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Developing tools for Flash with xJSFL 

What is JSFL?

TIMELINE ACTIONS OUTPUT COMPILER ERRORS

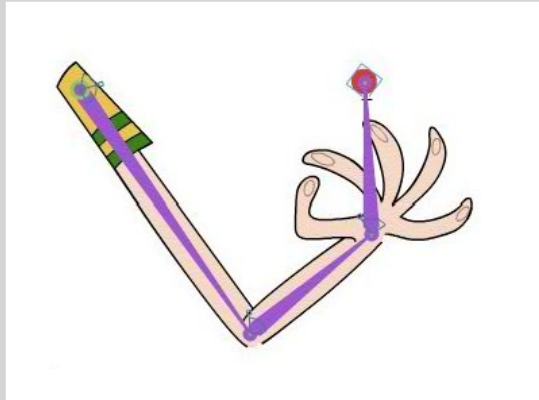
1 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55

actions
IK Armature

E:\02 - Current Jobs\XJSFL\1 - Documents\Presentation\images\ui\designer setup fla

designer setup fla x

Scene 1



PROPERTIES XJSFL - SNIPPETS (V2) LIBRARY HISTORY

```

fl.getDocumentDOM().group();
fl.getDocumentDOM().moveSelectionBy({x:178, y:24.6});
fl.getDocumentDOM().moveSelectionBy({x:75.6, y:-50.4});
fl.getDocumentDOM().scaleSelection(1.59, 0.74, 'top left');
fl.getDocumentDOM().scaleSelection(1.02, 1, 'top left');
fl.getDocumentDOM().selectNone();
fl.getDocumentDOM().selectNone();
fl.getDocumentDOM().mouseClick({x:366.2, y:314.3}, false, true);
fl.getDocumentDOM().duplicateSelection(); fl.getDocumentDOM().moveSele
fl.getDocumentDOM().scaleSelection(1.12, 2.19, 'bottom right');
fl.getDocumentDOM().scaleSelection(0.16, 0.97, 'top left');
fl.getDocumentDOM().scaleSelection(1, 1.04, 'bottom center');
fl.getDocumentDOM().mouseClick({x:141.8, y:330.7}, false, true);
fl.getDocumentDOM().selectNone();
fl.getDocumentDOM().mouseClick({x:458.2, y:487}, false, true);
fl.getDocumentDOM().duplicateSelection(); fl.getDocumentDOM().moveSele
fl.getDocumentDOM().scaleSelection(3.17, 0.61, 'top left');
fl.getDocumentDOM().moveSelectionBy({x:-17.6, y:27.8});
fl.getDocumentDOM().mouseClick({x:131.8, y:349.6}, false, true);
fl.getDocumentDOM().mouseClick({x:174.7, y:306.7}, false, true);
fl.getDocumentDOM().selectNone();
fl.getDocumentDOM().selectNone();
fl.getDocumentDOM().exitEditMode();
fl.getDocumentDOM().selectNone();
(Select Layers)
fl.getDocumentDOM().getTimeline().addNewLayer();
(Select Layers)
fl.getDocumentDOM().getTimeline().setSelectedFrames([]);
(Select Frames)
fl.getDocumentDOM().getTimeline().setSelectedFrames([]);
fl.getDocumentDOM().getTimeline().setLayerProperty('name', 'screenshot');
(Select Layers)

```

Replay

COLOR

ALIGN SWATCHES TRANSFORM INFO

TIMELINE ACTIONS OUTPUT COMPILER ERROR

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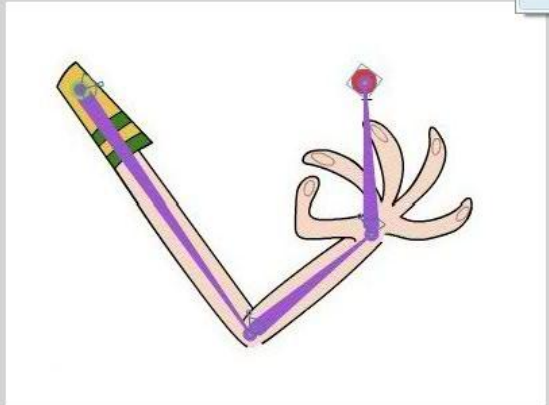
Commands

- Manage Saved Commands...
- Get More Commands...
- Run Command...
- 3rd party
- Batch Run
- Copy Font Name for ActionScript
- Copy Motion as XML
- Development
- Export Motion XML
- Gaia Test Project Alt+Enter
- Import Motion XML
- Instances
- kuler
- Library
- Testing

35 40 45 50 55

100%

- change library item type
- delete empty folders
- run command in library items



PROPERTIES XJSFL - SNIPPETS (V2) LIBRARY

Document

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PUBLISH

Player: Flash Player 10

Script: ActionScript 3.0

Class:

Profile: Default

AIR Settings

PROPERTIES

FPS: 25.00

Size: 400 x 300 px

Stage:

ALIGN COLOR SWATCHES TRANSFORM INFO

Align:

Distribute:

Match size: Space:


To stage:

TIMELINE OUTPUT ACTIONS COMPILER ERRORS

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- ** Kuler - sandy stone beach ocean div...
- ** Kuler - Spring **
- ** Kuler - Site look **
- ** Kuler - Firenze **

Scene 1



KULER

colored by Adobe® kuler Most Popular

sandy stone beach ocean diver

Firenze

Cherry Cheesecake



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COLOR

Type: Solid

R: 221

G: 221

B: 221

Alpha: 100%

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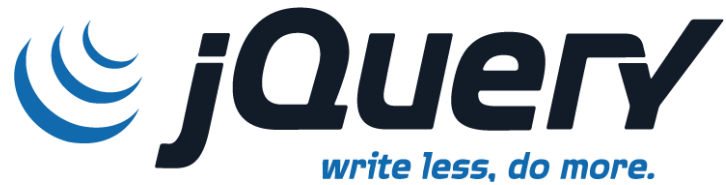
ALIGN SWATCHES TRANSFORM INFO

Why have you not heard of it?

```
fl.getDocumentDOM().getTimeline().  
  .layers[i].frames[f].property = blah
```

So, what is xJSFL ?

xJSFL is a new programming
framework written in JSFL & AS3
that makes it easy to write new
tools for Flash



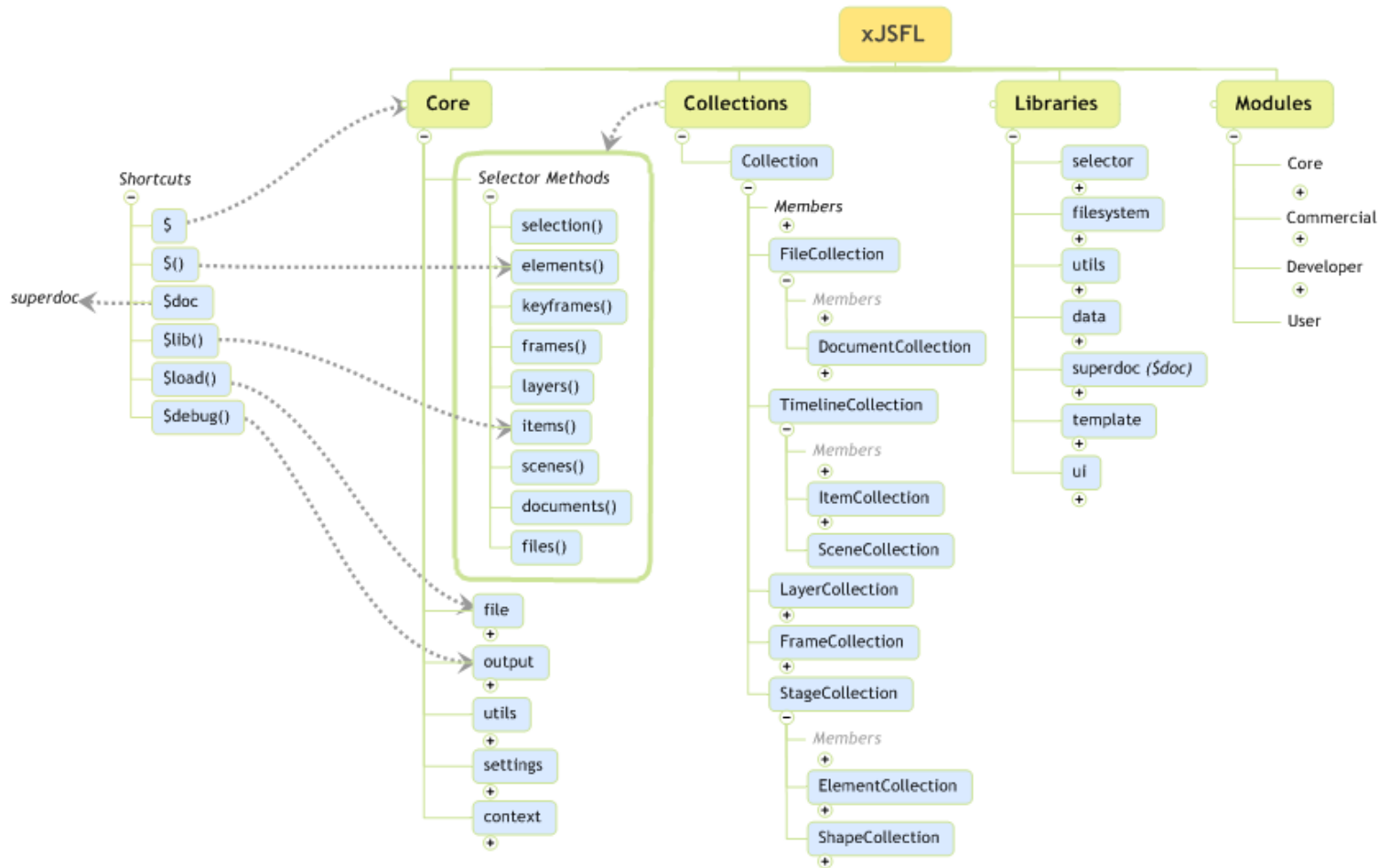
(syntax)



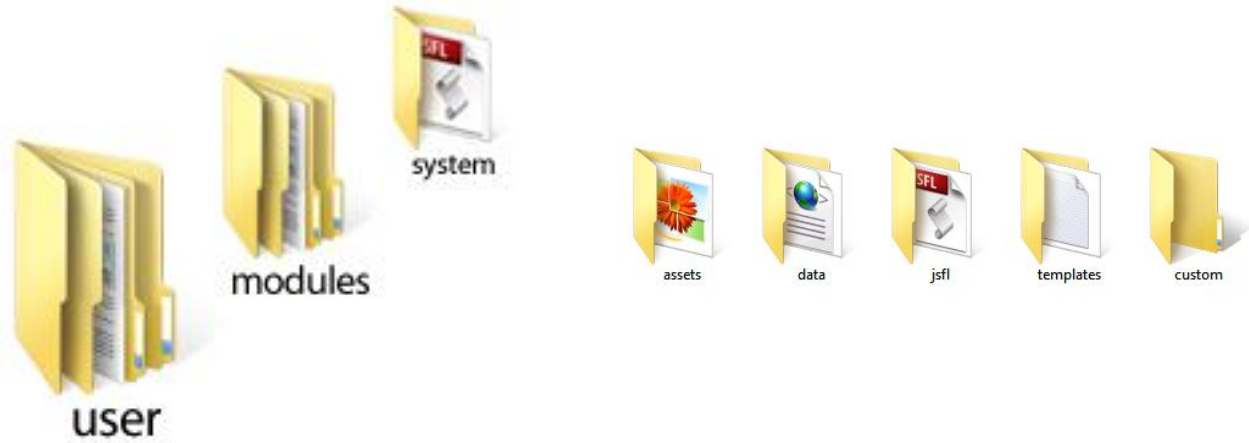
(file handling)

```
$(':elements').do().cool().stuff('yay!');
```

No more `fl.getDocumentDOM()` !



- xJSFL
 - modules
 - ▶ Console
 - ▶ Developer Tools
 - ▶ Narrator
 - ▶ Snippets
 - system
 - ▶ assets
 - ▶ data
 - ▶ jsfl
 - ▶ templates
 - user
 - ▶ assets
 - ▶ data
 - ▶ jsfl
 - ▶ templates





File IO



JSFL Communication



Application Logic



Visual Layout



Utilities

Name

- UtilityObject
 - call
 - prototypeChain
 - toString
 - trace
- UtilityObject.prototype.x
 - x
- Collection
- this.each
- this.reach
- this.add
- this.get
- this.remove
- this.filter
- this.indexOf
- this.toString
- this.debug
- Collection.prototype.extend
- processItem
- processDoc
- cmp
- ItemCollection
- LayerCollection
- FrameCollection
- StageCollection
- ElementCollection
- this.toString
- this.select

```

569 {
570
571     trace('attr:' + elements.length)
572
573     var i = 0;
574     if(typeof value == 'function')
575     {
576         elements.each(value);
577     }
578     else
579     {
580         this
581
582
583         size|scale)))
584
585         array format
586         'number')
587
588         value];
589
590         undefined && value.y != undefined)
591
592         x, value.y];
593
594
595
596
597
598
599
600
601
602
603
604
605
606
607         width,'height'];
608
609         'alex','scaleY'];
610
611         break;
612     }
613
614     // assign

```

- add
- arrange
- attr
- centerTransformPoint
- debug
- each
- elements
- extend
- filter
- get
- indexOf
- length
- orderBy
- prototype
- randomize
- reach
- refresh
- remove
- rename
- resetTransform

Toolbox

Name

- Samples (5.2.4)
 - Abbreviations
 - HTML
 - Sample Macros
 - Find in Files
 - http://slashdot.org/
 - Make current file writable
 - Open New Window
 - Perldoc on selection...builtin functions)
 - Perldoc on selection (for modules)
 - pod2html current file
 - Sample Snippet - ...e Click to Insert
 - Start Browser
- Testing
 - KO Dirs
 - Load XML
 - Look at XML
- xJSFL
 - Auto-size code co...letion items box
 - New class
 - New class tab
 - Test File
 - Test Project

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25.0 fps 0.0s

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PROPERTIES XJSFL - SNIPPETS (V2) LIBRARY

26 items

- 3rd party
 - PNG 2 SWF
- Development
 - Demo
 - Frame Scripts
 - Load ActionScript template
 - Variables
 - Check variable is defined
 - List defined variables
 - Hello World
 - Copy dev scripts to xJSFL
 - Animation
 - Randomize keyframes
 - Display
 - Arrange
 - Align elements to grid
 - Arrange in a circle
 - Space out
 - Color
 - Tint random colors
 - Layers
 - Synchronize element names across frames
 - Library
 - Rename library items
 - Spreadsheet edit
 - Utilities
 - Autobackup

ALIGN COLOR SWATCHES TRANSFORM INFO

Align:

Distribute:

Match size: Space:

To stage:

xJSFL highlights

**Collections do the hard work
so you don't have to**

```
$lib(':bitmap').attr('smoothing', false);  
$frames('1-50').randomize(1, 4, true);  
$ ('text').breakApart().arrange('circle', true);
```

Files and folders are real objects

```
var str = new File('c:/some/file.jsfl').contents
```

```
var path = 'c:/some/file.jsfl';  
var uri = Flfile.platformPathToURI();  
var str = FLfile.read(uri);
```

Code is almost magically small

```
var n = '\t';
function list(e) {
    trace (n + '/' + e.name);
    if (e instanceof Folder) {
        n += '\t';
        e.each (list);
        n = n.substr(1);
    }
}
var f = new Folder('c:/temp');
list(f);
```



```
OUTPUT
/scripts
  /3rd party
    /List Layers.as
    /PNG 2 SWF.jsfl
  /Development
    /Copy dev scripts to xJSFL.jsfl
    /copy script files.bat
    /Demo
      /Frame Scripts
        /Load ActionScript template.jsfl
        /Hello World.jsfl
      /Variables
        /Check variable is defined.jsfl
        /List defined variables.jsfl
  /Instances
    /change item type.jsfl
    /instance name from library item.jsfl
  /Library
    /change library item type.jsfl
    /delete empty folders.jsfl
    /run command in library items.jsfl
  /Testing
    /FLfile.jsfl
    /library.jsfl
    /Make test Sprites.jsfl
    /New Snippet.jsfl
    /New Test File.jsfl
    /Something Else
      /test.jsfl
```

 **xjsfl**

That's you!

Lists ▾

@FOTB Indented recursion in 99 chars! `function l(e){ $$$.output.hier(e.name,i); if(e.isFolder) { i++; e.each(l); i--} } i=0;l(new Folder('c:/temp'))`

half a minute ago via web

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following

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followers

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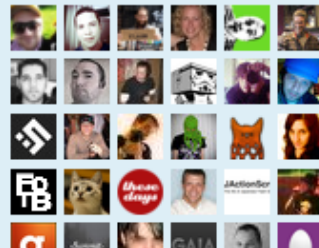
listed

Tweets

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Favorites

Following



**Errors and traces are
actually helpful**

```
OUTPUT
-----
- [Error] => [Object]
-----

message: File "jsfl/collections.jsfl" not found in search paths

[stack] => Array

  [0] => Object
      code: ("jsfl/collections.jsfl")
      file: E:\02 - Current Jobs\xJSFL\xJSFL\system\xjsfl.jsfl
      line: 562

  [1] => Object
      code: ("collections",undefined,undefined)
      file: E:\02 - Current Jobs\xJSFL\xJSFL\system\xjsfl.jsfl
      line: 589

  [2] => Object
      code: ("collections, class")
      file: E:\02 - Current Jobs\xJSFL\xJSFL\system\xjsfl.jsfl
      line: 581

  [3] => Object
      code:
      file: E:\02 - Current Jobs\xJSFL\xJSFL\system\xjsfl.jsfl
      line: 939

[attempted filepaths] => Array
  0: <xjsfl>/system/jsfl/collections.jsfl
-----
```

```
OUTPUT
Debug: Test
-----
Object =>
  a: 1
  b: "hello"
  c: Thu Sep 16 15:16:06 GMT+0100 2010
[d] => Array
  0: 1
  1: 2
  [2] => Array
    0: null
    1: undefined
    2: true
    3: false
    4: <xml a="1"/>
    5: [object Sprite]
    6: [object URLLoader]
  3: 4
```

Supporting code lives in libraries

```
$load('filesystem', 'utils', 'etc');
```

It is fully extensible


```
function someAwesomeFunction (takes, these, params)
{
    // take a bunch of objects
    // change their colours
    // add stuff from the library
    // transform some stuff
    // etc
}
```

```
ElementCollection.extend ( { someAwesomePlugin :  
    someAwesomeFunction } )
```



user overrides **modules** overrides **system**

```
$().someAwesomePlugin(do, these, things);
```

So why use xJSFL ?

Developers: write JSFL as easily as you write ActionScript
Designers: awesome new tools to enhance your workflow

xJSFL is currently under development and will launch in October 2010.

Sign up for a launch notification at www.xjsfl.com, follow progress on Twitter at [@xjsfl](https://twitter.com/xjsfl), email dave@xjsfl.com, or if you're not too hungover, come [talk](#) to me face-to-face :)