Intro to Pygame

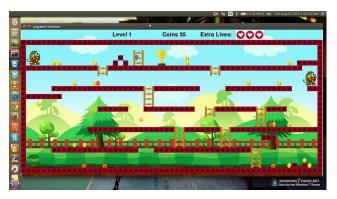


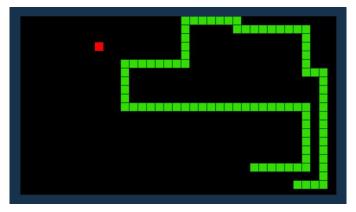


What is Pygame?

Pygame is a tool we can use to make cool games using Python like these:











How do we use it?

First we need to tell Python that we want to use Pygame, and tell it to start the game

```
from pygame import
init(
```

This line tells Python that we want to use pygame

This line starts Pygame





We can make a screen to show our game

screen = display.set_mode(500, 400)

This line makes a screen that is 500 pixels wide and 400 pixels high



Once we have a screen we can put images on it!

```
cat_image = image.load("cat.png")
screen.blit(cat_image, (30, 40))
display.update()
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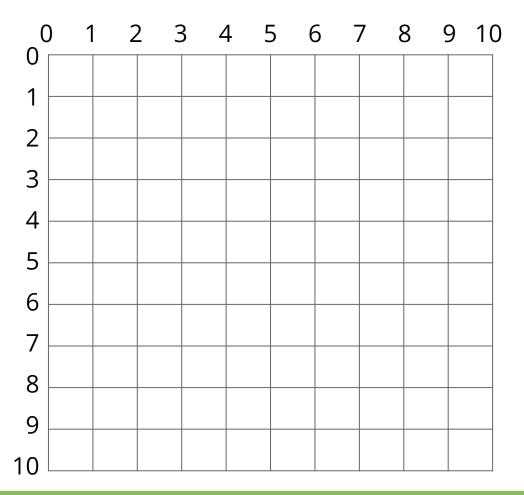
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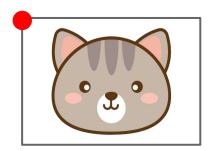
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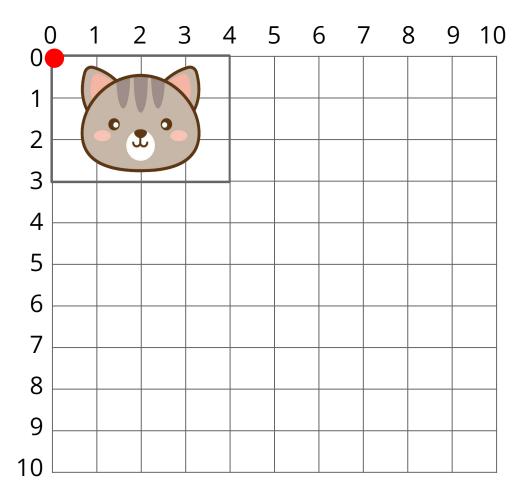


And the coordinates for the image are the top left corner like this:



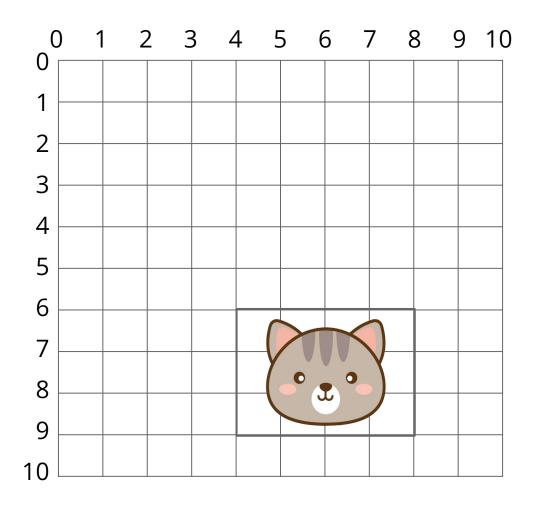


So to if we wanted our cat image to be on the top left we would use the coordinates (0, 0)



That means that the top left corner of the image will be in the top left corner of the screen

What are the coordinates of our image now?

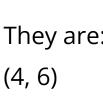


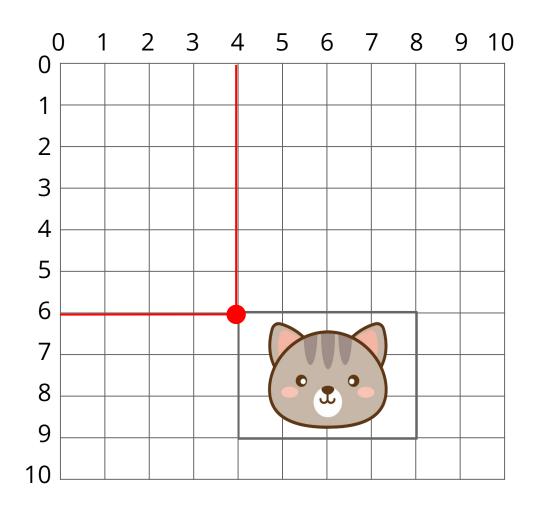
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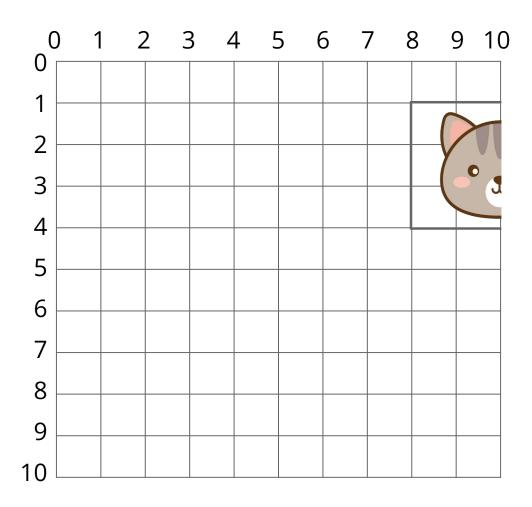




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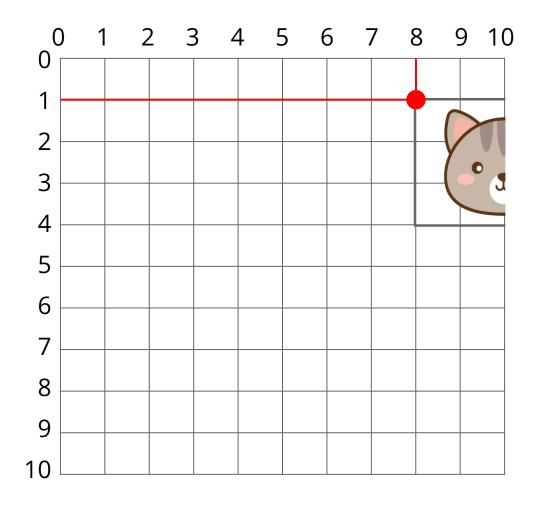


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Project time!

Now that you've updated your knowledge...

Try to do the next Part!

The tutors will be around to help!

Pygame Events!





Pygame Events

Pygame can do more than just show images on a screen!

We can use it to figure out if the mouse moved or if a keyboard button was pressed!

These actions are called "events"! Let's learn how to use them



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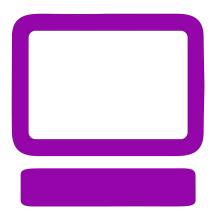
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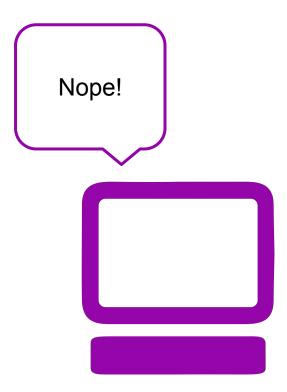




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If we only ask once then we won't know if an event happens later







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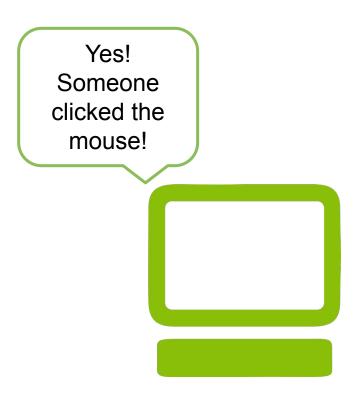
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It prints "Hello" forever! Let's have a look at what it's doing

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while True:
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```

First, it checks to see if it should go into the loop. Because we wrote True here it will **always** go into the loop

```
while True:
  print("Hello")
                           Then we do whatever is
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This pattern keeps going on and on forever! (or until you quit the program)

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This line tells python to do it over and over. It's called a loop!

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```
while True:
                 new_event = event.poll()
First we enter
the loop here
```

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```

Hey! Have you had any events?

Then we ask if there is a new event







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Then we ask if there is a new Nope! event



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Hey! Have you had any events?

Now we're doing this line again!







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Now we're doing this line Nope! again!



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while True:
  new_event = event.poll()
  if new_event.type == KEYDOWN:
    print("You pressed a key!")
```

This if statement checks if the type of event was a KEY on the keyboard being pressed DOWN





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Yep! It was a **KEYDOWN** event







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If it's the event we want then we print this line

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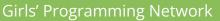






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while True:
  new event = event.poll()
  if new_event.type == KEYDOWN and new_event.key == K_SPACE:
    print("You pressed the space key!")
```

This now also checks if they key was the SPACE key





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Yep! It was a **KEYDOWN** event using the SPACE key!







And we



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Now we know what the event is we can print

You pressed the space key!





Project time!

The key to doing the next part was all in these slides

Try to do the next Part

In the event of confusion, the tutors will be around to help!





Pygame Collisions!





Pygame Collisions

Our game is looking great so far! But it would be even better if the things in our game could react when something collides with them!

Pygame already knows how to work this out, let's learn how to do it!



























































Let's have a look at this example where we have a game where the cat has to catch the mouse!





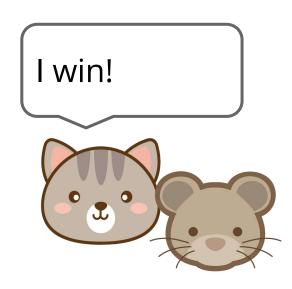


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What does this code do?

It blits the cat image and the mouse image to the screen and then updates the display!





Colliderect

We need to be able to tell when our cat collides with our mouse! Let's have a look at the code to do that

```
while True:
  cat = screen.blit(cat_image, (cat_x, cat_y))
  mouse = screen.blit(mouse_image, (mouse_x, mouse_y))
  display.update()
  if cat.colliderect(mouse):
    print("I win!")
```

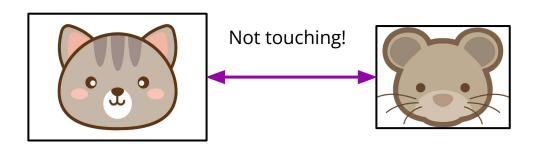


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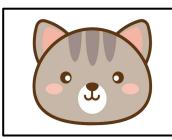
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Touching!









Project time!

Now we can collide our knowledge with the workbook and do the next part!

Try to do the next Part

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Random!



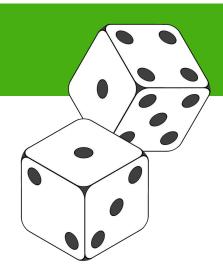


That's so random!

There's lots of things in life that are up to chance or random!



Python lets us **import** common bits of code people use! We're going to use the **random** module!



We want the computer to be random sometimes!





Using the random module

Let's choose something randomly from a list! This is like drawing something out of a hat in a raffle!

Try this!

Import the random module!

```
>>> import random
```



2. Copy the shopping list into IDLE

```
>>> shopping_list = ["Bread", "Chocolate", "Ice Cream",
    "Pizza"]
```

Choose randomly! Try it a few times!

```
>>> random.choice(shopping_list)
```





Using the random module

You can also assign your random choice to a variable





Project Time!

Raaaaaaaaandom! Can you handle that?

Let's try use it in our project! Try to do the next Part

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Files





Filing it away!

What happens if we want to use different data in our program? What if that data is too big to write in with the keyboard?

We'd have to change our code!!

It would be better if we could keep all our data in a file and just be able to pick and choose what file we wanted to play today!

people.txt

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Opening files!

To get access to the stuff inside a file in python we need to **open** it! That doesn't mean clicking on the little icon!

You'll now be able to read the things in **f**

A missing file causes an error

Here we try to open a file that doesn't exist:

```
f = open("missing.txt", "r")
Traceback (most recent call last):
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IOError: [Errno 2] No such file or
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```





You can read a whole file into a string

```
>>> f = open("haiku.txt", "r")
>>> my_string = f.read()
>>> my string
'Wanna go outside.\nOh NO!
Help! I got outside!\nLet me
hack inside!
>>> print(my_string)
Wanna go outside.
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```

haiku.txt

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You can also read in one line at a time

You can use a for loop to only get 1 line at a time!

```
f = open("haiku.txt", "r")
for line in f:
   print(line)
Wanna go outside.
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```

Why is there an extra blank line each time?





Chomping off the newline

The newline character is represented by '\n':

```
print('Hello\nWorld')
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World
```

We can remove it from the lines we read with .strip()

```
x = 'abc n'
x.strip()
'abc'
```

x.strip() is safe as lines without newlines will be unaffected



Reading and stripping!

```
for line in open("haiku.txt", "r"):
    line = line.strip()
    print(line)
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Let me back inside!
```

No extra lines!





Write to files!

You can also write to files!

```
f = open("newfile.txt", "a")
f.write("This is my new line!")
```

Notice we used "a" instead of "r"? We opened it in append mode!

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Write to files!

You can also write over files!

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Notice we used "w" instead of "a"? We opened it in write mode!

This will create a new file if it doesn't exist, and **delete** everything in the file and replace it with what we write.





Closing Time

Always remember to close your file when you're finished with it:

f.close()

This will close your file and save it.

Using with!

This is a special trick for opening files!

```
with open("words.txt", "r") as f:
  for line in f:
    print(line.strip())
```

It automatically closes your file for you!

It's good when you are writing files in python!





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I hope you filed that knowledge away

Use it in the next section of the project! Try to do the next Part

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Alternative slides using with



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