


OpenGL[®] Lectures
Animation

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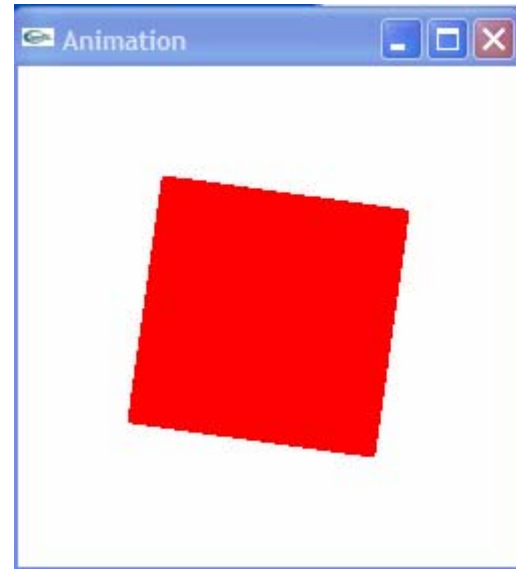
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Case 1

A cube centered at $(0,0,0)$ rotating about its center.

- Setup:
 - A cube centered at $(0,0,0)$, the center of the screen.
- Goal:
 - Make the cube rotate by clicking the left button.
 - Make the cube stop rotating by clicking the middle button.



Example of how does OpenGL recognize mouse activity?

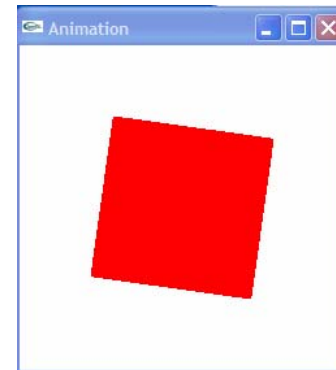
```
void mouse(int button,
           int state,
           int x,
           int y)
{
    switch (button) {
        case GLUT_LEFT_BUTTON:
            if (state == GLUT_DOWN)
                glutIdleFunc(spinDisplay);
                break;

        case GLUT_MIDDLE_BUTTON:
            if (state == GLUT_DOWN)
                glutIdleFunc(NULL);
                break;

        default:
            break;
    }
}

// in main
glutMouseFunc(mouse)
```

- Mouse() function is a call back function for glutMouseFunc.
- When user clicks the left button of a PC mouse:
 - button value will be GLUT_LEFT_BUTTON
 - state value will be GLUT_DOWN.
- When user clicks the middle button of a PC mouse:
 - button value will be GLUT_MIDDLE_BUTTON
 - state value will be GLUT_DOWN.



The key animation function to invoke is glutIdleFunc()

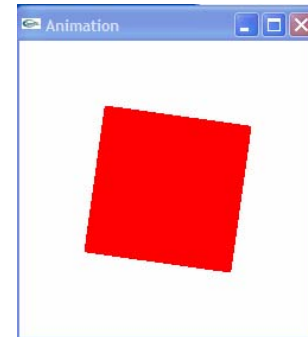
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- glutIdleFunc called the global idle callback function so that a GLUT program can perform background processing tasks or continuous animation when window system events are not being received.
- In our example:
 - glutIdleFunc (spinDisplay) ;
 - Call spinDisplay function to do the rotation animation.
 - glutIdleFunc (NULL) ;
 - Make glutIdleFunc() do nothing, which means stop the animation.



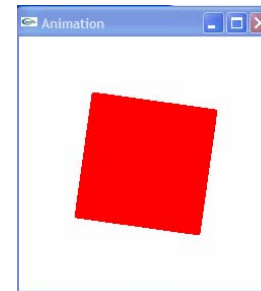
How is the square rotation defined?

```
static GLfloat spin = 0.0;
void spinDisplay(void)
{
    spin = spin + 2.0;
    if (spin > 360.0)
        spin = spin - 360.0;
    glutPostRedisplay();
}

void display(void)
{
    glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);

    glPushMatrix();
    glRotatef(spin, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
    glColor3f(1.0, 0, 0);
    glRectf(-25.0, -25.0, 25.0, 25.0);
    glPopMatrix();
    glutSwapBuffers();
}
```

- Each time spinDisplay function is called, global variable spin, the degree of rotation in display() function is incremented by 2 degrees.
- When spin > 360, subtract 360 spin to avoid passing a spin value that would overflow the glRotatef() parameter's upbound.
- glutPostRedisplay() is called to refresh the display.
 - Whenever glutPostRedisplay is called, the display() function of glutDisplayFunc(display) will be invoked.



Why use `glutSwapBuffers()` ; instead of `glFlush()` ?

- Most graphics displays are built so that the screen that you see is redrawn or refreshed at a fixed rate.
- This process requires that the display hardware take the contents of the color buffer and use these values to determine the colors in the graphics window on the screen.
- This refresh process is uncoordinated (or asynchronous) with the user program.
- Consequently, the user program is creating new values in the color buffer at the same time that the display process is taking these values out for display.