

Exercise 55

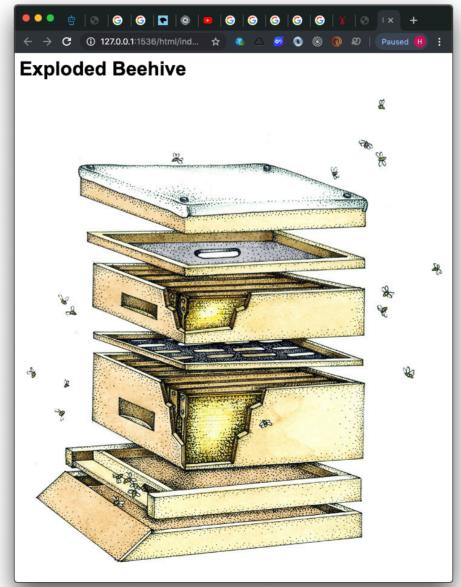
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IMAGE MAPPING

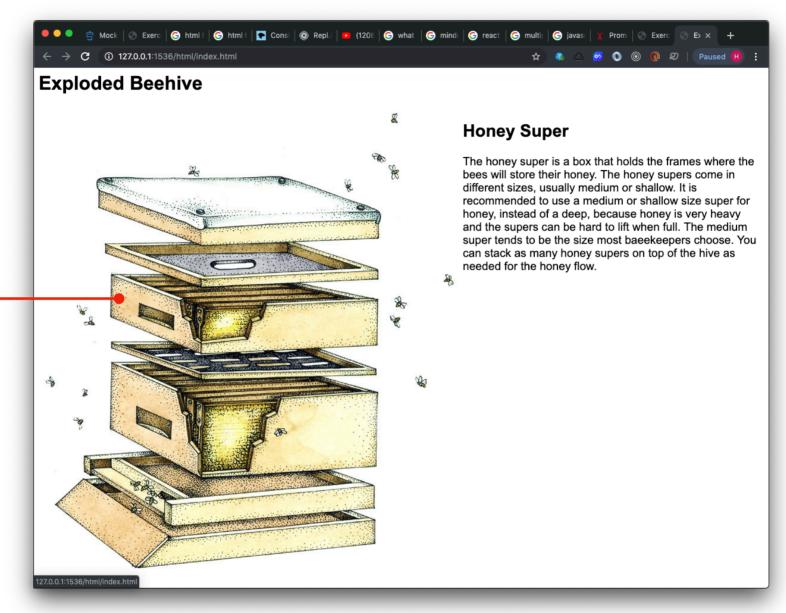
This is one of my favorite exercises, probably because it uses a technology called *image mapping* that was one of the first ones I used when I first started programming.

The idea of image mapping is that you take an image and create clickable regions on that image. Here's

the image I used:



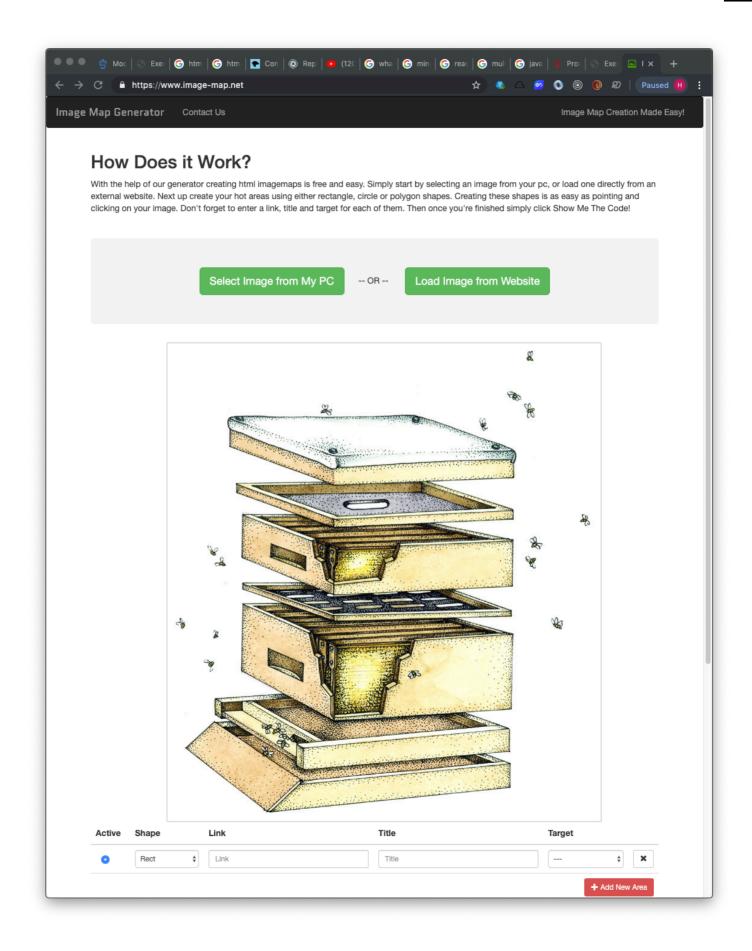
The goal is to map out separate regions that, when clicked on, will be processed by our code. In this exercise, when you click on an image, you'll get more information on the part of the beehive you clicked on:



This part of the beehive is called a "honey super". When the defined area of the image is clicked on, information about that part is displayed.

Take a look at index.html. You'll see that there is a <map> element with child <area> elements. These <area> elements have a coords attribute that holds a list of pixels that defines the shape.

How crazy-hard is it to get those coords? It's very simple. Google "image map generator" and take your pick. The one I used is www.image-map.net. Upload your image, then point and click to define the outline of the area. When you're done, download the code!



Examine index.js. You'll probably be surprised by just how little code is required to create a very cool app.