

LETTERS

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Adding another dimension

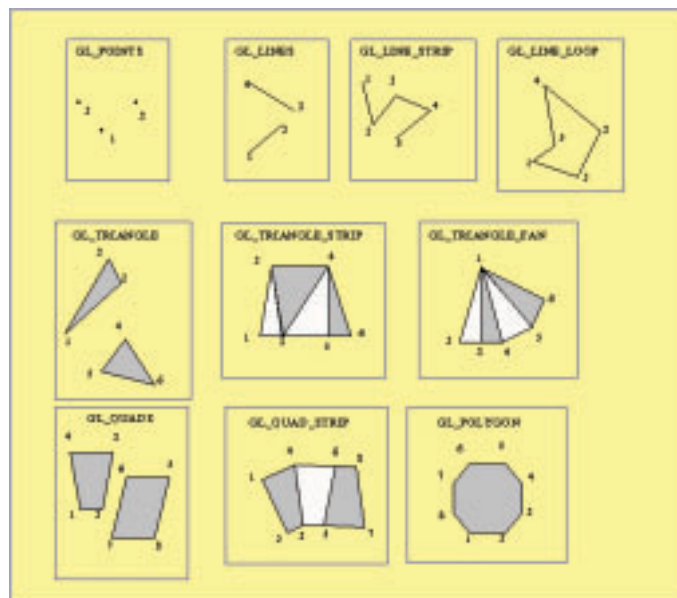
Could you please explain the paragraph entitled "Basic 3D elements" in the article "OpenGL course: part2". I cannot make head-nor-tail of the discussion - certainly not when referring to Picture 2. And at the bottom of page 2, reference is made to '10 of the primitive types mentioned above'. Which 10 types are these? Only five types were mentioned in the text - points, lines, triangles, quadrangles and polygons. Am I missing something here?

Paul Keith via email

Linux Magazine

We made a mistake and did not print the correct picture. The 10 primitive types should be:

- 1 Points
- 2 Lines
- 3 Line_Strip (lines joined to one another)
- 4 Line_Loop (lines joined to one another making a loop)
- 5 Triangle
- 6 Triangle_Strip (ajoining triangles)
- 7 Triangle_Fan (adjoining triangles with one common point)
- 8 Quads
- 9 Quad_Strip
- 10 Polygon



The 10 primitives

Star Letter



I was somewhat excited to find a copy of Mandrake on your coverdisc and impatiently tried to install it. After creating the boot floppy and following the installation instruction, the installation told me that the disc did not seem to be a Mandrake installation disc? I have tried all the methods described. Can you help me? Also the DOS method is wrong because it tells me there is no such file as autoboot.bat. I would dearly like to install this product and maybe one day escape from Windows! I am running Windows Me on a 733mhz Pentium III with 27GB hard drive CD-ROMrw and DVD.

S Monty via email

Linux Magazine

As you may have guessed, we had one or two similar letters. The truth is we made a mistake and incorrectly mastered the CD without the Rockridge extensions, thus making the CD into a non-bootable disc. It was nothing to do with Mandrake. All our fault and for that I apologise. However remiss we were, can I point out to the two gentlemen who so kindly took the time to call me at home that swearing at my children is not perhaps the best response as I now have your number. Hopefully by now everyone who has requested a replacement has received one. If anyone still requires a replacement copy then just write or email.

Not browsing

I am trying to access your CD through Windows Internet Explorer - unfortunately. But only the Index Contents or Start page will open. Any selection made from the index causes the "Page cannot be displayed" error page to pop up. Other browser type CD formats work fine, have I missed something?

Ron via Email

Linux Magazine

Trying to access a CD-ROM with a browser can be a trying experience. We have used the ISO 9660 standard when writing the CD. In real words, when we save data on the CD it is saved with / (Slash) as the separator between directories.

UNIX, Linux, Mac, PowerPC, Alpha, Sun, SGI and, more importantly, the Internet use this separator (as in <http://www.microsoft.com>). Unfortunately, Microsoft Explorer does not want to play fair and so treats '/' as part of a name. I expect you are getting something like:

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d:\LinuxMagazine\kthemes\index.html (local)
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at the bottom of your explorer screen, when you hover over a hypertext link.

What would be required for Internet Explorer to read the file would be:

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d:\LinuxMagazine\kthemes\index.html
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As we are aimed at Linux OS, we would continue to use the ISO 9660 standard but that does not help you. What you need to do to read the magazine CD-ROM under Internet Explorer is open each page individually by using the menu:

- File
- Open
- Browse

At this point you can then step down through the directories. Both the other two browsers under Windows that I have tried (Netscape and Opera) work fine and treat the '/' as a directory separator. Honestly, it is easier if you change to Linux.

Hope this helps. ■