

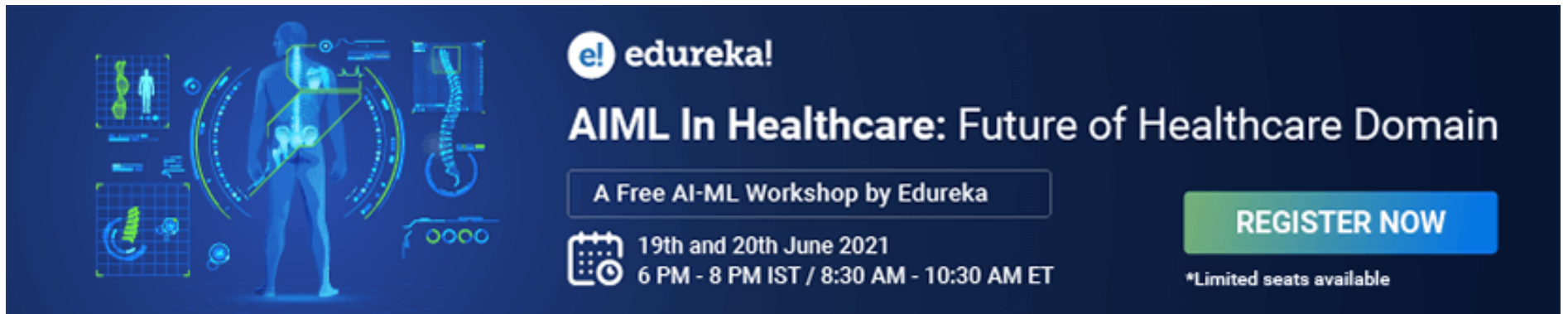
## PyGame Tutorial – Game Development Using PyGame In Python

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### PyGame Tutorial

On this PyGame tutorial blog, let us learn in detail about PyGame and see how we can proceed building simple games with this.

We will be covering the following topics in the blog:

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### Prerequisites

For making a game of your choice there are 3 main questions that need answering. They are as follows:

1. What sort of game do you want to build?
2. What sort of language do you want to program in?
3. What sort of platform do you want to deploy your game to?

Most of the time you can answer each of these questions and find a perfect framework that fits your requirements. Other times, it might not be possible. Consider for example, there aren't many HTML5 frameworks that allow you to write a high-performance 3D game that you can build.

For PyGame, let's assume you gave the following answers to the previous 3 questions:

- The game you want to create is graphical, but not 3D.
- You want to program in Python. Also, you already know a little bit of Python
- You want to create a client application that can potentially be wrapped in a standalone executable.

So, next up on this PyGame Tutorial blog let us look at how we can set up PyGame.

### Installing PyGame

Installing PyGame is pretty straightforward and easy. But the first prerequisite is to install Python 2.7. Installing Python on both Windows and Linux is very easy and simple.

Next up would be download the official PyGame installer and run the corresponding files and

Installation is simple. Just follow through and the defaults are considered fine.



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```

9         1+ event.type == pygame.QUIT:
10             done = True
11
12     pygame.display.flip()
```

Here is where you can make more sense out of the syntax:

**import pygame** – This is of course needed to access the PyGame framework.

**pygame.init()** – This initializes all the modules required for PyGame.

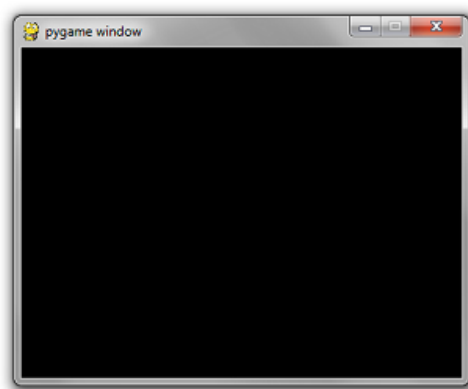
**pygame.display.set\_mode((width, height))** – This will launch a window of the desired size. The return value is a Surface object which is the object you will perform graphical operations on.

**pygame.event.get()** – This empties the event queue. If you do not call this, the windows messages will start to pile up and your game will become unresponsive in the opinion of the operating system.

**pygame.QUIT** – This is the event type that is fired when you click on the close button in the corner of the window.

**pygame.display.flip()** – PyGame is double-buffered so this swaps the buffers. All you need to know is that this call is required in order for any updates that you make to the game screen to become visible.

So what is the output like, when we execute the above code? It looks something like this:



Looks rather plain, right? Let us start adding some content to our screen. We can begin by drawing a rectangle. It is simple and we use **pygame.draw.rect** for this purpose.

As you can imagine, this will draw a rectangle. It takes in a few arguments, including the surface to draw on, the color and the coordinates/dimensions of the rectangle.

```

1  # Add this somewhere after the event pumping and before the display.flip()
2  pygame.draw.rect(screen, (0, 128, 255), pygame.Rect(30, 30, 60, 60))
```

As you can see there are 3 arguments:

- The first argument is the surface instance to draw the rectangle to.
- The second argument is the (red, green, blue) tuple that represents the color to draw with.
- The third argument is a pygame.Rect instance. The arguments for this constructor are the x and y coordinates of the top left corner, the width, and the height.

So what is it that we can see after adding that tiny piece of code?

Well, here is the output:



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So next up on this PyGame Tutorial blog, let us look at how we can make the game more interactive.

## Interactivity

The point of a game is to be interactive. Right now, the only thing you can interact with is the close button. Which isn't a very fun game, right? All user input events come through the event queue. Simply add more if statements to that for loop to add more interactivity.

Add the following code before the loop:

```
1 | is_blue = True
```

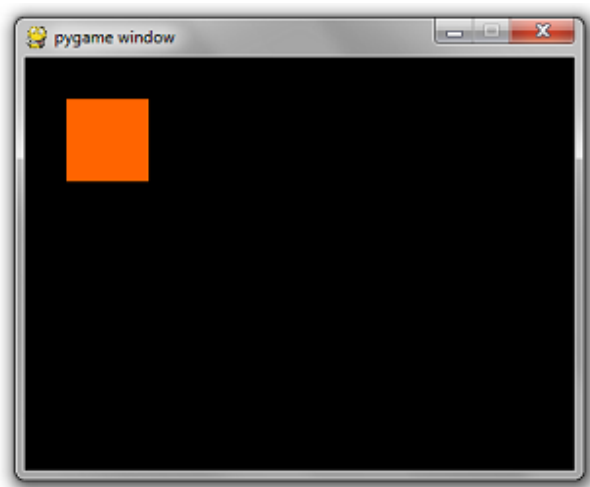
Modify your rectangle code to pick a color conditionally:

```
1 | if is_blue: color = (0, 128, 255)
2 | else: color = (255, 100, 0)
3 | pygame.draw.rect(screen, color, pygame.Rect(30, 30, 60, 60))
```

Finally, the important bit. Add the following if statement to your for loop in the same sequence as the other if statement in there.

```
1 | if event.type == pygame.KEYDOWN and event.key == pygame.K_SPACE:
2 |     is_blue = not is_blue
```

So pressing the space key will change the color of the box. Check out the following output:



Pretty easy, right? Next up on this PyGame tutorial blog, we need to check out how we can add some functionality to the game.

## Adding Functionality

So, our entire code looks something like this for now. Check it out below:



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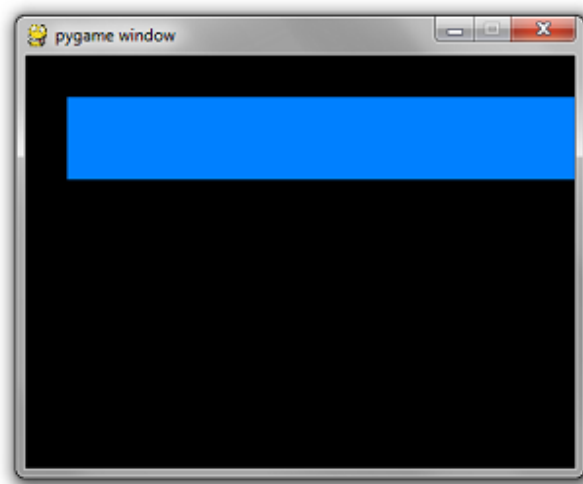


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```
19 if pressed[pygame.K_DOWN]: y += 3
20 if pressed[pygame.K_LEFT]: x -= 3
21 if pressed[pygame.K_RIGHT]: x += 3
22
23 if is_blue: color = (0, 128, 255)
24 else: color = (255, 100, 0)
25 pygame.draw.rect(screen, color, pygame.Rect(x, y, 60, 60))
26
27 pygame.display.flip()
```

Let us check the output when we try to move the rectangle to the right:



So that is not what we were expecting, right?



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Two things are wrong.

- Each time you draw a rectangle, the rectangle from the previous frames remains on the screen.
- It moves really really really fast.

For the first, you simply need to reset the screen to black before you draw the rectangle. There is a simple method on Surface called fill that does this. It takes in an RGB tuple.

```
1 screen.fill((0, 0, 0))
```

Secondly, the duration of each frame is as short as your super fancy computer can make it. The framerate needs to be throttled at a sane number such as 60 frames per second. Luckily, there is a simple class in pygame.time called Clock that does this for us. It has a method called tick which takes in a desired fps rate.

```
1 clock = pygame.time.Clock()
2
3 ...
4 while not done:
5     ...
6
7     # will block execution until 1/60 seconds have passed
8     # since the previous time clock.tick was called.
9     clock.tick(60)
```



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```

16         if event.type == pygame.KEYDOWN and event.key == pygame.K_SPACE:
17             is_blue = not is_blue
18
19     pressed = pygame.key.get_pressed()
20     if pressed[pygame.K_UP]: y -= 3
21     if pressed[pygame.K_DOWN]: y += 3
22     if pressed[pygame.K_LEFT]: x -= 3
23     if pressed[pygame.K_RIGHT]: x += 3
24
25     screen.fill((0, 0, 0))
26     if is_blue: color = (0, 128, 255)
27     else: color = (255, 100, 0)
28     pygame.draw.rect(screen, color, pygame.Rect(x, y, 60, 60))
29
30     pygame.display.flip()
31     clock.tick(60)
    
```

So what does the output look like now? Check it out:



Next up on this PyGame tutorial blog we will see how we can work with images and how we can integrate them into our game.

## Adding Images

You can instantiate a blank surface by simply calling the Surface constructor with a width and height tuple.

```

1 | surface = pygame.Surface((100, 100))
    
```

This will create a blank 24-bit RGB image that's 100 x 100 pixels. The default color will be black. Blitting such an image on a white background will result in this:



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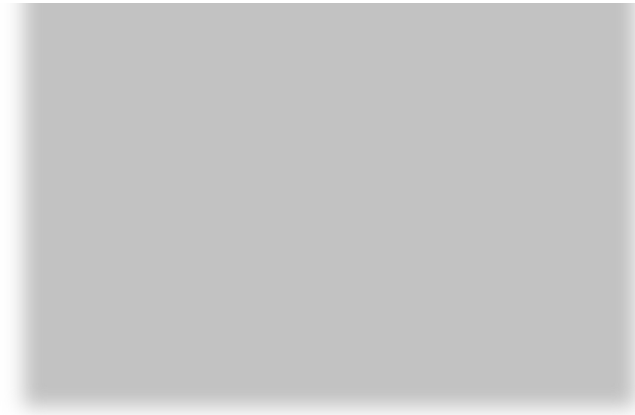


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Solid color images and rectangles aren't very interesting. Let's use an image file:

Consider a PNG image of a ball. The file name is 'ball.png'. This is the image, check it out:



To load an image from file, there is a simple call to `pygame.image.load()`

Check out the following syntax:

```
1 | image = pygame.image.load('ball.png')
```

Replacing the `pygame.Surface((100, 100))` code with the code above will result in an output such as this. Check it out:



Do not use `pygame.image.load` repeatedly on the same image within your game loop. That is not an efficient way to code. The best way to do it is to initialize it just once and use it any number of times later.

The best thing you could do is to create a string-to-surface dictionary in one centralized location. And then write a function called `get_image` that takes in a file path. If the image has been loaded already, then it returns the initialized image.

If not, it does the initialization. The beauty of this is that it is fast and it removes the clutter of initializing images at the beginning of key areas of the game logic. You can also use it to centralize the abstraction of directory separators for different operating systems. But a code snippet is worth a thousand words.

Here is the code snippet:



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```

19 while not done:
20     for event in pygame.event.get():
21         if event.type == pygame.QUIT:
22             done = True
23
24     screen.fill((255, 255, 255))
25
26     screen.blit(get_image('ball.png'), (20, 20))
27
28     pygame.display.flip()
29     clock.tick(60)
    
```

Note: Windows is not case sensitive when it comes to file names. All other major operating systems are. If your file is called ball.png and you use pygame.image.load('BALL.PNG') it will work if you are on windows. However, when you give your game to someone running on a mac or Linux, it will not work and might end up with an erroneous output.

Next up on this PyGame tutorial blog, let us check out how we can implement music and sound effects into our game.

## Sound and Music

The sound and music API's are fairly simple. Let us go through the basics and we can work our way from there.

Playing a song once:

```

1 pygame.mixer.music.load('foo.mp3')
2 pygame.mixer.music.play(0)
    
```

Playing a song infinitely:

```

1 pygame.mixer.music.load('foo.mp3')
2 pygame.mixer.music.play(-1)
    
```

The number being passed in is the number of times to repeat the song. 0 will play it once.

Calling play without a number is like calling it with 0.

```

1 pygame.mixer.music.play() # play once
    
```

Queuing a song:

```

1 pygame.mixer.music.queue('next_song.mp3')
    
```

Stopping a song:

```

1 pygame.mixer.music.stop()
    
```

The stop function will also nullify any entries in the queue.

Shuffle and repeat:

If, for example, you wanted to play randomly from a list of 5 songs, one could create a list of the songs as a global:

```

1 _songs = ['song_1.mp3', 'song_2.mp3', 'song_3.mp3', 'song_4.mp3', 'song_5.mp3']
    
```

Add a flag indicating which song is currently playing:

```

1 _currently_playing_song = None
    
```



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```
1 def play_next_song():
2     global _songs
3     _songs = _songs[1:] + [_songs[0]] # move current song to the back of the list
4     pygame.mixer.music.load(_songs[0])
5     pygame.mixer.music.play()
```

The music API is very centralized. However sounds require the creation of sound objects that you have to hold on to. Much like images. Sounds have a simple .play() method that will start playing the sound.

```
1 effect = pygame.mixer.Sound('beep.wav')
2 effect.play()
```

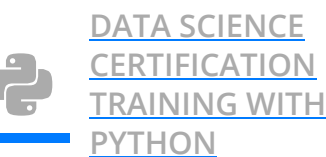
Because you can make the mistake of storing sound instances redundantly, I suggest creating a sound library much like the image library:

```
1 _sound_library = {}
2 def play_sound(path):
3     global _sound_library
4     sound = _sound_library.get(path)
5     if sound == None:
6         canonicalized_path = path.replace('/', os.sep).replace('.', os.sep)
7         sound = pygame.mixer.Sound(canonicalized_path)
8         _sound_library[path] = sound
9     sound.play()
```

There are many more features but this is really all you need to do 95% of what most games will require of you.

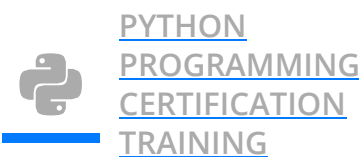
Next up on this PyGame Tutorial blog, let us look at how we can implement geometric shapes into the game.

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Geometric Drawings

Just like the mixer module, the drawing API is fairly straightforward with a few examples.

Drawing a rectangle:

```
1 pygame.draw.rect(surface, color, pygame.Rect(left, top, width, height))
```



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### Drawing a Circle:

```
1 | pygame.draw.circle(surface, color, (x, y), radius)
```



Built-in outlines are bad, really bad!

This is the first caveat you should be aware of. PyGame's method for creating "thicker" outlines for circles is to draw multiple 1-pixel outlines. In theory, it sounds okay, until you see the result:



The circle has noticeable pixel gaps in it. Even more embarrassing is the rectangle, which uses 4 line-draw calls at the desired thickness. This creates weird corners.

The way to do this for most drawing API calls is to pass in an optional last parameter which is the thickness.

```
1 | # draw a rectangle
2 | pygame.draw.rect(surface, color, pygame.Rect(10, 10, 100, 100), 10)
3 | # draw a circle
4 | pygame.draw.circle(surface, color, (300, 60), 50, 10)
```

Note: When you draw a polygon, rectangle, circle, etc, draw it filled in or with 1-pixel thickness. Everything else is not very well implemented.

### Acceptable Outlines:



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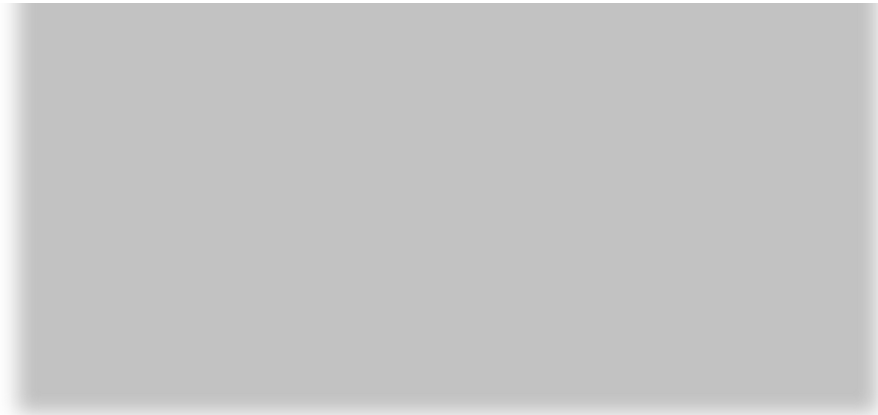


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### Drawing a Polygon:

This API is pretty straightforward. The point list is a list of tuples of x-y coordinates for the polygon.



```
1 | pygame.draw.polygon(surface, color, point_list)
```

### Drawing a line:

```
1 | pygame.draw.line(surface, color, (startX, startY), (endX, endY), width)
```

Check out this amazing 3D spinning wireframe cube created using the line method and a lot of math:



```
1 | import pygame
2 | import math
3 | import time
4 |
5 | # Ignore these 3 functions. Scroll down for the relevant code.
```



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```

23
24
25 def is_trying_to_quit(event):
26     pressed_keys = pygame.key.get_pressed()
27     alt_pressed = pressed_keys[pygame.K_LALT] or pressed_keys[pygame.K_RALT]
28     x_button = event.type == pygame.QUIT
29     altF4 = alt_pressed and event.type == pygame.KEYDOWN and event.key == pygame.K_F4
30     escape = event.type == pygame.KEYDOWN and event.key == pygame.K_ESCAPE
31     return x_button or altF4 or escape
32
33 def run_demos(width, height, fps):
34     pygame.init()
35     screen = pygame.display.set_mode((width, height))
36     pygame.display.set_caption('press space to see next demo')
37     background = create_background(width, height)
38     clock = pygame.time.Clock()
39     demos = [
40         do_rectangle_demo,
41         do_circle_demo,
42         do_horrible_outlines,
43         do_nice_outlines,
44         do_polygon_demo,
45         do_line_demo
46     ]
47     the_world_is_a_happy_place = 0
48     while True:
49         the_world_is_a_happy_place += 1
50         for event in pygame.event.get():
51             if is_trying_to_quit(event):
52                 return
53             if event.type == pygame.KEYDOWN and event.key == pygame.K_SPACE:
54                 demos = demos[1:]
55                 screen.blit(background, (0, 0))
56                 if len(demos) == 0:
57                     return
58                 demos[0](screen, the_world_is_a_happy_place)
59                 pygame.display.flip()
60                 clock.tick(fps)
61
62 # Everything above this line is irrelevant to this tutorial.
63
64 def do_rectangle_demo(surface, counter):
65     left = (counter // 2) % surface.get_width()
66     top = (counter // 3) % surface.get_height()
67     width = 30
68     height = 30
69     color = (128, 0, 128) # purple
70
71     # Draw a rectangle
72     pygame.draw.rect(surface, color, pygame.Rect(left, top, width, height))
73
74 def do_circle_demo(surface, counter):
75     x = surface.get_width() // 2
76     y = surface.get_height() // 2
77     max_radius = min(x, y) * 4 // 5
78     radius = abs(int(math.sin(counter * 3.14159 * 2 / 200) * max_radius)) + 1
79     color = (0, 140, 255) # aquamarine
80
81     # Draw a circle
82     pygame.draw.circle(surface, color, (x, y), radius)
83
84 def do_horrible_outlines(surface, counter):
85     color = (255, 0, 0) # red
86
87     # draw a rectangle
88     pygame.draw.rect(surface, color, pygame.Rect(10, 10, 100, 100), 10)
89
90     # draw a circle
91     pygame.draw.circle(surface, color, (300, 60), 50, 10)
92
93 def do_nice_outlines(surface, counter):
94     color = (0, 128, 0) # green
95
96     # draw a rectangle

```



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```

115
116 def do_polygon_demo(surface, counter):
117     color = (255, 255, 0) # yellow
118
119     num_points = 8
120     point_list = []
121     center_x = surface.get_width() // 2
122     center_y = surface.get_height() // 2
123     for i in range(num_points * 2):
124         radius = 100
125         if i % 2 == 0:
126             radius = radius // 2
127         ang = i * 3.14159 / num_points + counter * 3.14159 / 60
128         x = center_x + int(math.cos(ang) * radius)
129         y = center_y + int(math.sin(ang) * radius)
130         point_list.append((x, y))
131     pygame.draw.polygon(surface, color, point_list)
132
133 def rotate_3d_points(points, angle_x, angle_y, angle_z):
134     new_points = []
135     for point in points:
136         x = point[0]
137         y = point[1]
138         z = point[2]
139         new_y = y * math.cos(angle_x) - z * math.sin(angle_x)
140         new_z = y * math.sin(angle_x) + z * math.cos(angle_x)
141         y = new_y
142         # isn't math fun, kids?
143         z = new_z
144         new_x = x * math.cos(angle_y) - z * math.sin(angle_y)
145         new_z = x * math.sin(angle_y) + z * math.cos(angle_y)
146         x = new_x
147         z = new_z
148         new_x = x * math.cos(angle_z) - y * math.sin(angle_z)
149         new_y = x * math.sin(angle_z) + y * math.cos(angle_z)
150         x = new_x
151         y = new_y
152         new_points.append([x, y, z])
153     return new_points
154
155 def do_line_demo(surface, counter):
156     color = (0, 0, 0) # black
157     cube_points = [
158         [-1, -1, 1],
159         [-1, 1, 1],
160         [1, 1, 1],
161         [1, -1, 1],
162         [-1, -1, -1],
163         [-1, 1, -1],
164         [1, 1, -1],
165         [1, -1, -1]]
166
167     connections = [
168         (0, 1),
169         (1, 2),
170         (2, 3),
171         (3, 0),
172         (4, 5),
173         (5, 6),
174         (6, 7),
175         (7, 4),
176         (0, 4),
177         (1, 5),
178         (2, 6),
179         (3, 7)
180     ]
181
182     t = counter * 2 * 3.14159 / 60 # this angle is 1 rotation per second
183
184     # rotate about x axis every 2 seconds
185     # rotate about y axis every 4 seconds
186     # rotate about z axis every 6 seconds
187     points = rotate_3d_points(cube_points, t / 2, t / 4, t / 6)

```



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```
206 | run_demos(400, 300, 60)
```

Next up on this PyGame Tutorial blog, let us look at how we can work with Fonts and Text.

## Fonts And Text

If you're looking for the quick answer on how to render text, here it is:

```
1  import pygame
2
3  pygame.init()
4  screen = pygame.display.set_mode((640, 480))
5  clock = pygame.time.Clock()
6  done = False
7
8  font = pygame.font.SysFont("comicsansms", 72)
9
10 text = font.render("Hello, World", True, (0, 128, 0))
11
12 while not done:
13     for event in pygame.event.get():
14         if event.type == pygame.QUIT:
15             done = True
16         if event.type == pygame.KEYDOWN and event.key == pygame.K_ESCAPE:
17             done = True
18
19     screen.fill((255, 255, 255))
20     screen.blit(text,
21                 (320 - text.get_width() // 2, 240 - text.get_height() // 2))
22
23     pygame.display.flip()
24     clock.tick(60)
```



But of course, there's a few things not ideal about this.



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```
1 | font = pygame.font.Font("myresources/fonts/Papyrus.ttf", 26)
```

Using any combination of the above, you can write a better font creation function. For example, here's a function that takes a list of font names, a font size and will create a font instance for the first available font in the list. If none are available, it'll use the default system font.

```
1 | def make_font(fonts, size):
2 |     available = pygame.font.get_fonts()
3 |     # get_fonts() returns a list of lowercase spaceless font names
4 |     choices = map(lambda x:x.lower().replace(' ', ''), fonts)
5 |     for choice in choices:
6 |         if choice in available:
7 |             return pygame.font.SysFont(choice, size)
8 |     return pygame.font.Font(None, size)
```

You can even further improve it by caching the font instance by font name and size.

```
1 | _cached_fonts = {}
2 | def get_font(font_preferences, size):
3 |     global _cached_fonts
4 |     key = str(font_preferences) + '|' + str(size)
5 |     font = _cached_fonts.get(key, None)
6 |     if font == None:
7 |         font = make_font(font_preferences, size)
8 |         _cached_fonts[key] = font
9 |     return font
```

You can take it a step further and actually cache the rendered text itself. Storing an image is cheaper than rendering a new one, especially if you plan on having the same text show up for more than one consecutive frame. Yes. That is your plan if you want it to be readable.

```
1 | _cached_text = {}
2 | def create_text(text, fonts, size, color):
3 |     global _cached_text
4 |     key = '|'.join(map(str, (fonts, size, color, text)))
5 |     image = _cached_text.get(key, None)
6 |     if image == None:
7 |         font = get_font(fonts, size)
8 |         image = font.render(text, True, color)
9 |         _cached_text[key] = image
10 |    return image
```

Putting all of these together, here is the "Hello, World" code but with improved code:



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```

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20     return font
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26     image = _cached_text.get(key, None)
27     if image == None:
28         font = get_font(fonts, size)
29         image = font.render(text, True, color)
30         _cached_text[key] = image
31     return image
32
33 pygame.init()
34 screen = pygame.display.set_mode((640, 480))
35 clock = pygame.time.Clock()
36 done = False
37
38 font_preferences = [
39     "Bizarre-Ass Font Sans Serif",
40     "They definitely dont have this installed Gothic",
41     "Papyrus",
42     "Comic Sans MS"]
43
44 text = create_text("Hello, World", font_preferences, 72, (0, 128, 0))
45
46 while not done:
47     for event in pygame.event.get():
48         if event.type == pygame.QUIT:
49             done = True
50         if event.type == pygame.KEYDOWN and event.key == pygame.K_ESCAPE:
51             done = True
52
53     screen.fill((255, 255, 255))
54     screen.blit(text,
55         (320 - text.get_width() // 2, 240 - text.get_height() // 2))
56
57     pygame.display.flip()
58     clock.tick(60)

```

Next up on this Pygame tutorial blog, we need to look at how we can consider inputs.

## Input Models

There are two basic ways to get the state of any input device. Those are checking the event queue or polling. Every time a key or button is pressed or released, or the mouse is moved, an event is added to the event queue. You must empty this event queue out each frame by either calling `pygame.event.get()` or `pygame.event.pump()`.

`pygame.event.get()` will return a list of all the events since the last time you emptied the queue. The way to handle those events depends on the type of event itself. The type of event can be checked by reading the `event.type` field. Examples of pretty much each type of common event can be seen in the extended code sample below. There are more types, but they are fairly uncommon.

The other way to check for events is to poll for the state of keys or buttons.

**`pygame.key.get_pressed()`** – This will get a list of booleans that describes the state of each keyboard key.

**`pygame.mouse.get_pos()`** – Returns the coordinates of the mouse cursor. Will return (0, 0) if the mouse hasn't moved over the screen yet.

**`pygame.mouse.get_pressed()`** – Like `pygame.key.get_pressed()`, returns the state of each mouse button. Will return a tuple of size 3 that corresponds to the left, middle, and right buttons.




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19 ctrl_held = pressed[pygame.K_LCTRL] or pressed[pygame.K_RCTRL]
20
21 for event in pygame.event.get():
22
23     # determin if X was clicked, or Ctrl+W or Alt+F4 was used
24     if event.type == pygame.QUIT:
25         return
26     if event.type == pygame.KEYDOWN:
27         if event.key == pygame.K_w and ctrl_held:
28             return
29         if event.key == pygame.K_F4 and alt_held:
30             return
31         if event.key == pygame.K_ESCAPE:
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33
34     # determine if a letter key was pressed
35     if event.key == pygame.K_r:
36         mode = 'red'
37     elif event.key == pygame.K_g:
38         mode = 'green'
39     elif event.key == pygame.K_b:
40         mode = 'blue'
41
42     if event.type == pygame.MOUSEBUTTONDOWN:
43         if event.button == 1: # left click grows radius
44             radius = min(200, radius + 1)
45         elif event.button == 3: # right click shrinks radius
46             radius = max(1, radius - 1)
47
48     if event.type == pygame.MOUSEMOTION:
49         # if mouse moved, add point to list
50         position = event.pos
51         points = points + [position]
52         points = points[-256:]
53
54     screen.fill((0, 0, 0))
55
56     # draw all points
57     i = 0
58     while i < len(points) - 1:
59         drawLineBetween(screen, i, points[i], points[i + 1], radius, mode)
60         i += 1
61
62     pygame.display.flip()
63
64     clock.tick(60)
65
66 def drawLineBetween(screen, index, start, end, width, color_mode):
67     c1 = max(0, min(255, 2 * index - 256))
68     c2 = max(0, min(255, 2 * index))
69
70     if color_mode == 'blue':
71         color = (c1, c1, c2)
72     elif color_mode == 'red':
73         color = (c2, c1, c1)
74     elif color_mode == 'green':
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76
77     dx = start[0] - end[0]
78     dy = start[1] - end[1]
79     iterations = max(abs(dx), abs(dy))
80
81     for i in range(iterations):
82         progress = 1.0 * i / iterations
83         aprogress = 1 - progress
84         x = int(aprogress * start[0] + progress * end[0])
85         y = int(aprogress * start[1] + progress * end[1])
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This isn't a PyGame-specific tutorial per-se. It's more of an application of good software design concepts. This model of doing things has served me well for many complicated games.

If you are not familiar with Object-Oriented programming in Python, familiarize yourself now.

Done? Excellent.

Here is a class definition for a SceneBase:

```

1  class SceneBase:
2  def __init__(self):
3  self.next = self
4
5  def ProcessInput(self, events):
6  print("uh-oh, you didn't override this in the child class")
7
8  def Update(self):
9  print("uh-oh, you didn't override this in the child class")
10
11 def Render(self, screen):
12 print("uh-oh, you didn't override this in the child class")
13
14 def SwitchToScene(self, next_scene):
15 self.next = next_scene

```

When you override this class, you have 3 method implementations to fill in.

- ProcessInput – This method will receive all the events that happened since the last frame.
- Update – Put your game logic in here for the scene.
- Render – Put your render code here. It will receive the main screen Surface as input.

Of course, this class needs the appropriate harness to work. Here is an example program that does something simple: It launches the PyGame pipeline with a scene that is a blank red background. When you press the ENTER key, it changes to blue.

This code may seem like overkill, but it does lots of other subtle things as well while at the same time keeps the complexity of your game logic contained into a snazzy OO model. Once you start adding more complexity to your game, this model will save you lots of time from debugging and changing code.



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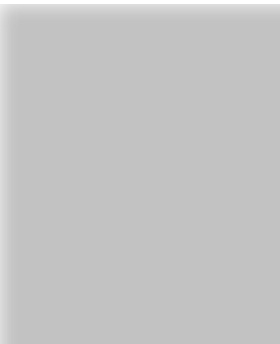
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