

## This Seems Simple, No?

Earlier, we looked at an example where we drew a simple four-sided shape. The `canvas` code for that looked as follows:

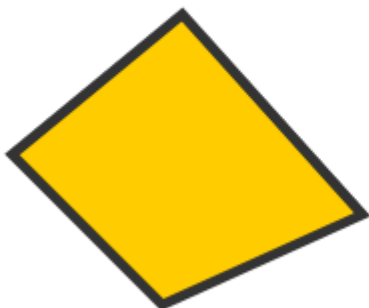
HTML

JavaScript

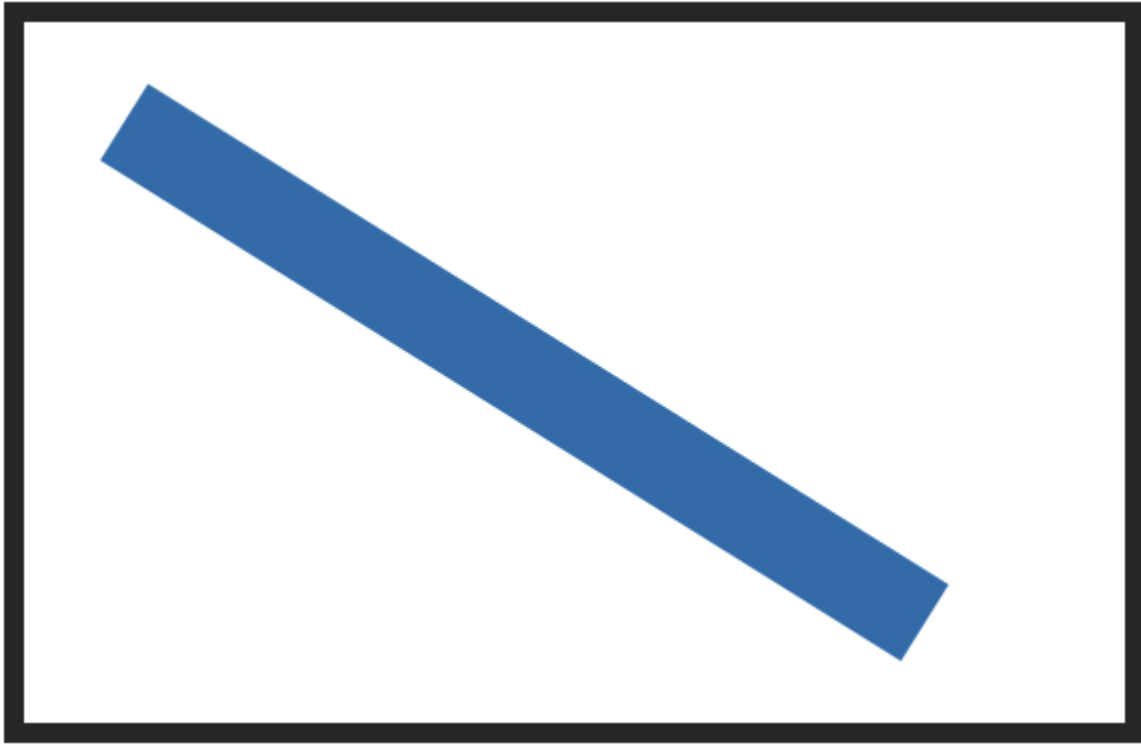
```
1 var canvas = document.querySelector("#myCanvas");
2 var context = canvas.getContext("2d");
3
4 context.moveTo(160, 130);
5 context.lineTo(75, 200);
6 context.lineTo(150, 275);
7 context.lineTo(250, 230);
8 context.closePath();
9
10 context.lineWidth = 5;
11 context.strokeStyle = "#333333";
12 context.fillStyle = "#FFCC00";
13
14 context.fill();
15 context.stroke();
```

javascript

output



Now, let's say that we want to add another shape to what we have here. The shape we want looks something like this:

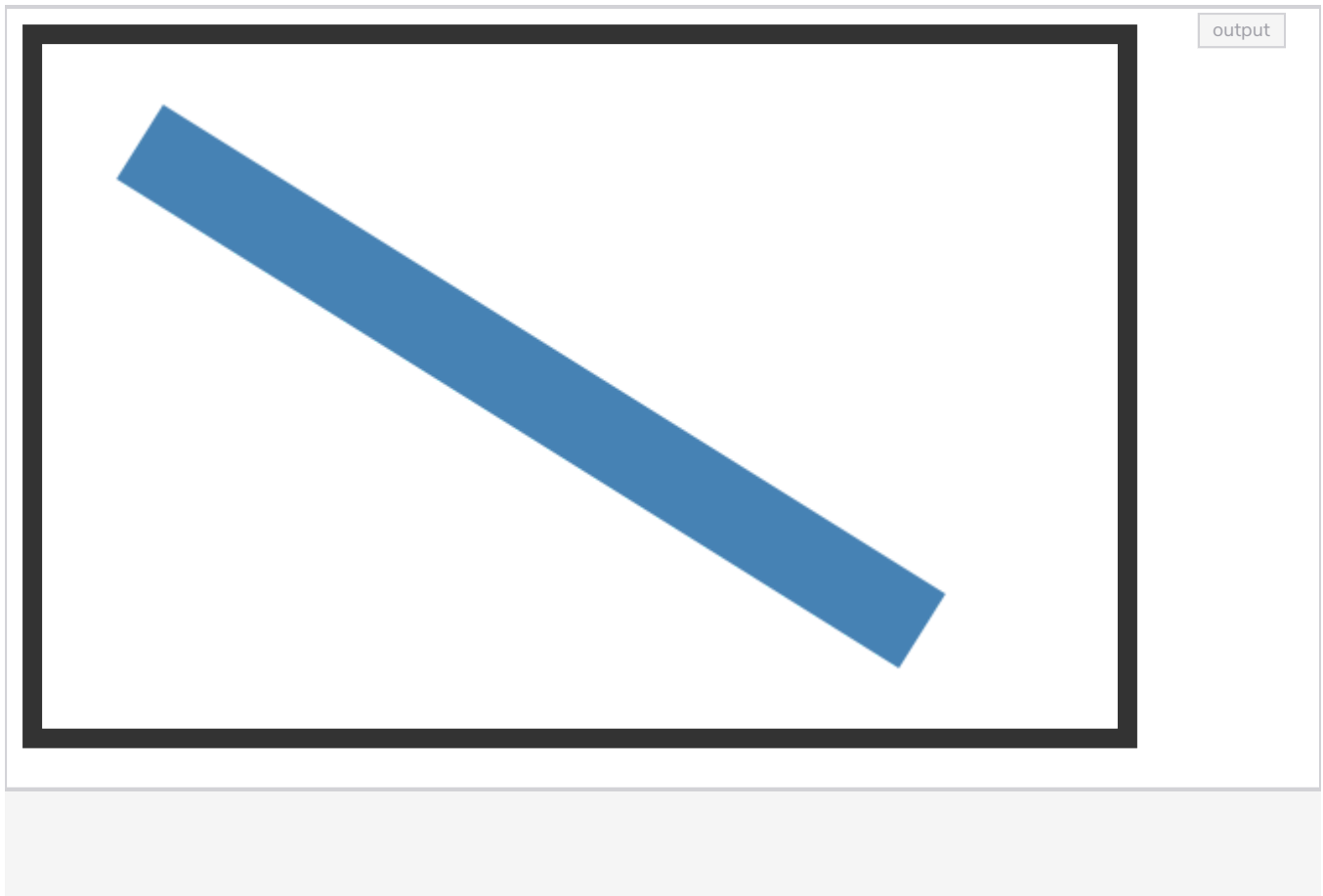


In code, it is represented as follows:

HTML JavaScript

```
1 var canvas = document.querySelector("#myCanvas");
2 var context = canvas.getContext("2d");
3
4 context.moveTo(50, 50);
5 context.lineTo(450, 300);
6 context.closePath();
7
8 context.lineWidth = 45;
9 context.strokeStyle = "steelblue";
10
11 context.fill();
12 context.stroke();
13
```

javascript



What do you think we should do to combine these shapes? One thing we learned from earlier is that the `stroke()` and `fill()` methods act as the big red button you push to get things displayed on our screen. One reasonable attempt might be to keep the common `stroke()` and `fill()` methods from earlier and merge in the lines of code that represent our diagonal line.

On the surface, this seems like a reasonable thing to do. The first part of the code deals with the four-sided shape and what it looks like. The second (and highlighted) part deals with our diagonal line and what it looks like. In my mind, this seems like a solid solution!

When we preview this in our browser, this is what you will see:

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1 var canvas = document.querySelector("#myCanvas");
2 var context = canvas.getContext("2d");
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4 context.moveTo(160, 130);
5 context.lineTo(75, 200);
6 context.lineTo(150, 275);
7 context.lineTo(250, 230);
8 context.closePath();
9
```

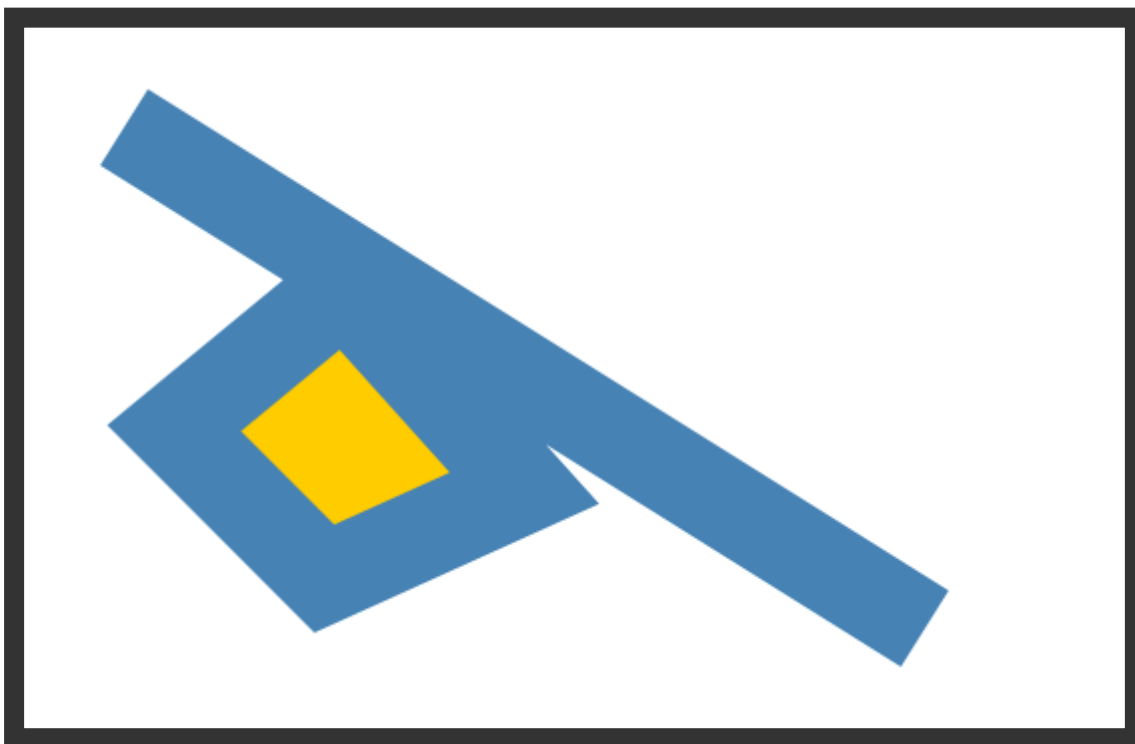
javascript

```

9
10 context.lineWidth = 5;
11 context.strokeStyle = "#333";
12 context.fillStyle = "#FFCC00";
13
14 context.moveTo(50, 50);
15 context.lineTo(450, 300);
16 context.closePath();
17
18 context.lineWidth = 45;
19 context.strokeStyle = "steelblue";
20
21 context.fill();
22 context.stroke();
23

```

output



Not quite what we had in mind, right? Ok, so it turns out merging the relevant lines of code under one single `stroke` and `fill` call didn't work out properly. What if we decide to keep the code for these shapes separate and have duplicate stroke/fill calls for each shape?

The code for that would look like this:

HTML JavaScript

```

1 var canvas = document.querySelector("#myCanvas");

```

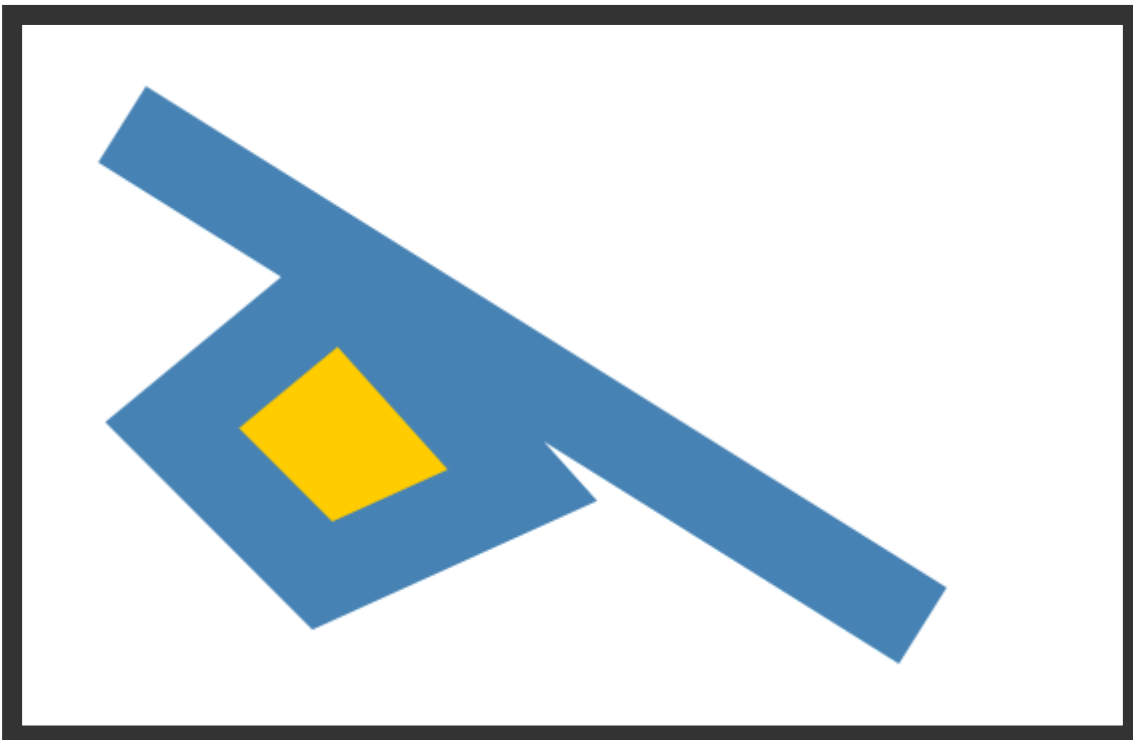
javascript

```

2 var context = canvas.getContext("2d");
3
4 // first shape
5 context.moveTo(160, 130);
6 context.lineTo(75, 200);
7 context.lineTo(150, 275);
8 context.lineTo(250, 230);
9 context.closePath();
10
11 context.lineWidth = 5;
12 context.strokeStyle = "#333";
13 context.fillStyle = "#FFCC00";
14
15 context.fill();
16 context.stroke();
17
18 // second shape
19 context.moveTo(50, 50);
20 context.lineTo(450, 300);
21 context.closePath();
22
23 context.lineWidth = 45;
24 context.strokeStyle = "steelblue";
25
26 context.stroke();
27

```

output



If you try this arrangement and preview in your browser, what do you see?  
**It's exactly the same thing as the weird jumble of shapes you saw earlier.**

What do you think is going on? Let's figure this out in the next section.

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