

# Graphics.Gloss

Safe Haskell	None
Language	Haskell98

Gloss hides the pain of drawing simple vector graphics behind a nice data type and a few display functions.

Getting something on the screen is as easy as:

```
import Graphics.Gloss
main = display (InWindow "Nice Window" (200, 200) (10, 10)) white (Circle 80)
```

Once the window is open you can use the following:

- Quit - esc-key.
- Move Viewport - left-click drag, arrow keys.
- Rotate Viewport - right-click drag, control-left-click drag, or home/end-keys.
- Zoom Viewport - mouse wheel, or page up/down-keys.

Animations can be constructed similarly using the `animate`.

If you want to run a simulation based around finite time steps then try `simulate`.

If you want to manage your own key/mouse events then use `play`.

Gloss uses OpenGL under the hood, but you don't have to worry about any of that.

Gloss programs should be compiled with `-threaded`, otherwise the GHC runtime will limit the frame-rate to around 20Hz.

To build gloss using the GLFW window manager instead of GLUT use `cabal install gloss --flags="GLFW -GLUT"`

## Release Notes:

### For 1.9:

- Thanks to Elise Huard
- \* Split rendering code into `gloss-rendering` package.

### For 1.8

- Thanks to Francesco Mazzoli
- \* Factored out `ViewPort` and `ViewState` handling into user visible modules.

### For 1.7:

- \* Tweaked circle level-of-detail reduction code.
- \* Increased frame rate cap to 100hz.
- Thanks to Doug Burke
- \* Primitives for drawing arcs and sectors.
- Thanks to Thomas DuBuisson
- \* IO versions of `animate`, `simulate` and `play`.

### For 1.6:

- Thanks to Anthony Cowley
- \* Full screen display mode.

### For 1.5:

- \* 0(1) Conversion of `ForeignPtrs` to bitmaps.
- \* An extra flag on the `Bitmap` constructor allows bitmaps to be cached in texture memory between frames.

For more information, check out <http://gloss.ouroborus.net>.

## Documentation

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```
module Graphics.Gloss.Data.Picture
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module Graphics.Gloss.Data.Color
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module Graphics.Gloss.Data.Bitmap
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```
data Display
```

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Describes how Gloss should display its output.

### Constructors

**InWindow** `String (Int, Int) (Int, Int)` Display in a window with the given name, size and position.  
**FullScreen** `(Int, Int)` Display full screen with a drawing area of the given size.

### Instances

`Eq Display` | [Source](#)  
`Read Display` | [Source](#)  
`Show Display` | [Source](#)

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```
display
```

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```
:: Display    Display mode.
-> Color      Background color.
-> Picture     The picture to draw.
-> IO ()
```

Open a new window and display the given picture.

Use the following commands once the window is open:

- Quit - esc-key.
- Move Viewport - left-click drag, arrow keys.
- Rotate Viewport - right-click drag, control-left-click drag, or home/end-keys.
- Zoom Viewport - mouse wheel, or page up/down-keys.

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```
animate
```

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```
:: Display          Display mode.
-> Color             Background color.
-> (Float -> Picture) Function to produce the next frame of animation. It is passed the time in
                    seconds since the program started.
-> IO ()
```

Open a new window and display the given animation.

Once the window is open you can use the same commands as with `display`.

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```
simulate
```

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```
:: Display          Display mode.
-> Color             Background color.
-> Int               Number of simulation steps to take for each second of
                    real time.
-> model             The initial model.
```

- > (model -> Picture) A function to convert the model to a picture.
- > (Viewport -> Float -> model -> model) A function to step the model one iteration. It is passed the current viewport and the amount of time for this simulation step (in seconds).
- > IO ()

Run a finite-time-step simulation in a window. You decide how the model is represented, how to convert the model to a picture, and how to advance the model for each unit of time. This function does the rest.

Once the window is open you can use the same commands as with `display`.

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## play

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- :: Display Display mode.
- > Color Background color.
- > Int Number of simulation steps to take for each second of real time.
- > world The initial world.
- > (world -> Picture) A function to convert the world a picture.
- > (Event -> world -> world) A function to handle input events.
- > (Float -> world -> world) A function to step the world one iteration. It is passed the period of time (in seconds) needing to be advanced.
- > IO ()

Play a game in a window. Like `simulate`, but you manage your own input events.

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