

PAT 204/504 (Fall 2024)

# Creative Coding

## Lecture 2: Processing Basics

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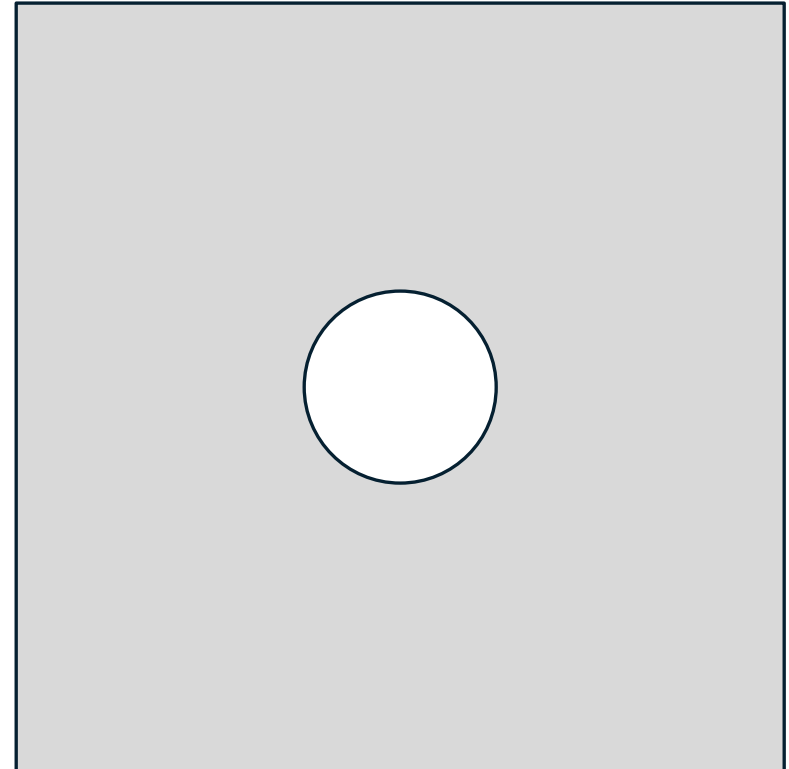
# Course Website

- **Main website:** [hermandong.com/teaching/pat204\\_504\\_fall2024](https://hermandong.com/teaching/pat204_504_fall2024)
  - Syllabus, schedule, lecture slides, code examples, etc.
- **Piazza:** Announcements, Q&A
- **Gradescope:** Assignment submission, grading, regrade requests
- **Canvas:** Recordings



## (Recap) Your First Processing Sketch

```
size(400, 400);  
circle(200, 200, 100);
```



## (Recap) More Shapes

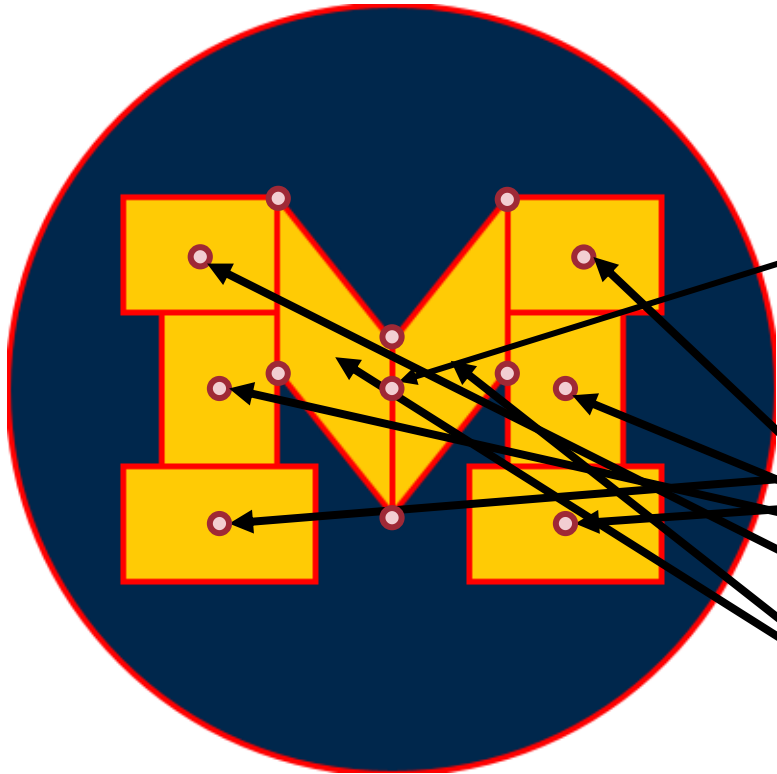
- Circle: `circle(x, y, diameter)`
- Ellipse: `ellipse(x, y, width, height)`
- Square: `square(x, y, width)`
- Rectangle: `rect(x, y, width, height)`
- Point: `point(x, y)`
- Line: `line(x1, y1, x2, y2)`
- Triangle: `triangle(x1, y1, x2, y2, x3, y3)`
- Quadrilateral: `quad(x1, y1, x2, y2, x3, y3, x4, y4)`

# (Recap) Can you recreate the **Block M** in Processing?

- Michigan **Blue**: #00274C
- Michigan **Maize**: #FFCB05



# My Version



```
void setup() {  
  // Create a 400x400 canvas  
  size(400, 400);  
}  
  
void draw() {  
  // Set the background color to white  
  background(255);  
  
  // Draw the shapes without outlines  
  noStroke();  
  
  // Draw the blue circle at the back  
  fill(#00274C);  
  circle(200, 200, 400);  
  
  // Set the anchor point of rectangles to the center  
  rectMode(CENTER);  
  
  // Set up the yellow text color  
  fill(#FFCB05);  
  
  // Draw the feet  
  rect(110, 270, 100, 60);  
  rect(290, 270, 100, 60);  
  
  // Draw the columns  
  rect(110, 210, 60, 150);  
  rect(290, 210, 60, 150);  
  
  // Draw the caps  
  rect(100, 130, 80, 60);  
  rect(300, 130, 80, 60);  
  
  // Draw the "V"  
  quad(140, 100, 140, 190, 200, 265, 200, 175);  
  quad(260, 100, 260, 190, 200, 265, 200, 175);  
}
```

# Strokes

- `noStroke()` Disable outlines
- `strokeWeight(weight)` Set outline weight
- `stroke(color)` Set outline color

# Strokes



`noStroke()`



`strokeWeight(3)`  
`stroke(#FF0000)`

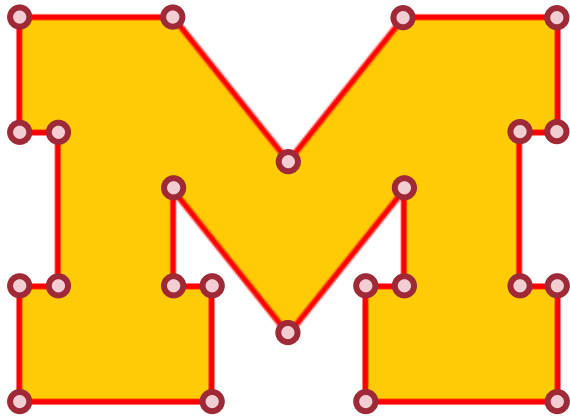


# Custom Shapes



```
// Draw a custom shape
beginShape();
vertex(60, 100);
vertex(60, 160);
vertex(80, 160);
vertex(80, 240);
vertex(60, 240);
vertex(60, 300);
vertex(160, 300);
vertex(160, 240);
vertex(140, 240);
vertex(140, 190);
vertex(200, 265);
vertex(260, 190);
vertex(260, 240);
vertex(240, 240);
vertex(240, 300);
vertex(340, 300);
vertex(340, 240);
vertex(320, 240);
vertex(320, 160);
vertex(340, 160);
vertex(340, 100);
vertex(260, 100);
vertex(200, 175);
vertex(140, 100);
endShape(CLOSE);
```

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vertex(340, 100);
vertex(260, 100);
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endShape(CLOSE);
```

# endShape(CLOSE) vs endShape()



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# setup() & draw()

- **setup()**
  - Run only **once** when the program starts!
- **draw()**
  - Run **every frame** (default fps is 60)

frames per second

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# Controlling `draw()`

- Add to `setup()`
  - `noLoop()`            Disable looping the `draw()` call
  - `loop()`                Enable looping the `draw()` call
  - `frameRate(fps)`      Set the frame rate of looping `draw()` calls

# Functions

# Defining a Function

```
Return type  void setup() {  
              // Create a 400x400 canvas  
              size(400, 400);  
              }  
Comments
```

Function name

No parameters!

Pair of curly brackets



# Why Functions?

- Modularity
  - Breakdown code into several **self-contained** modules
- Reusability
  - **Reuse a routine elsewhere** instead of rewriting it again!
- Readability
  - `dist(x1, x1, x2, y2)` vs `sqrt((x1 - x2) * (x1 - x2) + (y1 - y2) * (y1 - y2))`
- Scoping
  - Avoid variable name pollution → we'll get to this later

## mouseClicked() Function

- Execute whenever the mouse is clicked
- Can be handy in many ways!
  - For example, taking screenshots for your assignments!
  - Resetting the whole canvas in an interactive session!

```
void mouseClicked() {  
    saveFrame("screenshot.png");  
}
```

# Built-in Mouse Functions

- |                                | Execute when                                    |
|--------------------------------|---|
| • <code>mousePressed()</code>  | the mouse is <i>pressed</i>                     |
| • <code>mouseReleased()</code> | the mouse is <i>released</i>                    |
| • <code>mouseClicked()</code>  | the mouse is <i>clicked</i>                     |
| • <code>mouseMoved()</code>    | the mouse is <i>being moved but not pressed</i> |
| • <code>mouseDragged()</code>  | the mouse is <i>being moved and pressed</i>     |

# Built-in Keyboard Functions

Execute when

- `keyPressed()` a key is *pressed*
- `keyReleased()` a key is *released*
- `keyTyped()` a key is *pressed* (called repeatedly if held down)

# Variables

# Define a Variable

- Declare → Initialize → Use

**Declare**

```
float x;
```

**Initialize**

```
void setup() {  
  size(400, 400);  
  x = 200;  
}
```

**Use**

```
void draw() {  
  circle(x, 200, 100);  
}
```

# Declare & Initialize

- Declare + Initialize → Use

**Declare + Initialize**

```
float x = 200;
```

```
void setup() {  
  size(400, 400);  
}
```

**Use**

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```

# Data Types

- `int`      `0, 1, 2, ..., -1, -2, ...`
- `float`    `0.0, 1.5, 3.14159, -2.71828`
- `boolean`   `true, false`

- Examples

- `int count = 0`
- `float x = 10.5`
- `boolean isGameOver = false`

camel case

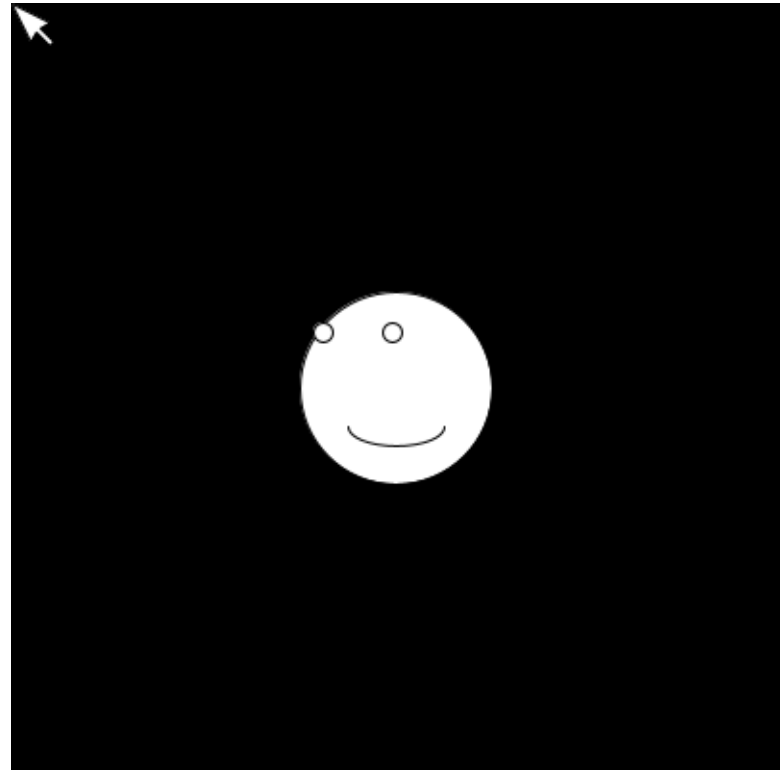


# Built-in Global Variables

- `width`, `height`
- `mouseX`, `mouseY`
- `mousePressed`, `keyPressed`
- `key`, `keyCode`
- `rectMode(CENTER)`

## Exercise: ~~Creepy~~ Eyes

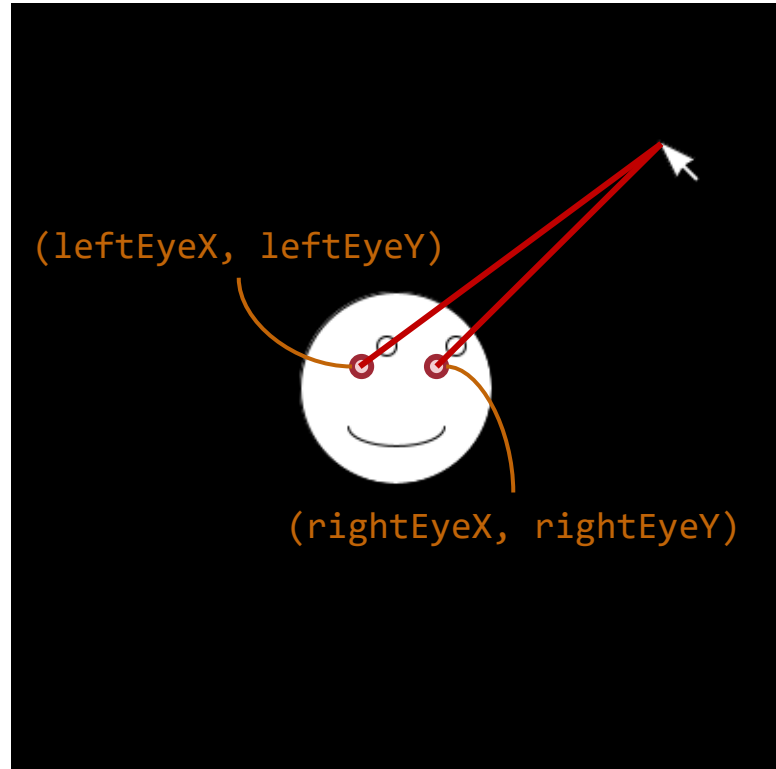
- Make a simple face where the eyes will **stare at the direction where the mouse is!**
- Hints
  - Use **mouseX** & **mouseY**
  - Use `arc()` to get the smile
    - `arc(200, 220, 50, 20, 0, PI)`



# Exercise: ~~Creepy~~ Eyes

```
// Calculate the position of the eyes
leftDeltaX = (mouseX - leftEyeX) * scale;
leftDeltaY = (mouseY - leftEyeY) * scale;
rightDeltaX = (mouseX - rightEyeX) * scale;
rightDeltaY = (mouseY - rightEyeY) * scale;

// Draw the eyes
circle(
  leftEyeX + leftDeltaX, leftEyeY + leftDeltaY, 10
);
circle(
  rightEyeX + rightDeltaX, rightEyeY + rightDeltaY, 10
);
```

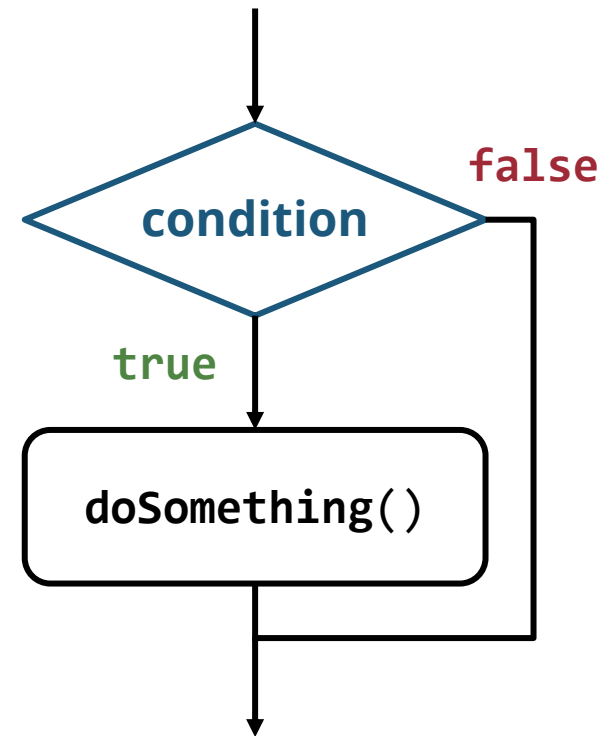


# Conditionals

# Conditionals – if Statement

- Control the program flow based on a **condition**

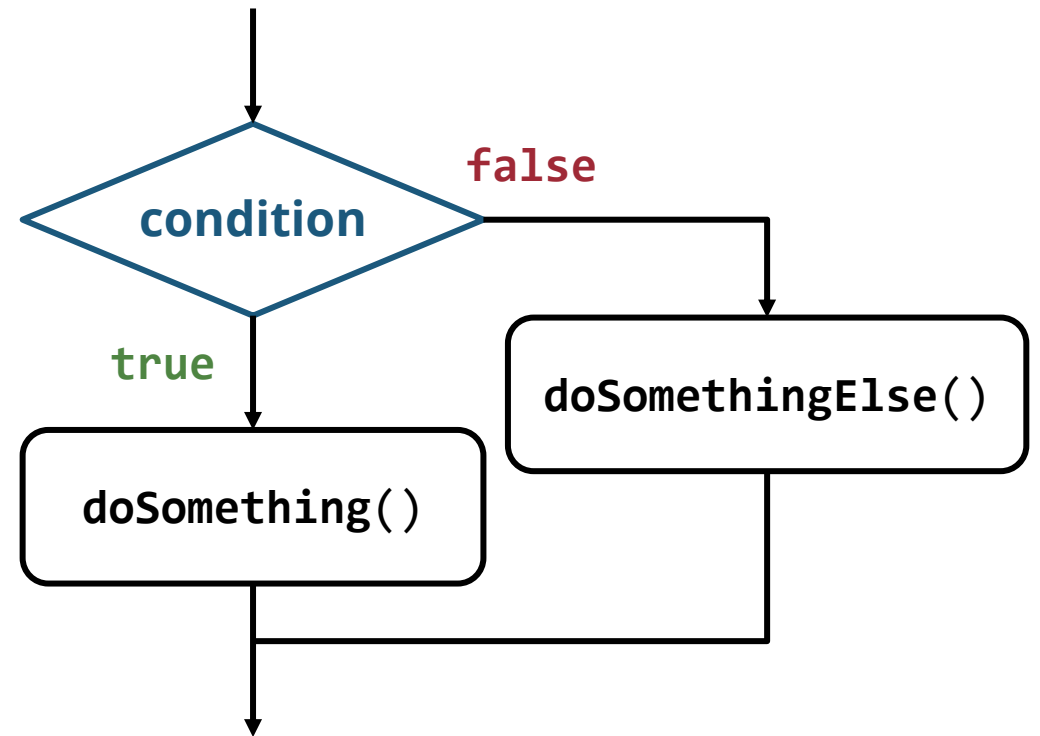
```
if (condition) {  
    doSomething();  
}
```



# Conditionals – if-else Statement

- Control the program flow based on a **condition**

```
if (condition) {  
    doSomething();  
} else {  
    doSomethingElse();  
}
```

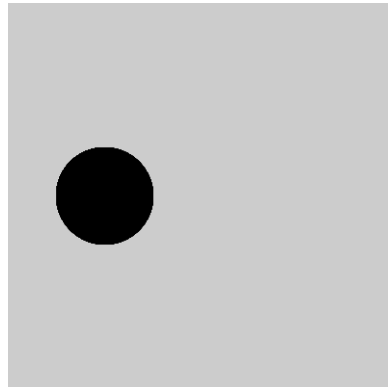


# Example: if-else Statement

```
float x = 100;
```

```
void setup() {  
  size(400, 400);  
}
```

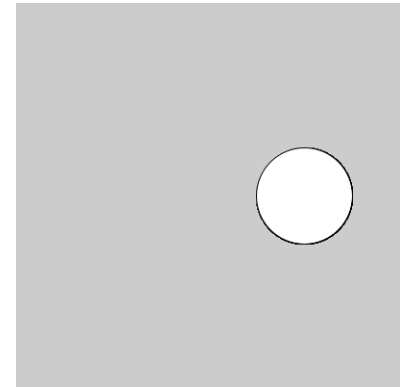
```
void draw() {  
  if (x < 200) {  
    fill(0);  
  } else {  
    fill(255);  
  }  
  circle(x, 200, 100);  
}
```



```
float x = 300;
```

```
void setup() {  
  size(400, 400);  
}
```

```
void draw() {  
  if (x < 200) {  
    fill(0);  
  } else {  
    fill(255);  
  }  
  circle(x, 200, 100);  
}
```



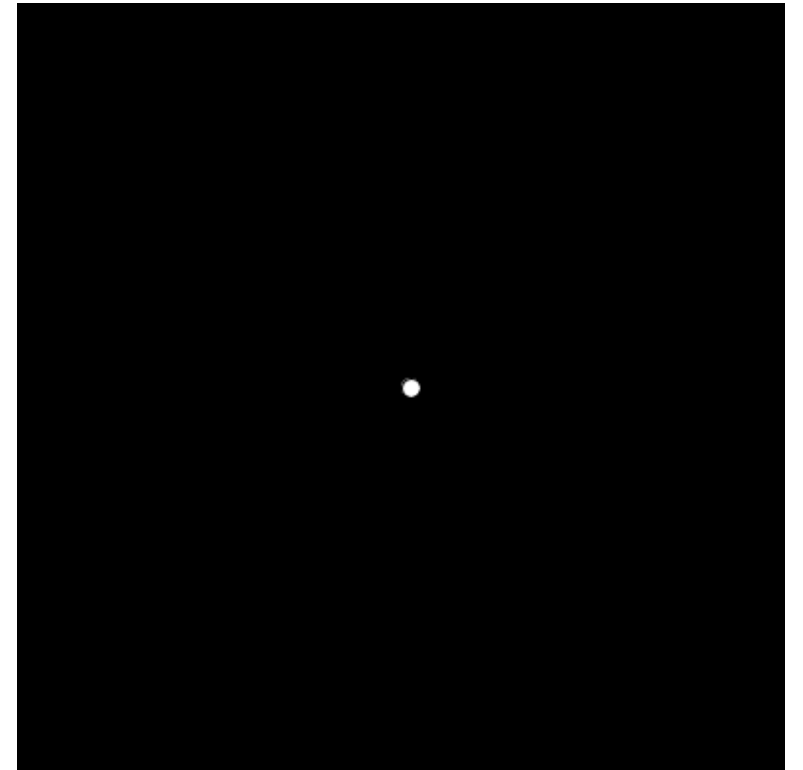
# Relational Operators

- $>$  greater than
- $<$  less than
  
- $>=$  greater than or equal to
- $<=$  less than or equal to
  
- $==$  equal to
- $!=$  not equal to



## Exercise: Bouncing Ball

- The ball bounces back when it hit the walls
- Think about
  - What **variables** do I need?
  - How do I **check if the ball has hit the wall**?



# First Step: Never-stopping Ball

```
// Current x-position of the ball
float x = 200;

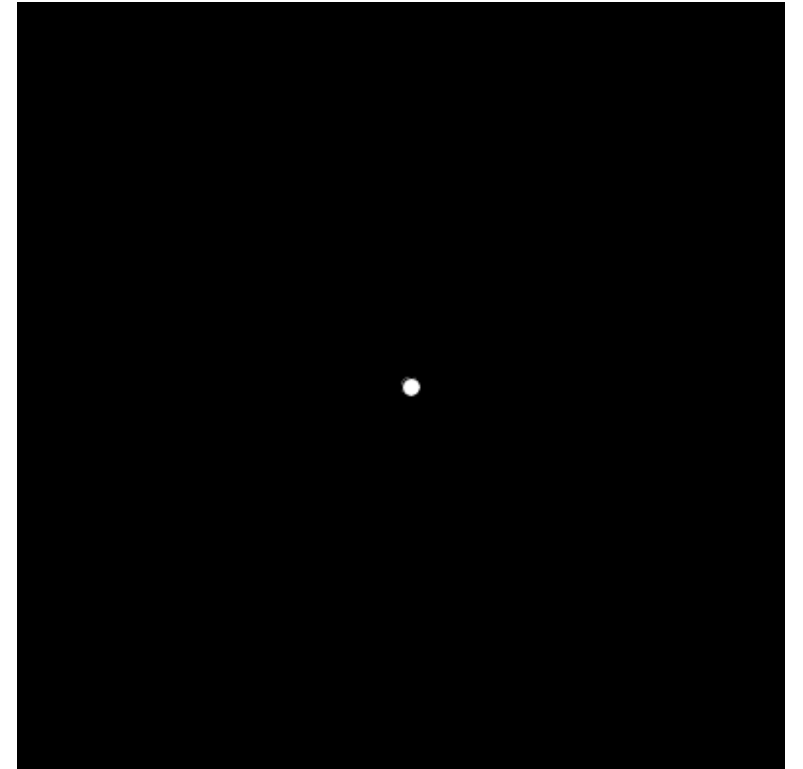
// Current speed of the ball
float speedX = 5;

void setup() {
  size(400, 400);
}

void draw() {
  background(0);

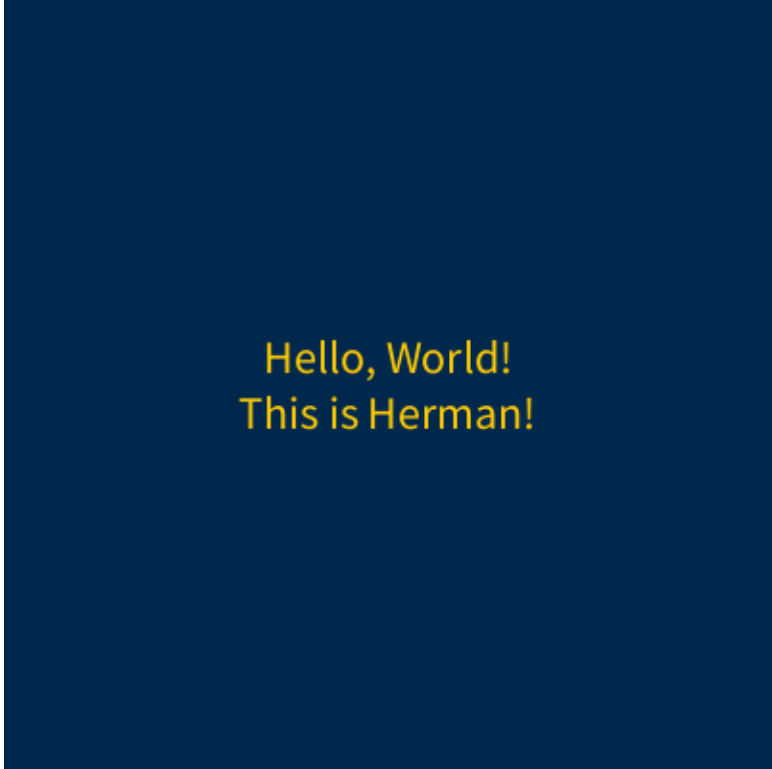
  // Move the ball
  x = x + speedX;

  // Draw the ball
  circle(x, 200, 10);
}
```



# Homework 1: Bouncing Hello World

- Instructions will be released on Gradescope
- You need to find the function for **text rendering**
  - The documentation is your friend!
  - <https://processing.org/reference>
- You need to figure out how to calculate the **height and width of the text box**
  - There'll be many friendly hints in the instructions 😊
- Due at **11:59pm ET** on **September 6**
- Late submissions: **1 point deducted per day**



Hello, World!  
This is Herman!

## Saving an Animation

- `saveFrame("frames/###.png")`
- Create GIF/MP4 via "**Tools > Movie Maker**"

# Logical Expressions

- `&&` AND
- `||` OR
- `!` NOT
  
- Examples
  - `(x > 200) && (y > 200)`
  - `(x > 200) || (y > 200)`
  - `!isGameOver`

# Keyboard Controls

## More about Keyboard Controls

- What does the following function do?

```
void keyPressed() {  
    if (key == ' ') {  
        saveFrame("screenshot.png");  
    }  
}
```

## Key & KeyCode

- `Key` stores the most recent key used (either pressed or released)
- For special (non-ASCII) keys, `KeyCode` is used
  - UP, DOWN, LEFT, RIGHT
  - ALT, CONTROL, SHIFT
  - You don't need `KeyCode` for BACKSPACE, TAB, ENTER, RETURN, ESC, and DELETE



# KeyCode

- What does the following function do?

```
void keyPressed() {  
    if (key == CODED) {  
        if (keyCode == UP) {  
            noLoop();  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# KeyCode

- How about this?

```
void keyPressed() {  
  if (key == CODED) {  
    if (keyCode == BACKSPACE) {  
      noLoop();  
    }  
  }  
}
```

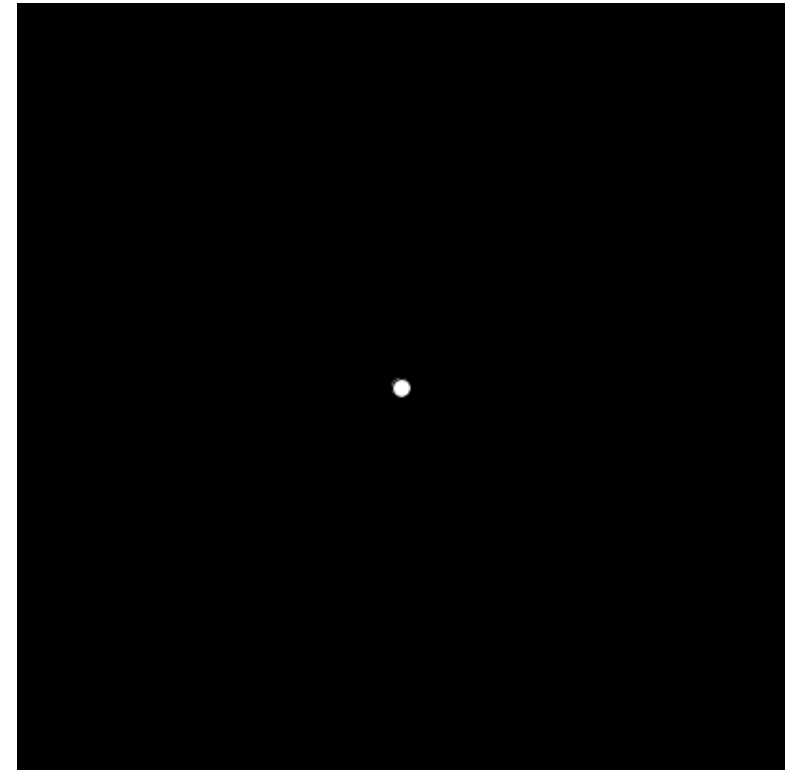
## Conditionals – if-else-if Statement

```
if (condition) {  
    doSomething();  
} else if (condition2) {  
    doSomethingElse();  
} else {  
    doYetSomethingElse();  
}
```

# Example: Use Arrow Keys to Control a Ball

```
float x = 200;
float y = 200;
float step = 10;

void keyPressed() {
  if (key == CODED) {
    if (keyCode == LEFT) {
      x = x - step;
    } else if (keyCode == RIGHT) {
      x = x + step;
    } else if (keyCode == UP) {
      y = y - step;
    } else if (keyCode == DOWN) {
      y = y + step;
    }
  }
}
```



# Switch Statement

```
switch(expression) {  
  case value1:  
    doSomething();  
    break;  
  
  case value2:  
    doSomethingElse();  
    break;  
  
  case value2:  
    doYetSomethingElse();  
    break;  
}
```

# Switch Statement

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if (keyCode == LEFT) {  
    x = x - step;  
} else if (keyCode == RIGHT) {  
    x = x + step;  
} else if (keyCode == UP) {  
    y = y - step;  
} else if (keyCode == DOWN) {  
    y = y + step;  
}
```



```
switch(keyCode) {  
    case LEFT:  
        x = x - step;  
        break;  
  
    case RIGHT:  
        x = x + step;  
        break;  
  
    case UP:  
        y = y - step;  
        break;  
  
    case DOWN:  
        y = y + step;  
        break;  
}
```