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18
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        screen.fill((255, 255, 153))
2.1
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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 diretly compare the top and left borders and can add the actor's width or height for the right and bottom borders.

The \times 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.

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