

p5.js

a cheat sheet
for beginners!

program structure

```
//runs once when program starts
function setup(){
  createCanvas(800,600); //width,height in pixels
}

//run continuously after setup
function draw(){
  //rendering loop
}
```

system variables

```
windowWidth / windowHeight
//width / height of window

width / height
//width / height of canvas

mouseX / mouseY
//current horizontal / vertical mouse position

pmouseX / pmouseY
//previous horizontal / vertical mouse position
```

non-visual feedback

```
print();
//report data to the output console

//double slash to comment code (program skips it)
```

color

```
fill(120); //gray: 0-255
fill(100,125,255); //r, g, b: 0-255
fill(255, 0, 0, 50); //r, g, b, alpha
fill('red'); //color string
fill('#ccc'); //3-digit hex
fill('#222222'); //6-digit hex fill
color(0, 0, 255); //p5.Color object
```

[p5 reference](#)

math

```
+ - / * //basic math operators

random(low,high); //ranged random number

random(["red", "yellow", "blue"]);
//pick one thing from an array of things

map(value, in1, in2, out1, out2);
//map a value from input range to output range
```

2d primitives

```
line(x1, y1, x2, y2);

circle(x, y, diameter);

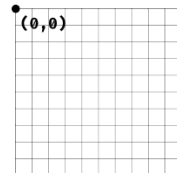
rect(x, y, width, height);

arc(x, y, width, height, start, stop);

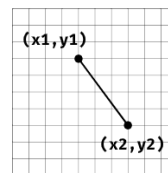
beginShape();
  vertex(x1, y1);
  vertex(x2, y2);
  vertex(x3, y3);
  //add more vertex
endShape(CLOSE);

text("string", x, y, boxwidth, boxheight);
```

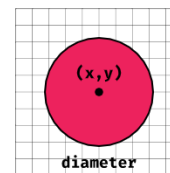
grid system



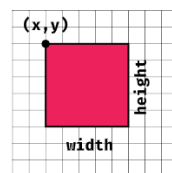
line()



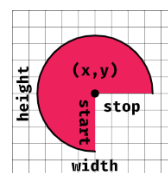
circle()



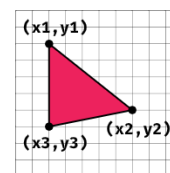
rect()



arc()



vertex()



attributes

```
background(color);
//set the background color

//These affect shapes drawn AFTER them
fill(color);
//set the fill color for next shapes

noFill();
//disables fill for next shapes

stroke(color);
//set the stroke color for next shapes

strokeWeight(weight);
//set the stroke's width in pixels

noStroke();
//disables stroke

rectMode(MODE);
//Coords are for CENTER or CORNER?

angleMode(MODE);
//DEGREES or RADIANS (default)

textSize(pixels);
```

if/then logic

```
if(test){
  //statements
} else {
  //alternative statements.
}
```

```
=== //equal to
!== //not equal
> //greater than
< //less than
>= //greater than or equal
<= //less than or equal
```

loops

```
for (let i = 0; i < 5; i++){
  //statements
}
for (let oneThing of myArrayOfThings){
  //statements
}
```