Turtle Graphics Quick Reference

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The SDL_bgi sources archive includes a test/ directory that contains test programs and also a turtle graphics implementation (files turtle.h and turtle.c).

Turtle graphics is based on polar coordinates: lines are drawn specifying the distance in pixels and an angle in degrees, called *heading* (0-359). Heading is the same as the bearing of a compass: it starts from 0 ("North") and increases clockwise. For more information: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turtle_graphics

Some functions have aliases with the same name as their Python counterparts; https://docs.python.org/3/library/turtle.html

void back (int px)

Moves the turtle backwards by px pixels.

Aliases: backward(), bk()

void forwd (int px)

Moves the turtle backwards by px pixels.

Aliases: forward(), fd()

void turnleft (int deg)

Turns the turtle left by deg degrees.

Aliases: left(), lt()

void turnright (int deg)

Turns the turtle right by deg degrees.

Aliases: right(), rt()

void setposition (int x int y)

Moves the turtle to new coordinates x, y.

Aliases: go_to(), setpos()

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\mathtt{void}\ \mathtt{setx}\ (\mathtt{int}\ x)
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Sets the turtle's x coordinate.

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void sety (int y)
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Sets the turtle's y coordinate.

void setheading (int deg)

Sets the turtle heading to deg degrees.

Alias: seth()

void home (void)

Moves the turtle to the screen centre and sets the heading to 0.

int * position (void)

Returns a pointer to a 2-element integer array containing the turtle coordinates.

int xcor (void)

Returns the turtle's x coordinate.

int ycor (void)

Returns the turtle's y coordinate.

int heading (void)

Returns the turtle's heading in degrees.

void savestate (void)

Saves the turtle state, i.e. its coordinates and heading.

TODO: make this a stack?

void restorestate (void)

Restore previously saved state. If no state has been saved, this function is equivalent to home().

void pendown (void)

Activates drawing (puts the pen down).

Aliases: pd(), down()

void penup (void)

Suspends drawing (lifts the pen down).

Aliases: pu(), up()

int isdown (void)

Returns 1 if the pen is down.

void hideturtle (void)

Hides the turtle.

void showturtle (void)

Draws the turtle.

int isvisible (void)

Returns 1 if the turtle is visible.

int turtleshape (int shape)

Sets the turtle shape; available shapes are T_CIRCLE or T_TRIANGLE.

int turtlesize (int px)

Sets the turtle size (radius or side) to px pixels.

void wrap (void)

Wraps around the screen.

void wrap (void)

Does not wrap around the screen.

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