
Texture Mapping in WebGL

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Objectives

- Introduce WebGL texture mapping
 - two-dimensional texture maps
 - assigning texture coordinates
 - forming texture images
- Introduce the WebGL texture functions and options
 - texture objects
 - texture parameters
 - example code

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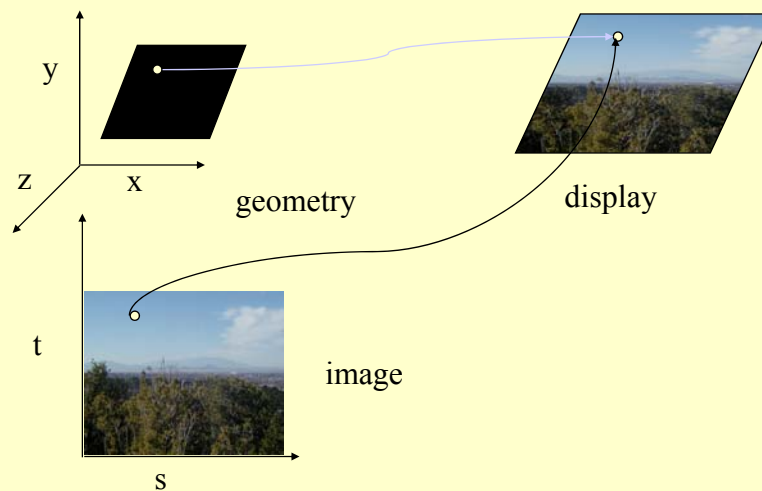
Basic Strategy

Three steps to applying a texture

1. specify the texture
 - read or generate image
 - assign to texture
2. specify texture parameters
 - wrapping, filtering
3. assign texture coordinates to vertices
 - Proper mapping function is left to application

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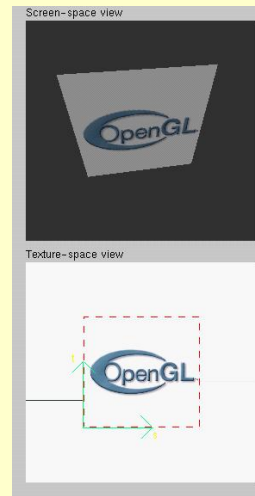
Texture Mapping



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Texture Example (Nate's tutorial)

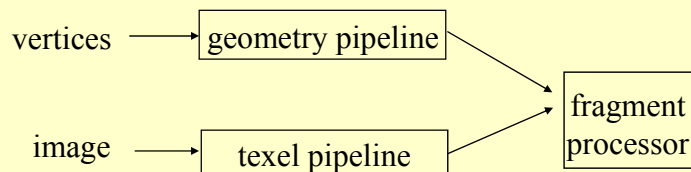
- The texture (below) is a 256 x 256 image that has been mapped to a rectangular polygon which is viewed in perspective



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Texture Mapping and the WebGL Pipeline

- Images and geometry flow through separate pipelines that join during fragment processing
 - “complex” textures do not affect geometric complexity



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Specifying a Texture Image

- Define a texture image from an array of *texels* (texture elements) in CPU memory
- Use an image in a standard format such as JPEG
 - Scanned image
 - Generate by application code
- WebGL supports only 2 dimensional texture maps
 - no need to enable as in desktop OpenGL
 - desktop OpenGL supports 1-4 dimensional texture maps

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Define Image as a Texture

```
gl.texImage2D( target, level, internalformat,  
              w, h, border, format, type, texels );
```

target: type of texture, e.g. `GL_TEXTURE_2D`
level: used for mipmapping (discussed later)
internalformat: elements per texel
w, h: width and height of `texels` in pixels
border: used for smoothing (discussed later)
format and type: describe texels
texels: pointer to texel array

```
glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 0, gl.RGB, 512, 512,  
             0, gl.RGB, gl.UNSIGNED_BYTE, my_texels);
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A Checkerboard Image

```
var image1 = new Uint8Array(4*texSize*texSize);  
for ( var i = 0; i < texSize; i++ ) {  
    for ( var j = 0; j < texSize; j++ ) {  
        var patchx = Math.floor(i/(texSize/numChecks));  
        var patchy = Math.floor(j/(texSize/numChecks));  
        if(patchx%2 ^ patchy%2) c = 255;  
        else c = 0;  
        //c = 255*(((i & 0x8) == 0) ^ ((j & 0x8) == 0))  
        image1[4*i*texSize+4*j] = c;  
        image1[4*i*texSize+4*j+1] = c;  
        image1[4*i*texSize+4*j+2] = c;  
        image1[4*i*texSize+4*j+3] = 255;  
    }  
}
```

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Using a GIF image (textureCube1)

// specify image in JS file

```
var image = new Image();
image.onload = function() {
    configureTexture( image );
}
image.src = "SA2011_black.gif"
```

// or specify image in HTML file with tag

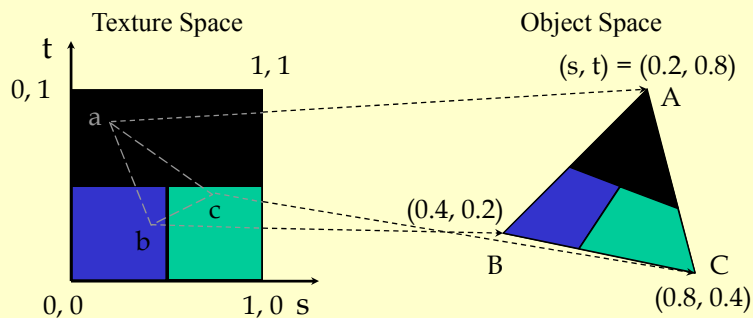
```
// <img id = "texImage" src = "SA2011_black.gif"></img>
```

```
var image = document.getElementById("texImage")    window.onload =
configureTexture( image );
```

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Mapping a Texture

- Based on parametric texture coordinates
- Specify as a 2D vertex attribute



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Cube Example

```
var texCoord = [  
  vec2(0, 0),  
  vec2(0, 1),  
  vec2(1, 1),  
  vec2(1, 0)  
];  
  
function quad(a, b, c, d) {  
  pointsArray.push(vertices[a]);  
  colorsArray.push(vertexColors[a]);  
  texCoordsArray.push(texCoord[0]);  
  
  pointsArray.push(vertices[b]);  
  colorsArray.push(vertexColors[a]);  
  texCoordsArray.push(texCoord[1]);  
  // etc
```

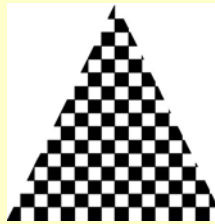
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Interpolation

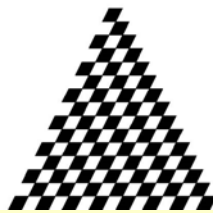
WebGL uses interpolation to find proper texels from specified texture coordinates

Can be distortions

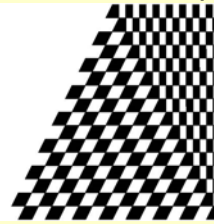
good selection
of tex coordinates



poor selection
of tex coordinates



texture stretched
over trapezoid
showing effects of
bilinear interpolation



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Using Texture Objects

1. specify textures in texture objects
2. bind texture object
3. set texture filter
4. set texture function
5. set texture wrap mode
6. supply texture coordinates for vertex
 - coordinates can also be generated

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Texture Parameters

- WebGL has a variety of parameters that determine how texture is applied
 - Wrapping parameters determine what happens if s and t are outside the $(0,1)$ range
 - Filter modes allow us to use area averaging instead of point samples
 - Mipmapping allows us to use textures at multiple resolutions
 - Environment parameters determine how texture mapping interacts with shading

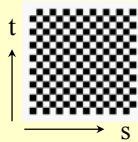
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Wrapping Mode (Nate's tutorial, textureCube2.js)

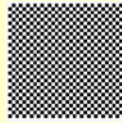
Clamping: if $s, t > 1$ use 1, if $s, t < 0$ use 0

Wrapping: use s, t modulo 1

```
gl.texParameteri(gl.TEXTURE_2D,  
                gl.TEXTURE_WRAP_S, gl.CLAMP )  
gl.texParameteri( gl.TEXTURE_2D,  
                gl.TEXTURE_WRAP_T, gl.REPEAT )
```



texture



gl.REPEAT
wrapping



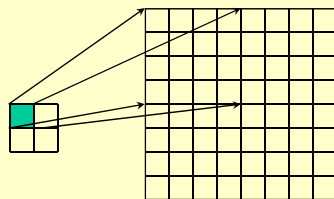
gl.CLAMP
wrapping

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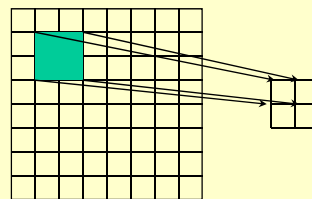
Magnification and Minification

More than one texel can cover a pixel (*minification*) or more than one pixel can cover a texel (*magnification*)

Can use point sampling (nearest texel) or linear filtering (2 x 2 filter) to obtain texture values



Texture Polygon
Magnification



Texture Polygon
Minification

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Filter Modes (Nate's tutorial)

Modes determined by

```
gl.texParameteri( target, type, mode )
```

```
gl.texParameteri( gl.TEXTURE_2D, gl.TEXTURE_MAG_FILTER,  
gl.NEAREST );
```

```
gl.texParameteri( gl.TEXTURE_2D, gl.TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER,  
gl.LINEAR );
```

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0	0	0	0
0	0	200 x	0
0	80	160	0
0	0	25	255

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0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	200
0	0	80^x	160

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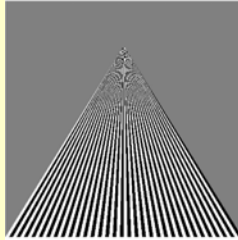
Mipmapped Textures

- *Mipmapping* allows for prefiltered texture maps of decreasing resolutions
- Lessens interpolation errors for smaller textured objects
- Declare mipmap level during texture definition
`gl.texImage2D(gl.TEXTURE_2D, level, ...)`

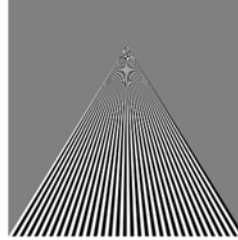
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Example (textureSquare.html)

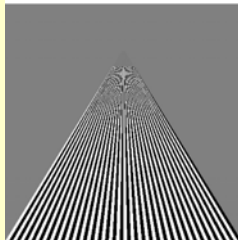
point
sampling



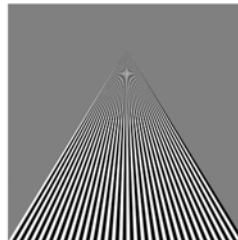
linear
filtering



mipmapped
point
sampling



mipmapped
linear
filtering



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Applying Textures (textureCube2.html)

- Texture can be applied in many ways
 - texture fully determines color
 - modulated with a computed color
 - alpha determines non-textured regions (decal)
 - blended with and environmental color
- Fixed function pipeline has a function `glTexEnv` to set mode
 - deprecated
 - can get all desired functionality via fragment shader
- Can also use multiple texture units

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Applying Textures

- Textures are applied during fragments shading by a **sampler**
- Samplers return a texture color from a texture object

```
varying vec4 color; //color from rasterizer  
varying vec2 texCoord; //texture coordinate from rasterizer  
uniform sampler2D texture; //texture object from application
```

```
void main() {  
    gl_FragColor = color * texture2D( texture, texCoord );  
}
```

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Vertex Shader

- Usually vertex shader will output texture coordinates to be rasterized
- Must do all other standard tasks too
 - Compute vertex position
 - Compute vertex color if needed

```
attribute vec4 vPosition; //vertex position in object coordinates  
attribute vec4 vColor; //vertex color from application  
attribute vec2 vTexCoord; //texture coordinate from application
```

```
varying vec4 color; //output color to be interpolated  
varying vec2 texCoord; //output tex coordinate to be interpolated
```

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    texCoordsArray.push(texCoord[1]);  
    // etc
```

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Texture Object

```
function configureTexture( image ) {  
    // Create a texture object that will contain the image.  
    var texture = gl.createTexture();  
  
    // Bind the texture to the target (TEXTURE_2D) of the active texture unit.  
    gl.bindTexture( gl.TEXTURE_2D, texture );  
  
    // Flip the image's Y axis to match the WebGL texture coordinate space.  
    gl.pixelStorei(gl.UNPACK_FLIP_Y_WEBGL, true);  
  
    // Upload the image into the texture.  
    gl.texImage2D( gl.TEXTURE_2D, 0, gl.RGB, gl.RGB, gl.UNSIGNED_BYTE, image );  
    // Set the parameters so we can render any size image.  
    gl.texParameteri(gl.TEXTURE_2D, gl.TEXTURE_WRAP_S, gl.CLAMP_TO_EDGE);  
    gl.texParameteri(gl.TEXTURE_2D, gl.TEXTURE_WRAP_T, gl.CLAMP_TO_EDGE);  
    gl.texParameteri( gl.TEXTURE_2D, gl.TEXTURE_MIN_FILTER, gl.LINEAR );  
    gl.texParameteri( gl.TEXTURE_2D, gl.TEXTURE_MAG_FILTER, gl.LINEAR );  
  
    gl.activeTexture(gl.TEXTURE0); // set which texture unit  
    gl.uniform1i(gl.getUniformLocation(program, "texture"), 0);  
}
```

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Linking with Shaders

```
var vTexCoord = gl.getAttribLocation( program, "vTexCoord" );
gl.enableVertexAttribArray( vTexCoord );
gl.vertexAttribPointer( vTexCoord, 2, gl.FLOAT, false, 0, 0);

// Set the value of the fragment shader texture sampler variable
// ("texture") to the the appropriate texture unit. In this case,
// zero for GL_TEXTURE0 which was previously set by calling
// gl.activeTexture().

gl.uniform1i( glGetUniformLocation(program, "texture"), 0 );
```

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Other Texture Features

- **Environment Maps**
 - Start with image of environment through a wide angle lens
 - Can be either a real scanned image or an image created in OpenGL
 - Use this texture to generate a cube map
 - Alternative is to use a spherical map
- **Multitexturing**
 - Apply a sequence of textures through cascaded texture units

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