Advanced Tutorial: Movies

This tutorial will modify the Tutorial.es3 experiment file created in the Getting Started Guide to present moving stimuli using movies. The task is based on a variant of the Stroop effect, examining whether manipulations of words (e.g., rotation, mirror reversal, bending into circles), can eliminate the Stroop effect. The stimuli used in this task will arrange the traditional Stroop stimuli (color words presented in congruent/incongruent ink colors) in a circular pattern and rotate during presentation. The task is the same as the color-naming Stroop task; to name the color of the ink, regardless of the word.



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Task 1: Open Tutorial.es3 and Save to a New Filename

This task will build upon the experiment file created in the Getting Started Guide (i.e., Tutorial.es3). A completed version of the Tutorial experiment (AdvancedTutorialStart.es3) is included as part of the E-Prime installation in (\Documents\My Experiments\3.0\Tutorials).

1) **Open** the **Tutorial.es3** experiment file in E-Studio and *review* the **structure** of the experiment in the Experiment Explorer window.

Open the .es3 file created while working through the Getting Started Guide, or use the completed version of the file included in the E-Prime installation as the starting point (AdvancedTutorialStart.es3). The experiment provides instructions to the subject, followed by a series of trials presenting a fixation, a stimulus, and feedback regarding response accuracy and reaction time.

2) Save the Tutorial.es3 experiment file as Tutorial-Movies.es3.

Use the Save As command from the File menu. The \Documents\My Experiments\3.0 folder is a good place to create sub-folders (e.g., \My Tutorial Files) to organize your experiments for convenient access.



Task 2: Locate and Place Resource Files

This task will copy a resource (i.e., movie) file from its location as part of the E-Prime installation to the folder in which the experiment file is located.

- Using Windows Explorer, *locate* the movie file needed for the experiment, and right-click to *copy* it to the clipboard. *The StroopMovie.mpg file is installed to \Documents\My Experiments\3.0\Tutorials, and must be copied to the experiment folder.*
- Navigate to the experiment folder, and right-click to paste the movie file into the folder.
 All resource files required by an experiment file must either be placed in the folder with the experiment file, or the experiment file must be directed to their location.
- 3) Using an available video playback application, view StroopMovie.mpg. The movie file contains each of the stimuli (i.e., color words presented in a congruent/incongruent ink color) in distinct segments of the movie. The next task will lead you through the modification of the TrialList in the experiment file to identify the segments within the movie in order to display individual stimuli.



Task 3: Modify the TrialList

The StroopMovie.mpg movie file contains the stimuli (i.e., color words printed in a specific ink color) organized as separate sections within the complete movie. In this task, two attributes will be added to the TrialList to organize the data identifying the start and stop positions within the movie for each stimulus.

1) Open the TrialList object in the workspace.

In the next few steps, two attributes will be added to identify the start and stop positions within the movie to identify individual stimuli to be used on each trial.

- 2) Add two attributes to the TrialList. Name the new attributes "StartPos" and "StopPos." The StartPos and StopPos values will identify the specific segment within the StroopMovie.mpg file that shows the stimulus corresponding to the combination of the Word and InkColor attributes (e.g., the Word "red" displayed in the InkColor red)
- 3) Enter values in the StartPos and StopPos column/attributes as indicated in the image of the TrialList below. Alternatively, the individual stimuli could be saved as individual movies. For this method, a single attribute (i.e., MovieFile) could be created to organize the names of the movie files require.



Task 4: Add a SlideMovie Sub-object to Stimulus

This task will add a SlideMovie sub-object to the Stimulus object in order to present the stimuli showing movement.

- Returning to E-Studio, *open* the Stimulus object in the Workspace. The Stimulus object currently uses a SlideText sub-object to present text stimuli. The next step will add a SlideMovie sub-object to allow presentation of a movie file.
- 2) Add a SlideMovie sub-object to the Stimulus object and display the properties for the sub-object.
- On the General tab, use the Open button on the Filename field to *navigate* to the folder containing the movie file, *select* StroopMovie.mpg, and *click* Open to set the Filename field.

In the previous task StroopMovie.mpg was copied to the experiment folder.

4) In the Start Position and Stop Position fields, *refer* to the [StartPos] and [StopPos] attributes created during the previous task and *click* the Apply button.

Notice that the Start Position and Stop Position fields are automatically updated to reflect both the attribute reference and the required time format (hh:mm:ss.xxx) separated by a colon.

- 5) **Select** the **Frame** tab and set the properties as indicated in the image below to resize and reposition the sub-object. The SlideMovie sub-object will be placed in the same position as the SlideText sub-object. In the next task, we will reset some properties of the SlideText sub-object so that the text overlays the image.
- 6) Apply the properties, and close the Movie1 property pages.



Task 5: Delete the SlideText Sub-object

This task will remove the SlideText sub-object (Text1) no longer needed in the experiment.

- In the Stimulus object, *select* Text1 from the sub-object dropdown menu. The selection handles will indicate selection of the Text1 sub-object, but Text1 cannot be seen because it is positioned behind the SlideMovie sub-object.
- 2) While Text1 is selected, *right-click* and select Delete from the context menu to delete the Text1 sub-object. *Alternatively, you may delete the object using the Del key on the keyboard.*



Task 6: Modify the Stimulus Duration

The duration of each segment of the movie presenting an individual stimulus is 5 seconds in length. This task will modify the duration of the Stimulus object to limit the duration of the stimulus display, and the amount of time permitted for response, to the duration of an individual segment.

1) *Open* the **Stimulus** object in the Workspace and *display* its **Property Pages**.

The selection handles will indicate selection of the Text1 sub-object, but Text1 cannot be seen because it is positioned behind the SlideMovie sub-object.

On the Duration/Input tab, set the Duration field to "5000" using the dropdown menu, or by simply typing "5000" directly into the field.

The combined settings of the Duration and Time Limit fields will limit the amount of time the stimulus is displayed, as well as the amount of time allowed to respond.

3) Apply the settings and close the Stimulus object Property Pages.





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Task 7: Test the Experiment

This task will run the experiment file in E-Studio to test the modifications.

1) Click the Run button (or press F7) to test the experiment.

As in the experiment used as a template (i.e., Tutorial.es3 or AdvancedTutorialStart.es3) the Tutorial-Movies.es3 experiment will run a series of trials presenting a Stroop task. This variation of the Stroop experiment will present a color word (e.g., "blue") displayed in a congruent/incongruent ink color. The stimuli will be arranged in a circular pattern, and will introduce motion through clockwise rotation. The task is to respond to the color of the ink using the keyboard, and feedback will be provided concerning reaction time and accuracy.

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Task 8: Examine Results

This task will view the data file generated by the test run, and perform an analysis.

1) **Open** the **data file** in E-DataAid and use **Arrange Columns** to **limit the display** to desired variables.

As in the experiment used as a template (i.e., Tutorial.es3 or AdvancedTutorialStart.es3) the Tutorial-Script.es3 experiment will run a series of trials presenting a Stroop task. This variation of the Stroop experiment will present a fixation of varying duration prior to the stimulus.

2) Perform any desired analysis using the Analyze command.

The analysis defined below examines the average reaction time in response to the stimulus by congruence (when comparing Word and InkColor).

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