

# Turtle Graphics

Before continuing with loops, we are going to learn how to create graphical output with the **Turtle Graphics** library. Like a pencil on paper, the Turtle object leaves a line as it moves around the screen.

## Turtle Syntax

The first step is to create a Turtle object to move around the screen.

```
Turtle tina = new Turtle(); //creates a Turtle object called tina
```

Here are some basic commands to use with `tina` the Turtle object.

Command	Parameter	Description
<code>tina.forward(n)</code>	Where <code>n</code> represents the number of pixels	Move the turtle forward
<code>tina.backward(n)</code>	Where <code>n</code> represents the number of pixels	Move the turtle backward
<code>tina.right(d)</code>	Where <code>d</code> represents the number of degrees	Turn the turtle to the right
<code>tina.left(d)</code>	Where <code>d</code> represents the number of degrees	Turn the turtle to the left

## Turtle Commands

Let's try this very simple command below. Copy it into the text editor on your left and then click the `TRY IT` button to see the graphical output.

```
Turtle tina = new Turtle(0, 100); //change parameters to make tina visible  
tina.forward(100);
```

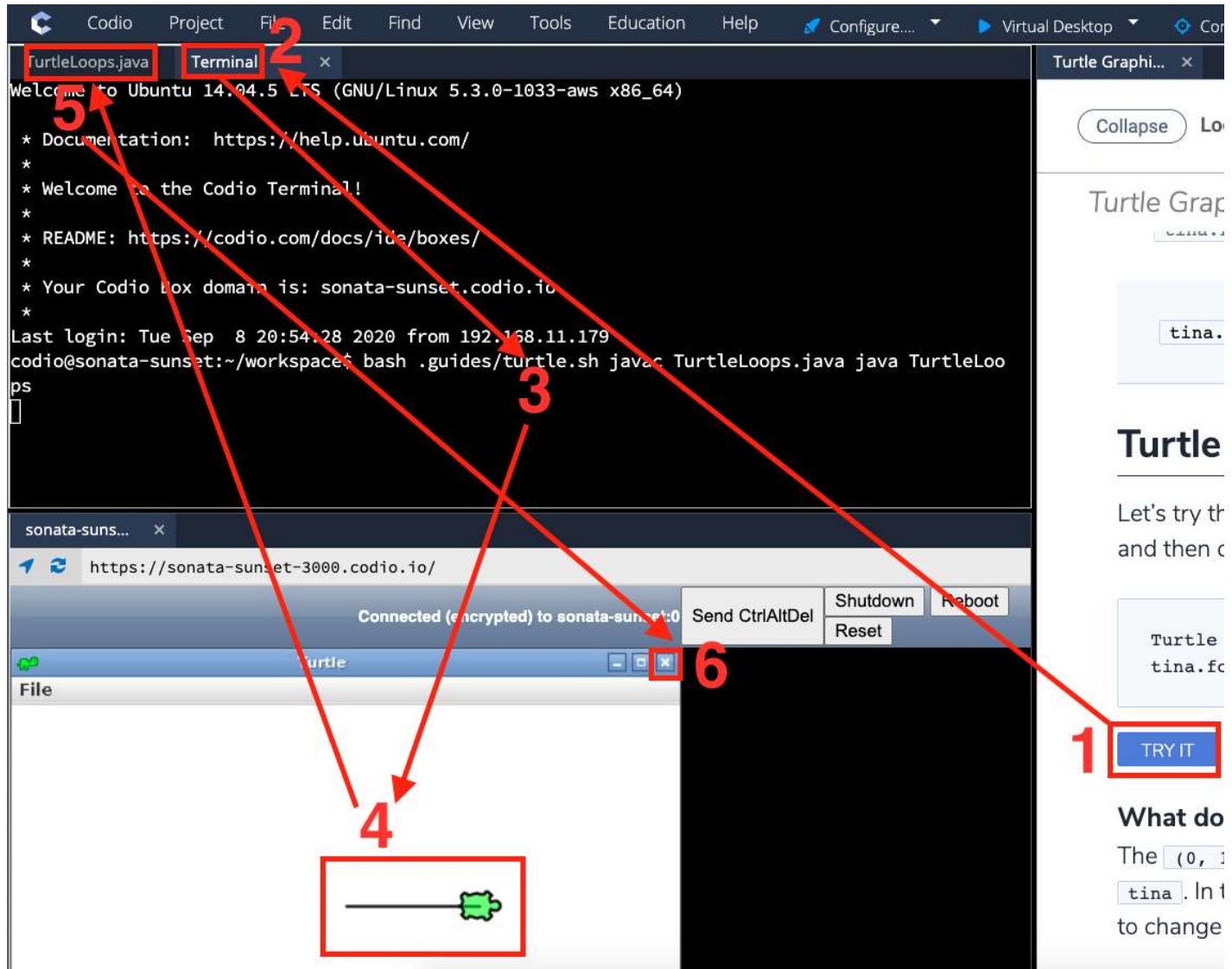
TRY IT

What does the `(0, 100)` inside `Turtle()` do?

The `(0, 100)` inside `Turtle()` enables you to set the latitude and longitude of `tina`. In the example, `tina` starts at `0` pixel latitude and `100` pixels longitude. Feel free to change these parameters so that `tina` the Turtle can be seen on your screen.

## Turtle Output

Below is an image highlighting what happens after the `TRY IT` button is clicked.



1. `TRY IT` button is clicked by the user.
2. The `Terminal` tab is opened.
3. The terminal runs the command to compile the program and to display the graphical output.
4. The output is displayed as a canvas on the bottom left panel.
5. Click on the `TurtleLoops.java` tab to go back to the text editor if you want to make changes to the program.
6. Click on the `x` icon to close the canvas and exit the program. Alternatively, you can also press the `Ctrl` and `z` keys (Windows) or the `control` and `z` keys (Mac).

## Recognizing For Loop Pattern

Given the following code snippet:

```
tina.forward(100);  
tina.right(90);  
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tina.right(90);
```

Select **all** of the following that will produce the same output as the code above using a `for` loop?

```
for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++) {  
    tina.forward(100);  
    tina.right(90);  
}
```

```
for (int i = 1; i < 4; i++) {  
    tina.forward(100);  
    tina.right(90);  
}
```

```
for (int i = 1; i < 5; i++) {  
    tina.forward(100);  
    tina.right(90);  
}
```

```
for (int i = 20; i < 24; i++) {  
    tina.forward(100);  
    tina.right(90);  
}
```

All of the choices above are correct **except** choice #2. It's important to recognize that the `tina.forward(100);` and `tina.right(90);` commands occur exactly **four** times. Thus, a loop that iterates those commands four times is needed. While all of the choices have a loop header that runs four times, choice #2 has a header that only runs **three** times and is therefore incorrect.