

# Graphics or Photo? Why?

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# CSE160 – Intro Computer Graphics

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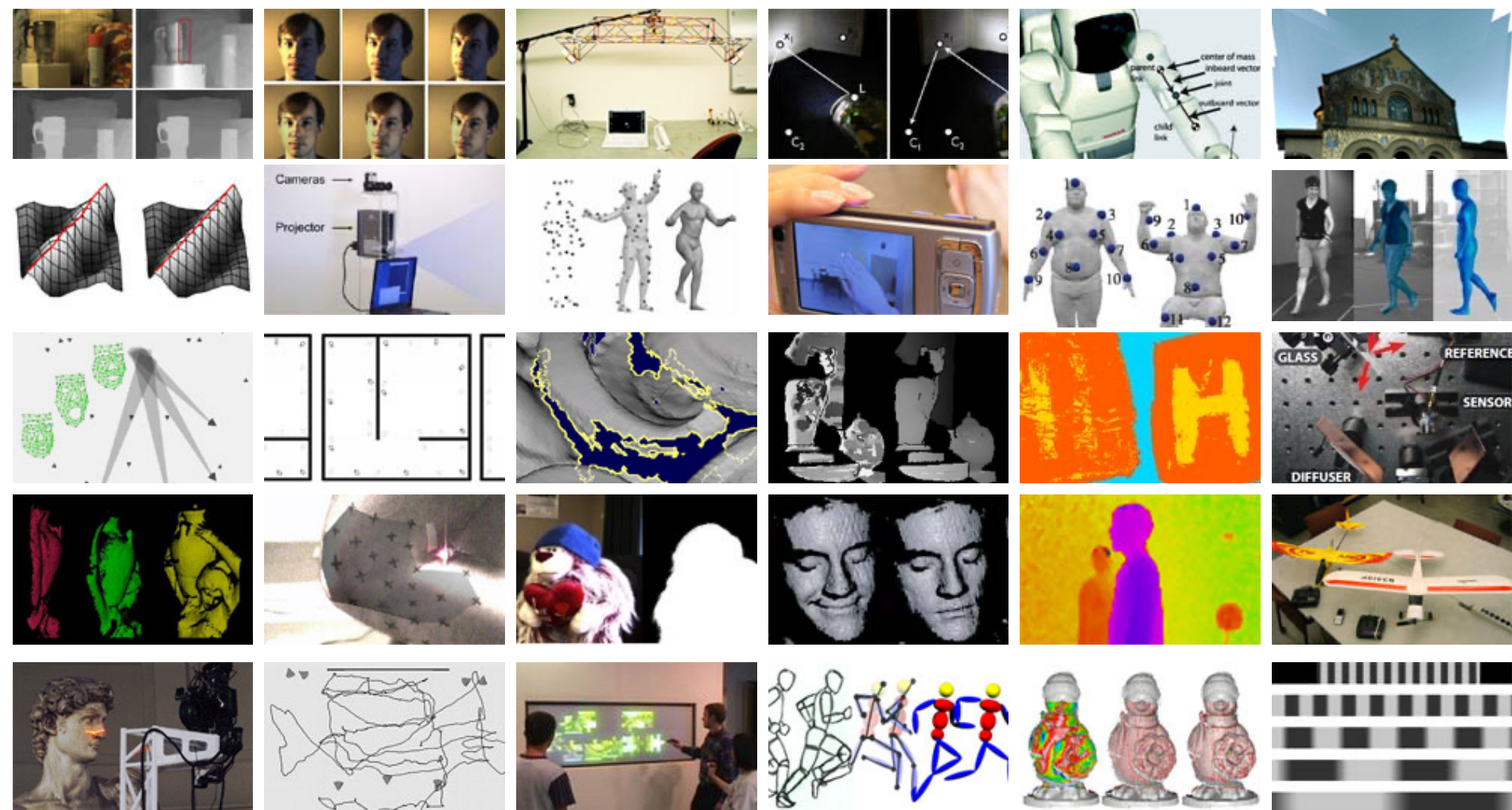
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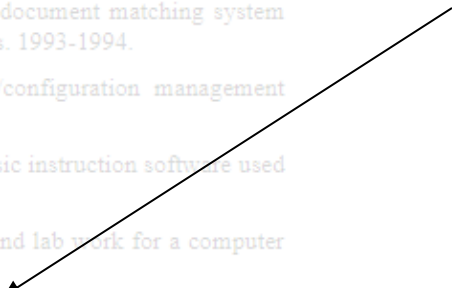
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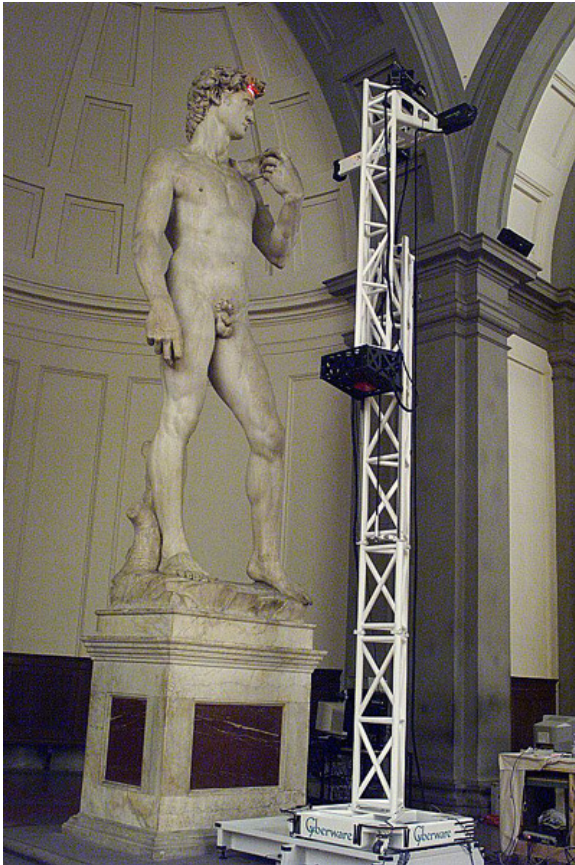
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# The Digital Michelangelo project obtained very large models at very high resolution



[Levoy, Pulli, Curless, Rusinkiewicz, Koller, Pereira, Ginzton, Anderson, Davis, Ginsberg, Shade, Fulk –  
*Siggraph 2000 - The Digital Michelangelo Project: 3D scanning of large statues* ]





**Real Statue**



**Our Model  
Computer Graphics**

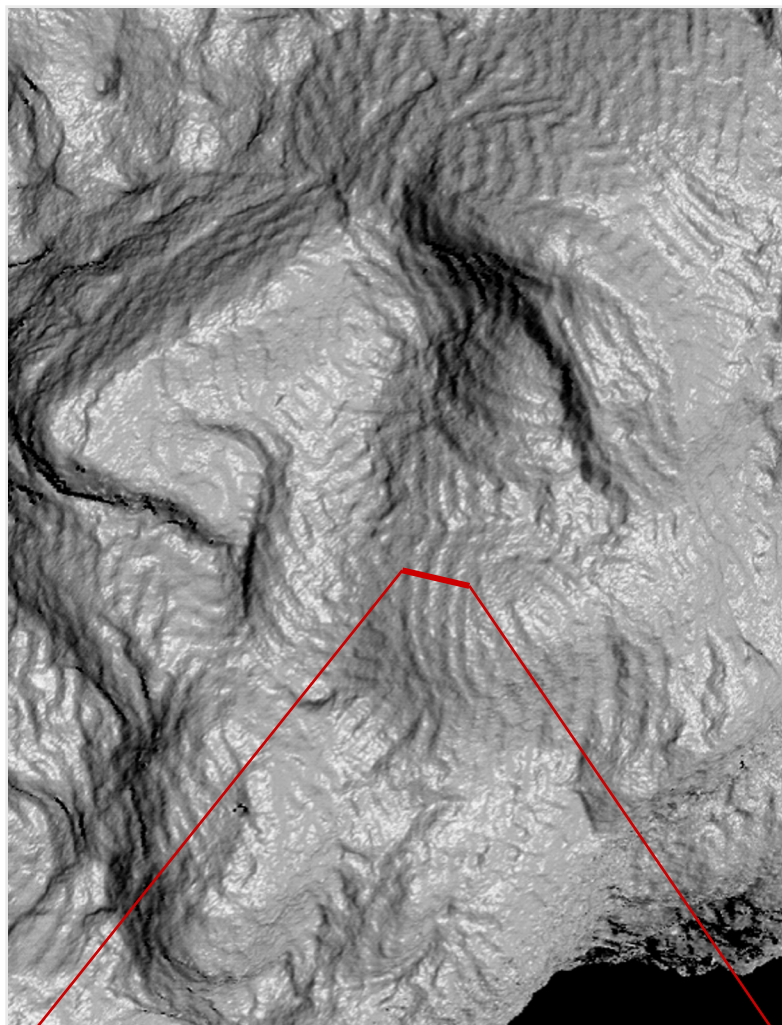


**Our Model  
Physical Replica**



**Purchased  
Replica**

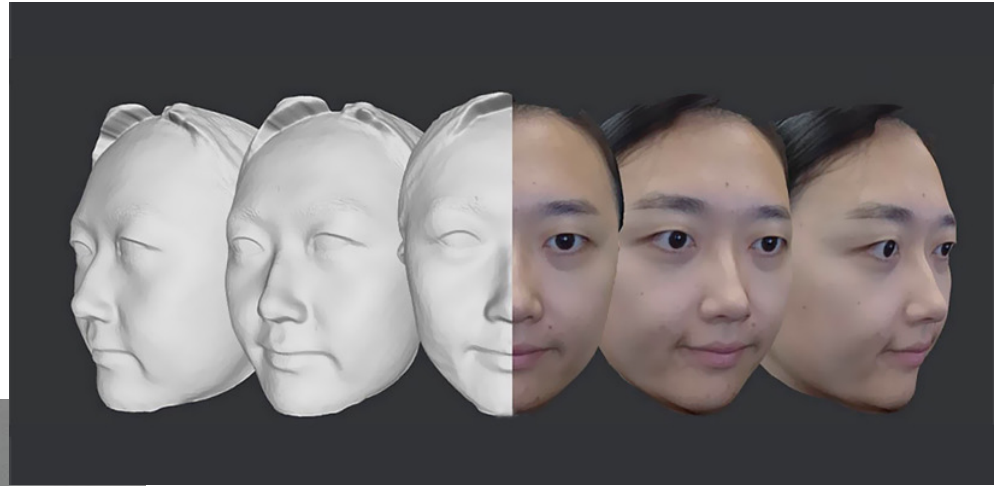
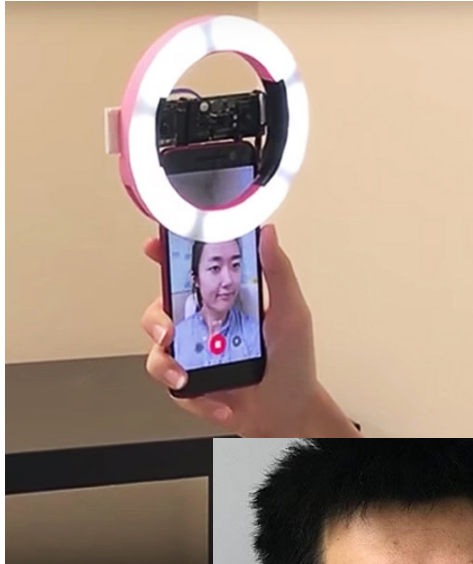


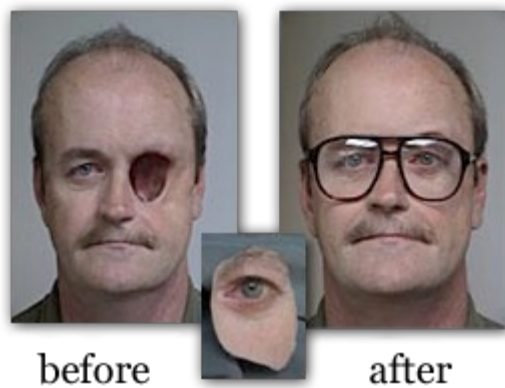
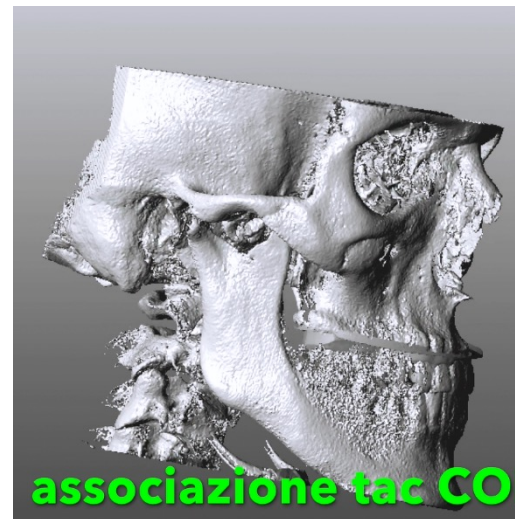
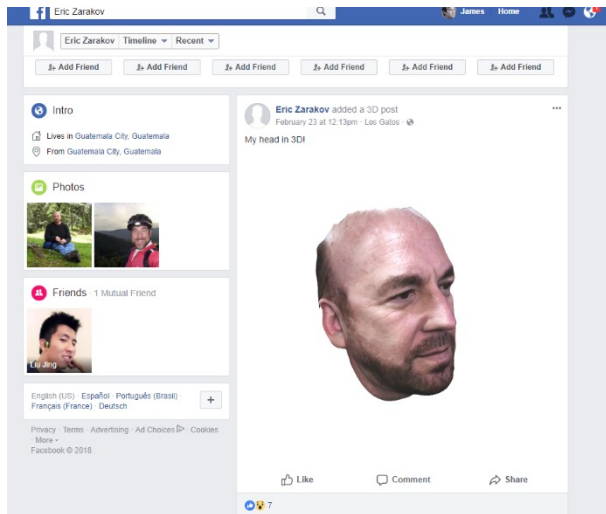


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# 2015-2017

- Co-founded startup, Bellus3D





# Intro to Graphics



# Depicting Our World

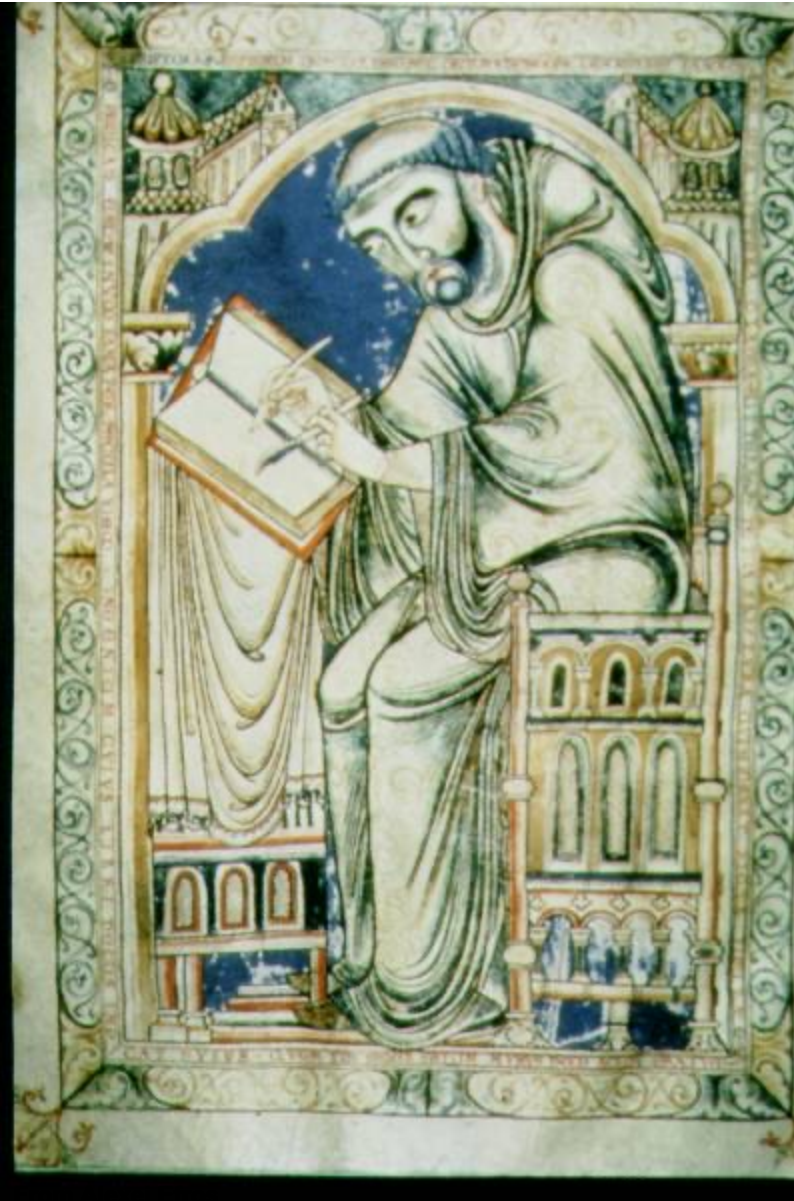
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Prehistoric Painting, Lascaux Cave, France

# Depicting Our World: The Middle Ages

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St. John  
from the  
Gospel Book of  
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(1147)

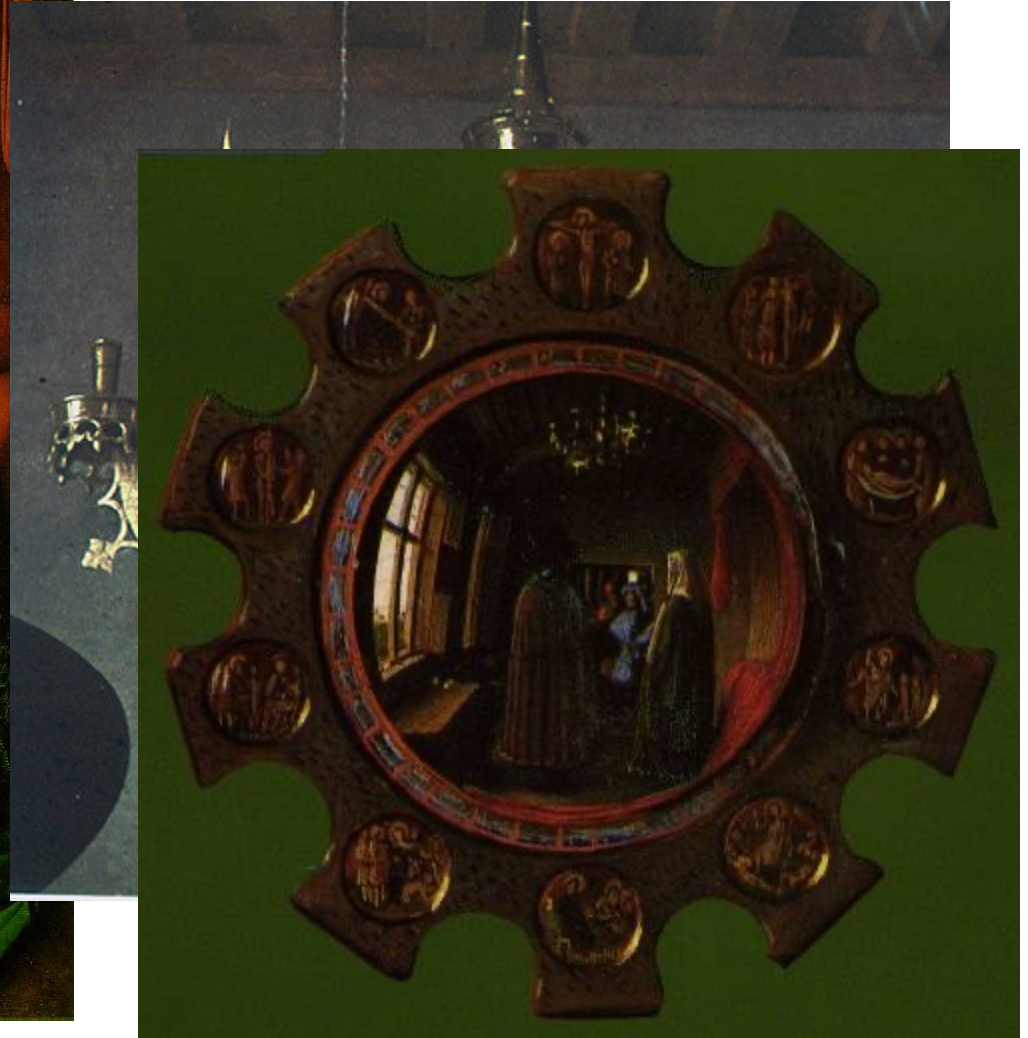


Cimabue  
Madonna  
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(c.1280-  
1290)



# Depicting Our World: Toward Perfection

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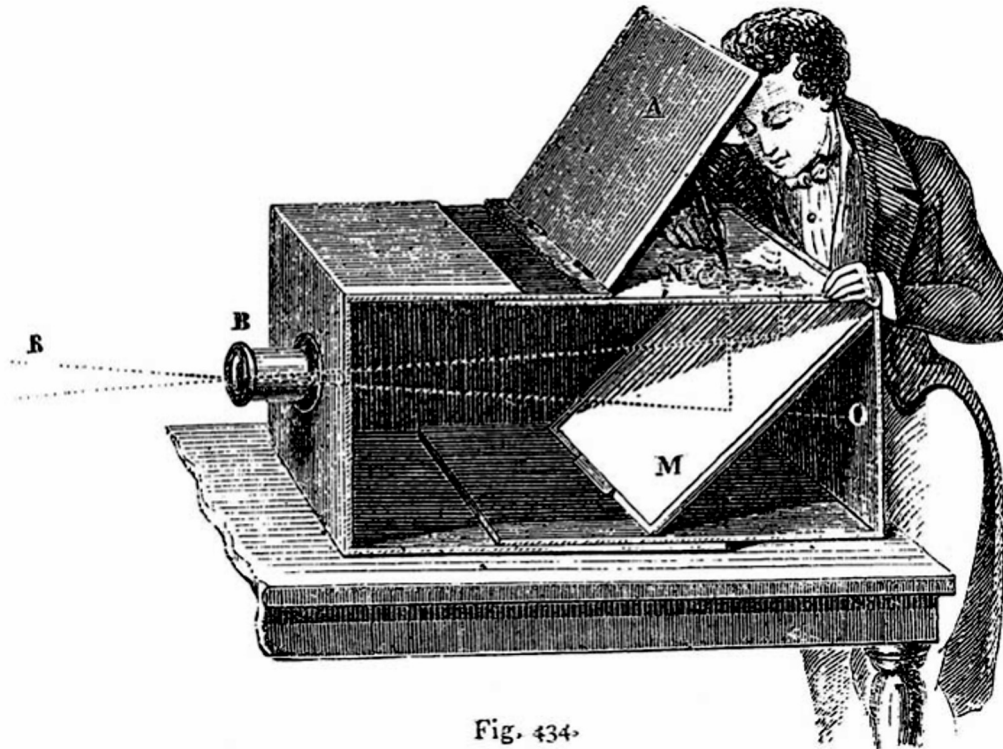


**Jan van Eyck, *The Arnolfini Marriage* (c.1434)**

From Alexei Efros

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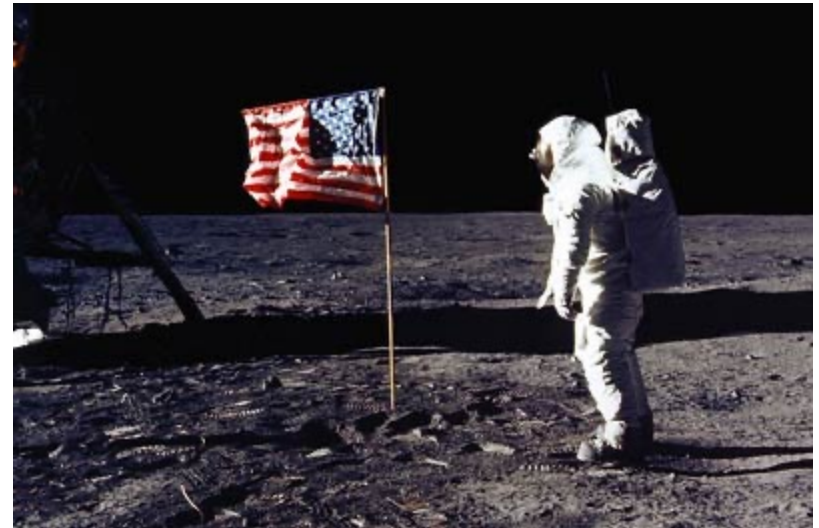


Lens Based Camera Obscura, 1568



# Depicting Our World: Perfection?

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# Depicting Our World: Ongoing Quest

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Pablo Picasso

From Alexei Efros



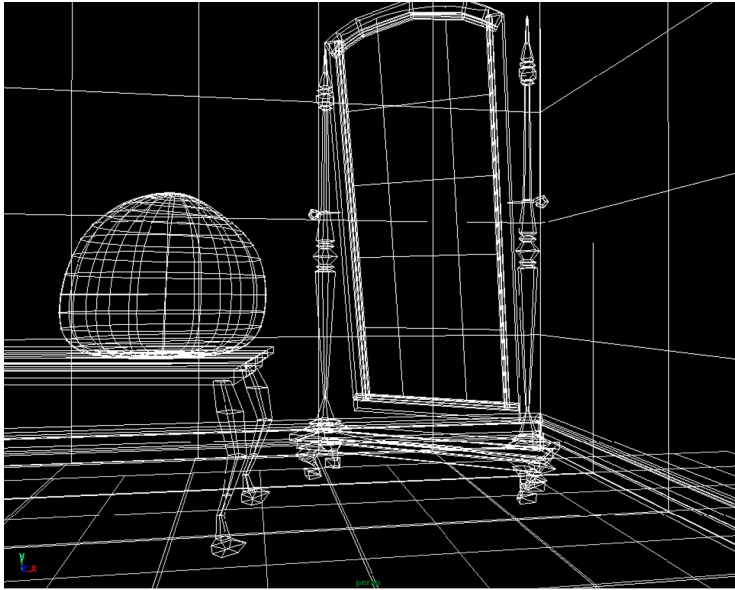
Marc Chagall



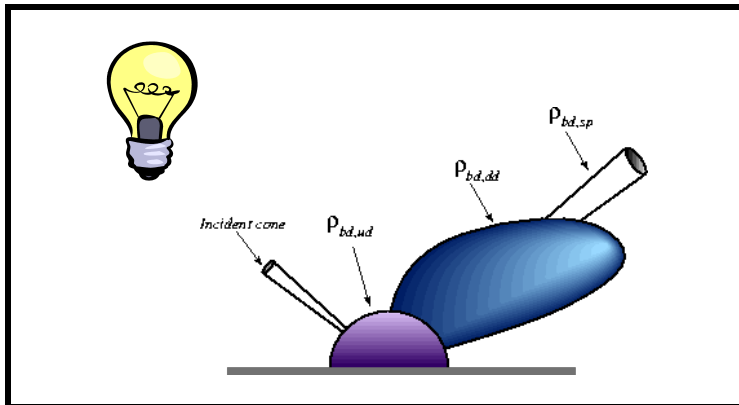
Enter Computer Graphics...



# Traditional Computer Graphics



3D geometry



physics



projection

Simulation

**GRAPHICS**



# State of the Art

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- Amazingly real
- But so sterile, lifeless, *futuristic (why?)*

# The richness of our everyday world

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# Beauty in complexity

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# Urban Scenes

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Virtual LA (SGI)

Photo of I LA



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# Nature

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River Cherwell, Oxford



# Rendering

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# Is milk “just” white stuff?

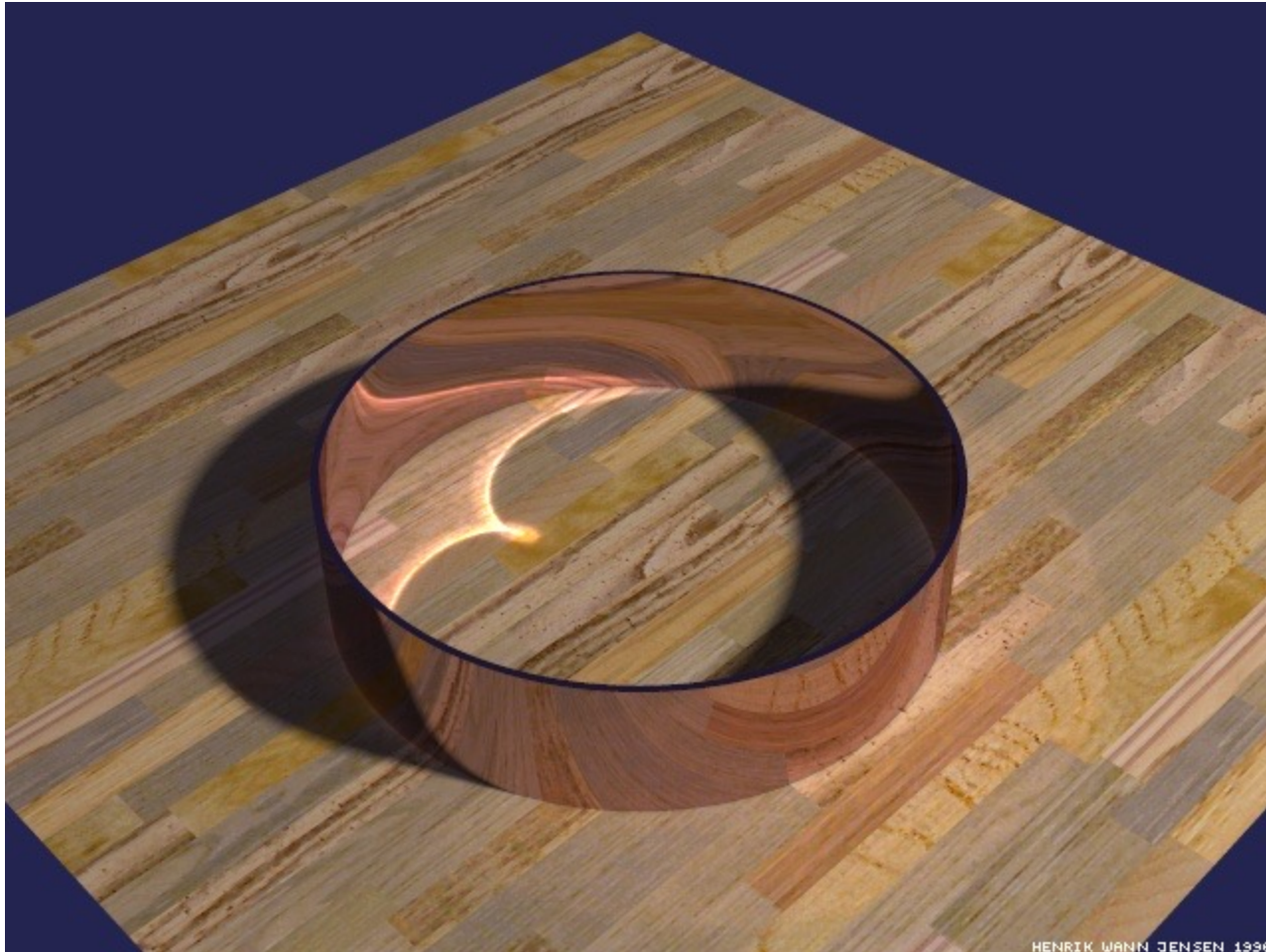
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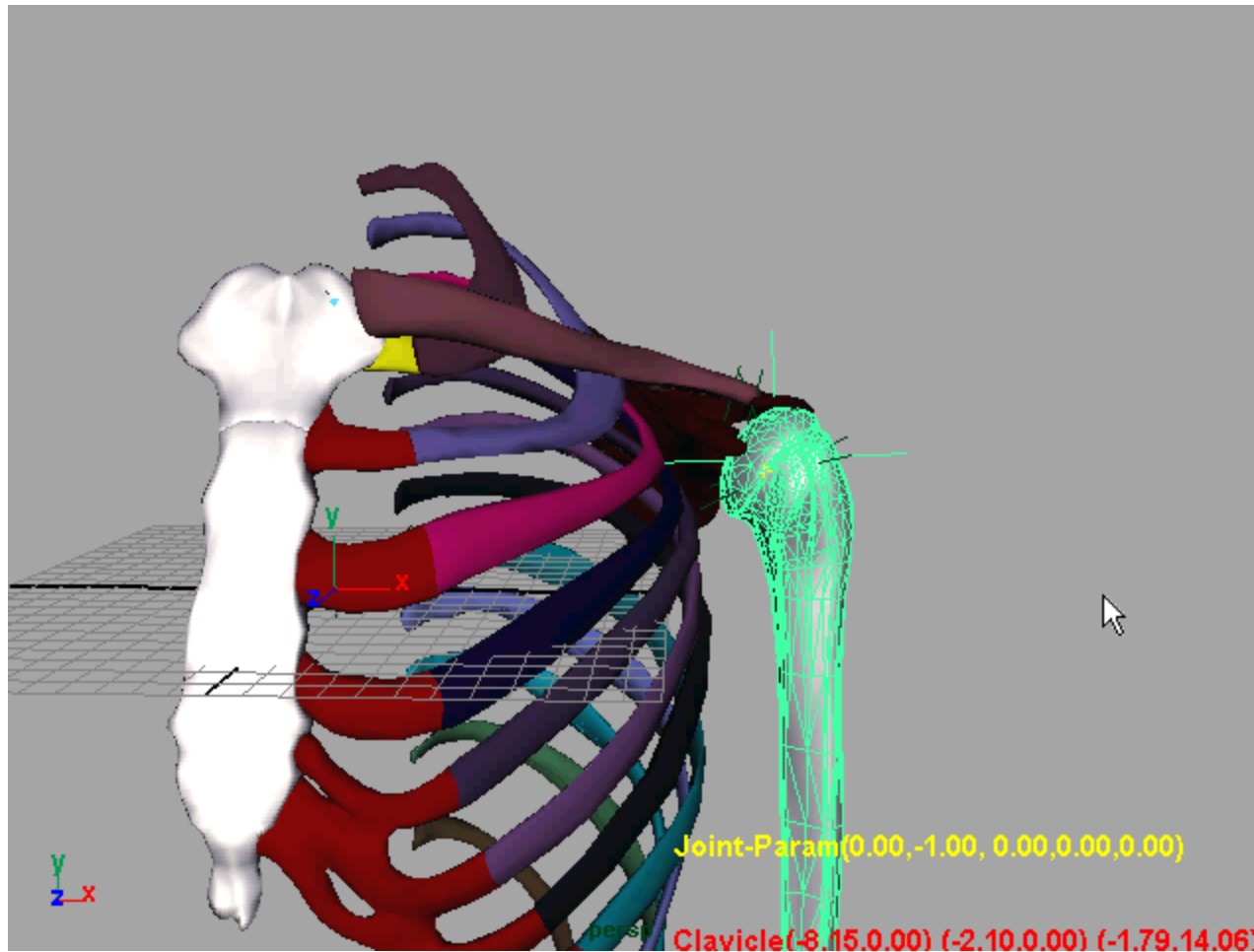
# Where does the caustic come from?

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# Modeling

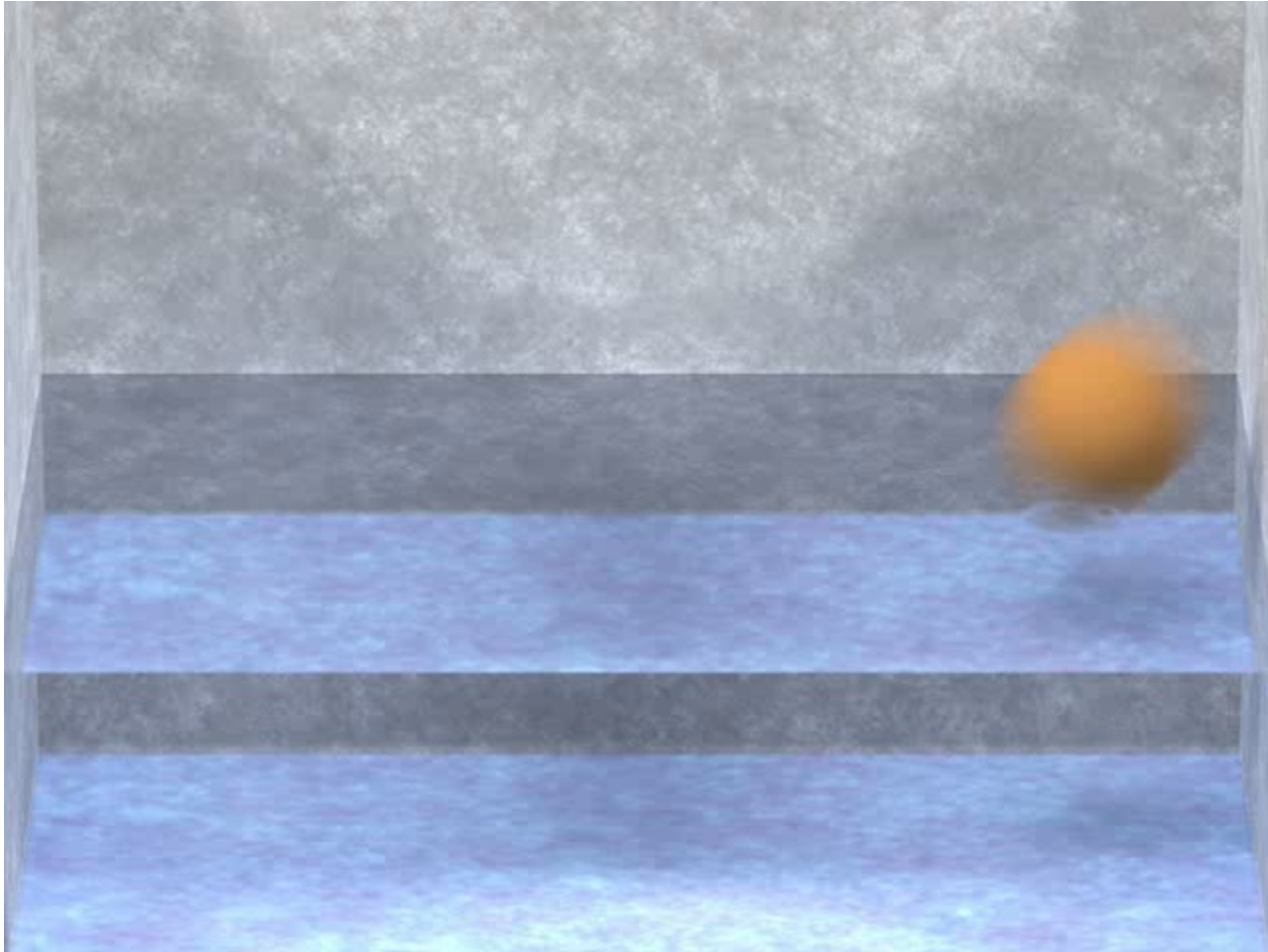
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# Physical Simulation

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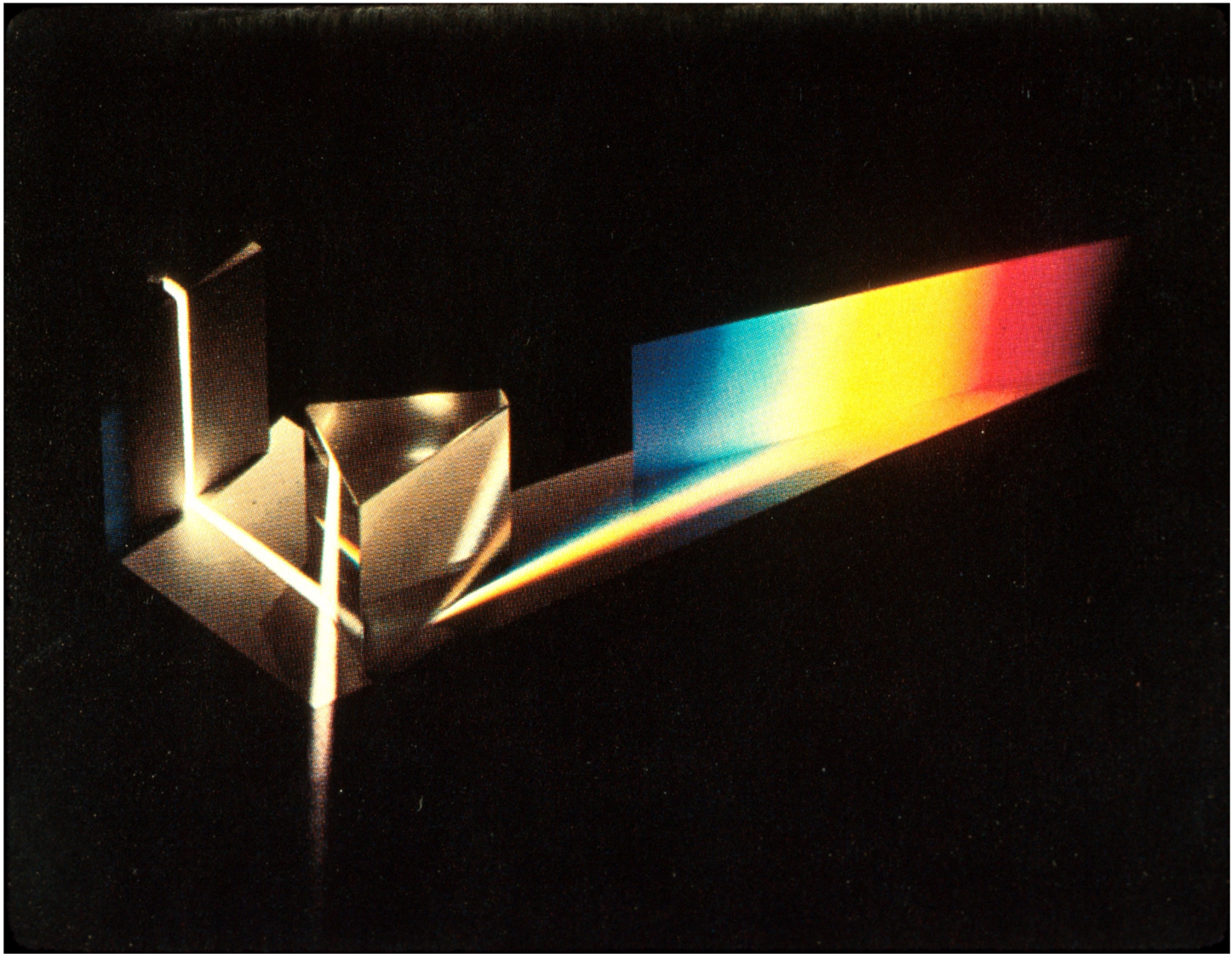
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# Topics in CSE160

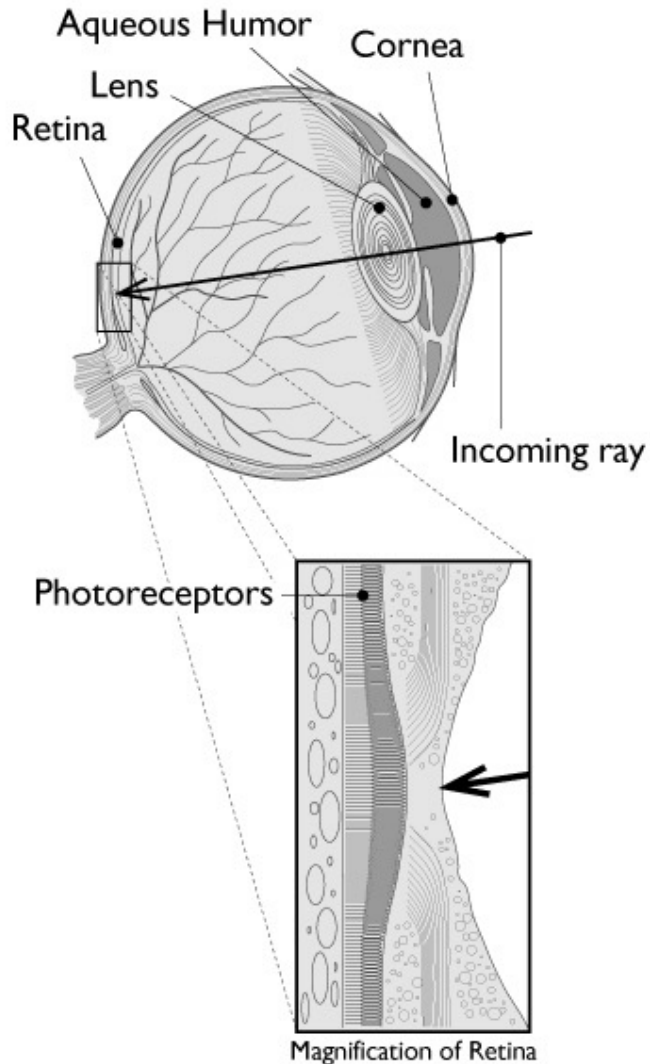


# Topics I will lecture:

- Perception
- Color
- Displays
- OpenGL
- Meshes
- Transforms
- Viewing
- Visibility
- Shading
- Texture
- Signal Processing
- Raytracing



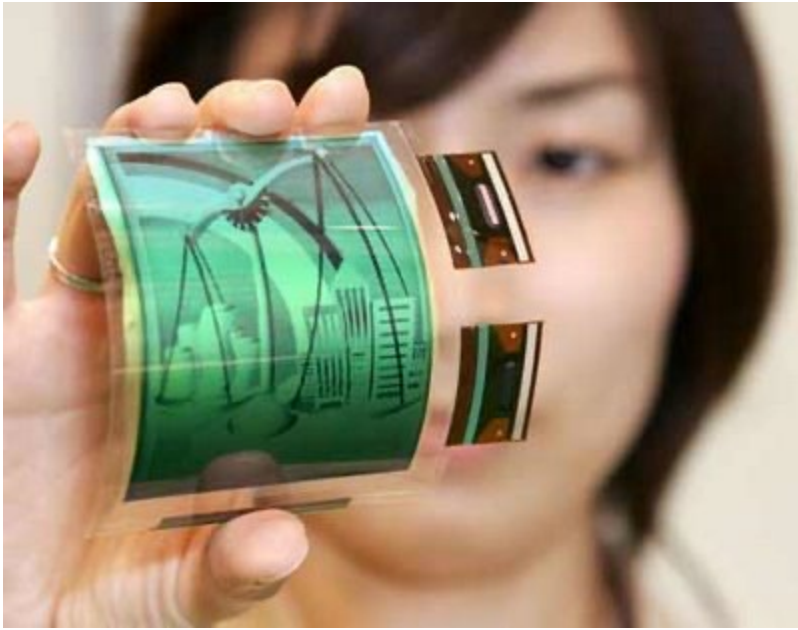
# The eye as a measurement device



- We can model the low-level behavior of the eye by thinking of it as a light-measuring machine
  - its optics are much like a camera
  - its detection mechanism is also much like a camera
- Light is measured by the *photoreceptors* in the retina
  - they respond to visible light
  - different types respond to different wavelengths



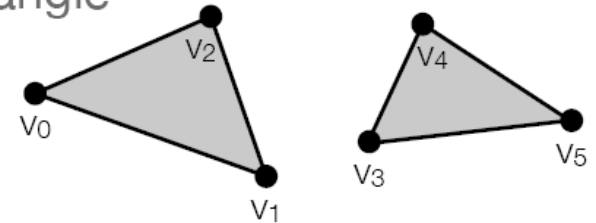
# Displays



# Triangles in OpenGL

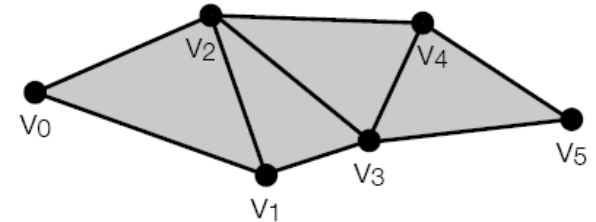
## GL\_TRIANGLES

- Successive vertex triples specify individual triangles
- Requires three vertices to be emitted for every triangle



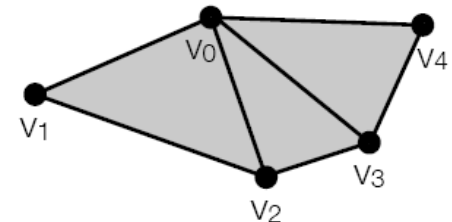
## GL\_TRIANGLE\_STRIP

- First triple specifies first triangle
- Subsequent vertices *each* specify new triangle, along with previous two vertices
- One vertex emitted per triangle in long strips
- But stripifying meshes is nontrivial

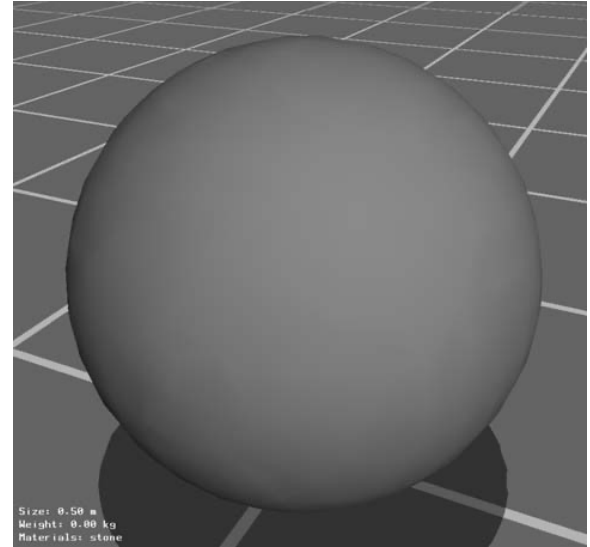
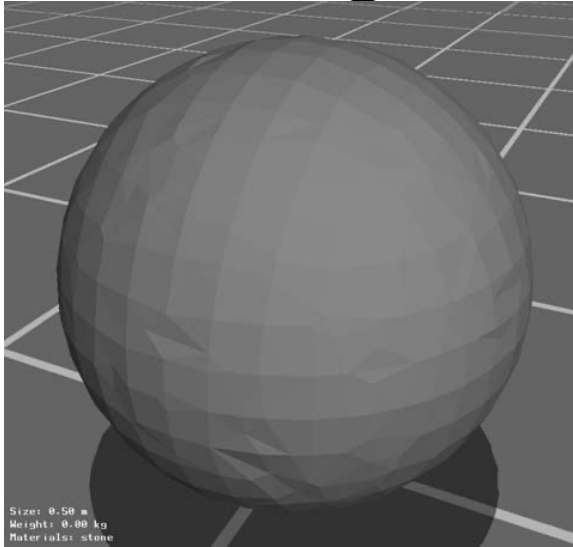


## GL\_TRIANGLE\_FAN

- First vertex is center of fan
- Subsequent vertices form ordered boundary
- One vertex emitted per triangle for dense fans
- But few such fans arise in practice

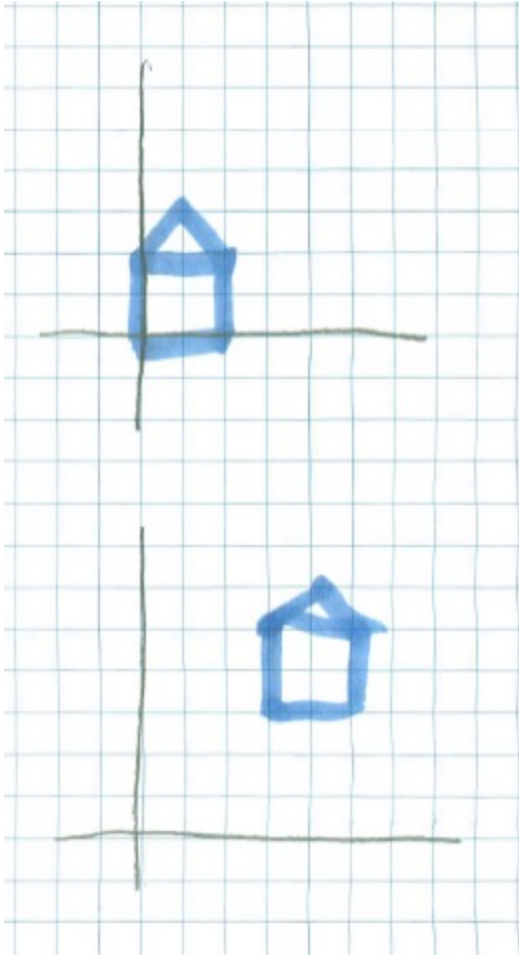


# Can We Disguise the Facets?





# Transformations



```
void drawHouse() {  
    glBegin(GL_QUADS);  
        vertex(0,0);  
        vertex(0,1);  
        vertex(1,1);  
        vertex(1,0);  
    glEnd();  
    // .... Lots more stuff  
}
```

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void vertex(int x, int y) {  
    glVertex2d(x,y);  
}
```

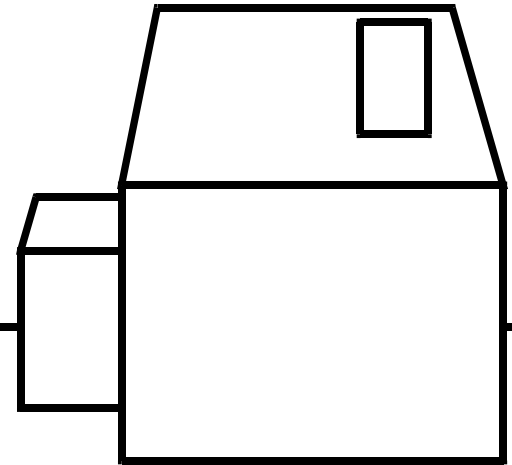
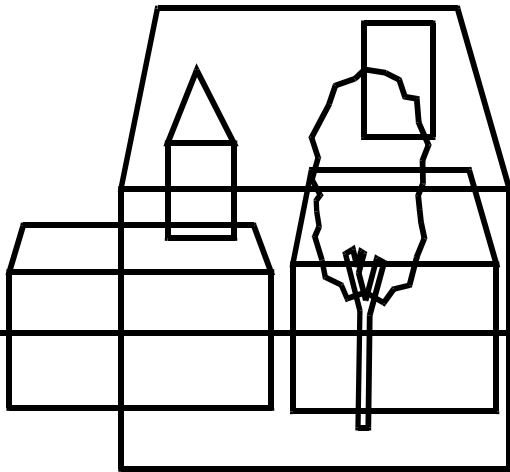
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void main() {  
    drawHouse();  
}
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Jovan Popovic at MIT

# Visibility

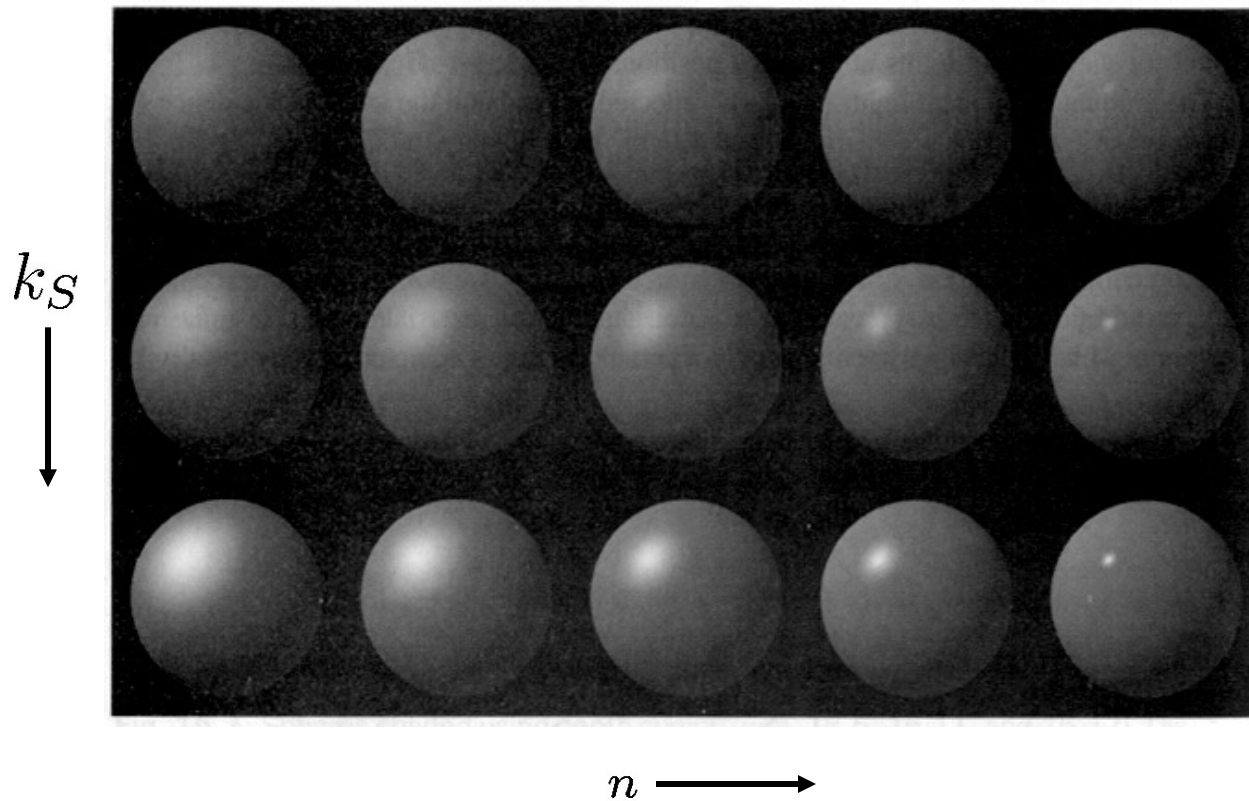
- How do we know which parts are visible/in front?





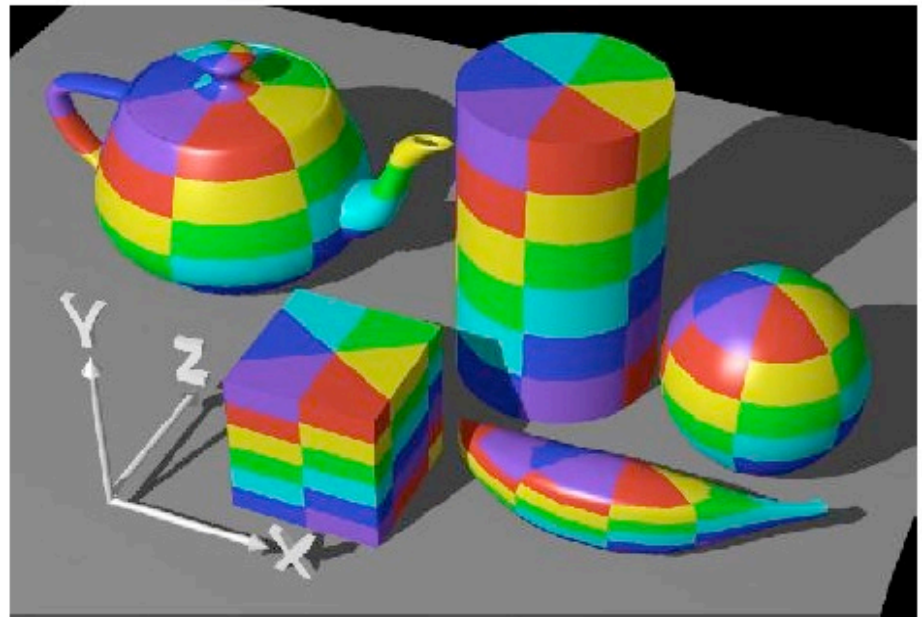
# Specular shading

- Phong and Blinn-Phong



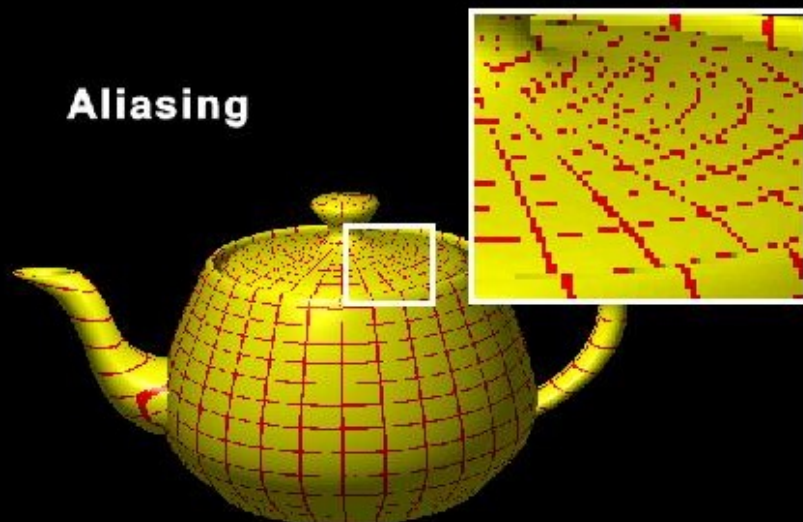
# Cylindrical Parameterization

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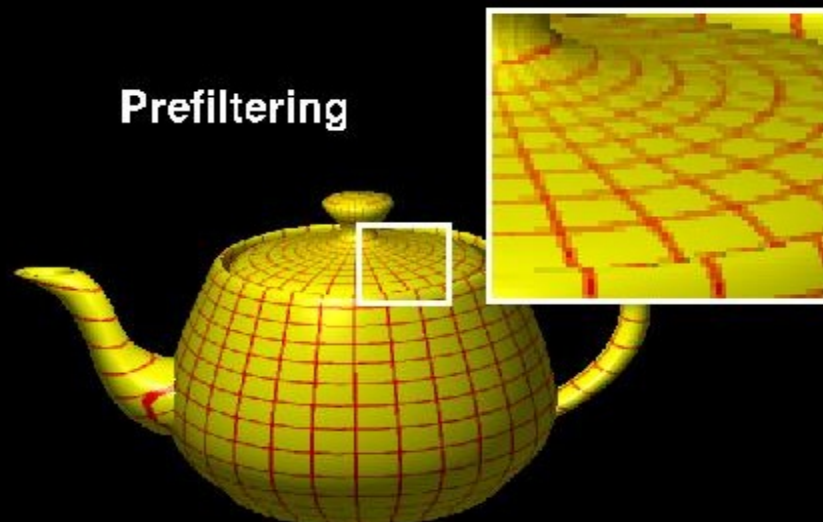


$$f : (x, y, z) \rightarrow (r, \theta, h) \rightarrow (u_\theta, v_h)$$

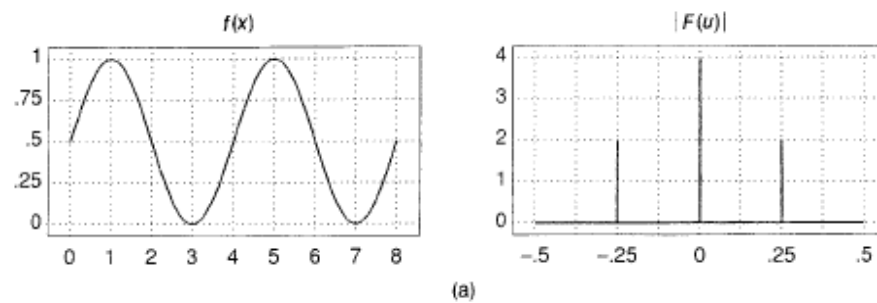
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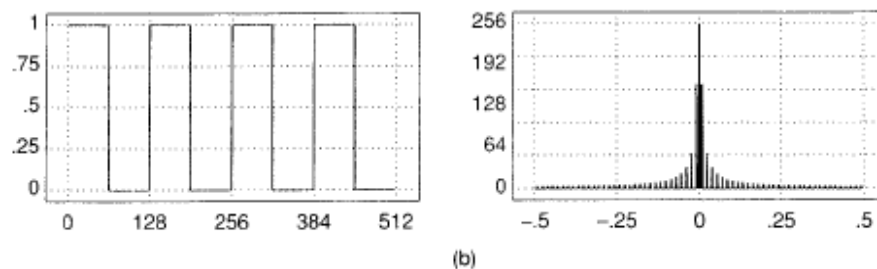
**Prefiltering**



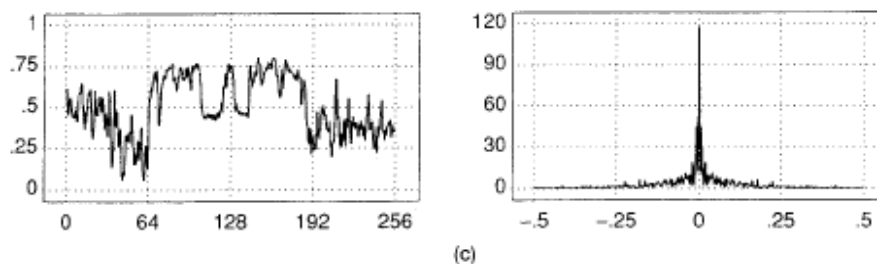




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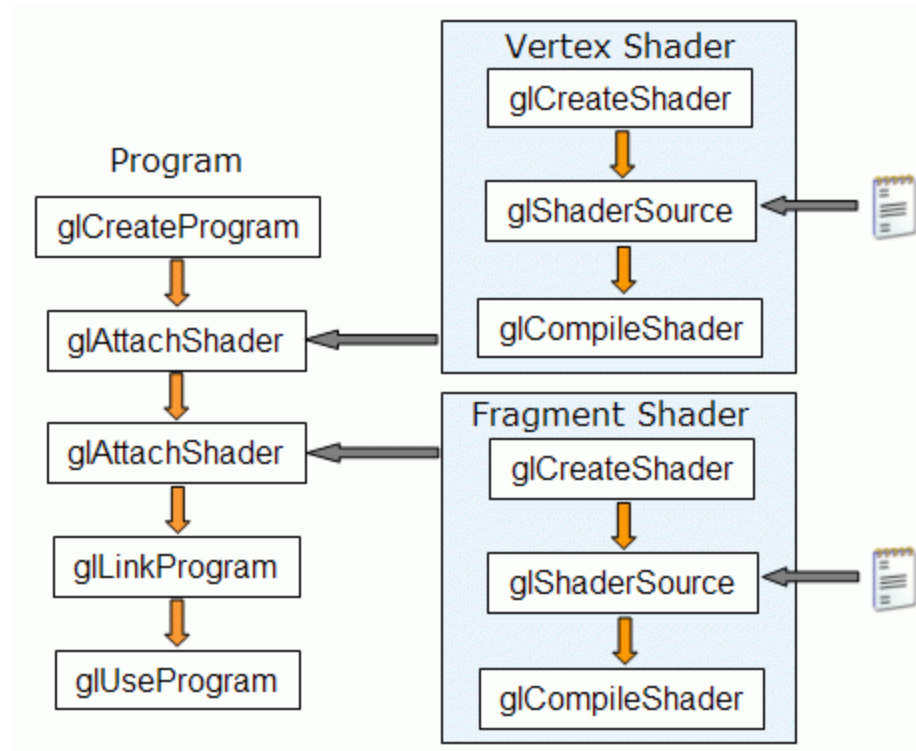


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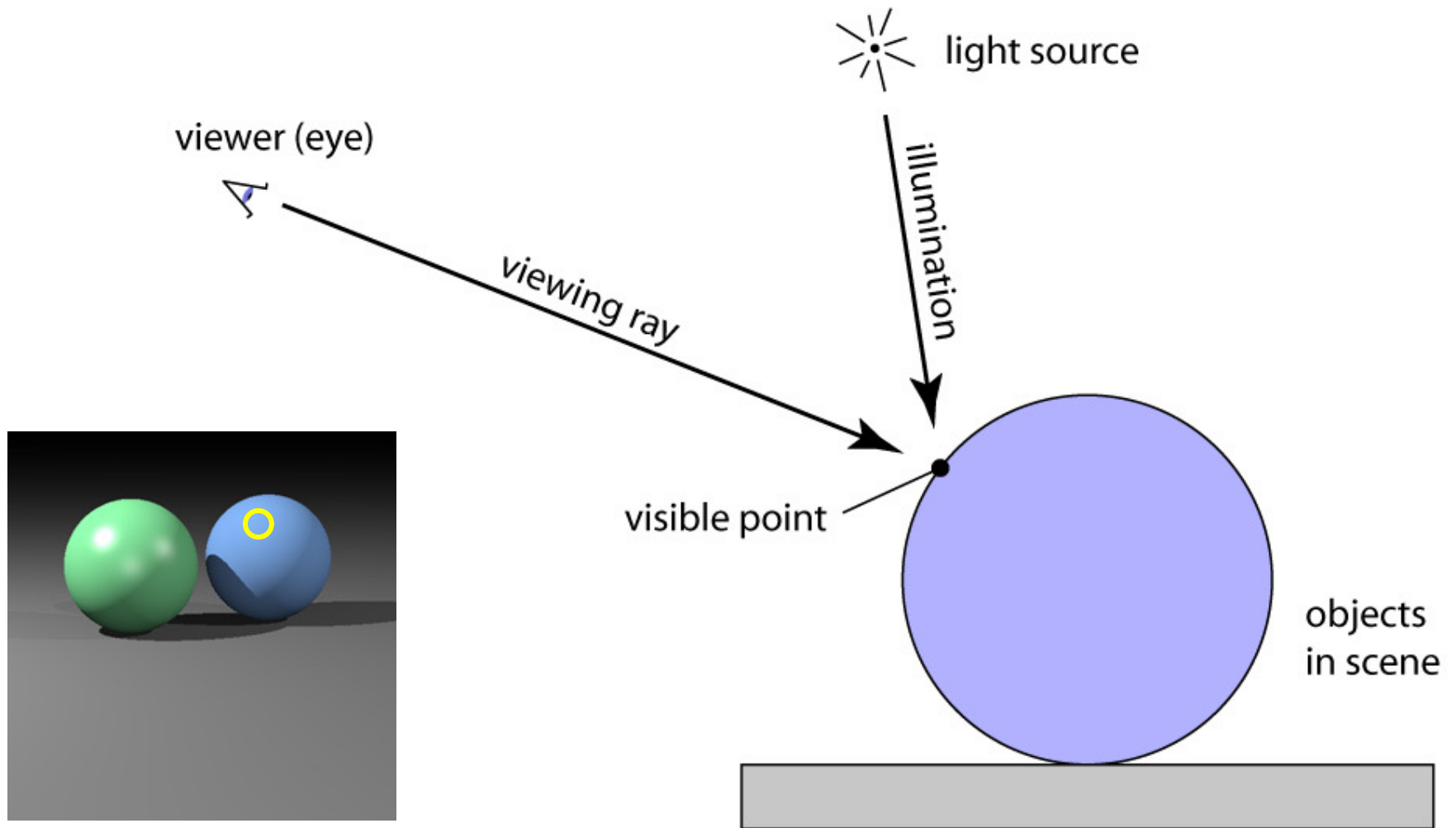


(c)

**Fig. 14.15** Signals in the spatial and frequency domains. (a) Sine. (b) Square Wave. (c) Mandrill. (Courtesy of George Wolberg, Columbia University.)



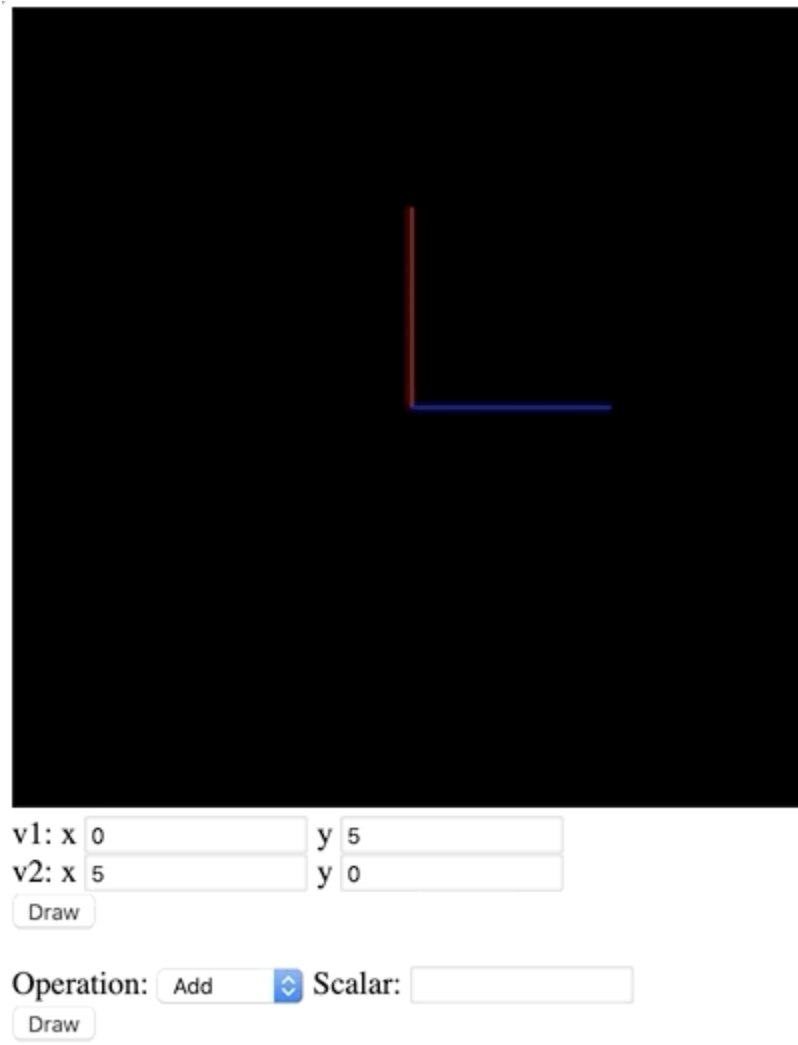
# Ray tracing idea



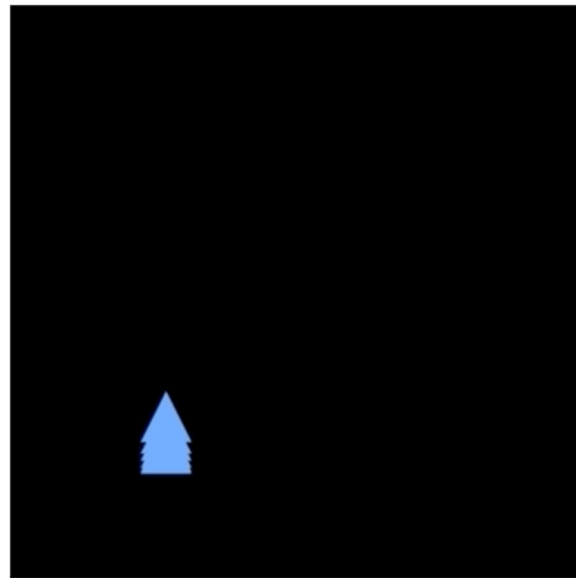
# Assignments in this class



# Assignment 0 – Intro HTML, Javascript, Linear Algebra



# Assignment 1 - Paint



Clear Canvas

Drawing Mode:

Squares

Triangles

Circles

Shape Color:

Red



Green



Blue



Shape Size:

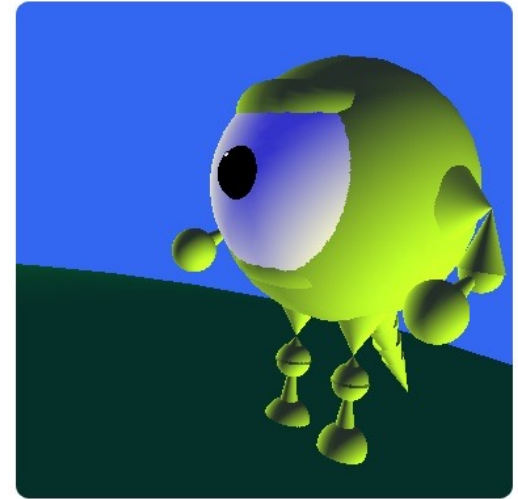
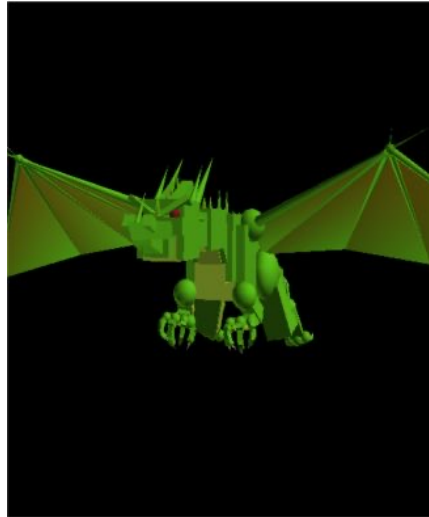


(Circles) Segment Count:



# Assignment 2 – Blocky Animal

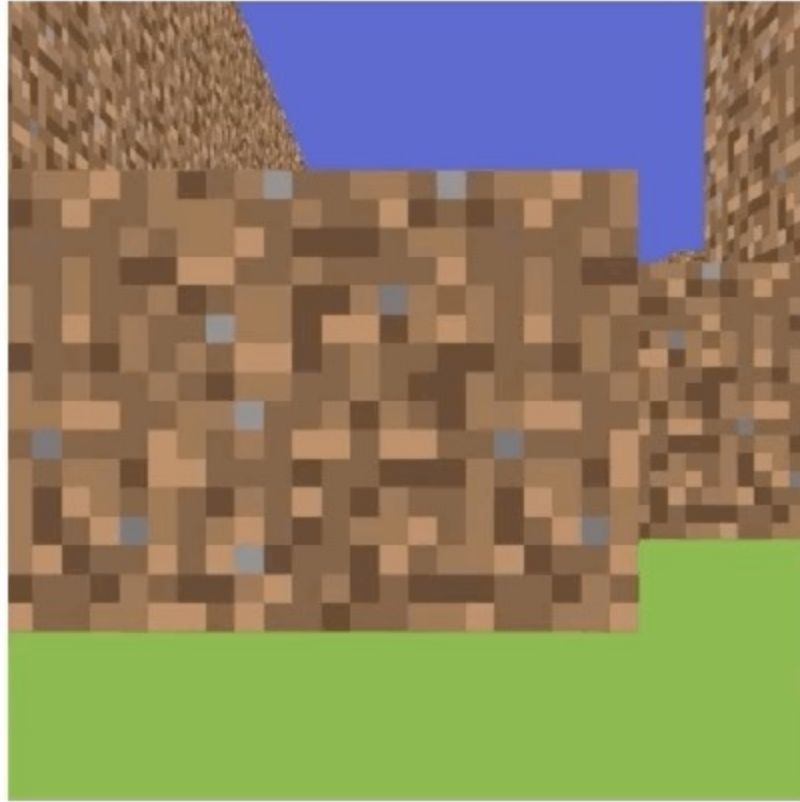
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glevin.avi

# Assignment 3 – Build a world

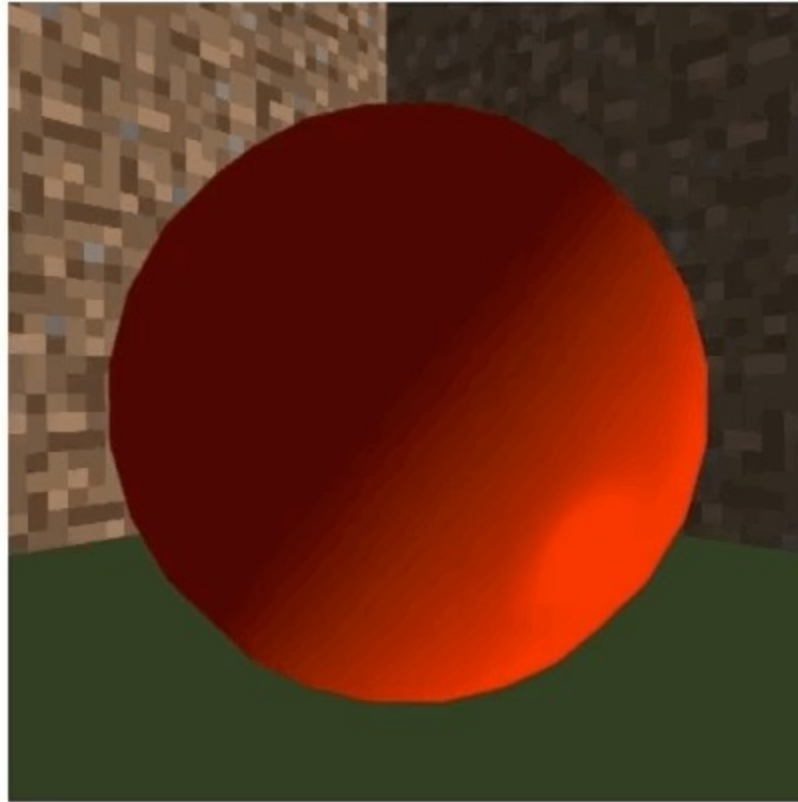
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# Assignment 4 - Lighting

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Why you should bother to  
learn in class

# Why are you here?

- Write it down on a piece of paper!  
– (the truth)

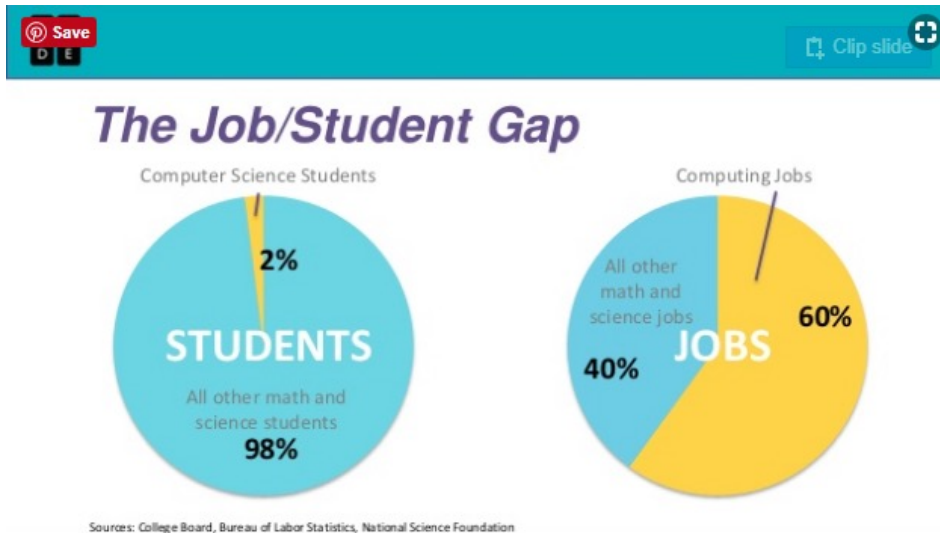
# Reason 1 – Really interesting work





Reason 2 - Lots of jobs

Good pay

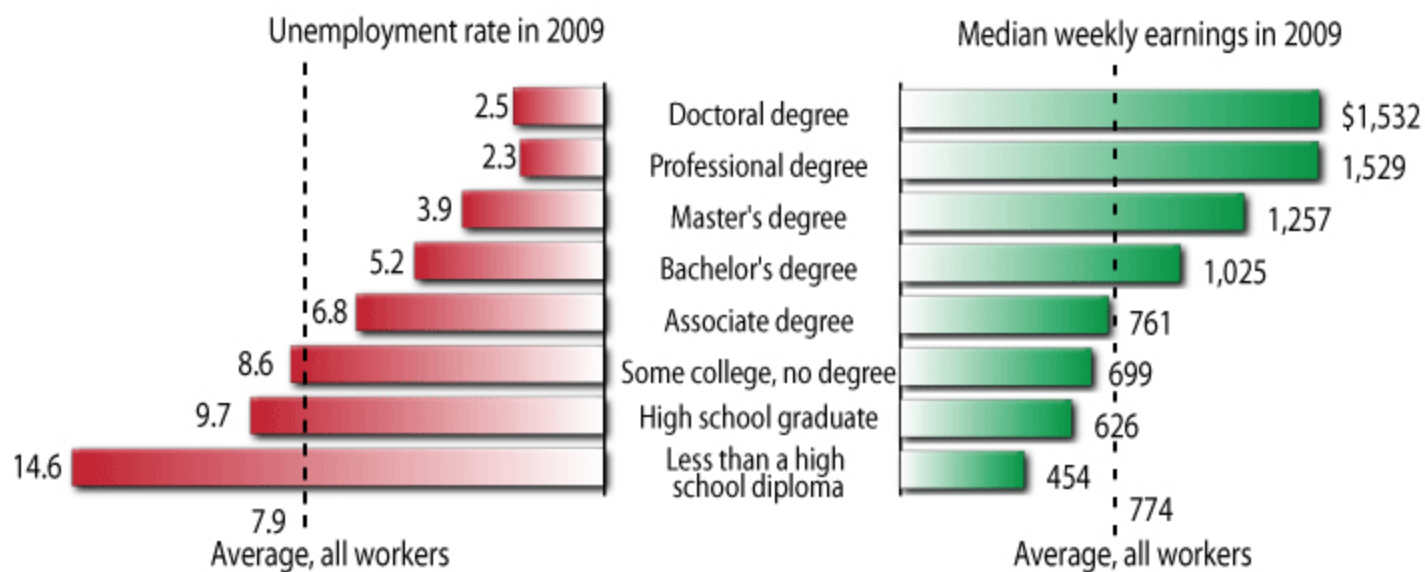


\* Figure 1: Top-Paying Majors for New College Graduates in 2012

Major	Average Starting Salary
Computer Engineering	\$70,400
Chemical Engineering	\$66,400
Computer Science	\$64,400
Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering	\$64,000
Mechanical Engineering	\$62,900
Electrical/Electronics and Communications Engineering	\$62,300
Civil Engineering	\$57,600
Finance	\$57,300
Construction Science/Management	\$56,600
Information Sciences and Systems	\$56,100

\* Source: January 2013 Salary Survey, National Association of Colleges and Employers

## Education pays



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

# Reason 3 – Flexible jobs

## Most jobs

- 8am-5pm Work



## Computer Science jobs

- 8am-10am Surf
- 10am-3pm Work
- 3pm-4pm Dentist
- 4pm-8pm Work



## #1 Advice from Faculty

- 1) Find a study group
- 2) Don't work with other people – its cheating





## #1 Advice from Faculty

- 1) Find a study group
- 2) Don't cheat with other people – its cheating



**Make #1 sure you know the rules in each class. If you're cheating, it shouldn't be an accident.**

# Collaboration Policy

(stolen from Luca)

- You can copy with clear attribution (give URL) all the code portions you want from the book, from StackOverflow, from the open web.
- You can ask you classmates advice, and exchange snippets of code.
- You cannot copy entire pieces of answers.
- You cannot use non-public web content (work-for-hire, homework exchanges, etc).
- In homeworks, you must turn in your own solution (no wholesale copying of solutions).
- For the project, you can copy code portions as stated above. You will be judged on your original content, but there is no problem if you also need thousands of lines of code from some library or framework.

# So how much is studying for that test worth?

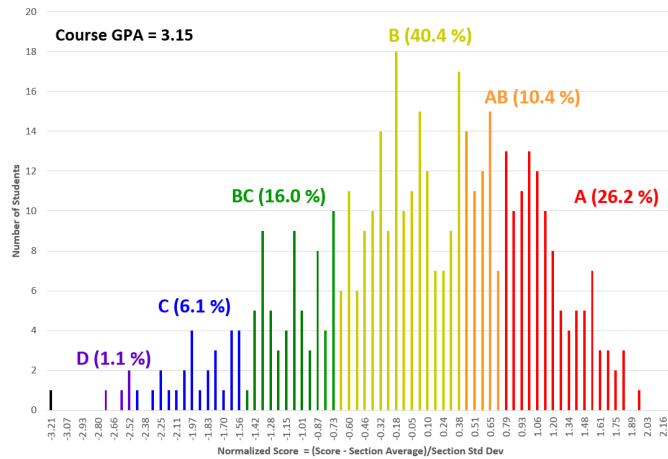
(actually getting the knowledge in your brain, you will be tested when you interview for jobs)

- Median life time earnings with CS degree - \$2.0M
- Median life time earnings “some college no degree” - \$0.7M
- Average classes to finish UCSC – 36
- Average tests per class – 2

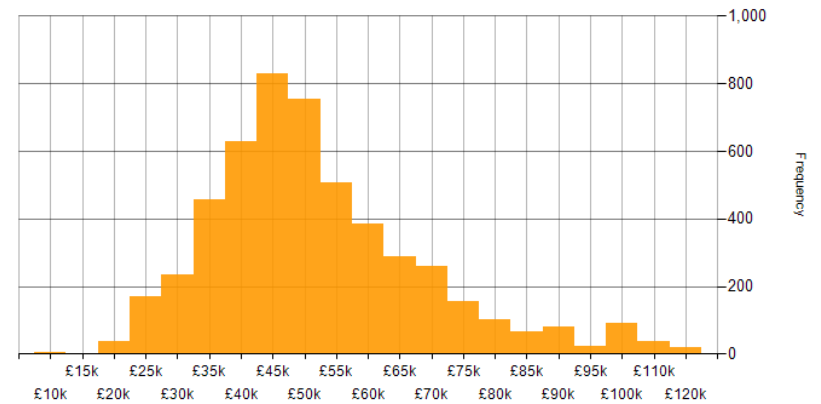
$$(\$2.0M - \$0.7M) / (36 * 2) = \mathbf{\$18,055}$$

*Lifetime value of  
just **1** test*

## Grades



## Software Engineering Salaries





**Short break**

**Participation form (will paste in Zoom chat)**

# Specifics of this class

Syllabus, HW, Tests, etc

Q&A