

# Shoes Tutorial Note

- For the Shoes App Rookie Creators -

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## 1. Introduction

Shoes is a cross-platform tiny graphics and windowing toolkit for the Ruby programming language written by [\\_why](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Why_the_lucky_stiff). ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Why\\_the\\_lucky\\_stiff](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Why_the_lucky_stiff))

All sample programs and data files in this tutorial are able to download from [here](http://github.com/ashbb/shoes_tutorial/tree/master). ([http://github.com/ashbb/shoes\\_tutorial/tree/master](http://github.com/ashbb/shoes_tutorial/tree/master))

Some sample programs are the same in the NKS (The first public manual of Shoes. See chapter 7.)

## 2. Download Shoes

Download Shoes from [this web site](http://shoooes.net/downloads/) and pick [the installer](http://help.shoooes.net/Introducing.html).

(<http://shoooes.net/downloads/>)

(<http://help.shoooes.net/Introducing.html>)

We use the latest revision, Shoes-0.r970, in this tutorial.

## 3. First step

There is [a tutorial](http://shoooes.net/tutorial/) written by \_why.

(<http://shoooes.net/tutorial/>)

Now, copy and paste the whole 16 sample programs and run one by one. No need to understand the code meaning. Just run and look at the app window. This tutorial has screenshots, but be sure to run all 16 samples. Not later. Do it now, before going to the next, please. This is the most important step, I believe.

## 4. Birds-eye view (Survey basic features)

### 4.1 Concept

Shoes is a tiny graphics toolkit. It's simple and was born to be easy! So, Shoes doesn't have many elements (like tabbed controls, toolbars, horizontal scrollbars.) But can be simulated with images.

**There are ten essential methods to get going with Shoes.**

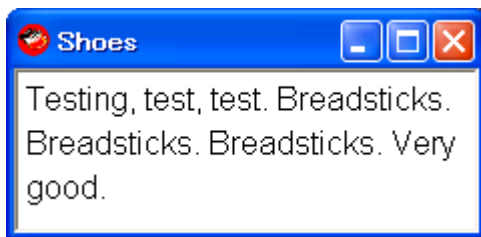
## 4.2 No.1 para

banner	: Character size 48 pixels
title	: 34
subtitle	: 26
tagline	: 18
caption	: 14
para (paragraph)	: 12
inscription	: 10

### # sample1.rb

```
Shoes.app :width => 230, :height => 80 do
  para 'Testing, test, test. ',
    'Breadsticks. ',
    'Breadsticks. ',
    'Breadsticks. ',
    'Very good.'
end
```

### # sample1.png

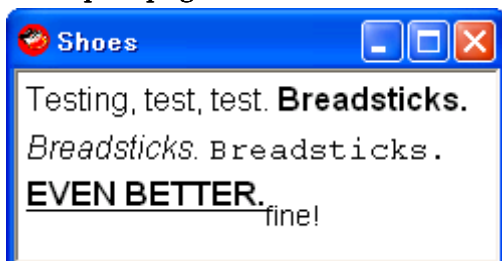


strong	: bold
em (emphasized)	: italics
code	: monospaced font
ins (inserted)	: single underline
sub (subscript)	: lowering the text by 10 pixels, x-small font

### # sample2.rb

```
Shoes.app :width => 240, :height => 95 do
  para 'Testing, test, test. ',
    strong('Breadsticks. '),
    em('Breadsticks. '),
    code('Breadsticks. '),
    strong(ins('EVEN BETTER.')),
    sub('fine!')
end
```

### # sample2.png



### 4.3 No.2&3 stack and flow

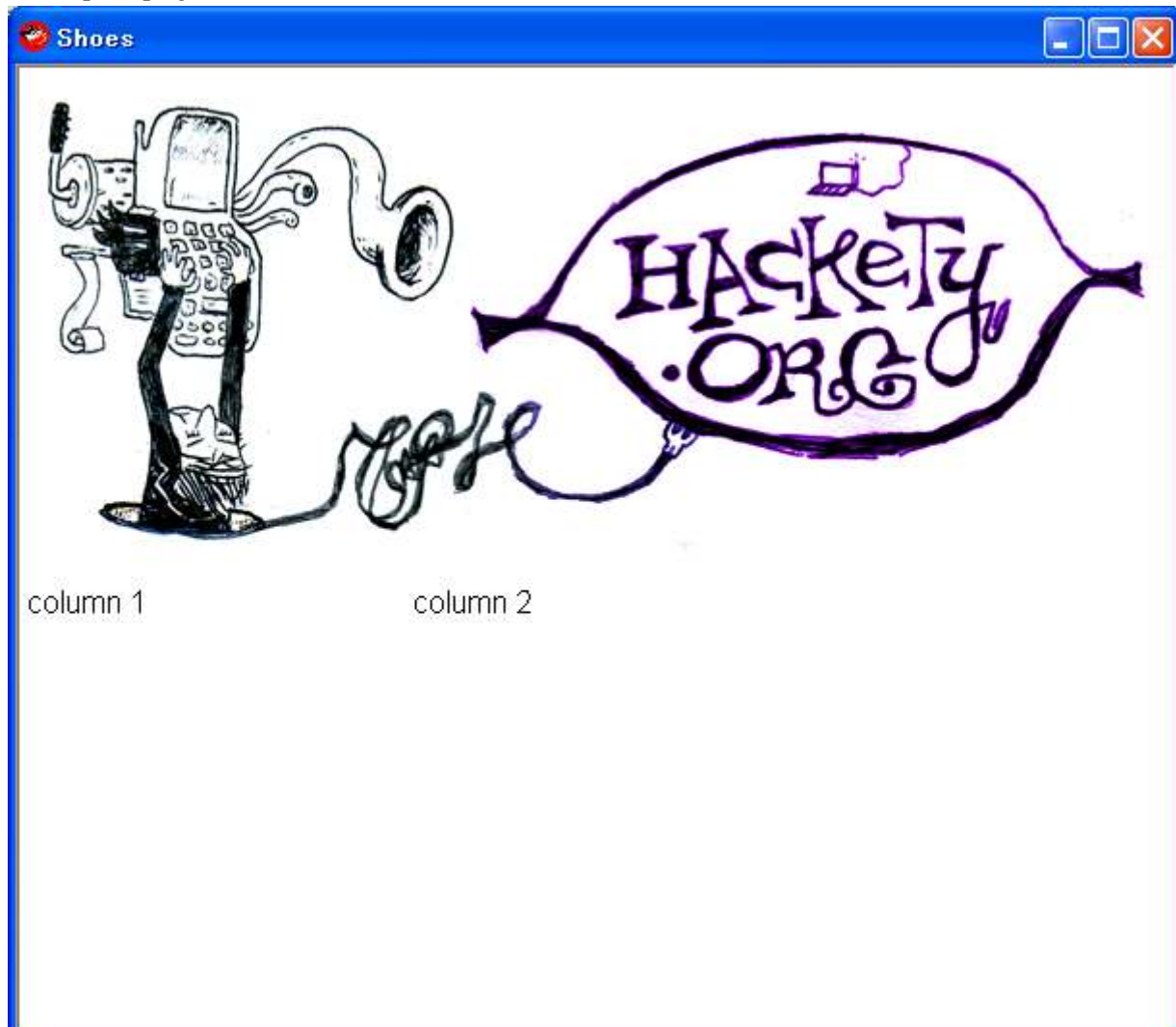
At first, read the following web page:

<http://github.com/why/shoes/wikis/stacksandflows>

But use (run) the following sample code instead of the one on the above web page.  
Because the method Shoes#text is obsolete and need to correct the path of image file.

```
# sample3.rb
Shoes.app do
  stack do
    image "http://hackety.org/images/hackety-org-header.png"
  end
  stack :width => 200 do
    para "column 1"
  end
  stack :width => -200 do
    para "column 2"
  end
end
```

# sample3.png



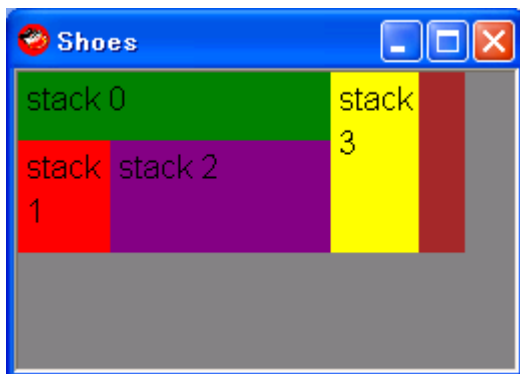
More complex sample code is:

```
# sample4.rb
Shoes.app :width => 250, :height => 150 do
  background gray
  flow :width => "90%" do
    background brown

    flow :width => "70%" do
      background purple
      stack do
        background green
        para "stack 0"
      end
      stack :width => "30%" do
        background red
        para "stack 1"
      end
      stack :width => "-30%" do
        background blue
        para "stack 2"
      end
    end
  end

  stack :width => "20%" do
    background yellow
    para "stack 3"
  end
end
```

# sample4.png



#### 4.4 No.4 button

`button("Press Me")`

which creates a new button and

`button("Press Me"){ alert("clicked")}`

how the block fires when clicked and

`button("Press Me", :left => 50, :top => 20)`

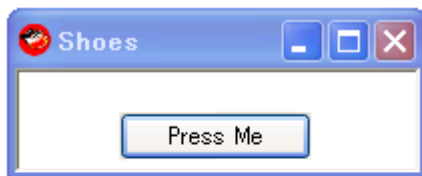
will place the button at coordinates (50, 20).

That's it.

**# sample5.rb**

```
Shoes.app :width => 200, :height => 50 do
  button("Press Me", :left => 50, :top => 20) do
    alert("clicked")
  end
end
```

**# sample5.png**

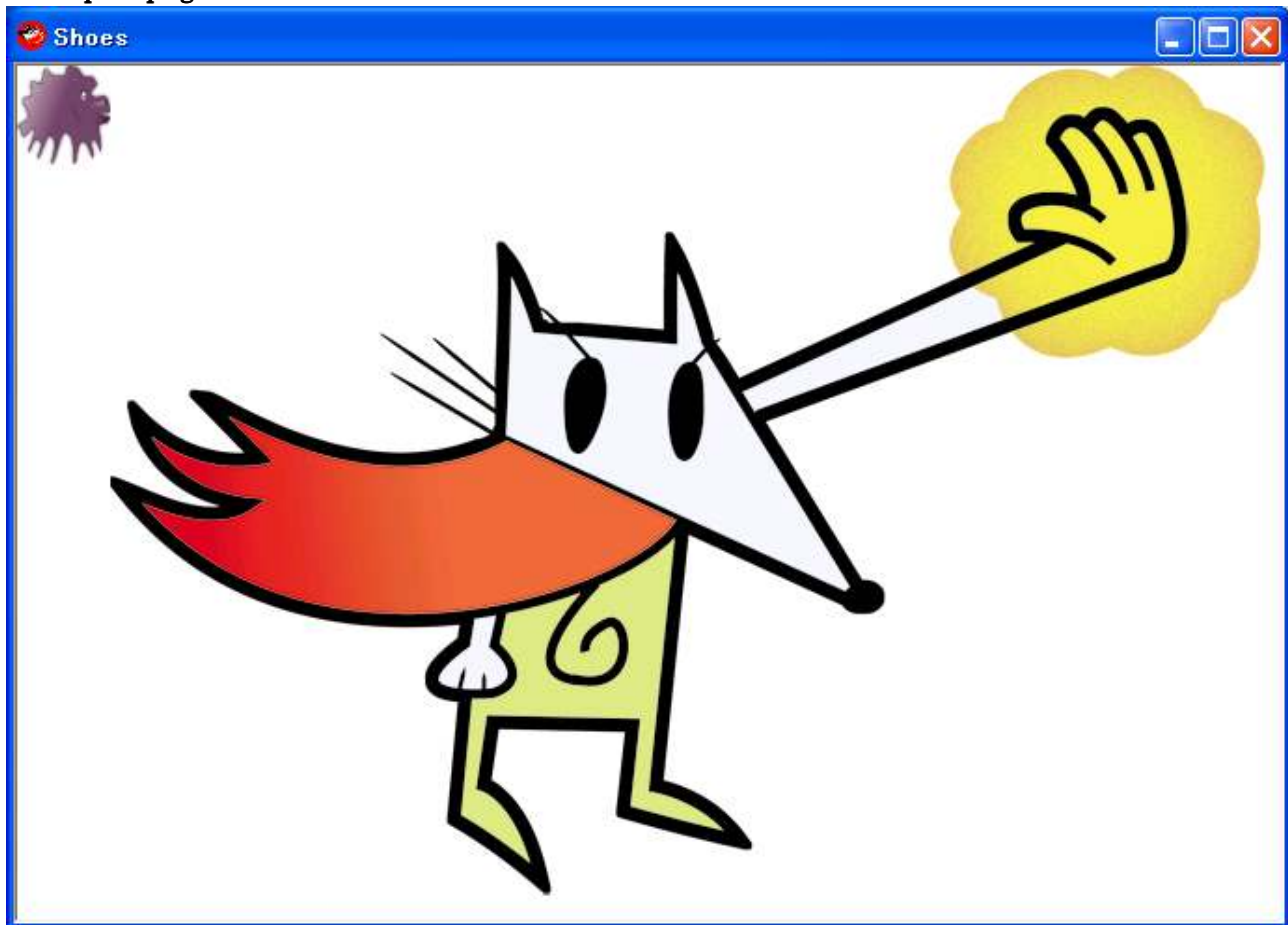


#### 4.5 No.5 image

An image is a picture in PNG, JPEG or GIF format.  
We can use the directory path and URL.

```
# sample6.rb
Shoes.app :width => 680, :height => 460 do
  image Dir.pwd + '/loogink.png'
  image "http://hacketyhack.net/images/design/Hacky-Mouse-Hand.png"
end
```

# sample6.png





#### 4.6 No.6 edit\_line

Edit boxes are wide, rectangular boxes for entering text.  
Edit lines are a slender, little box for entering text.

```
# sample7.rb
Shoes.app :width => 250, :height => 300 do
  stack do
    @msg = para 'Hello'
    @el = edit_line "We love Ruby."
    button('ok'){ @msg.text = @el.text}
    @eb = edit_box "We love Shoes."
    button('ok'){ @msg.text = @eb.text}
  end
end
```

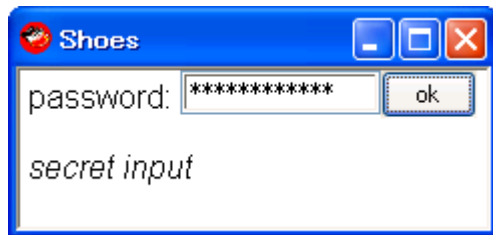
# sample7.png



We can use `:secret` in the `edit_line` area.

```
# sample7-1.rb
Shoes.app :width => 235, :height => 80 do
  para 'password: '
  @el = edit_line :width => 100, :secret => true
  button('ok'){@input.replace em(@el.text)}
  @input = para ''
end
```

# sample7-1.png



#### 4.7 No.7 link

Hyperlinks. We have three way to write the links.

```
# sample8.rb
Shoes.app :width => 250, :height => 60 do
  para link('RubyLearning.org'){visit "http://www.rubylearning.org/"}
  para link('Google', :click => "http://google.com")
  image (Dir.pwd + '/loogink.png'), :click => "http://shoooes.net/"
end
```

# sample8.png



## 4.8 No.8 background

Backgrounds and borders are both just patterns.

They are actual elements, not styles.

A pattern is made with a color, a gradient or an image.

**# sample9.rb**

```
Shoes.app :width => 200, :height => 140 do
  background '#FF9900'
  background rgb(192, 128, 0), :left => 40
  background gray(0.6), :left => 80
  background red, :left => 120
  background '#FAD'..'#ADD', :left => 160
  border Dir.pwd + '/loogink.png', :strokewidth => 15
end
```

**# sample9.png**



In NKS(Nobody Knows Shoes), just give the background a radius.

Background blue, :radius => 12

But it is obsolete. Now we can use :curve instead of :radius. And can also use :angle for gradient.

**# sample10.rb**

```
Shoes.app :width => 200, :height => 70 do
  background "#D0A"..darkorange.to_s, :angle => 45, :curve => 30
end
```

**# sample10.png**



## 4.9 No.9 Shoes.url

A Shoes App object is a single window running code at a Shoes URL.  
When you switch Shoes URLs, a new App object is created.  
From the user view point, just seems like a page of the web.

```
# sample11.rb
class PhotoFrame < Shoes
  url '/', :index
  url '/loogink', :loogink
  url '/cy', :cy

  def index
    eval(['loogink', 'cy'][rand 2])
  end

  def loogink
    background tomato
    image Dir.pwd + '/loogink.png', :left => 70, :top => 10
    para "¥n" * 3
    para strong 'She is Loogink. :)', :stroke => white
    para '->', link(strong('Cy'), :click => '/cy')
  end

  def cy
    background paleturquoise
    image Dir.pwd + '/cy.png', :left => 70, :top => 10
    para "¥n" * 3
    para strong 'He is Cy. :)', :stroke => white
    para ' ->', link(strong('loogink'), :click => '/loogink')
  end
end

Shoes.app :width => 200, :height => 120, :title => 'Photo Frame'
```

# sample11.png



#### 4.10 No.10 clear

The clear method wipes the slot.

It also takes an optional block that will be used to replace the contents of the slot.

```
# sample12.rb
Shoes.app :title => 'RC', :width => 100, :height => 80 do
  def random_creatures
    background rgb rand(256), rand(256), rand(256)
    name = %w[loogink cy yar kamome shaha][rand 5]
    image Dir.pwd + '/' + name + '.png', :left => 30, :top => 10
  end

  random_creatures

  every(5){clear{random_creatures}}
end
```

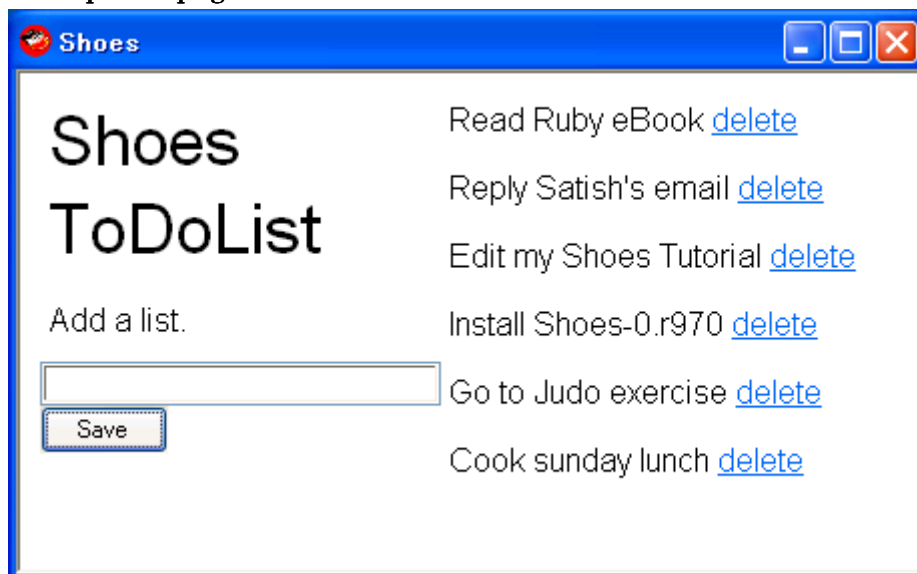
# sample12.png



The append and remove methods are also useful.

```
# sample13.rb
Shoes.app :width => 450, :height => 250 do
  stack :margin => 10, :width => 200 do
    subtitle 'Shoes ToDoList'
    para 'Add a list.'
    @add = edit_line
    button 'Save' do
      @notes.append do
        para @add.text, ' ', link('delete'){|e| e.parent.remove}
      end
      @add.text = ''
    end
  end
  @notes = stack :margin => 10, :width => -200
end
```

# samples13.png



## 5. Tips for creating our original Shoes apps

### 5.1 Open Shoes built-in manual and Shoes console window

To open the Shoes built-in manual,  
Type the following on your pc console (terminal window).

```
shoes -m  
or  
shoes --manual
```

Or type `Alt + ?` on any Shoes app window.  
Or select from the menu. See [here](http://shoooes.net/manuals/).  
(<http://shoooes.net/manuals/>)

To open the Shoes console window,  
type `Alt + /` on any Shoes app window.

```
# sample14.rb  
Shoes.app do  
  background 0..100  
end
```

# shoes\_console.png

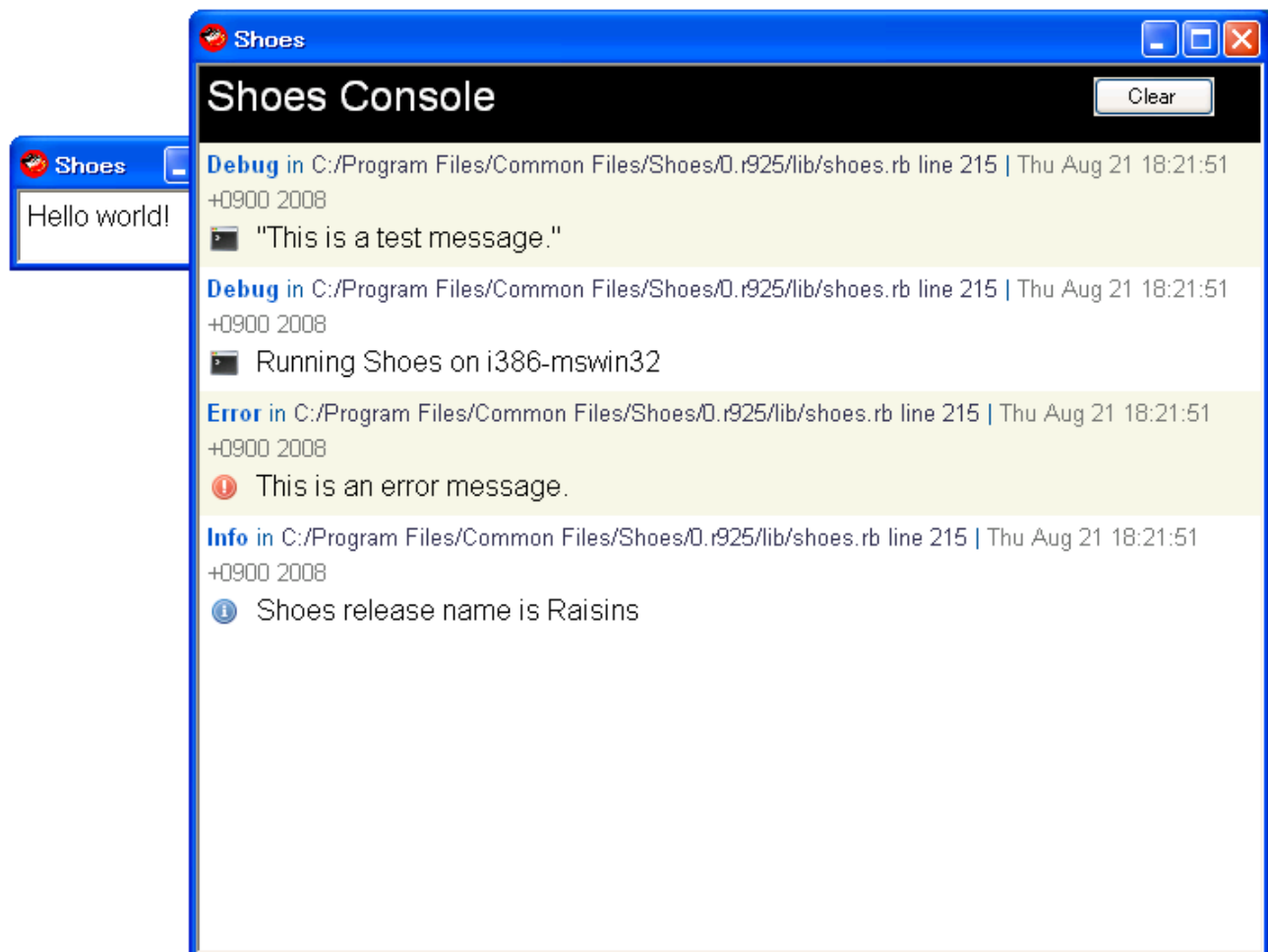


## 5.2 Output messages on the Shoes console window

We can put the message on the Shoes console window.

```
# sample15.rb
Shoes.app :width => 150, :height => 40 do
  para 'Hello world!'
  shoes.p 'This is a test message.'
  debug 'Running Shoes on ' + RUBY_PLATFORM
  error 'This is an error message.'
  info 'Shoes release name is ' + Shoes::RELEASE_NAME
end
```

# sample15.png





### 5.3 shoes --help

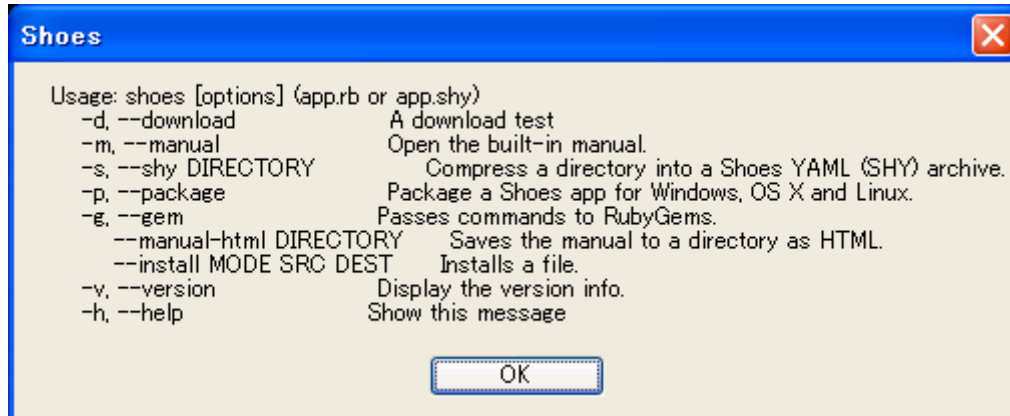
Type the following on your pc console (terminal window).

```
shoes -h
```

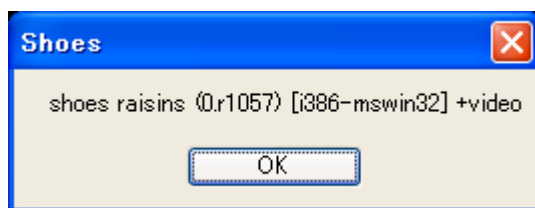
or

```
shoes --help
```

# shoes\_help.png



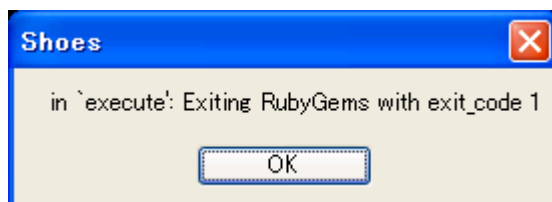
# shoes\_version.png



# shoes\_download\_test.png



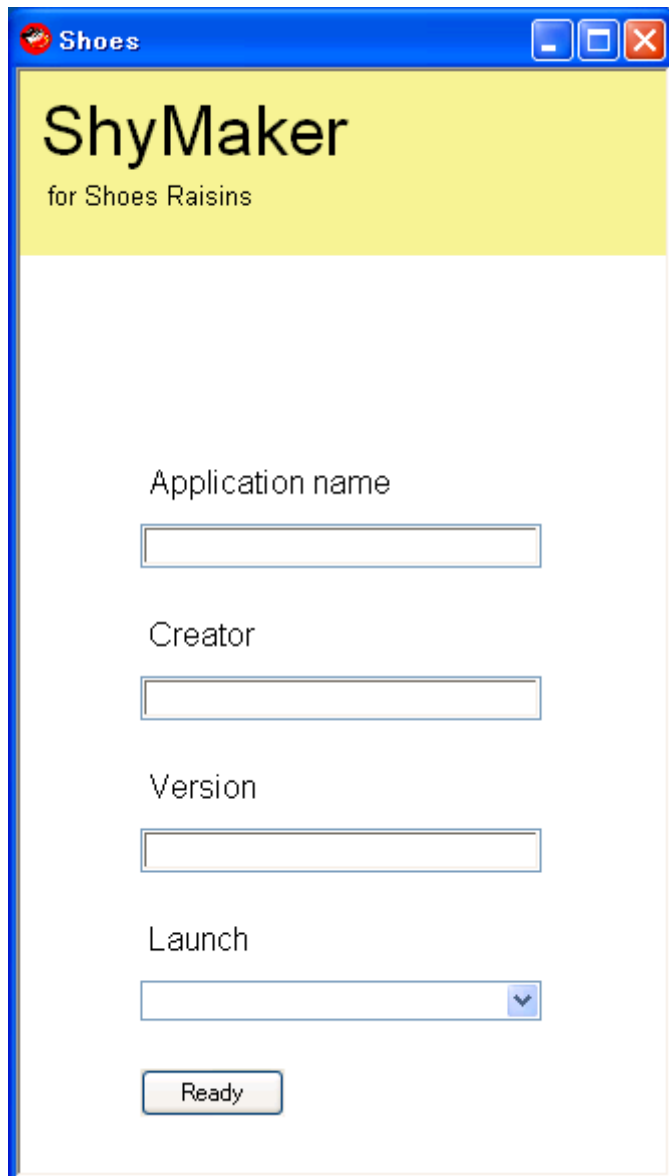
# shoes\_gem.png



```
shoes -g install hpricot
```

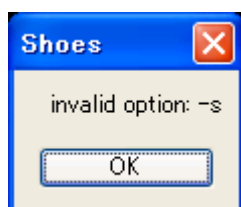
Oops, an error will be happen. Perhaps now under construction...

# shoes\_shy.png



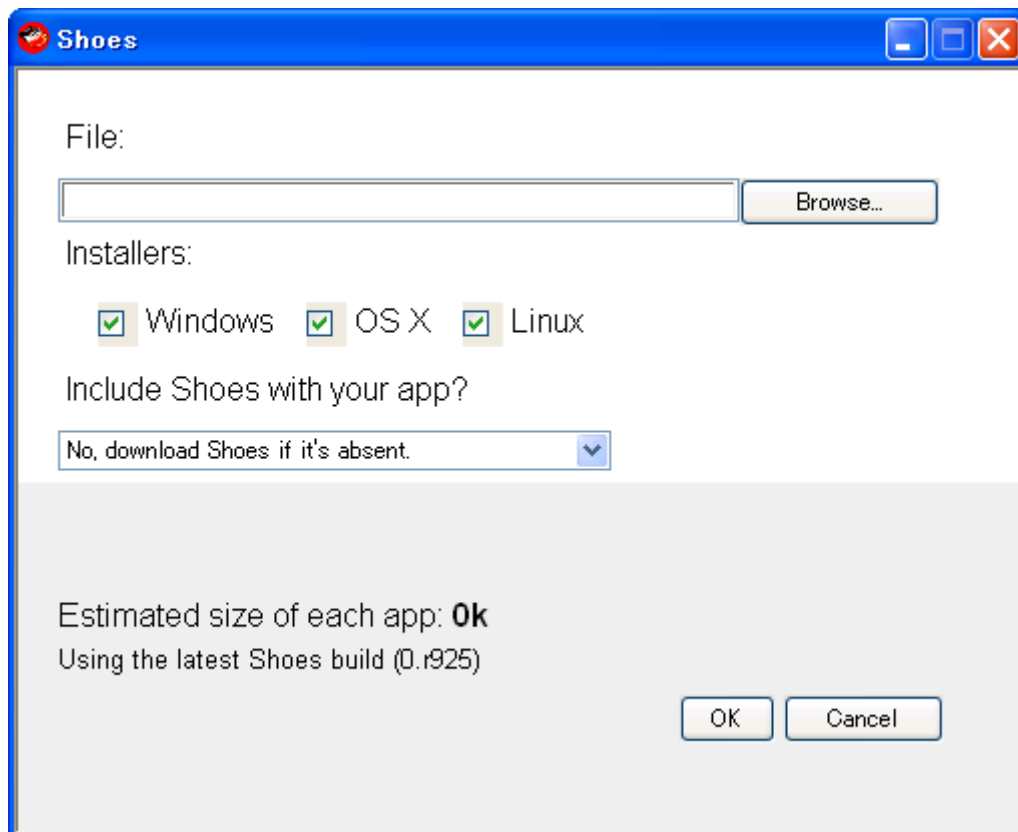
Open the app window, but it doesn't work well. Now under construction...

# shoes\_shy-1.png



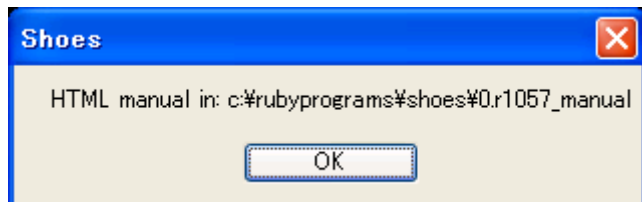
In the case of Shoes-0.r1057, the above message appears because this feature is included in 'shoes --package'.

# shoes\_package.png



Open the app window, but it doesn't work well. Now under construction...

# shoes\_manual-html.png

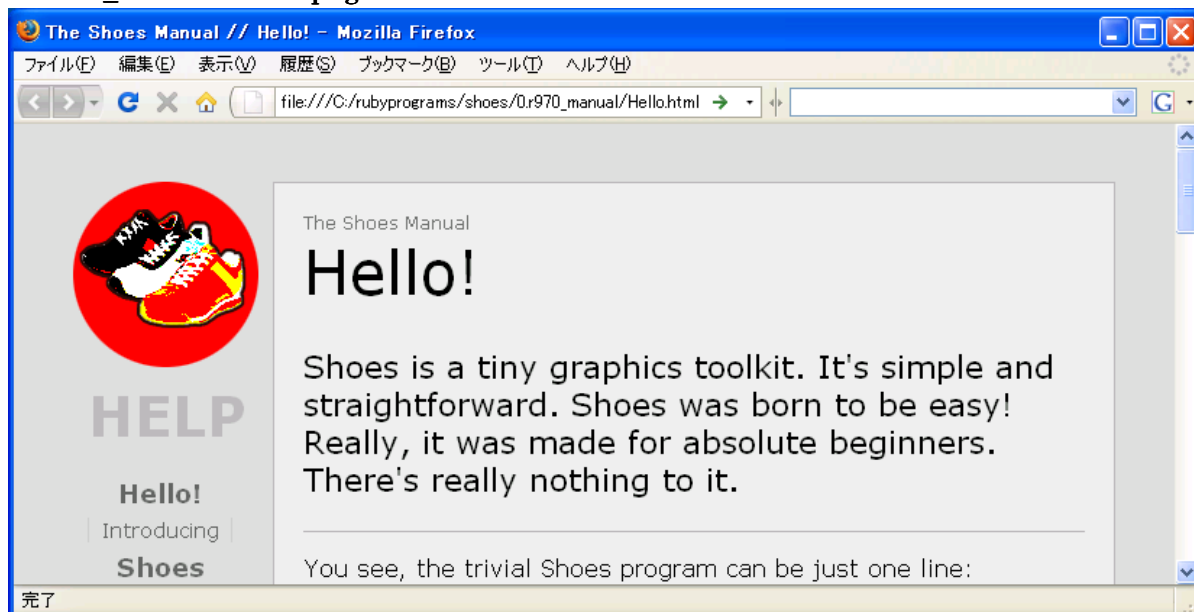


```
C:\>cd C:\Program Files\Common Files\Shoes\0.91057
```

```
C:\Program Files\Common Files\Shoes\0.91057>shoes --manual-html C:\rubyprograms\shoes\0.91057_manual
```

It works well! Html files were created in my pc. Cool!

# shoes\_manual-html2.png

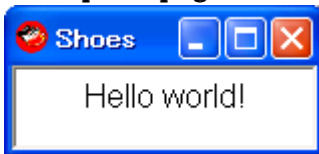


## 5.4 App object and coding style

A Shoes App object is a single window running code at a Shoes URL. When you switch Shoes URLs, a new App object is created. The App itself is a flow. The Shoes program has three coding style:

```
# sample16.rb
Shoes.app :width => 150, :height => 40 do
  para 'Hello world!', :align => 'center'
end
```

# sample16.png



```
# sample17.rb
class Hello < Shoes
  url '/', :index

  def index
    para 'Hello world!', :align =>
'center'
  end
end

Shoes.app :width => 150, :height => 40
```

# sample17.png

is the same as the above sample16.png.

```
# sample18.rb
class Hello < widget
  def initialize
    para 'Hello world!', :align => 'center'
  end
end

Shoes.app :width => 150, :height => 40 do
  hello
end
```

# sample18.png

is the same as the above sample16.png.

## 5.5 Built-in Constants and methods

Built-in Constants:

Shoes::RELEASE\_NAME

Shoes::RELEASE\_ID

Shoes::REVISION

Built-in methods:

These methods can be used anywhere throughout Shoes programs:

alert, ask, ask\_color, ask\_open\_file, ask\_save\_file, confirm, debug, error, exit, gradient,  
gray, info, rgb, warn

Read the Built-in manual -> Hello! -> Built-in section.

## 5.6 Scope: A tip of using the YAML file

```
# make_sample19_yaml.rb
require 'yaml'

data =<<-EOS
Satoshi Asakawa, Japan
Tom Jonson, Italy
EOS

Gang = Struct.new :name, :country

gangs = []
data.each{|d| gangs << Gang.new( *(d.chomp.split(',') ) )}

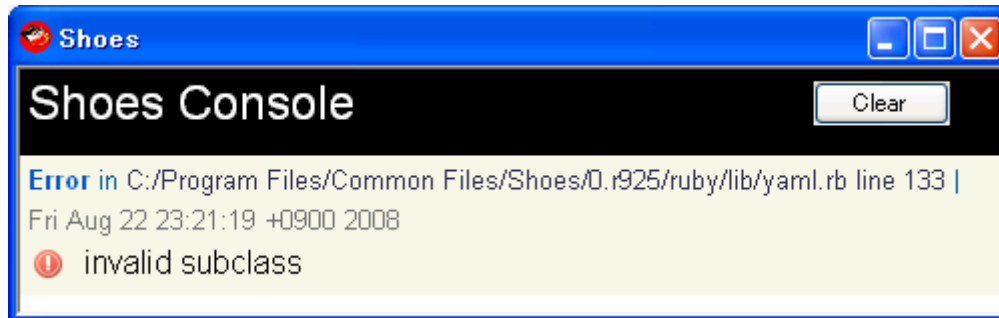
open('gangs.yml', 'w'){|f| f.puts YAML.dump(gangs)}
```

```
# gangs.yml
---
- !ruby/struct:Gang
  name: Satoshi Asakawa
  country: " Japan"
- !ruby/struct:Gang
  name: Tom Jonson
  country: " Italy"
```

```
# sample19.rb
require 'yaml'

Shoes.app do
  Gang = Struct.new :name, :country
  gangs = YAML.load_file(Dir.pwd + '/gangs.yml')
  gangs.each{|g| para g.name, g.country, "\n"}
end
```

# sample19.png



The top-level namespace in any Shoes app is Shoes.  
So, in the sample19.rb

```
Gang = Struct.new :name, :country
```

It really make a Shoes::Gang struct, not a Gang struct. I  
So, change that line to this and it (sample19-1.rb) works well.

```
::Gang = Struct.new :name, :country
```

```
# sample19-1.rb
require 'yaml'

Shoes.app :width => 200, :height => 100 do
  ::Gang = Struct.new :name, :country
  gangs = YAML.load_file(Dir.pwd + '/gangs.yml')
  gangs.each{|g| para g.name, g.country, "\n"}
end
```

# sample19-1.png



## 5.7 keypress, mouse and clipboard

We can get mouse events.

We can get a string from the system clipboard and also store a string into the clipboard.

```
# sample20.rb
Shoes.app :title => 'Sorter', :width => 180, :height => 80 do
  background gradient powderblue, royalblue
  msg = para '', :size => 8

  yar = image(Dir.pwd + '/yar.png', :left => 60, :top => 18).click do
    self.clipboard = self.clipboard.sort unless self.clipboard.nil?
    yar.transform :center
    a = animate(24) do |i|
      yar.rotate -15
      a.stop if i > 22
    end
  end
  yar.hover{msg.text = strong('Click Yar. She sorts clipboard text!')}
  yar.leave{msg.text = ''}
end
```

# sample20.png



An example of the output.

**before:**

Creatures name list is:

looginkff

cy

kamome

yar

shaha

Copy the above list into the system clipboard.

Click Yar and she will rotate (\*1).

Then paste the clipboard text into the place you want.

\*1: With Shoes-0.r925, Yar rotates well expected. But with Shoes-0.r970, Yar rotates when mouse moves out of the Shoes window. This behavior is a bug. It will be fixed in the next Shoes release.

**after:**

Creatures name list is:

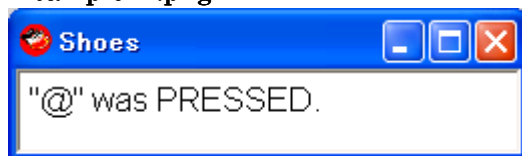
cy  
kamome  
loogink  
shaha  
yar

We can get keypress.

```
# sample21.rb
```

```
Shoes.app :width => 250, :height => 40 do  
  @info = para 'NO KEY is PRESSED.'  
  keypress{|key| @info.text = "#{key.inspect} was PRESSED."}  
end
```

**# sample21.png**





## 5.8 the Widget class

A custom Shoes widget is setup by inheriting from the Widget class.

And Shoes then creates a method using the lowercased name of the class which is used in your app.

```
# sample22.rb
class Answer < widget
  attr_reader :mark
  def initialize word
    para word
    @mark = image(Dir.pwd + '/loogink.png', :width => 20, :height => 20).hide
  end
end

Shoes.app :width => 200, :height => 130 do
  stack :width => 0.5 do
    background palegreen
    para '1. apple'
    ans = answer '2. tomato'
    para '3. orange'
    button('Ans.'){ans.mark.toggle}
  end
  stack :width => 0.5 do
    background lightsteelblue
    para '1. cat'
    para '2. dog'
    ans = answer '3. bird'
    button('Ans.'){ans.mark.toggle}
  end
end
```

# sample22.png

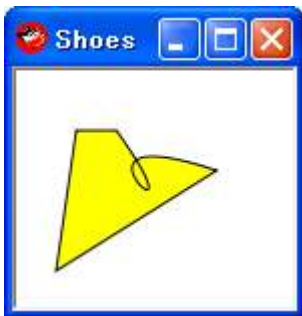


## 5.9 shape

We can make the arbitrary shape what ever we want.  
Beginning at coordinates (left, top).

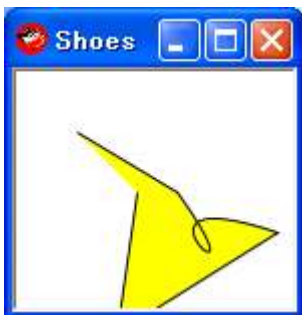
```
# sample23.rb
Shoes.app :width => 140, :height => 120 do
  fill yellow
  shape :left => 30, :top => 30 do
    line_to 50, 30
    curve_to 100, 100, 10, 20, 100, 50
    line_to 20, 100
    line_to 30, 30
  end
end
```

# sample23.png



Oops, with Shoes-0.r925, it doesn't work well.  
I'm not sure this behavior is the new spec or bug...  
The above screenshot is with Shoes-0.r905.

# sample23-1.png



With Shoes-0.r970, it works well. Although be a little bit different from the above pic...  
In the case of Shoes-0.r1057, it works as same as Shoes-0.r970.

## 5.10 mask

We can use a masking layer.

See the following information.

[Cut Holes In Shoes And Get A Mask](http://hackety.org/2007/08/28/cutHolesInShoesAndGetAMask.html)

(<http://hackety.org/2007/08/28/cutHolesInShoesAndGetAMask.html>)

```
# sample24.rb
Shoes.app :width => 160, :height => 80 do
  def mask_words
    strokewidth 4
    160.times do |i|
      stroke send COLORS.keys[rand COLORS.keys.length]
      line i * 4 - 50, 0, i * 4, 80
    end
    mask :margin => 4 do
      title strong 'Shoes'
    end
  end
end

mask_words
every 3 do
  clear{ mask_words }
end
end
```

# sample24.png



## 5.11 Drawing directly on to images

We can draw some elements on to the images.

In the below sample app, Cy (green creature) has a star!

```
# sample25.rb
Shoes.app :width => 250, :height => 76 do
  background lightsalmon
  icon = image :width => 74, :height => 74 do
    oval :width => 70, :height => 70, :fill => lightskyblue,
        :stroke => red, :left => 2, :top => 2
  end
  icon.image Dir.pwd + '/cy.png', :left => 10, :top => 8
  icon.star 35, 45, 5, 8, 3, :fill => hotpink, :stroke => nil
  msg = para '', :stroke => white

  icon.hover do
    @a = animate do
      button, left, top = self.mouse
      msg.replace strong icon[left, top]
    end
  end
  icon.leave do
    @a.stop
    msg.replace ''
  end
end
```

# sample25.png



In the case of Shoes-0.r970, you need doing the mouse leaving once. After that it works well.

In the case of Shoes-0.r1057, no need to do that.

## 5.12 Style

We can change the style of the element with the `style` method. Calling the `style` method with no arguments returns a hash of the styles presently applied to the element.

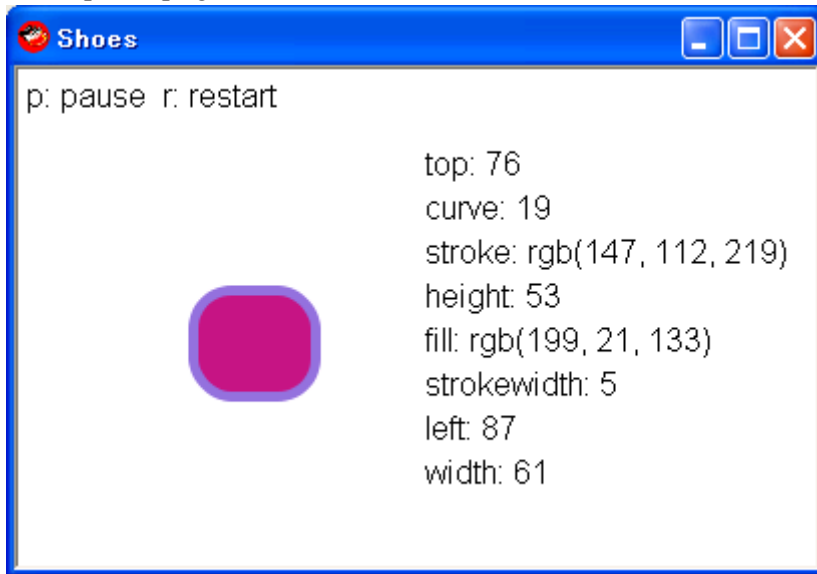
More information is : [6.3 Styling Master List](#)

```
# sample26.rb
Shoes.app :width => 400, :height => 250 do
  def sampling
    stack(:width => 1.0){para 'p: pause r: restart'}
    #stack(:width => 0.5){@o = oval 0, 0, 50}
    stack(:width => 0.5){@r = rect 0, 0, 50, 50, 10}
    stack(:width => 0.5){@p = para ''}

    @a = every(1) do
      @r.style :width => 10 + rand(100), :height => 10 + rand(100),
              :curve => rand(20),
              :fill => send( COLORS.keys[rand COLORS.keys.length] ),
              :strokewidth => rand(10),
              :stroke => send( COLORS.keys[rand COLORS.keys.length] )
      @r.move rand(100), rand(100)
      @p.replace @r.style.to_a.map{|e| e.join(': ')} .join("¥n")
    end
  end

  sampling
  keypress do |k|
    case k
    when 'p'
      @a.stop
    when 'r'
      @a.stop if @a
      clear{sampling}
    else
    end
  end
end
```

# sample26.png



### 5.13 Shoes.setup

If your Shoes app requires some libraries, this might be useful.  
See the following information.

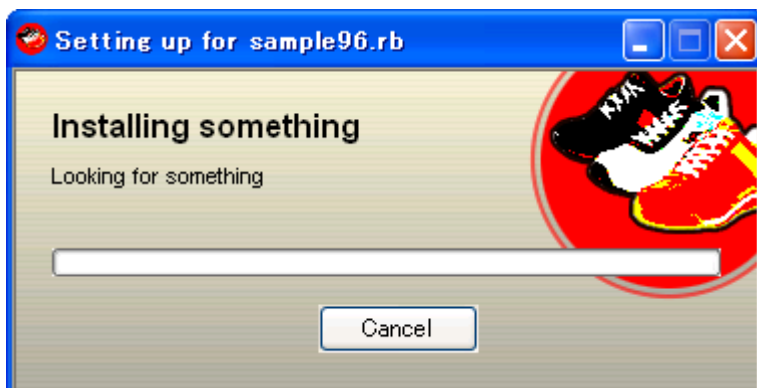
[Clearing Up The Whole Shoes And RubyGems Deal](http://hackety.org/2008/05/08/clearingUpTheWholeShoesAndRubyGemsDeal.html)

(<http://hackety.org/2008/05/08/clearingUpTheWholeShoesAndRubyGemsDeal.html>)

```
# sample27.rb
Shoes.setup do
  gem 'something'
end

Shoes.app do
  para require 'something'
end
```

# sample27.png



But now, with Shoes-0.r1057, this feature doesn't work well...

## 5.14 Downloader

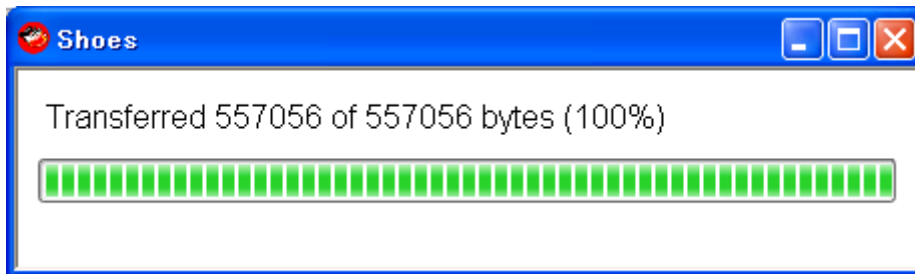
The methods `download` and `progress` are so cool.

Although `percent` and `length` methods don't work well now, `transferred` and `fraction` work well.

```
# sample28.rb
Shoes.app :width => 450, :height => 100 do
  stack :margin => 10 do
    url = 'http://shooooes.net/dist/shoes-0.r1057.exe'
    status = para "Downloading #{url}"
    p = progress :width => 1.0

    download url,
      :save => Dir.pwd + '/' + File.basename(url),
      :start => proc{|dl| status.text = 'Connecting...'},
      :progress => proc{|dl|
        status.text = "Transferred #{dl.transferred} of #{dl.length} bytes
        (#{dl.percent}%)\"
        p.fraction = dl.percent * 0.01},
      :finish => proc{|dl| status.text = 'Download finished'},
      :error => proc{|dl, err| status.text = "Error: #{err}" }
    end
  end
end
```

# sample28.png



More information about downloader. See the built-in manual.

Shoes includes the Hpricot library for parsing HTML.

### 5.15 Assign Shoes URL dynamically

We can use regular expressions to assign Shoes URL dynamically. Shoes passes the match data to the method as the argument. Show the following sample code revised the above sample11.rb.

```
# sample29.rb
class PhotoFrame < Shoes
  url '/', :index
  url '/(.+)', :index

  Creature = Struct.new :name, :sex, :wallpaper
  @@c = []
  @@c << Creature.new('loogink', 'She', 'tomato')
  @@c << Creature.new('cy', 'He', 'paleturquoise')

  def index n = rand(2)
    n = n.to_i
    background eval(@@c[n].wallpaper)
    image Dir.pwd + '/' + @@c[n].name + '.png', :left => 70, :top => 10
    para "¥n" * 3
    para strong "#{@@c[n].sex} is #{@@c[n].name.capitalize. :})", :stroke => white
    n = n.zero? ? 1 : 0
    para '->', link(strong(@@c[n].name.capitalize), :click => "/#{n}")
  end
end

Shoes.app :width => 200, :height => 120, :title => 'Photo Frame'
```

#### # sample29.png

is almost the same as the above sample11.png.



## 5.16 Classes List and Colors List

We can see the colors list in the built-in manual.

But we will also be able to see them by the following sample code.

```
# sample30.rb
Shoes.app :width => 642, :height => 700, :resizable => false do
  COLORS.keys.map{|sym|sym.to_s}.sort.each do |color|
    flow :width => 160, :height => 20 do
      c = send(color)
      fill c
      rect 0, 0, 160, 20
      inscription color, :stroke => c.dark? ? white : black
    end
  end
end
```

# sample30.png

Shoes			
aliceblue	antiquewhite	aqua	aquamarine
azure	beige	bisque	black
blanchedalmond	blue	blueviolet	brown
burlywood	cadetblue	chartreuse	chocolate
coral	cornflowerblue	cornsilk	crimson
cyan	darkblue	darkcyan	darkgoldenrod
darkgray	darkgreen	darkkhaki	darkmagenta
darkolivegreen	darkorange	darkorchid	darkred
darksalmon	darkseagreen	darkslateblue	darkslategray
darkturquoise	darkviolet	deeppink	deepskyblue
dimgray	dodgerblue	firebrick	floralwhite
forestgreen	fuchsia	gainsboro	ghostwhite
gold	goldenrod	gray	green
greenyellow	honeydew	hotpink	indianred
indigo	ivory	khaki	lavender
lavenderblush	lawngreen	lemonchiffon	lightblue
lightcoral	lightcyan	lightgoldenrodyellow	lightgreen
lightgrey	lightpink	lightsalmon	lightseagreen
lightskyblue	lightslategray	lightsteelblue	lightyellow
lime	limegreen	linen	magenta
maroon	mediumaquamarine	mediumblue	mediumorchid
mediumpurple	mediumseagreen	mediumslateblue	mediumspringgreen
mediumturquoise	mediumvioletred	midnightblue	mintcream
mistyrose	moccasin	navajowhite	navy
oldlace	olive	olivedrab	orange
orangered	orchid	palegoldenrod	palegreen
paleturquoise	palevioletred	papayawhip	peachpuff
peru	pink	plum	powderblue
purple	red	rosybrown	royalblue
saddlebrown	salmon	sandybrown	seagreen
seashell	sienna	silver	skyblue
slateblue	slategray	snow	springgreen
steelblue	tan	teal	thistle
tomato	turquoise	violet	wheat
white	whitesmoke	yellow	yellowgreen

\_why is thinking about some more method related colors.  
e.g. invert, dark?, light?, black?, white?, opaque?, transparent?  
We might be able to get them in the near future.

## 5.17 start, stop and restart

We can start something with initial condition, then stop and restart the same thing with other condition.

### #sample31.rb

```
Shoes.app :width => 150, :height => 70 do
  def number_on_disk
    fill eval(@color)
    nostroke
    oval 0, 0, 30
    @l = para ''
    animate(3){@l.replace strong @i+=1, :stroke => white}
  end

  @color = 'blue'
  @i = 0
  @slot = flow{number_on_disk}

  button('chang') do
    @slot.clear
    @color = %w(green red blue yellow)[rand(4)]
    @i = 0
    @slot.append{number_on_disk}
  end
end
```

### # sample31.png



### 5.18 Combination of image objects show/hide and mouse hover/leave

We've already learned many useful methods like show/hide and hover/leave.

This tiny sample shows us a wonderful combination.

#### #sample32.rb

```
Shoes.app :width => 350, :height => 250, :title => 'Menus' do
  def menu items
    flow do
      items.each_with_index do |e, i|
        nostroke
        nofill
        b = image(:width => 100, :height => 21){rect(0, 0, 100, 21)}
        f = image(:width => 100, :height => 21){rect(0, 0, 100, 21,
                                                    :fill => yellow,:curve => 8)}.hide

        b.move 0, i*23
        f.move 0, i*23
        para i, '. ', e, "¥n"
        b.hover{f.show; @msg.text = strong(e)}
        b.leave{f.hide; @msg.text = ''}
      end
    end
  end

  para 'Selected: '
  @msg = para '', :stroke => green

  flow :left => 50, :top => 50 do
    para strong "what?¥n"
    menu %w(apple tomato orange)
  end

  flow :left => 200, :top => 50 do
    para strong "who?¥n"
    menu %w(Satoshi Krzysztof Victor Leticia Mareike)
  end
end
```

#### # sample32.png



This one is another sample code. It shows the MENUs using many buttons.

#### #sample33.rb

```
Shoes.app :title => 'Button MENU', :height => 250 do
  def menu title, items, n
    button title, :align => 'center', :width => 100 do
      if @toggle[n]
        items.each{|e| @f[n].append{button(e, :align => 'center',
                                          :width => 100){@msg.text = strong(e)}}}
      else
        @f[n].clear
        @msg.text = ''
      end
      @toggle[n] = !@toggle[n]
    end
  end

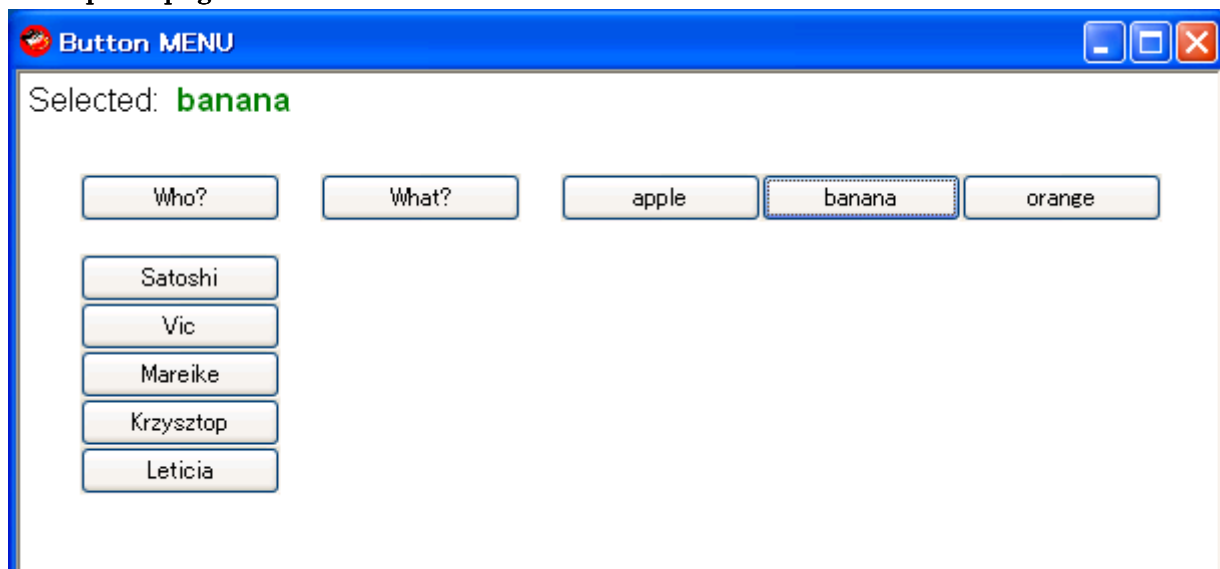
  para 'Selected: '
  @msg = para '', :stroke => green

  @toggle = true, true
  @f = []

  flow :left => 30, :top => 50, :width => 100 do
    menu 'Who?', %w(Satoshi Vic Mareike Krzysztop Leticia), 0
  end
  @f << flow(:left => 30, :top => 90, :width => 100)

  flow :left => 150, :top => 50, :width => 100 do
    menu 'What?', %w(apple banana orange), 1
  end
  @f << flow(:left => 270, :top => 50, :width => 400)
end
```

#### # sample33.png



And this one is a combination of sample32 and 33.

#### #sample34.rb

```
Shoes.app :title => 'Image MENU', :height => 250 do
  background lightskyblue.to_s..lightsalmon.to_s, :angle => 30

  def menu title, items, n
    nostroke
    nofill
    tb = image(:left => 0, :top => 0, :width => 100,
               :height => 21){rect(0, 0, 100, 21)}

    para strong title
    @f ||= []
    @f << flow do
      items.each_with_index do |e, i|
        nostroke
        nofill
        b = image(:width => 100, :height => 21){rect(0, 0, 100, 21)}
        f = image(:width => 100, :height => 21){rect(0, 0, 100, 21,
                                                    :fill => khaki,:curve => 8)}.hide

        yield b, f, i, e
        b.hover{f.show}
        b.leave{f.hide}
        b.click{@msg[n].text = strong(e)}
      end
    end.hide

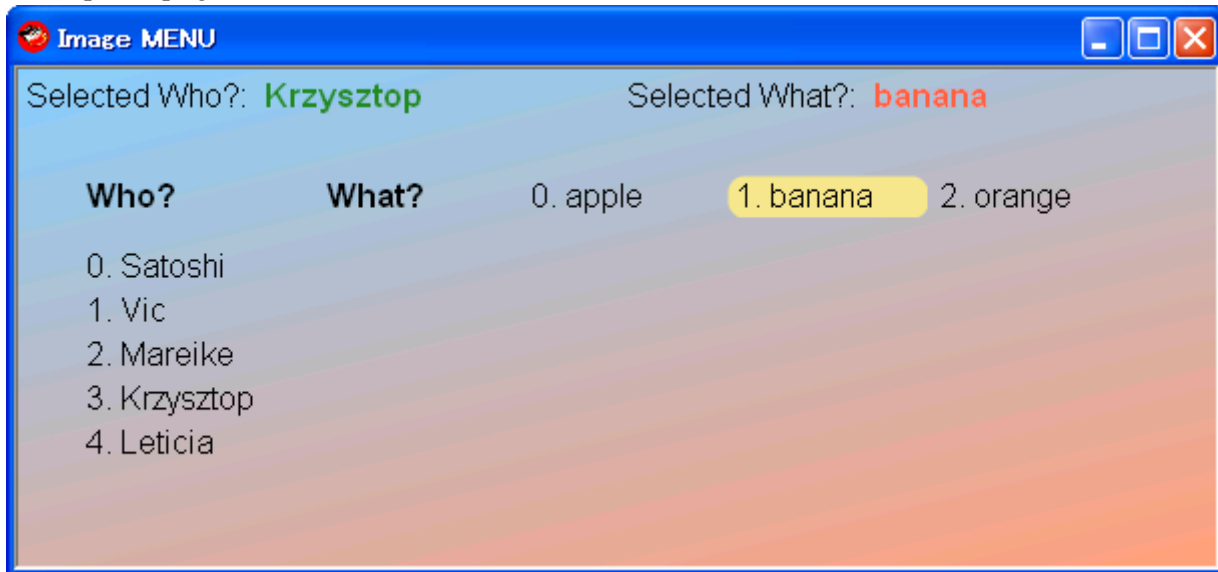
    tb.click{@f[n].toggle; @msg[n].text = ''}
  end

  @msg = []
  para 'Selected who?: '
  @msg << para(' ', :stroke => forestgreen)
  para 'Selected what?: ', :left => 300
  @msg << para(' ', :stroke => tomato)

  flow :left => 30, :top => 50, :width => 100 do
    menu 'who?', %w(Satoshi Vic Mareike Krzysztop Leticia), 0 do |b, f, i, e|
      b.move 0, i*23
      f.move 0, i*23
      para i, ' ', e, "\n"
    end
  end

  flow :left => 150, :top => 50, :width => 400 do
    menu 'what?', %w(apple banana orange), 1 do |b, f, i, e|
      b.move((i+1)*102, -32)
      f.move((i+1)*102, -32)
      para "#{i}. #{e}", :left => 150 + (i+1)*102, :top => 50
    end
  end
end
```

# sample34.png



If you want to hide the items when mouse clicks on it, do the following revising and try to run.

Line No.20

```
b.click{@msg[n].text = strong(e)}  
----> b.click{@msg[n].text = strong(e); @f[n].toggle}
```

Line No.24

```
tb.click{@f[n].toggle; @msg[n].text = ''}  
----> tb.click{@f[n].toggle}
```

# The edited code is sample34-1.rb and the screenshot is sample34-1.png.

# This MENUs-like user interface original idea was provided by Krzysztop Wicher.

## 5.19 arc and cap

New arc and cap methods are released in the 970<sup>th</sup> build.

See the following [article](#):

(<http://newwws.shoooes.net/2008/09/10/arcs.html>)

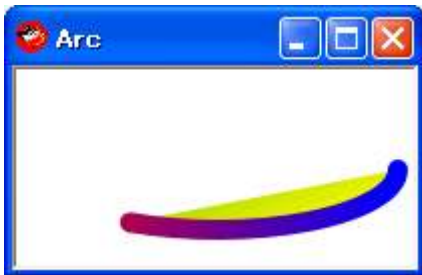
And \_why shows us a wonderful combination of the animate method.

### #sample35.rb

```
Shoes.app :width => 200, :height => 100, :title => 'Arc' do
  fill green.to_s..yellow.to_s, :angle => 45
  stroke red.to_s..blue.to_s, :angle => 90
  strokewidth 10
  cap :round

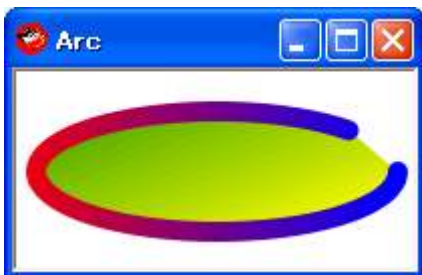
  a = animate 12 do |i|
    @c.remove if @c
    r = i * (PI * 0.01)
    @c = arc 100, 50, 180, 60, 0, i * (PI * 0.01)
    a.stop if r >= TWO_PI
  end
end
```

### # sample35.png



Started....

### # sample35-1.png



Almost finished....



## 5.20 widget with block

It's good using the widget object with block in the case of getting the keypress or the mouse event smoothly.

```
#sample36.rb
class Creature < widget
  def initialize
    msg = para '', :stroke => white
    c = image Dir.pwd + '/yar.png'
    yield c, msg
  end
end

Shoes.app :width => 140, :height => 70 do
  flow :left => 10, :top => 10 do
    background blue.to_s..green.to_s, :width => 100, :height => 30
    creature do |c, msg|
      c.click do
        msg.text = 'Uhhhh...'
        a = animate(20){|i| c.rotate(-15); a.stop if i > 22}
      end
      c.hover{msg.text = 'hello'}
      c.leave{msg.text = ''}
    end
  end
end
```

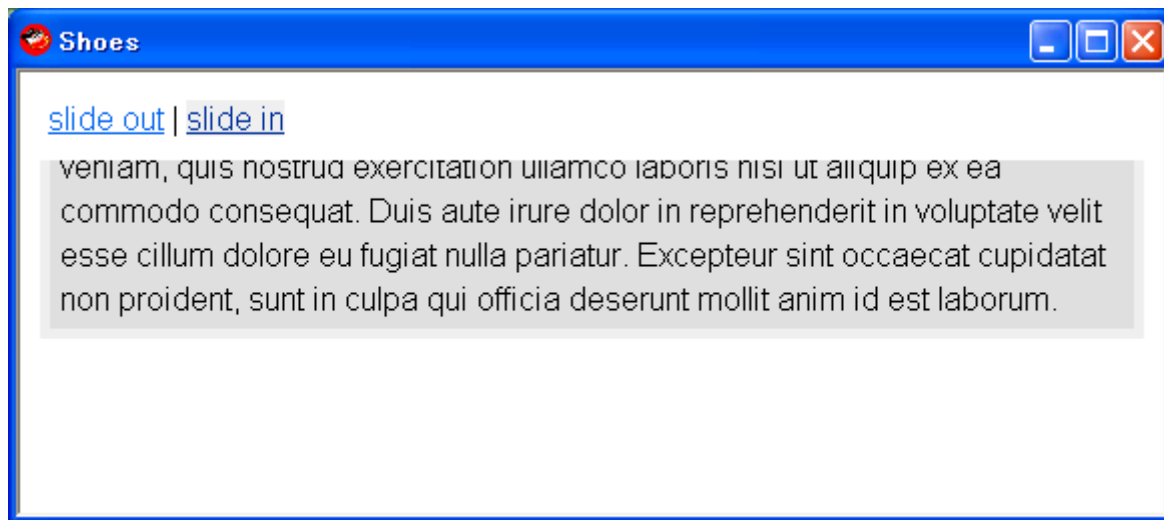
# sample36.png



## 5.21 text message slide-in

\_why gave us his one thousandth commit of Shoes on 24th Sep. And a new sample code simple-slide.rb: testing slide-in slide-out animation, too. This is the screenshot.

# simple-slide.png



Next sample code, sample37.rb, which works almost similar behavior of the text message slide-in by using mask and animate methods.

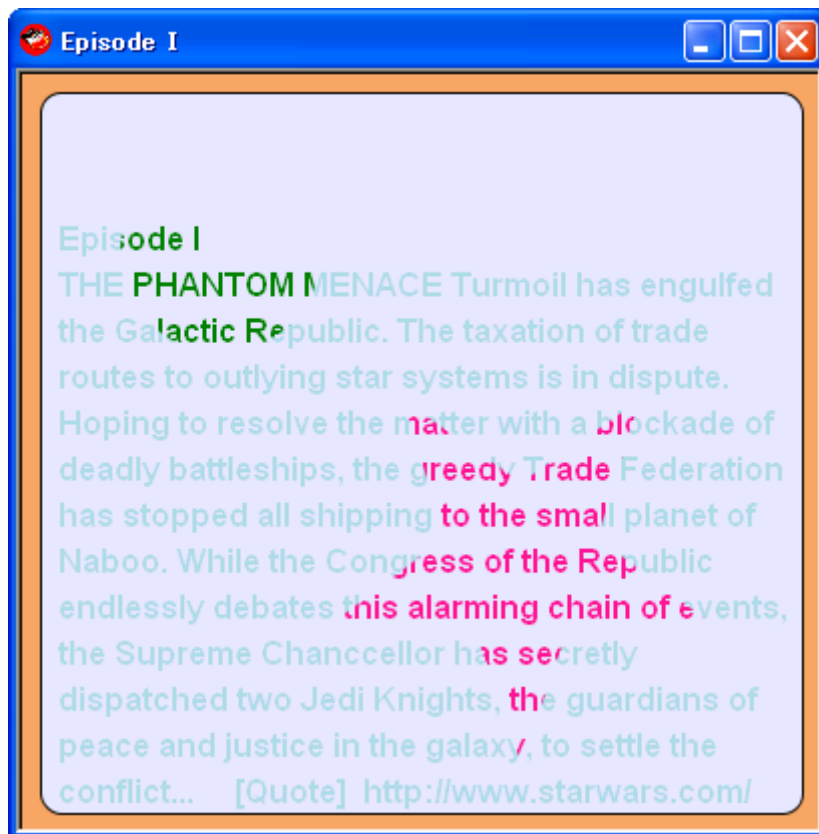
### #sample37.rb

```
episode1 =<<-EOS
Episode I
THE PHANTOM MENACE Turmoil has engulfed the Galactic Republic. The taxation of trade
routes to outlying star systems is in dispute. ¥
Hoping to resolve the matter with a blockade of deadly battleships, the greedy Trade
Federation has stopped all shipping to the small planet of Naboo. ¥
While the Congress of the Republic endlessly debates this alarming chain of events,
the Supreme Chancellor has secretly dispatched two Jedi Knights, the guardians
of peace and justice in the galaxy, to settle the conflict... ¥
[Quote]
http://www.starwars.com/episode-iii/bts/production/f20050126/indexp2.html
EOS

Shoes.app :width => 400, :height => 380, :title => 'Episode I' do
  rect 0, 0, 400, 380, :fill => sandybrown
  rect 10, 10, 380, 360, :fill => lavender, :curve => 10
  stack do
    nostroke
    rect 10, 10, 380, 360, :fill => lightblue
    oval 50, 40, 100, :fill => green
    star 250, 245, 5, 100, 40, :fill => deeppink, :angle => 90
    mask do
      @t = para strong(episode1), :left => 15, :top => 340, :width => 380
    end

    @a = animate(36) do |i|
      @t.left, @t.top = 15, 340 - i
      @a.stop if i > 330
    end
  end
end
```

# sample37.png



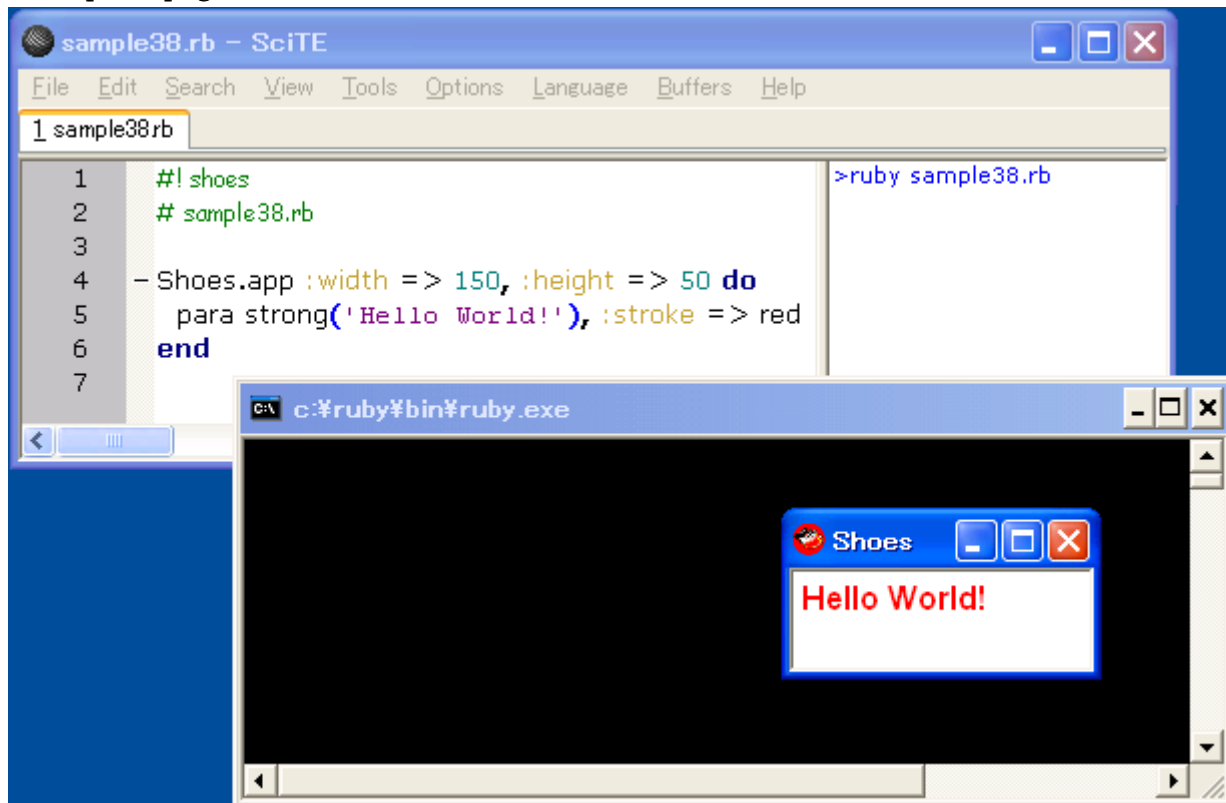
## 5.22 #! shoes

The sample38.rb has #! shoes on its first line. Shell will see the program file has a #! line and pass it to Shoes.

```
#sample38.rb
#! shoes
# sample38.rb

Shoes.app :width => 150, :height => 50 do
  para strong('Hello world!'), :stroke => red
end
```

### # sample38.png



Write code with SciTE and push F5, then kick up Shoes!

And next.

The sample38-1.rb is a Ruby program, not Shoes app. But it'll launch the Shoes app.

```
#sample38-1.rb

%x(ruby sample38.rb)
```

### 5.23 loading widgets from other files?

The sample39.rb has a require method to load the custom widget class stored in the other file (sample39\_creature.rb).

loading widgets from other files?

<http://www.mail-archive.com/shoes@code.whytheluckystiff.net/msg01971.html>

The Main App and Its Requires

<http://help.shoooes.net/Rules.html>

#### #sample39.rb

```
require 'sample39_creature'
```

```
Shoes.app :title => 'go next', :width => 300, :height => 300 do
```

```
  background moccasin, :margin=> 20, :curve => 20
```

```
  c = creature(Dir.pwd + '/loogink.png', 50, 100)
```

```
  routes = [[100, 50], [150, 50], [200, 100], [200, 150], [150, 200], [100, 200],  
            [50, 150], [50, 100], [150, 50], [100, 200], [50, 100]]
```

```
  i = -1
```

```
  para link('go next'){
```

```
    begin
```

```
      x, y = routes[(i+=1) % 10]
```

```
      @msg.text = "#{c.position.inspect}-->[#{x},#{y}]"
```

```
      c.glide [x, y], :line => true
```

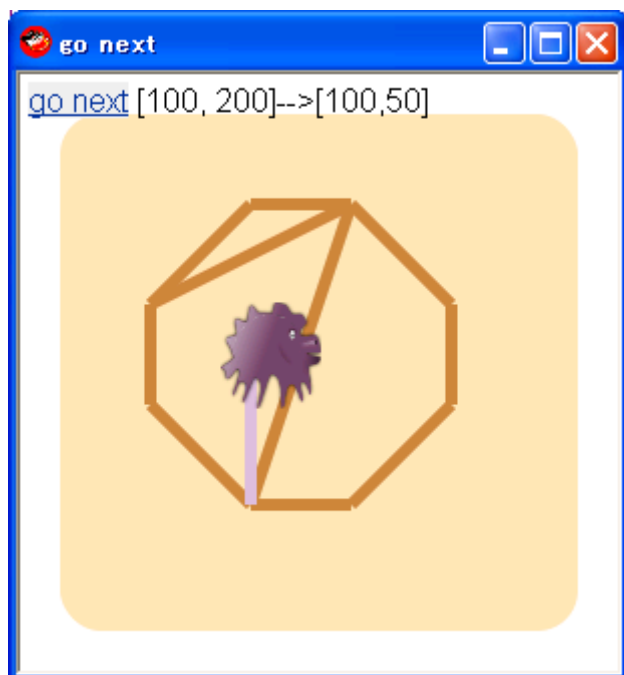
```
    end unless c.playing?
```

```
  }
```

```
  @msg = para ''
```

```
end
```

#### # sample39.png



### #sample39\_creature.rb

```
class Shoes::Creature < Shoes::Widget
  def initialize path, x, y
    @path = path
    @img = image path
    @img.move x, y
  end
  def glide args, opt = {:line => false}
    args << @img.left << @img.top
    x1, y1, x0, y0 = args.collect{|e| e.to_f}
    a = animate(48) do |i|
      @playing = true
      case
        when x0 < x1
          x = x0 + i
          y = y0 + (y1 - y0) / (x1 - x0) * i if y0 < y1
          y = y0 if y0 == y1
          y = y0 - (y0 - y1) / (x1 - x0) * i if y0 > y1
          max = x1 - x0
        when x0 == x1
          x = x0
          y = y0 + i if y0 < y1
          y = y0 - i if y0 > y1
          y = y0 if y0 == y1
          max = (y1 - y0).abs
        when x0 > x1
          x = x0 - i
          y = y0 + (y1 - y0) / (x0 - x1) * i if y0 < y1
          y = y0 if y0 == y1
          y = y0 - (y0 - y1) / (x0 - x1) * i if y0 > y1
          max = x0 - x1
        else
          end
      @l.remove if @l
      strokewidth 6
      @l = line(x0 + 15, y0 + 15, x.to_i + 15, y.to_i + 15,
                :stroke => thistle) if opt[:line]
      #@img.move x.to_i, y.to_i
      @img.remove
      @img = image @path, :left => x.to_i, :top => y.to_i
      if i == max
        a.stop
        @playing = false
        line(x0 + 15, y0 + 15, x.to_i + 15, y.to_i + 15, :stroke => peru) if opt[:line]
        @img.remove
        @img = image @path, :left => x.to_i, :top => y.to_i
      end
    end
  end
  def position
    [@img.left, @img.top]
  end
  def playing?
    @playing
  end
end
```

## 5.24 optional arguments

When we create an oval shape, like

```
oval :left => 50, :top => 50, :width => 30
```

The `:left` and `:top` positions are the top-left corner of the oval.

But we create an star shape, like

```
star :left => 50, :top => 50, :points => 5, :outer => 15, :inner => 10
```

The `:left` and `:top` positions are the center of the star.

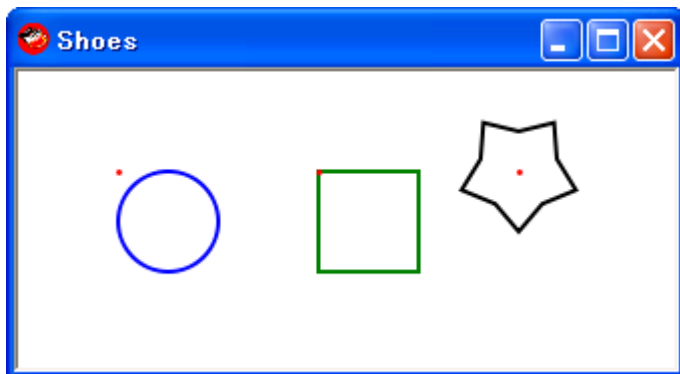
A bit strange behavior...

# This information was provided by Sergio Silva.

```
# sample40.rb
```

```
Shoes.app :width => 330, :height => 150 do
  nofill
  strokewidth 2
  oval 50, 50, 50, :stroke => blue
  rect 150, 50, 50, 50, :stroke => green
  star 250, 50, 5, 30, 20, :stroke => black
  oval 50, 50, 1, :stroke => red, :fill => red
  oval 150, 50, 1, :stroke => red, :fill => red
  oval 250, 50, 1, :stroke => red, :fill => red
end
```

# sample40.png



We can use the `:center` option to specify the coordinates. But it works well only in the case of the oval and rect methods except the star method. If we add undefined option, like `:oops`, as one of the arguments, no error will occur and nothing will happen, just ignored.

Although I don't know this behavior is a spec or a bug...

# **# sample40-1.rb**

```
Shoes.app do
  stack :width => 0.3 do
    nofill
    strokewidth 2
    oval 50, 50, 1, :stroke => red, :fill => red
    @o = oval 50, 50, 50, :stroke => blue, :center => false, :oops => true
    @p1 = para '', :top => 150
  end

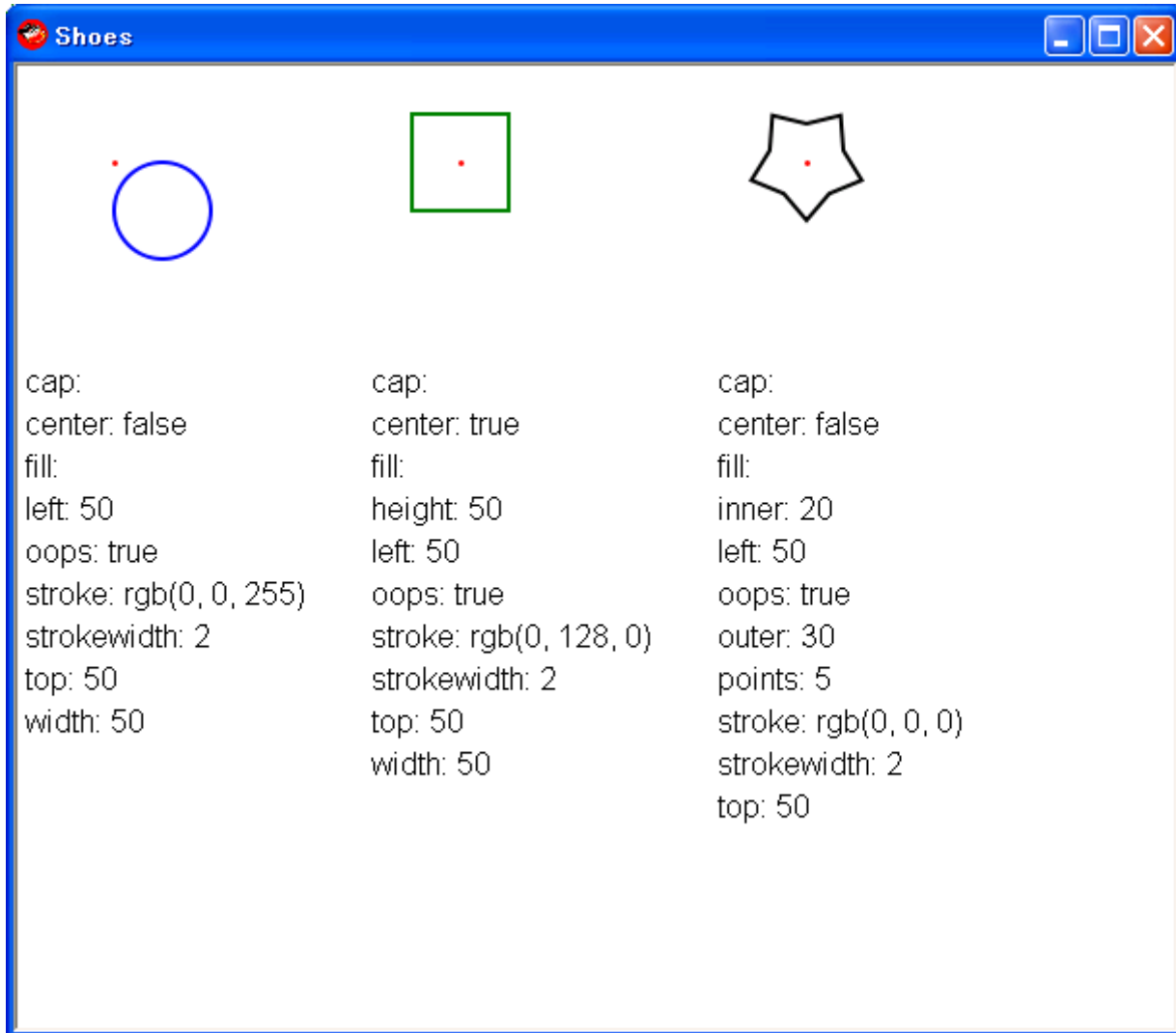
  stack :width => 0.3 do
    nofill
    strokewidth 2
    oval 50, 50, 1, :stroke => red, :fill => red
    @r = rect 50, 50, 50, 50, :stroke => green, :center => true, :oops => true
    @p2 = para '', :top => 150
  end

  stack :width => 0.4 do
    nofill
    strokewidth 2
    oval 50, 50, 1, :stroke => red, :fill => red
    @s = star 50, 50, 5, 30, 20, :stroke => black, :center => false, :oops => true
    @p3 = para '', :top => 150
  end

  @p1.text = @o.style.map{|e| e.join(': ')}>.sort>.join("\n")
  @p2.text = @r.style.map{|e| e.join(': ')}>.sort>.join("\n")
  @p3.text = @s.style.map{|e| e.join(': ')}>.sort>.join("\n")
end
```



# sample40-1.png



In the above sample40-1, the oval and rect methods accepted :center option, but the star method ignored it as same as the undefined option :oops.

## 5.25 slot with scrollbar

The `:scroll` option establishes the slot as a scrolling slot.

```
# sample41.rb
Shoes.app :width => 240, :height => 161, :resizable => false do
  image Dir.pwd + '/jellybeans.jpg'
  flow :width => 100, :height => 40, :left => 2, :top => 2, :scroll => true do
    background bisque
    30.times do |i|
      color = COLORS.keys.map{|sym|sym.to_s}.sort_by{rand}
      para "colorful jellybeans", :stroke => send(color.first)
    end
  end
end
```

# sample41.png



## 6. Hot Topics in the Shoes ML and Shoooes.net

Picked up some topics here which were discussed in the Shoes ML nowadays.

### 6.1 External Fonts

\_why added support to Shoes for loading .ttf and .otf files (and others, depending on your platform.)  
Can't wait next build.

[+ external font files](#)

(<http://www.mail-archive.com/shoes@code.whytheluckystiff.net/msg02092.html>)

### 6.2 Locking edit\_box

If Shoes makes the edit\_box read-only, we can select (copy) text data from that.

[Locking edit boxes](#)

(<http://www.mail-archive.com/shoes@code.whytheluckystiff.net/msg02120.html>)

### 6.3 Styling Master List

It's the last big missing piece of the built-in manual.

[The Styles Master List](#)

(<http://help.shoooes.net/Styles.html>)

## 7. Assignment

### 7.1 Assignment 1 – twitter client (reader)

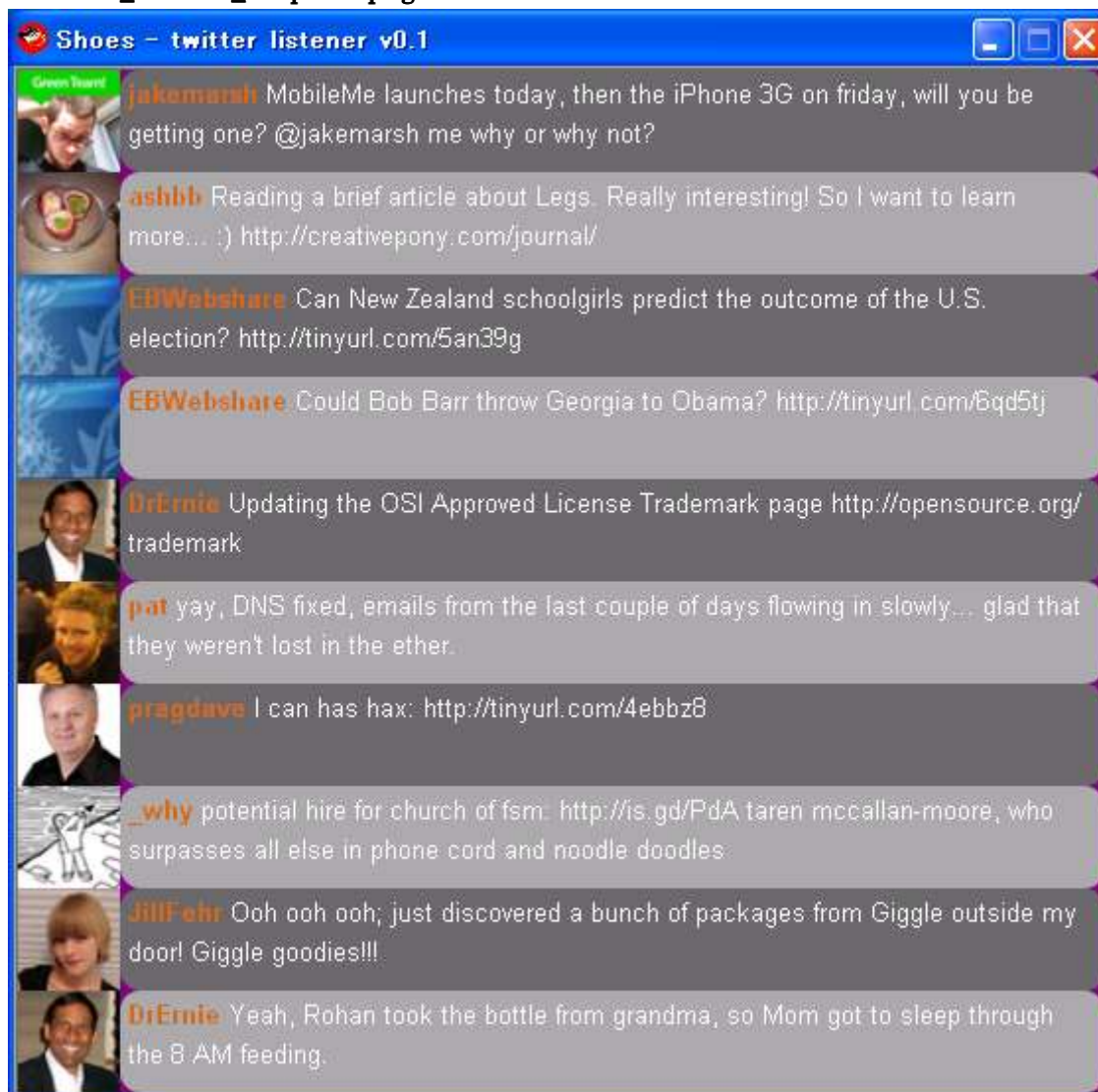
The following spec is an example.

Let's imagine freely and write your own twitter listener.

#### Example spec:

1. Access your twitter homepage: <http://twitter.com/home>
2. Get the friends timeline: [/statuses/friends\\_timeline.xml](#)
3. Display the latest 10 twitters.
4. User interface image is:

#### # twitter\_listener\_snapshot.png



Have fun!

## 7.2 Assignment 2 – footracer

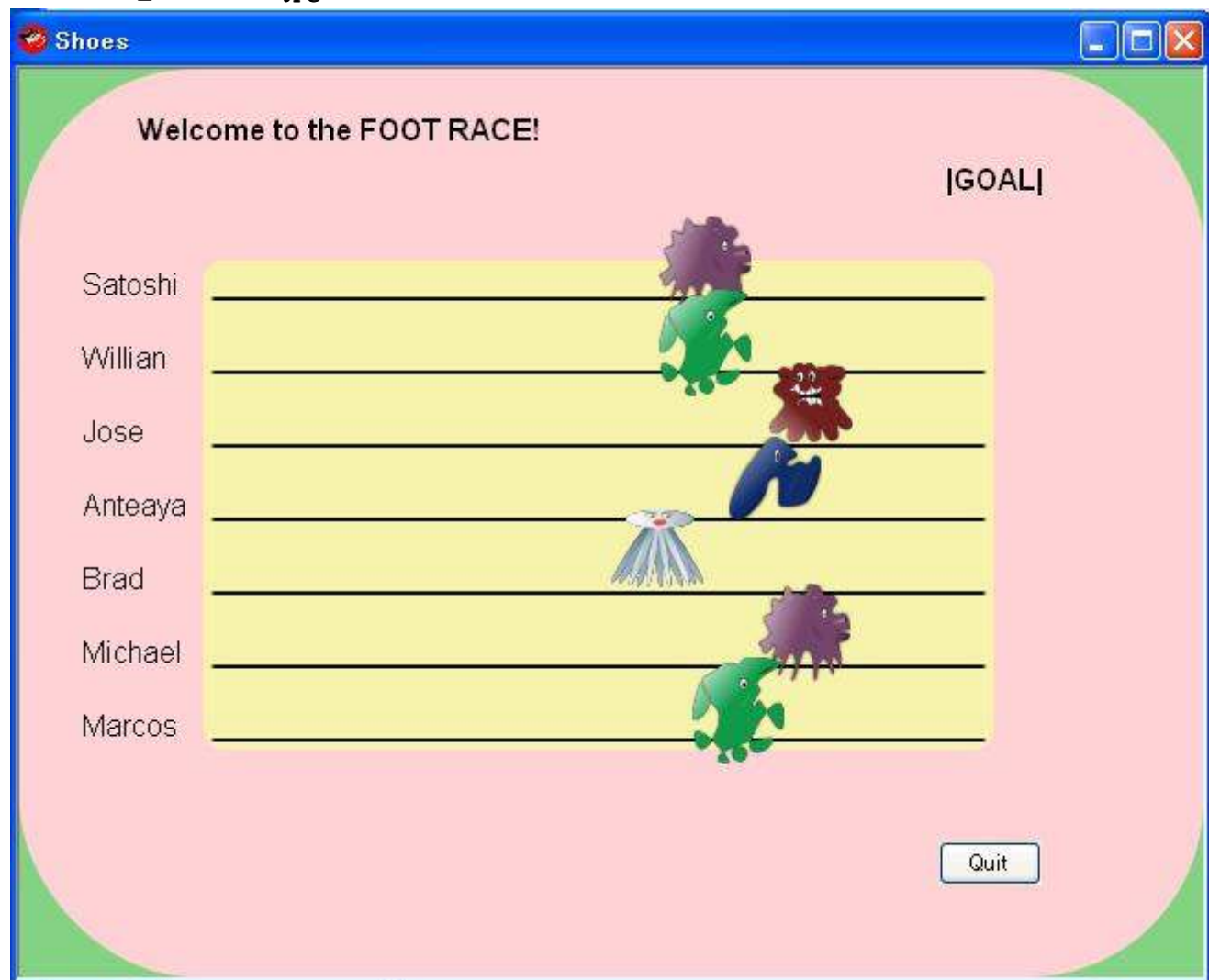
The following spec is an example.

Let's imagine freely and write your own Foot Race Game.

### Example spec:

1. Racers run toward the goal.  
When the first racer meets the goal line, the game stops and then shows the winner.
2. When multiple racers meet the goal line at a time, they are all winners.
3. User inputs racers' names.
4. Until user selects quit the game, user can play the game repeatedly.
5. User interface image is:

# footracer\_screenshot.jpg



Have fun!

## 8. Relevant web sites (Links)

- **Three manuals:** Nobody Knows Shoes (NKS) and Built-in Manual and Online Reference Manual.  
<http://shoooes.net/manuals/>
- **The Shoes Help Desk:** The spot for beginners and advanced Shoesers alike.  
<http://help.shoooes.net/>
- **The Shoebox**  
<http://the-shoebox.org/>
- **Rubyinside.com the latest article**  
[Shoes – Rubys Cross Platform GUI App Toolkit - Grows Up](http://www.rubyinside.com/whys-shoes-grows-up-1014.html)  
(<http://www.rubyinside.com/whys-shoes-grows-up-1014.html>)

## 9. Appendix

### 9.1 Advanced article

- [Threaded XMLHttpRequest In Shoes](http://hackety.org/2008/08/15/threadedDownloadsInShoes.html)  
(<http://hackety.org/2008/08/15/threadedDownloadsInShoes.html>)
- [Stamping EXEs And DMGs](http://hackety.org/2008/06/19/stampingExesAndDmgs.html)  
(<http://hackety.org/2008/06/19/stampingExesAndDmgs.html>)
- [Martin DeMello's Gooley Challenge](http://hackety.org/2008/06/12/martinDemellosGooleyChallenge.html)  
(<http://hackety.org/2008/06/12/martinDemellosGooleyChallenge.html>)
- [The Image Block At The Bottom Of Shoes](http://hackety.org/2008/05/22/theImageBlockAtTheBottomOfShoes.html)  
(<http://hackety.org/2008/05/22/theImageBlockAtTheBottomOfShoes.html>)

### 9.2 Shoes mailing list in English

To join the mailing list:

Send a message to shoes AT code.whytheluckystiff.net  
Cc: why AT whytheluckystiff.net

The archives are available at

<http://www.mail-archive.com/shoes@code.whytheluckystiff.net/>

or

<http://news.gmane.org/gmane.comp.lib.shoes>

### 9.3 Shoes mailing list in Spanish

<http://groups.google.com/group/zapatos>

### 9.4 Shoes IRC channel

#shoes on irc.freenode.net

## 10. Trivia

- list\_box needs to set :height explicitly

```
# sample91.rb
Shoes.app :width => 300, :height => 60 do
  button('OK'){@msg.text = @e.text}
  @e = list_box :items => ['blue', 'red', 'yellow'] , :height => 30
  @msg = para ''
end
```

### # sample91.png



Try to comment out :height => 30 and run.

The list\_box doesn't show the items.

But this strange behavior occurs only on Windows. On Mac OS X, it doesn't.

# This OS X information was provided by George Thompson.

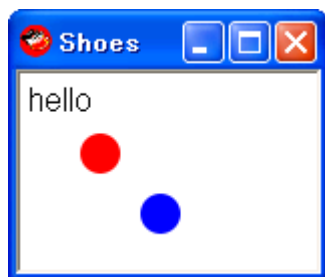
- wonder the mouse event behavior

```
# sample92.rb
Shoes.app :width => 150, :height => 100 do
  @msg = para ''
  nostroke

  @img = image :width => 20, :height => 20, :left => 30, :top => 30 do
    oval :radius => 10, :fill => red
  end
  @img.hover{ @msg.replace 'hello' }
  @img.leave{ @msg.replace '' }

  @o = oval :left => 60, :top => 60, :radius => 10, :fill => blue
  @o.hover{ @msg.replace 'hi' }
  @o.leave{ @msg.replace '' }
end
```

# sample92.png



The image (red) oval works the mouse hovering feature but the blue doesn't. This behavior is a bug. But it is fixed in the latest Shoes-0.r970.

#### - Shoes Fest

<http://shoes.yapok.org/>

#### - Shoes was born July 31st, 2007.

Yes, July 31st is the birthday and now one year old.

#### - Shoes wiki

[New Shoes wiki](#) was launched at Sep 12th, 2008.

(<http://github.com/why/shoes/wikis>)

[Old one](#) was retired. Now linked to the [Shoes Official Homepage](#).

(<http://code.whytheluckystiff.net/shoes/>)

(<http://shoooes.net/>)

#### - Built-in sample apps

See the following directory (in the case of Windows XP and Shoes-0.r970)

There are many sample code. Let's hack!

C:\Program Files\Common Files\Shoes\0.r970\samples

#### - Building Shoes

If you have to build Shoes by yourself, [this information](#) might be useful.

(<http://github.com/why/shoes/wikis/buildingshoes>)

#### - The Rules Of Shoes and UTF-8 Everywhere

Shoes [scope](#) makes us a bit confusing...

Shoes supports [UTF-8](#) everywhere. Can't wait to get the next build.

(<http://newwws.shoooes.net/2008/09/22/the-rules-of-shoes.html>)

#### - A very decent intro to shoes for beginners

<http://ruby.about.com/od/shoes/Shoes.htm>



- **Lovely creatures in this tutorial created by Anita Kuno.**

Each creature has his/her own name.

- \* purple is **loogink**
- \* brown is **Yar**
- \* green is **Cy**
- \* blue is **kamome**
- \* white is **shaha**

**# sample93.rb**

```
Shoes.app :width => 400, :height => 75, :title => 'Lovely Creaturs' do
  background "#D0A".."#F90", :angle => 90
  x = 0
  creatures = %w(loogink yar cy kamome shaha).collect{|c| image Dir.pwd +
    "/#{c}.png", :left => x += 60}

  messages =<<-EOS
  Thx for reading. :)
  See you!
  Enjoy Ruby and Shoes!
  EOS
  messages = messages.to_a

  msg = subtitle '', :top => 30, :stroke => white
  animate(3) do
    creatures.each{|c| c.move c.left, rand(15)}
  end

  creatures.each do |c|
    c.hover{msg.text = strong messages[rand(messages.length)]}
    c.leave{msg.text = ''}
  end
end
```

**#sample93.png**



Let's enjoy Ruby and Shoes with the Lovely Creaturs!

**FIN.**