Introduction to Generative Art

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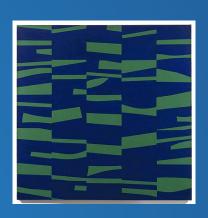
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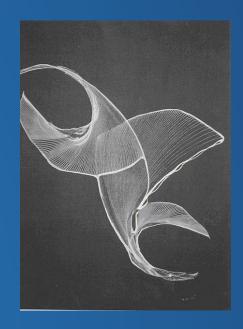
Definition

Art that in whole or part has been created with the use of an autonomous system.

Autonomous system = non-human & independent

- Music
- Fine Art
- Software Art
- Architecture
- Literature
- Live coding





[1] en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Generative_art

Useful Links

Generative Art - Annual International Conference http://www.generativeart.com/

Generative Art Links - Mikael Hvidtfeldt http://blog.hvidtfeldts.net/index.php/generative-art-links/

Gallery of Computation - Jared Tarbell http://complexification.net/gallery/

AbondandedArt - zenbullets http://abandonedart.org/

Softwares (free/open source)

[General Purpose]
Processing - http://processing.org/
vvvv - http://vvvv.org/
PureData - puredata.info

[Specific Systems]
Context Free Art - http://www.contextfreeart.org/
Structure Synth - http://structuresynth.sourceforge.net/

[Live and Interactive Coding]
SuperCollider - http://supercollider.sourceforge.net/
Fluxus - http://www.pawfal.org/fluxus/

2D vs. 3D

2D Variables: pixel, vector

3D Variables: vertex, edge, face, material, lighting

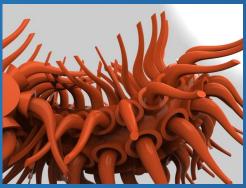
2D: learning curve is easy, output = layer, print, laser cut

3D: learning curve is hard, output = 3D printer, architecture





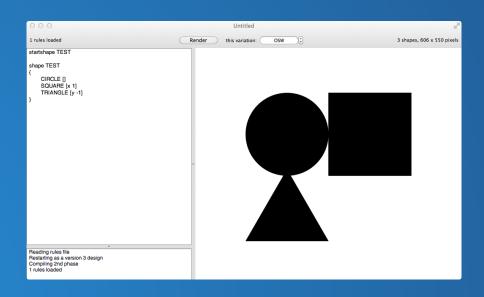




Get Your Hands Dirty

Algorithm Ink - Aza Raskin http://azarask.in/projects/algorithm-ink/#0656fbe7

Context Free Art http://www.contextfreeart.org/



Context Free Grammar

Shape Rules

```
startshape foo
shape foo
{
    SQUARE []
}
```

Primitive Shapes

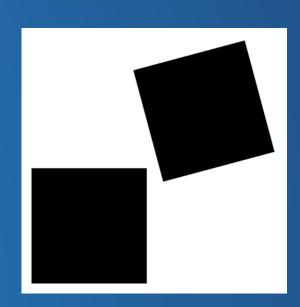
```
SQUARE []
CIRCLE []
TRIANGLE []
```

Shape Adjustments

```
startshape foo

shape foo

{
    SQUARE []
    SQUARE [ x 1 y 1 r 15 ]  // translate along the x-axis by 1
    // translate along the y-axis by 1
    // rotate 15 degrees
}
```



Context Free Grammar

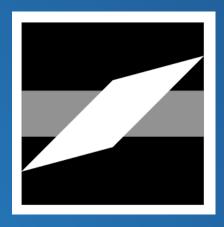
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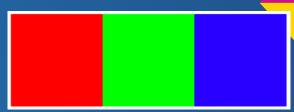
```
startshape foo

shape foo

SQUARE [ s 2 ]
SQUARE [ s 2 0.5 b 0.5 ]
SQUARE [ skew 45 15 b 1 ]

}
```





```
startshape foo

shape foo

{

SQUARE [ h 0 sat 1 b 1 ]

SQUARE [ x 1 h 120 sat 1 b 1 ]

SQUARE [ x 2 h 240 sat 1 b 1 ]

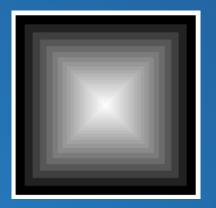
}
```

| Hue number | Primary | Secondary | Tertiary |
|------------|---------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 0 | Red | | |
| 30 | | | Orange ("Red-Yellow") |
| 60 | | Yellow | |
| 90 | | | Yellow-Green |
| 120 | Green | | |
| 150 | | | Aqua ("Green-Cyan") |
| 180 | | Cyan | |
| 210 | | | Turquoise ("Cyan-Blue") |
| 240 | Blue | | |
| 270 | | | Violet ("Blue-Magenta") |
| 300 | | Magenta | |
| 330 | | | Reddish Purple ("Magenta-Red") |
| 360 (=0) | Red | | |

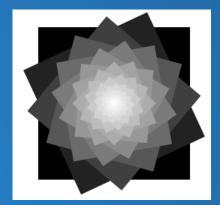
Being Creative

Recursive

```
startshape foo
shape foo
{
         SQUARE []
         foo [ s 0.9 b 0.1 ]
}
```



```
startshape foo
shape foo
{
         SQUARE []
         foo [ s 0.9 b 0.1 r 25 ]
}
```



Being Creative

Tweak Variables

```
startshape main

shape main
{
    loop 100 [] foo []
}

shape foo
{
    SQUARE []
    foo [ s 0.999 b 0.0008 r 1 flip (0..15) x 1 ]
    // Try changing x to be either 1 or 0.1
}
```

