

X3D Graphics for Advanced Modeling

Teaching and Learning X3D

Web3D 2012 Tutorial

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involve me and I'll understand. *Chinese Proverb*

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X3D for Web Authors book

- Chapter slidesets, example archives, videos

Getting Started with X3D: overview

X3D-Edit: open source authoring tool

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X3D Example Archives and Authoring Tools

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Project outline: visualizing data using X3D

Discussion and next steps

Slidesets are available online

[http://x3dgraphics.com/slidesets/
X3dForAdvancedModeling/Web3D2012/](http://x3dgraphics.com/slidesets/X3dForAdvancedModeling/Web3D2012/)

- TeachingAndLearningX3dGraphics.pdf
- Chapter00-GettingStarted.pdf
- TutorialX3dSceneGraph.pdf
- X3D-EditAuthoringTool.pdf

plus some bonus items:

- GeneralConversionProcessDataToX3dVisualization.pdf
- ChapterAndExampleNotes.pdf

Course abstract 1

This course is taught at an intermediate level and is suitable for educators and learners (i.e. all attendees). Materials covered include X3D examples, authoring validation and conversion tools, books, course slidesets and videos, communities, and numerous other resources. Educators will get everything needed to teach their own introductory or advanced X3D graphics courses, without student prerequisites for programming experience.

Course abstract 2

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Assets Overview

X3D for Web Authors

Textbook, slidesets, examples, videos

<http://x3dGraphics.com>

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Course Videos: X3D for Web Authors



These video lessons support the textbook [X3D: Extensible 3D Graphics for Web Authors](#), which shows how to build and animate models using X3D.

Primary supporting materials for the book and these video lessons include the [X3D-Edit authoring tool](#), [example scenes](#), and [chapter slidesets](#). Supplementary learning materials include [X3D Resources](#), [X3D Tooltips](#), and [X3D Scene Authoring Hints](#).

These videos were produced as part of two [Naval Postgraduate School \(NPS\) MOVES Institute](#) courses: *Introduction to X3D Graphics* (MV3204) and *Advanced X3D Graphics* (MV4205). The course presenter is book coauthor [Don Brutzman](#).

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CGEMS

Computer Graphics Educational Material Source

- SIGGRAPH Education Committee
- Archives for teaching and learning 3D
- <http://cgems.inesc.pt>



Jury award, best submission 2008

- Book, course notes, X3D-Edit tool, examples

Online learning resource: course video podcasts!

Getting Started with X3D: overview slideset

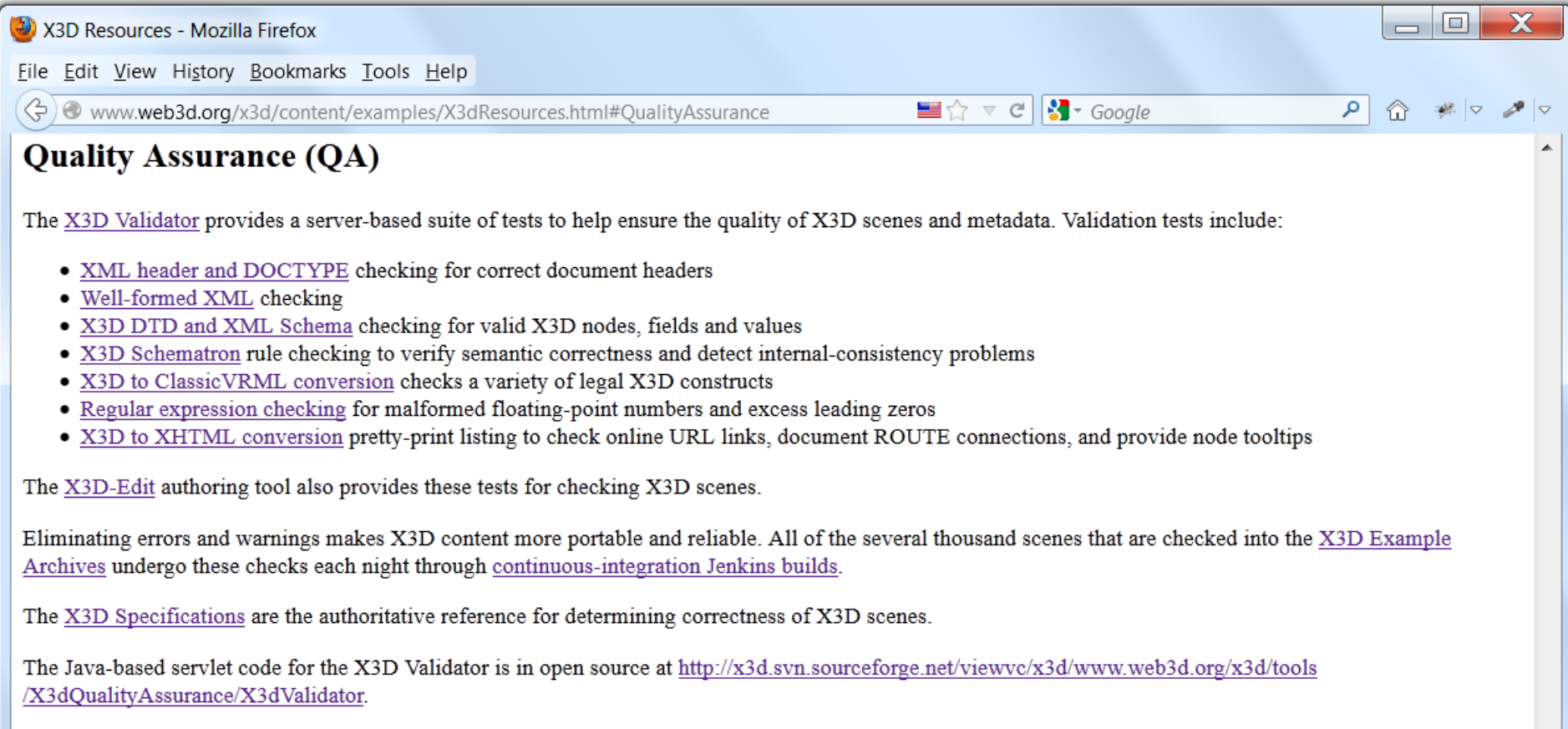
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Getting Started with X3D

*A journey of a thousand miles
begins with a single step.*

Chinese proverb

Quality Assurance (QA)



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www.web3d.org/x3d/content/examples/X3dResources.html#QualityAssurance

Quality Assurance (QA)

The [X3D Validator](#) provides a server-based suite of tests to help ensure the quality of X3D scenes and metadata. Validation tests include:

- [XML header and DOCTYPE](#) checking for correct document headers
- [Well-formed XML](#) checking
- [X3D DTD and XML Schema](#) checking for valid X3D nodes, fields and values
- [X3D Schematron](#) rule checking to verify semantic correctness and detect internal-consistency problems
- [X3D to ClassicVRML conversion](#) checks a variety of legal X3D constructs
- [Regular expression checking](#) for malformed floating-point numbers and excess leading zeros
- [X3D to XHTML conversion](#) pretty-print listing to check online URL links, document ROUTE connections, and provide node tooltips

The [X3D-Edit](#) authoring tool also provides these tests for checking X3D scenes.

Eliminating errors and warnings makes X3D content more portable and reliable. All of the several thousand scenes that are checked into the [X3D Example Archives](#) undergo these checks each night through [continuous-integration Jenkins builds](#).

The [X3D Specifications](#) are the authoritative reference for determining correctness of X3D scenes.

The Java-based servlet code for the X3D Validator is in open source at <http://x3d.svn.sourceforge.net/viewvc/x3d/www.web3d.org/x3d/tools/X3dQualityAssurance/X3dValidator>.

X3D Validator



X3D Validator



This Web application checks X3D scene validity.

Choose a local .x3d scene:

Enter an online .x3d url:

X3D Validator Status

- The [Quality Assurance \(QA\)](#) section of the [X3D Resources](#) page provides further information about these tests.
- This codebase is published under an [open-source license](#), available on [SourceForge](#), and undergoing continued development.
- Security note: currently no scenes or errors are saved by the server. Future versions may support submitting error reports of general interest.

Contact

- Questions, suggestions and comments about these resources are welcome. Please send them to [Don Brutzman \(brutzman@nps.edu\)](mailto:brutzman@nps.edu)
- If you find this service useful, please consider providing a testimonial comment for our [Web3D Consortium news announcement](#).
- The [X3D Validator](#) is available online at <https://savage.nps.edu/X3dValidator>
- Updated 29 July 2012 ([revision log](#))

X3D-Edit: open source authoring tool

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X3D-Edit Authoring Tool

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X3D Scene Graph tutorial

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Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose.

The more something changes, the more it's the same thing.

Applications, Players, Plugins for X3D



X3D Resources



Extensible 3D (X3D) Graphics is the royalty-free open standard for viewing and archiving interactive 3D models on the Web.

This page lists numerous resources that support X3D.

[Applications](#) | [Authoring Software](#) | [Authoring Support](#) | [Books](#) | [Conformance](#) | [Conversions](#) | [Examples](#) | [Export](#) | [License](#) | [Mobile](#) | [PowerPoint](#) | [Quality Assurance \(QA\)](#) | [References](#) | [Security](#) | [Showcase](#) | [Training](#) | [X3D-Edit](#) | [X3D Scene Authoring Hints](#) | [Contact](#)

Applications, Players and Plugins for X3D / VRML Viewing

Your web browser must be capable of viewing X3D/VRML scenes in order to browse these X3D examples. Please load one of these player plugins if necessary.

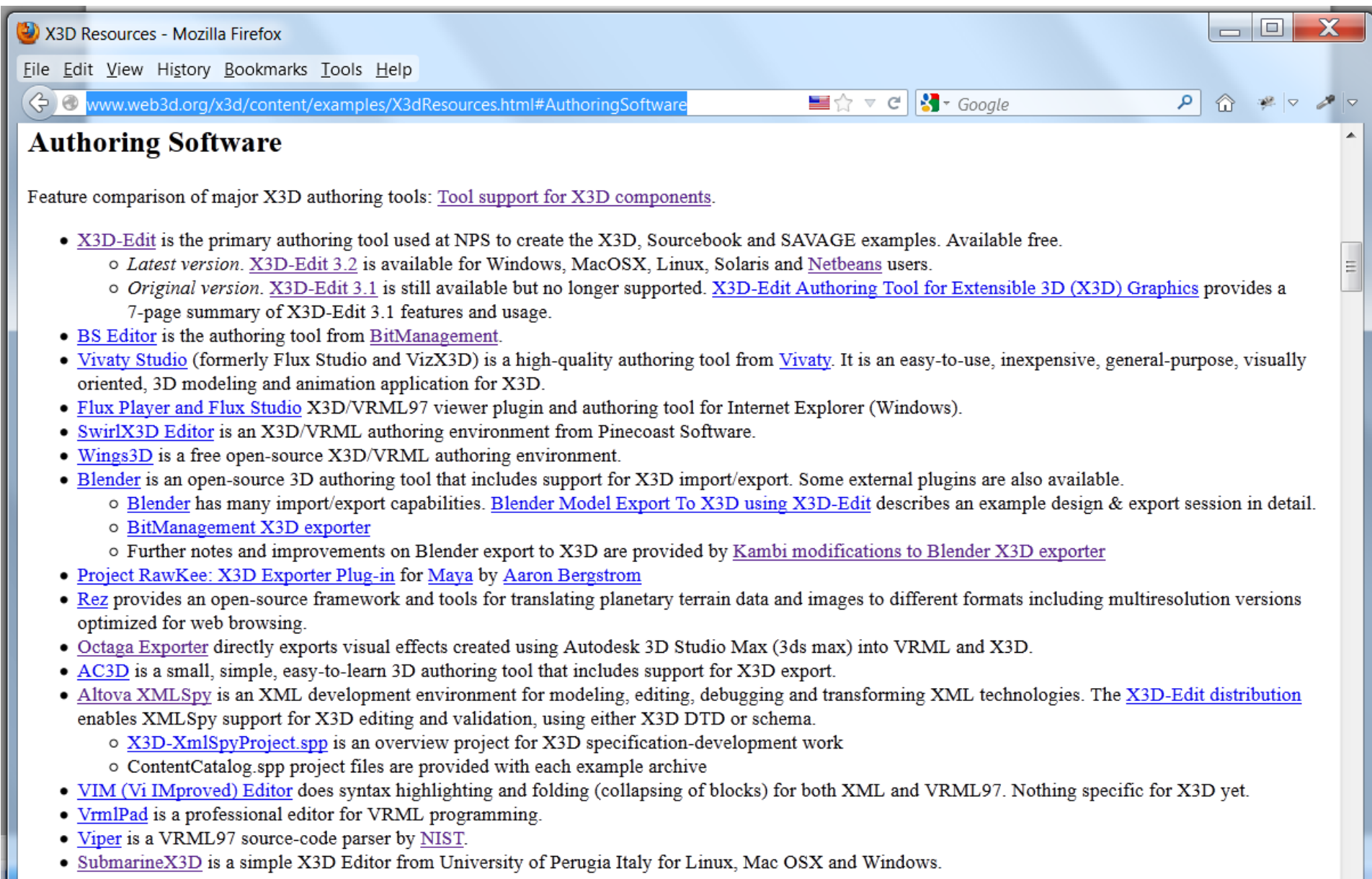
Example test scene: [HelloWorld](#) ([.x3d XML](#), [.x3dv ClassicVRML](#), [.wrl VRML97](#), [.html listing](#), [.xhtml X3DOM](#), [.x3db compression](#), [C14N canonicalization](#), and [.png image](#))

Feature comparison of major X3D viewers: [Player support for X3D components](#).

X3D players from Web3D Consortium [members](#):

- [BitManagement's BS Contact](#) and [BS Contact Geo](#) X3D/VRML97 plugins for Internet Explorer (Windows MacOSX Linux).
- [InstantReality](#) is a high-performance Mixed Reality (MR) system (Windows MacOSX Linux).
- [FreeWRL/FreeX3D](#) X3D/VRML browser (open-source C). Also available via [Apple website](#) (Windows MacOSX Linux).
- [Xj3D Open Source](#) (latest release on [developer page](#)) for X3D/VRML97. Version 2.0 release using Java OpenGL (JOGL) rendering. (Windows MacOSX Linux Solaris, or [Java](#) standalone, or browser-launchable [Java WebStart](#)).
 - [NPS source branch for Xj3D viewer](#) nightly build is also available
- [SwirlX3D Free Player](#) by Pine Coast Software (Windows).
- [Heilan X3D Browser](#) open-source C++ browser for audio research (Mac Windows Linux).
- [NuGraf](#) 3D Rendering, Translation, Viewing & Data Optimization System by Okino (Windows and authoring-tool plugins).
- [GeoVrml Run-Time](#) is needed for VRML97 GeoVrml examples.
- [Sensegraphics H3D API](#) is an open-source C++ API for X3D that includes the haptics support, the Rigid Body Physics component, plus the proposed [Volume Visualization component](#) for the Medical Working Group.

X3D Authoring Software



X3D Resources - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help

www.web3d.org/x3d/content/examples/X3dResources.html#AuthoringSoftware

Authoring Software

Feature comparison of major X3D authoring tools: [Tool support for X3D components](#).

- [X3D-Edit](#) is the primary authoring tool used at NPS to create the X3D, Sourcebook and SAVAGE examples. Available free.
 - *Latest version.* [X3D-Edit 3.2](#) is available for Windows, MacOSX, Linux, Solaris and [Netbeans](#) users.
 - *Original version.* [X3D-Edit 3.1](#) is still available but no longer supported. [X3D-Edit Authoring Tool for Extensible 3D \(X3D\) Graphics](#) provides a 7-page summary of X3D-Edit 3.1 features and usage.
- [BS Editor](#) is the authoring tool from [BitManagement](#).
- [Vivaty Studio](#) (formerly Flux Studio and VizX3D) is a high-quality authoring tool from [Vivaty](#). It is an easy-to-use, inexpensive, general-purpose, visually oriented, 3D modeling and animation application for X3D.
- [Flux Player and Flux Studio](#) X3D/VRML97 viewer plugin and authoring tool for Internet Explorer (Windows).
- [SwirlX3D Editor](#) is an X3D/VRML authoring environment from Pinecoast Software.
- [Wings3D](#) is a free open-source X3D/VRML authoring environment.
- [Blender](#) is an open-source 3D authoring tool that includes support for X3D import/export. Some external plugins are also available.
 - [Blender](#) has many import/export capabilities. [Blender Model Export To X3D using X3D-Edit](#) describes an example design & export session in detail.
 - [BitManagement X3D exporter](#)
 - Further notes and improvements on Blender export to X3D are provided by [Kambi modifications to Blender X3D exporter](#)
- [Project RawKee: X3D Exporter Plug-in](#) for [Maya](#) by [Aaron Bergstrom](#)
- [Rez](#) provides an open-source framework and tools for translating planetary terrain data and images to different formats including multiresolution versions optimized for web browsing.
- [Octaga Exporter](#) directly exports visual effects created using Autodesk 3D Studio Max (3ds max) into VRML and X3D.
- [AC3D](#) is a small, simple, easy-to-learn 3D authoring tool that includes support for X3D export.
- [Altova XMLSpy](#) is an XML development environment for modeling, editing, debugging and transforming XML technologies. The [X3D-Edit distribution](#) enables XMLSpy support for X3D editing and validation, using either X3D DTD or schema.
 - [X3D-XmlSpyProject.spp](#) is an overview project for X3D specification-development work
 - ContentCatalog.spp project files are provided with each example archive
- [VIM \(Vi Improved\) Editor](#) does syntax highlighting and folding (collapsing of blocks) for both XML and VRML97. Nothing specific for X3D yet.
- [VrmlPad](#) is a professional editor for VRML programming.
- [Viper](#) is a VRML97 source-code parser by [NIST](#).
- [SubmarineX3D](#) is a simple X3D Editor from University of Perugia Italy for Linux, Mac OSX and Windows.

X3D Example Archives

Examples

The X3D Examples Archive archives demonstrate how X3D nodes and scenes work. Over 3000 .x3d example scenes are provided, available individually online or collected together as fully complete, downloadable, and installable .zip archives. These examples are maintained by the [Web3D Consortium](#) and are all protected under an [open source license](#), provided free for any use.

Currently each example is provided in multiple file encodings: XML (.x3d), ClassicVRML (.x3dv), VRML97 (.wrl) and pretty-print XHTML (.html) form. [Compressed Binary Encoding \(.x3db\)](#) and [X3D Canonicalization \(C14N\)](#) formats were added summer 2006.

Example archives start with the directory structure www.web3d.org/x3d/content/examples in order to match the online addresses for most examples, and also to keep local archives side-by-side for easier user access to scenes.

- a. Example test scene: [HelloWorld](#) ([.x3d XML](#), [.x3dv ClassicVRML](#), [.wrl VRML97](#), [.html listing](#), [.xhtml X3DOM](#), [.x3db compression](#), and [C14N canonicalization](#), and [.png image](#))
- b. [X3D for Web Authors](#) Examples Archive
 - o A wide variety of basic examples are provided for the corresponding textbook that show how to design and build X3D scenes. [Bug reports](#) are tracked online.
 - o Online at <http://x3dGraphics.com/examples/X3dForWebAuthors>
 - o Compressed archive (~42 MB) at [X3dExamplesX3dForWebAuthors.zip](#)
 - o [Subversion master source](#) is retrievable via subversion check out:

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svn co https://x3d.svn.sourceforge.net/svnroot/x3d/www.web3d.org/x3d/content/examples/X3dForWebAuthors X3dForWebAuthors
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 - o Source is viewable at <http://x3d.svn.sourceforge.net/viewvc/x3d/www.web3d.org/x3d/content/examples/X3dForWebAuthors>, with model source changes reported via the [x3d-commits](#) mailing list.
 - o [X3D Examples for Web Authors Project](#) continuous integration testing is performed by the [Savage Jenkins server](#), with [latest console error logs](#) and [nightly build products](#) available online.
- c. [Basic](#) X3D Examples Archive
 - o The Basic Examples archive provide provides numerous scenes illustrating a broad variety of X3D capabilities. [Bug reports](#) are tracked online.
 - o Online at <http://www.web3d.org/x3d/content/examples/Basic>
 - o Compressed archive (~110 MB) at [X3dExamplesBasic.zip](#)
 - o [Subversion master source](#) is retrievable via subversion check out:

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svn co https://x3d.svn.sourceforge.net/svnroot/x3d/www.web3d.org/x3d/content/examples/Basic Basic
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 - o Source is viewable at <http://x3d.svn.sourceforge.net/viewvc/x3d/www.web3d.org/x3d/content/examples/Basic>, with model source changes reported via the [x3d-commits](#) mailing list.
 - o [X3D Examples Archive Basic Project](#) continuous integration testing is performed by the [Savage Jenkins server](#), with [latest console error logs](#) and [nightly build products](#) available online.

X3D Examples download panel, X3D-Edit

Download Example Archives

X3D for Web Authors Examples
A wide variety of basic examples are provided that show how to design and build X3D scenes. These are explained in the book X3D for Web Authors.

Basic Examples
The Basic Examples archive provide provides numerous scenes illustrating a broad variety of X3D capabilities.

ConformanceNIST Test Suite Examples
The ConformanceNIST Test Suite Examples were authored by National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to provide a complete test set for the Virtual Reality Modeling Language (VRML97). They were automatically converted into X3D and provide approximate coverage for the X3D Immersive Profile.

VRML 2.0 Sourcebook X3D Examples
The VRML 2.0 Sourcebook is an outstanding textbook covering the Virtual Reality Modeling Language (VRML) 97. These were the first examples converted into X3D.

Savage X3D Examples
NPS Scenario Authoring and Visualization for Advanced Graphical Environments (SAVAGE) library is an open-source set of X3D models and prototype tools used for defense simulation.

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Production pipeline

Open-source license

Version control using subversion

.x3d files are master versions, others derivative

Chapter outline builder collects scene metadata,
produces HTML framework

Build scripts perform conversions, publication

SourceForge projects for X3D

Sharable + repeatable, contributors + students

X3D for Advanced Modeling book is underway

List of chapter topics

Project outline: visualizing data using X3D

E-books: initial work

- Interest group has been formed
 - Dr. Kwan Hee Yoo
 - Website
- Goals
 - 1
 - 2
- More activity needed
 - Meeting
 - Future work

Discussion and next steps

Tutorial Summary

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X3D scene graph has a tremendous amount of capability and flexibility

X3D playback is suitable for

- Real-time rendering of 3D models
- Efficient animation using ROUTE-based event passing for any scene-graph parameter
- Reacting to user behaviors, overt and implicit

X3D authoring is straightforward

- Tools help, XML interoperability helps more
- Web deployment opens up new horizons for 3D

Exercise: deploy a 3D model

Deploy a 3D model using X3D, HTML on the Web

- Use existing model from another tool (e.g. Blender)
- Save as in XML as .x3d file (or #VRML 2.0, 3.0)
- Load (or import) into X3D-Edit, fix bugs (if any)
- Add meta tags in header documenting the scene
- Create parent scene that loads first via Inline
- Add further X3D content to parent scene
- Create HTML page containing the X3D scene that adds further information to user
- Deploy on a web site or as .zip archive to users

Review topics

- Create a proper scene graph structure for a given scene
- List content and functionality that can be embedded in a scene graph
- State the contents of internal nodes and leaf nodes
- Visualize on paper the scene contained in a scene graph
- Explain the various scene-graph traversals, their order and purpose
- Translate between scene graph and OpenGL with respect to modeling transformations, rendering attributes, geometry, animations
- Explain the connection between the matrix stack and a scene graph
- Name the advantages of using a scene graph over OpenGL
- Explain the relationship between scene graphs and raytracing
- Explain why and how bounding volumes are used in scene graphs
- Name performance optimizations that a scene graph affords
- Use X3D as a concrete scene graph architecture
- Use a graphical scene graph editor to create and modify graphs
- Use a text editor to modify graphs
- Conceptually explain the relationship between a scene graph data file, a scene graph viewer, a scene graph editor, a geometry data file and an OpenGL executable

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- Book materials: X3D-Edit tool, examples, slidesets
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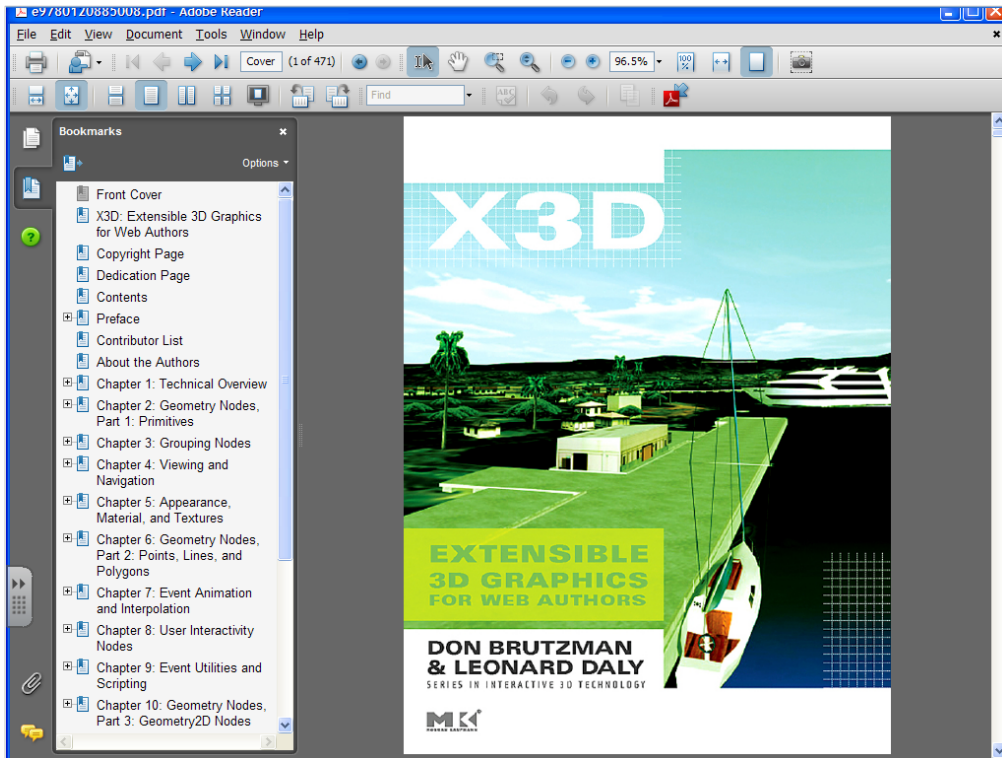
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Jury award, best submission 2008

- Book, course notes, X3D-Edit tool, examples

Online learning resource: course video podcasts!

Getting Started with X3D: overview slideset

X3D Graphics for Web Authors

Getting Started with X3D

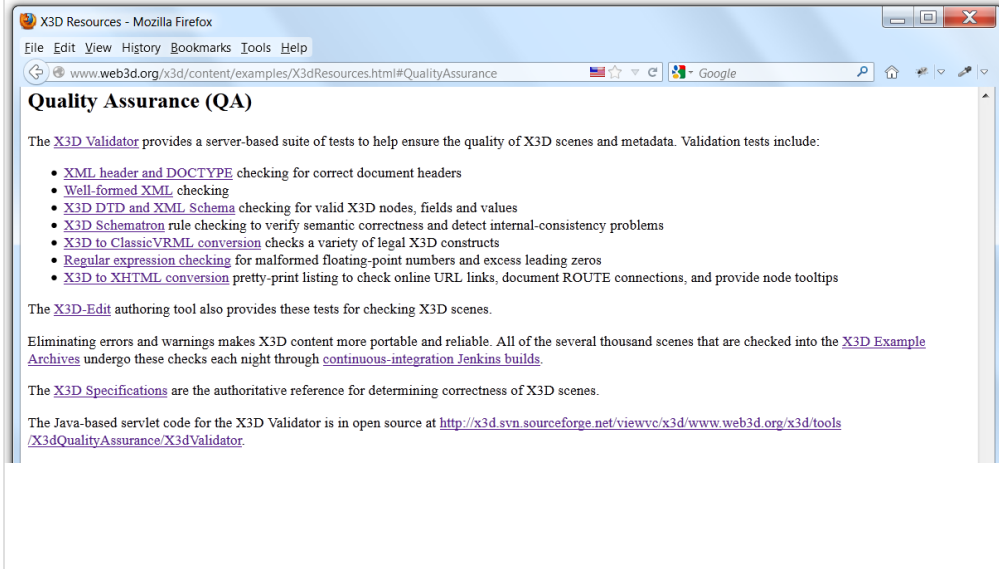
*A journey of a thousand miles
begins with a single step.*

Chinese proverb

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Quality Assurance (QA)



X3D Validator



X3D Validator



This Web application checks X3D scene validity.

Choose a local .x3d scene:

Enter an online .x3d url:

X3D Validator Status

- The [Quality Assurance \(QA\)](#) section of the [X3D Resources](#) page provides further information about these tests.
- This codebase is published under an [open-source license](#), available on [SourceForge](#), and undergoing continued development.
- Security note: currently no scenes or errors are saved by the server. Future versions may support submitting error reports of general interest.

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- Questions, suggestions and comments about these resources are welcome. Please send them to [Don Brutzman \(brutzman@nps.edu\)](mailto:brutzman@nps.edu)
- If you find this service useful, please consider providing a testimonial comment for our [Web3D Consortium news announcement](#).
- The [X3D Validator](#) is available online at <https://savage.nps.edu/X3dValidator>
- Updated 29 July 2012 ([revision log](#))

X3D-Edit: open source authoring tool

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X3D Scene Graph tutorial

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Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose.
The more something changes, the more it's the same thing.

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Applications, Players, Plugins for X3D



X3D Resources



Extensible 3D (X3D) Graphics is the royalty-free open standard for viewing and archiving interactive 3D models on the Web.

This page lists numerous resources that support X3D.

[Applications](#) | [Authoring Software](#) | [Authoring Support](#) | [Books](#) | [Conformance](#) | [Conversions](#) | [Examples](#) | [Export](#) | [License](#) | [Mobile](#) | [PowerPoint](#) | [Quality Assurance \(QA\)](#) | [References](#) | [Security](#) | [Showcase](#) | [Training](#) | [X3D-Edit](#) | [X3D Scene Authoring Hints](#) | [Contact](#)

Applications, Players and Plugins for X3D / VRML Viewing

Your web browser must be capable of viewing X3D/VRML scenes in order to browse these X3D examples. Please load one of these player plugins if necessary.

Example test scene: [HelloWorld](#) ([x3d XML](#), [x3dv ClassicVRML](#), [wrl VRML97](#), [html listing](#), [xhtml X3DOM](#), [x3db compression](#), [C14N canonicalization](#), and [png image](#))

Feature comparison of major X3D viewers: [Player support for X3D components](#).

X3D players from Web3D Consortium [members](#):

- [BitManagement's BS Contact](#) and [BS Contact Geo](#) X3D/VRML97 plugins for Internet Explorer (Windows MacOSX Linux).
- [InstantReality](#) is a high-performance Mixed Reality (MR) system (Windows MacOSX Linux).
- [FreeWRL/FreeX3D](#) X3D/VRML browser (open-source C). Also available via [Apple website](#) (Windows MacOSX Linux).
- [Xj3D Open Source](#) (latest release on [developer page](#)) for X3D/VRML97. Version 2.0 release using Java OpenGL (JOGL) rendering. (Windows MacOSX Linux Solaris, or [Java](#) standalone, or browser-launchable [Java WebStart](#)).
 - [NPS source branch for Xj3D viewer](#) nightly build is also available
- [SwirlX3D Free Player](#) by Pine Coast Software (Windows).
- [Heilan X3D Browser](#) open-source C++ browser for audio research (Mac Windows Linux).
- [NuGraf 3D Rendering, Translation, Viewing & Data Optimization System](#) by Okino (Windows and authoring-tool plugins).
- [GeoVrml Run-Time](#) is needed for VRML97 GeoVrml examples.
- [Sensegraphics H3D API](#) is an open-source C++ API for X3D that includes the haptics support, the Rigid Body Physics component, plus the proposed [Volume Visualization component](#) for the Medical Working Group.

X3D Authoring Software

Tool support for X3D components.' followed by a bulleted list of software tools and their features." data-bbox="174 138 825 453"/>

X3D Resources - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help

www.web3d.org/x3d/content/examples/X3dResources.html#AuthoringSoftware

Authoring Software

Feature comparison of major X3D authoring tools: [Tool support for X3D components.](#)

- [X3D-Edit](#) is the primary authoring tool used at NPS to create the X3D, Sourcebook and SAVAGE examples. Available free.
 - *Latest version.* [X3D-Edit 3.2](#) is available for Windows, MacOSX, Linux, Solaris and [Netbeans](#) users.
 - *Original version.* [X3D-Edit 3.1](#) is still available but no longer supported. [X3D-Edit Authoring Tool for Extensible 3D \(X3D\) Graphics](#) provides a 7-page summary of X3D-Edit 3.1 features and usage.
- [BS Editor](#) is the authoring tool from [BitManagement](#).
- [Vivaty Studio](#) (formerly Flux Studio and VizX3D) is a high-quality authoring tool from [Vivaty](#). It is an easy-to-use, inexpensive, general-purpose, visually oriented, 3D modeling and animation application for X3D.
- [Flux Player and Flux Studio](#) X3D/VRML97 viewer plugin and authoring tool for Internet Explorer (Windows).
- [SwirlX3D Editor](#) is an X3D/VRML authoring environment from Pinecoast Software.
- [Wings3D](#) is a free open-source X3D/VRML authoring environment.
- [Blender](#) is an open-source 3D authoring tool that includes support for X3D import/export. Some external plugins are also available.
 - [Blender](#) has many import/export capabilities. [Blender Model Export To X3D using X3D-Edit](#) describes an example design & export session in detail.
 - [BitManagement X3D exporter](#)
 - Further notes and improvements on Blender export to X3D are provided by [Kambi modifications to Blender X3D exporter](#)
- [Project RawKee: X3D Exporter Plug-in](#) for [Maya](#) by [Aaron Bergstrom](#)
- [Rez](#) provides an open-source framework and tools for translating planetary terrain data and images to different formats including multiresolution versions optimized for web browsing.
- [Octaga Exporter](#) directly exports visual effects created using Autodesk 3D Studio Max (3ds max) into VRML and X3D.
- [AC3D](#) is a small, simple, easy-to-learn 3D authoring tool that includes support for X3D export.
- [Altova XMLSpy](#) is an XML development environment for modeling, editing, debugging and transforming XML technologies. The [X3D-Edit distribution](#) enables XMLSpy support for X3D editing and validation, using either X3D DTD or schema.
 - [X3D-XmlSpyProject.spp](#) is an overview project for X3D specification-development work
 - ContentCatalog.spp project files are provided with each example archive
- [VIM \(Vi Improved\) Editor](#) does syntax highlighting and folding (collapsing of blocks) for both XML and VRML97. Nothing specific for X3D yet.
- [VrmlPad](#) is a professional editor for VRML programming.
- [Viper](#) is a VRML97 source-code parser by [NIST](#).
- [SubmarineX3D](#) is a simple X3D Editor from University of Perugia Italy for Linux, Mac OSX and Windows.

X3D Example Archives

Examples

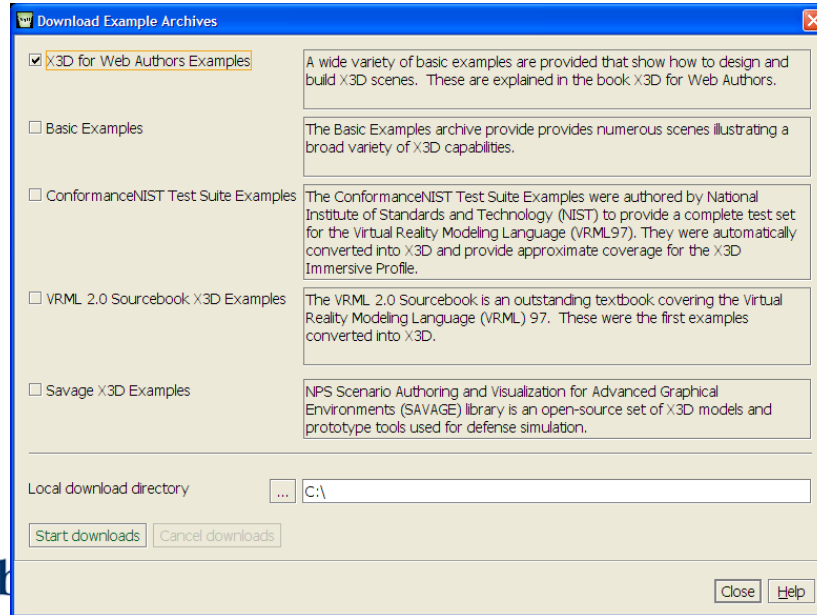
The X3D Examples Archive archives demonstrate how X3D nodes and scenes work. Over 3000 .x3d example scenes are provided, available individually online or collected together as fully complete, downloadable, and installable .zip archives. These examples are maintained by the [Web3D Consortium](#) and are all protected under an [open source license](#), provided free for any use.

Currently each example is provided in multiple file encodings: XML (.x3d), ClassicVRML (.x3dv), VRML97 (.wrl) and pretty-print XHTML (.html) form. [Compressed Binary Encoding \(.x3db\)](#) and [X3D Canonicalization \(C14N\)](#) formats were added summer 2006.

Example archives start with the directory structure `www.web3d.org/x3d/content/examples` in order to match the online addresses for most examples, and also to keep local archives side-by-side for easier user access to scenes.

- a. Example test scene: [HelloWorld \(.x3d XML, .x3dv ClassicVRML, .wrl VRML97, .html listing, .xhtml X3DOM, .x3db compression, and C14N canonicalization\)](#), and [png image](#)
- b. [X3D for Web Authors](#) Examples Archive
 - o A wide variety of basic examples are provided for the corresponding textbook that show how to design and build X3D scenes. [Bug reports](#) are tracked online.
 - o Online at <http://x3dGraphics.com/examples/X3dForWebAuthors>
 - o Compressed archive (~42 MB) at [X3dExamplesX3dForWebAuthors.zip](#)
 - o [Subversion master source](#) is retrievable via subversion check out:
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 - o Source is viewable at <http://x3d.svn.sourceforge.net/viewvc/x3d/www.web3d.org/x3d/content/examples/X3dForWebAuthors>, with model source changes reported via the [x3d-commits](#) mailing list.
 - o [X3D Examples for Web Authors Project](#) continuous integration testing is performed by the [Savage Jenkins server](#), with [latest console error logs](#) and [nightly build products](#) available online.
- c. [Basic](#) X3D Examples Archive
 - o The Basic Examples archive provide provides numerous scenes illustrating a broad variety of X3D capabilities. [Bug reports](#) are tracked online.
 - o Online at <http://www.web3d.org/x3d/content/examples/Basic>
 - o Compressed archive (~110 MB) at [X3dExamplesBasic.zip](#)
 - o [Subversion master source](#) is retrievable via subversion check out:
`svn co https://x3d.svn.sourceforge.net/svnroot/x3d/www.web3d.org/x3d/content/examples/Basic Basic`
 - o Source is viewable at <http://x3d.svn.sourceforge.net/viewvc/x3d/www.web3d.org/x3d/content/examples/Basic>, with model source changes reported via the [x3d-commits](#) mailing list.
 - o [X3D Examples Archive Basic Project](#) continuous integration testing is performed by the [Savage Jenkins server](#), with [latest console error logs](#) and [nightly build products](#) available online.

X3D Examples download panel, X3D-Edit



X3D-Edit includes this download panel. Select the top-level *Examples* menu, then *Download X3D Example Archives*.

Production pipeline

Open-source license

Version control using subversion

.x3d files are master versions, others derivative

Chapter outline builder collects scene metadata,
produces HTML framework

Build scripts perform conversions, publication

SourceForge projects for X3D

Sharable + repeatable, contributors + students



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X3D for Advanced Modeling book is underway

List of chapter topics

Project outline: visualizing data using X3D



E-books: initial work

- Interest group has been formed
 - Dr. Kwan Hee Yoo
 - Website
- Goals
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- More activity needed
 - Meeting
 - Future work

Discussion and next steps

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Tutorial Summary



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X3D scene graph has a tremendous amount of capability and flexibility

X3D playback is suitable for

- Real-time rendering of 3D models
- Efficient animation using ROUTE-based event passing for any scene-graph parameter
- Reacting to user behaviors, overt and implicit

X3D authoring is straightforward

- Tools help, XML interoperability helps more
- Web deployment opens up new horizons for 3D

Exercise: deploy a 3D model

Deploy a 3D model using X3D, HTML on the Web

- Use existing model from another tool (e.g. Blender)
- Save as in XML as .x3d file (or #VRML 2.0, 3.0)
- Load (or import) into X3D-Edit, fix bugs (if any)
- Add meta tags in header documenting the scene
- Create parent scene that loads first via Inline
- Add further X3D content to parent scene
- Create HTML page containing the X3D scene that adds further information to user
- Deploy on a web site or as .zip archive to users

Review topics

- Create a proper scene graph structure for a given scene
- List content and functionality that can be embedded in a scene graph
- State the contents of internal nodes and leaf nodes
- Visualize on paper the scene contained in a scene graph
- Explain the various scene-graph traversals, their order and purpose
- Translate between scene graph and OpenGL with respect to modeling transformations, rendering attributes, geometry, animations
- Explain the connection between the matrix stack and a scene graph
- Name the advantages of using a scene graph over OpenGL
- Explain the relationship between scene graphs and raytracing
- Explain why and how bounding volumes are used in scene graphs
- Name performance optimizations that a scene graph affords
- Use X3D as a concrete scene graph architecture
- Use a graphical scene graph editor to create and modify graphs
- Use a text editor to modify graphs
- Conceptually explain the relationship between a scene graph data file, a scene graph viewer, a scene graph editor, a geometry data file and an OpenGL executable

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- Received jury award for Best Submission 2008

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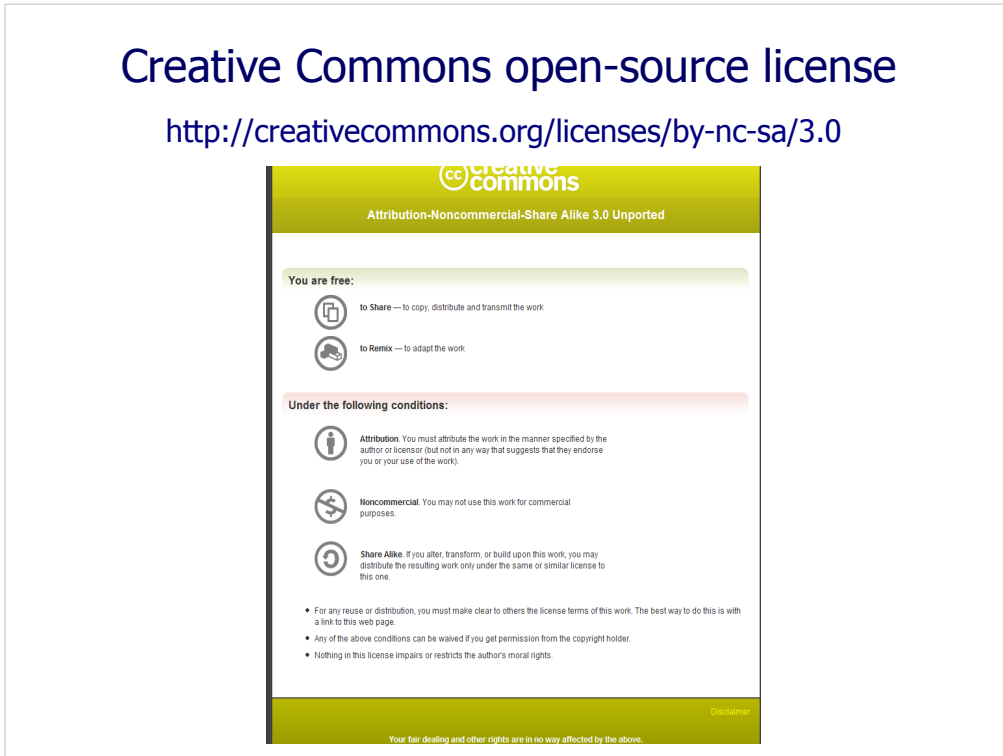


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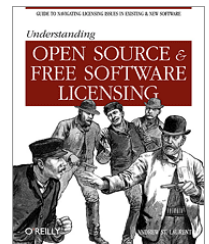
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