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- This course is a lot of work

 - Reading: Eberly 2º big book, like Foley et al.
 Programming assignments (4): expect to spend 10+ hours on each
 - * Written assignments (4): about 6-10 hours
 - * Term project: at least 30 hours (people have spent up to 60 or more)
- ... but it can also be fun
 - * Visible results

 - Nifty algorithms, high-performance hardware
 "Putting it all together": very interdisciplinary field
 - * Decent job market for people with right development skills, ideas
- * Applicable to many other areas of CS and IT
- Emphasis
 - "Polygons to pixels pipeline": viewing, VSD, lighting, shading, texturing
 - Other topics to be covered: animation, curves and surfaces, collisions
 Brief survey of: ray tracing, visualization and color, fractals
- Tutorials (GameDev aka Nehe): http://nehe.gamedev.net





Terminology

- Computer Graphics: Digital Synthesis, Manipulation of Visual Content
 Graphics Problems (see "Computer Graphics", Wikipedia)
- - * Geometry: representation and processing of surfaces

 - Animation: representation and manipulation of motion
 Rendering: computationally reproducing appearance of light in scenes
 - * Imaging: image acquisition, editing, processing
- Different Approaches to Graphics

 - Raster (bitmaps, picture elements aka pixels) vs. vector (lines)
 Sample-based (cf. Photoshop) vs. geometry-based (cf. OpenGL, Direct3D)
- Purpose of Graphics
 - Entertainment games, visual effects in movies and television
 Communications advertising, journalism

 - Modeling / simulation displaying objects, events via graphical user interfaces (GUIs)
 - * Visualization displaying events for analysis and understanding
- **Dual Problem: Inverse Input and Output**
 - * Graphics (rendering): geometry to sample (image)
 - * Vision: sample to geometry

