

Adding Text to a Scene

Draw text in your scene, such as a health indicator or a “Game Over” banner, by using a label node.

Overview

Most apps need to display text at some point, and implementing it correctly yourself can take a significant amount of work. But the `SKLabelNode` class does all of the work necessary to load fonts and create text for display.

Create a new label node by calling the `labelNodeWithFontNamed:` class method. Then configure the other label properties, especially the `text` property. The size of a label node is determined implicitly by its `fontName`, `fontSize`, and `text` properties.

By default, the text label is centered horizontally on the label node’s origin, with the font’s baseline passing through the origin. The `verticalAlignmentMode` and `horizontalAlignmentMode` properties can be used to adjust the label’s position relative to the origin. The following code demonstrates how to create a new text label.

```
let winner = SKLabelNode(fontNamed: "Chalkduster")
winner.text = "You Win!"
winner.fontSize = 65
winner.fontColor = SKColor.green
winner.position = CGPoint(x: frame.midX, y: frame.midY)

addChild(winner)
```

Whenever you change the label node’s properties, the label node is automatically updated the next time the scene is rendered.