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Code

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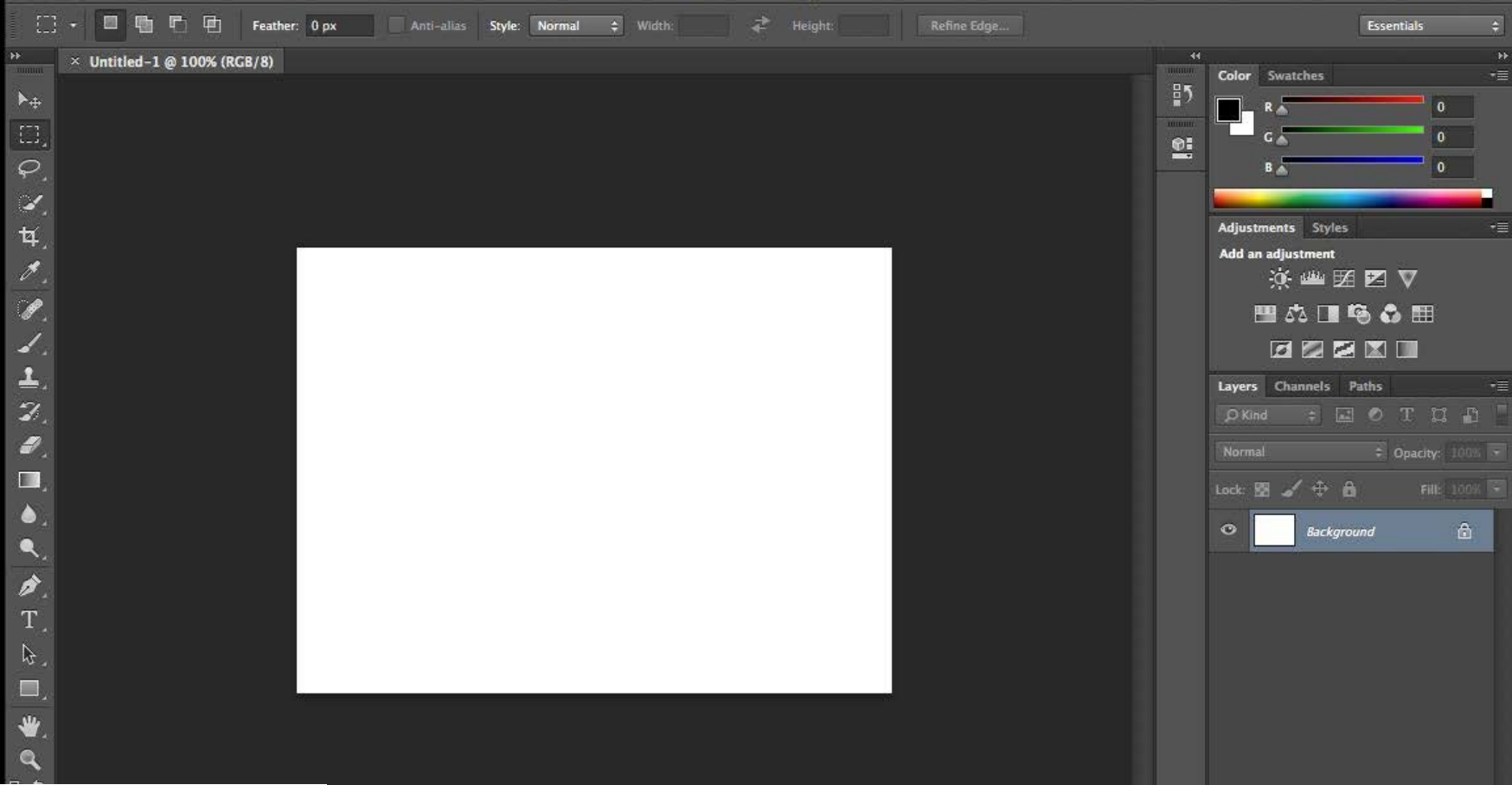
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Why do we code?





Code



como estas

こんにちは

你好

how are you

como allez vous

Code



What is code?



Translating Instructions For a Computer



What computers do:

Store information as 1s and 0s and
perform math and logic operations on it



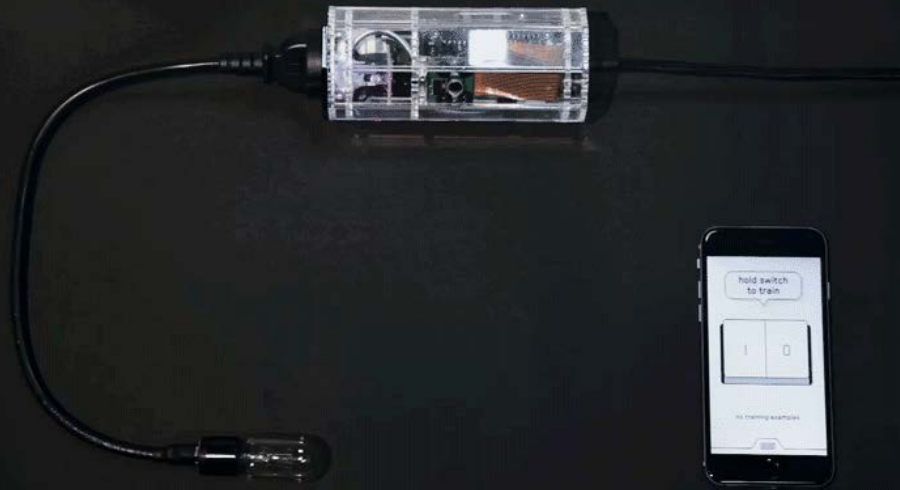
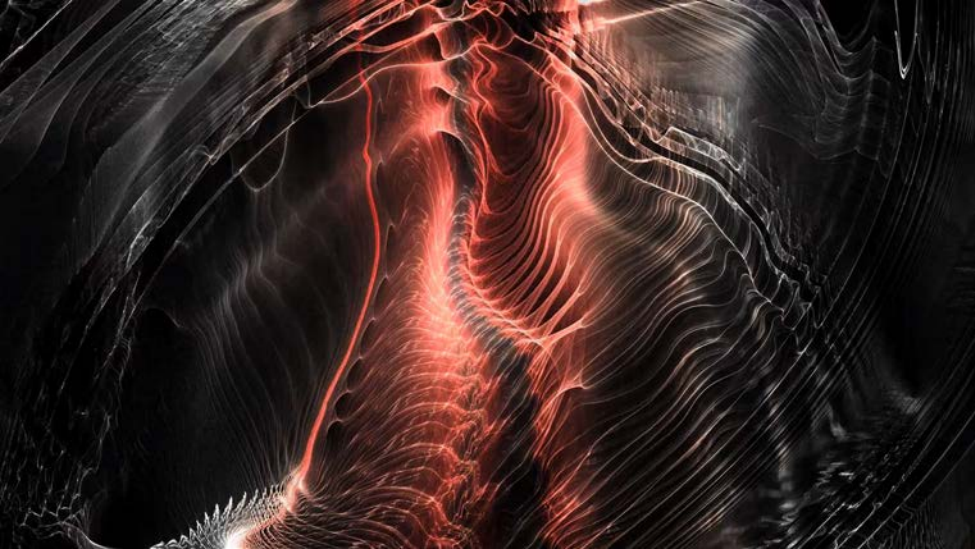
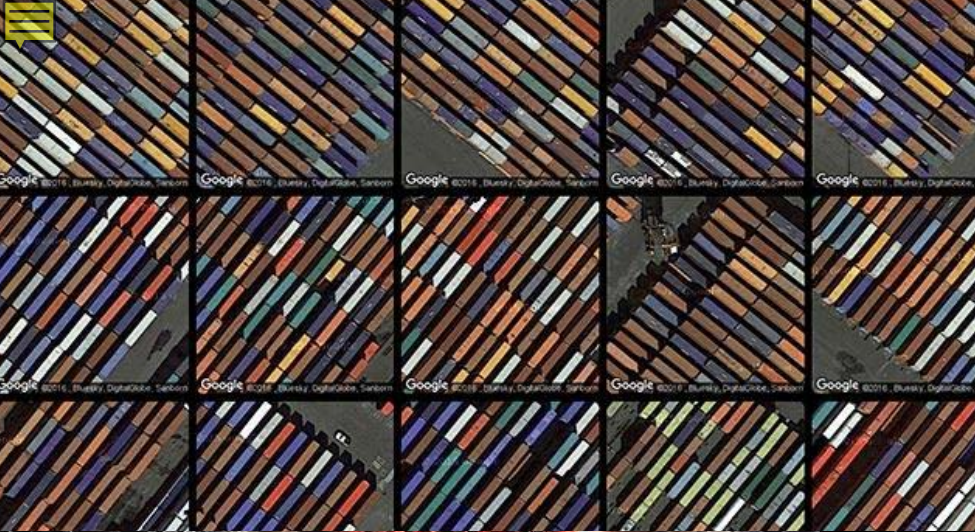
Intermediate Languages and Libraries

Expand the Computer's Vocabulary









Processing can be used in physical computing, interactive media, and image generation.

[More Processing projects](#)



Variables



Types of Variables

In groups of two or three, define one of these. Write your definitions on the board.`

`i n t`

`f l o a t`

`c h a r`

`s t r i n g`

`b o o l e a n`



Types of Variables

These are some, but not all, primitive types.

`int` stores an integer
(eg. 1)

`float` stores a number with a
decimal point (eg.
9.31)

`String` stores text ("Bootcamp
2016")

`boolean` `true/false`



Using variables

Use `println()` to receive values back in the **console**.

```
int myNumber;  
myNumber = 10;  
println(myNumber);
```

> 10

```
myNumber = myNumber + 1;  
println(myNumber);
```

> 11

```
String thisSchool = "Parsons";  
println(thisSchool);
```

> Parsons



Functions



Function example

This example describes a series of materials and actions to accomplish an overall goal: putting on a shoe.

You'll need some specific materials: a shoe, and a foot.

```
void putShoeOnFoot ( Shoe myShoe,  
Foot myFoot ) {  
  
    pickUp( myShoe );  
    liftFoot ( myFoot );  
    lowerFootIntoShoe( myFoot ,  
myShoe );  
    tieShoe( myShoe );  
    releaseShoe( myShoe );  
  
}
```



Function example

This example describes a series of inputs and actions to accomplish an overall goal: putting on a shoe.

You'll need to execute some specific actions: picking up your foot, etc.

```
void putShoeOnFoot ( Shoe myShoe,  
Foot myFoot ) {  
  
    pickUp( myShoe );  
    liftFoot ( myFoot );  
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}
```



Problem Decomposition



Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich

2 slices of bread

Peanut Butter

Jelly

- 1) Spread peanut butter on one slice of bread
- 2) Spread jelly on the other slice of bread
- 3) Put the pieces of bread together



Recipe Breakdown

Variables:

breadSlice1
breadSlice2
peanut Butter
jelly

Functions:

sprinkleOnBread()
putBreadTogether()



Pseudocode 1

Pseudocode is useful for breaking down and understanding a complex task: translate code to “language”

```
// spread peanut Butter on  
breadSl i ce1
```

```
// spread jelly on breadSl i ce2
```

```
// put bread slices together
```



Pseudocode 2

Pseudocode is useful for breaking down and understanding a complex task.

```
main() {  
    spreadOnBread( peanut Butter ,  
        breadSl i ce1);  
  
    spreadOnBread( j e l l y,   breadSl i ce2);  
  
    put BreadToget her ( );  
}
```



Pseudocode: Your Turn!

1. With a partner, write out the instructions for making a sandwich or another food.
1. Swap instructions with another team.
1. Think through the instructions literally and specifically: What happens?



Br eak

Return in 10 minutes



Processing

Processing

Processing consists of a programming language built on Java and an IDE (Integrated Development Environment).

It is specialized for visual design, drawing, and arts applications. It is also designed for teaching.

Processing has lots of built-in functions and variables for drawing on a canvas.



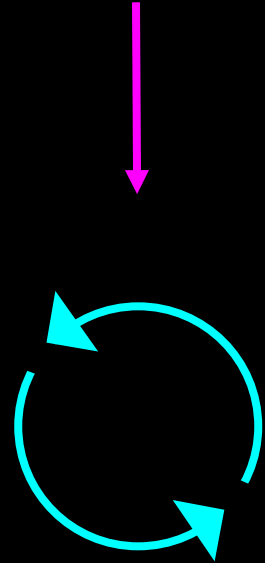
Program Execution

In Processing, `set up()` runs **one time**.

After that, `draw()` **repeats endlessly**, until you stop the program.

```
set up() {  
}
```

```
draw() {  
}
```





Program Anatomy

In `set up()`, you'll put things like `canvas size` and `background color`.

In `draw`, you'll put actions that you want to happen repeatedly. We'll add these in a minute.

```
set up( ) {  
    // canvas size  
    size( 800, 800 );  
    // background color  
    background( 0 );  
}  
  
draw( ) {  
  
}
```




Program Anatomy

Add **comments** by putting two slashes at the beginning of a line.

The program doesn't run these:
they are for humans to read
and understand.

Use comments often!

```
void setup() {  
    // canvas size  
    size(800, 800);  
    // background color  
    background(0);  
}  
  
void draw() {  
  
}
```



Drawing functions

Processing has **built-in functions** for drawing, graphics, and creative coding.

You can find information about what Processing can do and how to use functions in the [documentation](#).

```
ellipse(x, y, width, height);
```

```
rect(x, y, width, height);
```

```
line(x1, y1, x2, y2);
```



Anatomy of functions

Just as in the previous examples, the external part of these functions describes what they do.

Semicolons indicate the end of the line. Don't forget them!

```
ellipse(x, y, width, height);
```

```
rect(x, y, width, height);
```

```
line(x1, y1, x2, y2);
```



Anatomy of functions

Inside the parenthesis, you specify parameters for the shapes you're drawing.

Look in the [documentation](#) to learn about the parameters for a specific function.

```
ellipse(x, y, width, height);
```

```
rect(x, y, width, height);
```

```
line(x1, y1, x2, y2);
```

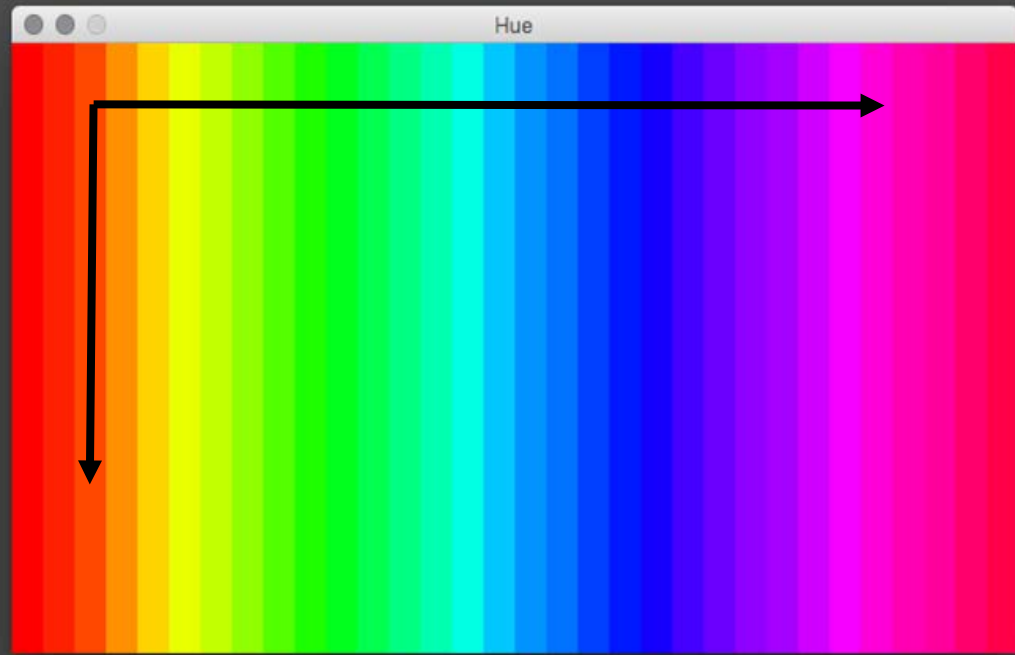


The Processing Canvas

What parameters should you use?

It helps to know something about the drawing space in Processing.

Processing's canvas uses **x, y coordinates** starting from the **top left corner**.





The Processing Canvas

Processing represents images in **pixels**.

Each image in Processing is a grid, with numbers representing the color value at each coordinate.

When you specify measurements, like square width, you're referencing pixels.



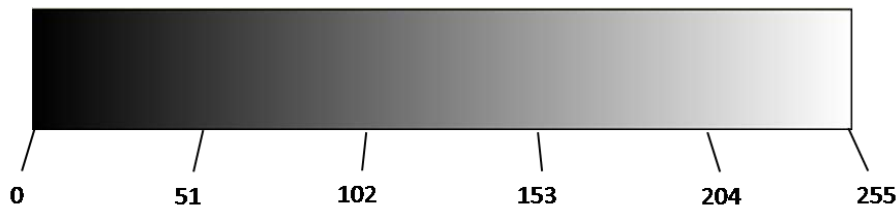
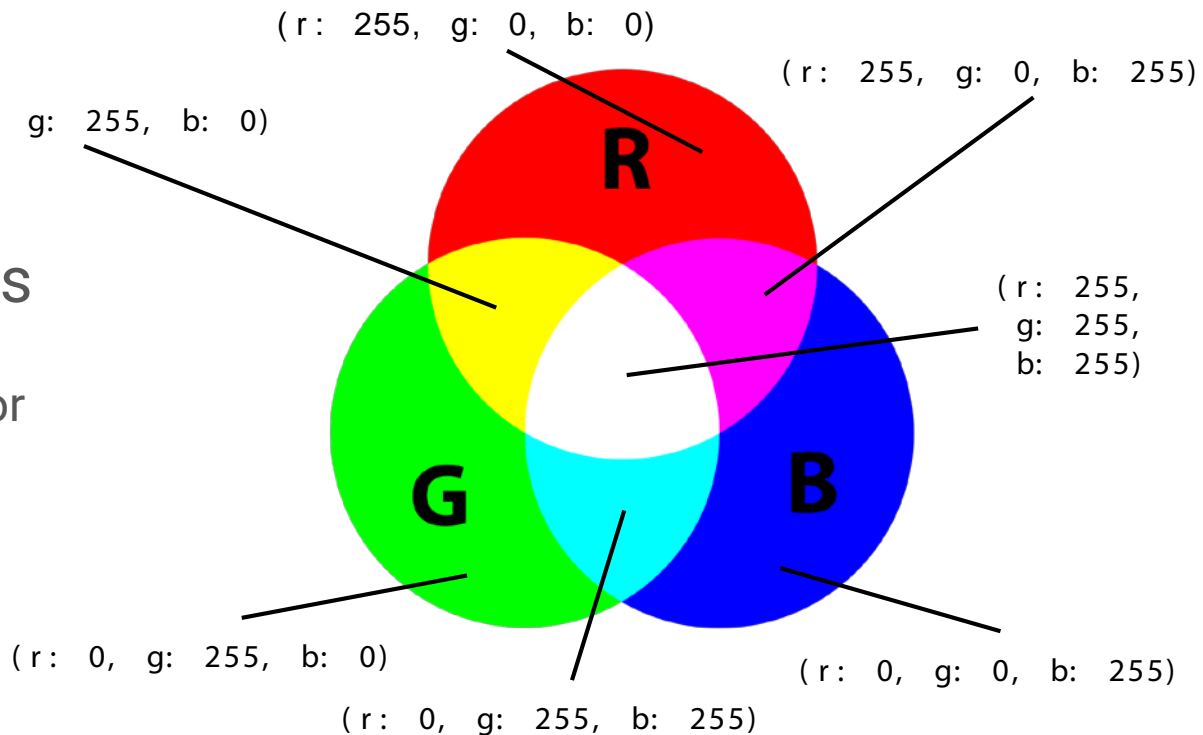


The Processing Canvas

Processing can represent color in a few different ways.

RGB: Represented with three values, 0-255, and a fourth for transparency.

Grayscale: One value, 0-255.





Bringing it Together

Let's do some live coding!
You can follow along by
downloading and opening
Day01_exercise01.pde
from Drive.

We'll add parameters to our
shape functions to create
some images.

```
void setup() {  
    size(800, 800);  
    background(0);  
}  
  
void draw() {  
    ellipse(100, 100, 50, 50);  
}
```




Live Code

Next, we'll create named variables to store our parameter information.

```
int x = 100;
int y = 100;

int circWidth = 70;
int circHeight = 70;

void setup() {
    size(800, 800);
    background(0);
}

void draw() {
    ellipse(x, y, circWidth,
           circHeight);
}
```



Live Code

We'll add some color to the circle by creating a color variable, and setting the color.

In Processing, you can set a **fill** color and an **stroke** (outline) color.

There is a built in **color function** that accepts RGB or other color information.

```
int x = 100;
int y = 100;

int circWidth = 70;
int circHeight = 70;

color circColor = color(255, 0, 0);

void setup() {
    size(800, 800);
    background(0);
}

void draw() {
    fill(circColor);
    ellipse(x, y, circWidth,
           circHeight);
}
```



Exercise

Let's get off screen!

Take a sheet of paper and draw out the code **step by step**.

The canvas size is already set for you.

Loop through `draw()` five times.

```
int x = 5;
int y = 5;

int rectWidth = 2;
int rectHeight = 2;

color rectColor = color(0);

void setup() {
    size(20, 20);
    background(255);
}

void draw() {
    fill(rectColor);
    rect(x, y, rectWidth,
        rectHeight);
    y = y+1
}
```



Exercise

Let's get off screen!

What does your sketch look like?

```
int x = 5;  
int y = 5;
```

```
int rectWidth = 2;  
int rectHeight = 2;
```

```
color rectColor = color(0);
```

```
void setup() {  
    size(20, 20);  
    background(255);  
}
```

```
void draw() {  
    fill(rectColor);  
    rect(x, y, rectWidth,  
        rectHeight);  
    y = y+1  
}
```



Live Code

Because `draw()` repeats constantly, we can create change and movement using math.

When we add 1 to `y` with each loop, the dot's `y` position slowly increases, so the dot slides down the screen.

```
int x = 100;
int y = 100;

int circWidth = 70;
int circHeight = 70;

color circColor = color(255, 0, 0);

void setup() {
    size(800, 800);
    background(0);
}

void draw() {
    fill(circColor);
    ellipse(x, y, circWidth,
           circHeight);
    y = y + 1;
}
```



Live Code

Because `draw()` repeats constantly, we can create change and movement using math.

When we add `y = y+1`, the dot begins to slide down the canvas.

Why does it leave a trail?

Why might you want to put `y = y+1` at the **bottom of the function?**

```
int x = 100;
int y = 100;

int circWidth = 70;
int circHeight = 70;

color circColor = color(255, 0, 0);

void setup() {
    size(800, 800);
    background(0);
}

void draw() {
    fill(circColor);
    ellipse(x, y, circWidth,
           circHeight);
    y = y+1;
}
```



Live Code

The dot leaves a trail because we've only drawn the background once, during setup.

Let's re-draw the background at the beginning of each draw loop.

What would happen if we put `background(0)` at the **end of the loop**?

```
int x = 100;
int y = 100;

int circWidth = 70;
int circHeight = 70;

color circColor = color(255, 0, 0);

void setup() {
    size(800, 800);
    background(0);
}

void draw() {
    background(0);
    fill(circColor);
    ellipse(x, y, circWidth,
           circHeight);
    y = y + 1;
}
```



Wrapping up

Take a minute to explore Processing.

Draw a rectangle.

Then draw a line.

Make your rectangle change color as the sketch runs.

Make one point of your line move as the sketch runs.

```
ellipse(x, y, width, height);
```

```
rect(x, y, width, height);
```

```
line(x1, y1, x2, y2);
```


Homework

- Research some artists or designers working with code. Bring in an example of work you're interested in!
- Pseudocode: think of something simple you would like to draw in Processing. Decompose it and write the pseudocode for it.
- Bonus: actually program it (or try)
 - Look at the docs: <https://processing.org/reference/>
 - Good places to start: `background()`, `fill()`, `rect()`, `triangle()`, `ellipse()`, `line()`



Resources

<https://processing.org/tutorials/>

[Dan Schiffman: The Coding Train](#)

<https://www.amazon.com/Learning-Processing-Second-Programming-Interaction>