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covering its core features, the draw and transform methods, and examples
of creating custom drawable objects.
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Introduction to SFML

Below is an discussion of SFML that focuses on its reinforcement of Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) principles. We'll start with an overview of SFML in general, covering its key features, and then delve into how it supports OOP concepts, including method overriding and custom transformations.

SFML (Simple and Fast Multimedia Library) is a modern C++ library for building multimedia applications such as games, simulations, and graphical tools. It provides modules for:

- **Graphics**: Rendering shapes, sprites, and text.
- **Windowing**: Managing windows and handling user input.
- **Audio**: Playing sound effects and music.
- **Networking**: Facilitating client-server communication.

Core Features

1. Cross-Platform: Works on Windows, macOS, and Linux.
2. Ease of Use: Simplifies common multimedia tasks with clean and intuitive APIs.
3. Performance: Optimized for real-time applications.

OOP in SFML

- SFML is heavily object-oriented, with its core classes encapsulating specific functionality:
  - `sf::Sprite`, `sf::Text`, and `sf::Shape` inherit from `sf::Drawable` and `sf::Transformable`, reinforcing polymorphism and reuse.
  - Users can extend SFML classes, overriding methods like draw to create custom objects.

Key OOP Principles in SFML

1. Encapsulation:
   - Classes like sf::RenderWindow hide the complexity of rendering and event handling.
2. Inheritance:
   - SFML encourages creating custom drawable objects by inheriting from `sf::Drawable` and `sf::Transformable`.
3. Polymorphism:

    - Methods like `sf::RenderTarget::draw` use polymorphism to render any object derived from `sf::Drawable`.

Basic SFML Example

- Here's a simple program to demonstrate SFML's structure:

```
#include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
#include <iostream>

int main() {
sf::RenderWindow window(sf::VideoMode(800, 600), "SFML Example");

    sf::CircleShape shape(50);
    shape.setFillColor(sf::Color::Green);
    shape.setPosition(375, 275);

    while (window.isOpen()) {
        sf::Event event;
        while (window.pollEvent(event)) {
            if (event.type == sf::Event::Closed) {
                window.close();
            }
        }

        window.clear();
        window.draw(shape);
        window.display();
    }

    return 0;

}
```

- **Core Concepts:**
    - **Encapsulation:** `sf::RenderWindow` manages rendering.
    - **Polymorphism:** `window.draw(shape)` calls the appropriate draw method.

OOP Reinforcement in SFML

Overriding the draw Method

The `sf::Drawable` class defines a virtual draw method. To create custom drawable objects, you can override this method in a derived class.

- **Example:** Custom Drawable Object

```
#include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
#include <iostream>
```

```
class CustomShape : public sf::Drawable {
private:
    sf::CircleShape shape;

public:
    CustomShape(float radius) {
    shape.setRadius(radius);
    shape.setFillColor(sf::Color::Blue);
    shape.setPosition(200, 200);
}

private:
    virtual void draw(sf::RenderTarget& target, sf::RenderStates states)
const override {
        target.draw(shape, states);
    }
};

int main() {
    sf::RenderWindow window(sf::VideoMode(800, 600), "Custom Drawable");

    CustomShape myShape(50);

    while (window.isOpen()) {
        sf::Event event;
        while (window.pollEvent(event)) {
            if (event.type == sf::Event::Closed) {
                window.close();
            }
        }

        window.clear();
        window.draw(myShape);
        window.display();
    }

    return 0;

}
```

- **Key Takeaways:**
    - The draw method uses polymorphism to handle custom rendering logic.
    - `sf::RenderStates` allows applying transformations, shaders, or blend modes.

Extending `sf::Transformable` for Custom Transformations

The `sf::Transformable` class provides built-in methods for managing position, rotation, scale, and origin. By inheriting from `sf::Transformable`, you can add or override transformation logic.

- **Example:** Custom Transformations

```
#include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
#include <cmath>

class RotatingShape : public sf::Drawable, public sf::Transformable {
private:
sf::RectangleShape shape;

public:
RotatingShape(float width, float height) {
shape.setSize({width, height});
shape.setFillColor(sf::Color::Red);
shape.setOrigin(width / 2, height / 2);
shape.setPosition(400, 300);
}

    void update(float deltaTime) {
        rotate(100 * deltaTime);  // Rotate 100 degrees per second
    }

private:
virtual void draw(sf::RenderTarget& target, sf::RenderStates states) const
override {
states.transform \*= getTransform(); // Apply custom transformation
target.draw(shape, states);
}
};

int main() {
sf::RenderWindow window(sf::VideoMode(800, 600), "Custom Transformable");
sf::Clock clock;

    RotatingShape rotatingRect(100, 50);

    while (window.isOpen()) {
        sf::Event event;
        while (window.pollEvent(event)) {
            if (event.type == sf::Event::Closed) {
                window.close();
            }
        }

        float deltaTime = clock.restart().asSeconds();
        rotatingRect.update(deltaTime);

        window.clear();
        window.draw(rotatingRect);
        window.display();
    }

    return 0;

}
```

- **Key Takeaways:**
  - `getTransform()` provides the current transformation matrix.
  - Transformations like rotate, move, and scale are encapsulated in `sf::Transformable`.

Combining Custom Drawables and Transformations

- **Example:** A Complex Drawable with Animation

```
#include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
#include <cmath>

class AnimatedCircle : public sf::Drawable, public sf::Transformable {
private:
    sf::CircleShape shape;
    float elapsedTime = 0;

public:
    AnimatedCircle(float radius) {
    shape.setRadius(radius);
    shape.setFillColor(sf::Color::Cyan);
    shape.setOrigin(radius, radius);
    shape.setPosition(400, 300);
    }

    void update(float deltaTime) {
        elapsedTime += deltaTime;
        float scaleFactor = 1 + 0.2f * std::sin(elapsedTime * 3);  //
Pulsating effect
        setScale(scaleFactor, scaleFactor);
    }

private:
    virtual void draw(sf::RenderTarget& target, sf::RenderStates states)
const override {
        states.transform \*= getTransform();
        target.draw(shape, states);
    }
};

int main() {
sf::RenderWindow window(sf::VideoMode(800, 600), "Animated Circle");
sf::Clock clock;

    AnimatedCircle circle(50);

    while (window.isOpen()) {
        sf::Event event;
        while (window.pollEvent(event)) {
            if (event.type == sf::Event::Closed) {
                window.close();
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            }
        }

        float deltaTime = clock.restart().asSeconds();
        circle.update(deltaTime);

        window.clear();
        window.draw(circle);
        window.display();
    }

    return 0;

}
```

Key OOP Concepts Reinforced by SFML

OOP Principle	**SFML Application**
Encapsulation	Encapsulates graphics, windowing, and input handling into easy-to-use classes like `sf::RenderWindow` and `sf::CircleShape`.
Inheritance	Allows extending core classes like `sf::Drawable` and `sf::Transformable` to create custom behaviors.
Polymorphism	Enables rendering of any drawable object through `sf::RenderTarget::draw`, leveraging the overridden draw method.
Reusability	Common transformations and rendering logic (positioning, rotation, scaling) are abstracted in base classes like `sf::Transformable`.