Mobile Application Programing: Android OpenGL Environment

Activities

- Apps are composed of activities
- Activities are self-contained tasks made up of one screen-full of information
- Activities start one another and are destroyed commonly
- Apps can use activities belonging to another app



Fragments

Acts like a sub-activity

- Attached and removed from an activity using the FragmentManager
- Attachment or removal of many fragments with FragmentTransaction
- Lifecycle tied to parent activity
- Adds onAttach / onDetach and onCreateView / onDestroyView







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2 Processors



192 Processors





OpenGL ES



- C-Based Performance-Oriented Graphics Library
 - Wrapper libraries provided for Java, C#, etc.
- Produces 2D images from 2D or 3D geometric data
- Mobile version of OpenGL
 - Includes nearly all OpenGL functionality
 - Removes seldom-used or legacy features
 - Used by non-mobile platforms also (eg. Playstation 3)



OpenGL Environment

- android.opengl.GLSurfaceView
 GLSurfaceView.Renderer
 - GLES20 (C Library Wrapper)
 - Program
 - Vertex Shader
 - Fragment Shader
 - Uniform Variables
 - Attribute Arrays

GLSurfaceView →Renderer →GLES20 →GL Calls

TrianglesActivity

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Fixed-Function Pipeline vs. Programmable Pipeline

OpenGL ES 1 vs ES 2

- ES1 has only fixed processes, manipulating geometry and generating fragments in a standardized process
- ES2 has some fixed processes and 2 programmable processes for the data input into OpenGL
- ES2 is much simpler than ES1, but requires knowledge of the OpenGL Shader Language





Vertex Shader

- Receives a vertex from OpenGL after minimal processing
- Modifies incoming vertex in some way using uniform variables where needed
- Outputs the vertex
- May also output additional data for the fragment shader to use





Fragment Shader

- Receives a fragment from OpenGL resulting from rasterizing a primitive
- Chooses a color for the fragment based on data given by vertex shader and uniform variables
- Outputs the fragment color



