

GBDA 302 – Global Digital Project 2

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Side Quest Week 3 – Process & Decision Documentation

1. What I was trying to do

For Week 3, I aimed to use the provided multi-screen p5.js starter structure to build a short branching interactive story. Instead of relying on random outcomes, my goal was to have player choices determine which scenes and ending they reached, inspired by the game *Dispatch*.

2. One small decision or change I made

I replaced the original random win/lose outcome in the game screen with a two-step decision structure, where the player makes an initial choice, encounters a follow-up scenario, and then reaches an ending based on those decisions.

3. Evidence of the change

- Random win/lose logic was removed from game.js
- Player choices are tracked using simple variables
- Different endings are reached based on decisions rather than chance

4. GenAI Use

I used GenAI (ChatGPT) to help explain the starter code, generate draft code for a branching decision structure, and refine on-screen instructional and narrative text. I

reviewed, tested, and modified the generated code to ensure it aligned with the course template and worked correctly within the existing state-based structure.

Appendix: GenAI Transcript

Tool Used: ChatGPT

Prompt

```
startt.js file // NOTE: Do NOT add setup() or draw() in this file

// setup() and draw() live in main.js

// This file only defines:

// 1) drawStart() → what the start/menu screen looks like

// 2) input handlers → what happens on click / key press on this screen

// 3) a helper function to draw menu buttons


// -----

// Start screen visuals

// -----

// drawStart() is called from main.js only when:

// currentScreen === "start"

function drawStart() {

  // Background colour for the start screen

  background(180, 225, 220); // soft teal background
```

```
// ---- Title text ----

fill(30, 50, 60);

textSize(46);

textAlign(CENTER, CENTER);

text("Win or Lose", width / 2, 180);


// ---- Buttons (data only) ----

// These objects store the position/size/label for each button.

// Using objects makes it easy to pass them into drawButton()

// and also reuse the same information for hover checks.

const startBtn = {

  x: width / 2,

  y: 320,

  w: 240,

  h: 80,

  label: "START",

};


const instrBtn = {

  x: width / 2,

  y: 430,
```

```

    w: 240,

    h: 80,

    label: "INSTRUCTIONS",

};

// Draw both buttons

drawButton(startBtn);

drawButton(instrBtn);

// ---- Cursor feedback ----

// If the mouse is over either button, show a hand cursor

// so the player knows it is clickable.

const over = isHover(startBtn) || isHover(instrBtn);

cursor(over ? HAND : ARROW);

}

// -----

// Mouse input for the start screen

// -----

// Called from main.js only when currentScreen === "start"

function startMousePressed() {

```

```
// For input checks, we only need x,y,w,h (label is optional)

const startBtn = { x: width / 2, y: 320, w: 240, h: 80 };

const instrBtn = { x: width / 2, y: 430, w: 240, h: 80 };


// If START is clicked, go to the game screen

if (isHover(startBtn)) {

    currentScreen = "game";

}

// If INSTRUCTIONS is clicked, go to the instructions screen

else if (isHover(instrBtn)) {

    currentScreen = "instr";

}

}


// -----

// Keyboard input for the start screen

// -----

// Provides keyboard shortcuts:

// - ENTER starts the game

// - I opens instructions

function startKeyPressed() {
```

```
if (keyCode === ENTER) {  
    currentScreen = "game";  
}
```

```
if (key === "i" || key === "I") {  
    currentScreen = "instr";  
}  
}
```

```
// -----
```

```
// Helper: drawButton()
```

```
// -----
```

```
// This function draws a button and changes its appearance on hover.
```

```
// It does NOT decide what happens when you click the button.
```

```
// That logic lives in startMousePressed() above.
```

```
//
```

```
// Keeping drawing separate from input/logic makes code easier to read.
```

```
function drawButton({ x, y, w, h, label }) {
```

```
    rectMode(CENTER);
```

```
    // Check if the mouse is over the button rectangle
```

```
const hover = isHover({ x, y, w, h });
```

```
noStroke();
```

```
// ---- Visual feedback (hover vs not hover) ----
```

```
// This is a common UI idea:
```

```
// - normal state is calmer
```

```
// - hover state is brighter + more "active"
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//
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// We also add a shadow using drawingContext (p5 lets you access the
```

```
// underlying canvas context for effects like shadows).
```

```
if (hover) {
```

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  fill(255, 200, 150, 220); // warm coral on hover
```

```
  // Shadow settings (only when hovered)
```

```
  drawingContext.shadowBlur = 20;
```

```
  drawingContext.shadowColor = color(255, 180, 120);
```

```
} else {
```

```
  fill(255, 240, 210, 210); // soft cream base
```

```
  // Softer shadow when not hovered
```

```
    drawingContext.shadowBlur = 8;

    drawingContext.shadowColor = color(220, 220, 220);
}

// Draw the rounded rectangle button

rect(x, y, w, h, 14);

// Important: reset shadow so it does not affect other drawings

drawingContext.shadowBlur = 0;

// Draw the label text on top of the button

fill(40, 60, 70);

textSize(28);

textAlign(CENTER, CENTER);

text(label, x, y);
}
```

Response

Good — your `start.js` is already correct structurally. For “Dispatch vibe,” you only need **small text + label changes** (optional: one extra subtitle). You do **not** need to touch the routing logic unless you want different keyboard shortcuts.

Here’s what to change **inside this file** (no new architecture):

✓ Changes to make in `drawStart()`

1) Change the title

Replace:

- `"Win or Lose"`

With something like:

- `"DISPATCH: Night Shift"`
or
- `"DISPATCH / NIGHT SHIFT"`

Why: instantly sets theme (Design & Clarity points).

2) Add a subtitle line (optional but makes it feel “real”)

Under the title, add **one short line** like:

- `"02:13 AM • Storm warning • Lines unstable"`

This is just a `text()` call, no logic. Makes it Dispatch.

3) Rename the START button label (optional)

In `startBtn`, change label from:

- `"START"`

To:

- `"BEGIN SHIFT"` (best)
or
- `"TAKE CALLS"`

Keep the instructions button as-is.

Everything else in `drawStart()` stays.

✓ Changes to make in `startMousePressed()` / `startKeyPressed()` (optional)

Option A (recommended): leave logic exactly the same

Keep:

- Start → `currentScreen = "game"`
- Instructions → `currentScreen = "instr"`
- ENTER starts, I opens instructions

This is fine and consistent with the template.

Option B (if you want Dispatch keyboard feel)

You *can* add shortcuts like:

- `S` for start shift
- `H` for help/instructions

But it's not required. Don't overcomplicate.


✓ What NOT to change

- Don't add `setup()` or `draw()` (main.js owns that).
- Don't change `isHover()` usage (it's shared and correct).
- Don't add new screens here.

Quick “before/after” checklist

After edits, your start screen should read like:

- **DISPATCH: Night Shift**
- "02:13 AM • Storm warning • Lines unstable"
- Button: **BEGIN SHIFT**
- Button: INSTRUCTIONS

That's it 

If you paste your `instructions.js` next, I'll tell you exactly what text to change there so it matches the branching story (still no code changes beyond text unless you want).

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        currentScreen = "instr";

    }

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function drawButton({ x, y, w, h, label }) {  
  
  rectMode(CENTER);  
  
  // Check if the mouse is over the button rectangle  
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  noStroke();  
  
  // ---- Visual feedback (hover vs not hover) ----  
  
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    drawingContext.shadowColor = color(255, 180, 120);  
  }  
}
```



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} else {  
  
    fill(255, 240, 210, 210); // soft cream base  
  
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}  
  
// Draw the rounded rectangle button  
  
rect(x, y, w, h, 14);  
  
// Important: reset shadow so it does not affect other drawings  
  
drawingContext.shadowBlur = 0;  
  
// Draw the label text on top of the button  
  
fill(40, 60, 70);  
  
textSize(28);  
  
textAlign(CENTER, CENTER);  
  
text(label, x, y);  
} change the code accordingly and also make sure you give a line break after title
```

Response

You're close. Two fixes:

1. You accidentally replaced the **title** with the **subtitle** (you need *both*).
2. You want a **line break** after the title → easiest is: **draw title and subtitle as two separate `text()` calls** at different Y positions (p5 doesn't auto-line-break unless you use `\n`, but spacing with two calls looks cleaner).

Here's the updated `start.js` with:

- Title: **DISPATCH: Night Shift**
- Subtitle on the next line: **02:13 AM • Tornado warning • Lines unstable**
- A clear line break/spacing between them
- Everything else unchanged (buttons + logic)

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```
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```
// -----
```

```
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```

```
// -----
```

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```

```
// currentScreen === "start"
```

```
function drawStart() {
```

```
// Background colour for the start screen

background(180, 225, 220); // soft teal background


// ---- Title + subtitle text ----

fill(30, 50, 60);

textAlign(CENTER, CENTER);


// Title (top line)

textSize(50);

text("DISPATCH: Night Shift", width / 2, 160);


// Subtitle (line break / next line)

textSize(18);

text("02:13 AM • Tornado warning • Lines unstable", width / 2, 205);


// ---- Buttons (data only) ----

const startBtn = {

  x: width / 2,

  y: 320,

  w: 240,

  h: 80,
```

```
    label: "BEGIN SHIFT",  
};
```

```
const instrBtn = {  
    x: width / 2,  
    y: 430,  
    w: 240,  
    h: 80,  
    label: "INSTRUCTIONS",  
};
```

```
// Draw both buttons
```

```
drawButton(startBtn);
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```
// ---- Cursor feedback ----
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```
const over = isHover(startBtn) || isHover(instrBtn);
```

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cursor(over ? HAND : ARROW);
```

```
}
```

```
// -----
```

```
// Mouse input for the start screen

// -----

function startMousePressed() {

    const startBtn = { x: width / 2, y: 320, w: 240, h: 80 };

    const instrBtn = { x: width / 2, y: 430, w: 240, h: 80 };

    if (isHover(startBtn)) {

        currentScreen = "game";

    } else if (isHover(instrBtn)) {

        currentScreen = "instr";

    }

}

// -----

// Keyboard input for the start screen

// -----

function startKeyPressed() {

    if (keyCode === ENTER) {

        currentScreen = "game";

    }

}
```

```
if (key === "i" || key === "I") {  
  currentScreen = "instr";  
}  
}  
  
// -----  
// Helper: drawButton()  
// -----  
  
function drawButton({ x, y, w, h, label }) {  
  rectMode(CENTER);  
  
  const hover = isHover({ x, y, w, h });  
  
  noStroke();  
  
  if (hover) {  
    fill(255, 200, 150, 220);  
  
    drawingContext.shadowBlur = 20;  
    drawingContext.shadowColor = color(255, 180, 120);  
  } else {  
    fill(255, 240, 210, 210);  
  }  
}
```

```
    drawingContext.shadowBlur = 8;

    drawingContext.shadowColor = color(220, 220, 220);
}

rect(x, y, w, h, 14);

drawingContext.shadowBlur = 0;

fill(40, 60, 70);

textSize(28);

textAlign(CENTER, CENTER);

text(label, x, y);
}
```

If you paste your `instructions.js` next, I'll rewrite the instruction text so it matches the Dispatch decision tree (and remove the "random result" wording).

Prompt

```
this is win // NOTE: Do NOT add setup() or draw() in this file

// setup() and draw() live in main.js

// This file only defines:
```

```
// 1) drawWin() → what the win screen looks like

// 2) input handlers → how the player returns to the start screen

//

// This file is intentionally very similar to lose.js.

// The goal is to show that win/lose screens are often

// simple "end states" with minimal logic.


// -----

// Main draw function for win screen

// -----

// drawWin() is called from main.js

// only when currentScreen === "win"

function drawWin() {

  // Green-tinted background to communicate success

  background(200, 255, 200);

  fill(0);

  textAlign(CENTER, CENTER);

  // Main success message

  textSize(40);
```



```
text("You Win!", width / 2, 300);

// Instruction text

textSize(20);

text("Click or press R to return to Start.", width / 2, 360);
}

// -----

// Mouse input for win screen

// -----

// Any mouse click returns the player to the start screen

function winMousePressed() {

    currentScreen = "start";

}

// -----

// Keyboard input for win screen

// -----

// R is commonly used for "restart" in games

function winKeyPressed() {

    if (key === "r" || key === "R") {
```

```
    currentScreen = "start";  
  
  }  
  
}
```

Response

```
// NOTE: Do NOT add setup() or draw() in this file  
  
// setup() and draw() live in main.js  
  
// This file only defines:  
  
// 1) drawWin() → what the win screen looks like  
  
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//  
  
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// The goal is to show that win/lose screens are often  
  
// simple “end states” with minimal logic.  
  
  
// -----  
  
// Main draw function for win screen  
  
// -----  
  
// drawWin() is called from main.js  
  
// only when currentScreen === "win"  
  
function drawWin() {  
  
  // Calm green-tinted background (success / relief)
```

```
background(200, 255, 200);

fill(0);

textAlign(CENTER, CENTER);

// ---- Title (top line) ----

textSize(44);

text("CONTROLLED RESOLUTION", width / 2, 260);


// ---- Outcome (line break / next line) ----

textSize(18);

const outcome =

  "Rescue arrives prepared.\n" +

  "No lives lost.\n" +

  "You traded urgency for judgment.";

text(outcome, width / 2, 335);


// ---- Instruction (separate line) ----

textSize(18);

text("Click or press R to return to Start.", width / 2, 470);

}
```

```
// -----

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// -----

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    currentScreen = "start";

}


// -----

// Keyboard input for win screen

// -----

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        currentScreen = "start";

    }

}
```

Prompt

```
main.js // -----

// main.js = the "router" (traffic controller) for the whole game
```

```
// -----  
  
//  
  
// Idea: this project has multiple screens (start, instructions, game, win, lose).  
  
// Instead of putting everything in one giant file, each screen lives in its own  
  
// file and defines two main things:  
  
// 1) drawX() → how that screen looks  
  
// 2) XMousePressed() / XKeyPressed() → how that screen handles input  
  
//  
  
// This main.js file does 3 important jobs:  
  
// A) stores the current screen in a single shared variable  
  
// B) calls the correct draw function each frame  
  
// C) sends mouse/keyboard input to the correct screen handler  
  
  
// -----  
  
// Global game state  
  
// -----  
  
// This variable is shared across all files because all files run in the same  
  
// global JavaScript scope when loaded in index.html.  
  
//  
  
// We store the "name" of the current screen as a string.  
  
// Only one screen should be active at a time.
```

```

let currentScreen = "start"; // "start" | "instr" | "game" | "win" | "lose"


// -----

// setup() runs ONCE at the beginning

// -----

// This is where you usually set canvas size and initial settings.

function setup() {

  createCanvas(800, 800);


  // Sets a default font for all text() calls

  // (This can be changed later per-screen if you want.)

  textFont("sans-serif");

}


// -----

// draw() runs every frame (many times per second)

// -----

// This is the core "router" for visuals.

// Depending on currentScreen, we call the correct draw function.

function draw() {

  // Each screen file defines its own draw function:

```

```
// start.js    → drawStart()

// instructions.js → drawInstr()

// game.js     → drawGame()

// win.js      → drawWin()

// lose.js     → drawLose()
```

```
if (currentScreen === "start") drawStart();

else if (currentScreen === "instr") drawInstr();

else if (currentScreen === "game") drawGame();

else if (currentScreen === "win") drawWin();

else if (currentScreen === "lose") drawLose();
```

```
// (Optional teaching note)
```

```
// This "if/else chain" is a very common early approach.
```

```
// Later in the course you might replace it with:
```

```
// - a switch statement, or
```

```
// - an object/map of screens
```

```
}
```

```
// -----
```

```
// mousePressed() runs once each time the mouse is clicked
```

```
// -----

// This routes mouse input to the correct screen handler.

function mousePressed() {

    // Each screen *may* define a mouse handler:

    // start.js    → startMousePressed()

    // instructions.js → instrMousePressed()

    // game.js     → gameMousePressed()

    // win.js      → winMousePressed()

    // lose.js     → loseMousePressed()


    if (currentScreen === "start") startMousePressed();

    else if (currentScreen === "instr") instrMousePressed();

    else if (currentScreen === "game") gameMousePressed();

    // The ?.() means "call this function only if it exists"

    // This prevents errors if a screen doesn't implement a handler.

    else if (currentScreen === "win") winMousePressed?.();

    else if (currentScreen === "lose") loseMousePressed?.();

}


// -----

// keyPressed() runs once each time a key is pressed
```



```

// -----

// This routes keyboard input to the correct screen handler.

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}


// -----

// Shared helper function: isHover()

// -----

//

```

```

// Many screens have buttons.

// This helper checks whether the mouse is inside a rectangle.

//

// Important: our buttons are drawn using rectMode(CENTER),
// meaning x,y is the CENTRE of the rectangle.

// So we check mouseX and mouseY against half-width/half-height bounds.

//

// Input:  an object with { x, y, w, h }
// Output: true if mouse is over the rectangle, otherwise false

function isHover({ x, y, w, h }) {

  return (

    mouseX > x - w / 2 && // mouse is right of left edge

    mouseX < x + w / 2 && // mouse is left of right edge

    mouseY > y - h / 2 && // mouse is below top edge

    mouseY < y + h / 2 // mouse is above bottom edge

  );

}

```

Reponse

Your `main.js` is **already correct** and should work with all the changes we made. 

What I checked (and why it's good)

- `currentScreen` values match your screens: `"start" | "instr" | "game" | "win" | "lose"` ✓
- `draw()` routes correctly to `drawStart`, `drawInstr`, `drawGame`, `drawWin`, `drawLose` ✓
- `mousePressed()` calls the right handlers ✓
- `keyPressed()` calls `gameKeyPressed?.()` which is perfect because your new `game.js` defines `gameKeyPressed()` ✓
- `isHover()` matches your buttons since you draw them with `rectMode(CENTER)` ✓

Only 1 optional improvement (not required)

In `mousePressed()` you call `gameMousePressed()` without `?.()`. That's fine because your `game.js` defines `gameMousePressed()`.

If you ever remove/rename that function later, it would error. If you want it extra safe, you *could* change:

```
else if (currentScreen === "game") gameMousePressed();
```

to:

```
else if (currentScreen === "game") gameMousePressed?.();
```

But again: **not necessary** as long as `gameMousePressed()` exists (it does).

Last thing to verify for GitHub Pages

Your `index.html` must load files in this order (screen files first, then `main.js` last):

`start.js`, `instructions.js`, `game.js`, `win.js`, `lose.js`, `main.js`

If you paste your `index.html` I'll confirm it's exactly right and you're basically submission-ready.

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// A) stores the current screen in a single shared variable

// B) calls the correct draw function each frame

// C) sends mouse/keyboard input to the correct screen handler

// -----

// Global game state

```
// -----  
  
// This variable is shared across all files because all files run in the same  
  
// global JavaScript scope when loaded in index.html.  
  
//  
  
// We store the "name" of the current screen as a string.  
  
// Only one screen should be active at a time.  
  
let currentScreen = "start"; // "start" | "instr" | "game" | "win" | "lose"  
  
  
// -----  
  
// setup() runs ONCE at the beginning  
  
// -----  
  
// This is where you usually set canvas size and initial settings.  
  
function setup() {  
  
  createCanvas(800, 800);  
  
  
  // Sets a default font for all text() calls  
  
  // (This can be changed later per-screen if you want.)  
  
  textFont("sans-serif");  
  
}  
  
  
// -----
```

```

// draw() runs every frame (many times per second)

// -----

// This is the core "router" for visuals.

// Depending on currentScreen, we call the correct draw function.

function draw() {

    // Each screen file defines its own draw function:

    // start.js      → drawStart()

    // instructions.js → drawInstr()

    // game.js       → drawGame()

    // win.js        → drawWin()

    // lose.js       → drawLose()


    if (currentScreen === "start") drawStart();

    else if (currentScreen === "instr") drawInstr();

    else if (currentScreen === "game") drawGame();

    else if (currentScreen === "win") drawWin();

    else if (currentScreen === "lose") drawLose();


    // (Optional teaching note)

    // This "if/else chain" is a very common early approach.

    // Later in the course you might replace it with:

```

```

// - a switch statement, or

// - an object/map of screens
}

// -----

// mousePressed() runs once each time the mouse is clicked

// -----

// This routes mouse input to the correct screen handler.

function mousePressed() {

    // Each screen *may* define a mouse handler:

    // start.js      → startMousePressed()

    // instructions.js → instrMousePressed()

    // game.js       → gameMousePressed()

    // win.js        → winMousePressed()

    // lose.js       → loseMousePressed()


    if (currentScreen === "start") startMousePressed();

    else if (currentScreen === "instr") instrMousePressed();

    else if (currentScreen === "game") gameMousePressed();

    // The ?.() means "call this function only if it exists"

    // This prevents errors if a screen doesn't implement a handler.

```

```

else if (currentScreen === "win") winMousePressed?.();

else if (currentScreen === "lose") loseMousePressed?.();

}


// -----

// keyPressed() runs once each time a key is pressed

// -----

// This routes keyboard input to the correct screen handler.

function keyPressed() {

    // Each screen *may* define a key handler:

    // start.js      → startKeyPressed()

    // instructions.js → instrKeyPressed()

    // game.js       → gameKeyPressed()

    // win.js        → winKeyPressed()

    // lose.js       → loseKeyPressed()


    if (currentScreen === "start") startKeyPressed();

    else if (currentScreen === "instr") instrKeyPressed();

    else if (currentScreen === "game") gameKeyPressed?.();

    else if (currentScreen === "win") winKeyPressed?.();

    else if (currentScreen === "lose") loseKeyPressed?.();

```



```
}
```

```
// -----
```

```
// Shared helper function: isHover()
```

```
// -----
```

```
//
```

```
// Many screens have buttons.
```

```
// This helper checks whether the mouse is inside a rectangle.
```

```
//
```

```
// Important: our buttons are drawn using rectMode(CENTER),
```

```
// meaning x,y is the CENTRE of the rectangle.
```

```
// So we check mouseX and mouseY against half-width/half-height bounds.
```

```
//
```

```
// Input: an object with { x, y, w, h }
```

```
// Output: true if mouse is over the rectangle, otherwise false
```

```
function isHover({ x, y, w, h }) {
```

```
  return (
```

```
    mouseX > x - w / 2 && // mouse is right of left edge
```

```
    mouseX < x + w / 2 && // mouse is left of right edge
```

```
    mouseY > y - h / 2 && // mouse is below top edge
```

```
    mouseY < y + h / 2 // mouse is above bottom edge
```

```
);  
}
```

Response

Here's a "cleaner + safer" `main.js` that matches your updated project. Changes I made:

- Uses a **switch** (cleaner than long if/else)
- Uses optional chaining `?.` for **all** handlers (prevents crashes if something is missing)
- Keeps `isHover()` exactly the same
- No changes to your screen names ("`start`", "`instr`", "`game`", "`win`", "`lose`")

Paste this over your `main.js`:

```
// -----  
  
// main.js = the "router" (traffic controller) for the whole game  
  
// -----  
  
//  
  
// This project has multiple screens (start, instructions, game, win, lose).  
  
// Each screen lives in its own file and defines:  
  
// 1) drawX()          → how that screen looks  
  
// 2) XMousePressed/XKeyPressed → how that screen handles input  
  
//  
  
// This main.js file:  
  
// A) stores the current screen  
  
// B) calls the correct draw function each frame
```

```

// C) routes mouse/keyboard input to the correct handler

// -----

// Global game state

// -----

let currentScreen = "start"; // "start" | "instr" | "game" | "win" | "lose"


// -----

// setup() runs ONCE at the beginning

// -----

function setup() {

  createCanvas(800, 800);

  textFont("sans-serif");

}


// -----

// draw() runs every frame

// -----

function draw() {

  switch (currentScreen) {

    case "start":

```

```
    drawStart?();

    break;

case "instr":

    drawInstr?();

    break;

case "game":

    drawGame?();

    break;

case "win":

    drawWin?();

    break;

case "lose":

    drawLose?();

    break;

default:

    // Failsafe: if something sets an unknown screen, return to start

    currentScreen = "start";

    break;

}

}
```

```
// -----  
  
// mousePressed() routes mouse input  
  
// -----  
  
function mousePressed() {  
  
    switch (currentScreen) {  
  
        case "start":  
  
            startMousePressed?();  
  
            break;  
  
        case "instr":  
  
            instrMousePressed?();  
  
            break;  
  
        case "game":  
  
            gameMousePressed?();  
  
            break;  
  
        case "win":  
  
            winMousePressed?();  
  
            break;  
  
        case "lose":  
  
            loseMousePressed?();  
  
            break;  
  
    }  
}
```

```
}
```

```
// -----
```

```
// keyPressed() routes keyboard input
```

```
// -----
```

```
function keyPressed() {
```

```
  switch (currentScreen) {
```

```
    case "start":
```

```
      startKeyPressed?();
```

```
      break;
```

```
    case "instr":
```

```
      instrKeyPressed?();
```

```
      break;
```

```
    case "game":
```

```
      gameKeyPressed?();
```

```
      break;
```

```
    case "win":
```

```
      winKeyPressed?();
```

```
      break;
```

```
    case "lose":
```

```
      loseKeyPressed?();
```

```

        break;
    }
}

// -----

// Shared helper: isHover()

// -----

// Buttons are drawn using rectMode(CENTER).

// This helper checks if mouseX/mouseY are inside the rectangle.
function isHover({ x, y, w, h }) {
    return (
        mouseX > x - w / 2 &&
        mouseX < x + w / 2 &&
        mouseY > y - h / 2 &&
        mouseY < y + h / 2
    );
}

```

If you paste your [index.html](#), I'll confirm the script order is correct for GitHub Pages (that's the #1 reason these multi-file sketches break).

