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**CS580:**  
**Classic Rendering Pipeline**

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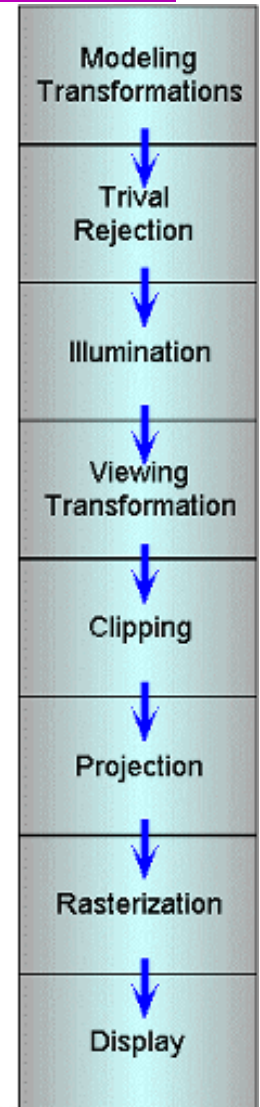
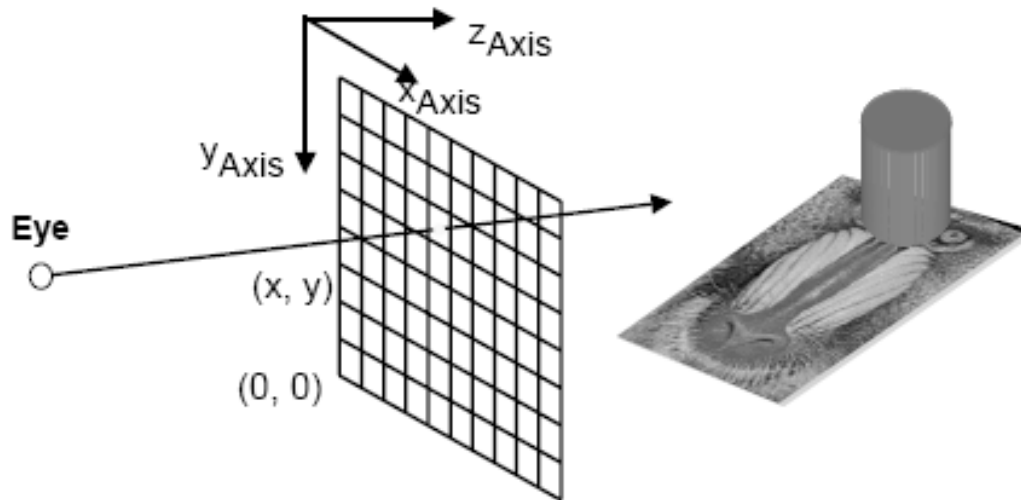
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# Course Objectives

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  - Brief introduction of common under. CG
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# The Classic Rendering Pipeline

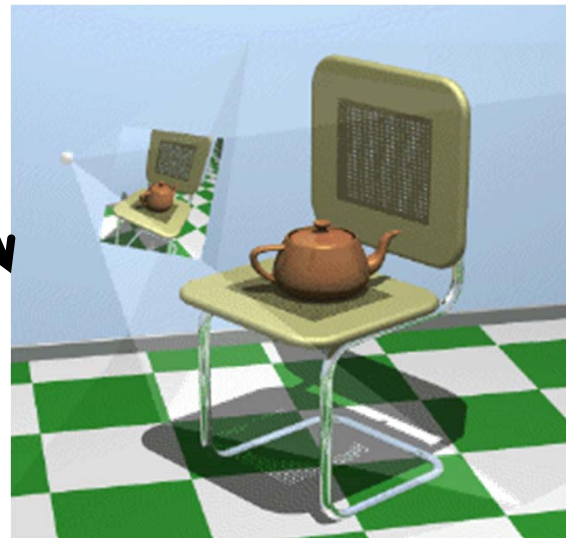
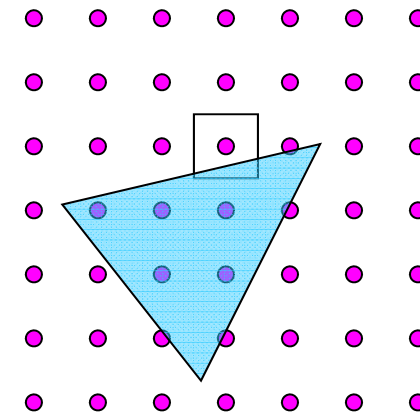
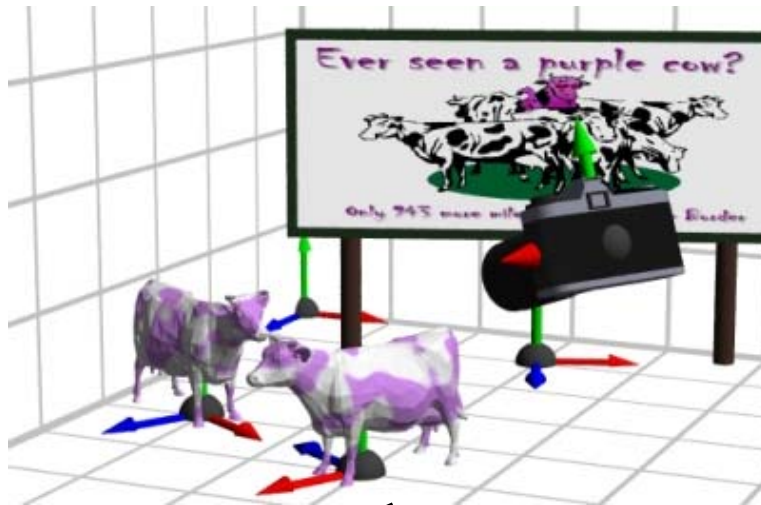
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- Adopted in OpenGL and DirectX
  - Most of games are based on this pipeline
- Object **primitives** defined by vertices fed in at the top
- Pixels come out in the display at the bottom

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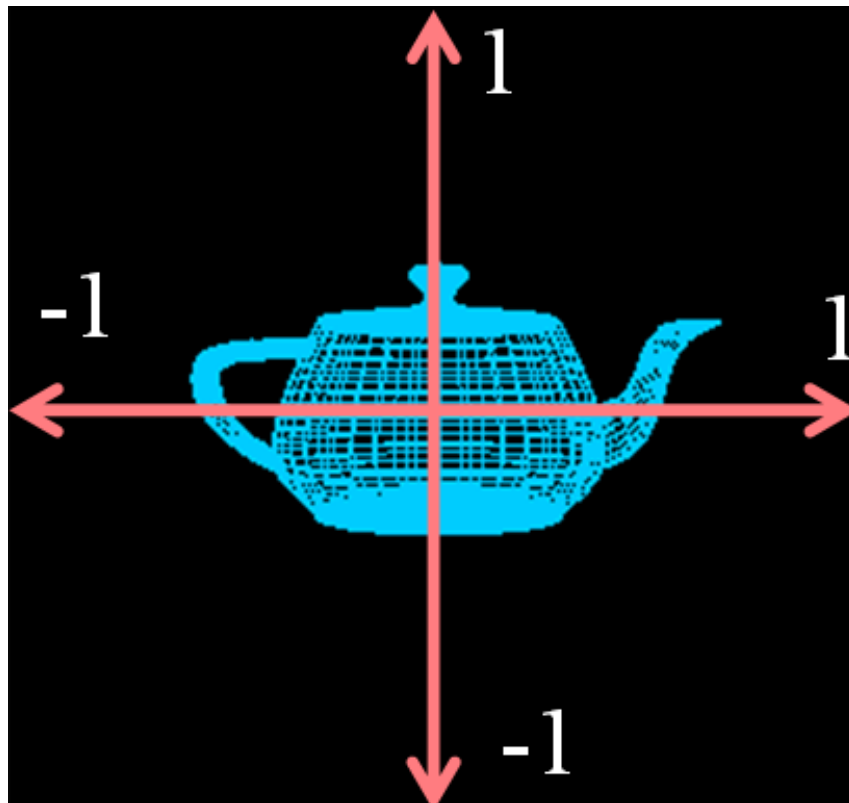


# Your New World in OpenGL

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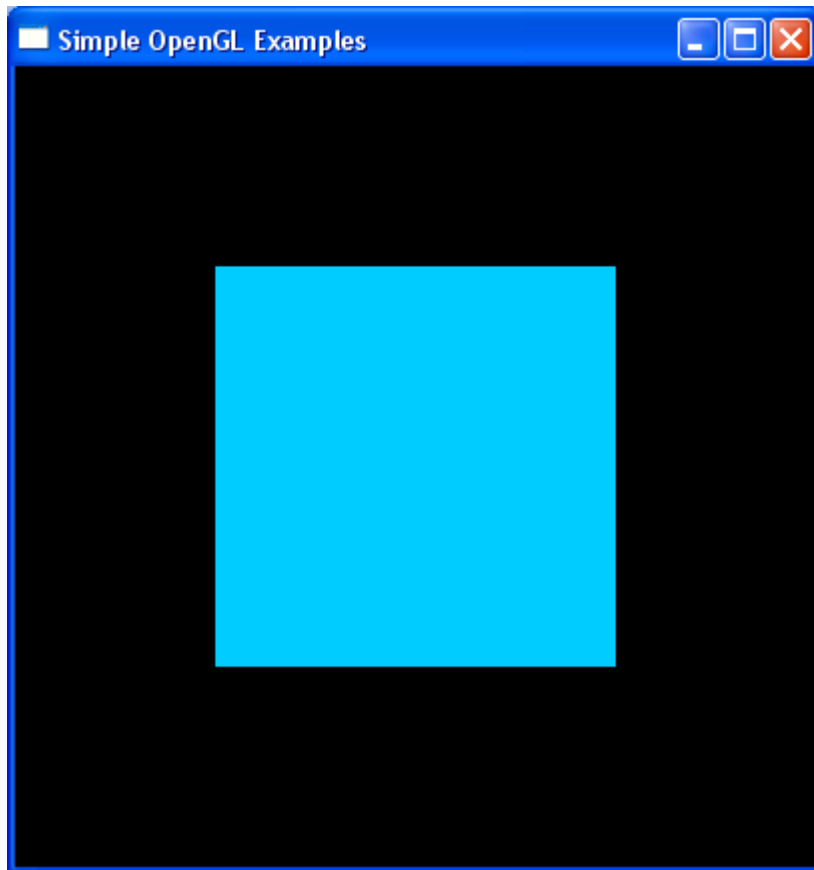
- A 2D square ranging from  $(-1, -1)$  to  $(1, 1)$
- You can draw in the box with just a few lines of code



# Code Example

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## OpenGL Code:

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glColor3d(0.0, 0.8, 1.0);

glBegin(GL_POLYGON);
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    glVertex2d( 0.5, -0.5);
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glEnd();
```

# OpenGL Command Syntax

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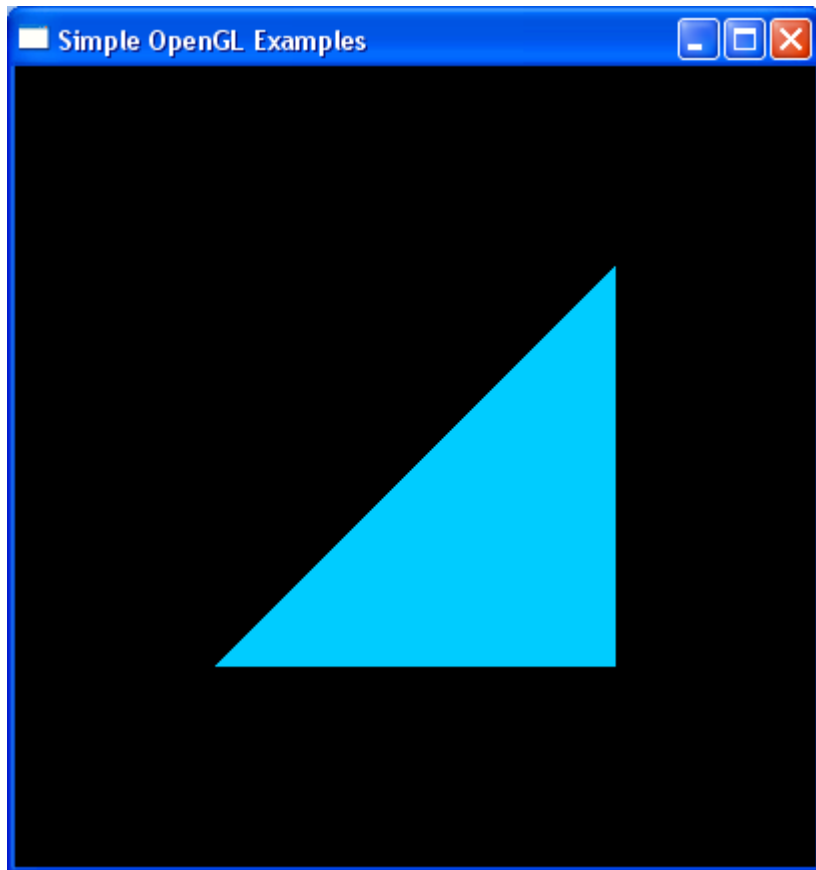
- `glColor3d(0.0, 0.8, 1.0);`

Suffix	Data Type	Corresponding C-Type	OpenGL Type
b	8-bit int.	signed char	GLbyte
s	16-bit int.	short	GLshort
i	32-bit int.	int	GLint
f	32-bit float	float	GLfloat
d	64-bit double	double	GLdouble
ub	8-bit unsigned int.	unsigned char	GLubyte
us	16-bit unsigned int.	unsigned short	GLushort
ui	32-bit unsigned int.	unsigned int	GLuint

# Another Code Example

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# Drawing Primitives in OpenGL

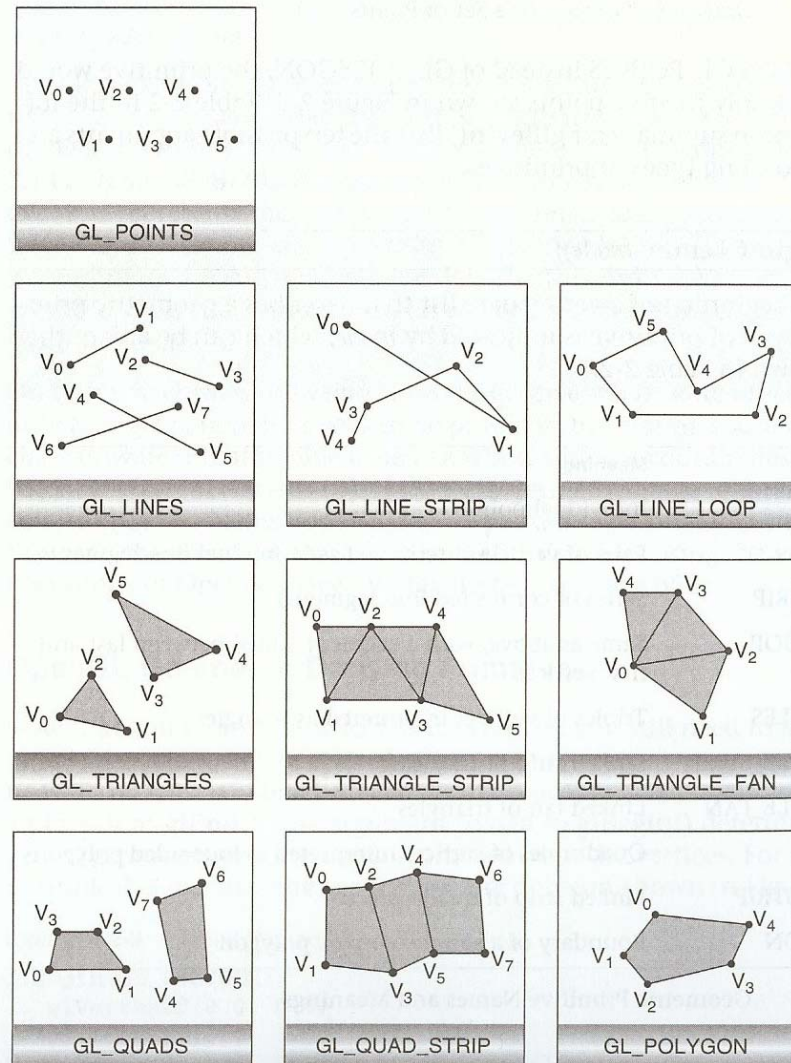
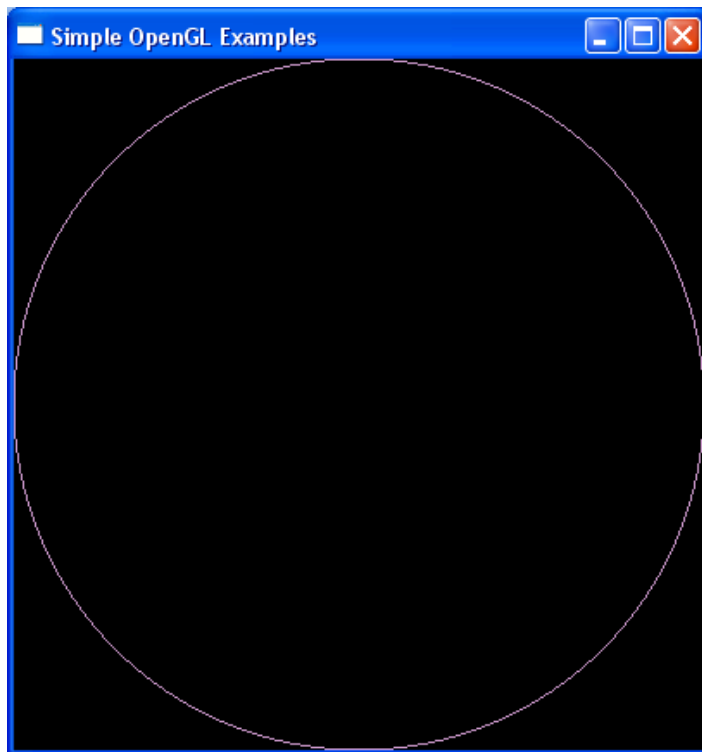


Figure 2-7 Geometric Primitive Types

# Yet Another Code Example

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glColor3d(0.8, 0.6, 0.8);

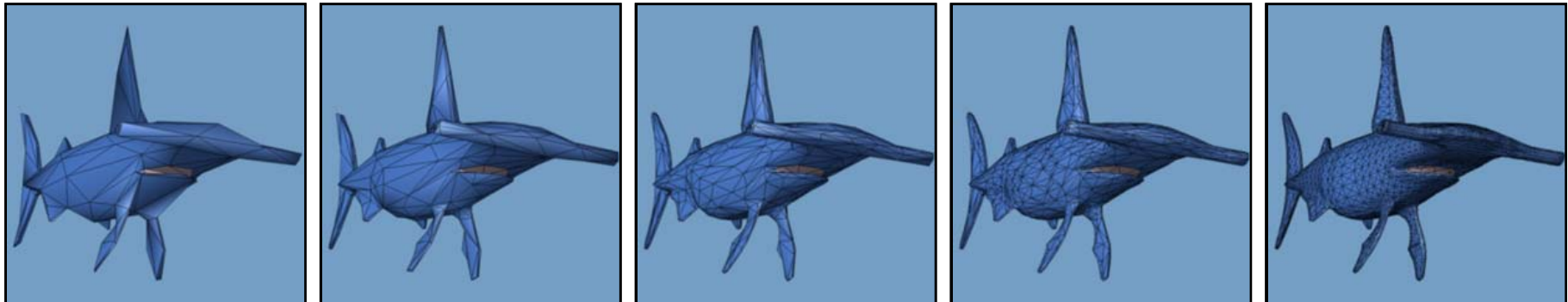
glBegin(GL_LINE_LOOP);
for (i = 0; i < 360; i = i + 2)
{
    x = cos(i*pi/180);
    y = sin(i*pi/180);
    glVertex2d(x, y);
}
glEnd();
```

# Triangle Representation, Mesh

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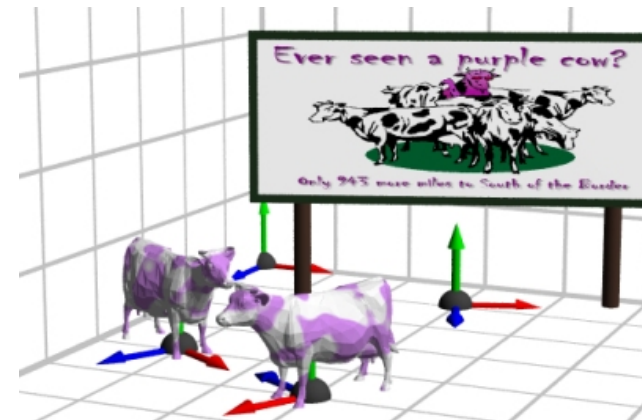
- Triangles can approximate any 2-dimensional shape (or 3D surface)
  - Polygons are a locally linear (planar) approximation
- Improve the quality of fit by increasing the number edges or faces



# Modeling Transforms



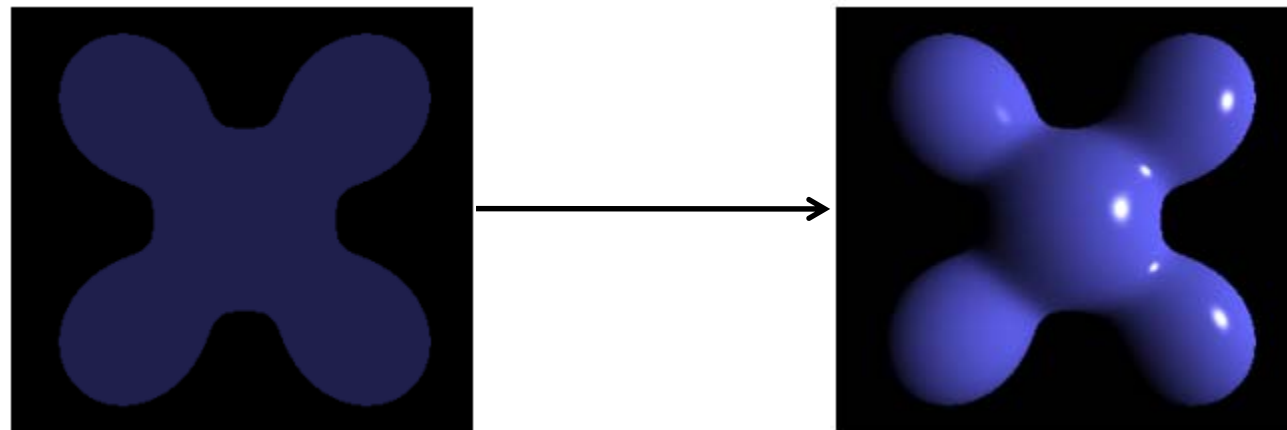
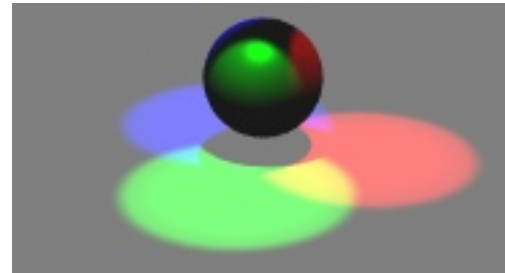
- Start with 3D models defined in **modeling spaces** with their own **modeling frames**
- Modeling transformations orient models within a common coordinate frame called **world space**
  - All objects, light sources, and the camera live in world space



# Illumination



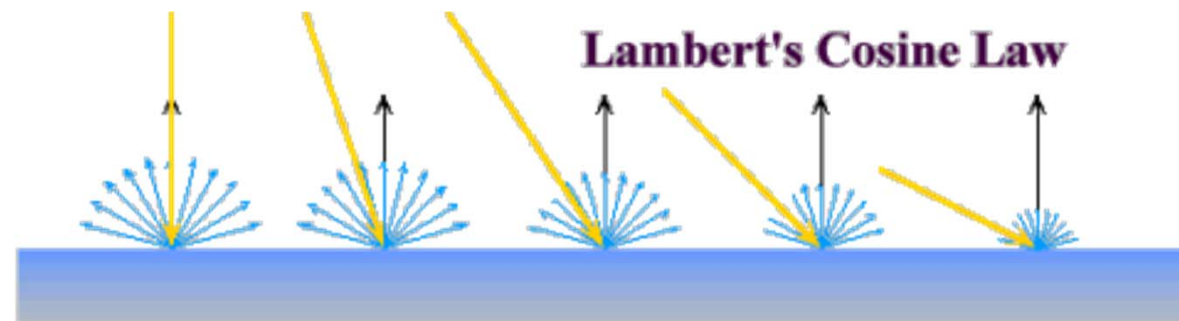
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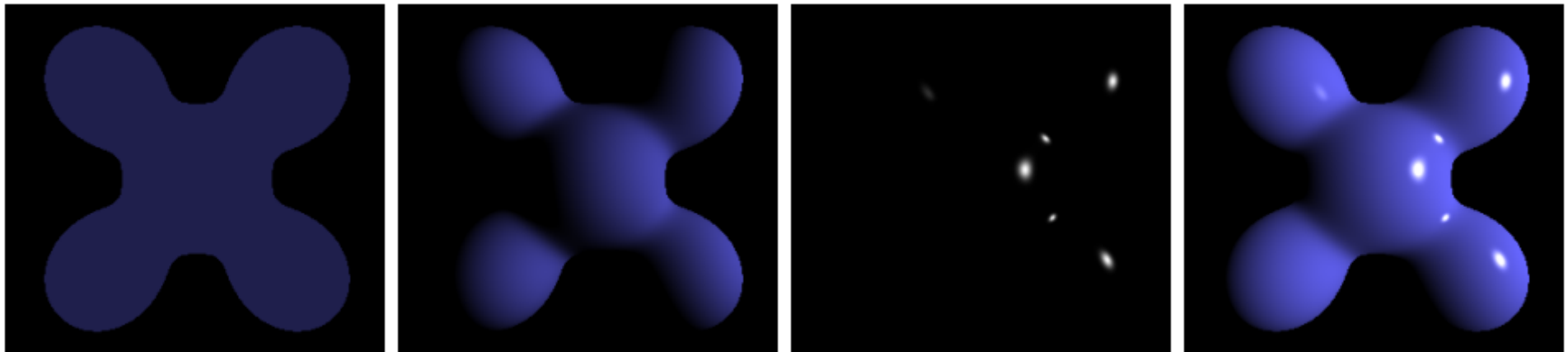


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- **Lighting**
  - Local shading model considering direct illumination



# OpenGL's Illumination Model

$$I_r = \sum_{j=1}^{\text{numLights}} (k_a^j I_a^j + k_d^j I_d^j \max((\hat{N} \cdot \hat{L}_j), 0) + k_s^j I_s^j \max((\hat{V} \cdot \hat{R})^{n_s}, 0))$$



Ambient

+

Diffuse

+

Specular

=

Phong Reflection

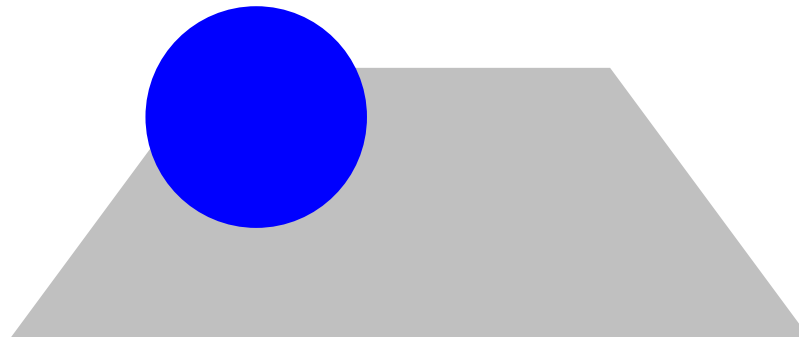
From Wikipedia

# Ambient Light Source

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- A simple hack for indirect illumination
  - Incoming ambient illumination ( $I_{i,a}$ ) is constant for all surfaces in the scene
  - Reflected ambient illumination ( $I_{r,a}$ ) depends only on the surface's ambient reflection coefficient ( $k_a$ ) and not its position or orientation
$$I_{r,a} = k_a I_{i,a}$$
- These quantities typically specified as (R, G, B) triples



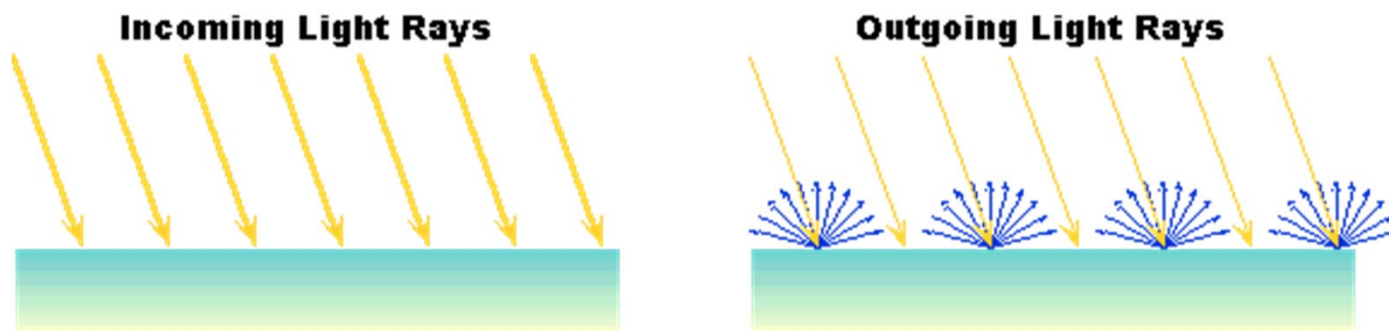


# Ideal Diffuse Reflection

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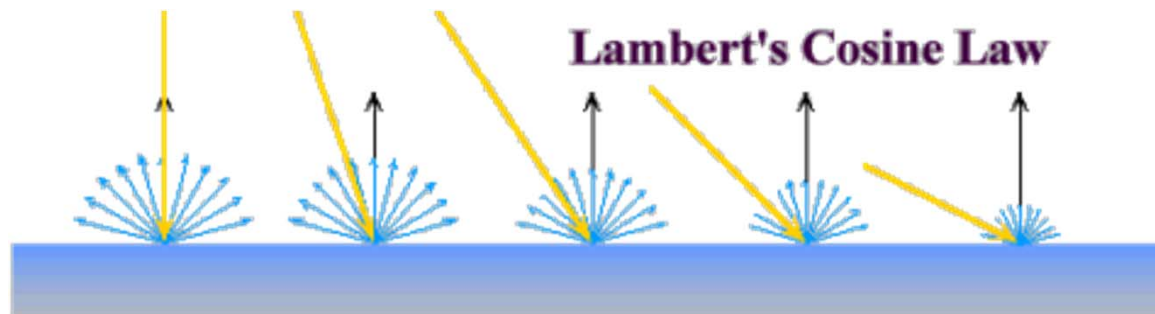
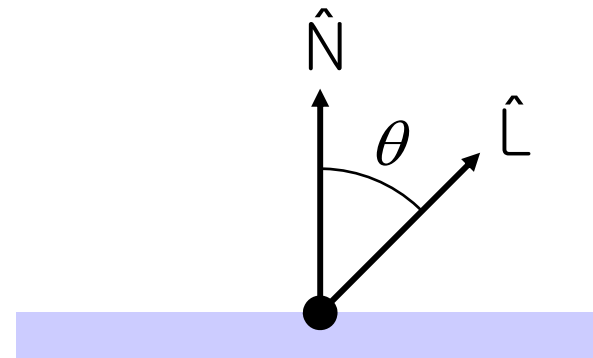
- Ideal diffuse reflectors (e.g., chalk)
  - Reflect uniformly over the hemisphere
  - Reflection is view-independent
  - Very rough at the microscopic level
- Follow Lambert's cosine law



# Lambert's Cosine Law

- The reflected energy from a small surface area from illumination arriving from direction  $\hat{L}$  is proportional to the cosine of the angle between  $\hat{L}$  and the surface normal

$$I_r \approx I_i \cos\theta$$
$$\approx I_i (\hat{N} \cdot \hat{L})$$



# Specular Reflection

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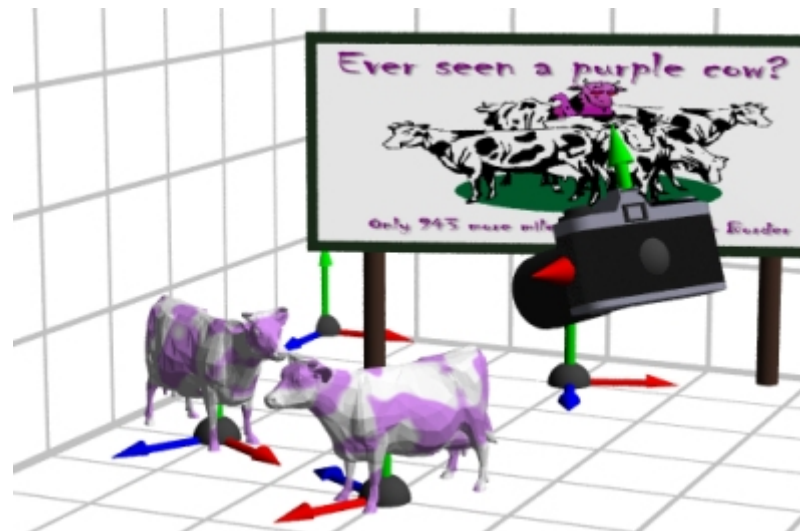
- Specular reflectors have a bright, view dependent highlight
  - E.g., polished metal, glossy car finish, a mirror
  - At the microscopic level a specular reflecting surface is very smooth
  - Specular reflection obeys **Snell's law**



# Viewing Transformations



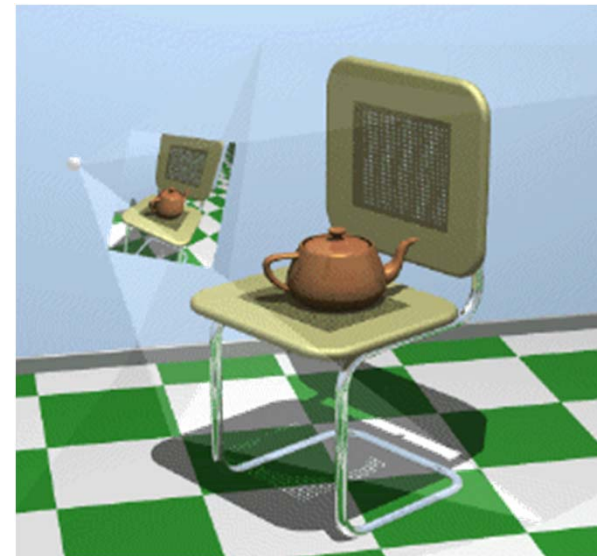
- Maps points from world space to **eye space**
  - Viewing position is transformed to the origin
  - Viewing direction is oriented along some axis



# Clipping and Projection



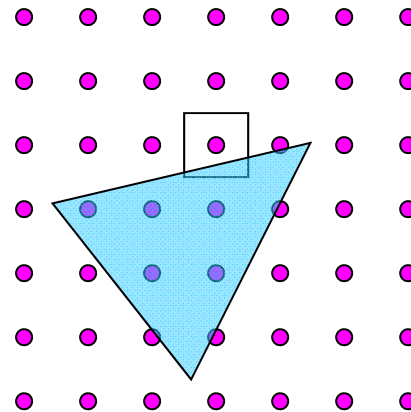
- We specify a volume called a *viewing frustum*
- Map the view frustum to the unit cube
- Clip objects against the view volume, thereby eliminating geometry not visible in the image
- Project objects into two-dimensions



# Rasterization and Display



- Transform to screen space
- Rasterization converts objects pixels



# Why we are using rasterization?

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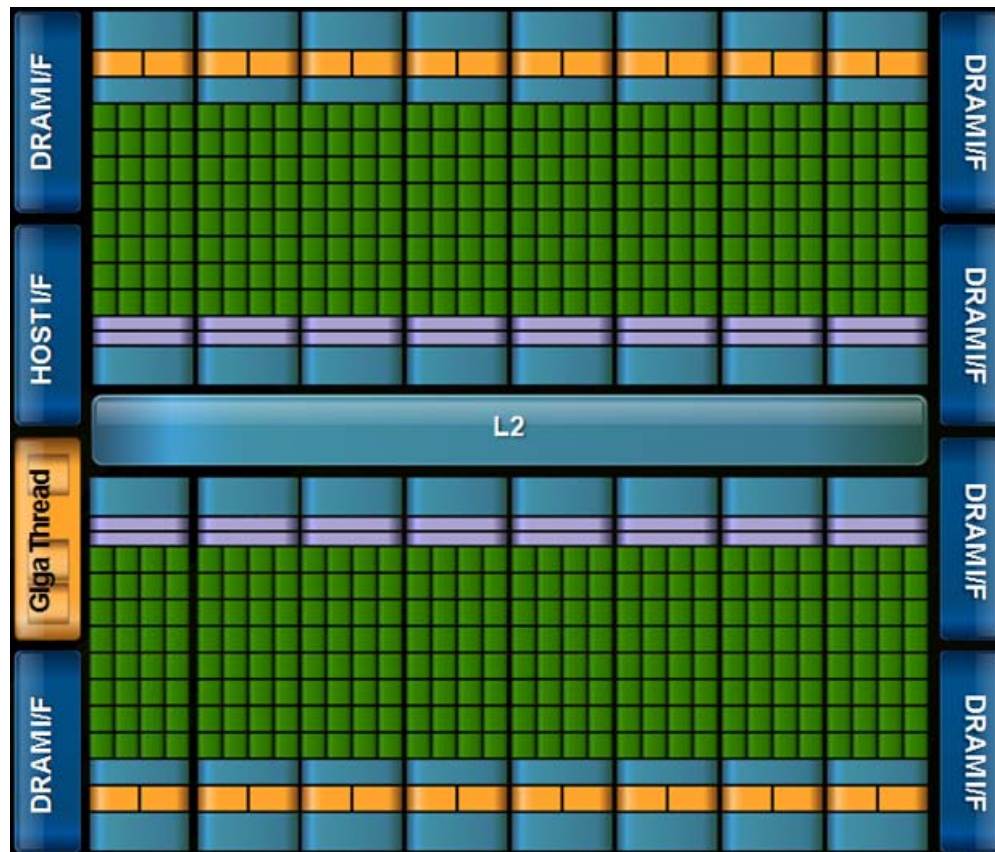
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- Efficiency
- Reasonably quality



# Fermi GPU Architecture

16 SM (streaming processors)



512 CUDA cores

Memory interfaces



# Where Rasterization Is

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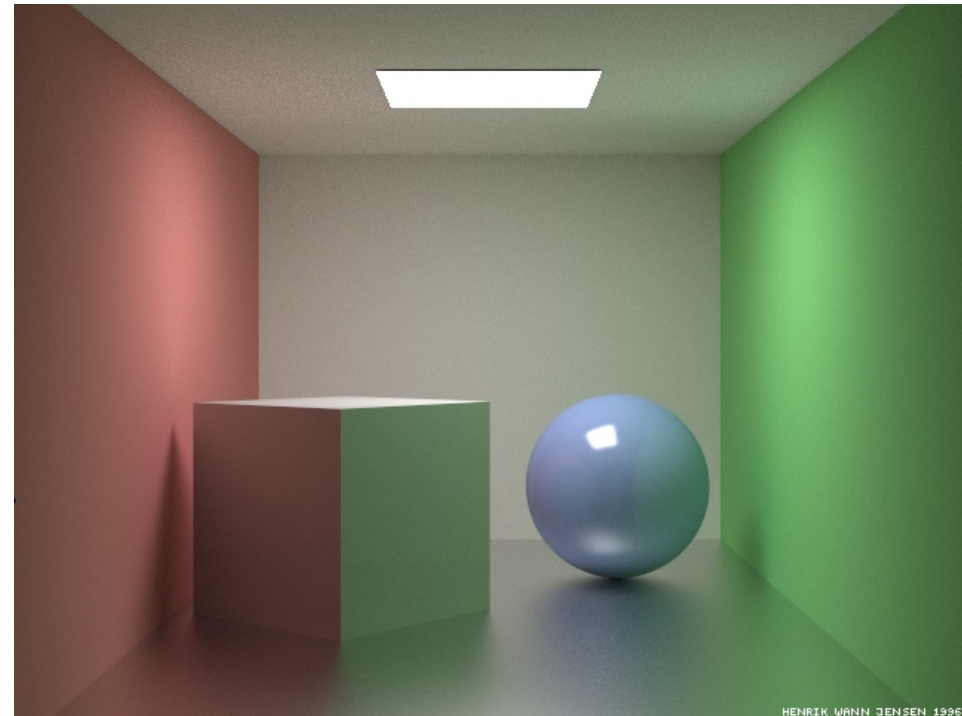
From Battlefield: Bad Company, EA Digital Illusions  
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# But what about other visual cues?

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- **Lighting**
  - Shadows
  - Shading: glossy, transparency
- **Color bleeding, etc.**
- **Generality**

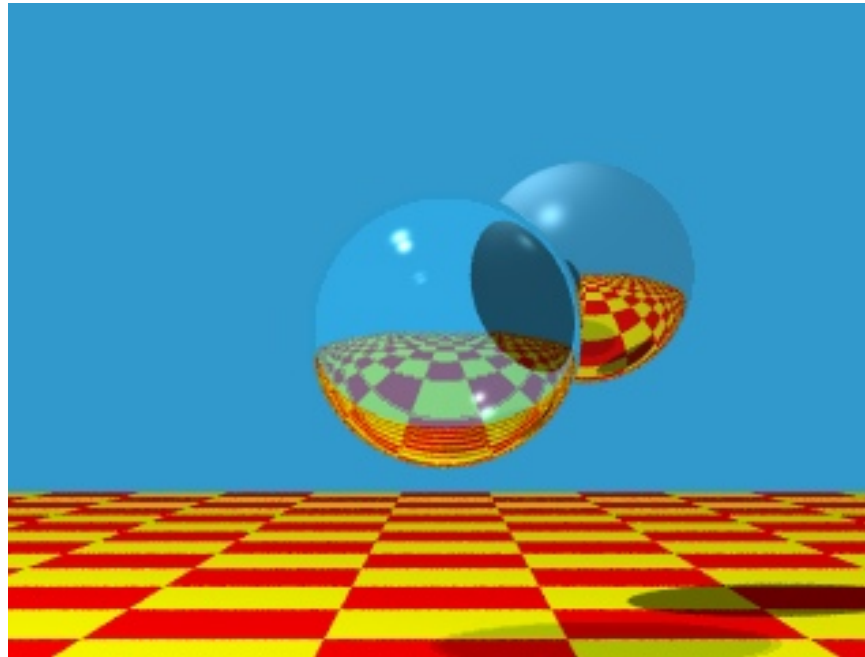


# Recursive Ray Casting

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- Gained popularity in when Turner Whitted (1980) recognized that *recursive* ray casting could be used for global illumination effects



# Any Questions?

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- **Come up with one question on what we have discussed in the class and submit at the end of the class**
  - 1 for already answered questions
  - 2 for typical questions
  - 3 for questions with thoughts
  - 4 for questions that surprised me

# Homework

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- **Go over the next lecture slides before the class**
- **Watch 2 SIGGRAPH videos and submit your summaries every Tue. class**
  - **Just one paragraph for each summary**

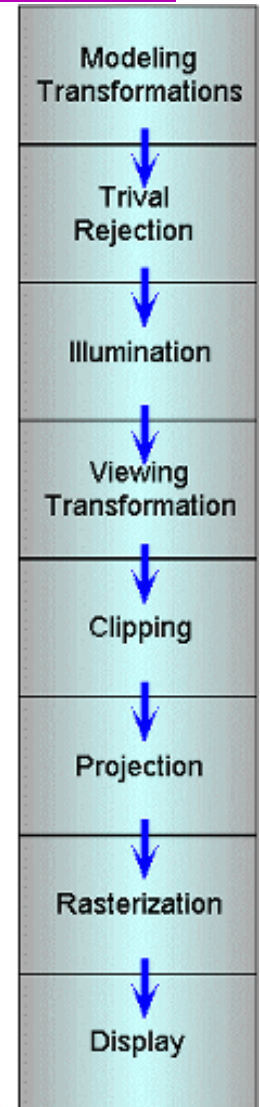
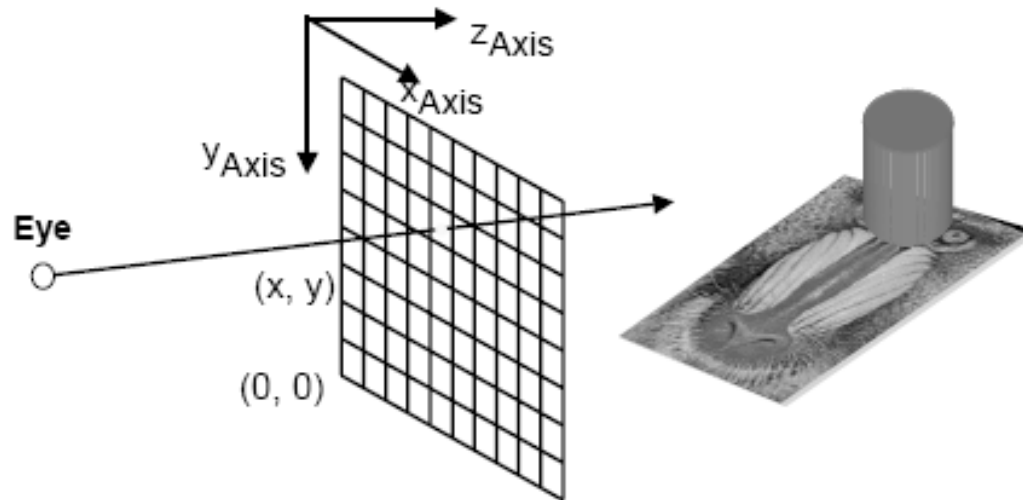
## **Example:**

**Title: XXX XXXX XXXX**

**Abstract: this video is about accelerating the performance of ray tracing. To achieve its goal, they design a new technique for reordering rays, since by doing so, they can improve the ray coherence and thus improve the overall performance.**

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# Next Time

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- Ray tracing