow Algorithms***

- Shadow volumes and shadow maps

### ***Ray-tracing, Global illumination***

- Only if there is time

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## The Rendering Pipeline – An Overview

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## 3D Graphics

### **Modeling:**

- Representing object properties
  - *Geometry: polygons, smooth surfaces etc.*
  - *Materials: reflection models etc.*

### **Rendering:**

- Generation of images from models
  - *Interactive rendering*
  - *Ray-tracing*

### **Animation:**

- Making geometric models move and deform

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## Rendering

### **Goal:**

- Transform computer models into images
- May or may not be photo-realistic

### **Interactive rendering:**

- Fast, but until recently low quality
- Roughly follows a fixed patterns of operations

#### ➤ **Rendering Pipeline**

### **Offline rendering:**

- Ray-tracing
- Global illumination

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## Rendering

### **Tasks that need to be performed (in no particular order):**

- Project all 3D geometry onto the image plane
  - *Geometric transformations*
- Determine which primitives or parts of primitives are visible
  - *Hidden surface removal*
- Determine which pixels a geometric primitive covers
  - *Scan conversion*
- Compute the color of every visible surface point
  - *Lighting, shading, texture mapping*

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## The Rendering Pipeline

### **What is it? All of this:**

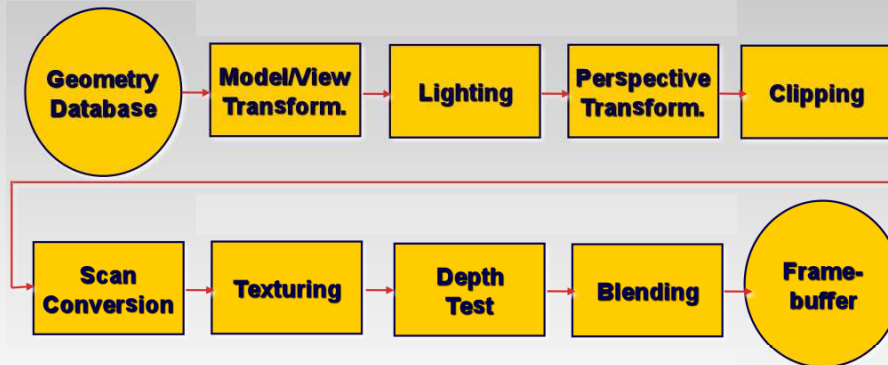
- Abstract model for sequence of operations to transform a geometric model into a digital image
- An abstraction of the way graphics hardware works
- The underlying model for application programming interfaces (APIs) that allow the programming of graphics hardware
  - *OpenGL*
  - *Direct 3D*

**Actual implementations of the rendering pipeline will vary in the details**

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## The Rendering Pipeline



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## Discussion

### ***Advantages of a pipeline structure***

- Logical separation of the different components, modularity
- Easy to parallelize:
  - *Earlier stages can already work on new data while later stages still work with previous data*
  - *Similar to pipelining in modern CPUs*
  - *But much more aggressive parallelization possible (special purpose hardware!)*
  - *Important for hardware implementations!*
- Only local knowledge of the scene is necessary

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## Discussion

### **Disadvantages:**

- Limited flexibility
- Some algorithms would require different ordering of pipeline stages
  - *Hard to achieve while still preserving compatibility*
- Only local knowledge of scene is available
  - *Shadows*
  - *Global illumination*

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## Coming Up...:

### **Wednesday, Friday:**

- More details on the on the rendering pipeline

### **Next Week:**

- Geometric transformations

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## Your Tasks Until Next Monday

### **Assignment 0**

- Refresher of linear algebra
- Set up programming environment on lab computers

### **Labs start today!**

- TAs can help with computer setup for A0

### **Reading (in Shirley: Introduction to CG)**

- Math refresher: Chapters 2, 4
  - *Optional (for now): 2.5-2.9*
- Background on graphics: Chapter 1