

Graphics in C++

The Text Screen

- The text screen contains 25 lines with a capacity of holding 80 columns of textual characters.
- 80 X 25 = 2,000 positions
- But there are actually over 2,000 positions on a display screen.
- The screen consists of pixels (picture elements) that it uses to represent the textual characters and symbols.

Graphics Setup

- Here are the steps that you need to follow to use "Borland Style Graphics" source code in Dev C++:
 - 1. Tell the compiler that graphics commands will be used.
 - 2. Initialize the Graphics Screen
 - 3. Close the graphics screen after you have finished drawing your graphics.

Graphics Setup 2

- To tell the compiler that graphics commands will be used, include the preprocessor directive: #include <graphics.h>
- To initialize the graphics screen initwindow(640,480);
- After you are finished drawing, you need to use the while(!kbhit()); command to leave the picture on the screen, or use cin.get();
- The last choice requires: #include <iostream.h>
- Then close the graphics screen, using: closegraph();

Fundamentals of Graphics

- The Graphics Screen.
- Color Options.
- Graphics Mode.
- Drawing Lines
- Line Style
- Clearing the Screen.
- Plotting Points.

The Graphics Screen

- If you have a VGA graphics card or better in your computer, then the graphics screen has 640 pixels across and 480 pixels down.
- 640 X 480 = 307,200 pixels
- The upper left corner is position (0, 0)
- The lower right corner is position (639, 479)
- Remember, the computer starts counting with zero.



The Graphics Screen Dimensions



Background Color Options

- You can select the color of the background.
- This is done before drawing anything in the foreground (otherwise your drawing will disappear.)
- To select the background color use the command: setbkcolor(number);
 - Where (number) is a numeric constant from 0 through 15, or the symbolic constant that represents the color.

Color Options

- You select a foreground or "drawing" color by using the following command: setcolor(number);
 - Where (number) is a numeric constant from 0 through 15, or the symbolic constant that represents the color.

Color Names

Here are the color numbers and names:

- 0 = BLAC 8 = DARKGRAY
- 1 = BLUE 9 = LIGHTBLUE
- 2 = GREEN 10 = LIGHTGREEN
- 3 = CYAN 11 = LIGHTCYAN
- 4 = RED 12 = LIGHTRED
- 5 = MAGENTA 13 = LIGHTMAGENTA
- 6 = BROWN 14 = YELLOW
- 7 = LIGHTGRAY 15 = WHITE

Drawing Lines

- The Current Pointer: The current pointer is an invisible pointer that keeps track of the current pixel position. It is the equivalent of the visible cursor in text mode.
- To move the pointer to a location on the graph without drawing anything, use the command:

moveto (X,Y);

• This is like PenUp (PU) in LOGO



- To draw lines from the current pointer's position to another point on the graph, use the command:

lineto (X,Y);

• This is like PenDown (PD) in LOGO or SetXY (x, y)

Graphics Figures

- Lines
- Rectangles
- Circles
- Arcs
- Ellipses
- Points

Lines, The Easy Way

- Instead of using the commands: moveto and lineto, we can draw a line using one command:
 - line(x1, y1, x2, y2);
- The points (x1, y1) describe the beginning of the line, while (x2, y2) describes the endpoint of the line.
- The numbers x1, y1, x2, y2 are integers.

Rectangles

Rectangles can be drawn in different ways using lineto, moveto, moverel, and linerel. But an easier and faster way is using the Rectangle procedure which draws a rectangle in the default color and line style with the upper left at X1, Y1 and lower right X2, Y2. rectangle (x1, y1, x2, y2);

Circles

Circles can be drawn using the circle procedure. This draws a circle in the default color and line style with center at X, Y, radius in the X direction of Xradius, and corresponding Y radius. circle (x, y, radius);

Arcs

This procedure draws a circular arc in the default color and line style based upon a circle with center X, Y and given X radius. The arc begins at an angle of Start Angle and follows the circle to End Angle. The angles are measured in degrees from 0 to 360 counterclockwise where 0 degrees is directly right.

arc (x, y, startangle, endangle, radius);



Visualizing Arcs Starting & Ending Angles



Ellipses

Draws an elliptical arc in the default color and line style based upon an ellipse with center X, Y and given radii. The arc begins at an angle to Start Angle and follows the ellipse to End Angle. The angles are measured in degrees from 0 to 360 counterclockwise where 0 degrees is directly right.

ellipse (x, y, startangle, endangle, x_radius, y_radius);

Plotting Points

• The Maximum value for X can be found using:

getmaxx()

 \circ $\;$ The Maximum value for Y can be found using:

getmaxy()

• To Plot a point:

putpixel (x_value, y_value, color);

• For example: putpixel (100, 100, WHITE);

Sample Program

Let's look at a program with a line, rectangle, circle, arc, ellipse, and a point.

Line Style

• Setting the line style.

All lines have a default line mode, but Turbo C++ allows the user to specify three characteristics of a line: style, pattern, and thickness.

 Use the command: setlinestyle (style, pattern, thickness);