

Bouncing



The character moves around and bounces back at the borders.

We create a ball that moves on the screen at a speed of 150 pixels per second. When it reaches the border, it bounces back.

The ball has a velocity with two components: one for each axis. when the ball touches the border, one of both components is "inverted".

```
1  WIDTH = 640
2  HEIGHT = 480
3
4  ball = Actor('ball', anchor=('left', 'top'))
5  velocity = {'x': 150, 'y': 150}
6
7  def update(dt):
8      if ball.x + ball.width >= WIDTH:
9          velocity['x'] = -velocity['x']
10     if ball.x < 0:
11         velocity['x'] = -velocity['x']
12     if ball.y + ball.height >= HEIGHT:
13         velocity['y'] = -velocity['y']
14     if ball.y < 0:
15         velocity['y'] = -velocity['y']
16     ball.x += velocity['x'] * dt
17     ball.y += velocity['y'] * dt
18
19  def draw():
20     screen.fill((255, 255, 153))
21     ball.draw()
```

In the `update` function, we check the current position and compare it to the windows size.

When creating the `ball`, we define the Actor to be *anchored* to the top left corner (the default being the center). This makes the comparison with the border simpler: we can directly compare the top and left borders and can add the actor's width or height for the right and bottom borders.

The `x` and `y` parts of the new `ball`'s position are calculated by adding the corresponding velocity component, multiplied by `dt`.

`dt` is the time elapsed since the last time the `update` function has been called: if we did not multiply the velocity by `dt`, the ball would move by 150 pixels on each call of `update` (very, very often!) and not every second.

When you push the "Play" button, you should see a ball bouncing around the window.



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