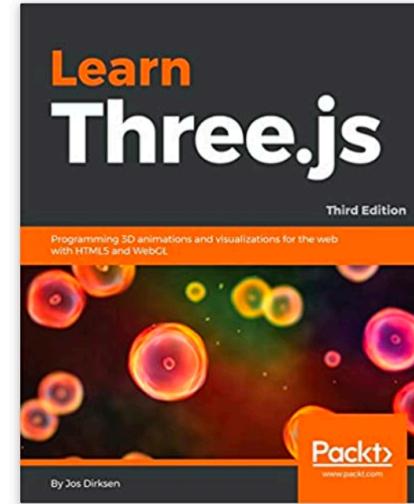


COMPUTER GRAPHICS



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INTRODUCTION TO CANVAS DRAWING

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Topics for today

- Covered last time
 - The HTML5 <canvas> element
 - Drawing rectangles
 - Drawing paths
- Drawing arcs in paths
- Setting properties of path segments
- Transformations and saving and restoring state

Topics for today

- Exercises
 - draw a tree
 - draw a house
 - draw a village

Homework

- Read Canvas tutorials:
 - [MDN Canvas Tutorial](#)
 - [HTML Canvas Graphics](#)

The HTML5 <canvas> element

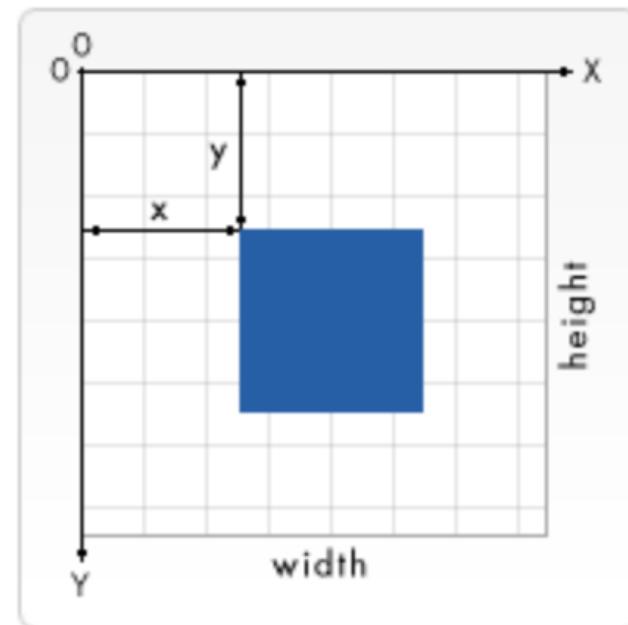
- This section is based on the [MDN Canvas Tutorial](#)
- Provides a canvas on which JavaScript can draw
 - `<canvas id="canvas" width="300" height="300"></canvas>`
- We will use the 2D drawing context for now
 - Also used by WebGL and Three.js for 3D
 - behind the scenes

A simple example ([codepen](#))

- <!DOCTYPE html>
- <html>
- • <head>
- • <meta charset="utf-8"/>
- • <script type="application/javascript">
- • function draw() {
- • var canvas = document.getElementById('canvas');
- • if (canvas.getContext) {
- • var ctx = canvas.getContext('2d');
- • ctx.fillStyle = 'rgb(200, 0, 0)';
- • ctx.fillRect(10, 10, 50, 50);
- • ctx.fillStyle = 'rgba(0, 0, 200, 0.5)';
- • ctx.fillRect(30, 30, 50, 50);
- • }
- • }
- • </script> </head> <body onload="draw();"> <canvas id="canvas" width="150" height="150"></canvas> </body>
- </html>

Canvas grid

- All elements are placed relative to this origin
 - => Position of the top left corner of the blue square = x pixels from the left and y pixels from the top
 - at coordinate (x, y)





Tree starter (example) ↗

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HTML

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3  <head>
4      <meta charset="utf-8"/>
5  </head>
6  <body onload="draw();">
7  >    <canvas id="canvas" width="300"
height="300"></canvas>
8  </body>
9  </html>
```



The HTML5 <canvas> element

- To access the 2D context from JavaScript:
 - `var canvas = document.getElementById('canvas');`
 - `var ctx = canvas.getContext('2d');`



A screenshot of a code editor window titled "JS". The code is a script for drawing a tree on a canvas. Red annotations highlight specific parts of the code:

- A red arrow points from the left margin to the opening brace of the main function at line 1.
- A red bracket spans from the opening brace of the main function at line 1 to the closing brace at line 14.
- A red arrow points from the left margin to the assignment of "ctx" at line 4.
- A red bracket spans from the assignment of "ctx" at line 4 to the closing brace at line 14.

```
var canvas =  
  document.getElementById('canvas');  
if (canvas.getContext) {  
  var ctx = canvas.getContext('2d');  
  
  // flip the coordinate frame  
  ctx.save();  
  flipY(ctx);  
  
  drawTreeAt(ctx, 200, 50, 90, 20, 30);  
  
  ctx.restore();  
}  
}
```

Example - canvas

- Tree Starter

Drawing rectangles

- Canvas only supports two primitive shapes: rectangles and paths
- To draw rectangles:
 - `fillRect(x, y, width, height)`: Draws a filled rectangle
 - `strokeRect(x, y, width, height)`: Draws a rectangular outline
 - `clearRect(x, y, width, height)`: Clears the specified rectangular area, making it fully transparent
- (x,y) in this case specifies the top left corner

Example: strokeRect

- Example: strokeRect
- [strokeRect example](#)

Drawing paths

- A path is a list of points, connected by segments of lines
- Segments can be different shapes, curved, straight, different colors

Drawing paths

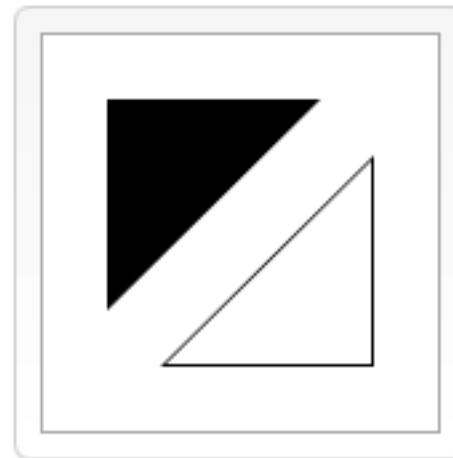
- To make shapes using paths
 - Create the path using beginPath()
 - Use moveto(x,y) to go to the start point
 - Add segments to the path
 - Use lineto(x,y) to continue to each point
 - Call closePath();
 - closePath is optional when using fill
 - Draw it using either fill() or stroke()
 - fill() = solid shape
 - stroke() = just outline

Drawing Paths

- Draw a triangle:
 - [Triangle - outline only](#)
 - [Triangle Canvas Example](#)

Exercise: Drawing two triangles

- Start from the Two-triangle [starter](#)
- Try to draw this picture using the above path functions



Answer: Drawing two triangles

- Function draw() {
- var canvas = document.getElementById('canvas');
- if (canvas.getContext) {
 - var ctx = canvas.getContext('2d'); // Filled triangle
 - ctx.beginPath();
 - ctx.moveTo(25, 25);
 - ctx.lineTo(105, 25);
 - ctx.lineTo(25, 105);
 - ctx.fill(); // Stroked triangle
 - ctx.beginPath();
 - ctx.moveTo(125, 125);
 - ctx.lineTo(125, 45);
 - ctx.lineTo(45, 125);
 - ctx.closePath();
 - ctx.stroke();
 - }
- }

Drawing arcs in paths

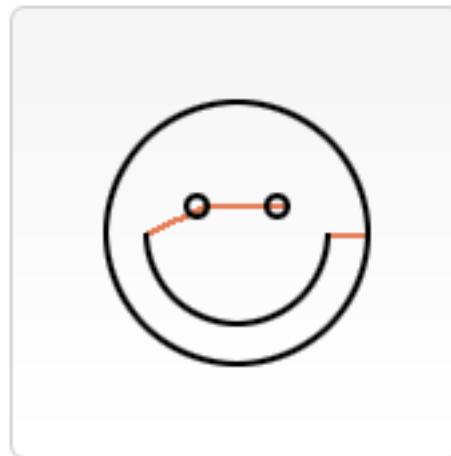
- There are two path functions to add arcs (portions of circles)
 - `arc(x, y, radius, startAngle, endAngle, anticlockwise)` draws an arc
 - centered at (x, y)
 - with radius r
 - starting at startAngle (in radians with 0 to the right)
 - ending at endAngle
 - going in the given direction indicated by anticlockwise (defaulting to clockwise)

Drawing arcs in paths

- `arcTo(x1, y1, x2, y2, radius)` draws an arc
 - starting at current point
 - going to (x_1, y_1) and then (x_2, y_2)
 - for a circle with radius `radius`
- Angles in radians can be computed with
- $Radians = \left(\frac{\pi}{180}\right) * degrees$
-

Example: complete the smiley face

- Start from this [codepen](#)
- Complete the smiley face to match this picture
 - don't worry about the orange lines:



Questions?



Coloring shapes

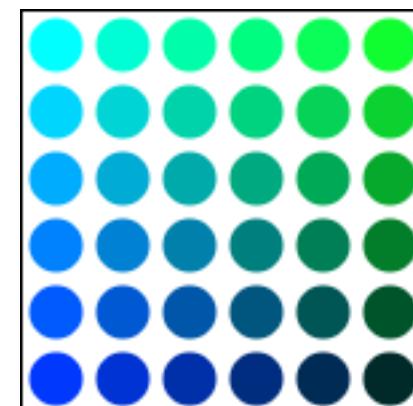
- Setting the context's fillStyle property affects all future shapes
 - until the property is set again
 - Same for strokeStyle
- Can use any CSS color specification
 - `ctx.fillStyle = 'orange';`
 - `ctx.fillStyle = '#FFA500';`
 - `ctx.fillStyle = 'rgb(255, 165, 0)';`
 - `ctx.fillStyle = 'rgba(255, 165, 0, 1)';`

Coloring shapes - RGBA

- `ctx.fillStyle = 'rgba(255, 165, 0, 1)';`
- Fourth parameter is alpha
 - Defines the opacity as a number between 0.0 (fully transparent) and 1.0 (fully opaque)

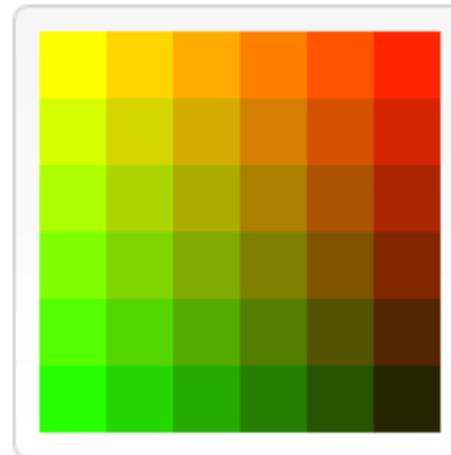
Example: coloring circles

- Function draw() {
- var ctx = document.getElementById('canvas').getContext('2d');
- for (var i = 0; i < 6; i++) {
- for (var j = 0; j < 6; j++) {
- ctx.fillStyle = 'rgb(0, ' + Math.floor(255 - 42.5 * i) + ', ' +
 Math.floor(255 - 42.5 * j) + ')';
- ctx.beginPath();
- ctx.arc(12.5 + j * 25, 12.5 + i * 25, 10, 0, Math.PI * 2, true);
- ctx.fill();
- }
- }
- }



Example: rectangle grid

- Start from this [codepen](#)
- Try to match this picture



Questions?



Answer:

```
• function draw() {  
•     var ctx = document.getElementById('canvas').getContext('2d');  
•     for (var i = 0; i < 6; i++) {  
•         for (var j = 0; j < 6; j++) {  
•             ctx.fillStyle = 'rgb(' + Math.floor(255 - 42.5 * i) + ', ' +  
•                           Math.floor(255 - 42.5 * j) + ',' + 0+');  
•             ctx.fillRect(j * 25, i * 25, 25, 25);  
•         }  
•     }  
• }
```

Example: rectangle grid

- [Filled rectangle](#)
- More info can be found [here](#)

Saving and restoring state

- There are two canvas methods that can make your life much easier
 - `save()` save the entire state of the canvas to a stack
 - `restore()` restore the state from the top of the stack
- The state that is saved is ‘transforms’
 - `strokeStyle`, `fillStyle`, etc.
- If you use them in pairs, your code will be much more modular

Example: nested squares

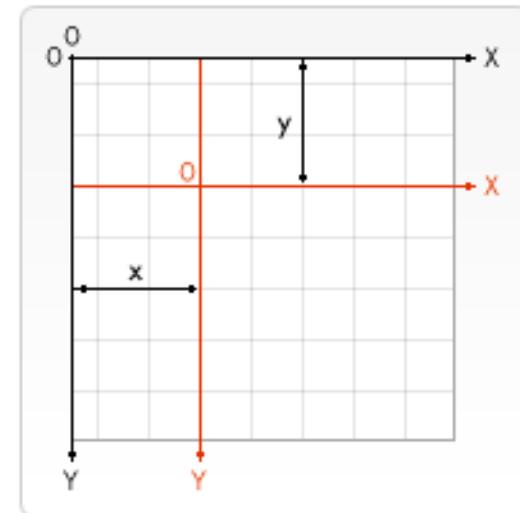
- Function draw() {
 - var ctx = document.getElementById('canvas').getContext('2d');
 - ctx.fillRect(0, 0, 150, 150);
 - ctx.**save()**;
 - ctx.fillStyle = '#09F';
 - ctx.fillRect(15, 15, 120, 120);
 - ctx.**save()**;
 - ctx.fillStyle = '#FFF';
 - ctx.globalAlpha = 0.5;
 - ctx.fillRect(30, 30, 90, 90);
 - ctx.**restore()**;
 - ctx.fillRect(45, 45, 60, 60);
 - ctx.**restore()**;
 - ctx.fillRect(60, 60, 30, 30);
- }

Example: nested squares

- Example

Transformations: Translating

- Canvas transformations move the canvas and origin around
- Translate moves the canvas and its origin to a different point
 - `translate(x,y)`
- `save()` the canvas state before calling
 - `restore()` after



Example: translation

- function draw() {
 - var ctx = document.getElementById('canvas').getContext('2d');
 - for (var i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
 - for (var j = 0; j < 3; j++) {
 - ctx.**save()**;
 - ctx.fillStyle = 'rgb(' + (51 * i) + ', ' + (255 - 51 * i) + ', 255)';
 - ctx.**translate**(10 + j * 50, 10 + i * 50);
 - ctx.fillRect(0, 0, 25, 25);
 - ctx.**restore()**;
 - }
 - }
- }

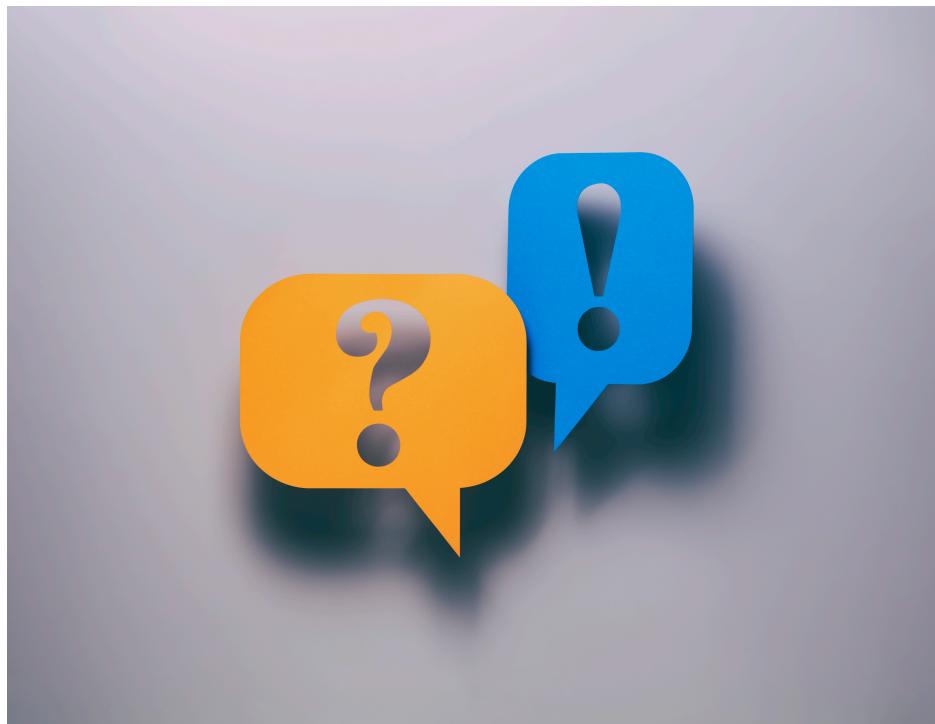
Transformations: Translating

- Translation

Other transformations

- Other transformations that exist are rotation and scaling:
 - `rotate(angle)`
 - `scale(xScale, yScale)`

Questions?



Summary

- Drawing in a 2D coordinate system isn't so bad.
- Achieve effects using methods on a *context* object.
- Code using functions to achieve higher-level effects
- Parameterize the functions
 - e.g. a function to draw a tree with a given width and height.

Summary

- Make the functions be *generic* , e.g. a house with its origin at the lower left.
- Use transformations to translate the generic objects.

Questions?

