

# Computer Graphics (4731)

## Lecture 19: Texturing

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# The Limits of Geometric Modeling

- Although graphics cards can render over 10 million polygons per second
- Many phenomena even more detailed
  - Clouds
  - Grass
  - Terrain
  - Skin
- Images: Computationally inexpensive way to add details

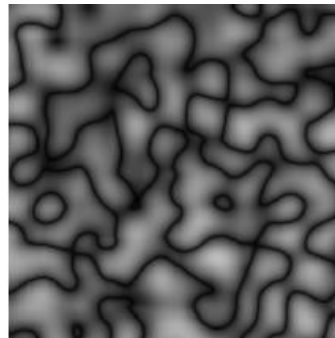
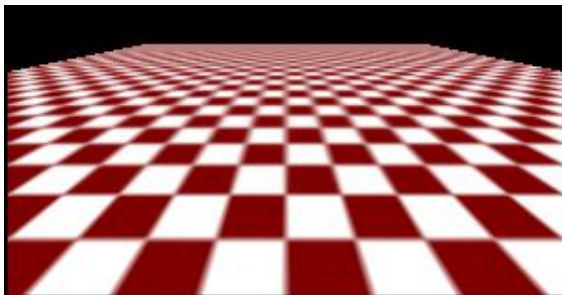


Image complexity does not affect the complexity of geometry processing (transformation, clipping...)

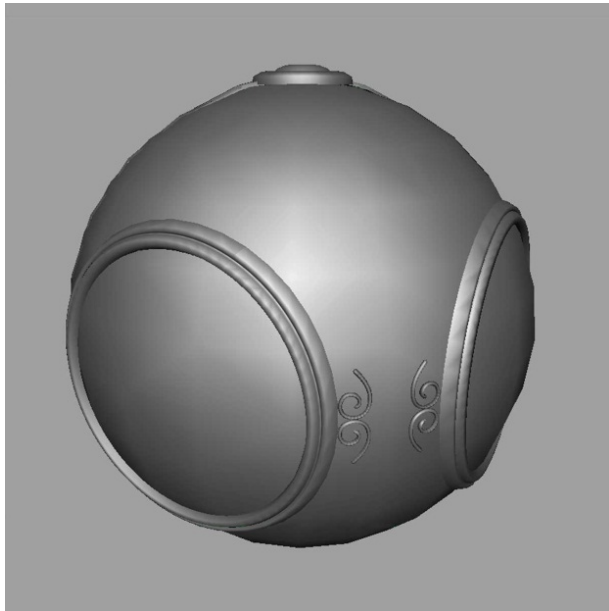


# Textures in Games

- Everthing is a texture except foreground characters that require interaction
- Even details on foreground texture (e.g. clothes) is texture



# Types of Texturing

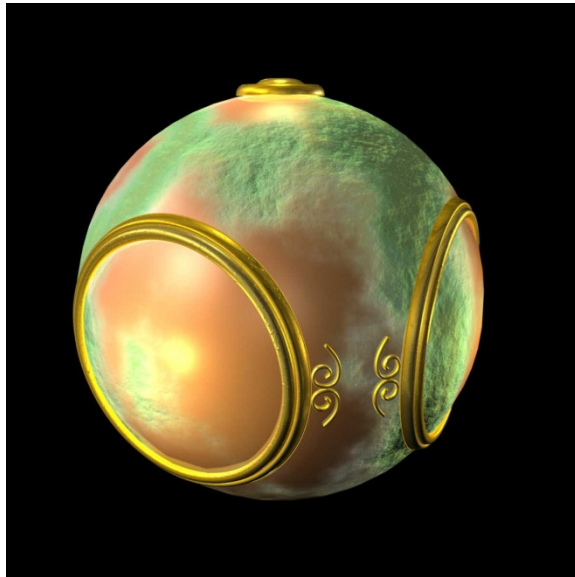


**1. geometric model**



**2. texture mapped  
Paste image (marble)  
onto polygon**

# Types of Texturing



**3. Bump mapping**  
Simulate surface roughness  
(dimples)

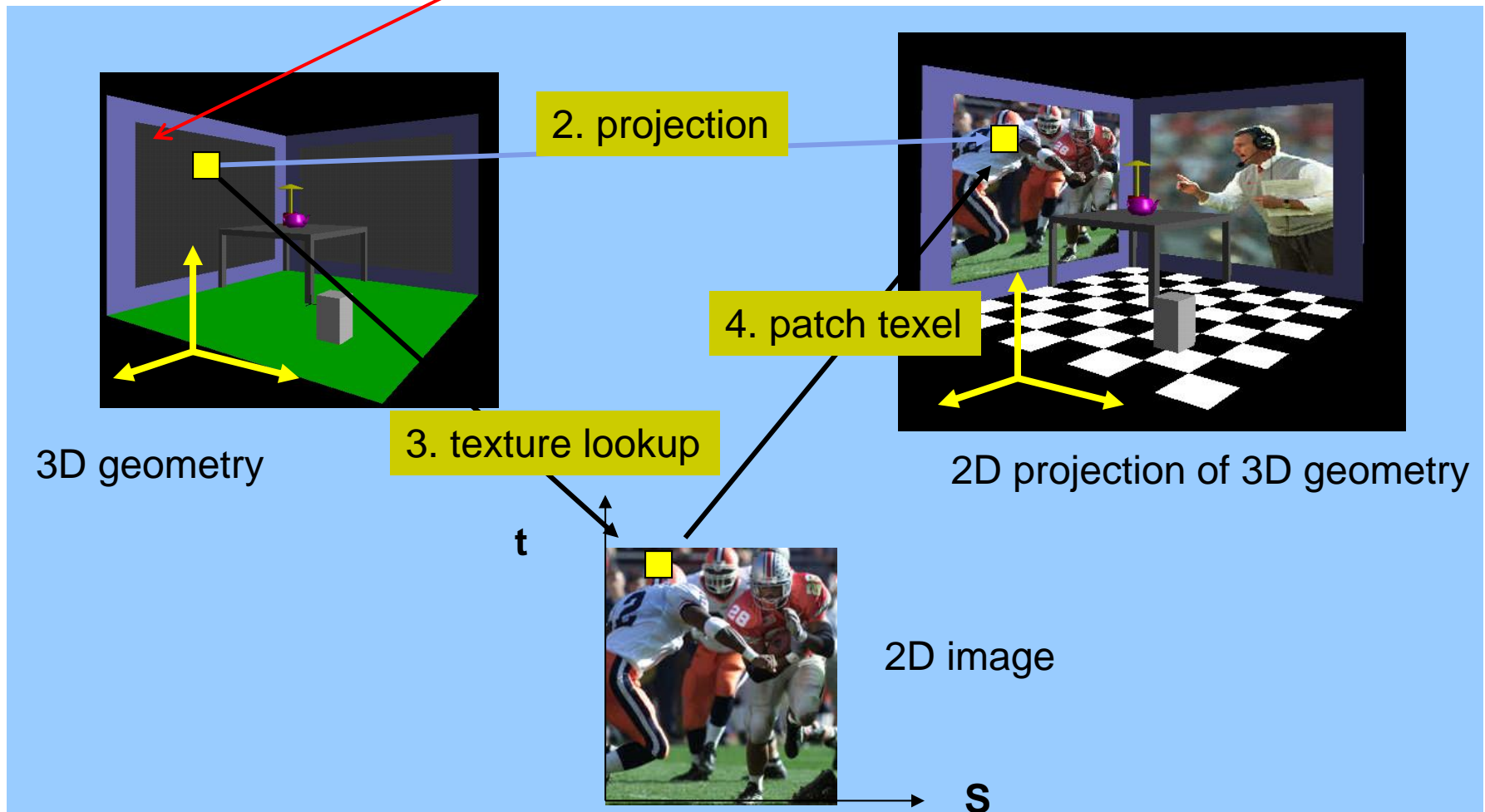


**4. Environment mapping**  
Picture of sky/environment  
over object



# Texture Mapping

1. Define texture position on geometry

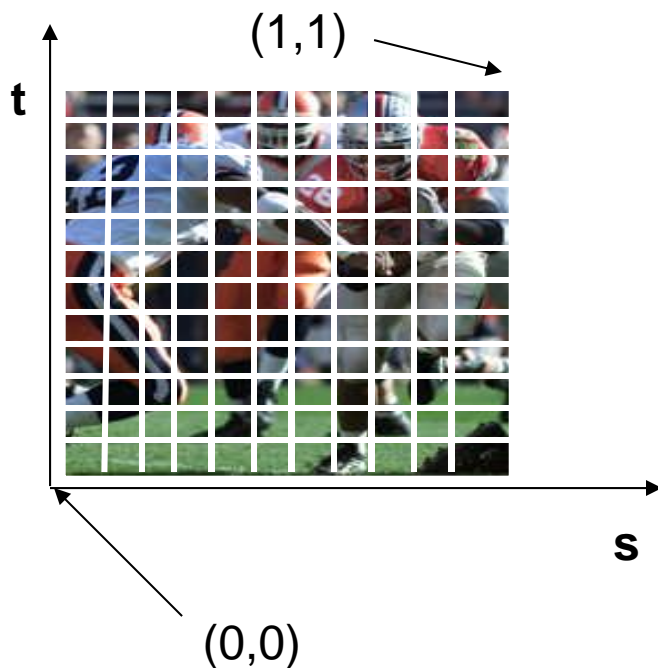






# Texture Representation

- ✓ Bitmap (pixel map) textures: images (jpg, bmp, etc) loaded
- Procedural textures: E.g. fractal picture generated in .cpp file
- Textures applied in shaders



Bitmap texture:

- 2D image - 2D array **texture[height][width]**
- Each element (or **texel** ) has coordinate (s, t)
- s and t normalized to [0,1] range
- Any (s,t) => [red, green, blue] color

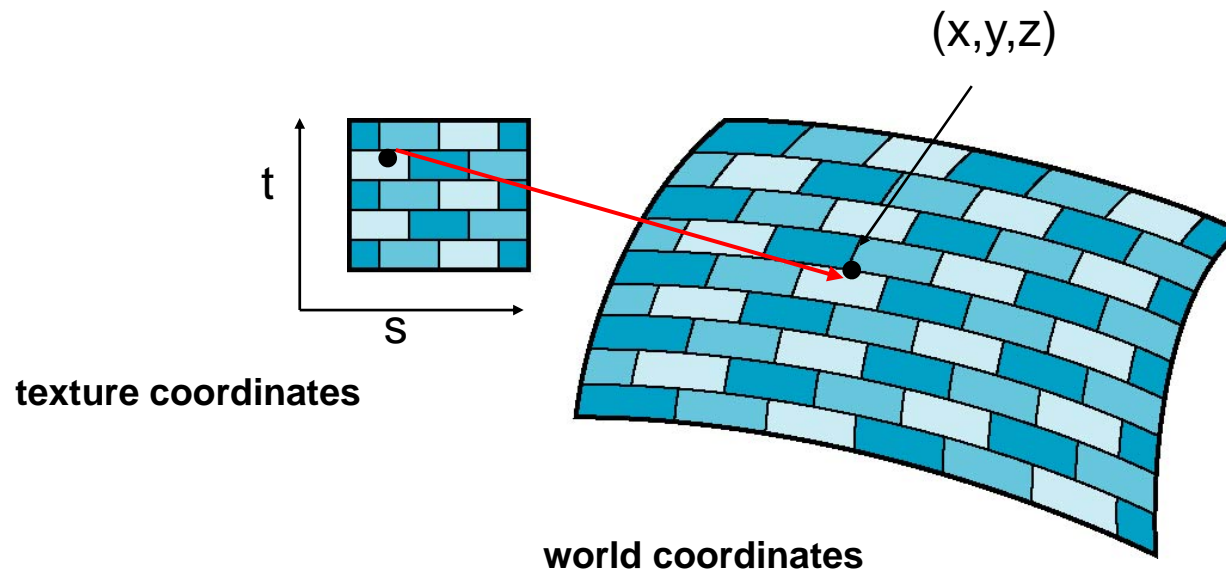


# Texture Mapping

- Map? Each  $(x,y,z)$  point on object, has corresponding  $(s, t)$  point in texture

$$s = s(x,y,z)$$

$$t = t(x,y,z)$$







## 6 Main Steps to Apply Texture

1. Create texture object
2. Specify the texture
  - Read or generate image
  - assign to texture (hardware) unit
  - enable texturing (turn on)
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# Step 1: Create Texture Object

- OpenGL has **texture objects** (multiple objects possible)
  - 1 object stores 1 texture image + texture parameters
- First set up texture object

```
GLuint mytex[1];  
glGenTextures(1, mytex); // Get texture identifier  
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, mytex[0]); // Form new texture object
```

- Subsequent texture functions use this object
- Another call to **glBindTexture** with new name starts new texture object



## Step 2: Specifying a Texture Image

- Define input picture to paste onto geometry
- Define texture image as array of *texels* in CPU memory  
`Glubyte my_texels[512][512][3];`
- Read in scanned images (jpeg, png, bmp, etc files)
  - If uncompressed (e.g. bitmap): read into array from disk
  - If compressed (e.g. jpeg), use third party libraries (e.g. Qt, devil) to uncompress + load

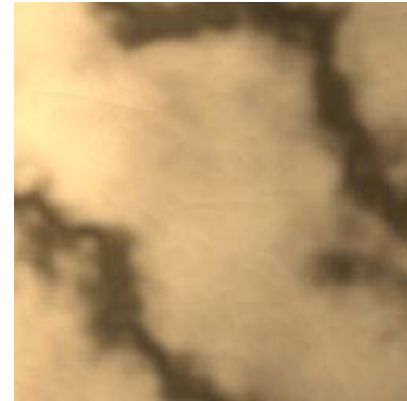
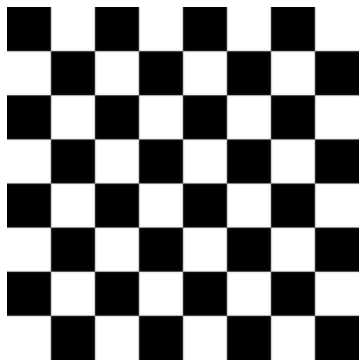


← bmp, jpeg, png, etc



## Step 2: Specifying a Texture Image

- Procedural texture: generate pattern in application code



- Enable texture mapping
  - `glEnable(GL_TEXTURE_2D)`
  - OpenGL supports 1-4 dimensional texture maps



# Specify Image as a Texture

**Tell OpenGL:** this image is a texture!!

```
glTexImage2D( target, level, components,  
             w, h, border, format, type, texels );
```

**target:** type of texture, e.g. `GL_TEXTURE_2D`

**level:** used for mipmapping (0: highest resolution. More later)

**components:** elements per texel

**w, h:** width and height of `texels` in pixels

**border:** used for smoothing (discussed later)

**format, type:** describe texels

**texels:** pointer to texel array

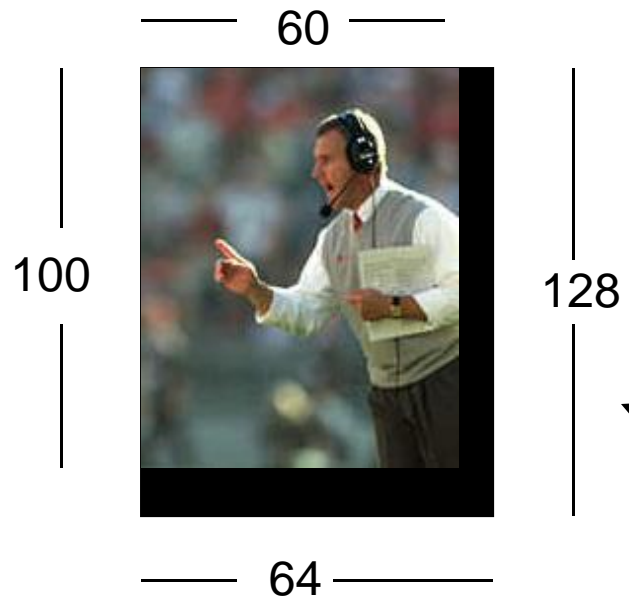
Example:

```
glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, 0, 3, 512, 512, 0, GL_RGB,  
            GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE, my_texels);
```



# Fix texture size

- OpenGL textures must be power of 2
- If texture dimensions not power of 2, either
  - 1) Pad zeros
  - 2) Scale the Image



Remember to adjust target polygon corners  
– don't want black texels in your final picture





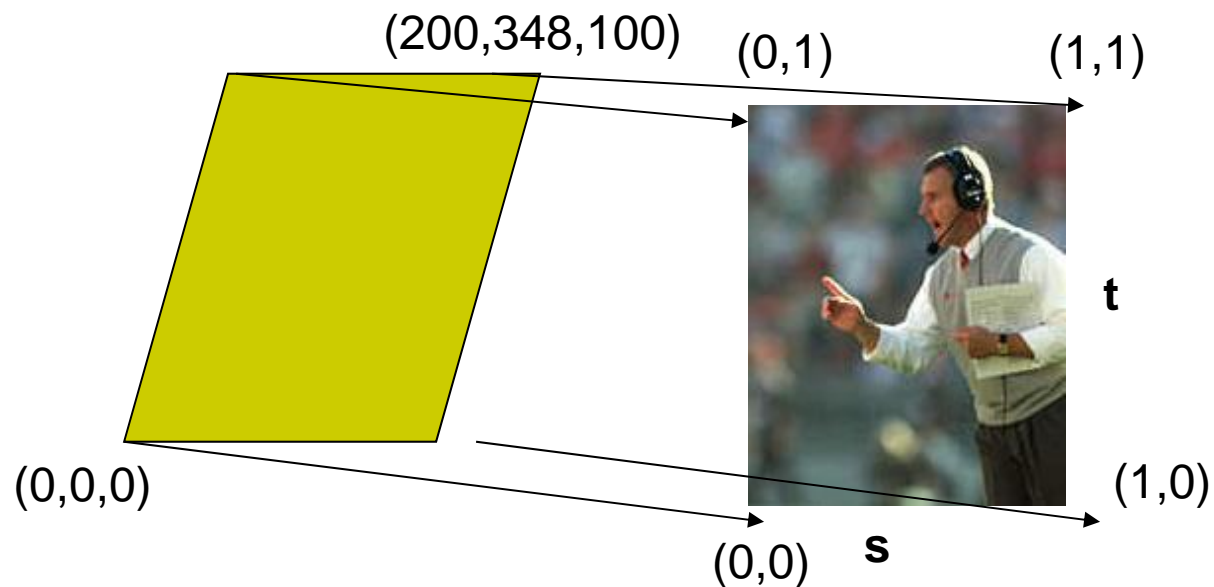
## 6 Main Steps. **Where are we?**

1. Create texture object
2. Specify the texture
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  - assign to texture (hardware) unit
  - enable texturing (turn on)
3. **Assign texture (corners) to Object corners**
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## Step 3: Assign Object Corners to Texture Corners

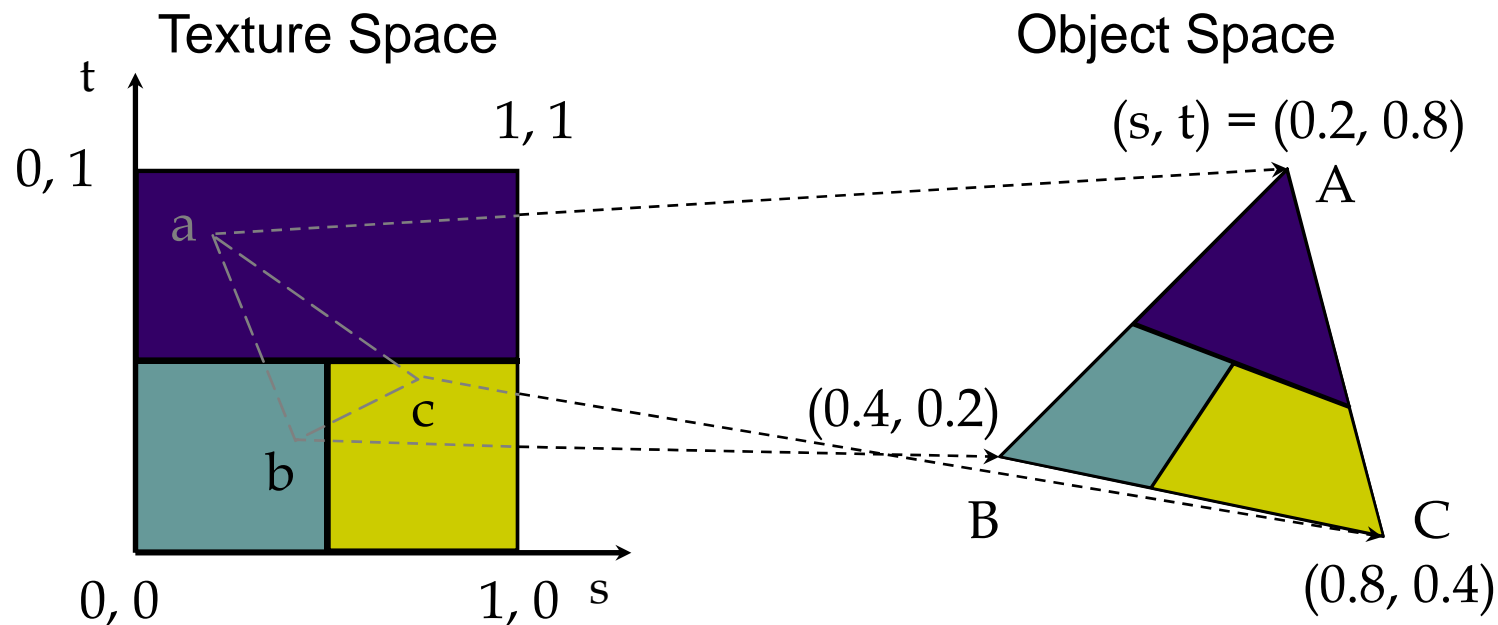
- Each object corner  $(x,y,z) \Rightarrow$  image corner  $(s, t)$ 
  - E.g. object  $(200,348,100) \Rightarrow (1,1)$  in image
- Programmer establishes this mapping
- Target polygon can be any size/shape





## Step 3: Assigning Texture Coordinates

- After specifying corners, interior (s,t) ranges also mapped
- Example? Corners mapped below, abc subrange also mapped

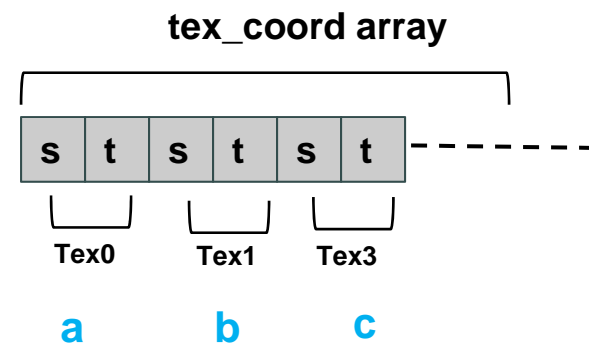
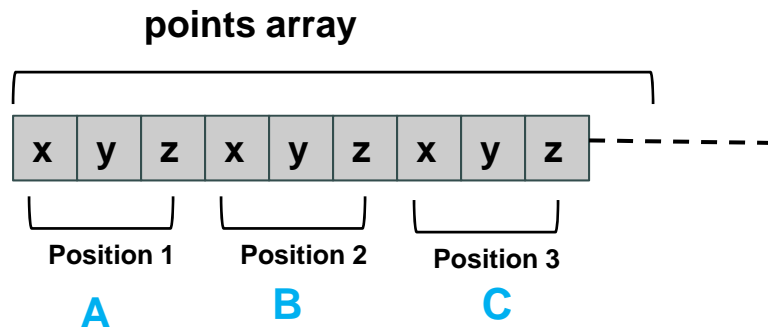




## Step 3: Code for Assigning Texture Coordinates

- **Example:** Trying to map a picture to a quad
- For each quad corner (vertex), specify
  - Vertex  $(x,y,z)$ ,
  - Corresponding corner of texture  $(s, t)$
- May generate array of vertices + array of texture coordinates

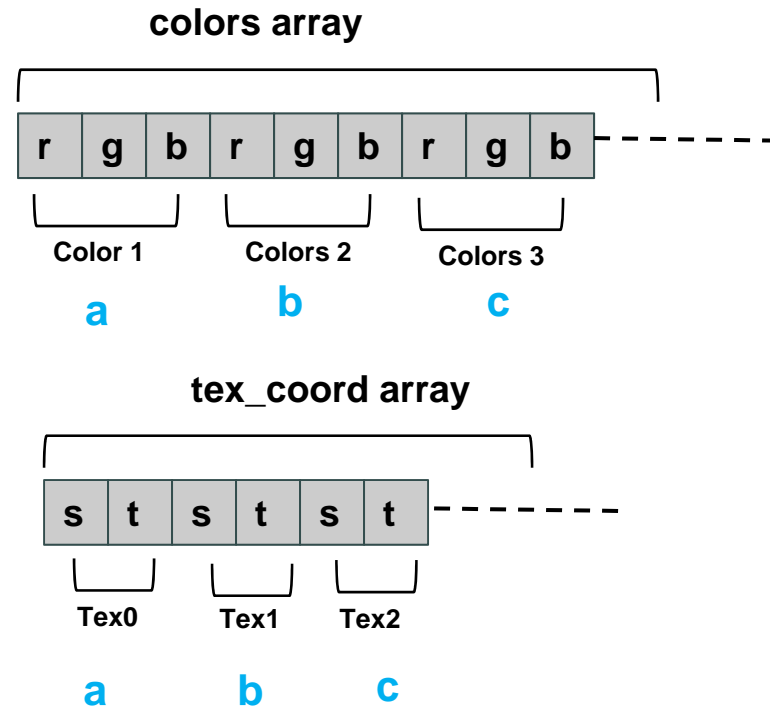
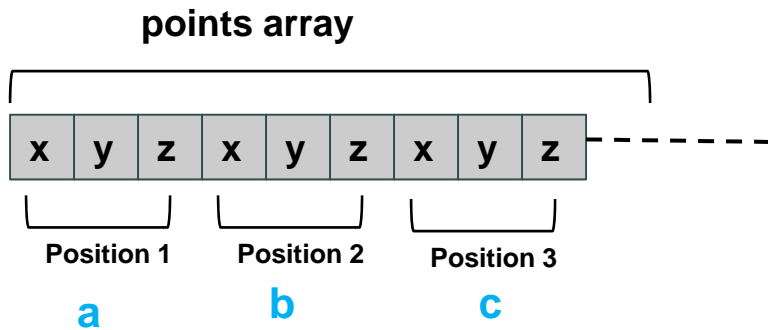
```
points[i] = point3(2,4,6);  
tex_coord[i] = point2(0.0, 1.0);
```



# Step 3: Code for Assigning Texture Coordinates



```
void quad( int a, int b, int c, int d )
{
    quad_colors[Index] = colors[a]; // specify vertex color
    points[Index] = vertices[a]; // specify vertex position
    tex_coords[Index] = vec2( 0.0, 0.0 ); //specify corresponding texture corner
    index++;
    quad_colors[Index] = colors[b];
    points[Index] = vertices[b];
    tex_coords[Index] = vec2( 0.0, 1.0 );
    Index++;
// other vertices
}
```





## Step 5: Passing Texture to Shader

- Pass vertex, texture coordinate data as vertex array
- Set texture unit

```
offset = 0;
GLuint vPosition = glGetAttribLocation( program, "vPosition" );
glEnableVertexAttribArray( vPosition );
glVertexAttribPointer( vPosition, 4, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE,
    0, BUFFER_OFFSET(offset) );

offset += sizeof(points);
GLuint vTexCoord = glGetAttribLocation( program, "vTexCoord" );
glEnableVertexAttribArray( vTexCoord );
glVertexAttribPointer( vTexCoord, 2, GL_FLOAT,
    GL_FALSE, 0, BUFFER_OFFSET(offset) );

// Set the value of the fragment shader texture sampler variable
// ("texture") to the appropriate texture unit.

glUniform1i( glGetUniformLocation(program, "texture"), 0 );
```

Variable names  
in shader





# Step 6: Apply Texture in Shader (Vertex Shader)



- Vertex shader receives data, output texture coordinates to fragment shader

```
in vec4 vPosition; //vertex position in object coordinates  
in vec4 vColor; //vertex color from application  
in vec2 vTexCoord; //texture coordinate from application
```

```
out vec4 color; //output color to be interpolated  
out vec2 texCoord; //output tex coordinate to be interpolated
```

```
texCoord = vTexCoord  
color = vColor  
gl_Position = modelview * projection * vPosition
```

# Step 6: Apply Texture in Shader (Fragment Shader)



- Textures applied in fragment shader
- Samplers return a texture color from a texture object

```
in vec4 color; //color from rasterizer  
in vec2 texCoord; //texture coordinate from rasterizer  
uniform sampler2D texture; //texture object from application
```

```
void main() {  
    gl_FragColor = color * texture2D( texture, texCoord );  
}
```

**Output color  
Of fragment**

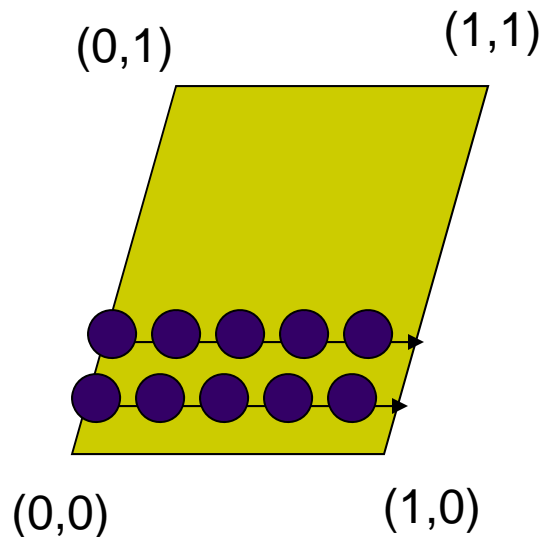
**Original color  
of object**

**Lookup color of  
texCoord (s,t) in texture**

# Map textures to surfaces



- Texture mapping is performed in rasterization

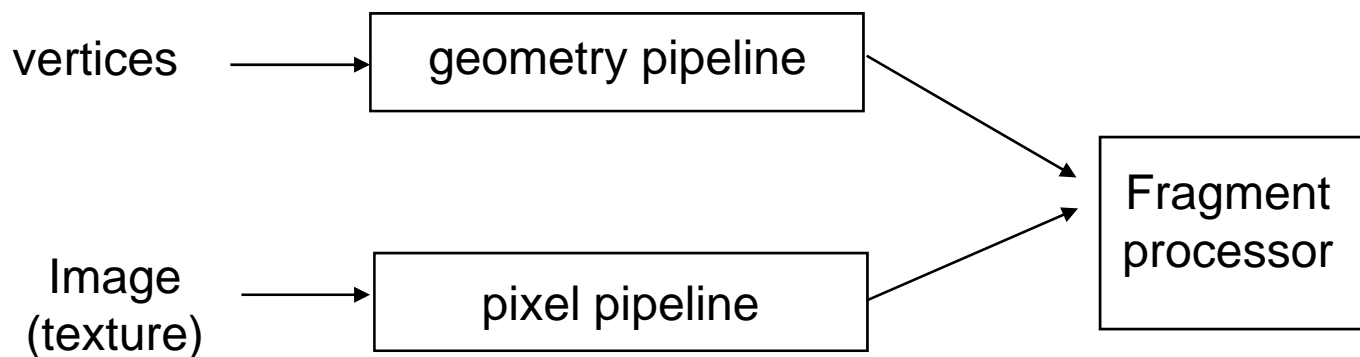


- For each pixel, its texture coordinates  $(s, t)$  interpolated based on corners' texture coordinates (why not just interpolate the color?)
- The interpolated texture  $(s, t)$  coordinates are then used to perform texture lookup

# Texture Mapping and the OpenGL Pipeline



- Images and geometry flow through separate pipelines that join during fragment processing
  - Object geometry: geometry pipeline
  - Image: pixel pipeline
  - “complex” textures do not affect geometric complexity





## 6 Main Steps to Apply Texture

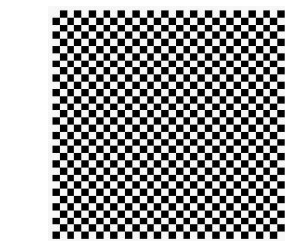
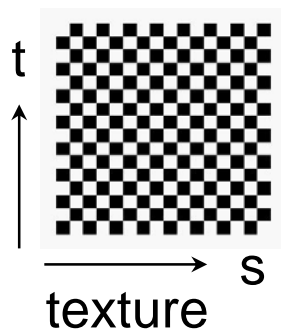
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- still haven't talked about setting texture parameters



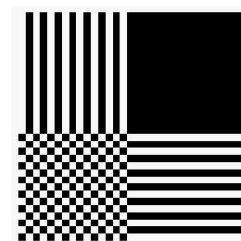
## Step 4: Specify Texture Parameters

- Texture parameters control how texture is applied
  - **Wrapping parameters** used if  $s, t$  outside  $(0,1)$  range
    - Clamping:** if  $s, t > 1$  use 1, if  $s, t < 0$  use 0
    - Wrapping:** use  $s, t$  modulo 1

```
glTexParameteri( GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_S, GL_CLAMP )  
glTexParameteri( GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_TEXTURE_WRAP_T, GL_REPEAT )
```



GL\_REPEAT



GL\_CLAMP



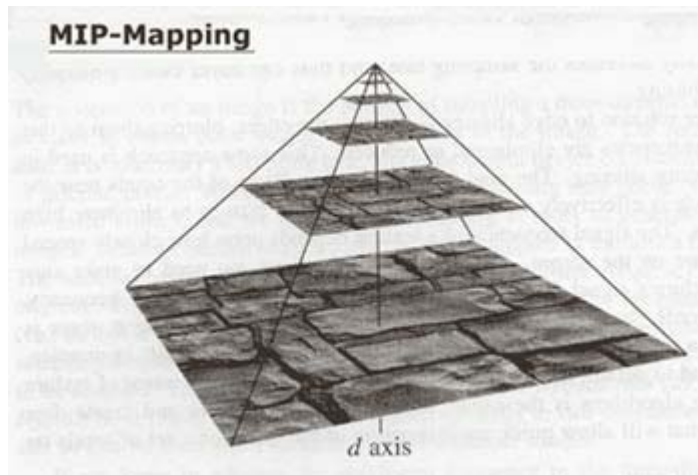
# Step 4: Specify Texture Parameters

## Mipmapped Textures



- **Mipmapping** pre-generates prefiltered (averaged) texture maps of decreasing resolutions
- Declare mipmap level during texture definition

```
glTexImage2D( GL_TEXTURE_*D, level, ... )
```





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