



introduction to media computing

week 06

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Review: for () loop

A concise construct for looping

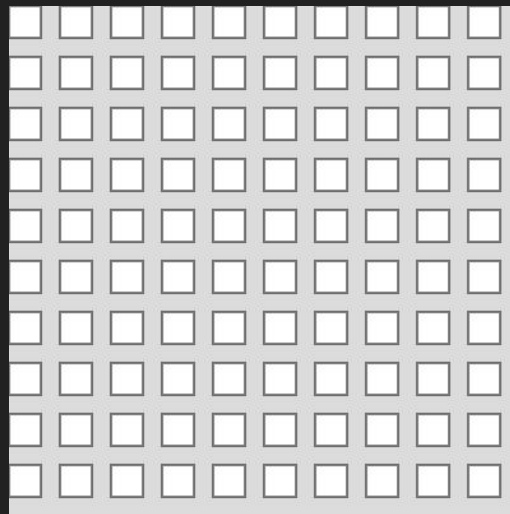
```
for (let i = 0; i < 10; i++) {  
    // Some Code here  
}
```

```
for (<init>; <cond>; <iter>) {  
    // Some Code here  
}
```

Review: Nested for() loop

Nested use of for() loop

```
for (let y = 0; y < 10; y++) {  
  for (let x = 0; x < 10; x++) {  
    rect(x*40, y *40, 25, 25);  
  }  
}
```



Review: simple logging `console.log()`

`console.log()` helps us to keep track of variables

Example:

```
console.log(x) ;
```

prints the value of variable '`x`' to the console.

**** where is the console ? ****

```
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Review: more mouse `pmouseX`, `pmouseY`

`pmouseX` and `pmouseY` store the values of `mouseX` and `mouseY` of previous frame (drawn by function `draw()`) respectively.

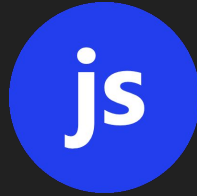
Example: to measure the mouse displacement:

```
dist(pmouseX, pmouseY, mouseX, mouseY);
```

Review: measure time with `millis()`

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`millis()` returns the number of milliseconds since the program has started.
(1 millisecond = 0.001 sec)



`[]` Array Part 1

Introduction to Arrays

Array: introduction

js

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Array: introduction

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Ease of reference and organization.

Array: introduction

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A simple variable is a
named container of a single
piece of data.

```
let activeColor = 0;  
let color0 = 255;  
  
if (activeColor == 0) {  
  fill(color0);  
}
```

Array: introduction



Getting repetitive and
triesome

```
let activeColor = 0;
let color0 = 255;
let color1 = 200;
let color2 = 150;

if (activeColor == 0) {
  fill(color0);
}
else if (activeColor == 1) {
  fill(color1);
}
else if (activeColor == 2) {
  fill(color2);
}
```

Array: introduction

js

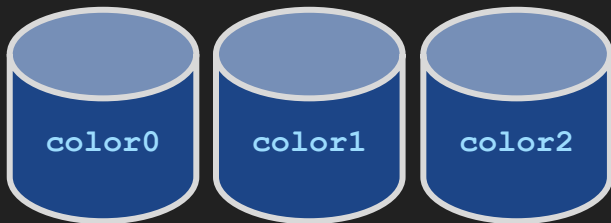
3 Simple variables



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Array: An indexed collection of variables

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An ARRAY with 3 members



Each member is accessed by its index

```
let colors = [];  
colors[0] = 255;  
colors[1] = 200;  
colors[2] = 150;
```


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colors[1] = 200;
colors[2] = 150;

fill( colors[activeColor] );
```



When **activeColor** equals to **1**,
then we are filling with **colors[1]**.

Array: more examples

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An array of strings for a name list.

Student No.	Name
0	Annie Lennox
1	Matt Pharr
2	Paul Smith
...	...



```
let names = [];  
names[0] = "Annie Lennox";  
names[1] = "Matt Pharr";  
names[2] = "Paul Smith";
```

Array: more examples

To keep track of the positions of objects,
i.e. one array for their X-coordinates,
and one array for their Y-coordinates

rect #	X-coord	Y-coord
0	10	20
1	100	110
2	200	210
...	...	



```
let posX = [];  
let posY = [];  
posX[0] = 10;  
posY[0] = 20;  
posX[1] = 100;  
posY[1] = 110;  
posX[2] = 200;  
posY[2] = 210;
```

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posX[1] = 100;  
posY[1] = 110;  
posX[2] = 200;  
posY[2] = 210;
```



```
for (let i=0; i<3; i++) {  
  rect(posX[i],posY[i],10,10);  
}
```

Array and loop go together !

Array: Declaration & Initialization

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Array: Access

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via a variable

```
fill(colors[i]);
```

Simple particle system using arrays

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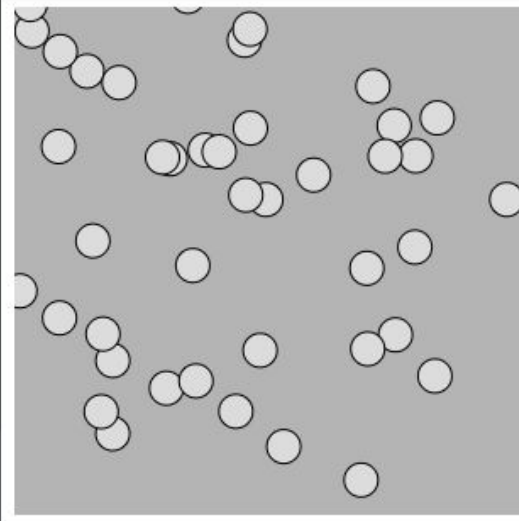
Use multiple arrays to store the (x,y) coordinate of each particle.

JS

```
let bugX = [];  
let bugY = [];  
let numBugs = 50;  
  
function setup(){  
  createCanvas(300,300);  
  for (let i = 0; i < numBugs; i++) {  
    bugX[i] = random(width);  
    bugY[i] = random(height);  
  }  
}  
  
function draw() {  
  background(180);  
  for (let i = 0; i < numBugs; i++) {  
    fill(220);  
    ellipse(bugX[i], bugY[i], 20, 20);  
    bugX[i] = bugX[i] + random(-2,2);
```

Resources

Result

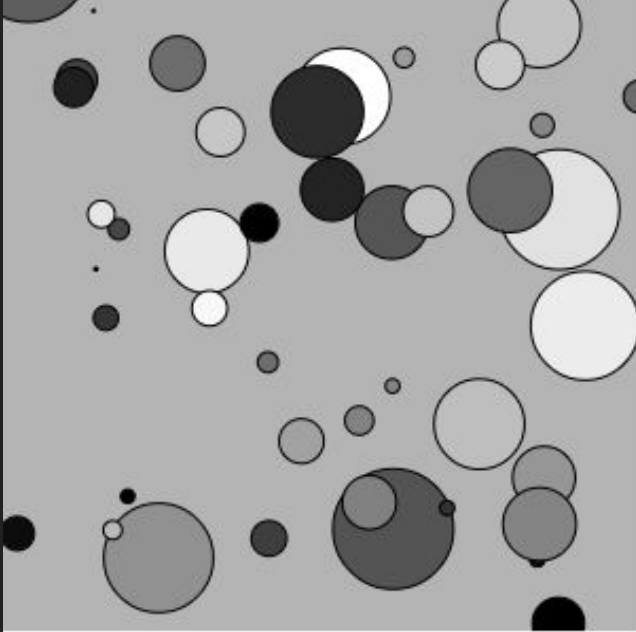


1x 0.5x 0.25x

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Based on the simple particle system example (on Canvas page), add additional arrays such that the particles also vary in both size and color in each iteration.







Utility function `lerp()`

`lerp(start, stop, amount)`

`lerp()` computes a number between the 'start' and 'end' values determined by the given 'amount' (a value between 0.0 to 1.0).

Examples:

`lerp(0, 10, 0.0)` returns 0

`lerp(0, 10, 1.0)` returns 10

`lerp(0, 10, 0.25)` returns 2.5

`lerp(0, 10, 0.5)` returns 5

```
lerp(start, stop, amount)
```

Examples use:

`lerp(mouseX, pmouseX, 0.5)` ; returns a value which is in the middle between `mouseX` and `pmouseX`. So we may use the following to compute a (x,y) coordinate between previous and present mouse cursor positions.

```
myX = lerp(mouseX, pmouseX, 0.5) ;
```

```
myY = lerp(mouseY, pmouseY, 0.5) ;
```

Natural Motion using `lerp()`



Use `lerp()` to create an impression of delayed mouse tracking.

JS

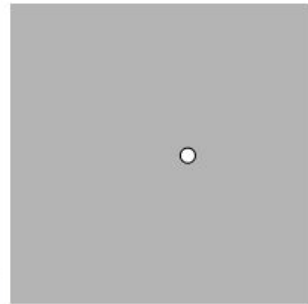
```
let myX = 0;
let myY = 0;

function setup(){
  createCanvas(200,200);
}

function draw() {
  background(180);
  myX = lerp(myX, mouseX, 0.1);
  myY = lerp(myY, mouseY, 0.1);
  ellipse(myX, myY, 10, 10);
}
```

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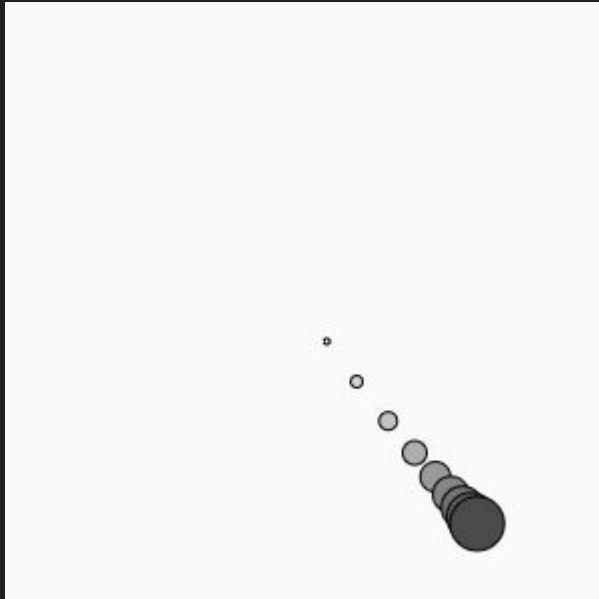
1x

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Use the previous 'Natural Motion' example as your skeleton code; and add additional particles (using array).

For each particle, apply different **'amount'** in the **lerp()** function to create a trail of particles similar to the sample shown on the canvas page.

