OpenGL Projects in Xcode (Mac OSX)

If not already installed, from the Developer Disk, install Xcode

Create a new Project after starting Xcode

- 1. Go to File menu and select New Project
- 2. In the New Project Assistant window, select Cocoa Application as the project type (near the middle of the list)
- 3. Choose a name for the project and a location to place the project folder

Add in Necessary Frameworks

- 1. Click plus (+) in Linked Frameworks and Libraries area in he middle.
- 2. Hold down the command (apple) key and in the Frameworks folder select these two frameworks: GLUT.framework OpenGL.framework
- 3. Click Add

Adding In Your Source Files

- 1. In the "Supporting files" folder, delete main.m by selecting main.m and clicking the delete key (choose "Remove References Only" in the dialog box that appears)
- 2. Right-click (control-click) on the "Supporting files" folder and choose Add Files to "the name of your project"
- 3. Browse to your source file(s), select them, and click Add
- Alternatively, you can create a new source file by choosing New File from the File menu, selecting "C++ File," naming the file, and then editing it.

In your source file(s) you will need the following includes:

#include <GLUT/glut.h>

Compiling and Running the Project

- 1. Click on the Run button (circle with an arrow-triangle on the top left)
- 2. Alternatively, you can go to the Project menu and choose Build and then Run
- 3. From time to time you may wish to clean out the active target. Do this go to the Project menu and choose Clean

Things to Remember

- Make sure your main function is "int main()" and not "void main()"
- Make sure "return 0" is at the end of the main function

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