

Gauging the Graphing System

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Overview

- The `WebGUI::Image` components.
- Including graphing into your code.
- Writing your own graphing plugins.
- Simple example: `SimpleGauge`.
- Questions.



The WebGUI::Image subsystem

- WebGUI::Image
- **WebGUI::Image::Graph**
- WebGUI::Image::Color
- WebGUI::Image::Palette
- WebGUI::Image::Font



WebGUI::Image

- Base class for all graphs.
- Handy methods:
 - `image()`
 - `getImageHeight()` / `getImageWidth()`
 - `getXOffset()` / `getYOffset()`
 - `saveToStorageLocation()` / `saveToFileSystem()`
 - `text()`



Color handling

- You can either use specific colors or colors from the color manager (system colors).
- Specific colors: use for one off stuff like backgrounds, panes axis etc.
- System colors: use for coloring data.
- System colors are in a palette



System Colors: WebGUI::Image::Color

- A WebGUI::Image::Color consists of a Stroke color and a Fill color.
- Colors are defined in terms of R, G and B values.
- Colors also have an alpha (transparency) component.



WebGUI::Image::Color: Handy methods

- sub getFillColor { }
- sub getFillTriplet { }
- sub getFillAlpha { }
- sub darken { }



WebGUI::Image::Palette

- Collection of WebGUI::Image::Color's
- Allows you to cycle through these colors
- Handy method (the only one you need):
 - `sub getNextColor { }`



Add graphing to your Asset

- Add a graphing tab to the edit form.
- Process the graph config data when saving the edit form, and store it into your asset.
- Instantiate a graph with the saved config data
- Add data.
- Add labels.
- Draw the graph.



Adding the configuration tab

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Write the image to disk

```
...(see previous slides)  
$graph->draw;
```

```
my $storage = WebGUI::Storage::Image->createTemp(  
    $self->session  
);  
$graph->saveToStorageLocation(  
    $storage, 'filename.png'  
);  
}
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Required methods

- sub configurationForm { }
- sub formNamespace { }
- sub getConfiguration { }
- sub setConfiguration { }
- sub draw { }



Example: SimpleGauge

```
package WebGUI::Image::Graph::SimpleGauge;
```

```
use strict;
```

```
use base qw{ WebGUI::Image::Graph };
```

```
use constant pi => 3.14159265358979;
```

```
use WebGUI::HTMLForm;
```

code here

```
1;
```



sub configurationForm { }

- Provides the form for the properties of the graph.
- Returns a hash of printRowsOnly'd HTMLForm objects.
- Use namespace with :: replaced with _ as a hash key.



sub configurationForm { }

```
sub configurationForm {
  my $self      = shift;

  my $f = WebGUI::HTMLForm->new($self->session);
  $f->trClass( 'Graph_SimpleGauge' );
  $f->color(
    name      => 'simplegauge_axisColor',
    label     => 'Axis color',
    value     => $self->getAxisColor,
  );

  my $cf = $self->SUPER::configurationForm;
  $cf->{ 'graph_simplegauge' } =
    $f->printRowsOnly;

  return $configurationForms;
}
```



sub formNamespace { }

- Returns the namespace with :: replaced with _.

```
sub formNamespace {  
  my $self = shift;  
  
  return  
    $self->SUPER::formNamespace.'_SimpleGauge';  
}
```



sub getConfiguration { }

- Returns a hashref with the configuration options of the graph.
- Make sure keys are named just like those in the configurationForm generated form.



sub getConfiguration { }

```
sub getConfiguration {  
    my $self = shift;  
  
    my $config = $self->SUPER::getConfiguration;  
  
    return {  
        %{ $config },  
        simplegauge_axisColor    =>  
            $self->getAxisColor,  
    };  
}
```



sub setConfiguration { }

- Takes a hashref containing configuration data and applies it to the graph.
- The hashref should have the same form as that generated by getConfiguration.



sub setConfiguration { }

```
sub setConfiguration {  
  my $self      = shift;  
  my $config    = shift;  
  
  $self->SUPER::setConfiguration( $config );  
  
  $self->setAxisColor(  
    $config->{ simplegauge_axisColor }  
  );  
}
```



sub draw { }

- Performs all graphical manipulations necessary.
- Does not save an image to disk!

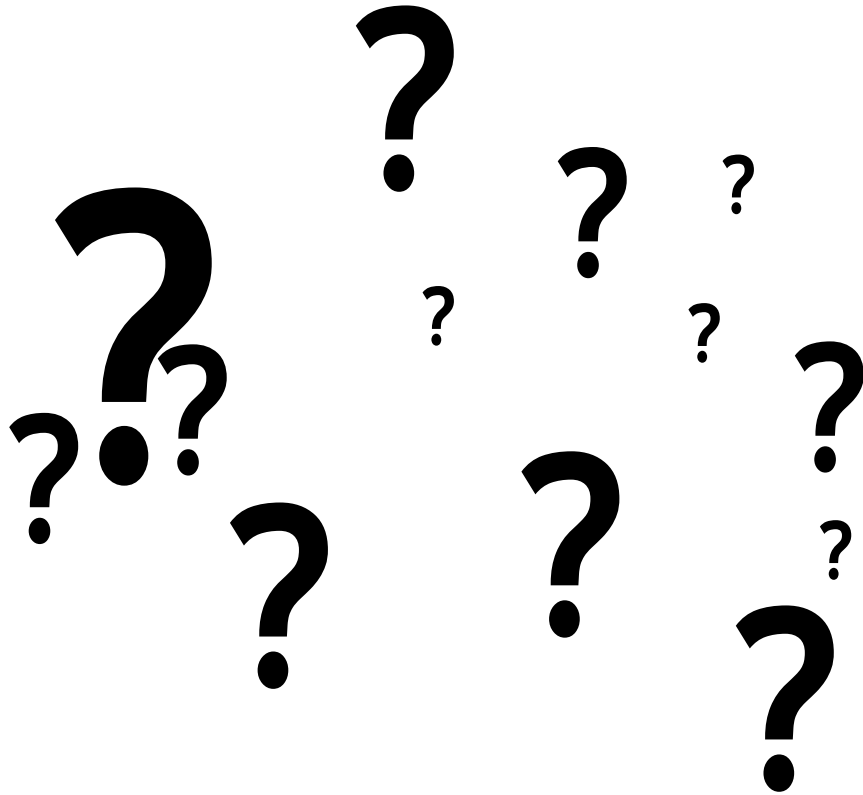


sub draw { }

```
sub draw {  
  my $self = shift;  
  
  $self->drawBackground;  
  $self->drawAxes;  
  $self->drawLabels;  
  
  my $palette = $self->getPalette;  
  
  foreach my $set ( @{ $self->getDataset } ) {  
    foreach my $element ( @{ $set } ) {  
      $self->drawNeedle(  
        $element,  
        $palette->getNextColor );  
    }  
  }  
}
```



Questions?



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