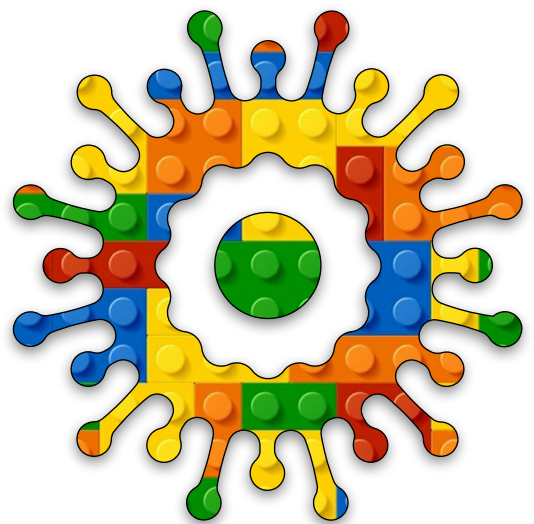


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Introducing HSB colours

HSB is another colour format, where **HSB** stands for **Hue**, **Saturation**, and **Brightness**. We can only access this format using the `colourMode()` function. It creates pleasant colours but is less intuitive than RGB. The **Hue** has values from **0** to **360**, **Saturation** has values from **0** to **100**, and **Brightness** also has values from **0** to **100**.



Sketch B5.1 using HSB for the colour

HSB (or HSL) stands for Hue, Saturation, and Brightness (or Lightness).

☞ Hue

The first argument is the hue, which is on a colour circle from 0 to 360, where 0 is red, 120 is green, and 240 is blue.

☞ Saturation

The second argument is the saturation, which is a percentage from 0 to 100. It is the amount of colour, so 0 is white to 100 being full colour.

☞ Brightness

The third argument is the level of brightness, which is from 0 to 100 also, where 0 is completely dark, and 100 fully bright.

! Start a new sketch and add in the highlighted lines of code. For this, we have to change the `colorMode()` to HSB. Here we get a green background and a blue circle.

```
function setup()
{
  createCanvas(400, 400)
  colorMode(HSB)
}

function draw()
{
  background(0, 50, 100)
  fill(200, 50, 100)
  circle(100, 100, 100)
}
```



Notes

The default is **RGB**, so that is why we call the `colorMode()` for **HSB**. You can switch back by calling the `colorMode(RGB)`. **HSB** produces some very pleasing colours.



Challenge

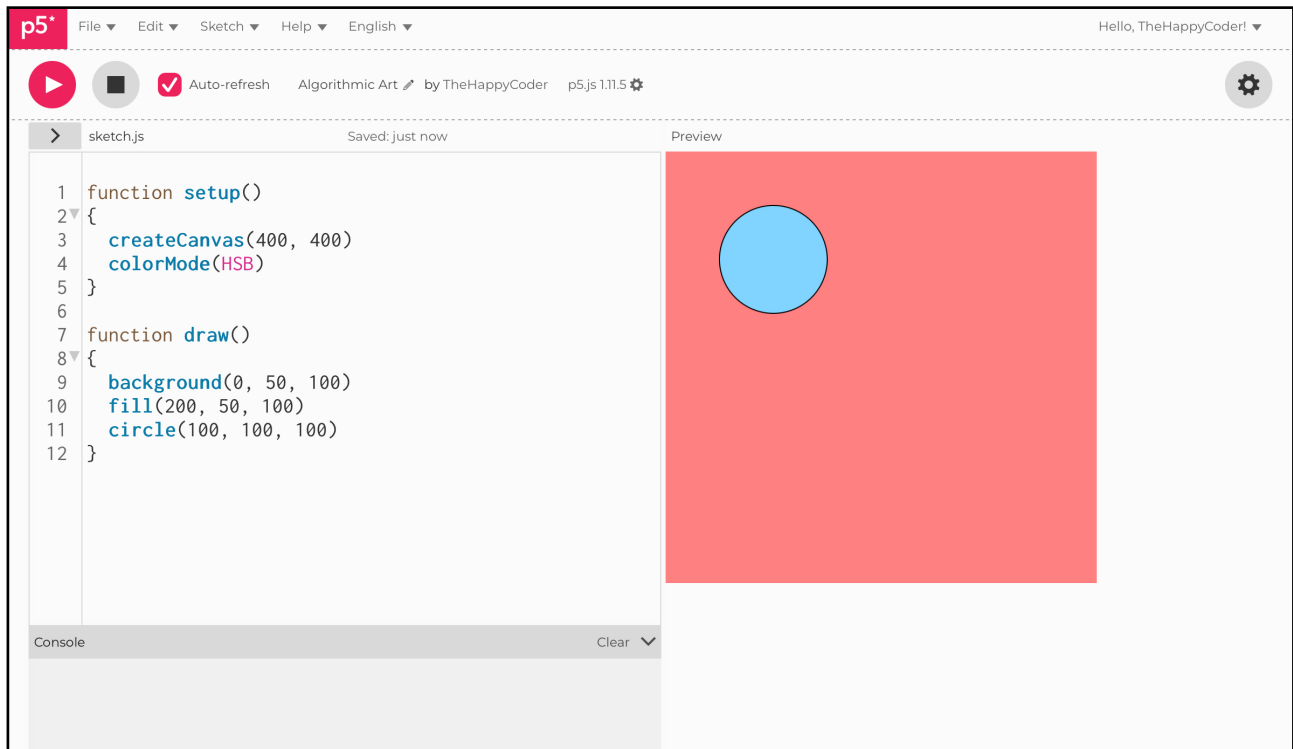
Play with the numbers.



Code Explanation

<code>colorMode(HSB)</code>	Sets the mode for HSB values
<code>background(0, 50, 100)</code>	A pale red background
<code>fill(200, 50, 100)</code>	A pale blue circle

Figure B5.1





Sketch B5.2 HSB colour chart

We iterate through the colours **10** steps at a time from **0** to **360**. This is the first argument.

```
function setup()
{
  createCanvas(360, 400)
  colorMode(HSB)
  noStroke()
}

function draw()
{
  for (let i = 0; i < 360; i++)
  {
    fill(i, 100, 100)
    rect(i, 1, 1, 400)
  }
}
```



Notes

We start with red at **0** and end with red at **360**.



Challenge

You could try to create a circular colour palette.



Code Explanation

<code>for (let i = 0; i < 360; i++)</code>	Iterates from 0 to 360 one at a time
<code>fill(i, 100, 100)</code>	Increases the hue value one at a time
<code>rect(i, 1, 1, 400)</code>	Draws a rectangle incrementing each rectangle one pixel at a time

Figure B5.2





Sketch B5.3 circle of colour

! new sketch

To get white, you put the saturation to zero.

```
let x = 0
let y = 0

function setup()
{
  createCanvas(400, 400)
  colorMode(HSB)
}

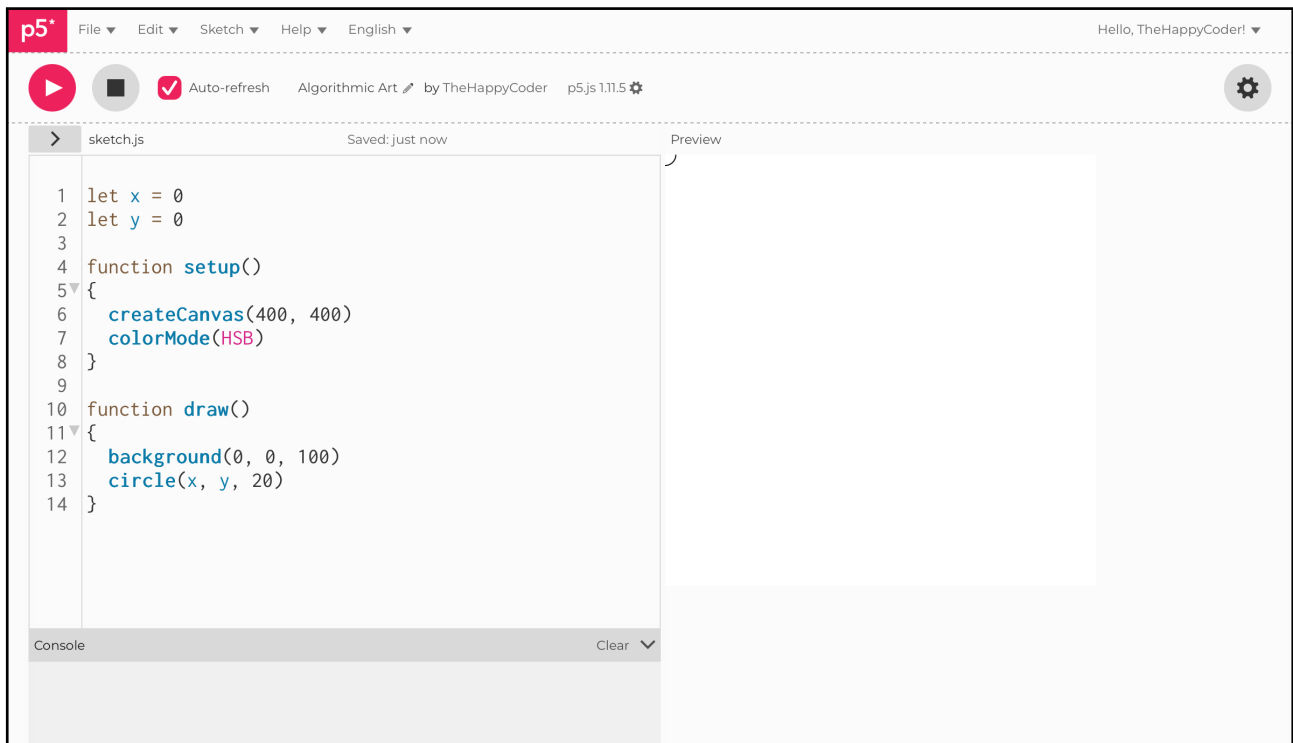
function draw()
{
  background(0, 0, 100)
  circle(x, y, 20)
}
```



Notes

Notice how we have given the background a white colour.

Figure B5.3





Sketch B5.4 centring the circle

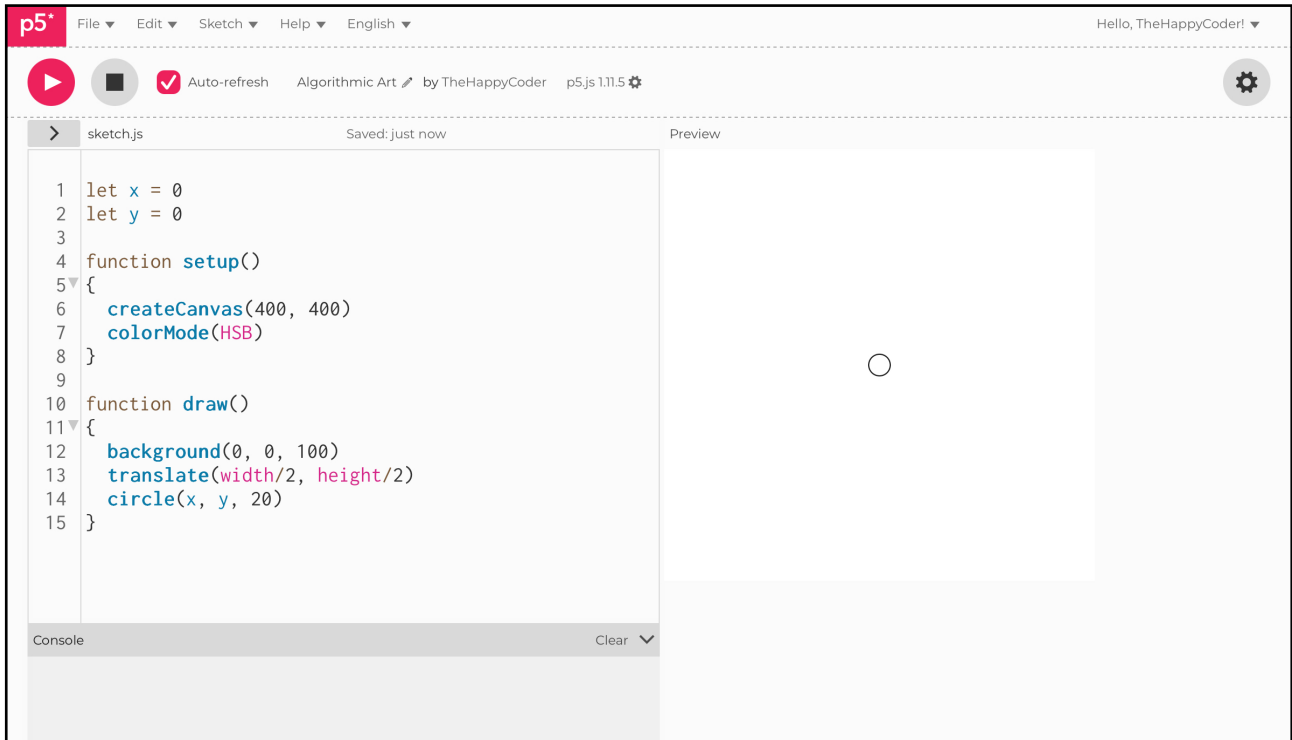
It is hard to see, so we will translate the circle to the centre.

```
let x = 0
let y = 0

function setup()
{
  createCanvas(400, 400)
  colorMode(HSB)
}

function draw()
{
  background(0, 0, 100)
  translate(width/2, height/2)
  circle(x, y, 20)
}
```

Figure B5.4





Sketch B5.5 angle of attack

We want to draw a series of small circles around a larger circle, spaced out evenly. We will use a `for()` loop to increment 8° from 0° to 360° . We will do this in `degrees` using `angleMode(DEGREES)`.

```
let x = 0
let y = 0

function setup()
{
  createCanvas(400, 400)
  colorMode(HSB)
  angleMode(DEGREES)
}

function draw()
{
  background(0, 0, 100)
  translate(width/2, height/2)
  for (let angle = 0; angle < 360; angle += 8)
  {
    fill(angle, 100, 100)
    circle(x, y, 20)
  }
}
```



Notes

Notice all this seems to do is fill the circle red; this is because the 360° (and 0°) value of Hue is red. What happens is that it spins through all the colours very fast in the `for()` loop.



Challenge

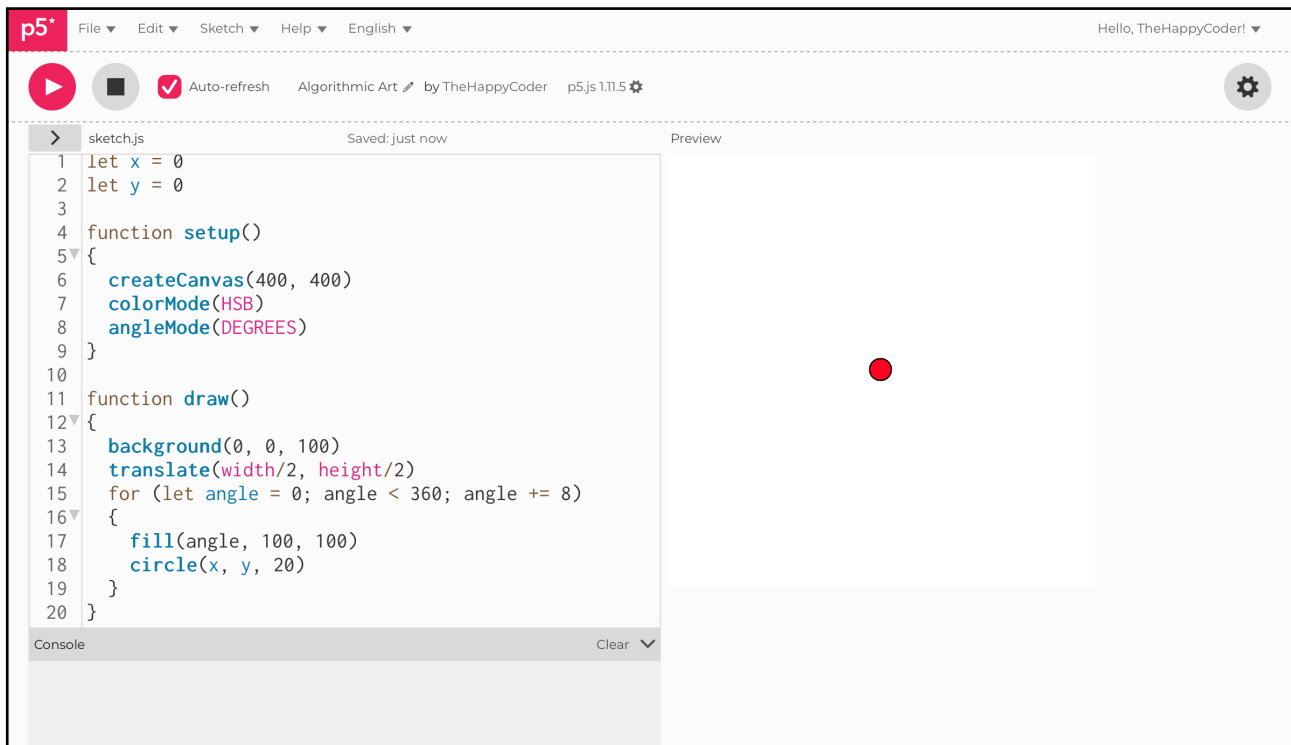
Change the 360 to 180.



Code Explanation

<pre>for (let angle = 0; angle < 360; angle += 8)</pre>	Spin through all the angles from 0°-360° by 8° at a time
<pre>fill(angle, 100, 100)</pre>	Fill the hue value from the angle

Figure B5.5





Sketch B5.6 sine and cosine

We use the principles discussed a few units back, where the coordinates on a circle can be described using **sine** and **cosine** for **x** and **y** about the centre of the circle.

```
let x = 0
let y = 0
let radius = 180

function setup()
{
  createCanvas(400, 400)
  colorMode(HSB)
  angleMode(DEGREES)
}

function draw()
{
  background(0, 0, 100)
  translate(width/2, height/2)
  for (let angle = 0; angle < 360; angle += 8)
  {
    fill(angle, 100, 100)
    x = radius * sin(angle)
    y = radius * cos(angle)
    circle(x, y, 20)
  }
}
```



Notes

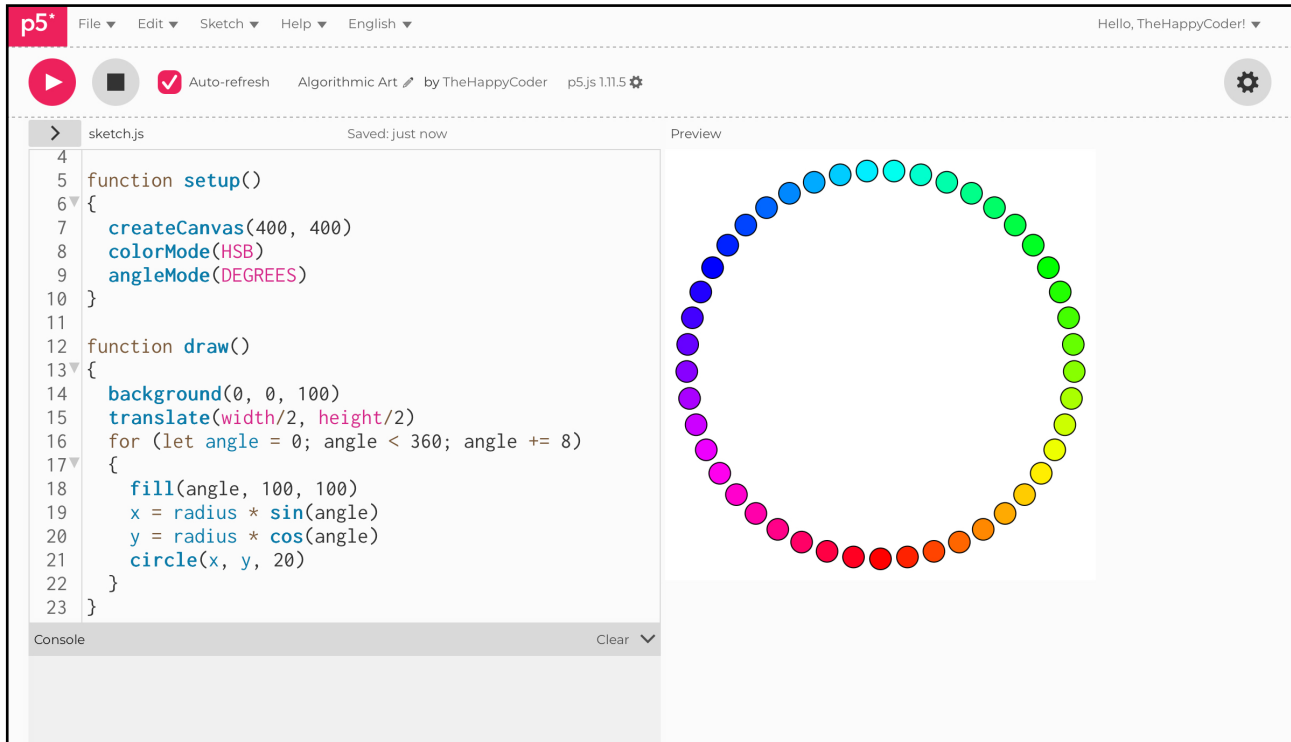
You now have the 360-degree



Challenge

Try different radii and spacings of the circles

Figure B5.6





Sketch B5.7 one final thing

Let's draw a nice box round the canvas so we can see where the canvas starts. Even for something as simple as this, you need to think about translation and the impact on coordinates.

```
let x = 0
let y = 0
let radius = 180

function setup()
{
  createCanvas(400, 400)
  colorMode(HSB)
  angleMode(DEGREES)
}

function draw()
{
  background(0, 0, 100)
  translate(width/2, height/2)
  for (let angle = 0; angle < 360; angle += 8)
  {
    fill(angle, 100, 100)
    x = radius * sin(angle)
    y = radius * cos(angle)
    circle(x, y, 20)
  }
  noFill()
  rect(-width/2, -height/2, width, height)
}
```



Notes

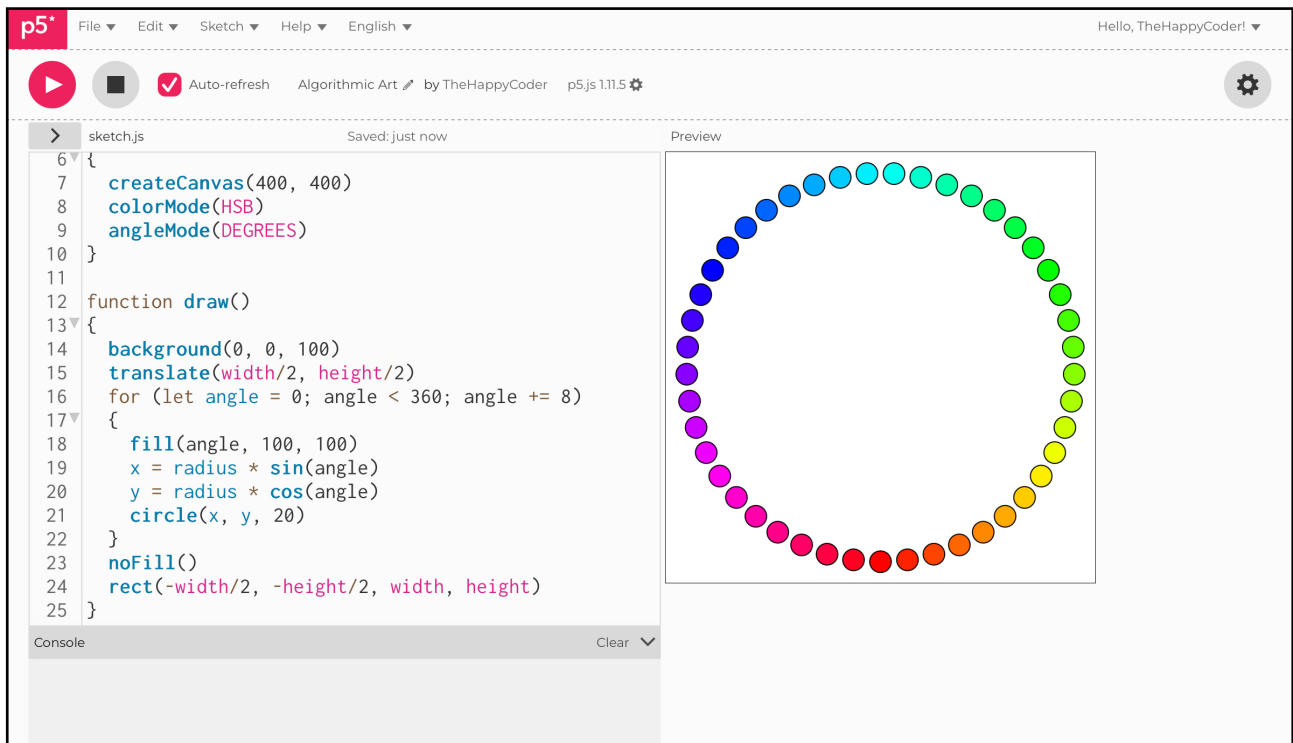
Looks a lot nicer.



Challenge

If you put it inside the loop, what would you need to change?

Figure B5.7





Sketch B5.8 100 rectangles

! Starting a new sketch where we loop through 100 rectangles, with each rectangle being 4 pixels wide and 400 pixels long; hence, we multiply the `i` variable by 4.

```
function setup()
{
  createCanvas(400, 400)
  colorMode(HSB)
}

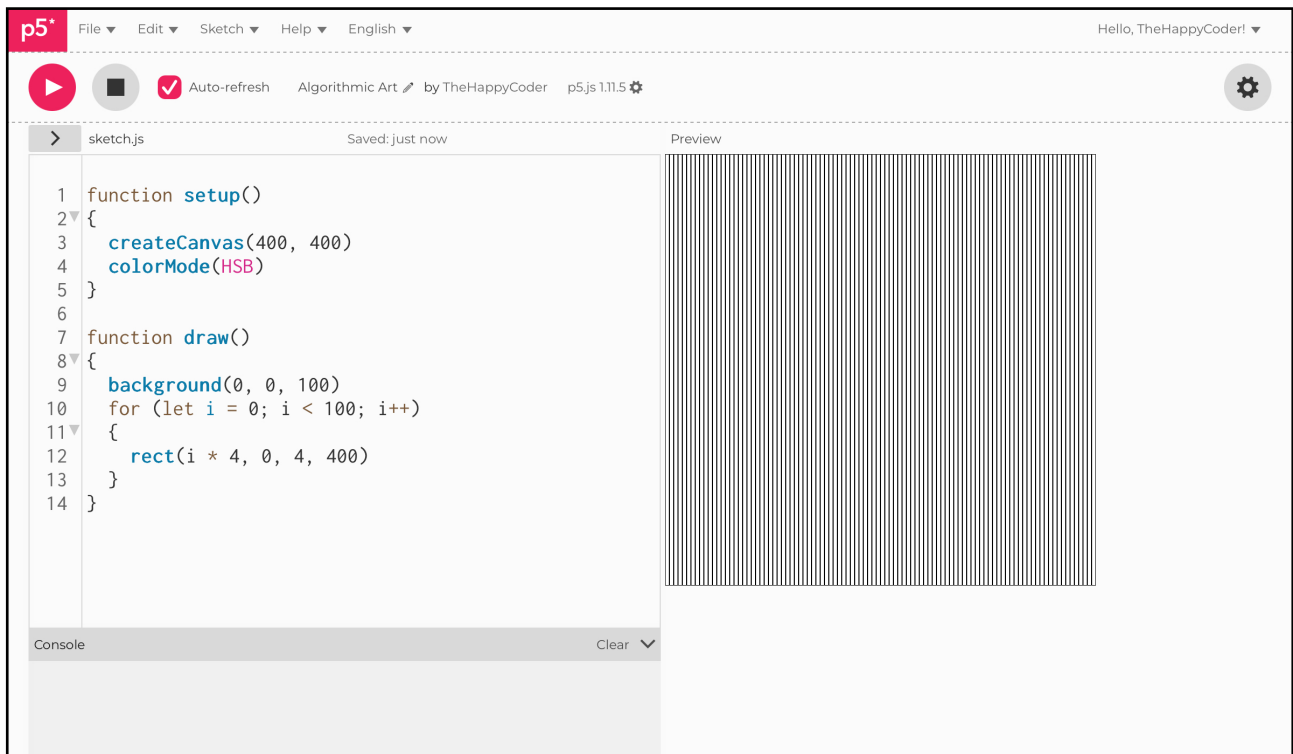
function draw()
{
  background(0, 0, 100)
  for (let i = 0; i < 100; i++)
  {
    rect(i * 4, 0, 4, 400)
  }
}
```



Notes

We just get a bunch of rectangles from left to right.

Figure B5.8





Sketch B5.9 HSB saturation

Then we fill each rectangle with a hue of **0**, which is red; the saturation (second argument) we increase by **1** on each iteration of the loop, keeping the brightness (third argument) at maximum (**100**).

```
function setup()
{
  createCanvas(400, 400)
  colorMode(HSB)
  noStroke()
}

function draw()
{
  background(0, 0, 100)
  for (let i = 0; i < 100; i++)
  {
    fill(0, i, 100)
    rect(i * 4, 0, 4, 400)
  }
}
```



Notes

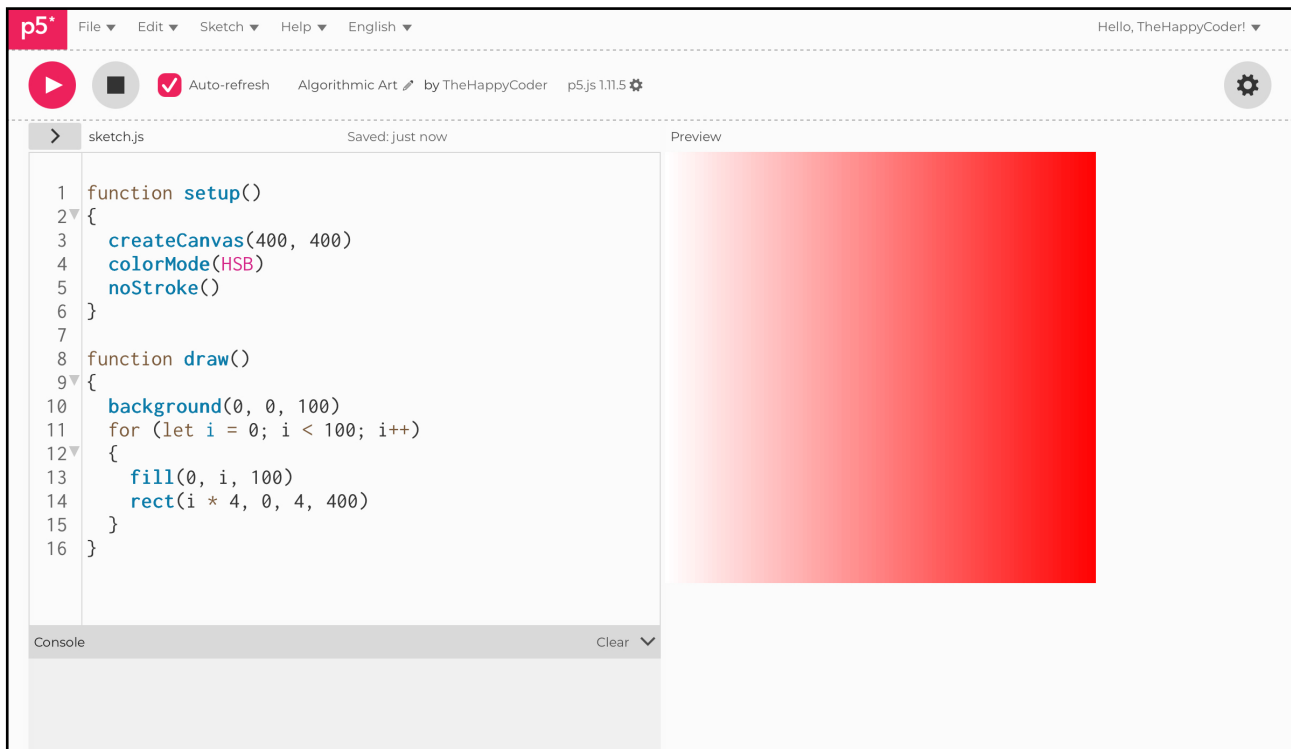
A saturation of **0** is no saturation (**white**), and **100** is the maximum; then everything in between.



Challenge

Do this with other **hues**.

Figure B5.9





Sketch B5.10 HSB brightness

Now for the brightness, this is the third argument: we change the `fill()` function, giving it `0` hue, `100` saturation, and an incrementing `i` variable for the brightness. This means that it starts off with `zero` brightness and increments to `full` brightness (100%).

```
function setup()
{
  createCanvas(400, 400)
  colorMode(HSB)
  noStroke()
}

function draw()
{
  background(0, 0, 100)
  for (let i = 0; i < 100; i++)
  {
    fill(0, 100, i)
    rect(i * 4, 0, 4, 400)
  }
}
```



Notes

Fairly obvious results.



Challenge

Create a palette of colours that you might want to use regularly.

Figure B5.10

