

Mensch-Maschine-Interaktion 2

Übung 4

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Benefits and Drawbacks of Eyetrackers

Benefits

1. Which parts of the interface/website attract attention
2. Flexible tool
3. Quantitative usage data
4. More reliable than mouse movement
5. Enables identifying interaction that the user is not aware of

Drawbacks

1. Expensive hardware
=> Mostly lab studies
2. Hardware might distract users (not easy to hide)
3. Peripheral attention not measured
4. No qualitative component (what did the user think when looking at point X)
5. Sample rate might be low

Possible Extension for an Eyetracker Experiment

- Think Aloud/Talk Aloud
- Questionnaires
- Interviews
- ... and other qualitative measurements

Today

Overview of

Multitouch

Principles

Outline

- Hardware
- Processing Touch / Tracking
- Hardware Abstraction
- Exercise

Touch hardware available at the lab

- Smart screen
- Smartphones
- Kinects
- Microsoft Surface (1.0 and 2.0)
- Curve

Smart board

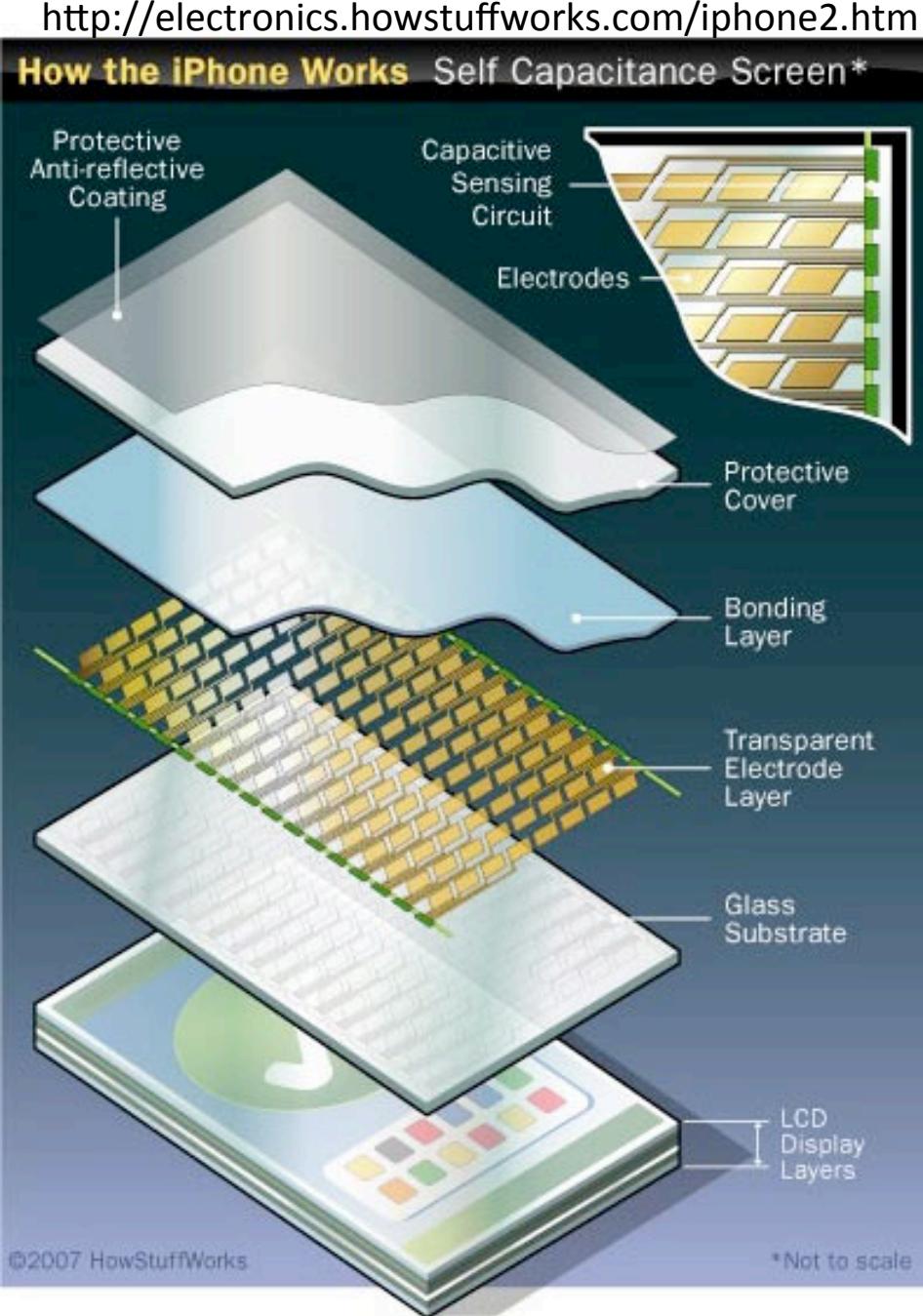
- Projection based
- Vision based tracking
- Single touch and pen tracking
- Cameras placed in the corners.



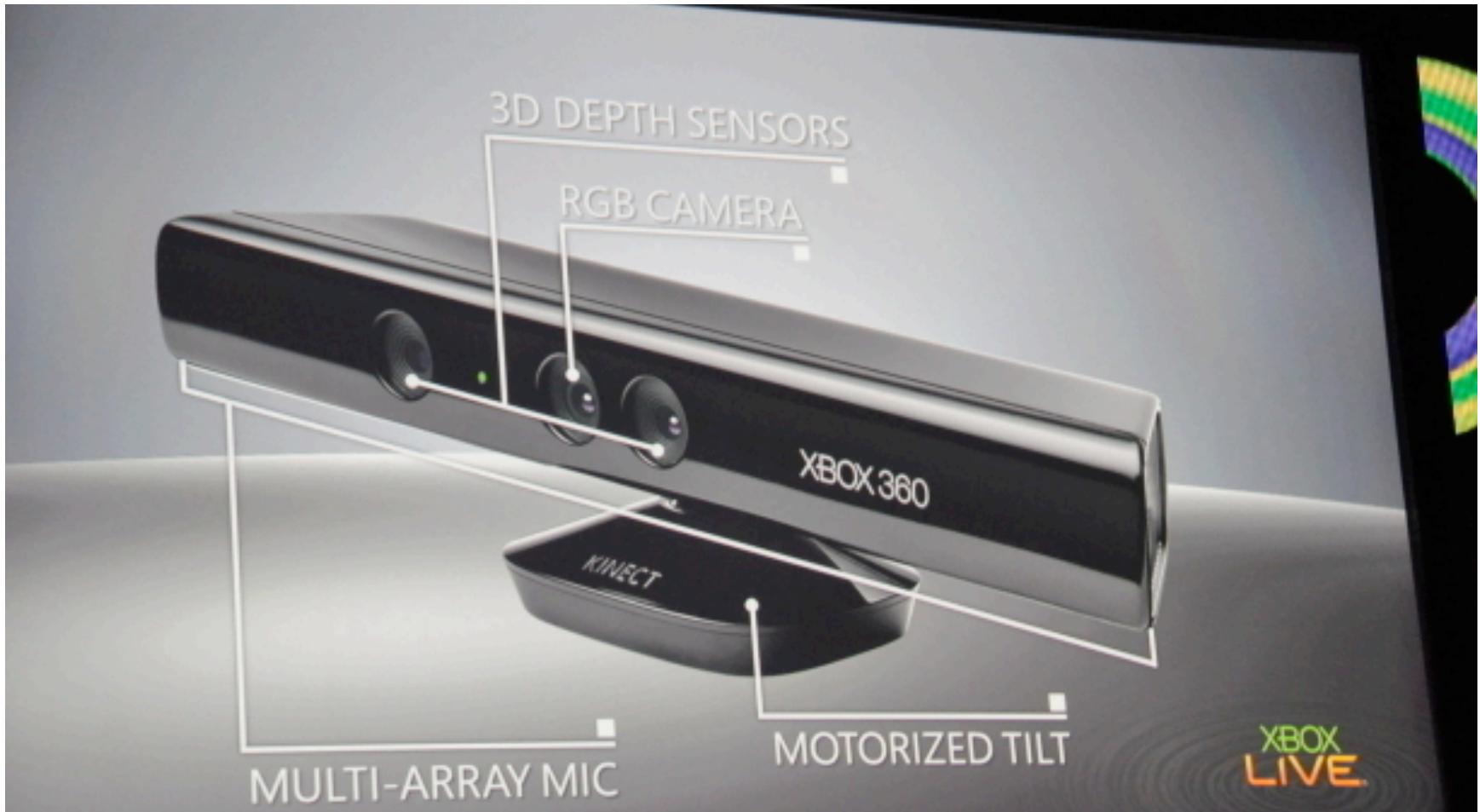
Smart Board 800 communication material

Smartphones

- Capacitive screens
- Multitouch
- LCD screen
- Small size

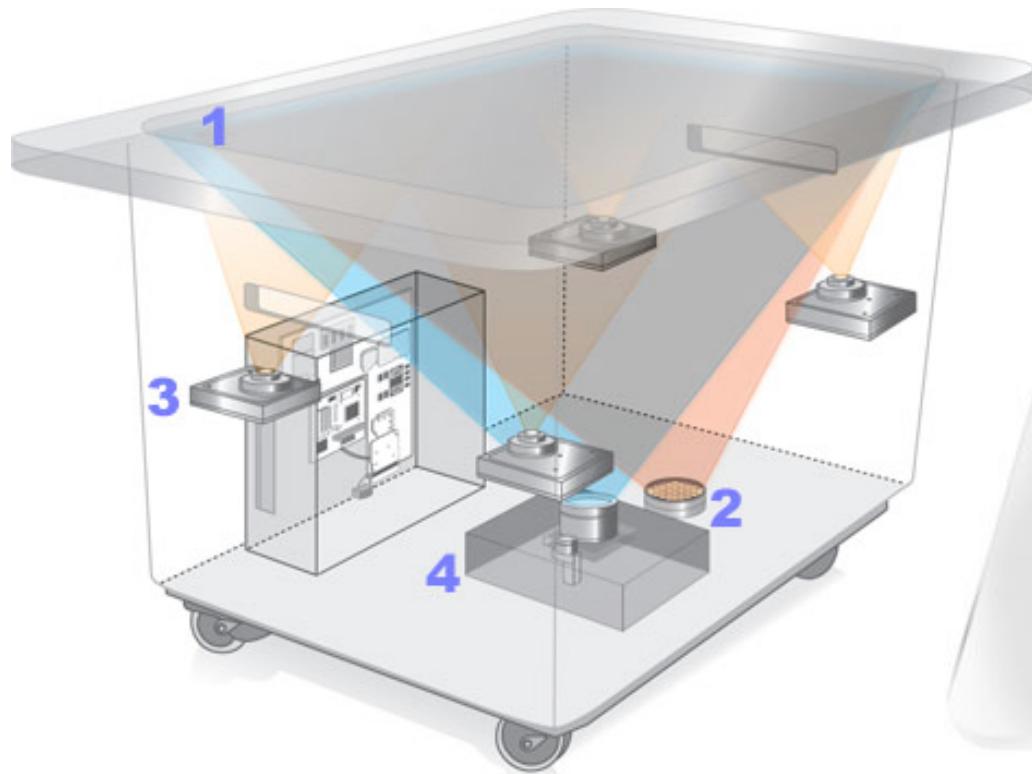


Kinects



<http://itp.nyu.edu/physcomp/sensors/Reports/MicrosoftKinect>

Microsoft Surface 1.0



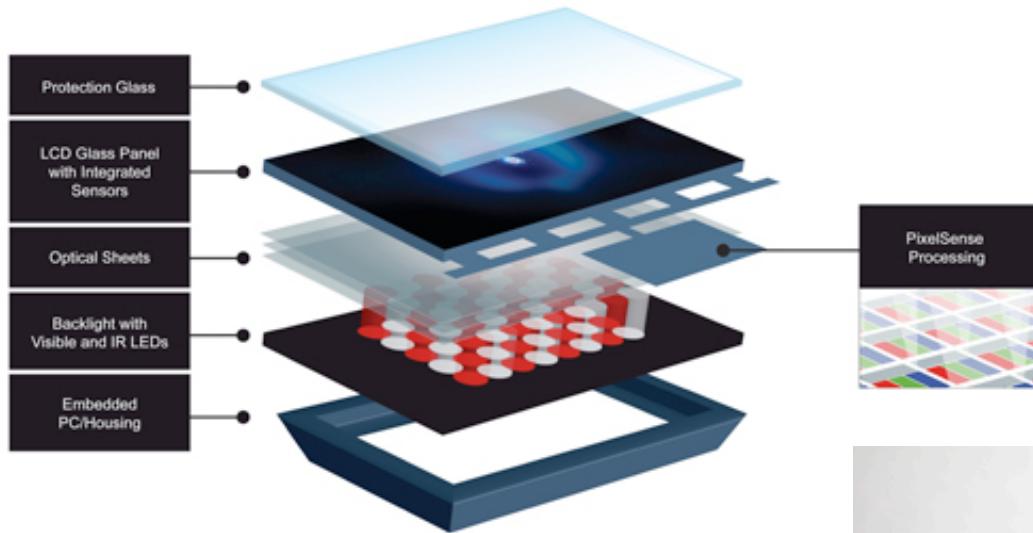
1. Projected surface
2. Infrared projector
3. Cameras
4. Projector



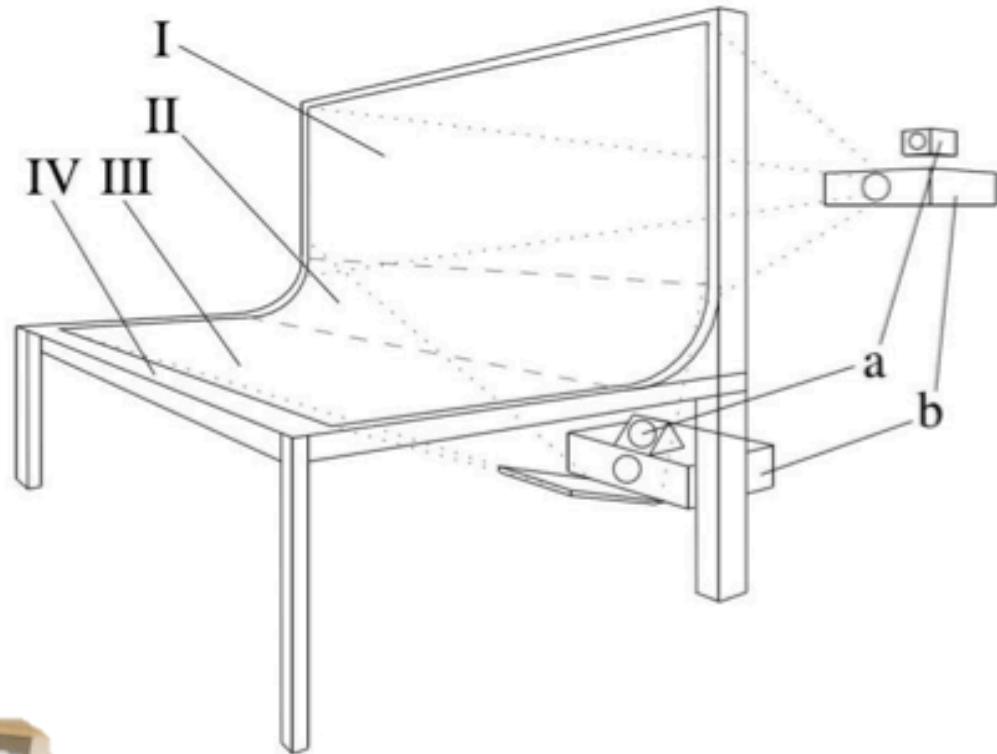
[http://www.knowledgebase-script.com/
demo/article-420.html](http://www.knowledgebase-script.com/demo/article-420.html)

Microsoft PixelSense (Formerly Surface 2.0)

<http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/pixelsense/pixelsense.aspx>



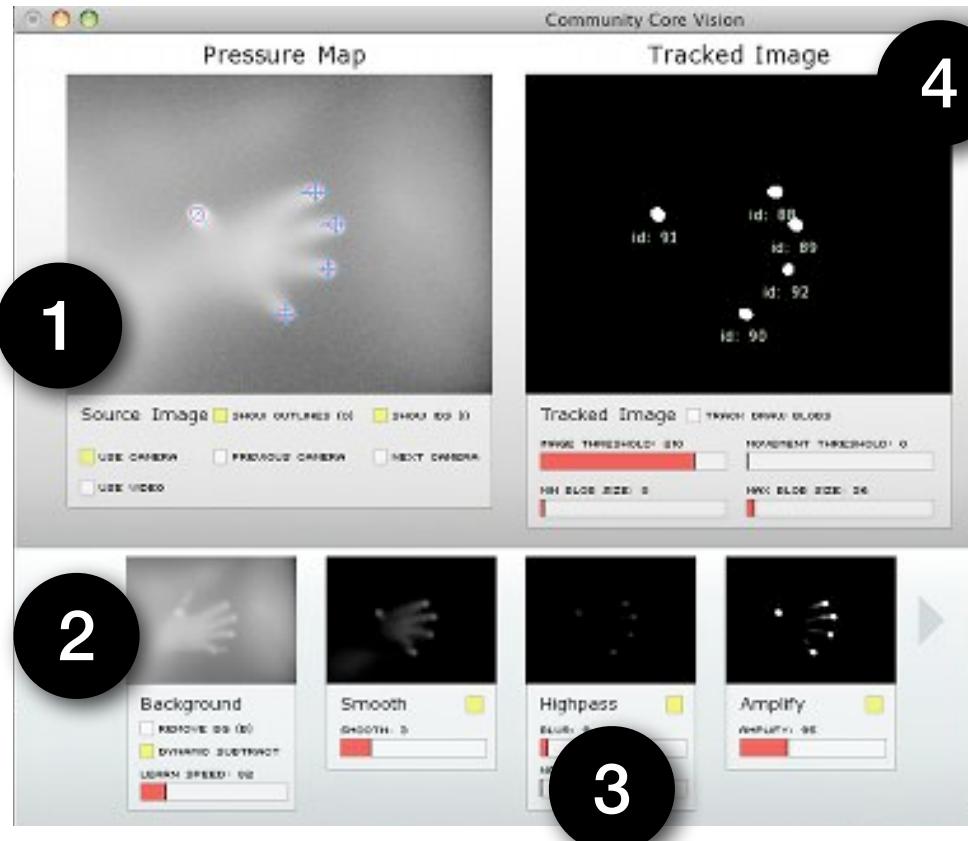
Curve



Processing Touch

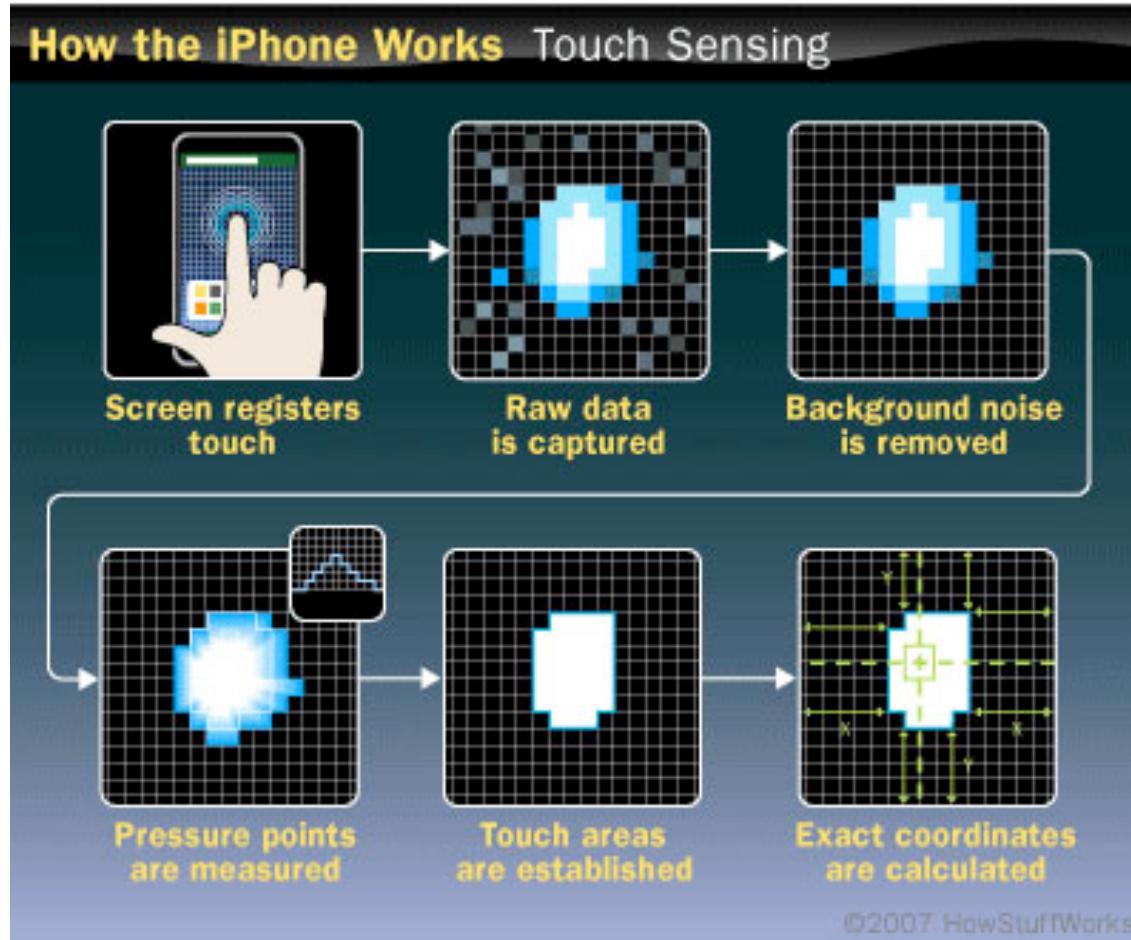
Vision based

1. Capture
2. Background Subtraction
3. Processing / Filtering
4. Recognition
5. Tracking



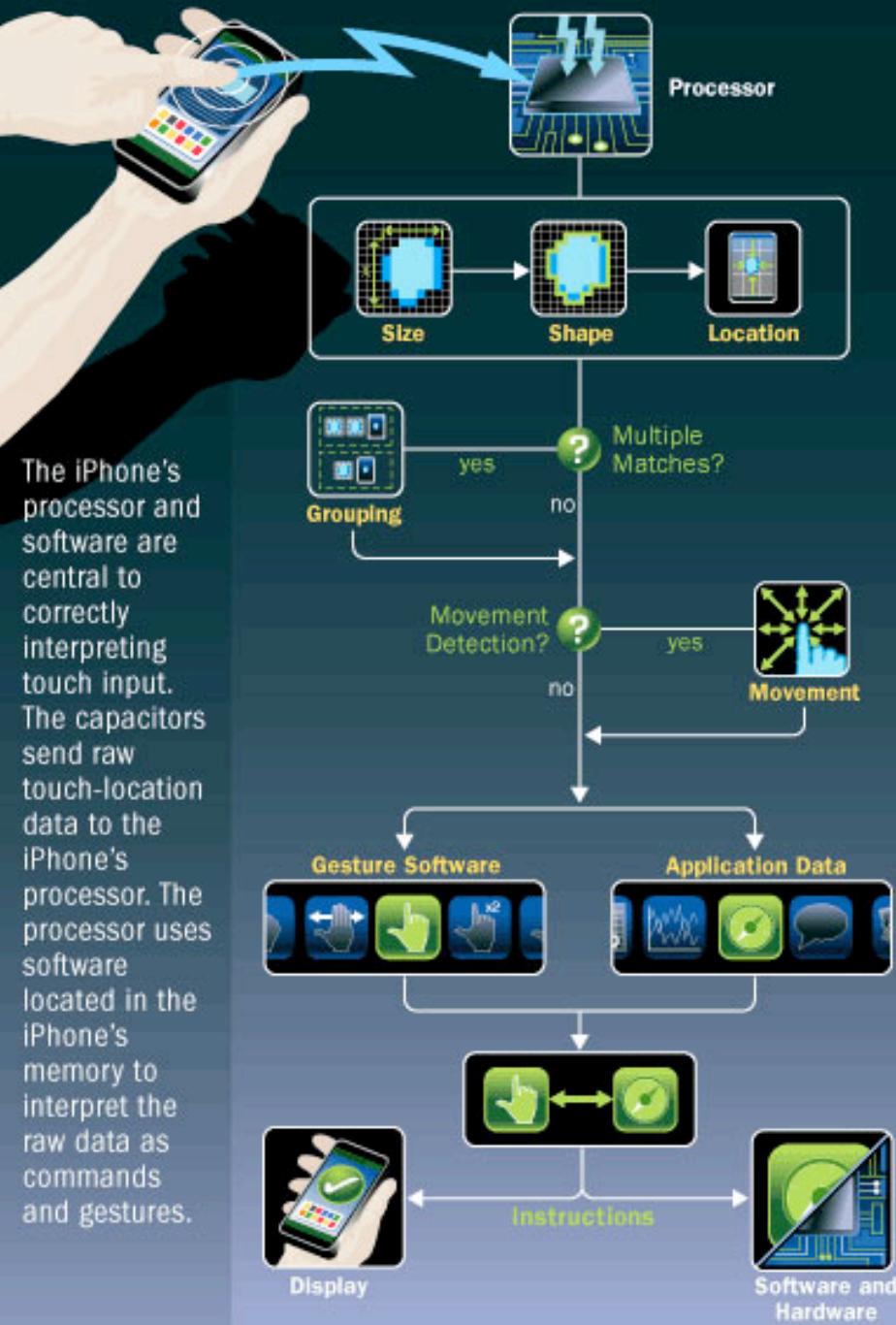
<http://ccv.nuigroup.com/>

Capacitive screens (1)



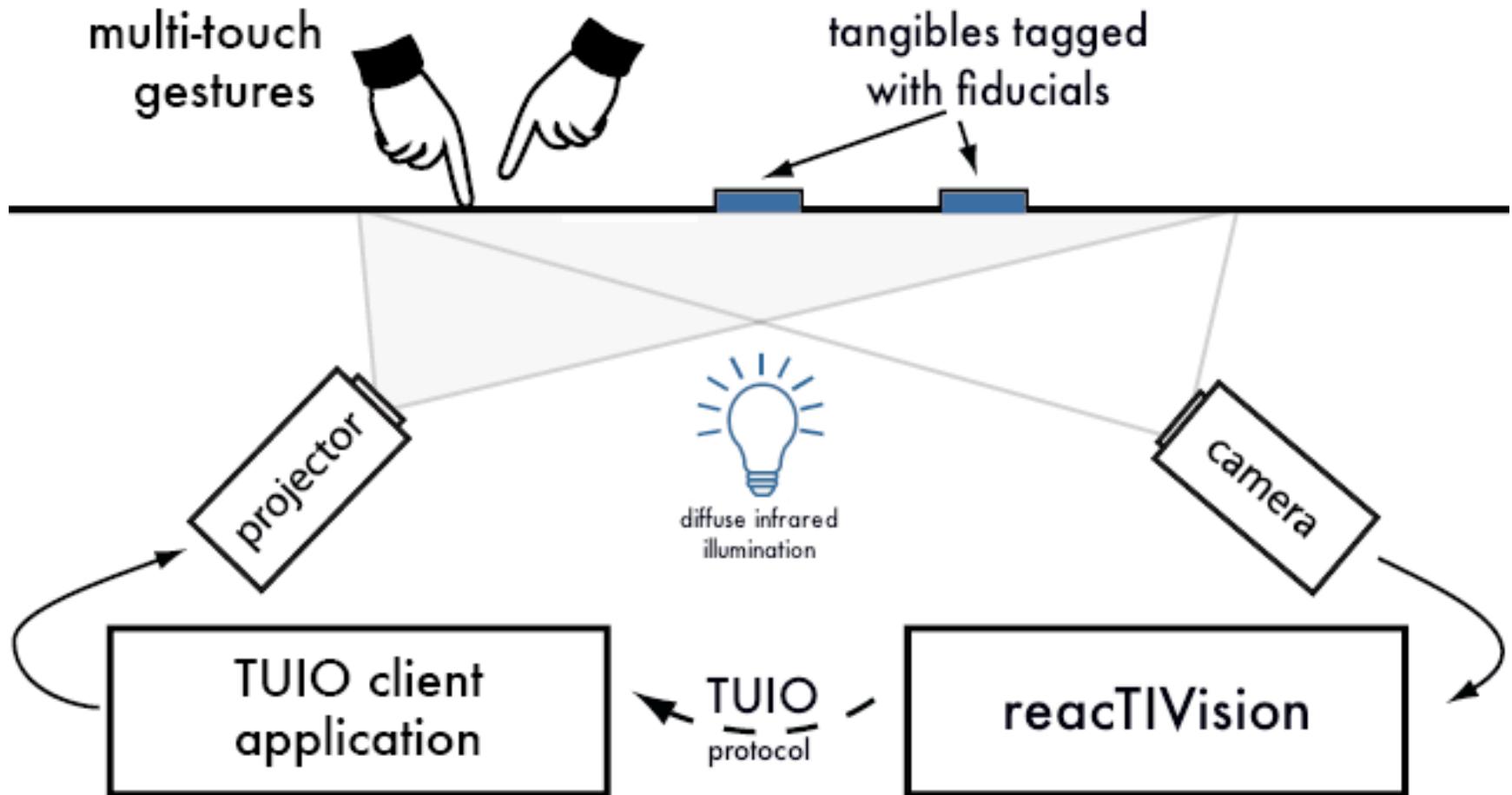
<http://electronics.howstuffworks.com/iphone3.htm>

Capacitive screens (2)



Hardware Abstraction: TUIO protocol

Hardware abstraction for input



References

1. B. Buxton, Multi-Touch Systems that I Have Known and Loved.
<http://www.billbuxton.com/multitouchOverview.html>
2. How Stuff Works: The iPhone
<http://electronics.howstuffworks.com/iphone.htm>

Exercise 4:

A multitouch photo browser

MT4J: Multi-Touch for Java

MT4j – Multitouch for Java™ – is an open source Java™ framework, created for rapid development of visually rich applications.
MT4j is designed to support different kinds of input devices with a special focus on multi-touch support.

MT4j Features

- can be used for 2D, 3D or 2.5D (pseudo-3D) applications
- cross-platform – currently tested under Windows 7™, XP™, Vista™, Ubuntu Linux and Mac OSX™
- extensible, component based scene graph structure (similar to Java™'s swing framework)
- input abstraction layer – support for all sorts of input devices can be easily added
- supports the new Windows 7™ Touch features natively and all the compliant multi-touch hardware
- supports Apple™'s multi-touch mice and trackpads
- supports the TUO protocol, which is provided by finger and object tracking software such as Reactivision, CCV or Touché
- flexible multitouch gesture system – you can define your own multitouch gestures
- the most common multitouch gestures are already included and can be registered modularly with any component for a pluggable behaviour changeable at runtime
- software or hardware accelerated graphics rendering (using OpenGL)
- includes many graphical objects e.g.: rectangles, round rectangles, ellipses, polygons, lines, triangle meshes, spheres, cubes, etc. with support for textures, gradients, fill- and outline color
- includes prebuilt UI components e.g.. buttons, text, lists, sliders and a multitouch enabled keyboard
- support for loading and fast rendering of vector graphics from Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG) files
- supports bitmap and vector fonts (SVG and True Type Fonts)
- imports 3D objects from .3ds and .obj files with textures and creates normals for smooth shading
- precise picking/selection of all geometric objects in 2D or 3D space – most gestures are supported in 3D
- animation support
- built on top of Processing, which allows you to use its many features and libraries
- test your multitouch application by using one – or even multiple mice connected to your pc (Windows, Linux)
- MT4j is open source and released under the [GPL License](#).

Showcase: MT4j – Android Edition: First Alpha Verison



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News

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[04.04.11., 10:58, read / post comments](#)
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- Our workshop in Berlin, Germany**
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Home of MT4j

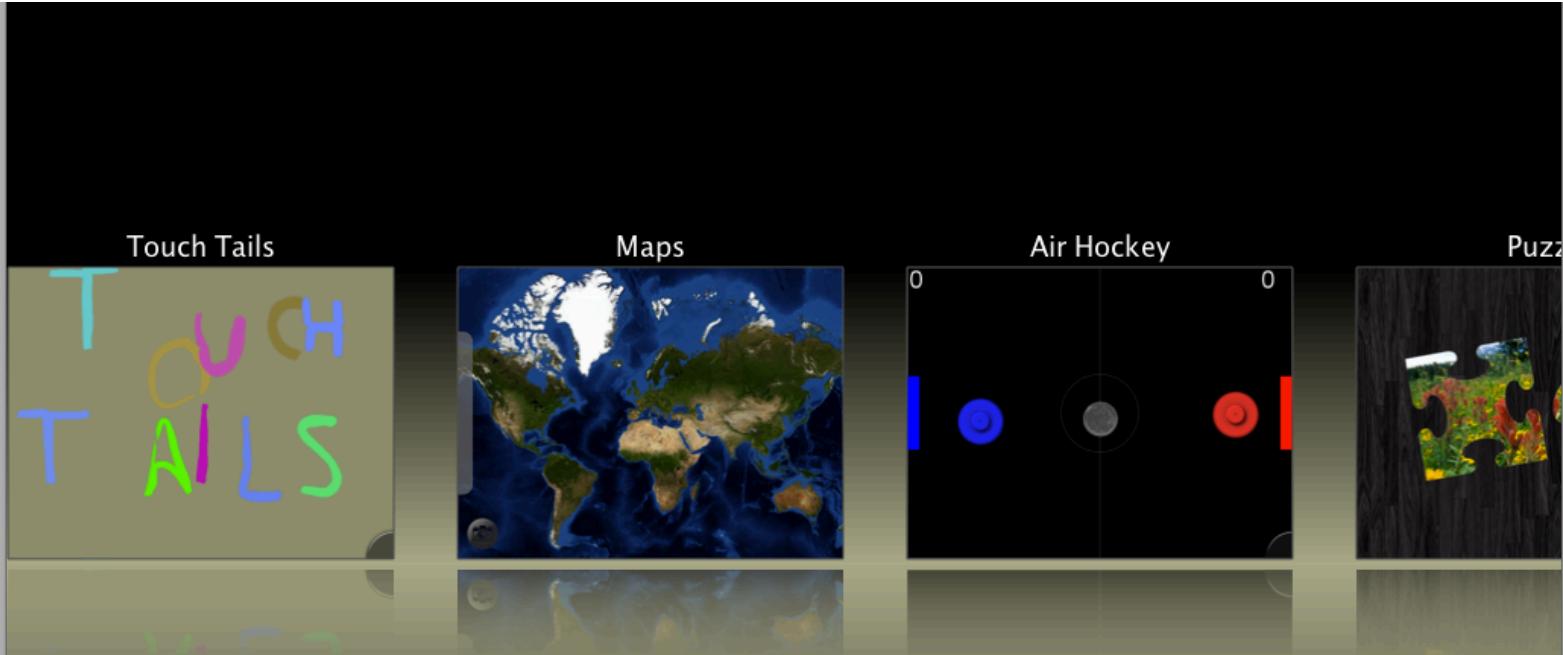


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Demo, mtShell



To simulate a **second finger** (required for zooming or scaling) press **ctrl+n** to set the position of the simulated finger and press **shift** to touch with the simulated finger.

On PCs you can also plug another mouse to have 2 inputs.

On Macs you can activate the multitouch capabilities of the trackpads/mice.

MT4J Principles

- Full screen (= single window) applications
- Application composed of scenes

```
public class StartHelloWorld extends MTApplication {  
    private static final long serialVersionUID = 1L;  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        initialize();  
    }  
    @Override  
    public void startUp() {  
        addScene(newHelloWorldScene(this, "HelloWorld"));  
    }  
}
```

Hello World Scene

```
public class HelloWorldScene extends AbstractScene {  
  
    public HelloWorldScene( AbstractMTApplication mtApplication,  
                           String name) {  
        super(mtApplication, name);  
  
        IFont fontArial= FontManager.getInstance().createFont(  
            mtApplication, "arial.ttf", 50, new MTColor(255,255,255));  
  
        //Create a textfield  
        MTTextArea textField = new MTTextArea( mtApplication,  
                                              fontArial);  
        textField.setNoStroke(true);  
        textField.setNoFill(true);  
        textField.setText("Hello World!");
```

Hello World Scene

```
//Center the textfield on the screen
textField.setPositionGlobal(new Vector3D(
    mtApplication.width/2f, mtApplication.height/2f));
//Add the textfield to our canvas
this.getCanvas().addChild(textField);

//Show touches
this.registerGlobalInputProcessor(
    new CursorTracer(mtApplication, this));
}

public void onEnter() {}
public void onLeave() {}
}
```

Eclipse walkthrough

The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface with the following details:

- Project Explorer View:** On the left, it displays the project structure under "Other Projects". The "examples" folder contains several subfolders: advanced, basic, css, fiducials, helloWorld, JavaGUI, mtGestures, scenes, and svgExample. The "svgExample" folder is currently selected.
- StartSVGExample.java:** The top editor tab shows the code for this class. It imports org.mt4j.MTApplication and defines a public class StartSVGExample extending MTApplication. It includes a main method and an overridden startUp method that adds an SVGScene to the application.
- SVGScene.java:** The bottom editor tab shows the code for this class. It imports java.io.File and extends AbstractScene. It initializes a string(svgPath) based on user.dir and adds various MTSvg and MTImage objects to a canvas.
- Toolbars and Status Bar:** The top bar includes standard Eclipse icons like file operations, search, and help. The status bar at the bottom indicates "2 items selected".

```
Java - mt4j-desktop/examples/basic/svgExample/SVGScene.java - Eclipse SDK - /Users/aurelien/Documents/workspace
```

```
package basic.svgExample;

import org.mt4j.MTApplication;

public class StartSVGExample extends MTApplication{
    /**
     */
    private static final long serialVersionUID = 1L;

    public static void main(String args[]){
        initialize();
    }

    @Override
    public void startUp(){
        this.addScene(new SVGScene(this, "Svg scene"));
    }
}
```

```
package basic.svgExample;

import java.io.File;

public class SVGScene extends AbstractScene {

    private String svgPath = System.getProperty("user.dir") + File.separator + "examples" + File.separator + "basic" + File.separator + "svgExample" + File.separator + "data" + File.separator;
    // private String svgPath = "basic" + AbstractMTApplication.separator + "svgExample" + AbstractMTApplication.separator + "data" + AbstractMTApplication.separator;

    public SVGScene(AbstractMTApplication mtApplication, String name) {
        super(mtApplication, name);

        this.setClearColor(new MTColor(255, 255, 255));
        //Show touches
        this.registerGlobalInputProcessor(new CursorTracer(mtApplication, this));

        MTSvg svg = new MTSvg(mtApplication, svgPath + "windmill.svg");
        svg.setPositionGlobal(new Vector3D(mtApplication.width/2, mtApplication.height/2, 0));
        this.getCanvas().addChild(svg);

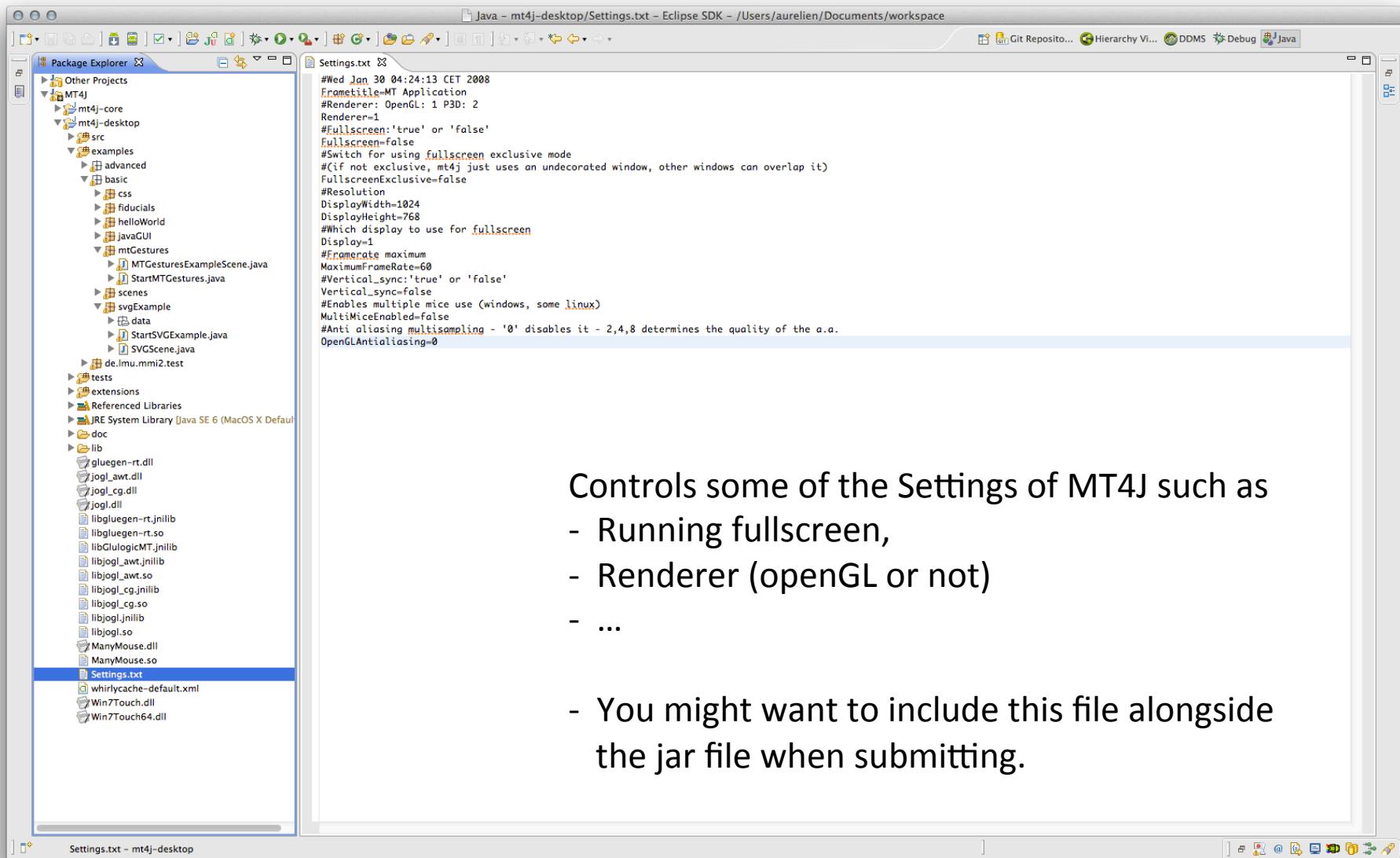
        MTSvg butterfly = new MTSvg(mtApplication, svgPath + "butterfly.svg");
        butterfly.setPositionGlobal(new Vector3D(300, 100, 0));
        this.getCanvas().addChild(butterfly);

        MTImage illustration = new MTImage(mtApplication, mtApplication.loadImage(svgPath + "illustration.png"));
        this.getCanvas().addChild(illustration);

        this.getCanvas().addChild(new MTSvg(mtApplication, svgPath + "primitives.svg"));
    }

    public void onEnter() {}
    public void onLeave() {}
}
```

Settings.txt



The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface with the following details:

- Package Explorer:** Shows the project structure under "mt4j-desktop". The "Settings.txt" file is selected.
- Editor:** Displays the content of the "Settings.txt" file.
- Content of Settings.txt:**

```
#Wed Jan 30 04:24:13 CET 2008
FromTitle-MT Application
#Renderer: OpenGL: 1 P3D: 2
Renderer-1
#Fullscreen:'true' or 'false'
Fullscreen=False
#Switch for using fullscreen exclusive mode
#(if not exclusive, mt4j just uses an undecorated window, other windows can overlap it)
FullscreenExclusive=False
#Resolution
DisplayWidth=1024
DisplayHeight=768
#Which display to use for fullscreen
Display=1
#FrameRate maximum
MaximumFrameRate=60
#Vertical_sync:'true' or 'false'
Vertical_sync=false
#Enables multiple mice use (windows, some linux)
MultiMiceEnabled=false
#Anti aliasing multisampling - '0' disables it - 2,4,8 determines the quality of the a.a.
OpenGLAntialiasing=0
```

Controls some of the Settings of MT4J such as

- Running fullscreen,
- Renderer (openGL or not)
- ...

- You might want to include this file alongside the jar file when submitting.

Debugging

