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HTML5 Canvas vs CSS3

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Scope

- Provide functional comparative analysis of both approaches to help you decide which best suits your needs (using WebKit browsers)
- Provide examples
- Demo

HTML5

- Why are we interested in HTML5?
- Awesome features introduced in HTML5
- Power of CSS3 expands the scope and usability of HTML
- Earlier it was only webpages and now... apps?!!
- Ease of making HTML apps with the knowledge of making webpages

CSS3

- Power/Features of CSS3
- Ease of use
 - Rotation: `-webkit-transform: rotate(45deg);`
 - Render images rather than fetch:

```
<div id="msBackground"> </div>
#msBackground {
  background-image: -webkit-gradient(linear, left top, right top, color-stop(.50, #abe0f9), color-stop(.5, #89d6f6));
  -webkit-background-size: 38px 42px;
  width: 100%;
  height: 100%;
  z:1;
}
```

- Animations using WebKit transitions, transforms, and animations

Animation in CSS - example

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML>
```

```
<html>
```

```
  <head>
```

```
    <title>Tizen Conference Sample App</title>
```

```
    <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="sampleApp.css"></link>
```

```
  </head>
```

```
  <body>
```

```
    <div id="circle" class="circleNormal"> </div>
```

```
    <script src="jquery-1.6.2.min.js"></script>
```

```
    <script language="Javascript" src="sampleApp.js" type="text/javascript"></script>
```

```
  </body>
```

```
</html>
```

Example (contd...)

CSS Code:

```
#circle {
    height: 150px;
    width: 150px;
    position: absolute;
    top: 50px;
    -webkit-border-radius: 75px;
    -webkit-transition: all 500ms linear;
}

.circleNormal {
    background-color: red;
    left: 50px;
}

.circleClicked {
    background-color: blue;
    left: 500px;
}
```

Java Script Code:

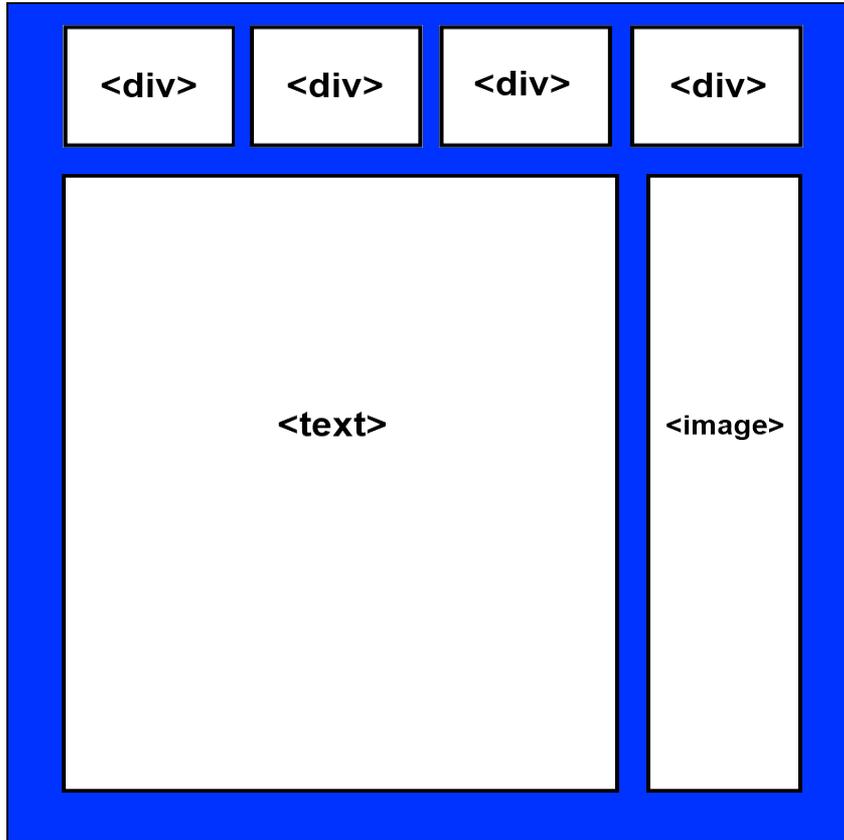
```
function handleCircleClick(event)
{
    $('#circle').removeClass('circleNormal').addClass('circleClicked');
}

$(document).ready(function()
{
    var elem = document.getElementById("circle");
    elem.addEventListener("click", handleCircleClick, false);
});
```

HTML5 Canvas

- Its Conception and Why was this introduced
- Provides new possibilities for media without the need for plugins
- Many new apps are being made with focus a on canvas
- Allows for different approach for app development

CSS3



Canvas



Canvas Animation Code

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <script type="text/javascript" src="javascript/animationDemo.js"></script>
    <title>Canvas Animation Demo</title>
  </head>
  <body>

    <canvas id="board" position:absolute; left:0px; top:0px;" width="800" height="600"></canvas>

  </body>
</html>
```

JavaScript Code

```
var boardCanvas, boardCtx;
var xCoord = 50, yCoord, radius = 50, red = 225, blue = 0;

window.onload = function ()
{
    boardCanvas = document.getElementById("board");
    boardCtx = boardCanvas.getContext("2d");
    yCoord = boardCanvas.height / 2
    boardCanvas.addEventListener('mousedown', onMouseDown);
    drawBall();
}

function onMouseDown(event)
{
    var xDiff = event.clientX - xCoord;
    var yDiff = event.clientY - yCoord;
    if ( (xDiff * xDiff) + (yDiff * yDiff) < (radius * radius) )
        moveBall();
}
```

JavaScript Code

```
function drawBall()
{
    red -= 1;
    blue += 2;
    boardCtx.clearRect(xCoord - radius - 3, yCoord - radius - 3,
        (radius * 2) + 6, (radius * 2) + 6);
    boardCtx.fillStyle= "rgba(" + red + ", 0 ," + blue + ", 100)";
    boardCtx.beginPath();
    boardCtx.arc(xCoord, yCoord, radius, 0, Math.PI*2, true);
    boardCtx.closePath();
    boardCtx.fill();
}

function moveBall()
{
    drawBall();
    xCoord += 3;
    if (xCoord < 600)
        cancelAnimation =
            window.webkitRequestAnimationFrame(moveBall);
}
```

Sample WebApps

Currently available as part of Tizen SDK:

<https://developer.tizen.org/resources/sample-web-applications>

- Hanganman

- A word guessing game. Guess the word correctly and save the man!

- Annex

- A tile board game. Match your wits against the computer for board domination.

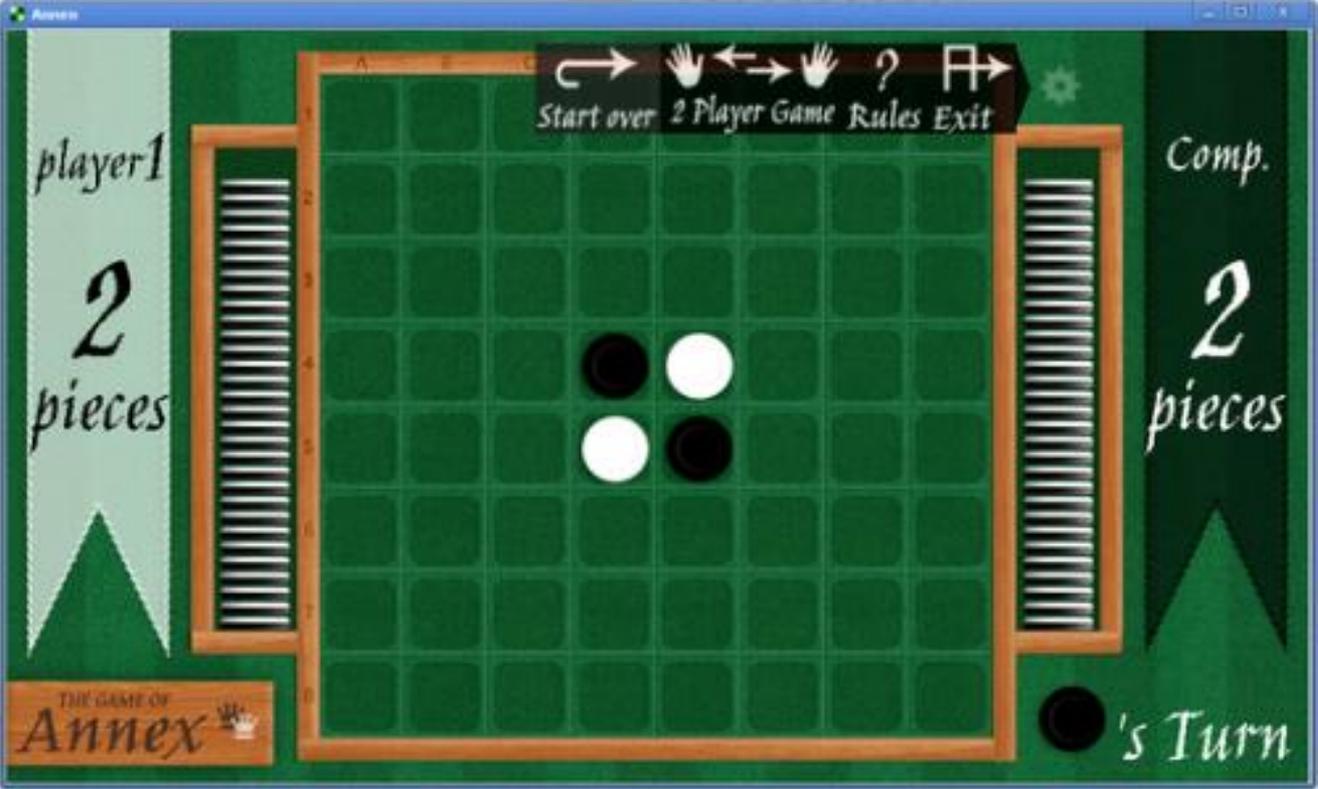
- Countingbeads

- A simple counting game. See if your young kids can count to 50.

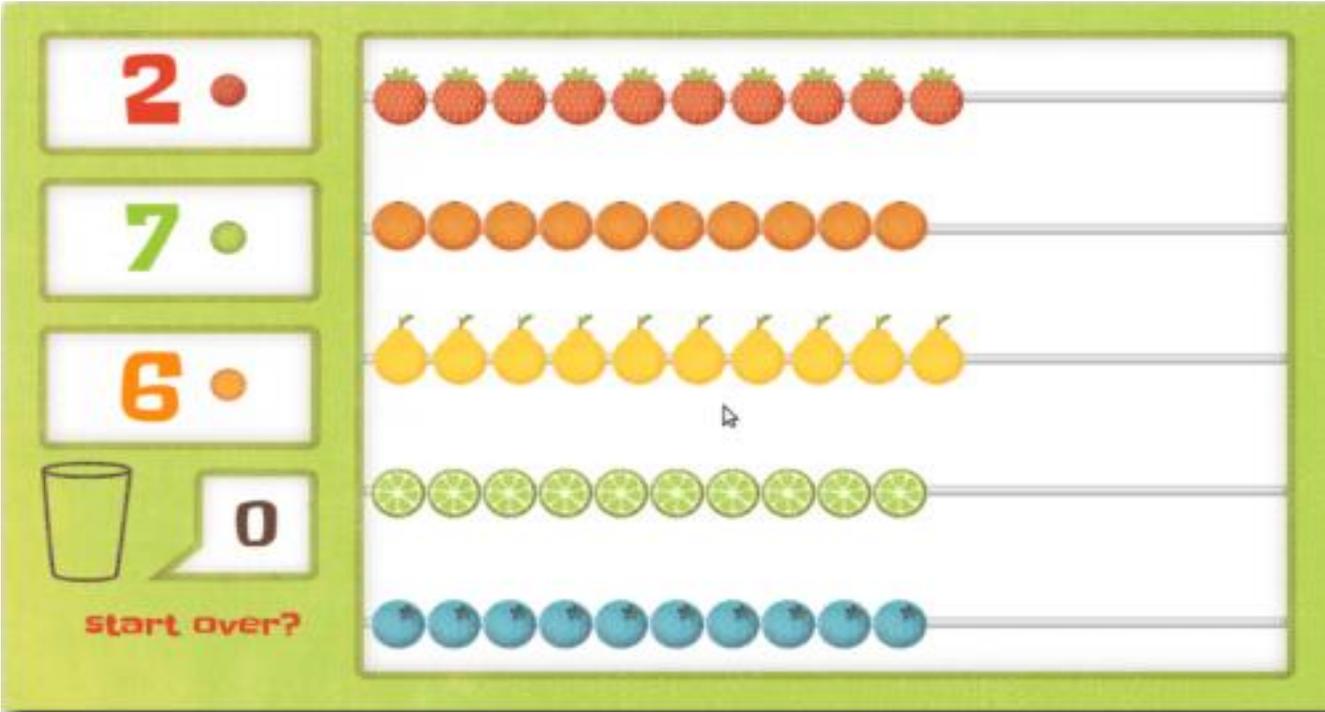
Hangonman



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Countingbeads



Code complexity by Methodology

App Name	Category	HTML	CSS	JS
Synthesizer	Canvas	47	61	5724
Countingbeads	CSS3	133	710	635
Hanganman	CSS3	160	1350	997
Numeroo	Hybrid	119	235	2410

Pros & Cons - Canvas

Pros:

- Simple Dom
- Consistent on all browsers, removing the need for checking what browser is being used.
- Can confine work to a single place (Javascript)
- Multiple canvas objects can be stacked to create depth and layering effects
- Easy to draw lines, curves, and shapes
- Full screen effects and filters
- Absolute pixel manipulation possible, including video
- Almost anything is possible

Cons:

- It is pixel based and not object based (must manually keep track of object location and events)
- Developer must provide their own animations and effects, which is time intensive
- Smaller user base since it is a newer tech
- Not as optimized as CSS for most browsers

Pros & Cons – CSS3

Pros:

- Ease of use, wide user base, heavily documented
- Separates presentation from DOM content
- Code reusability
- Allows the content to be presented in more than one style (ex: portrait, landscape)
 - <link rel="stylesheet" media="all and (orientation:portrait)" href="portrait.css">
 - <link rel="stylesheet" media="all and (orientation:landscape)" href="landscape.css">
- Inbuilt support for animations (Browser Optimized)

Pros & Cons – CSS3 (continued)

Cons:

- Dependent on HW acceleration
- Large DOMs will affect readability
- Difficult / impossible to write your own animations
- Limited Image manipulation (using WebKit filters)
- Lack of expression based computations
- CSS3 is not yet a W3C standard though many browsers support many of the new features (CSS3 browser support reference:
http://www.w3schools.com/cssref/css3_browsersupport.asp)

In Summary

Canvas:

- Pixel based api
- Drawing graphs, need total control on your image manipulation.
- Great for large number of objects

CSS3:

- Quick turnaround
- Ease of use, lots of options inbuilt
- Control at the object level

Hybrid:

- Leverage power of both. Great if you have a drawing area that changes quickly, but want to quickly throw in the buttons, CSS3 elements.

Coming soon...

- 11 more apps will be available soon and more pipelined
 - Bubblewrap
 - Flashcards
 - Go
 - Mancala
 - Memory game
 - Memory game (Older kids)
 - Numeroo
 - Run rabbit run
 - Slider puzzle
 - Synthesizer
 - Sweetspot

Demos

Backup

Benchmarks

- Reference:

- <http://blog.frontendforce.com/2010/03/games-development-in-javascript-canvas-vs-dom-benchmark/>
- <http://www.html5rocks.com/en/tutorials/speed/html5/>

- Outcome:

- In Chrome: a lot of elements — DOM loses, large canvas size — Canvas loses.

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