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TECHNICAL REEL

1. Sam's Water

Time: 00:01:22

Produced by: CAL

Summary:

Simulation of water

Contributor: Sam Richards

Hardware: Silicon Graphics

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2. Water Colors

Time: 00:01:43

Produced by: Hiroshima University

Summary:

In order to display photorealistic landscape images, many of the latest techniques based on optical phenomena are employed; atmospheric scattering model, solar penumbra, and radiative transfer in water.

Contributors:

Tomoyuki Nishita, Katsumi Tadamura, Yoshinori Masumoto, Masashi Baba, Masayuki Kawano, Takeshi Yamanaka, Gan Yuan, Takushi Kagawa, Yoshinori Dobashi, Akira Ishida, Hirohiko Kanetani, Takao Shirai, Shegeki Mori, Muneki Shimada. Producer: Eihachiro Nakamae

Hardware:

NEC EWS4800, SGI IRIS 4D

Software:

In-house

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(81) 82-422-7195 fax naka@eml.hiroshima-u.ac.jp behavior simulation of hair, anisotropic reflection model for hair, facial action control, motion generation with emotion, and deformation expression for muscle are used to render natural human images.

Contributors:

Munetoshi Unuma, Kiyoshi Arai, Yoshiaki Usami, Ken Anjyo, Tsuneya Kurihara, Shinkichi Araki, Hiroaki Takatsuki; NAM-CO crew: Shinobu Suzuki, Akemi Inoue, Masaaki Tsuchida, Yasuo Ohba, Akiko Saitou, Ryuji Ohdate, Naohiro Saitou, Suguru Suzuki, Kenji Watanabe; Producer: Ryozo Takeuchi

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Software:

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3. Windy Moment

Time: 00:00:30

Produced by:

Hitachi

Summary:

Hairstyle modeling, dynamical

4. Nano-Vision

Time: 00:02:58

Produced by:

NHK

Summary:

The innovative "Nano-Vision"

was developed to synthesize live shots and computer animations for the special, "Nano-Vision", to effectively present the miracles and wide-ranging utility of this newly discovered world. Computer animation successfully synchronized the studio camera's 3D movement in real-time, giving birth to the "virtual" studio with electronic setting.

Contributors:

Naoji Ono, Mahito Onimaru, Tetsuo Akutsu, Sigekazu Sakai, Masaki Hayashi, Satoru Nagamine, Takahide Akiyama, Yosikazu Iwaoka, Akira Sakata, Hiroko Haruta

Hardware:

HP9000/720 TURBO VRXT4, MC68030 board CPU, Ultimate (for video image synthesis)

Software:

In-house

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5. Sculpt

Time: 00:03:04

Produced by:

WITT Media Lac

Summary:

A demo of an interactive volu-

metric modeling technique that is based on the notion of sculpting a solid material. A paper on this work appeared in SIG-GRAPH '91.

Contributors:

John Hughes, Dan Robbins, Joe Chung, Michael B. Johnson, Steven M. Drucker; Producer: Tinsley Galyean

Sponsor:

Brown University, MIT Media Laboratory, IBM, NCR, and Sun Microsystems

Hardware:

HP835, Ascension Bird

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6. Kodak "Let the Memories Begin"

Time: 00:01:00

Produced by:

R/Greenberg Associates, Inc.

Summary:

Stadium spectators are entertained by photographs in a choreographed "card-file" display of olympic proportions.

Contributors:

Director: John Clive; Producers: Brian Williams, Diane Pearlman; Computer Graphics: Joe Francis, Cassidy Curtis, Eileen O'Neill; Software: Joe Francis, Cassidy Curtis; Ad Agency: Young & Rubicam, NY

Sponsor:

The Eastman Kodak Company

Hardware:

Sun Microsystems SPARC-2

Software:

R/GA proprietary modeling/ rendering/ animation

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7. Humming Along

Time: 00:02:00

Produced by:

IBM T.J. Watson Research Center

Summary:

Physically accurate models were combined with control systems to simulate the hovering flight of a hummingbird and the motion of human-sized clowns on swings, seesaws, and unicycles.

Contributors:

Created by David Haumann, Jessica Hodgins, and Paula Sweeney; Charater Design and Story Direction: Chris Wedge; Modeling: Marcos Martins; Sound/ Music: Michael Wolf, Clack Studios, NYC

Hardware:

IBM RS/6000

Software:

TDImage, Sdfast, MIT LegLab Simulation Environment

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8. Fun With Octrees: Graph Topologies on the Recurrent Cube

Time: 00:01:20

Produced by:

John C. Hart

Summary:

The attractors of recurrent iterated function systems are explored. The same eight transformations, which take the cube to its octants, are used. The control graphs are altered to produce a variety of fractal shapes.

Contributors:

Music: Sumit Das

Hardware:

AT&T Pixel Machines

Software:

Proprietary

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9. Graphic Violence

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Time: 00:02:05

Produced by:

The George Washington Univ.

Summary:

Introducing Herman as the entomologically frustrated computer animator, who vents his anger with a spray can. Can a character with no lips prevail? Features sounds effects generated automatically from the motion.

Contributors:

Story/ Direction/ Image Rendering Software: Larry Gritz; Bee Modeling/ Behavioral Motion: Daria Bergen; Modeling/ Keyframing: Rudy Darken; Sound Rendering: Tapio Takala, James K. Hahn: Original Music: David Michael

Hardware:

HP 9000/720. SGI 440/480 VGX

Software:

custom motion rendering and sound software

10. Four-Sight

Time: 00:04:25

Produced by:

Andrew J. Hanson & Pheng A. Heng

Summary:

Objects embedded in four-dimensional space can be readily studied using computer graphics simulations even though we cannot physically perceive objects in 4D. This video provides an elementary introduction to the production and interpretation of 4D images, along with a remarkable series of images of mathematical objects never before represented in this way.

Contributors:

Produced and Directed by Andrew J. Hanson and Pheng A. Heng; Story/ Visualization concepts: Andrew J. Hanson; Mathematical Design/ Animation: Pheng A. Heng; Artistic Design/ Animation: Brian Kaplan: Animation Donald F McMullen Robert Cross Technical Production Editing Eric Ost Narration Vir

ginia Berry; Audio editing: David

Sponsor:

Indiana University CICA & Computer Science Department

Hardware:

Kubota Pacific Computer (Titan), SGI IRIS

Software:

Wavefront Advanced Visualizer, AVS and in-house

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11. lwate '92

Time: 00:00:45

Produced by: Iwate University

Summary:

The botanical tree is generated by using a new growth model having abilities of heliotropism, dormancy break, and apical dominance which was developed at Iwate University. The flames are simulated by improved behavioral models of a 2D vortex and a partical tracer developed at Iwate University and Morioka Junior College.

Contributors:

Kazunobu Muraoka, Hiromichi Takahashi; Producer: Norishige Chiba

Hardware:

Sony Workstation NWS-3260, SIG framebuffer S1000

Software:

In-house modelers for trees and flames

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12. Flux

Time: 00:00:57

Produced by: Jon McCormack

Summary:

This is a "work in progress" animation created with a procedural modeling and animation language developed by the producer. The language combines L-systems and cellular automata.

Contributors:

This project was produced with the assistance of the Australian Film Commission and Wavefront Technologies under their independent artist program.

Sponsor:

Australian Film Commission

Hardware:

Silicon Graphics 4D/209

Software:

Custom, Wavefront Advanced Visualizer

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13. Party Hardy

Time: 00:00:30

Produced by:

Homer & Associates

Summary:

The lottery tickets from previous Pennsylvania Lottery games gather for a special surprise party for the new 20th anniversary game. All the motion of the facial animation and mouth and eye blinks were sampled in real time. Final choreography and rendering was done in Softimage.

Contributors:

Producer: Peter Conn; Director: Michael A. Kory; Technical Director: John Adamczyk; Motion Capture: Superflo/ Francesco Chiarini, Umberto Lazzari; Executive Producer: D. Rufus Friedman for Harold Friedman Consortium

Sponsor:

FCB/LGK

Hardware:

SGI 4D workstations, PC/486 with Vista card and BTS Elite motion tracker

Software:

Softimage, Wavefront, Digital Arts, and proprietary software

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14. Bugsy for Prez

Time: 00:02:05

Produced by:

Realta

Summary:

Human motion animating flexible 3D mouse. Piece demonstrates conversion of actual human motion and speech into motion paths and dynamics for 3D model.

Contributors:

Jeff Drzycimski, Dave Keller, Carol Keller, Lee Gramling, Tom McLaughlin, Nels Madsen, Ela Dixon-Haizlip, Patrick Scholes, Viewpoint

Hardware:

Silicon Graphics Poser Series

Software:

Wavefront

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15. Quatre Ans Cafe

Time: 00:01:25

Produced by:

Genevieve Yee

Summary:

A photo-realistic simulation of a walk-through of a cafe designed by the producer. The interior space and furniture are completely modeled and rendered on the computer. Paintings and exterior backgrounds are scanned images. The cafe is theoretically located on the penthouse level of a high-rise tower in Westwood. California.

Hardware:

SGI Iris 4D/210VGX, 220 VGX, 35

Software:

Wavefront

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16. Pavillon de la Once

Time: 00:01:20

Produced by:

EDE Infografics

Summary:

Visualization of the "Foundation Once" building for Séville's universal exhibition in 1992.

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17. "El Idioma Español" Pabellón de España Expo '92

Time: 00:05:52

Produced by:

COM4

Summary:

Six weeks of intense 3D production and digital postproduction for the Spanish pavilion at Expo

'92, a world showcase for the Spanish language.

Contributors:

Computer Arts Developments, Daiquiri Digital Pictures, Lapiz Azul, Jose Manuel Pagan

Hardware:

SGI 4D and Indigo, Abekas A60 Digital Disk

Software:

Pixar RenderMan, TDI Explore, Alias, Wavefront, Custom software

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EDUCATION REEL

18. Highlights from Knotty (1)

Time: 00:02:00

Produced by:

Hewlett-Packard

Summary:

Knotty is a video about B-spline technology. It is a sequence of animation completely in computer graphics that illustrates the fundamental properties and kernel algorithms about B-splines.

Contributors:

Jonathan Yen

Hardware:

HP Graphics Workstation

Software:

HP Graphics Library: starbase

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19. Engineering Animation, Inc. Demonstration Tape

Time: 00:03:00

Produced by:

Engineering Animation, Inc.

Summary:

Animations of mechanical systems and other physical phenomena used for engineering analysis and litigation support.

Contributors:

Terran Boylan, Martin Vanderploeg, Jeff Trom, Jay Shannan, Jim Lynch, Jim Troy, Todd Teske, Donald Garwood, Brett Weichers, Craig Muncaster, Jodi Zimmerline, Darren Knapp, Armand Assadi

Hardware:

SGI

Software:

ERNIE and other EAI animation

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20. Regular Convex Polytopes

Time: 00:05:15

Produced by:

Texas A&M University

Summary:

Using sophisticated lighting and transparency techniques, "Regular Convex Polytopes" displays higher-dimensional objects in a novel manner which allows the viewer to appreciate their internal beauty and symmetry.

Contributors:

Tom Asbury, Glen Williams

Sponsor:

Texas A&M University Computer Science/IBM ACIS Division

Hardware:

IBM RISC/6000 530

Software:

GL Library

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21. Spending = Q x P

Time: 00:03:51

Produced by:

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Summary:

Educational computer generated video that explains how increases in spending lead to increases in production when the economy is producing below capacity.

Contributors:

Writer: Lyndi Beale; Music: Michael Porter; Editor: Thom Coberg; Producer: Mark Hendricks

Sponsor:

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Hardware:

SGI 4D/25, Videpak, Betacam

Software:

Vertigo

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