



PROCESSING

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PROCESSING?

- Open source environment and programming language (very similar to Java)
- "An electronic sketchbook for developing ideas"
- <http://processing.org/>



PURPOSE?

- Teaching tool for programming.
- Medium for art design and prototyping
- Data representation



WHEN IS IT USEFUL?

- Visualize data more meaningfully through the use of animation
- Make something that can be easily embedded in a web page
- As a teaching tool - provides a much needed "Visual Honesty" to beginners



INSTALL

- Download (<http://processing.org/download/index.html>)
- Run



GOOD THINGS

- Free!
- Easy to do complex graphical things, even for relatively inexperienced programmers
- Usual benefits of Java-based applications



SUB-OPTIMAL

- Work in process - not yet stable, crashes periodically
- Unhelpful error messages
- No in-built Polar Coordinates
- Math can get complex for creating more advanced art.



THE COMPETITION

- No clear competitor
 - Adobe Illustrator for static 2D images
 - Flash for 2D animations (with time as a third dimension)
 - 3D dimensional programs, but require more advanced programming skills



LICENSING

- Development environment released under GPL (GNU General Public License)
- Core (export) libraries released under LGPL
- Sketches and Projects made using can be distributed without opening source code (and commercially) and export libraries can be linked into any project under LGPL.
- Changes to core libraries or development environment source code **must** be released as open source



CONCLUSION

- Used by Designers, Artists, Educators, Programmers...
- Around since 2001
- "Processing strives to apply the spirit of open source software innovation to the domain of the arts"



EXAMPLES

- Obama / McCain money graph (<http://www.pitchinteractive.com/election2008/>)
- Courbes (<http://phpbb.sans.entraves.free.fr/forum/jeux/applet/index.html>)
- Homo sapiens chromosome 20 - first 140,000 bases (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/thirteen/2738353101/>)
- Proximity of Needs (<http://www.proximityofneeds.org/>)



INTERACTIVE

- The God of Music (<http://www.artisopensource.net/GoM/>)
- Last FM Graph (<http://www.swcp.com/~atomboy/lastfmgraph/>)
- tigtag (<http://tictag.cc/>)
- ChakraPuter (<http://www.artisopensource.net/Chakraputer/index.html>)
- Shooting with the Burdening Game (<http://gromina.googlepages.com/shootingwiththeburdeninggame>)



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