PROJECT: Create a sleep and wake clock for

pre-literate children that runs on

mobile platforms (Android and iOS)

CLIENT: [self]

TOOLS: Eclipse / Flash Builder

Java / ActionScript 3.0

Flash Professional

DESCRIPTION: Very young children often awake

before parents. They can not read

clocks, so can not determine whether

the current time is an acceptable

wake time. This clock uses color to indicate time and proximity to wake

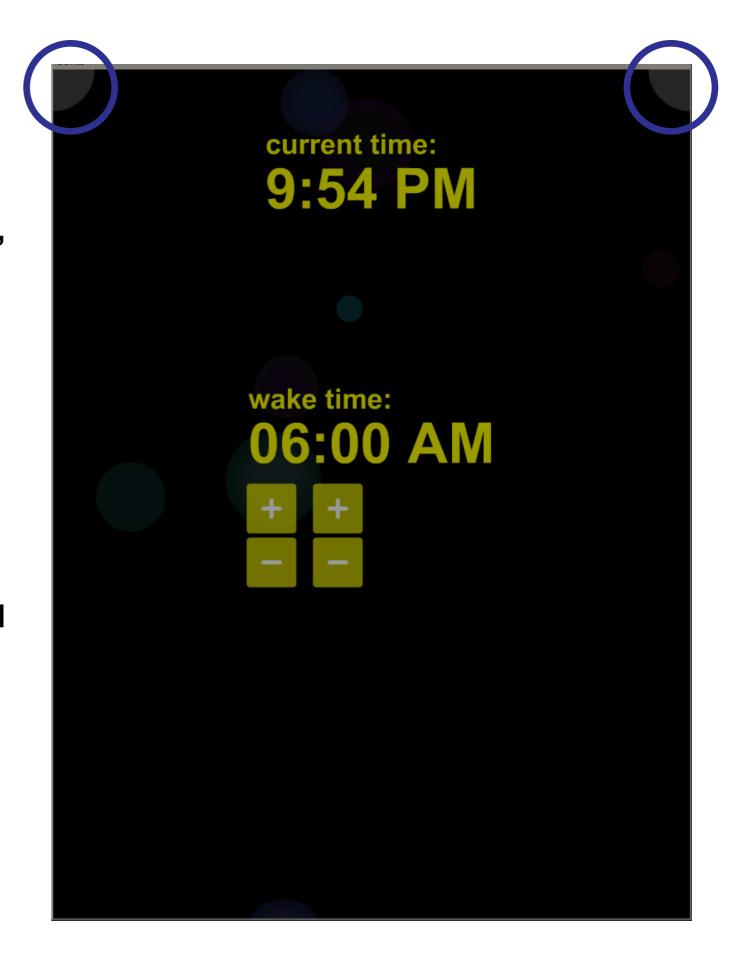
time, and provides relaxing visuals.

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The application launches and renders out the slowly-sliding semi-transparent circles. The 'bubbles' drift slowly across the screen, at random speeds, colors, directions and transparency. The bubbles change color as the Wake Time approaches, and when it is reached.

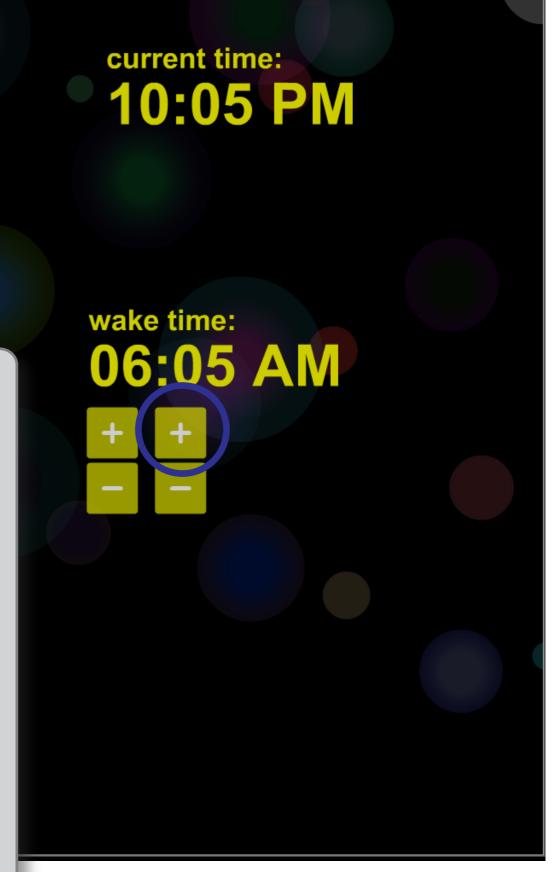
The top-left and top right corners (circled in purple) hold static semi-circles that are actually buttons. They are camoflaged, because toddlers also understand how touchscreens work, and will push any button that is obviously a button.

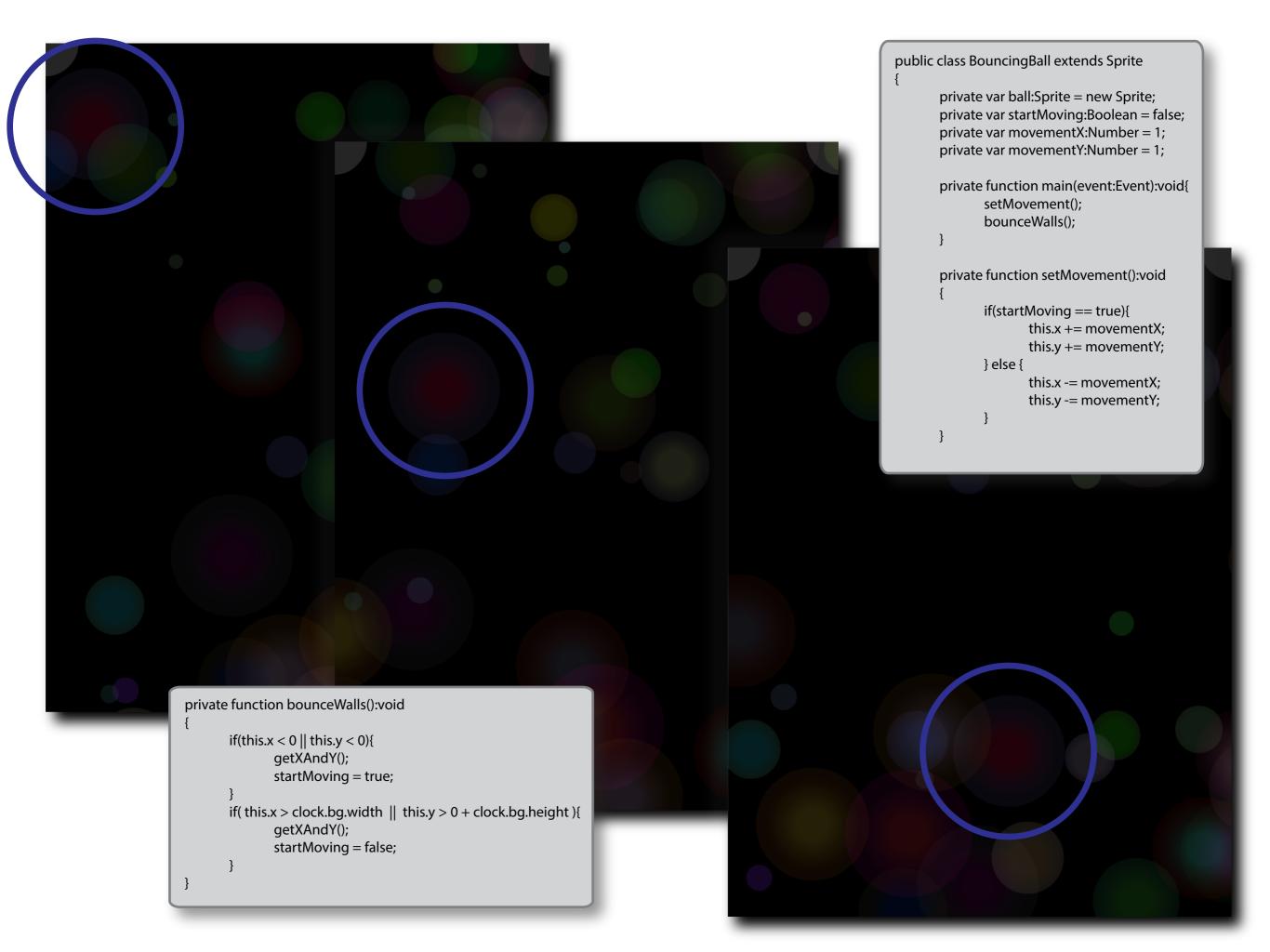
Top-left spawns and destroys the time/wake interface. Top-right quits the application.



Every screen touch adds one bubble to the background. Bubbles can be added by touching anywhere on the interface. The code structure that permits this involves having the entire interface held in a single object, with a listener assigned to the container object.

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private function onlnit():void
NativeApplication.nativeApplication.systemIdleMode = SystemIdleMode.KEEP_AWAKE;
Multitouch.inputMode=MultitouchInputMode.TOUCH_POINT;
addBackground();
for(var i:int=0; i<numberOfBalls;i++){</pre>
       addBouncingBall();
setChildIndex(bg, numChildren - 1);
btnCurrentTime = new TimeDisplayButton();
btnCurrentTime.clock = this;
btnCurrentTime.addTimeDisplay();
bg.addChild(btnCurrentTime);
btnExit = new ExitButton();
btnExit.x = stage.stageWidth;
bg.addChild(btnExit);
bg.addEventListener(MouseEvent.CLICK, addBouncingBall_event);
wakeTimeDisplay = addWakeTimeDisplayWithControls(wakeTimeDisplay, "wakeTimeDisplay");
startTimer();
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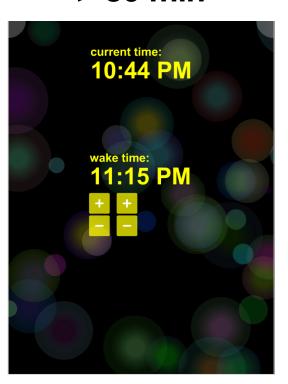




The clock works by changing colors as the wake time approaches. Toddlers may not read numeric clocks, but they understand color as a symbol and can assign meaning: Not Yet / Soon / Wake.



> 30 min



30 to 5 min



30+ minutes from wake: multicolor

30 to 5 minutes before wake: blue tint

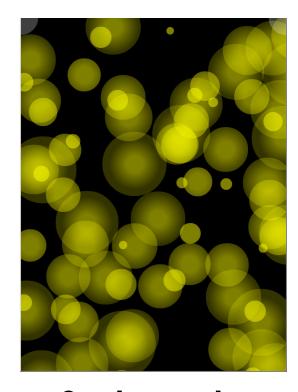
5 to 0 minutes before wake: red tint

Wake Time: yellow tint

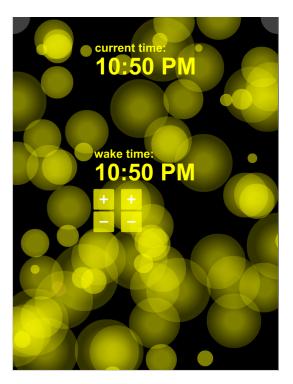


5 to 0 min





0 min: wake



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public function checkAlarm():void
if(this.alarmOn == true){
        var diff:Number = timeWake.getTime() - timeNow.getTime();
        var i:int;
       if( diff < 30*60*1000 && diff > 5*60*1000){
               // 30 min * 60 sec * 1000 ms
               for( i=0;i<numChildren;i++){</pre>
                      if(getChildAt(i) is BouncingBall){
                              tintColor(getChildAt(i) as Sprite, 0x0000FF, 0.5);
       if( diff < 5*60*1000 && diff > 0){
               // 5 min * 60 sec * 1000 ms
               for( i=0;i<numChildren;i++){</pre>
                      if(getChildAt(i) is BouncingBall){
                              tintColor(getChildAt(i) as Sprite, 0xFF0000, 0.5);
        if(timeNow.hours == timeWake.hours && timeNow.minutes == timeWake.minutes){
               // keep this all in the same date range to manage duration of alarm signal
               timeWake = timeNow;
               for( i=0;i<numChildren;i++){
                      if(getChildAt(i) is BouncingBall){
                              tintColor(getChildAt(i) as Sprite, 0xFFFF00, 1);
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   else {
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