

Textures

Lecture 26

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Textures

Definition (Texture)

A **texture** is an image that can be “pasted” onto a surface.

- The image may be a simple one that was generated within the program, such as a checkerboard pattern, or it may be a photograph that was read from a file.
- Either way, the image consists of “texture elements” called **texels**.
- These are analogous to **pixels** (which are “picture elements.”)

Texture Format

- There are many internal formats for textures.
- See pages 271-272 of the Red Book.
- Among them are the following.
 - `GL_RGB` - Each texel (texture element) stored in 3 bytes (red, green, blue)
 - `GL_RGBA` - Each texel stored in 4 bytes (red, green, blue, alpha)
 - `GL_R3_G3_B2` - Each texel stored in 1 byte (3 red bits, 3 green bits, 2 blue bits), etc.
- We will use the `GL_RGB` format.

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Creating Textures

- The `GL_RGB` texture image is created as a 3-dimensional array.

```
GLubyte image[rows][cols][3];
```
- Each vector contains the red, green, and blue values as unsigned bytes from 0 to 255.

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- Or it could be a 3-dimensional array of **floats**.

```
GLfloat image[rows][cols][3];
```

- Each vector contains the red, green, and blue values as **floats** from 0.0 to 1.0.

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- Or it could be a 2-dimensional array of **vec3**s.

```
vec3 image[rows][cols];
```

- Each vector contains the red, green, and blue values as **floats** from 0.0 to 1.0.

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- Or it could be a 2-dimensional array of **vec3**s.

```
vec3 image[rows][cols];
```

- Each vector contains the red, green, and blue values as **floats** from 0.0 to 1.0.
- Or in many other forms.

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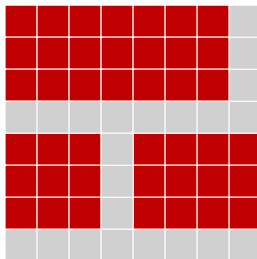
- There are also 1-dimensional textures, which are pasted onto lines and 3-dimensional textures, which are pasted into solids.
- And there are 1-dimensional arrays of 1-dimensional textures, and 1-dimensional arrays of 2-dimensional textures.
- We will do only 2-dimensional textures.

Creating Textures

- The dimensions of a texture image must be powers of 2, but they need not be the same power of 2.
- Typical dimensions
 - 256×256
 - 256×512
 - 32×32

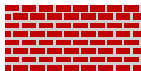
Example

- A brick wall texture may be designed as an 8×8 texture.



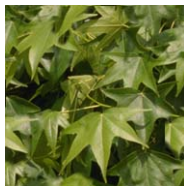
Tiling Textures

- Often textures are “tiled” across a surface.
- When they are tiled, it is desirable that the images match left-to-right and top-to-bottom.
- The brick wall texture:



Tiling Textures

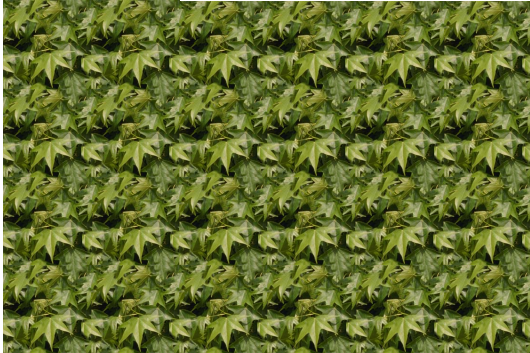
- Tiling textures works well if the texture is supposed to have a regular pattern, such as in the case of the brick wall.
- Other textures look better if there is no discernable pattern, such as leaves.



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Window Texture

- Other textures are not meant to be tiled.



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Homework

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- Read pages 259 - 263: Texture Mapping & Basic Texture Types
- Read pages 270 - 277: Texture Formats