

Introduction to

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References

- Pygame website: pygame.org
- Richard Jones' Pygame lecture:
recording on [Youtube](#)
code samples on [Bitbucket](#)
- List of keys:
pygame.org/docs/ref/key.html



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<http://www.pygame.org>

Pygame is a Python wrapper around the SDL library (Simple DirectMedia Layer) with a few unique libraries with an emphasis on game programming, written by Pete Shinnars.

From the FAQ

Does not require OpenGL

Uses either opengl, directx, windib, X11, linux frame buffer, and many other different backends... including an ASCII art backend!

Truly portable

Supports Linux, Windows, Windows CE, BeOS, MacOS, Mac OS X, FreeBSD, NetBSD, OpenBSD, BSD/OS, Solaris, IRIX, and QNX ...

Silliness built in!

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to initialize Pygame's modules (e.g. `pygame.font`). Not always needed, but recommended in *any* case.

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Use `pygame.draw` to draw geometric shapes. A circle:

```
1 red = (255,0,0)
2 # position (320,240), radius = 50
3 pygame.draw.circle(screen, red, (320,240), 50)
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Example:

```
1 red = (255,0,0)
2 pygame.draw.line(screen, red, (10,50),(30,50),10)
```

Drawing on the screen - Colors

Defining a color

```
gray = (200,200,200)  
 #(red, green, blue)
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Use for example colorpicker.com:

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Rect anchors:

top, left, bottom, right

topleft, bottomleft, topright, bottomright

midtop, midleft, midbottom, midright

center, centerx, centery

size, width, height

w,h

A full drawing example

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1 for event in pygame.event.get():  
2     if event.type == YourEvent:  
3         react_to_your_event()
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from earlier, prefix `pygame` isn't needed.

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Which key? → if event type is KEYDOWN or KEYUP event has attribute **key**.

```
1 for event in pygame.event.get():
2     if event.type == KEYDOWN:
3         if event.key == K_ESCAPE:
4             running = False
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```
if key[pygame.K_UP]:  
    move_up()
```

to check and react on a specific key.

A user input example

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2
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5         if event.type == pygame.QUIT:
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10    keys = pygame.key.get_pressed()
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clock.tick(60) #limit to 60 fps
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Sprites

- can be grouped together

- are easily drawn to a surface (even as a group!)

- have an update method that can be modified

- have collision detection

Basic Sprite

```
1 class SpriteExample(pygame.sprite.Sprite):  
2  
3     def __init__(self):  
4         pygame.sprite.Sprite.__init__(self)  
5  
6         self.image = #image  
7         self.rect = #rect  
8  
9     def update(self):  
10        pass
```

Sprite from a local image

```
1 class SpriteExample(pygame.sprite.Sprite):
2
3     def __init__(self):
4         pygame.sprite.Sprite.__init__(self)
5
6         self.image = pygame.image.load('local_img.png')
7         self.rect = self.image.get_rect()
8         self.rect.topleft = (80,120)
9
10    def update(self):
11        pass
```

Self-drawn sprites: Rectangle

```
1 class Rectangle(pygame.sprite.Sprite):
2
3     def __init__(self):
4         pygame.sprite.Sprite.__init__(self)
5         self.image = pygame.Surface([200, 50])
6         self.image.fill(blue)
7         self.rect = self.image.get_rect()
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Sprites: A reminder about classes

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```
1 white, blue = (255,255,255), (0,0,255)
2
3 white_rect = Rectangle(white)
4 blue_rect = Rectangle(blue)
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Group updating and drawing:

```
1  #inside main loop:
2
3  new_sprite_group.update() #game events
4  new_sprite_group.draw()   #drawing
```

Framework for working with sprite groups

```
1 class NewSprite(pygame.sp...  
2     #defining a new sprite  
3  
4 newsprite = NewSprite()  
5 sprites = pygame.sprite.Group()  
6 sprites.add(newsprite)  
7  
8 while running:  
9     for event in ...  
10  
11     sprites.update() #game events  
12     sprites.draw()  
13     pygame.display.flip()
```

Sprite groups: working example

```
1 class Circle(pygame.sprite.Sprite):
2     def __init__(self):
3         pygame.sprite.Sprite.__init__(self)
4         self.image = pygame.Surface([100, 100])
5         pygame.draw.circle(self.image, blue, (50, 50), 50)
6         self.rect = self.image.get_rect()
7         self.rect.center = [320,240]
8
9 def draw.sprites():
10     screen.fill(white)
11     sprites.draw(screen)
12     pygame.display.flip()
13
14 circle = Circle()
15 sprites = pygame.sprite.Group(circle)
16
17 while running:
18     sprites.update()
19     draw.sprites()
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