

The readonly `this` binding applies to every element (and component) and allows you to obtain a reference to rendered elements. For example, we can get a reference to a `<canvas>` element:

```
<canvas  
  bind:this={canvas}  
  width={32}  
  height={32}  
></canvas>
```

Note that the value of `canvas` will be `undefined` until the component has mounted, so we put the logic inside the `onMount` [lifecycle function](#).