

# Computer Graphics (CS 4731)

## Lecture 7: Building 3D Models

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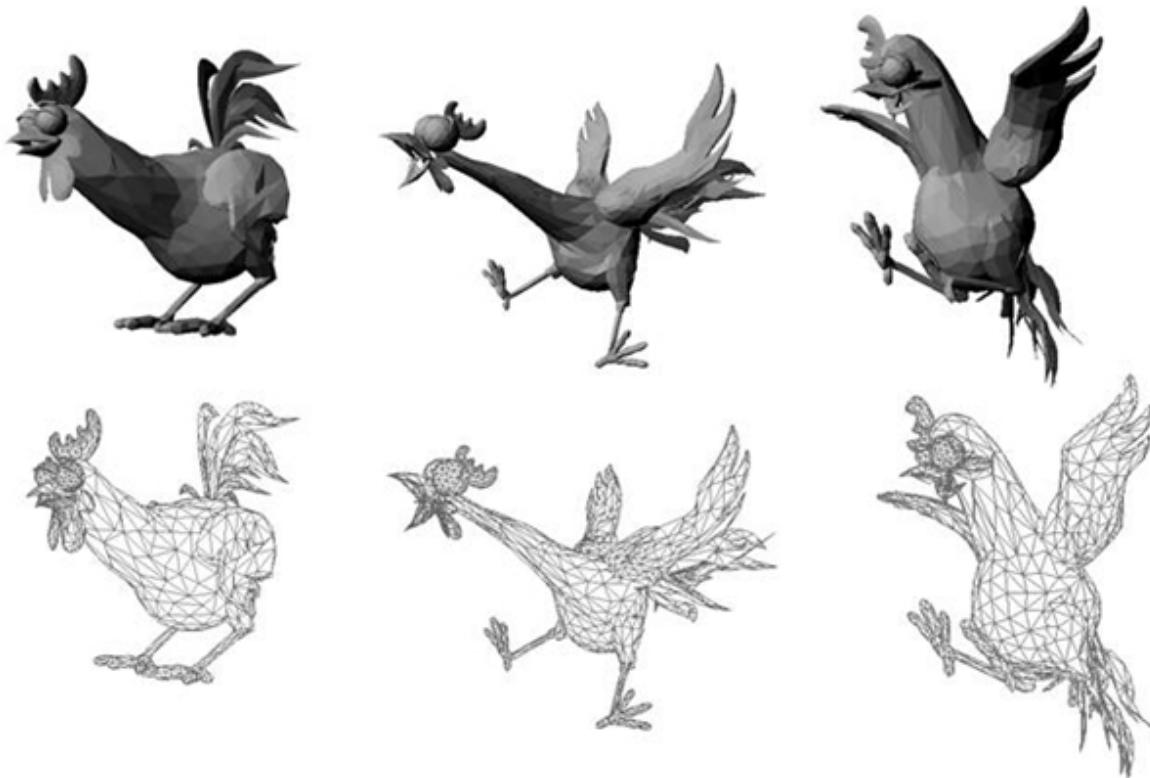
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# 3D Applications

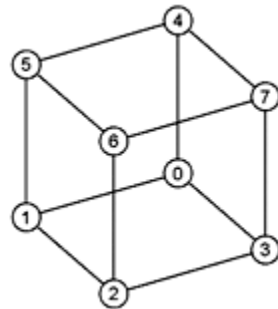
- 2D points:  $(x,y)$  coordinates
- 3D points: have  $(x,y,z)$  coordinates





# Setting up 3D Applications

- Programming 3D similar to 2D
  1. Load representation of 3D object into data structure



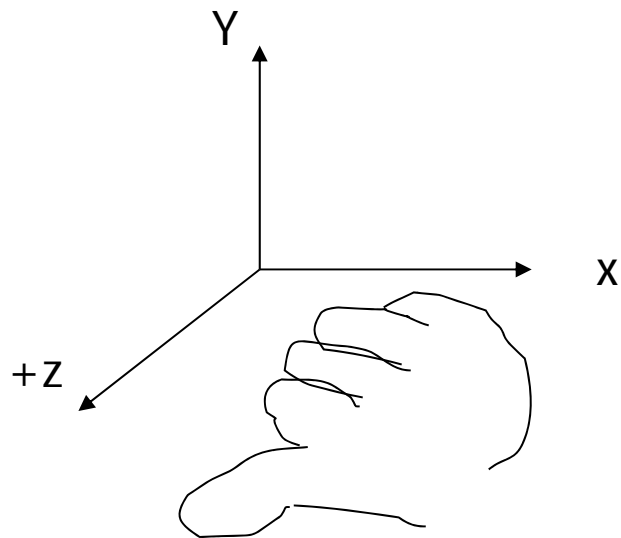
Each vertex has  $(x,y,z)$  coordinates.  
Store as **vec3**, **glUniform3f** **NOT** **vec2**

2. Draw 3D object
3. **Set up Hidden surface removal:** Correctly determine order in which primitives (triangles, faces) are rendered (e.g Blocked faces **NOT** drawn)

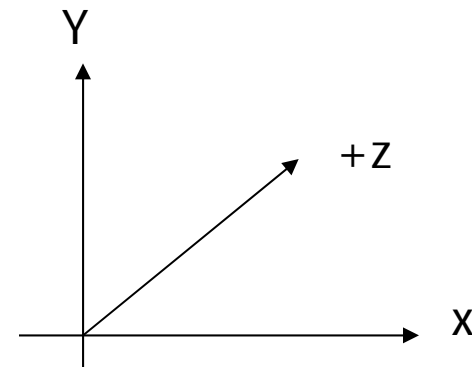


# 3D Coordinate Systems

- Vertex (x,y,z) positions specified on coordinate system
- OpenGL uses **right hand coordinate system**



**Right hand coordinate system**  
Tip: sweep fingers x-y: thumb is z

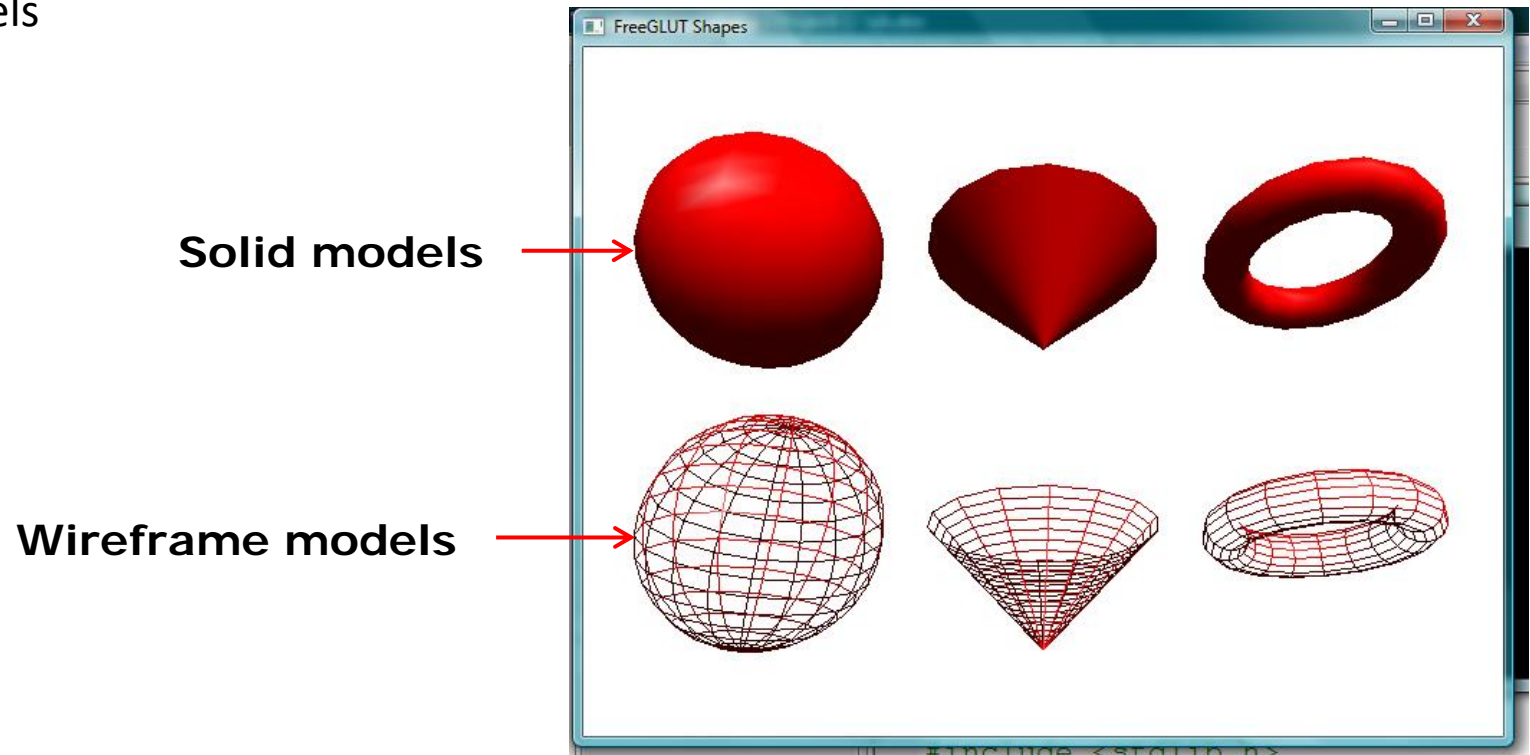


**Left hand coordinate system**  
•Not used in OpenGL



# Generating 3D Models: GLUT Models

- Make GLUT 3D calls in **OpenGL program** to generate vertices describing different shapes (Restrictive?)
- Two types of GLUT models:
  - Wireframe Models
  - Solid Models

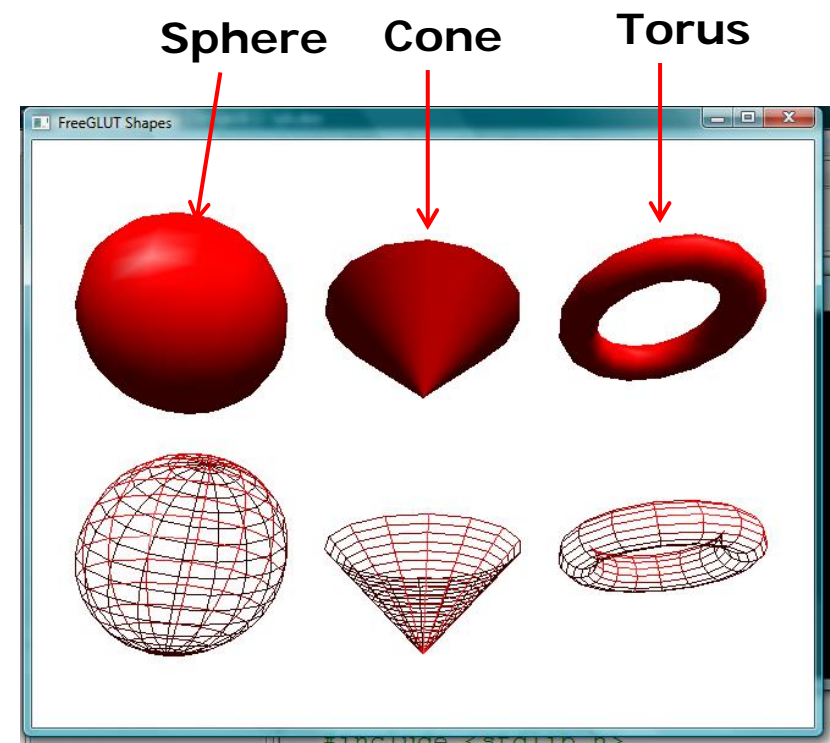
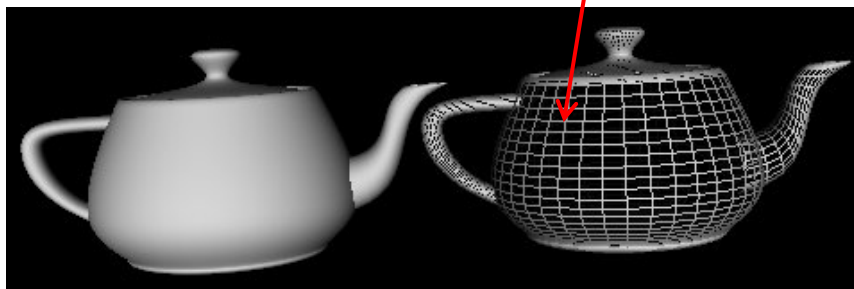




# 3D Modeling: GLUT Models

- Basic Shapes
  - **Cone:** `glutWireCone( )`, `glutSolidCone( )`
  - **Sphere:** `glutWireSphere( )`, `glutSolidSphere( )`
  - **Cube:** `glutWireCube( )`, `glutSolidCube( )`
- More advanced shapes:
  - Newell Teapot: (symbolic)
  - Dodecahedron, Torus

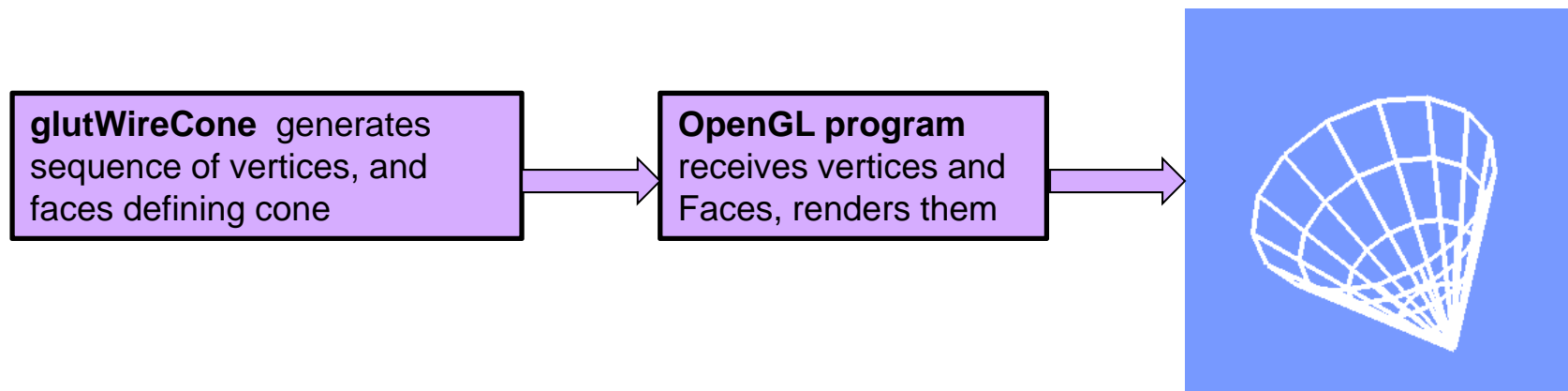
Newell Teapot





# 3D Modeling: GLUT Models

- Glut functions under the hood
  - generate sequence of points that define a shape
  - Generated vertices and faces passed to OpenGL for rendering
- **Example:** `glutWireCone` generates sequence of vertices, and faces defining `cone` and connectivity

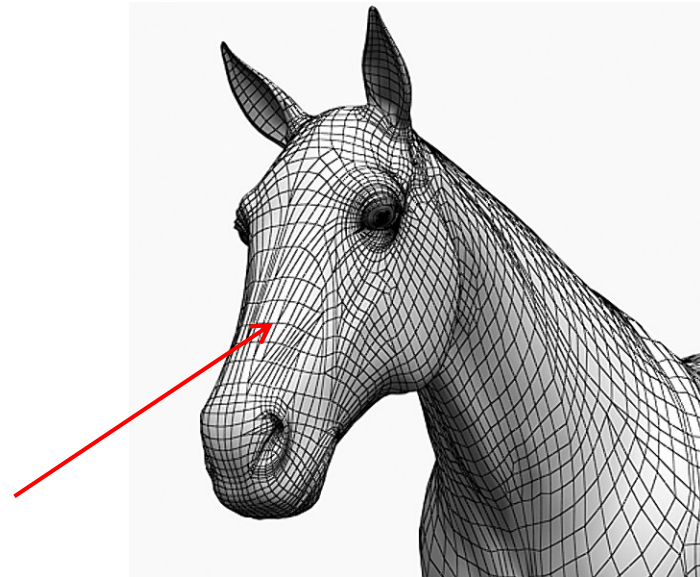




# Polygonal Meshes

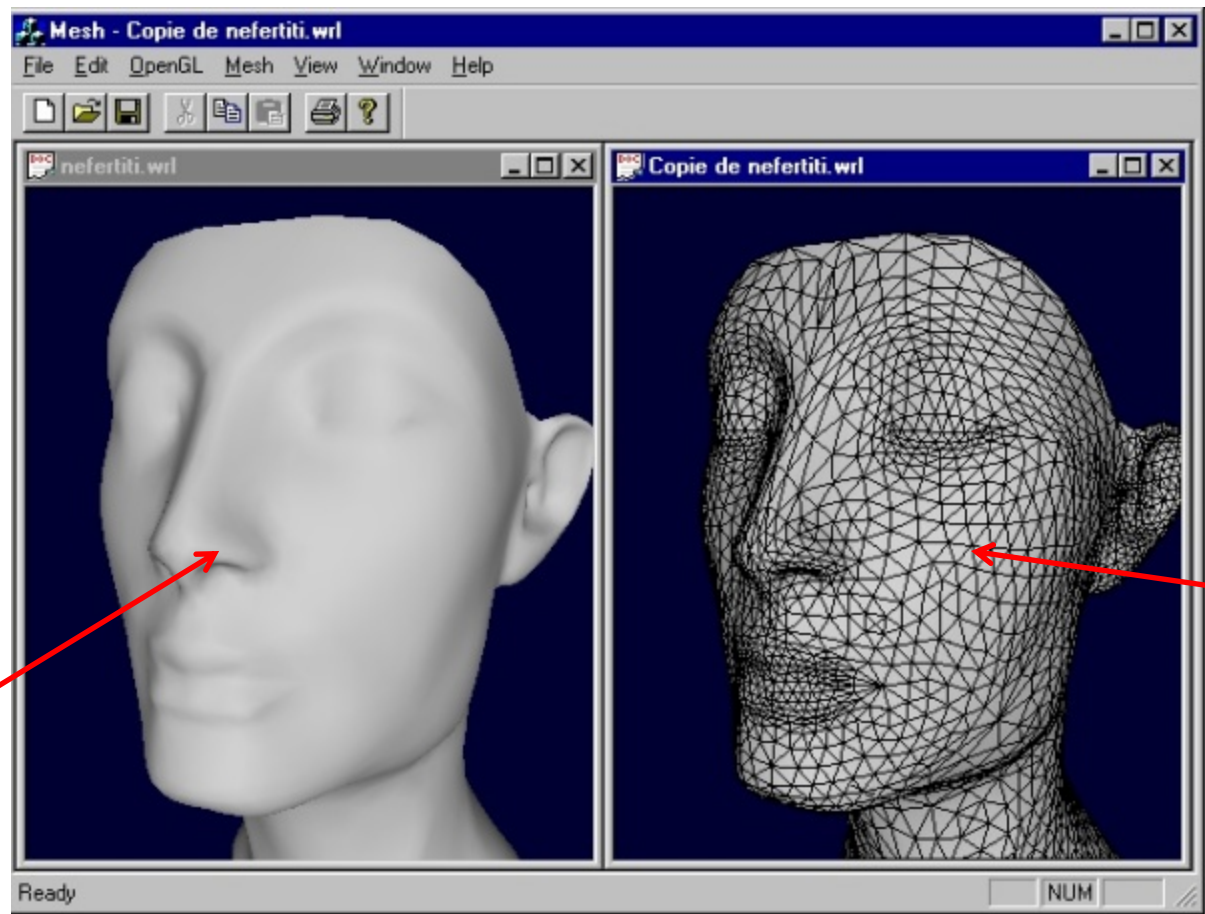
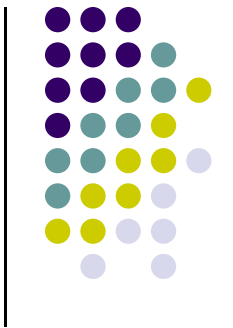
- Modeling with GLUT shapes (cube, sphere, etc) too restrictive
- Difficult to approach realism. E.g. model a horse
- Preferred way is using polygonal meshes:
  - Collection of polygons, or faces, that form “skin” of object
  - More flexible, represents complex surfaces better
  - Examples:
    - Human face
    - Animal structures
    - Furniture, etc

**Each face of mesh  
is a polygon**





# Polygonal Mesh Example



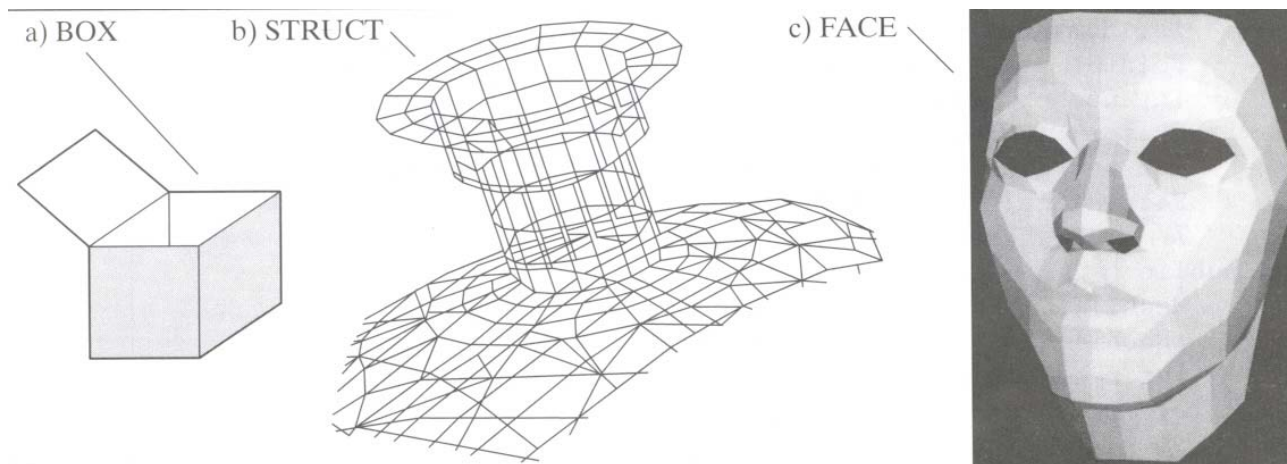
Smoothed  
Out with  
Shading  
(later)

Mesh  
(wireframe)

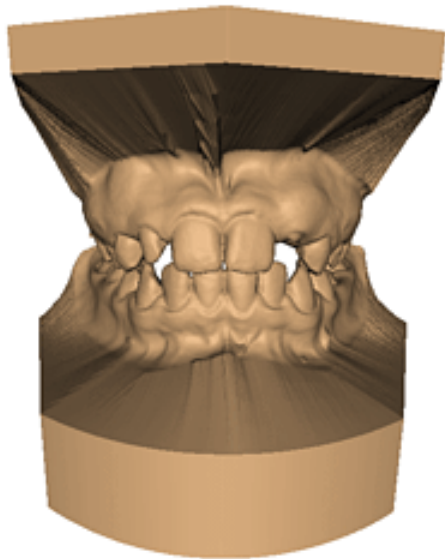


# Polygonal Meshes

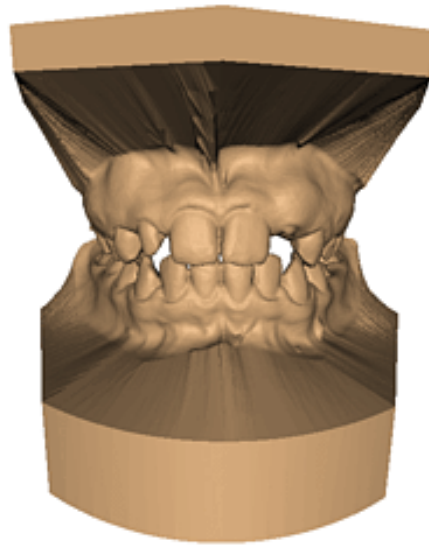
- Meshes now standard in graphics
- OpenGL
  - Good at drawing polygons, triangles
  - Mesh = sequence of polygons forming thin skin around object
- Simple meshes exact. (e.g barn)
- Complex meshes approximate (e.g. human face)



# Meshes at Different Resolutions



**Original: 424,000  
triangles**



**60,000 triangles  
(14%).**



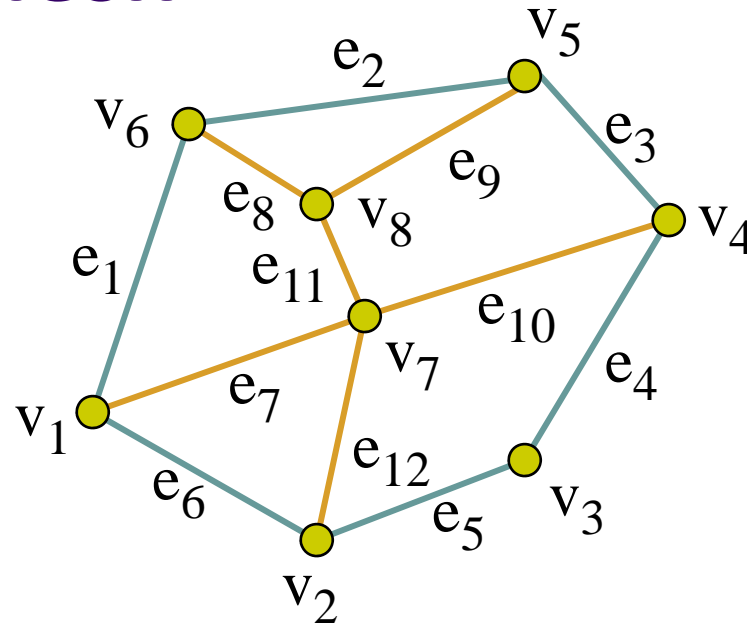
**1000 triangles  
(0.2%)**

**(courtesy of Michael Garland and Data courtesy of Iris Development.)**



# Representing a Mesh

- Consider a mesh



- There are 8 vertices and 12 edges
  - 5 interior polygons
  - 6 interior (shared) edges (shown in orange)
- Each vertex has a location  $v_i = (x_i \ y_i \ z_i)$



# Simple Representation

- Define each polygon by (x,y,z) locations of its vertices
- OpenGL code

```
vertex[i]    = vec3(x1, y1, z1);  
vertex[i+1]  = vec3(x6, y6, z6);  
vertex[i+2]  = vec3(x7, y7, z7);  
i+=3;
```

# Issues with Simple Representation

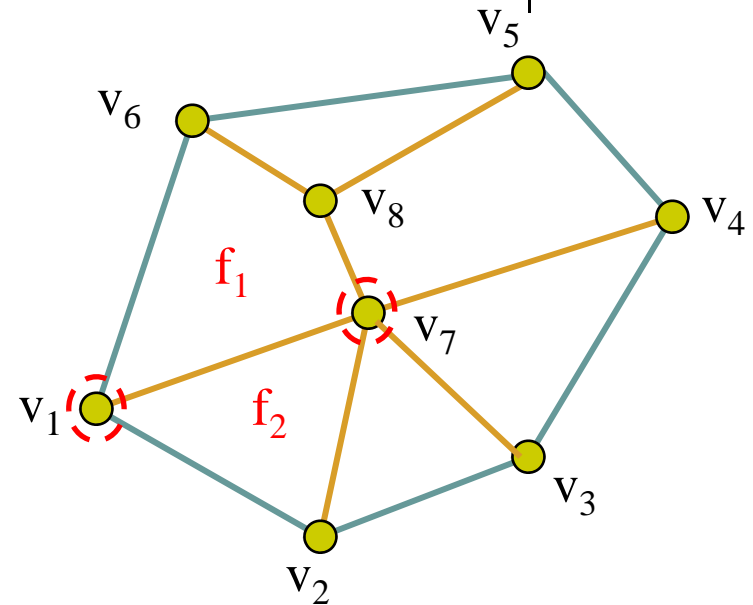


- Declaring face f1

```
vertex[i] = vec3(x1, y1, z1);  
vertex[i+1] = vec3(x7, y7, z7);  
vertex[i+2] = vec3(x8, y8, z8);  
vertex[i+3] = vec3(x6, y6, z6);
```

- Declaring face f2

```
vertex[i] = vec3(x1, y1, z1);  
vertex[i+1] = vec3(x2, y2, z2);  
vertex[i+2] = vec3(x7, y7, z7);
```



- Inefficient and unstructured

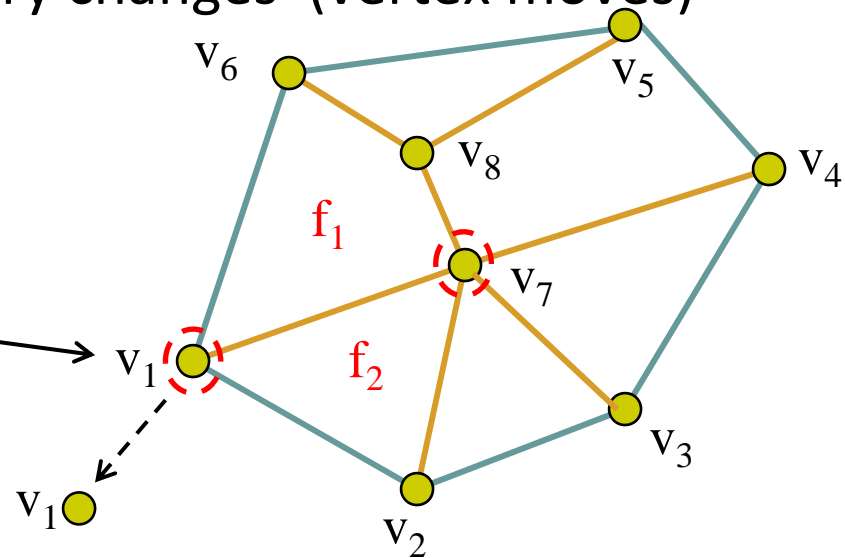
- **Repeats:** vertices v1 and v7 repeated while declaring f1 and f2
- Shared vertices shared declared multiple times
- Delete vertex? Move vertex? Search for all occurrences of vertex



# Geometry vs Topology

- Better data structures separate **geometry** from **topology**
  - **Geometry:**  $(x,y,z)$  locations of the vertices
  - **Topology:** How vertices and edges are connected
  - **Example:**
    - A polygon is **ordered list** of vertices
    - An edge connecting successive pairs of vertices
  - Topology holds even if geometry changes (vertex moves)

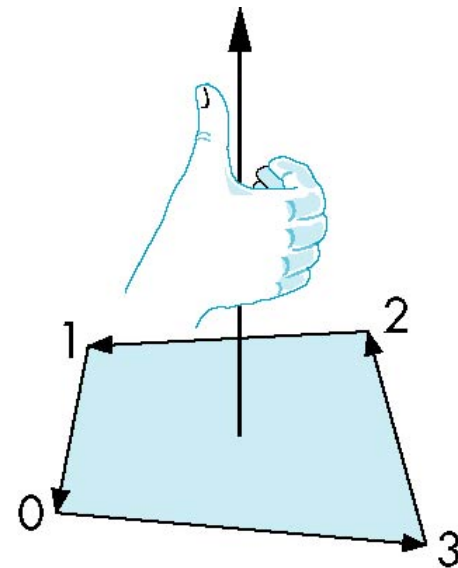
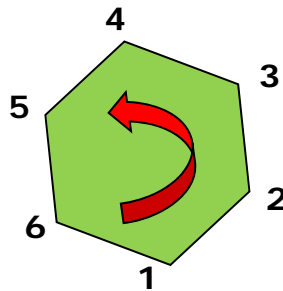
Example: even if we move  $(x,y,z)$  location of  $v_1$ ,  $v_1$  still connected to  $v_6$ ,  $v_7$  and  $v_2$





# Polygon Traversal Convention

- Use the *right-hand rule* = **counter-clockwise** encirclement of outward-pointing normal
- Focus on direction of traversal
  - Orders  $\{v_1, v_0, v_3\}$  and  $\{v_3, v_2, v_1\}$  are same (*ccw*)
  - Order  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is different (*clockwise*)



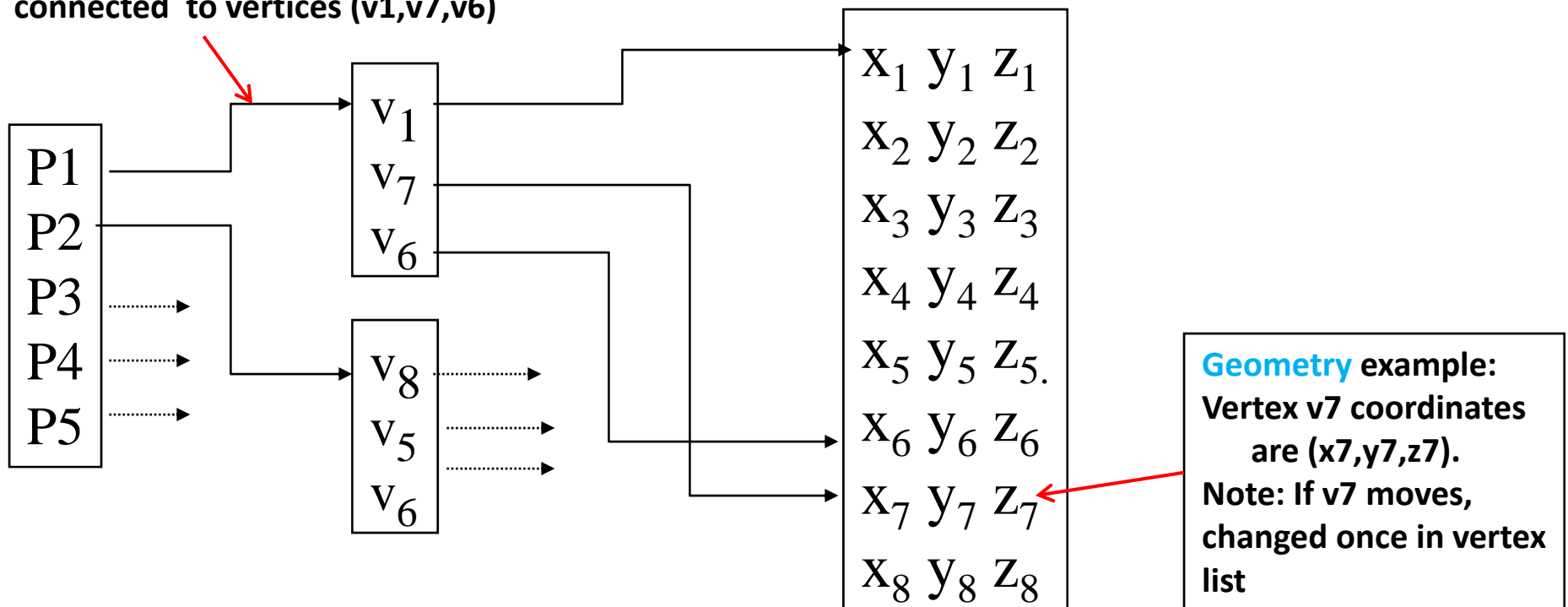




# Vertex Lists

- **Vertex list:** (x,y,z) of vertices (its geometry) are put in array
- Use pointers from vertices into vertex list
- **Polygon list:** vertices connected to each polygon (face)

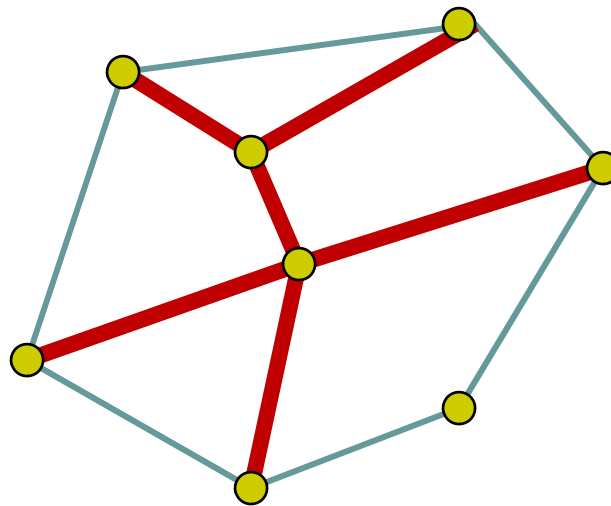
**Topology** example: Polygon P1 of mesh is connected to vertices (v1,v7,v6)





## Vertex List Issue: Shared Edges

- Vertex lists draw filled polygons correctly
- If each polygon is drawn by its edges, shared edges are drawn twice

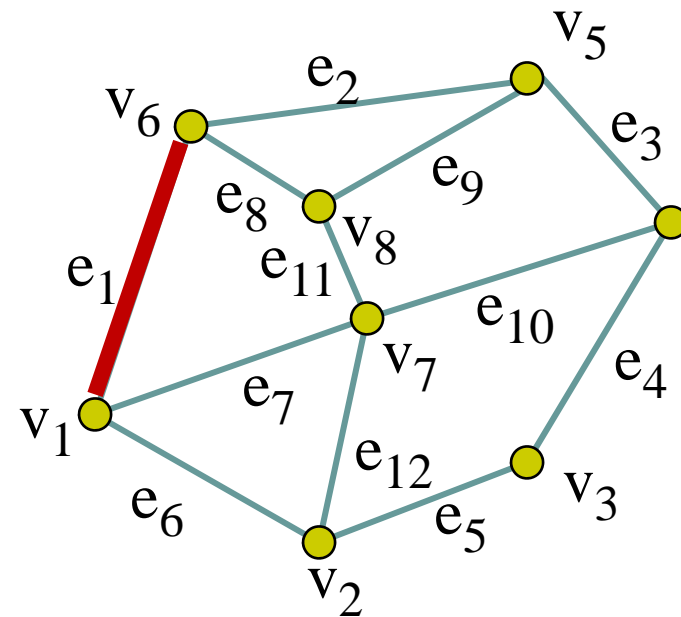
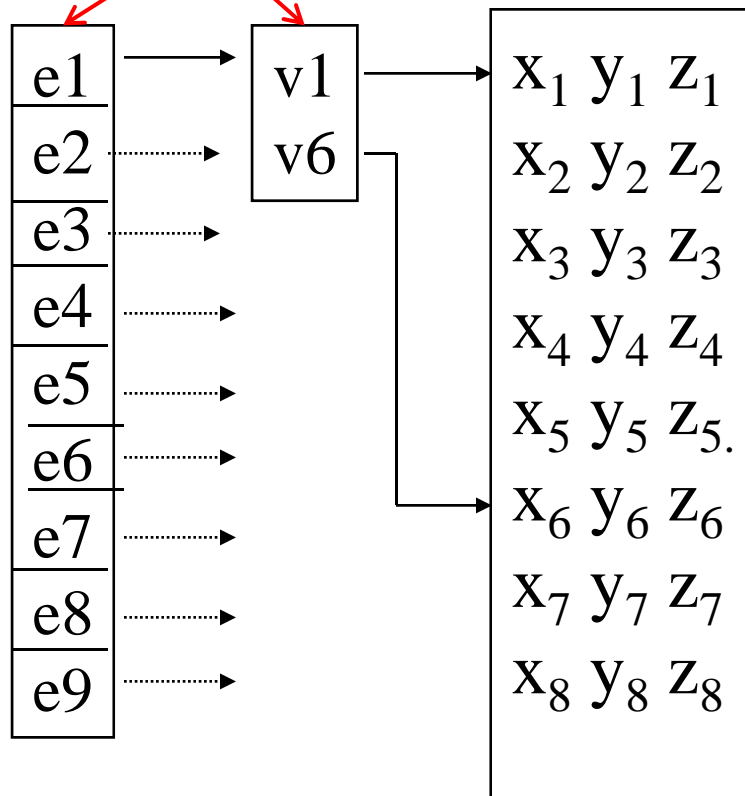


- **Alternatively:** Can store mesh by *edge list*



# Edge List

Simply draw each edges once  
**E.g** e1 connects v1 and v6

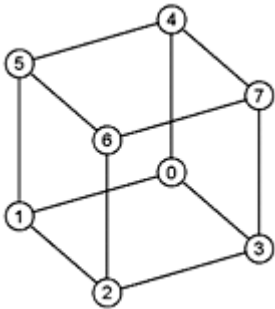


**Note** polygons are not represented



# Modeling a Cube

- In 3D, declare vertices as (x,y,z) using **point3 v[3]**
- Define **global arrays** for vertices and colors



```
typedef vec3 point3;  
point3 vertices[] = {point3(-1.0,-1.0,-1.0),  
                    point3(1.0,-1.0,-1.0), point3(1.0,1.0,-1.0),  
                    point3(-1.0,1.0,-1.0), point3(-1.0,-1.0,1.0),  
                    point3(1.0,-1.0,1.0), point3(1.0,1.0,1.0),  
                    point3(-1.0,1.0,1.0)};
```

x y z

```
typedef vec3 color3;  
color3 colors[] = {color3(0.0,0.0,0.0),  
                  color3(1.0,0.0,0.0), color3(1.0,1.0,0.0),  
                  color(0.0,1.0,0.0), color3(0.0,0.0,1.0),  
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                  color3(0.0,1.0,1.0)};
```

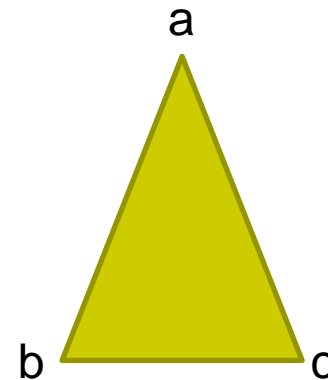
r g b



# Drawing a triangle from list of indices

Draw a triangle from a list of indices into the array **vertices** and assign a color to each index

```
void triangle(int a, int b, int c, int d)
{
    vcolors[i] = colors[d];
    position[i] = vertices[a];
    vcolors[i+1] = colors[d];
    position[i+1] = vertices[b];
    vcolors[i+2] = colors[d];
    position[i+2] = vertices[c];
    i+=3;
}
```



Variables **a, b, c** are indices into vertex array

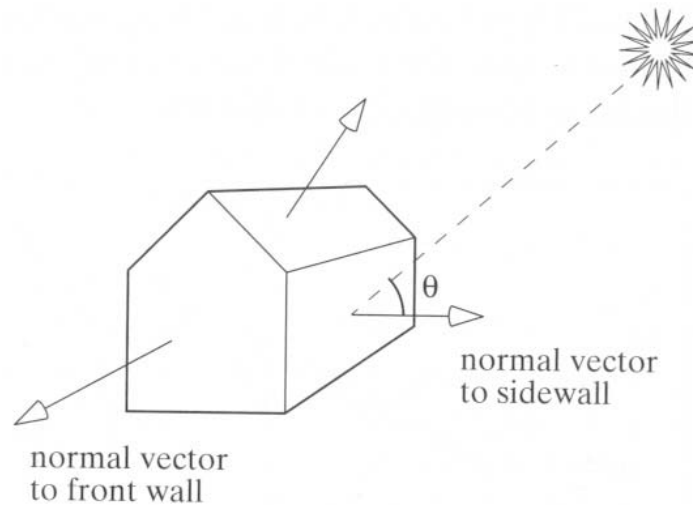
Variable **d** is index into color array

Note: Same face, so all three vertices have same color



# Normal Vector

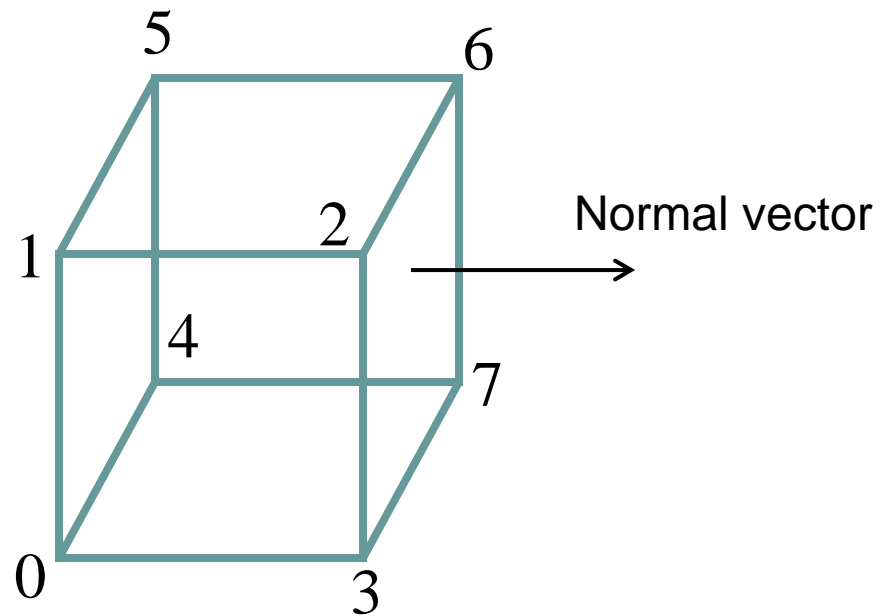
- **Normal vector:** Direction each polygon is facing
- Each mesh polygon has a **normal vector**
- Normal vector used in shading
- **Normal vector • light vector** determines shading (Later)



# Draw cube from faces



```
void colorcube( )  
{  
    quad(0,3,2,1);  
    quad(2,3,7,6);  
    quad(0,4,7,3);  
    quad(1,2,6,5);  
    quad(4,5,6,7);  
    quad(0,1,5,4);  
}
```



**Note:** vertices ordered (**counterclockwise**)  
so that we obtain correct outward facing normals



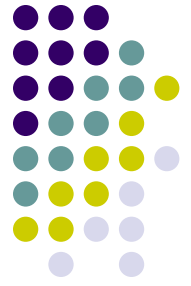
# Old Way for Storing Vertices: Inefficient

- Previously drew cube by its 6 faces using
  - 6 `glBegin`, 6 `glEnd`
  - 6 `glColor`
  - 24 `glVertex`
  - More commands if we use texture and lighting
  - E.g: to draw each face

```
glBegin(GL_QUAD)
    glVertex(x1, y1, z1);
    glVertex(x2, y2, z2);
    glVertex(x3, y3, z3);
    glVertex(x4, y4, z4);
glEnd( );
```



# New Way: Vertex Representation and Storage



- We have declare vertex lists, edge lists and arrays
- But OpenGL expects meshes passed to have a specific structure
- We now study that structure....

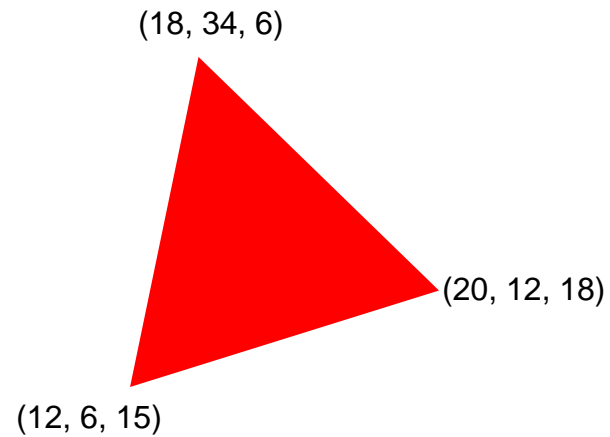


# Vertex Arrays

- **Previously:** OpenGL provided a facility called ***vertex arrays*** for storing rendering data
- Six types of arrays were supported initially
  - Vertices
  - Colors
  - Color indices
  - Normals
  - Texture coordinates
  - Edge flags
- Now vertex arrays can be used for **any attributes**



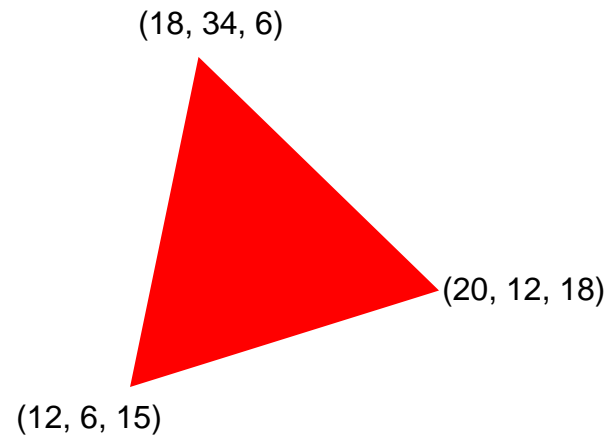
# Vertex Attributes



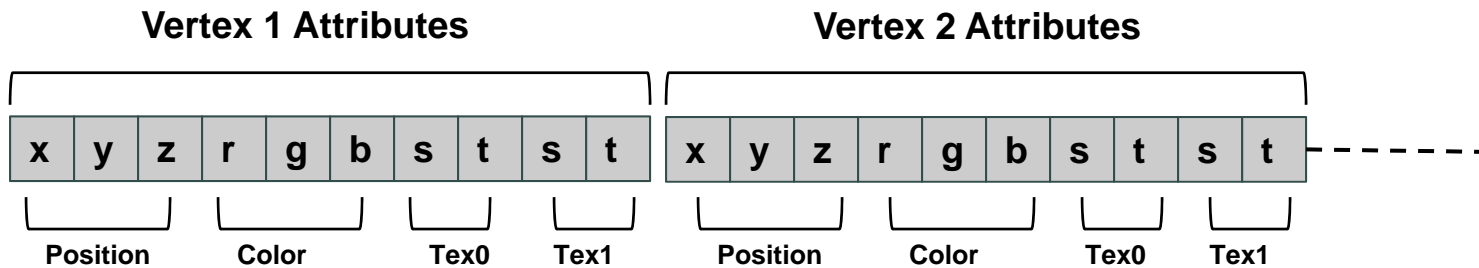
- Vertices can have attributes
  - Position (e.g.  $20, 12, 18$ )
  - Color (e.g. red)
  - Normal  $(x,y,z)$
  - Texture coordinates



# Vertex Attributes



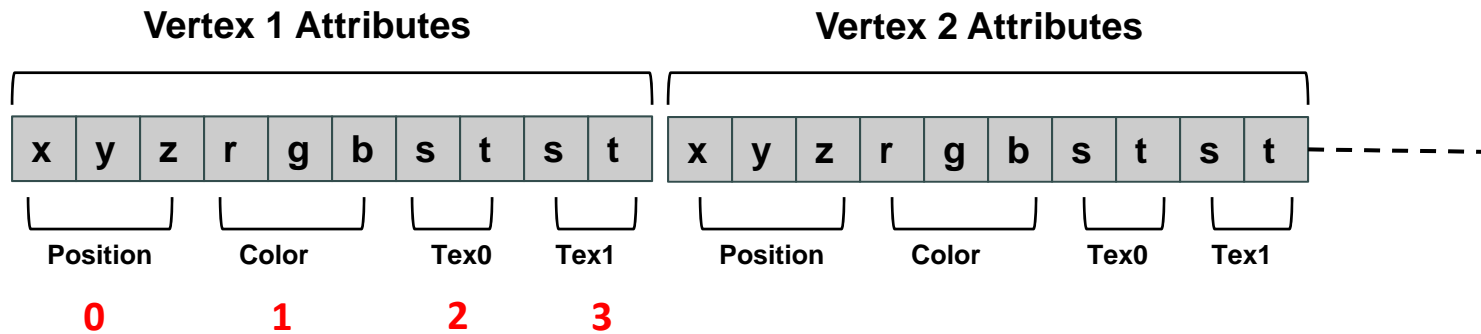
- Store vertex attributes in **single** Array (array of structures)





# Declaring Array of Vertex Attributes

- Consider the following array of vertex attributes

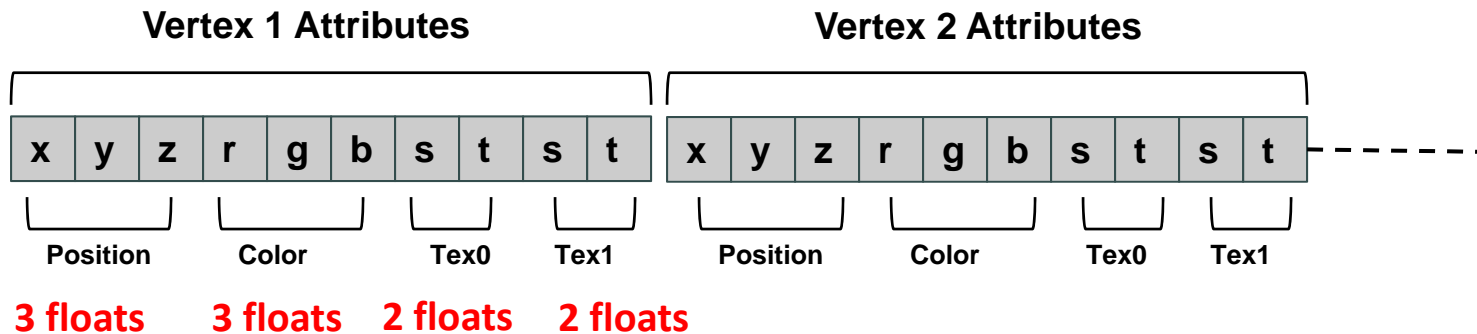


- So we can define attribute positions (per vertex)

```
#define VERTEX_POS_INDEX                      0
#define VERTEX_COLOR_INDEX                   1
#define VERTEX_TEXCOORD0_INDX               2
#define VERTEX_TEXCOORD1_INDX               3
```



# Declaring Array of Vertex Attributes



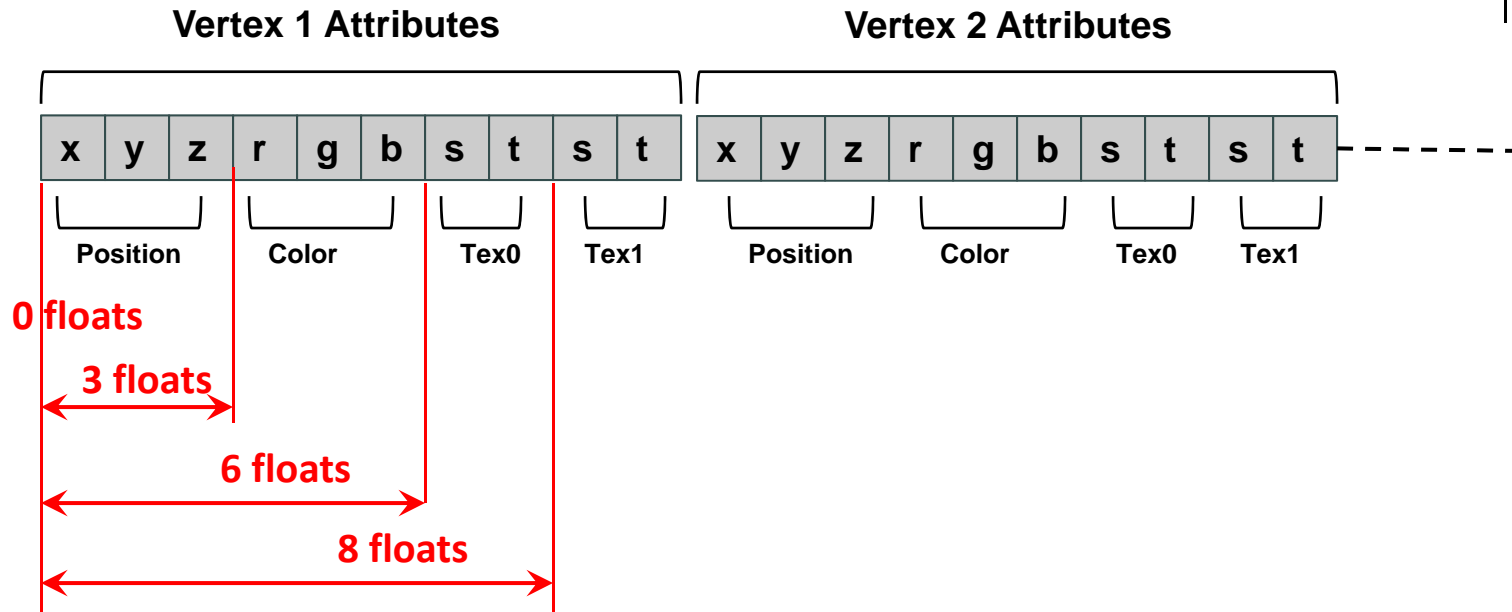
- Also define number of floats (storage) for each vertex attribute

```
#define VERTEX_POS_SIZE          3          // x, y and z
#define VERTEX_COLOR_SIZE       3          // r, g and b
#define VERTEX_TEXCOORD0_SIZE   2          // s and t
#define VERTEX_TEXCOORD1_SIZE   2          // s and t

#define VERTEX_ATTRIB_SIZE      VERTEX_POS_SIZE + VERTEX_COLOR_SIZE + \
                                VERTEX_TEXCOORD0_SIZE + \
                                VERTEX_TEXCOORD1_SIZE
```



# Declaring Array of Vertex Attributes

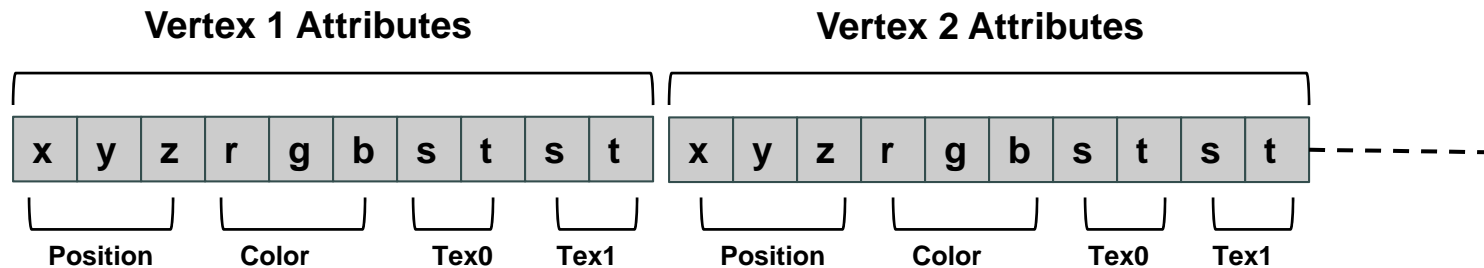


- Define offsets (# of floats) of each vertex attribute from beginning

```
#define VERTEX_POS_OFFSET                      0  
#define VERTEX_COLOR_OFFSET                  3  
#define VERTEX_TEXCOORD0_OFFSET              6  
#define VERTEX_TEXCOORD1_OFFSET              8
```



# Allocating Array of Vertex Attributes



- Allocate memory for entire array of vertex attributes

Recall

```
#define VERTEX_ATTRIB_SIZE VERTEX_POS_SIZE + VERTEX_COLOR_SIZE + \
                           VERTEX_TEXCOORD0_SIZE + \
                           VERTEX_TEXCOORD1_SIZE
```

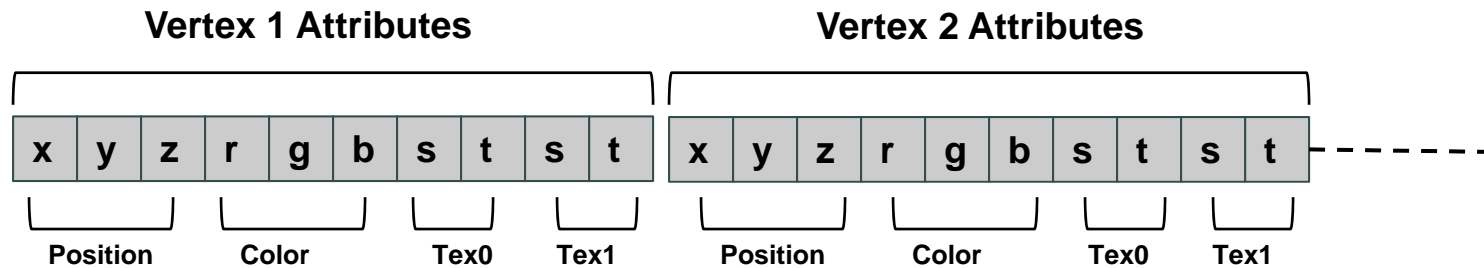
```
float *p = malloc(numVertices * VERTEX_ATTRIB_SIZE * sizeof(float));
```

Allocate memory for all vertices





# Specifying Array of Vertex Attributes



- `glVertexAttribPointer` used to specify vertex attributes
- Example: to specify vertex position attribute

```
glVertexAttribPointer(VERTEX_POS_INDX, VERTEX_POS_SIZE,  
GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE,  
VERTEX_ATTRIB_SIZE * sizeof(float), p);  
glEnableVertexAttribArray(0);
```

**Position 0** (points to VERTEX\_POS\_INDX)

**3 floats (x, y, z)** (points to VERTEX\_POS\_SIZE)

**Data is floats** (points to GL\_FLOAT)

**Data should not Be normalized** (points to GL\_FALSE)

**Stride: distance between consecutive vertices** (points to VERTEX\_ATTRIB\_SIZE \* sizeof(float))

**Pointer to data** (points to p)

- do same for normal, tex0 and tex1



## References

- Angel and Shreiner, Interactive Computer Graphics, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, Chapter 3
- Hill and Kelley, Computer Graphics using OpenGL, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition