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Array

An array is a list of data

ArrayList

An ArrayList stores a variable number of objects

FloatDict

A simple table class to use a String as a lookup for a float value

FloatList

Helper class for a list of floats

HashMap

A HashMap stores a collection of objects, each referenced by a key

IntDict

A simple class to use a String as a lookup for an int value



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JSONArray

A JSONArray is an ordered sequence of values

JS0N0bject

A JS0N0bject is an unordered collection of name/value pairs

Object

Objects are instances of classes

String

A string is a sequence of characters

StringDict

A simple class to use a String as a lookup for an String value

StringList

Helper class for a list of Strings

Table

Generic class for handling tabular data, typically from a CSV, TSV, or other sort of spreadsheet file

TableRow

Represents a single row of data values, stored in columns, from a Table

XML

This is the base class used for the Processing XML library, representing a single node of an XML tree

Array Functions

append()

Expands an array by one element and adds data to the new position

arrayCopy()

Copies an array (or part of an array) to another array

concat()

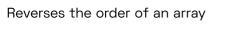
Concatenates two arrays

expand()

Increases the size of an array

reverse()

shorten()





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Search



sort()

Sorts an array of numbers from smallest to largest and puts an array of words in alphabetical order

splice()

Inserts a value or array of values into an existing array

subset()

Extracts an array of elements from an existing array

Conversion

binary()

Converts an int, byte, char, or color to a String containing the equivalent binary notation

boolean()

Converts an int or String to its boolean representation

byte()

Converts any value of a primitive data type (boolean, byte, char, color, double, float, int, or long) to its byte representation

char()

Converts any value of a primitive data type (boolean, byte, char, color, double, float, int, or long) to its numeric character representation

float()

Converts an int or String to its floating point representation

hex()

Converts a byte, char, int, or color to a String containing the equivalent hexadecimal notation

int()

Converts any value of a primitive data type (boolean, byte, char, color, float, int, or long) or String to its integer representation

str()

Converts a value of a primitive data type (boolean, byte, char, int, or float) representation

unbinary()

Converts a String representation of a binary number to its equivalent integer value

unhex()

Converts a String representation of a hexadecimal number to its equivalent integer value.



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Datatype for the Boolean values true and false

byte

Datatype for bytes, 8 bits of information storing numerical values from 127 to -128

char

Datatype for characters, typographic symbols such as A, d, and \$

color

Datatype for storing color values

double

Datatype for floating-point numbers larger than those that can be stored in a float

float

Data type for floating-point numbers, e

int

Datatype for integers, numbers without a decimal point

long

Datatype for large integers

String Functions

join()

Combines an array of Strings into one String, each separated by the character(s) used for the separator parameter

matchA11()

This function is used to apply a regular expression to a piece of text

match()

The function is used to apply a regular expression to a piece of text, and return metching groups (elements found inside parentheses) as a String array

nf()

Utility function for formatting numbers into strings

ntc()

Utility function for formatting numbers into strings and placing appropriate commas to $_{\tt Donate}$ its of 1000



nfs()

Utility function for formatting numbers into strings

splitTokens()

The splitTokens() function splits a String at one or many character "tokens"

split()

The split() function breaks a string into pieces using a character or string as the divider

trim()

Removes whitespace characters from the beginning and end of a String

Input

Files

BufferedReader

A BufferedReader object is used to read files line-by-line as individual String objects

createInput()

This is a function for advanced programmers to open a Java InputStream

createReader()

Creates a BufferedReader object that can be used to read files line-by-line as individual String objects

launch()

Attempts to open an application or file using your platform's launcher

loadBytes()

Reads the contents of a file or url and places it in a byte array

loadJSONArray()

Takes a String, parses its contents, and returns a JSONArray

loadJSONObject()

Loads a JSON from the data folder or a URL, and returns a JSONObject

loadStrings()

Reads the contents of a file or url and creates a String array of its individual lines

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Reads the contents of a file or URL and creates an XML object with its values

parseJSONArray()

Takes a String, parses its contents, and returns a JSONArray

parseJSONObject()

Takes a String, parses its contents, and returns a JSONObject

parseXML()

Converts String content to an XML object

selectFolder()

Opens a platform-specific file chooser dialog to select a folder

selectInput()

Open a platform-specific file chooser dialog to select a file for input

Time & Date

day()

Returns the current day as a value from 1 - 31

hour()

Returns the current hour as a value from 0 - 23

millis()

Returns the number of milliseconds (thousandths of a second) since starting an applet

minute()

Returns the current minute as a value from 0 - 59

month()

Returns the current month as a value from 1 - 12

second()

Returns the current second as a value from 0 - 59

year()

Returns the current year as an integer (2003, 2004, 2005, etc)

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Keyboard





Used to detect special keys such as the UP, DOWN, LEFT, RIGHT arrow keys and ALT, CONTROL, SHIFT

keyPressed

The boolean system variable that is true if any key is pressed and false if no keys are pressed

keyPressed()

Called once every time a key is pressed

keyReleased()

Called once every time a key is released

keyTyped()

Called once every time a key is pressed, but action keys such as Ctrl, Shift, and Alt are ignored

Mouse

mouseButton

Shows which mouse button is pressed

mouseClicked()

Called once after a mouse button has been pressed and then released

mouseDragged()

Called once every time the mouse moves and a mouse button is pressed

mouseMoved()

Called every time the mouse moves and a mouse button is not pressed

mousePressed

Variable storing if a mouse button is pressed

mousePressed()

Called once after every time a mouse button is pressed

mouseReleased()

Called every time a mouse button is released

mouseWheel()

The code within the mouseWheel() event function is run when the mouse wheel is mov

mouseX

The system variable that always contains the current horizontal coordinate of the mous-







The system variable that always contains the horizontal position of the mouse in the frame previous to the current frame

pmouseY

The system variable that always contains the vertical position of the mouse in the frame previous to the current frame

Constants

HALF_PI

HALF_PI is a mathematical constant with the value 1.57079632679489661923

PΙ

PI is a mathematical constant with the value 3.14159265358979323846

QUARTER_PI

QUARTER_PI is a mathematical constant with the value 0.7853982

TAU

An alias for TWO_PI

TWO_PI

TWO_PI is a mathematical constant with the value 6.28318530717958647693

Typography

PFont

Grayscale bitmap font class used by Processing

Loading & Displaying

createFont()

Dynamically converts a font to the format used by Processing

loadFont()

Loads a font into a variable of type PFont



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text()

Draws text to the screen

Attributes

textAlign()

Sets the current alignment for drawing text

textLeading()

Sets the spacing between lines of text in units of pixels

textMode()

Sets the way text draws to the screen

textSize()

Sets the current font size

textWidth()

Calculates and returns the width of any character or text string

Metrics

textAscent()

Returns ascent of the current font at its current size

textDescent()

Returns descent of the current font at its current size

Rendering

PGraphics

Main graphics and rendering context, as well as the base API implementation for particles.

blendMode()

Blends the pixels in the display window according to a defined mode

clip()

Limits the rendering to the boundaries of a rectangle defined by the parameters



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hint()

This function is used to enable or disable special features that control how graphics are drawn

noClip()

Disables the clipping previously started by the clip() function

Shaders

PShader

This class encapsulates a GLSL shader program, including a vertex and a fragment shader

loadShader()

Loads a shader into the PShader object

resetShader()

Restores the default shaders

shader()

Applies the shader specified by the parameters

Image

PImage

Datatype for storing images

createImage()

Creates a new PImage (the datatype for storing images)

Pixels

blend()

Copies a pixel or rectangle of pixels using different blending modes

copy()

Copies the entire image

filter()

Converts the image to grayscale or black and white



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Loads the pixel data for the display window into the pixels[] array

mask()

Masks part of an image with another image as an alpha channel

pixels[]

Array containing the values for all the pixels in the display window

set()

Writes a color to any pixel or writes an image into another

updatePixels()

Updates the display window with the data in the pixels[] array

Loading & Displaying

imageMode()

Modifies the location from which images draw

image()

Displays images to the screen

loadImage()

Loads an image into a variable of type PImage

noTint()

Removes the current fill value for displaying images and reverts to displaying images with their original hues

requestImage()

Loads images on a separate thread so that your sketch does not freeze while images load during setup()

tint()

Sets the fill value for displaying images

Textures

textureMode()

Sets the coordinate space for texture mapping

textureWrap()



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Sets a texture to be applied to vertex points

Shape

PShape

Datatype for storing shapes

createShape()

The createShape() function is used to define a new shape

loadShape()

Loads geometry into a variable of type PShape

2d Primitives

arc()

Draws an arc in the display window

circle()

Draws a circle to the screen

ellipse()

Draws an ellipse (oval) in the display window

line()

Draws a line (a direct path between two points) to the screen

point()

Draws a point, a coordinate in space at the dimension of one pixel

quad()

A quad is a quadrilateral, a four sided polygon

rect()

Draws a rectangle to the screen

square()

Draws a square to the screen

triangle()

A triangle is a plane created by connecting three points



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beginContour()

Begins recording vertices for the shape

beginShape()

Using the beginShape() and endShape() functions allow creating more complex forms

bezierVertex()

Specifies vertex coordinates for Bezier curves

curveVertex()

Specifies vertex coordinates for curves

endContour()

Stops recording vertices for the shape

endShape()

the companion to beginShape() and may only be called after beginShape()

quadraticVertex()

Specifies vertex coordinates for quadratic Bezier curves

vertex()

All shapes are constructed by connecting a series of vertices

Curves

bezierDetail()

Sets the resolution at which Beziers display

bezierPoint()

Evaluates the Bezier at point t for points a, b, c, d

bezierTangent()

Calculates the tangent of a point on a Bezier curve

bezier()

Draws a Bezier curve on the screen

curveDetail()

Sets the resolution at which curves display

curvePoint()

Evaluates the curve at point t for points a, b, c, d



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curveTightness()

Modifies the quality of forms created with curve() and curveVertex()

curve()

Draws a curved line on the screen

3D Primitives

box()

A box is an extruded rectangle

sphereDetail()

Controls the detail used to render a sphere by adjusting the number of vertices of the sphere mesh

sphere()

A sphere is a hollow ball made from tessellated triangles

Attributes

ellipseMode()

The origin of the ellipse is modified by the ellipseMode() function

rectMode()

Modifies the location from which rectangles draw

strokeCap()

Sets the style for rendering line endings

strokeJoin()

Sets the style of the joints which connect line segments

strokeWeight()

Sets the width of the stroke used for lines, points, and the border around shapes

Loading & Displaying

shapeMode()

Modifies the location from which shapes draw

shape()

Displays shapes to the screen



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Math

PVector

A class to describe a two or three dimensional vector

Calculation

abs()

Calculates the absolute value (magnitude) of a number

ceil()

Calculates the closest int value that is greater than or equal to the value of the parameter

constrain()

Constrains a value to not exceed a maximum and minimum value

dist()

Calculates the distance between two points

exp()

Returns Euler's number e (2.71828...) raised to the power of the value parameter

floor()

Calculates the closest int value that is less than or equal to the value of the parameter

lerp()

Calculates a number between two numbers at a specific increment

log()

Calculates the natural logarithm (the base-e logarithm) of a number

mag()

Calculates the magnitude (or length) of a vector

map()

Re-maps a number from one range to another

max()

Determines the largest value in a sequence of numbers

min()

Determines the smallest value in a sequence of numbers



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pow()

Facilitates exponential expressions

round()

Calculates the integer closest to the value parameter

sq()

Squares a number (multiplies a number by itself)

sqrt()

Calculates the square root of a number

Trigonometry

acos()

The inverse of cos(), returns the arc cosine of a value

asin()

The inverse of sin(), returns the arc sine of a value

atan2()

Calculates the angle (in radians) from a specified point to the coordinate origin as measured from the positive x-axis

atan()

The inverse of tan(), returns the arc tangent of a value

cos()

Calculates the cosine of an angle

degrees()

Converts a radian measurement to its corresponding value in degrees

radians()

Converts a degree measurement to its corresponding value in radians

sin()

Calculates the sine of an angle

tan()

Calculates the ratio of the sine and cosine of an angle



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Combines addition with assignment

+ (addition)

Adds two values or concatenates string values

-- (decrement)

Substracts the value of an integer variable by 1

/ (divide)

Divides the value of the first parameter by the value of the second parameter

/= (divide assign)

Combines division with assignment

++ (increment)

Increases the value of an integer variable by 1

- (minus)

Subtracts one value from another and may also be used to negate a value

% (modulo)

Calculates the remainder when one number is divided by another

* (multiply)

Multiplies the values of the two parameters

*= (multiply assign)

Combines multiplication with assignment

-= (subtract assign)

Combines subtraction with assignment

Bitwise Operators

& (bitwise AND)

Compares each corresponding bit in the binary representation of the values

| (bitwise OR)

Compares each corresponding bit in the binary representation of the values

<< (left shift)

Shifts bits to the left



Shifts bits to the right



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Random

noiseDetail()

Adjusts the character and level of detail produced by the Perlin noise function

noiseSeed()

Sets the seed value for noise()

noise()

Returns the Perlin noise value at specified coordinates

randomGaussian()

Returns a float from a random series of numbers having a mean of 0 and standard deviation of 1

randomSeed()

Sets the seed value for random()

random()

Generates random numbers

Output

Files

PrintWriter

Allows characters to print to a text-output stream

beginRaw()

To create vectors from 3D data, use the beginRaw() and endRaw() commands

beginRecord()

Opens a new file and all subsequent drawing functions are echoed to this file as well as the display window

createOutput()

Similar to createInput(), this creates a Java OutputStream for a given filename

createWriter()

Creates a new file in the sketch folder, and a PrintWriter object to write to it

endRaw()

Complement to beginRaw(); they must always be used together





saveBytes()

Opposite of loadBytes(), will write an entire array of bytes to a file

saveJSONArray()

Writes the contents of a JSONArray object to a file

saveJSONObject()

Writes the contents of a JSONObject object to a file

saveStream()

Save the contents of a stream to a file in the sketch folder

saveStrings()

Writes an array of strings to a file, one line per string

saveTable()

Writes the contents of a Table object to a file

saveXML()

Writes the contents of an XML object to a file

selectOutput()

Opens a platform-specific file chooser dialog to select a file for output

Text Area

printArray()

Writes array data to the text area of the Processing environment's console.

print()

Writes to the console area of the Processing environment

println()

Writes to the text area of the Processing environment's console

Image

saveFrame()

Saves a numbered sequence of images, one image each time the function is run

save()

Saves an image from the display window







Creating & Reading

alpha()

Extracts the alpha value from a color

blue()

Extracts the blue value from a color, scaled to match current colorMode()

brightness()

Extracts the brightness value from a color

color()

Creates colors for storing in variables of the color datatype

green()

Extracts the green value from a color, scaled to match current colorMode()

hue()

Extracts the hue value from a color

lerpColor()

Calculates a color or colors between two colors at a specific increment

red()

Extracts the red value from a color, scaled to match current colorMode()

saturation()

Extracts the saturation value from a color

Setting

background()

Sets the color used for the background of the Processing window

clear()

Clears the pixels within a buffer

colorMode()

Changes the way Processing interprets color data

fill()

Sets the color used to fill shapes



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noStroke()

Disables drawing the stroke (outline)

stroke()

Sets the color used to draw lines and borders around shapes

Lights Camera

Lights

ambientLight()

Adds an ambient light

directionalLight()

Adds a directional light

lightFalloff()

Sets the falloff rates for point lights, spot lights, and ambient lights

lightSpecular()

Sets the specular color for lights

lights()

Sets the default ambient light, directional light, falloff, and specular values

noLights()

Disable all lighting

normal()

Sets the current normal vector

pointLight()

Adds a point light

spotLight()

Adds a spot light

Material Properties

Pote the ambient reflectance for chance drawn to the coron

ambient()





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Sets the emissive color of the material used for drawing shapes drawn to the screen

shininess()

Sets the amount of gloss in the surface of shapes

specular()

Sets the specular color of the materials used for shapes drawn to the screen, which sets the color of highlights

Camera

beginCamera()

The beginCamera() and endCamera() functions enable advanced customization of the camera space

camera()

Sets the position of the camera

endCamera()

The beginCamera() and endCamera() functions enable advanced customization of the camera space

ortho()

Sets an orthographic projection and defines a parallel clipping volume

perspective()

Sets a perspective projection applying foreshortening, making distant objects appear smaller than closer ones

frustum()

Sets a perspective matrix defined through the parameters

printCamera()

Prints the current camera matrix to the Console (the text window at the bottom of Processing)

printProjection()

Prints the current projection matrix to the Console

Coordinates

modelX()

Returns the three-dimensional X, Y, Z position in model space

modelY()

Returns the three-dimensional X, Y, Z position in model space



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screenX()

Takes a three-dimensional X, Y, Z position and returns the X value for where it will appear on a (two-dimensional) screen

screenY()

Takes a three-dimensional X, Y, Z position and returns the Y value for where it will appear on a (two-dimensional) screen

screenZ()

Takes a three-dimensional X, Y, Z position and returns the Z value for where it will appear on a (two-dimensional) screen

Transform

applyMatrix()

Multiplies the current matrix by the one specified through the parameters

popMatrix()

Pops the current transformation matrix off the matrix stack

printMatrix()

Prints the current matrix to the Console (the text window at the bottom of Processing)

pushMatrix()

Pushes the current transformation matrix onto the matrix stack

resetMatrix()

Replaces the current matrix with the identity matrix

rotateX()

Rotates a shape around the x-axis the amount specified by the angle parameter

rotateY()

Rotates a shape around the y-axis the amount specified by the angle parameter

rotateZ()

Rotates a shape around the z-axis the amount specified by the angle parameter

rotate()

Rotates a shape the amount specified by the angle parameter





shearX()

Shears a shape around the x-axis the amount specified by the angle parameter

shearY()

Shears a shape around the y-axis the amount specified by the angle parameter

translate()

Specifies an amount to displace objects within the display window

Structure

[] (array access)

The array access operator is used to specify a location within an array

= (assign)

Assigns a value to a variable

catch

The catch keyword is used with try to handle exceptions

class

Keyword used to indicate the declaration of a class

, (comma)

Separates parameters in function calls and elements during assignment

// (comment)

Explanatory notes embedded within the code

{} (curly braces)

Define the beginning and end of functions blocks and statement blocks such as the for and if structures

/** */ (doc comment)

Explanatory notes embedded within the code

. (dot)

Provides access to an object's methods and data

draw()

Called directly after setup() and continuously executes the lines of code contained ir Donate lock until the program is stopped or noLoop() is called





extends

Allows a new class to *inherit* the methods and data fields (variables and constants) from an existing class

false

Reserved word representing the logical value "false"

final

Keyword used to state that a value, class, or method can't be changed

implements

Implements an interface or group of interfaces

import

The keyword import is used to load a library into a Processing sketch

100p()

Causes Processing to continuously execute the code within draw()

/* */ (multiline comment)

Explanatory notes embedded within the code

new

Creates a "new" object

noLoop()

Stops Processing from continuously executing the code within draw()

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Special value used to signify the target is not a valid data element

() (parentheses)

Grouping and containing expressions and parameters

popStyle()

Saves the current style settings and popStyle() restores the prior settings

pop()

The pop() function restores the previous drawing style settings and transformation changed them

private

This keyword is used to disallow other classes access to the fields and methods within Donate







pushStyle()

Saves the current style settings and popStyle() restores the prior settings

push()

The push() function saves the current drawing style settings and transformations, while pop() restores these settings

redraw()

Executes the code within draw() one time

return

Keyword used to indicate the value to return from a function

; (semicolon)

A statement terminator which separates elements of the program

setLocation()

The setLocation() function defines the position of the Processing sketch in relation to the upper-left corner of the computer screen

setResizable()

By default, Processing sketches can't be resized

setTitle()

The setTitle() function defines the title to appear at the top of the sketch window

setup()

The setup() function is called once when the program starts

static

Keyword used to define a variable as a "class variable" and a method as a "class method

super

Keyword used to reference the superclass of a subclass

this

Refers to the current object (i

thread()

Launch a new thread and call the specified function from that new thread

true

Reserved word representing the logical value "true"

try

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Keyword used to indicate that a function returns no value

Control

Conditionals

break

Ends the execution of a structure such as switch, for, or while and jumps to the next statement after

case

Denotes the different names to be evaluated with the parameter in the switch structure

?: (conditional)

A shortcut for writing an if and else structure

continue

When run inside of a for or while, it skips the remainder of the block and starts the next iteration

default

Keyword for defining the default condition of a switch

else

Extends the if structure allowing the program to choose between two or more blocks of code

if

Allows the program to make a decision about which code to execute

switch

Works like an if else structure, but switch is more convenient when you need to select between three or more alternatives

Tests if the value on the left is larger than the value on the right or if the values are equivalent

Relational Operators

== (equality)

Determines if two values are equivalent

> (greater than)

Tests if the value on the left is larger than the value on the right

>= (greater than or equal to)



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Determines if one expression is not equivalent to another

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< (less than)
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Tests if the value on the left is smaller than the value on the right

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<= (less than or equal to)
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Tests if the value on the left is less than the value on the right or if the values are equivalent

Iteration

for

Controls a sequence of repetitions

while

Controls a sequence of repetitions

Logical Operators

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&& (logical AND)
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Compares two expressions and returns true only if both evaluate to true

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! (logical NOT)
```

Inverts the Boolean value of an expression

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|| (logical OR)
```

Compares two expressions and returns true if one or both evaluate to true

Environment

cursor()

Sets the cursor to a predefined symbol, an image, or makes it visible if already hidden

delay()

The delay() function causes the program to halt for a specified time

displayDensity()

Returns "2" if the screen is high-density and "1" if not

displayHeight

Variable that stores the height of the computer screen



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variable that stores the whath or the compater screen

focused

Confirms if a Processing program is "focused"

frameCount

The system variable that contains the number of frames displayed since the program started

frameRate

The system variable that contains the approximate frame rate of the software as it executes

height

System variable which stores the height of the display window

noCursor()

Hides the cursor from view

noSmooth()

Draws all geometry and fonts with jagged (aliased) edges and images with hard edges between the pixels when enlarged rather than interpolating pixels

pixelDensity()

It makes it possible for Processing to render using all of the pixels on high resolutions screens

pixelHeight

The actual pixel height when using high resolution display

pixelWidth

The actual pixel width when using high resolution display

fullScreen()

Opens a sketch using the full size of the computer's display

frameRate()

Specifies the number of frames to be displayed every second

settings()

Used when absolutely necessary to define the parameters to size() with a varial

size()

Defines the dimension of the display window in units of pixels

smooth()

Draws all geometry with smooth (anti-aliased) edges

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