

Animated Ellipses in SVG on a 600 by 600 grid

To get started copy the code of this image into your editor:

<http://steamcoded.org/lessons/grid600x600.svg.txt>

Save the file as `ellipses.svg` and open the file in a browser.

1. Add a style attribute to the `<svg>` element: `style="background-color:black;"`
2. Append the following attributes to the `<g>` element with `style="opacity:0.5;"`
Add styles: `"fill:none;stroke:red;stroke-width:2px;"` Change the opacity from 0.5 to 1.
3. Create a `<ellipse>` element with `id="e1"` centered at (300,300)
with x-radius: 30 and y-radius: 295
`<ellipse id="e1" cx="300" cy="300" rx="30" ry="295" />`
4. Add a `<defs>` element around the `<ellipse>` element, which will hide the ellipse and make it a definition for reuse.
5. Reuse the ellipse with `id="e1"` by adding a `<use>` element with attributes:
`xlink:href="#e1" transform="rotate(0,300,300)" style="stroke:red;"`
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6. Repeat step 5 rotating every 5 degrees about point (300,300) until reaching 175.
Change the stroke color to be a rainbow sequence (hint: do first 7, then copy and paste)
red, orange, yellow, lime, cyan, magenta, violet
For example:
`<use xlink:href="#e1" transform="rotate(5,300,300)" style="stroke:orange;" />`
`<use xlink:href="#e1" transform="rotate(10,300,300)" style="stroke:yellow;" />`
7. Add an `<animate>` element as a child of the `<ellipse>` element as shown:
`<animate id="a1" attributeName="ry" values="295;30;295" dur="4s" begin="0s;a1.end" />`
Note: Add an ending `</ellipse>` and remove the `/` from the `<ellipse>` element
This animates the y-radius of the ellipse from 295 to 30 back to 295 in 4 seconds 0 seconds after the image loads and when animation with `id="a2"` ends
8. Change the `<animate>` element begin attribute to start when `a2` ends: `begin="0s;a2.end"`
9. Add a second `<animate>` element as a child of the `<ellipse>` element as shown:
`<animate id="a2" attributeName="rx" values="30;250;30" dur="4s" begin="a1.end" />`
This animates the x-radius of the ellipse from 30 to 250 back to 30 in 4 seconds when the animation with `id="a1"` ends
10. Change the style attribute of the first element from `"display:initial"` to `"display:none"` which hides the grid.