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17 ##### P1
18 # Layers are a powerful FramerJS class used for making visuals.
19 # Layer instances have properties like x, y, width, height, backgroundColor, etc.
20 # Think of layer instances as customizable rectangles.
21 # When we set or modify their properties, the visuals change automatically.
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23 # We create new layers like this.
24 layer1 = new Layer
25 layer2 = new Layer
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28 # Layers can be positioned by setting their x and y properties.
29 layer2.x = 100
30 layer2.y = 200
31 # Note: The coordinate 0,0 is in the top left corner,
32 # with y positive going down and x positive going right.
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34 # Layers can be sized by setting their width and height properties.
35 layer2.width = 50
36 layer2.height = 200
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38 # Layers have a backgroundColor property.
39 # It can be set to a String that contains any valid CSS color value.
40 layer1.backgroundColor = "white"
41 layer2.backgroundColor = "rgb(255,0,0)"
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43 # A full list of Layer properties can be found in FramerJS's documentation (cmd+D)
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45 # Technical Note:
46 # When we create a Layer, FramerJS creates a DIV element in the document.
47 # FramerJS then uses in-line CSS style properties to control what the DIV looks like.
48 # It uses absolute positioning so that we can ignore normal flow (the default way elements are placed).
49 # When we modify a layer's properties FramerJS updates the in-line styles.
50 # In MOST cases we will never need to access the underlying element.
51 # We can inject raw HTML into the Div by setting the layer's html property.
52 # e.g. myLayer.html = "<a href='google.com'>Link</a>"
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55 ##### P2
56 # We can set many of the layer instance's properties right when we
57 # create it by passing an object with the settings we'd like.
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59 # Here is the very explicit version:
60 layer1 = new Layer({x:100,y:100,backgroundColor:"black",width:10,height:10})
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62 # It is much more common to use shorthand when constructing a layer in this way.
63 # For example:
64 layer2 = new Layer
65 ~   x:10
66 ~   y:100
67 ~   backgroundColor:"orange"
68 ~   width:20
69 ~   height:20
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72 ##### P3
73 # Layers can be nested. Sublayers are called "children".
74 # Layers that contain children are called "parents".
75 # Sublayers are positioned based on the top left of the parent layer, not the screen.
76
77 container = new Layer
78     x:50
79     y:50
80     width:100
81     height:100
82     backgroundColor: "black"
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84 sublayer = new Layer
85     x:10
86     y:10
87     backgroundColor:"red"
88     opacity:0.5 # Note: opacity goes between 0 and 1
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90 sublayer.parent = container # Note that sublayer is at x:10,y:10 based on the parent's top left corner.
91 # Note that container's background color doesn't affect the sublayer.
92 # Note that the sublayer is visually on top of container's background color.
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94 print container.height # Note that the container's width and height are not affected by sublayers.
95 print container.width
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97 # container.clip = true # Uncomment this line and watch how the sublayer is clipped to the container's size.
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100 #####
101 ##### (Layer) Events
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106 ~ Preface
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108 ~ ~ User interface development is all about running code when something happens.
109 ~ ~ Most systems respond to input by "generating events" and/or by calling a
110 ~ ~ function that the programmer has set to "handle" the event.
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112 ~ ~ Most systems will generate events when:
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113 ~ ~ ~
114 ~ ~ ~ • A mouse button is pressed down or released.
115 ~ ~ ~ • A keyboard button is pressed down or released.
116 ~ ~ ~ • The internal clock updates.
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118 ~ ~ Most user interface frameworks will generate events in more specific cases like:
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120 ~ ~ ~ • When a cursor moves over or off of a UI element.
121 ~ ~ ~ • When a mouse button is pressed or released while the cursor is over a UI element.
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126 ##### P4
127 # Layer instances "generate events" when something like a click happens.
128 # We write code that "handles" or "listens for" these events.
129 # Specifically, we "add" event handling functions to our layers using specific layer methods.
130 # (Sometimes this is called "binding"-it's like we're connecting things together.)
131 # Functions that are used by a program to respond to events are called "event handlers", "handlers", or "listeners".
132 # This term refers to how the programmer is using the function.
133 # By all other accounts an event handler is just a plain old function.
134
135  block = new Layer
136
137 # Create the event handler function
138 handleMouseDown = ->
139   ~ print("Ouch!")
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141 # To "add an event handler" to a layer we use one of the layer's event binding methods.
142 # These methods correspond to a kind of event, and accept one argument, the handler function.
143 # Here we call the method 'onMouseDown' with the argument 'handleMouseDown'
144 block.onMouseDown(handleMouseDown) # This "binds" the 'handleMouseDown' function to 'mouseDown' events that block may generate.
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146 # Under the hood, FramerJS notes that the 'handleMouseDown' function should be called
147 # when it detects a mouse press while the cursor is over the 'block' layer.
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150 ##### P5
151 # We can create an add event handlers in one step by using a function literal.
152 # This shortens things a bit.
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154 block = new Layer
155 block.onMouseDown( -> print("Ow!") ) # Here the function is written out literally.
156
157 # We can shorten things further by using function call shortcuts:
158 block.onMouseUp -> print "Whew"
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160 # We can also use function literals with multiple lines:
161 block.onMouseOver ->
162   print "?" # Note the indentation!
163   print "!"
164   print "?"
165
166 # This approach is very common in FramerJS.
167 # It's very brief, but it can be ambiguous if you don't understand that: 'onMouseOver' is
168 # a "method" being "called" with an "argument" which happens to be a "function literal".
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171 ##### P6
172 # When a handler function is called, something magical happens: in the handler function,
173 # the keyword 'this' is set to refer to the layer instance that generated the event.
174 # This behavior makes it easy to refer to the object that was acted on.
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176
177 block = new Layer
178   ~   backgroundColor:"black"
179
180 block.onMouseDown ->
181   ~   this.backgroundColor = "red" ~ # 'this' will refer to 'block' when the function is called. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
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183 block.onMouseUp ->
184   ~   @backgroundColor = "black" ~ # We can also use CoffeeScript's @ shortcut.
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187 ##### P7
188 # This program creates a button-like entity that responds to the mouse in several ways.
189
190 block = new Layer
191   ~   backgroundColor:"grey"
192
193 block.onMouseOver ->
194   ~   @backgroundColor = "orange"
195
196 block.onMouseOut ->
197   ~   @backgroundColor = "grey"
198
199 block.onMouseDown ->
200   ~   @backgroundColor = "red"
201
202 block.onMouseUp ->
203   ~   @backgroundColor = "orange"
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206 ##### P8
207 # When an event handler is called the computer tries to pass it an "event object".
208 # In other words, it tries to call the function with a single argument.
209 # This event object has many properties with data about what happened exactly.
210 # If our handler does not accept any arguments our function will not receive the event object.
211 # To access the event object, our handler must accept one argument.
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213 block = new Layer
214 ~   x:100
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216 # The explicit way
217 downHandler = (eventObject)->~
218 ~   print "down"
219 ~   print eventObject.offsetX ~ # the x location of the cursor in the layer
220 ~   print eventObject.offsetY ~ # the y location of the cursor in the layer
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222 block.onMouseDown(downHandler)
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224 # A shorter way of doing the same thing.
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225 block.onMouseUp (eventObject)->
226 ~   print "up"
227 ~   print eventObject.offsetX
228 ~   print eventObject.offsetY
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230 # Note that we're still calling the method 'onMouseUp' with
231 # one argument: a function that itself accepts one argument.
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233 ##### P9
234 # In this next example, we want to listen to events on the background.
235 # To do this, we can create a layer that is the size of the screen.
236
237 bg = new Layer
238 ~   width:Screen.width
239 ~   height:Screen.height
240 ~   backgroundColor:"skyblue"
241
242 box = new Layer
243 ~   width:10
244 ~   height:10
245 ~   backgroundColor:"white"
246
247 bg.onMouseDown (e)->
248 ~   box.midX = e.offsetX
249 ~   box.midY = e.offsetY
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252 #####
253 ##### End
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257 ~   Epilogue.
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259 ~   ~   Events are not unique to CoffeeScript and FramerJS.
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261 ~   ~   The events that your handlers respond to are the same as, if not similar to, the events that
262 ~   ~   a pages html elements generate.
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264 ~   ~   While the syntax may be different when using raw HTML+JavaScript, you can still create
265 ~   ~   interactivity by creating event handler functions and binding them to events from specific
266 ~   ~   elements in the document.
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