RhinoScript 101 Creativity

"or how to do interesting things that are not easy to do with the mouse"

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End Sub ' this is the end of the "DrawCurve" subroutine

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Drag a window to zoom (All Dynamic Extents Factor In Out Selected Target 1To1): _All

Command:



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Hold on! What's an "array"?



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An array is like a box



A box that holds 3D coordinates



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Curve ID: cc912f73-45ce-4653-8bbd-2a27da96b3dc

Sphere ID: 1b2662d5-589c-4b12-9368-63372bf78c97

Command:

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After running the code a few times you get something like this...



Now some recursion...

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For i=0 To 100

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Rhino.AddSphere controlpoints(1), 1 ' this draws a sphere
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Next

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More interesting curves...

Option Explicit ' nevermind this, just make sure that your scripts always start with it DrawCurve ' this tells the program what subroutine to run

Sub DrawCurve ' this is the code to run when "DrawCurve" is called above

Call Rhino.enableRedraw(False) ' nevermind this, it speeds up the execution of the code Dim **controlpoints(2)**, i ' controlpoints is an array of 3-D points (see next slide) For i=0 To 50 controlpoints(0) = Array(0,0,0) ' x = 0, y = 0, z = 0 **controlpoints(1) = Array(randomBetween(-5,5),randomBetween(-5,5),0)**

controlpoints(2) = Array(randomBetween(-10,10),randomBetween(-10,10),15)

Rhino.AddCurve controlpoints, 2 ' this draws the curve of two degrees now

Rhino.AddSphere controlpoints(1), **0.25** ' this draws a **small** sphere at second point Next

Call Rhino.enableRedraw(True) ' nevermind this, it refreshes the screen

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Choose option (Extents Selected 1To1): _Extents

Command:



Time for a challenge...

How do you achieve the following?

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Command:



Add another set of coordinates...



Rhino.Command "anycommand"

Shift + Rightclick any tool icon to see its _Command

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Choose Shade settings (DisplayMode=Shaded DrawCurves=Yes DrawWires=No DrawGrid=Yes DrawAxes=Yes):





💕 RhinoScript



Command

Runs a Rhino command script. All Rhino commands can be used in command scripts. The command can be a build-in Rhino command or a command that is provided by a 3rd party plug-in.

Write command scripts just as you would type the command sequence at the command line. A space betwee characters or a new line act like pressing <Enter> at the command line. For more information on writing command scripts, see "Scripting" in the Rhino help file.

Note, this method is designed to run one command and one command only. Do not combine multiple Rhino commands into a single call to this method. For example:

WRONG:

```
Rhino.Command "_Line _SelLast _Invert"
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CORRECT:

```
Rhino.Command "_Line"
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Rhino.Command "_SelLast"

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Rhino.Command "_Invert"
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Also, the exclamation point and space character (!) combination used by button macros and batch-driven scripts to cancel the previous command is not valid. For example:

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WRONG:
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Rhino.Command "! _Line _Pause _Pause"
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CORRECT:

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After the command script has run, you can obtain the identifiers of most recently created or changed object l calling <u>LastCreatedObjects</u>.

Syntax

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Rhino.Command (strCommand [, blnEcho])
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After you add a curve, select it with: Rhino.SelectObject(curveID)

Then apply the command:

Rhino.Command "_Pipe " & 1.0 & " Enter " & 1.0 & " Enter"

Due next class...

Do something interesting of your own!

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