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Colors and Shapes

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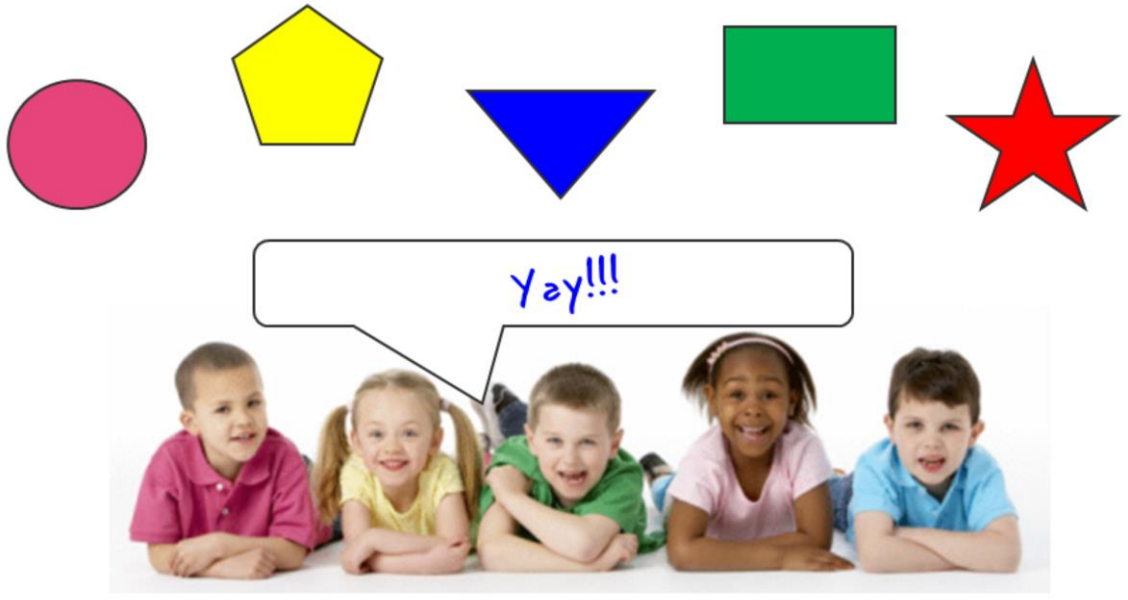
Guess What, Boys and Girls?!

Today we're going to learn about **colors** and **shapes!**



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Objectives

This lesson covers the following objectives:

- Create and use custom colors
- Create shapes and explain their properties and behaviors
- Reference the JavaFX Ensemble

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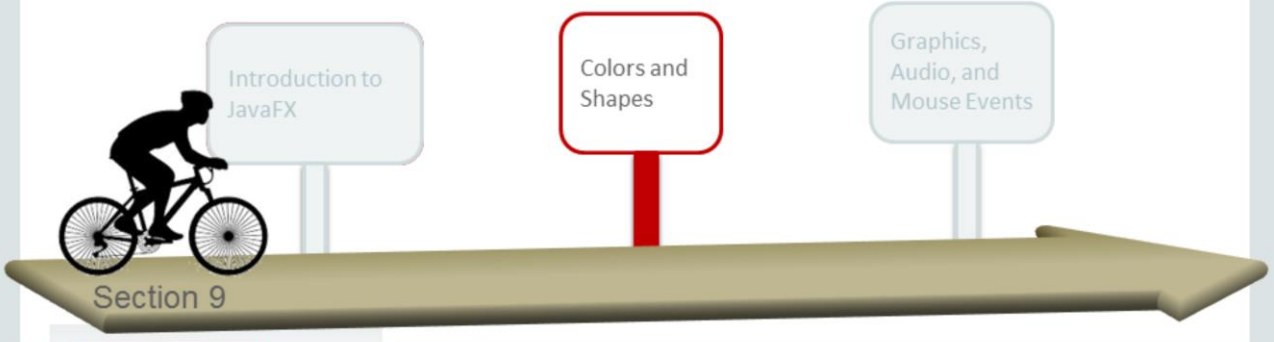

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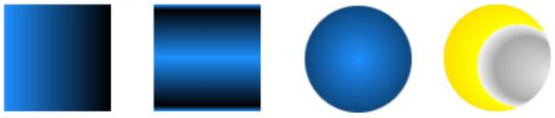
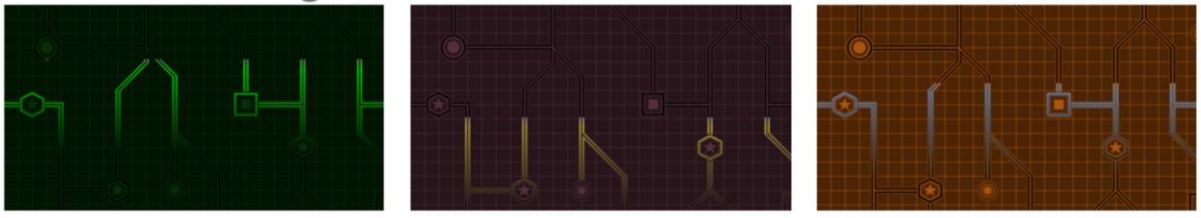
What Can I Do with Colors in JavaFX?

- Color shapes

- Create gradients



- Colorize images



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JavaFX Contains a Color Class

- Colors can be stored as variables:

```
Color color = Color.BLUE;
```

- Colors can be passed in methods:

```
Scene scene = new Scene(root, 300, 250, Color.BLACK);
```

  – This example makes the scene's background black.

- But before using any Color …
  – You'll first need to make the following import:

```
import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
```

  – Ignore NetBeans' other Color import suggestions.

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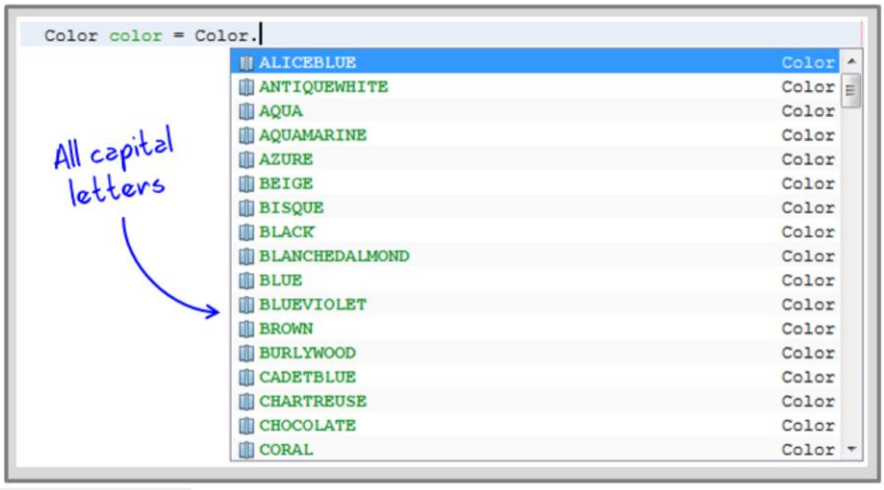
Referencing a Color

- There are many colors in JavaFX.
- Typing `Color.` in NetBeans reveals the entire list of possible colors.



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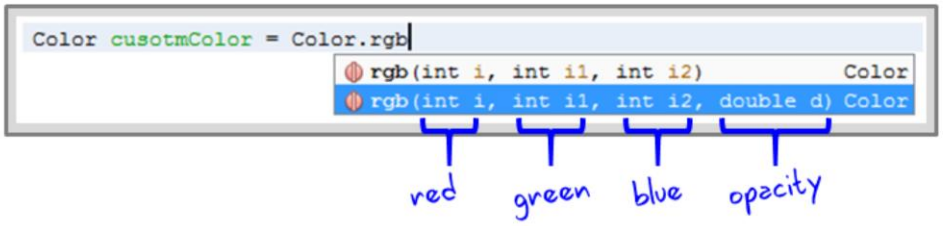
Customizing a Color

- If you're unhappy with the colors that JavaFX provides, there are ways to customize your own color.
- The Color class contains methods to do this:



  - Customize a color by mixing red, green, and blue components.
  - Opacity can also be controlled.

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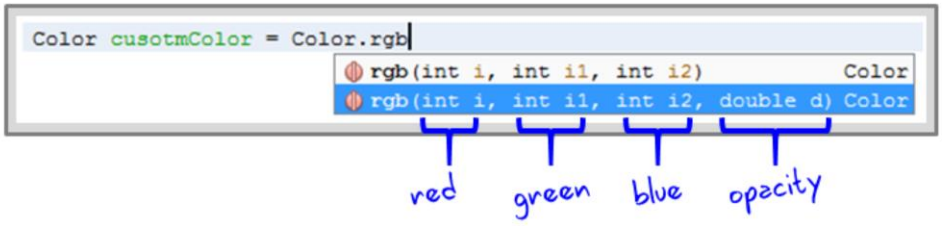
JavaFX provides other methods for creating colors. You're welcome to use them in your programs, but we'll cover only the red-green-blue (RGB) method in this lesson.

The Range of Color Components



Component	Range of values
Red	0–255
Green	0–255
Blue	0–255
Opacity	0.0–1.0

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Color Example

- In this example, the resulting color contains …

```
Color color = new Color.rgb(255, 255, 20);
```

  - As much Red as possible
  - As much Green as possible
  - Only a little Blue

- The resulting color is very close to yellow.
  - But how do we know this?
  - For the most part, finding the perfect color is "guess and check," but there are guiding principles.

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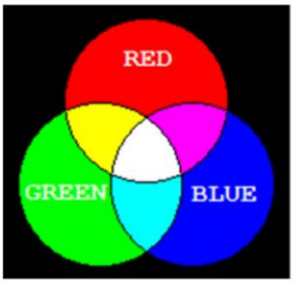
Rules of Additive Color Mixing



Examples:

Code	Color	
`Color.rgb(255, 0, 0);`	red	Pure red
`Color.rgb(0, 255, 0);`	green	Pure green
`Color.rgb(0, 0, 255);`	blue	Pure blue
`Color.rgb(255, 255, 0);`	yellow	No blue
`Color.rgb(0, 0, 0);`	black	No color
`Color.rgb(255, 255, 255);`	white	All color

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Colors are created according to the rules of additive color mixing.

Exercise 1

- Create a new JavaFX project.
  - Change the Root Node to a `Group` type.
  - Remove the button and any other unnecessary code relating to the button.
- Experiment with customizing colors.
  - Create a few custom colors.
  - Admire your custom colors through the scene's background by providing a `Color` argument when the `Scene` is instantiated.

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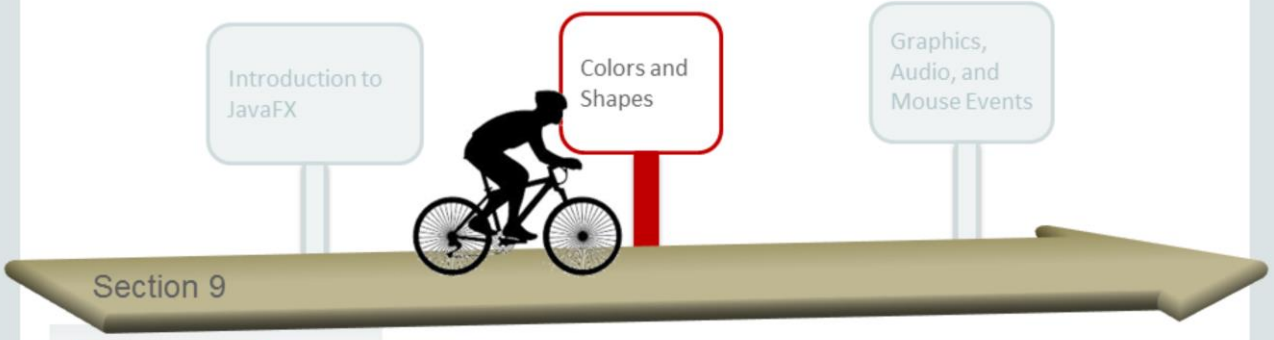

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This Is a Rectangle

- This is how to instantiate a JavaFX Rectangle:

```
Rectangle rect = new Rectangle(20, 20, 100, 200);
```

x-position, y-position, width, height

- You'll first need to make the following import:

```
import javafx.scene.shape.Rectangle;
```

  - Ignore NetBeans' other Rectangle import suggestions.

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Important Methods for Rectangles

- We can get a sense of a Rectangle's properties from the constructor and the following methods:
  - `setX(double d)`
  - `setY(double d)`
  - `setWidth(double d)`
  - `setHeight(double d)`
  - `setFill(Paint paint)`
  - `setStroke(Paint paint)`

  These can accept a color as an argument.
  - `setStrokeWidth(double d)`

  (There are many more Rectangle methods besides these seven.)
- But what exactly will these methods do?

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Exercise 2

- Continue editing the JavaFX project that you created in the previous exercise.

- Create a Rectangle and add it to the Root Node.
- Call each method outlined in the previous slide.
- Can you figure out what each method does?

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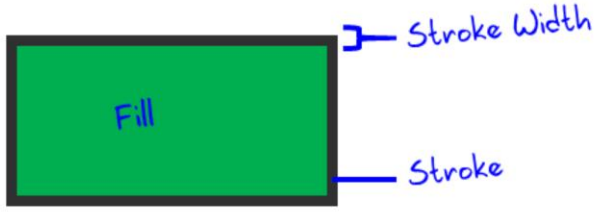
Method Descriptions, Part 1

- **`setFill(Paint paint)`**
  - Sets the color of the Rectangle
- **`setStroke(Paint paint)`**
  - Sets the color of the Rectangle's outline
- **`setStrokeWidth(double d)`**
  - Sets the width of the Rectangle's outline



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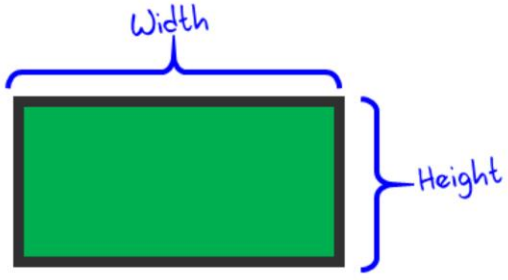
Method Descriptions, Part 2

- **`setX(double d)`**
- **`setY(double d)`**
  - Sets the x or y position of the Rectangle
- **`setWidth(double d)`**
- **`setHeight(double d)`**
  - Sets the width or height of the Rectangle



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Changing a Node's Position

- We've seen a couple ways to change a node's position … but which way is preferable?

- **`setX(`**`double d`**`)`**
- **`setY(`**`double d`**`)`**
  - These are preferable in most cases.

- **`setLayoutX(`**`double d`**`)`**
- **`setLayoutY(`**`double d`**`)`**
  - Use these if your Node is locked in a Layout pane, such as a FlowPane.
  - Or if `setX()` is unavailable, which is the case with UI elements, such as Buttons.

setX() definitely won't work in this case.

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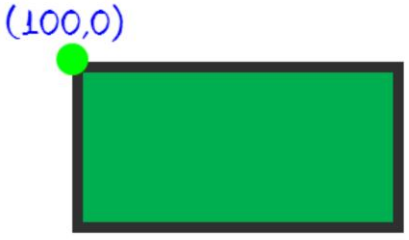
Positioning a Node

- Most Nodes are positioned with respect to their top-left corner.
  - And not with respect to their geographic center.
- If you call `setX(100)` on a Node …
  - The x-position of the Node's top-left corner is set to 100.



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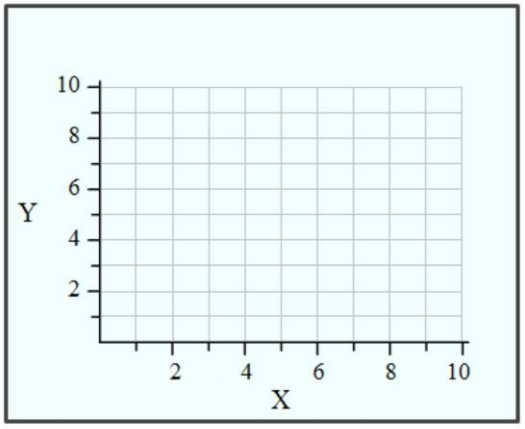
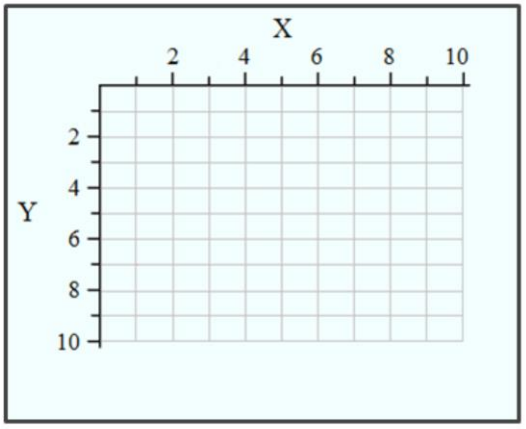
A JavaFX Circle is an exception to this rule. JavaFX Circles are positioned with respect to their center.

Coordinate Systems



Mathematical Coordinate System

- The origin is located at the bottom-left corner.



JavaFX Coordinate System

- The origin is located at the top-left corner.
- The y-axis is backward.

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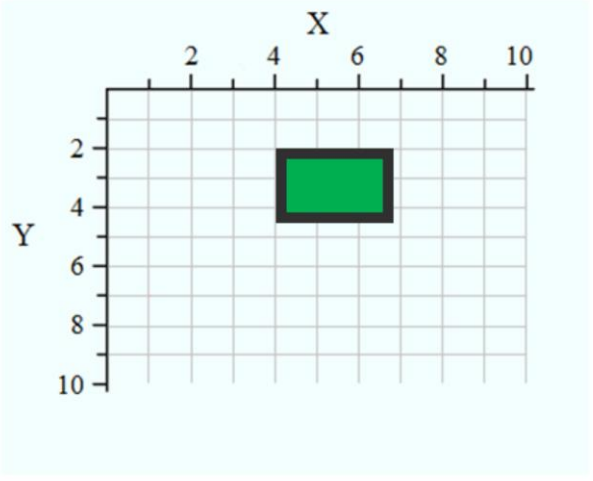
Positioning Example

This Rectangle is positioned at (4,2) by calling:

- `setX(4);`
- `setY(2);`



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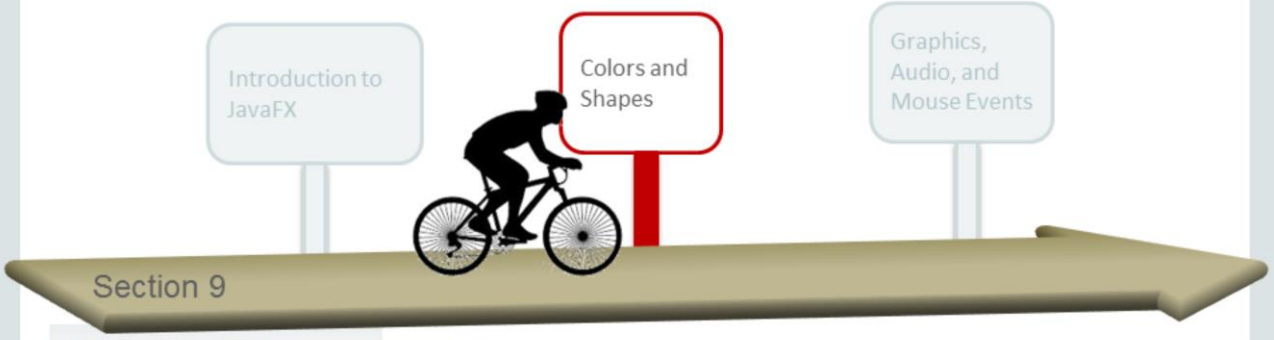

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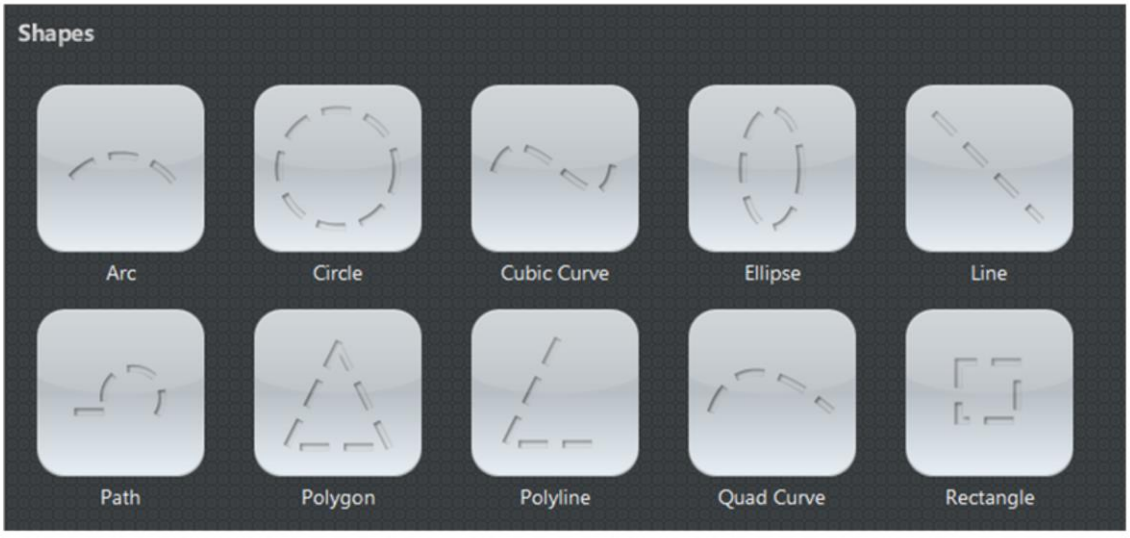
Many Shapes Are Available in JavaFX



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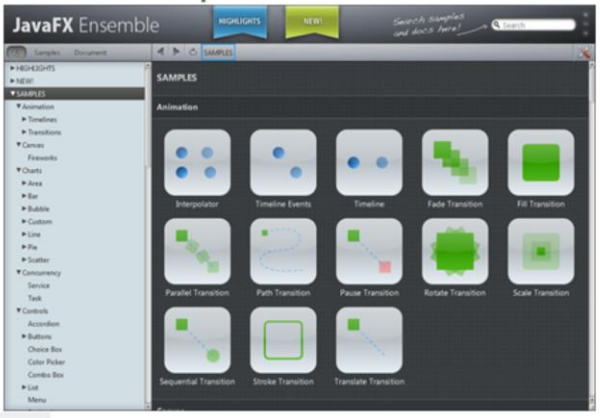
The JavaFX Ensemble

- This contains code examples of JavaFX features.
- We often consulted the Ensemble while developing Java Puzzle Ball.
- It's a helpful tool to explore and troubleshoot JavaFX.



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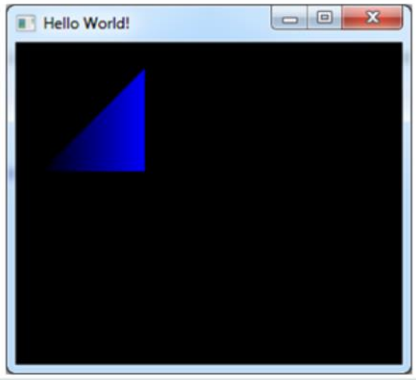
We were learning JavaFX at the same time we were developing the game.

JavaFX Ensemble

Exercise 3

- Explore the JavaFX Ensemble.
- Can you figure out how to create a right triangle with a gradient coloring?



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You can ignore the Ensemble's complaints about Internet access. We've provided the Ensemble `.jar` file from iLearning, and a version of the program may also be available online from Oracle at http://download.oracle.com/otndocs/products/javafx/2/samples/Ensemble/index.html.

Exploring the Ensemble: Linear Gradient Example

- The Linear Gradient example shows us …
  - How to create a gradient:

```
//create simple linear gradient
LinearGradient gradient1 = new LinearGradient(0, 0, 1, 0, true,
CycleMethod.NO_CYCLE, new Stop[] {
        new Stop(0, Color.DODGERBLUE),
        new Stop(1, Color.BLACK)
});
```

  - How to color a shape with a gradient:

```
//First rectangle
Rectangle rect1 = new Rectangle(0,0,80,80);

//set rectangle fill
rect1.setFill(gradient1);
```

  - Remember to make the proper imports.

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Check the Source Code tabs to find the code mentioned in this slide. Searching the Java documentation for a description of the constructor's arguments may also be helpful.

Exploring the Ensemble: Polygon Example

- The Polygon example shows us …
  - How to create a polygon from an array of points:

```
// Simple triangle
Polygon polygon1 = new Polygon(new double[]{
        45 , 10 ,
        10 , 80 ,
        80 , 80 ,
});
```

- Combine this with the gradient example, and you'll have your solution.
  - But even better, you'll understand how the Ensemble is a valuable resource.
  - This could prove very useful when you do the problem set.

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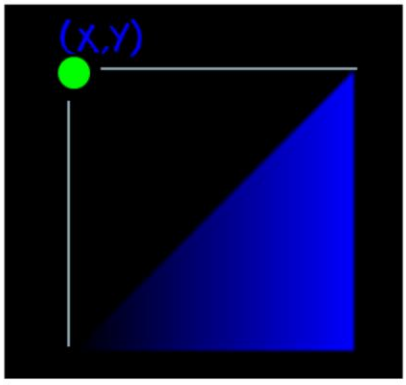
The Polygon

- The Polygon has similar methods as a Rectangle.
  - Nodes share the same methods.
- If you experiment with `setLayoutX()`...
  - You'll notice that the Polygon is positioned with respect to where its top-left corner would be.



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Secrets about Java Puzzle Ball

- We drew lines and polygons for collision detection
  - But these lines are hidden in the latest version.

- We also drew two octagons around each bumper.
  - An inner octagon handles collision detection.
  - An outer octagon detects if the ball is far enough away for the bumper to rotate.
- We had to do extra work to position and rotate Nodes the way we wanted.

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Summary

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