openFrameworks!



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is the most recent release. It has a lot of new features, new interfaces, and probably some new bugs too. 0.7.4 is not 100% compatible with older projects. Please see the changelog to get an overview of the differences between versions.

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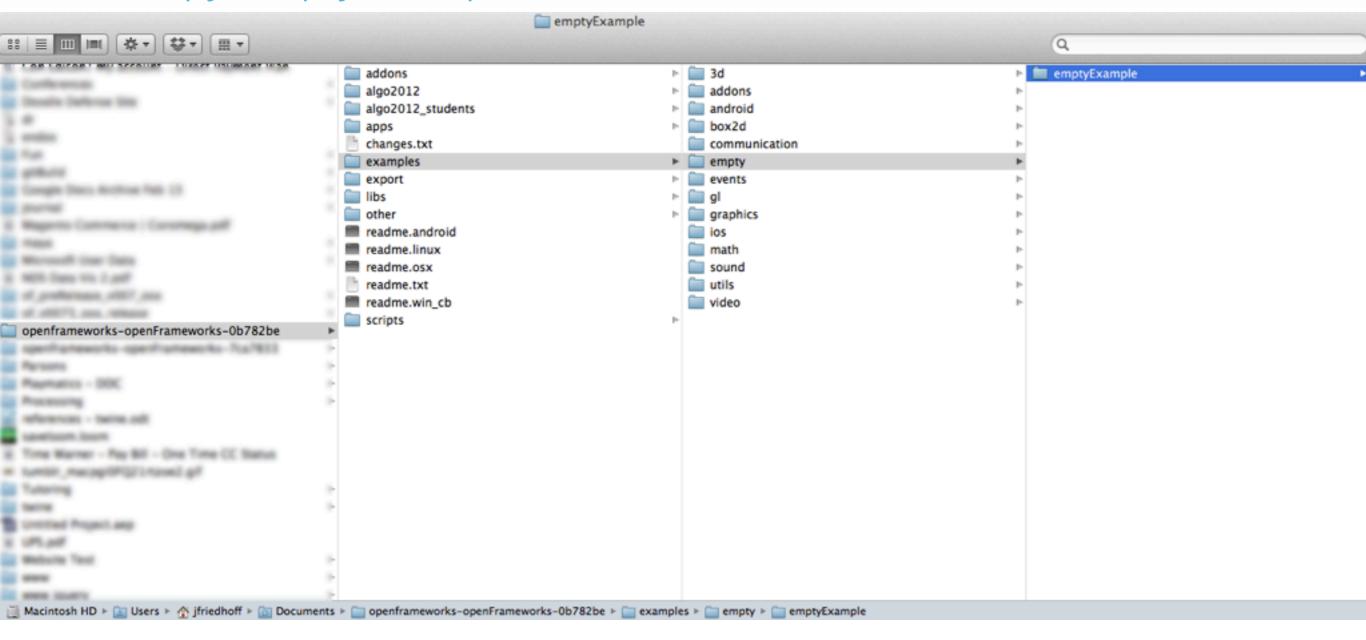
What is openFrameworks?

- oF is a software framework for C++
- Software framework: a prefab software infrastructure designed to provide low-level functionality

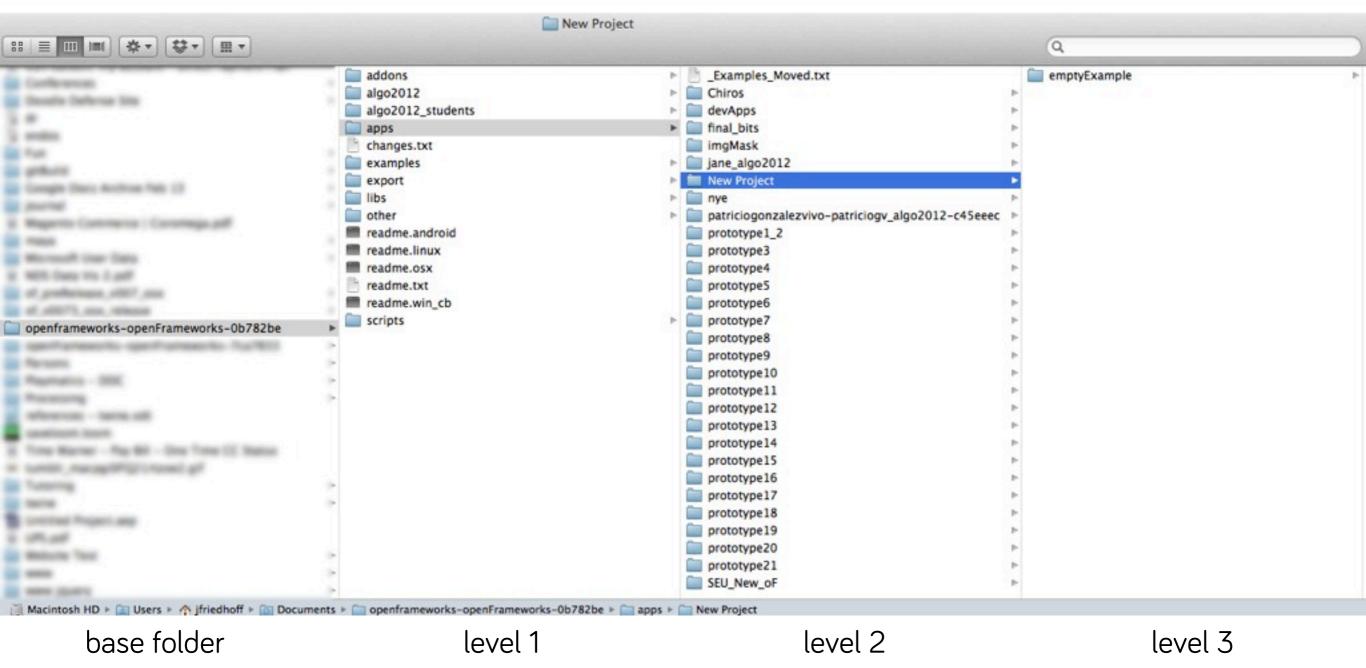


How do I make a new project?

Part 1: Copy emptyExample

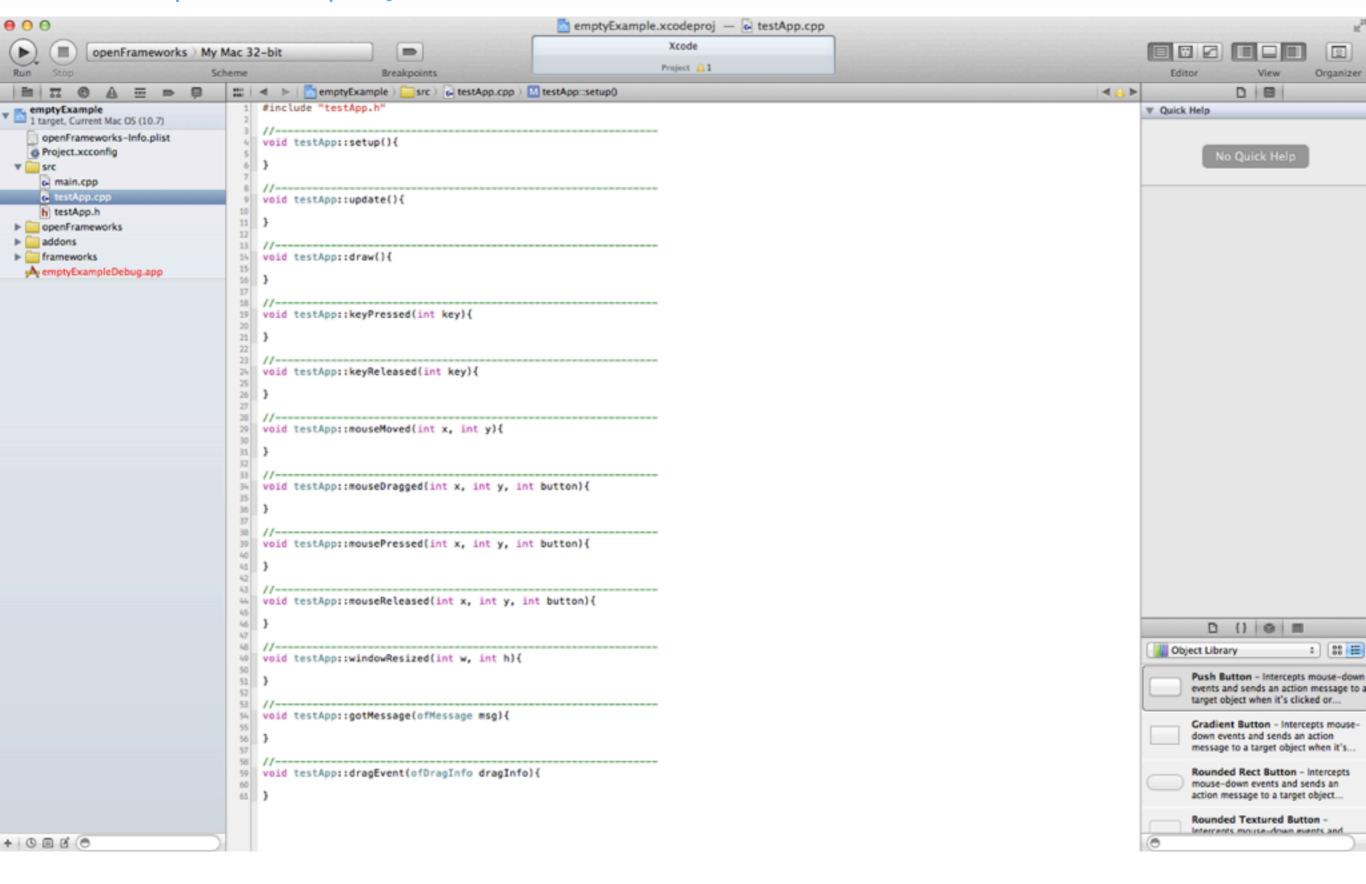


Part 2: Make a new folder in "apps" and paste it there



(Your project must be exactly three levels below your base oF folder!)

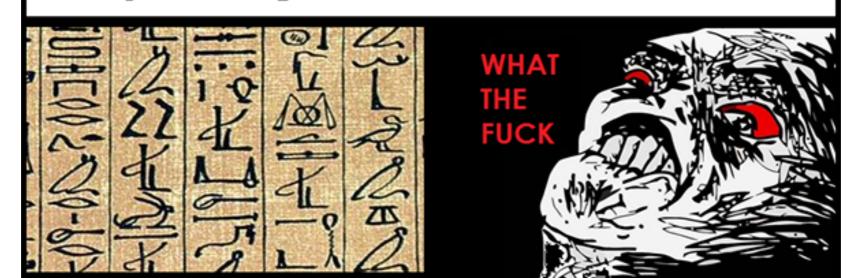
Part 3: Open the project



Can I take notes in my code?



Opening file 6 weeks later...

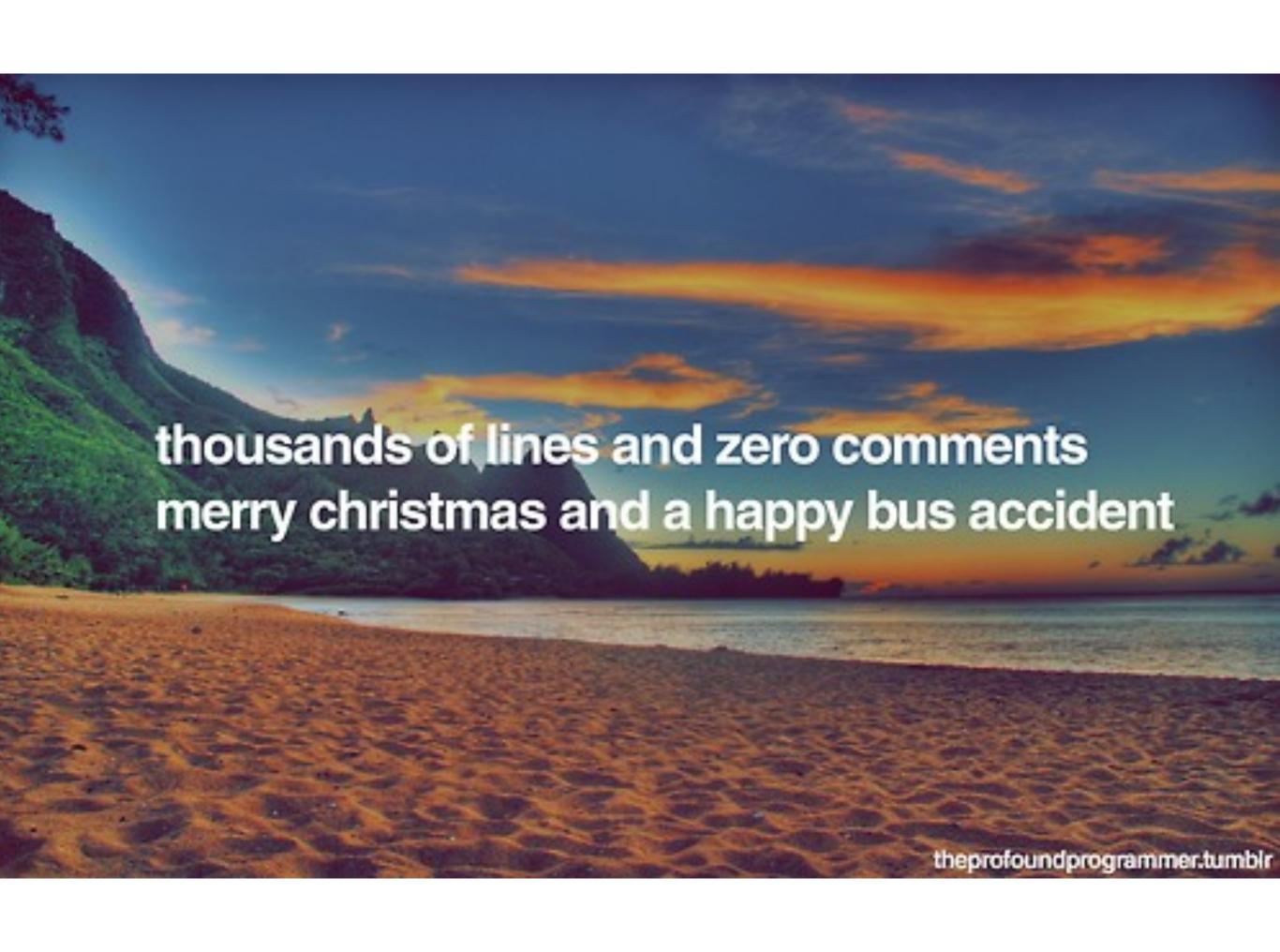


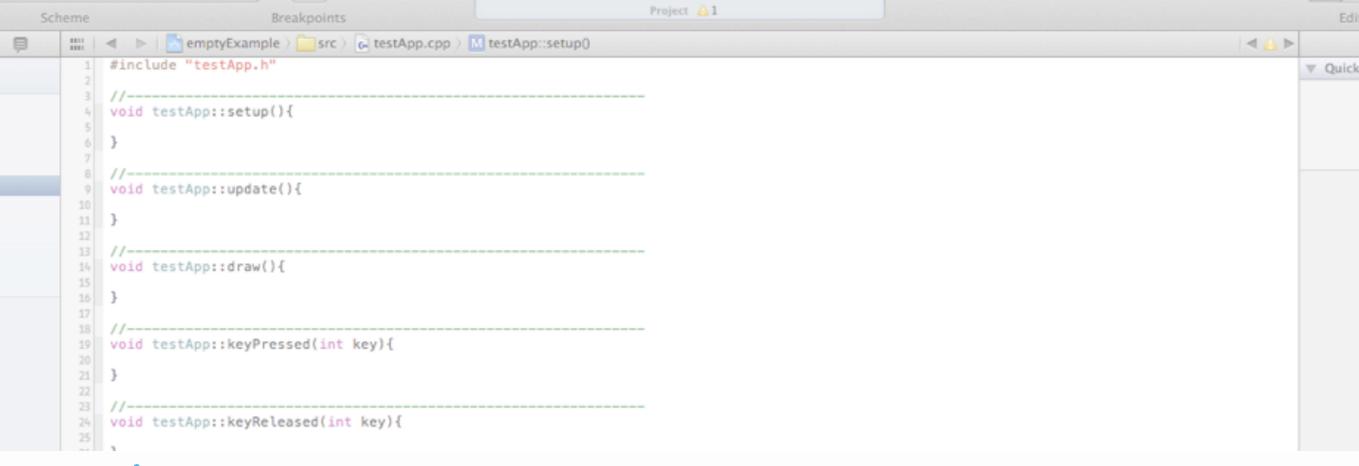
```
// This is a one-line comment.

/*
    This comment can span multiple lines.
    Check me out, taking up all the space.
    Echo...
        echo...
        echo...
        echo...
        echo...
        echo...
        echo...
        echo...
        echo...
```

Commenting Code

- DO IT.
- Seriously, do it.
- Use two forward slashes (//) for a one-line comment.
- You can also do multi-line comments:
 - Preface your comment with slash-asterisk (/*)
 - End it with asterisk-slash (*/)



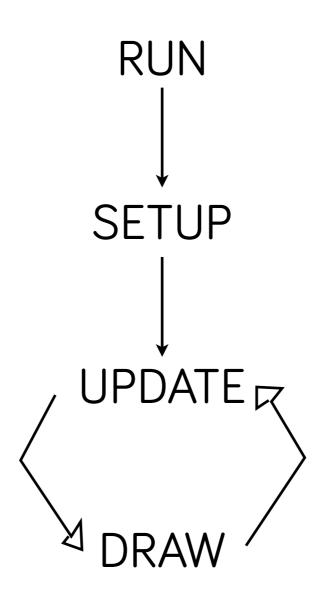


What's going on in testApp.cpp?











Main of Functions

- setup(): runs just once when the app starts
 - Good place to set initial values for variables, e.g. playerHealth = 100;
- update(): runs once per frame, before draw()
 - Good place for number-crunching, e.g. playerHealth = 1;
- draw(): runs once per frame, after update()
 - Where you should put all your drawing, e.g. player.draw();



Listeners

Other of Functions

- oF will listen for certain events, and when they happen, it will run whatever code is in the corresponding event
 - E.g. keyPressed() runs at the moment that a key is pressed (not held!)

How do I draw stuff?



Functions

- Function: a named section of a program that does a specific task
 - Wraps up code in an easy-to-reference way
 - Parameter: additional information you can give the function to change the output

Bake me a chocolate cake!

Baking a cake: the action

Chocolate: additional info that affects the action

Function Structure

bake_me_a_cake(chocolate);

- Name of the function
- Parentheses: delinate that it's a function, hold arguments
- Semicolon: end of line, move onto the next thing

Wait, that doesn't answer my question about drawing stuff!

Drawing Shapes

| Function | Notes |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| ofCircle(x, y, radius); | x and y are at center by default |
| ofRect(x, y, width, height); | x and y are at upper-left corner by default |
| ofLine(x1, y1, x2, y2); | - |
| ofTriangle(x1, y1, x2, y2, x3, y3); | _ |

Compare the function with what's inside it. Which would you rather type?

ofCircle(enemyX, enemyY, enemyRadius);

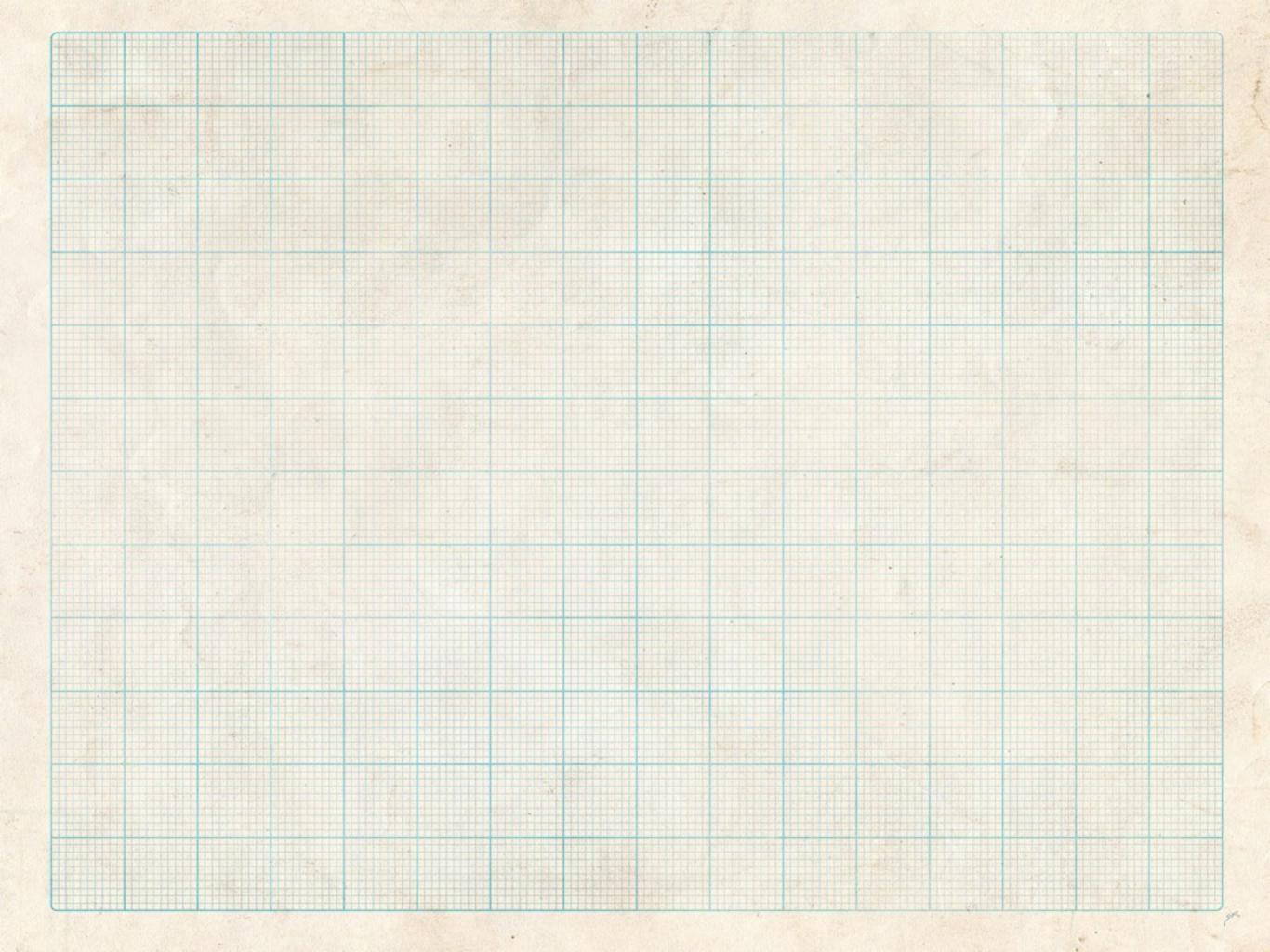
Coloring Shapes

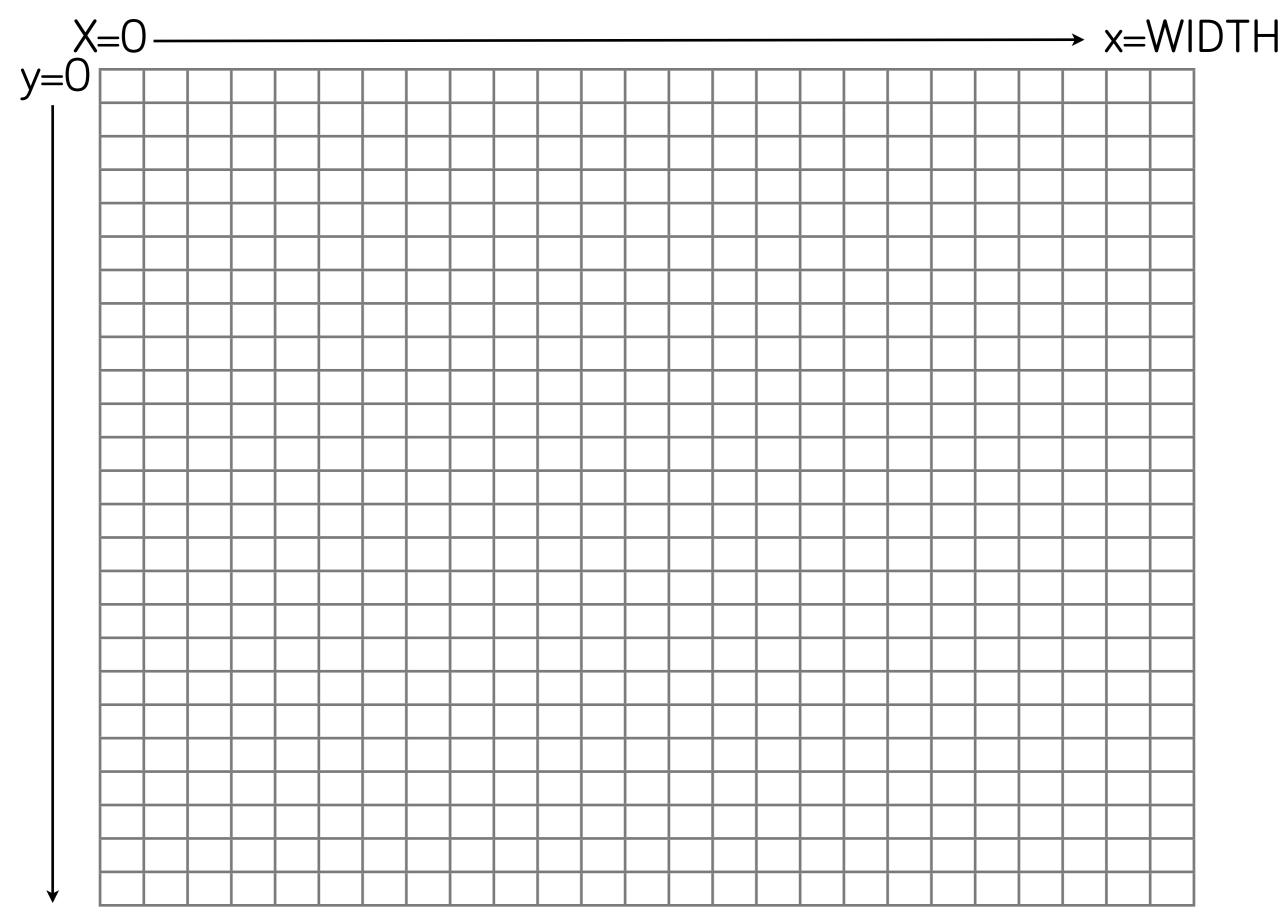
| Function | Notes |
|----------------------|--|
| ofFill(); | Fill all following shapes with a color. |
| ofNoFill(); | Don't fill the following shapes. |
| ofSetColor(r, g, b); | Sets the color to be used on all following shapes. Each value goes from 0-255. |

Exercise: Try drawing some stuff!

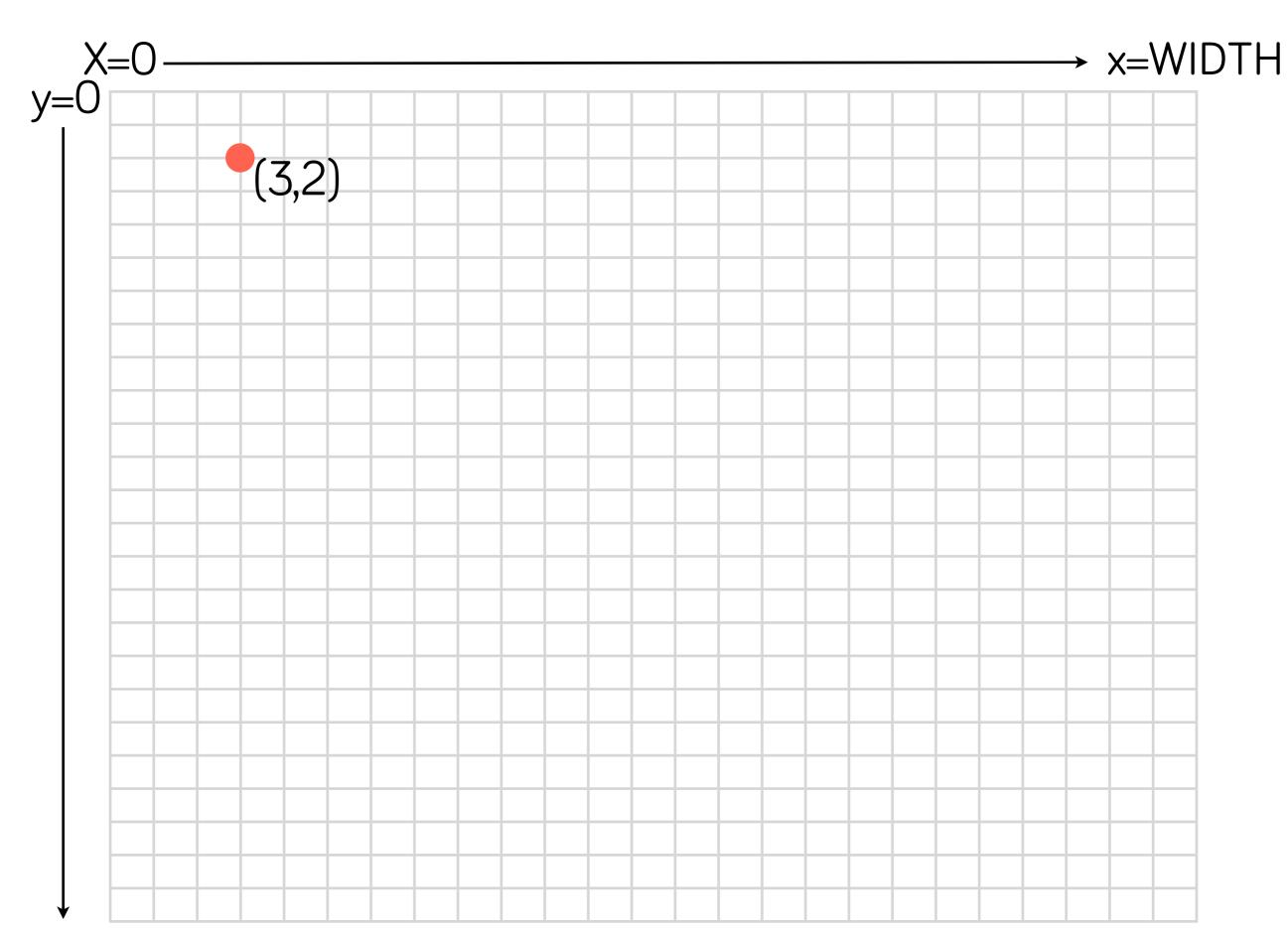
(Where would you put this code?)

How does positioning work?





y=HEIGHT



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Coordinate Plane

- X: horizontal axis, gets larger as you go right
- Y: vertical axis, gets larger as you go down

Question:

How would you draw a circle at x-position 9, y-position 15?

If you drew another circle at y-position 25, would it be higher or lower than the first circle?

Hint: if you don't know, try drawing it!

How can I incorporate interactivity?

Mouse Positions

- Variable: a symbol used to stand in for a value
- mouseX: returns the current x pixel position of the mouse
- mouseY: returns the current y pixel position of the mouse

Exercise:

Try drawing a circle at mouseX and mouseY!

Variables

- Variables are useful for storing data that may change throughout the course of your app (e.g. your player's health)
- To create a variable, you have to tell the computer:
 - What kind of data you're storing (a number? a word?)
 - The name you're going to refer to it by

Some Variable Types

- Float: a decimal number ("I'm 5.4 feet tall.")
- Integer: a whole number ("I'm 25 years old.")
- Boolean: a true/false condition ("I'm not from California.")
- String: text ("My name is Jane.")
- Char: a single letter ("You all get an A in programming!")

float jane_height;

the type of data (datatype)

the variable's name

 $jane_height = 5.4;$

the variable's name the value of that variable

How can I make stuff move on its own?

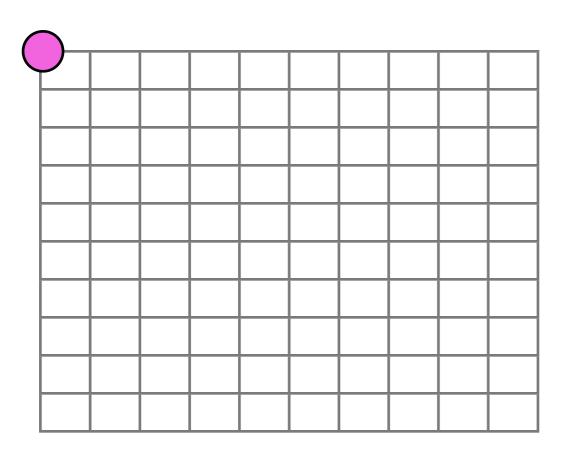
Movement



If our object starts at x=1, at time=0, and moves at a speed of 1 frame/sec, what will x equal at time=1?

How do you know?

Movement

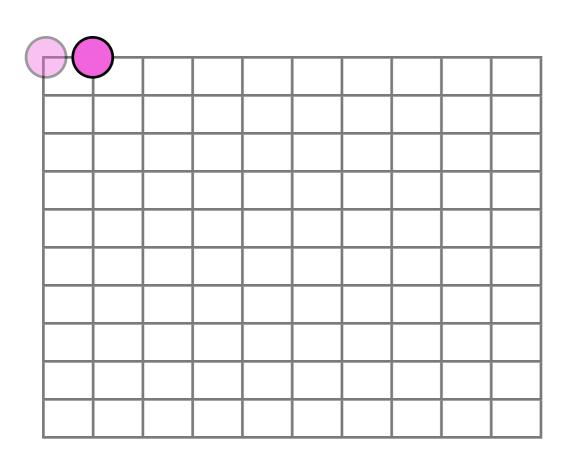


x will equal 1!

Its current position (0)

- + the total distance it will go over one frame (1)
- = 1!

Movement



New position = old position + speed

Exercise:

Try drawing a circle that moves vertically down the screen.

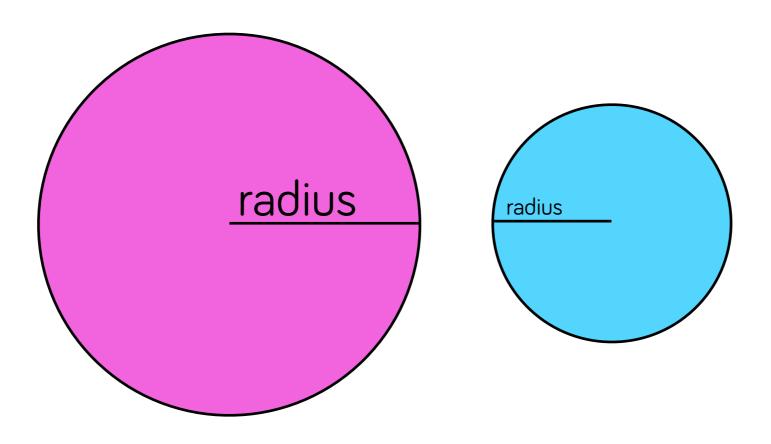
Hint: you'll want a variable to hold the circle's position. (Why?)

How can I test for collisions?

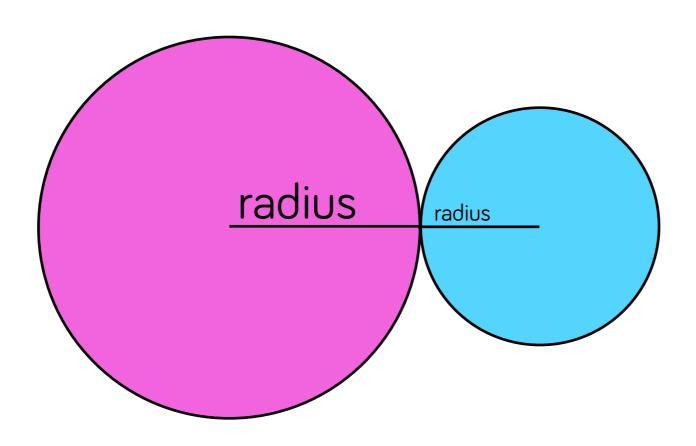
Collision: when one point is less than a certain distance from another point.



Have these circles collided yet?

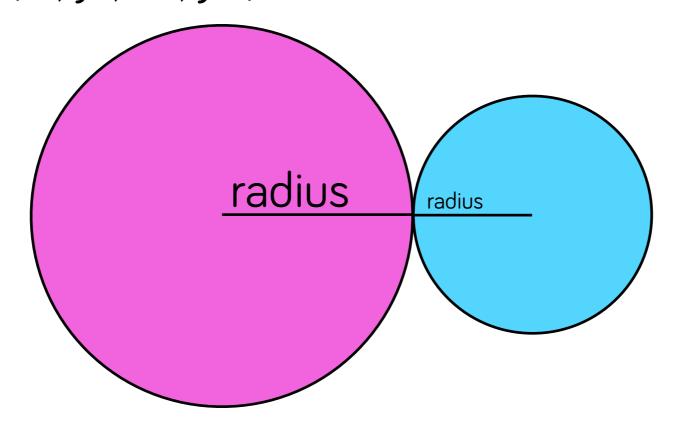


How about now?



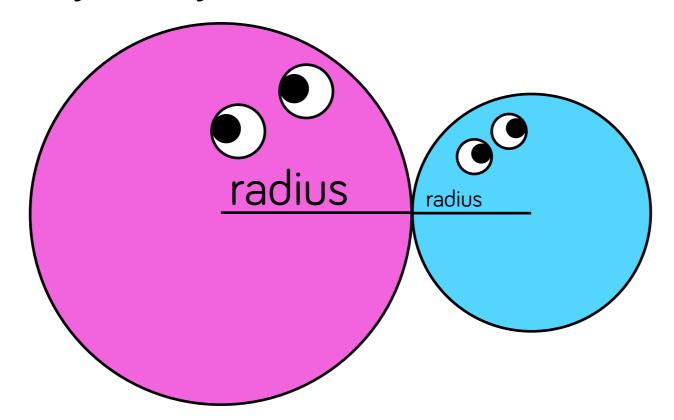
Circle Collision

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How can I check whether something is true?



If I'm hungry, then I'll eat.

If-statements

- Consist of a condition and an action to take.
- Can have alternatives (if-else) and can put ifstatements inside of if-statements, too!

General syntax:

```
if (condition) {
  action to take
}
```

If I'm hungry, then I'll eat.

```
if (hungry) {
  eat();
}
```

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If I'm hungry, then I'll eat. Otherwise, I'll dance! If I'm hungry, then I'll eat.
If I'm hungry and in the mood for pizza, I'll get pizza.
Otherwise, I'll dance!

```
if (hungry) {
    eat();
}
```

```
if (hungry) {
    eat();
} else {
    dance();
}
```

```
if (hungry) {
    if (want_pizza) {
       eat(pizza);
    } else {
       eat(something_else);
    }
} else {
    dance();
}
```

How can I incorporate images, sounds, fonts, etc.?

lmages

- oflmage: a built-in object that handles the loading and drawing of images
- Must put the file inside "data" folder of project!
- Three steps:
 - Create your image variable: ofImage image;
 - Load your image file: image.loadImage("image.png");
 - Draw your image: image.draw(x, y);

Fonts

- ofTrueTypeFont: a built-in object that handles the loading and drawing of fonts
- Must put the file inside "data" folder of project!
- Three steps:
 - Create your font variable: ofTrueTypeFont font;
 - Load your image file: font.loadFont("font.ttf", size);
 - Draw your words: font.drawString(string, x, y);

Sounds

- ofSoundPlayer: a built-in object that handles the loading and playing of sounds
- Must put the file inside "data" folder of project!
- Three steps:
 - Create your font variable: ofSoundPlayer sound;
 - Load your image file: sound.loadSound("sound.mp3");
 - Play your sound: sound.play();