OpenHaptics®
Developer Edition

Add 3D Touch™ Navigation and Haptics to Your Applications

Create a compelling user experience for your customers: Enable users to go beyond working with a 2D mouse in your applications, to interacting with and manipulating objects in a realistic intuitive way. Allow users to feel objects in a virtual 3D scene, making skills easier to learn. Give your customers true 3D navigation and direct interaction in a way that makes them more productive and adds a “wow” factor to your application.

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// display method for *HelloHaptic* program
void display(void)
{
  glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);
  glColor3f(0.0, 0.5, 0.0);
  glBegin(GL_TRIANGLES);
  glVertex3f(0.0, 0.75, 0.0);
  glVertex3f(0.75, 0.75, 0.0);
  glVertex3f(0.25, 0.75, 0.0);
  glEnd();
  glFlush();
  // Other code...
}

This toolkit includes the Haptic Device API (HDAPI), the Haptic Library API (HLAPI), utilities, PHANTOM Device Drivers (PDD), and source code examples. The HDAPI provides low-level access to the haptic device, enables haptics programmers to render forces directly, offers control over configuring the runtime behavior of the drivers, and provides convenient utility features and debugging aids. The HLAPI provides high level haptic rendering and is designed to be familiar to OpenGL API programmers. It allows significant reuse of existing OpenGL code and greatly simplifies synchronization of the haptics and graphics threads. The Device Drivers support all 3D Systems’ Touch and Phantom haptic devices.
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Key Features & Benefits

• Optimized interface to the 3D Systems haptic devices, including the low-cost Touch devices
• Architected to be extensible
• Software control over:
  - User-definable haptic servo loop for ideal performance
  - Error handling and safety limits for an optimal user experience
  - Scheduling user-defined callbacks within the haptic thread for maximum control over synchronization
  - Direct access to encoder values and control over motor DAC values for advanced programming
• Includes API, utilities, and source code examples

Haptic Device API Functionality

Get Device State
• Position, orientation, velocity
• 3 coordinate spaces: Cartesian, joint, raw data I/O (encoder/DAC)
• Buttons

Get Device Characteristics
• Model, version, serial number
• Workspace dimensions, I/O DOF
• Max stiffness, max force, max velocity, max torque, max torque stiffness
• Motor temperature
• Calibration capabilities

Set Device State
• Force/torque in Cartesian space

Motor DAC
• LED status

Scheduler
• Synchronous and asynchronous user-defined callbacks
• Customizable scheduling of callbacks
• Facilitates synchronization of the haptics and graphics threads
• User-definable haptic servo loop rate

Enable/Disable
• Force: output, clamping, ramping
• Error reporting
• Software checks: max force, max velocity
• Error Reporting and Handling

Error categories, including:
- Function
- Device
- Scheduler
- Error stack

Device Calibration Interface
• Auto calibration
• Manual calibration

Utilities
• C++ haptic device wrapper
• Workspace-to-camera view mapping
• Vector and matrix math and geometry
• Snap constraints
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Key Features & Benefits

- Designed for programmers familiar with graphics and with no prior knowledge of haptics
- Enables reuse of existing OpenGL code for fast integration
- Designed to integrate third-party libraries such as physics/dynamics and collision detection engines
- Extensible and flexible architecture will enable future support of other graphics libraries such as Microsoft® DirectX®
- Support for polygonal meshes, tessellated NURBS, and subdivision surfaces
- Includes API, utilities, and source code examples
- The QuickHaptics micro API enables rapid program design deployment. With QuickHaptics you can write a simple graphic/haptics application using 8 lines of programming code instead of 300

Haptic Library API Functionality

**Shapes**
- OpenGL primitives (polygons, points, and lines)
- Custom/extension

**Force Effects**
- Constant (e.g. gravity)
- Viscosity, 3D friction
- Spring
- Custom/extension

**Touch Model**
- Single point
- Future support for multipoint
- Contact/constraint

**Surface Material Properties**
- Friction
- Stiffness and damping
- Front/back faces

**Dynamics**
- Capabilities for integration with third-party physics/dynamics and collision detection engines

**Deformable Objects**
- Capabilities for third-party integration

**Event**
- Windows
  - 2D Mouse
- Haptic device
  - Touch/untouch
  - Motion
  - Calibration

**Programmer Productivity**
- Dynamic changes for effects
- Push/pop attributes
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The Broadest Range of 3D Systems Haptic Devices & Toolkits for Haptic Application Development

Haptic Devices
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