Updated GameTools: Libraries for easier advanced graphics in serious gaming

Rubén García Hernández

9 May 2012

Graphics and Imaging Laboratory Dept. Informatics and Applied Mathematics University of Girona. Asian-European Workshop on Serious Game and Simulation, 25th Annual Conference on Computer Animation and Social Acents

Index



- Geometry routines
- Advanced global illumination effects
- 2 Structure of the routines
- 3 Use Cases
 - Jaume I
 - Legends of Girona
 - Nine Men Morris

Structure of the routines Use Cases Conclusions Geometry routines Advanced global illumination effects

Index

1 Introduction: Overview of Updated GameTools

- Geometry routines
- Advanced global illumination effects

2 Structure of the routines

3 Use Cases

- Jaume I
- Legends of Girona
- Nine Men Morris

Structure of the routines Use Cases Conclusions

Purpose

Geometry routines Advanced global illumination effects

- Simple, easy to use routines, ideally drag & drop
- Efficient, making use of GPU transparently
- Knowledge of computer graphics not required
- Usable by non experts

Structure of the routines Use Cases Conclusions Geometry routines Advanced global illumination effects

Geometry and Illumination routines

- Geometry simplification using continuous level of detail
 - Stripification and simplification of triangle stripes
 - Specialized algorithms for simplification of trees
- Advanced global illumination effects
 - Realistic reflection, refraction, caustics and other effects
 - GPU implementation

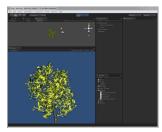
Structure of the routines Use Cases Conclusions Geometry routines Advanced global illumination effects

Geometry simplification and management









Structure of the routines Use Cases Conclusions Geometry routines Advanced global illumination effects

Advanced global illumination effects using GPUs

Interactive and realistic illumination effects:

- Caustics
- Particle systems
- Raytracing
- Hierarchical systems
- Tone mapping
- Precomputed radiance maps
- Multiple reflections and refractions
- Importance sampling aware algorithms

Structure of the routines Use Cases Conclusions

Geometry routines Advanced global illumination effects

Caustics, particle systems, raytracing, hierarchical systems









Index

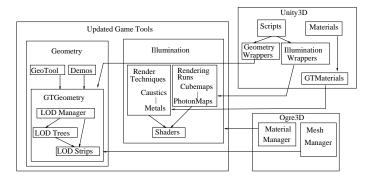
Introduction: Overview of Updated GameTools

- Geometry routines
- Advanced global illumination effects

2 Structure of the routines

- 3 Use Cases
 - Jaume I
 - Legends of Girona
 - Nine Men Morris

Structure of the routines



Jaume I Legends of Girona Nine Men Morris

Index

1 Introduction: Overview of Updated GameTools

- Geometry routines
- Advanced global illumination effects

2 Structure of the routines

- 3 Use Cases
 - Jaume I
 - Legends of Girona
 - Nine Men Morris

Use Cases Conclusions Jaume I Legends of Girona Nine Men Morris

Jaume I



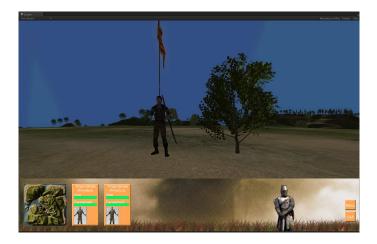
Use Cases Conclusions Jaume I Legends of Girona Nine Men Morris

Jaume I



Use Cases Conclusions Jaume I Legends of Girona Nine Men Morris

Jaume I



Conclusions

Jaume I Legends of Girona Nine Men Morris

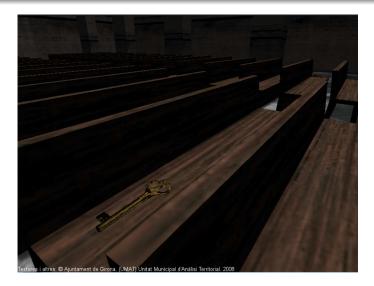
Legends of Girona



Conclusions

Jaume I Legends of Girona Nine Men Morris

Legends of Girona



Jaume I Legends of Girona Nine Men Morris

Nine Men Morris



Index

Introduction: Overview of Updated GameTools

- Geometry routines
- Advanced global illumination effects
- 2 Structure of the routines
- 3 Use Cases
 - Jaume I
 - Legends of Girona
 - Nine Men Morris

- Collection of efficient Geometry and Illumination routines packaged for easy-of-use
- Drag & Drop, no knowledge of graphics required.
- Unity3D and Ogre3D engines supported
- Three games have been used to evaluate the routines.

Questions and Comments

Thank you for your attention.

Questions and comments are welcome.