OpenVG Graphics Solutions Tutorial

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Session Introduction

- Problems in 2D Graphic
  - No existing standard API
  - Graphic resolution dependant

- Vector Graphic - OpenVG
  - Industry standard by Khronos Consortium
  - Fulfills requirements of key applications
Session Objectives

► After completing this session you will:

• Understand the unique features of Vector graphics
• Have an overview of the OpenVG rendering pipeline
• Be familiar with the basic groups of functionality in OpenVG
• Create basic OpenVG graphics using Adobe tools
• Understand how to port graphics to different processors
Agenda

► OpenVG at a Glance

► OpenVG
  • Rendering Pipeline
  • Programming Model

► Hands On Example
Problems with Existing Graphics

- Aliasing effects
- Text not scalable
- Curves difficult to implement
- Plain textures

...and slow frame rate
What Are Vector Graphics?

- Vector graphics are drawn and stored as mathematical vector formulae.
- Each vector and fill is assigned color value, instead of assigning color to each separate pixel.
- A black circle can be represented as:
  - \( x = r \cos \theta \)
  - \( y = r \sin \theta \)
  - or:
  - \( x^2 + y^2 = r^2 \)
  - With color value 0000 for black

Benefits
- Infinitely zoomable
- Independent of screen resolution
- Saves data memory
Where Are Vector Graphics Used?

► Graphic Design
  • e.g., Adobe™ Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash

► Vector Graphics Languages
  • e.g., SVG, VML, Postscript

► World Wide Web
  • Most web content uses vector graphics
  • Most web browsers render SVG content directly

► Vector Graphics Libraries
  • e.g., Cairo
    ▪ used by GTK+, Mozilla, Webkit, etc.
OpenVG Features

► Design Philosophy
  • Expands the OpenGL programming model to 2D vector graphics
  • Provides a low-level hardware acceleration abstraction layer
  • Uses OpenGL-style syntax where possible
  • Allows flexibility in the way acceleration can be provided
  • Enables hardware vendors to use their own preferred internal representations

► The VGU Utility Library
  • Higher-level Geometric Primitives
  • Image Warping

Mask → Mask
**Path** (Open path; Closed path)

The path is the basis for all vector objects. A path is made up of one or more line segments connected by two or more anchor points. Paths can be made from a combination of straight lines and curves, each of which may be made up of many connecting points. Paths can be open or closed. An open path is one with unconnected end points, while a closed path is one whose start and end points meet.

Open paths (anchor points and line segments shown in blue)

Closed paths (anchor points and line segments shown in blue)

**Fill**

A fill can be applied to any area within a path. Fills can be single blocks of colour, gradients, patterns or images (raster or vector).

Coloured fill  Gradient fill  Patterned fill

**Bézier curve** (Curve)

A curved segment of a path is known as a Bézier curve (after French mathematician Pierre Bézier). Bézier curves are defined by mathematical equations - essentially, the coordinates of a curve can be calculated and drawn by knowing the position of two end points and two control points.
OpenVG Applications

► Acceleration of Existing Content
  • Accelerates Flash Lite, SVG Tiny, potentially Silverlight

► Great for GUI Acceleration
  • Dynamic Vector Font Rendering
  • Provides variety of advanced blending and drawing functions

► Great for Accelerating User Applications
  • Fast, power-efficient, scalable, skinnable user-interfaces including animations and different aspect ratios
  • Web browsing
  • Navigation applications
    ▪ Accurate map rendering at interactive frame rates
  • Cartoons, anime, greeting cards, games, mobile entertainment
OpenVG Rendering Pipeline
The OpenVG Pipeline

OpenVG defines a hardware pipeline for paths and images

- Path Definition
- Stroking
  - Line width, joins & caps, dashing, etc.
- Transformation
  - 2 x 3 (paths) and 3 x 3 (images) transformations
- Rasterization
- Clipping & Masking
  - Scissor rectangles
- Paint Generation
  - Flat color, gradient, or pattern paint
- Blending
  - Multiple blend modes
- Dithering
- Image Filters
**Path Definition**

- **MOVE_TO**, **LINE_TO**, **QUAD_TO**, **CUBIC_TO**, **CLOSE_PATH**
  - Elliptical Arcs
  - Absolute / Relative Coordinates
  - Smooth Curves
  - Path Interpolation
  - Path queries:
    - Bounding boxes
    - Point along path
    - Tangent along path
  - Non-Zero and Even-Odd fill rules

![Path Definition Diagram](image-url)
Stroking takes a path and defines an outline around it based on:

- Line width
- End cap style (butt, round or square)
- Line join style (bevel, round or miter)
- Miter limit (to convert long miters to bevels)
- Dash array and offset

Dash array = \{10, 20, 30, 40\} / Dash Phase = 35
Paths use 2 x 3 affine transformations
Images use 3 x 3 perspective transformations
Transformation functions are similar to OpenGL:
  - vgLoadIdentity
  - vgLoadMatrix
  - vgGetMatrix
  - vgMultMatrix
  - vgScale
  - vgRotate
  - vgTranslate

NOTE: If you want to transform a VG path / object into a perspective, you must do that before sending the points to OpenVG
The goal of rasterization is to determine a filtered alpha value for each pixel, based on the geometry around that pixel.

Filters may be up to 3 pixels in diameter.

OpenVG handles rasterizing arbitrary shapes.
► Pixels outside a rectangular viewport are not drawn.
► Only pixels inside a set of scissor rectangles are drawn.
► Clip-rects help to cut down the amount of pixels rendered in cases that have only a portion of the screen being rendered. This is essential for GUIs and can help with both maximizing performance and minimizing power.
In addition to clipping, a per-pixel mask may be applied.

The mask has an alpha value at each pixel that is multiplied by the alpha from the rendering stage.

May be used to “cut out” an area, create a transition between areas.

Mask values may be modified using image data:
- Fill, Clear, Set, Add, Subtract, Intersect.

Generating a Mask is a ‘draw’ action and relatively expensive. Masks should be generated infrequently to minimize performance impact.
Paint Generation

- Paint is generated pixel-by-pixel and applied on top of geometry
- The alpha from the previous stage (rendering + masking) is used to determine how much paint to apply
- Separate paint objects for stroking, filling
- Paint is applied through an affine transformation
- Four types of paint are supported:
  - Flat color paint
  - Linear Gradient paint: Points \((x_1, y_1)\) and \((x_2, y_2)\), color ramp
  - Radial Gradient paint: center \((x, y)\), focus \((x, y)\), radius, color ramp
  - Pattern paint based on an image, tiling mode
Blending

- Combine masked alpha from path with paint alpha
- Blend the result onto the drawing surface
- Blending is a function of:
  - The paint (R, G, B) color
  - The masked alpha value (path alpha + mask alpha + paint alpha)
  - The destination (R, G, B) color
  - The destination alpha value (1 if no stored alpha)
- There are 8 blending functions:
  - Porter-Duff “source” mode (copy source to destination)
  - Porter-Duff “source over destination”/ “destination over source”
  - Porter-Duff “source in destination”/ “destination in source”
  - Lighten (choose lighter of source and destination)
  - Darken (choose darker of source and destination)
  - Multiply (black source pixel forces black, white leaves unchanged)
  - “Screen”(white source pixel forces white, black leaves unchanged)
  - Additive (add pixel values, add alpha up to 1)
- Blending may occur in a linear or non-linear color space
OpenVG Programming Model
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OpenVG is designed around a State Machine based client-server model

- User ‘sets’ and ‘gets’ variables in the machine (enable/disable, bind, etc.)

- OpenVG: handles to paints, paths, gradients, etc., to avoid the re-preprocessing of each frame

Data types in a function are determined by a i, f, or v postfix

- Integer, float, or vector

Execution decoupled

- Execution is only guaranteed when user blocks (vgFinish)
- Or flips the drawing surfaces (eglSwapBuffers)
Coordinate System

User Coordinates

Screen Coordinates

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1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 \\
\end{bmatrix}
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319 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 239 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 \\
\end{bmatrix}
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The Reference is the OpenVG Standard 1.1 as published by the Khronos Consortium.

It is available from their website: http://www.khronos.org/openvg
OpenVG Hands On Example
OpenVG: Hands On Example
Adobe Illustrator

► Basic Window walkthrough

► Drawing Lines, Curves, etc.

► Drawing Shapes
  • Fills with color
  • Gradients

► Tracing

► Filters
Libraries
  • Memory optimization

Layers

Tweening

Adding effects
  • Audio
  • Video

Actionscripts
Porting onto Target

► Adobe Illustrator
  • Image to C converter utility (MPC5606S, MPC5645)

► Adobe Flash
  • Adobe Flash Lite player (i.Mx35, i.Mx51, MPC5121e)
  • Adobe Flash player (i.Mx51)