

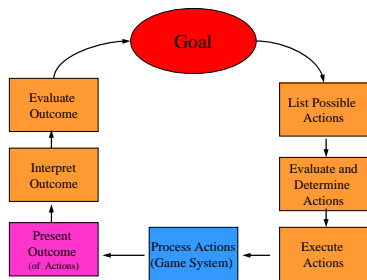
Game Rendering

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Agenda

- Game Engine Review
- Direct X Review
- Graphics Engine

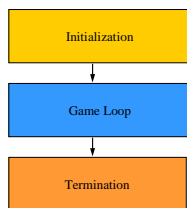
Stages of Game Interaction



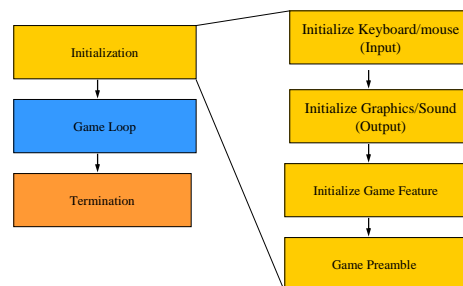
Game Engine

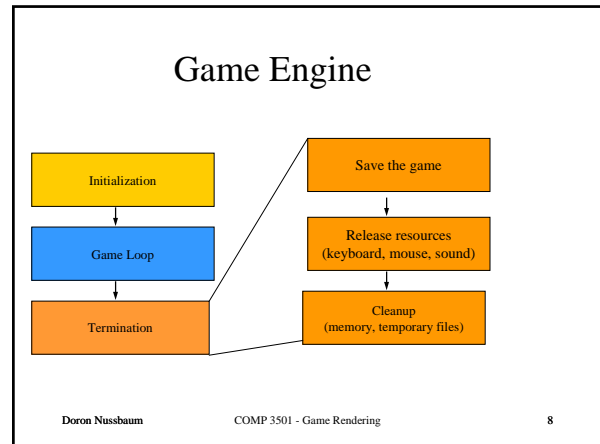
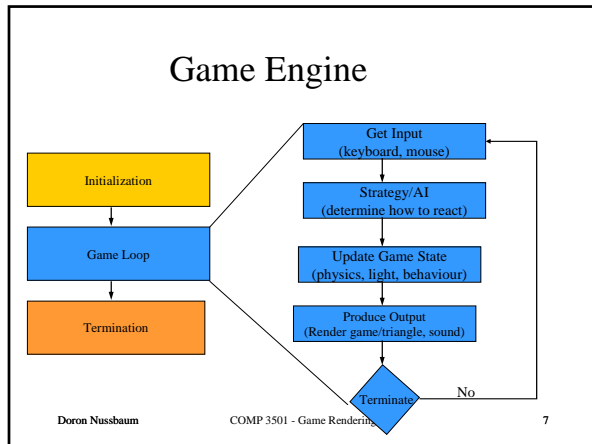
- Purpose:
 - Master - manages the game at all phases
- Is it in full control?
 - No - with OS being windows based
 - X, WidowsXX, Linux

Game Engine



Game Engine





- ## Engines
- What are engines?
 - Framework/components/subsystems that can be used to develop a game (software?)
 - Libraries of APIs
 - Middleware
 - Purpose:
 - Saving development time
 - Non need to repeat work
 - Reusable components
 - Higher quality results (performance, accuracy...)
 - Reducing need for a large team of expert – can focus on we are good at
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- ## Game Engines and Senses
- Games (video games) can benefit from incorporating our senses.
 - Movies – vision, hearing
 - Games
 - Vision
 - Hearing
 - Feeling?
 - Smell?
 - Taste?
 - Use devices and engines to enhance the experience
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- ## Game Engines and Senses
- Games
 - Sight/Vision –
 - 3D,
 - colours,
 - animation,
 - Hearing –
 - music
 - voice,
 - sounds (thunder, car motor)
 - Touch/Feeling –
 - haptic devices
 - Smell
 - devices that release scent
 - Taste
 - devices that release scent mimicking taste
 - devices that release some taste
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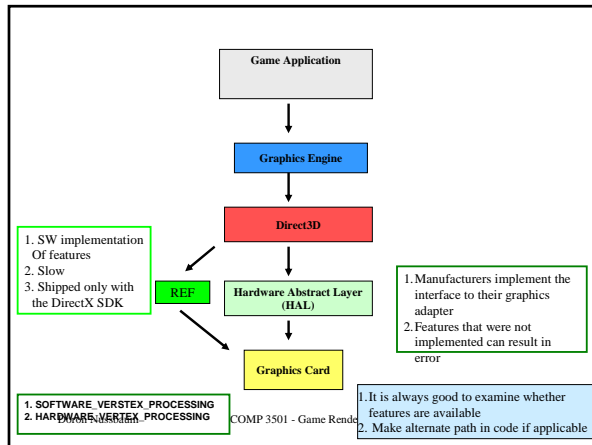
- ## Games vs. Movies
- Games differ from movies in several ways
 - Interaction – active role (non passive)
 - “Unpredicted” outcome
 - “Variation” of script
 - Incorporating new devices and options
 - Movies mainly affect our vision, and hearing
 - New devices can enhance the experience
 - Physical activity (Nintendo, Microsoft)
 - Where and how can other devices be used?
 - What games or activities can be enhanced from using devices?
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Engines

- In many cases engines enhance our experience
 - Operate on our senses
 - Logic
 - Expectations
- Engines
 - Physics – realistic results (e.g., car does not stop, falling off a cliff)
 - Sound – affects our hearing
 - Graphics – affects our vision
 - Haptic engine
 - AI – meets expectation of behaviour
 - Networking ?
 - ...

Graphics Engine (last)

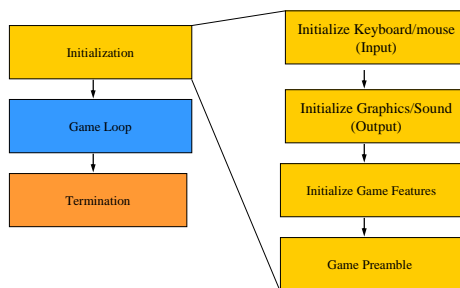
- Purpose
 - Designed to assist in rendering images and presenting them to the user
- Prime mechanism for delivering information to the player
 - Probably delivers 70-80 of information (e.g. reading)
 - Other than socializing (but may not be as true with SMS)
- Simple
 - Text
 - Images
 - Text based images
 - 2D images
 - 3D images
- Complex
 - Virtual reality – caves
 - Special effects



DirectX

- A collection of libraries that can be used to develop games.
 - Graphics – Direct3D
 - Input – DirectInput Xinput
 - Sound - DirectSound

Game Engine



Input

Mouse

- 2D coordinates
 - x, y coordinates of the screen
- Mouse buttons
 - Left
 - Right
 - Middle (scroll)
- What about 3D?

Keyboard

- Player's keyboard usage
 - Keys that were pressed
 - Implicitly – keys that were released (requires history)
 - Can use a combination of keys

Input Process

- Steps for obtaining input
 - Create an interface for the device
 - Tell windows which device to use
 - Setup access privileges
 - Telling windows who can access the device
 - What control does the program have
 - Setup the input data format
 - Telling DirectX how the communication will be done
 - Acquire the device
 - Obtaining access to the device
 - Read the data
 - Getting the data and responding
 - Unacquire the device
 - Giving up the device when not in need
 - Release the interface

Step 1 - Create an interface to the device

```
#include "dinput.h"
LPDIRECTINPUT8 din; // A COM input interface (Direct8 object!!!)

// create the DirectX input interface
DirectInput8Create(hInstance, DRECTIONPUT_VERSION, IID_IDirectInput8, (void **) &din, NULL);

// the com interface for the keyboard
LPDIRECTINPUTDEVICES8 dinKeyboard;
rc = din->CreateDevice(GUID_SysKeyboard, &dinKeyboard, NULL);

// get the mouse device
LPDIRECTINPUTDEVICES8 dinMouse;
din->CreateDevice(GUID_SysMouse, &dinMouse, NULL);
```

Step 2 - Initialize the device

DISCL_BACKGROUND - Background access. The device can be acquired at any time.

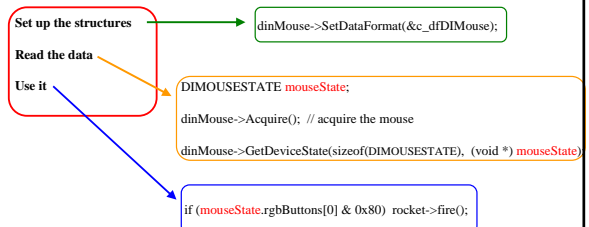
DISCL_EXCLUSIVE - Exclusive access. Only the Application has access when device is acquired.

DISCL_FOREGROUND - Foreground access. Device is unacquired when window is in bg

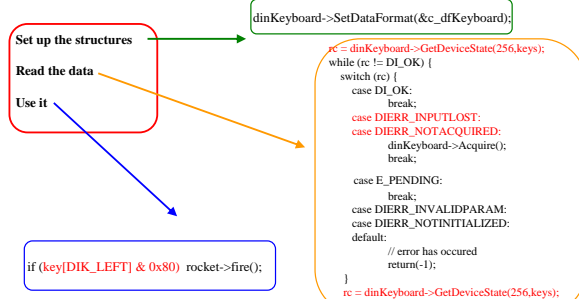
DISCL_NONEXCLUSIVE - Nonexclusive access.

```
dinMouse->SetDataFormat(&c_dfDIMouse); // set the data format
dinMouse->SetCooperativeLevel(hWnd, DISCL_NONEXCLUSIVE, DISCL_BACKGROUND);
dinMouse->Acquire(); // acquire the mouse
```

Step 2 - Reading the Data



Step 2 - Reading the Data



Some of the Main keys

- | | |
|--|--|
| • DIK_0-9 On main keyboard | • DIK_HOME |
| • DIK_A-Z a-z characters key | • DIK_INSERT |
| • DIK_BACK backspace | • DIK_LBRACKET Left square bracket [|
| • DIK_CAPITAL caps lock | • DIK_RBRACKET Right square bracket] |
| • DIK_DELETE delete | • DIK_LMENU left ALT |
| • DIK_DOWN down arrow - main keyboard | • DIK_RMENU right alt |
| • DIK_UP up arrow | • DIK_LSHIFT Left SHIFT |
| • DIK_LEFT left arrow | • DIK_RSHIFT Right shift |
| • DIK_RIGHT right arrow | • DIK_RSHT On main keyboard |
| • DIK_END end key | • DIK_MINUS On main keyboard |
| • DIK_EQUALS On main keyboard | • DIK_NUMPAD0 - NUMPAD1 |
| • DIK_ESCAPE escape key | • DIK_NUMPADENTER |
| • DIK_F1-F15 F keys 0-15 | • DIK_PAUSE |
| • DIK_TAB | • DIK_PERIOD On main keyboard |
| • DIK_SPACE spacebar | • DIK_LWIN Left Windows logo key |
| • DIK_LCONTROL left control | • DIK_RWIN Right Windows logo key |
| • DIK_RCONTROL right control | • DIK_PLAYPAUSE |
| • DIK_RETURN enter - main keyboard | • DIK_VOLUMEDOWN |
| • DIK_NEXT page down | • DIK_VOLUMEUP |
| • DIK_PRIOR page up | • DIK_MUTE |


Other keys

- **DIK_NUMPAD0 - NUMPAD1**
- **DIK_NUMPADENTER**
- **DIK_PAUSE**
- **DIK_PERIOD** On main keyboard
- **DIK_PLAYPAUSE**
- **DIK_POWER**
- **DIK_PRIOR** PAGE UP
- **DIK_RBRACKET** Right square bracket]
- **DIK_RCONTROL** Right CTRL
- **DIK_RETURN ENTER** on main keyboard
- **DIK_RIGHT RIGHT ARROW**
- **DIK_RMENU** Right ALT
- **DIK_RSHIFT** Right SHIFT
- **DIK_RWIN** Right Windows logo key
- **DIK_SCROLL LOCK**
- **DIK_SEMICOLON**
- **DIK_SLASH** Forward slash (/) on main keyboard
- **DIK_SLEEP**
- **DIK_SPACE SPACEBAR**
- **DIK_SUBTRACT MINUS SIGN (-)** on numeric keypad
- **DIK_SYSRQ**
- **DIK_TAB**
- **DIK_UP UP ARROW**
- **DIK_VOLUMEDOWN**
- **DIK_VOLUMEUP**
- **DIK_WAKE**
- **DIK_WEBBACK**
- **DIK_WEBFAVORITES**
 - Displays the Microsoft Internet Explorer Favorites list, the Windows Favorites folder, or the Netscape Bookmarks list.
- **DIK_WEBFORWARD**
- **DIK_WEBHOME**
- **DIK_WEBREFRESH**
- **DIK_WEBSEARCH**
- **DIK_WEBSTOP**

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Input Class

- Class that handles the require inputs
 - Can be reused
 - Makes the code "cleaner"
 - More complex? - needs to maintain more code
 - Can be tailored/modified/debugged only once
 - Can be instantiated more than once (needed?)



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Input Class

```

Class gameInput {
Public:
// initialize the mouse and keyboard
gameInput(long mouseCooperative,
           long keyboardCooperative);

Release the input devices
~gameInput();

// get the state
int poll()

// key was pressed
int keyPressed(char key)

// key was released
int keyReleased(char key)

// change in position vector
D3DXVECTOR3 mouseDVector()

// change in position vector
D3DXVECTOR3 mouseDVector()

// change in x
int mouseDX();

// change in y
int mouseDY();

// change in z
int mouseDZ();

Private:
LPDIRECTINPUT8 din;

LPDIRECTINPUTDEVICE8 dinKeyboard
char keys[256];

IDirectInput8 * dinMouse;
DIMOUSESTATE mouseState;
  
```

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Direct3D Initialization

- **DirectX is a COM object (Component Object Model)**
 - Can be viewed as a set of libraries (interfaces)
 - Direct3D - 3D graphics
 - DirectInput - for input (mouse, keyboard, joystick)
 - DirectSound - sound
 - + Other libraries

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DirectX Initialization

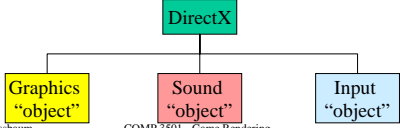
Acquire a handle to the DirectX COM object

The system checks what capabilities the HW can support

```

IDirect3D9 *d3d;
d3d = direct3DCreate(D3D_SDK_VERSION);
D3D_SDK_VERSION is defined in d3d9.h
#include <d3d9.h>

Note the DirectX object can also use the declaration
LPDIRECT3D9 d3d
  
```



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Initialize the Graphics Device

Declare the graphics device

```

Direct3DDevice * d3dDev
Alternatively
LPDIRECT3DDEVICE9 d3dDevice
  
```

Create the Device

```

CreateDevice(
UNIT Adapter, // which graphics card to use
D3DDEVTYPE DeviceType, // how to execute draw commands
HWND hWnd, // the window to be rendered
DWORD BehaviourFlags, // device specifies behaviour
D3DPRESENT_PARAMETERS * pPresentationParameters, // window behaviour
IDirect3DDevice9 **ppReturnedDeviceInterface; // address of device handle
)
  
```

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Initialize the Graphics Device

```
IDirect3D9 *d3d=NULL;
D3DPRESENT_PARAMETERS d3dpp;
Direct3DDevice * d3dDev = NULL;
```

```
d3d = Direct3DCreate(D3D_SDK_VERSION); get the DirectX interface
```

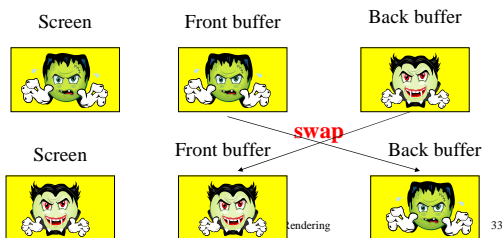
```
d3d->CreateDevice(
D3DDADAPTER_DEFAULT, // use the default adapter Create the device
D3DDEVTYPE_HAL,      // use drawing on the graphics card
hWnd,                // the window to be rendered
D3DCREATE_SOFTWARE_VERTEXPROCESSING,
&d3dpp,              // window specific behaviour
&d3dDev,             // address of device handle
)
```

Double Buffers Motivation

- The HW uses a matrix (buffer) of pixels to contain the image to be displayed
 - Too slow
- The image on the screen is updated by the HW at a rate of 60-100HZ (60-100 times/sec.) by consulting the pixel in the buffer
- When a new item is to be rendered the pixel matrix is updated with the correct information.
- Issues
 - Rendering is much faster than the screen refresh
 - Leads to tearing - part of object being displayed
 - May lead to screen flickering
 - Clear the screen and then render

Double Buffers

- Render into one buffer (**back buffer**) while refreshing the screen via another buffer (**front buffer**)



D3DPRESENT_PARAMETERS

- A structure containing window specific behaviour (may be modified by directx if number of background surfaces cannot be allocated)
- Important structure members
 - Windowed** – display in a window or full screen
 - SwapEffect** – how should the system swap between back and front buffers (D3DSWAPEFFECT_DISCARD)
 - DeviceWindow** – the window to be rendered
 - BufferCount** – how many back buffers to create (0 == 1)
 - BackBufferWidth, BackBufferHeight** – dimension of back buffer (if set to 0 then size is taken from the client area)

Example: D3DPRESENT_PARAMETERS

```
D3DPRESENT_PARAMETERS d3dpp;
ZeroMemory(&d3dpp, sizeof(d3dpp));

d3d.Windowed = TRUE // use a window
d3d.SwapEffect = D3DSWAPEFFECT_DISCARD
d3d.hDeviceWindow = hWnd; // the app window
d3d.BackBufferFormat = D3DFMT_X8R8G8B8;
d3d.BackBufferWidth = SCREEN_WIDTH;
d3d.BackBufferHeight = SCREEN_HEIGHT;
d3d.BackBufferCount = 1;
d3d.MultiSampleType = D3DMULTISAMPLE_NONE;
```

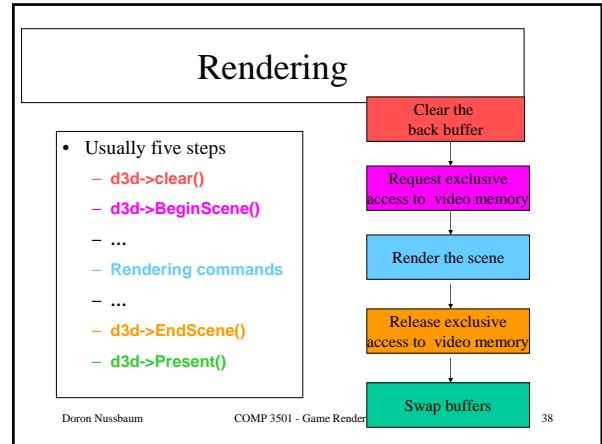
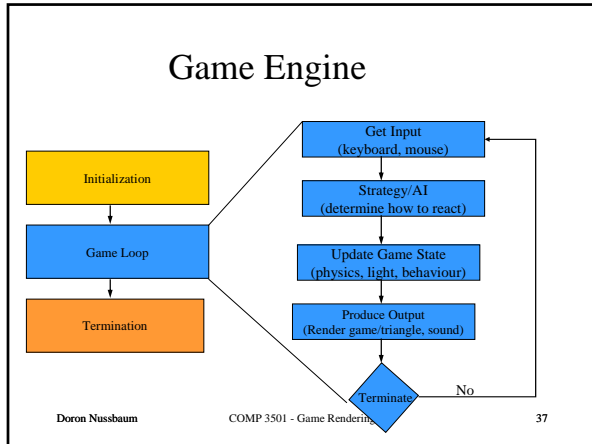
Note - There are more parameters that can be specified (see documentation)

Cleaning Up

- So far we ask the system for resources
 - Direct3D handle
 - Graphics device handle
 - Memory for rendering buffers
- We must return the resources when done
 - Otherwise the object will run in the background (these are com objects).
- Executed in reverse order of creation

```
// Release the dev
d3dDev->release()

// Release the DirectX
d3d->release();
```



Clear the Back Buffer - Clear()

- Clears the back buffer
 - Can clear parts or all the screens
 - Sets the background colour
 - Sets some other buffers (for 3D visualization)

```

HRESULT Clear(
    DWORD Count, // num rectangles
    D3DRECT * pRects, // array of rectangles
    DWORD Flags, // which surfaces to clear
    D3DCOLOR Color, //background colour
    float Z, // initial value of z buffer
    DWORD Stencil // initial value of stencil buffer
);
  
```

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Rendering

```

void render_frame(void)
{
    d3dDevice->Clear(
        0, NULL, // clear all the client area
        D3DCLEAR_TARGET, // clear the back buffer
        D3DCOLOR_XRGB(255, 0, 0), // red colour
        1.0f, // z buffer value (requires for 3D depth
        0); // stencil buffer initialization

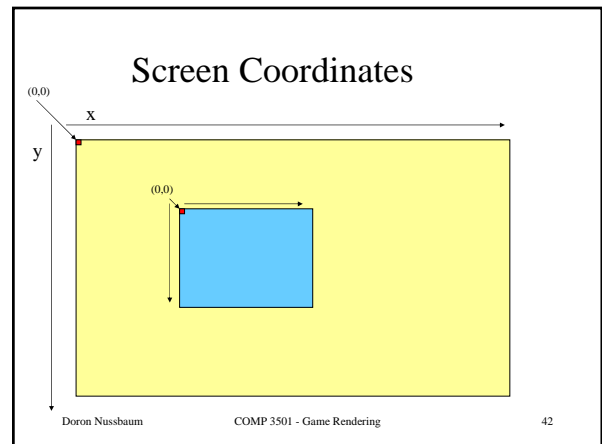
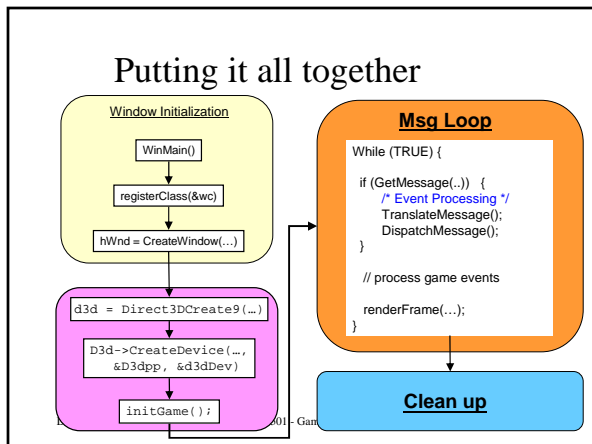
    d3dDevice->BeginScene(); // lock the video memory
                          // (begins the 3D scene)

    // draw different objects of the scene into the back buffer

    d3dDevice->EndScene(); // release the video memory
                        // (ends the 3D scene)

    d3dDevice->Present(NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL); // swap the buffers
    return;
}
  
```

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What Can be Drawn?

Raster Data/Image

- Many small uniform cells
- Each covers a small area
 - uniform across area
- “No notion” of location
- Content has no explicit relationship to other cells
- 2D only

Vector Data

- Several types of data
- 1D, 2D, 3D or higher
- Can cover a larger area
- Area/region is not uniform
- Topological relationships
 - Adjacent
 - Near
 - Contained

Sprites

- **Objects** which are rendered as 2D images
 - Represented by a **single 2D** point and **orientation**
- “Flat images”
- Can be placed anywhere on the screen
- May be combined to give an illusion of 3D
- Limited direct usage in 3D
 - Provide guidance to player
 - Player data (e.g., health, score)
 - Controls

Handling and Drawing Sprites

- Create a sprite object manager
- Load the image
- Determine the location
- Draw one or more sprites

Using Sprites

- Create a sprite handler
- Load the image
- Determine the location
- Rendering the sprite
 - Displaying the required part of the image
- Releasing the sprite resource
 - Releasing the image

Sprite Management in DirectX

- Sprite rendering is managed by a com object (another resource)
 - D3DXSprite interface
- Obtaining the interface (com object)
`LPD3DXSPRITE d3dSprite; // a pointer to the resource`
`D3DXCreateSprite(d3dDevice, &d3dSprite);`

Loading the Sprite Image

- Various ways to load the sprite image
 - From file, from memory
 - Usually a sprite is loaded from a file
 - Images can be of many types
 - .bmp, .dds, .jpg, .png...
- ```
D3DXCreateTextureFromFile(device, file name, image);
```
- ```
LPDIRECT3DTEXTURE mySprite;
```
- ```
D3DXCreateTextureFromFile(device, file name, sprite image);
```
- ```
D3DXCreateTextureFromFile(d3dDevice, L"car.bmp",&mySprite);
```


Rendering a Sprite

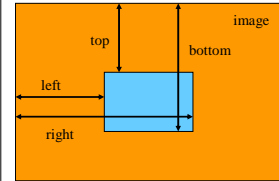
- “Placing” a binary image on the screen
 - Which image
 - Where to draw it
 - Which section
 - Intensity of the image

```
HRESULT Draw(
    pTexture, // the loaded image
    RECT pSrcRect,
    D3DVECTOR3 pCentre,
    D3DVECTOR3 pPosition,
    D3DCOLOR colour)
```

pSrcRect

```
HRESULT Draw(
    pTexture, // the loaded image
    RECT pSrcRect,
    D3DVECTOR3 pCentre,
    D3DVECTOR3 pPosition,
    D3DCOLOR colour)
```

- Describes what portion of the loaded image is to be rendered
- A pointer to a RECT structure
 - 4 fields – top, left, bottom, right
 - Each field describes an edge of the rectangle



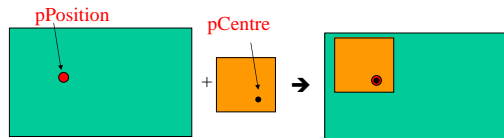
pPosition

pPosition

- Indicates the position of the image on the screen.
- Used in conjunction with the pCentre (pRefPoint)
- Indicates where the reference point should be on the screen.
 - pRefPoint and pPosition coincide
- The z-coordinate indicates the depth of the image can be used to order images of a scene

pCentre/ pRefPoint

- Defines a ref point on the image to be used to position the image on the screen
- A 3D vector where the x,y determines the reference point
- Top left corner of the rendered image has the coordinates (0,0)

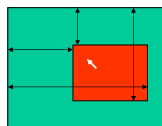


Colour

- The color indicates the intensity of the colours to be displayed.
- Creates side effects on the image presentation
 - Crazy colours
 - Eliminates some parts of the image
 - Fog effect
- Examples:
 - D3DCOLOR_XRGB(255,255,255) – full intensity
 - D3DCOLOR_XRGB(127,127,127) – 50% intensity
 - D3DCOLOR_XRGB(255,0,0) – show only red at 100%

Absolute coordinates

- Use cursor function
 - POINT pnt; // a point structure
 - GetCusorPos(&pnt)
 - The function returns the absolute cursor position with respect to the screen and not the window
- The point structure
 - LONG x, y;
- Obtaining the absolute value within a window
 - Get the window rectangle dimension
 - Given with respect to the full screen (similar to sprite location)
 - Use function GetWindowRect(hWnd, &winRec);
 - hWnd – window handle, winRec a rectangle
 - Compute the cursor position since both are given with respect to the full screen
 - Note one must compensate for the border size
- One can also use the window mouse move event
 - Note only within the window



Putting it all together

- Rendering sprites is done via a batch process
 - Sprites are assembled together and then rendered
 - Allows manipulation between the sprites (e.g., depth)

```
d3dDevice->beginScene();
d3dSprite->Begin(NULL);

// draw the sprites
// all these sprites will be managed concurrently (batch)

d3dSprite->End();
d3dDevice->endScene();
d3dDevice->present();
```

Depth

- Depth is handled by setting up the flags for the batch processing
- `d3dSprite->Begin(D3DXSPRITE_SORT_TEXTURE | D3DXSPRITE_SORT_DEPTH_BACKTOFRONT)`

Drawing sprites example

Drawing Text

- Adding text is simple
- Create a font
 - *Courier, Bold, Italic, 28 pnt size*
 - *Times New Roman, Bold, Italic, 28 pnt size*
- Render/Draw the text on the screen
- Font size
 - Measured from the bottom of g to top of M



Creating a font

```
HRESULT D3DXCreateFont(
    LPDIRECT3DDEVICE9 pDevice, // the d3d device
    INT Height, // the height of the font
    UINT Width, // the width of the font (use 0 - don't care)
    UINT Weight, // the weight of the font value 0-1000
    UINT MipLevels, // number of MIPS levels
    BOOL Italic, // is the font italic?
    DWORD CharSet, // which character set to use
    // use DEFAULT_CHARSET (english)
    // which similar font to use if font unknown
    DWORD OutputPrecision, // use OUT_DEFAULT_PRECIS (known font)
    // the output quality (different flags)
    // use DEFAULT_QUALITY (don't care)
    DWORD Quality, // the output quality (different flags)
    // # characters per inch use DEFAULT_PITCH
    DWORD PitchAndFamily, // use DEFAULT_PITCH
    LPCTSTR pFacename, // the name of the font
    LPD3DXFONT* ppFont); // a handle to the created font
```

Predefined font Weights

- FW_DONTCARE 0
- FW_THIN 100
- FW_ULTRALIGHT 200
- FW_LIGHT 300
- FW_REGULAR 400
- FW_MEDIUM 500
- FW_DEMIBOLD 600
- FW_BOLD 700
- FW_ULTRABOLD 800
- FW_BLACK 900

Create Example

```
LPD3DXFONT fontCourier; // courier font object

D3DXCreateFont(
    d3dDevice, // the Direct3D Device
    26, // height of font
    0, // use the default width
    FW_NORMAL, // normal font weight
    1, // no Mipmap
    TRUE, // italic
    DEFAULT_CHARSET, // default character set
    OUT_DEFAULT_PRECIS, // default precision
    DEFAULT_QUALITY, // default quality
    DEFAULT_PITCH || FW_DONTCARE, // more defaults...
    L"Courier", // typeface "Courier"
    &fontCourier);
```

Draw Text

- Similar to sprites

```
int DrawText(
LPD3DXSPRITE pSprite,    // the sprite object
LPCTSTR pString,        // the text string
INT Count,              // the number of characters to draw
                        // use -1 for "\0" terminated strings
LPRECT pRect,          // rectangle containing the text
DWORD Format,          // how to position the text within the rectangle
D3DCOLOR Color);      // text colour
```

Format Flags

- DT_SINGLELINE - Displays the text on a single line (ignores line breaks or <CR>)
- DT_CALCRECT - modifies the height and width of the rectangle (text dependent)
- DT_CENTER - align to centre.
- DT_LEFT - left alignment
- DT_RIGHT - right alignment
- DT_TOP - top justify
- DT_BOTTOM - bottom justify (only works with DT_SINGLELINE)
- DT_VCENTER - vertical centre justify (only works on single lines)
- DT_WORDBREAK - breaks lines between words when text is too long

```
RECT textBox(50,50,500,100);

// draw the game title "Asteroids the first game"

fontCourier->DrawTextA(
NULL, // if not defined the system fetches it
"My Game!", // the string
-1, // "\0" terminated string
&textBox, // the rectangle
DT_CENTER | DT_VCENTER, // formatting
D3DCOLOR_ARGB(255, 255, 0, 0));
```

The Game Loop

- What should be in the game loop?
- How does it relate to the OS (windows)?

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        DispatchMessage();
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The Game Loop

- Are there issues with the game loop?
- Yes,
 - Game may not proceed
 - Not enough time is given to the game

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The Game Loop

- Replace GetMessage with PeekMessages
 - Use remove message
- Ensure that control is given to the game
 - Do not consume resources
 - Use appropriate time slice

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Summary

- Short review of gaming
- Review of Direct3D
 - Graphics initialization
 - Input devices - mouse and keyboard
 - Output – fonts and sprites

What's next?

- Graphics Rendering pipeline
- 3D Geometry
 - Vertices
 - Quads
 - transformations
- Direct3D
 - Vertex buffer
 - Index buffer
 - Primitives
 - ...