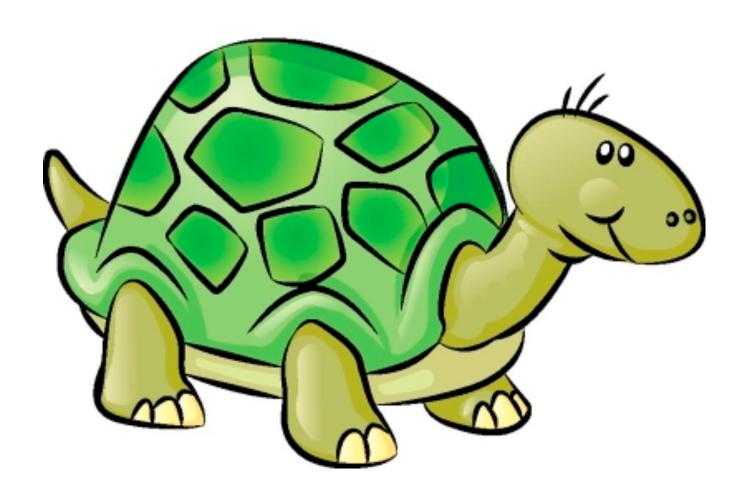


Introduction to Python Graphics

Intro to Python Graphics

Hello, Turtle Graphics!



Turtle Graphics

- Turtle graphics is a method of programming "vector" graphics using a relative cursor upon a Cartesian plane
- Python has a built in module that supports turtle graphics called the "turtle" module. Importing this module gives you access to all the turtle graphics functions you will need to draw vector graphics on the screen.
- In turtle graphics you control a cursor, also know as a "turtle". It has the following properties
 - A position in 2D space
 - An orientation, or heading
 - A pen that can lay down color on the canvas

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Setting up your turtle environment

```
import turtle
# set a title for your canvas window
turtle.title("My Awesome Turtle Animation")
# set up the screen size (in pixels - 425 x 425)
# set the starting point of the turtle (0, 0)
turtle.setup(425, 425, 0, 0)
```

+ IMPORANT NOTE!

- Do not name your Python source code file "turtle.py"
- This will prevent Python from finding the correct "turtle.py" module when you use the "import turtle" statement at the top of your program

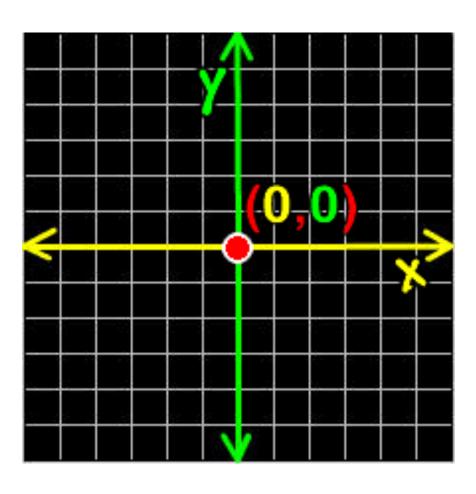
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Getting rid of the turtle window

■ This function call will cause your turtle window to deactivate when you click on it. Place it at the end of your program.

```
turtle.exitonclick()
```

The Turtle Canvas



+ Basic Drawing



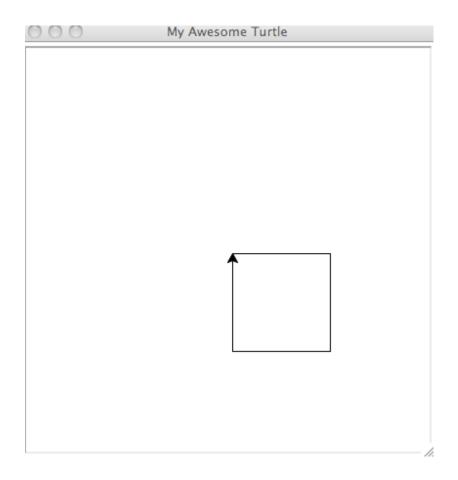
turtle.forward(pixels)

■ And you can have your turtle turn by using the following commands:

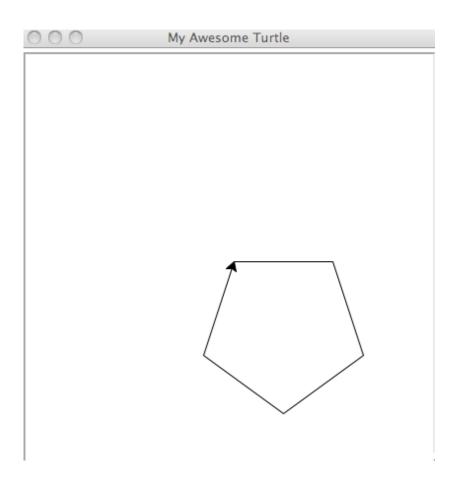
turtle.right(degrees)
turtle.left(degrees)

■ Your turtle will continually "paint" while it's moving.

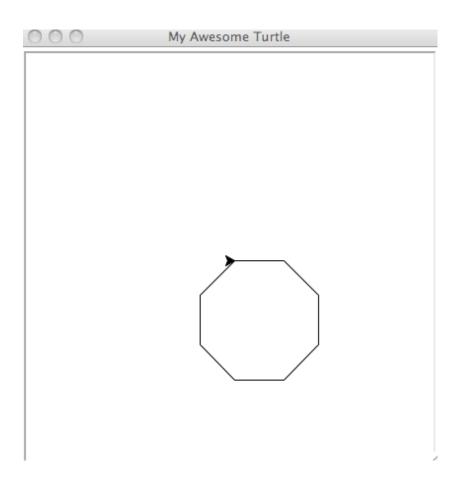
Programming Challenge: Draw a Box!



Programming Challenge: Draw an Pentagon!



Programming Challenge: Draw an Octagon!



Programming Challenge: Polygon Function

■ Write a function that allows you to draw a custom polygon. Your function should take two arguments – the number of sides you wish to draw and the length of a given side.

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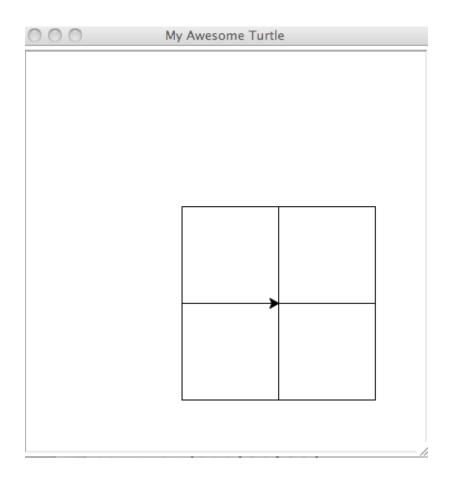
Moving your turtle

■ You can cause your turtle to move to any coordinate on the screen by using the turtle.goto() function along with the x,y coordinate you wish to move to. Example:

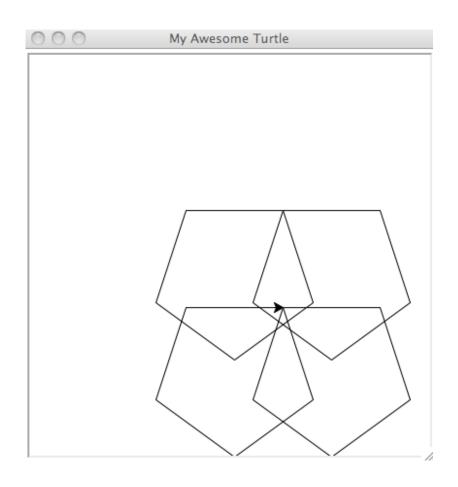
```
turtle.goto(50,50)
```

- Note that your pen will continue to draw as you move your turtle to a new position.
- You can tell the turtle to stop drawing by using the turtle.penup() function. You can tell it to start drawing again by using the turtle.pendown() function.

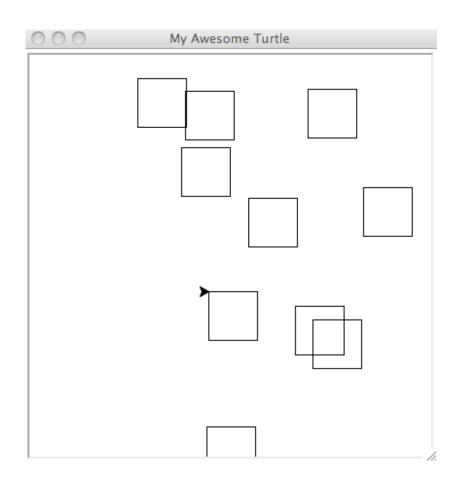
Programming Challenge: Four Squares



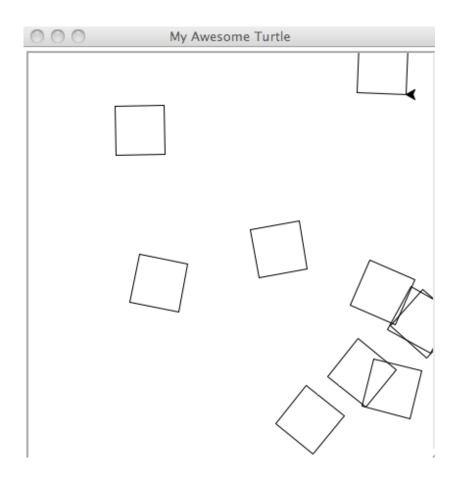
Programming Challenge: four pentagons



Programming Challenge: Random Squares



Programming Challenge: Random Rotated Squares



Pen Color



- You can change this behavior by calling the turtle.pencolor() function
- This function takes one argument a color value.
- The color value can be a standard Red Green Blue (RGB) color code. Here's an example:

```
# sets the pen color to red
turtle.pencolor("#FF0000")

# sets the pen color to blue
turtle.pencolor(#0000FF")
```

RGB Color

- RGB color codes define how much red, green and blue should be mixed into a given color
- They are divided into three channels one for red, one for green and one for blue, in that order
- They usually start with the "#" sign
- The first two characters in a color string signify how much red goes into the color
- The second two signify how much green
- And the third set signifies how much blue

+ RGB Color



- Hexadecimal (or "hex") is a base 16 number system. This means it uses 16 "digits" to represent numbers
- Counting in hex:
 - 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,A,B,C,D,E,F,10
 - 11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,1A,1B,1C,1D,1E,1F,20

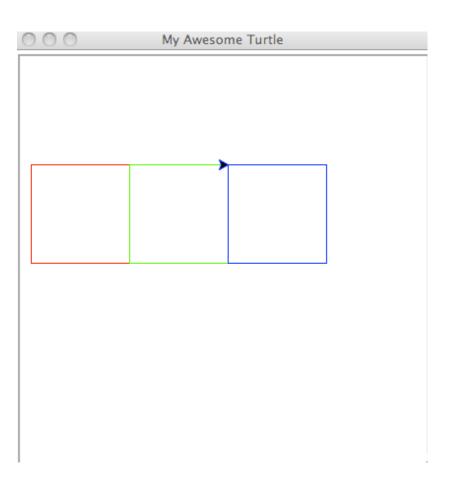
+ RGB Color

- #000000 # no red, green or blue all black
- #FFFFFF # full red, green and blue all white
- #FF0000 # all red
- #00FF00 # all green
- #0000FF # all blue

RGB Color Resources

- Web based color tools:
 - http://cloford.com/resources/colours/500col.htm
 - http://www.colr.org/
 - http://colorschemedesigner.com/
- Macs: use your digital color meter application!

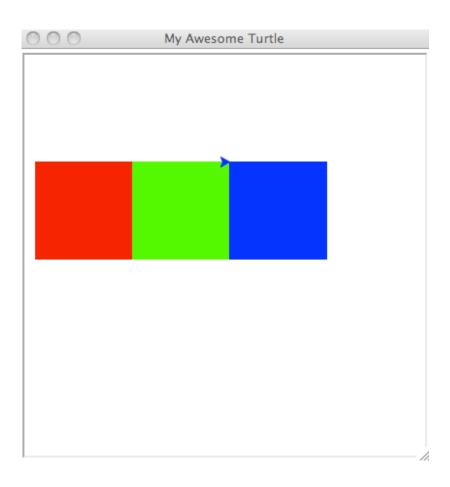
Programming Challenge: RGB Squares



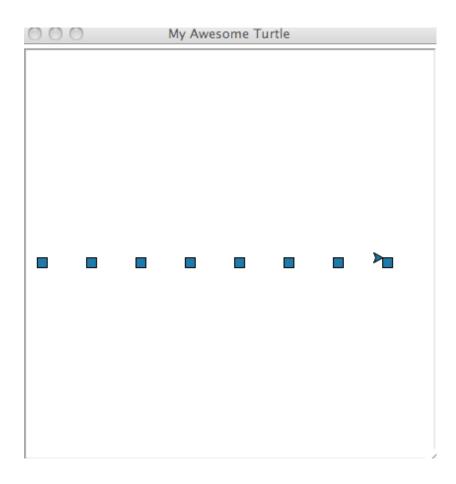
Creating filled shapes

- If you are drawing closed polygons you can tell Python to fill them with an RGB color by calling the turtle.fillcolor() function. This function takes one argument a color value.
- Next, you need to call the turtle.begin_fill() function to tell Python to start filling in your shape. You would call this function just before you start drawing your shape.
- At the end of your shape you can use the turtle.end_fill() to tell Python to stop filling in your shape.

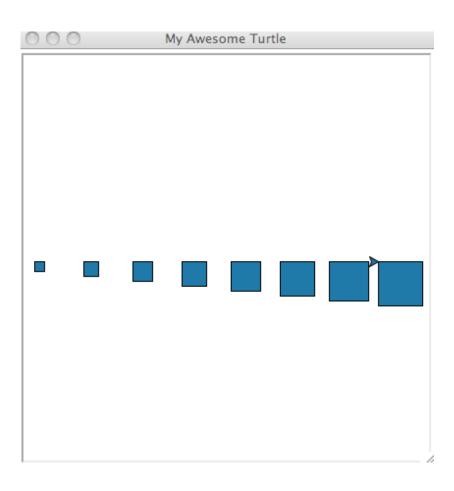
Programming Challenge: Filled RGB Squares



Programming Challenge: Line of filled squares



Programming Challenge: Line of filled squares getting bigger



Programming Challenge: Rotated Filled Squares

