

Uni Studies 3: Intro to Processing

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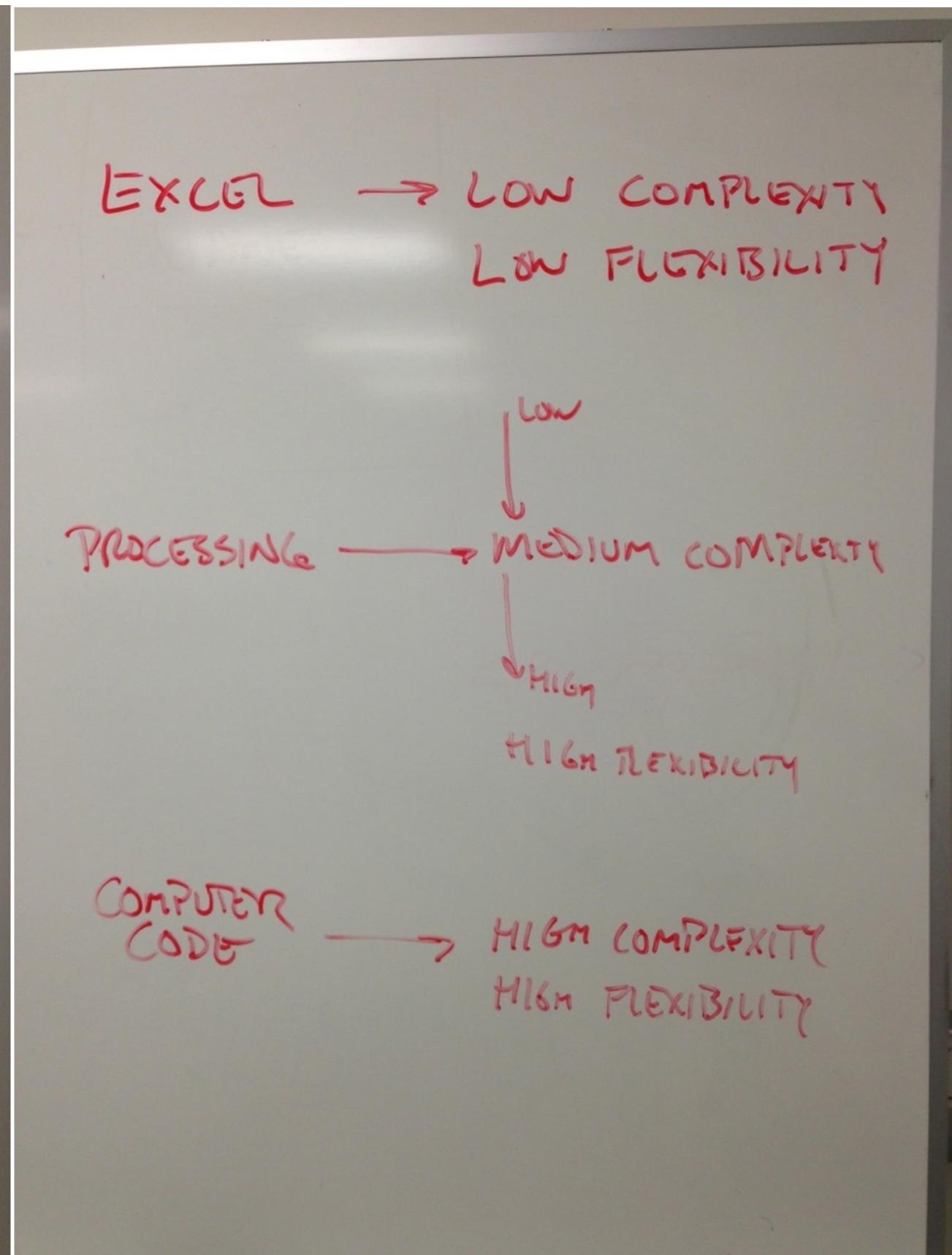
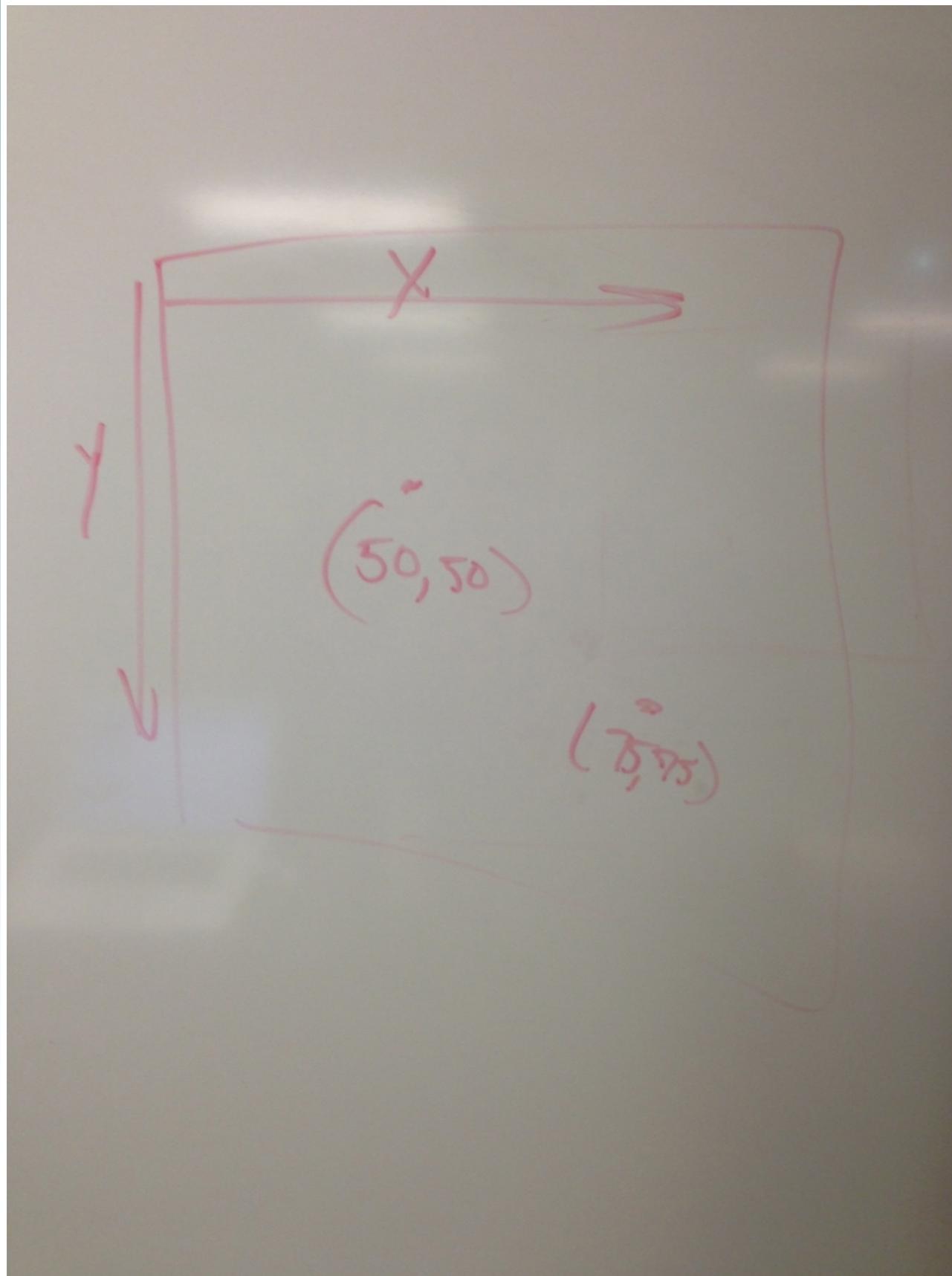
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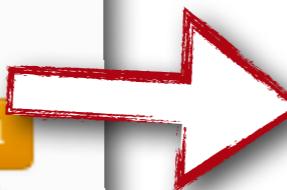
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Getting Started. Welcome to Processing!

This tutorial is for Processing 2+. If you see any errors or have comments, please [let us know](#). This tutorial was adapted from the book, [Getting Started with Processing](#), by Casey Reas and Ben Fry, O'Reilly / Make 2010.

Start by visiting <http://processing.org/download> and selecting the Mac, Windows, or Linux version, depending on what machine you have. Installation on each machine is straightforward:

- On Windows, you'll have a .zip file. Double-click it, and drag the folder inside to a location on your hard disk. It could be Program Files or simply the desktop, but the important thing is for the processing folder to be pulled out of that .zip file. Then double-click processing.exe to start.
- The Mac OS X version is also a .zip file. Double-click it and drag the Processing icon to the Applications folder. If you're using someone else's machine and can't modify the Applications folder, just drag the application to the desktop. Then double-click the Processing icon to start.
- The Linux version is a .tar.gz file, which should be familiar to most Linux users. Download the file to your home directory, then open a terminal window, and type:
`tar xvfz processing-xxxx.tgz`
(Replace xxxx with the rest of the file's name, which is the version number.) This will create a folder named processing-2.0 or something similar. Then change to that directory:
`cd processing-xxxx`
and run it:
`./processing`

With any luck, the main Processing window will now be visible. Everyone's setup is different, so if the program didn't start, or you're otherwise stuck, visit the [troubleshooting page](#) for possible solutions.

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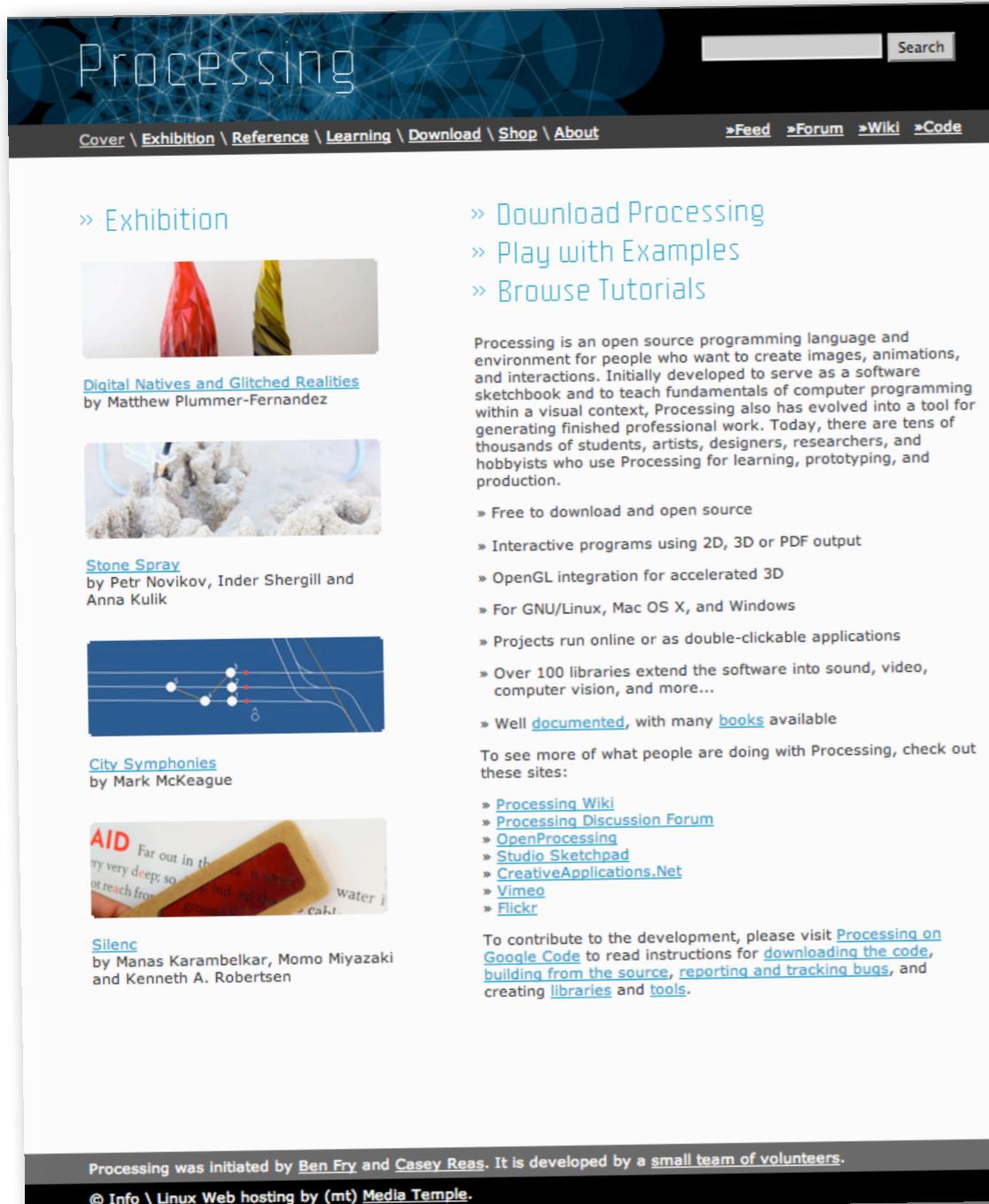
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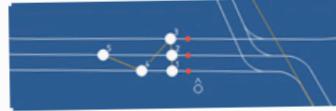


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Processing is an open source programming language and environment for people who want to create images, animations, and interactions. Initially developed to serve as a software sketchbook and to teach fundamentals of computer programming within a visual context, Processing also has evolved into a tool for generating finished professional work. Today, there are tens of thousands of students, artists, designers, researchers, and hobbyists who use Processing for learning, prototyping, and production.

- » Free to download and open source
- » Interactive programs using 2D, 3D or PDF output
- » OpenGL integration for accelerated 3D
- » For GNU/Linux, Mac OS X, and Windows
- » Projects run online or as double-clickable applications
- » Over 100 libraries extend the software into sound, video, computer vision, and more...
- » Well [documented](#), with many [books](#) available

To see more of what people are doing with Processing, check out these sites:

- » [Processing Wiki](#)
- » [Processing Discussion Forum](#)
- » [OpenProcessing](#)
- » [Studio Sketchpad](#)
- » [CreativeApplications.Net](#)
- » [Vimeo](#)
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To contribute to the development, please visit [Processing on Google Code](#) to read instructions for [downloading the code](#), [building from the source](#), [reporting and tracking bugs](#), and creating [libraries](#) and [tools](#).

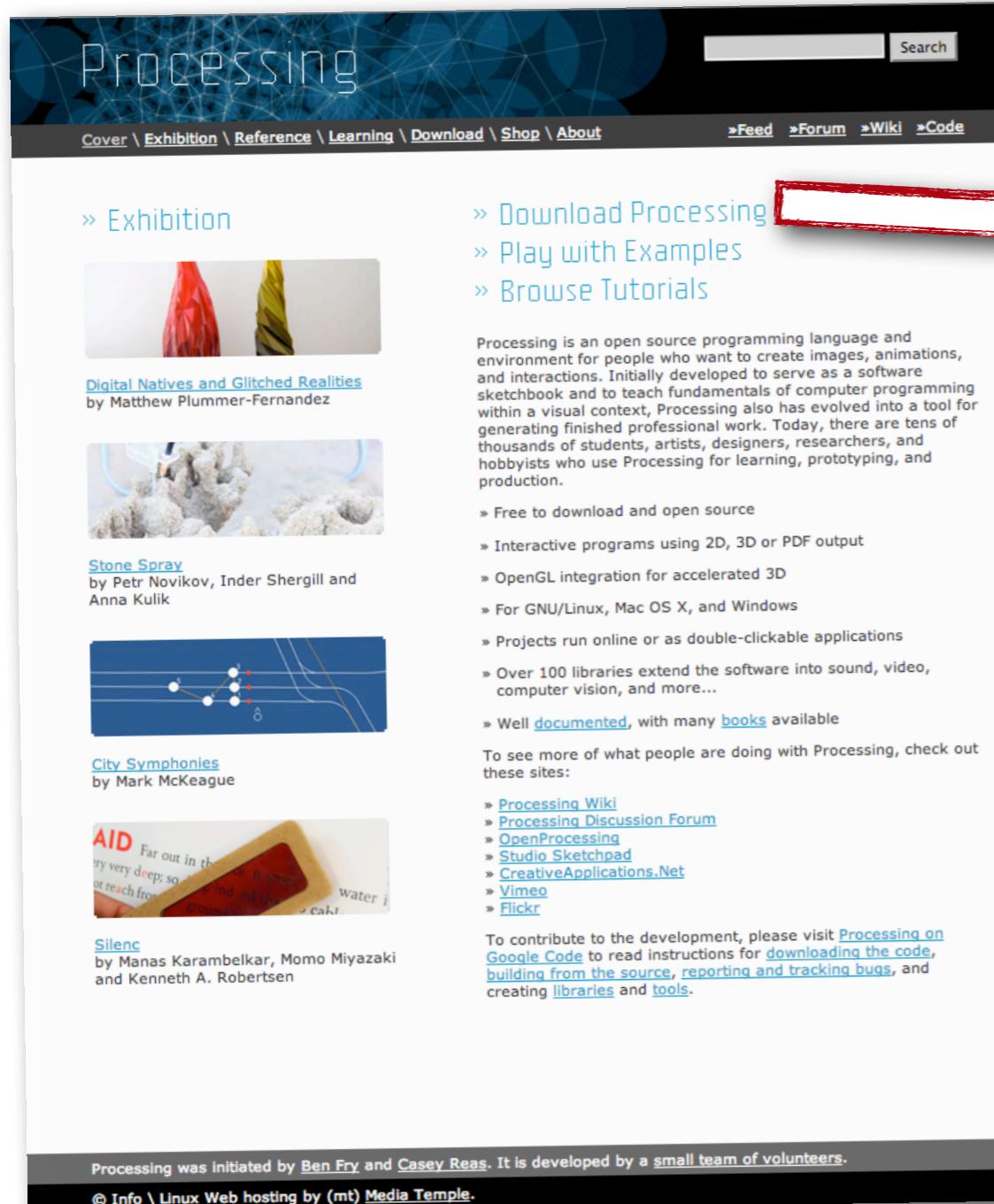
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Pre-Releases

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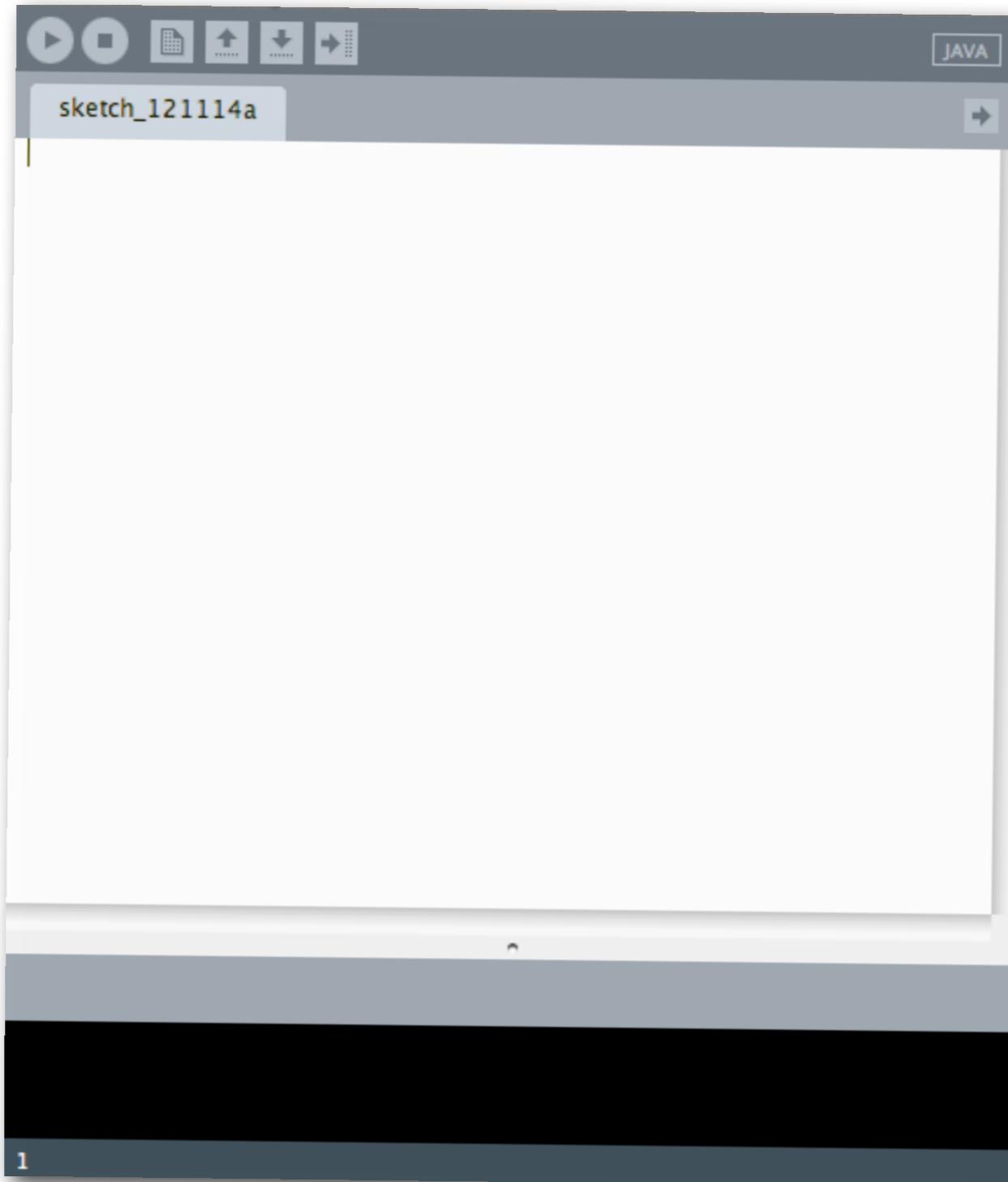
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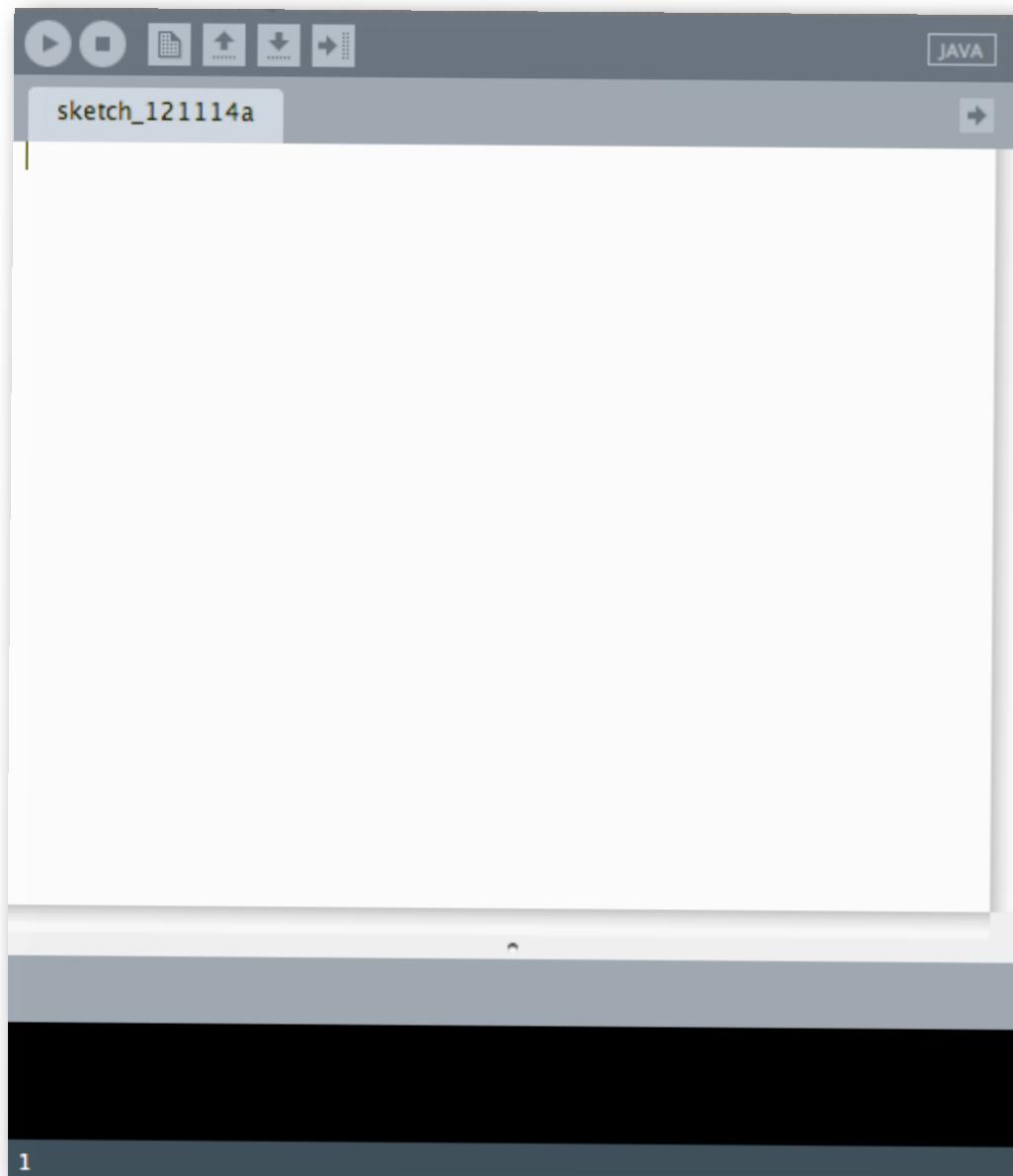
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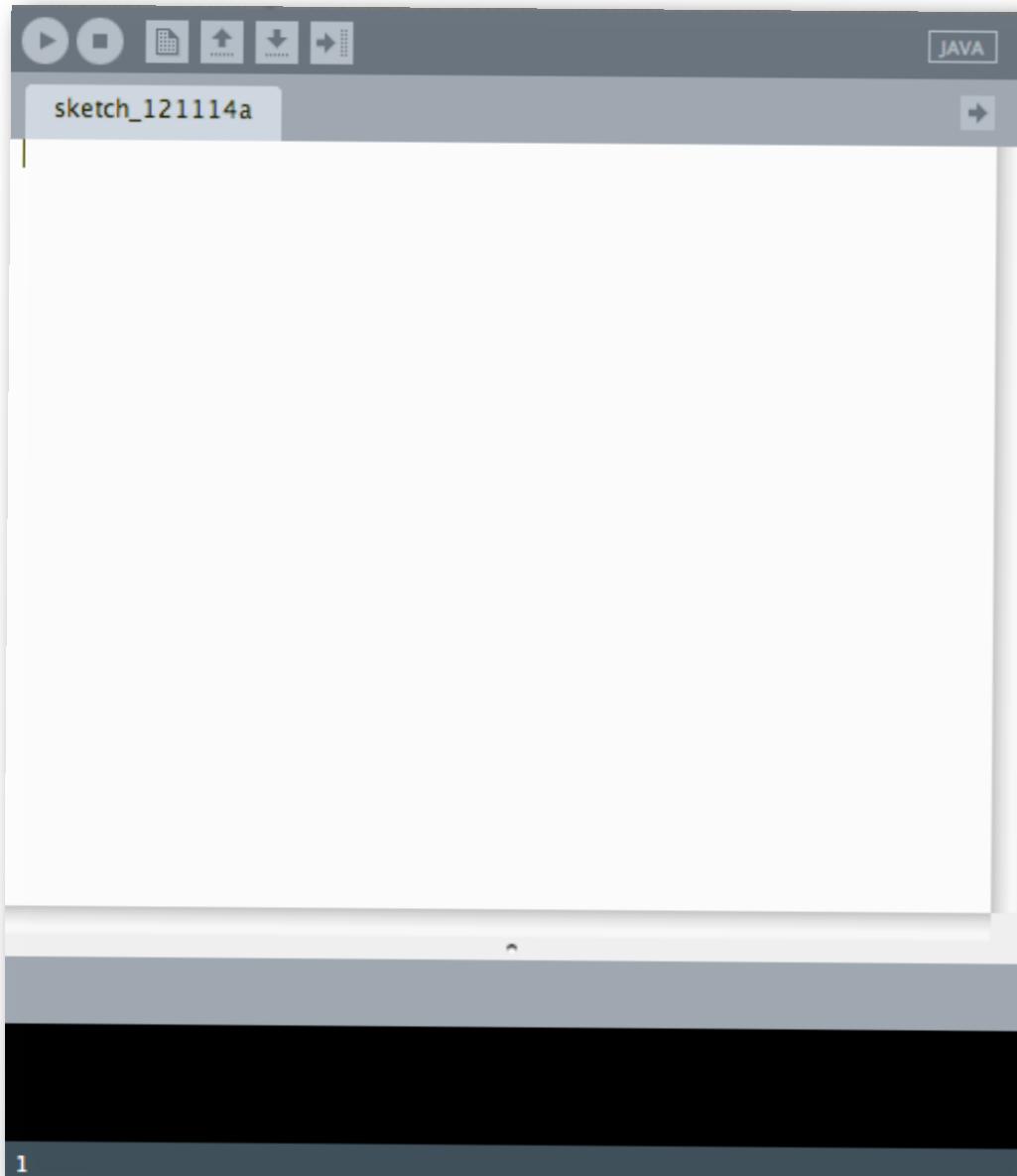
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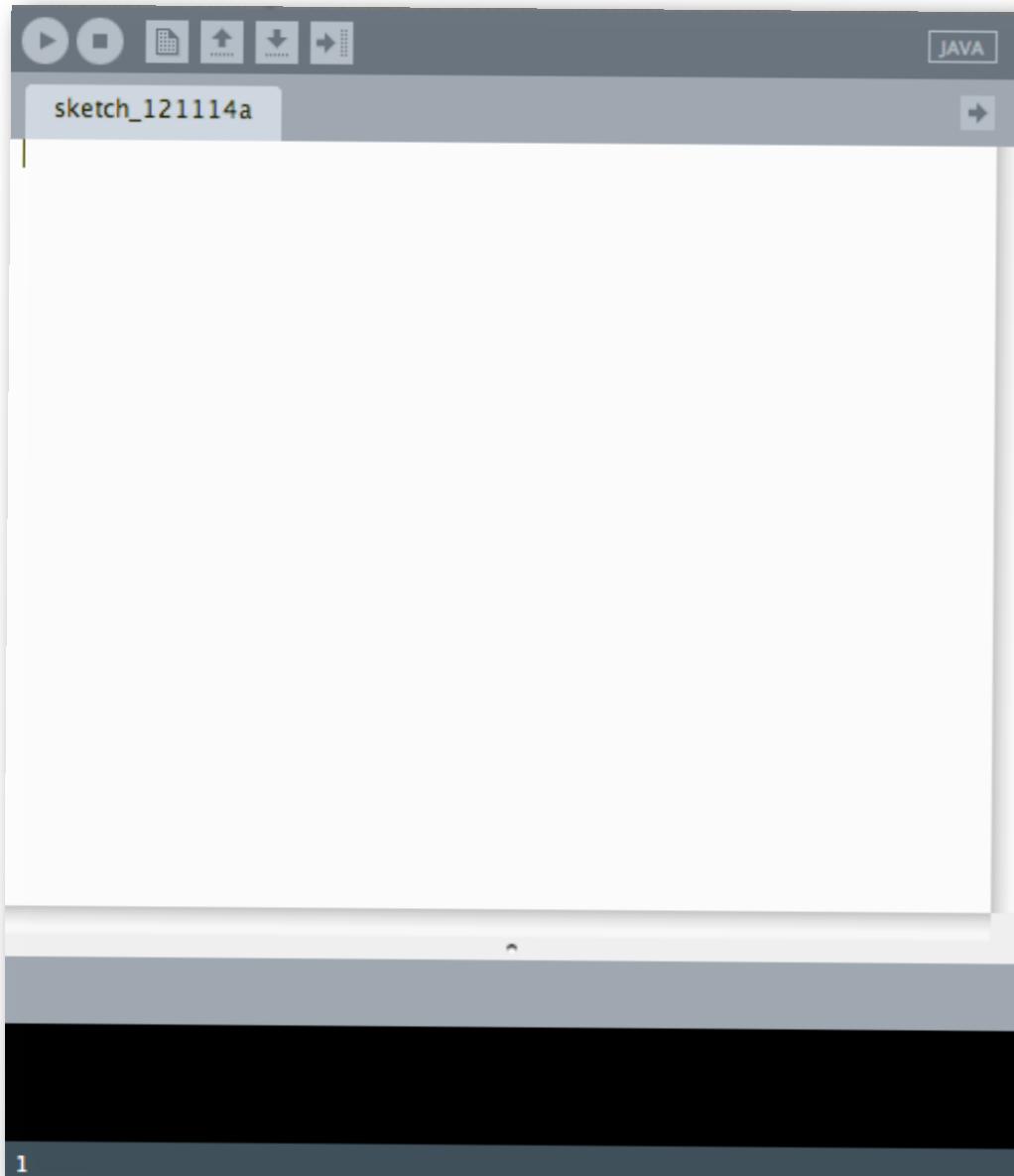


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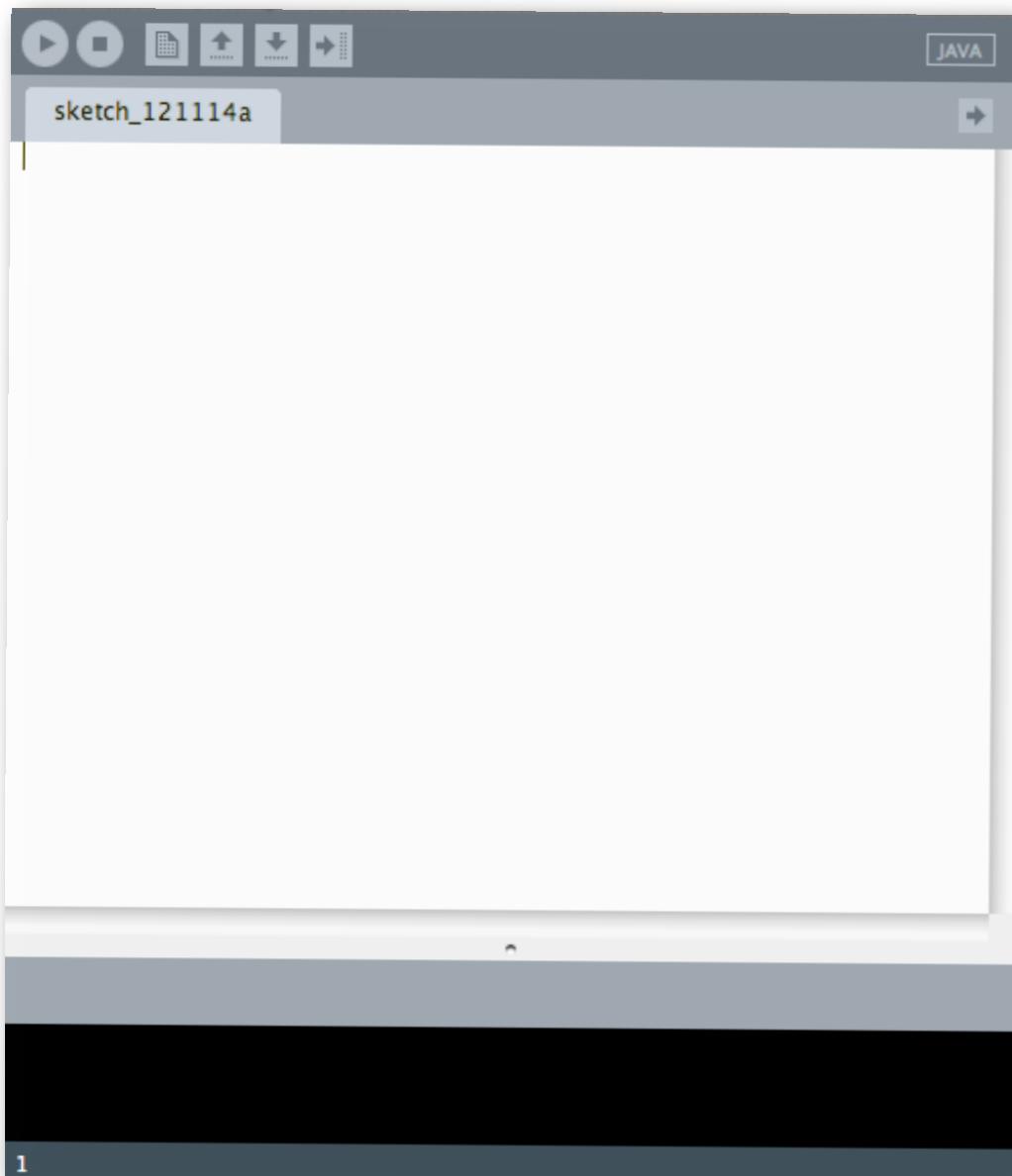


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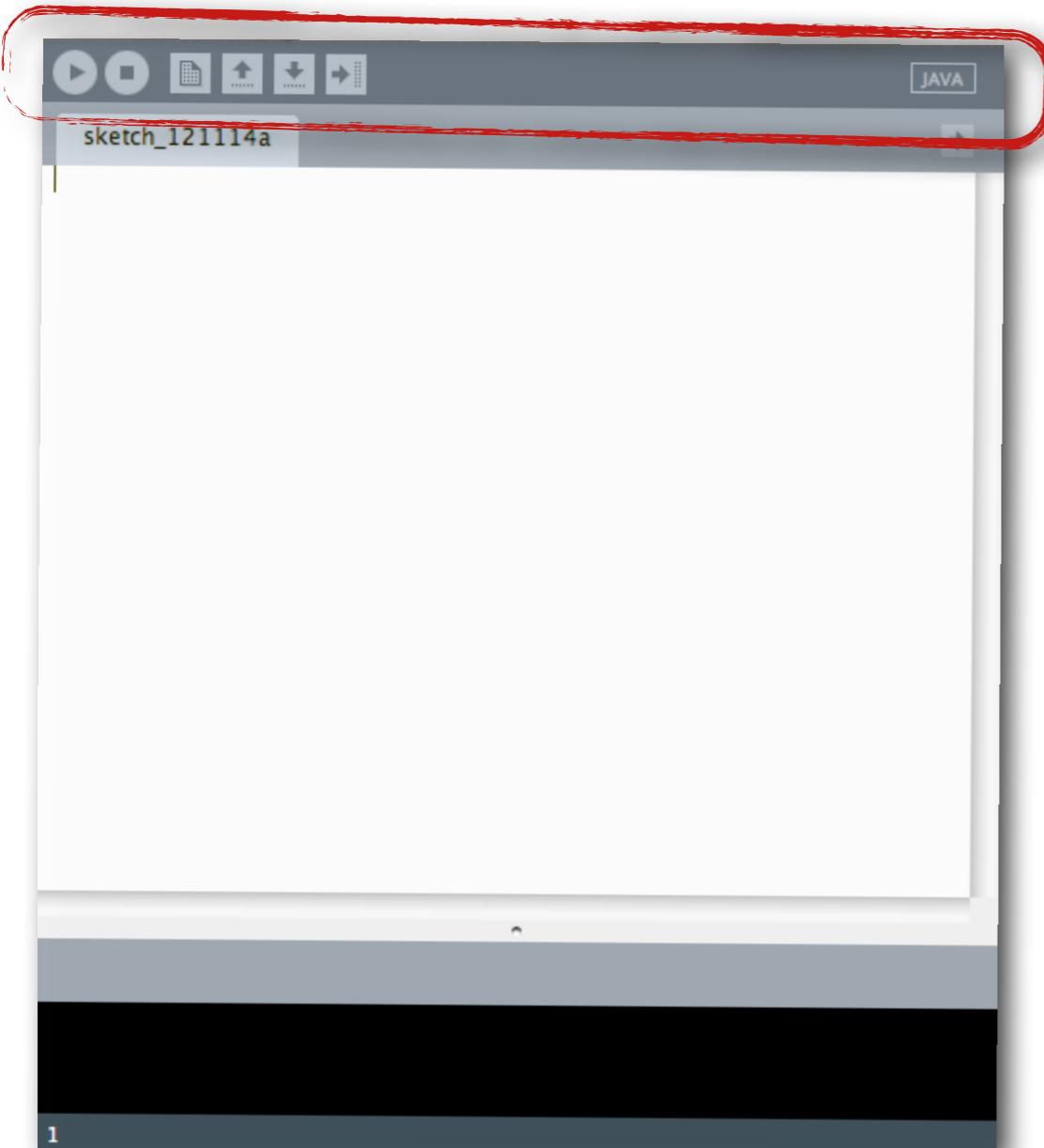


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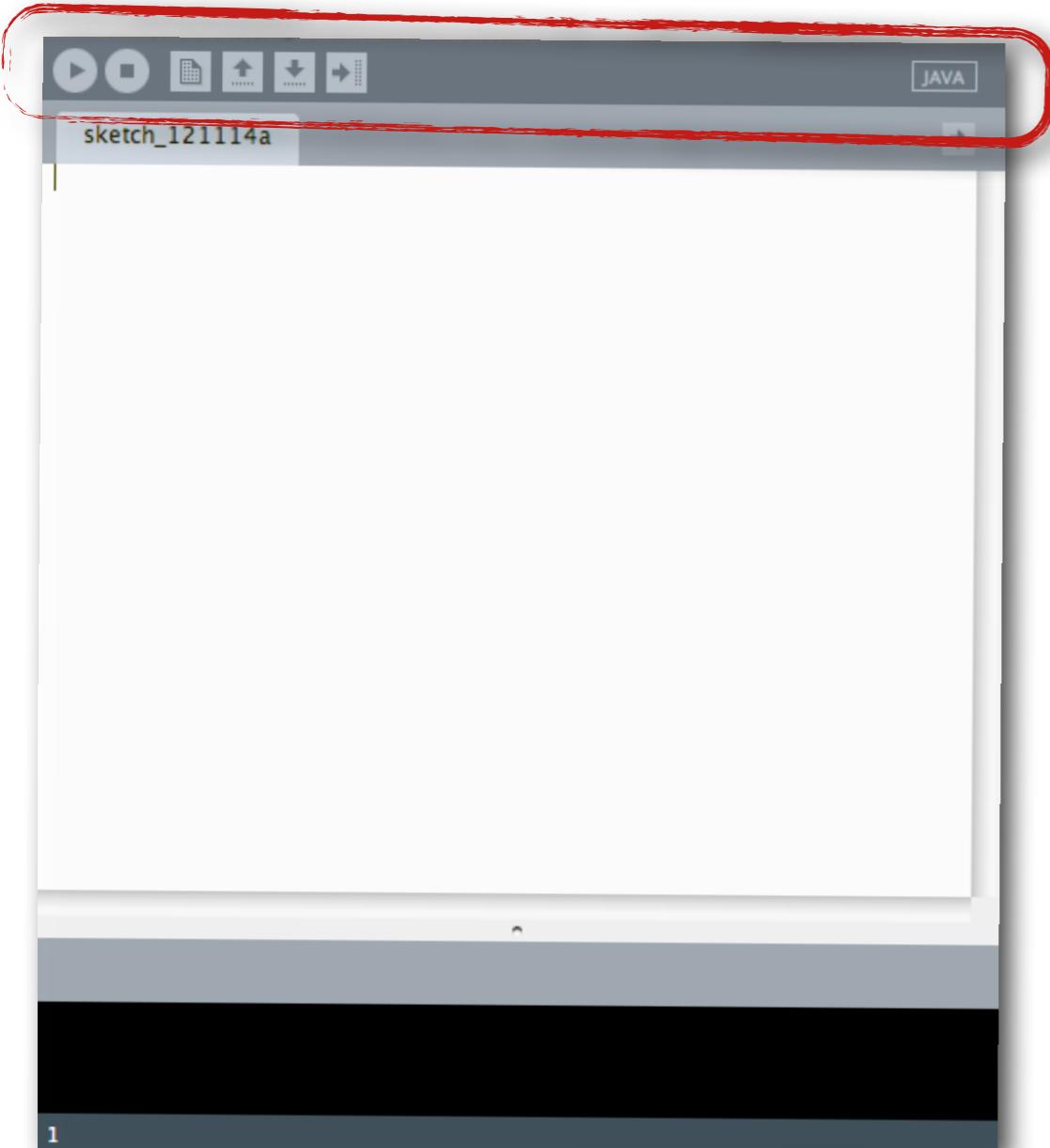
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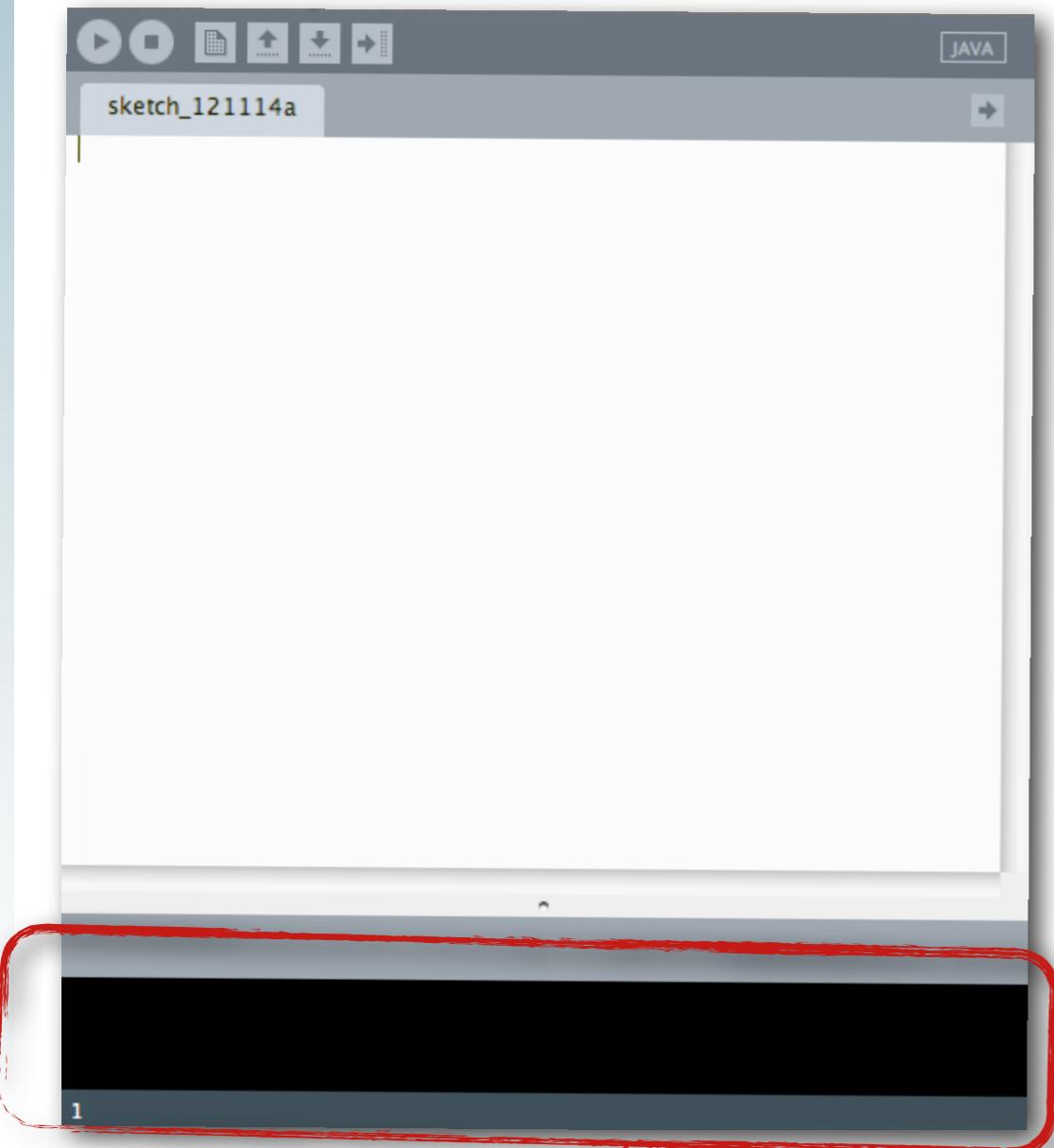


- This is the **toolbar**

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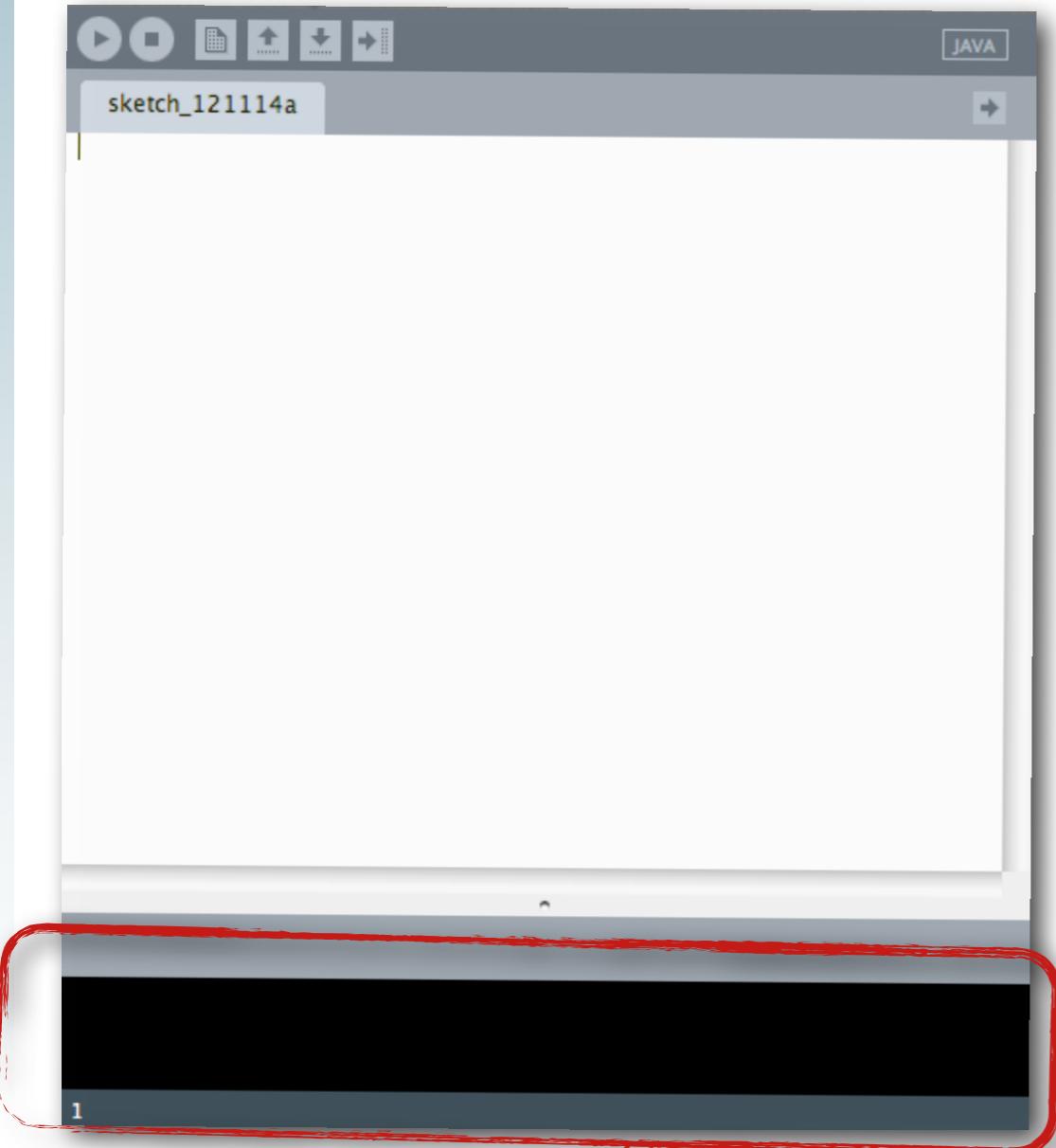
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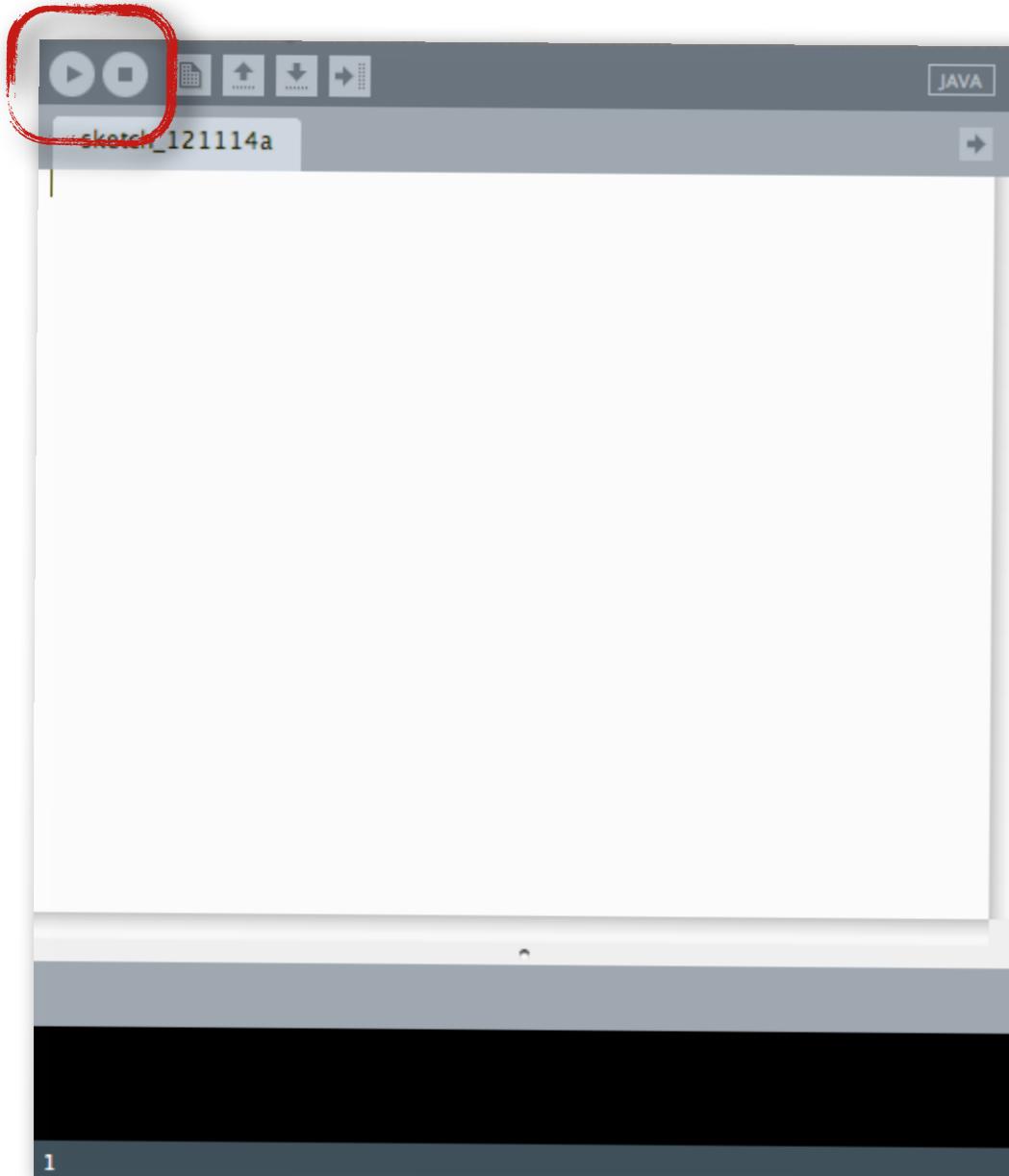


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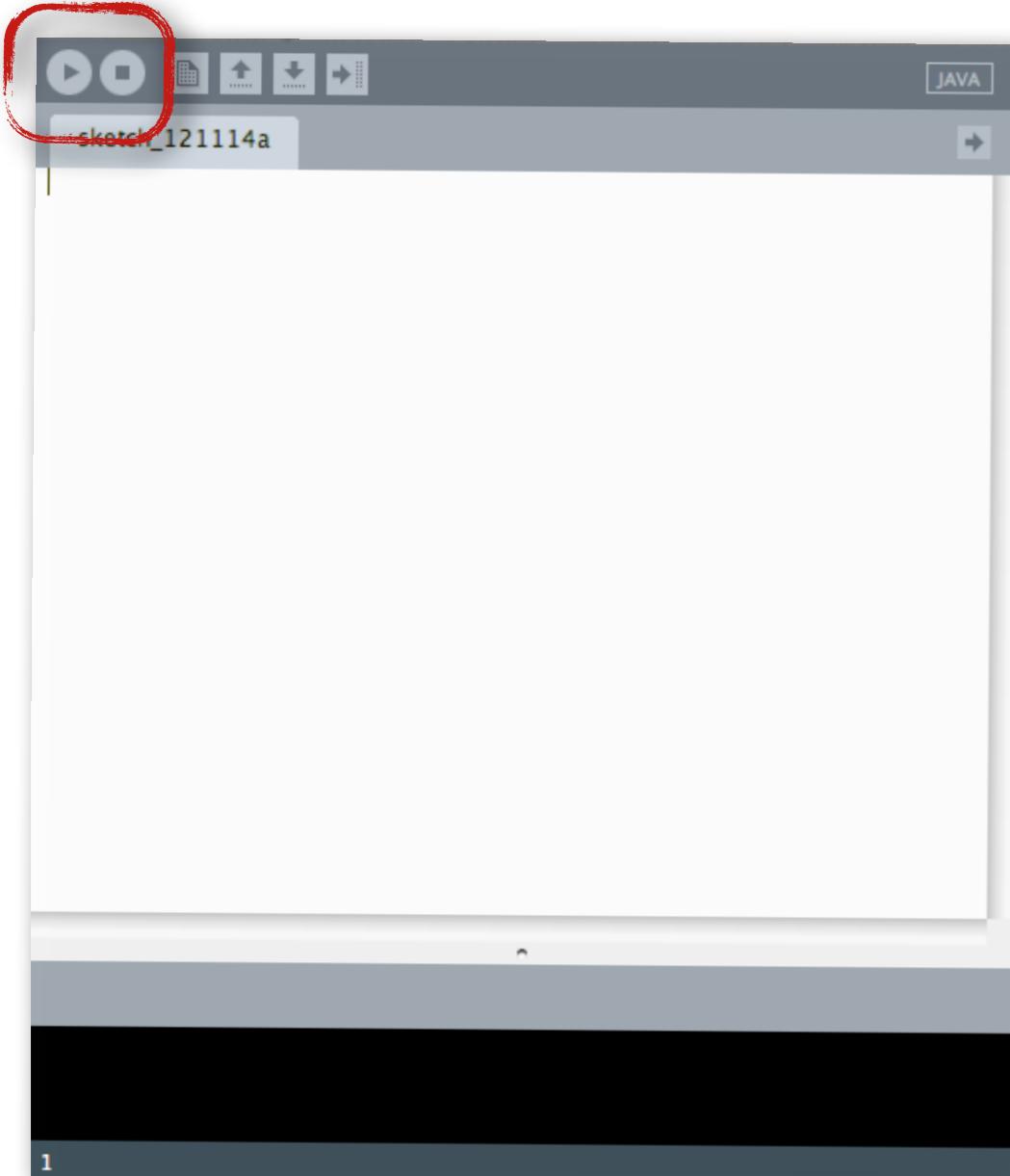
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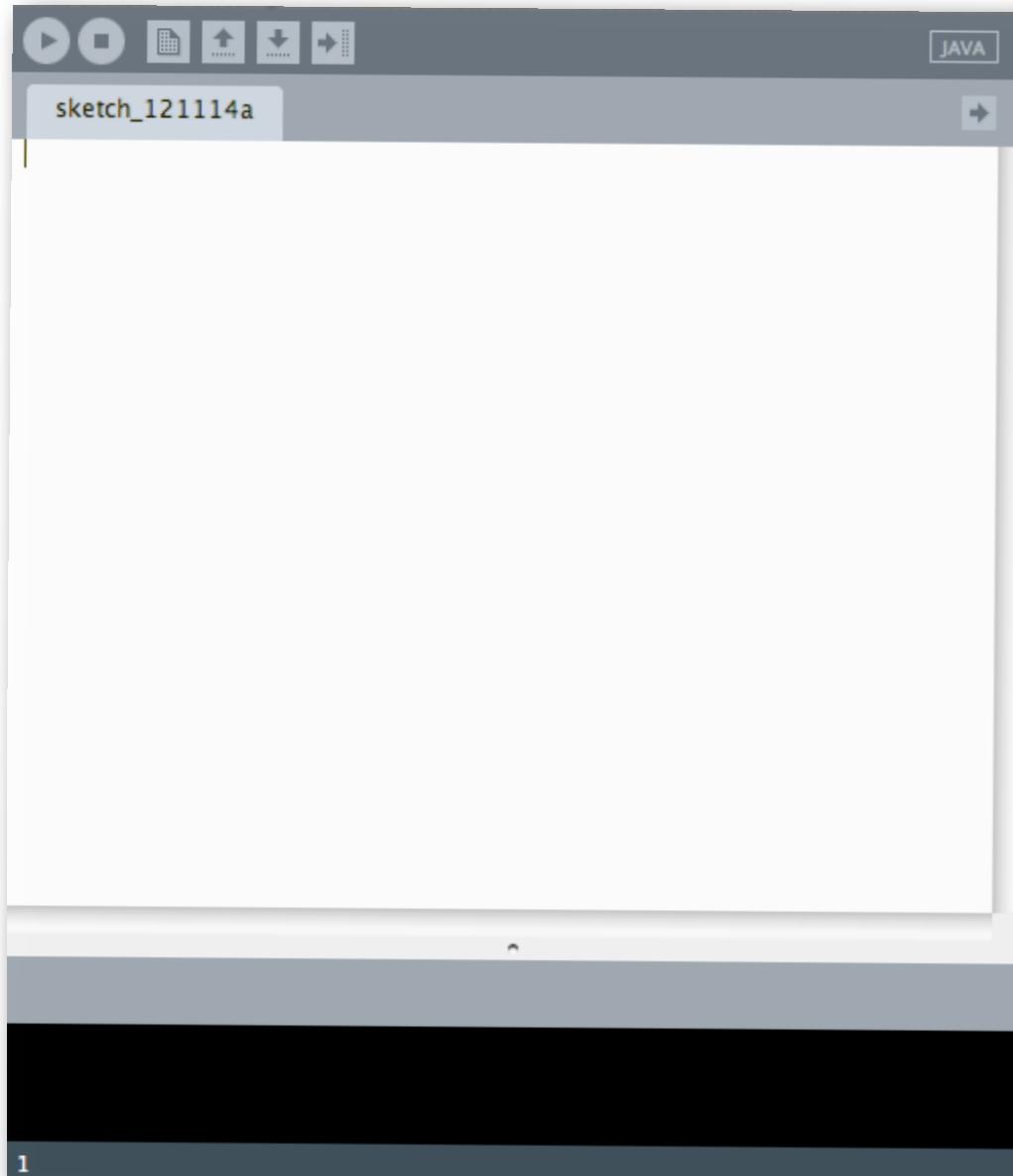


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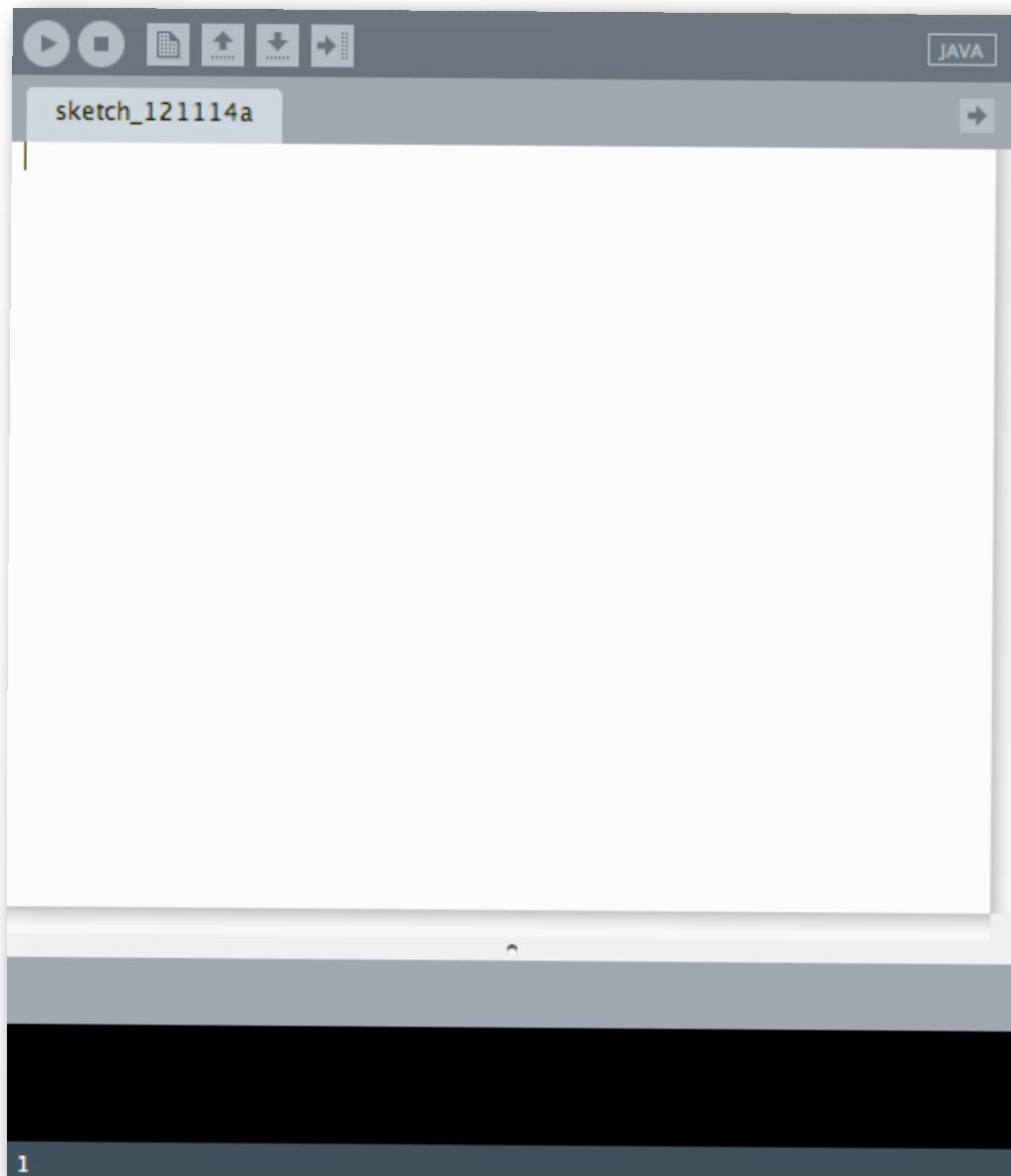


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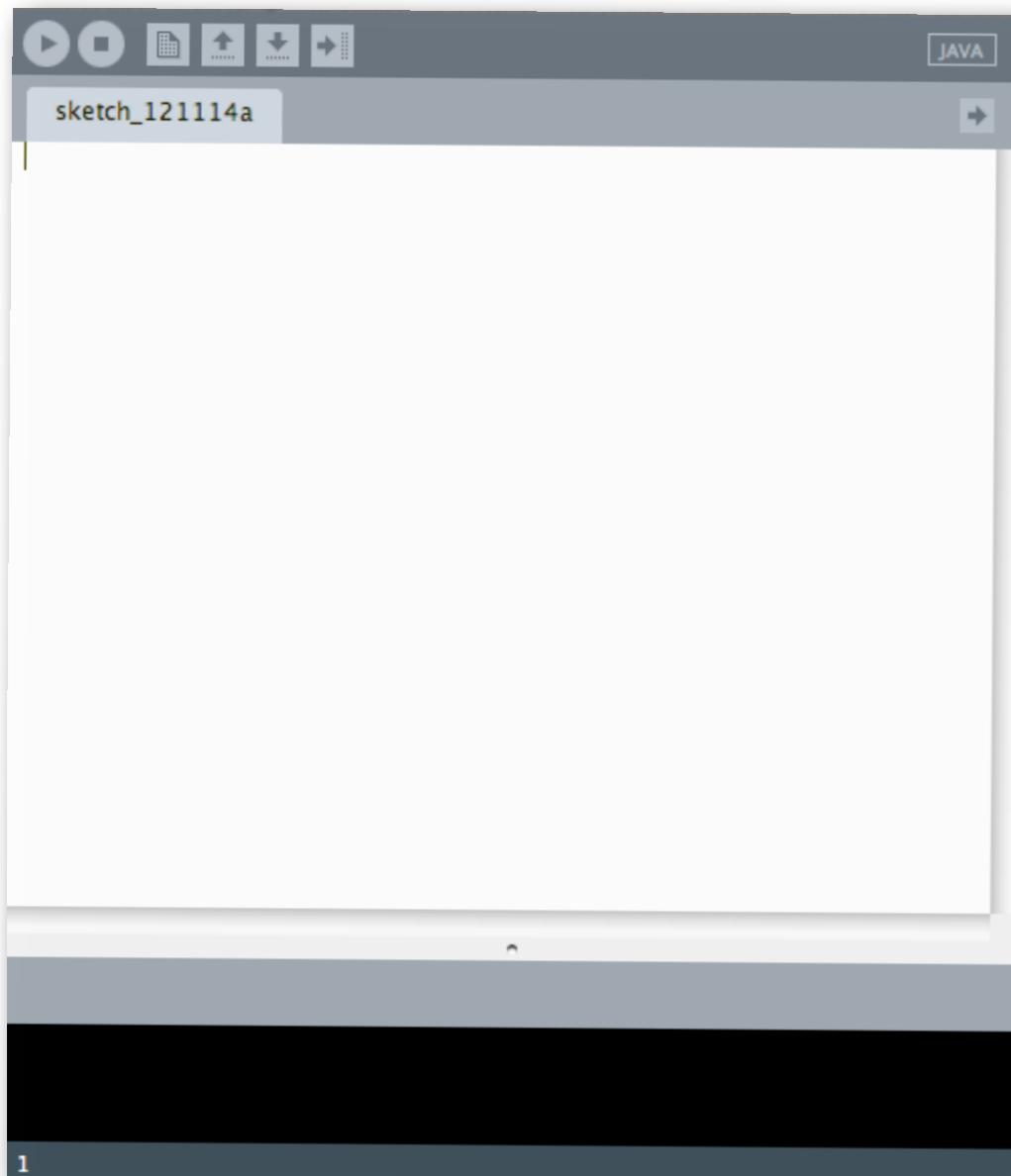
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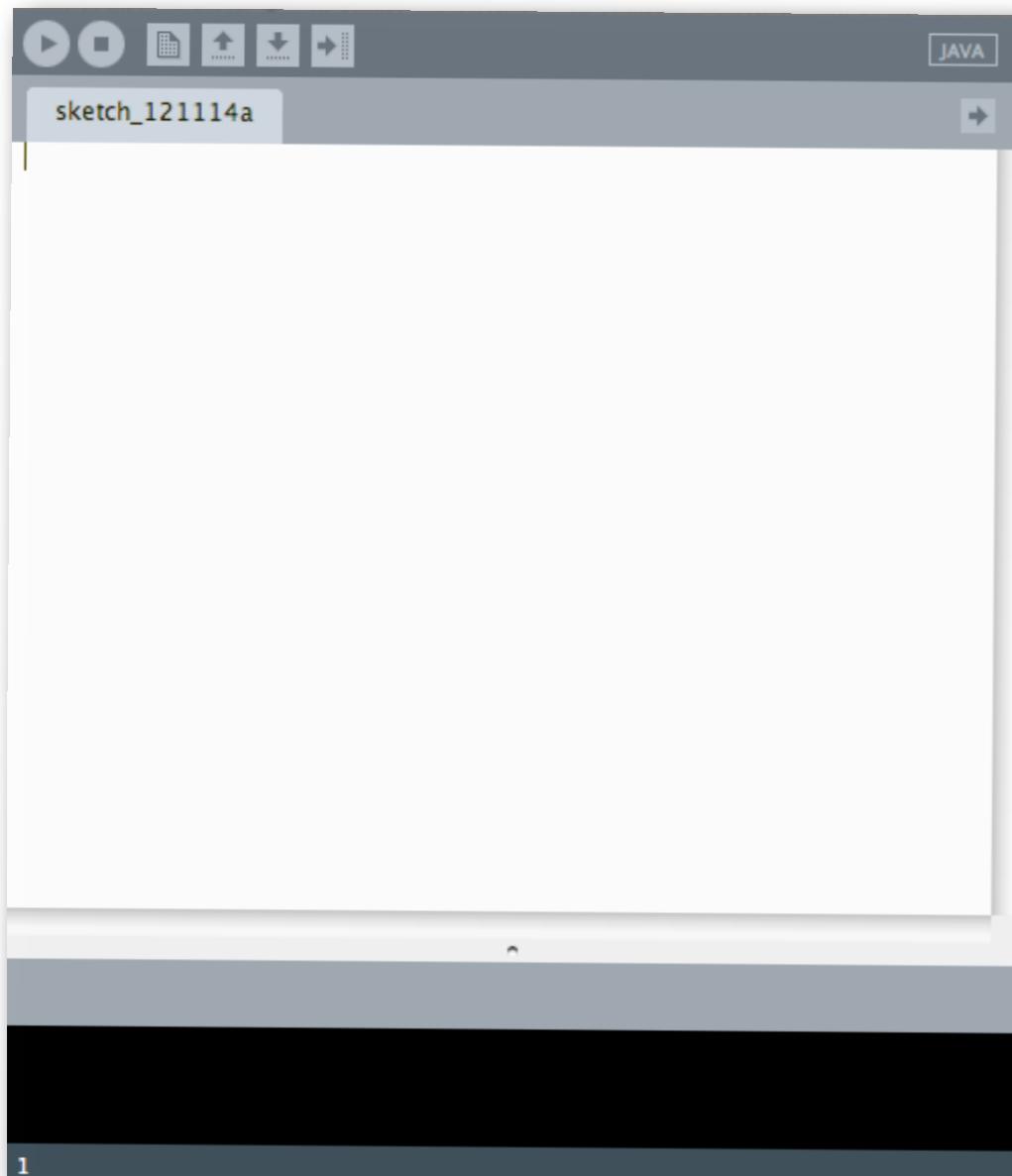
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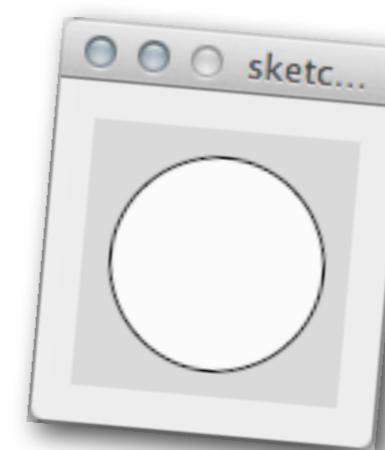
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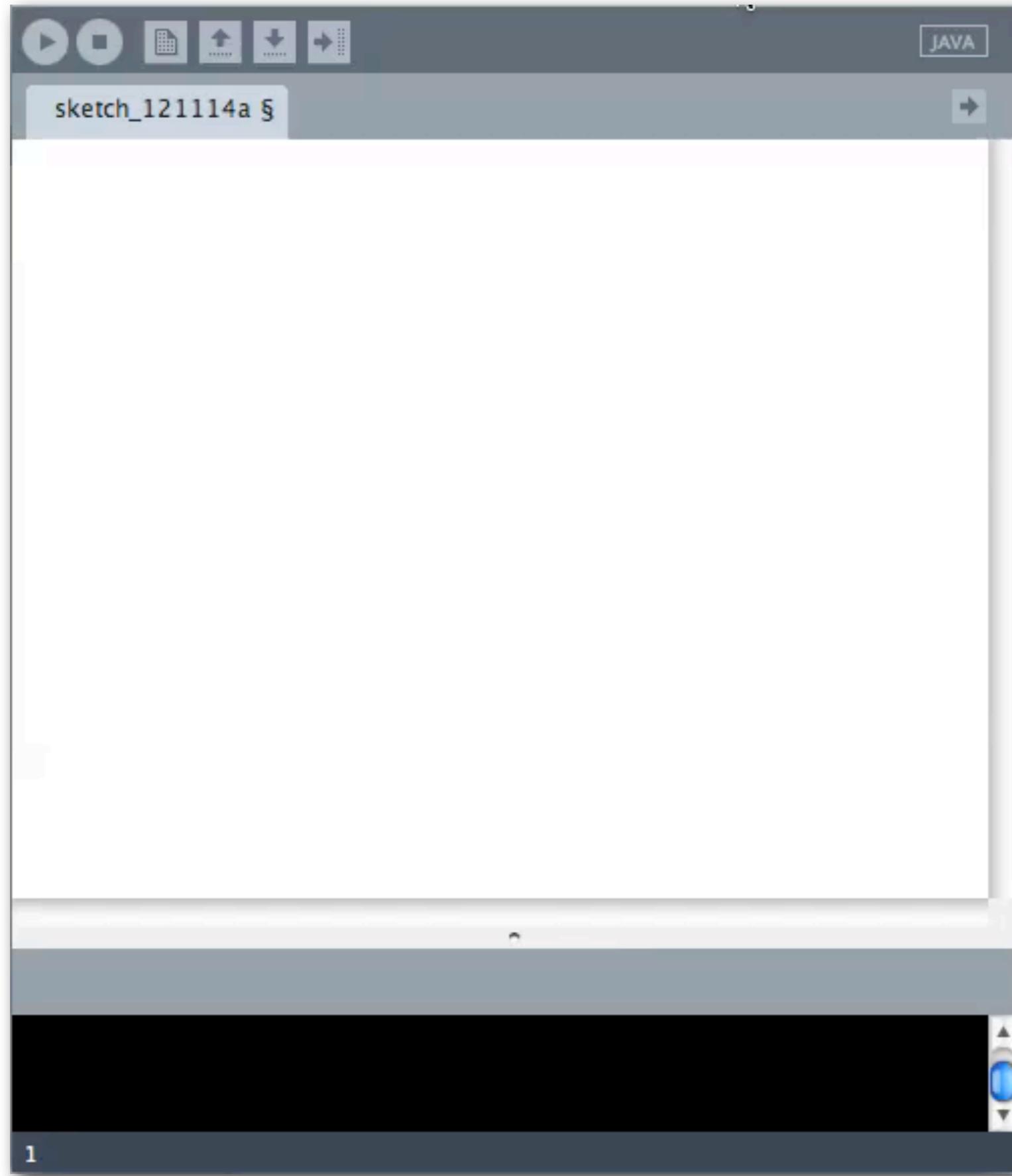
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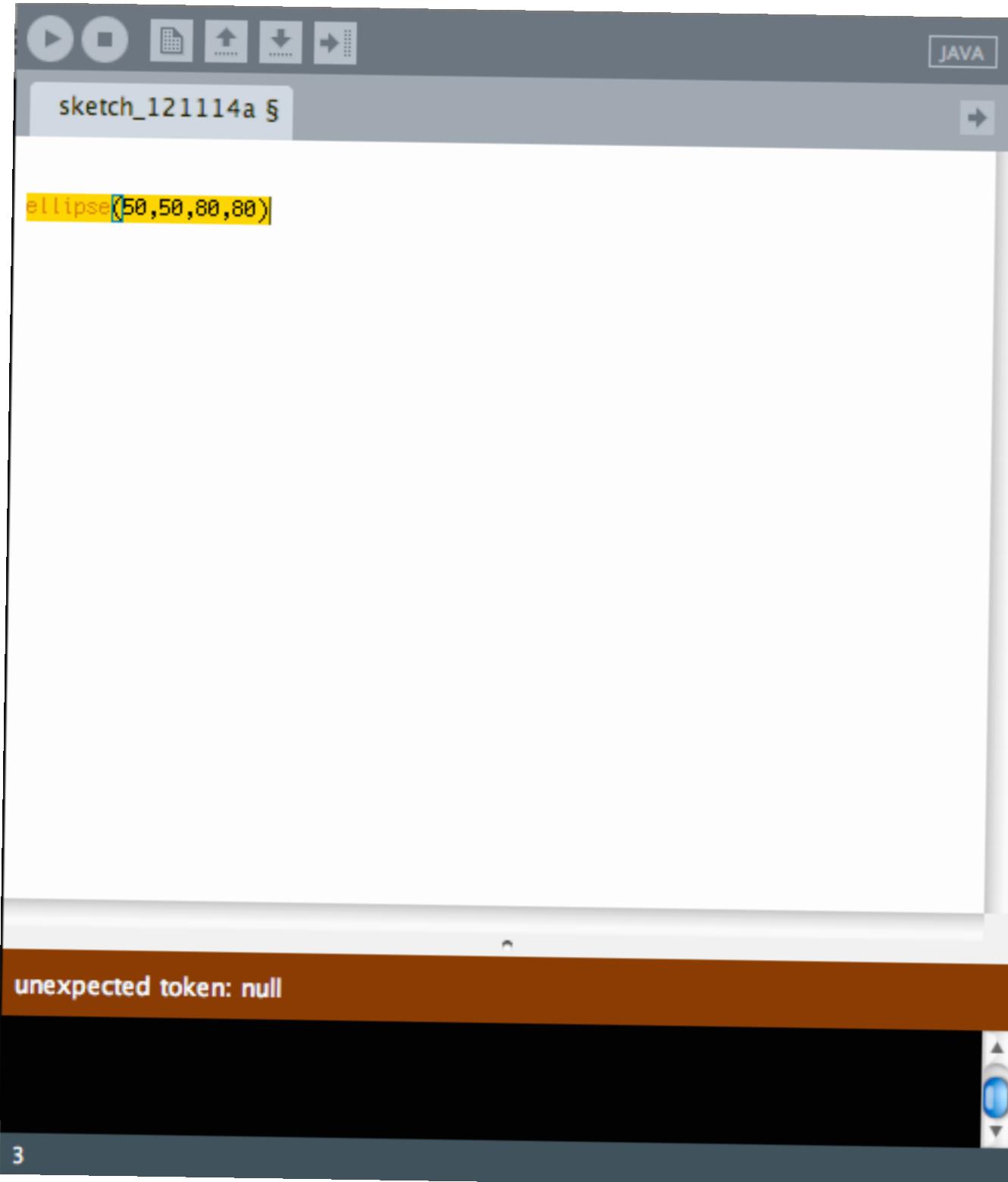
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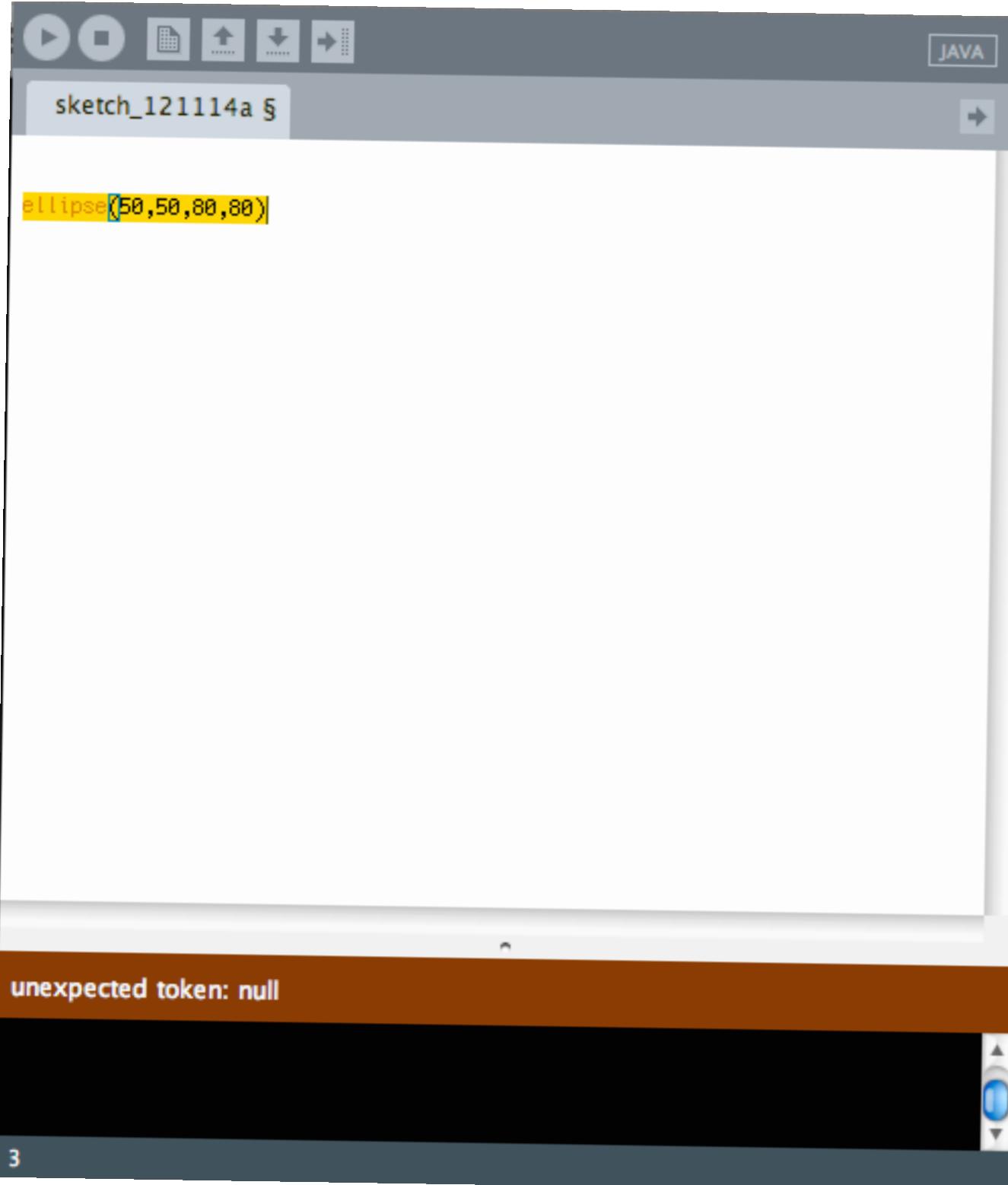


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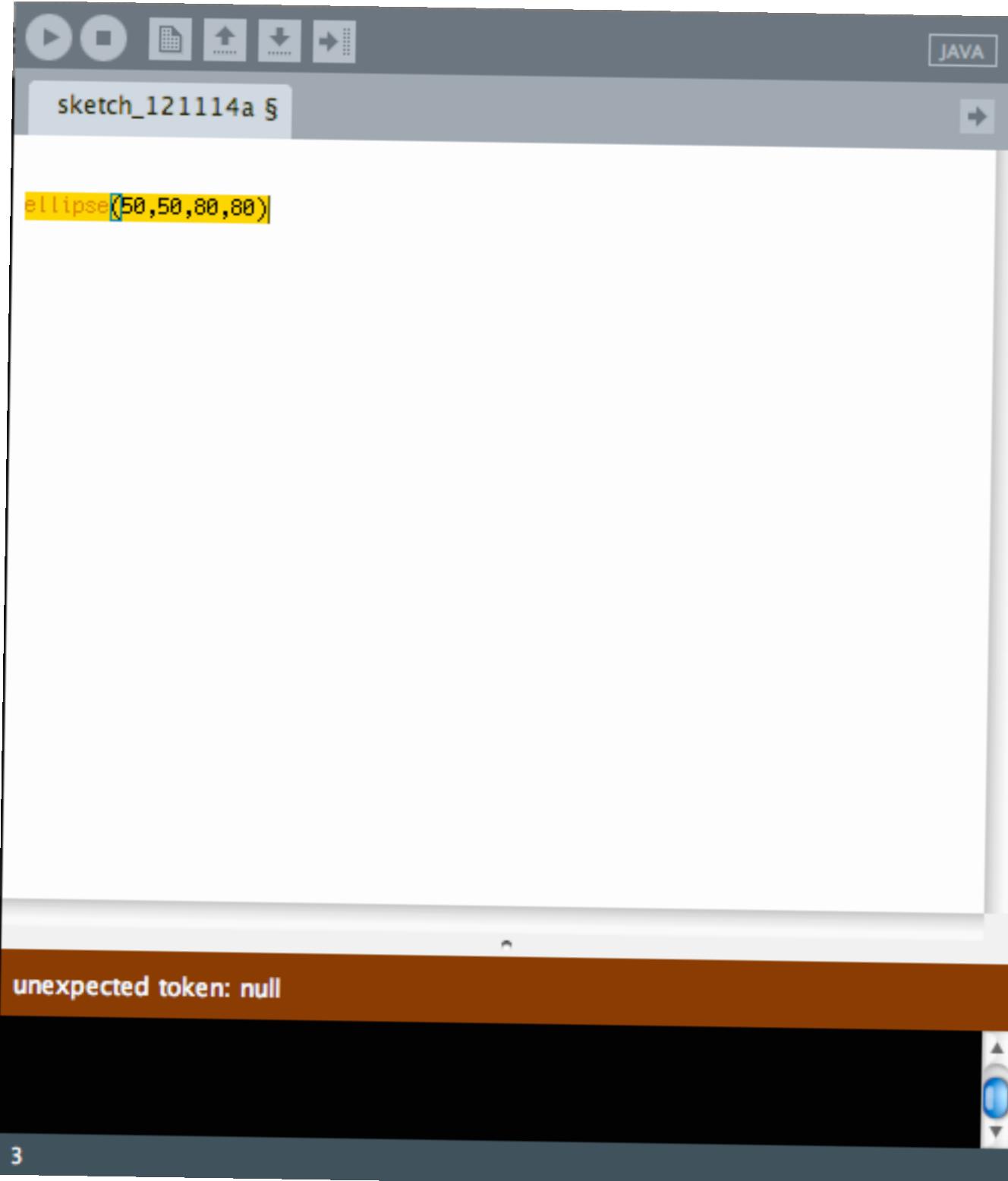
The image shows the Processing IDE interface. The top bar has icons for play, stop, file, and other controls, and the word "JAVA" in a box. The title bar says "sketch_121114a §". The main code editor window contains the following code:

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Below the code editor, a brown status bar displays the error message "unexpected token: null". The bottom of the screen shows a dark blue footer bar with the number "3".

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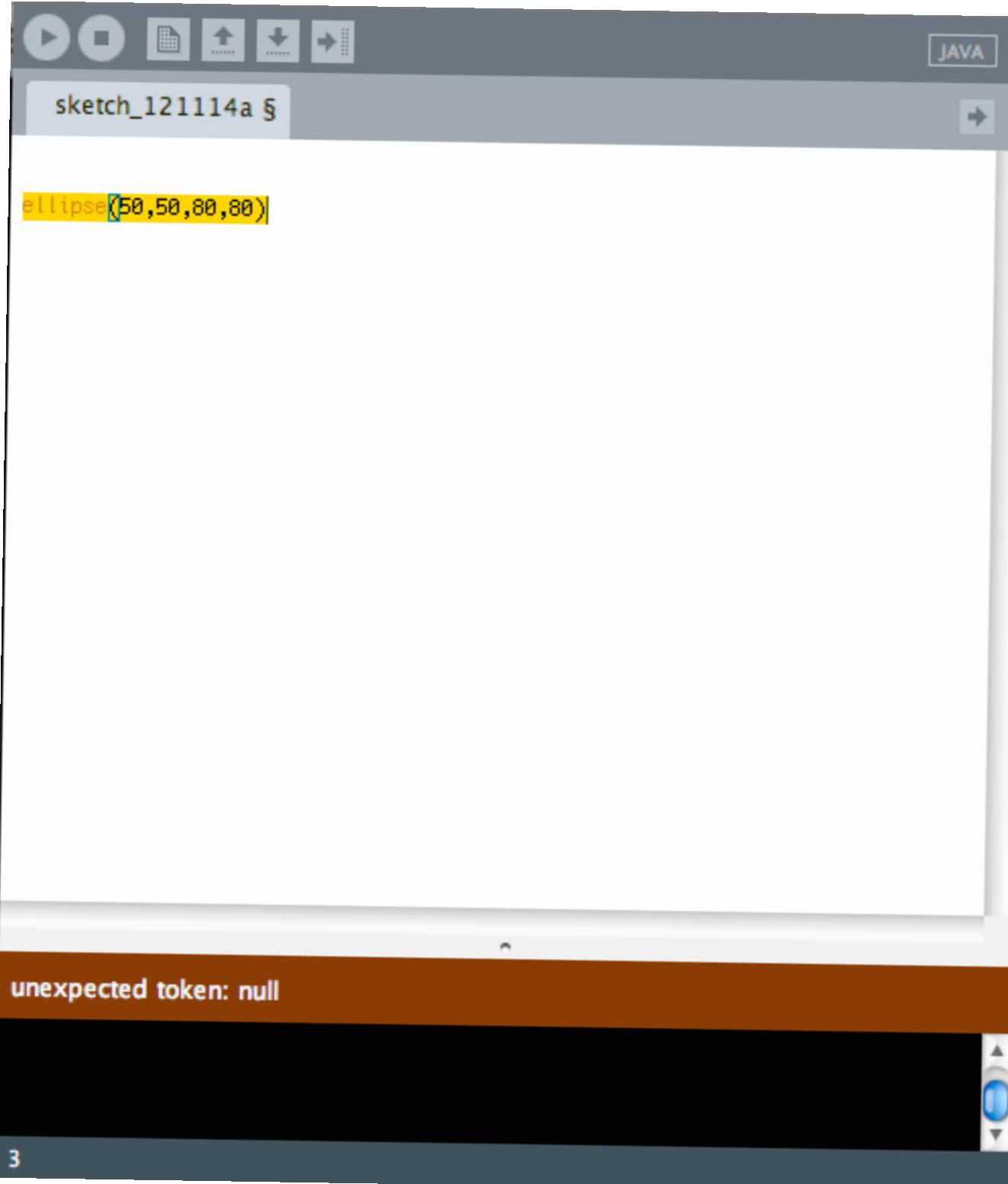
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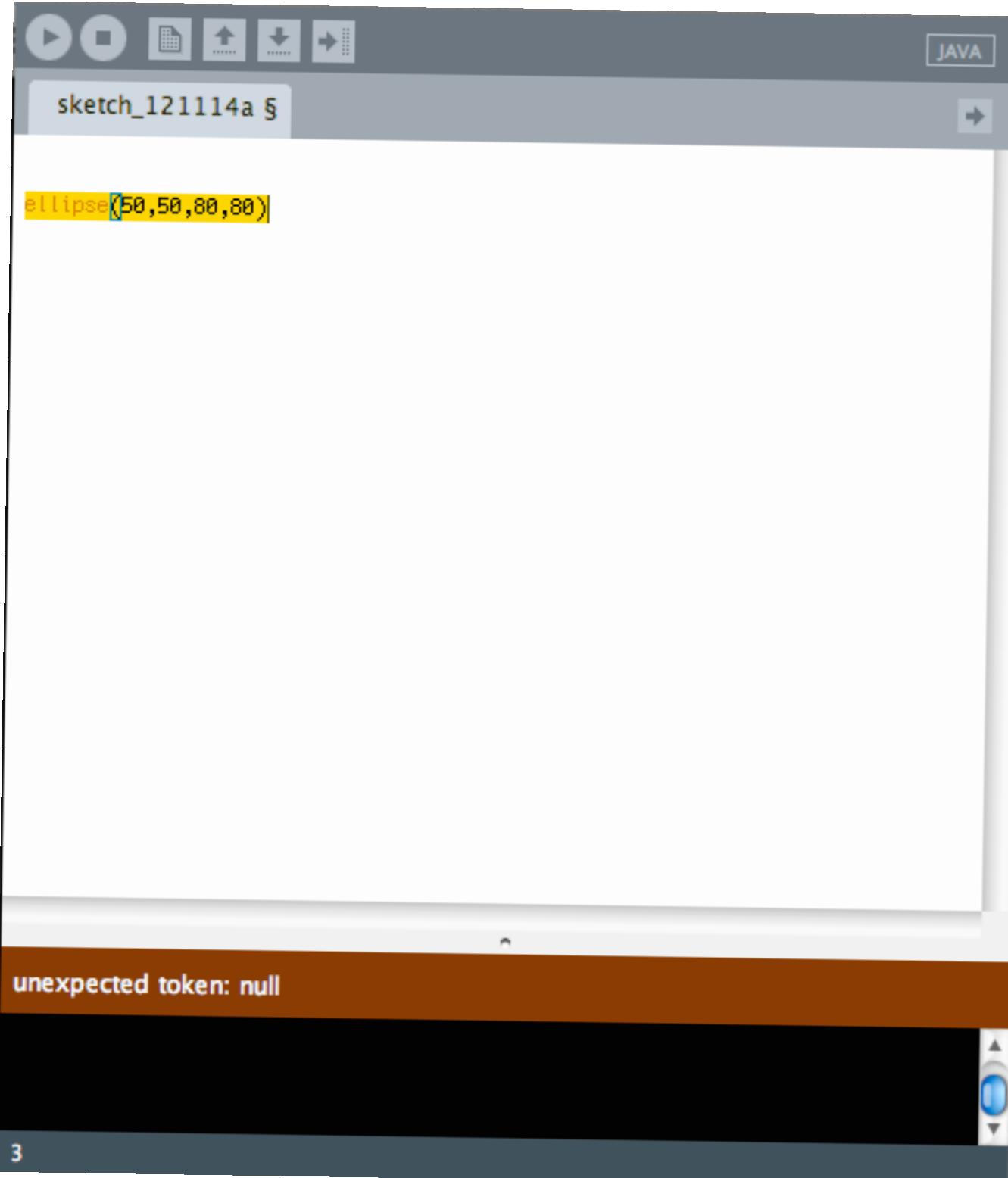
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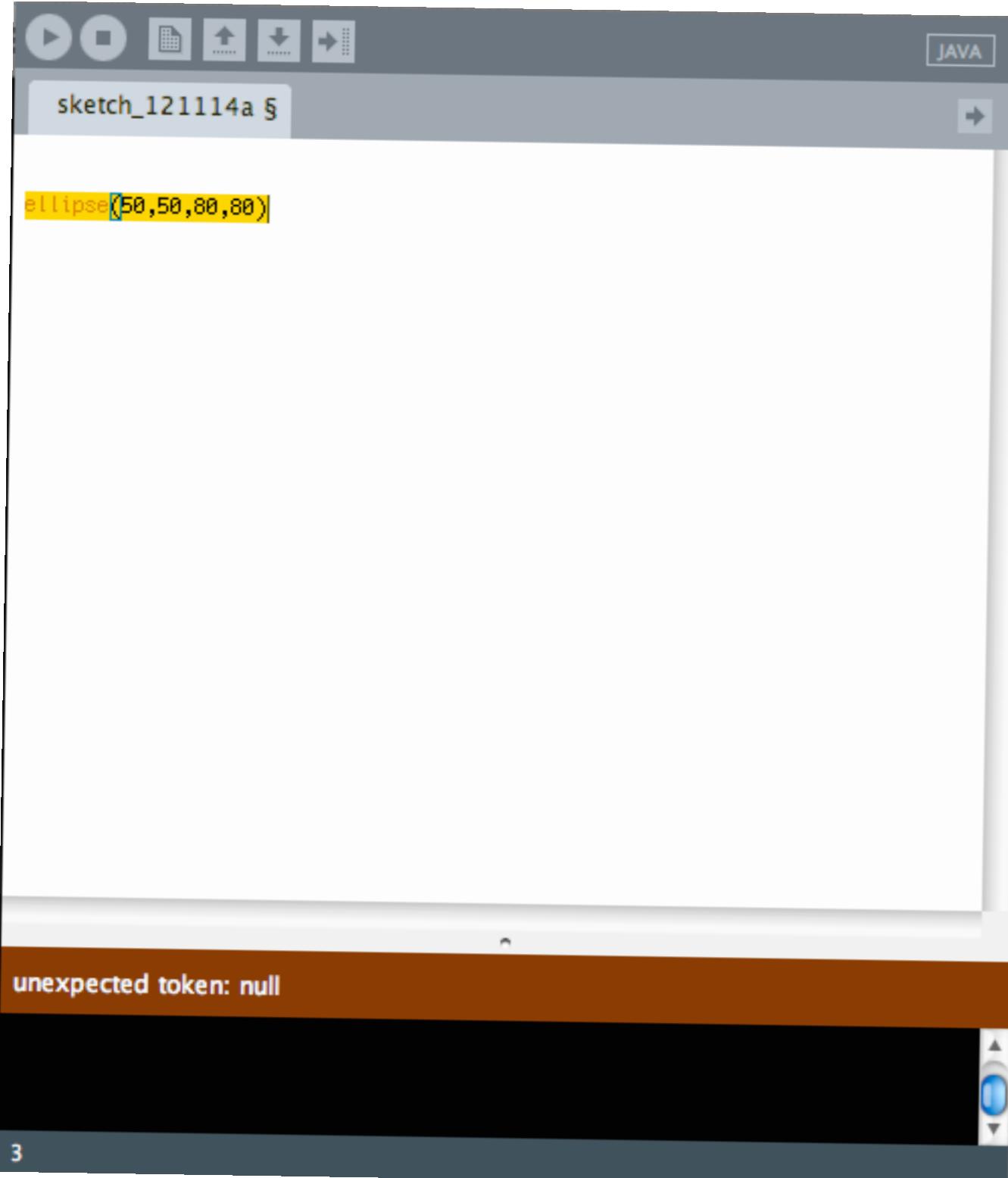
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The bottom message area is orange and displays the error message: **unexpected token: null**. The status bar at the bottom shows the number '3'.

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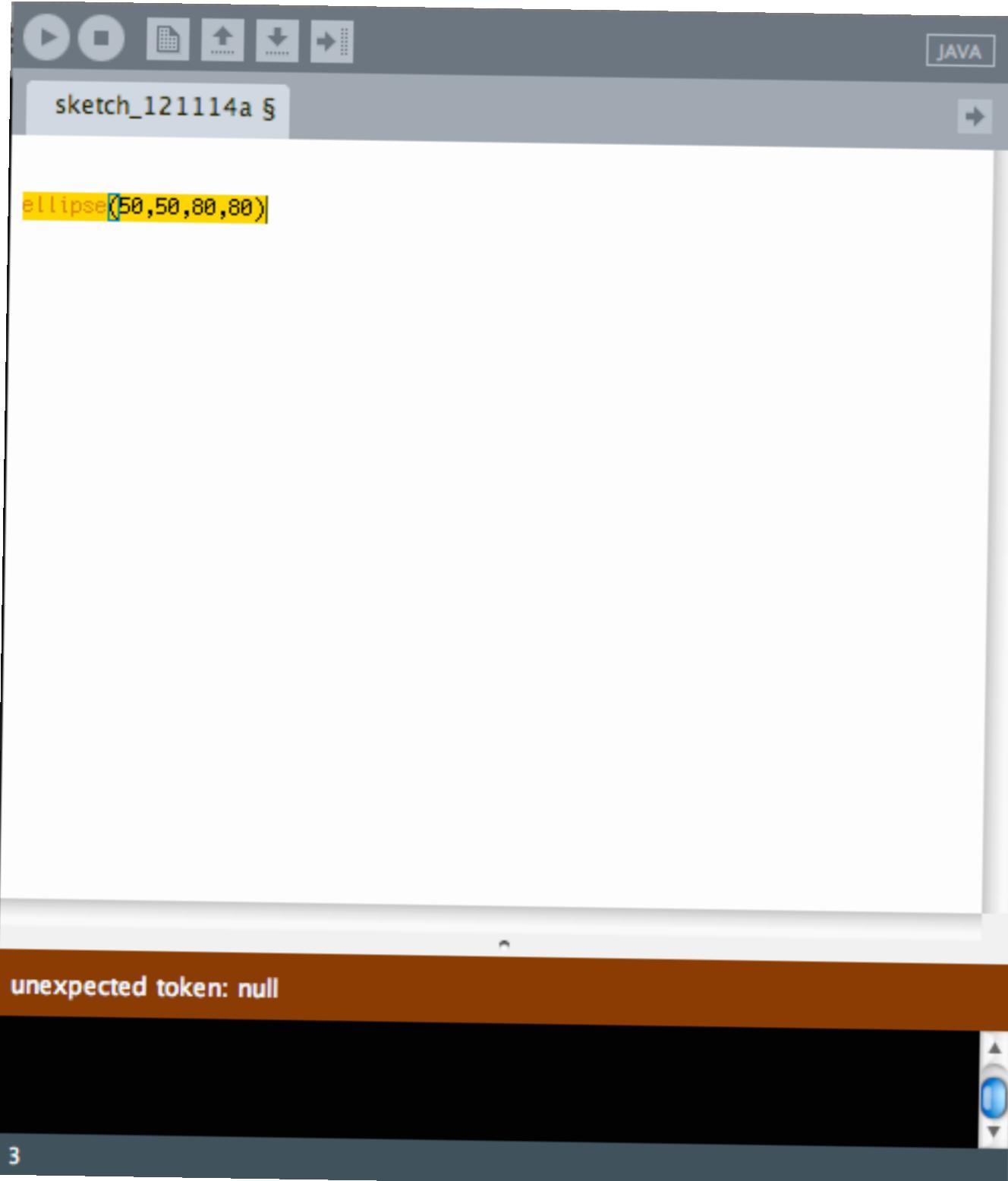
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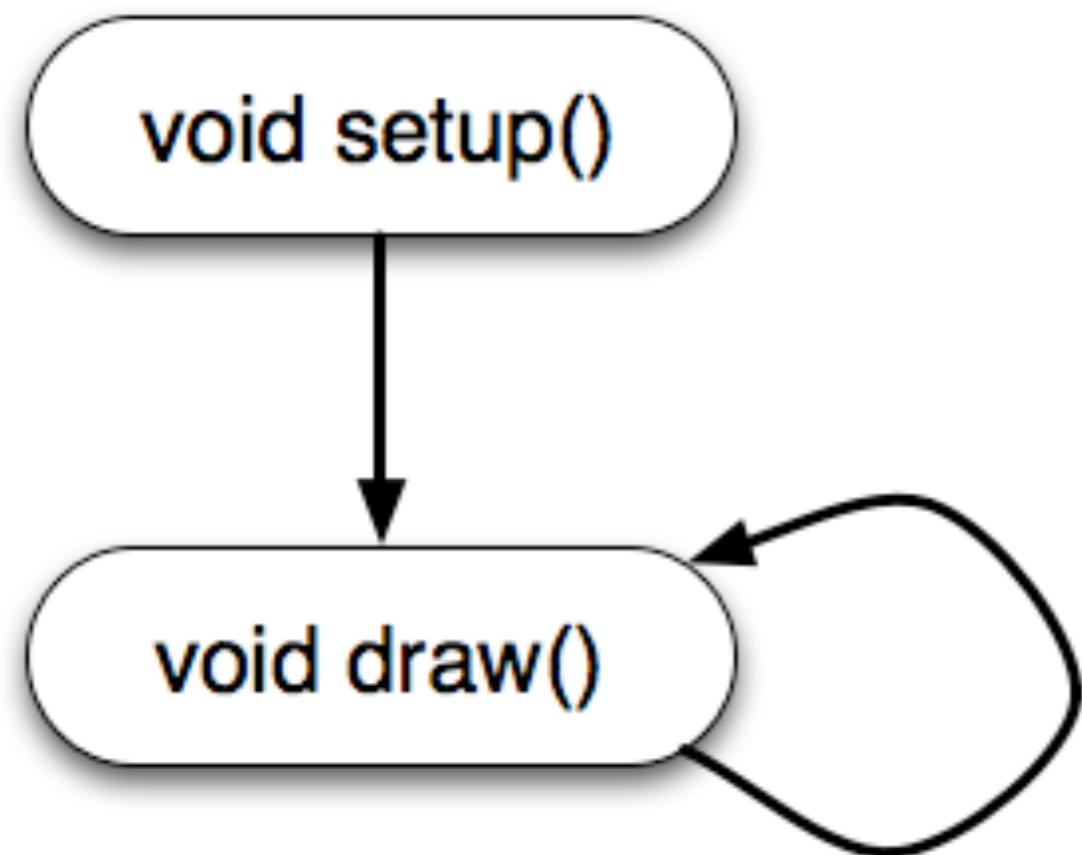
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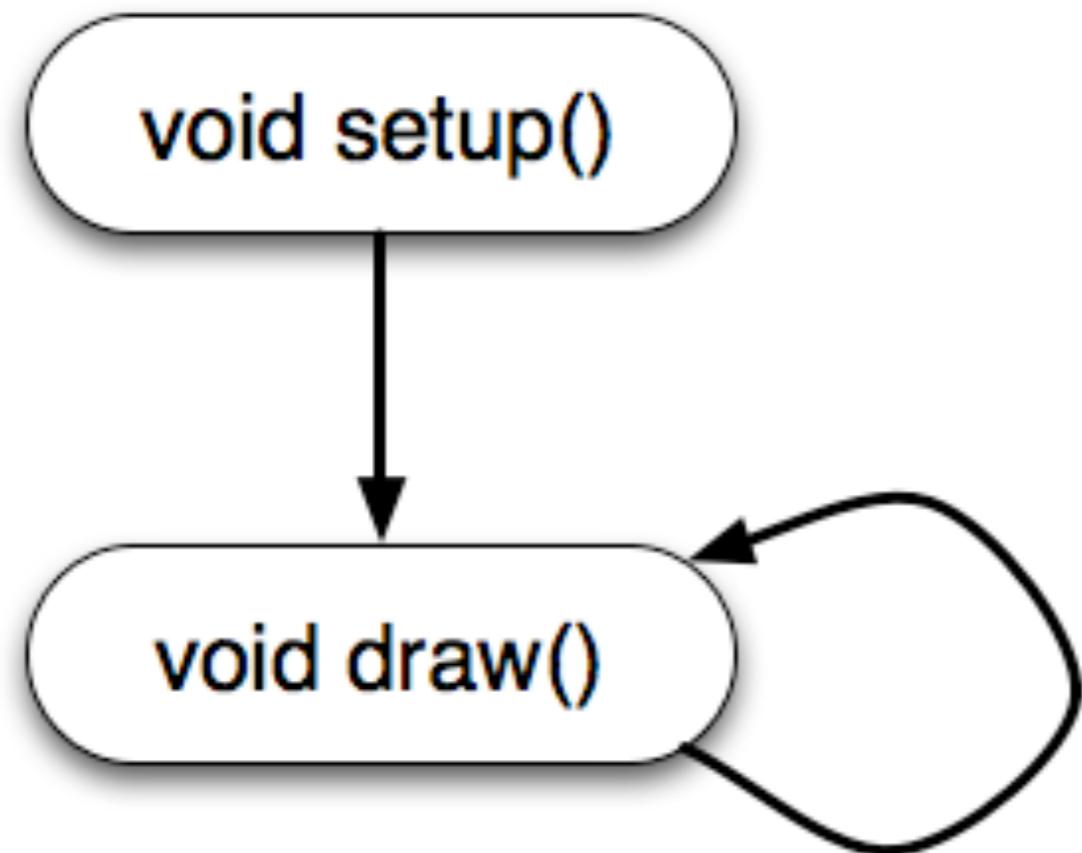
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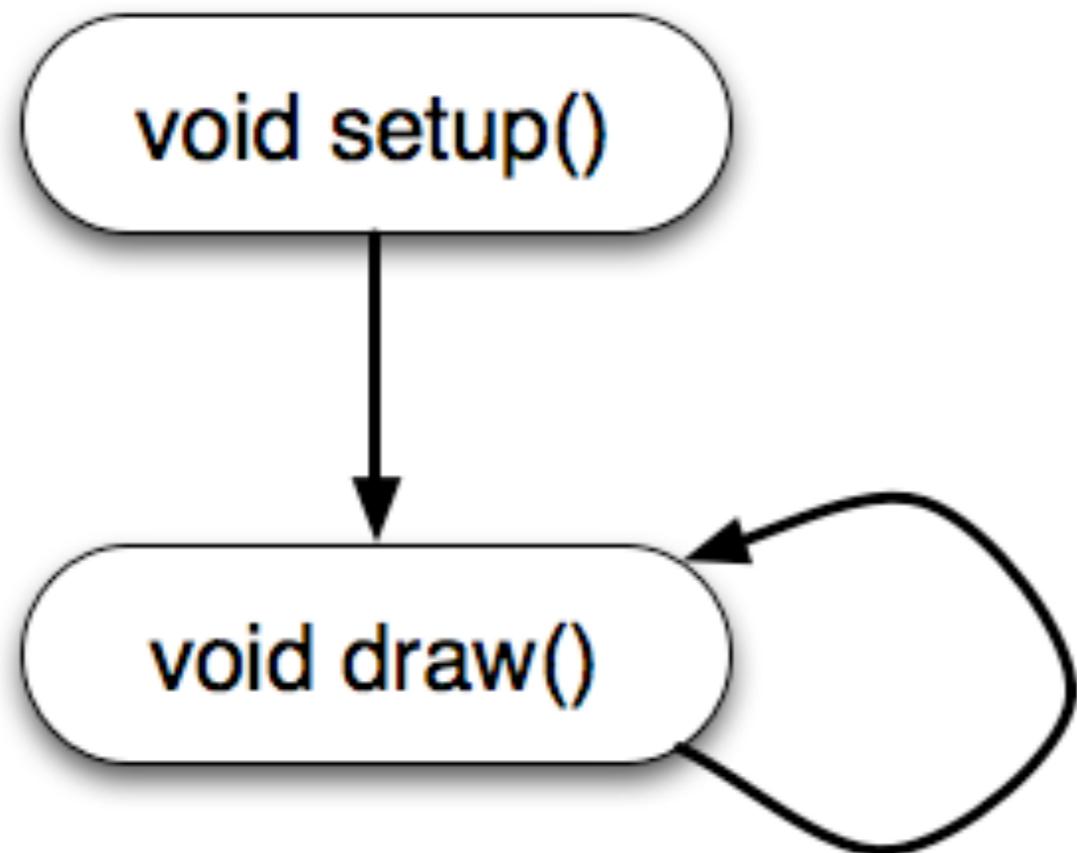
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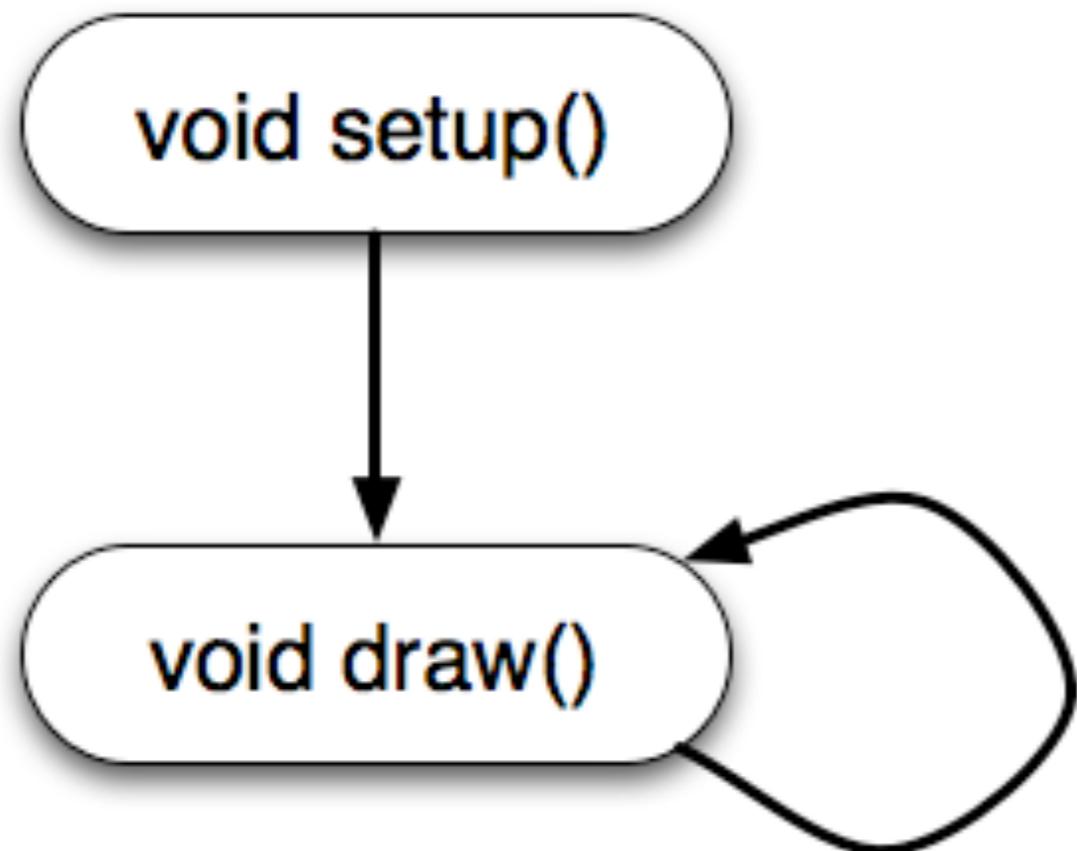
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- You can write collections of commands that get run in particular ways by Processing

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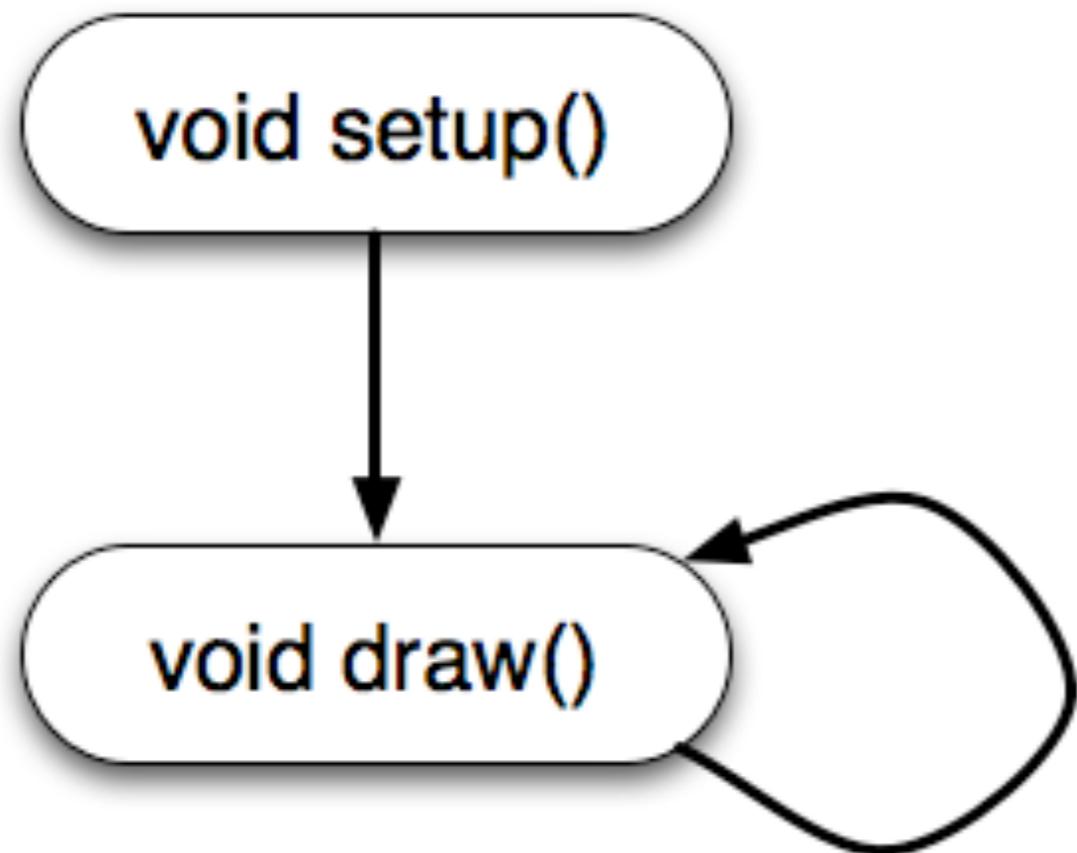
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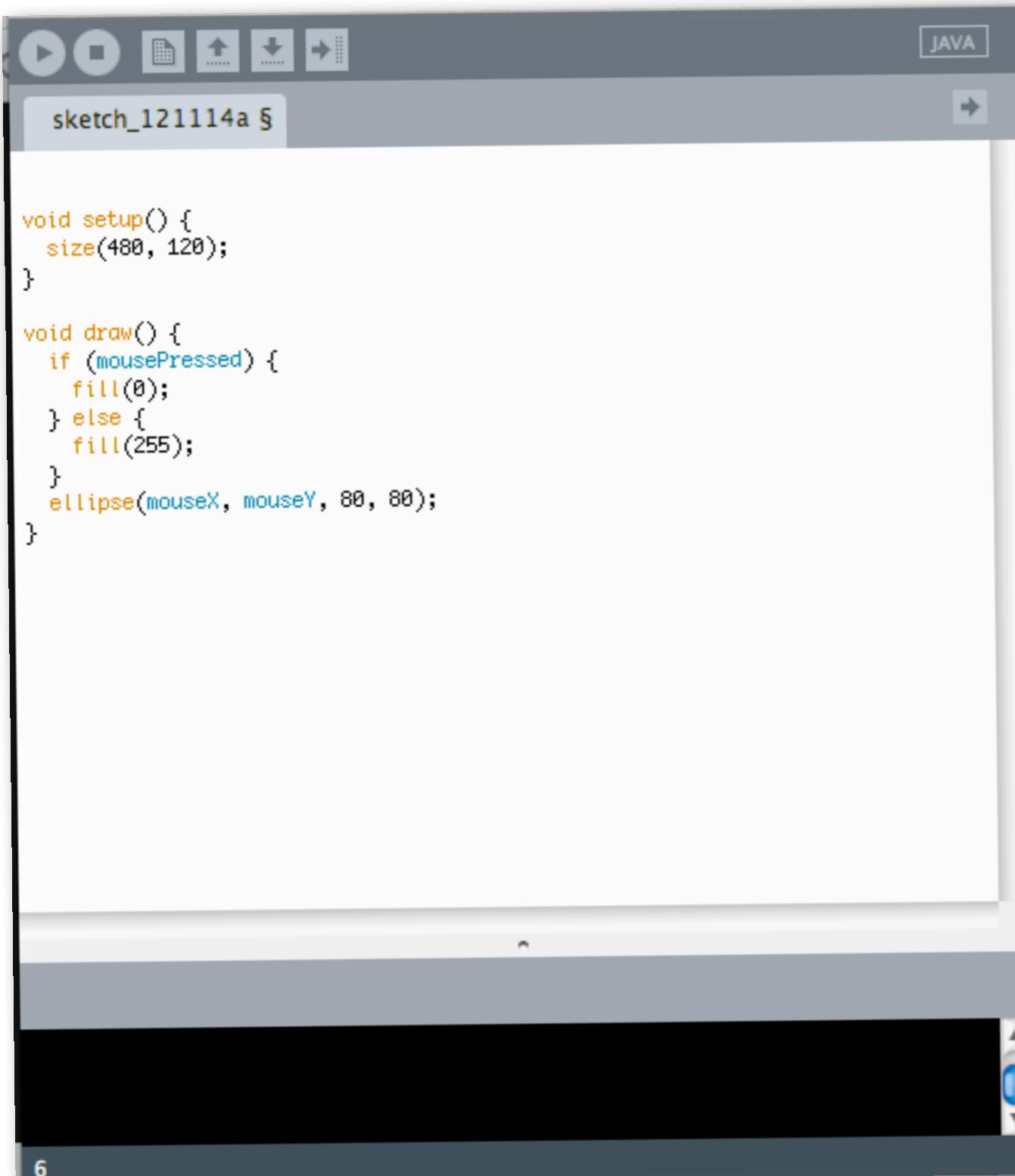
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- the **draw** function is run repeatedly until the user hits stop

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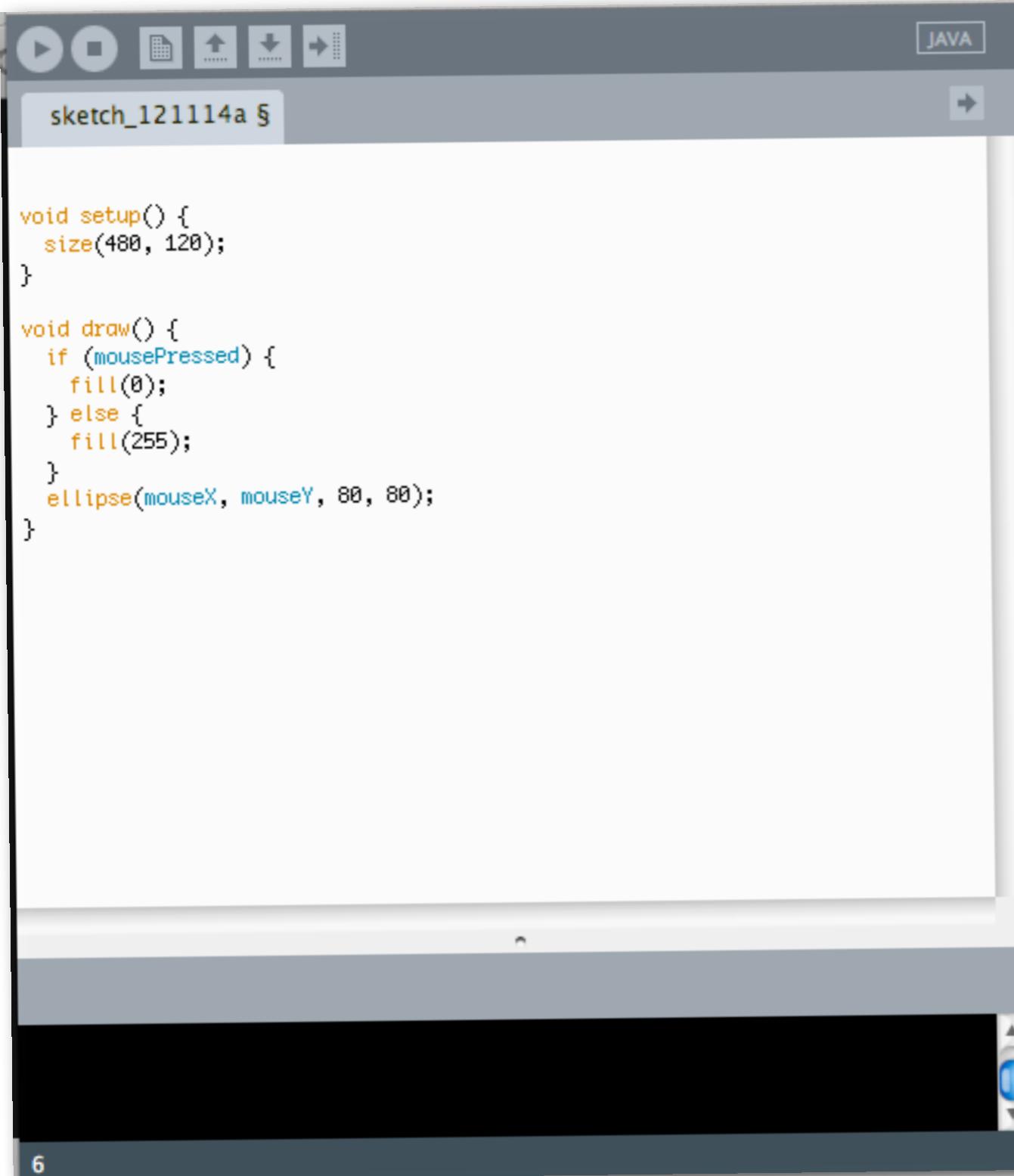
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}
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- Program Flow



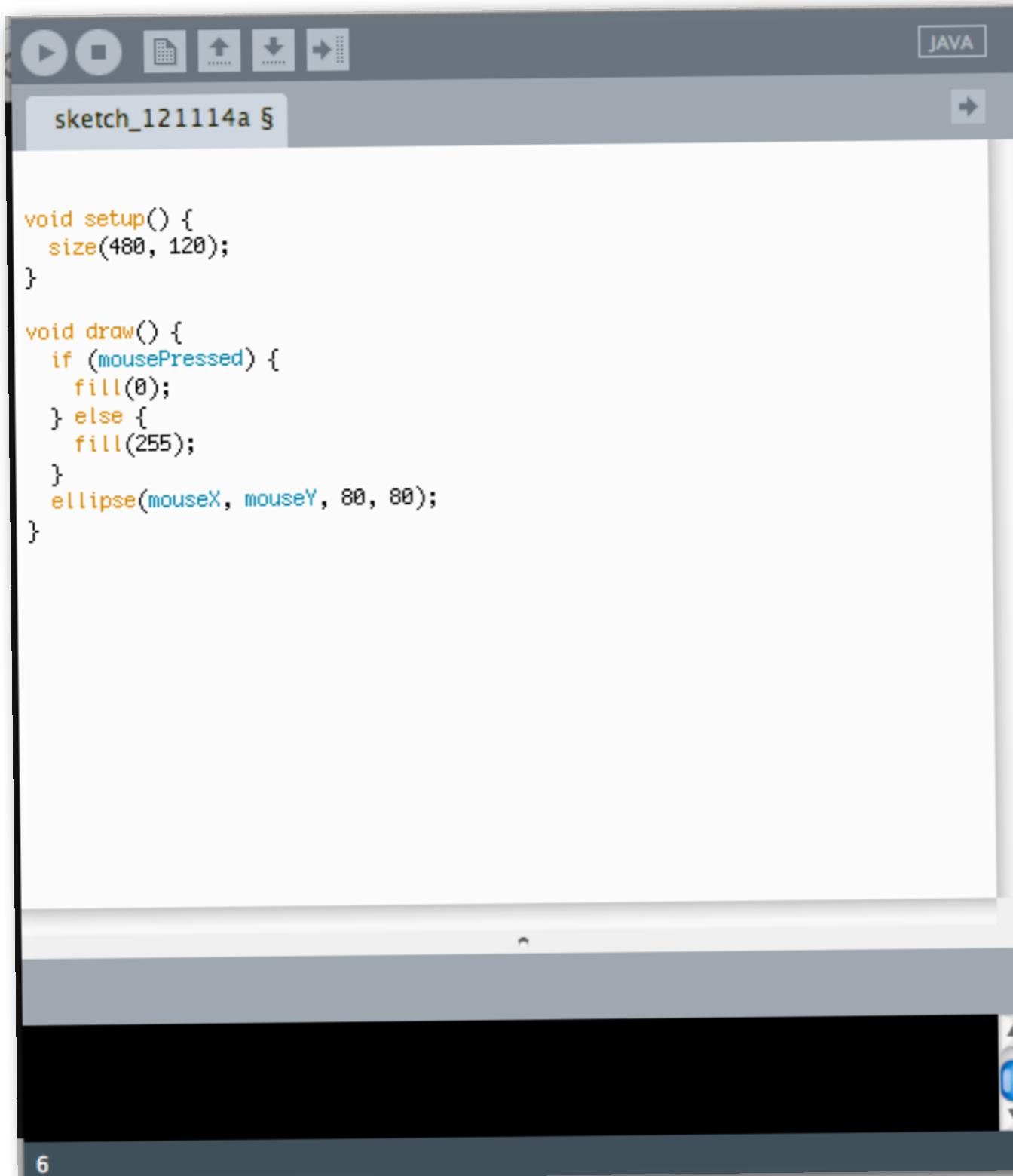
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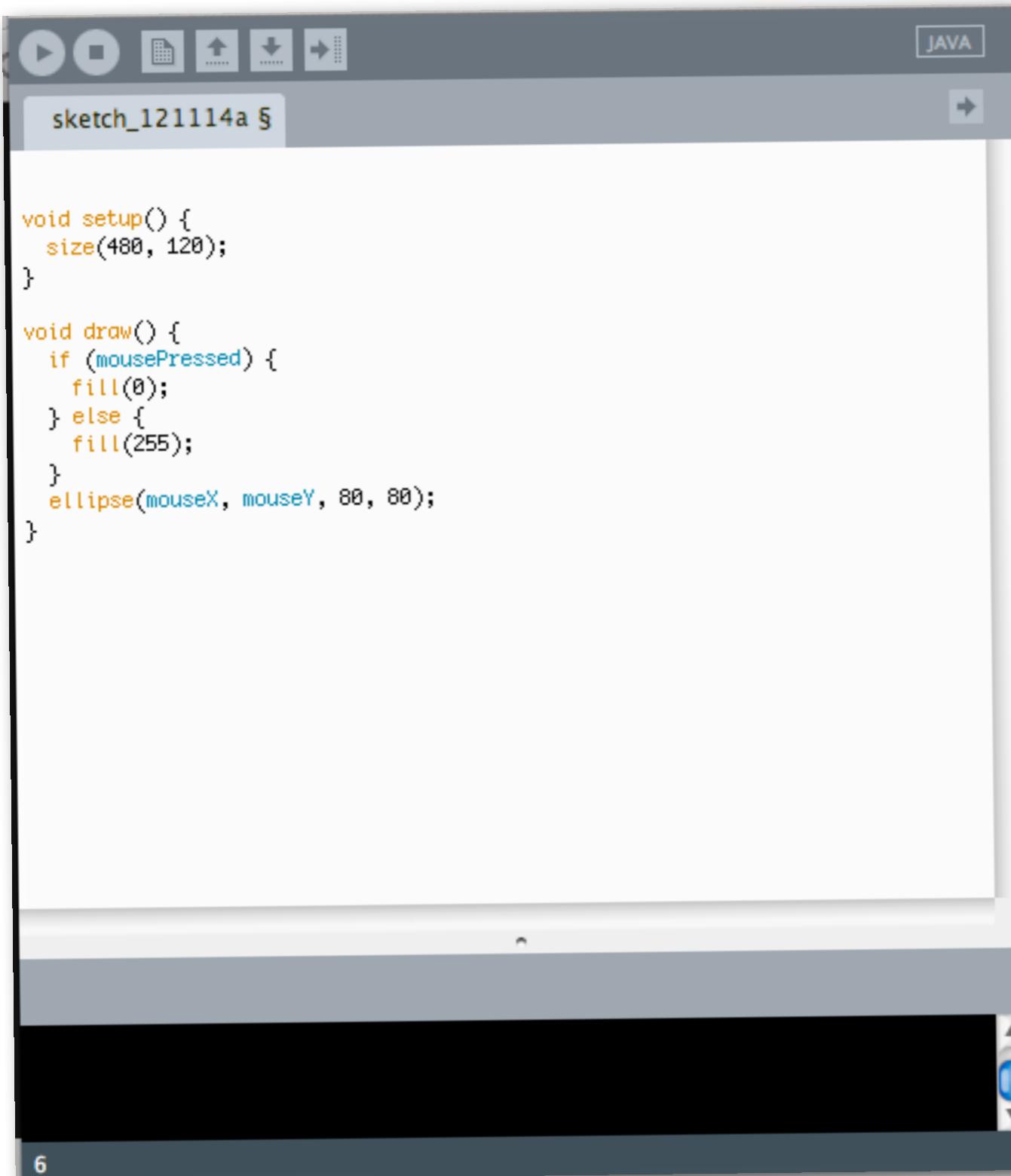
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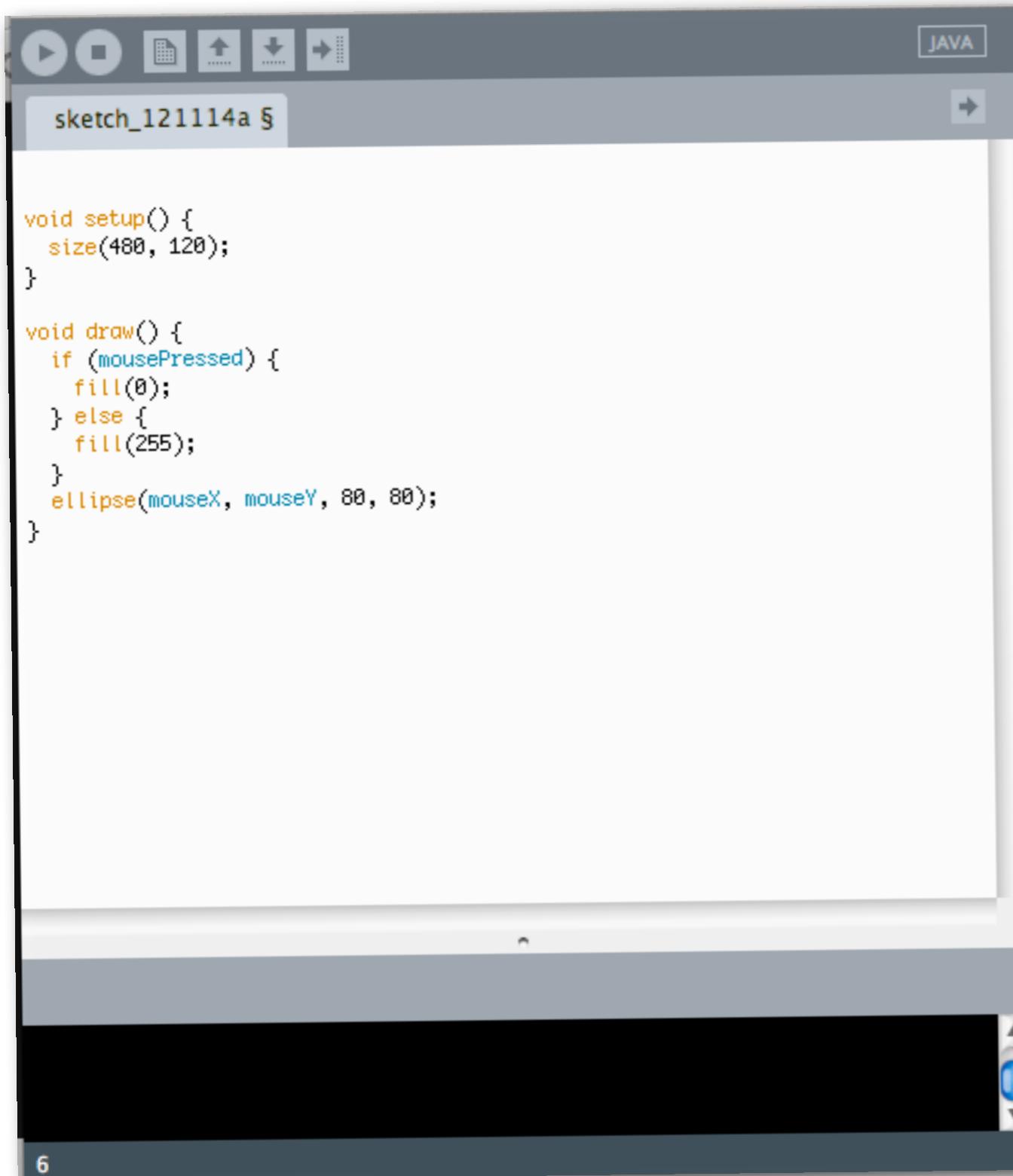
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The processing window is empty, showing a white canvas.

- functions use curly braces to hold all the commands
- **size()** changes the display window size

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- Program Flow



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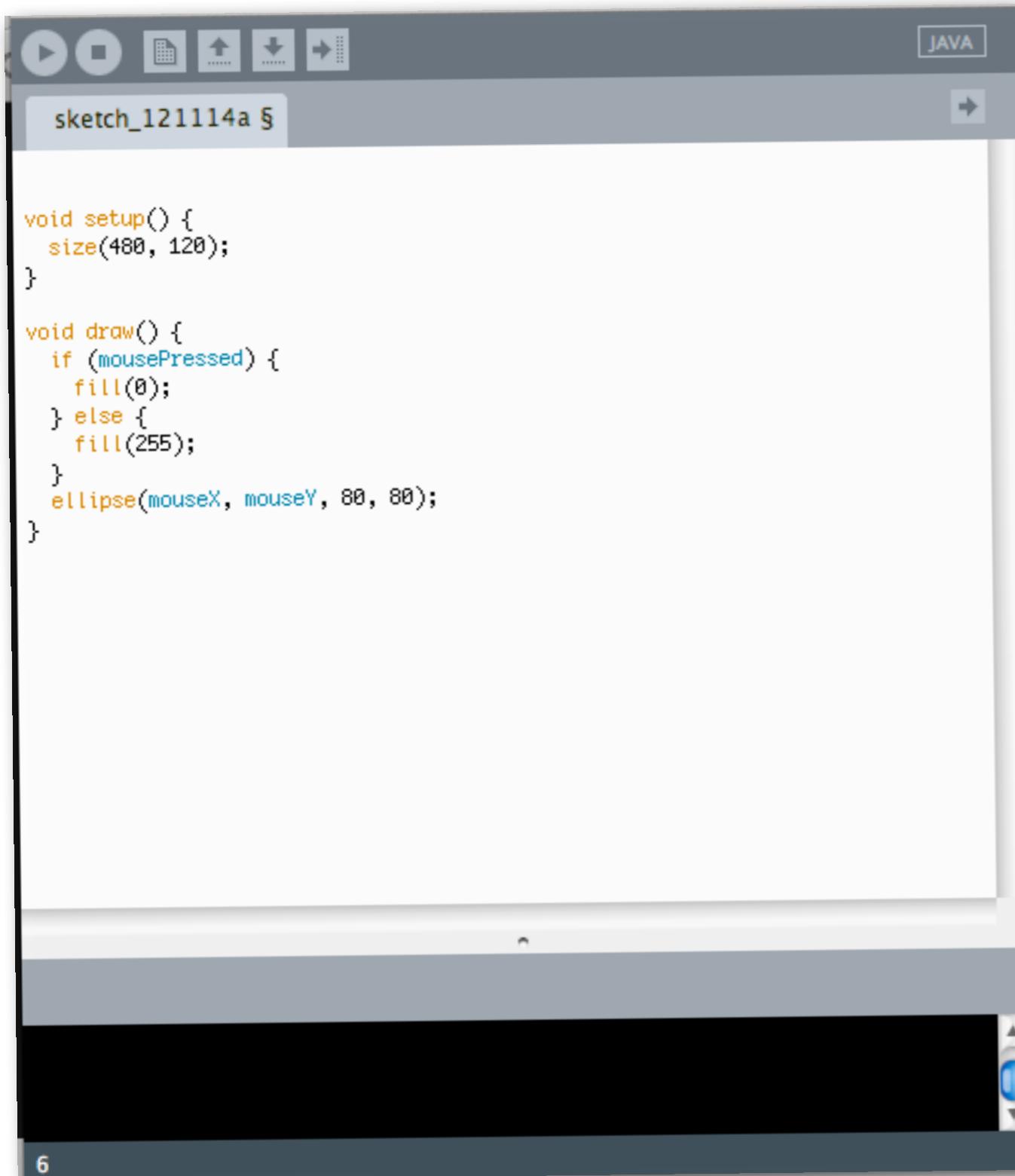
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JAVA
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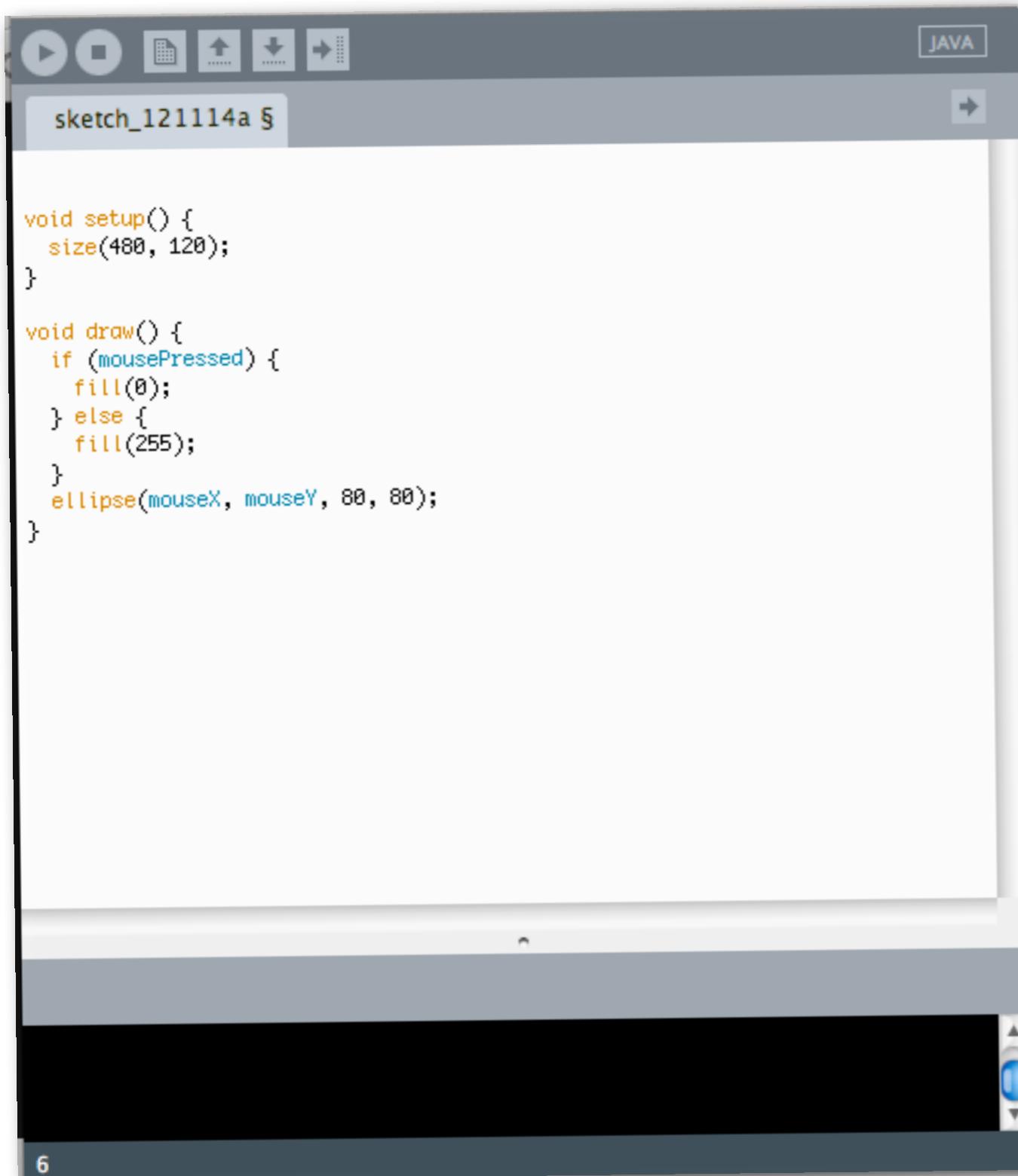
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The preview window is empty, showing a black rectangle. The status bar at the bottom left shows the number "6".

- functions use curly braces to hold all the commands
- **size()** changes the display window size
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- Program Flow

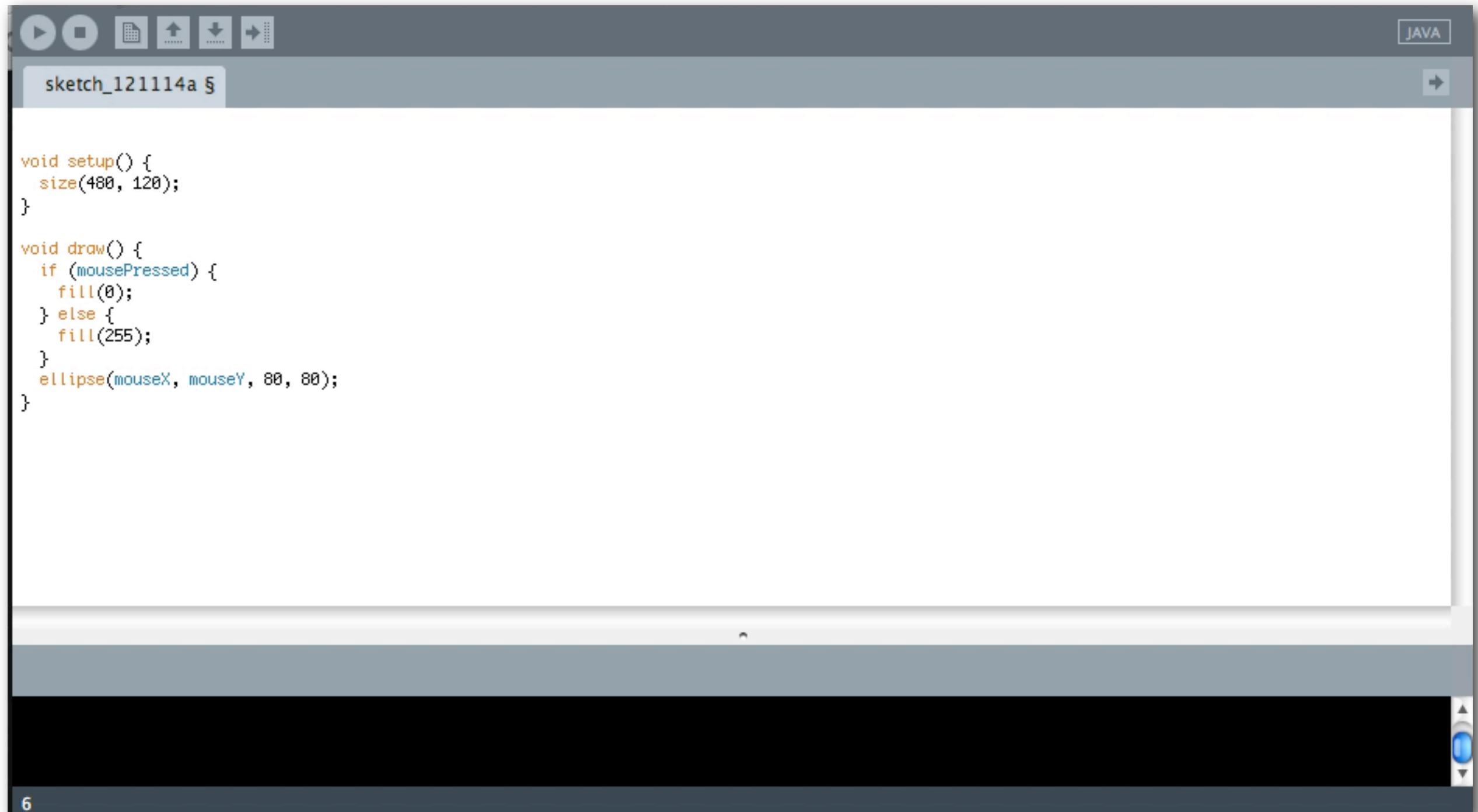


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- **size()** changes the display window size
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- **fill()** changes the color inside the shape that gets drawn next

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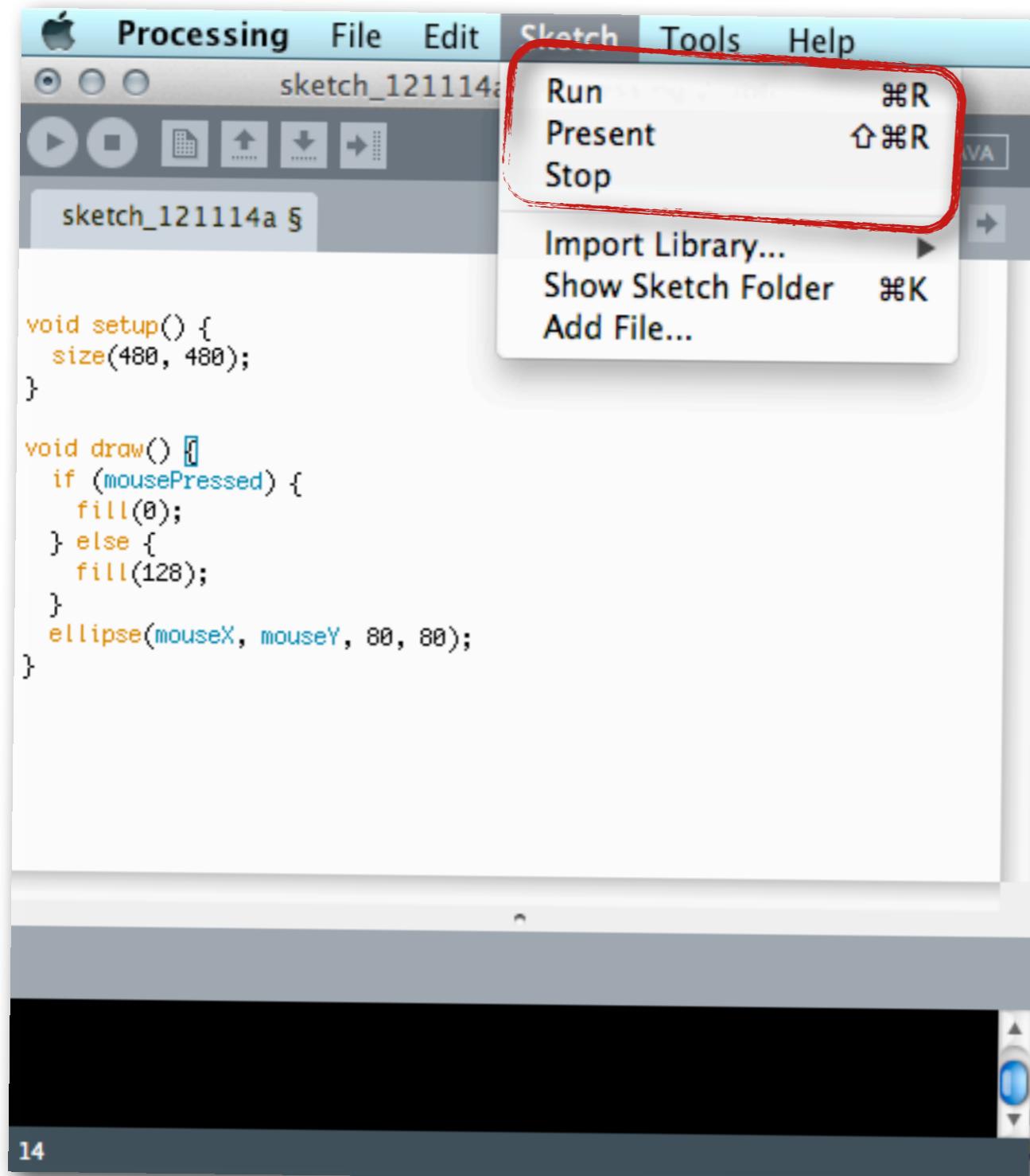
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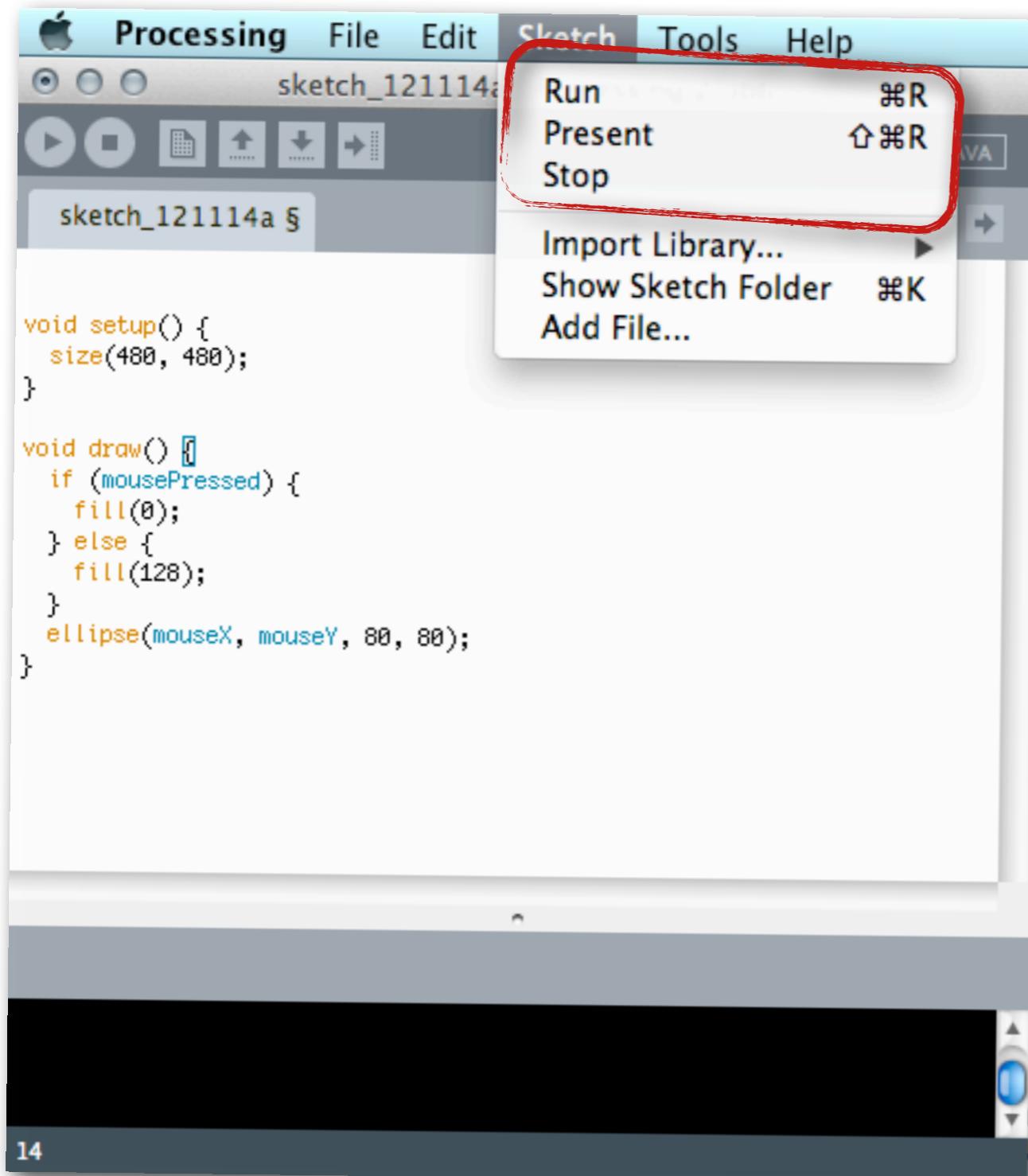
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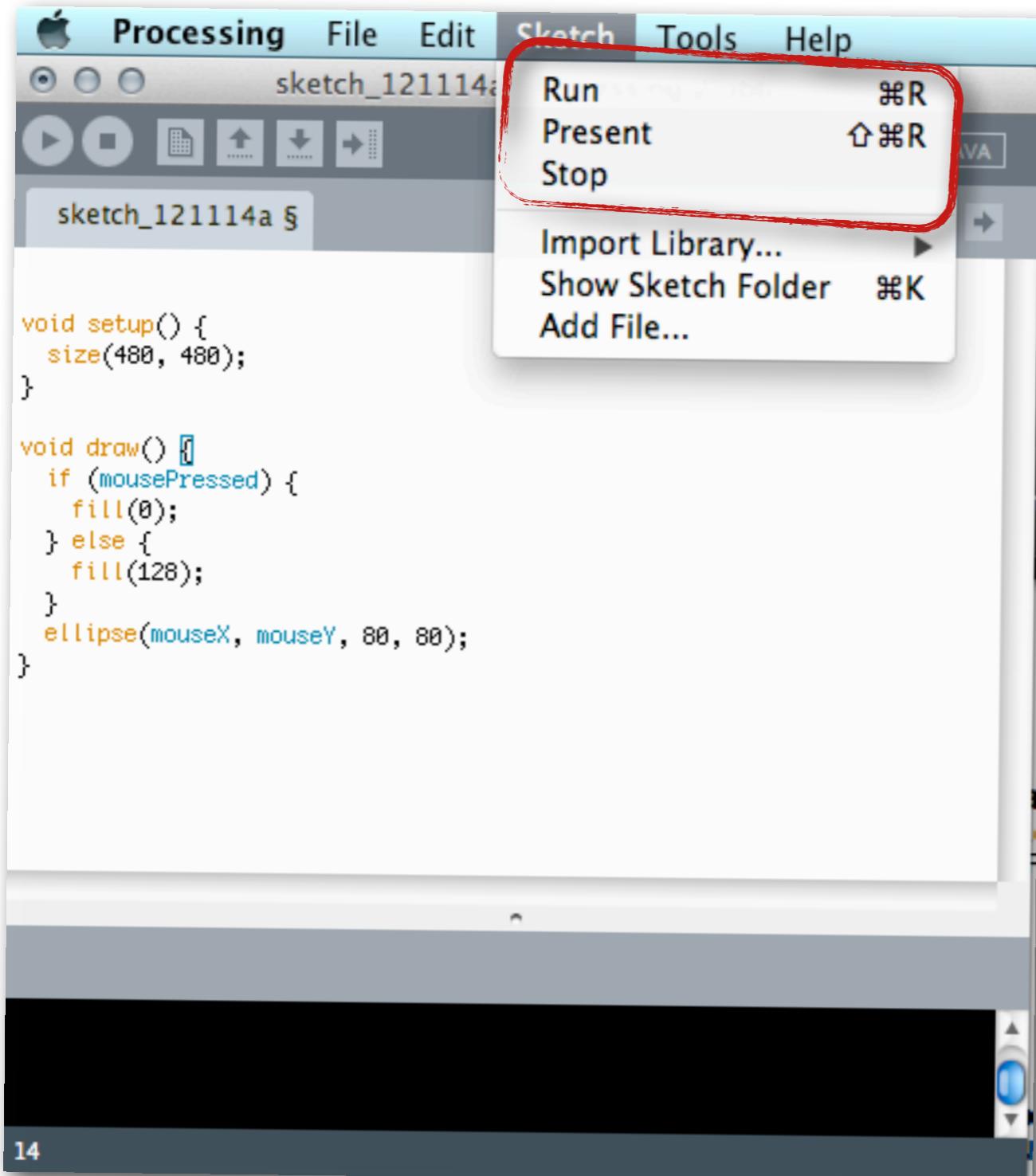
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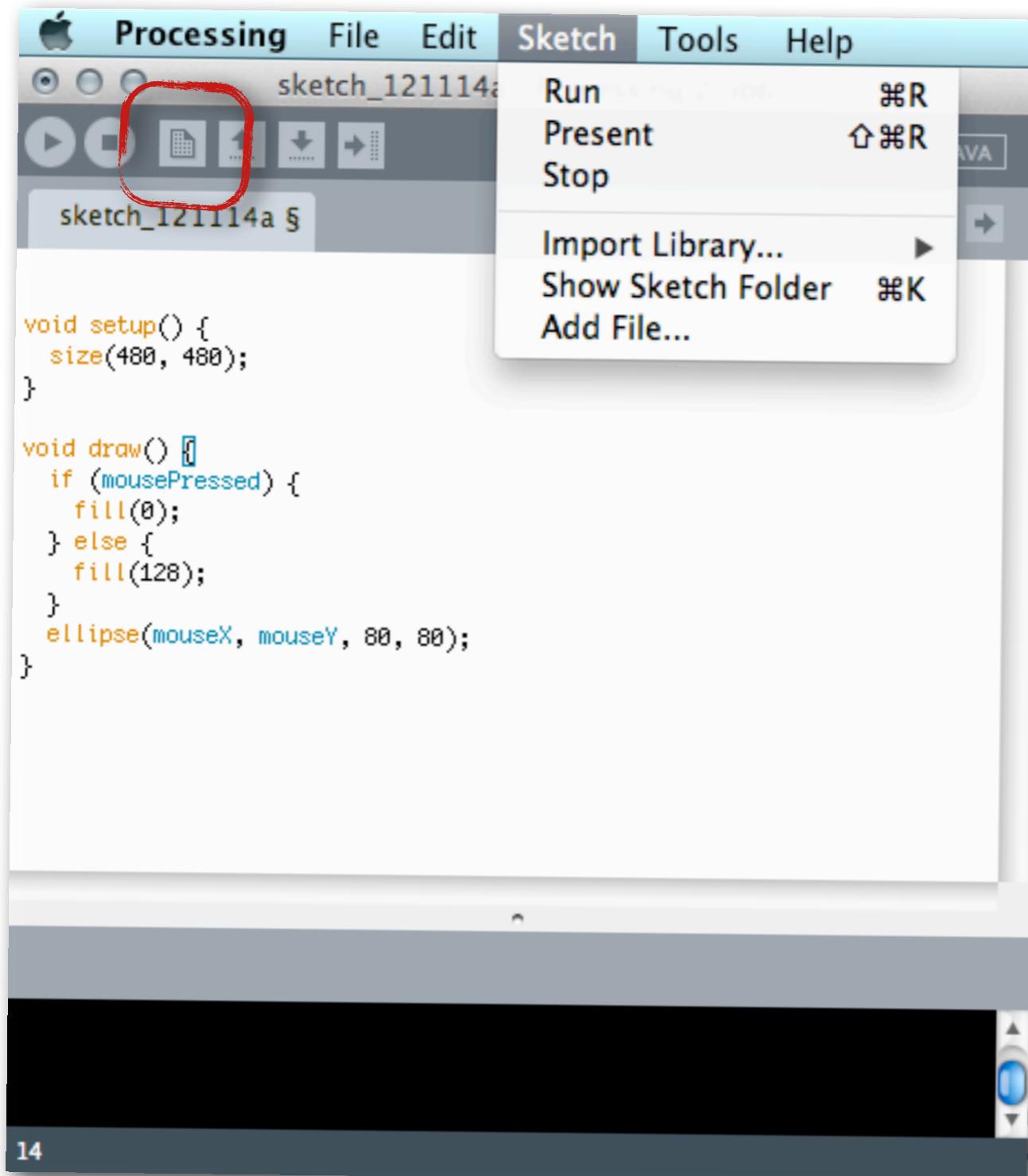
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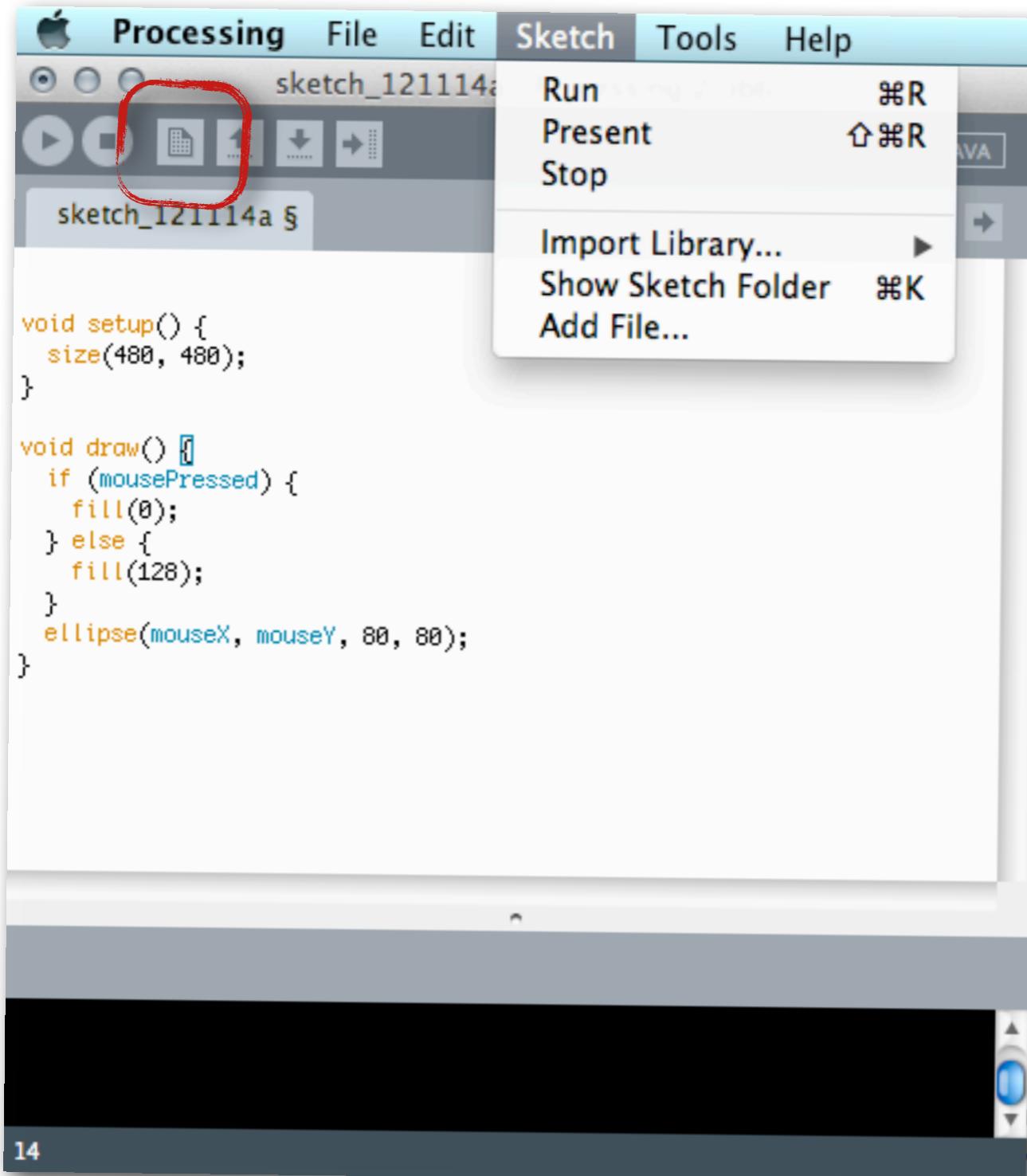
- Menu bar shows shortcuts instead of requiring the buttons to be used

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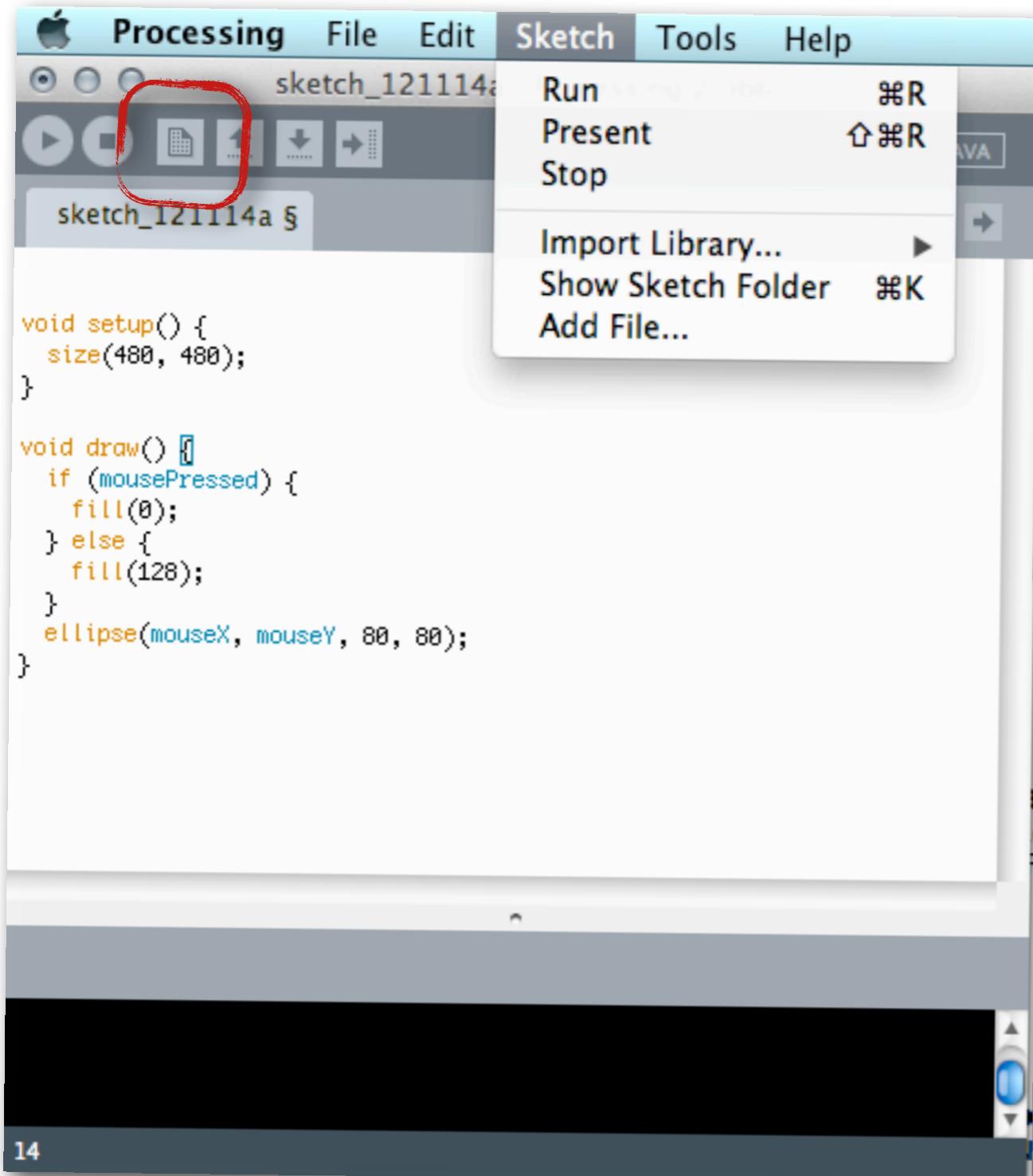
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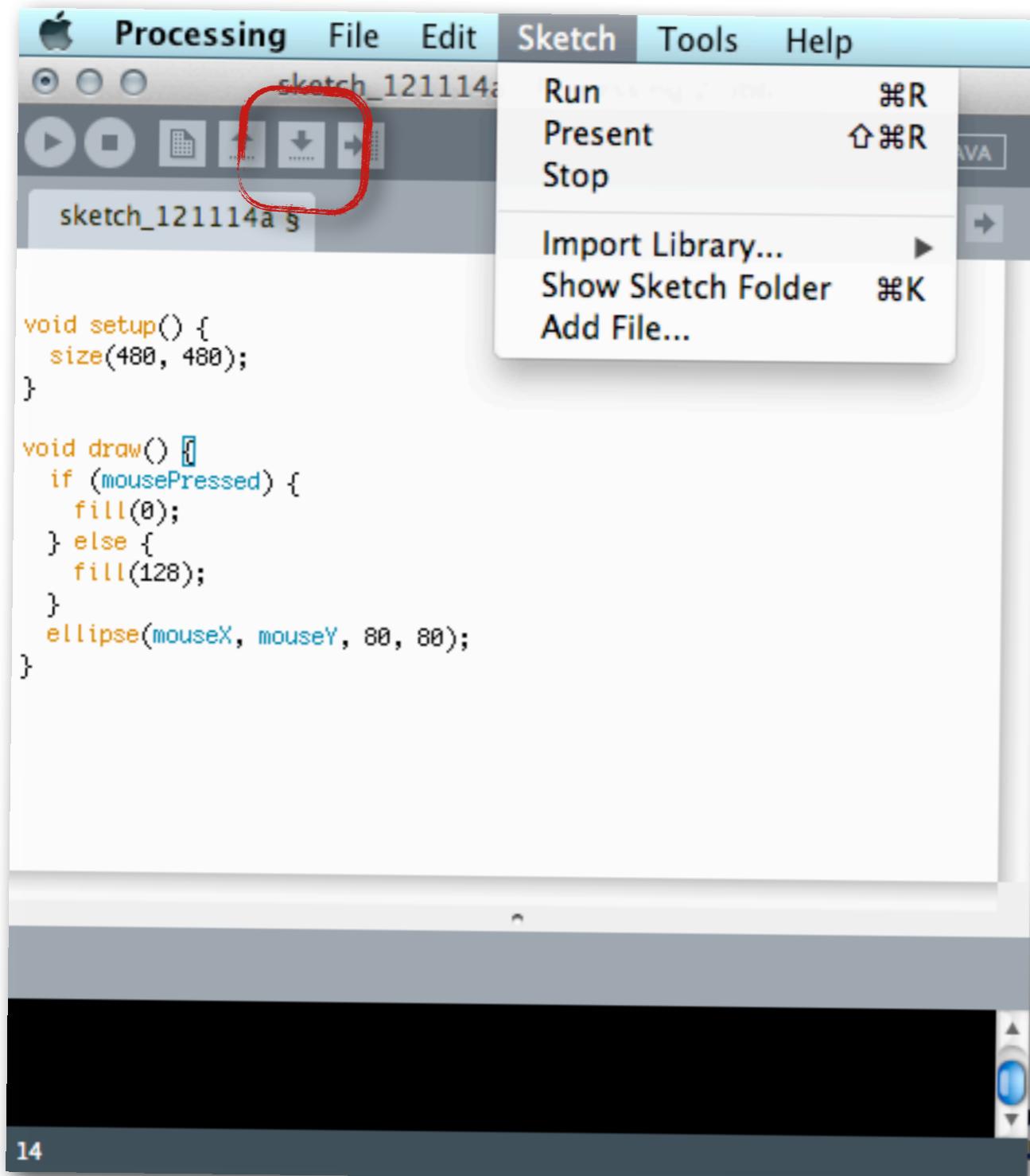
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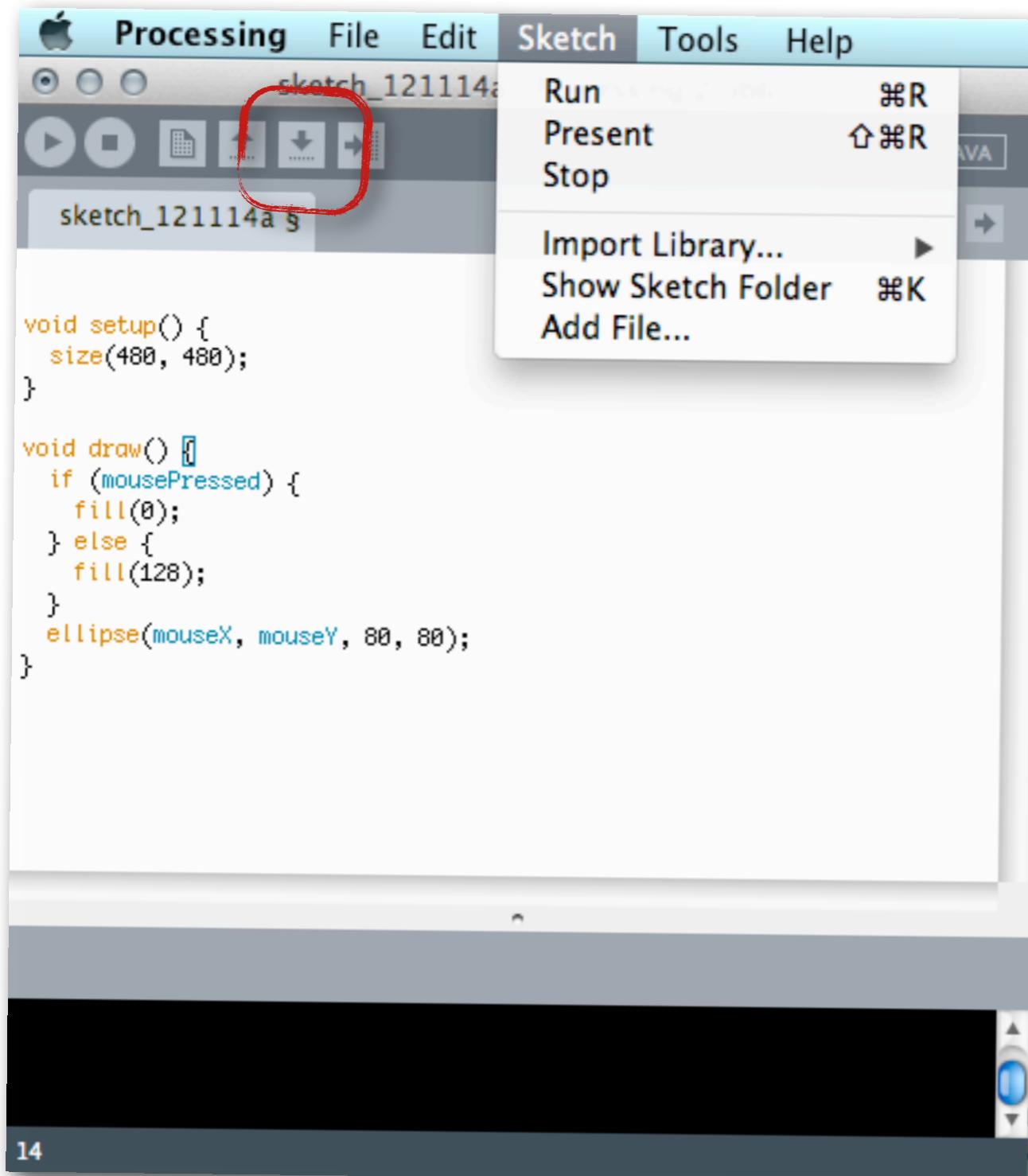
- Create a new sketch

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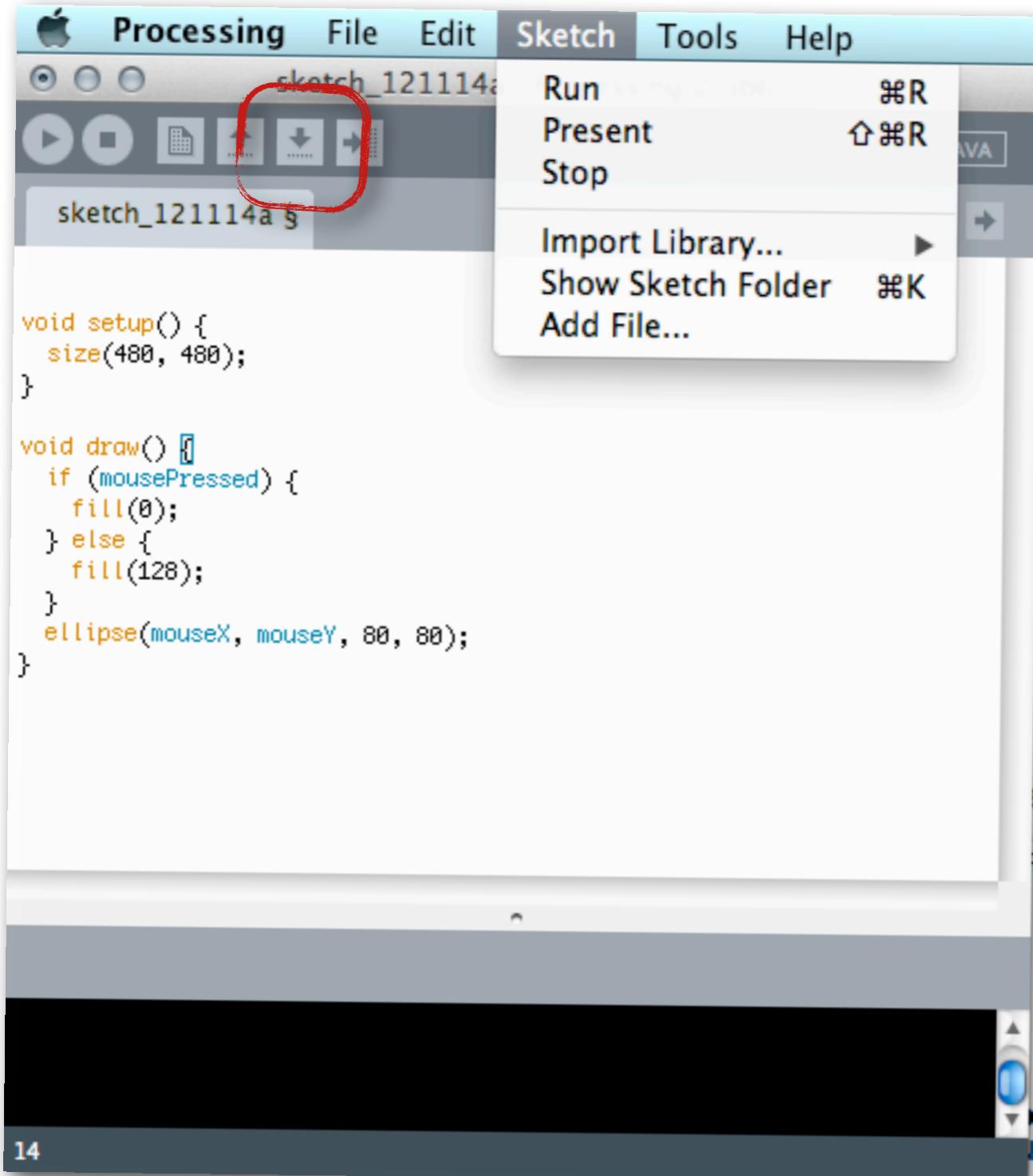
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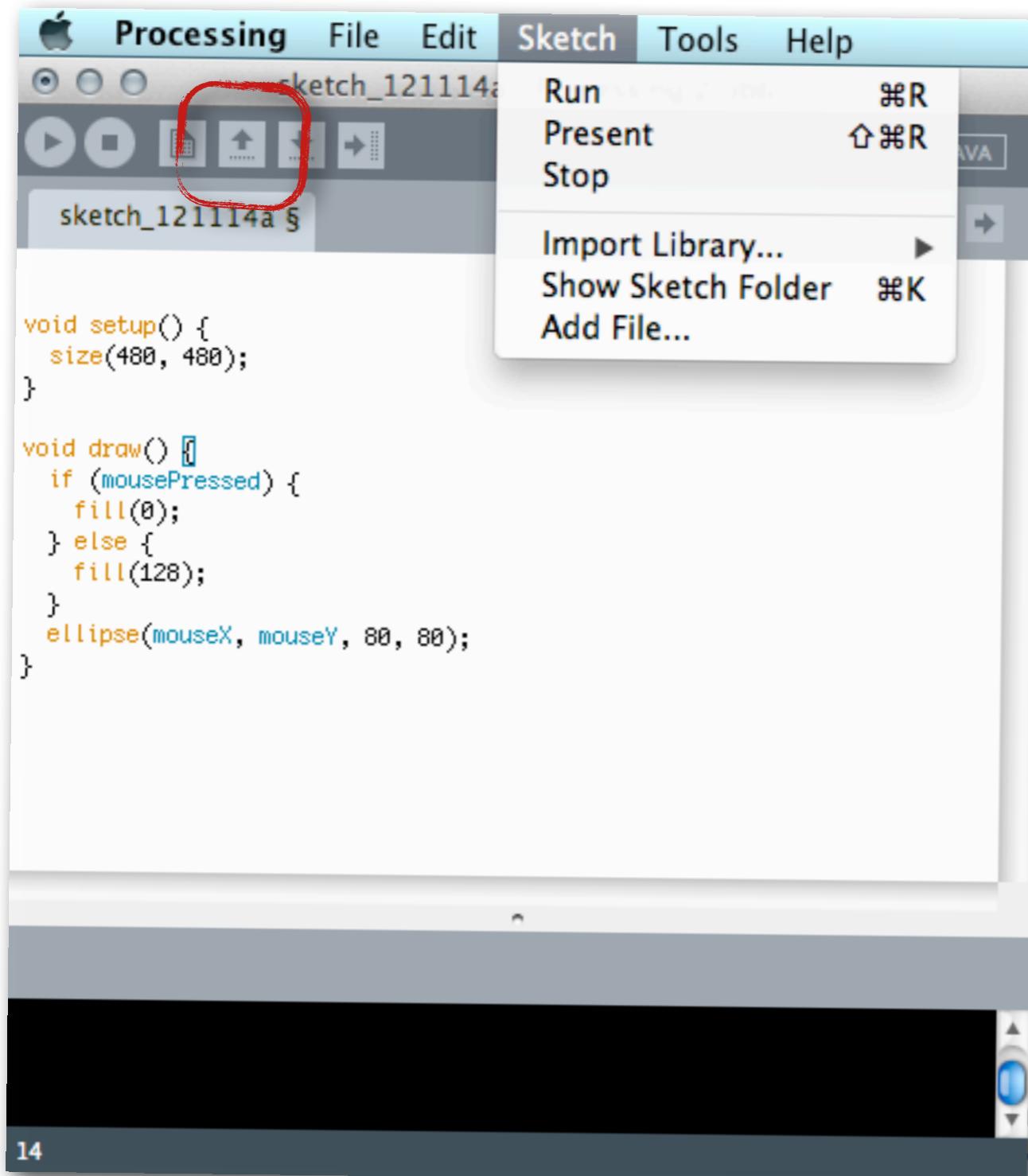
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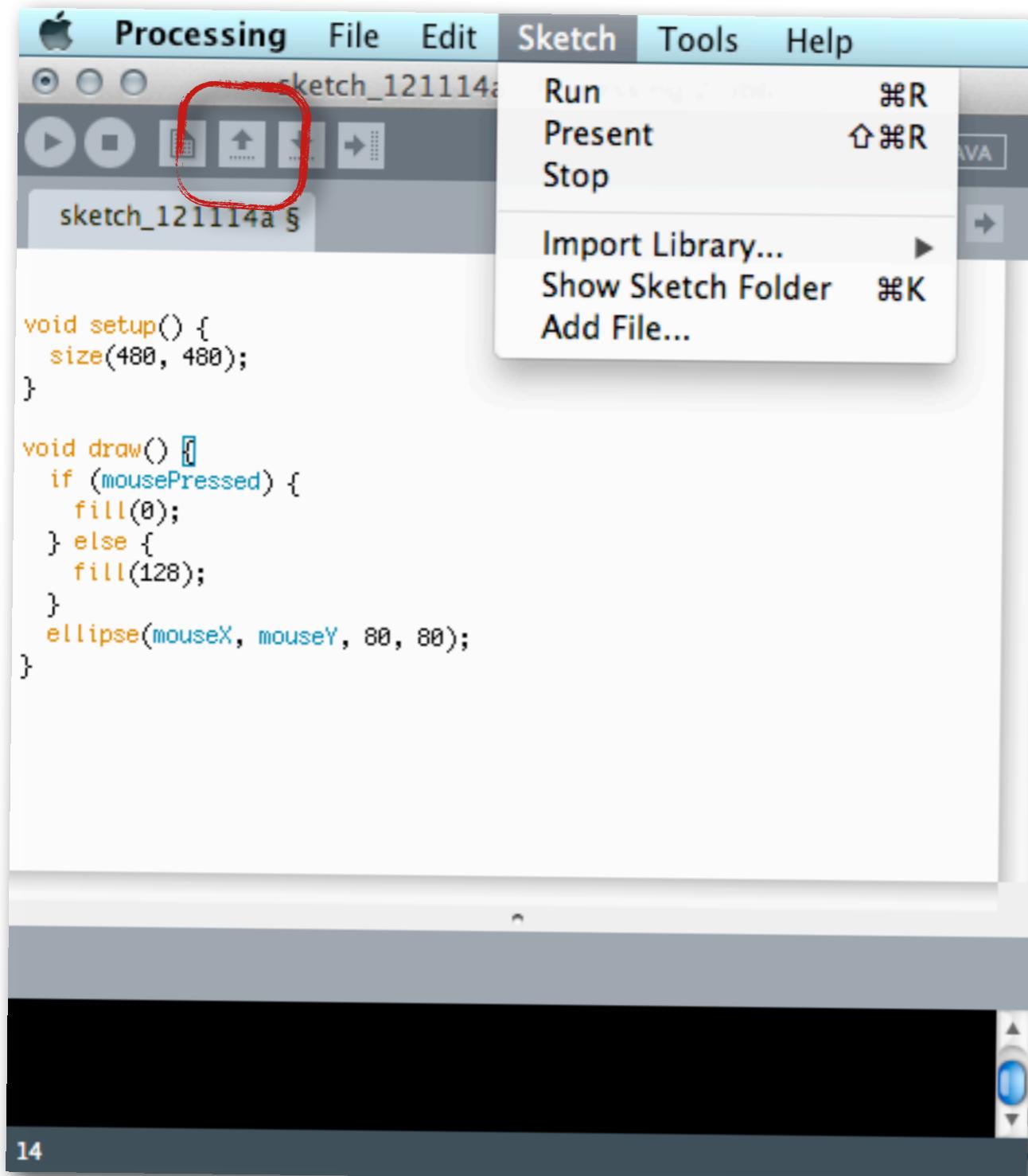
- Save the current sketch

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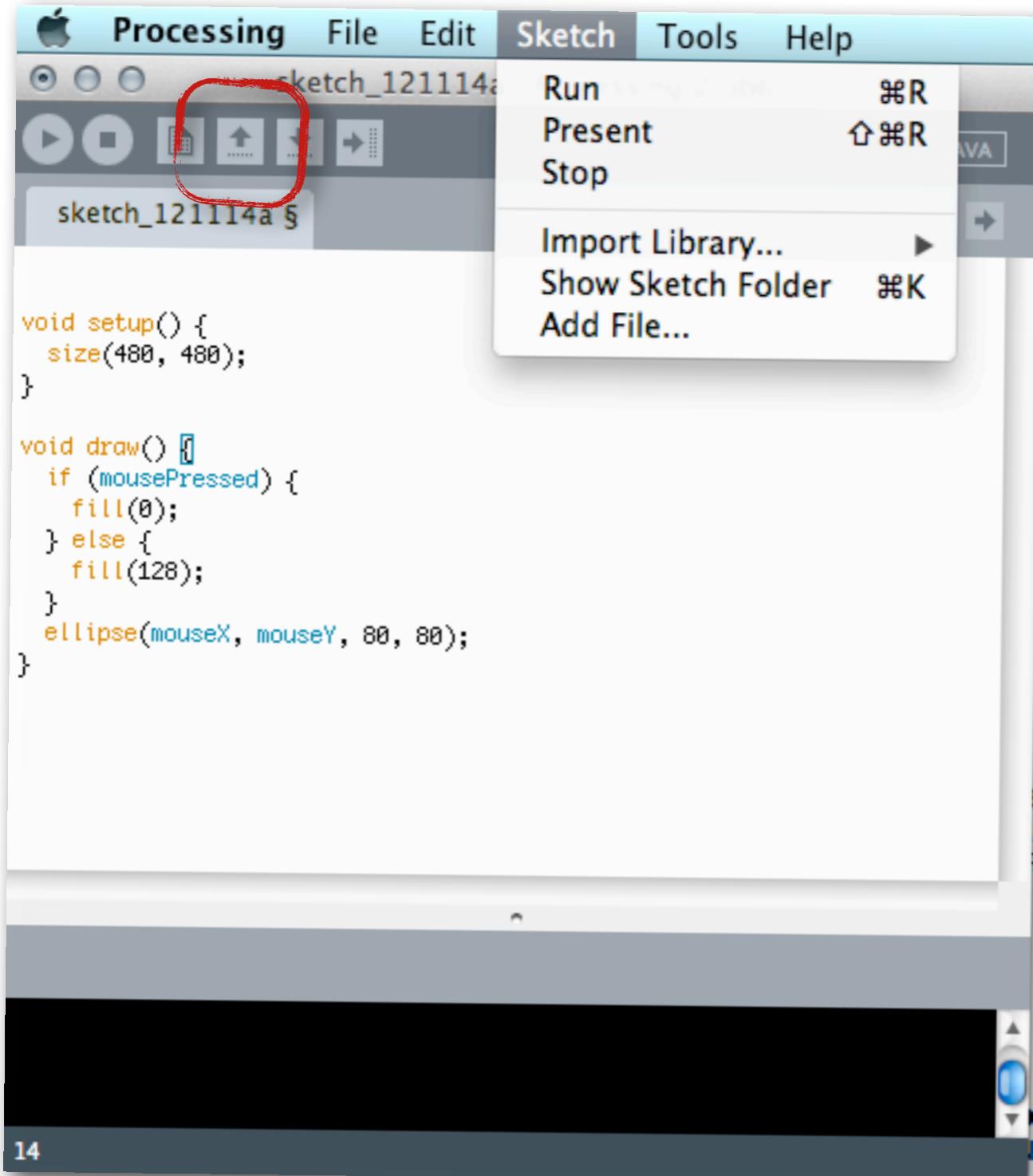
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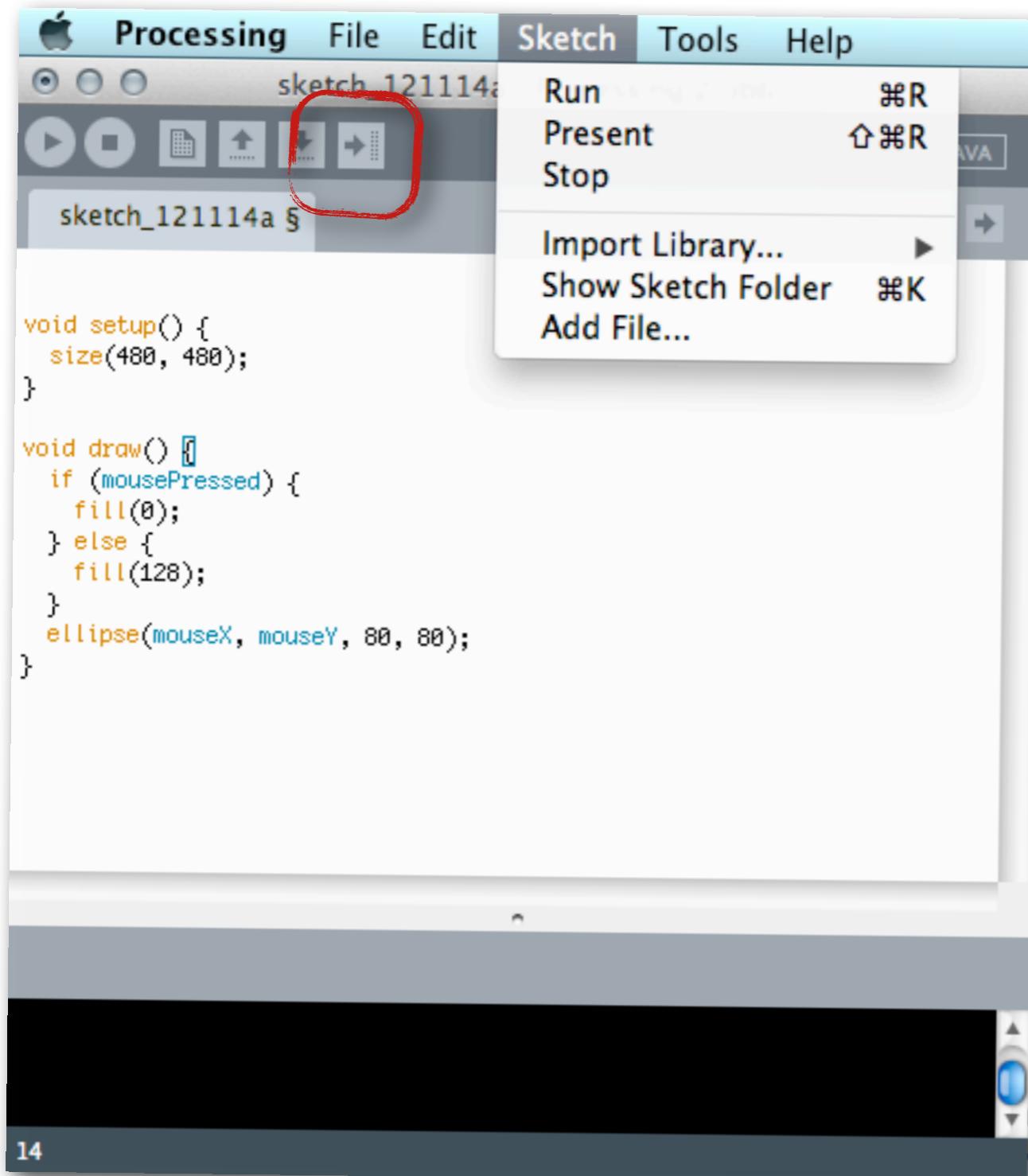
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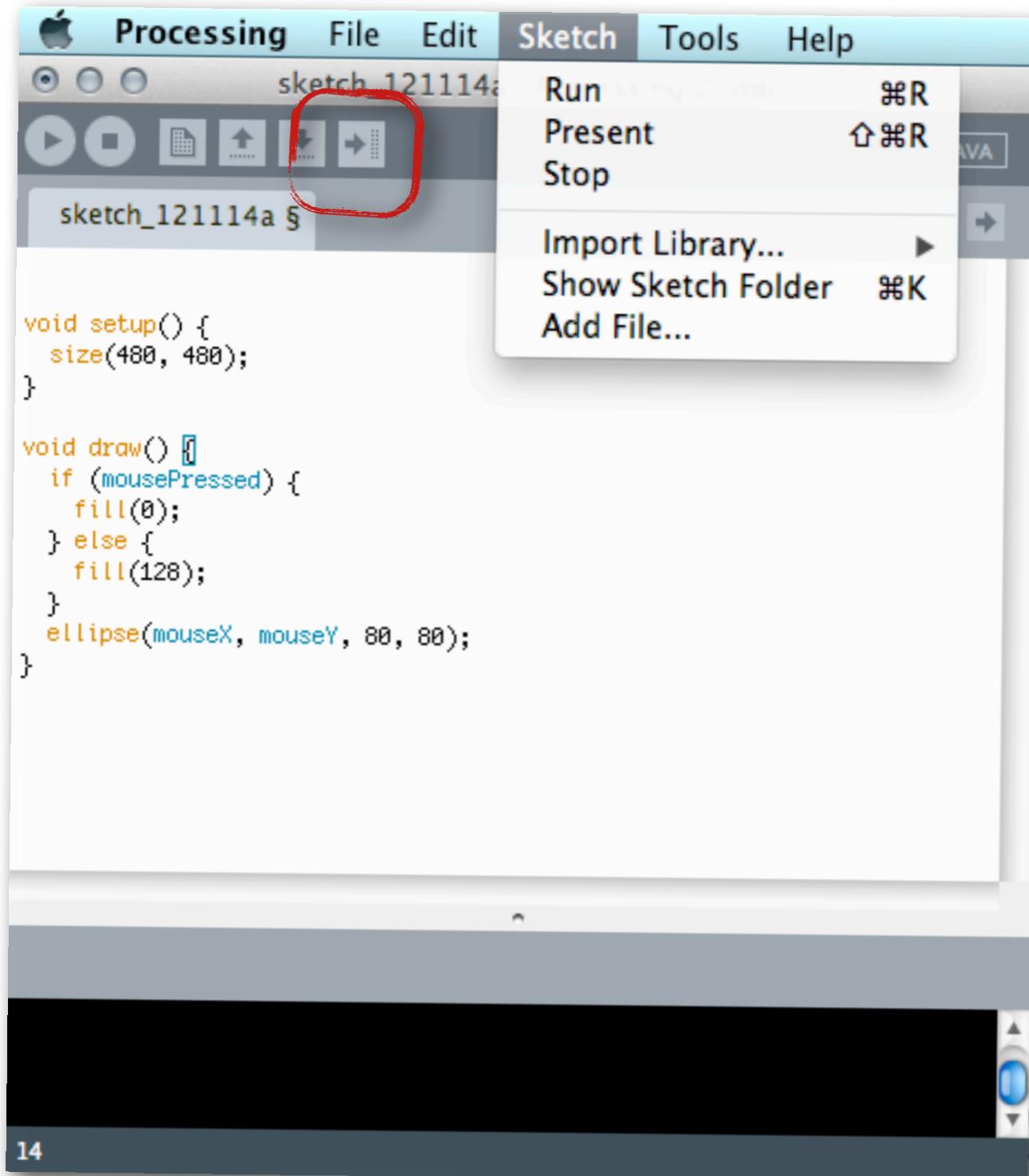
- Open a previously saved sketch

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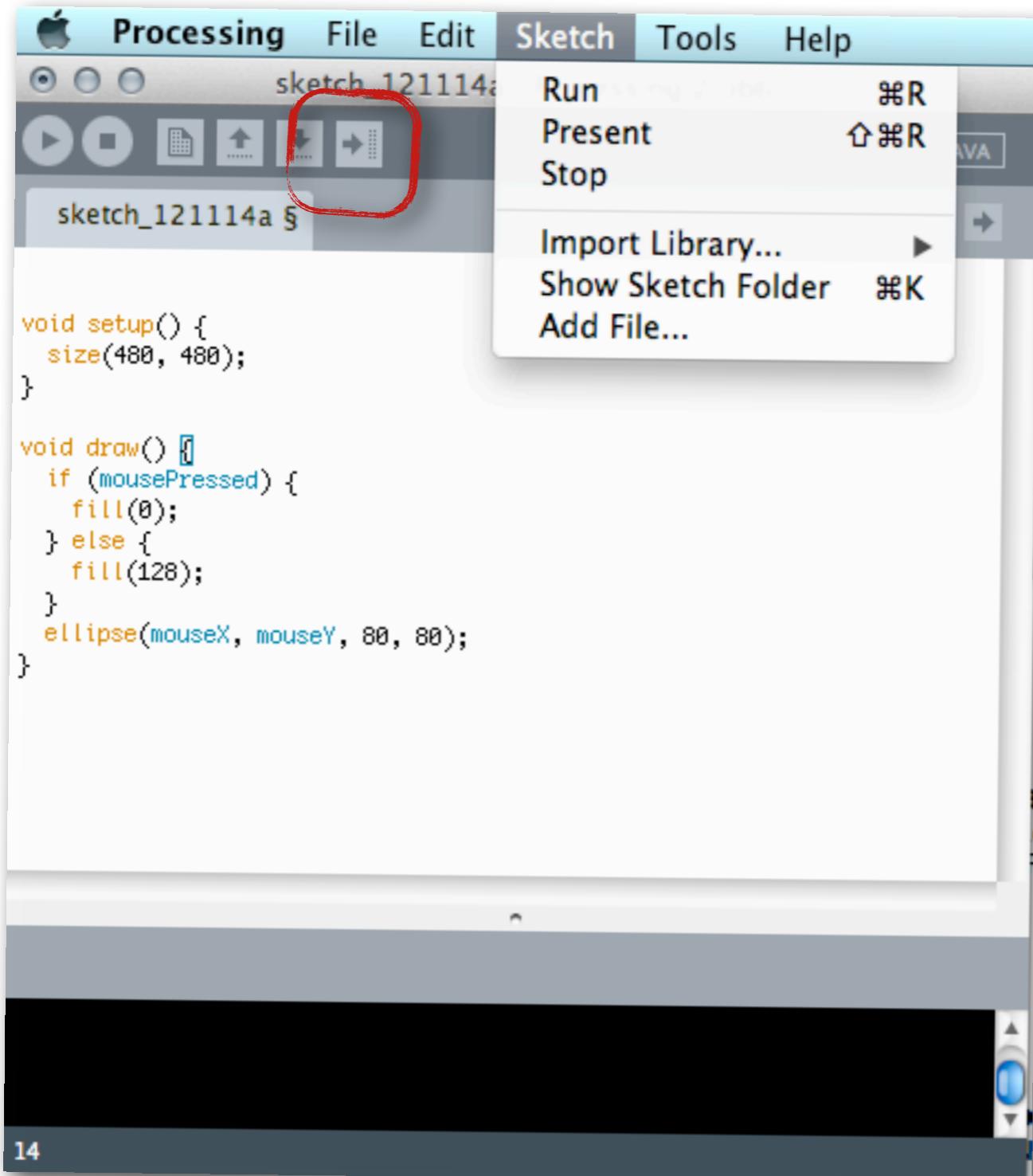
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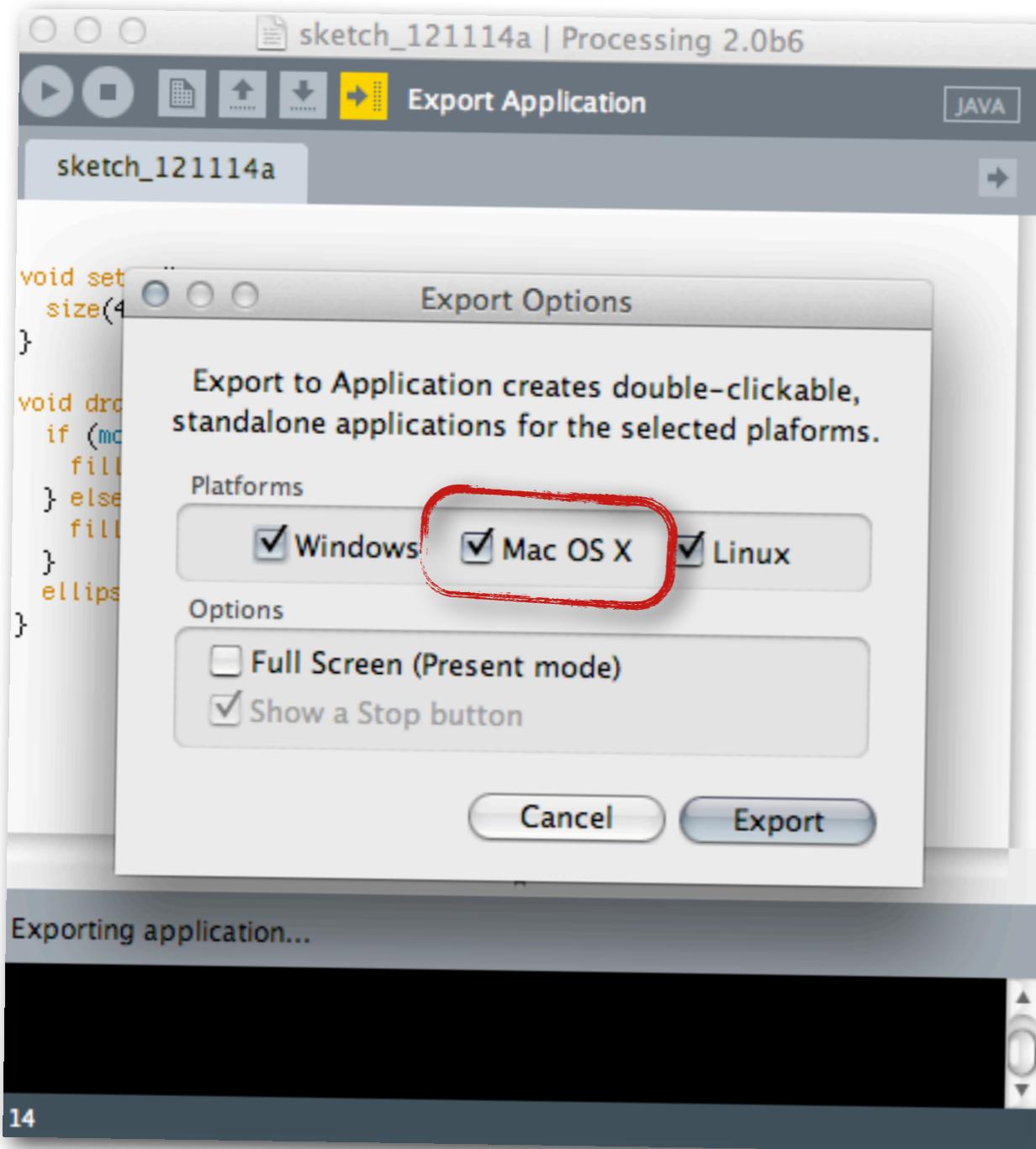
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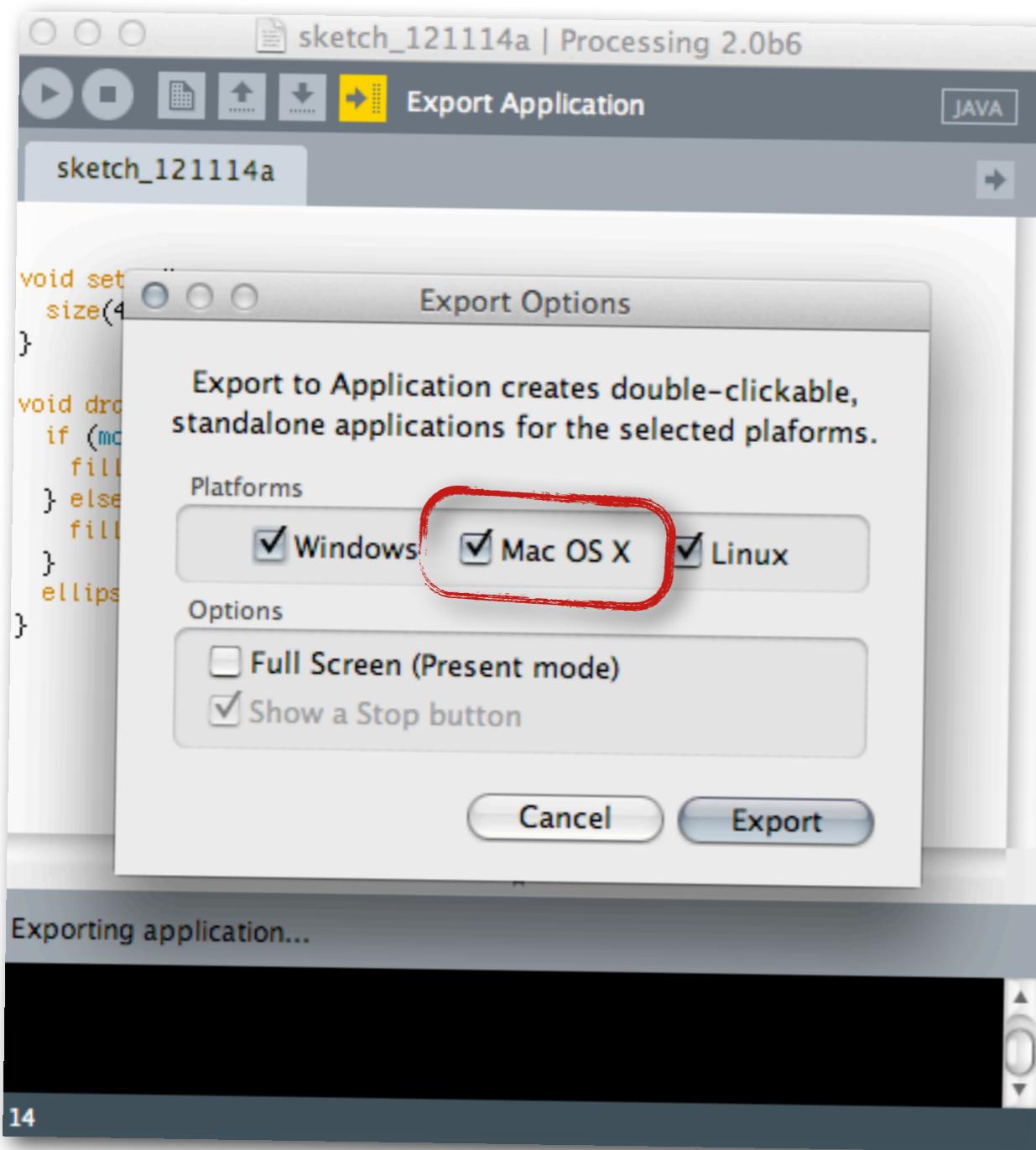
- Share a sketch as an application

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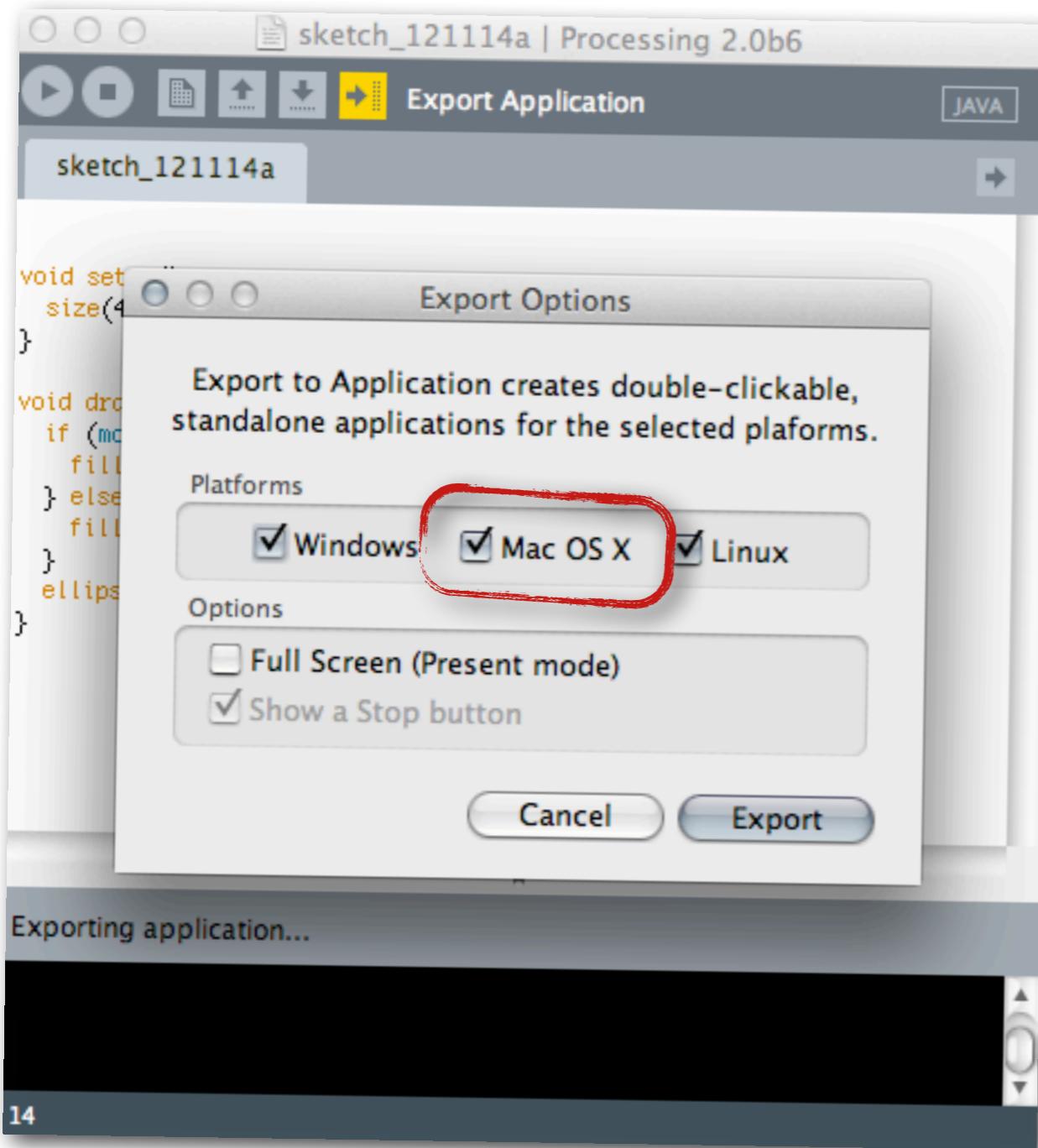
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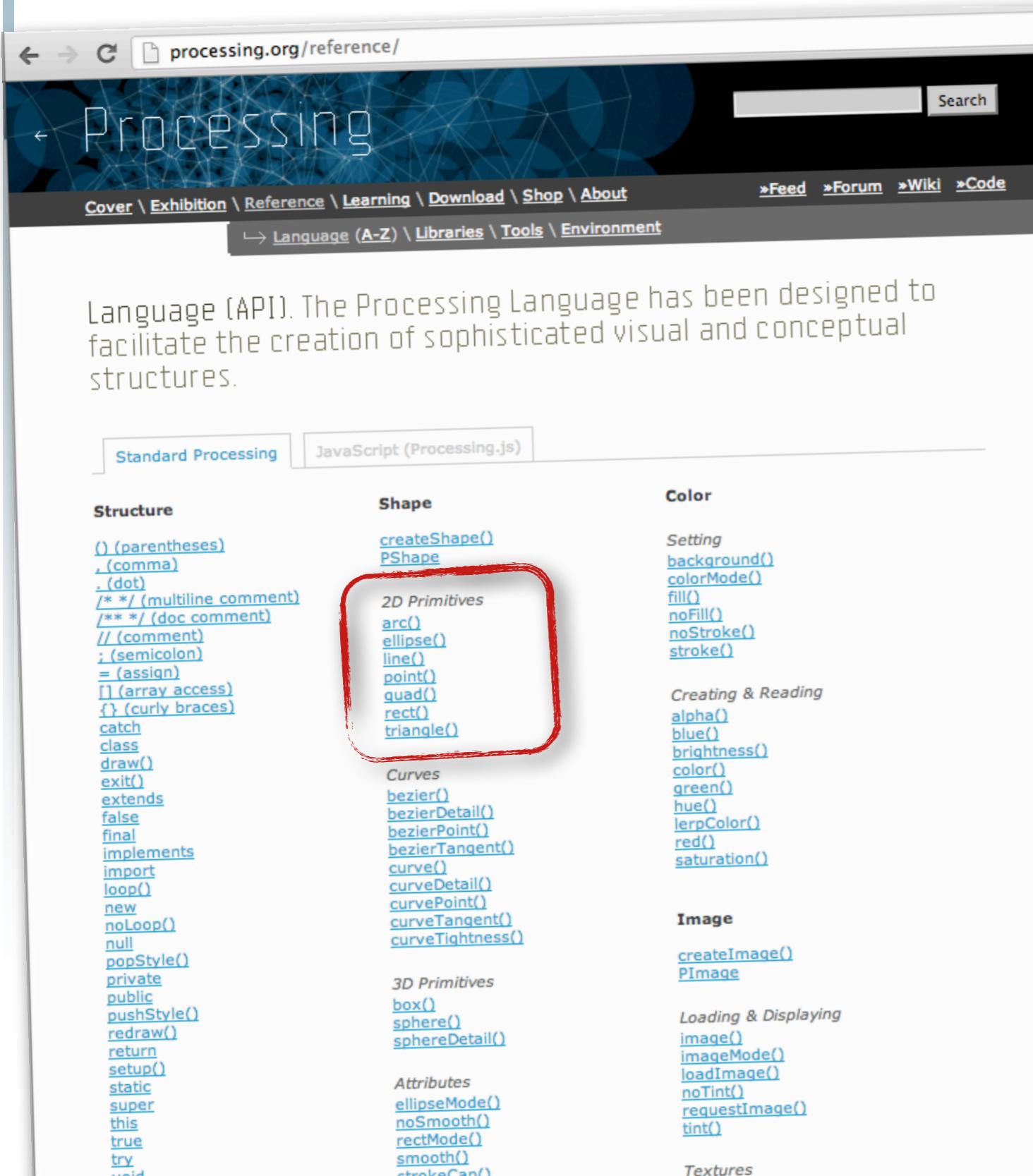
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- Creates an application that you can share (or turn in)

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Language (API). The Processing Language has been designed to facilitate the creation of sophisticated visual and conceptual structures.

Standard Processing JavaScript (Processing.js)

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- What else can you draw?

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- Shape:** A list of shape-related functions:
 - createShape()** **PShape**
 - 2D Primitives**
 - arc()
 - ellipse()
 - line()
 - point()
 - quad()
 - rect()
 - triangle()
 - Curves**
 - bezier()
 - bezierDetail()
 - bezierPoint()
 - bezierTangent()
 - curve()
 - curveDetail()
 - curvePoint()
 - curveTangent()
 - curveTightness()
 - 3D Primitives**
 - box()
 - sphere()
 - sphereDetail()
 - Attributes**
 - ellipseMode()
 - noSmooth()
 - rectMode()
 - smooth()
 - strokeCap()
- Color:** A list of color-related functions:
 - Setting**
 - background()
 - colorMode()
 - fill()
 - noFill()
 - noStroke()
 - stroke()
 - Creating & Reading**
 - alpha()
 - blue()
 - brightness()
 - color()
 - green()
 - hue()
 - lerpColor()
 - red()
 - saturation()
- Image:** A list of image-related functions:
 - createImage()** **PIImage**
- Loading & Displaying:** A list of functions for loading and displaying images:
 - image()
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 - loadImage()
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 - requestImage()
 - tint()
- Textures:** A list of functions for working with textures.

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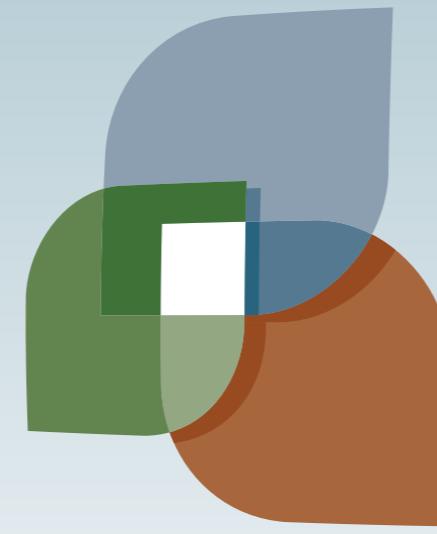
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 - Attributes:** ellipseMode(), noSmooth(), rectMode(), smooth(), strokeCap()
- Color:** A list of methods under "Setting":
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- Textures:** (not visible in the screenshot)

- Click on the link to get an example



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