

Computers & the Humanities 281**Fundamentals Exam Review**

The exam is worth 100 points and will cover Revolution fundamentals, as taught in class to this point in the semester. It will consist of a stack which you must edit/modify to specifications section, as well as address a few select questions. For this examination you are welcome to use any notes and resources you have accumulated or compiled, with the exception of another student.

Note: This review is neither intended nor designed to be comprehensive. Rather, it is provided as stimulus to further study.

Useful Review Topics:**Authoring Environment**

- Palettes
(What are the tools and their functions? What about the alignment palette?)
- Menus
(How do you access the card properties? When do the menu items change?)
- Button Bar
(What does the "New" button do? Does that ever change?)

Objects

- How to create, position, copy and delete.
(How do you create/move/copy/delete an object?)
- Styles, options, properties.
(What kinds of properties are unique to certain objects? What are the different color properties and how are they changed?)
- Text font/style/size etc.
(How do you change the font of the text displayed by an object?)

Scripts/Transcript

- Create and Edit Handlers
(How do you access a script? What's the relationship between a script and a handler?)
- Commands: hide, show, put, go, wait, beep, etc.
(How do certain handlers work? What do they accomplish?)
- Functions: date, time, etc.
(What's the time and what's the long time?)
- Visual Effects
(What is the proper utilization of a visual effect?)

Groups vs Cards

- Considerations
(What is the relationship between a group and a card? What makes a group unique/useful?)
- Practical usage
(How do you create/place/move/edit/copy/remove/delete a group? What are the consequences?)

Message Hierarchy

- Basic Definitions
(What is a message? How are they generated? What is the relationship between **target** and **me**?)
- Message path
(What happens if an object doesn't have a handler for a message?)

General Advice

It would be to your benefit to study the lecture notes (though much pertinent information presented in the lectures themselves is not found in its entirety in the lecture notes). Ensure that you are familiar with what was required in the assignments and how to accomplish the tasks described. Much of the exam is an extrapolation of some of the principles covered in class and the assignments.

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