

GPUs for the True Mass Market

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Advanced Technology GPUs for the True Mass Market Patterns of Success and Failure

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The Mass in 'Mass Market'

Google Earth

- 250,000,000 unique users
- ≈16,000 new activations during this talk
- Native for Windows, Mac, and Linux
- Native for OpenGL and Direct3D



Earth's Most Populous Nations

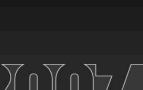
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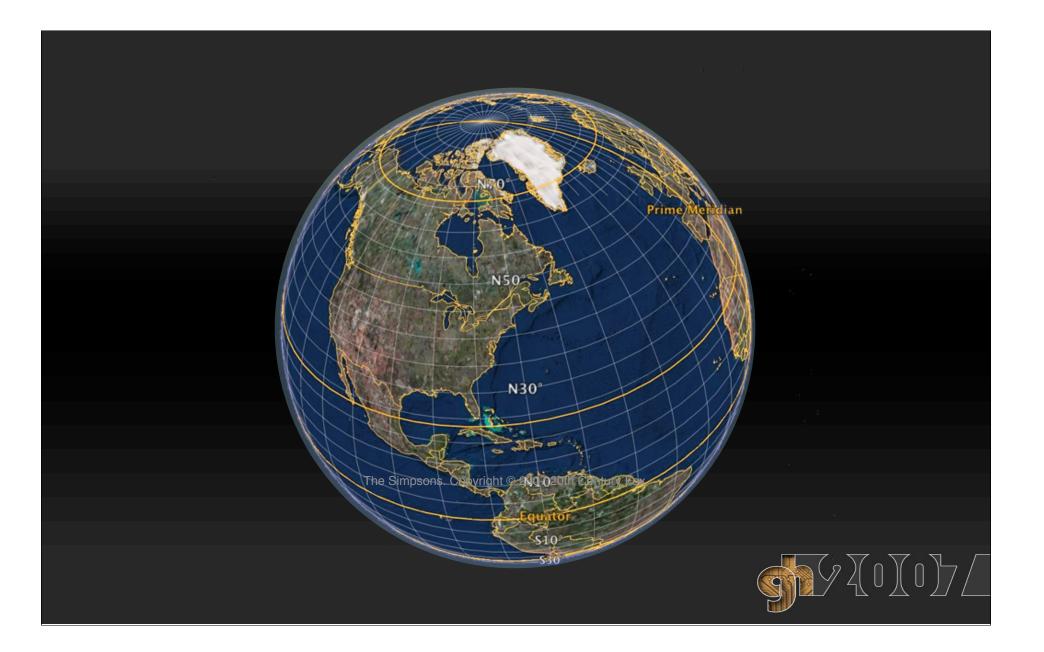
- 2. India 1,213,000,000
- 3. United States 301,005,399
- 4. Google Earth
- 5. Indonesia
- 6. Brazil

250,000,000

233,900,000 200+

188,078,261

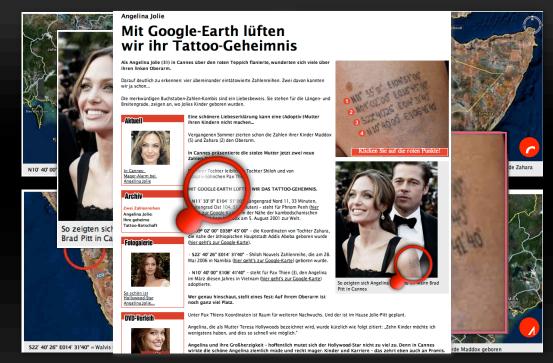








Geospatial "Celebrity"



Angelina Jolie







The Burden of 'Mass Market'

Good User Experience, despite:

- Device driver roulette
- OS/Driver/HW misalignment
- Ancient hardware and software
- WMDs (Weapons of Mass-Market Destruction)
 - Dishonest capability reporting
 - Tuned vs. Slow vs. MIA features
 - Intel's third of the graphics market



A Mass Market for GPUs and 'GP'?

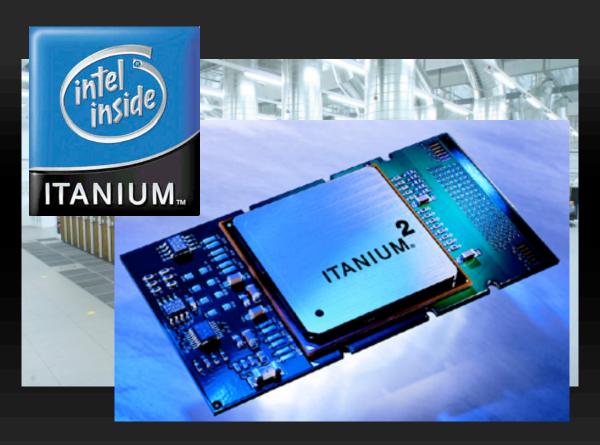
Looking Back

- Application-specific graphics hardware features
- High-End Graphics Workstation features
- Ikonas Graphics Systems

Looking Ahead

- Games (Carmack's "Megatexture")
- Place Browsing (Google Earth)
- Intrinsic, PeakStream, Neoptica







Google Earth (GP)GPU Topics

- View-dependent texture mapping
- Continuous LOD (point / line / area)
- Continuous Scene Density
- Global illumination
- Collision detection in dynamic environments
- Airflow and particle systems
- Multispectral and hyperspectral imaging



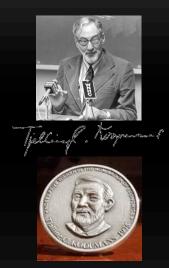
The Intersection of Tools and Problems

"If we look with a historian's interest at the development of a science, however, we find that tools also have a life of their own.

They may even come to dominate an entire period or school of thought.

The solution of important problems may be delayed because the requisite tools are not perceived.

Or the availability of certain tools may lead to an awareness of problems, important or not, that can be solved with their help."



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