

Informal Animation Sketching with K-Sketch

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What if...

We could sketch moving pictures as easily as static pictures?



...It would give everyone access to a new medium for expressing ideas!

Educators

A new way to teach dynamic concepts



Knowledge Workers

A new way to share ideas



Animators

A fast way to prototype animations



Informal Animation

A pen-based interface that makes it possible to demonstrate a wide variety of rough animations in seconds

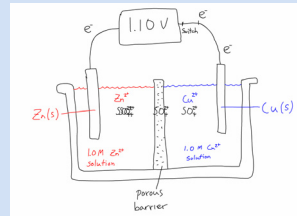
Draw objects and move them with the stylus. Object motion is inferred from hand motion.



Ball will bounce along the path

Example Animations

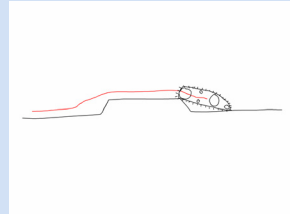
Education



Battery Reaction

Six-second animation showing electrons and sulfate ions moving
46 min. to create in Flash!

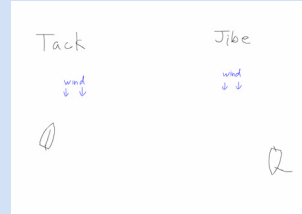
Research



Tread Motion

Thirteen-second animation showing the path of a machine tread going over a bump
42 min. to create in Flash!

Recreation



Tack and Jibe

Six-second animation comparing two sailing maneuvers
61 min. to create in Flash!

Motion Categories

72 example animations collected from seven animators, ten would-be animators, and children show which types of motion need to be supported

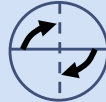
Most Important



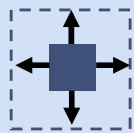
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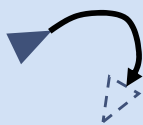
Appearing & Disappearing



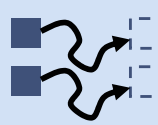
Rotation



Scaling



Rotation & Translation

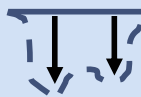


Replicated Motion

Less Important



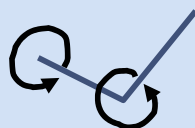
Animation Cells



Morphing



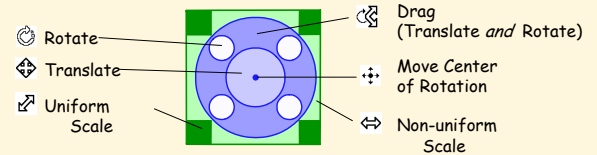
Physical Modeling



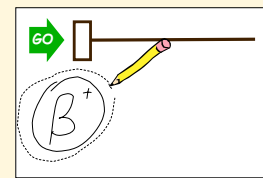
Motion Hierarchy

Interface Design Concept

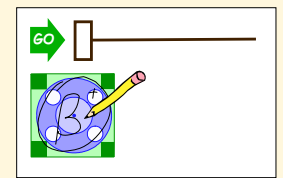
Animation Selection Widget



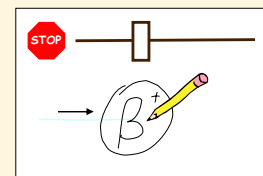
Creating a Particle Collision Animation



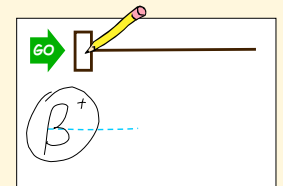
1. Draw and select positron



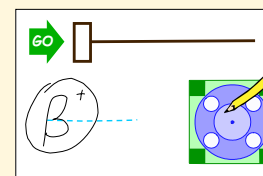
2. Drag selection widget



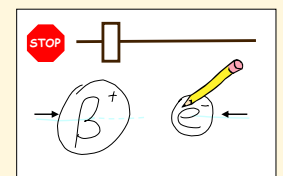
3. Motion is recorded



4. Rewind to beginning



5. Draw and select electron



6. Drag to final position, timing collision by hand