

# USING CORE ANIMATION

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- Core Animation and graphics primarily on iOS
- Numerous examples
- Get the code at github: <http://github.com/neror/CA360>

# WHAT IS CORE ANIMATION?

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- Primary iOS graphics and animation API
- 2D Layer based compositing and animation framework
- Inspired by modern graphic design software
- Takes full advantage of modern GPU's
- Imperative drawing model
- Highly optimized for speed (only draws when necessary)
- Interpolates animations automatically and asynchronously

# WHEN SHOULD I USE IT?

- Always try to use UIKit drawing and animation first
- Use Core Animation if you need:
  - More granular control over animation and timing
  - More flexible styling options without resorting to images
  - To move your views around in 3D space
  - To draw simple vector images quickly (and animate them)
  - To have more fun :)



# UIKIT VS CORE ANIMATION

## Core Animation

```
[CATransaction begin];
[CATransaction setCompletionBlock:^(
    [myView removeFromSuperview];
)];
CABasicAnimation *fadeOut = [CABasicAnimation animationWithKeyPath:@"opacity"];
fadeOut.duration = .2f;
fadeOut.toValue = [NSNumber numberWithFloat:0.f];
[myView.layer addAnimation:fadeOut forKey:nil];
[CATransaction commit];
```

## UIKit Block Animations

```
[UIView animateWithDuration:.2f
    animations:^(
        myView.alpha = 0.f;
    )
    completion:^(BOOL finished){
        [myView removeFromSuperview];
    }];
```

# FUNDAMENTALS

# CORE ANIMATION & UIKIT

## UIView.h

```
UIKIT_EXTERN_CLASS @interface UIView : UIResponder<NSCoding> {  
    @package  
    CALayer *_layer;  
}  
  
+ (Class)layerClass;  
  
@property(nonatomic, readonly, retain) CALayer *layer;
```

# LAYER TREE

## Layer Tree Methods

```
@property(readonly) CALayer *superlayer;
- (void)removeFromSuperlayer;
@property(copy) NSArray *sublayers;

- (void)addSublayer:(CALayer *)layer;
- (void)insertSublayer:(CALayer *)layer atIndex:(unsigned)idx;
- (void)insertSublayer:(CALayer *)layer below:(CALayer *)sibling;
- (void)insertSublayer:(CALayer *)layer above:(CALayer *)sibling;
- (void)replaceSublayer:(CALayer *)layer with:(CALayer *)layer2;

@property CATransform3D sublayerTransform;
```

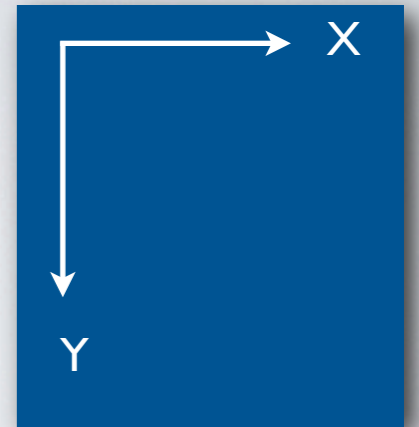
# LAYER TREE HIERARCHY

## DEMO Layer Tree

# LAYER GEOMETRY

# GEOMETRY & TRANSFORMS

- 2D cartesian coordinate system with origin in the top left
- Quartz2D primitive data structures (`CGPoint`, `CGRect`, etc.)
- Each layer has its own coordinate system
- All geometric properties are animatable and have a default implicit animation
- A `CALayer` is a 2D plane projected in 3D
  - The transition to the next slide is a good illustration of this



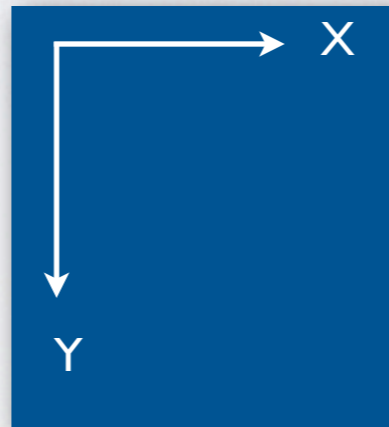
# GEOMETRY & TRANSFORMS

## Quartz2D Data Structures

```
struct CGPoint {
    CGFloat x;
    CGFloat y;
};
typedef struct CGPoint CGPoint;

struct CGSize {
    CGFloat width;
    CGFloat height;
};
typedef struct CGSize CGSize;

struct CGRect {
    CGPoint origin;
    CGSize size;
};
typedef struct CGRect CGRect;
```



## CALayer Geometric Properties

```
@property CGRect bounds;
@property CGPoint position;
@property CGFloat zPosition;
@property CGPoint anchorPoint;
@property CGFloat anchorPointZ;
@property CATransform3D transform;
@property CGRect frame;
```



# LAYER GEOMETRY

`L1.bounds.origin = (0,0)`



`L1.bounds.height = 400`

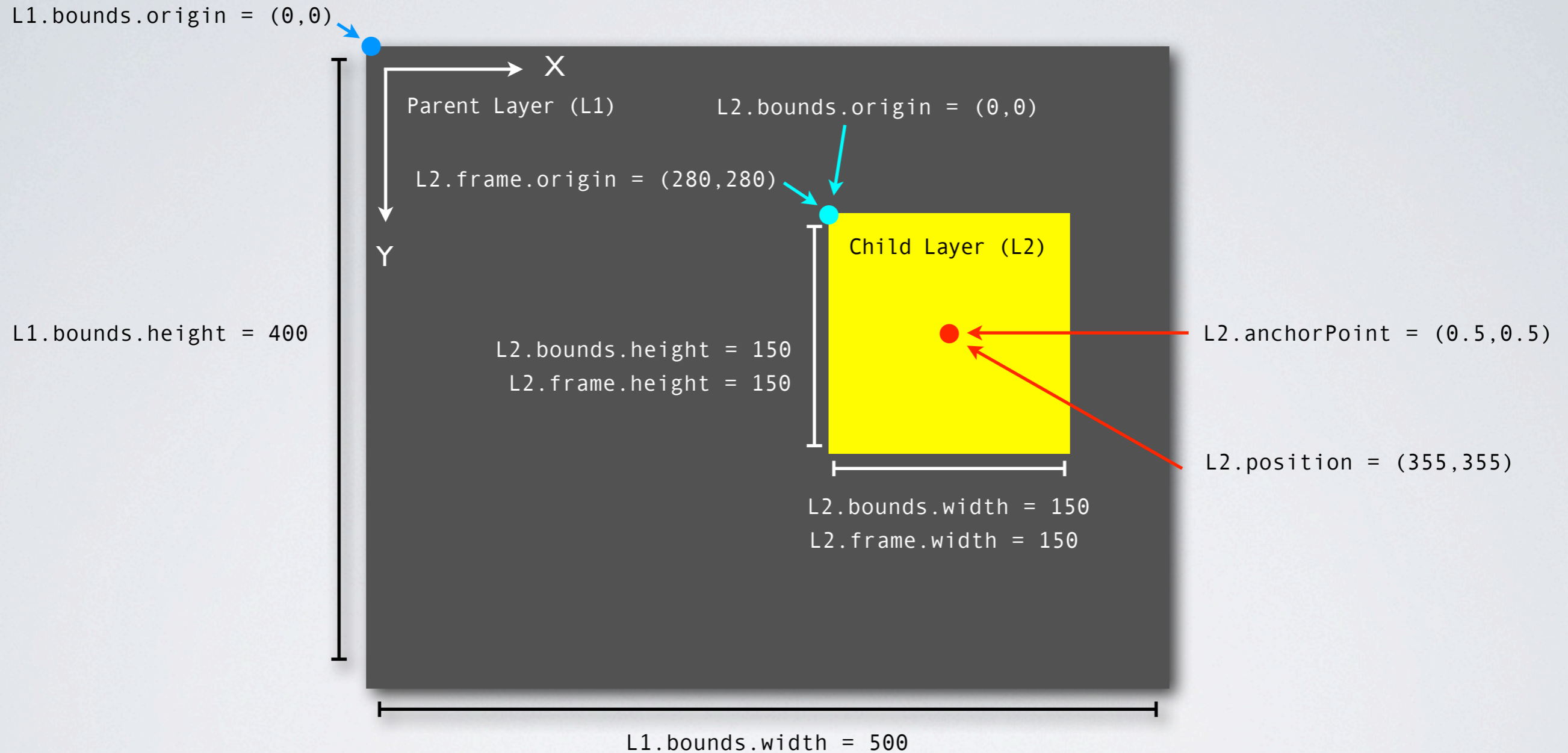
`L1.bounds.width = 500`

## 3D Transform Properties

`L1.transform = CATransform3DIdentity`

`L1.sublayerTransform = CATransform3DIdentity`

# LAYER GEOMETRY



## 3D Transform Properties

```
L1.transform = CATransform3DIdentity
L1.sublayerTransform = CATransform3DIdentity
L2.transform = CATransform3DIdentity
```

# GEOMETRY & TRANSFORMS

## DEMO

### Geometric Properties

# GEOMETRY & TRANSFORMS

## 3D Transformation Matrix Data Structure

```
struct CATransform3D
{
    CGFloat m11, m12, m13, m14;
    CGFloat m21, m22, m23, m24;
    CGFloat m31, m32, m33, m34;
    CGFloat m41, m42, m43, m44;
};
typedef struct CATransform3D CATransform3D;
```

## CALayer's 3D Transformation Properties

```
@property CATransform3D transform;
@property CATransform3D sublayerTransform;
@property CGPoint anchorPoint;
@property CGFloat anchorPointZ;
```

## CATransform3D Matrix Operations

```
CATransform3D CATransform3DMakeTranslation(CGFloat tx, CGFloat ty, CGFloat tz);
CATransform3D CATransform3DMakeScale(CGFloat sx, CGFloat sy, CGFloat sz);
CATransform3D CATransform3DMakeRotation(CGFloat angle, CGFloat x, CGFloat y, CGFloat z);
CATransform3D CATransform3DTranslate(CATransform3D t, CGFloat tx, CGFloat ty, CGFloat tz);
CATransform3D CATransform3DScale(CATransform3D t, CGFloat sx, CGFloat sy, CGFloat sz);
CATransform3D CATransform3DRotate(CATransform3D t, CGFloat angle, CGFloat x, CGFloat y, CGFloat z);
CATransform3D CATransform3DConcat(CATransform3D a, CATransform3D b);
CATransform3D CATransform3DInvert(CATransform3D t);
```

# GEOMETRY & TRANSFORMS

## DEMO

### Layer Transforms

# LAYER CONTENT & STYLE

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## Content Properties

```
@property(retain) id contents;  
@property CGRect contentsRect;  
@property(copy) NSString *contentsGravity;  
@property CGRect contentsCenter;  
@property(getter=isOpaque) BOOL opaque;  
@property BOOL needsDisplayOnBoundsChange;
```

## Style Properties

```
@property CGColorRef backgroundColor;  
@property CGFloat cornerRadius;  
@property CGFloat borderWidth;  
@property CGColorRef borderColor;  
@property float opacity;  
@property(retain) CALayer *mask;
```

## Content Methods

```
- (void)display;  
- (void)setNeedsDisplay;  
- (void)setNeedsDisplayInRect:(CGRect)r;  
- (BOOL)needsDisplay;  
- (void)displayIfNeeded;  
- (void)drawInContext:(CGContextRef)ctx;
```

## Drawing Delegate Methods

```
- (void)displayLayer:(CALayer *)layer;  
- (void)drawLayer:(CALayer *)layer  
  inContext:(CGContextRef)ctx;
```

# KEY VALUE CODING

All CALayer properties are available through key paths

```
//Scale the layer along the x-axis  
[layer setValue:[NSNumber numberWithFloat:1.5] forKeyPath:@"transform.scale.x"];  
  
//Same result as above  
CGSize biggerX = CGSizeMake(1.5, 1.);  
[layer setValue:[NSValue valueWithCGSize:biggerX] forKeyPath:@"transform.scale"];
```

## Key Paths for Structure Fields:

### CATransform3D

rotation	rotation.x	rotation.y	rotation.z
scale	scale.x	scale.y	scale.z
translation	translation.x	translation.y	translation.z

### CGSize

width
height

### CGPoint

x
y

### CGPoint

origin	size
origin.x	size.width
origin.y	size.height

! Structures must be wrapped in an NSValue instance before being passed to setValue:forKeyPath:



# LAYER CONTENT & STYLE

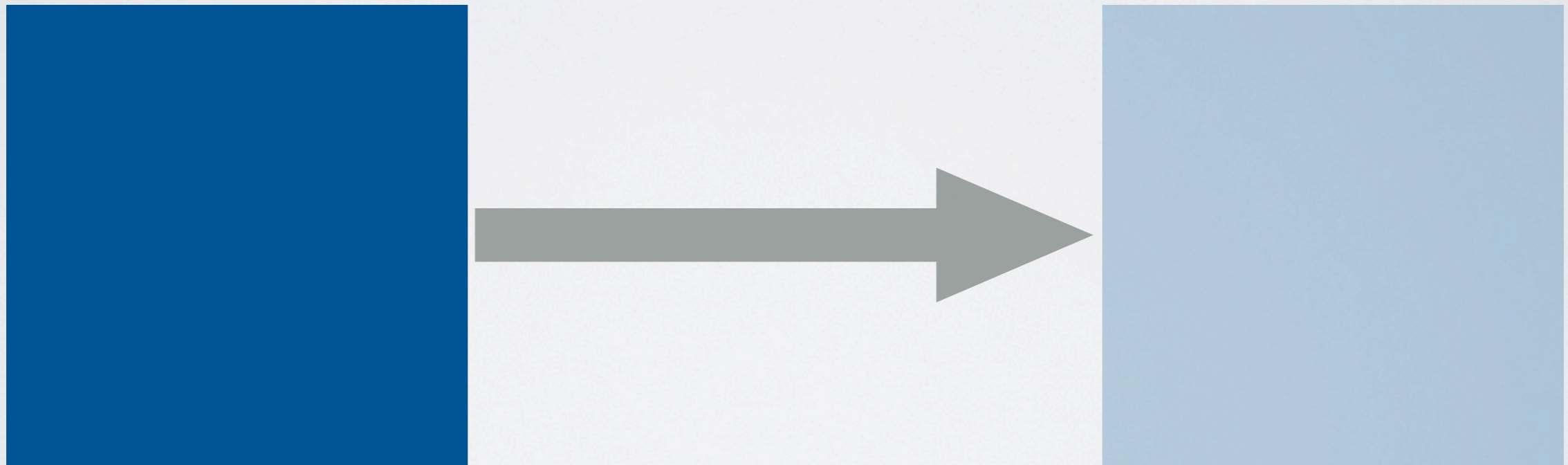
## DEMOS

Image Content  
Delegate Drawing  
Style Properties

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Move the box from the left position to the right position over 2 seconds distributing the interpolated values along a curve that slopes slowly at the beginning, quickly through the middle and slowly again at the end.



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# ANIMATION TIMING

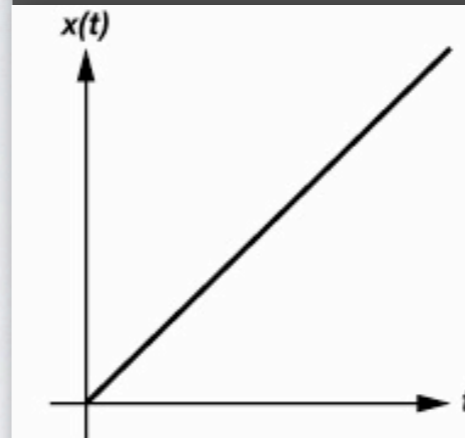
## Timing Properties

```
@property CTimeInterval beginTime;  
@property CTimeInterval duration;  
@property float speed;  
@property CTimeInterval timeOffset;  
@property float repeatCount;  
@property CTimeInterval repeatDuration;  
@property BOOL autoreverses;
```

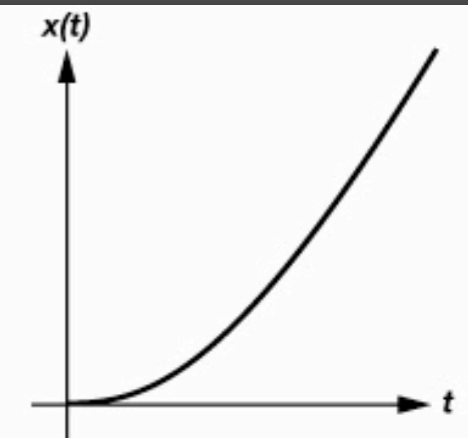
## Fill Mode Options

```
@property(copy) NSString *fillMode;  
NSString * const kCAFillModeForwards;  
NSString * const kCAFillModeBackwards;  
NSString * const kCAFillModeBoth;  
NSString * const kCAFillModeRemoved;
```

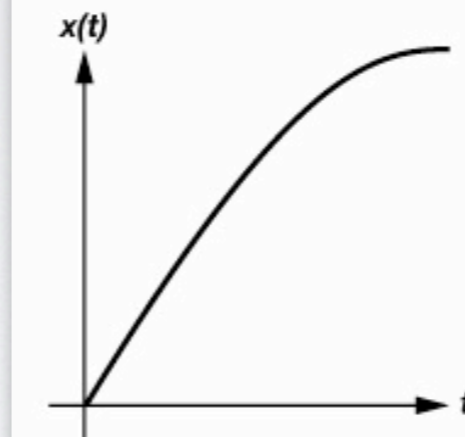
## Default Timing Functions



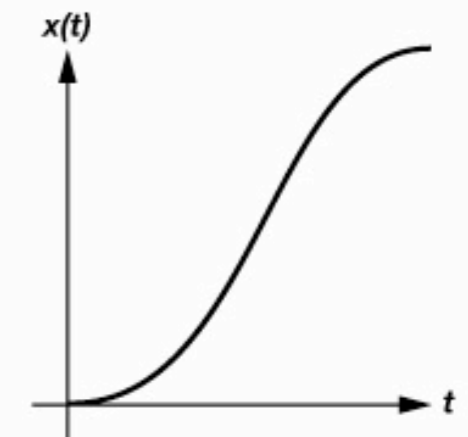
kCAMediaTimingFunctionLinear



kCAMediaTimingFunctionEaseIn



kCAMediaTimingFunctionEaseOut



kCAMediaTimingFunctionEaseInEaseOut

# PROPERTY ANIMATION

- Use `CABasicAnimation` to explicitly animate a layer property
  - `toValue`: The final value of the property
  - `fromValue`: The optional starting value
  - `byValue`: Add `byValue` to the current value

## One Property

`CABasicAnimation`

`CAKeyframeAnimation`

## *n* Properties

`CAAnimationGroup`

## Layer Tree Actions

`CATransition`

# PROPERTY ANIMATION

## BasicAnimation.m

```
CABasicAnimation *pulseAnimation =  
    [CABasicAnimation animationWithKeyPath:@"transform.scale"];  
pulseAnimation.duration = .5;  
pulseAnimation.toValue = [NSNumber numberWithFloat:1.1];  
pulseAnimation.timingFunction =  
    [CAMediaTimingFunction functionWithName:kCAMediaTimingFunctionEaseInEaseOut];  
pulseAnimation.autoreverses = YES;  
pulseAnimation.repeatCount = MAXFLOAT;  
  
[pulseLayer_ addAnimation:pulseAnimation forKey:nil];
```

# KEYFRAME ANIMATION

- `CAKeyframeAnimation` allows more fine control over the animation of a layer property
  - `values`: Array of `toValues`
  - `path`: Animate along a `CGPathRef` (alt. to `values`)
  - `calculationMode`: Interpolation style between keyframes

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# KEYFRAME ANIMATION

## KeyframeAnimation.m

```
CGSize viewSize = self.view.bounds.size;
[marioLayer_ removeAnimationForKey:@"marioJump"];

CGMutablePathRef jumpPath = CGPathCreateMutable();
CGPathMoveToPoint(jumpPath, NULL, 0., viewSize.height);
CGPathAddCurveToPoint(jumpPath, NULL, 30., 140., 170., 140., 170., 200.);

CAKeyframeAnimation *jumpAnimation =
    [CAKeyframeAnimation animationWithKeyPath:@"position"];
jumpAnimation.path = jumpPath;
jumpAnimation.duration = 1.;
jumpAnimation.timingFunction =
    [CAMediaTimingFunction functionWithName:kCAMediaTimingFunctionEaseInEaseOut];
jumpAnimation.delegate = self;

CGPathRelease(jumpPath);

[marioLayer_ addAnimation:jumpAnimation forKey:@"marioJump"];
```

# ANIMATION GROUPS

- Use `CAAnimationGroup` to group multiple property animations to be run concurrently on the same layer
- The `delegate` and `removedOnCompletion` properties of the animations are ignored
- The `duration`, `fillMode` and `beginTime` properties of the property animations offer fine grained control over each animation
- The durations of the animations are clipped to the duration of the group, not scaled.

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# ANIMATION GROUPS

## AnimationGroups.m

```
CABasicAnimation *pulseAnimation = [CABasicAnimation animationWithKeyPath:@"transform.scale"];
pulseAnimation.duration = 2.;
pulseAnimation.toValue = [NSNumber numberWithFloat:1.15];

CABasicAnimation *pulseColorAnimation = [CABasicAnimation animationWithKeyPath:@"backgroundColor"];
pulseColorAnimation.duration = 1.;
pulseColorAnimation.fillMode = kCAFillModeForwards;
pulseColorAnimation.toValue = (id)[UIColorFromRGBA(0xFF0000, .75) CGColor];

CABasicAnimation *rotateLayerAnimation =
    [CABasicAnimation animationWithKeyPath:@"transform.rotation"];
rotateLayerAnimation.duration = .5;
rotateLayerAnimation.beginTime = .5;
rotateLayerAnimation.fillMode = kCAFillModeBoth;
rotateLayerAnimation.toValue = [NSNumber numberWithFloat:DEGREES_TO_RADIANS(45.)];

CAAnimationGroup *group = [CAAnimationGroup animation];
group.animations = [NSArray arrayWithObjects:pulseAnimation, pulseColorAnimation,
                                             rotateLayerAnimation, nil];

group.duration = 2.;
group.timingFunction =
    [CAMediaTimingFunction functionName:kCAMediaTimingFunctionEaseInEaseOut];
group.autoreverses = YES;
group.repeatCount = MAXFLOAT;

[pulseLayer_ addAnimation:group forKey:nil];
```

# TRANSITIONS

- A `CATransition` animates changes to the layer tree
- Canned animations that effect an entire layer
- The `type` and `subtype` properties define the canned transition animation
- The `CATransition` is added to the *parent layer* and animates the hiding, showing, adding and removing of its child layers

## One Property

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# TRANSITIONS

## LayerTransitions.m

```
CATransition *transition = [CATransition animation];  
transition.duration = .5;  
transition.timingFunction =  
    [CAMediaTimingFunction functionName:kCAMediaTimingFunctionEaseInEaseOut];  
transition.type = kCATransitionPush;  
transition.subtype = kCATransitionFromRight;  
  
[containerLayer_ addAnimation:transition forKey:nil];
```

# BLOCK BASED API

- iOS 4 only!
- Most block methods are in the UIView animation API
- Core Animation gets one

## Core Animation Block API

```
[CATransaction setCompletionBlock:^(  
    //Clean up after all animations in this transaction  
    //have finished.  
)];
```

# SPECIAL LAYER TYPES

- `CATiledLayer`: For displaying very large layers (bigger than  $1024 \times 1024$ ) at multiple levels of detail
- `CAShapeLayer`: Draws an animatable `CGPath` (since 3.0)
- `CAGradientLayer`: Draws a gradient over its background color (since 3.0)
- `CATransformLayer`: A container layer for true 3D hierarchy (since 3.0)
- `CAReplicatorLayer`: Creates copies of its sublayers with each copy potentially having geometric, temporal and color transformations applied to it (since 3.0)
- `CATextLayer`: Renders text using Core Text. Supports loadable fonts and `NSAttributedString`. (since 3.2)
- `CAEmitterLayer`: Create particle systems

# GRADIENT LAYERS

## GradientLayers.m

```
gradientLayer_.backgroundColor = [[UIColor blackColor] CGColor];
gradientLayer_.bounds = CGRectMake(0., 0., 200., 200.);
gradientLayer_.position = self.view.center;
gradientLayer_.cornerRadius = 12.;
gradientLayer_.borderWidth = 2.;
gradientLayer_.borderColor = [[UIColor blackColor] CGColor];
gradientLayer_.startPoint = CGPointZero;
gradientLayer_.endPoint = CGPointMake(0., 1.);
gradientLayer_.colors = [NSArray arrayWithObjects:
    (id)[[UIColor whiteColor] CGColor],
    (id)[UIColorFromRGBA(0xFFFFFFFF, .1) CGColor],
    nil];
```



# SHAPE LAYERS

## ShapeLayers.m

```
shapeLayer_.backgroundColor = [[UIColor clearColor] CGColor];
shapeLayer_.frame = CGRectMake(0., 0., 200., 200.);
shapeLayer_.position = self.view.center;

CGMutablePathRef path = CGPathCreateMutable();
CGPathAddEllipseInRect(path, NULL, rect);
shapeLayer_.path = path;
CGPathRelease(path);

shapeLayer_.fillColor = [[UIColor blueColor] CGColor];
shapeLayer_.strokeColor = [[UIColor blackColor] CGColor];
shapeLayer_.lineWidth = 4.;
shapeLayer_.lineDashPattern = [NSArray arrayWithObjects:
                                [NSNumber numberWithInt:8],
                                [NSNumber numberWithInt:8],
                                nil];
shapeLayer_.lineCap = kCALineCapRound;
```

# TEXT LAYERS

## TextLayers.m

```
CTFontRef font = CTFontCreateWithName(CFSTR("Courier"), 16.f, NULL);
normalTextLayer_ = [[CATextLayer alloc] init];
normalTextLayer_.font = font;
normalTextLayer_.string = @"This is just a plain old CATextLayer";
normalTextLayer_.wrapped = YES;
normalTextLayer_.foregroundColor = [[UIColor purpleColor] CGColor];
normalTextLayer_.fontSize = 20.f;
normalTextLayer_.alignmentMode = kCAAlignmentCenter;
normalTextLayer_.frame = CGRectMake(0.f, 10.f, 320.f, 32.f);
CFRelease(font);
```

# TEXT LAYERS

## TextLayers.m

```
NSDictionary *fontAttributes = [NSDictionary dictionaryWithObjectsAndKeys:
    @"Courier", (NSString *)kCTFontFamilyNameAttribute,
    @"Bold", (NSString *)kCTFontStyleNameAttribute,
    [NSNumber numberWithFloat:16.f], (NSString *)kCTFontSizeAttribute,
    nil];

CTFontDescriptorRef descriptor =
    CTFontDescriptorCreateWithAttributes((CFDictionaryRef)fontAttributes);
CTFontRef courierFont = CTFontCreateWithFontDescriptor(descriptor, 0, NULL);
CFRelease(descriptor);

NSDictionary *stringAttributes =
    [NSDictionary dictionaryWithObject:(id)courierFont
    forKey:(NSString *)kCTFontAttributeName];

NSMutableAttributedString *attrString =
    [[NSMutableAttributedString alloc] initWithString:EXAMPLE_STRING
    attributes:stringAttributes];

NSRange rangeOfClassName = [[attrString string] rangeOfString:@"CATextLayer"];
[attrString addAttribute:(NSString *)kCTForegroundColorAttributeName
    value:(id)[[UIColor redColor] CGColor]
    range:rangeOfClassName];

CFRelease(courierFont);
attributedTextLayer_.string = attrString;
```

# PERFORMANCE

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- Core Animation is hardware accelerated
- It takes advantage of the features of the GPU
- It works very well as long as we stay out of its way
- We should know how the GPU is used by Core Animation

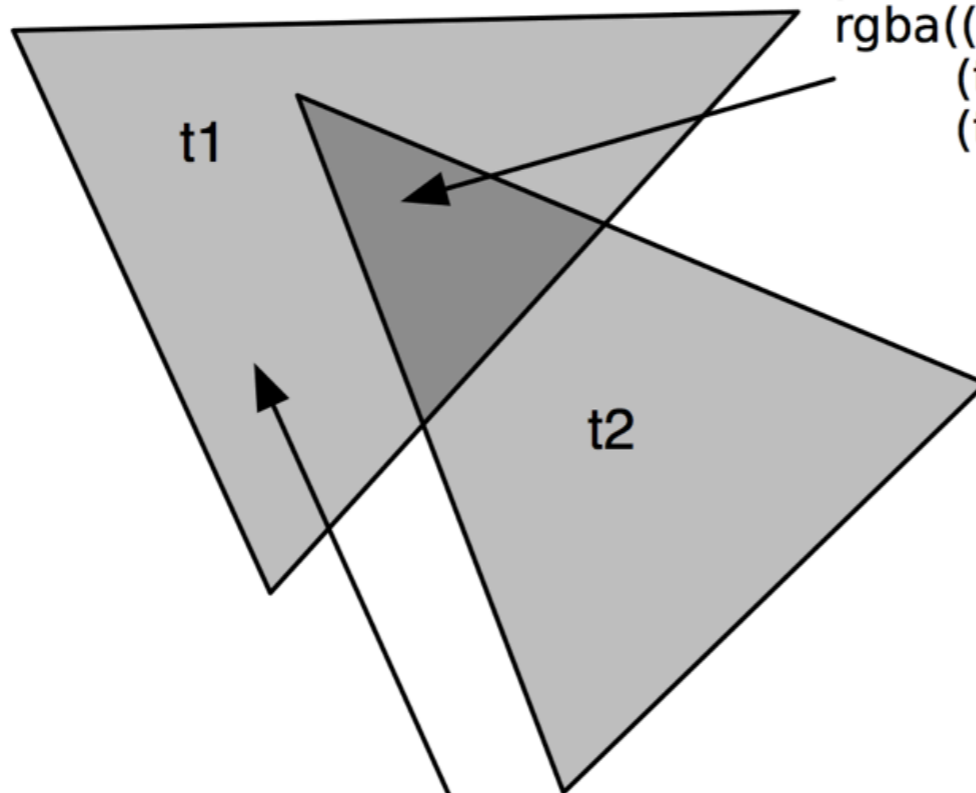
# THE GPU

## Blending

t1 color = rgba(1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 0.25)

t2 color = rgba(1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 0.25)

pixel color = blend(t1, t2) =  
rgba((t2r \* t2a) + (1 - t1a) \* t1r,  
(t2g \* t2a) + (1 - t1a) \* t1g,  
(t2b \* t2a) + (1 - t1a) \* t1b)



pixel color = t1 color = rgba(1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 0.25)

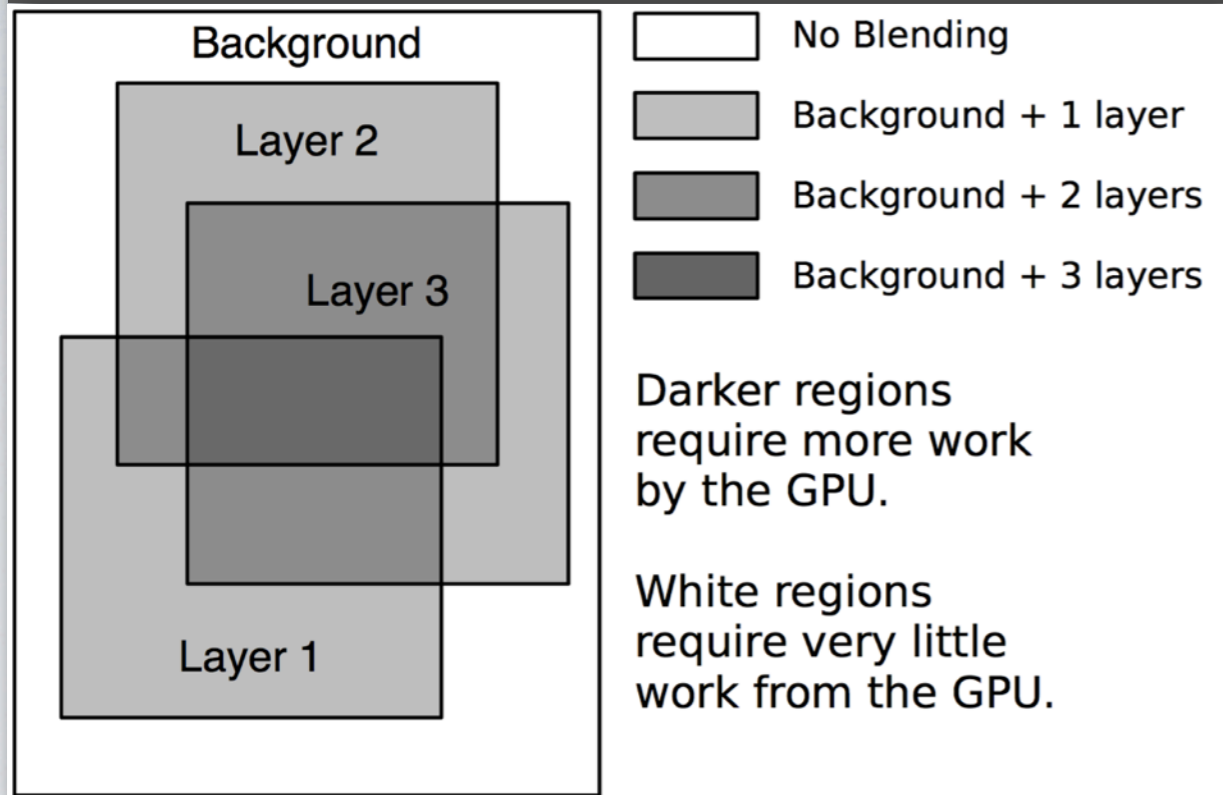
# GPU BOTTLENECKS

- **Destination Pixels** - The number of pixels the GPU must render/blend to reach the final bitmap
- **Source Pixels** - The number of pixels the GPU must read in from source images
- **Rendering Passes** - The number of rendering passes required to reach the final bitmap

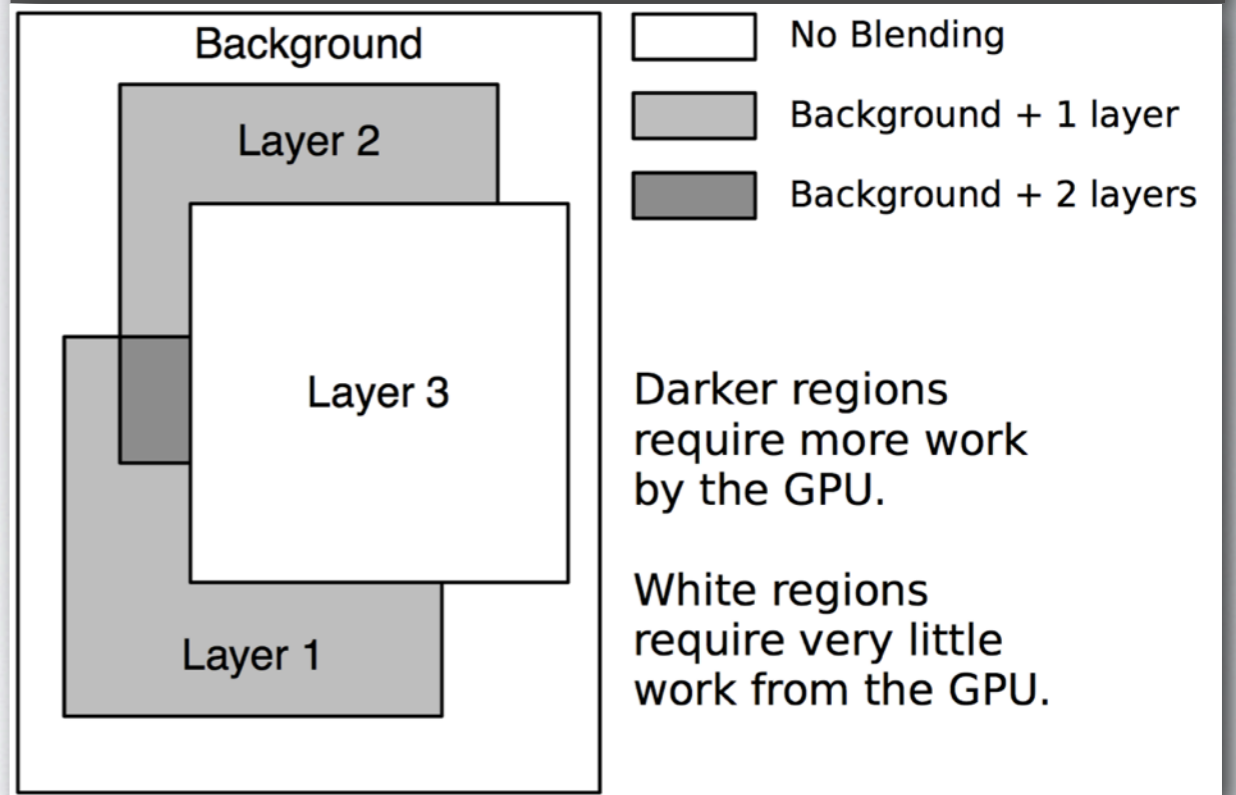
# DESTINATION PIXELS

Minimize Transparent Pixels to Minimize Blending

## All non-opaque layers



## Using opaque layers





# SOURCE PIXELS

- Pre-render properly sized images to minimize offscreen drawing. Unnecessarily large images kill performance.
- Properly sized source images allow CA to map the image pixels directly into the framebuffer (as long as the image is opaque) bypassing scaling and compositing operations
- Also results in reduced memory usage and disk i/o
- Use the “Color Misaligned Images” option in Instruments

# RENDERING PASSES

- Limit use of mask layers and group opacity
- Use layer bitmap caching carefully
- Use the “Color Offscreen” option in Instruments

# THANK YOU

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