
ModernGL Documentation

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CHAPTER 1

ModernGL

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2.1 01. Hello World!



Fig. 2.1: Hello World!

```
1 import struct
2
3 import GLWindow
4 import ModernGL
5
6 # Window & Context
7
8 wnd = GLWindow.create_window()
9 ctx = ModernGL.create_context()
10
11 # Shaders & Program
12
13 prog = ctx.program([
14     ctx.vertex_shader('''
15         #version 330
16
17         in vec2 vert;
18
19         void main() {
20             gl_Position = vec4(vert, 0.0, 1.0);
21         }
22     '''),
23     ctx.fragment_shader('''
24         #version 330
25
26         out vec4 color;
27
28         void main() {
29             color = vec4(0.3, 0.5, 1.0, 1.0);
30         }
31     '''),
32 ])
33
34 # Buffer
35
36 vbo = ctx.buffer(struct.pack('6f',
37     0.0, 0.8,
38     -0.6, -0.8,
39     0.6, -0.8,
40 ))
41
42 # Put everything together
43
44 vao = ctx.simple_vertex_array(prog, vbo, ['vert'])
45
46 # Main loop
47
48 while wnd.update():
49     ctx.viewport = wnd.viewport
50     ctx.clear(240, 240, 240)
51     vao.render()
```




Fig. 2.2: Uniforms and Attributes

2.2 02. Uniforms and Attributes

```
1  import struct
2
3  import GLWindow
4  import ModernGL
5
6  # Window & Context
7
8  wnd = GLWindow.create_window()
9  ctx = ModernGL.create_context()
10
11 # Shaders & Program
12
13 prog = ctx.program([
14     ctx.vertex_shader('''
15         #version 330
16
17         in vec2 vert;
18
19         in vec3 vert_color;
20         out vec3 frag_color;
21
22         uniform vec2 scale;
23         uniform float rotation;
24
25         void main() {
26             frag_color = vert_color;
27             mat2 rot = mat2(
28                 cos(rotation), sin(rotation),
29                 -sin(rotation), cos(rotation)
30             );
31             gl_Position = vec4((rot * vert) * scale, 0.0, 1.0);
32         }
33     '''),
34     ctx.fragment_shader('''
35         #version 330
36
37         in vec3 frag_color;
38         out vec4 color;
39
40         void main() {
41             color = vec4(frag_color, 1.0);
42         }
43     '''),
44 ])
45
46 # Uniforms
47
48 scale = prog.uniforms['scale']
49 rotation = prog.uniforms['rotation']
50
51 width, height = wnd.size
52 scale.value = (height / width * 0.75, 0.75)
53
54 # Buffer
55
56 vbo = ctx.buffer(struct.pack('15f',
```

```
57     1.0, 0.0,  
58     1.0, 0.0, 0.0,  
59  
60     -0.5, 0.86,  
61     0.0, 1.0, 0.0,  
62  
63     -0.5, -0.86,  
64     0.0, 0.0, 1.0,  
65 ))  
66  
67 # Put everything together  
68  
69 vao = ctx.simple_vertex_array(prog, vbo, ['vert', 'vert_color'])  
70  
71 # Main loop  
72  
73 while wnd.update():  
74     ctx.viewport = wnd.viewport  
75     ctx.clear(240, 240, 240)  
76     rotation.value = wnd.time  
77     vao.render()
```

2.3 03. Blending

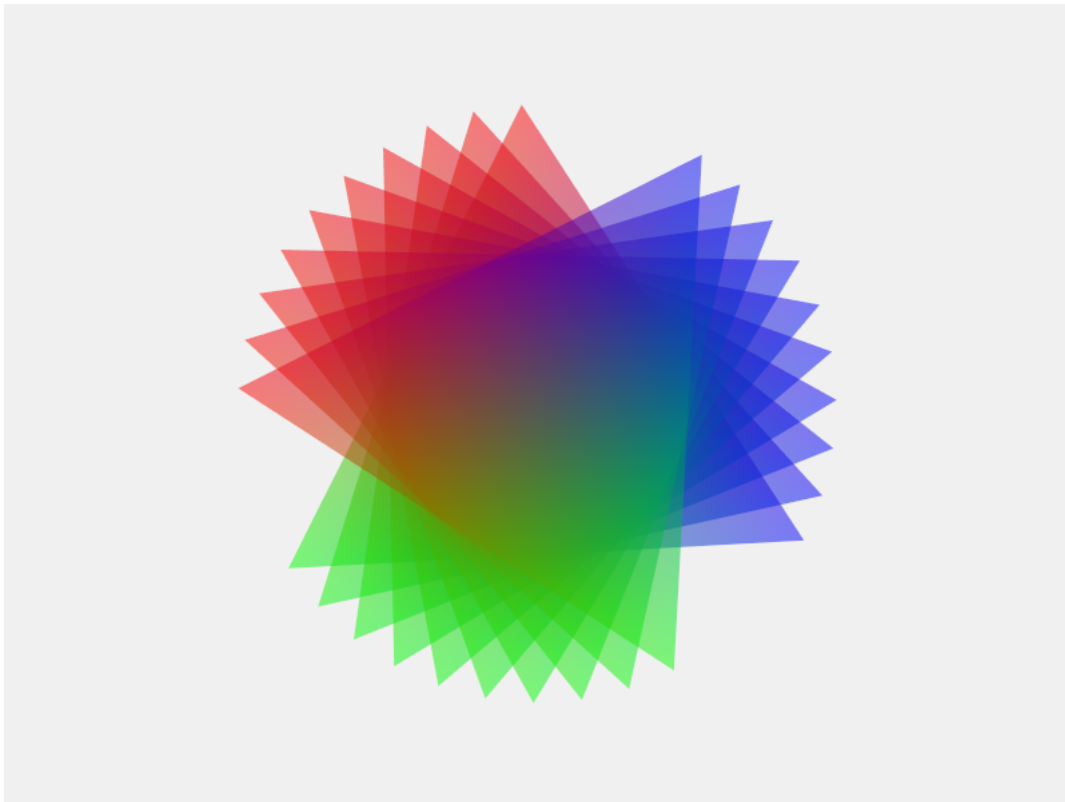


Fig. 2.3: Blending

2.4 04. Texture



Fig. 2.4: Texture

2.5 05. Perspective

2.6 Julia Fractal

```
1 import struct
2
3 import GLWindow
4 import ModernGL
5
6 # Window & Context
7
8 wnd = GLWindow.create_window()
9 ctx = ModernGL.create_context()
10
11 vert = ctx.vertex_shader('''
12     #version 330
13
14     in vec2 vert;
15     out vec2 tex;
16
17     void main() {
```

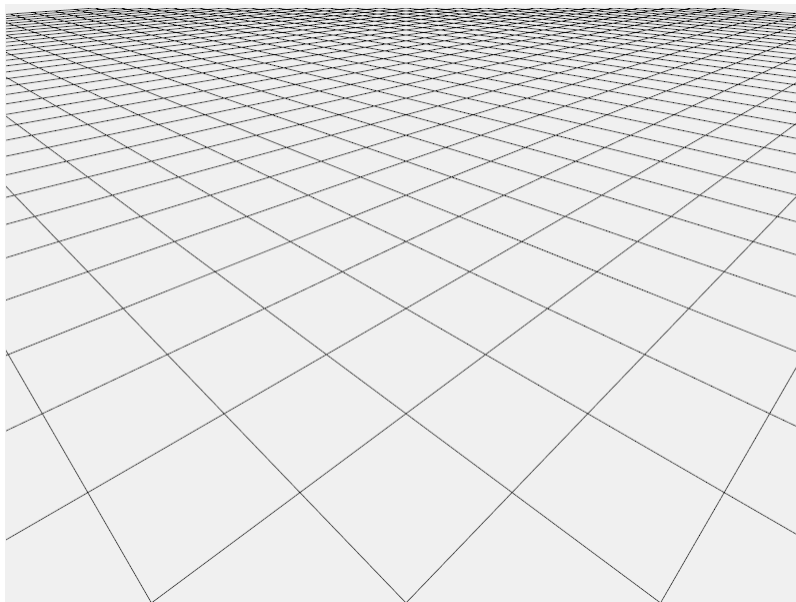


Fig. 2.5: Perspective projection

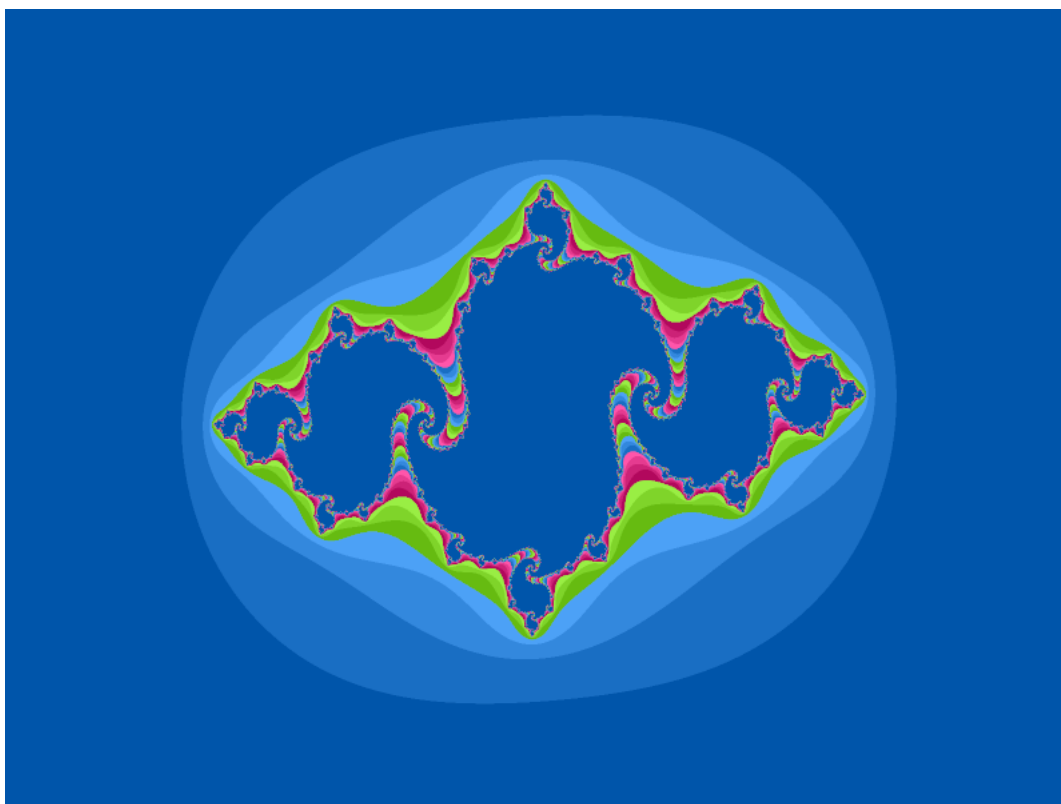


Fig. 2.6: Julia Fractal

```
18         gl_Position = vec4(vert, 0.0, 1.0);
19         tex = vert / 2.0 + vec2(0.5, 0.5);
20     }
21 '''
22
23 frag = ctx.fragment_shader('''
24     #version 330
25
26     in vec2 tex;
27     out vec4 color;
28
29     uniform vec2 center;
30     uniform int iter;
31
32     void main() {
33         vec2 z = vec2(5.0 * (tex.x - 0.5), 3.0 * (tex.y - 0.5));
34         vec2 c = center;
35
36         int i;
37         for(i = 0; i < iter; i++) {
38             vec2 v = vec2(
39                 (z.x * z.x - z.y * z.y) + c.x,
40                 (z.y * z.x + z.x * z.y) + c.y
41             );
42             if (dot(v, v) > 4.0) break;
43             z = v;
44         }
45
46         float cm = fract((i == iter ? 0.0 : float(i)) * 10 / iter);
47         color = vec4(
48             fract(cm + 0.0 / 3.0),
49             fract(cm + 1.0 / 3.0),
50             fract(cm + 2.0 / 3.0),
51             1.0
52         );
53     }
54 '''
55
56 prog = ctx.program([vert, frag])
57
58 vbo = ctx.buffer(struct.pack('8f', -1.0, -1.0, -1.0, 1.0, 1.0, -1.0, 1.0, 1.0))
59 vao = ctx.simple_vertex_array(prog, vbo, ['vert'])
60
61 prog.uniforms['iter'].value = 100
62
63 x, y = (0.49, 0.32)
64
65 wnd.grab_mouse(True)
66
67 while wnd.update():
68     ctx.viewport = wnd.viewport
69     ctx.clear(240, 240, 240)
70     mx, my = wnd.mouse_delta
71     x -= mx / 100
72     y -= my / 100
73
74     prog.uniforms['center'].value = (y, x)
75     vao.render(ModernGL.TRIANGLE_STRIP)
```

2.7 Particle System



Fig. 2.7: Particle System

```

1  import math
2  import random
3  import struct
4
5  import GLWindow
6  import ModernGL
7
8  # Window & Context
9
10 wnd = GLWindow.create_window()
11 ctx = ModernGL.create_context()
12
13 tvert = ctx.vertex_shader('''
14     #version 330
15
16     uniform vec2 acc;
17
18     in vec2 in_pos;
19     in vec2 in_prev;
20
21     out vec2 out_pos;
22     out vec2 out_prev;
23
24     void main() {
25         out_pos = in_pos * 2.0 - in_prev + acc;
26         out_prev = in_pos;
27     }
28 ''')
29
30 vert = ctx.vertex_shader('''
31     #version 330

```

```
32         in vec2 vert;
33
34         void main() {
35             gl_Position = vec4(vert, 0.0, 1.0);
36         }
37     '''
38
39
40 frag = ctx.fragment_shader('''
41     #version 330
42
43     out vec4 color;
44
45     void main() {
46         color = vec4(0.30, 0.50, 1.00, 1.0);
47     }
48 ''')
49
50 prog = ctx.program([vert, frag])
51
52 transform = ctx.program(tvert, ['out_pos', 'out_prev'])
53
54 def particle():
55     a = random.uniform(0.0, math.pi * 2.0)
56     r = random.uniform(0.0, 0.001)
57
58     return struct.pack('2f2f', 0.0, 0.0, math.cos(a) * r - 0.003, math.sin(a) * r,
59 ↪ - 0.008)
60
61 vbo1 = ctx.buffer(b''.join(particle() for i in range(1024)))
62 vbo2 = ctx.buffer(reserve = vbo1.size)
63
64 vao1 = ctx.simple_vertex_array(transform, vbo1, ['in_pos', 'in_prev'])
65 vao2 = ctx.simple_vertex_array(transform, vbo2, ['in_pos', 'in_prev'])
66
67 render_vao = ctx.vertex_array(prog, [
68     (vbo1, '2f8x', ['vert']),
69 ])
70
71 transform.uniforms['acc'].value = (0, -0.0001)
72
73 idx = 0
74
75 ctx.point_size = 5.0
76
77 while wnd.update():
78     ctx.viewport = wnd.viewport
79     ctx.clear(240, 240, 240)
80
81     for i in range(8):
82         vbo1.write(particle(), offset = idx * struct.calcsize('2f2f'))
83         idx = (idx + 1) % 1024
84
85     render_vao.render(ModernGL.POINTS, 1024)
86     vao1.transform(vbo2, ModernGL.POINTS, 1024)
87     ctx.copy_buffer(vbo1, vbo2)
```


CHAPTER 3

Contributing

CHAPTER 4

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