Intro to Python Graphics
Hello, Turtle Graphics!
Turtle Graphics

- Turtle graphics is a method of programming “vector” graphics using a relative cursor upon a Cartesian plane.

- Python has a built-in module that supports turtle graphics called the “turtle” module. Importing this module gives you access to all the turtle graphics functions you will need to draw vector graphics on the screen.

- In turtle graphics, you control a cursor, also known as a “turtle”. It has the following properties:
  - A position in 2D space
  - An orientation, or heading
  - A pen that can lay down color on the canvas.
Setting up your turtle environment

import turtle

# set a title for your canvas window
turtle.title("My Awesome Turtle Animation")

# set up the screen size (in pixels - 425 x 425)
# set the starting point of the turtle (0, 0)
turtle.setup(425, 425, 0, 0)
IMPORTANT NOTE!

- Do not name your Python source code file “turtle.py”
- This will prevent Python from finding the correct “turtle.py” module when you use the “import turtle” statement at the top of your program
Getting rid of the turtle window

- This function call will cause your turtle window to deactivate when you click on it. Place it at the end of your program.

```python
turtle.exitonclick()
```
The Turtle Canvas
Basic Drawing

- You can move your turtle forward by using the following command:
  
  `turtle.forward(pixels)`

- And you can have your turtle turn by using the following commands:
  
  `turtle.right(degrees)`
  `turtle.left(degrees)`

- Your turtle will continually “paint” while it’s moving.
Programming Challenge: Draw a Box!
Programming Challenge: Draw an Pentagon!
Programming Challenge: Draw an Octagon!
Programming Challenge: Polygon Function

- Write a function that allows you to draw a custom polygon. Your function should take two arguments – the number of sides you wish to draw and the length of a given side.
Moving your turtle

- You can cause your turtle to move to any coordinate on the screen by using the `turtle.goto()` function along with the x,y coordinate you wish to move to. Example:

  ```python
  turtle.goto(50,50)
  ```

- Note that your pen will continue to draw as you move your turtle to a new position.

- You can tell the turtle to stop drawing by using the `turtle.penup()` function. You can tell it to start drawing again by using the `turtle.pendown()` function.
Programming Challenge: Four Squares
Programming Challenge: four pentagons
Programming Challenge: Random Squares
Programming Challenge: Random Rotated Squares
Pen Color

- By default your turtle will draw solid black lines on the canvas
- You can change this behavior by calling the `turtle.pencolor()` function
- This function takes one argument – a color value.
- The color value can be a standard Red Green Blue (RGB) color code. Here’s an example:

  ```python
  # sets the pen color to red
turtle.pencolor("#FF0000")
  
  # sets the pen color to blue
turtle.pencolor("#0000FF")
  ```
RGB Color

- RGB color codes define how much red, green and blue should be mixed into a given color

- They are divided into three channels – one for red, one for green and one for blue, in that order

- They usually start with the “#” sign

- The first two characters in a color string signify how much red goes into the color

- The second two signify how much green

- And the third set signifies how much blue
RGB Color

- RGB uses a number system called “hexadecimal”

- Hexadecimal (or “hex”) is a base 16 number system. This means it uses 16 “digits” to represent numbers

- Counting in hex:
  - 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,A,B,C,D,E,F,10
  - 11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,1A,1B,1C,1D,1E,1F,20
RGB Color

- #000000  # no red, green or blue – all black
- #FFFFFF  # full red, green and blue – all white
- #FF0000  # all red
- #00FF00  # all green
- #0000FF  # all blue
**RGB Color Resources**

- Web based color tools:
  - [http://cloford.com/resources/colours/500col.htm](http://cloford.com/resources/colours/500col.htm)
  - [http://www.colr.org/](http://www.colr.org/)
  - [http://colorschemedesigner.com/](http://colorschemedesigner.com/)

- Macs: use your digital color meter application!
Programming Challenge: RGB Squares
Creating filled shapes

- If you are drawing closed polygons you can tell Python to fill them with an RGB color by calling the `turtle.fillcolor()` function. This function takes one argument – a color value.

- Next, you need to call the `turtle.begin_fill()` function to tell Python to start filling in your shape. You would call this function just before you start drawing your shape.

- At the end of your shape you can use the `turtle.end_fill()` to tell Python to stop filling in your shape.
Programming Challenge: Filled RGB Squares
Programming Challenge: Line of filled squares
Programming Challenge: Line of filled squares getting bigger
Programming Challenge: Rotated Filled Squares