

GUI Development with SDL


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1. First thing you need to do is download SDL headers and binaries from :

Development Libraries:

Linux:
[SDL-devel-1.2.8-1.i386.rpm](#)
[SDL-devel-1.2.8-1.ppc.rpm](#)
<http://packages.debian.org/unstable/devel/>

Win32:
[SDL-devel-1.2.8-VC6.zip](#) (Visual C++ 5,6,7)
[SDL-devel-1.2.8-mingw32.tar.gz](#) (Mingw32) 

BeOS:
[LibPak sdl for developers package](#) (BeOS 5.0)

MacOS (Classic):
[SDL-devel-1.2.8-PPC.sea.bin](#) (MPW + CodeWarrior)

MacOS X:
[SDL-devel-1.2.8.pkg.tar.gz](#) (Project Builder + XCode)

<http://www.libsdl.org/download-1.2.php>

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2. Copy the contents of the lib subfolder to the MinGW lib folder: C:\MinGW\lib.
3. After that, open the include subfolder in the archive and extract the folder named "SDL" to the MinGW include folder: C:\MinGW\include\SDL.

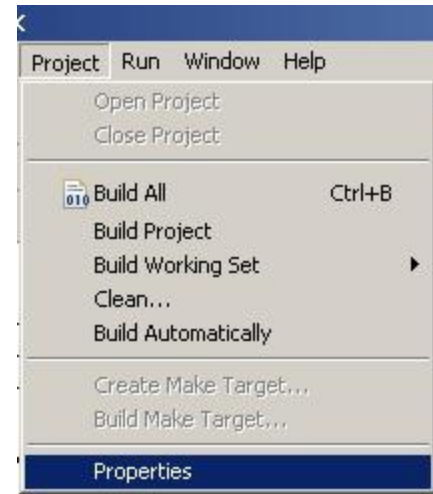
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4. Now take the SDL.dll from the archive (it should be inside the bin subfolder) and extract it.

You're going to put this in the same directory as your exe when you compile it.

5. Now start up Eclipse and start a new project.

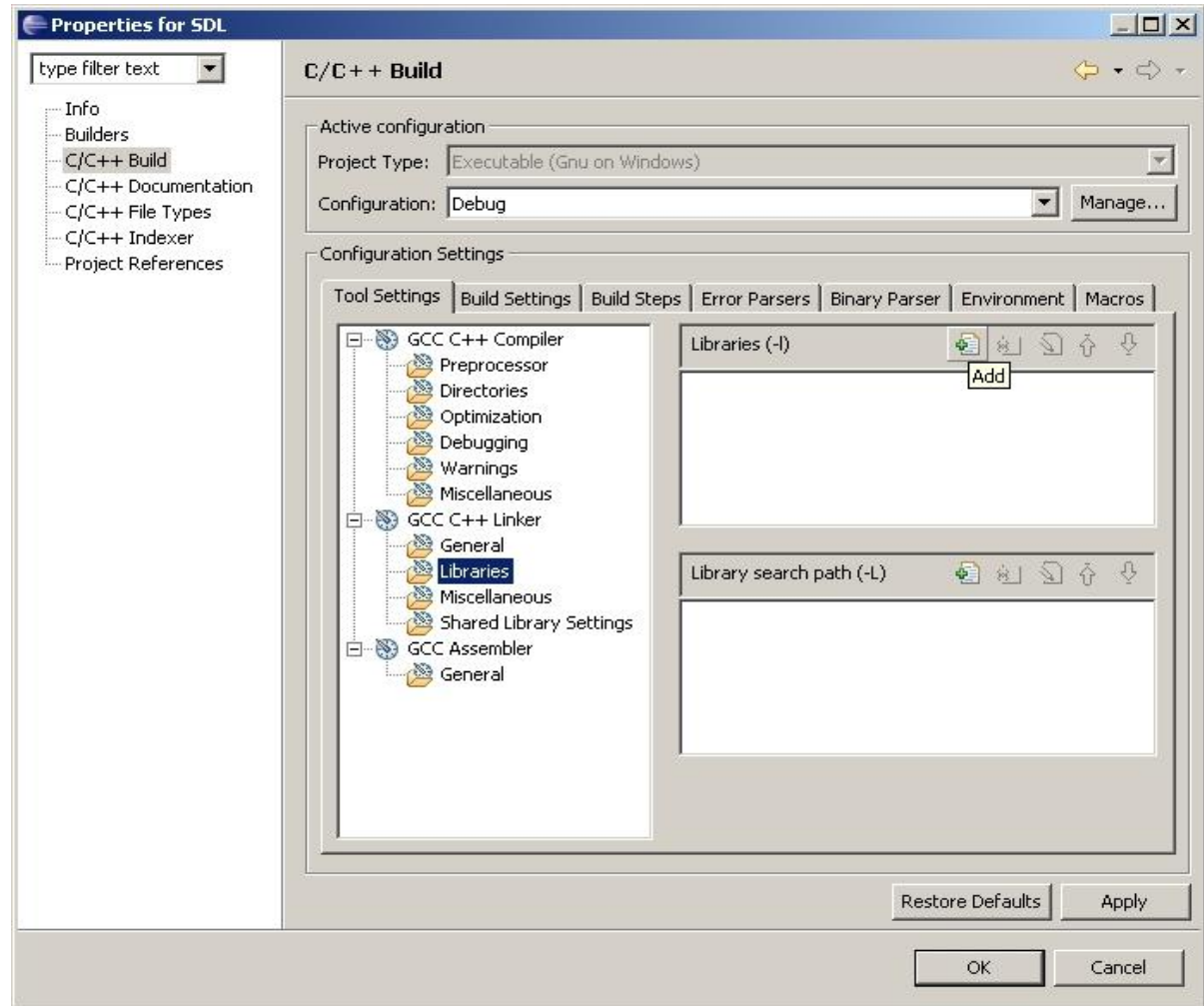
6. Go to the project properties.



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7. Go to the C/C++ Build menu, then the Libraries submenu.

In the Libraries submenu click add.



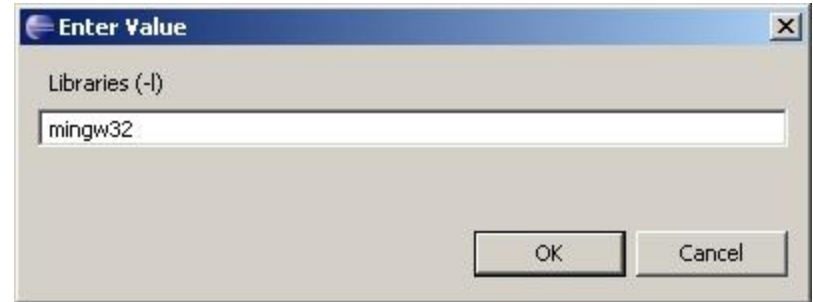
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11. Then paste in:

“mingw32” and click ok.

Do the same with:

“SDLmain” and “SDL”



Getting an Image on the Screen

- `SDL_Surface`
 - is a pointers to image
- `SDL_Init(SDL_INIT_EVERYTHING);`
 - initializes all the SDL subsystems so we can start using SDL's graphics functions.
- `SDL_SetVideoMode()`
 - set up a 640 pixel wide, 480 pixel high window that has 32 bits per pixel
- `(SDL_SWSURFACE)`
 - sets up the surface in software memory
 - returns a pointer to the window surface

Getting an Image on the Screen

- `SDL_LoadBMP()`
 - takes in a path to a bitmap file as an argument
 - returns a pointer
 - returns NULL if there was an error in loading the image
- `SDL_BlitSurface()`
 - apply image to screen
 - first argument is the surface we're using
 - third argument is the surface we're going to blit on to

Getting an Image on the Screen

- `SDL_Flip(screen)`
 - update screen
- `SDL_Delay(2000)`
 - pause from 2000 milliseconds (2 seconds)
- `SDL_FreeSurface(hello);`
 - free the loaded image
- `SDL_Quit()`
 - quit SDL

```
1⊕ /*This source code copyrighted by Lazy Foo' Productions (2004-2013)␣
3
4 //Include SDL functions and datatypes
5 #include "SDL/SDL.h"
6
7⊖ int main( int argc, char* args[] )
8 {
9     //The images
10    SDL_Surface* hello = NULL;
11    SDL_Surface* screen = NULL;
12
13    //Start SDL
14    SDL_Init( SDL_INIT_EVERYTHING );
15
16    //Set up screen
17    screen = SDL_SetVideoMode( 640, 480, 32, SDL_SWSURFACE );
18
19    //Load image
20    hello = SDL_LoadBMP( "hello.bmp" );
21
22    //Apply image to screen
23    SDL_BlitSurface( hello, NULL, screen, NULL );
24
25    //Update Screen
26    SDL_Flip( screen );
27
28    //Pause
29    SDL_Delay( 2000 );
30
31    //Free the loaded image
32    SDL_FreeSurface( hello );
33
34    //Quit SDL
35    SDL_Quit();
36
37    return 0;
38 }
```

Optimized Surface Loading and Blitting

Optimized Surface Loading and Blitting

- The attributes of the screen
 - `const int SCREEN_WIDTH = 640;`
 - `const int SCREEN_HEIGHT = 480;`
 - `const int SCREEN_BPP = 32;`
- Image loading function
 - returns a pointer to the optimized version of the loaded image
 - blit a surface onto another surface that is a different format will have to change the format on the fly which causes slow down
 - if(loadedImage != NULL)
 - If nothing went wrong in loading the image
- `SDL_DisplayFormat()`
 - creates a new version of "loadedImage" in the same format as the screen

Optimized Surface Loading and Blitting

- Surface blitting function
 - takes in the coordinates
 - surface you're going to blit
 - surface you're going to blit it to
- `SDL_Rect`
 - data type that represents a rectangle
- `SDL_BlitSurface()`
 - apply image to screen
 - first argument is the surface we're using
 - third argument is the surface we're going to blit on to
 - fourth argument holds the offsets

Optimized Surface Loading and Blitting

- When using SDL, you should always use:

```
int main( int argc, char* args[] )
```

or

```
int main( int argc, char** args )
```

- Initialize all SDL subsystems

```
if( SDL_Init( SDL_INIT_EVERYTHING ) == -1)
```

```
    return 1;
```

Optimized Surface Loading and Blitting

- If there was an error in setting up the screen

```
if( screen == NULL )
```

```
    return 1;
```

- Set the window caption

```
    SDL_WM_SetCaption( "Hello World", NULL );
```

- Update the screen

```
if( SDL_Flip( screen ) == -1 )
```

```
    return 1;
```



```
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3
4 //The headers
5 #include "SDL/SDL.h"
6 #include <string>
7
8 //The attributes of the screen
9 const int SCREEN_WIDTH = 640;
10 const int SCREEN_HEIGHT = 480;
11 const int SCREEN_BPP = 32;
12
13 //The surfaces that will be used
14 SDL_Surface *message = NULL;
15 SDL_Surface *background = NULL;
16 SDL_Surface *screen = NULL;
17
18⊖ SDL_Surface *load_image( std::string filename )
19 {
20     //Temporary storage for the image that's loaded
21     SDL_Surface* loadedImage = NULL;
22
23     //The optimized image that will be used
24     SDL_Surface* optimizedImage = NULL;
25
26     //Load the image
27     loadedImage = SDL_LoadBMP( filename.c_str() );
28
29     //If nothing went wrong in loading the image
30     if( loadedImage != NULL )
31     {
32         //Create an optimized image
33         optimizedImage = SDL_DisplayFormat( loadedImage );
34
35         //Free the old image
36         SDL_FreeSurface( loadedImage );
37     }
38
```

```
38
39 //Return the optimized image
40 return optimizedImage;
41 }
42
43 void apply_surface( int x, int y, SDL_Surface* source, SDL_Surface* destination )
44 {
45     //Make a temporary rectangle to hold the offsets
46     SDL_Rect offset;
47
48     //Give the offsets to the rectangle
49     offset.x = x;
50     offset.y = y;
51
52     //Blit the surface
53     SDL_BlitSurface( source, NULL, destination, &offset );
54 }
55
56 int main( int argc, char* args[] )
57 {
58     //Initialize all SDL subsystems
59     if( SDL_Init( SDL_INIT_EVERYTHING ) == -1 )
60     {
61         return 1;
62     }
63
64     //Set up the screen
65     screen = SDL_SetVideoMode( SCREEN_WIDTH, SCREEN_HEIGHT, SCREEN_BPP, SDL_SWSURFACE );
66
67     //If there was an error in setting up the screen
68     if( screen == NULL )
69     {
70         return 1;
71     }
72
73     //Set the window caption
74     SDL_WM_SetCaption( "Hello World", NULL );
75
76 }
```

```
75
76 //Load the images
77 message = load_image( "hello.bmp" );
78 background = load_image( "background.bmp" );
79
80 //Apply the background to the screen
81 apply_surface( 0, 0, background, screen );
82 apply_surface( 320, 0, background, screen );
83 apply_surface( 0, 240, background, screen );
84 apply_surface( 320, 240, background, screen );
85
86 //Apply the message to the screen
87 apply_surface( 180, 140, message, screen );
88
89 //Update the screen
90 if( SDL_Flip( screen ) == -1 )
91 {
92     return 1;
93 }
94
95 //Wait 2 seconds
96 SDL_Delay( 2000 );
97
98 //Free the surfaces
99 SDL_FreeSurface( message );
100 SDL_FreeSurface( background );
101
102 //Quit SDL
103 SDL_Quit();
104
105 return 0;
106 }
```

Setup SDL Extension Libraries

Setup SDL Extension Libraries

1. SDL_image is located on:

http://www.libsdl.org/projects/SDL_image/release-1.2.html

Binary:

Linux

[SDL_image-1.2.4-1.i386.rpm](#)

[SDL_image-1.2.4-1.ppc.rpm](#)

[SDL_image-devel-1.2.4-1.i386.rpm](#)

[SDL_image-devel-1.2.4-1.ppc.rpm](#)

Win32

[SDL_image-1.2.4-win32.zip](#)

[SDL_image-devel-1.2.4-VC6.zip](#) 

MacOS X

[SDL_image-1.2.4.pkg.tar.gz](#)

Setup SDL Extension Libraries

Every extension library has 3 essential parts:

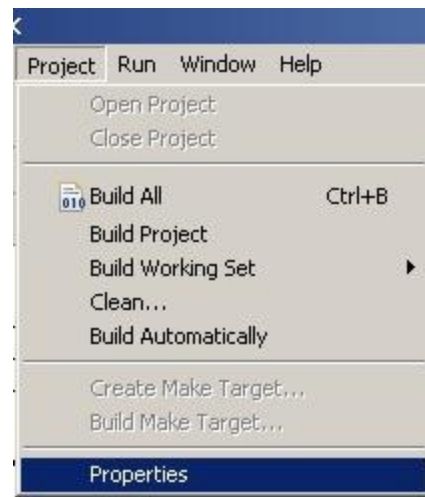
- The header file.
- The lib file.
- The *.dll file(s)

Setup SDL Extension Libraries

2. extract the header file inside to the SDL to
C:\MinGW\include\SDL
3. Copy lib folder from archive to C:\MinGW\lib
4. extract all of the *.dll file(s) from the archive and put them in the same directory as your exe

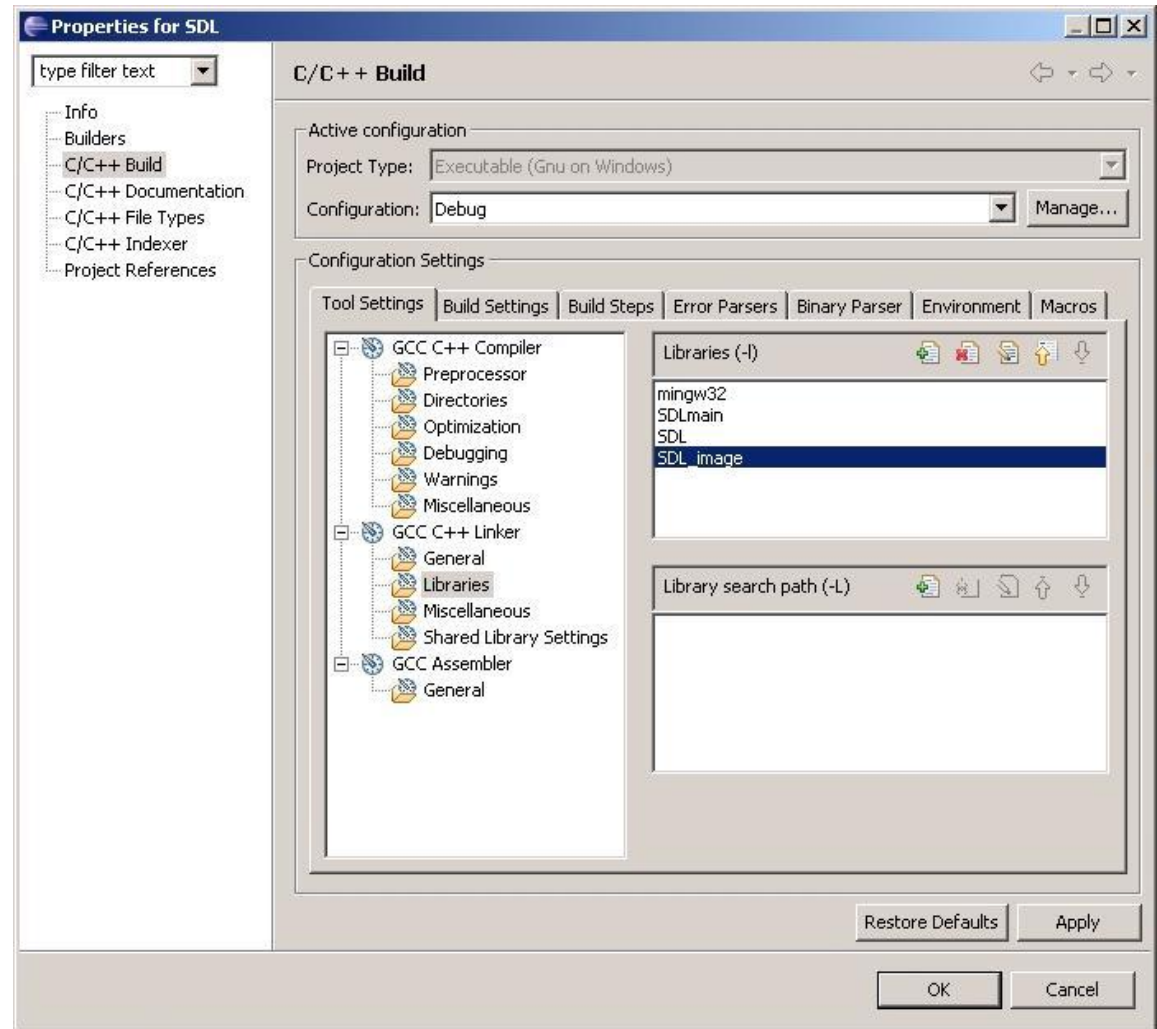
Setup SDL Extension Libraries

5. open up your SDL project and go to the project properties



Setup SDL Extension Libraries

6. In the libraries section add in:
SDL_image



Setup SDL Extension Libraries

include the header file

- #include "SDL/SDL_image.h"

IMG_Load()

- same as SDL_LoadBMP()
- can load BMP, PNM, XPM, LBM, PCX, GIF, JPEG, TGA and PNG files

Event Driven Programming

Event Driven Programming

X out the
window,
please.

Event Driven Programming

- Make sure the program waits for a quit
 - `bool quit = false;`
- `SDL_Event`
 - A `SDL_Event` structure stores event data for us to handle
- `SDL_PollEvent()`
 - take an event from the queue and sticks its data in our event structure

Event Driven Programming

```
131
132 //While the user hasn't quit
133 while( quit == false )
134 {
135     //While there's an event to handle
136     while( SDL_PollEvent( &event ) )
137     {
138         //If the user has Xed out the window
139         if( event.type == SDL_QUIT )
140         {
141             //Quit the program
142             quit = true;
143         }
144     }
145 }
146
```

Event Driven Programming

Replace

- `SDL_LoadBMP(filename.c_str())`

with

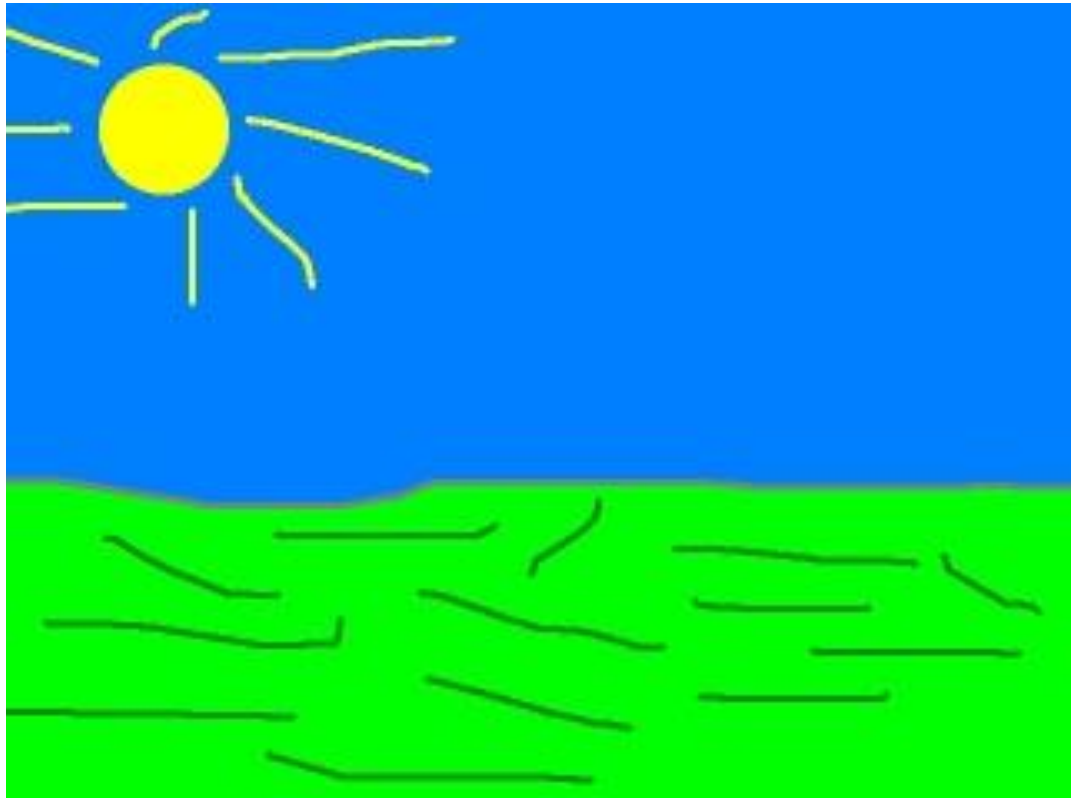
- `IMG_Load(filename.c_str())`

to load various images

Color Keying

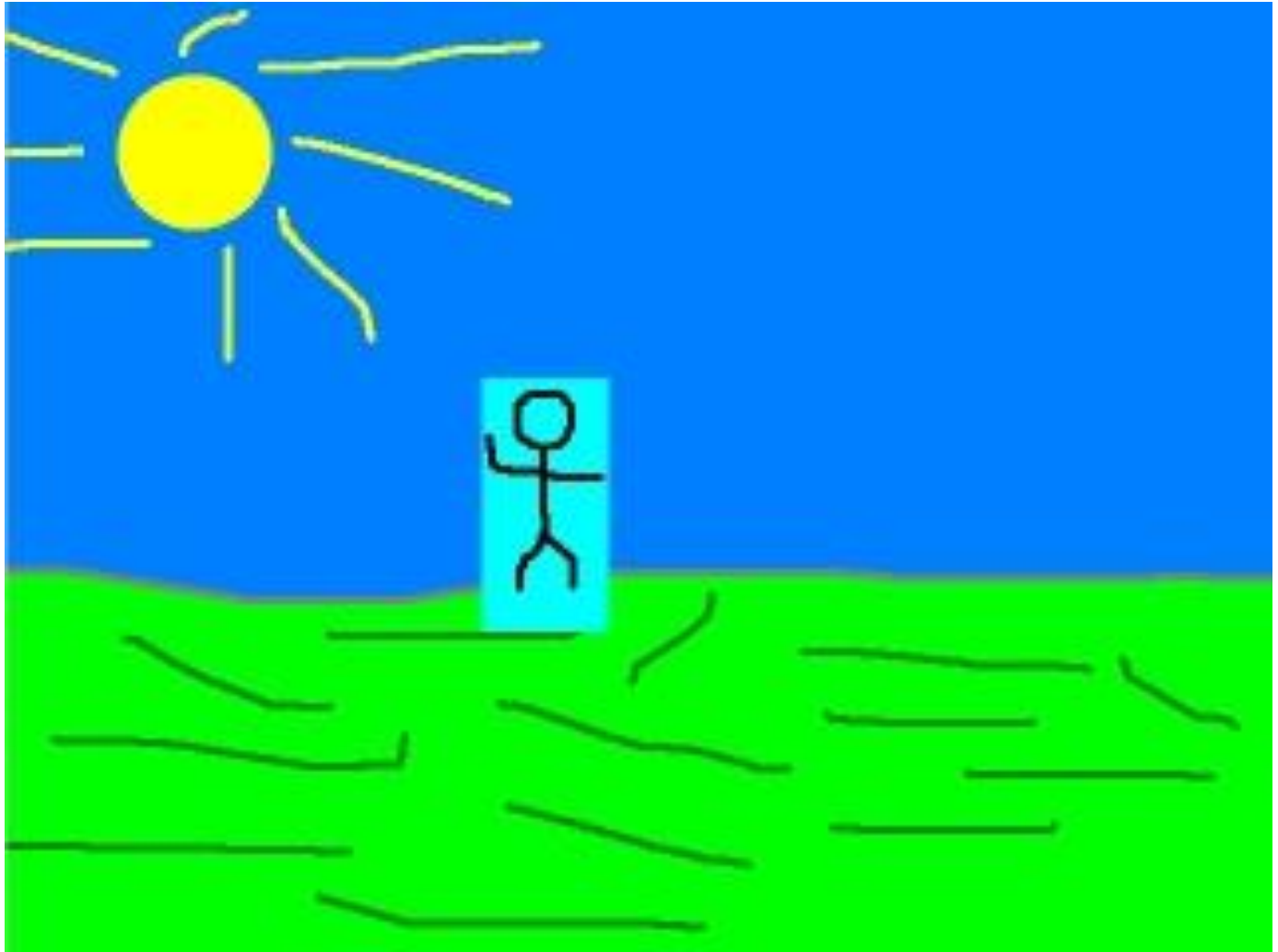
Color Keying

Say you wanted to apply this stick figure named "Foo" to this background



Color Keying

Result



Color Keying

The color key is typically set when the image is loaded

```
41
42     //If the image was optimized just fine
43     if( optimizedImage != NULL )
44     {
45         //Map the color key
46         Uint32 colorkey = SDL_MapRGB( optimizedImage->format, 0, 0xFF, 0xFF );
47
48         //Set all pixels of color R 0, G 0xFF, B 0xFF to be transparent
49         SDL_SetColorKey( optimizedImage, SDL_SRCCOLORKEY, colorkey );
50     }
51 }
52
```

Color Keying

- `SDL_MapRGB()`
 - take the red, green, and blue values and give us the pixel value back in the same format as the surface
- `SDL_SetColorKey(optimizedImage, SDL_SRCCOLORKEY, colorkey)`
 - first argument is the surface we want to set
 - second argument holds the flags we want to place, `SDL_SRCCOLORKEY` flag makes sure that we use the color key when blitting this surface onto another surface
 - third argument is the color we want to set as the color key