



# OpenGL 2.0 Update

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# Overview

- What's probably in...
- What's probably not in...
- review of functionality

*Caveat: The ARB has not reached a final decision on the exact 2.0 feature set, so things could change.*



## What's probably in...

- shading language
- floating point pipeline
- pixel buffer object (PBO)
- sprites
- texture dimensions
- accum enhancements
- multiple draw buffers
- two-sided stencil
- blend func/equation separate
- extension query

## What's probably not in...

- uber buffers
- texture mirror clamp
- assembly vertex programs
- assembly fragment programs

# Shading Language

- Bill Licea-Kane covered these details in his presentation.

# Floating Point Pipeline

- Allow general-purpose rendering to and texturing from fp buffers and textures
- Incorporates several extensions:
  - ARB\_pixel\_format\_float
  - ARB\_texture\_float
  - ARB\_half\_float\_pixel
  - ARB\_color\_clamp\_control

# ARB\_pixel\_format\_float

- Allow specification of float components for PFD
- unclamped clear value

# ARB\_texture\_float

- floating point internal formats
  - RGBA32F
  - RGB32F
  - ALPHA32F
  - INTENSITY32F
  - LUMINANCE32F
  - LUMINANCE\_ALPHA32F
  - RGBA16F
  - RGB16F
  - ALPHA16F
  - INTENSITY16F
  - LUMINANCE16F
  - LUMINANCE\_ALPHA16F
- Also supports queries to determine component type

## ARB\_half\_float\_pixel

- “external format” for fp16 pixel data from the CPU
- s1e5m10
  - 1 sign bit
  - 5 exponent bits (bias of 15)
  - 10 mantissa bits
  - special numbers undefined
  - denorms defined

# ARB\_color\_clamp\_control

- for fp rendering, clamps usually unwanted
- but OpenGL specifies clamping due to its fixed-point heritage
- this extension allows the app to explicitly disable those clamps

## Pixel Buffer Object (PBO)

- VBO “buffer objects” are just arrays of bytes managed by the driver
- PBO uses same API, but has binding points for
  - `PIXEL_PACK_BUFFER`
    - `glReadPixels()`, `glGetTexImage()`, etc.
  - `PIXEL_UNPACK_BUFFER`
    - `glTexImage*()`, `glDrawPixels()`, etc.
- Caveat: Currently only an EXT extension!

# Sprites

- Points with varying texture coordinates
- Nothing especially new here, though the question of t coordinate still being discussed
  - most hardware supports upper-left origin
  - import from Direct3D

# Texture Dimensions

- (EXT,NV)\_texture\_rectangle
  - no power-of-two constraints
  - but, no mipmapping, no repeat, no borders
  - coordinates are not normalized
    - (0..w, 0..h)
  - lots of hardware support

# Texture Dimensions

- ARB\_texture\_non\_power\_of\_two
  - just conventional texture targets without the requirement that dimensions be power-of-two
  - mip level dimensions use “floor” convention
    - $w_i = \text{floor}(w_0 / 2^i)$
  - some concern about support
    - may be limited to 2D targets in OpenGL 2.0

# Accum Enhancements

- Modern consumer hardware finally accelerates accum! 😊
- Some additional functionality
  - SUN\_slice\_accum
    - dst alpha lerp into accumulation buffer
  - ARB\_accum\_composite

## ARB\_accum\_composite

- Augments the accum operations
  - OVER
  - UNDER
  - PREMULT\_OVER
  - PREMULT\_UNDER
- analogous to glBlendFuncSeparate for accum

# Multiple Draw Buffers

- From `ATI_draw_buffers`

- In the C code:

```
GLenum buffers[] = { GL_AUX0, GL_AUX1 };  
glDrawBuffers( 2, buffers );
```

- In the shader:

```
OP result.color[0], src0, src1, ...;  
OP result.color[1], src0, src1, ...;
```

## Two-Sided Stencil

- Some unified form of the functionality in
  - EXT\_stencil\_two\_side or
  - ATI\_separate\_stencil
- Helpful for single-pass stenciled shadow volume rendering.
  - front faces incr, back faces decr happens simultaneously

# Blend Equation Separate

- EXT\_blend\_func\_separate
  - separate srcFactor and dstFactor for RGB and A
- EXT\_blend\_equation\_separate
  - separate blend equations for RGB and A

# Extension Query

- ARB\_extension\_query
  - `boolean IsExtensionSupportedARB(const GLubyte *name);`
  - Nothing fancy, just a clearer way for apps to ask about extension support
  - Seems we always have apps that copy the extensions string into a fixed-size buffer!

## Stuff that's not in...

- uber buffers
  - Rob Mace will be talking about the status of the superbuffers work group
- texture mirror clamp
  - ARB not convinced that this is important enough to be “core”

## Stuff that's not in...(2)

- ARB\_vertex\_program & ARB\_fragment\_program
  - general lack of interest in making the ASM interfaces core

## Parting Queries

- Where does the ARB need to focus efforts?
  - demos, whitepapers?
  - more rapid spec revs?
  - developer conference?
- How do ISVs provide feedback?
  - Is something less formal than the participant undertaking desirable?



# Questions?

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