

Chapter 12 A display model

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Overview

- Why graphics?
- A graphics model
- Examples

Why bother with graphics and GUI?

- It's very common
 - If you write conventional PC applications, you'll have to do it
- It's useful
 - Instant feedback
 - Graphing functions
 - Displaying results
- It can illustrate some generally useful concepts and techniques

Why bother with graphics and GUI?

- It can only be done well using some pretty neat language features ©
- Lots of good (small) code examples
- It can be non-trivial to "get" the key concepts
 - So it's worth teaching
 - If we don't show how it's done, you might think it was "magic"
- Graphics is fun!

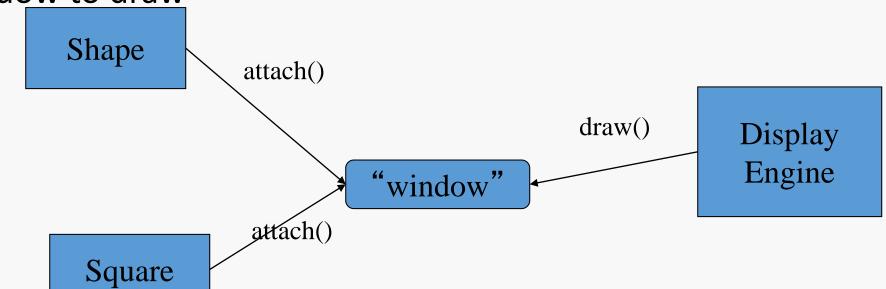
Why Graphics/GUI?

WYSIWYG

- What you see (in your code) is what you get (on your screen)
- Direct correspondence between concepts, code, and output

Display model

- Objects (such as graphs) are "attached to" a window.
- The "display engine" invokes display commands (such as "draw line from x to y") for the objects in a window
- Objects such as Square contain vectors of lines, text, etc. for the window to draw

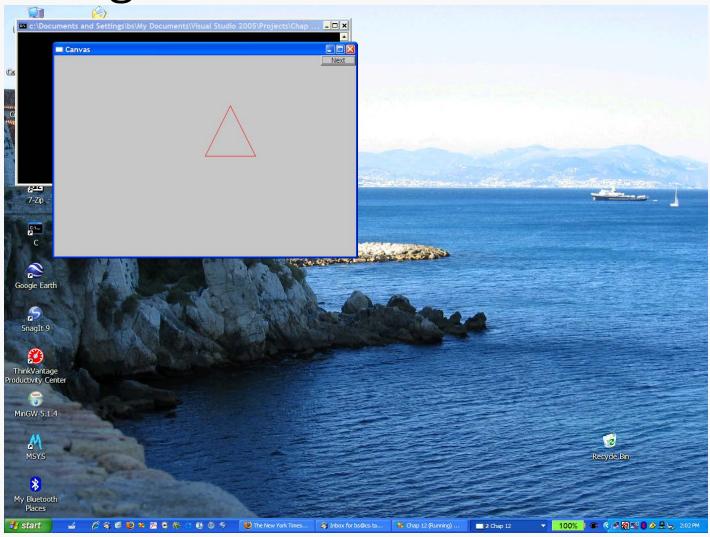


Display model

An example illustrating the display model

```
int main()
  using namespace Graph_lib; // use our graphics interface library
  Point tl(100,200);
                                         // a point (obviously)
  Simple_window win(tl,600,400,"Canvas");
                                                  // make a simple window
                                // make a shape (a polygon, obviously)
  Polygon poly;
  poly.add(Point(300,200));
                                // add three points to the polygon
  poly.add(Point(350,100));
  poly.add(Point(400,200));
  poly.set_color(Color::red);
                                  // make the polygon red (obviously)
                                // connect poly to the window
  win.attach(poly);
                                // give control to the display engine
  win.wait_for_button();
```

The resulting screen



Graphics/GUI libraries

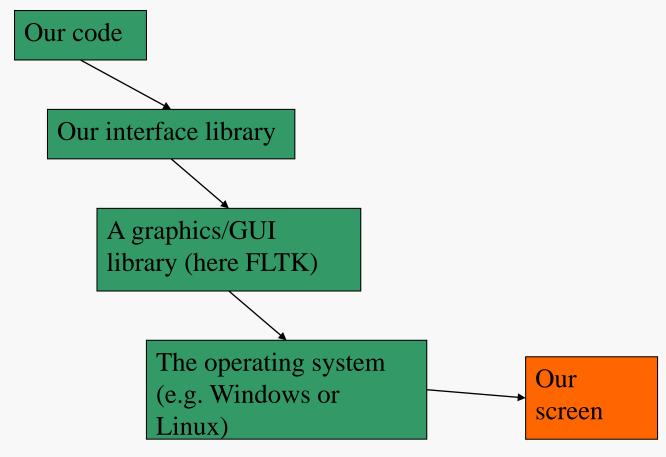
- You'll be using a few interface classes we wrote
 - Interfacing to a popular GUI toolkit
 - GUI == Graphical User Interface
 - FLTK: www.fltk.org // Fast Light Tool Kit
 - Installation, etc.
 - See piazza.com, Appendix D and ask instructor/friend
 - FLTK
 - Our GUI and graphics classes
 - Project settings
- This model is far simpler than common toolkit interfaces
 - The FLTK (very terse) documentation is 370 pages
 - Our interface library is <20 classes and <500 lines of code
 - You can write a lot of code with these classes
 - And you can build more classes on them

Graphics/GUI libraries (cont.)

- The code is portable
 - Windows, Unix, Mac, etc.
- This model extends to most common graphics and GUI uses

- The general ideas can be used with any popular GUI toolkit
 - Once you understand the graphics classes you can easily learn any GUI/graphics library
 - Well, relatively easily these libraries are huge

Graphics/GUI libraries



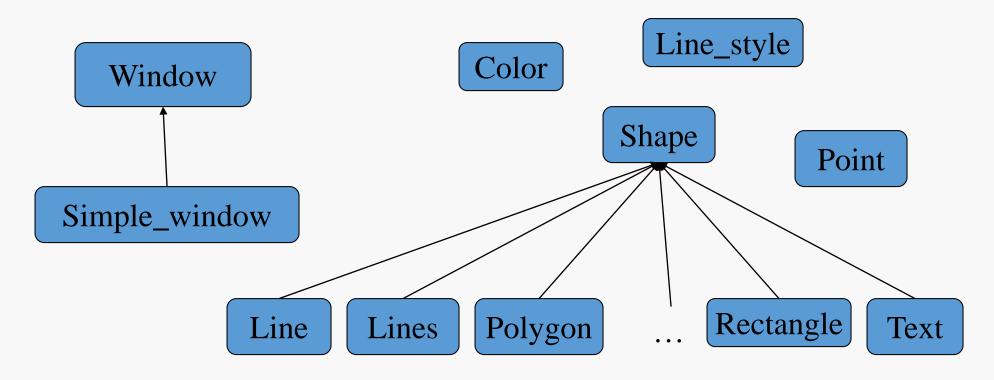
Often called "a layered architecture"

Coordinates



- Oddly, y-coordinates "grow downwards" // right, down
- Coordinates identify pixels in the window on the screen
- You can resize a window (changing x_max()) and y_max())

Interface classes



- An arrow ———— means "is a kind of"
- Color, Line_style, and Point are "utility classes" used by the other classes
 - Window is our interface to the GUI library (which is our interface to the screen)

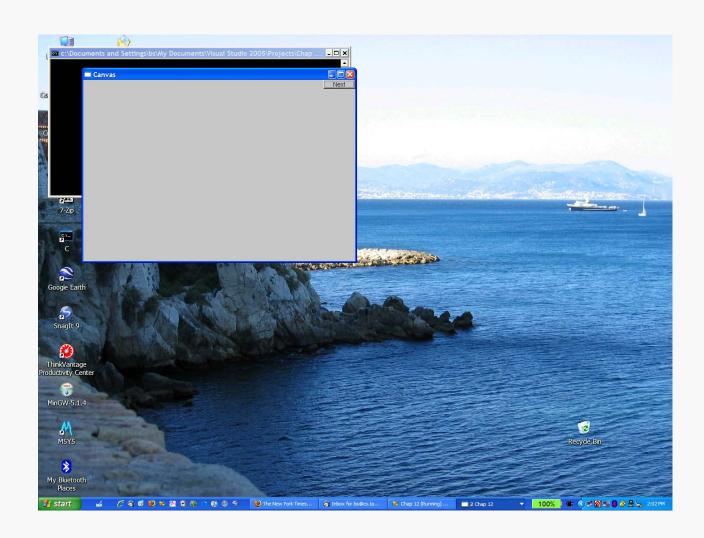
Interface classes

- Current
 - Color, Line_style, Font, Point,
 - Window, Simple_window
 - Shape, Text, Polygon, Line, Lines, Rectangle, ...
 - Axis
- Easy to add (for some definition of "easy")
 - Grid, Block_chart, Pie_chart, etc.
- Later, GUI
 - Button, In_box, Out_box, ...

Demo code 1

```
// Getting access to the graphics system (don't forget to install):
#include "Simple_window.h" // stuff to deal with your system's windows
                              // graphical shapes
#include "Graph.h"
using namespace Graph_lib; // make names available
// in main():
Simple_window win(Point(100,100),600,400,"Canvas");
       // screen coordinate (100,100) is top left corner of window
       // window size(600 pixels wide by 400 pixels high)
       // title: Canvas
win.wait_for_button(); // Display!
```

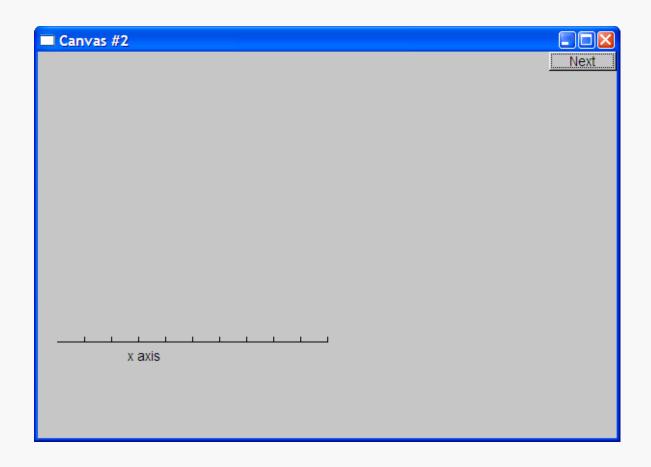
A "blank canvas"



Demo code 2

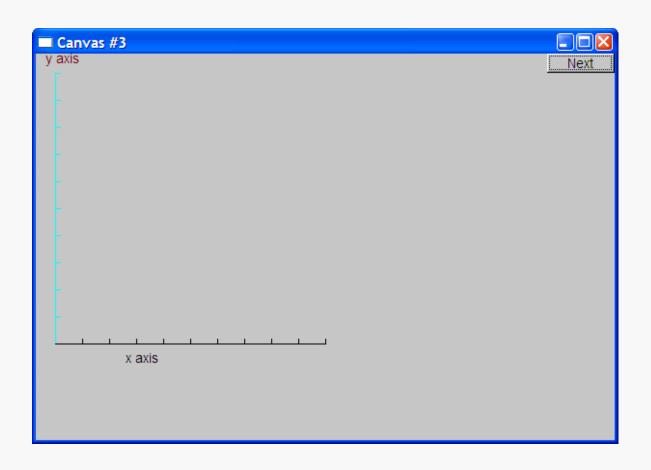
```
Axis xa(Axis::x, Point(20,300), 280, 10, "x axis");
 // make an Axis
   // an axis is a kind of Shape
   // Axis::x means horizontal
   // starting at (20,300)
   // 280 pixels long
  // 10 "notches" ("tick marks")
  // text "x axis"
win.set_label("Canvas #2");
win.attach(xa); // attach axis xa to the window
win.wait_for_button();
```

Add an X-axis



Demo code 3

Add a Y-axis (colored)

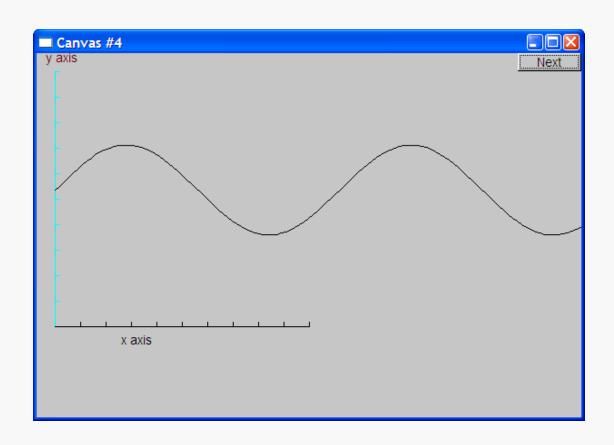


Yes, it's ugly, but this is a programming course, not a graphics design course

Demo code 4

```
win.set_label("Canvas #4");
Function sine(sin,0,100,Point(20,150),1000,50,50);
                                                           // sine curve
       // plot sin() in the range [0:100)
       // with (0,0) at (20,150)
       // using 1000 points
       // scale x values *50, scale y values *50
win.attach(sine);
win.wait_for_button();
```

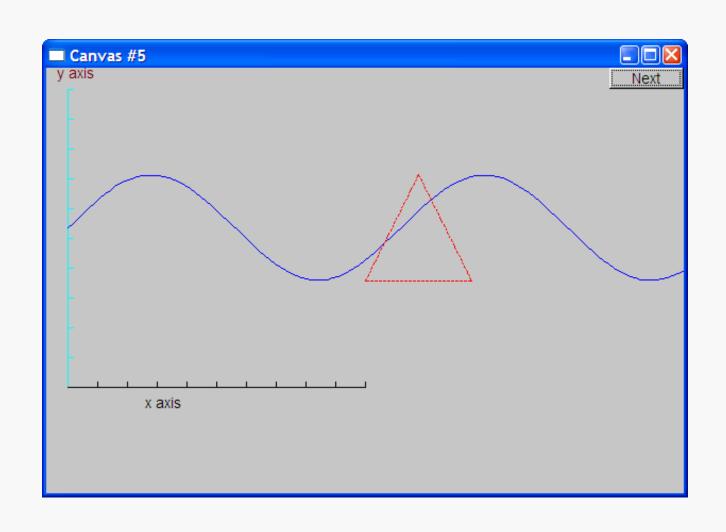
Add a sine curve



Demo code 5

```
win.set_label("Canvas #5");
                               // I changed my mind about sine 's color
sine.set_color(Color::blue);
Polygon poly;
                               // make a polygon (a kind of Shape)
                               // three points make a triangle
poly.add(Point(300,200));
poly.add(Point(350,100));
poly.add(Point(400,200));
poly.set_color(Color::red);  // change the color
poly.set_style(Line_style::dash);
                                       // change the line style
win.attach(poly);
win.wait_for_button();
```

Add a triangle (and color the curve)

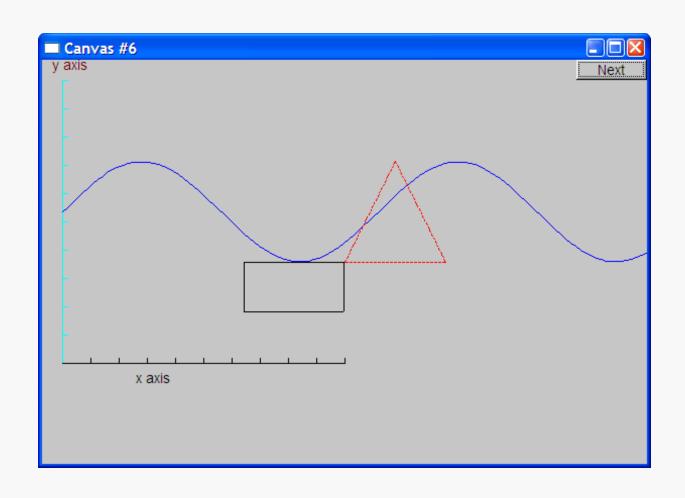


Demo code 6

```
win.set_label("Canvas #6");

Rectangle r(Point(200,200), 100, 50);  // top left point, width, height
win.attach(r);
win.wait_for_button();
```

Add a rectangle

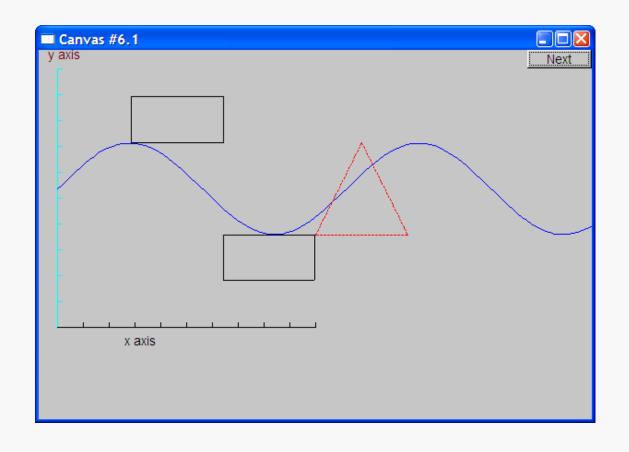


Demo code 6.1

Add a shape that looks like a rectangle

```
Closed_polyline poly_rect;
poly_rect.add(Point(100,50));
poly_rect.add(Point(200,50));
poly_rect.add(Point(200,100));
poly_rect.add(Point(100,100));
win.set_label("Canvas #6.1");
```

Add a shape that looks like a rectangle



But is it a rectangle?

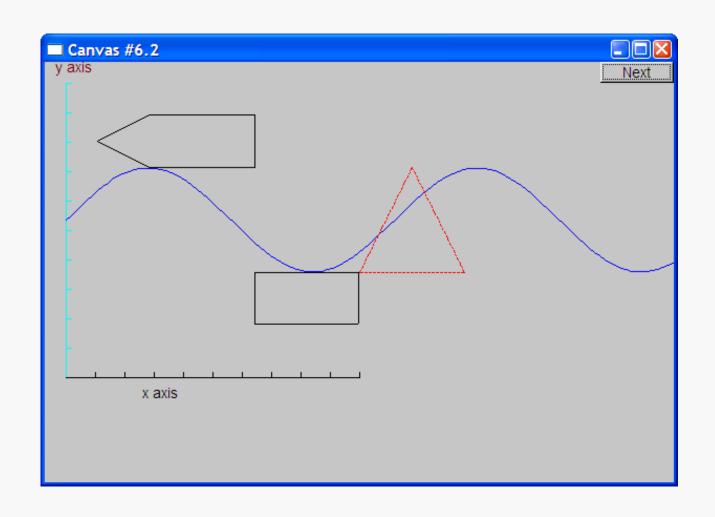
Demo code 6.2

We can add a point

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poly_rect.add(Point(50,75); // now poly_rect has 5 points
win.set_label("Canvas #6.2");
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• "looking like" is not the same as "is"

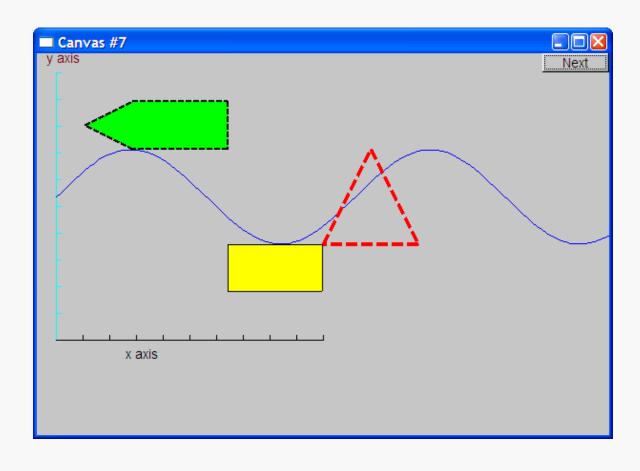
Obviously a polygon



Add fill

```
r.set_fill_color(Color::yellow); // color the inside of the rectangle
poly.set_style(Line_style(Line_style::dash,4)); // make the triangle fat
poly_rect.set_fill_color(Color::green);
poly_rect.set_style(Line_style(Line_style::dash,2));
win.set_label("Canvas #7");
```

Add fill

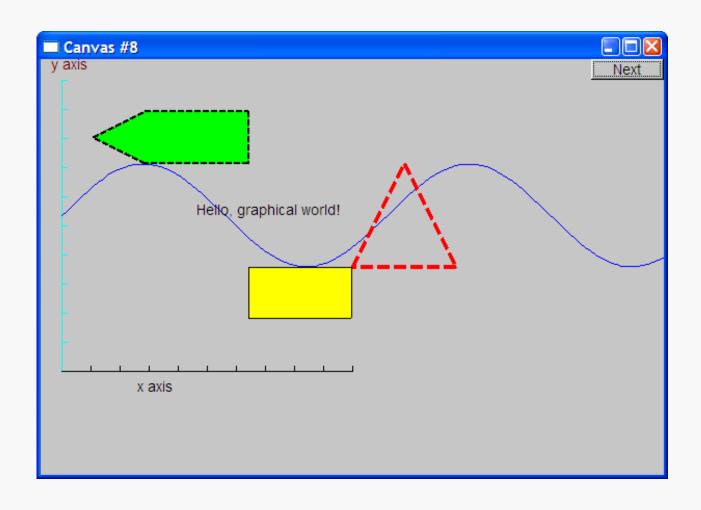


Demo Code 8

```
Text t(Point(100,100),"Hello, graphical world!"); // add text

// // point is lower left corner on the baseline
win.set_label("Canvas #8");
```

Add text

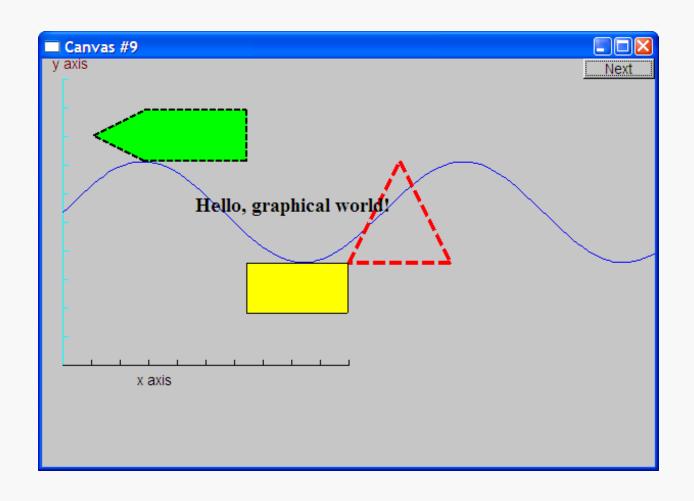


Demo Code 9

■ Modify text font and size

```
t.set_font(Font::times_bold);
t.set_font_size(20); // height in pixels
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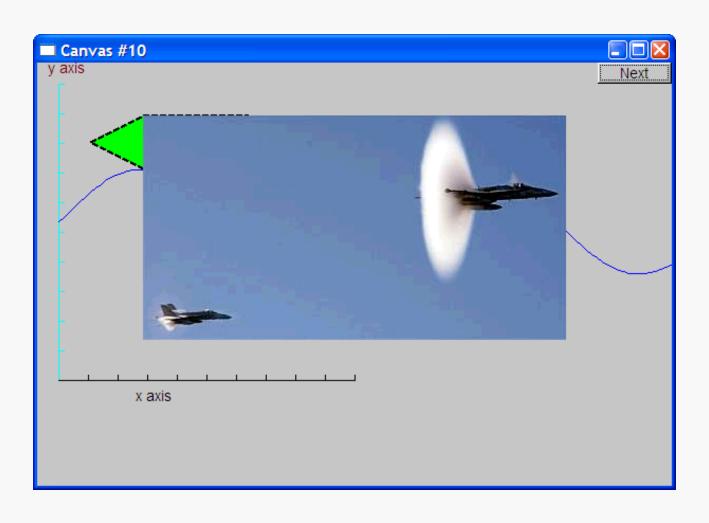
Text font and size



Add an image

```
Image ii(Point(100,50),"image.jpg");  // open an image file
win.attach(ii);
win.set_label("Canvas #10");
```

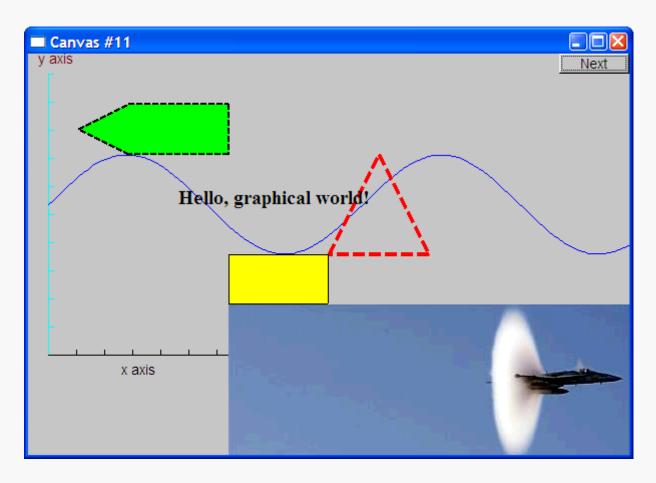
Add an image



Oops!

- The image obscures the other shapes
 - Move it a bit out of the way

Move the image



Note how the parts of a shape that don't fit in the window are "clipped" away

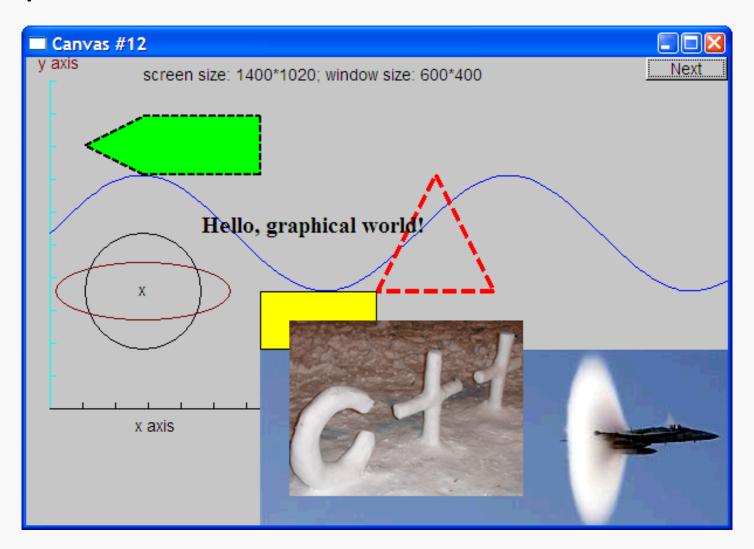
Demo Code 12

win.set_label("Canvas #12");

win.wait_for_button();

```
Circle c(Point(100,200),50);
                                   // center, radius
Ellipse e(Point(100,200), 75,25); // center, horizontal radius, vertical radius
e.set_color(Color::dark_red);
Mark m(Point(100,200),'x');
ostringstream oss;
oss << "screen size: " << x_max() << "*" << y_max()
        << "; window size: " << win.x_max() << "*" << win.y_max();
Text sizes(Point(100,20),oss.str());
Image cal(Point(225,225), "snow_cpp.gif"); // 320*240 pixel gif
cal.set_mask(Point(40,40),200,150);
                                                     // display center of image
```

Add shapes, more text



Boiler plate

```
#include "Graph.h"
                                     // header for graphs
#include "Simple_window.h"
                                     // header containing window interface
int main ()
  // the main part of your code
catch(exception& e) {
  cerr << "exception: " << e.what() << '\n';
  return 1;
catch (...) {
  cerr << "Some exception\n";</pre>
  return 2;
```

Primitives and algorithms

- The demo shows the use of library primitives
 - Just the primitives
 - Just the use
- Typically what we display is the result of
 - an algorithm
 - reading data
- Next lectures
 - 13: Graphics Classes
 - 14: Graphics Class Design
 - 15: Graphing Functions and Data
 - 16: Graphical User Interfaces