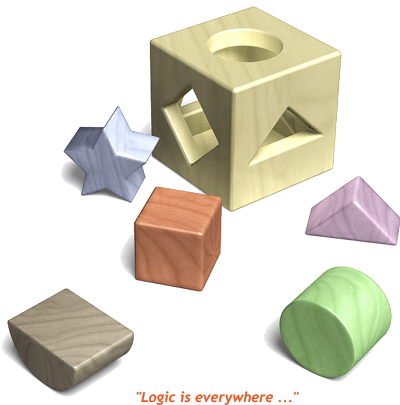


A brief introduction into TikZ

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- ▶ What is TikZ?
- ▶ How to draw figures?
- ▶ How to place text inside the figures?



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PGF and TikZ

- ▶ **PGF (portable graphics format)**
 - ▷ package for creating graphics “inline”
 - ▷ \TeX and \LaTeX input
 - ▷ PDF, PostScript, and SVG output
 - ▷ three layers: System, Basic, and Frontend

- ▶ **TikZ (TikZ is not a drawing program)**
 - ▷ is a PGF frontend layer.
 - ▷ high-level user interface.
 - ▷ Current version 2.00 is quite old (February 2008)
 - ▷ For features and bug-fixes: <http://www.texample.net/tikz/builds/>

- ▶ **written by Till Tantau (author of Beamer package) and Mark Wibrow.**



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Drawing Basics

- ▶ A *path* is a series of straight and curved line segments.

- ▶ **Syntax:**

```
\path (path-operation | graphic-option)* ;
```

- ▶ there are two major operations: *draw* and *node*

- ▶ `\draw` is an abbreviation for `\path [draw]`

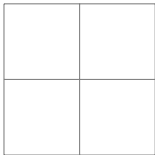
- ▶ Next, drawing figures by using `\draw` is presented

- ▶ By using `\node` text is added afterwards



Drawing with paths

- ▶ A step by step example for `\draw`:

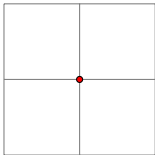


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```



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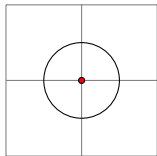
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(-0.5,-0.5) -- (0.5,0.5) ;
\end{tikzpicture}
```

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```

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\end{tikzpicture}

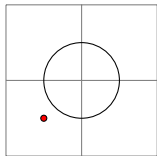
```

- ▶ **Circle Operation: draw circle with radius** (0.5)
- ▶ **current point remains** (0,0)



Drawing with paths

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```

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(-0.5,-0.5) -- (0.5,0.5) ;
\end{tikzpicture}

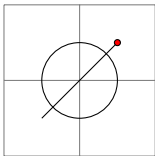
```

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```

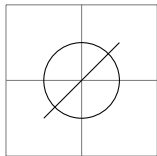
\begin{tikzpicture}
\path [draw] (0,0) circle (0.5)
(-0.5,-0.5) -- (0.5,0.5) ;
\end{tikzpicture}
    
```

- ▶ **Line-To Operation:** line to coordinate `(0.5,0.5)`



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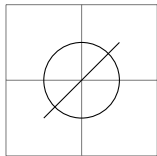
```
\begin{tikzpicture}
\path [draw] (0,0) circle (0.5)
(-0.5,-0.5) -- (0.5,0.5) ;
\end{tikzpicture}
```

- ▶ Path ends.



Graphic Options

- ▶ Add color and line styles to the picture:



```

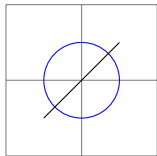
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  \draw (0,0) circle (0.5);
  \draw (-0.5,-0.5) -- (0.5,0.5);
\end{tikzpicture}

```



Graphic Options

- ▶ Add color and line styles to the picture:



```

\begin{tikzpicture}
  \draw [color=blue] (0,0) circle (0.5);
  \draw (-0.5,-0.5) -- (0.5,0.5);
\end{tikzpicture}

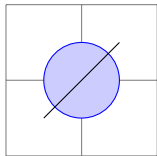
```

- ▶ Add color to the line.



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```

\begin{tikzpicture}
  \draw [color=blue, fill=blue!20!white] (0,0) circle (0.5);
  \draw (-0.5,-0.5) -- (0.5,0.5);
\end{tikzpicture}

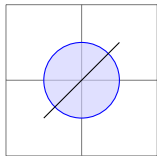
```

- ▶ Fill the circle with color.



Graphic Options

- ▶ Add color and line styles to the picture:



```

\begin{tikzpicture}
  \draw [color=blue, fill=blue!20!white,fill opacity=0.6]
    (0,0) circle (0.5);
  \draw (-0.5,-0.5) -- (0.5,0.5);
\end{tikzpicture}

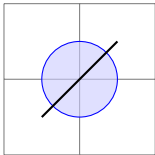
```

- ▶ Make circle transparent.



Graphic Options

- ▶ Add color and line styles to the picture:



```

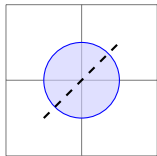
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \draw [color=blue, fill=blue!20!white,fill opacity=0.6]
    (0,0) circle (0.5);
  \draw [thick] (-0.5,-0.5) -- (0.5,0.5);
\end{tikzpicture}
  
```

- ▶ Draw a thick line.



Graphic Options

- ▶ Add color and line styles to the picture:



```

\begin{tikzpicture}
  \draw [color=blue, fill=blue!20!white,fill opacity=0.6]
    (0,0) circle (0.5);
  \draw [thick, dashed] (-0.5,-0.5) -- (0.5,0.5);
\end{tikzpicture}

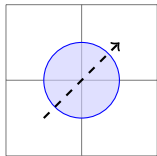
```

- ▶ Draw a dashed line.



Graphic Options

- ▶ Add color and line styles to the picture:



```

\begin{tikzpicture}
  \draw [color=blue, fill=blue!20!white,fill opacity=0.6]
    (0,0) circle (0.5);
  \draw [thick, dashed, ->] (-0.5,-0.5) -- (0.5,0.5);
\end{tikzpicture}

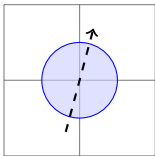
```

- ▶ Draw an arrow.



Graphic Options

- ▶ Add color and line styles to the picture:



```

\begin{tikzpicture}
  \draw [color=blue, fill=blue!20!white,fill opacity=0.6]
    (0,0) circle (0.5);
  \draw [thick, dashed, ->, rotate=30]
    (-0.5,-0.5) -- (0.5,0.5);
\end{tikzpicture}

```

- ▶ Rotate the arrow.



Scoping and Grouping Graphic Options

- ▶ Grouping multiple graphic options:



```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \draw [orange, very thick] (0,0) circle (0.5);
  \draw [orange, very thick] (-0.5,-0.5) -- (0.5,0.5);
  \draw [orange, very thick] (0.5,-0.5) -- (-0.5,0.5);
\end{tikzpicture}
```



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```
\begin{tikzpicture} [orange, very thick]
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  \draw(0.5,-0.5) -- (-0.5,0.5);
\end{tikzpicture}
```

- ▶ **Define a set of options for the whole figure.**



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```

\begin{tikzpicture}
  \draw (0,0) circle (0.5);
  \begin{scope} [orange, very thick]
    \draw(-0.5,-0.5) -- (0.5,0.5);
    \draw(0.5,-0.5) -- (-0.5,0.5);
  \end{scope}
\end{tikzpicture}

```

- ▶ **Set a scope.**



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```

\begin{tikzpicture}
  [marked/.style = {orange, very thick}]
  \draw (0,0) circle (0.5);
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```

- ▶ **Define a style.**



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```

- ▶ **Draw a global style.**



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  \draw [marked,blue] (-0.5,-0.5) -- (0.5,0.5);
  \draw [marked,dashed] (0.5,-0.5) -- (-0.5,0.5);
\end{tikzpicture}
    
```

- ▶ **Properties of styles can be overwritten.**



Coordinates

- ▶ There exists multiple coordinate systems
 - ▷ Polar coordinates are not introduced here

- ▶ **Absolute coordinates**

```
\tikz \draw [thick,red] (0,0) -- (2mm, 0) -- (2mm, 5pt);
```



- ▶ **Relative coordinates**

```
\tikz \draw [thick,red] (0,0) -- +(2mm, 0) -- +(0, 5pt);
```



- ▶ **Named points**

```
\tikz \draw [thick,red] (0,0) -- ++(2mm, 0) -- +(0, 5pt);
```



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```
\tikz \draw [thick,red] (10mm,1mm) coordinate (c1) circle (5pt)
(0,0) -- (c1);
```



Nodes

- ▶ A node is a simple shape with some text on it.



```
\tikz \path node [shape=circle, draw, color=red] {hello};
```

- ▶ Constructed using the path-operation *node*.
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TikZ is quite liberal with respect to the order of the arguments.


 hello

```
\tikz \node [circle] at (0,0) [draw] (hello) [red] {hello};
```



Placing Nodes



```

\begin{tikzpicture}
  \node [packet] (p1) at (0,0.5) {$p_1$};
  \node [packet] (p1) at (1,0.5) {$p_1$};
  \node [packet] (p1) at (4,0.5) {$p_1$};
\end{tikzpicture}
    
```

- Can be placed at absolute positions.



Placing Nodes



```

\begin{tikzpicture}
  \node [packet] (p1) at (0,0.5) {$p_1$};
  \node [packet,right=0.25of p1] (p2) {$p_2$};
  \node [packet,right=2of p2] (pn) {$p_n$};
\end{tikzpicture}
    
```

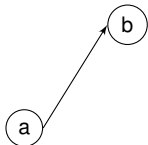
- ▶ **Relative placement allows to say things like:**
 - ▶ “Node (p2) should be right of (p1)” (wherever (p1) happens to be).
 - ▶ Requires the **positioning** TikZ library:


```
\usetikzlibrary{positioning}
```
 - ▶ **available:** `right=of`, `below=of`, `above` `left=of`, ...



Connecting Nodes

- ▶ We can simply draw paths between node anchors.



```

\usetikzlibrary{arrows}

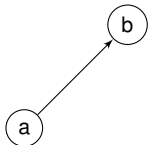
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  \node [circle, draw] (a) {a};
  \node [circle, draw] (b) [above right=of a] {b}
  \draw [->] (a.east) -- (b.west);
\end{tikzpicture}
  
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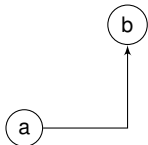
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  \draw [->] (a) -| (b);
\end{tikzpicture}

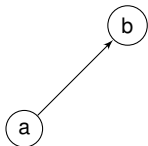
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- ▶ Each node has anchors, e.g. **east**, **west**, **center**, ...
- ▶ If anchor specifications are left out TikZ tries to be smart about the anchor it should choose.
- ▶ Another path operation **-|**
- ▶ Again, TikZ is clever about the correct anchors



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- ▶ A very powerful path operation is `to`.

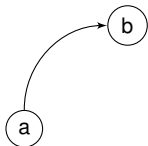


```
\begin{tikzpicture}[>=latex']
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\end{tikzpicture}
```



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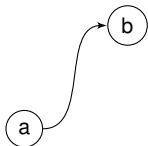
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\begin{tikzpicture}[>=latex']
  \node [circle, draw] (a) {a};
  \node [circle, draw] (b) [above right=of a] {b}
  \draw [->] (a) to [bend left=45] (b);
\end{tikzpicture}
  
```



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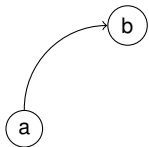
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  \node [circle, draw] (a) {a};
  \node [circle, draw] (b) [above right=of a] {b}
  \draw [->] (a) to [out=0, in=180] (b);
\end{tikzpicture}

```



Labeling Connections

- ▶ Connections can be labeled by inserting text nodes in the path.



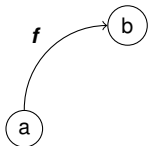
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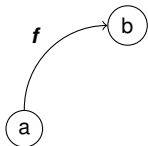
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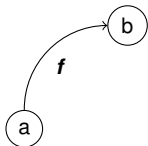
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\end{tikzpicture}

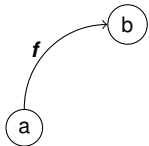
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  \node [circle, draw] (a) {a};
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  \draw [->] (a) to [bend left=45] node [left] {$f$}(b);
\end{tikzpicture}
    
```

- ▶ The `auto` option places the label such that it is next to the path and doesn't overlap anything.
- ▶ `swap` places the label on the other side of the path.
- ▶ Instead of `auto`, also `left`, `above`, `right` and `below` can be used



For Loop

- ▶ For drawing multiple objects a for loop can be used
- ▶ Loops can be nested



```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \foreach \y in {1,2,3} {
    \draw [blue, ultra thick] (0,\y ) circle [radius=0.3];
  }
\end{tikzpicture}
```



Good Practice

- ▶ Place nodes relative to each other
 - ▶ Do not use too many colors and styles
 - ▶ Do not overload figures.
-
- ▶ Further information:
 - ▷ **Gnuplot** has a TikZ terminal
 - ▷ **Inkscape** can export to TikZ
 - ▷ **Dia** is another GUI that can export TikZ
 - ▷ see <http://www.texample.net/tikz/resources/>

