

ScrollDoodScroll

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Overview

This example demonstrates how to create a “scrollable matrix” — a scrollView containing a matrix of cells — as used by applications such as Mail and PrintManager. The application's controller object (of the Controller class) creates a matrix (of the NiftyMatrix class), fills it with cells (of the CustomCell class) and places the matrix within a scrollView. The example also shows how to place “rulers” and controls within a scrollView. WriteNow, for example, places rulers above its documentViews, constraining them to scroll horizontally with the document; when the user scrolls the document vertically, the rulers do not scroll out of sight. WriteNow also places a “scale” popup list in each document's lower right-hand corner, a good example of why you might want to place controls within a scrollView.

Important classes within ScrollDoodScroll

NiftyMatrix class

The NiftyMatrix class differs from the Matrix class in that a niftyMatrix allows the user to rearrange cells, as InterfaceBuilder lets you do with menu items. If a user control-clicks on a cell, that cell will follow the mouse as the user drags it, leaving a “well” in its place. When the user releases the cell over another cell in the matrix, the niftyMatrix places the control-dragged cell in that location and slides the other cells up or down in order to fill the vacant spot.

CustomCell class

The CustomCell class demonstrates how, by overriding the `drawInside:inView:` method, you can display graphics and/or text at different locations within the cell.

TileScrollView class

The TileScrollView class shows how overriding the `tile` method lets you add elements to a scrollView. The `tile` method places a popup list to the right of the horizontalScroller, as WriteNow does. It also places a ClipView instance above the contentView; this clipView has a RulerView instance as its documentView (the rulerView displays a TIFF image of a ruler). The tileScrollView implements the `scrollClip:to:` method, which lets it regulate the scrolling for its clipViews. The tileScrollView instructs its clipViews how to scroll their documentViews by sending

them the `rawScroll:` message.

PostScriptView class

The `tileScrollView` has a `PostScriptView` , which displays a sample PostScript image, as its `documentView`. The `postScriptView` images the PostScript code into an `NXImage` to speed scrolling: whenever the user scrolls the `postScriptView`, the `tileScrollView` asks the `postScriptView` to draw the portion that just became visible. With an `NXImage` of the PostScript image, the `postScriptView` can composite the `updateRects` from the `NXImage` instead of reexecuting the PostScript code that created the image. When the user asks that the image be scaled, the `postScriptView` redraws the PostScript into the `NXImage` (with the new scale, of course), and then composites the image into itself.

Controller class

The `Controller` class creates and initializes a `niftyMatrix`, fills it with cells and places the matrix within a `scrollView`. It implements the methods the matrix sends on single- and double-clicks. The controller also shows how to detect when a matrix has multiple cells selected. Lastly, it initializes the `tileScrollView`.

Interesting Stuff

Controller

How to detect that a matrix has multiple cells selected

CustomCell

How to draw whatever you want within a cell

NiftyMatrix

- How to implement autoscrolling
- Using off-screen image buffers for fast drawing

PostScriptView

Using `NXImage`

TileScrollView

How to place WriteNow-style popup lists within a `scrollView`

How to implement rulers (views that scroll along with the documentView)