

## Processing Boot Camp Control Structures

Creative Coding & Generative Art in Processing 2  
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## Variables & Scope

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color color1 = color(227, 220, 0);
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## Processing: Math Functions

- Math functions return values:  
Example:

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```

Use:

```
square(50, 50, 100); // draws a 100x100 square at 50, 50
```

- Processing has several pre-defined Math functions for calculation, trigonometry, and random number generation

## Processing: Pre-defined Math Functions

- Calculation**  
abs(), ceil(), constrain(), dist(), exp(), floor(), lerp(), log(), mag(), map(), max(), min(), norm(), pow(), round(), sq(), sqrt()
- Trigonometry**  
acos(), asin(), atan(), atan2(), cos(), degrees(), radians(), sin(), tan()
- Random**  
noise(), noiseDetail(), noiseSeed(), random(), randomGaussian(), randomSeed()

## Math Functions: Examples

- Calculation

```
float x, y;
y = 42;
x = sqrt(y);
```

- Trigonometry

```
float rad = radians(180);
float deg = degrees(PI/4);
```

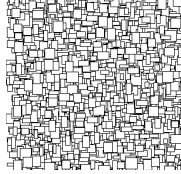
- Random

```
float x = random(10); // returns a random number [0.0..10.0)
float y = random(1, 6); // returns a random number [1.0, 6.0)
int ix = int(random(10)); // returns a random number [0..10)
int iy = int(random(1, 6)); // returns a random number [1..6)
```

## Example: Using random()

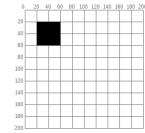
```
void setup() { // Create and set canvas
  size(300, 300);
  smooth();
  background(255);
} // setup()

void draw() {
  stroke(0);
  rect(random(width),
    random(height),
    random(5, 20),
    random(5, 20));
} // draw();
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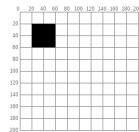
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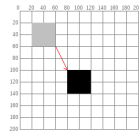


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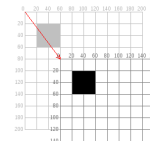


```
rect(20+60, 20+80, 40, 40);
```



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```
translate(60, 80);
rect(20, 20, 40, 40);
```



## Preserving Context

- **translate()** will change the coordinate system for the entire duration of the draw() cycle. It resets at each cycle.
- Use **pushMatrix()** and **popMatrix()** to preserve context during a draw() cycle. i.e.

```
pushMatrix();
translate(<x>, <y>);
<Do something in the new coordinate context>
popMatrix();
```

## Example: House() again!

```
// Draw a simple house
void setup() { // Create and set canvas
  size(100, 100);
  smooth();
  background(127, 127, 127);
} // setup()

void draw() {
  // Draw a house at 50, 250 in 200x200 pixels
  house(50, 250, 200, 200);
} // draw()

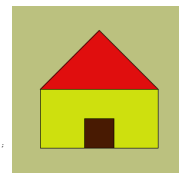
void house(int houseX, int houseY, int houseWidth, int houseHeight) {
  // Draw a house at <houseX, houseY> (bottom-left corner)
  // with width houseWidth and height houseHeight

  int wallHeight = houseHeight/2; // height of wall is 1/2 of house height
  int roofHeight = houseHeight/2;
  int doorHeight = houseHeight/4;
  int doorWidth = houseWidth/4;

  pushMatrix();
  translate(houseX, houseY);
  // wall
  fill(100, 100, 140);
  rect(0, -wallHeight, houseWidth, wallHeight);

  // Draw Door
  fill(70, 70, 20);
  rect(houseWidth/2 - doorWidth/2, -doorHeight, doorWidth, doorHeight);

  // Draw roof
  fill(120, 10, 140);
  int x1 = 0, x2 = -houseWidth/2, y1 = -houseHeight, y2 = -wallHeight;
  popMatrix();
} // house()
```



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All of these repeat  
the stuff in the block

The block  
{...}  
is called the Loop's Body

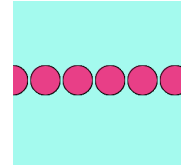
## While Loops

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  background(164, 250, 238);
  noLoop();
} // setup()

void draw() {
  fill(232, 63, 134, 127);
  stroke(0);

  int i = 0;
  while (i < width) {
    ellipse(i, height/2, 50, 50);
    i = i + 55;
  }
} // draw()
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## Writing Conditions in Processing

- Boolean expressions can be written using boolean operators.

Here are some simple expressions...

|    |                       |            |
|----|-----------------------|------------|
| <  | less than             | 5 < 3      |
| <= | less than/equal to    | x <= y     |
| == | equal to              | x == (y+j) |
| != | not equal to          | x != y     |
| >  | greater than          | x > y      |
| >= | greater than/equal to | x >= y     |

## Logical Operations

- Combine two or more simple boolean expressions using logical operators:

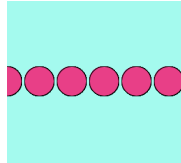
|    |     |                    |
|----|-----|--------------------|
| && | and | (x < y) && (y < z) |
|    | or  | (x < y)    (x < z) |
| !  | not | !(x < y)           |

| A     | B     | A && B | A    B | !A    |
|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| false | false | false  | false  | true  |
| false | true  | false  | true   | true  |
| true  | false | false  | true   | false |
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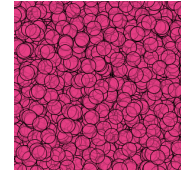
## 10,000 circles!

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void draw() {
  fill(232, 63, 134, 127);
  stroke(0);

  int i = 0;
  while (i < 10000) {
    ellipse(random(width),
             random(height),
             25, 25);
    i = i + 1;
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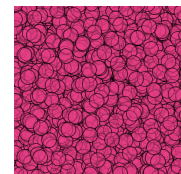
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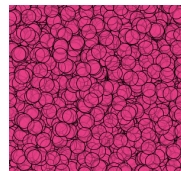
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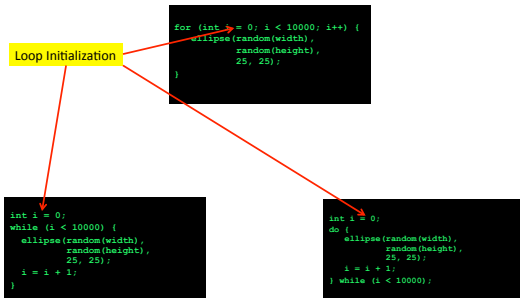
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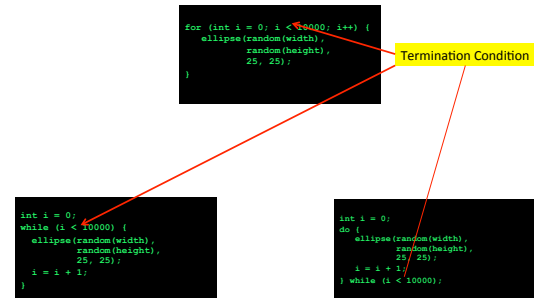
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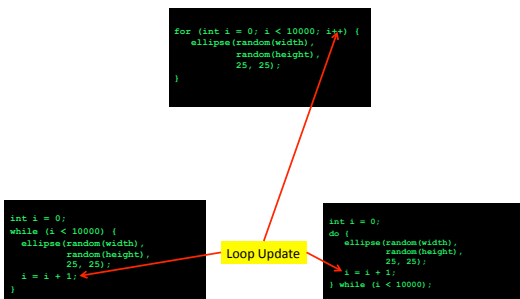
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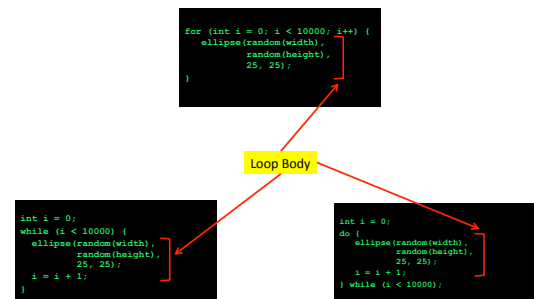
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Should I...                { study }  
                                 { sleep }  
                                 { watch a movie }  
                                 { veg out }  
                                 { etc. }

- **If-statements** are one way of doing this

## Selection: If Statement

```
if ( <condition> ) {  
  do this  
}
```

```
if ( <condition> ) {  
  do this  
} else {  
  do that  
}
```

```
if ( <condition> ) {  
  do this  
}  
else if ( <condition> ) {  
  do that  
}  
else if (...) {  
  ...  
}  
else {  
  whatever it is you wanna do  
}
```

At most ONE block is selected and executed.

Examples with if...