

Introduction to Processing

Working With Images

PImage

PImage is the datatype for storing images. Processing can display .gif, .jpg, and .png images. Images may be displayed in 2D and 3D space.

Images must be in the sketch's "data" directory to load correctly.

Before an image is used, it must be loaded with the loadImage() function.

```
PImage img;
```

```
img = loadImage("photo.jpg");
```

```
// OR equivalently
```

```
// img = loadImage("data/photo.jpg");
```

image()

The image() function draws an image to the display window.

```
image(img, x, y);
```

```
image(img, x, y, width, height);
```

The img parameter specifies the image to display and by default the x and y parameters define the location of its upper-left corner.

The image is displayed at its original size unless the c and d parameters specify a different size. The imageMode() function can be used to change the way these parameters draw the image. For example the following should be in setup()

```
rectMode(CENTER);
```

to put the center of an image at its center.

Transparency

The transparency or the alpha channel of an image can allow the images to blend nicely with the background.

GIFs and PNGs have the alpha channel whereas JPEGs do not!

An image that does not have this transparency might appear tacky in a game or application.

Google's advanced search option allow you to narrow your results by images with transparency.

Free Images

For free images, visit these sites.

Kenney.nl

OpenGameArt.org

HasGraphics.com

keyPressed()

In the first lecture slides, we discussed using `keyPressed()` to receive user keyboard inputs. Let's discussed how to move an image using the keyboard.

An important to note is that when a user presses two keys simultaneously, `keyPressed()` only detects the latest key. Thus if we want to move a character right and up at the same time, `keyPressed` alone is not sufficient.

Using `keyReleased()`, we can better control a character on the screen.

Controlling a Character

The trick is to always update a character's position by adding velocity to position in the draw() method:

```
void draw() {  
  center_x += change_x;  
  center_y += change_y;  
}
```

Then, if a user presses a key, change the velocity component according to which key was pressed. If a key is released, reset the velocity in that direction to 0.

Controlling a Character

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```
void draw() {  
    center_x += change_x;  
    center_y += change_y;  
}  
  
void keyPressed() {  
    if(keyCode == RIGHT)  
        change_x = 5;  
    ...  
}  
  
void keyReleased() {  
    if(keyCode == RIGHT)  
        change_x = 0;  
}
```


Things to Try

Download the zip folder from this lecture slides on the website.

An .png is included. Write code to move this image around on the screen.

References

For more tutorials/lecture notes in Java, Python, game programming, artificial intelligence with neural networks:

<https://longbaonguyen.github.io>

- Processing's website: www.processing.org
- <https://processing.org/tutorials/>