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Lecture 9

Graphics Part II – Understanding Animations & Shapes
Outline

- Animation
- Layout Panes
- Java FX Shapes
Animation – Change Over Time

• Suppose we have an alien Shape we would like to animate (e.g. make it move across the screen)

• As in film and video animation, we can create apparent motion with many small changes in position (e.g., Flipbook Animation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntD2qiGx-DY)

• If we move fast enough and in small enough increments, we get smooth motion

• Same goes for size, orientation, shape change, etc…

• How to orchestrate a sequence of incremental changes?
  • coordinate with a Timeline where change happens at defined instants
Introducing **Timelines** (1/3)

- The **Timeline** sequences one or more **KeyFrames**
  
  - a **KeyFrame** can be thought of as a singular snapshot
  
  - each **KeyFrame** lasts for its entire **Duration** without making any changes
  
  - when the **Duration** ends, the **EventHandler** updates variables to affect the animation
Introducing **Timelines** (2/3)
Introducing **Timelines (3/3)**

We can do simple animation using a single **KeyFrame** that is repeated a fixed or indefinite number of times **EventHandler** is called, **EventHandler** makes incremental changes to time-varying variables (e.g., \((x, y)\) position of a shape)
Using JavaFX Timelines (1/2)

• `javafx.animation.Timeline` is used to sequence one or more `javafx.animation.KeyFrames` or run through them cyclically
  - Each KeyFrame lasts for its entire `Duration` until its time interval ends and `EventHandler` is called to make updates

• First we instantiate a `KeyFrame`, and pass in
  - A `Duration` (e.g. `Duration.seconds(0.3)`, `Duration.millis(300)`), which defines time that each KeyFrame lasts
  - An `EventHandler` that defines what should occur upon completion of each KeyFrame

• `KeyFrame` and `Timeline` work together to control the animation, but our application’s `EventHandler` is what actually causes variables to change
Using JavaFX Timelines (2/2)

- Next we instantiate our `Timeline`, setting its `CycleCount` property
  - defines number of cycles in `Animation`
  - setting `CycleCount` to `Animation.INDEFINITE` will let `Timeline` run forever or until we explicitly stop it
- We pass our new `KeyFrame` into `Timeline`
- In order for `Timeline` to work, we must then call `Timeline.play();`
Our First JavaFX animation: Clock

• Simple example of discrete (non-smooth) animation

• Specifications: App should display current date and time, updating every second

• Useful classes:
  o java.util.Date
  o javafx.util.Duration
  o javafx.animation.KeyFrame
  o javafx.animation.Timeline
Process: Clock

1. Write App class that extends javafx.application.Application and implements start (Stage)

2. Write a PaneOrganizer class that instantiates root node and returns it in a publicgetRoot() method. Instantiate a Label and add it as root node’s child. Factor out code for Timeline into its own method.

3. In our own setupTimeline(), instantiate a KeyFrame passing in a Duration and an instance of TimeHandler (defined later). Then instantiate Timeline, passing in our KeyFrame, and play Timeline

4. Write private inner TimeHandler class that implements EventHandler – it should know about a Label and update its text on every ActionEvent
1a. Instantiate a PaneOrganizer and store it in the local variable organizer

```java
public class App extends Application {
    @Override
    public void start(Stage stage) {
        PaneOrganizer organizer = new PaneOrganizer();
    }
}
```
Clock: App class (2/3)

Note: Exactly the same process as in ColorChanger’s App [Lecture 8]

1a. Instantiate a PaneOrganizer and store it in the local variable organizer

1b. Instantiate a Scene, passing in organizer.getRoot(), and desired width and height of Scene

```java
public class App extends Application {

    @Override
    public void start(Stage stage) {
        PaneOrganizer organizer = new PaneOrganizer();
        Scene scene = new Scene(organizer.getRoot(), 200, 200);
    }
}
```
Clock: App class (3/3)

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1a. Instantiate a `PaneOrganizer` and store it in the local variable `organizer`

1b. Instantiate a `Scene`, passing in `organizer.getRoot()`, desired width and height of the `Scene`

1c. Set the `Scene`, set the `Stage`'s title, and show the `Stage`!

```java
public class App extends Application {
    @Override
    public void start(Stage stage) {
        PaneOrganizer organizer = new PaneOrganizer();
        Scene scene = new Scene(organizer.getRoot(), 200, 200);
        stage.setScene(scene);
        stage.setTitle("Clock!");
        stage.show();
    }
}
```
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2a. In the PaneOrganizer class’ constructor, instantiate a root VBox and set it as the return value of a public getRoot() method

```java
public class PaneOrganizer {
    private VBox _root;

    public PaneOrganizer() {
        _root = new VBox();
    }

    public VBox getRoot() {
        return _root;
    }
}
```
Clock: PaneOrganizer Class (2/3)

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public class PaneOrganizer {
    private VBox _root;
    private Label _label;

    public PaneOrganizer() {
        _root = new VBox();
        _label = new Label();
        _root.getChildren().add(_label);
    }

    public VBox getRoot() {
        return _root;
    }
}
```

2b. Instantiate a Label and add it to the list of the root node’s children
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2b. Instantiate a Label and add it to the list of the root node’s children

2c. Call setupTimeline(); this is another example of delegation to a specialized “helper method” which we’ll define next!
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Within `setupTimeline()`:

3a. Instantiate a `KeyFrame`, which takes two parameters

```java
public class PaneOrganizer {
    //other code elided

    public void setupTimeline() {
        KeyFrame kf = new KeyFrame(
            ...
        )
    }
}
```
Clock: PaneOrganizer class: setupTimeline() (1/4)

Within setupTimeline():

3a. Instantiate a KeyFrame, which takes two parameters
   - want to update text of _label each second — therefore make Duration of the KeyFrame 1 second

```java
public class PaneOrganizer {
    // other code elided

    public void setupTimeline() {
        KeyFrame kf = new KeyFrame(
            Duration.seconds(1), // how long
        );
    }
}
```
Clock: PaneOrganizer class- setupTimeline() (1/4)

Within setupTimeline():

3a. Instantiate a KeyFrame, which takes two parameters

○ want to update text of _label each second — therefore make Duration of the KeyFrame 1 second

○ for the EventHandler parameter pass an instance of our TimeHandler class, to be created later

Note: JavaFX automatically calls TimeHandler's handle() method at end of KeyFrame, which in this case changes the label text, and then lets next 1 second cycle of KeyFrame start
Within `setupTimeline()`:

3a. Instantiate a `KeyFrame`

3b. Instantiate a `Timeline`, passing in our new `KeyFrame`

```java
public class PaneOrganizer {
    // other code elided

    public void setupTimeline() {
        KeyFrame kf = new KeyFrame(
            Duration.seconds(1),
            new TimeHandler());

        Timeline timeline = new Timeline(kf);
    }
}
```
**Clock: PaneOrganizer class- setupTimeline() (3/4)**

Within `setupTimeline()`:

3a. Instantiate a `KeyFrame`

3b. Instantiate a `Timeline`, passing in our new `KeyFrame`

3c. Set `CycleCount` to `INDEFINITE`

```java
public class PaneOrganizer {
    //other code elided

    public void setupTimeline() {
        KeyFrame kf = new KeyFrame(
            Duration.seconds(1),
            new TimeHandler());

        Timeline timeline = new Timeline(kf);

        timeline.setCycleCount(Animation.INDEFINITE);
    }
}
```
Clock: PaneOrganizer class- setupTimeline() (4/4)

Within setupTimeline():

3a. Instantiate a KeyFrame

3b. Instantiate a Timeline, passing in our new KeyFrame

3c. Set CycleCount to INDEFINITE

3d. Play, i.e. start Timeline

```java
public class PaneOrganizer {
    //other code elided

    public void setupTimeline() {
        KeyFrame kf = new KeyFrame(
            Duration.seconds(1),
            new TimeHandler());

        Timeline timeline = new Timeline(kf);

        timeline.setCycleCount(
            Animation.INDEFINITE);
        timeline.play();
    }
}
```
**Process: Clock**

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3. In `setupTimeline()`, instantiate a `KeyFrame` passing in a `Duration` and an instance of `TimeHandler` (defined later). Then instantiate a `Timeline`, passing in our `KeyFrame`, and play the `Timeline`.

4. Write a private inner `TimeHandler` class that implements `EventHandler` – it should know about a `Label` and update its text on every `ActionEvent`.
4a. The last step is to create our `TimeHandler` and implement `handle()`, specifying what should occur at the end of each `KeyFrame` – called automatically by JavaFX.
Clock: TimeHandler Private Inner Class (2/3)

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```java
public class PaneOrganizer {
    //other code elided

    private class TimeHandler implements EventHandler<ActionEvent> {
        public void handle(ActionEvent event) {
            Date now = new Date();
        }
    }

    //end of private TimeHandler class

} //end of PaneOrganizer class
```

4b. `java.util.Date` represents a specific instant in time. Date is a representation of the time, to the nearest millisecond, at the moment the Date is instantiated.
Clock: **TimeHandler** Private Inner Class (3/3)

4a. The last step is to create our `TimeHandler` and implement `handle()`, specifying what to occur at the end of each `KeyFrame` — called automatically by JavaFX.

4b. `java.util.Date` represents a specific instant in time. `Date` is a representation of the time, to the nearest millisecond, at the moment the `Date` is instantiated.

4c. Because our `Timeline` has a `Duration` of 1 second, each second a new `Date` will be generated, converted to a `String`, and set as the `_label`'s text. This will appropriately update `_label` with correct time every second!

```java
public class PaneOrganizer {
    //other code elided

    private class TimeHandler implements EventHandler<ActionEvent> {
        public void handle(ActionEvent event) {
            Date now = new Date();
            //toString converts the Date into a String with year, day, time etc.
            //_label instantiated in //constructor of PO
            _label.setText(now.toString());
        }
    } //end of private TimeHandler class

    } //end of PaneOrganizer class
```
public class App extends Application {

@Override
public void start(Stage stage) {
    PaneOrganizer organizer = new PaneOrganizer();
    Scene scene = new Scene(organizer.getRoot(), 200, 200);
    stage.setScene(scene);
    stage.setTitle("Clock");
    stage.show();
}

public static void main(String[] args) {
    launch(args);
}

public class PaneOrganizer {
    private VBox _root;
    private Label _label;

    public PaneOrganizer() {
        _root = new VBox();
        _label = new Label();
        _root.getChildren().add(_label);
        this.setupTimeline();
    }

    public VBox getRoot() {
        return _root;
    }

    public void setupTimeline() {
        KeyFrame kf = new KeyFrame(Duration.seconds(1),
            new TimeHandler());
        Timeline timeline = new Timeline(kf);
        timeline.setCycleCount(Animation.INDEFINITE);
        timeline.play();
    }

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        public void handle(ActionEvent event) {
            Date now = new Date();
            _label.setText(now.toString());
        }
    }
}

Layout Panes

• Until now, we have been adding all our GUI components to a VBox
  o VBoxes lay everything out in one vertical column

• What if we want to make some more interesting GUIs?

• Use different types of layout panes!
  o VBox is just one of many JavaFX panes – there are many more options
  o we will introduce a few, but check out our documentation or Javadocs for a complete list
HBox

• Similar to VBox, but lays everything out in a horizontal row (hence the name)

• Example:

    // code for setting the scene elided
    HBox buttonBox = new HBox();
    Button b1 = new Button("Button One");
    Button b2 = new Button("Button Two");
    Button b3 = new Button("Button Three");
    buttonBox.getChildren().addAll(b1, b2, b3);

• Like VBox, we can set the amount of horizontal spacing between each child in the HBox using the setSpacing(double) method
BorderPane (1/2)

- **BorderPane** lays out children in top, left, bottom, right and center positions.
- To add things visually, use `setLeft(Node), setCenter(Node),` etc.
  - this includes an implicit call to `getChildren().add(…)`
- Use any type of **Node** – **Panes** (with their own children), **Buttons**, **Labels**, etc.!
BorderPane (2/2)

- Remember our VBox example from earlier?

  VBox buttonBox = new VBox();
  Button b1 = new Button(“Top”);
  Button b2 = new Button(“Middle”);
  Button b3 = new Button(“Bottom”);
  buttonBox.getChildren.addAll(b1, b2, b3);
  buttonBox.setSpacing(8);
  buttonBox.setAlignment(Pos.TOP_CENTER);

- We can make our VBox the center of this BorderPane

  BorderPane container = new BorderPane();
  container.setCenter(buttonBox);

- No need to use all regions – could just use a few of them

- Unused regions are “compressed”, e.g. could have a two-region (left/right) layout without a center

Note: we didn’t have to call container.getChildren.add(buttonBox), as this call is done implicitly in the setCenter() method!
Absolute Positioning

• Until now, all layout panes we have seen have performed layout management for us
  o what if we want to position our GUI components freely ourselves?

• Need to set component’s location to exact *pixel location* on screen
  o called *absolute positioning*

• When would you use this?
  o to position shapes – stay tuned!
**Pane**

- **Pane** allows you to lay things out completely freely, like on an art canvas – DIY graphics! More control, more work 😊
- It is a **concrete** superclass to all more specialized layout panes seen earlier that do automatic positioning
  - we can call methods on its graphically contained children (panes, buttons, shapes, etc.) to set location within pane
    - for example: use `setX(double)` and `setY(double)` to position a **Rectangle**, one of the primitive shapes
  - **Pane** performs no layout management, so coordinates you set determine where things appear on the screen
Creating Custom Graphics

• We’ve now introduced you to using JavaFX’s native UI elements
  o ex: Label and Button
• Lots of handy widgets for making your own graphical applications!
• What if you want to create your own custom graphics?
• This lecture: build your own graphics using the javafx.scene.shape package!
javafx.scene.shape Package

- JavaFX provides built-in classes to represent 2D shapes, such as rectangles, ellipses, polygons, etc.

- All these classes inherit from abstract class `Shape`, which inherits from `Node`
  - methods relating to rotation and visibility are defined in `Node`
  - methods relating to color and border are defined in `Shape`
  - other methods are implemented in the individual classes of `Ellipse`, `Rectangle`, etc.
Shape Constructors

- Rectangle(double width, double height)
- Ellipse(double radiusX, double radiusY)
- Polygon(double … points)
  - the “…” in the signature means that you can pass in as many points as you would like to the constructor
  - pass in Points (even number of x and y coordinates) and Polygon will connect them for you
  - passing points will define and position the shape of Polygon - this is not always the case with other Shapes (like Rectangle or Ellipse)
  - Example: new Polygon(0,10,10,10,5,0)

Each of these Shape subclasses have multiple overloaded constructors (see Math and Making Decisions, slide 56) – check out the JavaFX documentation for more options!
  - for example, if you wanted to instantiate a Rectangle with a given position and size: Rectangle(double x, double y, double width, double height)
Shapes: Setting Location

- JavaFX Shapes have different behaviors (methods) for setting their location within their parent’s coordinate system
  - **Rectangle**: use `setX(double)` and `setY(double)`
  - **Ellipse**: use `setCenterX(double)` and `setCenterY(double)`
  - **Polygon**: use `setLayoutX(double)` and `setLayoutY(double)`

- JavaFX has *many* different ways to set location
  - from our experience, these are the most straightforward ways
  - if you choose to use other methods, be sure you fully understand them or you may get strange bugs!
  - check out our [JavaFX documentation](https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/javafx/api/) and the [Javadocs](https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/javafx/api/) for more detailed explanations!
**Shapes: Setting Size**

- JavaFX **Shapes** also have different behaviors (methods) for altering their size
  - **Rectangle**: use `setWidth(double)` and `setHeight(double)`
  - **Ellipse**: use `setRadiusX(double)` and `setRadiusY(double)`
  - **Polygon**: use `setScaleX(double)` and `setScaleY(double)`
    - multiplies the original size in the X or Y dimension by the **scale factor**

- Again, this is not the only way to set size for **Shapes** but it is relatively painless
  - reminder: [JavaFX documentation](https://docs.oracle.com/javafx/2/api/) and [Javadocs](https://openjfx.dev)!
Accessors and Mutators of all **Shapes**

- **Rotation:**
  - `public final void setRotate(double rotateAngle);`
  - `public final double getRotate();`

- **Visibility:**
  - `public final void setVisible(boolean visible);`
  - `public final boolean getVisible();`

- **Color:**
  - `public final void setStroke(Paint value);`
  - `public final Paint getStroke();`
  - `public final void setFill(Paint value);`
  - `public final Paint getFill();`

- **Border:**
  - `public final void setStrokeWidth(double val);`
  - `public final double getStrokeWidth();`

Generally, use a **Color**, which inherits from **Paint**. Use predefined color constants `Color.WHITE`, `Color.BLUE`, `Color.AQUA`, etc., or define your own new color by using the following syntax:

```
Paint color = Color.color(0.5, 0.5, 0.5);
```

**OR:**

```
Paint color = Color.rgb(100, 150, 200);
```

Rotation is about the center of the **Shape**’s “bounding box”; i.e., the smallest rectangle that contains the entire shape. To have a **Shape** rotate about an arbitrary center of rotation, add a **Rotate** instance with a new center of rotation to the **Shape**’s transform list (see Javadocs).
Announcements

• FruitNinja late deadline tonight 2/23 @ 11:59PM EST
• Cartoon has been released!!!!
  o First project with a code checkpoint
  o Complete Mini-Assignment by your Cartoon check-in (Thu-Sat)
  o If you have not received an email from a TA to schedule a check-in, email the HTAs ASAP
• JavaFX Workshops this week
  o First one is at 8:30 PM EST tonight – come!!
• JavaFX Lab today/tomorrow
IT in the News

ft. Socially Responsible Computing!
Hey, remember Australia?

- Recall: proposed Australian regulations on paying news publishers → Google & Facebook threaten retaliation
- Guess what? They did!
- Late January: Google restricts Australian news media (incl. official government info…) in search results
  - but relents in mid-February after company exempted from certain parts of regulations
- **February 18th, 2021**: Facebook bans Australian users from posting news, scrubs news outlets’ FB pages

Pop-ups explain FB’s decision to prevent users from sharing news in Australia

*source: NYTimes, February 19th, 2021*