Computer Graphics Seminar

MTAT.03.305

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Organizational Information

- 16 seminars:
  - 4 introductory lectures
  - 6 student presentations
  - 4? special events
  - 1 ICS Day

- 1 project demos
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  Attendance: ~24h = 0.85 credits

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    - Create a presentation (40h 5h)
    - Practice the presentation (3h)
  Conducting: 1.5h = 0.05 credits
    - Implement a demo (28h)
What am I even doing here?
What do I see?
What about this one?
Or this one?
Or this one?
This one should be easy...
The Seminar

- Explore an interesting CG topic
The Seminar

- Tackle a difficult subject together
The Seminar

- Tell (teach) others about your discoveries
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Ninja Theory developer talking about atmospheric VFX in Hellblade: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdZ1s3FHTFI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdZ1s3FHTFI)
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John Carmack

Procedural generation by Andreas Sepp
What is this?
Post-Processing: Bloom effect

Need for Speed: Most Wanted

Elephant's Dream  
Hitman: Absolution

Warframe: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYHxhlvEyHk
Post-Processing: Bloom effect

Elder Scrolls 3: Oblivion
Back to the main track
How to find materials?
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- The Interwebs.
  - Examples of some quality web articles:
    - GTA V Graphics Study by Adrian Courreges http://www.adriancourreges.com/blog/2015/11/02/gta-v-graphics-study/
    - Article lists by Jendrik Illner https://www.jendrikillner.com/post/
  - Just Google and be critical about what you find!
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- The Interwebs.
- UT library databases.
  - https://utlib.ut.ee/andmebaasid
  - ACM SIGGRAPH
  - IEEE Transactions on Visualization and CG
  - IEEE Transactions on Games

Be critical here as well...
How to find materials?

- The Interwebs.
- UT library databases.
- Books.
  - Fundamentals of Computer Graphics
  - GPU Pro 1-7, GPU Zen
  - Many-many others...
## Conditions

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<th>First time student</th>
<th>Choose any CG-related topic you want!</th>
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<th>Returning student</th>
<th>Your topic should be related to several scientific articles or books.</th>
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- In either case, ensure you benefit from the topic!
- Can be the same that others have done before.
Previously...

PREVIOUSLY, ON SCRUBS...
Oh Wait, This Ain't Scrubs...
Texturing
Use Case: Ostriv
Procedural Generation
Rendering Many Units

View Frustum Culling
- Geometry outside of the view frustum is removed

Backface Culling
- Backfacing geometry is removed

Occlusion Culling
- Occluder
- Occludee
- Occluded geometry is removed from further processing

Images of leaves and textures.
Use Case: RoomAlive
Still confused?
World is a vast and mysterious place!

When you have a topic...

- Look for materials
- Investigate, research
- Find examples
- Try it out yourself
- Present your findings
- Engage others
  - Discussion
  - Interactive demo
  - Workshop
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Want to do projects?

- **Computer Graphics Project** (MTAT.03.316)
  - 3 credits course
  - Consists entirely of a project
  - Work on your own idea throughout the semester
  - Roughly 6h per every 2 weeks
I don't even know where to start!?

- There will be 3 introductory lectures about the basics.

- Check out the topics from Computer Graphics:
  
  https://courses.cs.ut.ee/2017/cg/fall

- Check out the topics from the previous seminar:
  
  https://courses.cs.ut.ee/2017/cg-sem/fall/Main/Seminars
  https://courses.cs.ut.ee/2018/cg-sem/spring/Main/Seminars

- Find some online tutorial and try it out.
Questions?
List of some arbitrary topics

1. **Color blending** – What happens when there are transparent objects in your scene?
2. **Lighting models** – What are the common models? Where and when are they used?
3. **Texturing** – How can one sample from a texture? What kinds of artefacts may appear?
4. **Curves** – Why are they important in CG? What about curved surfaces?
5. **Global illumination** – Pick one or compare different methods: Radiosity, path tracing, photon mapping.
6. **Realtime realistic rendering** – Provide an overview of the common methods or pick some effect (light, wetness, fog, fur / hair) and find out how it's rendered realistically in real time.
7. **Non-photorealistic rendering** – Where is it used and how is it achieved? Realtime vs prerendered?
8. **Tessellation** – How can this be done in OpenGL 4?
9. **Post-processing effects** – What effects are there? When and how are they used?
10. **Procedural generation** – Where and how is it used? How to apply procedural textures to procedurally generated meshes?
List of some other topics

11. Physically-Based Shading – What is it? Why is it important to understand physical properties of materials for shading? What games / game engines use it?

12. Rendering in VR – What extra considerations are in VR? How do different technologies overcome them?

13. Vulkan / WebGL 2.0 – What is it for? Why is it useful? How to Vulkan / WebGL 2.0?

14. Subsurface scattering – What is it? How it is implemented? What does it solve?

15. Reflections and caustics – What are the modern techniques, which do those?

16. GLSL vs HLSL – What are the differences? How are both used?

17. Use case study – Find out in detail how graphics are done in one game or movie.

18. Motion capture – What are the difficulties today? Best budget setup for it?

19. Modern GPU architecture – How are GPU-s built today? What are they optimized for?

20. Graphics on consoles / smartphones – What limitations are there in consoles or embedded systems vs the PC? How to overcome them compared to the PC approach?