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Subject: Re: 3D array from surfaces?

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 13 May 2008 17:00:48 GMT

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Mike writes:

- > Anybody know a simple/sensible way to create a 3D array from a
- > collection of surfaces?
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- > I have a series of surfaces defined by vertexes in STL files. I need
- > to make a 3D bit mask with the value of the each element depending on
- > if the element is inside or outside of each surface - the opposite of
- > the segmentation process that generated the STL files. This data
- > comes from external software that uses these bit masks as an
- > intermediate step, but of course cannot save them since it is obvious
- > that no one would ever need that intermediate data ;-).
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- > As usual, I'd rather not reinvent the wheel if someone has already put
- > together reasonably round one...

Maybe you can get some inspiration from this article:

[http://www.dfanning.com/graphics\\_tips/mesh.html](http://www.dfanning.com/graphics_tips/mesh.html)

Cheers,

David

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Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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