An Introduction to Processing

The Processing Development Environment (PDE)

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What is Processing?

"Processing is a programming language, development environment, and online community."

Source: https://processing.org/

- Some online examples developed using Processing:

  http://www.thesheepmarket.com/

  http://balldroppings.com/js/

  http://www.openprocessing.org/browse/

What is Processing?

Processing…

…can be used to develop static or interactive online material and data visualisations.

…is often used by visual artists.

…produces visual and interactive representations of programming code.

What is Processing?

- Three different programming languages can be used with Processing:

  – Java: we will use this language.

  – JavaScript.

  – Python.

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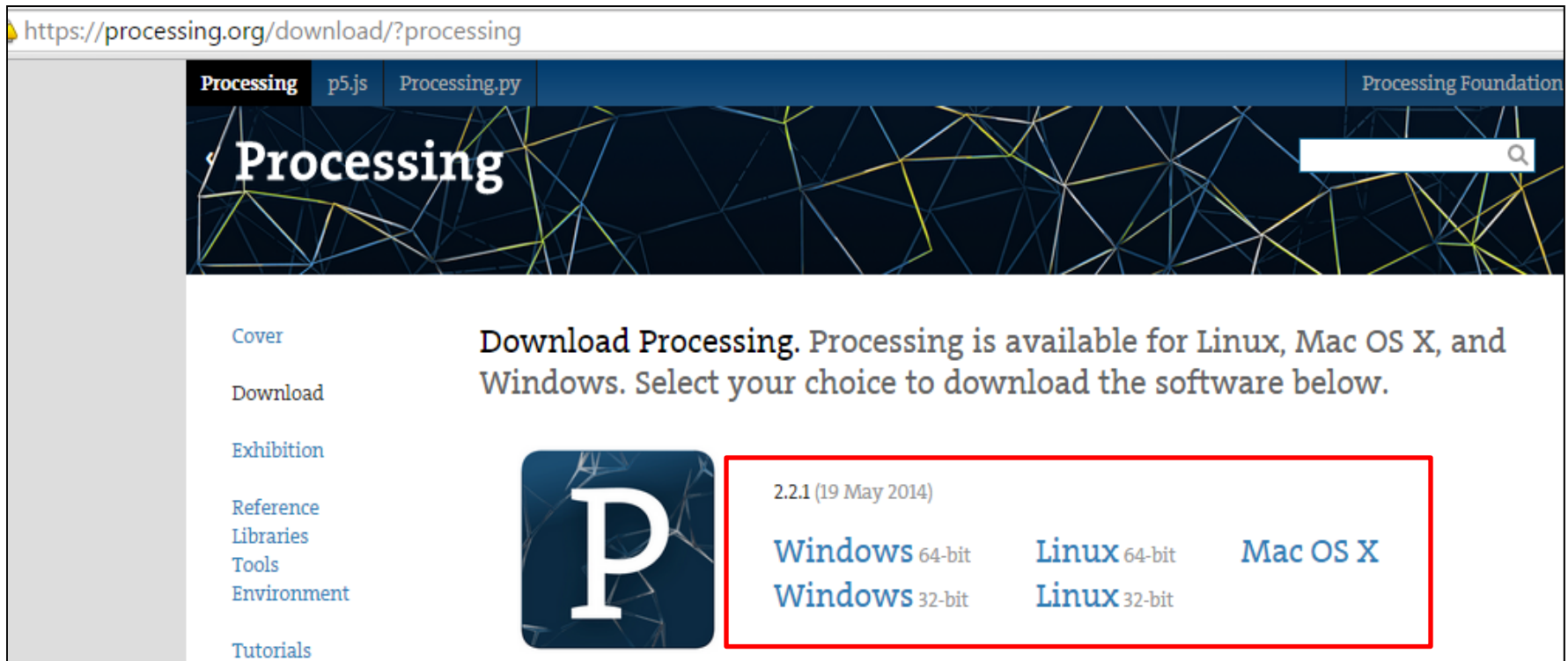- The PDE sketchbook
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Why are we using Processing?

Processing is increasingly used

to teach computer

programming fundamentals

(https://processing.org/)

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Downloading the PDE

- You use the Processing Development Environment (PDE) to write programming code.

- If you have your own computer, the PDE can be downloaded from https://processing.org/. It is free, but you can choose to make a donation if you wish.

Downloading the PDE

- Choose the version applicable for the Operating System you are using. A zip file will start to download.

Downloading the PDE

- Decide where you are going to store your Programming applications on your computer.   It is a good idea to create a folder called dev on your C:\ and store all your applications in there.

- Unzip the downloaded processing file to your chosen location. Note: if you don't have unzipping software, 7-zip is a good choice and can be downloaded from here: http://www.7-zip.org/ .

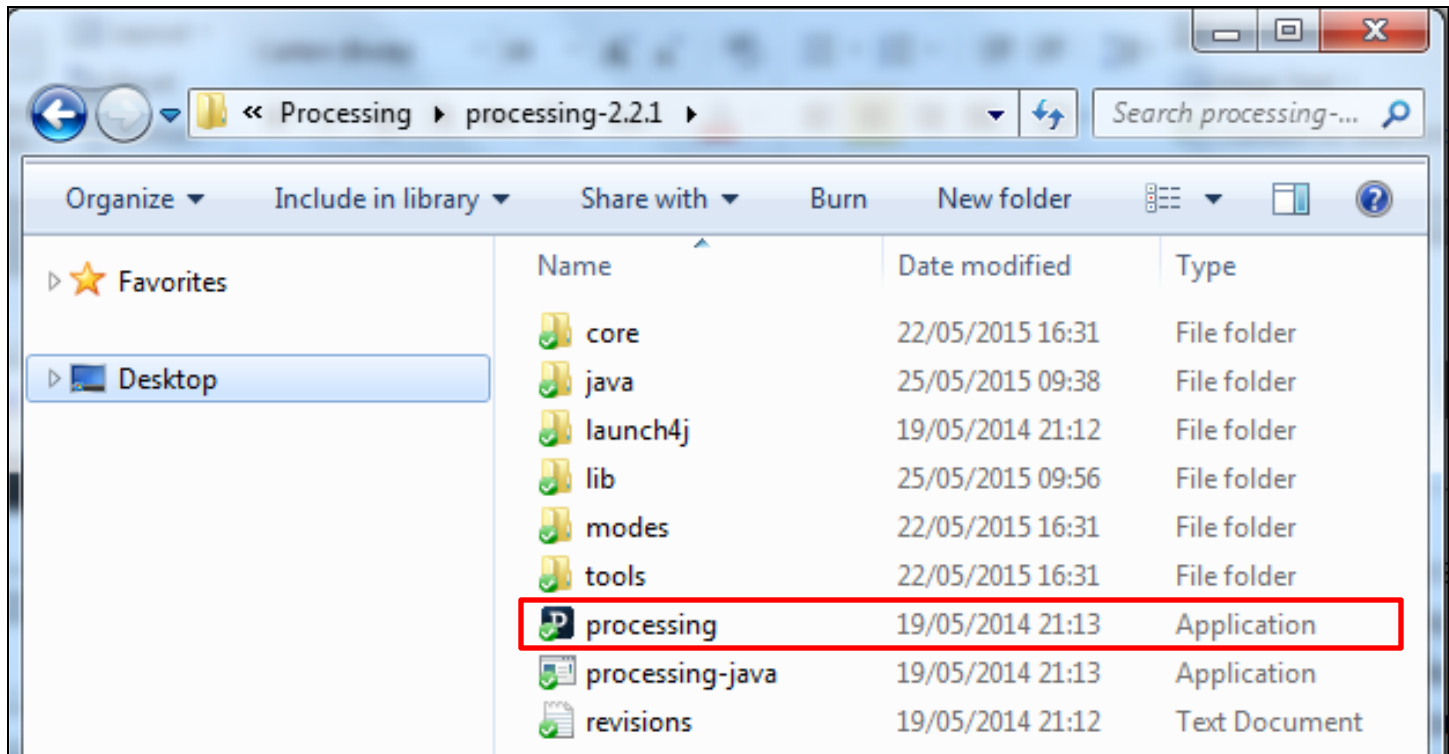- You will now have a folder structure resembling this picture:
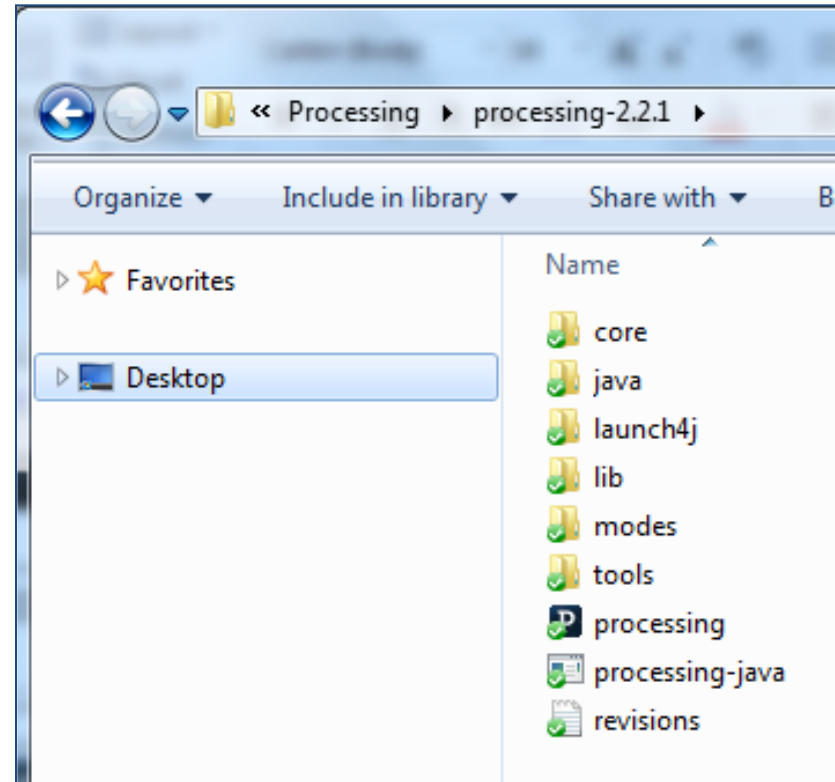
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Opening the PDE

- Once the PDE is installed, you can start the application by clicking on the processing application:

The PDE

There is a very good introduction to the PDE here:

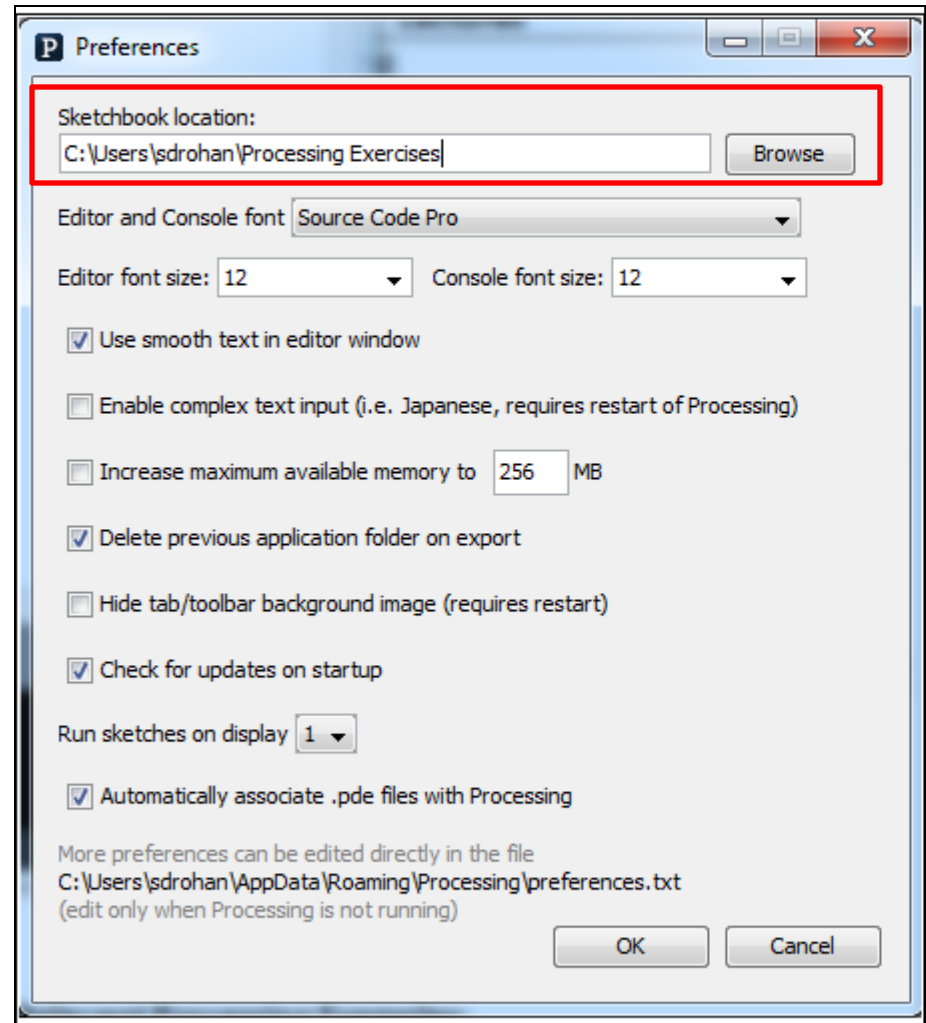https://processing.org/reference/environment/

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The PDE Sketchbook

- You write programming code in the PDE Sketchbook and this code is stored on your computer.

- It is important that you pick a convenient location to save these sketchbook files to.
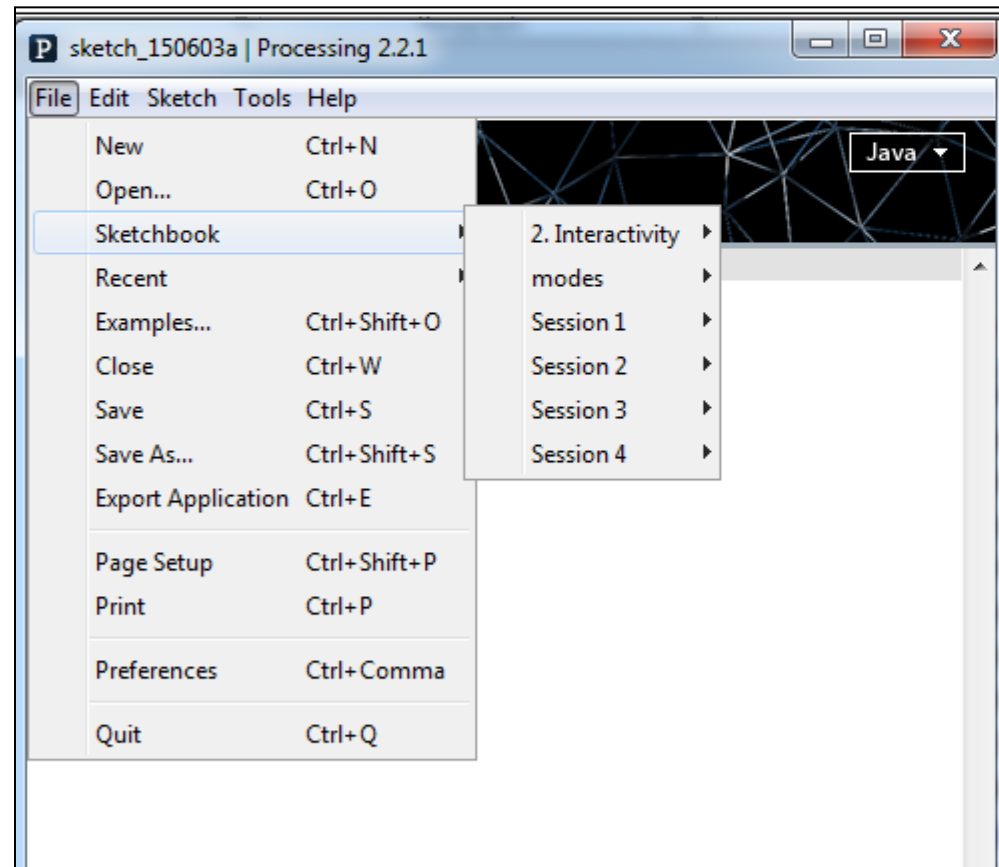
The PDE Sketchbook

- To update your Sketchbook location, select **Preferences** from the **File** menu.
- The window appears, you can change the **sketchbook location** to another folder.
- It is a good idea to have a folder called workspace on your C:\

The PDE Sketchbook

- All your work can now be accessed easily by selecting the **Sketchbook** option from the **File** menu.

- An example of previous Sketchbook work could look like this:

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Some useful Books
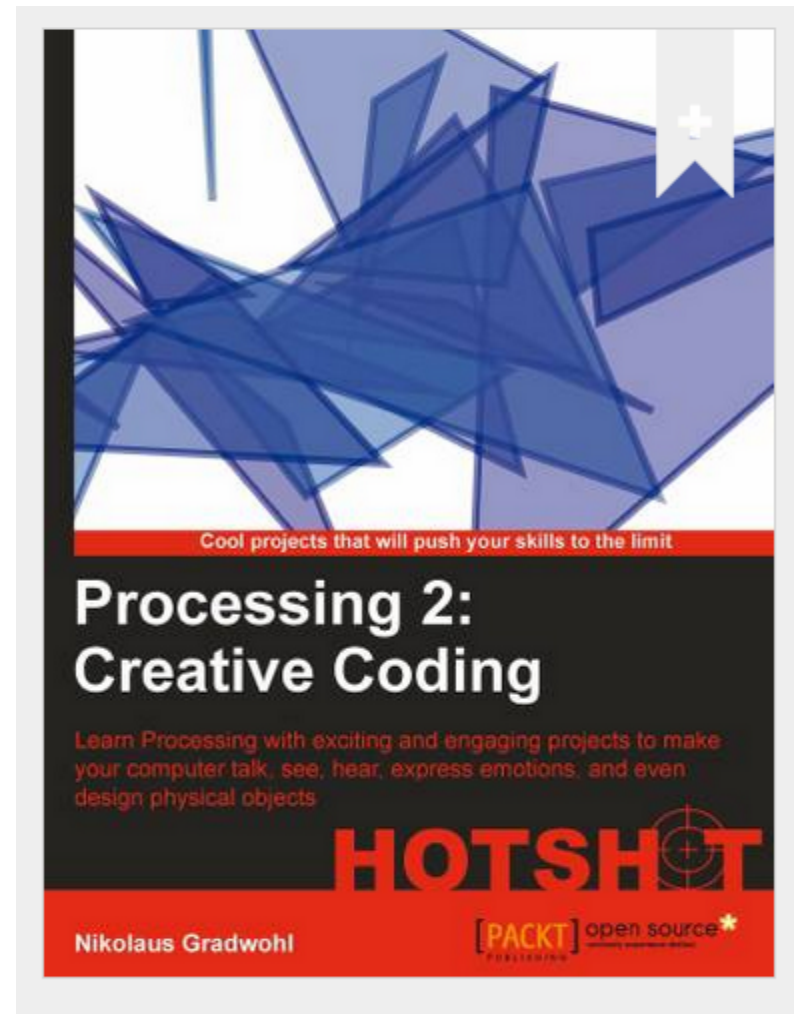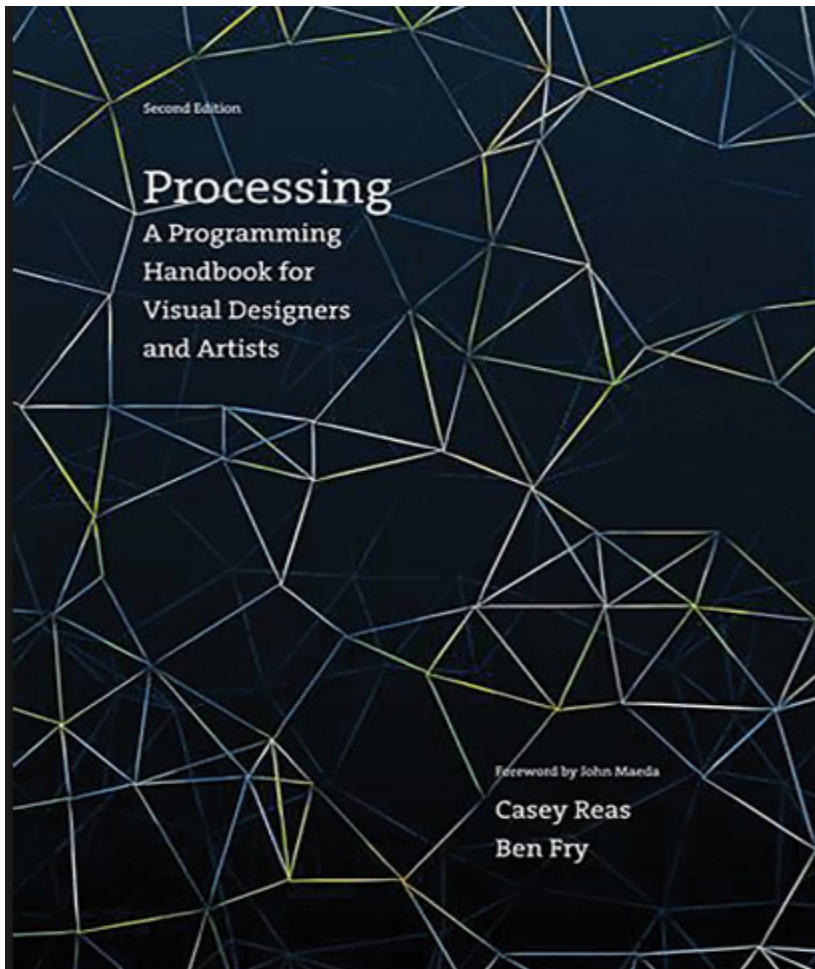
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