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Back to the Linux Framebuffer!

LINUX-FBDEV

Linux Framebuffer support in free software

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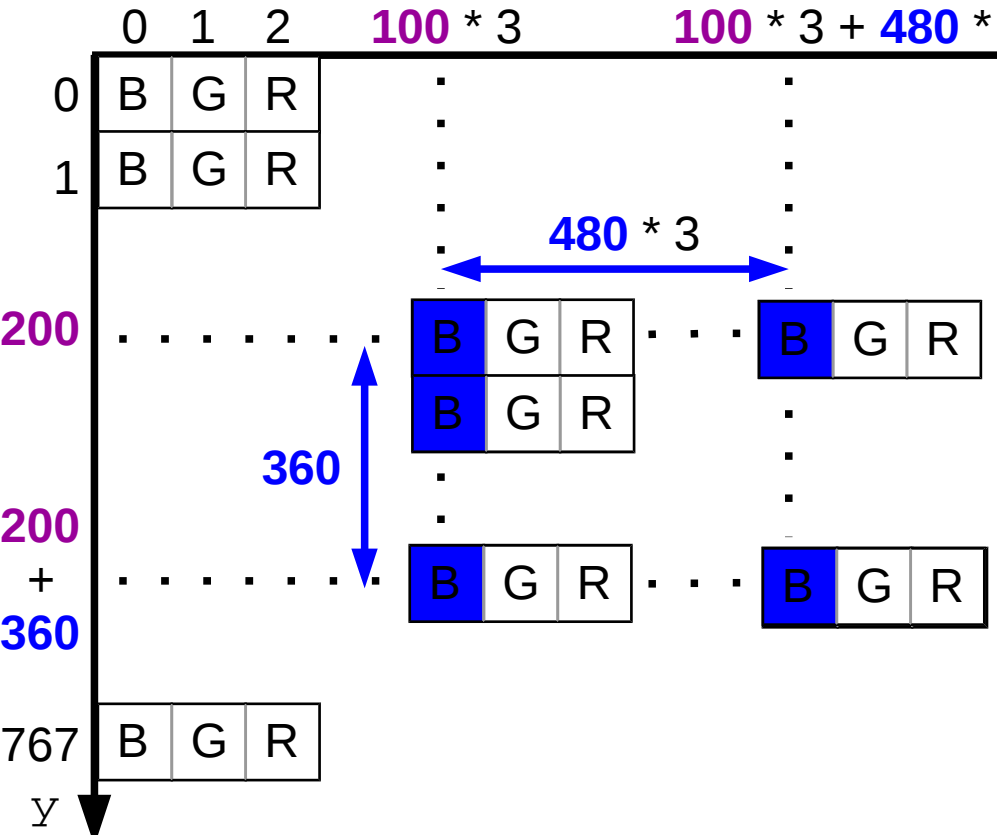
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/dev/fb0 and mmap

- First check → `cat /dev/urandom > /dev/fb0`
- Example with 3 bytes (blue, green and red) per pixel on 1024 x 768 screen resolution
→ Framebuffer memory = $1024 * 768 \text{ pixels} * 3 \text{ bytes}$

```
fd = open("/dev/fb0", O_RDWR);
fbmem = mmap(NULL, 1024 * 768 * 3, PROT_WRITE, MAP_SHARED, fd, 0);
```



```
fbmem += 200 * 1024 * 3 + 100 * 3;
for (y = 0; y < 360; y++) {
  for (x = 0; x < 480; x++) {
    fbmem[x * 3] = 255;
    fbmem[x * 3 + 1] = 0;
    fbmem[x * 3 + 2] = 0;
  }
  fbmem += 1024 * 3;
}
```

/dev/fb0 and mmap demo

```
cat: write error: No space left on device
^$ #cat /dev/urandom > /dev/fb0
^$ gcc fb_mmap.c -o fb_mmap
^$ ./fb_mmap
^$
```





fb-test-app, fbmark

```
~$ fb-test -o 260x260+740+480
fb res 1024x768 virtual 1024x768, line_len 3072, bpp 24
~$ fb-string 820 40 "Linux Framebuffer" 0xff 0
fb res 1024x768 virtual 1024x768, line_len 3072, bpp 24
~$ WIDTH=260 HEIGHT=260 POSX=440 POSY=480 fb_sierpinski
Sierpinski frame buffer test bench
```

```
Benchmarking      1024 iterations:  7237.46 Frames/second
Benchmarking      2048 iterations:  4239.95 Frames/second
Benchmarking      4096 iterations:  2325.17 Frames/second
```

```
~$ WIDTH=400 HEIGHT=300 POSX=20 POSY=460 fb_mandelbrot
Mandelbrot frame buffer test bench
```

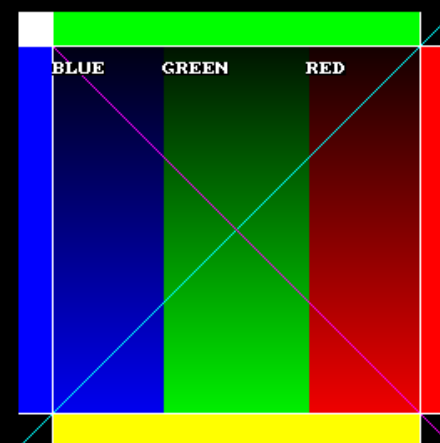
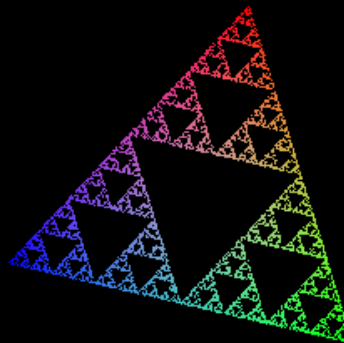
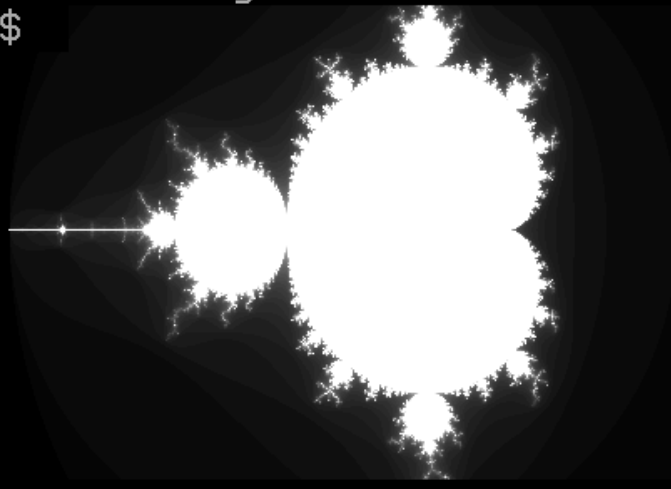
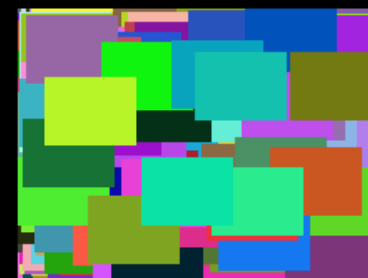
```
Benchmarking 48 iterations: 0.43 seconds
```

```
~$ WIDTH=220 HEIGHT=165 POSX=800 POSY=220 fb_rectangle
Rectangle frame buffer test bench
```

```
Benchmarking 55x41 size: 126.30 MPixels/second
```

```
~$
```

Linux Framebuffer



fb-test-app, fbmark

- fb-test-app test suite

<https://gitlab.com/meetroger/fb-test-app>

fb-string.c, fb-test.c

- `fb_open()` in *common.c*
 - **`fbmem = mmap()`** on **`/dev/fb0`**

- fbmark benchmarks

<https://github.com/caramelli/fbmark>

fb_sierpinski.c, fb_mandelbrot.c, fb_rectangle.c

- **`fbmem = mmap()`** on **`/dev/fb0`**

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Fbpad terminal emulator

```
~$ FBPAD_POS=160,120 FBPAD_SIZE=800x600 fbpad
```

```
FBPAD (x) n l h t r
~$ fbset
mode "1024x768-76"
# D: 78.653 MHz, H: 59.949 kHz, V: 75.694 Hz
geometry 1024 768 1024 768 24
timings 12714 128 32 16 4 128 4
rgba 8/16,8/8,8/0,0/0
endmode
~$ █
```

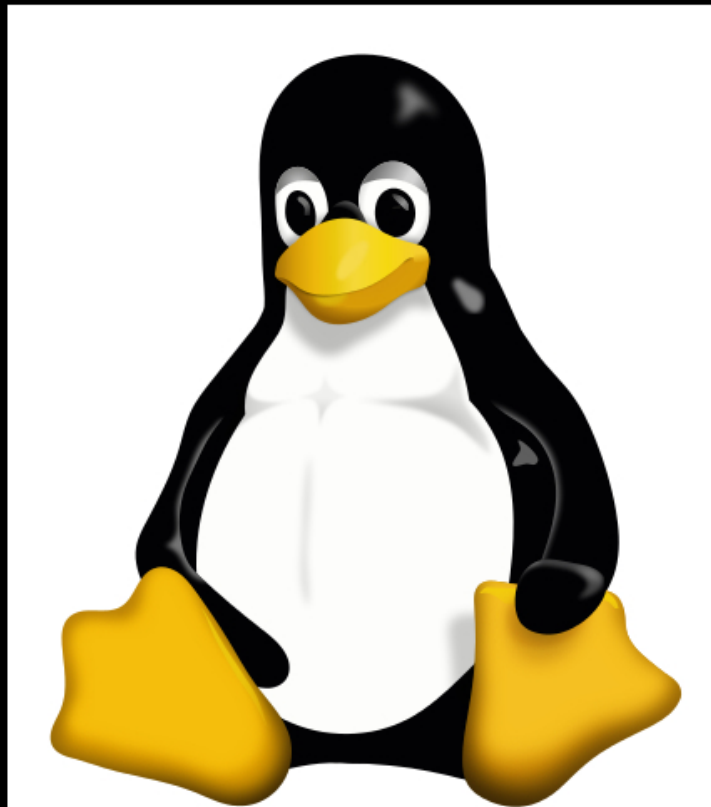
Fbpad terminal emulator

Fbpad <https://github.com/aligrudi/fbpad>

- `fb_init()` in `fbpad/draw.c`
- **`fbmem = mmap()`** on **`/dev/fb0`**
- `execterm("sh")` in `fbpad/fbpad.c`
 - `term_exec("sh")` in `fbpad/term.c`
 - `openpty()` → open pseudoterminal master **`/dev/ptmx`** and slave **`/dev/pts/0`** descriptors
 - `fork()` → child process duplicates slave descriptor to 0, 1, 2 and calls `execve("sh")`
- `pollterms()` in `fbpad/fbpad.c`
 - `readchar()` in `fbpad/fbpad.c` → read on stdin
 - `term_send()` in `fbpad/term.c`
 - `wripty()` → master writes to the slave
 - `term_read()` in `fbpad/term.c`
 - `readpty()` → master reads data written by the slave
 - `pad_put()` in `fbpad/pad.c`
 - `fb_set()` → copy of character to **fbmem**

Fbi, FIM image viewers

```
~$ fbi -geometry 424x500+20+220 tux.jpg &
~$ fim -o fb=500x500+480+180 gnu.png
```



tux.jpg [100% 424x500 1/1] H - Help



gnu.png: 100% 480x480 1/1 902KB 903KB C-h - Help

Fbi, FIM image viewers

- Fbi <https://git.kraxel.org/cgit/fbida>

- `fb_init()` in `fbi/fbtools.c`

- **`fbmem = mmap()`** on **`/dev/fb0`**

- `read_image()` in `fbi/fbi.c` → use of **`libjpeg`**, **`libpng`**, ...

- `shadow_render()` in `fbi/fb-gui.c`



copy of decoded image to **`fbmem`**

- FIM <http://svn.savannah.nongnu.org/svn/fbi-improved/trunk>

- `fb_init()` in `fim/src/FramebufferDevice.cpp`

- **`fbmem = mmap()`** on **`/dev/fb0`**

- `read_image()` in `fim/src/FbiStuff.cpp` → use of **`libjpeg`**, **`libpng`**, ...

- `convert_line()` in `fim/src/FramebufferDevice.cpp`



copy of decoded image to **`fbmem`**



NetSurf, Links web browsers

```
~$ netsurf-linux --window_width 480 --window_height 480 --window_x 528 --window_y 172 &
~$ links -mode 0,172,508,80 links/calibration.html
```

Links Calibration Procedure

To get a flawless picture while browsing the Web with Links, you have to perform the described procedure step-by-step. A test pattern for the adjustment follows:

Links

web browser

Monoscope

file:///fb/share/netsurf/welcome.ht

[NetSurf web site](#) [Documentation](#) [Download latest NetSurf](#) [Contact the developers](#)

Welcome to NetSurf

NetSurf is a small, fast open source web browser. We are always keen to improve our browser, so get in touch if you run into any problems. Thanks for choosing NetSurf!

Done (0.1s)

NetSurf, Links web browsers



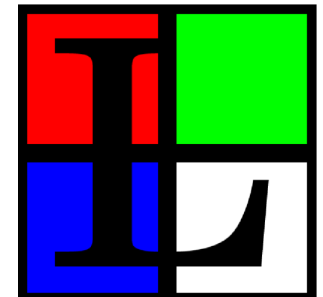
- NetSurf <https://git.netsurf-browser.org/netsurf.git>

→ Libnsfb <https://git.netsurf-browser.org/libnsfb.git>

- `linux_register_surface()` `__attribute__((constructor))` in `libnsfb/src/surface/linux.c`
- `nsfb_register_surface("linux", NSFB_SURFACE_LINUX, linux_rtns)`
in `libnsfb/src/surface/surface.c`
- `gui_init()` in `netsurf/framebuffer/gui.c`
- `framebuffer_initialise()` in `netsurf/framebuffer/framebuffer.c`
 - `nsfb_t * nsfb_new(NSFB_SURFACE_LINUX)` in `libnsfb/src/libnsfb.c`
 - `nsfb_init(nsfb_t *)` in `libnsfb/src/libnsfb.c`
 - `linux_initialise()` in `libnsfb/src/surface/linux.c`
 - `fbmem = mmap()` on `/dev/fb0`
- `nsfb_plot_bitmap(), ...` in `libnsfb/src/plot/api.c` → draw in **fbmem**

- Links <http://links.twibright.com/download>

- `init()` in `links/main.c`
- `init_graphics()` in `links/drivers.c`
 - `init_graphics_driver(fb_driver)` in `links/drivers.c`
 - `fb_init_driver()` in `links/framebuffer.c`
 - `fbmem = mmap()` on `/dev/fb0`
- `fb_draw_bitmap(), ...` in `links/framebuffer.c` → draw in **fbmem**



Fbff, MPlayer media players

```

~$ fbff -z 0.2 -x 640 -y 452 02_gran_dillama_1080p.mp4 &
~$ mplayer -quiet -vf scale=640:360 -geometry 0:380 01_llama_drama_1080p.
mp4
=====
Opening video decoder: [ffmpeg] FFmpeg's libavcodec codec family
Selected video codec: [ffh264] vfm: ffmpeg (FFmpeg H.264)
=====
Opening audio decoder: [faad] AAC (MPEG2/4 Advanced Audio Coding)
Selected audio codec: [faad] afm: faad (FAAD AAC (MPEG-2/MPEG-4 Audio))
=====
AO: [alsa] 48000Hz 2ch s16le (2 bytes per sample)
VO: [fbdev] 640x360 => 640x360 BGR 24-bit

```



Fbff, MPlayer media players

- Fbff <https://github.com/aligrudi/fbff>

- `fb_init()` in `fbff/draw.c`
 - **`fbmem = mmap()`** on `/dev/fb0`
- `ffs_vdec()` in `fbff/ffs.c`
- `draw_frame()` in `fbff/fbff.c`
 - `fb_set()` in `fbff/draw.c`



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- MPlayer <http://svn.mplayerhq.hu/MPlayer/releases>

- `vo_functions_t * init_best_video_out()` in `MPlayer/libvo/video_out.c`
 - return `LIBVO_EXTERN(fbdev)`
- `decode_video()` in `MPlayer/libmpcodecs/dec_video.c`
 - `mpcodecs_config_vo()` in `MPlayer/libmpcodecs/vd.c`
 - `config()` in `MPlayer/libmpcodecs/vf_vo.c`
 - `config_video_out()` in `MPlayer/libvo/video_out.c`
 - `config()` in `MPlayer/libvo/vo_fbdev.c`
 - **`fbmem = mmap()`** on `/dev/fb0`
 - `mpcodecs_get_image()` in `MPlayer/libmpcodecs/vd.c`
- `filter_video()` in `MPlayer/libmpcodecs/dec_video.c`
 - `put_image()` in `MPlayer/libmpcodecs/vf_vo.c`
 - `draw_slice()` in `MPlayer/libvo/vo_fbdev.c`



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Fbpdf document viewer

```

$ fbpoppler -z 8 -x 20 -y 120 glspec21.pdf &
$ fbmupdf -z 8 -x 525 -y 120 opengles20-reference-card.pdf &
_

```

Chapter 1

Introduction

This document describes the OpenGL graphics system: what it is, how it acts, and what is required to implement it. We assume that the reader has at least a rudimentary understanding of computer graphics. This means familiarity with the essentials of computer graphics algorithms as well as familiarity with basic graphics hardware and associated terms.

1.1 Formatting of Optional Features

Starting with version 1.2 of OpenGL, some features in the specification are considered optional; an OpenGL implementation may or may not choose to provide them (see section 3.6.2).

Portions of the specification which are optional are so described where the optional features are first defined (see section 3.6.2). Stable table entries which are optional are typeset against a gray background.

1.2 What is the OpenGL Graphics System?

OpenGL (for "Open Graphics Library") is a software interface to graphics hardware. The interface consists of a set of several hundred procedures and functions that allow a programmer to specify the objects and operations involved in producing high-quality graphical images, specifically color images of three-dimensional objects.

Most of OpenGL requires that the graphics hardware contain a framebuffer. Many OpenGL calls pertain to drawing objects such as points, lines, polygons, and bitmaps, but the way that some of this drawing occurs (such as when antialiasing

OpenGL ES 2.0 API Quick Reference Card - Page 1

OpenGL ES is a software interface to graphics hardware. The interface consists of a set of procedures and functions that allow a programmer to specify the objects and operations involved in producing high-quality graphical images, specifically color images of three-dimensional objects.

- [name] refers to sections and tables in the OpenGL ES 2.0 specification.
- [name] refers to sections in the OpenGL ES Shading Language 1.0 specification.

Specifications are available at www.khronos.org/registry/gles

Errors (2.5)

<code>enum GetError(void);</code>	//Returns one of the following:
<code>INVALID_ENUM</code>	Enum argument out of range
<code>INVALID_FRAMEBUFFER_OPERATION</code>	Framebuffer is incomplete
<code>INVALID_VALUE</code>	Numeric argument out of range
<code>INVALID_OPERATION</code>	Operation illegal in current state
<code>OUT_OF_MEMORY</code>	Not enough memory left to execute command
<code>NO_ERROR</code>	No error occurred

OpenGL ES Command Syntax (2.3)

OpenGL ES commands are formed from a return type, a name, and optionally a type letter (F for 32-bit int, or F for 32-bit float, as shown by the prototype below).

```
return-type Name([modifiers]) ([arg1,] [arg2,] ..., [argN,] [arg]);
```

The arguments enclosed in brackets [arg₁] and [arg_N] may or may not be present. The argument type T and the number N of arguments may be indicated by the command name suffixes: R is 1, 2, 1, or 4 if present, or else corresponds to the type letters; 'C' is present, as in array of N items is passed by a pointer. For brevity, the OpenGL documentation and this reference may omit the standard prefixes. The actual names are of the form: `glFunctionName`, `GL_CONSTANT`, `GLtype`

GL Data Types (2.3)

GL types are not C types.

GL Type	Bit Width	Description
boolean	1	Boolean
byte	8	Signed binary integer
ubyte	8	Unsigned binary integer
char	8	Character making up string
short	16	Signed 2's complement binary integer
ushort	16	Unsigned binary integer
int	32	Signed 2's complement binary integer
uint	32	Unsigned binary integer
fixed	32	Signed 2's complement 16.16 scaled integer
float	32	Single-precision floating-point value
double	64	Double-precision floating-point value
half	16	Half-precision floating-point value
lowp_mat4x4	128	Low-precision 4x4 matrix
mediump_mat4x4	256	Medium-precision 4x4 matrix
highp_mat4x4	512	High-precision 4x4 matrix

Buffer Objects (2.9)

Buffer objects hold vertex array data or indices in high-performance vertex memory.

```
void GenBuffers(GLsizei n, GLuint *bufIds);
void DeleteBuffers(GLsizei n, GLuint *bufIds);
```

Updating Buffer Object Data Stores

```
void BufferSubData(GLenum target, GLintptr offset, GLsizeiptr size, const void *data);
void Buffer(GLenum target, GLsizeiptr size, const void *data);
void BufferRange(GLenum target, GLintptr offset, GLsizeiptr size, GLenum usage);
```

Buffer Object Queries (6.1.4, 6.1.3)

```
void GetBufferParameteriv(GLenum target, GLenum pname, GLint *params);
void GetBufferParameteri64v(GLenum target, GLenum pname, GLint64 *params);
```

Viewport and Clipping

Controlling the Viewport (3.2.1.1)

```
void viewport(GLint x, GLint y, GLsizei width, GLsizei height);
void viewportf(GLfloat x, GLfloat y, GLfloat width, GLfloat height);
```

Texturing (3.1)

Shaders support texturing using at least `MAX_VERTEX_TEXTURE_UNITS` images for vertex shaders and at least `MAX_TEXTURE_IMAGE_UNITS` images for fragment shaders.

```
void ActiveTexture(GLenum texture);
void TexImage2D(GLenum target, GLint level, GLint internalFormat, GLsizei width, GLsizei height, GLint border, GLenum format, GLenum type, const void *pixels);
void TexImage3D(GLenum target, GLint level, GLint internalFormat, GLsizei width, GLsizei height, GLsizei depth, GLint border, GLenum format, GLenum type, const void *pixels);
```

Texture Image Specification (3.7.1)

```
void TexStorage2D(GLenum target, GLint level, GLint internalFormat, GLsizei width, GLsizei height, GLenum format, GLenum type, const void *pixels);
void TexStorage3D(GLenum target, GLint level, GLint internalFormat, GLsizei width, GLsizei height, GLsizei depth, GLenum format, GLenum type, const void *pixels);
```

Texture Parameters (3.7.4)

```
void TexParameteri(GLenum target, GLenum pname, GLint param);
void TexParameterf(GLenum target, GLenum pname, GLfloat param);
void TexParameteriv(GLenum target, GLenum pname, const GLint *params);
void TexParameterfv(GLenum target, GLenum pname, const GLfloat *params);
```

Texture Objects (3.7.13)

```
void GenTextures(GLsizei n, GLuint *textures);
void DeleteTextures(GLsizei n, GLuint *textures);
void GetTexLevelParameteriv(GLenum target, GLint level, GLenum pname, GLint *params);
void GetTexLevelParameteri64v(GLenum target, GLint level, GLenum pname, GLint64 *params);
```

Pixel Rectangles (3.4.4.3)

```
void PixelStorei(GLenum pname, GLint param);
void PixelStorefv(GLenum pname, const GLfloat *params);
```

Fbpdf document viewer

Fbpdf <https://github.com/aligrudi/fbpdf>

- fbmupdf → based on MuPDF framework

- `fb_init()` in `fbpdf/draw.c`
- **fbmem = mmap()** on `/dev/fb0`
- `showpage()` in `fbpdf/fbpdf.c`
- `doc_draw()` in `fbpdf/mupdf.c`
 - `fz_run_page()`
- `fb_set()` in `fbpdf/draw.c` →



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- fbpoppler → based on Poppler framework

- `fb_init()` in `fbpdf/draw.c`
- **fbmem = mmap()** on `/dev/fb0`
- `showpage()` in `fbpdf/fbpdf.c`
- `doc_draw()` in `fbpdf/poppler.c`
 - `poppler_page_render()`
- `fb_set()` in `fbpdf/draw.c` →



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Cairo

mmap()

cairo_image_surface_create()
cairo_create()



Pixman

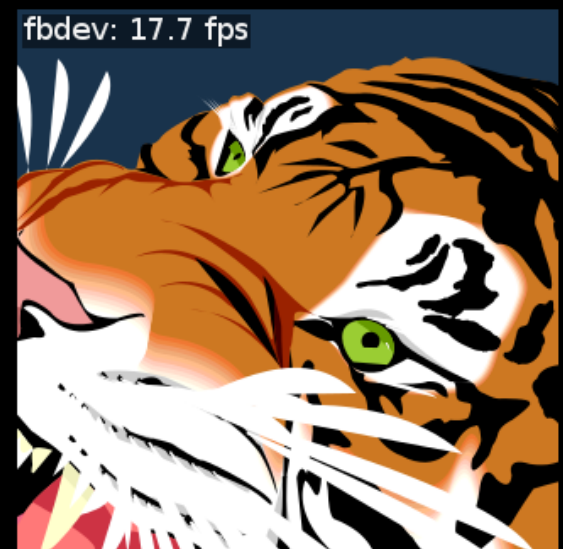
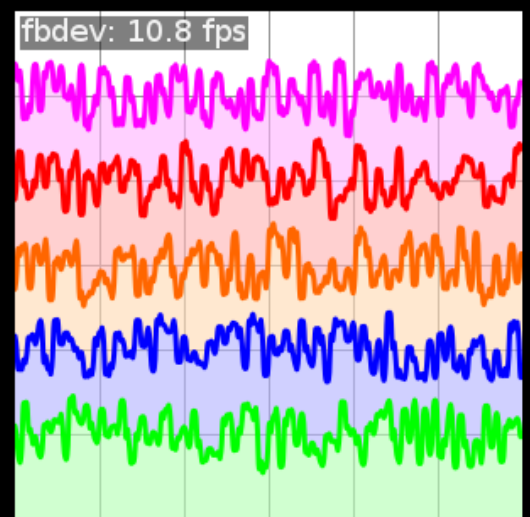
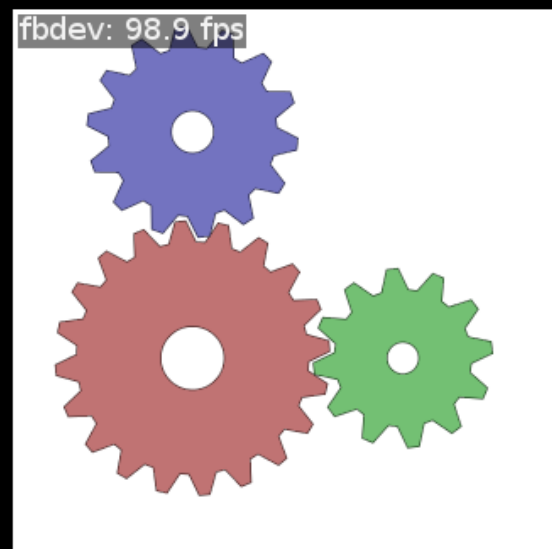
LINUX-FBDEV

- Cairo <https://cgit.freedesktop.org/cairo>
- Cairo-demos
 - <https://gitlab.com/cairo/cairo-demos>
 - ➔ *fbdev/cairo-fb.c*
 - <https://cgit.freedesktop.org/~ickle/cairo-demos>
 - ➔ *fbdev.c*



Cairo demo

```
~$ cairo-fb
The framebuffer device was opened successfully
1024x768, 24bpp
The framebuffer device was successfully mapped
^2$ tiger-demo --size 320x320 --position 680x430 &
^2$ chart-demo --size 300x300 --position 360x450 &
^2$ gears-demo --size 320x320 --position 20x430 &
^2$ fish-demo --size 320x320 --position 700x60 &
^2$
_
```



Cairo internal

- Create a target surface for Linux Framebuffer (2 methods)

1) `cairo_surface_t * cairo_image_surface_create_for_data(void *fbmem)`

where **fbmem = mmap()** on `/dev/fb0`

→ `pixman_image_create_bits()` in `cairo/src/cairo-image-surface.c`

`cairo_surface_t * cairo_surface_create_similar(cairo_surface_t *)` for double buffering

2) `cairo_surface_t * cairo_image_surface_create()`

→ `pixman_image_create_bits()` in `cairo/src/cairo-image-surface.c`

- Create Cairo context

`cairo_t * cairo_create(cairo_surface_t *)`



- Draw using the Cairo API

`cairo_rectangle(cairo_t *)`, `cairo_line_to(cairo_t *)`,

`cairo_arc(cairo_t *)`, `cairo_show_text(cairo_t *)`, ...

`cairo_set_source_surface(cairo_t *, cairo_surface_t *)`, `cairo_paint(cairo_t *)`



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`cairo_image_surface_get_data(cairo_surface_t *)`



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Evas

```

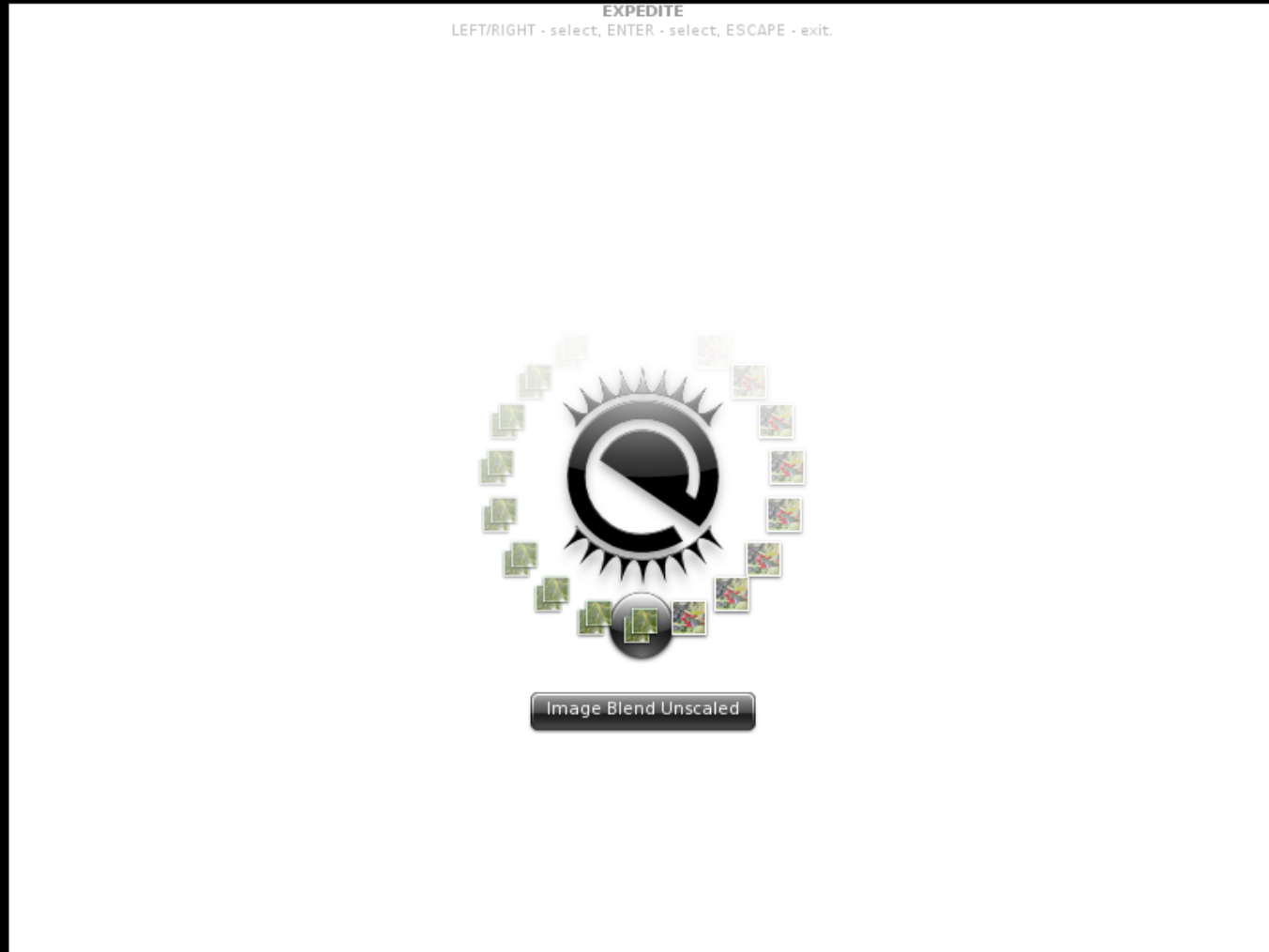
evas_new()
evas_output_method_set("fb")
evas_engine_info_set()
→ mmap()
    
```



- Evas
 - <https://git.enlightenment.org/core/efl.git/>
 - <https://git.enlightenment.org/legacy/evas.git/>
 - Linux Framebuffer support in *engines/fb* directory
- Expedite <https://git.enlightenment.org/tools/expedite.git/>
 - `src/bin/engine_fb.c`

Evas demo

```
~$ EVAS_FB_POS=160,120 expedite -e fb
```



Evas internal



- Setup a canvas for Linux Framebuffer

- `Evas * evas_new()`
- `evas_output_method_set(Evas *,
 evas_render_method_lookup("fb"))`
- `evas_engine_info_set(Evas *, Evas_Engine_Info_FB *)`
 - `setup()` in `evas/engines/fb/evas_engine.c`
 - `evas_fb_outbuf_fb_setup_fb()` in `evas/engines/fb/evas_outbuf.c`
 - `fb_postinit()` in `evas/engines/fb/evas_fb_main.c`
 - **`fbmem = mmap()`** on **`/dev/fb0`**

- Draw using the Evas API

- `evas_object_rectangle_add(Evas *)`, `evas_object_line_add(Evas *)`,
- `evas_object_image_add(Evas *)`, `evas_object_text_add(Evas *)`, ...
- `evas_render(Evas *)` or `evas_render_updates(Evas *)`
- `output_redraws_next_update_push()` in `evas/engines/fb/evas_engine.c`
- `evas_fb_outbuf_fb_push_updated_region()` in `evas/engines/fb/evas_outbuf.c`



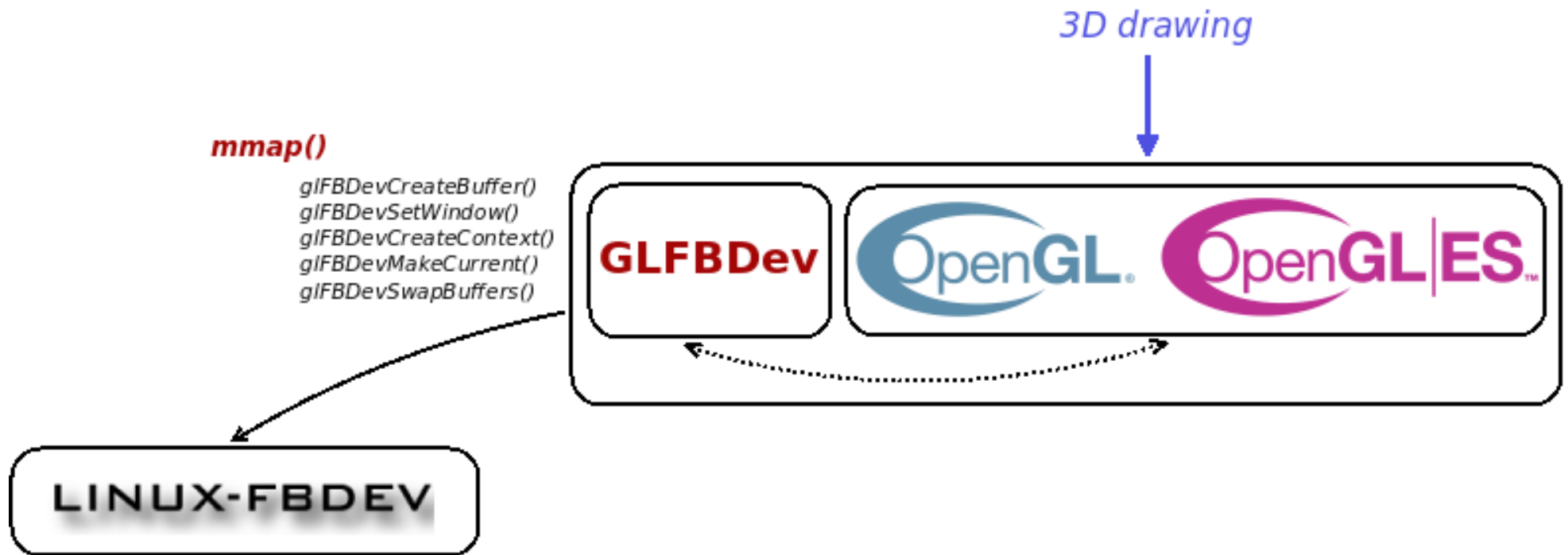
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OpenGL rendering

- The Mesa 3D project makes OpenGL and OpenGL ES rendering possible using CPU operations only and the Linux Framebuffer (without requiring a GPU)
- Applications can choose between 2 APIs for rendering
 - **GLFBDev** (OpenGL Extension to the Linux Framebuffer)
 - based on *Mesa legacy* infrastructure
 - **EGL** for Linux Framebuffer platform
 - based on *Mesa Gallium3D* infrastructure

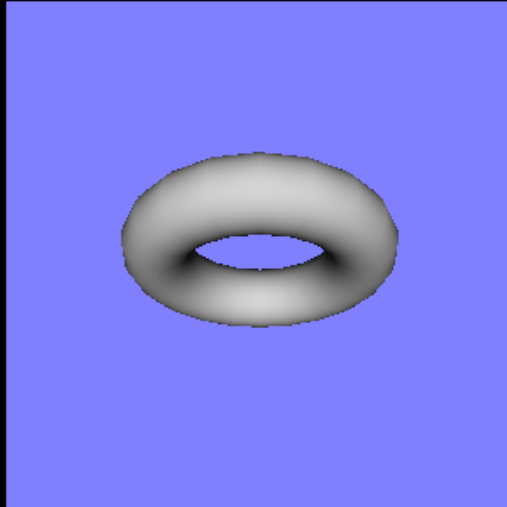
GLFBDev extension



- Implemented in Mesa <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/mesa/mesa>
 - Interfaces and Linux Framebuffer support in `src/mesa/drivers/fbdev/glfbdev.c`
- Examples:
 - mesa-demos <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/mesa/demos>
 - ➔ `progs/fbdev/glfbdevtest.c`
 - yagears <https://github.com/caramelli/yagears>

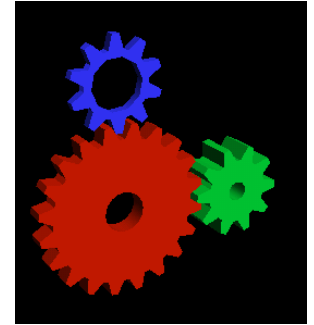
GLFBDev extension demo

```
~$ POSIX=100 POSY=200 glfbdevtest -f 10000 &  
~$ WIDTH=360 HEIGHT=360 POSX=560 POSY=200 yagears -b gl-fbdev -e gl &  
~$
```



GLFBDev extension internal

yagears -b **gl-fbdev** -e gl



- GLFBDevBufferPtr glFBDevCreateBuffer(void ***fbmem**)

where **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**

→ in *Mesa/src/mesa/drivers/fbdev/glfbdev.c*

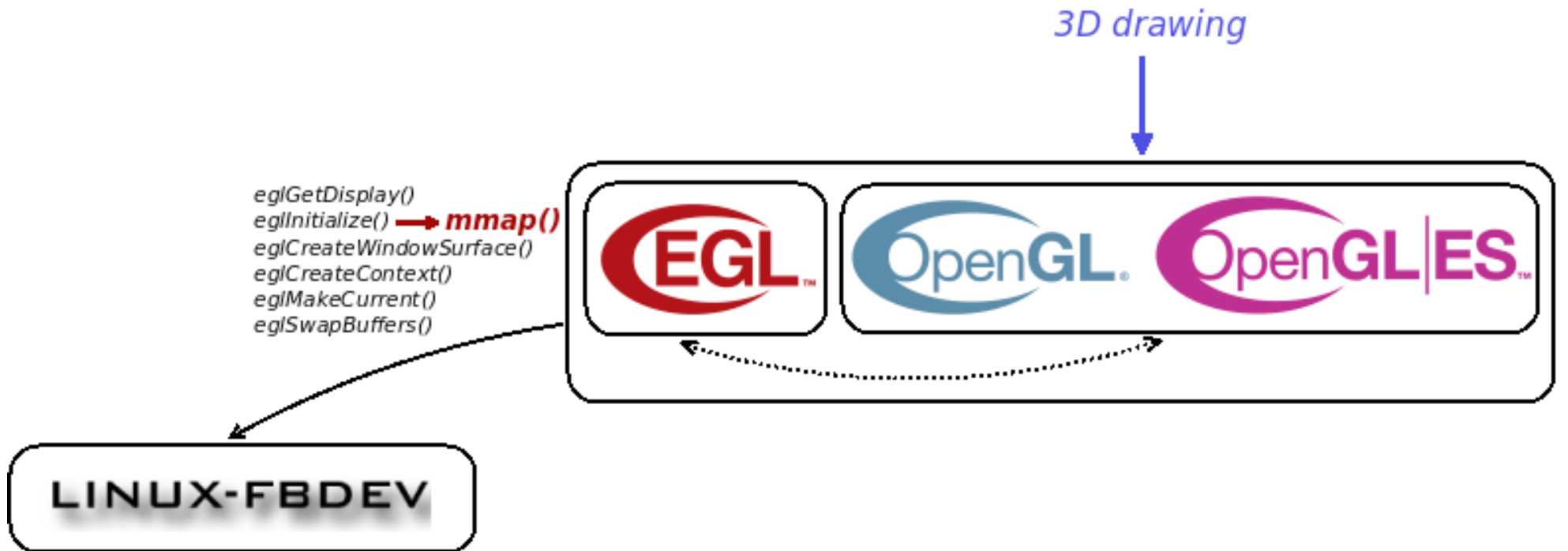
`_mesa_initialize_window_framebuffer(struct gl_framebuffer *)`

- glFBDevSetWindow(GLFBDevBufferPtr, struct fb_window)
with struct fb_window { int width; int height; int posx; int posy; };
- GLFBDevContextPtr glFBDevCreateContext()
- glFBDevMakeCurrent(GLFBDevContextPtr, GLFBDevBufferPtr)
- glFBDevSwapBuffers(GLFBDevBufferPtr)



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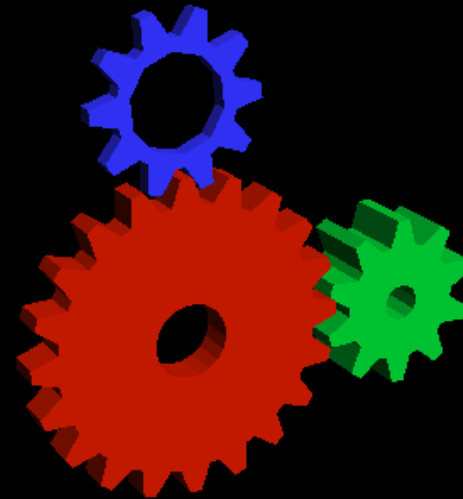
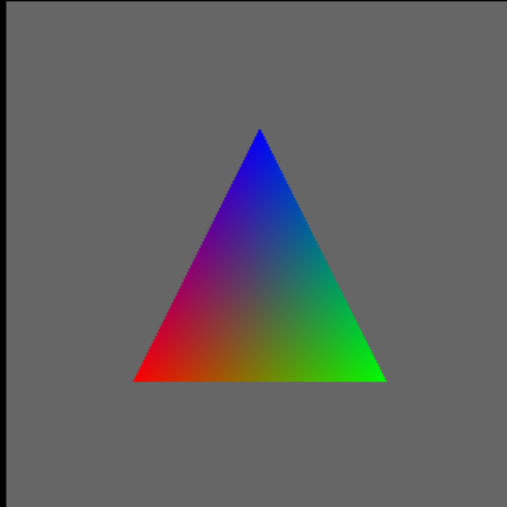
EGL for Linux Framebuffer



- Implemented in Mesa <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/mesa/mesa>
 - Interfaces in `src/egl/main/eglapi.c`, Linux Framebuffer support in `src/gallium/state_trackers/egl/fbdev` and `src/gallium/winsys/sw/fbdev` directories
- Examples:
 - mesa-demos <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/mesa/demos>
 - ➔ `src/egl/opengles1/eglfbdev.c`
 - yagears <https://github.com/caramelli/yagears>

EGL for Linux Framebuffer demo

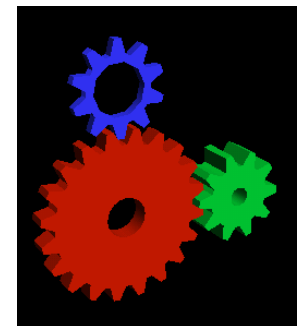
```
~$ POSIX=100 POSY=200 egltri_fbdev &  
~$ WIDTH=360 HEIGHT=360 POSIX=560 POSY=200 yagears -b egl-fbdev -e gl &  
~$ _
```





EGL for Linux Framebuffer internal

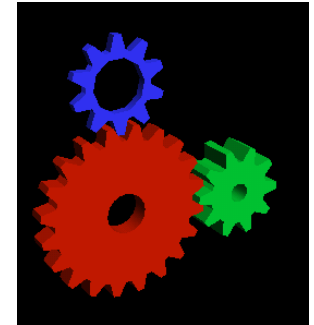
```
yagears -b egl-fbdev -e gl
```



- `EGLDisplay eglGetDisplay()`
 - `eglGetNativePlatform()` in `Mesa/src/egl/main/egldisplay.c`
 - `getenv("EGL_PLATFORM")` → `EGL_PLATFORM` needs to be set to **"fbdev"**
- `eglInitialize(egl_dpy, ...)`
 - `egl_g3d_initialize()` in `Mesa/src/gallium/state_trackers/egl/common/egl_g3d.c`
 - `native_create_display()` in `Mesa/src/gallium/state_trackers/egl/fbdev/native_fbdev.c`
 - `fbdev_create_sw_winsys()` in `Mesa/src/gallium/winsys/sw/fbdev/fbdev_sw_winsys.c`
 - **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**
- `EGLSurface eglCreateWindowSurface(EGLDisplay, struct fb_window *)`
 - with `struct fb_window { int width; int height; int posx; int posy; };`
- `EGLContext eglCreateContext()`
- `eglMakeCurrent(EGLSurface, EGLContext)`
 - `egl_g3d_make_current()` in `Mesa/src/gallium/state_trackers/egl/common/egl_g3d_api.c`
 - `st_api_make_current()` in `Mesa/src/mesa/state_tracker/st_manager.c`
 - **_mesa_initialize_window_framebuffer(struct gl_framebuffer *)**

EGL for Linux Framebuffer internal

yagears -b **egl-fbdev** -e gl



- `eglSwapBuffers (EGLSurface)`
 - `egl_g3d_swap_buffers ()` in `Mesa/src/gallium/state_trackers/egl/common/egl_g3d_api.c`
 - `fbdev_surface_present ()` in `Mesa/src/gallium/state_trackers/egl/fbdev/native_fbdev.c`
 - `resource_surface_present ()` in `Mesa/src/gallium/state_trackers/egl/common/native_helper.c`
 - `softpipe_flush_frontbuffer ()` in `Mesa/src/gallium/drivers/softpipe/sp_screen.c`
 - `fbdev_displaytarget_display ()` in `Mesa/src/gallium/winsys/sw/fbdev/fbdev_sw_winsys.c`



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- `EGL_LOG_LEVEL = debug` to print some informations

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Multimedia frameworks

- Multimedia frameworks (FFmpeg, GStreamer, Xine, VLC) provide an output based on the Linux Framebuffer
- Display of the decoded video is CPU based
 - no video overlay

FFmpeg

```
~$ ffmpeg -nostdin -hide_banner -loglevel quiet -nostats -s 854x480 -pix_fmt bgr24 -f fbdev -xoffset 120 -yoffset 150 /dev/fb0 -re -i big_buck_bunny_480p_stereo.avi &
~$ ffmpeg -nostdin -hide_banner -loglevel quiet -v -1 -s 404x108 -pix_fmt bgr24 -f fbdev -xoffset 120 -yoffset 650 /dev/fb0 -i ffmpeg-logo.png
~$ _
```



FFmpeg internal

FFmpeg <https://git.ffmpeg.org/ffmpeg.git>



→ ffmpeg in fftools or root directory

- `avcodec_register_all()` / `av_register_all()`
- `avdevice_register_all()` in `libavdevice/alldevices.c`
 - `av_register_output_format(fbdev_muxer)` in `libavformat/utis.c`
- `parse_options()` in `cmdutils.c`
 - `AVFormatContext *ic = avformat_alloc_context(), av_open_input_file(ic, ...)`
 - `AVFormatContext *oc = avformat_alloc_context(), av_guess_format("fbdev"), av_new_stream(oc), av_guess_codec(fbdev_muxer) → CODEC_ID_RAWVIDEO`
- `transcode()` in `ffmpeg.c`
 - `av_write_header(oc)` in `libavformat/utis.c`
 - `fbdev_write_header(oc)` in `libavdevice/fbdev_enc.c`
 - `fbmem = mmap()` on `/dev/fb0`
 - `av_read_frame(ic, AVPacket *)`
 - `avcodec_decode_video(ic->streams[0]->codec, AVFrame *, AVPacket *)`
 - `avcodec_encode_video(oc->streams[0]->codec, AVPacket *, AVFrame *)`
 - `av_interleaved_write_frame(oc, AVPacket *)` in `libavformat/utis.c`
 - `fbdev_write_packet(oc, AVPacket *)` in `libavdevice/fbdev_enc.c`

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GStreamer

```
~$ gst-launch-0.10 -q filesrc location=big_buck_bunny_480p_stereo.avi ! d
ecodebin ! ffmpegcolorspace ! fbdevsink offset-x=120 offset-y=150 &
^~$ gst-launch-1.0 -q filesrc location=gstreamer-logo.jpg ! decodebin ! vi
deoconvert ! imagefreeze ! fbdevsink offset-x=120 offset-y=650 &
^~$
```



GStreamer internal

- GStreamer <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/gstreamer/gstreamer>

➔ `gst-launch` in *tools* directory



→ `gst_init()`

→ `GstElement * gst_parse_launchv(... ! fbdevsink ...)`

→ `gst_parse_launch_full()` in *gstreamer/gst/gstparse.c*

→ `gst_element_factory_make()` in *gstreamer/gst/gstelementfactory.c*

→ `g_object_new(GST_TYPE_FBDEVSINK)` from GLib

→ `gst_fbdevsink_class_init()` in *gst-plugins-bad/sys/fbdev/gstfbdevsink.c*

→ `gst_element_set_state(GstElement *, GST_STATE_PLAYING);`

→ Decoding (for example by **Libavcodec** from FFmpeg through GStreamer Libav plug-in)

- Rendering to Linux Framebuffer in GStreamer Bad Plug-ins

<https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/gstreamer/gst-plugins-bad>

→ `gst_fbdevsink_start()` in *gst-plugins-bad/sys/fbdev/gstfbdevsink.c*

→ **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**

in *gst-plugins-bad/sys/fbdev/gstfbdevsink.c*

→ `gst_fbdevsink_render()` on GStreamer 0.10

→ `gst_fbdevsink_show_frame()` on GStreamer 1



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Xine

```
$ fbxine -x 120 -y 150 big_buck_bunny_480p_stereo.avi &  
$ fbxine -x 120 -y 650 xine-ui_logo.png &  
$  
_
```



Xine internal

- xine-lib

- <https://sourceforge.net/p/xine/xine-lib>
- <https://sourceforge.net/p/xine/xine-lib-1.2>



- xine-ui <https://sourceforge.net/p/xine/xine-ui>

➔ fbxine in *src/fb* directory

→ `xine_t * xine_new(), xine_init(xine_t *)`

→ `xine_video_port_t * xine_open_video_driver(xine_t *, "fb")`

→ `load_video_driver()` in *xine-lib/src/xine-engine/load_plugins.c*

→ `load_plugin_class()` in *xine-lib/src/xine-engine/load_plugins.c*

→ `fb_init_class()` in *xine-lib/src/video_out/video_out_fb.c*

→ `fb_open_plugin()` in *xine-lib/src/video_out/video_out_fb.c*

→ **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**

→ `xine_stream_t * xine_stream_new(xine_t *, xine_video_port_t *)`

→ `xine_open(xine_stream_t *, ...), xine_play(xine_stream_t *)`

→ Decoding (for example by **Libavcodec** from FFmpeg)

→ `fb_display_frame()` in *xine-lib/src/video_out/video_out_fb.c*

➔ **copy to fbmem**

VLC

```

~$ vlc --quiet --vout fb --video-x=120 --video-y=150 big_buck_bunny_480p_
stereo.avi &
^$ vlc --quiet --no-video-title-show --vout fb --video-x=120 --video-y=65
0 vlc-logo.jpg &
^$
  
```



VLC internal

VLC <https://git.videolan.org/?p=vlc.git>



→ vlc in *bin* directory

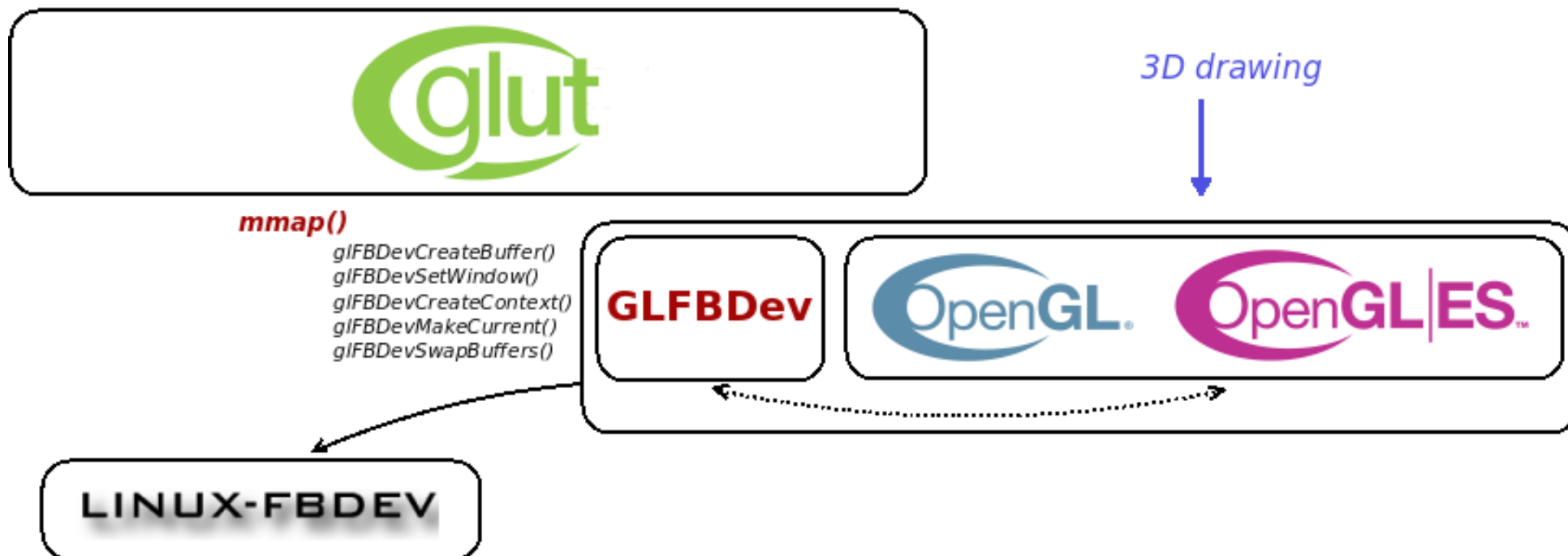
- `libvlc_new(... --vout fb ...)` in `vlc/src/control/core.c`
- `libvlc_InternalCreate()`, `libvlc_InternalInit()` in `vlc/src/libvlc.c`
- `playlist_ThreadCreate()` in `vlc/src/playlist/thread.c`
 - `playlist_PlayItem()` in `vlc/src/playlist/control.c`
 - `input_CreateThreadExtended()` in `vlc/src/input/input.c`
 - `input_DecoderNew()` in `vlc/src/input/decoder.c`
 - `vout_Create()` in `vlc/src/video_output/video_output.c`
 - `module_Need()` in `vlc/src/modules/modules.c`
 - `module_Call()` in `vlc/src/modules/os.c`
 - `vlc_entry()` in `vlc/modules/video_output/fb.c`
 - `Create()` in `vlc/modules/video_output/fb.c`
 - **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**
 - Decoding (for example by **Libavcodec** from FFmpeg)
 - `Display()` in `vlc/modules/video_output/fb.c` → copy to **fbmem**

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GLUT



- GLUT <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/mesa/glut>

Linux Framebuffer support in `src/glut/fbdev` directory

Note: EGL for Linux Framebuffer could be used instead of GLFBDev

- Examples

- mesa-demos <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/mesa/demos>

- ➔ projtex, reflect, ... in `src/demos` directory

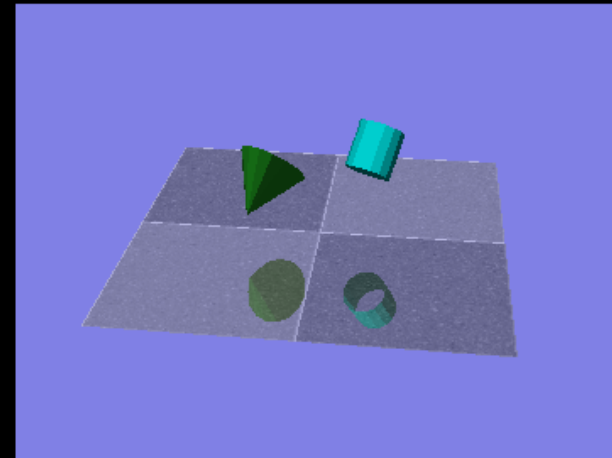
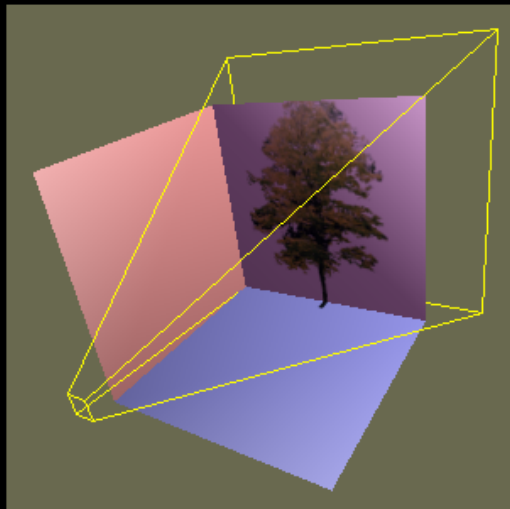
- yagears <https://github.com/caramelli/yagears>

GLUT demo

```

2$ GLUT_WINDOW_POS=80,240 projtex &
2$ GLUT_WINDOW_POS=520,120 reflect &
2$ WIDTH=360 HEIGHT=360 POSX=600 POSY=400 yagears-gui -t glut -e gl &
2$

```



GLUT internal

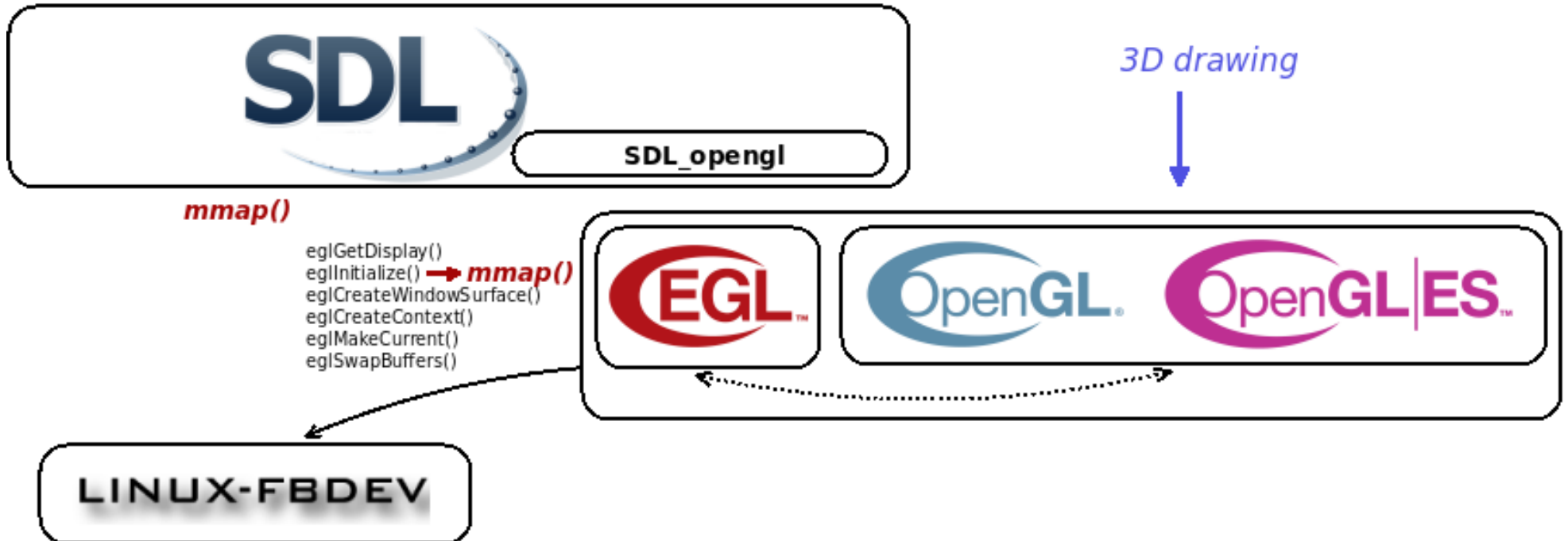


- `glutInit()`
- `glutCreateWindow()`
 - in *MesaGLUT/src/glut/fbdev/fbdev.c*
 - `fbmem = mmap()` on `/dev/fb0`**
 - `glFBDevCreateBuffer()`, `glFBDevSetWindow(struct fb_window *)`**
 - `glFBDevCreateContext()`, `glFBDevMakeCurrent()`**
- `glutSwapBuffers()`
 - in *MesaGLUT/src/glut/fbdev/fbdev.c*
 - `glFBDevSwapBuffers()`**



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SDL



- SDL <https://hg.libsdl.org/SDL>

Linux Framebuffer support in *src/video/fbcon* directory

Note: GLFBDev extension could be used instead of EGL

- Examples

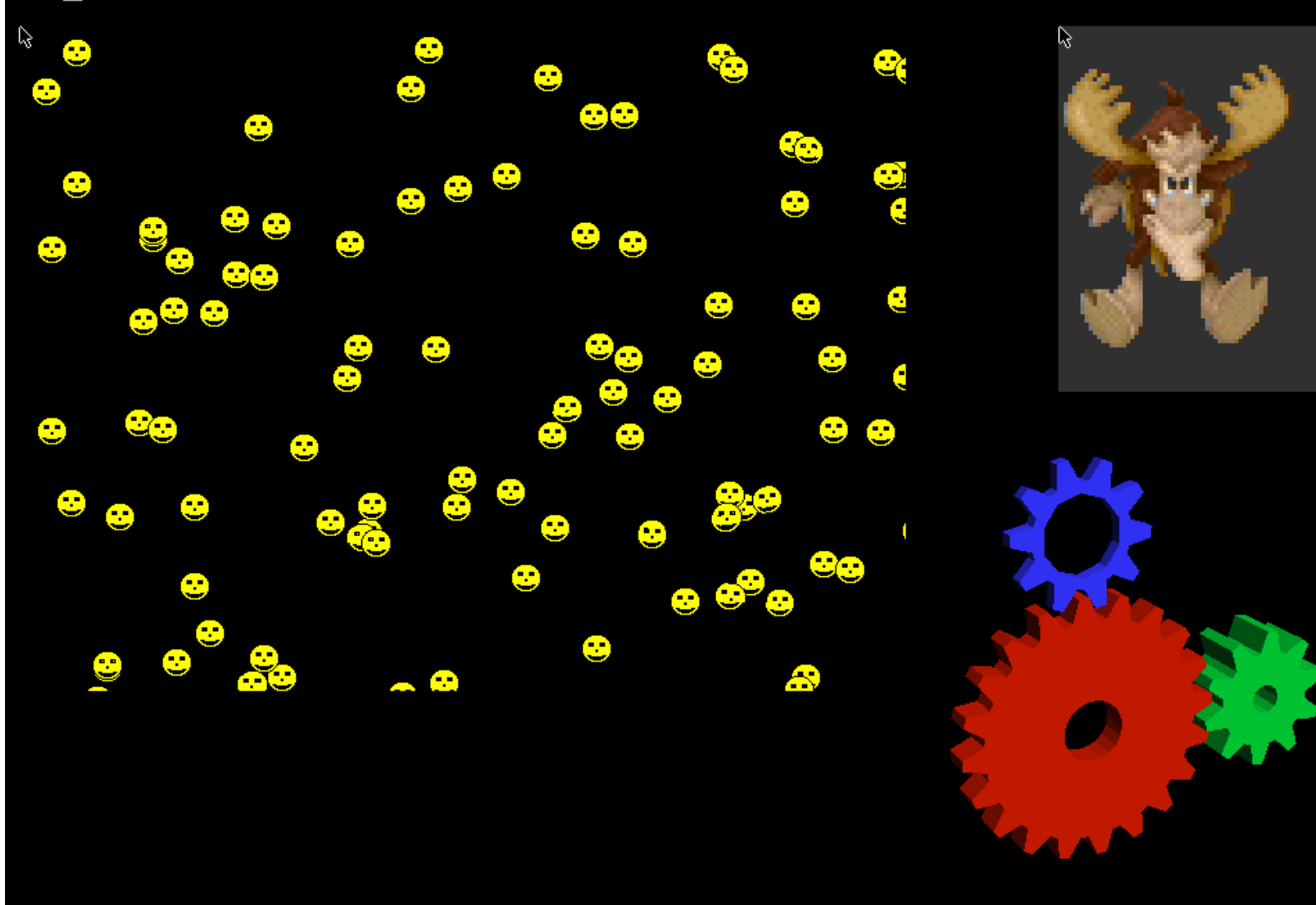
- testsprite, testoverlay2, ... in *test* in directory
- yagears <https://github.com/caramelli/yagears>

SDL demo

```

2$ SDL_VIDEO_WINDOW_POS=10,130 testsprite &
2$ SDL_VIDEO_WINDOW_POS=760,130 testoverlay2 -scale 3 &
2$ WIDTH=360 HEIGHT=360 POSX=660 POSY=400 yagears-gui -t sdl -e gl &
2$ _


```





SDL internal



- `SDL_Init()`
 - `SDL_VideoInit()` in `SDL/src/video/SDL_video.c`
 - `FB_VideoInit()` in `SDL/src/video/fbcon/SDL_fbvideo.c`
 - **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**

- `SDL_SetVideoMode()`  Set up window for drawing
 - `FB_SetVideoMode()` in `SDL/src/video/fbcon/SDL_fbvideo.c`
 - For OpenGL**
 - **eglGetDisplay(), eglInitialize(), eglCreateWindowSurface(), eglCreateContext()**
 - For OpenGL**
 - `FB_GL_MakeCurrent()` in `SDL/src/video/fbcon/SDL_fbvideo.c`
 - **eglMakeCurrent()**

- `SDL_Flip()`, `SDL_UpdateRects()`
 - `SDL_LowerBlit()` in `SDL/src/video/SDL_surface.c`
 - `SDL_SoftBlit()` in `SDL/src/video/SDL_blit.c`  copy to **fbmem**

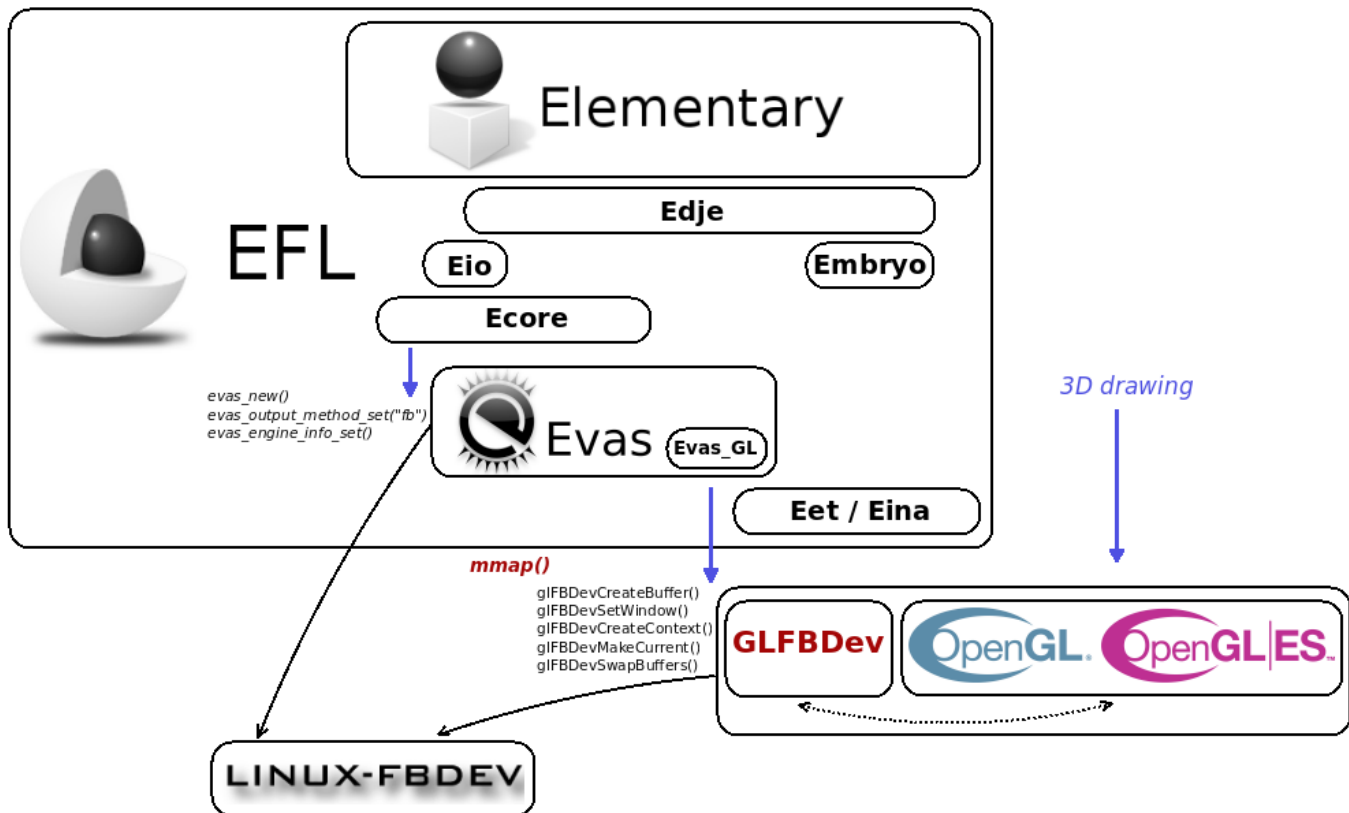
- **For OpenGL**, `SDL_GL_SwapBuffers()`
 - `FB_GL_SwapBuffers()` in `SDL/src/video/fbcon/SDL_fbvideo.c`
 - **eglSwapBuffers()**  copy of 3D drawing based on OpenGL API to **fbmem**

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EFL



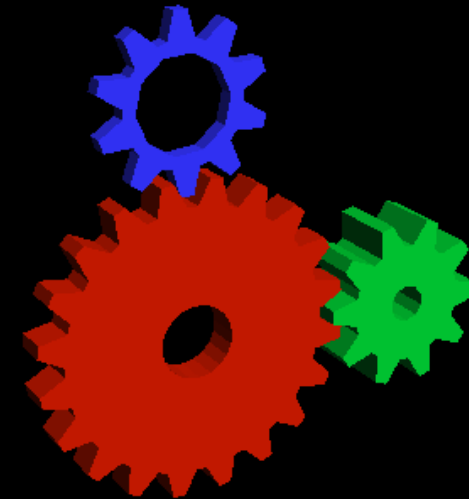
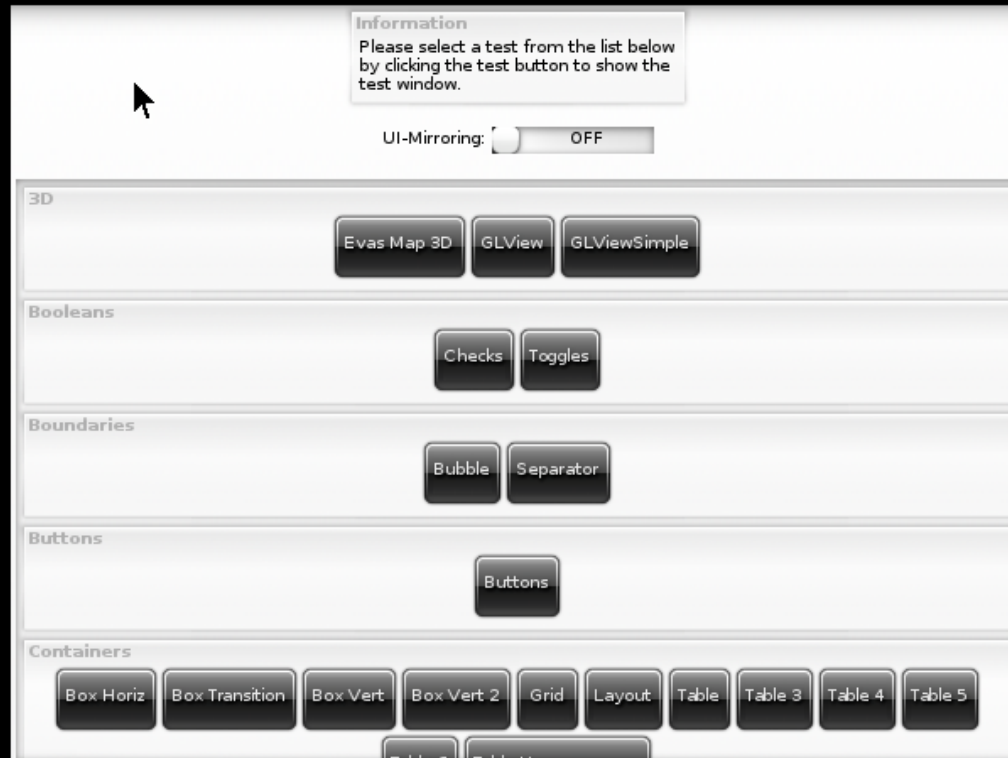
- EFL
 - <https://git.enlightenment.org/core/elementary.git/>
 - <https://git.enlightenment.org/core/efl.git/> or <https://git.enlightenment.org/legacy/{ecore.git,evas.git,...}/>
 - Linux Framebuffer support in `ecore/src/lib/ecore_evas/ecore_evas_fb.c` and `ecore/src/lib/ecore_fb` directory
 - Evas_GL interfaces in `evas/src/lib/canvas/evan_gl.c`
 - Note:* EGL for Linux Framebuffer could be used instead of GLFBDev
- Examples
 - `elementary_test` in `elementary/src/bin` in directory
 - `yagears` <https://github.com/caramelli/yagears>

EFL demo

```

2$ EVAS_FB_POS=20,160 elementary_test &
2$ WIDTH=360 HEIGHT=360 POSX=640 POSY=200 yagears-gui -t efl -e gl &
2$ _

```



EFL internal



EFL

- `elm_init()`
- `elm_win_add()` → toplevel window for widgets drawing
 - `ecore_evas_fb_new()` in `ecore/src/lib/ecore_evas/ecore_evas_fb.c`
 - **`evas_new(), evas_output_method_set("fb"), evas_engine_info_set()`**
 - **`fbmem = mmap()`** on `/dev/fb0`
- `elm_run()`
 - `ecore_main_loop_begin()` in `ecore/src/lib/ecore/ecore_main.c`
 - `ecore_evas_idle_enter()` in `ecore/src/lib/ecore_evas/ecore_evas.c`
 - `ecore_evas_fb_render()` in `ecore/src/lib/ecore_evas/ecore_evas_fb.c`
 - **`evas_render_updates()`**
 - `output_redraws_next_update_push()` in `evas/engines/fb/evas_engine.c`
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EFL internal



EFL

For OpenGL

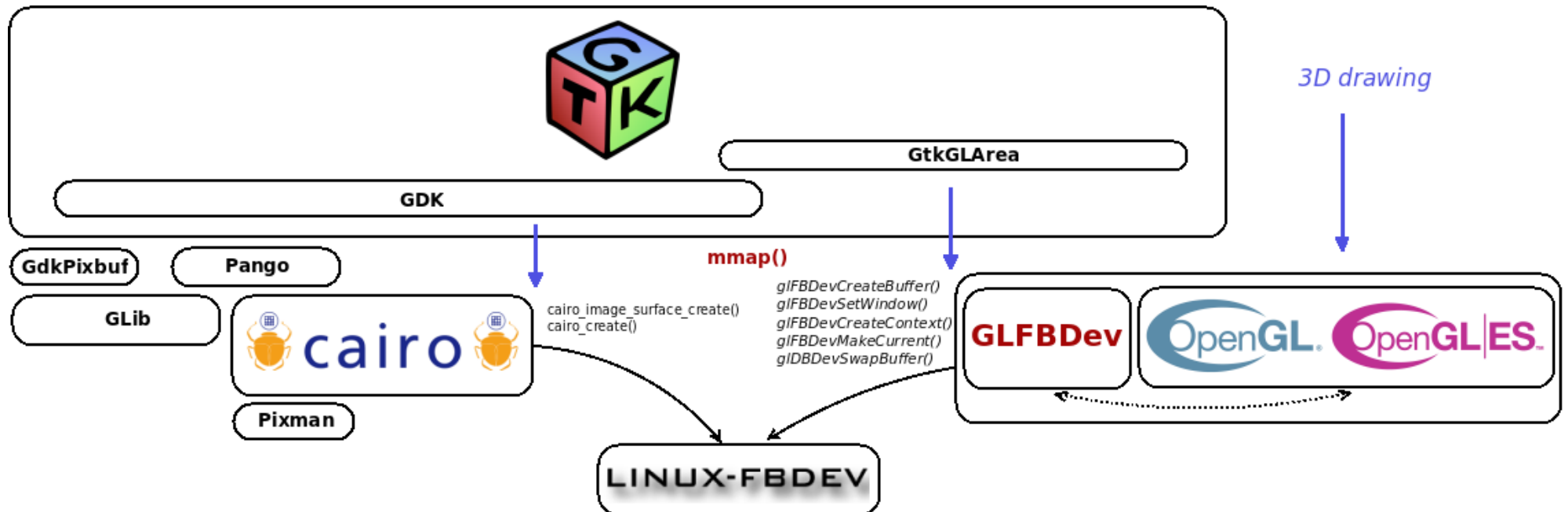
- `elm_glview_add()`
 - `evas_gl_surface_create()`
 - `gl_surface_create()` in `evas/engines/fb/evas_engine.c`
 - **`glFBDevCreateBuffer()`**
 - `evas_gl_context_create()`
 - `gl_context_create()` in `evas/engines/fb/evas_engine.c`
 - **`glFBDevCreateBuffer()`**

- `elm_glview_changed_set()`
 - `evas_gl_make_current()`
 - `gl_make_current()` in `evas/engines/fb/evas_engine.c`
 - **`glFBDevMakeCurrent()`**
 - `evas_object_image_pixels_dirty_set()` in `evas/src/lib/canvas/evas_object_image.c`
 - `output_redraws_next_update_push()` in `evas/engines/fb/evas_engine.c`
 - **`glFBDevSetWindow(struct fb_window *)`, `glFBDevSwapBuffers()`**



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GTK+



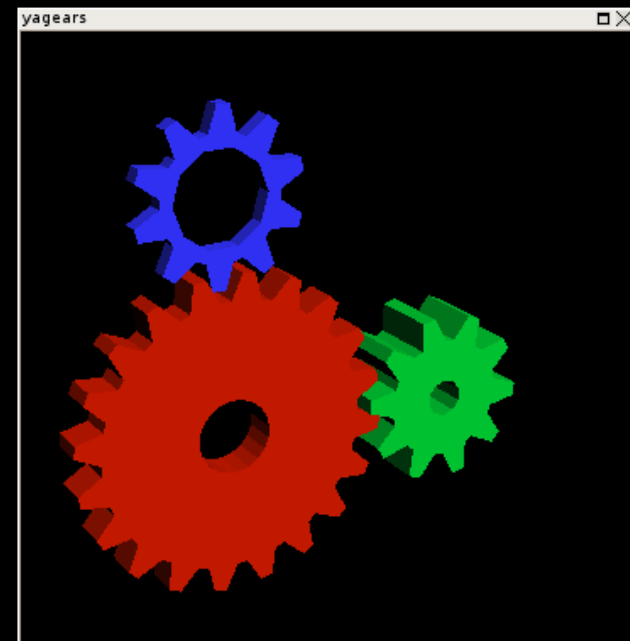
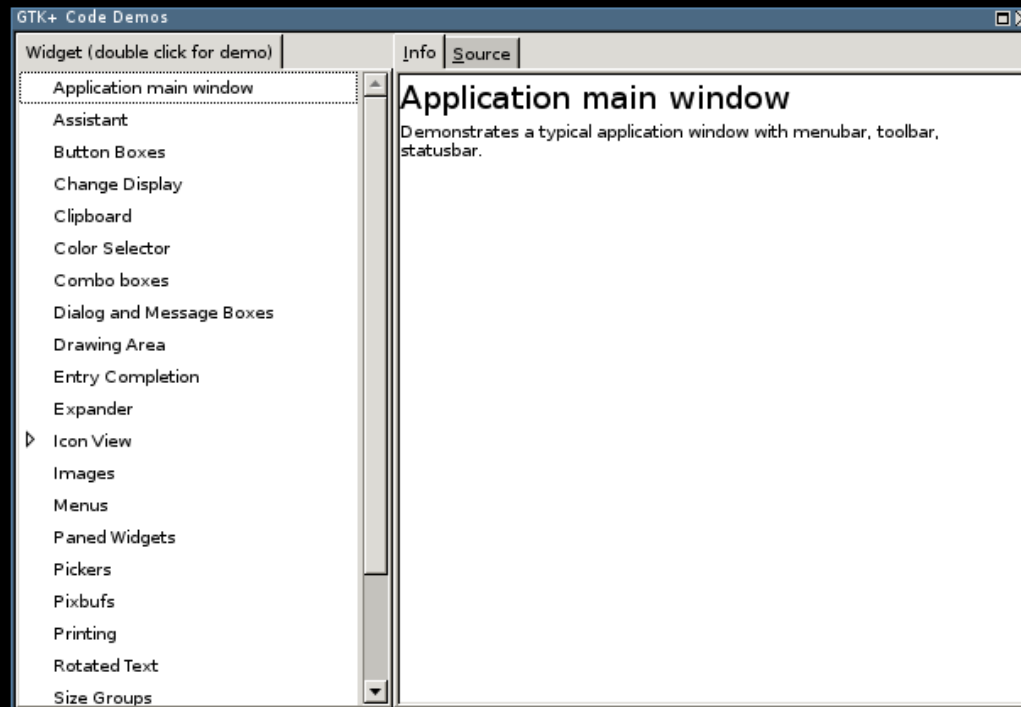
- GTK+ <https://gitlab.gnome.org/GNOME/gtk>
 - Linux Framebuffer support in *gdk/linux-fb* directory
 - GtkGLArea interfaces in *gtkgl/gtkglarea.c*
 - Note:* EGL for Linux Framebuffer could be used instead of GLFBDev
- Examples
 - gtk-demo in *demos/gtk-demo* directory
 - yagears <https://github.com/caramelli/yagears>

GTK+ demo

```

2$ GDK_WINDOW_POS=20,160 gtk-demo &
2$ WIDTH=360 HEIGHT=360 POSX=640 POSY=200 yagears-gui -t gtk -e glesv2 &
2$

```



GTK+ internal



- `gtk_init()`
 - `gdk_pre_parse_libgtk_only()` in `gtk/gdk/gdk.c`
 - `gdk_fb_display_new()` in `gtk/gdk/linux-fb/gdkmain-fb.c`
 - **`fbmem = mmap()`** on **`/dev/fb0`**
- `gtk_window_new()` → toplevel window for widgets drawing
- `gtk_main()`
 - `gdk_drawable_ref_cairo_surface()` in `gtk/gdk/gdkdraw.c`
 - `gdk_fb_ref_cairo_surface()` in `gtk/gdk/linux-fb/gdkdrawable-fb2.c`
 - **`cairo_image_surface_create()`**
 - `gdk_draw_drawable()` in `gtk/gdk/gdkdraw.c`
 - `gdk_fb_draw_drawable()` in `gtk/gdk/linux-fb/gdkdrawable-fb2.c`
 - `gdk_fb_draw_drawable_memmove()` in `gtk/gdk/linux-fb/gdkrender-fb.c`
 - **`cairo_image_surface_get_data()`**



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GTK+ internal



For OpenGL

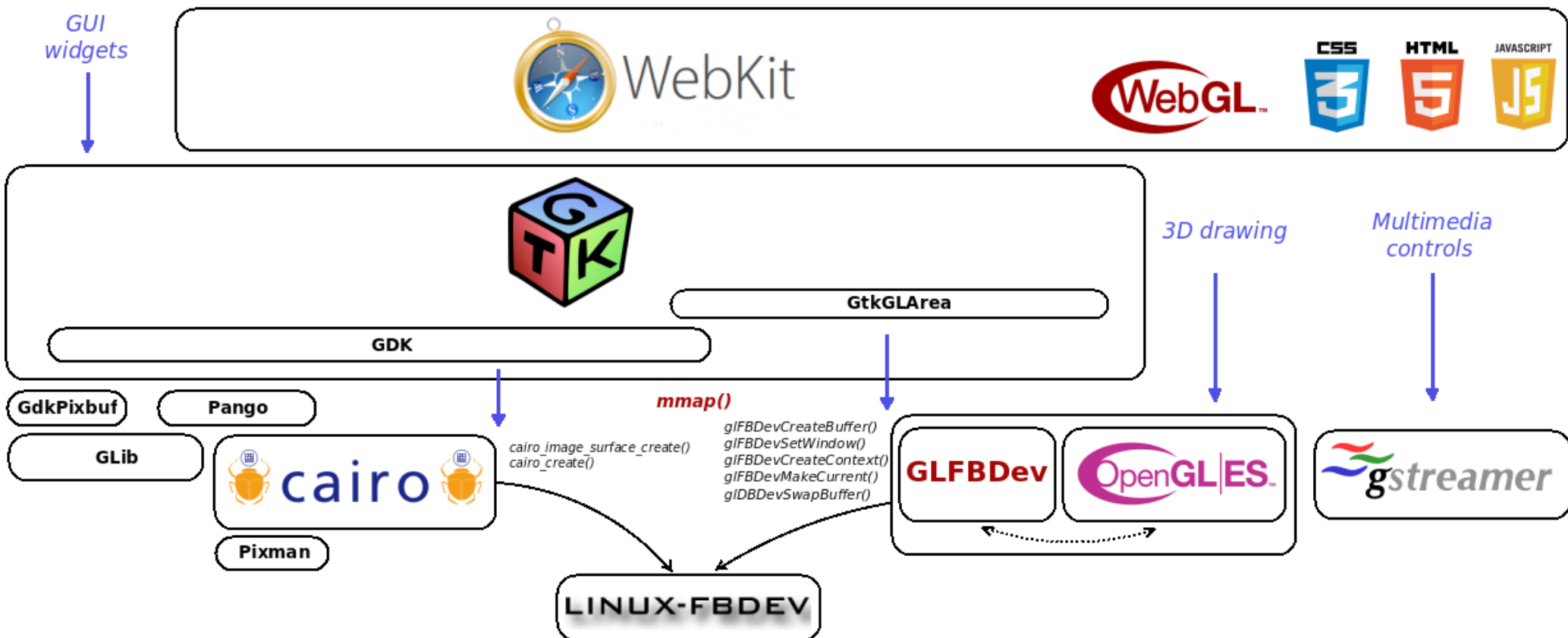
- `gtk_gl_area_new()`
 - `gdk_gl_context_share_new()` in `gtk/gtkgl/gdkgl.c`
 - **`glFBDevCreateBuffer(), glFBDevCreateContext()`**
- `gtk_gl_area_make_current()`
 - `gdk_gl_make_current()` in `gtk/gtkgl/gdkgl.c`
 - **`glFBDevMakeCurrent()`**
- `gtk_gl_area_swap_buffers()`
 - `gdk_gl_swap_buffers()` in `gtk/gtkgl/gdkgl.c`
 - **`glFBDevSetWindow(struct fb_window *), glFBDevSwapBuffers()`**



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WebKitGTK+



WebKitGTK+ <https://svn.webkit.org/repository/webkit/releases/WebKitGTK>

→ *Tools/GtkLauncher*

→ *Source/WebKit/gtk* → **WebView widget**

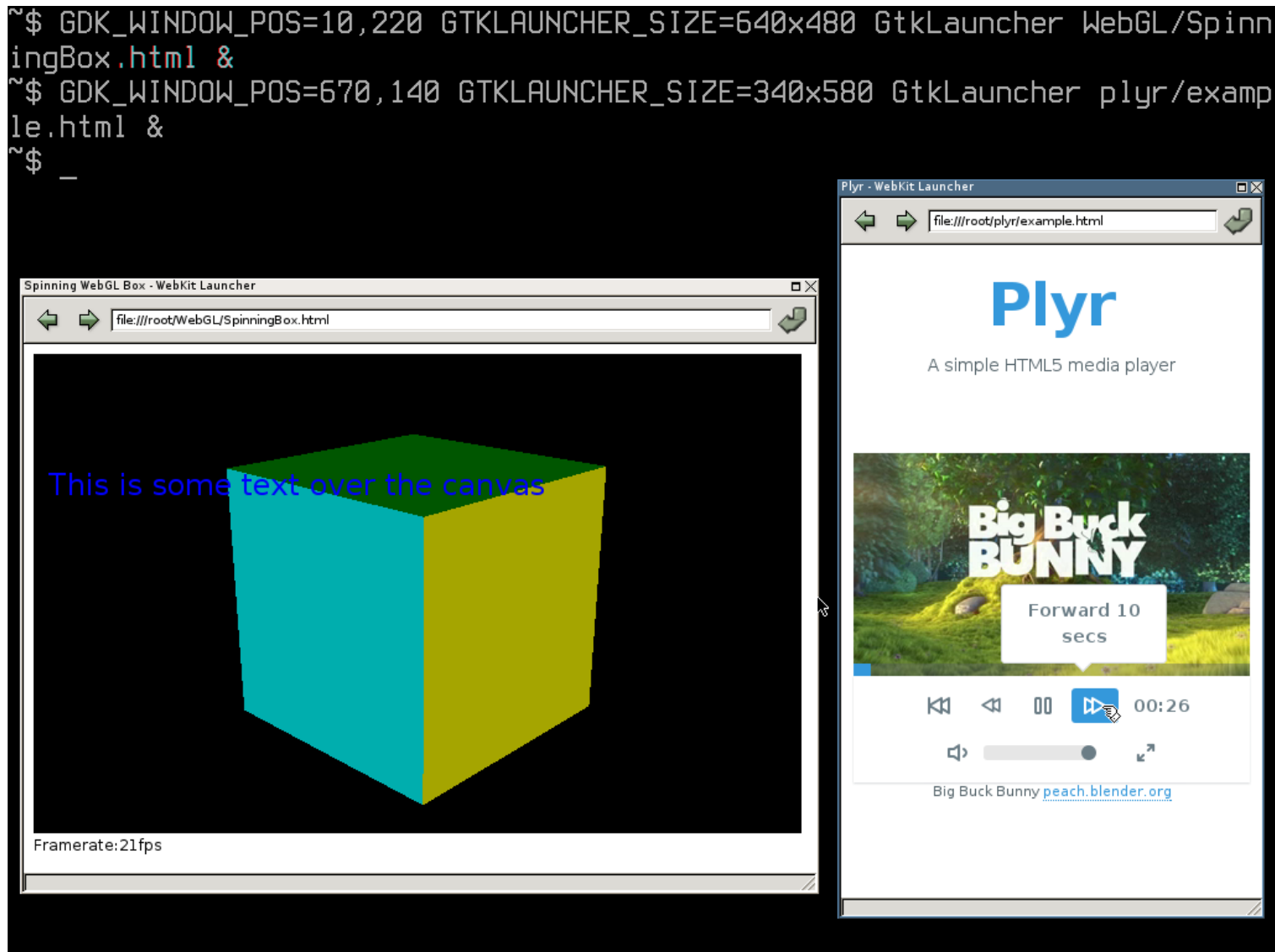
→ *Source/WebCore/platform/{gtk, graphics/gtk, graphics/gstreamer}*

WebKitGTK+ demo

- WebGL demos <https://github.com/KhronosGroup/WebGL>
- Plyr HTML5 media player <https://github.com/sampotts/plyr>

```

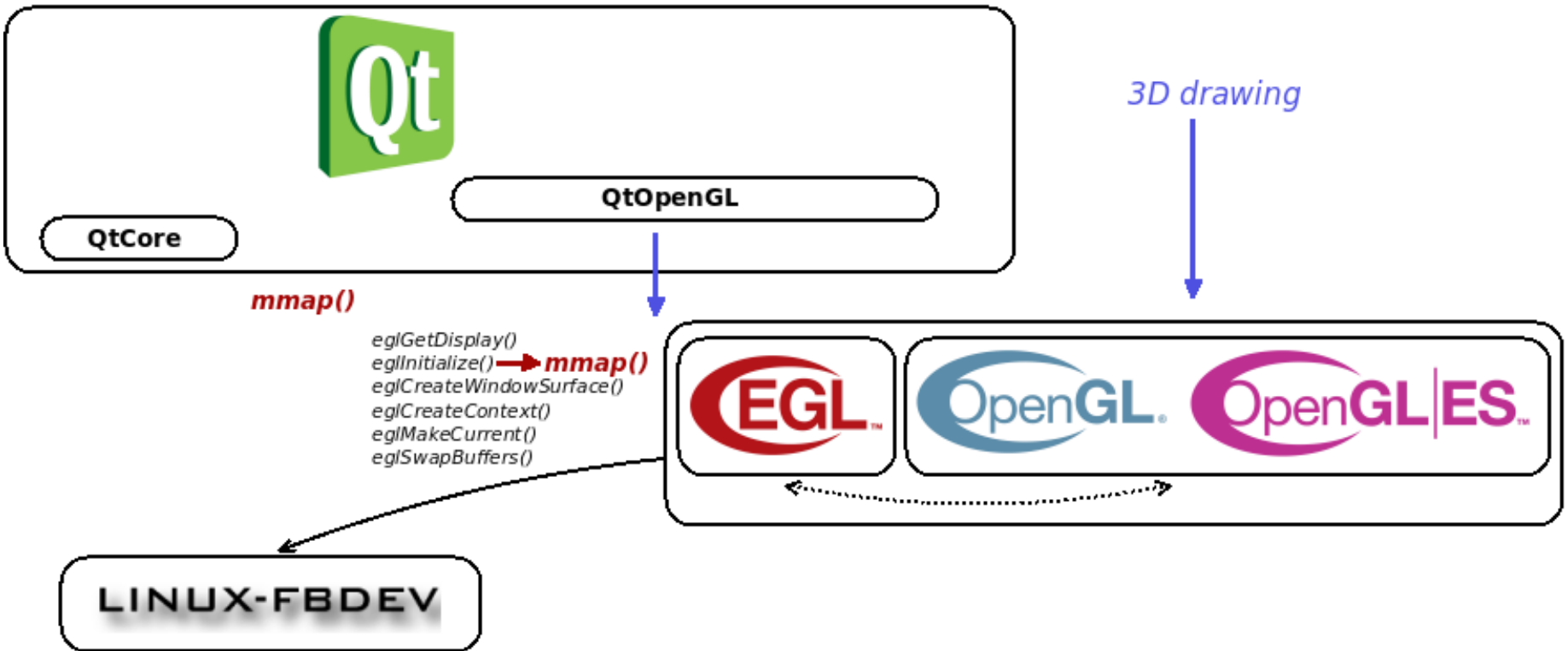
~$ GDK_WINDOW_POS=10,220 GTKLAUNCHER_SIZE=640x480 GtkLauncher WebGL/SpinningBox.html &
~$ GDK_WINDOW_POS=670,140 GTKLAUNCHER_SIZE=340x580 GtkLauncher plyr/example.html &
~$ _
  
```



The image shows a terminal window with two browser windows running. The first browser window, titled "Spinning WebGL Box - WebKit Launcher", displays a 3D cube with cyan, green, and yellow faces and the text "This is some text over the canvas" in blue. The second browser window, titled "Plyr - WebKit Launcher", displays the Plyr HTML5 media player interface with a video player showing "Big Buck Bunny" and a "Forward 10 secs" button.



Qt



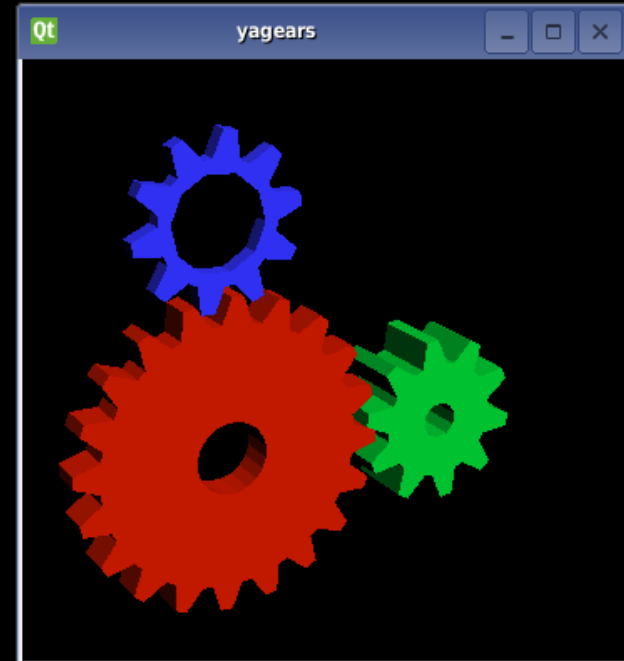
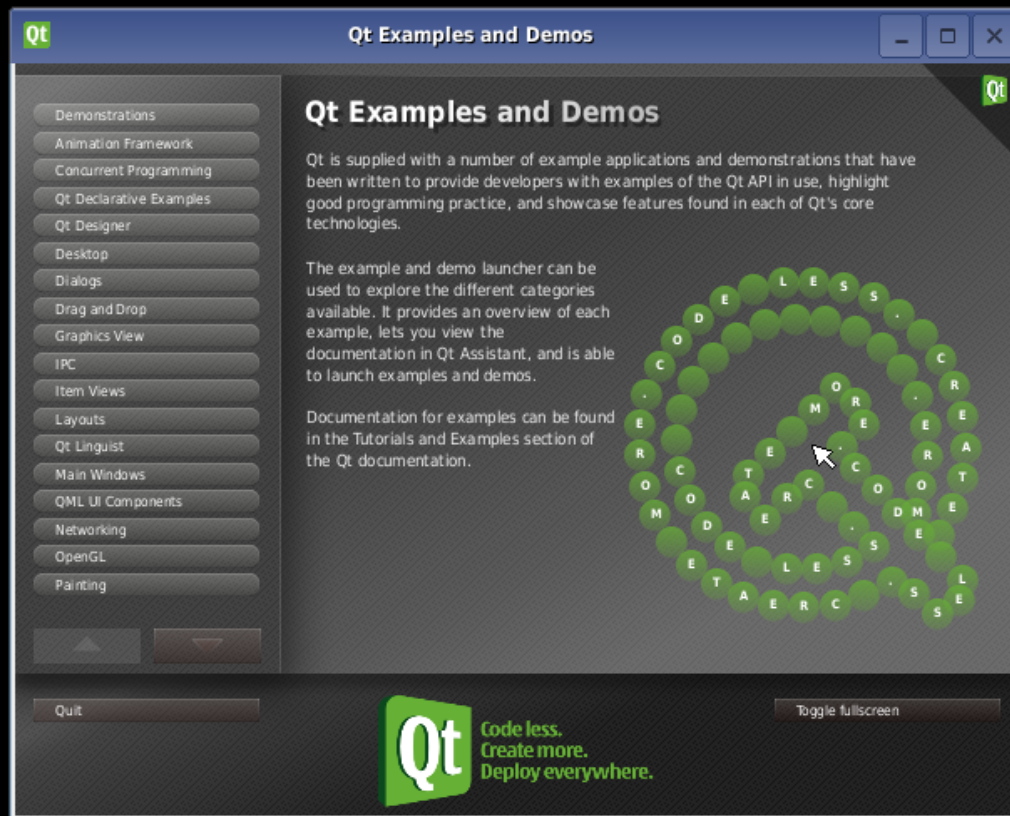
- Qt 4 <https://code.qt.io/cgit/qt/qt.git> and Qt 5 <https://code.qt.io/cgit/qt/qtbase.git>
 - Linux Framebuffer support for Qt 4 in *src/plugins/gfxdrivers/linuxfb* directory → **QWS** (Qt Windowing System)
 - Linux Framebuffer support for Qt 5 in *src/plugins/platforms/linuxfb* directory → **QPA** (Qt Platform Abstraction)
 - QtOpenGL interfaces in *src/opengl/qgl.cpp*
 - Note: GLFBDev extension could be used instead of EGL
- Examples
 - qtdemo in *demos/qtdemo* directory
 - yagears <https://github.com/caramelli/yagears>

Qt demo

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2 $ QWS_POS=20,160 qtdemo &
2 $ WIDTH=360 HEIGHT=360 POSX=640 POSY=200 yagears-gui -t qt -e glesv2 &
2 $
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```



Qt internal



- `QApplication::QApplication()`
 - `qt_init()` in `qt/src/gui/kernel/qapplication_qws.cpp`
 - `QWSServer::startup()` in `qt/src/gui/embedded/qwindowsystem_qws.cpp`
 - `qt_init_display()` in `qt/src/gui/kernel/qapplication_qws.cpp`
 - `qt_get_screen()` in `qt/src/gui/embedded/qscreen_qws.cpp`
 - `QScreenDriverFactory::create()` in `qt/src/gui/embedded/qscreenfactory_qws.cpp`
 - `QScreenLinuxFbPlugin::create()` in `qt/src/plugins/gfxdrivers/linuxfb/main.cpp`
 - `QlinuxFbScreen::QlinuxFbScreen()`
in `qt/src/gui/embedded/qscreenlinuxfb_qws.cpp`
 - `QLinuxFbScreen::connect()` in `qt/src/gui/embedded/qscreenlinuxfb_qws.cpp`
 - **fbmem = mmap()** on **/dev/fb0**
- `QWidget`  class for widgets drawing
- `QApplication::exec()`
 - `qt/src/gui/painting/qdrawhelper.cpp`  copy to **fbmem**

Qt internal

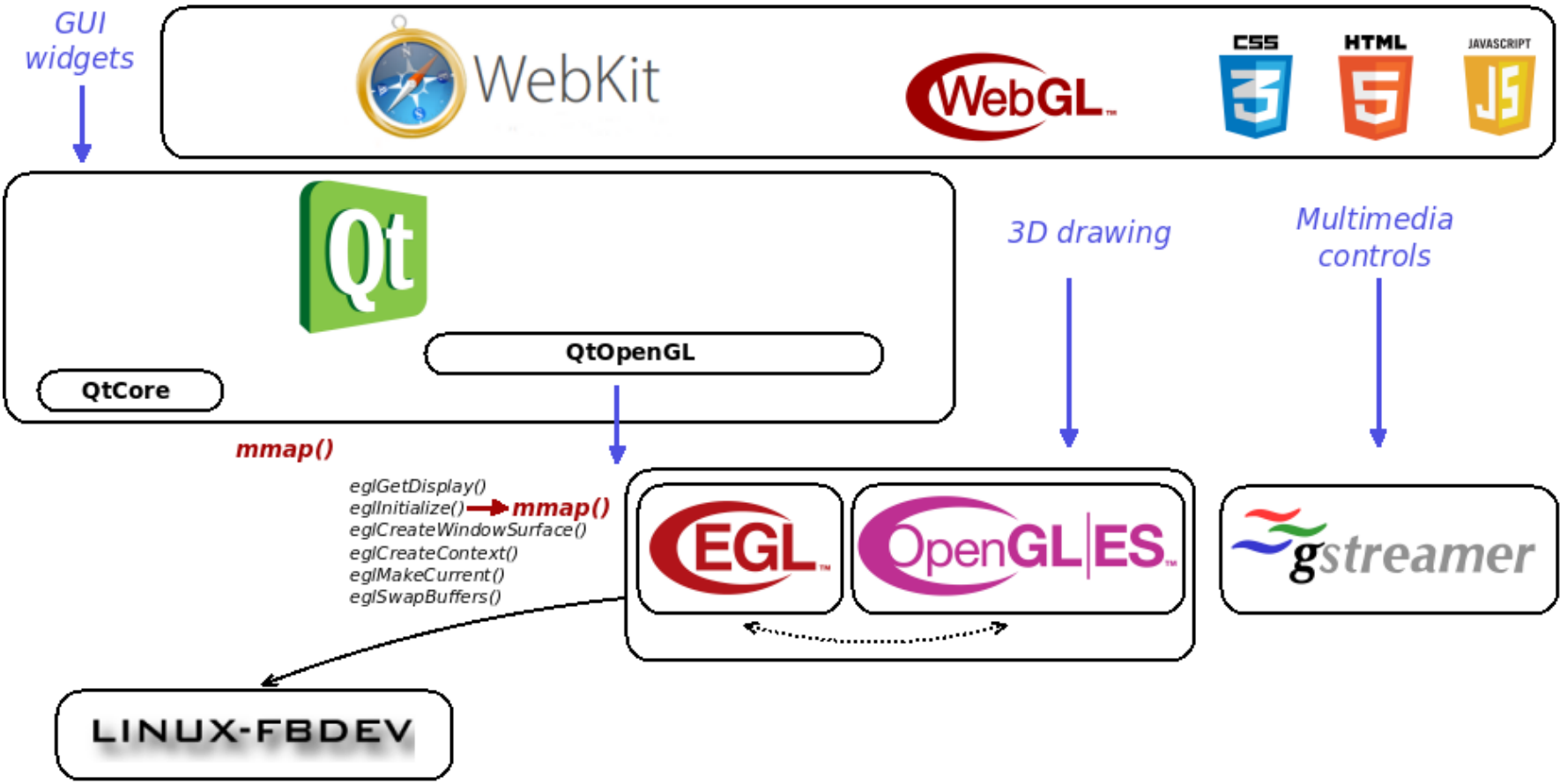


For OpenGL

- QGLWidget → class for OpenGL rendering
 - QEglContext::chooseConfig() in *qt/src/gui/egl/qegl.cpp*
 - **eglGetDisplay(), eglInitialize()**
 - QEglContext::createContext() in *qt/src/gui/egl/qegl.cpp*
 - **eglCreateContext()**
 - QGLWidget::glInit() in *qt/src/opengl/qgl.cpp*
 - qt_egl_create_surface() in *qt/src/opengl/qgl_qws.cpp*
 - **struct fb_window *** QlinuxFbScreenSurfaceFunctions::createNativeWindow() in *qt/src/gui/embedded/qscreenlinuxfb_qws.cpp*
 - **eglCreateWindowSurface(struct fb_window *)**
- QGLWidget::updateGL()
 - QEglContext::makeCurrent() in *qt/src/gui/egl/qegl.cpp*
 - **eglMakeCurrent()**
 - QEglContext::swapBuffers() in *qt/src/gui/egl/qegl.cpp*
 - **eglSwapBuffers()** → copy of 3D drawing based on OpenGL API to **fbmem**



QtWebKit



QtWebKit for QT 4 <https://gitorious.org/webkit/qtwebkit> or <https://gitorious.org/webkit/qtwebkit-23>

QtWebKit for QT 5 <https://code.qt.io/cgit/qt/qtwebkit.git>

- `Tools/QtTestBrowser`
- `Source/WebKit/qt` → `WebView` widget
- `Source/WebCore/platform/{qt, graphics/qt, graphics/gstreamer}`

QtWebKit demo

- WebGL demos <https://github.com/KhronosGroup/WebGL>
- Plyr HTML5 media player <https://github.com/sampotts/plyr>

```

~$ QWS_POS=10,220 QtTestBrowser -size 640x480 WebGL/SpinningBox.html &
~$ QWS_POS=670,140 QtTestBrowser -size 340x580 plyr/example.html &
~$
    
```

The image shows two QtTestBrowser windows. The left window, titled "Spinning WebGL Box - QtTestBrowser", displays a 3D cube with red, blue, and green faces. The text "This is some text over the canvas" is overlaid on the cube. The frame rate is shown as "Framerate:46fps". The right window, titled "Plyr - QtTestBrowser", displays the Plyr HTML5 media player interface. It shows the Plyr logo, the text "A simple HTML5 media player", and a video player for "Big Buck Bunny" with a "Forward 10 secs" button. The video player controls show a play button and a progress bar at 00:27. The URL in the address bar is "file:///root/plyr/example.html".

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Running DirectFB, X11 or Wayland on top of the Linux Framebuffer



DirectFB <https://github.com/deniskropp/DirectFB>

→ Linux Framebuffer support in *systems/fbdev* directory



X11 <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/xorg/driver/xf86-video-fbdev>

→ Xorg Device Dependent X (DDX) for Linux Framebuffer



Wayland <https://gitlab.freedesktop.org/wayland>

→ Linux Framebuffer support in *weston/src/compositor-fbdev.c*

But it's another story ...

Origins of this presentation ?

- Started a Linux from scratch distribution in 2005 for understanding how graphics work, and have continued to play with for the past 15 years
- Realized that some graphics backends will not be maintained anymore, and now belong to the past
 - HiGFXback (History of graphics backends) project in order to preserve them
- More infos on <https://github.com/caramelli/higfxback/wiki>