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UNIT 5 – VR PROGRAMMING

TOPIC 2 – Model Geometry and Appearance

What is VRML?

- **VRML stands for Virtual Reality Modelling Language and is pronounced ‘vermil’.**
- **It is a standard for delivering 3D picture on the net, just like HTML is a standard for web pages.**
- **VRML is a subset of the Open Inventor standard developed by SGI for their graphics workstation.**

The 'World' representation It has a way of describing geometry

- which creates objects and spaces in which you can move around, as well as light, texture and sound which can be approached and viewed from whatever angle.
- The files are called 'worlds' and have '.wrl' extension and .wrz (compression).

How To Use

- In order to see VRML *worlds*, we need to install a *VRML browser* (or *player*).
- Internet Explorer comes with a default VRML browser, and almost all other internet browsers can install one.

Applications

- *Architecture*
- *Training*
- *Medicine*
- *Engineering and Design*
- *E-Commerce*
- *Entertainment*
- *Manufacturing*

Syntax

VRML file contains Nodes that describe the scene

- A Node is defined with several Fields
 - > Each line give the field, the type of the field, the name and the default value.

```
#VRML V2.0 utf8

WorldInfo {
  title "Example 1"
}

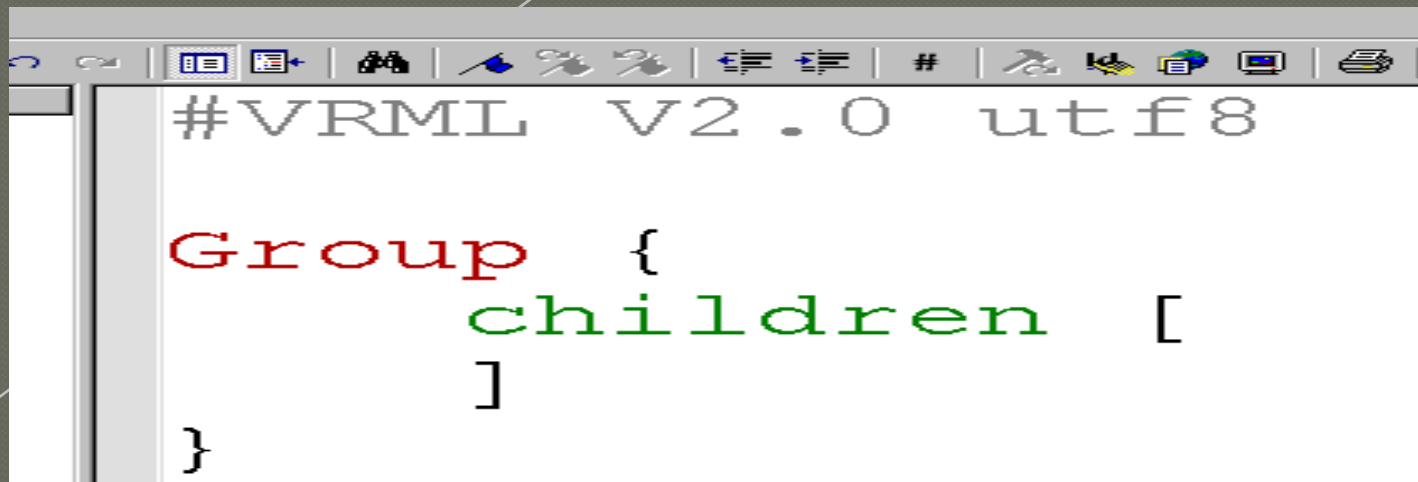
DEF FBOX Shape {
  appearance Appearance {
    material Material {
      diffuseColor 0.50
    }
  }
  geometry Box {
  }
}
```

Example

VRML world is made of nodes,
which are types of objects.

Inside the nodes there are fields which are properties
of the node.

A node structure is :

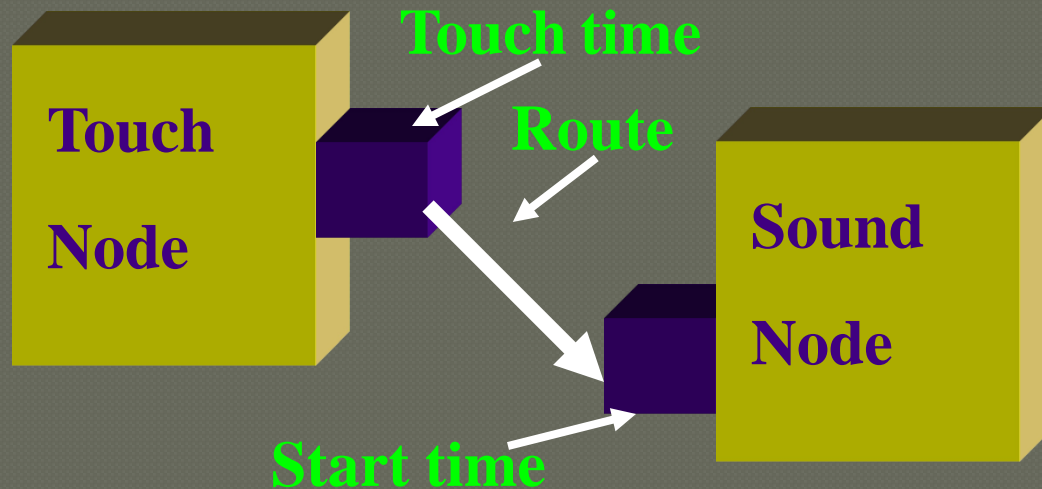
A screenshot of a code editor window. The window has a toolbar at the top with various icons for editing and viewing. The code is displayed in a monospaced font. The first line is a comment: "#VRML V2.0 utf8". The second line is "Group {" in red. The third line is " children [" in green. The fourth line is "]" in green. The fifth line is "}" in red.

```
#VRML V2.0 utf8

Group {
    children [
    ]
}
```

Events & Routes

- *A ROUTE wires two events together.*



```
DEF SENSOR TouchSensor {
```

```
}
```

```
DEF SOUND Sound {
```

```
}
```

```
ROUTE SENSOR.touchTime TO
```

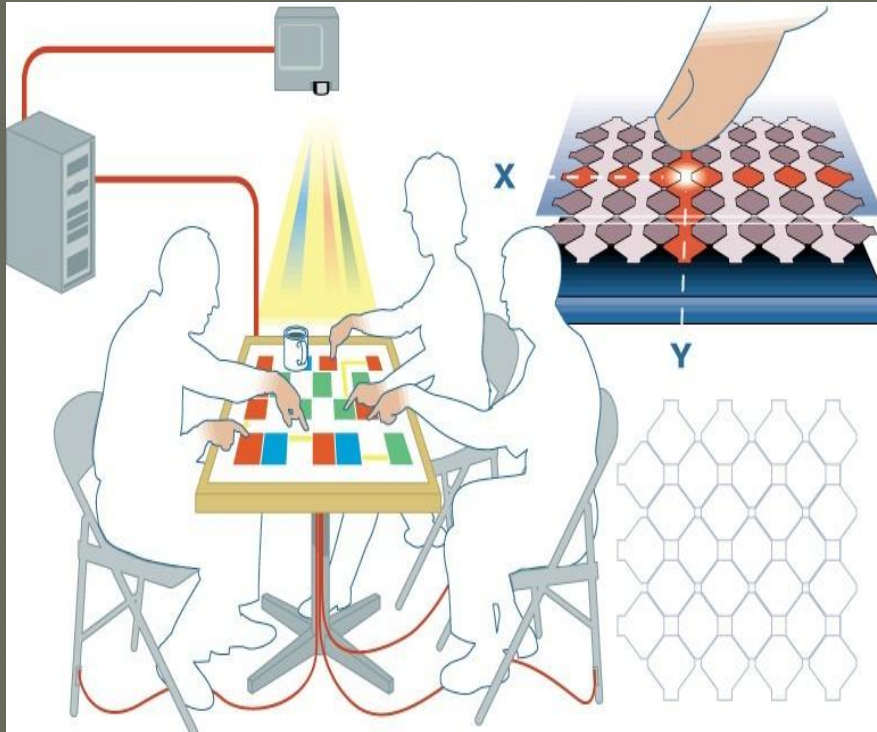

Sensors

There are several types
of sensors in VRML:



- > Time Sensors
- > Visibility sensors
- > Collision Sensors
- > Proximity Sensors
- > Touch Sensors
- > Sphere Sensors
- > Cylinder Sensors
- > Plane Sensors

In General Life



Capacitive sensing on a table

Software developed for weather
Forecasting (signaled from satt.lite)

Proximity range sensor:

Infrared (IR) receiver

IR emitter (below receiver to right)

Touch sensitivity:

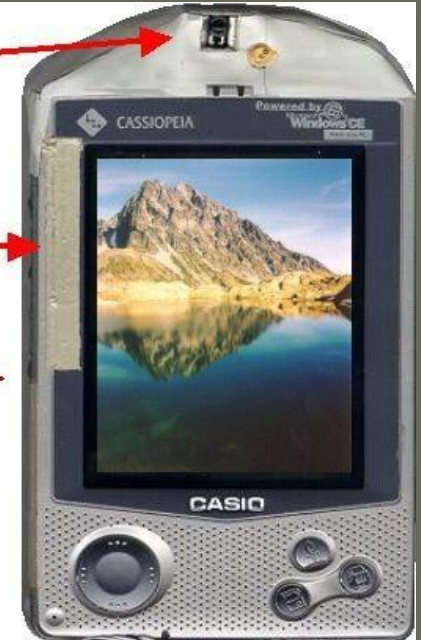
Screen bezel

On sides & back of device

Tilt sensor:

Inside device, in plane of the display

2-axis linear accelerometer



Sensors on a PDA



Versions

In the beginning there was VRML

- 1.0.
 - > It was the first attempt at an internet 3D language.
- VRML 2.0 replaced VRML 1.0 and add many features (animation).
- Version 2.0 was submitted to ISO for standardization, the outcome was VRML97 which is almost identical to VRML 2.0.

Classes of Node

1.Shapes



Geometry

> Appearance

2.Transformations

3.Lights

4.Groups

1. Shapes

- Each Shape has a geometry field that contains a geometry node and an appearance field that contains an Appearance node.

Ex:-

```
Shape {  
  appearance <some  
    appearance>  
  geometry <some  
    geometry> }  
}
```

Geometry Nodes

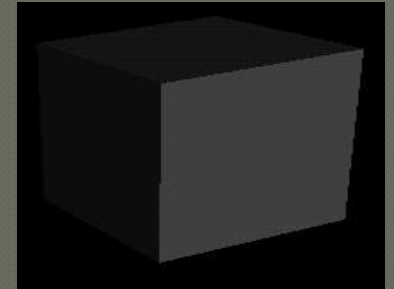
- **Basic types**

- > **Box**
- > **Sphere**
- > **Cylinder**
- > **Cone**
- > **Text**

- **Box**

- > **defined by its size field**

```
Box {  
    size 2.0 2.0 2.0  
}
```



- **Sphere**

- > **defined by its radius field**

```
Sphere {  
    radius 1.5  
}
```

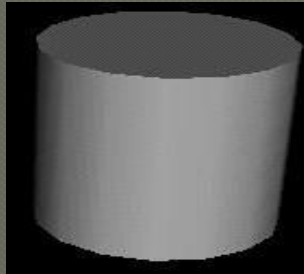


Geometry Nodes

□ Cylinder

- > defined by its height and radius fields

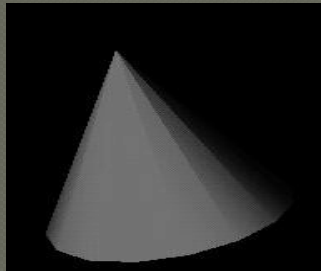
```
Cylinder {  
  height 2.0  
  radius 1.0  
}
```



□ Cone

- > defined by its height and radius fields

```
Cone {  
  radius 1.3  
  height 1.8  
}
```



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- > *defined by the string and the font*

```
geometry Text {string  
  ["Hi!"] fontStyle  
  FontStyle {  
    family "TYPEWRITER"  
    style "ITALIC"  
  }  
}
```



Appearance

Defines the look of some piece of geometry

- - > Material

- combination of ambient colour, diffuse colour, emissive colour, shininess, transparency, specular colour.

- > Texture

- defines a picture to paste to the object

- supports movies

- > TextureTransform

- defines how the picture is applied to the object

Material Examples

Material

> Shiny Material

ambientIntensity 0.3
diffuseColor 0.1 0.7 0.2
specularColor 0.6 0.8 0.6
shininess 0.6

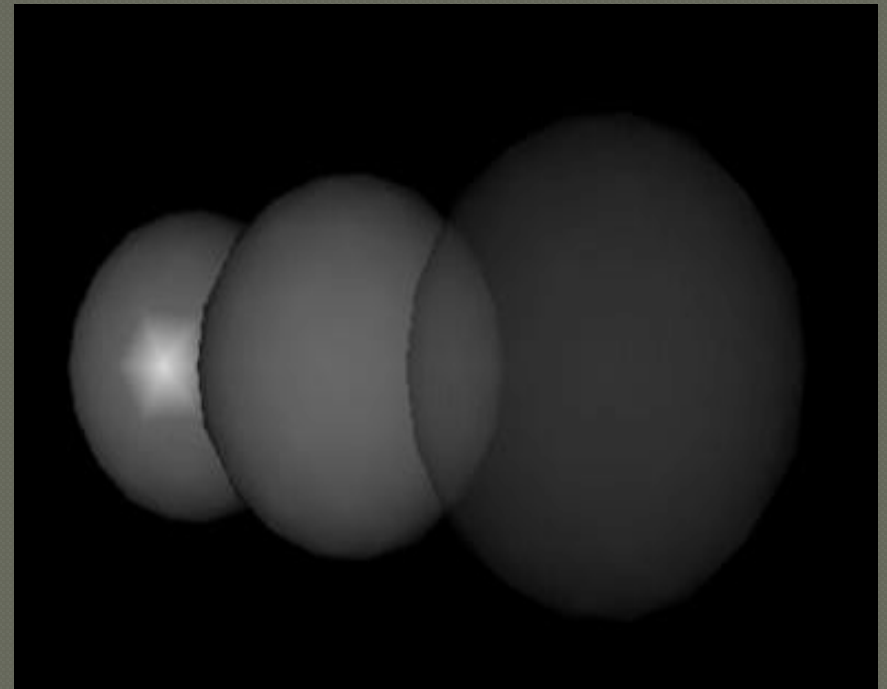
> Dull Material

ambientIntensity 0.1
diffuseColor 0.1 0.7 0.2
shininess 0.0

> Transparent Material

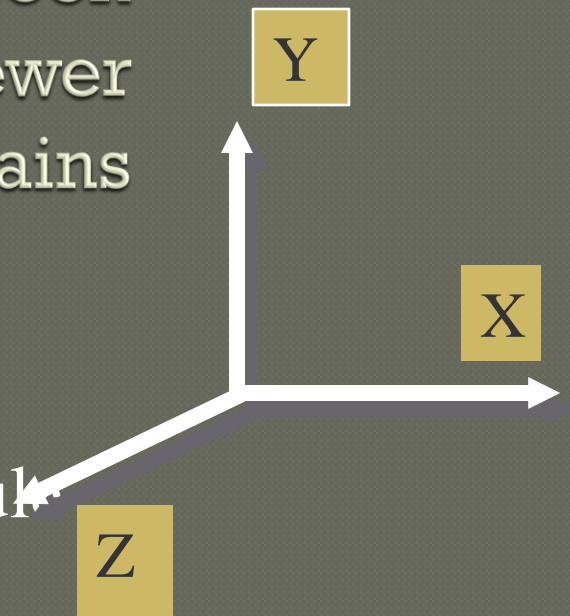
diffuseColor 0.1 0.7 0.2
transparency 0.5

Colour components defined in RGB (red, green, blue triplets)



Transformations

- Define the positions of objects in 3D space
- XY are the plane of the screen
- Z is towards the Viewer
- Transformation basically contains
 - > rotation
 - > scale
 - > translation
- Rotations follow “right-hand” screw rule



Lights

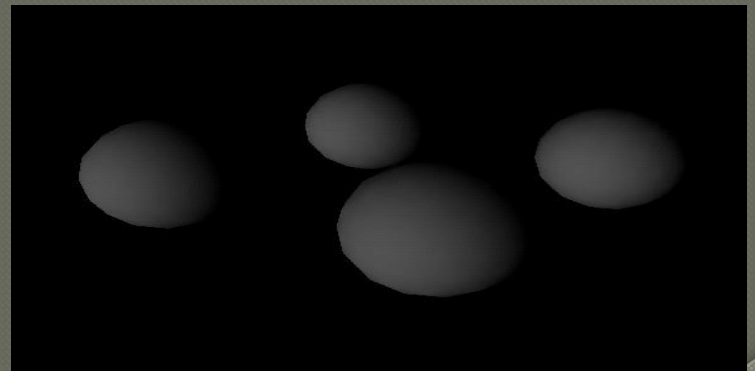
Provide illumination in the scene

- - > DirectionalLight
 - > PointLight
 - > SpotLight

1. DirectionalLight

- > light rays travelling in parallel lines e.g. sunlight

```
DirectionalLight {  
    direction -1 -1 -1  
    intensity 0.8  
}
```



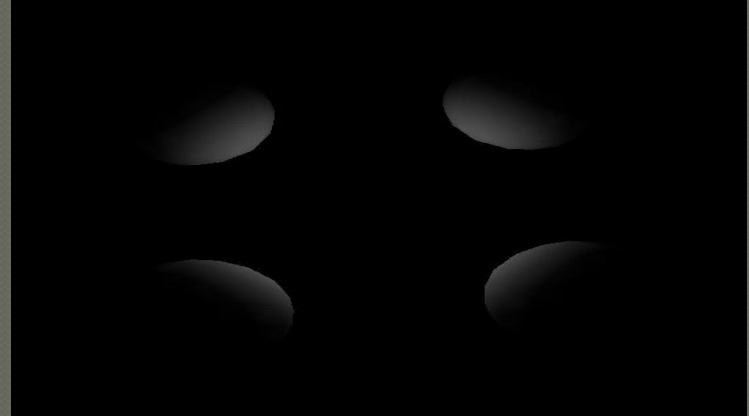
Lights(cont...)

PointLight

- > radiate in all directions

SpotLight

- > radiate only in certain directions, and with volumes of different intensity



Programming Real animation

- must include some sort of programming.
- VRML accepts two kinds of programs:
 - > JAVA.
 - > JavaScript.
- The script node can receive and send events very easily.

Benefits

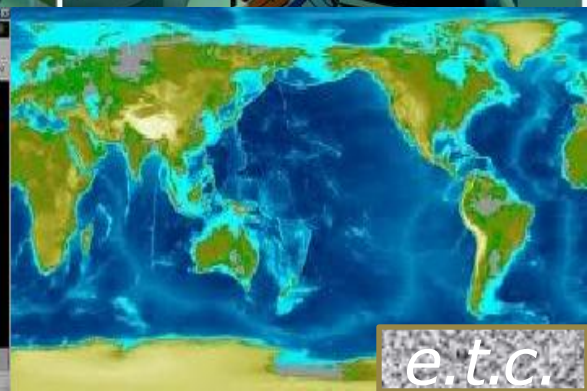
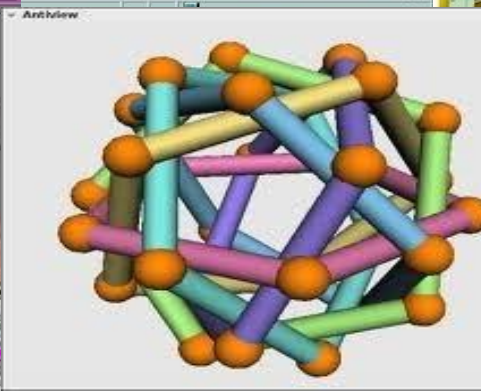
1. **Platform Independence** - the viewer is still platform dependent, but the simulation will run on all types of platforms, since it is an ASCII language.
2. **Extensibility** - the first draft of the language runs in concurrence with HTML, not over it.
3. **Low bandwidth requirements** - it runs as fast as your machine will allow it.
4. **Open Standard** - refined by the collective wisdom of expert user community

Benefits(cont.) possible developer interfaces

- > GUI Editors
 - > Text Editors
 - > Translation programs (Java or Perl)
 - > combinations of the above
7. **Motivating** - 3D graphics, audio, media files, immediate feedback, visual debugging.
 8. **Gradual exposure to programming** - modeling -> animation -> interaction -> scripting -> programming

Benefits(cont....)

9. **Object-Oriented concepts** - objects (nodes), fields, input/output interfaces (routes), abstraction and inheritance etc.
10. **Other applied concepts** - data structures (trees, stacks, etc), 3D math, linear algebra, etc.
11. **Lots of resources** - content components, examples, tutorials, and tools.



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