

Simple-8 Fantasy Console Documentation

Simple-8 is a minimal fantasy console made in Python using Pygame and Tkinter. It lets you run short programs in a 24×24 pixel grid, great for learning code, making pixel demos, or experimenting with logic.





How It Works

Simple-8 gives you:

- A **24×24 pixel grid** you can draw on with code.
 - A GUI for inputting code and variables.
 - Full access to Python including `keyboard` module input.
 - Buttons to run, stop, and view your code.
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The Screen Layout


The Simple-8 console shows a Pygame window with:

- **The pixel grid** (24×24).
 - **4 Buttons:**
 -  **Click me** – Opens the code input menu.
 -  **View Code** – Opens your current code in Notepad.
 -  **Run** – Executes your code in a loop.
 -  **Stop** – Stops the code and resets the grid.
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Code Entry Window ("Click me")

When you press "Click me", you'll get a window where you can:

Field	Description
Code	Your Python code. It will be executed each loop.
Duration	Time between loops (in seconds). Can be a decimal like 0.1.
Loops	Number of times your code will run.
px / py	Custom integer variables.
ox / oy	Arrays of 30 integers (comma-separated).

 You can **Save**, **Save As**, or **Load** code and variables.

Drawing on the Grid

Use these built-in functions in your code:

```
update_grid(x, y, rgbcolor)
```

Set the pixel at (x, y) to a specific color.

```
update_grid(0, 0, (255, 0, 0)) # Draw red in the top-left
```

```
clear_grid()
```

Resets all pixels to white.

```
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```

```
fill_grid(rgbcolor)
```


Fills the entire screen with a single color.

```
fill_grid((0, 0, 255)) # Entire screen becomes blue
```

Running Your Code

When you press **Run**:

1. Your code is executed repeatedly for `loops` times.
2. It waits `duration` seconds between each loop.
3. Code is live—draw on the grid, react to input, etc.

 All your variables (`px`, `py`, `ox`, `oy`) are global, so you can use them like:

```
update_grid(px, py, (0, 255, 0))
```

Keyboard Input

Simple-8 includes keyboard support out of the box using the `keyboard` module.

You can just write normal Python keyboard input like this:

```
if keyboard.is_pressed('w'):
```

```
update_grid(px, py, (255, 255, 0)) # Highlight player if W is pressed
```

You don't need to define anything extra—the keyboard module is already imported!

Note: Do not write `import keyboard` on the top of the code you're gonna run, or else the code is not gonna work.

Example: Move a pixel around

```
fill_grid((255,255,255))

if keyboard.is_pressed('w'):
    py -= 1

if keyboard.is_pressed('s'):
    py += 1

if keyboard.is_pressed('a'):
    px -= 1

if keyboard.is_pressed('d'):
    px += 1

update_grid(px, py, (0, 255, 0))
```

Set duration to a low value like 0.1 and loops to a high number (like 99999).

Save and Load

When editing code, use:

- **Save** – Saves variables/code to `variables.txt`.
- **Save As** – Save to a custom `.txt` file.
- **Load** – Load any `.txt` you saved.

⚠ Uses `eval()` to read files, so only open trusted files!

Full Example: Diagonal Line with Delay

```
for i in range(24):  
    update_grid(i, i, (255, 0, 0))
```

Set:

- Duration: 0.1
- Loops: 24

This draws a red line diagonally down the screen, pixel by pixel.

□ Stopping Code

If something goes wrong or you want to stop early:

- Click the □ **Stop** button.
 - It will immediately halt and clear the grid.
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🔒 Safety Notes

- You have full access to Python.
 - There is no sandbox—avoid harmful or infinite loops.
 - Always use `keyboard.is_pressed()` inside `if` blocks, not in infinite loops unless you use `break`.
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🚀 Tips & Tricks

- Keep logic inside `if` or `for` blocks.
 - Use `px`, `py`, `ox`, `oy` to build logic that can be controlled from the GUI.
 - You can import other modules if needed—just write `import math`, etc.
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🔧 Under the Hood

- Language: Python
- UI: Tkinter + Pygame
- Grid size: 24x24 pixels
- Cell size: 20x20 pixels
- Project name: **Simple-8**
- Icon: `./assets/S8_logo.png`

□ **Coming Soon? (Ideas)**

- Sound effects
- Virtual sprites
- Mouse or gamepad support
- Network multiplayer demos (!)