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Where innovation starts

Processing: After the course

- Use the processing environment and:
- create programs ... that run
- ... that draw pictures
- that display animations
- ... that display interactive animations
- ... that animate interactive objects
- last but not least: make all of these work together as you like ... great freedom to create



After 1st lesson: What should you understand?

- Why processing (and programming in general) is interesting and important for you as a designer
- What syntax is ?
- What expressions are?
- What types are ?
- What semantics is? How to look it up?
- How to think about programs. (a little)

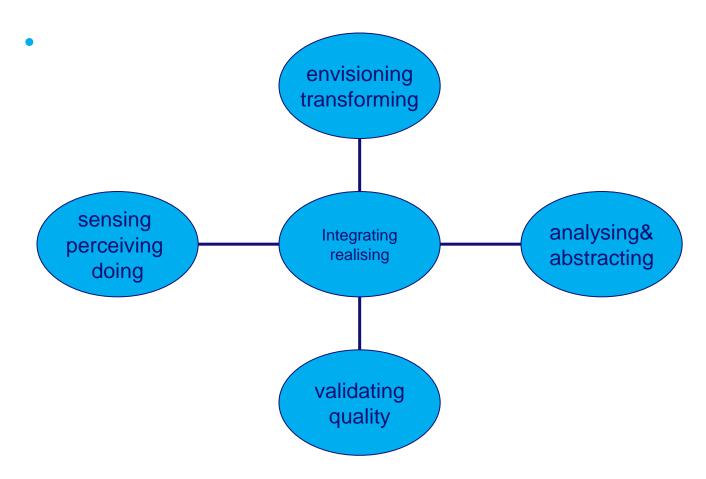


Before you start ... Experience some Examples

- Open menu:
- File | Examples | 3D and OpenGL | Form |
- run: <u>CubicGrid</u>
- Open menu:
- File|Examples|Topics|Interaction|
- run: follow 1
- run: follow 2
- run: follow 3



Design Process: integrate various skills





A little experiment ...

Look at the chart: saythe Color not the word

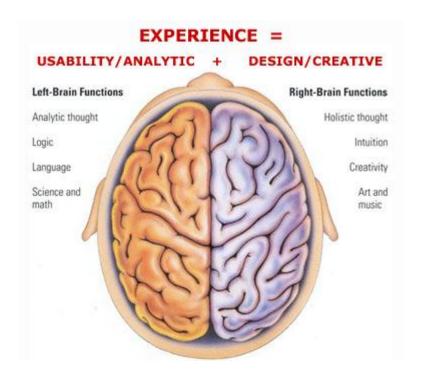
Black Blue Green
White Green Red
Green Aqua Yellow
Yellow Pink Tan
Red Yellow White

Example produces a Left\Right brain conflict

The right brain tries to say the color The left brain tries to read the color http://OfficeSpam.ChattaBlogs.com



Need to integrate Left & Right brain





Left versus Right

- abstract objects that are represented in language are easy to change and to duplicate but are not immediately graspable or visible, and cannot be placed in the relevant context
- concrete objects that are created in matter can be inspected and manipulated easier, but are more difficult to change and to duplicate.

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We want best of both worlds

- define and create objects through language
- grasp and inspect objects through senses.
- Processing can execute abstract instructions in a computer language and translate these into something that you can experience through the senses.



Programming languages: How does it work?

- processing is an <u>imperative</u> language: that means you use the language to give <u>commands</u>
- The computer creates the application by executing the commands one after the other ... it is a sequential language
- compare with written music : parallel (orchestra)
- can also be done in programs ...very difficult.



Lets Start ...

- Click on the processing icon ...
- Window opens with: run, stop and new,open,save,export. export makes applets.



First program "Hello you"

```
print("hello you");
print("hello ");
print("you");
print(5*3);
print("We count"+ 2+1+5+10 + "characters");
print("We count"+ (2+1+5+10) + "characters");
```

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Correctness: 3 Levels

- Syntax (language form): wellformed grammatical expressions: orders of brackets, semicolons, operators, letters and numbers.
- Types (kinds of things): distinghuish apples from oranges
- Semantics (meaning): does the program do what you want?



Syntax: wellformed or not? Try some examples ...

```
ggg");
print("hhhh
print("a"); print("b");
• print(8); {print(8); } ; {{{print(8); }}};
print("hello you)";
 // this is just a comment .....

    print("jjjhhh)")) -> syntax error: semi expected found)

    print("a") print("b")
    → syntax error: semicolon missing ...

  commands can contain expressions ....
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Expressions can be nested ...

- 3*4
- sin(3*4)
- sin(3* tan(5) / exp(sin(cos(0.45454))))
- "abcd"+"efgh"
- "abcd" + ("ef" + "gh")



Types

String "hhhheeeee" "aaa"+ "nnbn99 bnb"

• int 8 9* 97978787 1-9988989

- float 2333,5555
- sin(-3 * 5677.455)
- 3.4e+38
- (to be continued ..)



SEMANTICS

The meaning of the command; this may depend on type.

```
print(8 + 8 );
print("8 + 8 ");
print("Hello");
print("I count"+ 1+1+5+10 + "characters");
print("I count"+ (1+1+5+10) + "characters");
```

(to be continued)



How to think about commands:

- setting up a picture, or later a stage, using predefined primitives
- first start with a static picture:
- create empty picture with command "size":
- size(200,200);
- Next: specify what you put where:
- you can use various standard primitives with parameters:
- point(20,45)
- line(0,0,100,150)



Example ...

- go to menu:
- Example Basics Form
- run: <u>PointsLines</u>

- what is semantics (meaning)
- of : stroke(153) ?
- background(0)?



Semantics

- To find the meaning look for the (informal) specifications..
- doubleclick on "stroke" to find out ...
- choose : find in reference
- doubleclick on "background" to find out ...
- these commands specify drawing parameters



Specify drawing parameters ...

- stroke(255) 255 = white 0 = black in between are shade of gray ..
- background(200,23,130); (e.g. you can also use color)
- nostroke() ...etc various primitives

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Also two dimensional shapes are possible ...

- rect(20,20,60,120);
- ellipse(50,50,30,99);

- Example | Basics | Form |
- run: <u>ShapePrimitives</u>



Interactive drawings

```
create a <u>stage</u> with :
void setup() {
size(200, 200);
}
```

- the you can draw ... continuously ...with the draw command ..
- For example ...



Interactive drawings

```
void setup() {
   size(200, 200);
   smooth();
                  // makes forms smoother
   strokeWeight(2); //how thick lines are
   stroke(255);
                    //color of lines (white)
  void draw() {
    background(mouseX,mouseY, 80); // background color
    line(200, 0, mouseX, mouseY);
    line(mouseX,mouseY, 0, 200);
```



Final remark : Style ...

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- proper indentation
- comprehensible comments
- (using autoformat in Tools menu?)

- balanced pictures ...
- beautiful movements ...

