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3 Introduction to
7 We won't make classes very often, but we will use _existing_ classes a lot.
8 Knowing a little about what a class is and how they are built will make it easier to understand how to use pre-made classes.
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# A class is like a template for an object.
# A class definition describes a new category of objects.
class Cat
                       # The start of a "class definition" for the class 'Cat'. Note the Uppercase naming convention.
                        # All Cat objects will have the hairball property
   hairballs:10
   hork:->
                        # All Cat objects will have the hork() method
        print "HORK"
# An object based on a class is called an "instance". We create instances like this:
hobbes = new Cat() # Create an instance of 'Cat'
mittens = new Cat()
# An instance has all the methods and properties defined by its class.
hobbes.hork()
print hobbes.hairballs
print mittens.hairballs
# NOTE: Classes do not create visuals.
# Framer's Layer class creates visuals only because it has code in it that
# inserts DIV elements into the page and modifies their CSS. We will discuss
# how to extend this capability in the advanced section below.
# Tech Note: If you're familiar with JavaScript, you may be asking:
# "How does CoffeeScript have classes if it transpiles to JavaScript, which does not have classes?"
# Answer: Under the hood it's using JavaScript's prototype approach, it's just wrapped in key words
# that let us express things how we would in other class based languages.
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# Class definitions in CoffeeScript can include a special 'constructor' method.
# This method will be called, automatically, when a new instance is created.
# Other languages have similar mechanisms, though they might be called something like 'init'
class Robot
   constructor:->
        print "I'm Alive!"
r = new Robot()
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######### P3
# Constructor methods can accept arguments.
# This can be a handy way to configure an instance when we create one.
class Robot
   constructor:(givenName)->
       print "I'm Alive!"
       print "My name is " + givenName
       @name = givenName # The '@' refers to the specific instance of Robot being constructed NOT the Robot class.
                           # This allows us to refer to the object being made when it is being made.
r = new Robot "Johnny" # Note that we can omit the parenthesis like with normal function calls.
print r.name
# Technically, when we create an instance, we're calling a function that returns an object.
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########################## P4 # When creating an instance, we can leave off the parenthesis even if we don't provide an argument. class Derp 1sADerp:true # The 'new' keyword is enough of a context clue for CofeeScript to know what we want. d = new Derp print d

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######### P5
# Constructor methods can accept objects as arguments just like any other function.
# This allows us to configure complex objects without having to remember the exact order that arguments should go in.
class Box
   constructor:(size)->
       @w = size.width
       @h = size.height
       @d = size.depth
   getVolume:->
       return @w * @h * @d
b1 = new Box({width:10, height:10, depth:10})
b2 = new Box({height:20,depth:20,width:20})
print b1.getVolume()
print b2.getVolume()
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######## P6
class Box
   constructor:(size)->
       @w = size.width
       @h = size.height
       @d = size.depth
   getVolume:->
       @w * @h * @d - -
b1 = new Box
   width:10
   height:10
   depth:10
b2 = new Box
   width:20
   height:20
   depth:20
print b1.getVolume()
print b2.getVolume()
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####################### Note

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Functions and Classes (in whatever form) allow developers to create complex and reusable building blocks
A collection of these building blocks is called a "library" or a "framework".
FramerJS is itself such a "library".
Other JavaScript libraries include: jQuery, D3, P5, React, Three.js. There are many more though.
Framer is a little peculiar because it is written in CoffeeScript.
That's a topic for another day though
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####################### Advanced : Extending Framer's Layer
# You can create classes that have all the behaviors of Layer
# but with small tweaks of your choosing.
class Box extends Framer.Layer
    constructor: ->
        super()
                                    # Here we run the constructor function of the parent class.
        @width=10
                                    # Now, our Box instance has all the properties and behaviors of a Layer
                                    # By setting these properties here, every Box instance will have
        @height=10
                                    # the same default values.
        @backgroundColor="red"
b1 = new Box
b2 = new Box
b2.x = 11
#b3 = new Box
    rotation:45
                                    # NOTE: This will not work yet!
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######### P8
# To make sure we can create our boxes just like we create layers our constructor
# must accept a configuration object and pass it to super()
class Box extends Framer.Layer
   constructor: (config)->
       super(config)
                                   # Here we run the constructor function of the parent class.
                                   # Now, our Box instance has all the properties and behaviors of a Layer
       @width=10
       @height=10
                                   # By setting these properties here, every Box instance will have
       @backgroundColor="red"
                                   # the same default values.
b1 = new Box
    rotation:45
b2 = new Box
   rotation:45
   x:11
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######### P8
# We can define behaviors in our classes too.
class Box extends Framer.Layer
   constructor: (config)->
       super(config)
                                 # As part of the constructor function we add event handlers.
       @onMouseDown ->--
           @animate
              rotation:45
       @onMouseUp ->
           @animate
              rotation:0
b1 = new Box
b1.center()
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