

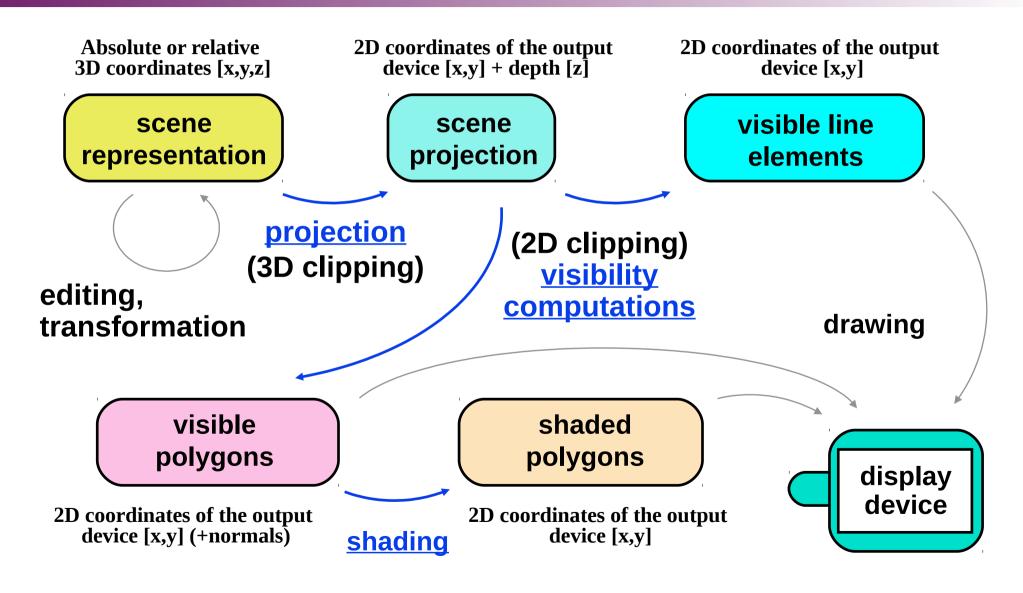
Introduction to 3D Graphics

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3D Graphics Systems





Phases of Rendering a Scene

Editing, transformations (working with 3D data)

- Using the functions of a modelling application (CAD, animation system, ...)
- This step can be missing or hidden in pure rendering and interaction systems (simulations, games, ...)
- Projection (possibly including 3D cropping)
 - Transformation 3D → 2D (while retaining depth information for visibility computations)
 - Different angles, perspective



Phases of Rendering a Scene

- 2D Clipping (not present in all systems)
 - Removal of objects that lie outside the visible area

Visibility Computations

- Removal of hidden objects (or parts of objects)
- Line drawing (only the outlines are drawn)
- Polygon drawing (solid shapes are drawn)

Shading

 Improved spatial perception by inclusion of light-surface interactions (sometimes even with shadows)