

Where do I Draw?

(coordinate systems and 2D Transforms)

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Lecture 2

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Key Idea #1

Work in convenient coordinate systems.
Use transformations to get from where you want to be to where you need to be. Hierarchical modeling lets us build things out of pieces.

Today:
Let's Draw a Line!

HTML ▾

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5     content="Draw A Line">
6 </head>
7 <body>
8   <canvas id="myCanvas"
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13 <!-- CS559 Tutorial by Michael
14    Gleicher -->
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JavaScript ▾

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Output

Run with JS

Auto-run JS ☒



<http://jsbin.com/satunaromo/edit>

Why this?

A little web programming
so you can do the assignment

Exposure to a graphics library (API)

Some important graphics concepts

What does this program do?

What does this program do?

It draws a line

What does this program do?

It draws a thick red diagonal line

What does this program do?

It puts a drawing space on the page
called a **canvas**

It causes a bunch of pixels to be changed
from the background color to purple

The HTML

You need some

Make a **canvas**

Give it an **id**

Not really graphics...

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JSBin...

Sticks the JavaScript into the HTML body



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The JavaScript

Warning:
read the tutorial on when code runs!

The JavaScript

Find the canvas

Get the context

Draw

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Context?

An API with state

Set the style for
the next drawing
commands

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Context

What pen and paper are we using?

The state needed to know how to draw

- where are we drawing?

- any mode information

- properties to use for next commands

- other info

Object oriented APIs

- receives drawing commands

Drawing – immediate mode

Drag the pen
along the path

Now

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Immediate vs. Retained

2 types of APIs

Immediate: draw now

Retained: store the object

gather them all up

draw them all at once


Drawing – immediate mode

The line never
“exists”

Only gets turned
into pixels

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Immediate Mode

Pros:

- easy – does what you want
- control over timing

Cons:

- can't change things (need to redraw)
- can't analyze collection
- can't send things in bulk

Pen and Path Model

Move pen around

Stroke or Fill
in current style

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Not for today...

How do we convert from
primitives (the line) to **pixels**?

Need to determine which pixels to set to
which colors.

rasterization


rendering

Coordinates and Coordinate Systems

What does 50,50
mean?

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Interpreting coordinates **with** coordinate systems

Need to know what it means

Want to use convenient numbers

Need to be able to translate between systems

Manipulate systems to move objects

A tuple (ordered list) of numbers

50,50 – is just a list of numbers

Vectors – a movement, a displacement, ...

Represented in a tuple / array

Point / position – specific place

Represented in a tuple / array