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Today

- NSTimer
  - Periodically firing off a method
  - Blinking FaceIt Demo
- Animation
  - Animating changes to UIViews
  - Smoother Blinking FaceIt
  - Head-shaking FaceIt
  - Animating using simulated physics (time permitting)

NSTimer

- Setting up a timer to call a method periodically
  - You can set it up to go off once at at some time in the future, or to repeatedly go off
  - If repeatedly, the system will not guarantee exactly when it goes off, so this is not "real-time"
  - But for most UI "order of magnitude" activities, it's perfectly fine
  - We don't use it for "animation" (more on that later)
  - It's more for larger-grained activities
- Run loops
  - Timers work with run loops (which we have not and will not talk about)
  - So for your purposes, you can only use `NSTimer` on the main queue
  - Check out the documentation if you want to learn about run loops and timers on other queue

NSTimer

- Firing one off …

```
class func scheduledTimerWithTimeInterval(
    _ seconds: NSTimeInterval,
    target: AnyObject,
    selector: Selector,
    userInfo: AnyObject?,
    repeats: Bool
)
```

NSTimer

- Example

```
let timer = NSTimer.scheduledTimerWithTimeInterval(2.0,
    target: self, selector: #selector(fire(_:)),
    userInfo: nil,
    repeats: true
)
```

Every 2 seconds, the method `fire(NSTimer)` will be invoked in `self`.

- What does that fire method look like?

```
func fire(timer: NSTimer) {
    // do whatever you want to do every 2 seconds
    // don't take too long in here, remember you are on the main queue
    let theTimersUserInfo = timer.userInfo // feeds back the userInfo you set above
}
```

NSTimer

- Stopping a repeating timer

  Just call invalidate() on a timer to stop it …

```
func fire(timer: NSTimer) {
    if imDoneWithThisTimer {
        timer.invalidate()
    }
}
```

- Tolerance

  It might help system performance to set a tolerance for "late firing"

  For example, if you have timer that goes off once a minute, a tolerance of 10s might be fine

```
myOneMinuteTimer.tolerance = 10 // in seconds
```

  The firing time is relative to the start of the timer (not the last time it fired), i.e. no "drift"

NSTimer

- Demo
  - Blinking FaceIt

Kinds of Animation

- Animating UIView properties
  Changing things like the bounds or transparency.
- Animation of View Controller transitions (like UINC's)
  Beyond the scope of this course, but fundamental principles are the same.
- Core Animation
  Underlying powerful animation framework (also beyond the scope of this course).
- OpenGL
  3D
- SpriteKit
  "2.5D" animation (overlapping images moving around over each other, etc.)
- Dynamic Animation
  "Physics"-based animation.

UIView Animation

- Changes to certain UIView properties can be animated over time
  - frame
  - transform (translation, rotation and scale)
  - alpha (opacity)
- Done with UIView class method(s) using closures
  - The class methods takes animation parameters and an animation block as arguments.
  - The animation block contains the code that makes the changes to the UIView(s).
  - The changes inside the block are made immediately (even though they will appear "over time").
  - Most also have another "completion block" to be executed when the animation is done.

UIView Animation

- Animation class method in UIView

```
class func animateWithDuration(duration: NSTimeInterval,
                                 delay: NSTimeInterval,
                               options: UIViewAnimationOptions,
                            animations: () -> Void,
                            completion: ((finished: Bool) -> Void)?)
```

UIView Animation

- Example

```
if myView.alpha == 1.0 {
    UIView.animateWithDuration(3.0,
                               delay: 2.0,
                             options: [UIViewAnimationOptions.CurveLinear],
                          animations: { myView.alpha = 0.0 },
                          completion: { if $0 { myView.removeFromSuperview() } })
    print("myView.alpha = \(myView.alpha)")
}
```

This would cause `myView` to "fade" out over 3 seconds (starting 2s from now).

Then it would remove `myView` from the view hierarchy (but only if the fade completed).

If, within the 5s, someone animated the `alpha` to non-zero, the removal would not happen.

The output on the console would be …

```
myView.alpha = 0.0
```

… even though the `alpha` on the screen won't be zero for 5 more seconds

UIView Animation

- UIViewAnimationOptions

```
BeginFromCurrentState       // interrupt other, in-progress animations of these properties
AllowUserInteraction        // allow gestures to get processed while animation is in progress
LayoutSubviews              // animate the relayout of subviews with a parent's animation
Repeat                      // repeat indefinitely
Autoreverse                 // play animation forwards, then backwards
OverrideInheritedDuration   // if not set, use duration of any in-progress animation
OverrideInheritedCurve      // if not set, use curve (e.g. ease-in/out) of in-progress animation
AllowAnimatedContent        // if not set, just interpolate between current and end "bits"
CurveEaseInEaseOut          // slower at the beginning, normal throughout, then slow at end
CurveEaseIn                 // slower at the beginning, but then constant through the rest
CurveLinear                 // same speed throughout
```

UIView Animation

- Sometimes you want to make an entire view modification at once
  - In this case you are not limited to special properties like `alpha`, `frame` and `transform`
  - Flip the entire view over `UIViewAnimationOptions.TransitionFlipFrom{Left,Right,Top,Bottom}`
  - Dissolve from old to new state `UIViewAnimationOptions.TransitionCrossDissolve`
  - Curling up or down `UIViewAnimationOptions.TransitionCurl{Up,Down}`
- Use closures again with this UIView class method

```
UIView.transitionWithView(view: UIView,
                         duration: NSTimeInterval,
                          options: UIViewAnimationOptions,
                       animations: () -> Void,
                       completion: ((finished: Bool) -> Void)?)
```

UIView Animation

- Example

  Flipping a playing card over …

```
UIView.transitionWithView(view: myPlayingCardView,
                         duration: 0.75,
                          options: [UIViewAnimationOptions.TransitionFlipFromLeft],
                       animations: { cardIsFaceUp = !cardIsFaceUp }
                       completion: nil)
```

  Presuming `myPlayingCardView` draws itself face up or down depending on `cardIsFaceUp`

  This will cause the card to flip over (from the left edge of the card)

UIView Animation

- Animating changes to the view hierarchy is slightly different

  In other words, you want to animate the adding/removing of subviews (or (un)hiding them)

```
UIView.transitionFromView(fromView: UIView,
                            toView: UIView,
                          duration: NSTimeInterval,
                           options: UIViewAnimationOptions,
                        completion: ((finished: Bool) -> Void)?)
```

  `UIViewAnimationOptions.ShowHideTransitionViews` if you want to use the `hidden` property. Otherwise it will actually remove `fromView` from the view hierarchy and add `toView`.

View Animation

- Demos
  - Smoother blinking in FaceIt
  - "Head shake" in FaceIt

Dynamic Animation

- A little different approach to animation than `UIView`-based
  - Set up physics relating animatable objects and let them run until they resolve to stasis.
  - Easily possible to set it up so that stasis never occurs, but that could be performance problem.
- Steps
  - Create a `UIDynamicAnimator`
  - Add `UIDynamicBehavior`s to it (gravity, collisions, etc.)
  - Add `UIDynamicItem`s (usually `UIView`s) to the `UIDynamicBehavior`s
    - (`UIDynamicItem` is an `protocol` which `UIView` happens to implement)
  - That's it! Things will instantly start animating!

Dynamic Animation

- Create a UIDynamicAnimator

  ```
  var animator = UIDynamicAnimator(referenceView: UIView)
  ```

  If animating views, all views must be in a view hierarchy with `referenceView` at the top.

- Create and add UIDynamicBehavior instances

  e.g., `let gravity = UIGravityBehavior()`

  ```
  animator.addBehavior(gravity)
  ```

  e.g., `collider = UICollisionBehavior()`

  ```
  animator.addBehavior(collider)
  ```

Dynamic Animation

- Add UIDynamicItems to a UIDynamicBehavior

```
let item1: UIDynamicItem = … // usually a UIView
let item2: UIDynamicItem = … // usually a UIView
gravity.addItem(item1)
collider.addItem(item1)
gravity.addItem(item2)
```

item1 and item2 will both be affect by gravity

item1 will collide with collider's other items or boundaries, but not with item2

Dynamic Animation

- UIDynamicItem protocol

  Any animatable item must implement this …

```
protocol UIDynamicItem {
    var bounds: CGRect { get }  // note that the size cannot be animated
    var center: CGPoint { get set }  // but the position can
    var transform: CGAffineTransform { get set }  // and so can the rotation
}
```

  UIView implements this protocol

  If you change center or transform while the animator is running,
  you must call this method in UIDynamicAnimator …

```
func updateItemUsingCurrentState(item: UIDynamicItem)
```

Behaviors

- UIGravityBehavior

```
var angle: CGFloat  // in radians; 0 is to the right; positive numbers are counter-clockwise
var magnitude: CGFloat  // 1.0 is 1000 points/s/s
```

- UIAttachmentBehavior

```
init(item: UIDynamicItem, attachedToAnchor: CGPoint)
init(item: UIDynamicItem, attachedToItem: UIDynamicItem)
init(item: UIDynamicItem, offsetFromCenter: CGPoint, attachedToItem/Anchor…)
var length: CGFloat  // distance between attached things (this is settable while animating!)
var anchorPoint: CGPoint  // can also be set at any time, even while animating
```

The attachment can oscillate (i.e. like a spring) and you can control frequency and damping

Behaviors

- UICollisionBehavior

```
var collisionMode: UICollisionBehaviorMode // .Items, .Boundaries, or .Everything
```

If .Items, then any items you add to a UICollisionBehavior will bounce off of each other

If .Boundaries, then you add UIBezierPath boundaries for items to bounce off of …

```
func addBoundaryWithIdentifier(identifier: NSCopying, forPath: UIBezierPath)
func removeBoundaryWithIdentifier(identifier: NSCopying)
var translatesReferenceBoundsIntoBoundary: Bool // referenceView's edges
```

Behaviors

- UICollisionBehavior

  How do you find out when a collision happens?

  ```
  var collisionDelegate: UICollisionBehaviorDelegate
  ```

  … this delegate will be sent methods like …

  ```
  func collisionBehavior(behavior: UICollisionBehavior,
      began/endedContactForItem: UIDynamicItem,
      withBoundaryIdentifier: NSCopying) // withItem:atPoint: too
  ```

  The `withBoundaryIdentifier` is the one you pass to `addBoundaryWithIdentifier()`
  It is an `NSCopying` (`NSString` & `NSNumber` are both `NSCopying`, so `String` & `Int`/`Double` work)
  In this delegate method you'll have to cast (with `as` or `as?`) the `NSCopying` to what you want

Behaviors

- UISnapBehavior

  `init(item: UIDynamicItem, snapToPoint: CGPoint)`

  Imagine four springs at four corners around the item in the new spot.

  You can control the damping of these "four springs" with `var damping: CGFloat`

- UIPushBehavior

  ```
  var mode: UIPushBehaviorMode  // .Continuous or .Instantaneous
  var pushDirection: CGVector
  ```

  … or …

  ```
  var angle: CGFloat // in radians and …
  var magnitude: CGFloat // magnitude 1.0 moves a 100x100 view at 100 pts/s/s
  ```

  Interesting aspect to this behavior

  If you push `.Instantaneous`, what happens after it's done?

  It just sits there wasting memory.

  We'll talk about how to clear that up in a moment.

Behaviors

- UIDynamicItemBehavior
  - Sort of a special "meta" behavior.
  - Controls the behavior of items as they are affected by other behaviors.
  - Any item added to this behavior (with `addItem`) will be affected by …

```
var allowsRotation: Bool
var friction: CGFloat
var elasticity: CGFloat
```

  - … and others, see documentation.

  - Can also get information about items with this behavior …

```
func linearVelocityForItem(UIDynamicItem) -> CGPoint
func addLinearVelocity(CGPoint, forItem: UIDynamicItem)
func angularVelocityForItem(UIDynamicItem) -> CGFloat
```

  - Multiple `UIDynamicItemBehaviors` affecting the same item(s) is "advanced" (not for you!)

Behaviors

- `UIDynamicBehavior`
  - Superclass of behaviors.
  - You can create your own subclass which is a combination of other behaviors.
  - Usually you override `init` method(s) and `addItem` and `removeItem` to call …
  - `func addChildBehavior(UIDynamicBehavior)`
  - This is a good way to encapsulate a physics behavior that is a composite of other behaviors.
  - You might also have some API which helps your subclass configure its children.
- All behaviors know the `UIDynamicAnimator` they are part of
  - They can only be part of one at a time.
  - `var dynamicAnimator: UIDynamicAnimator { get }`
  - And the behavior will be sent this message when its animator changes …
  - `func willMoveToAnimator(UIDynamicAnimator)`

Behaviors

- UIDynamicBehavior's action property
  - Every time the behavior acts on items, this block of code that you can set is executed …
  - `var action: (() -> Void)?`
  - (i.e. it's called `action`, it takes no arguments and returns nothing)
  - You can set this to do anything you want.
  - But it will be called a lot, so make it very efficient.
  - If the `action` refers to properties in the behavior itself, watch out for memory cycles.

Stasis

- UIDynamicAnimator's delegate tells you when animation pauses
  - Just set the delegate …
  - `var delegate: UIDynamicAnimatorDelegate`
  - … and you'll find out when stasis is reached and when animation will resume …
  - `func dynamicAnimatorDidPause(UIDynamicAnimator)`
  - `func dynamicAnimatorWillResume(UIDynamicAnimator)`

Memory Cycle Avoidance

- Example of using `action` and avoiding a memory cycle

  Let's go back to the case of a `.Instantaneous UIPushBehavior`

  When it is done acting on its items, it would be nice to remove it from its animator

  We can do this with the `action` method, but we must be careful to avoid a memory cycle …

```
if let pushBehavior = UIPushBehavior(items: […], mode: .Instantaneous) {
    pushBehavior.magnitude = …
    pushBehavior.angle = …
    pushBehavior.action = {
        pushBehavior.dynamicAnimator!.removeBehavior(pushBehavior)
    }
    animator.addBehavior(pushBehavior) // will push right away
}
```

  The above has a memory cycle because its `action` captures a pointer back to itself

  So neither the action closure nor the pushBehavior can ever leave the heap

Memory Cycle Avoidance

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```
if let pushBehavior = UIPushBehavior(items: […], mode: .Instantaneous) {
    pushBehavior.magnitude = …
    pushBehavior.angle = …
    pushBehavior.action = { [unowned pushBehavior] in
        pushBehavior.dynamicAnimator!.removeBehavior(pushBehavior)
    }
    animator.addBehavior(pushBehavior) // will push right away
}
```

  - Now it no longer captures `pushBehavior`
  - This is safe to mark `unowned` because if the `action` closure exists, so does the `pushBehavior`
  - When the `pushBehavior` removes itself from the animator, the `action` won't keep it in memory
  - So they'll both leave the heap because the animator no longer points to the behavior