



# Core Animation in Practice

## Part 1

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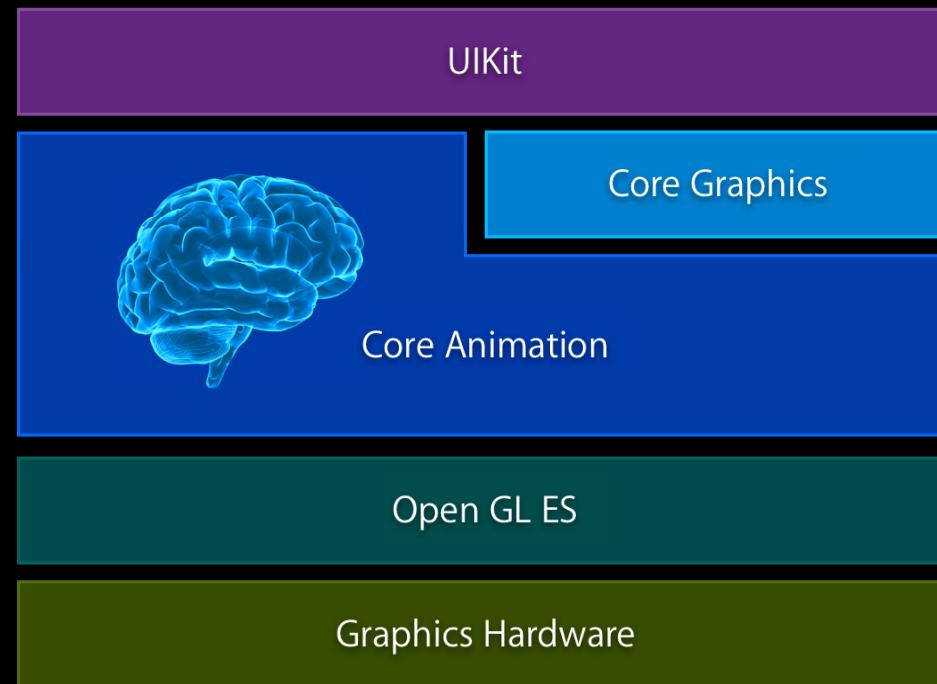
# Core Animation in Practice

## What will we cover?

- Layers and their properties
- Providing layer content
  - Core Graphics
  - UIKit
  - OpenGL ES
  - AVPlayer
- Animating layer properties

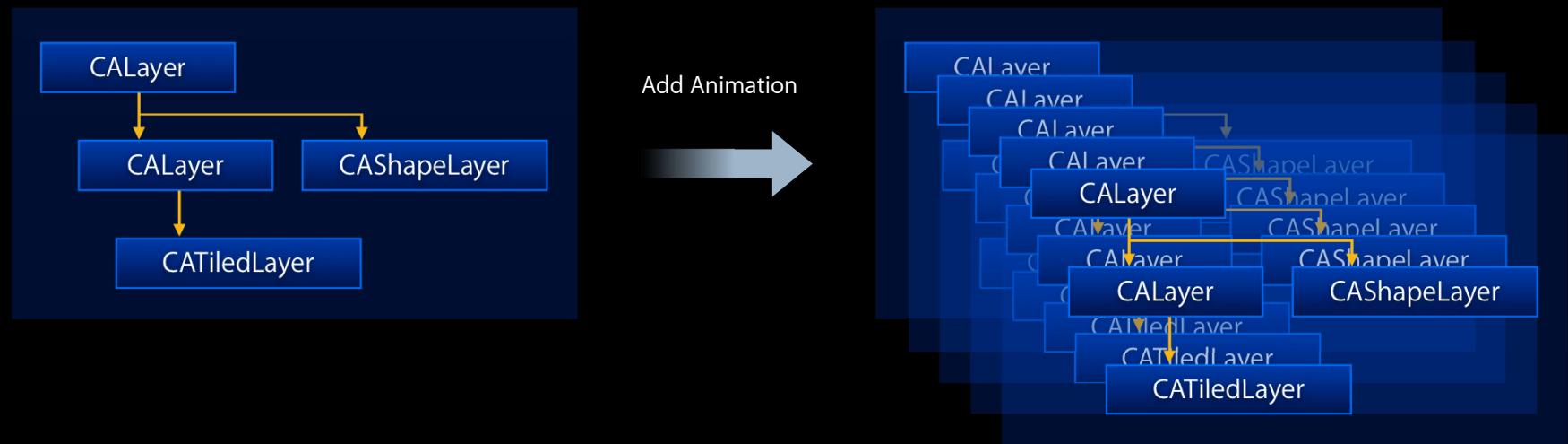
# Core Animation Architecture

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## Rendering



# UIKit and Core Animation

## Which should you use?

- Almost always...UIKit
- Core Animation?
  - Lightweight
  - Short-lived
- Benefits of understanding Core Animation
  - Improve your effectiveness with UIKit animation
  - Improve your app's performance where necessary

# Animation Basics

## Layers and their properties

# Core Animation

## The magic sauce

**animation** [ænɪ'meɪʃən]  
n. the state of being alive  
(source: Concise Oxford Dictionary)

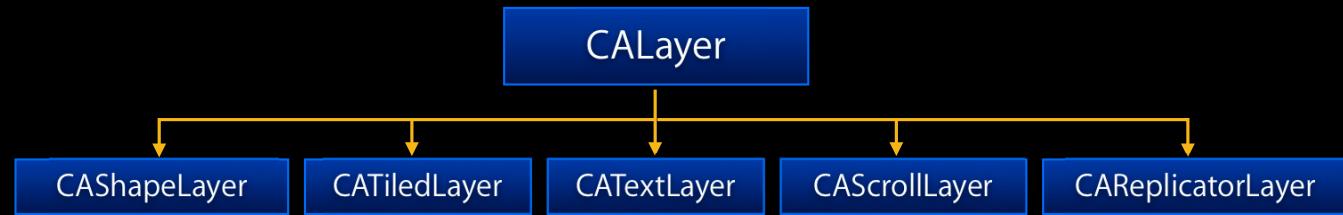
**declarative** [d-klär-tv, -klɪr-]  
adj. form of to declare:  
announce formally

Layers

Animatable properties

Declarative model

# Layers



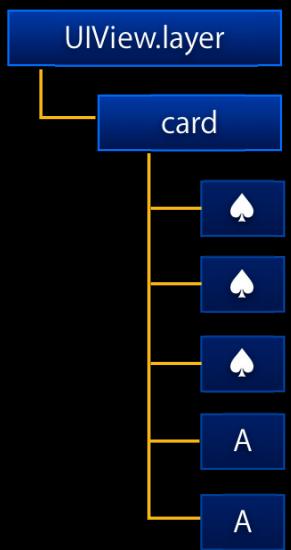
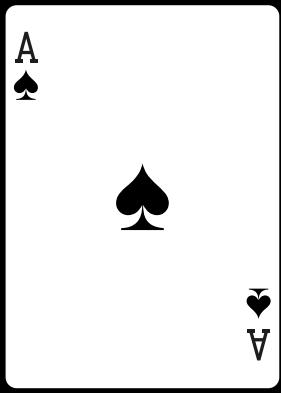
# Layers

## Creating a layer



- Framework is QuartzCore
  - Not included in template projects

```
#import <QuartzCore/QuartzCore.h>
...
CALayer* myLayer = [CALayer layer];
myLayer.bounds = CGRectMake(0,0,w,h);
myLayer.position = CGPointMake(30.0,67.0);
myLayer.content = caLogo;
[self.layer addSubLayer:myLayer];
```



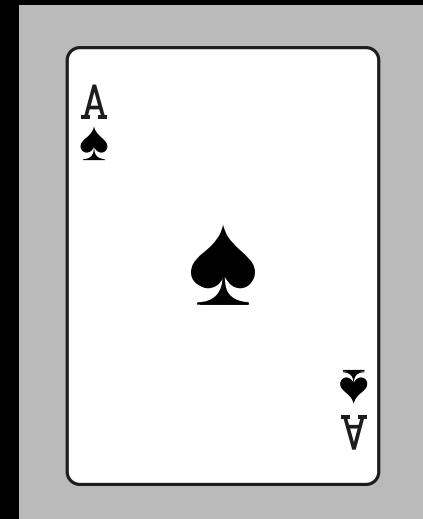
# Layers

## Sublayers and layout

- Model similar to UIView
  - addSubLayer:
  - insertSubLayer:above: (etc.)
  - setNeedsLayout
  - setNeedsDisplay
  - layoutSubLayers
  - ...
- 2 1/2 D model
  - Transform is 3D

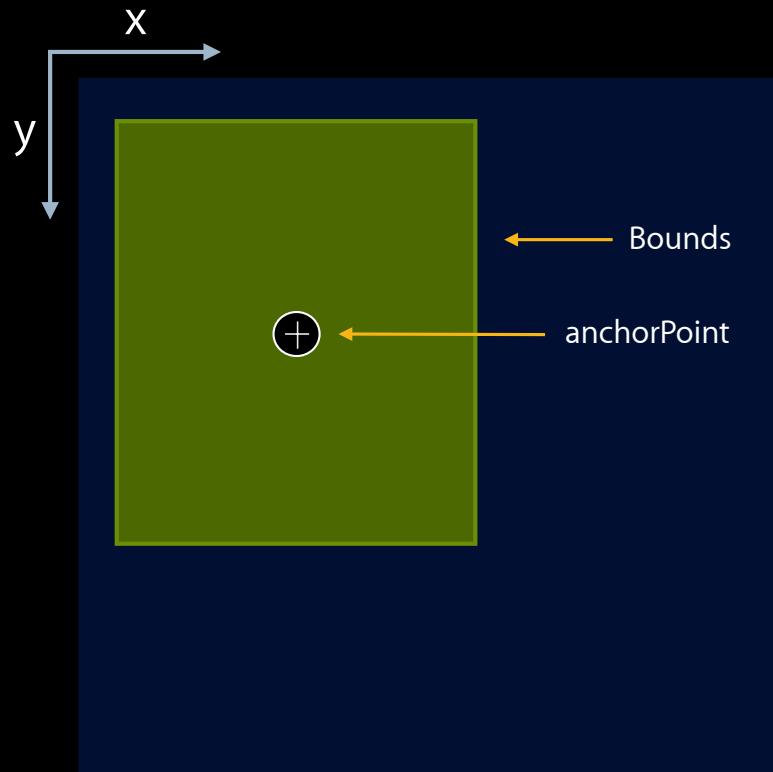
## Declarative Style

```
spadeAce = [CALayer layer];
...(various properties)
// Add to view's layer
[self.layer addSublayer:spadeAce];
// Add the pips
// Center
CAShapeLayer* centerPip = [Cards spadePip];
centerPip.position = CGPointMake(...,...);
[spadeAce addSubLayer:centerPip];
// Bottom
CAShapeLayer* bottomPip = [Cards spadePip];
CATransform3D transform = CATransform3DMakeScale(0.5, 0.5, 1);
transform = CATransform3DRotate(transform, M_PI, 0, 0, 1);
bottomPip.transform = transform;
bottomPip.position = ...
[spadeAce addSublayer:bottomPip];
...
...
```

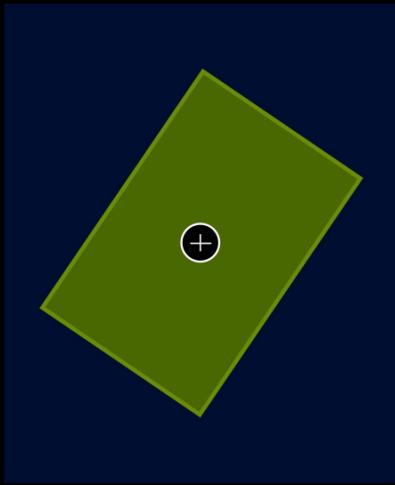


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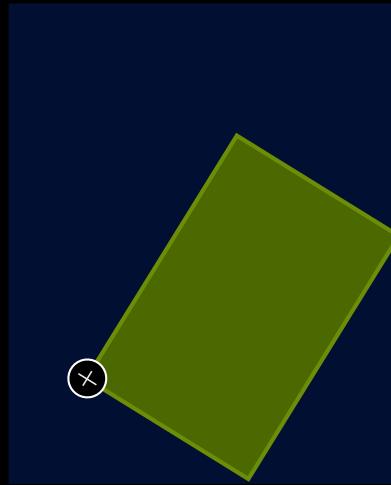
## Layer geometry



bounds—CGRect  
position—CGPoint (superlayer coordinates)  
anchorPoint—CGPoint  
transform—CATransform3D

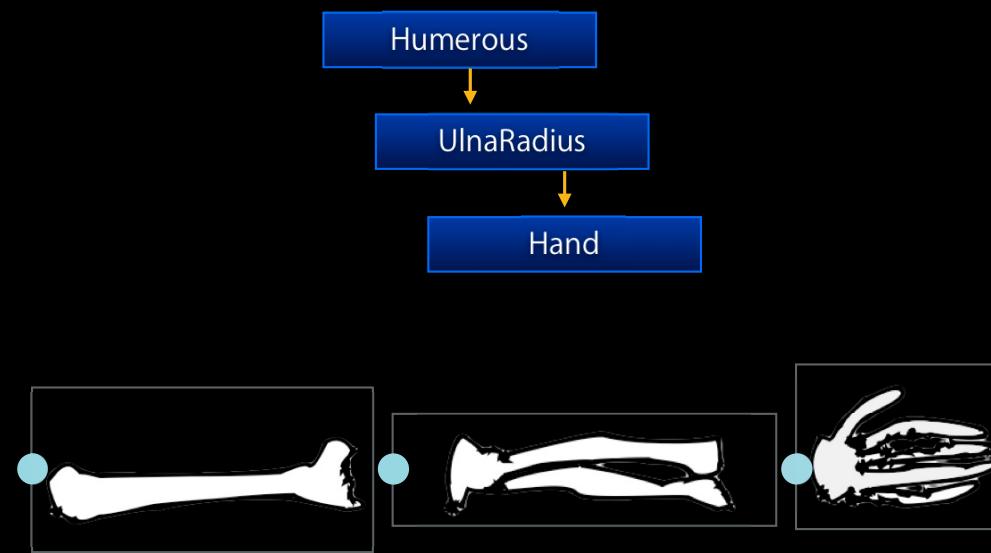


```
// A: Rotate about center  
layer.anchorPoint = CGPointMake(0.5,0.5);  
layer.transform = rotationTransform;
```



```
// B: Rotate about lower left  
layer.anchorPoint = CGPointMake(0.0,1.0);  
layer.transform = rotationTransform;
```

# Demo

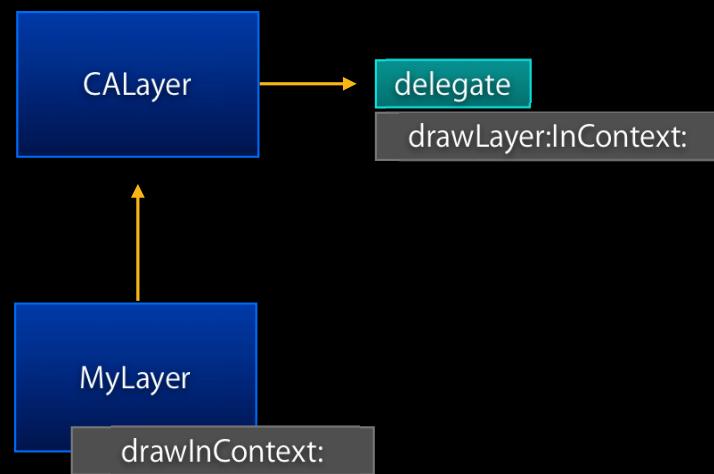


# Providing Layer Content



# Layers

## Providing layer content



- Set delegate and implement drawLayer:InContext:
- Subclass and implement drawInContext:
- Context is a CGContextRef

# Layer Content

## Core Graphics



- Concise and elegant model
- Full 2D graphic capabilities
  - Comprehensive color support
  - Resolution independence
  - Device independence

# Core Graphics

## The essential concepts you need to know

- Abstract 2D coordinate space
- Unit is CGFloat
  - Point not necessarily a pixel
  - Origin top-left or bottom-left
- CGContextRef
  - Drawing destination
  - State (path, fill and stroke colors, line width,...)



# Core Graphics

## API model

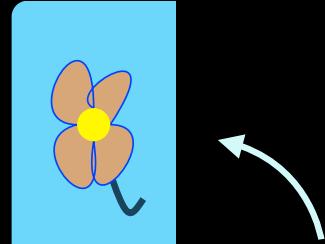
- C-based
- Usual reference-based memory model
- CFType compliant

```
CGColorRef stunningColor = CGColorCreate(rgbColorSpace, rgbComponents);  
CGContextSetFillColorWithColor(context, stunningColor);  
CGColorRelease(stunningColor);
```

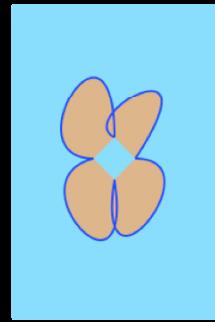
# Core Graphics

## Small example

- Back of a playing card
- Want two-way symmetry
- Use a stroked path



1/4 of our card



## Example

### Basic design

```
CGContextSaveGState(ctx);
...
CGMutablePathRef petal = CGPathCreateMutable();
CGPathMoveToPoint(petal, NULL, p1.x, p1.y);
CGPathAddCurveToPoint(petal, NULL, cp1.x, cp1.y, cp2.x, cp2.y, p2.x, p2.y);
CGPathMoveToPoint(petal, NULL, p2.x, p2.y);
CGPathAddCurveToPoint(petal, NULL, cp3.x, cp3.y, cp4.x, cp4.y, p3.x, p3.y);
...
CGContextAddPath(ctx, petal);
CGContextFillPath(ctx);
CGContextAddPath(ctx, petal);
CGContextStrokePath(ctx);
...
CGPathRelease(petal);
CGContextRestoreGState(ctx);
```

# Core Graphics

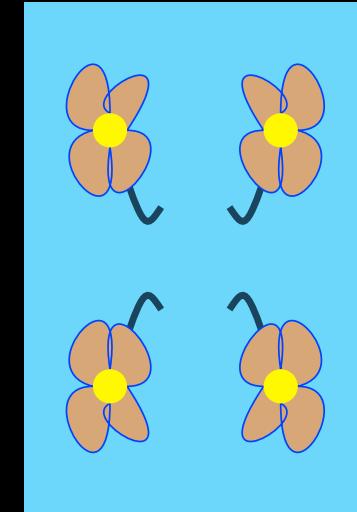
## Transformation

- Uses 2D Affine Transforms
  - Scale
  - Rotate
  - Translate
- Transform the coordinate space,  
not objects



# Core Graphics

```
CGContextSaveGState(ctx);
[self drawDesign:ctx]
CGContextScaleCTM(ctx, 1, -1);
CGContextTranslateCTM(ctx, 0, 2*r.size.height);
[self drawDesign:ctx];
// Two similar blocks of code
...
CGContextRestoreGState(ctx);
```



# Core Graphics

## Other parts of Core Graphics

- Anti-aliasing
- Gradient fill
- Shading
- Patterns
- Line properties



# CoreGraphics

## Tip: Use UIKit!

- CG objects often wrapped in UIKit objects
- Available as properties
  - [UIColor redColor].CGColor
  - myUIImage.CGImage
- Useful to let UIKit do heavy lifting, and then you pick the CG object

# Other Ways to Create Layer Content



# Open GL ES and Layers

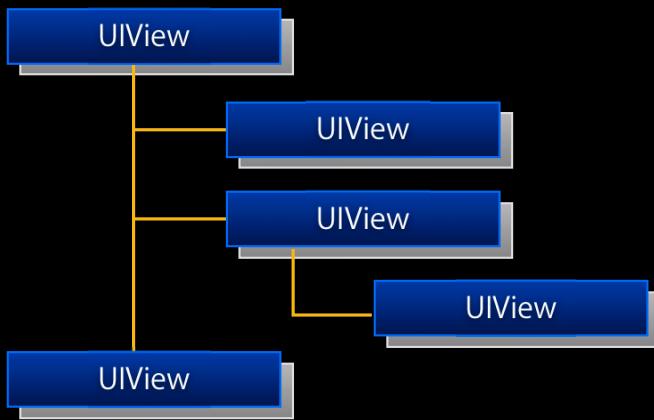


# AVPlayer Layer



# Providing Content

## UIView

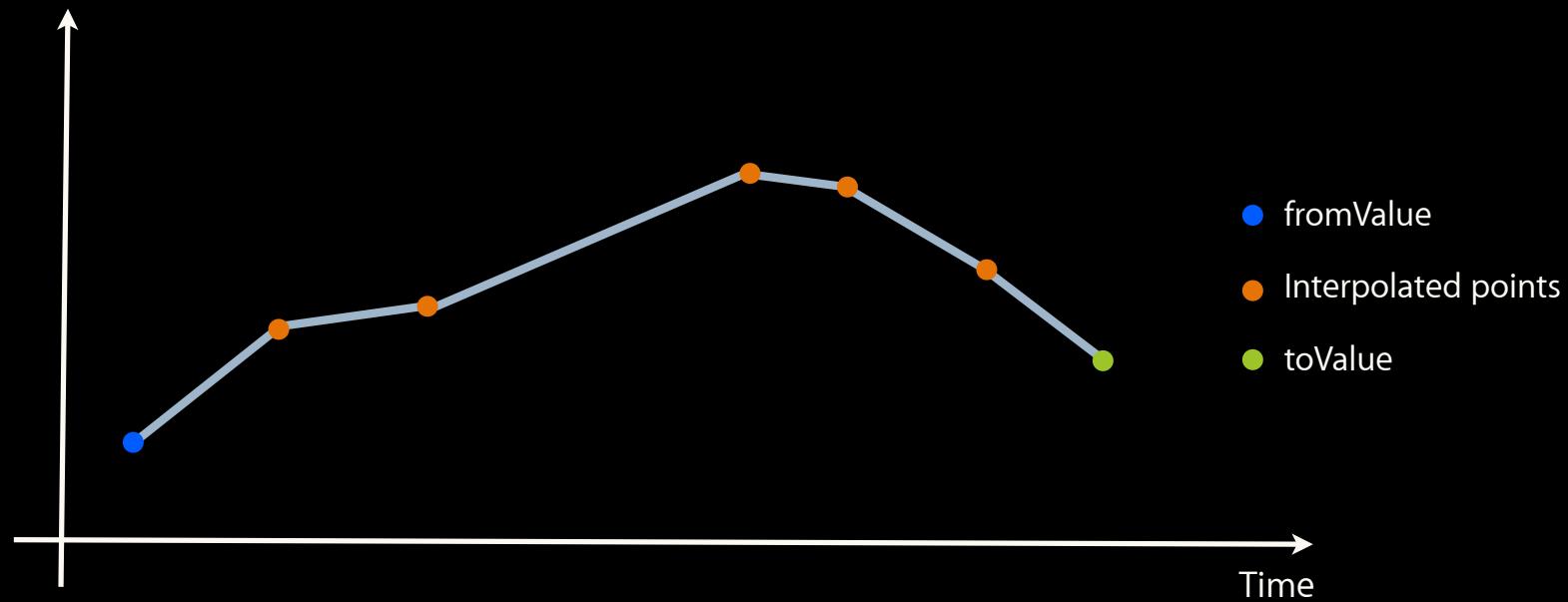


- Every UIView is backed by a layer
- Default is CALayer
  - Override by implementing
  - +(Class) layerClass;
  - One of the CALayer subclasses
  - Your own subclass

# Animation

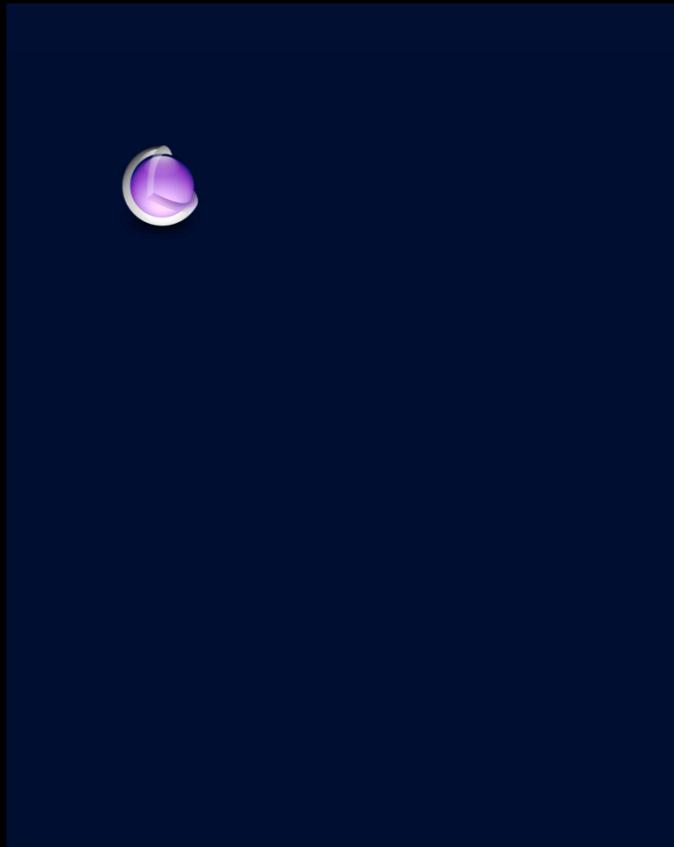
# Animation

## What does animation mean?

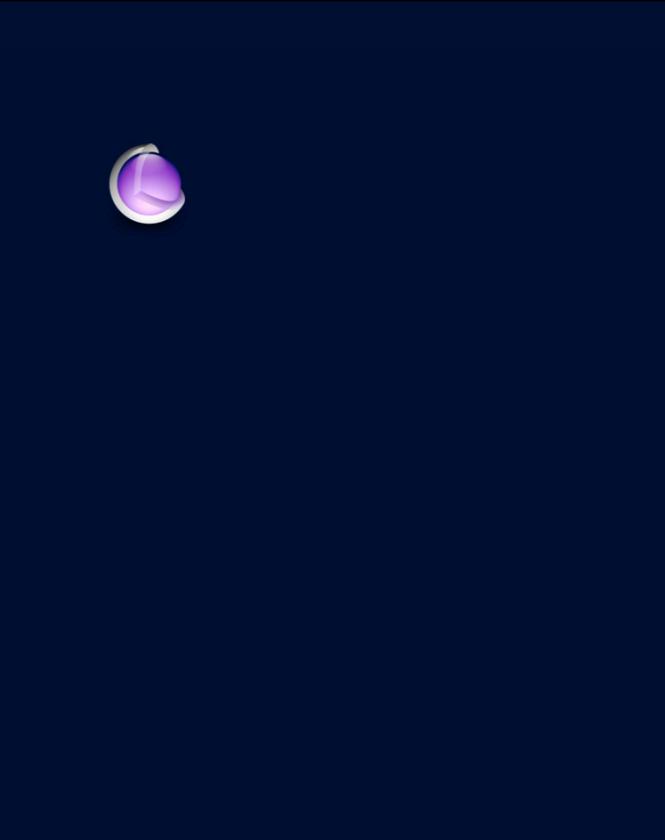


# Animation

## Implicit animation



```
myLayer.position = nearBottomRight;
```



# Animation

## Implicit animation

```
[CATransaction setAnimationDuration:5];
[CATransaction setAnimationTimingFunction:
    kCAMediaTimingFunctionEaseInEaseOut];
myLayer.position = nearBottomRight;
```

# Animation

## Animatable properties

- Position—Move the layer relative to its superlayer
- Opacity—Fade in or out
- Shadow properties
- Transform—In 3D space
- Bounds—Grow, shrink
- And more—Almost all layer properties are animatable

# Animation

## Implicit animation

- Transaction
  - All animations during next run-loop
- CATransaction class
  - Duration
  - Timing function
  - Implicit or explicit

```
[CATransaction setDisableActions:YES]
```

# Demo

# Implicit Animation Example

```
for(k=0;k<3;++k)
{
    cards[k] = [CALayer layer];
    cards[k].bounds = b;
    cards[k].position = p;
    cards[k].anchorPoint = CGPointMake(0, 1);
    cards[k].contents = (id) images[k];
    [self.layer addSublayer:cards[k]];
}
```

# Implicit Animation Example



# Implicit Animation Example

```
- (void) doAnimation:(id) sender
{
    CATransform3D r;
    r = CATransform3DMakeRotation(-0.3, 0, 0, 1);
    cards[0].transform = r;

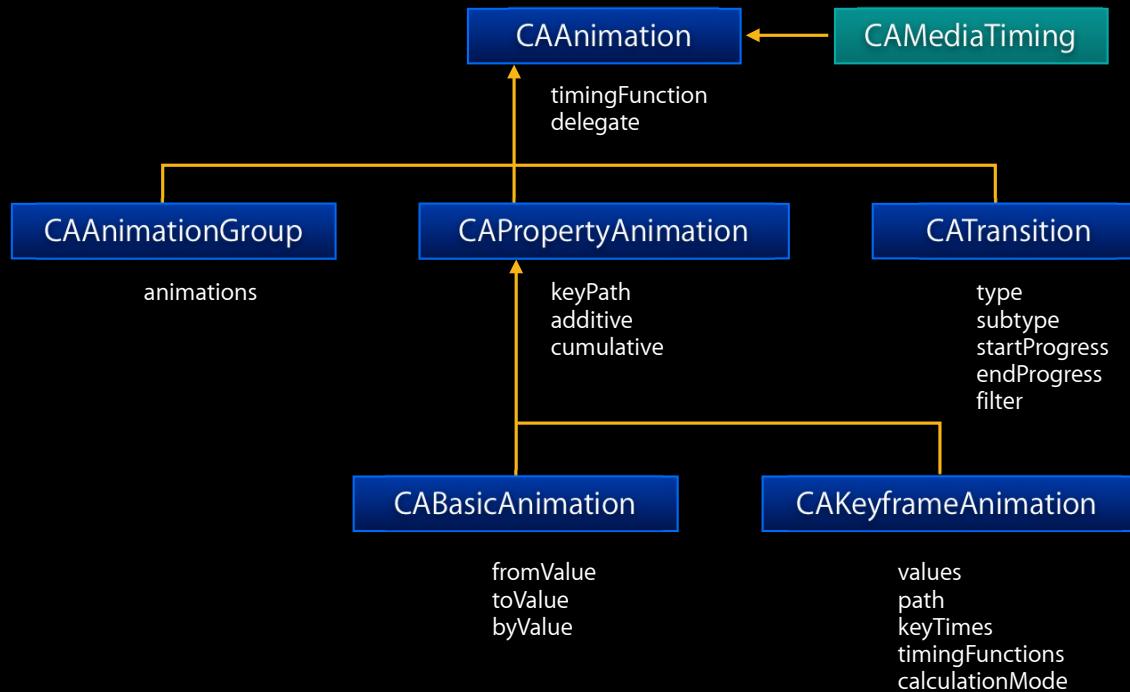
    r = CATransform3DMakeRotation(0.0, 0, 0, 1);
    cards[1].transform = r;

    r = CATransform3DMakeRotation(0.3, 0, 0, 1);
    cards[2].transform = r;
}
```

# Demo

# Explicit Animation

## Animation classes



# Explicit Animations

## Basic animations

- Which property?
  - Use keyPath
    - @"position"
    - @"position.y"
    - @"anchorPoint.x"
    - ...
  - Animation = [CABasicAnimation animationWithKeyPath:@"..."];
- Add to layer
  - [layer addAnimation:animation];
- Note: Model value is not changed

# Explicit Animations

## Basic animations

```
// Let's drop the ball!
CABasicAnimation* move
    = [CABasicAnimation
animationWithKeyPath:@"position.y"];
// Set animation properties
move.duration = 2;
move.toValue = [NSNumber numberWithFloat:300];
[ball addAnimation:move forKey:@"bowl"];
```



# Explicit Animation

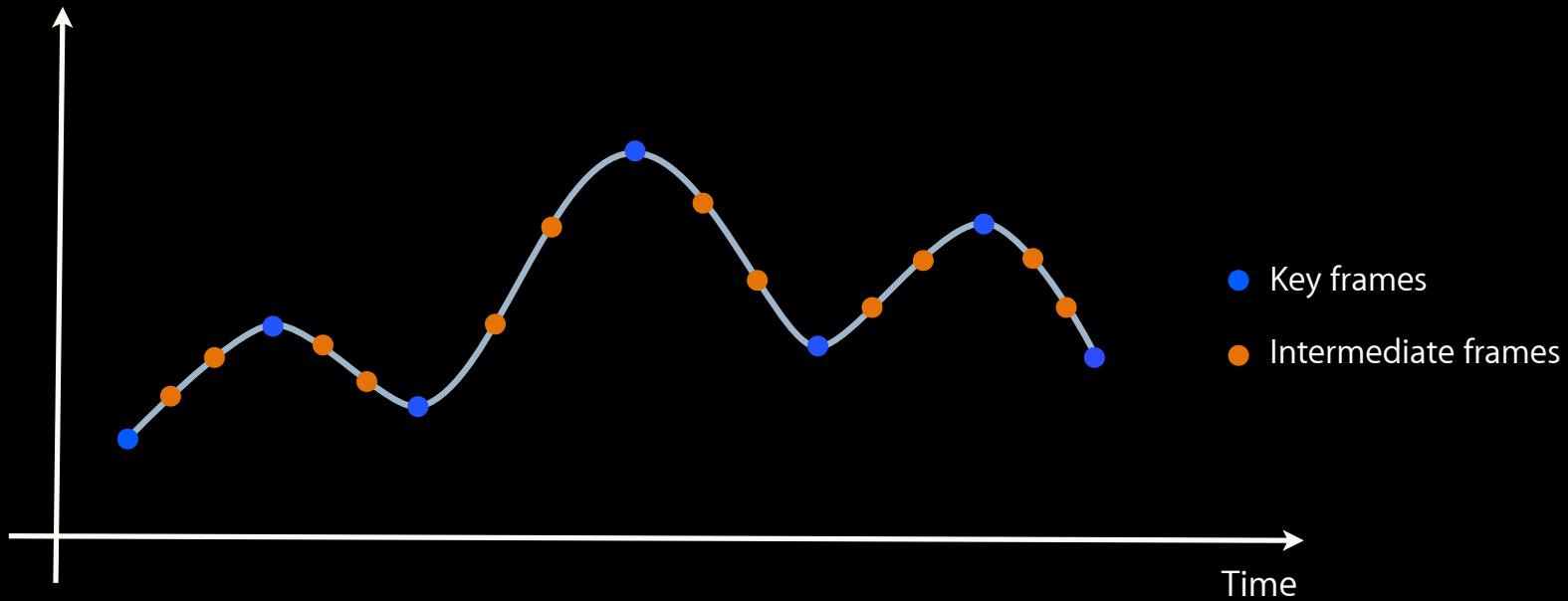
## Make it stick

```
// Let's drop the ball!
CGFloat yAtStart = ball.position.y;
// Target position:
ball.position = CGPointMake(ball.position.x, 300);
CABasicAnimation* move = [CABasicAnimation
animationWithKeyPath:@"position.y"];
move.fromValue = [NSNumber numberWithFloat:yAtStart];
move.toValue = [NSNumber numberWithFloat:300];
[ball addAnimation:move forKey:@"position"];
```



# Animation

## Key frames



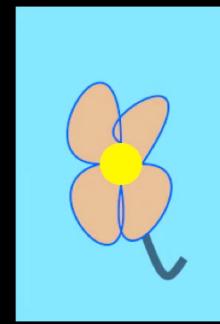
# Explicit Animations

## KeyFrame animations

- Use either
  - path
  - values
- keyTimes (optional)—Fraction of total time for each keyframe segment
- Interpolation either between values or along path

# Keyframe Animation

```
card.transform = CATransform3DMakeRotation(M_PI, 0, 1, 0);
CAKeyframeAnimation* animation
    = [CAKeyframeAnimation animationWithKeyPath:@"transform"];
animation.values = [NSArray arrayWithObjects:Zero, Pi, nil];
animation.valueFunction
    = [CAValueFunction functionWithName:kCAValueFunctionRotateY];
animation.duration = 2;
// add it, and override any implicit animation
[card addAnimation:animation @"transform"];
```



# Animation Basics

## Group animation

- Collection of animations applied simultaneously to a layer's properties
- Timings of animations clipped to groups timing

```
// Move and rotate
CABasicAnimation* move = [CABasicAnimation
    animationWithKeyPath:@"position.x"];
move.toValue = [NSNumber numberWithFloat:x];
move.duration = 10;
CAAnimationGroup* group = [CAAnimationGroup animation];
group.animations = [NSArray arrayWithObjects:move,rotate,nil];
group.duration = 20; // Account for rotation repeats
[card addAnimation:group forKey:nil];
```

# Timing

## CAMediaTiming protocol

- Adopted by CAAnimation and CALayer
- Properties
  - beginTime, timeOffset
  - repeatCount, repeatDuration
  - duration, speed
  - autoreverses
  - fillMode

# Animation in Real Time

- Remember: Layer model is not changed
- Use presentationLayer to get visible property values

```
CALayer* current = [layer presentationLayer];
if ([current hitTest:touchpoint]) {
    CABasicAnimation* animation = [CABasicAnimation animationWithKeyPath:@"position"];
    animation.fromValue = [NSValue valueWithCGPoint: current.position];
    animation.toValue = [NSValue valueWithCGPoint:someOtherPoint];
    [layer addAnimation: animation forKey:@"position"];
}
```

# Animation Notifications

- Delegate
  - `animationDidStart:`
  - `animationDidStop:finished:`
- Completion block
  - `[CATransaction setCompletionBlock:]`
  - Blocks new in iOS 4
- Use completion to clean up
  - Example: remove layer from parent

# Demo

## Animation 101 sample

# CAAnimation and CALayers

## Some more animations and layers

- CATransition
  - Typical use when one layer is replaced by another
  - Animation is applied to parent layer
  - Type: Fade, reveal, moveIn, push
  - SubType: From left, right, top, bottom
- CATextLayer
- CATiledLayer
- CAShapeLayer
- CAReplicatorLayer

# Demos

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# Summary

- Layers and their properties
  - Declarative style
  - Properties are animatable
  - Model is 2 1/2 D
- Providing layer content
  - Core Graphics
  - UIKit
  - OpenGL ES
  - AVPlayerLayer
- Animating properties
  - Implicit
  - Explicit

# More Information

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## Apple Developer Forums

<http://devforums.apple.com>

## Sample Code

<https://developer.apple.com/wwdc/iphone/library/samplecode/AnimatedSkeleton/Introduction/Intro.html>

<http://developer.apple.com/wwdc/iphone/library/samplecode/Animation101/Introduction/Intro.html>

# Related Sessions

**Core Animation in Practice, Part 2**

Nob Hill  
Thursday 2:00PM

**Building Animation-Driven Interfaces**

Pacific Heights  
Thursday 9:00AM

# Labs

**Core Animation Lab**

Graphics and Media Lab D  
Thursday 3:15PM

**Animation Lab**

Application Frameworks Lab C  
Thursday 4:30PM



