

PAT 204/504 (Fall 2024)

Creative Coding

Lecture 5: Data Types & Arrays

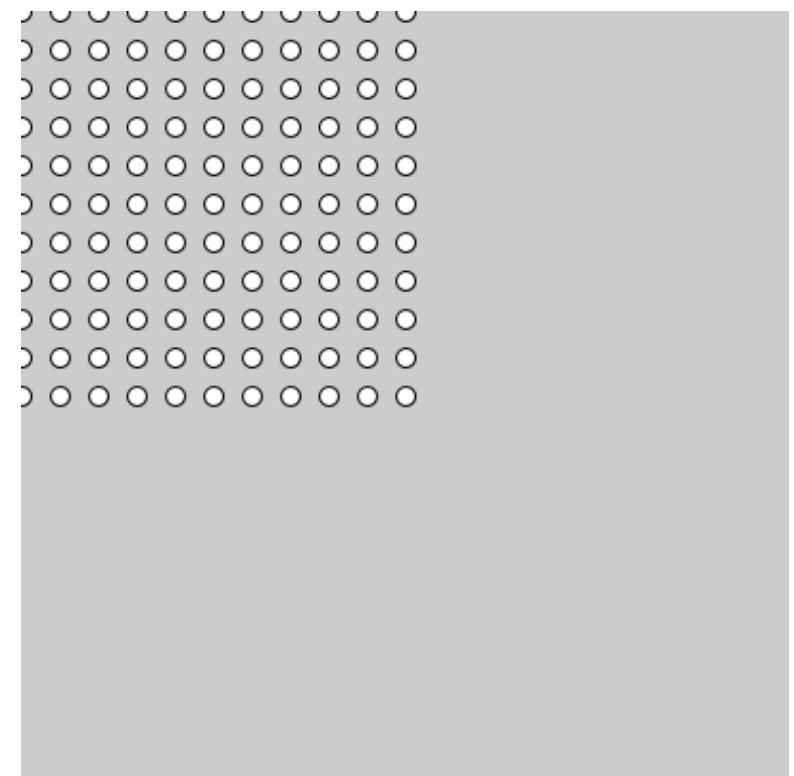
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(Recap) Exercise: Grid of Circles

- Draw a grid of circles using `while` loops
- You'll need `two while loops`
 - One inside the other, i.e., ***nested loops***

```
float x = 0, y = 0;  
  
while (x <= 200) {  
    y = 0;  
    while (y <= 200) {  
        circle(x, y, 10);  
        y += 20;  
    }  
    x += 20;  
}
```

**Don't forget to
reset y to 0**



for Loop

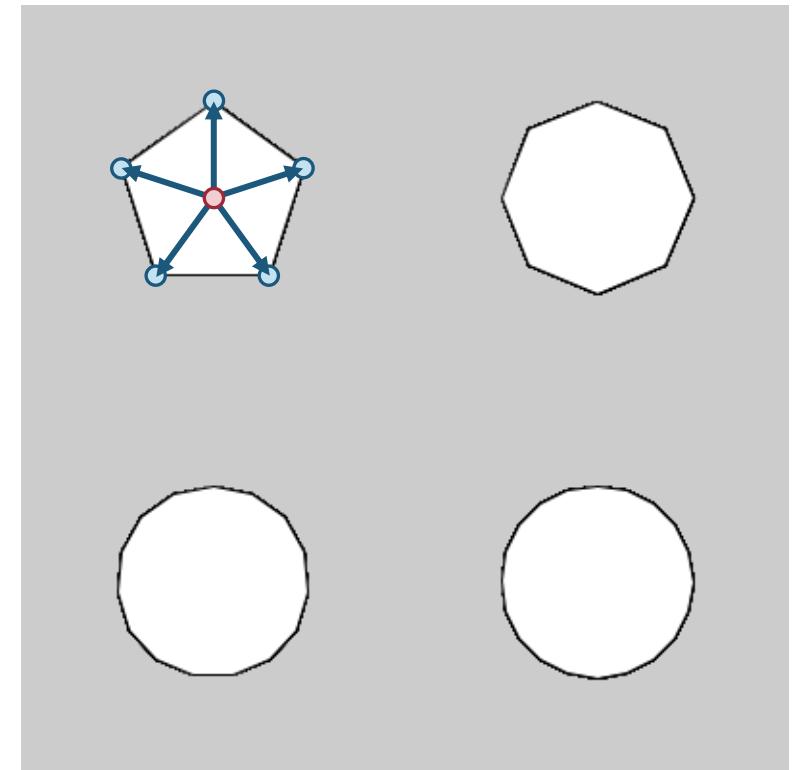
```
// Initialize x  
float x = 0;  
  
// Draw the circles  
while (x <= 200) {  
    circle(x, 200, 10);  
    x = x + 20;  
}
```

Initialization Condition Update

```
for (float x = 0; x <= 200; x = x + 20) {  
    circle(x, 200, 10);  
}
```

(Recap) Exercise: Regular Polygons

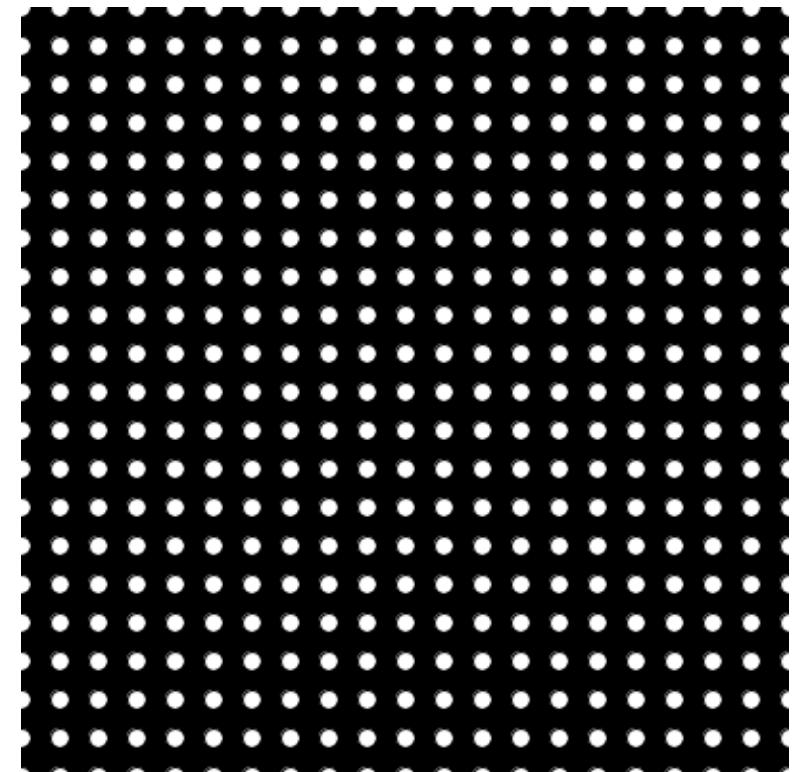
```
void polygon(float x, float y, float radius, int n) {  
    float vertexX, vertexY;  
    beginShape();  
    for (float a = 0; a < TWO_PI; a += TWO_PI / n) {  
        vertexX = x + radius * cos(a - HALF_PI);  
        vertexY = y + radius * sin(a - HALF_PI);  
        vertex(vertexX, vertexY);  
    }  
    endShape(CLOSE);  
}
```



(Recap) Exercise: Grid of Circles

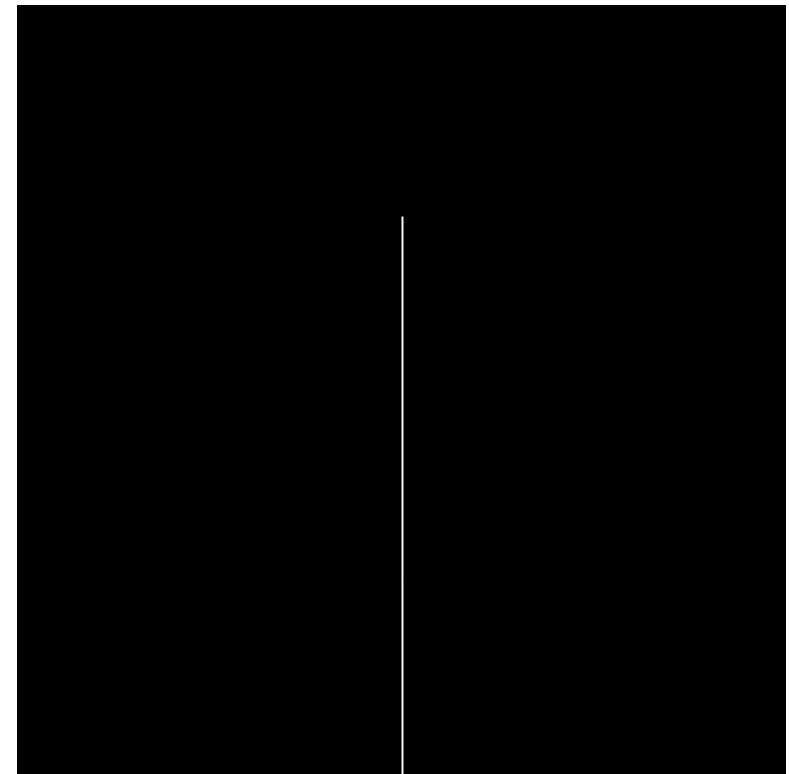
- Draw a grid of circles using `for` loops
- Again, you'll need two nested for loops

```
for (int i = 0; i <= 20; i++) {  
    for (int j = 0; j <= 20; j++) {  
        circle(i * 20, j * 20, 10);  
    }  
}
```



(Recap) Example: Recursive Tree

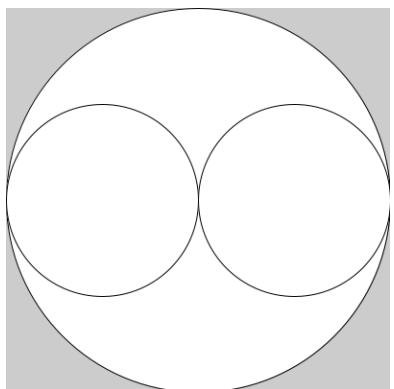
```
void branch(float h) {  
    if (h < 2) break;  
  
    // Right branch  
    pushMatrix();  
    rotate(theta);  
    line(0, 0, 0, -h * scale);  
    translate(0, -h * scale);  
    branch(h * scale);  
    popMatrix();  
  
    // Left branch  
    pushMatrix();  
    rotate(-theta);  
    line(0, 0, 0, -h * scale);  
    translate(0, -h * scale);  
    branch(h * scale);  
    popMatrix();  
}
```



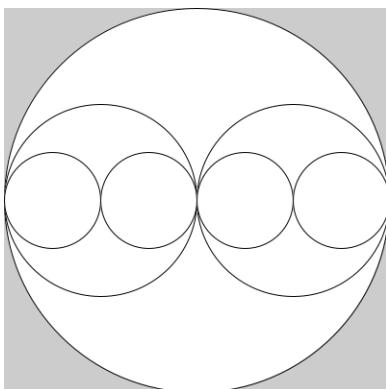
Exercise: Recursive Circles

- Recursively calling a function

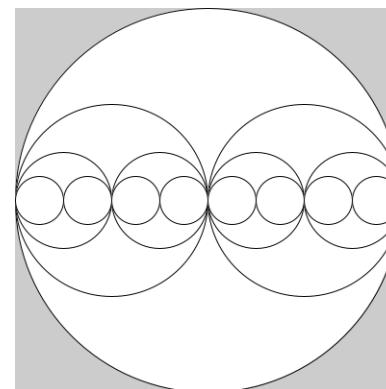
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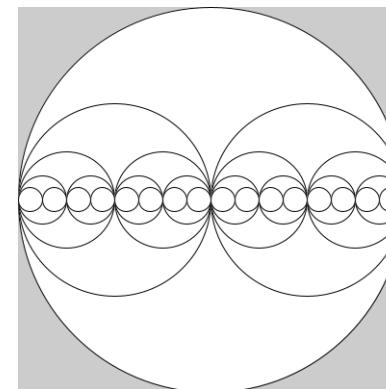
Level = 2



Level = 3

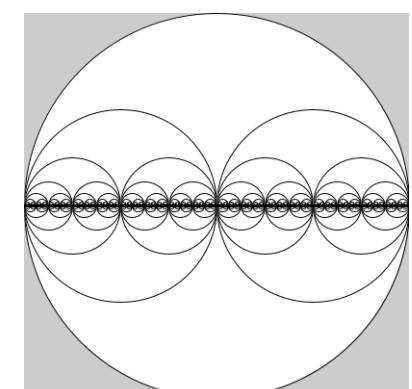


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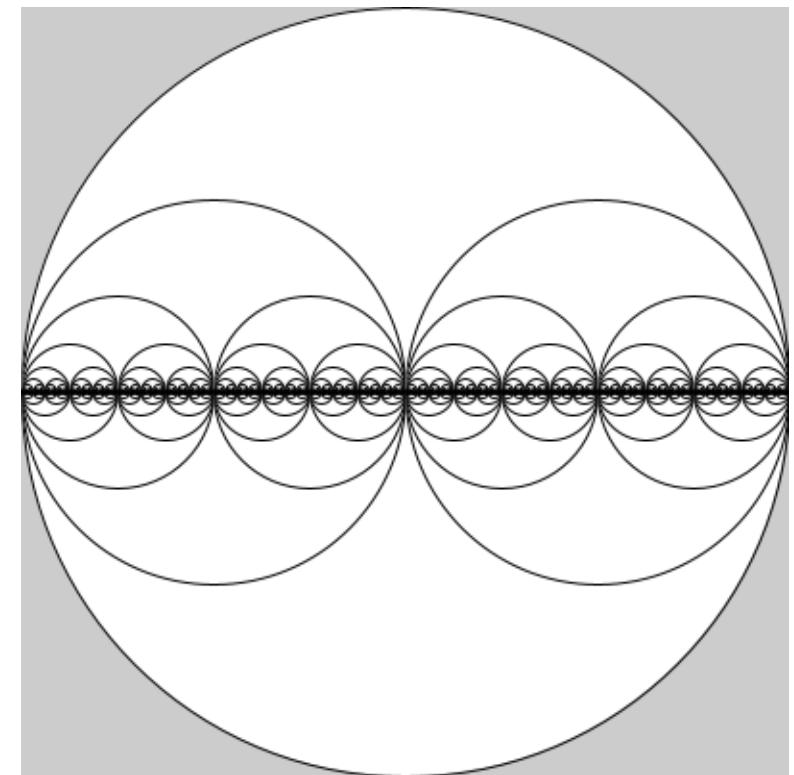
...

Level $\rightarrow \infty$



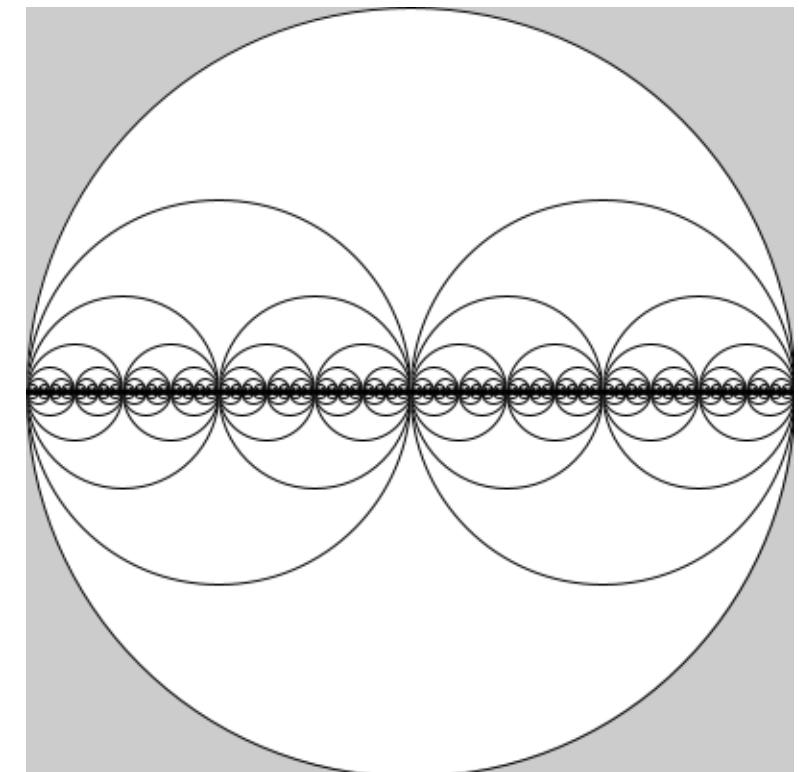
Exercise: Recursive Circles

```
void drawCircles(float x, float y, float w) {  
    // YOUR CODE HERE  
}  
  
void draw() {  
    circle(200, 200, 400);  
    drawCircles(200, 200, w);  
}
```



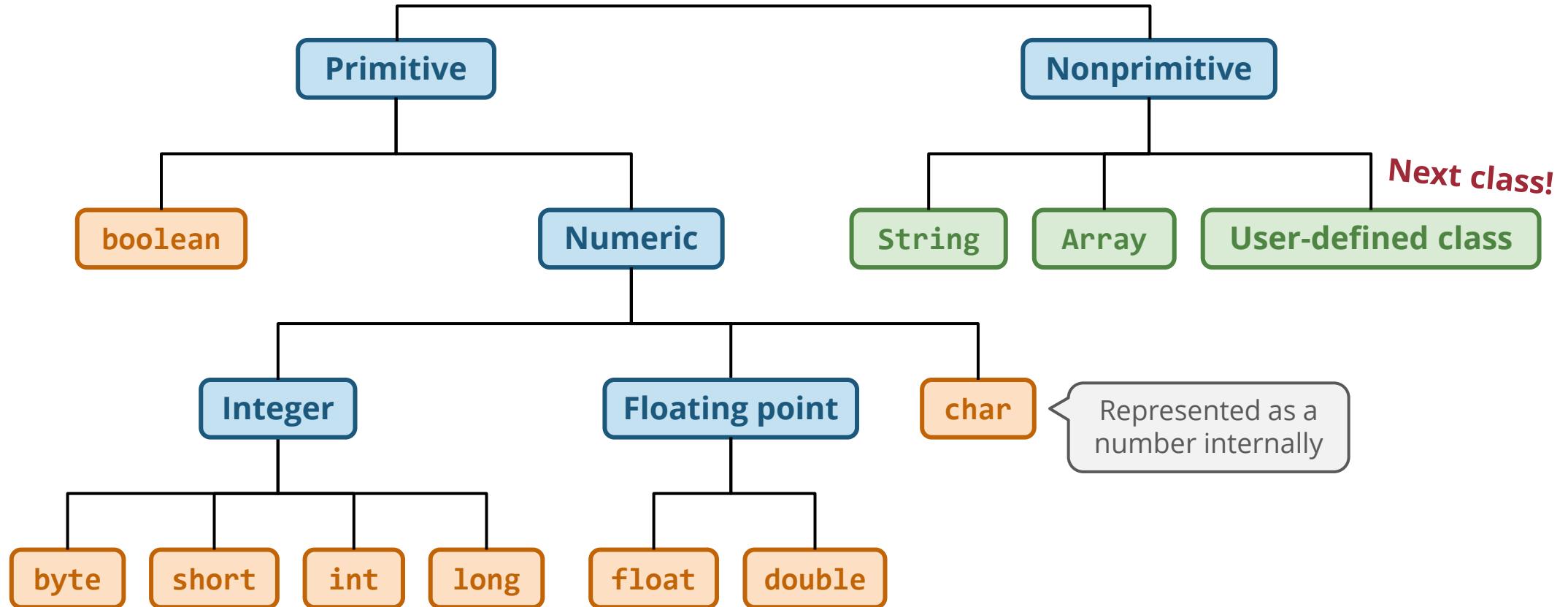
Exercise: Recursive Circles

```
void drawCircles(float x, float y, float w) {  
    if (w < 1) return; → Stop condition  
    circle(x - w / 4, y, w / 2);  
    drawCircles(x - w / 4, y, w / 2); ——————  
  
    circle(x + w / 4, y, w / 2);  
    drawCircles(x + w / 4, y, w / 2); ——————  
}  
  
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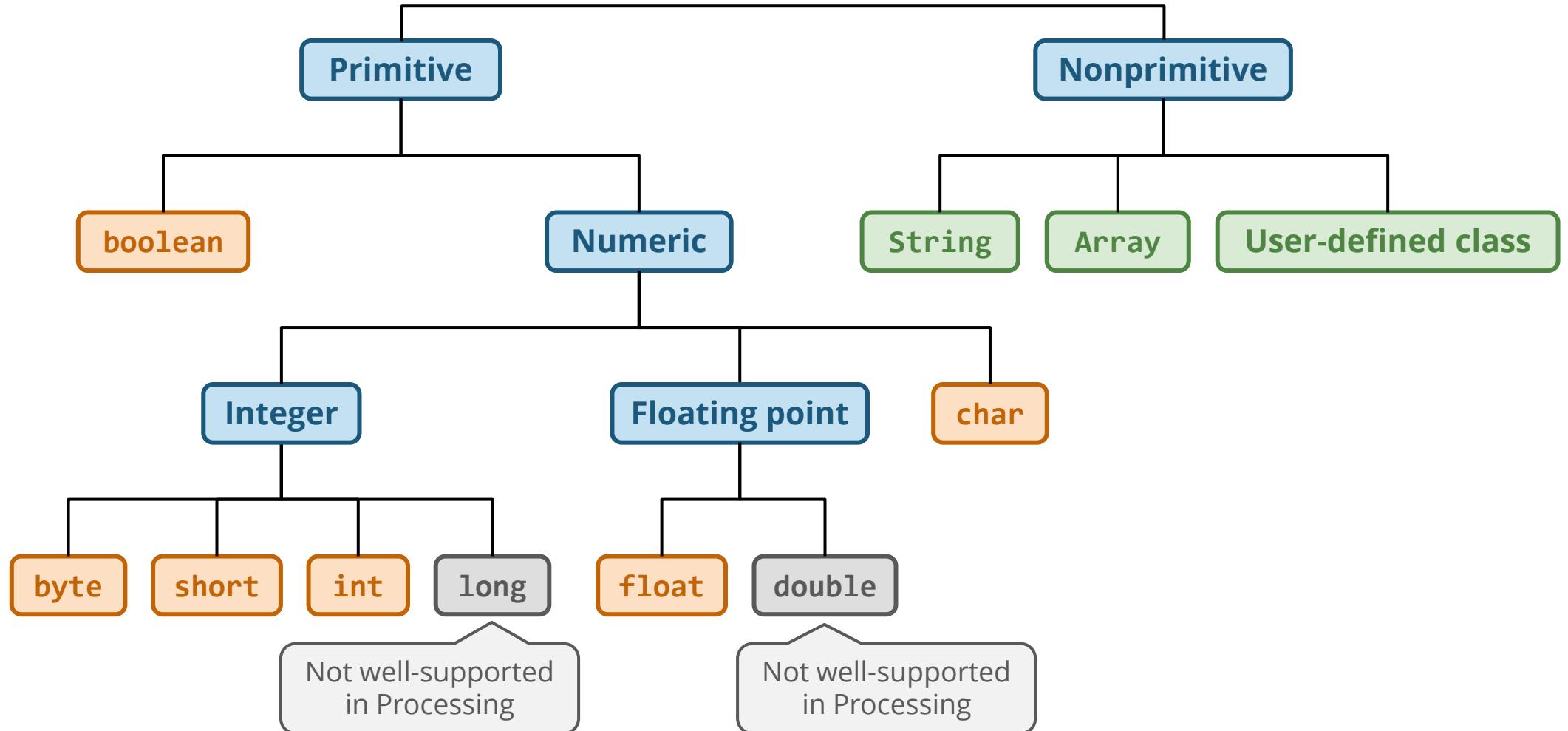


Data Types

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Primitive Data Types

	Range	Default	Bytes
boolean	true, false	false	1 Why?
byte	-128 ~ 127	0	1
int	$-2^{31} \sim 2^{31}-1$	0	4 Single precision
long	$-2^{63} \sim 2^{63}-1$	0	8
float	$\pm 1.4 \text{ E-45} \sim \pm 3.4 \text{ E38}, \pm\infty, \text{nan}$	0.0	4
double	$\pm 4.9 \text{ E-324} \sim \pm 1.8 \text{ E308}, \pm\infty, \text{nan}$	0.0	8 Double precision
color	#00000000 ~ #FFFFFF	Float.NaN	4 Why?
char	0 to 65535 (letters, numbers, symbols, etc.)	'\u0000' (null character)	2

`'0', 'a', 'ü', '!', '\n'`

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color	#00000000 ~ #FFFFFF	#00000000 (black)	4
char	0 to 65535 (letters, numbers, symbols, etc.)	'\u0000' (null character)	2

Floating Numbers: float & double



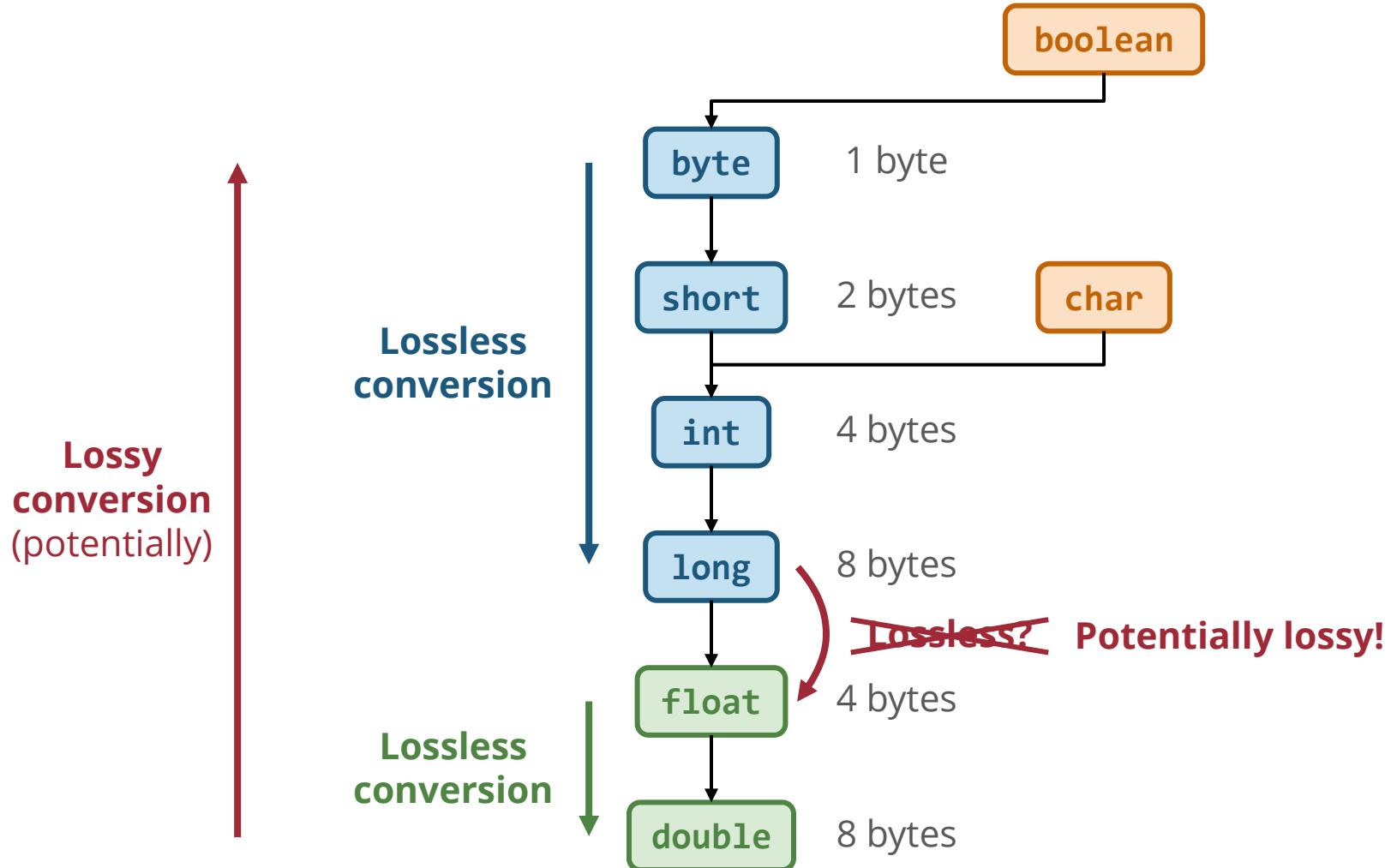
$$\text{sign} \times \text{mantissa} \times 2^{\text{exponent}}$$

|
Base 2!

Data Type Conversion

- Simply call the data type as a **function**
 - `boolean(x)`
 - `int(x)`
 - `float(x)`
 - `char(x)`
 - ...

Data Type Conversion



Floating Point-to-Integer Conversion

- Behaves like rounding but not exactly
 - `int(1.2) → 1`
 - `int(1.8) → 1`
 - `int(-1.2) → -1`
 - `int(-1.8) → -1`
- For standard rounding behavior, use `round()`
 - `round(1.2) → 1`
 - `round(1.8) → 2`
 - `round(-1.2) → -1`
 - `round(-1.8) → -2`

`round(1.5) → 2`
`round(-1.5) → -1`

Round up when in the middle

Lossy Conversion

```
int n = 1845654513;  
println(n); → 1845654513
```

```
float x = float(n); What happened?  
println(x); → 1.84565453E9
```

```
int m = int(x);  
println(m); → 1845654528
```

Sign
0
1 bit

Exponent
11010001
8 bits

Mantissa
01110111001000110001011
23 bits → Smaller than 32-bit integer

Data Type Conversion – Another Approach

- `int a = 1;
float b = (float) a;`
- `float a = 1.5;
int b = (int) a;`

Implicit vs Explicit Type Conversion

Implicit

```
int a = 1;  
float b = a;  
print(b);
```

~~```
float a = 1.5;
int b = a;
print(b);
```~~

## Explicit

```
int a = 1;
float b = float(a);
print(b);
```

```
float a = 1.5;
int b = int(a);
print(b);
```

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int a = 1;
float b = (float) a;
print(b);
```

```
float a = 1.5;
int b = (int) a;
print(b);
```

## Integer-to-Boolean Conversion

- **0 → false**
- Everything else → **true**

## Examples: Integer-to-Boolean Conversion

- `boolean(1)`      **true**
- `boolean(0)`      **false**
- `boolean(-1)`      **true**
- `boolean(1.1)` **Doesn't work**

# Integer-to-Boolean Conversion

- “**true**” → **true**
- Everything else → **false**

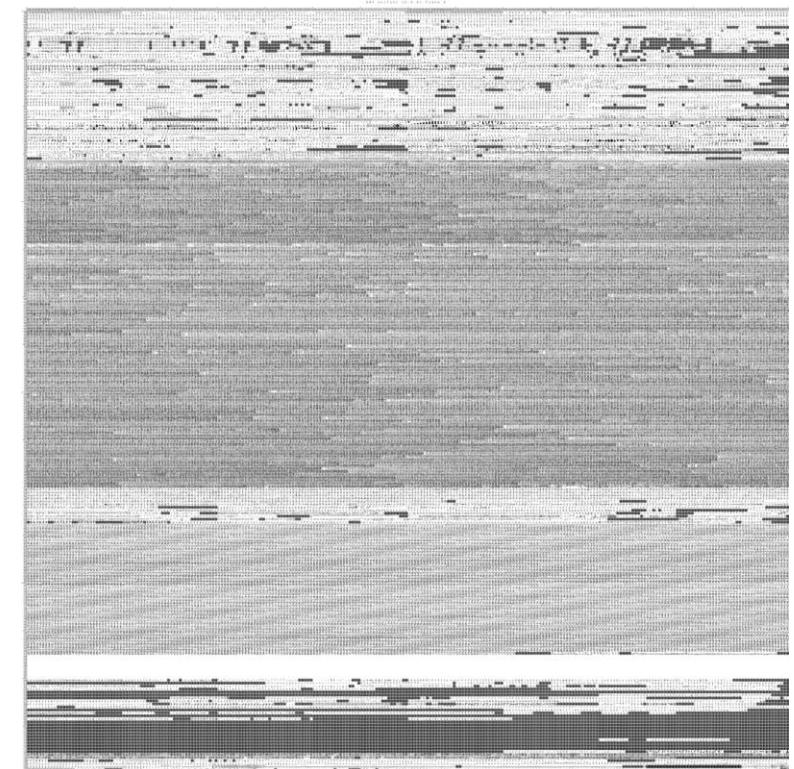
# Example: String-to-Boolean Conversion

- `boolean("true")`    `true`
- `boolean("false")`    `false`
- `boolean("yes")`    `false`
- `boolean("1")`    `false`

# Character Encoding in Processing: UTF-16

- Characters are represented as **numbers** in computers
- The default encoding is **UTF-16**

| Hex | Value | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 00  | NUL   | 10  | DLE   | 20  | SP    | 30  | 0     | 40  | @     | 50  | P     | 60  | '     | 70  | p     |     |       |
| 01  | SOH   | 11  | DC1   | 21  | !     | 31  | 1     | 41  | A     | 51  | Q     | 61  | a     | 71  | q     |     |       |
| 02  | STX   | 12  | DC2   | 22  | "     | 32  | 2     | 42  | B     | 52  | R     | 62  | b     | 72  | r     |     |       |
| 03  | ETX   | 13  | DC3   | 23  | #     | 33  | 3     | 43  | C     | 53  | S     | 63  | c     | 73  | s     |     |       |
| 04  | EOT   | 14  | DC4   | 24  | \$    | 34  | 4     | 44  | D     | 54  | T     | 64  | d     | 74  | t     |     |       |
| 05  | ENQ   | 15  | NAK   | 25  | %     | 35  | 5     | 45  | E     | 55  | U     | 65  | e     | 75  | u     |     |       |
| 06  | ACK   | 16  | SYN   | 26  | &     | 36  | 6     | 46  | F     | 56  | V     | 66  | f     | 76  | v     |     |       |
| 07  | BEL   | 17  | ETB   | 27  | '     | 37  | 7     | 47  | G     | 57  | W     | 67  | g     | 77  | w     |     |       |
| 08  | BS    | 18  | CAN   | 28  | (     | 38  | 8     | 48  | H     | 58  | X     | 68  | h     | 78  | x     |     |       |
| 09  | HT    | 19  | EM    | 29  | )     | 39  | 9     | 49  | I     | 59  | Y     | 69  | i     | 79  | y     |     |       |
| 0A  | LF    | 1A  | SUB   | 2A  | *     | 3A  | :     | 4A  | J     | 5A  | Z     | 6A  | j     | 7A  | z     |     |       |
| 0B  | VT    | 1B  | ESC   | 2B  | +     | 3B  | ;     | 4B  | K     | 5B  | [     | 6B  | k     | 7B  | {     |     |       |
| 0C  | FF    | 1C  | FS    | 2C  | ,     | 3C  | <     | 4C  | L     | 5C  | \     | 6C  | l     | 7C  |       |     |       |
| 0D  | CR    | 1D  | GS    | 2D  | -     | 3D  | =     | 4D  | M     | 5D  | ]     | 6D  | m     | 7D  | }     |     |       |
| 0E  | SO    | 1E  | RS    | 2E  | .     | 3E  | >     | 4E  | N     | 5E  | ^     | 6E  | n     | 7E  | ~     |     |       |
| 0F  | SI    | 1F  | US    | 2F  | /     | 3F  | ?     | 4F  | O     | 5F  | _     | 6F  | o     | 7F  | DEL   |     |       |



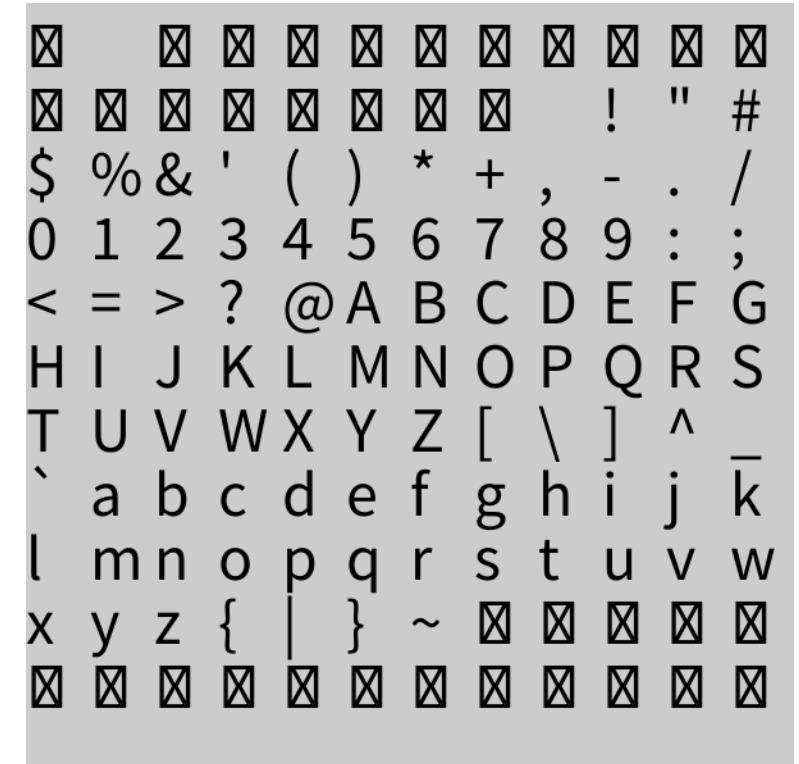
Full character set of UTF-16

## Examples: char-to-int & int-to-char Conversion

- $\text{char}(65) \rightarrow 'A'$
- $\text{int}('A') \rightarrow 65$
- $\text{char}(97) \rightarrow 'a'$
- $\text{int}('a') \rightarrow 97$
- $\text{char}(192) \rightarrow 'À'$
- $\text{char}(224) \rightarrow 'à'$

# Exercise: Character Wall

- Print a matrix of characters using for loops
- **Approach 1**
  - Use a **nested for loop**
  - Loop over the **x index** and **y index**
- **Approach 2**
  - Use a **single for loop**
  - Loop over the **character code**



A 10x10 grid of characters representing a character wall. The characters are arranged as follows:

|    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| █  | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ |
| █  | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ |
| \$ | % | & | ' | ( | ) | * | + | , | - |
| 0  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| <  | = | > | ? | @ | A | B | C | D | E |
| H  | I | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | Q |
| T  | U | V | W | X | Y | Z | [ | \ | ^ |
| `  | a | b | c | d | e | f | g | h | i |
| l  | m | n | o | p | q | r | s | t | u |
| x  | y | z | { |   | } | ~ | █ | █ | █ |
| █  | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ |

# Two Ways of Looping

- **Approach 1**

- Use a **nested for loop**
- Loop over the **x index** and **y index**

```
for (int i = 0; i < 12; i++) {
 for (int j = 0; j < 12; j++) {
 char code = char(i + 12 * j);
 text(code, i * 50, j * 50);
 }
}
```

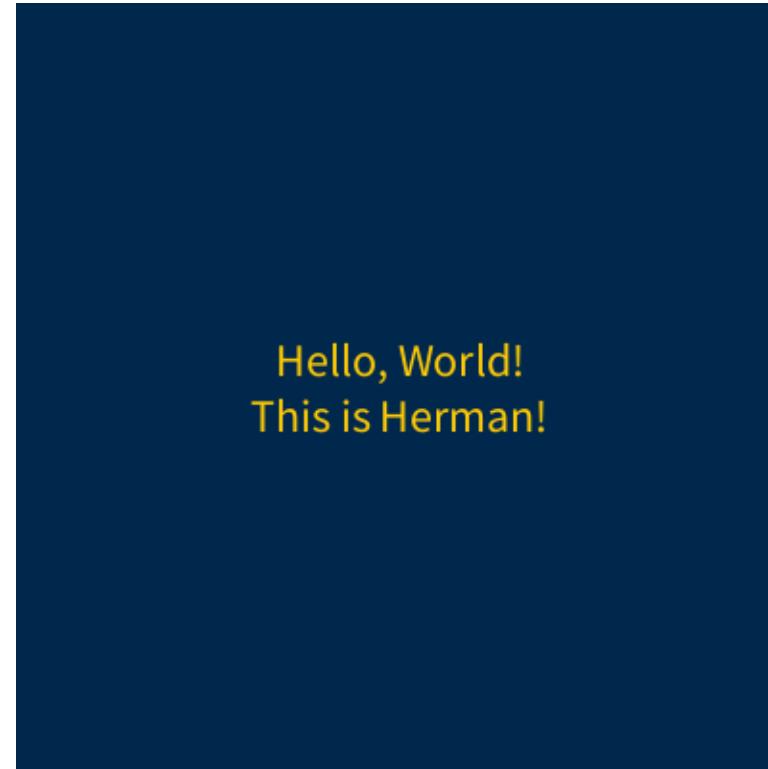
- **Approach 2**

- Use a **single for loop**
- Loop over the **character code**

```
for (char code = 0; code < 144; code++){
 idx = int(code);
 i = idx % 12; → Common way to turn a 1D
 j = idx / 12; → sequence into a 2D matrix
 text(code, i * 50, j * 50);
}
```

# Text Rendering

# Homework 1: Bouncing Hello World



## text()

- **text(str, x, y)**

```
String s = "Hello, World!\nThis is Herman!";
fill(0);
textSize(32)
textAlign(CENTER, CENTER);
text(s, 200, 200);
```



Hello, World!  
This is Herman!

# Text Alignment – `textAlign()`

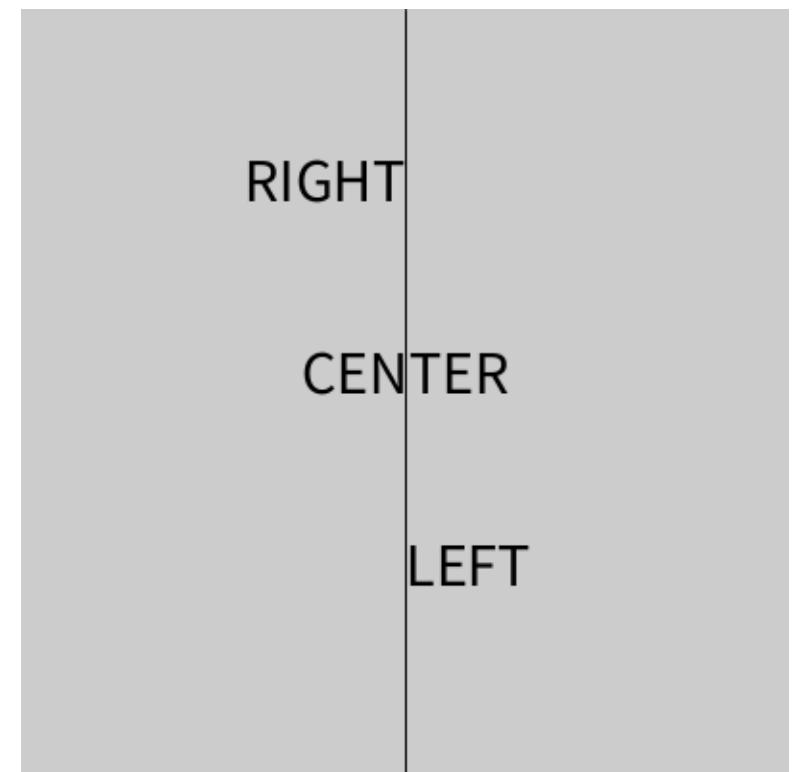
- Set the **text alignment** and the **anchor point**

```
size(400, 400);
fill(0);
textSize(32);
line(200, 0, 200, 400);

textAlign(RIGHT);
text("RIGHT", 200, 100);

textAlign(CENTER);
text("CENTER", 200, 200);

textAlign(LEFT);
text("LEFT", 200, 300);
```



# Text Alignment – `textAlign()`

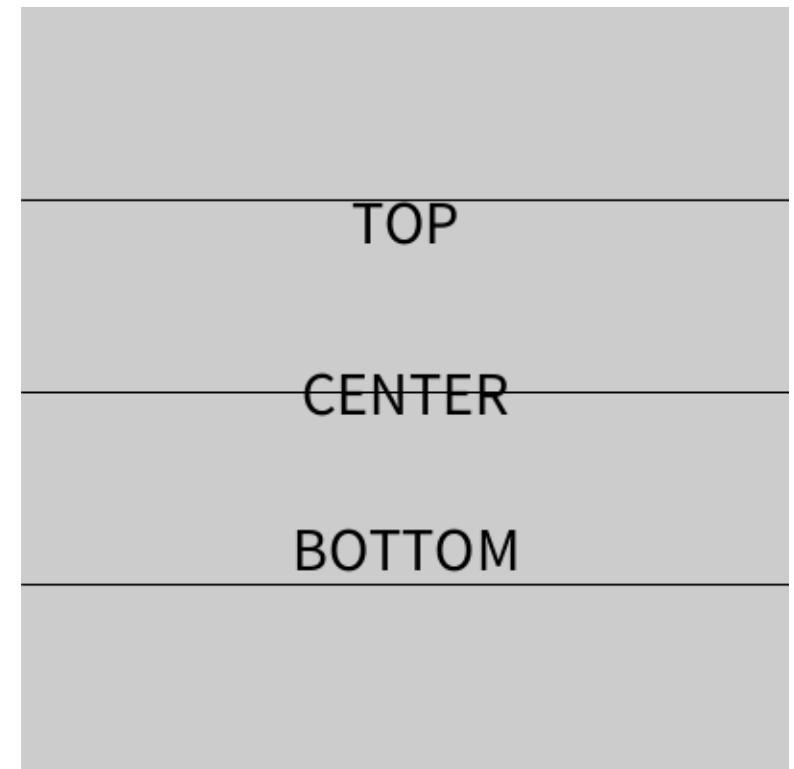
- Set the **text alignment** and the **anchor point**

```
size(400, 400);
fill(0);
textSize(32);
```

```
textAlign(CENTER, TOP);
text("TOP", 200, 100);
line(0, 100, 400, 100);
```

```
textAlign(CENTER, CENTER);
text("CENTER", 200, 200);
line(0, 200, 400, 200);
```

```
textAlign(CENTER, BOTTOM);
text("BOTTOM", 200, 300);
line(0, 300, 400, 300);
```



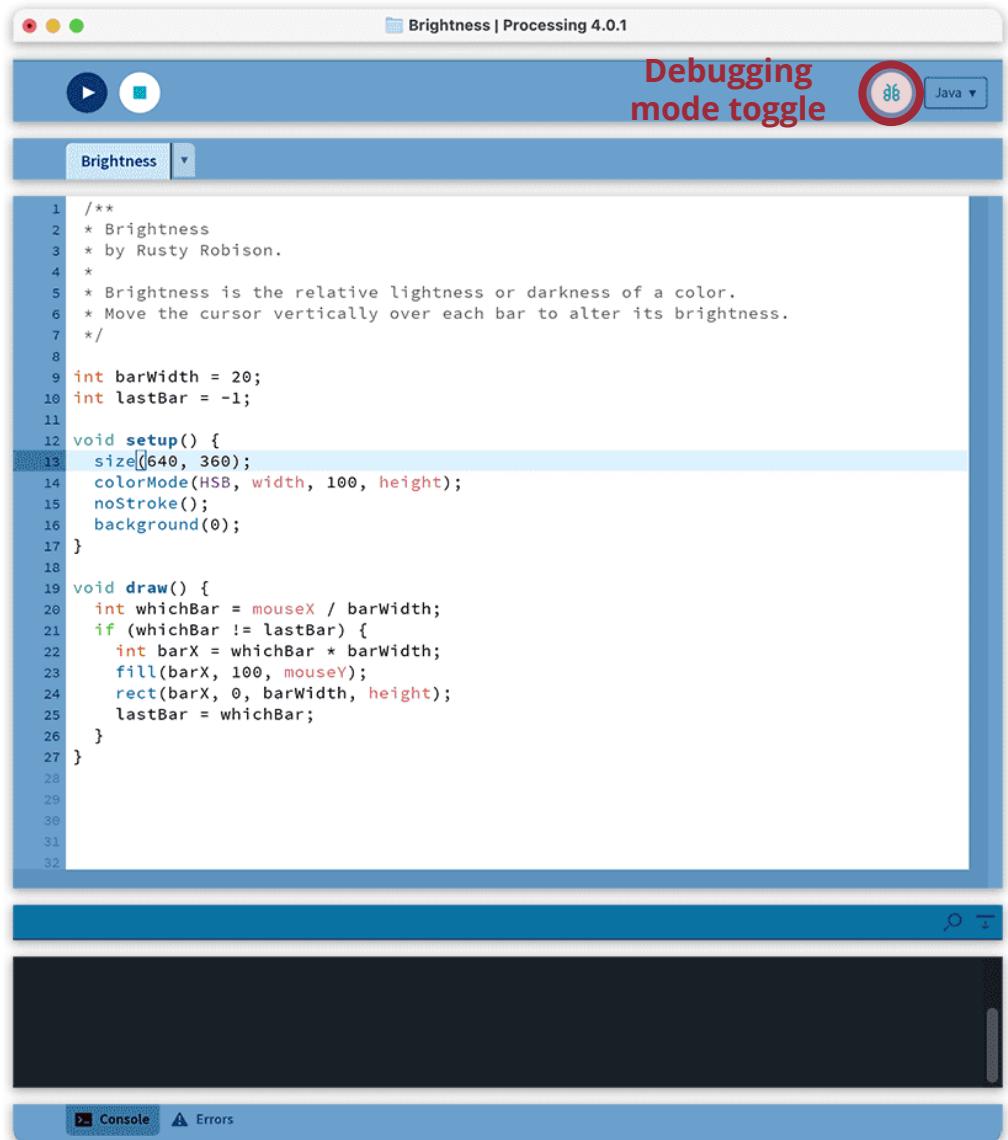
# Debugging

## print() & println()

- Output will show in the console at the bottom of the IDE
- Useful for debugging
- `print()` does not add a new line
- `println()` adds a new line
- New line is encoded as a special character '`\n`'

# Built-in Debugger

- Useful for **debugging**

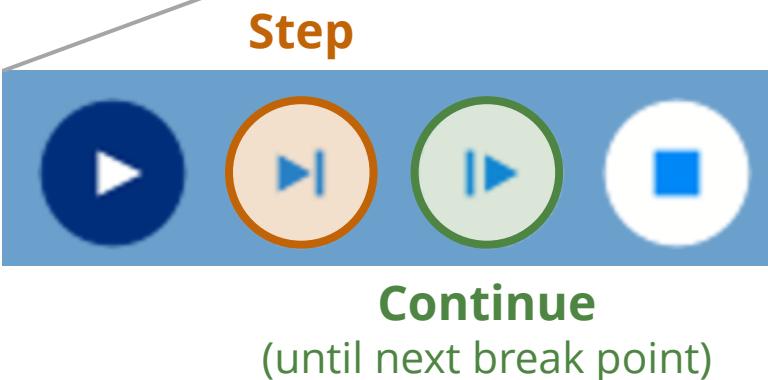


The screenshot shows the Processing 4.0.1 IDE interface. At the top, there's a toolbar with a play button, a square button, and a red circle with the number '88' (indicating notifications). To the right of the play button, it says 'Brightness | Processing 4.0.1'. Below the toolbar, the title bar says 'Brightness' with a dropdown arrow. The main area displays a Java code editor with the following code:

```
1 /**
2 * Brightness
3 * by Rusty Robison.
4 *
5 * Brightness is the relative lightness or darkness of a color.
6 * Move the cursor vertically over each bar to alter its brightness.
7 */
8
9 int barWidth = 20;
10 int lastBar = -1;
11
12 void setup() {
13 size(640, 360);
14 colorMode(HSB, width, 100, height);
15 noStroke();
16 background(0);
17 }
18
19 void draw() {
20 int whichBar = mouseX / barWidth;
21 if (whichBar != lastBar) {
22 int barX = whichBar * barWidth;
23 fill(barX, 100, mouseY);
24 rect(barX, 0, barWidth, height);
25 lastBar = whichBar;
26 }
27 }
28
29
30
31
32
```

At the bottom of the screen, there are tabs for 'Console' and 'Errors', and a vertical scroll bar on the right side of the code editor.

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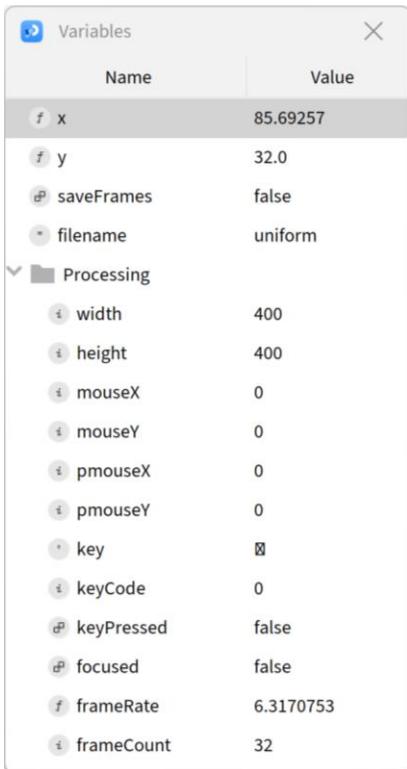
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 lastBar = whichBar;
 }
}
```

Console Errors

# Variable Inspector

- Shows the variables and their values
  - Including built-in global variables



The screenshot shows the Processing sketch titled 'Brightness' running in version 4.0.1. The code defines a setup function that creates a window of size 640x360, sets color mode to HSB, and initializes noStroke and background. The draw function calculates the bar width based on the window width, checks if the mouse is over a bar, and fills a rectangle at the mouse position with a height of 100. The sketch interface shows the code in the editor, a preview window with a black background, and tabs for Console and Errors.

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24 rect(barX, 0, barWidth, height);
25 lastBar = whichBar;
26 }
27 }
```

# Comments

- Line comments
- Block comments

## Block comments

```
/*
 We usually write the documentation of the whole
 program at the very top using a block comment.
*/
```

## Line comments

```
// We write something about what the code does
println('a');
println("a"); // We can also write something here
```

# Arrays

# Arrays

- Hold a fixed number of items of the **same data type**
  - Cannot change the length of an array once declared
  - Declare by adding **a pair of brackets** after the data type
- **arr.length** returns the length of the array
- **arr[i]** gives you the (i-1)-th item → **Index starts from 0!**

```
// Declare and initialize an array of ten integers
int x[] = new int[10];

x[0] = 1;
println(x[0]); // 1

println(x.length) // 10
```

# Built-in Array Functions

- arr.append()
- arr.expand()
- arr.shortern()
- concat(arr1, arr2)
- subset(arr)
- sort(arr)
- reverse(arr)

All these functions  
return a new array!

## String & char

- **String** acts like an **array of char**
- String supports all the built-in functions for arrays

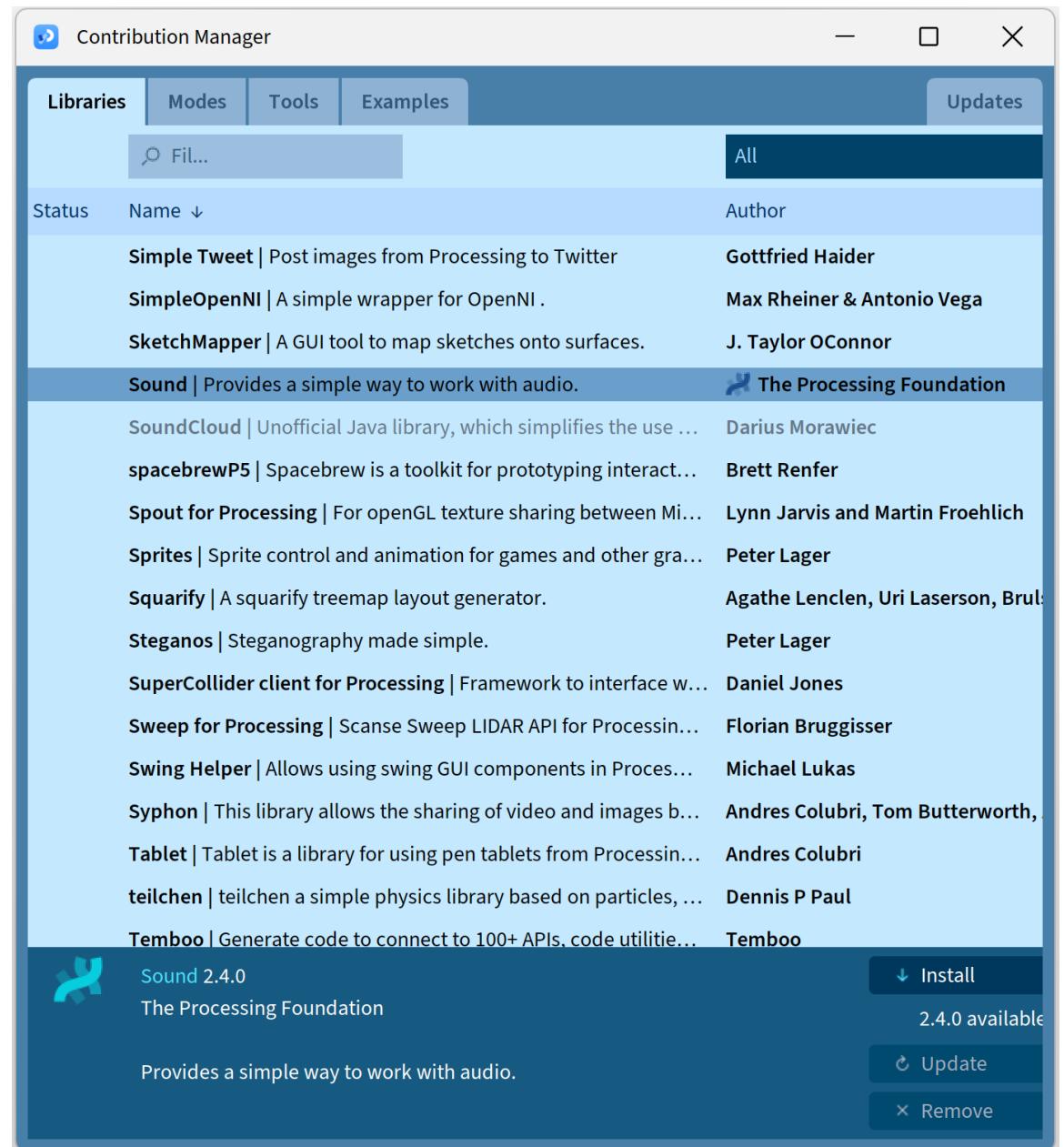
## String & char – ‘a’ vs “a”

- `println('a')` and `println("a")` both work!
- Single quote → char
- Double quote → String

# Libraries

# Library Manager

- Official Libraries maintained by the **Processing Foundation**
  - Sound
  - Video
  - Hardware I/O
  - JavaFX
- Many other libraries
  - Networking
  - GUI
  - Animation



# Demo: Deep Vision Library

- Deep learning-powered computer vision library
- Support
  - Object detection
  - Object recognition
  - Object segmentation
  - Keypoint detection
  - Depth estimation
  - Style transfer
  - Superresolution

## Homework 3: Spectrum Visualizer

- Modify the template code to implement a spectrum visualizer
- Instructions will be released on Gradescope
- Due at **11:59pm ET** on **September 20**
- Late submissions: **1 point deducted per day**

# More on Colors

# color is a Data Type

- You can define a variable of data type **color**
  - For example, `color c = color(0, 39, 76)`

Data type

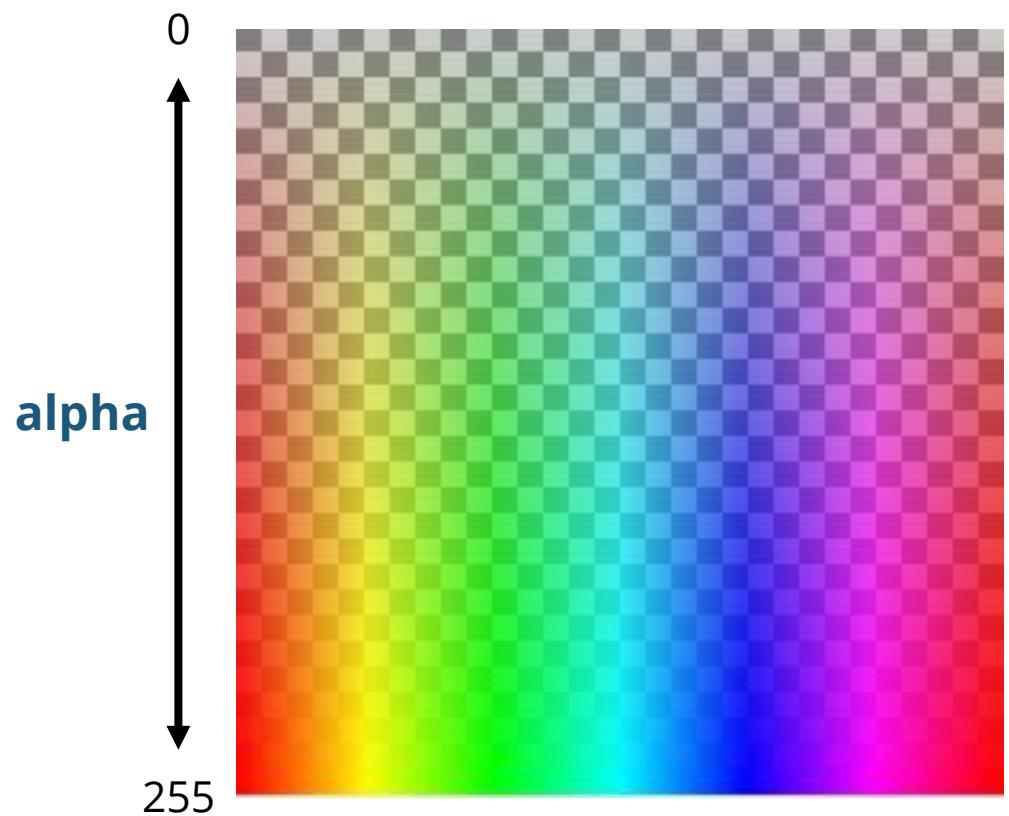
Function

# Many Ways to Represent a Color

- `fill(grayscale)`
- `fill(R, G, B)`
- `fill(R, G, B, A)`
- `colorMode(HSB)`  
`fill(H, S, B)`
- `colorMode(HSB)`  
`fill(H, S, B, A)`
- `color c = (0, 39, 76)`  
`fill(c)`

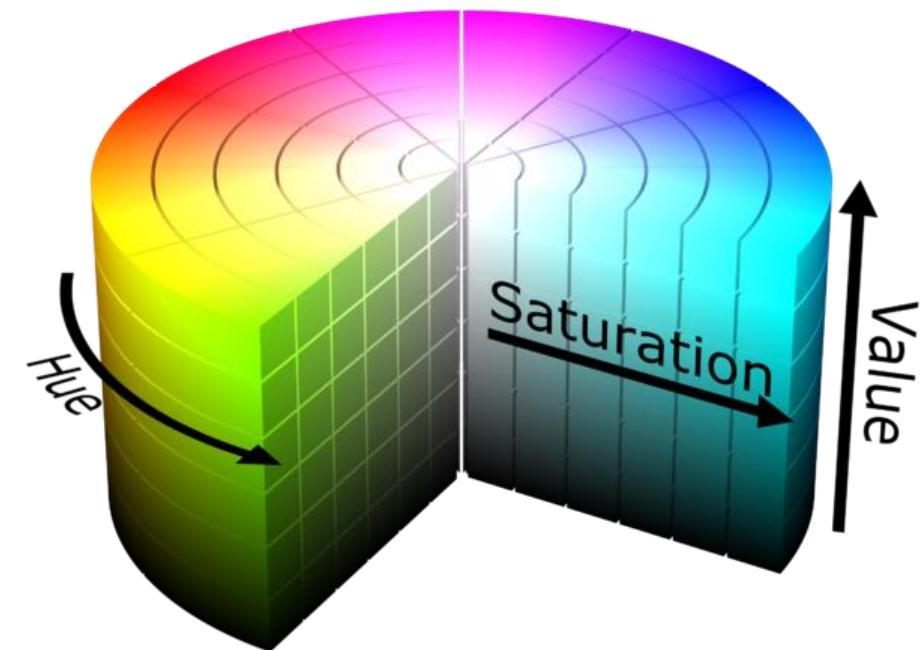
# Transparency – Alpha value

- The alpha value sets the transparency
- Represented as the 4<sup>th</sup> channel after RGB
  - For example, `fill(0, 39, 76, 50)`
- Useful when you want to **blend** colors



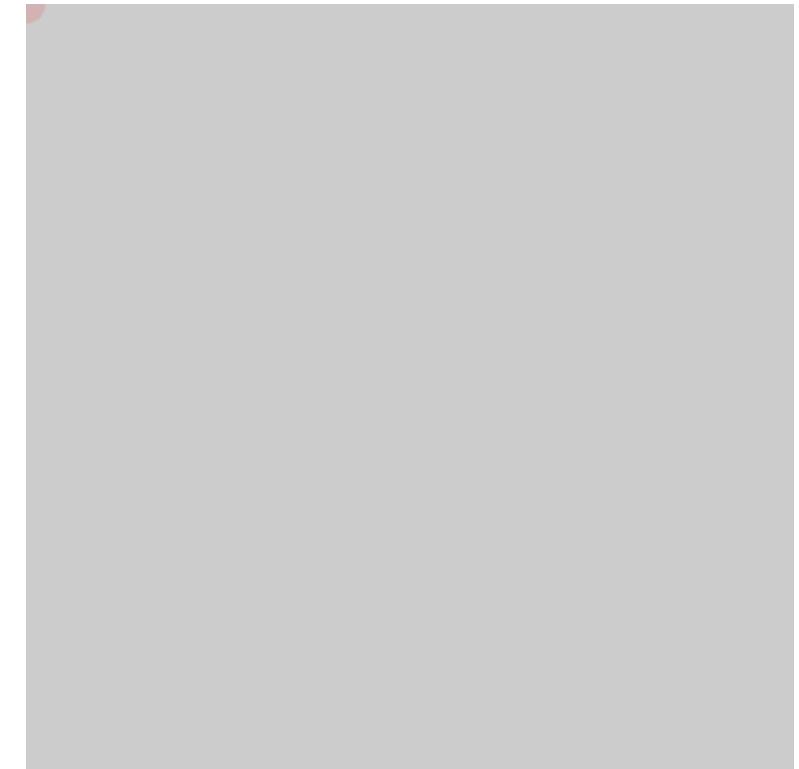
# HSB Color Mode

- `colorMode(HSB)`
  - **H** Hue
  - **S** Saturation
  - **B** Brightness
- Useful for creating rainbow effects



# Exercise: Rainbow Paint

- What you'll need:
  - `mouseX` & `mouseY`
  - `colorMode(HSB)` for HSB color mode
  - alpha value for transparency



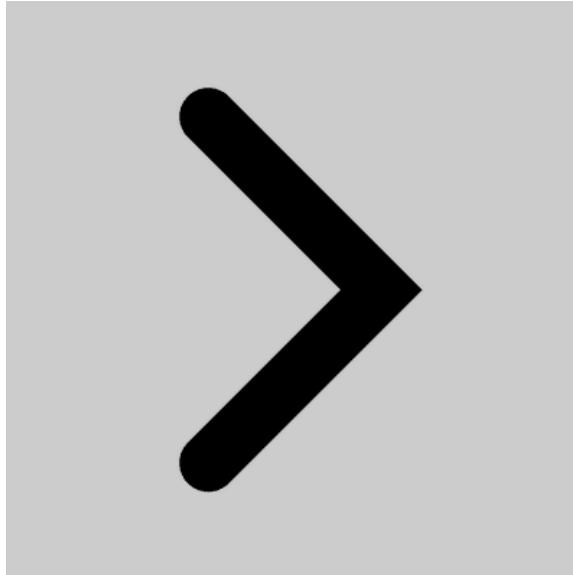
# Fills & Strokes

## fill() & stroke()

- fill(color)
- noFill()
- stroke(color)
- noStroke()

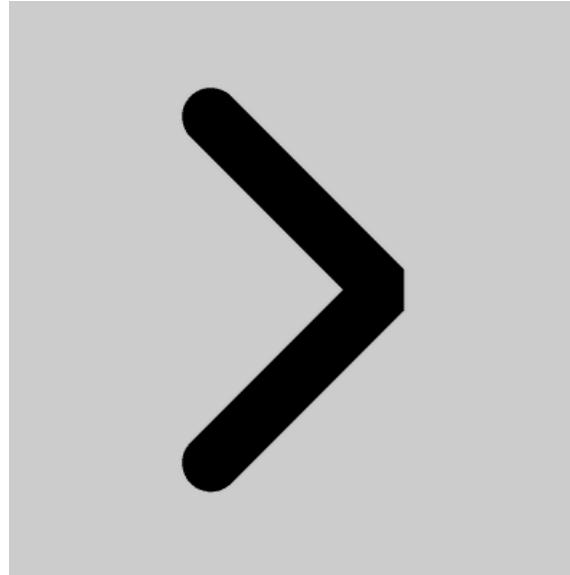
# strokeJoin()

strokeJoin(**MITER**)

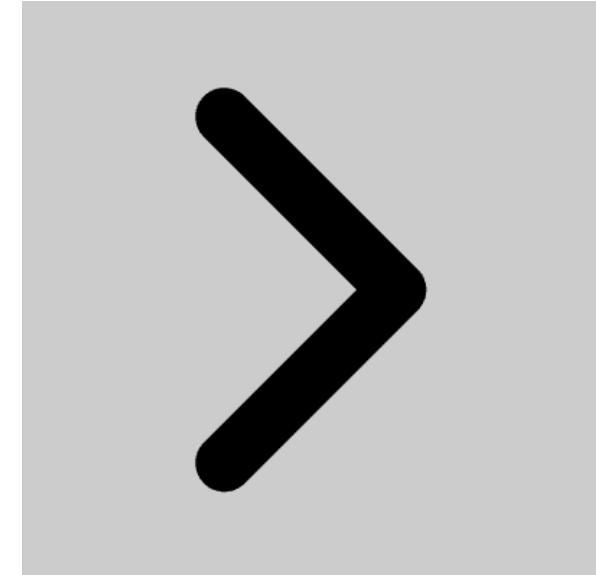


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strokeJoin(**BEVEL**)



strokeJoin(**ROUND**)

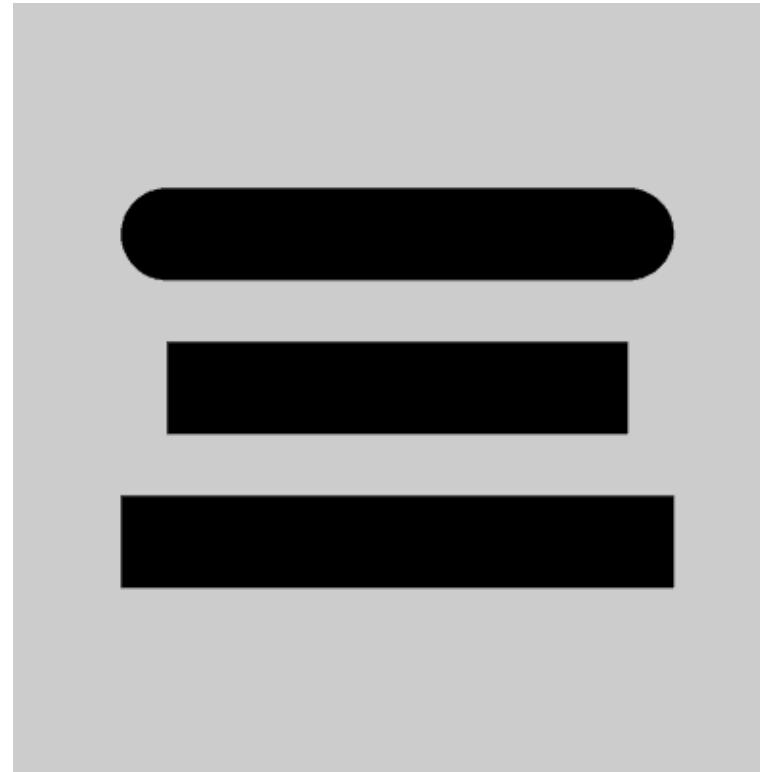


# strokeCap()

strokeCap(**ROUND**)

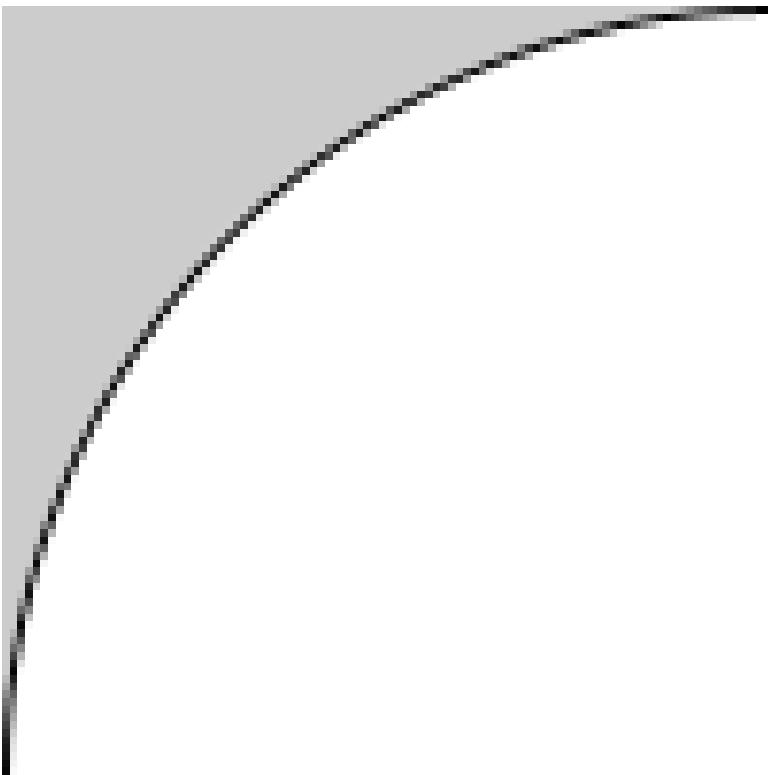
strokeCap(**SQUARE**)

strokeCap(**PROJECT**)



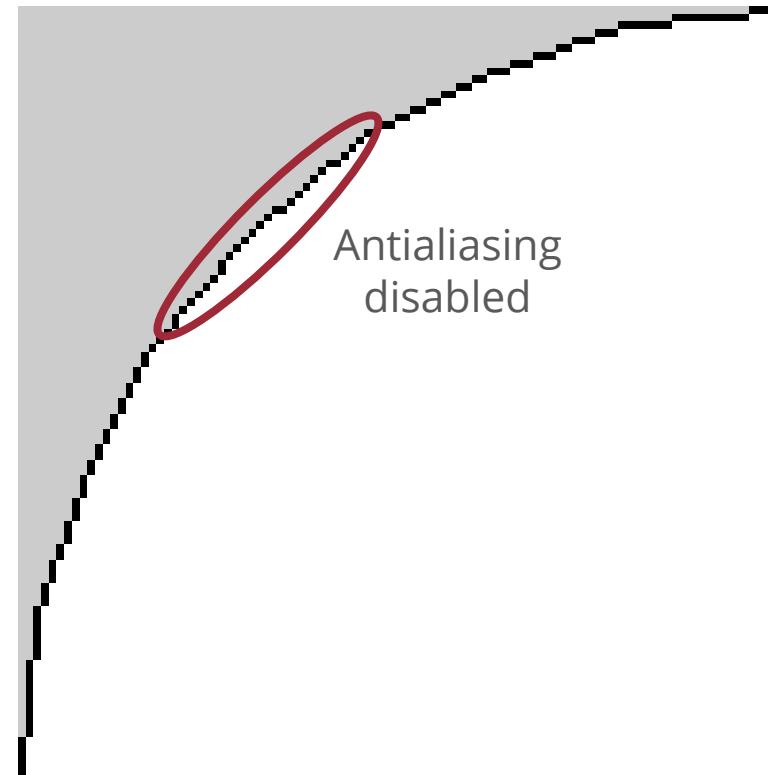
## smooth() vs. noSmooth()

smooth()



(default)

noSmooth()



Antialiasing  
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