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Hungry Shark



Lets get Coding

Ever since we were old enough to play hide and seek and tag, we've been hooked on gaming, but in the same way we needed to learn to walk and talk before we could make and play these games, we need to learn coding basics to make and play the Scratch games we're going to make.

We're now going to make our first game; ***Hungry Shark.***

How many sprites are in this game?

*What **variables** can you see?*

How do you think the game will work?





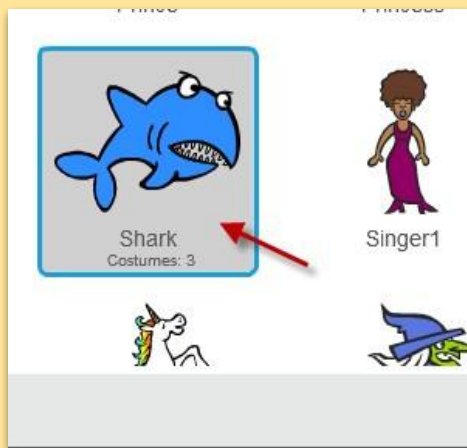
Lets get Coding

- 1 Name your project (For example: The Hungry Shark)
- 2 Click on the 'X' icon to delete the Cat sprite giving us a fresh and empty stage ready for programming.

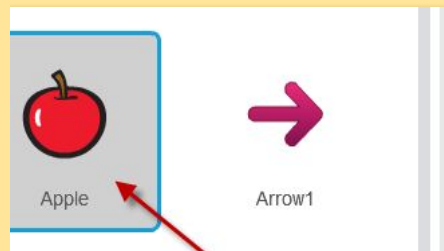


- 3 Click on 'Choose sprite from library' and add 2 Sprites:

- Shark



- Something for the Shark to Eat



Your project should have two sprites now.



Pair Programme

*Help a Friend,
Make a Friend!*

Game Progress



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Costumes

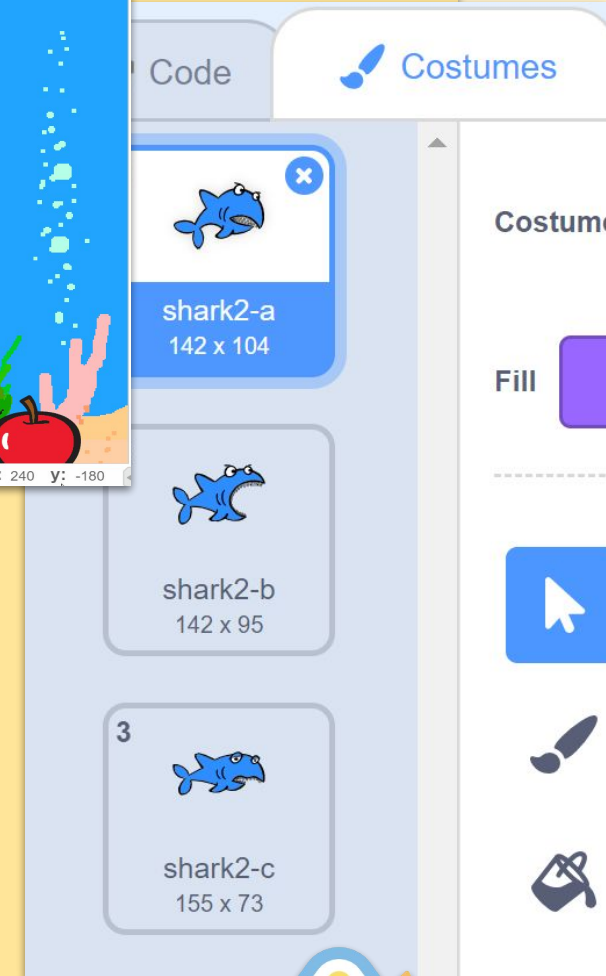
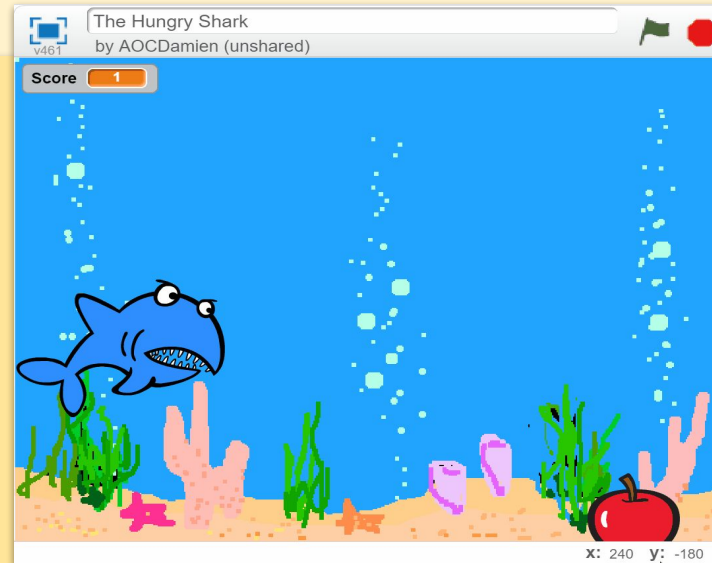
*How many costumes does the **Shark** have?*

What are costumes?

How can we use them to make our game

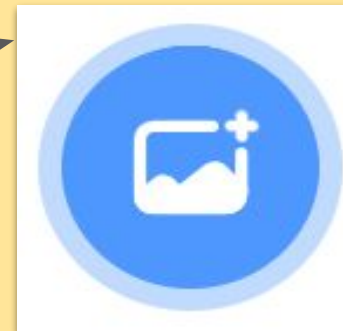
More interesting and appealing to the user?

Which costumes do we need for our game?



Backdrop

Now click on 'Choose backdrop' and add the Underwater1,2 or 3 backdrop (or any backdrop of your choice) to the Stage of your project.



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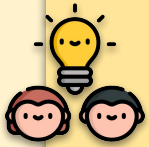
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Game Progress



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Your project should now look like this.

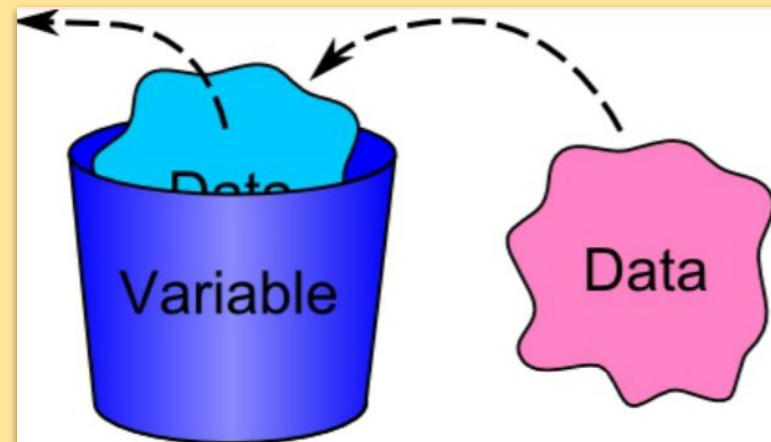
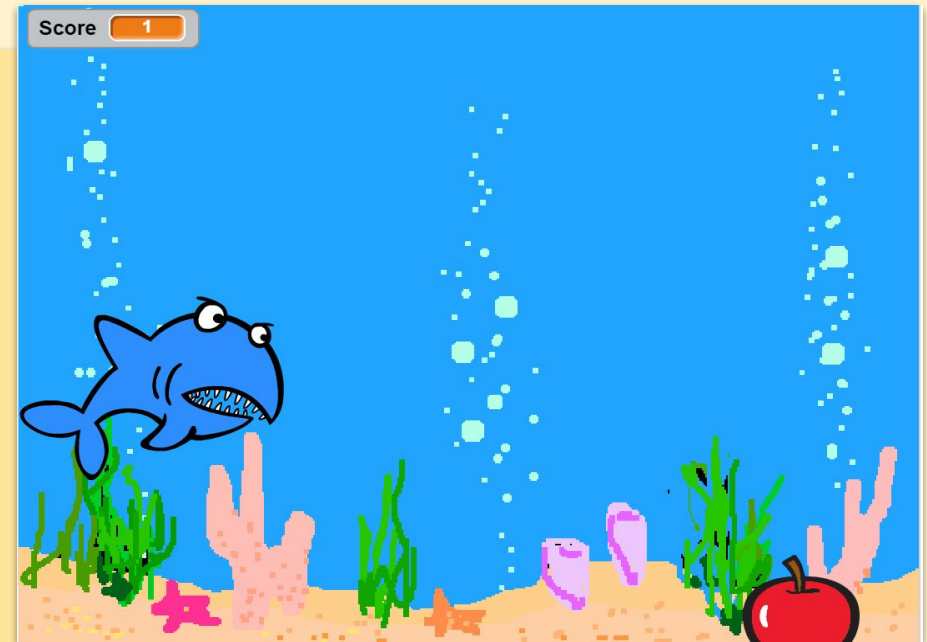


*What does the word vary mean?
What is a variable?*

A **variable** is a place to hold a number or letters so it can be used by the computer.

The value of the data which the variable is holding can be any value and it can be changed at any time. It is called a variable because its **value** can **vary**.

Our game could have many variables but we need a **score variable**.





Making a variable

Select the stage and in the **Data** section make a variable called **Score**. Make sure you make this for all sprites.

Variables

Make a Variable

☐ my variable

set my variable ▼ to 0

change my variable ▼ by 1

show variable my variable ▼

hide variable my variable ▼

Make a List

Operators

Variables

New Variable

Variable name: score

☒ For all sprites ☐ For this sprite only

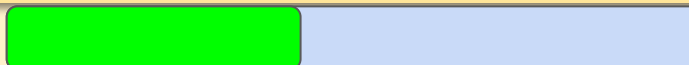
OK Cancel

Make a Variable

☐ my variable

☒ Score

set my variable ▼ to 0





You should have now the *Score* variable displayed on your project, as shown in this image.



If you got this far, now is a good time to **pair programme** - helping others around you who might be stuck!

Don't go any further whenever you see this sign!



Pair Programme

*Help a Friend,
Make a Friend!*

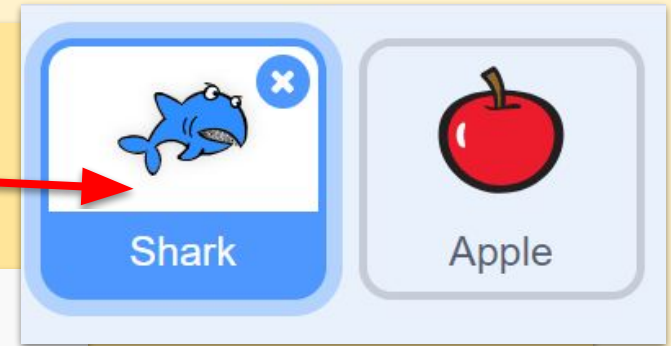
Game Progress



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Click on the **Shark** sprite to select it, and add the following script to the **Shark**.
Before you do, let's chat about what everything does.



```
when up arrow key pressed
  change y by 20
  if on edge, bounce
```

```
when down arrow key pressed
  change y by -20
  if on edge, bounce
```

```
when clicked
  go to front layer
  switch costume to shark-a
  forever loop
    if touching Apple ? then
      switch costume to shark-b
    else
      switch costume to shark-a
```


Pair Programme
*Help a Friend,
Make a Friend!*

If your **Shark** is facing the wrong way, use this block

```
set rotation style left-right
```

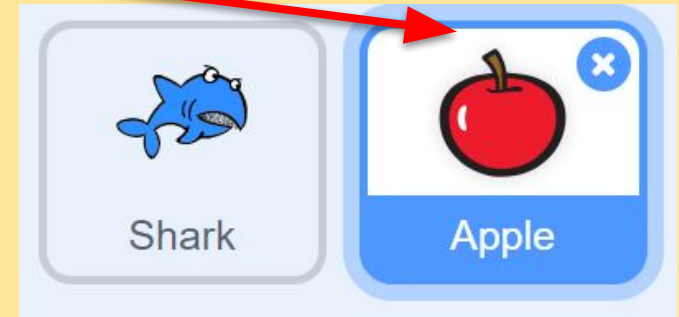




Click on the **Apple** sprite to select it,
and add the following script to the **Apple**.



```
when green flag clicked
  set Score to 0
  forever loop
    show
    go to x: 200 y: pick random -180 to 180
    glide 1 secs to x: -140 y: pick random -180 to 180
    if touching Shark ? then
      hide
      change Score by 1
      wait 0.4 seconds
```



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Make a Friend!*

Game Progress



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Game Time!

Instructions

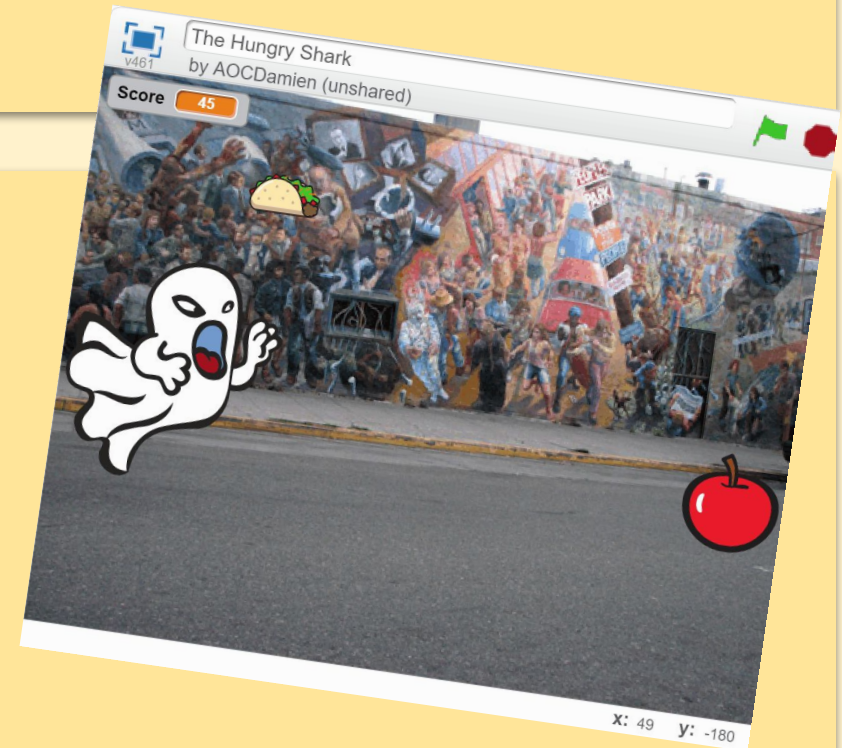
- Press the **Green Flag** to start.
- Use the **Up and Down arrow keys** on your keyboard to move the Shark and catch the Apple.
- Each time the shark “eats” an apple, the Score is increased by 1.
- A new apple **spawns** when the old one is eaten.



Challenges

Once you’ve finished Hungry Shark as per the example, it’s now time to customise:

- Try adding another food item that subtracts from the score.
- Add a feature that ends the game if you go below a certain score. You may need to broadcast here.
- Customise your game so that it has another player or enemy.
- Try having the background change every time the shark gets an apple.
- See if you can make the apple turn into a different food item (eg a burrito) when the shark eats it.



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Starfish Hunter

Lesson 4 - Programming Games with Scratch II



Learning Outcomes:

- Learning about the scratch IDE
- Learning how to make sprites follow the mouse
- Using Random
- Learning how to use the coding blocks in motion, looks, events, control

In our last project, we made **Hungry Shark** an interactive game that used the Up and down keys. It had a **player controlled sprite** and a **goal**.

Today we're going to make a game called **Starfish Hunter**, a game which has a player controlled sprite and a goal but also enemies. Unlike **Hungry Shark**, the player uses the **mouse** and not the keyboard to control the sprite.



**Score
Variable**

A Backdrop

Enemies
(something
we must
avoid!)

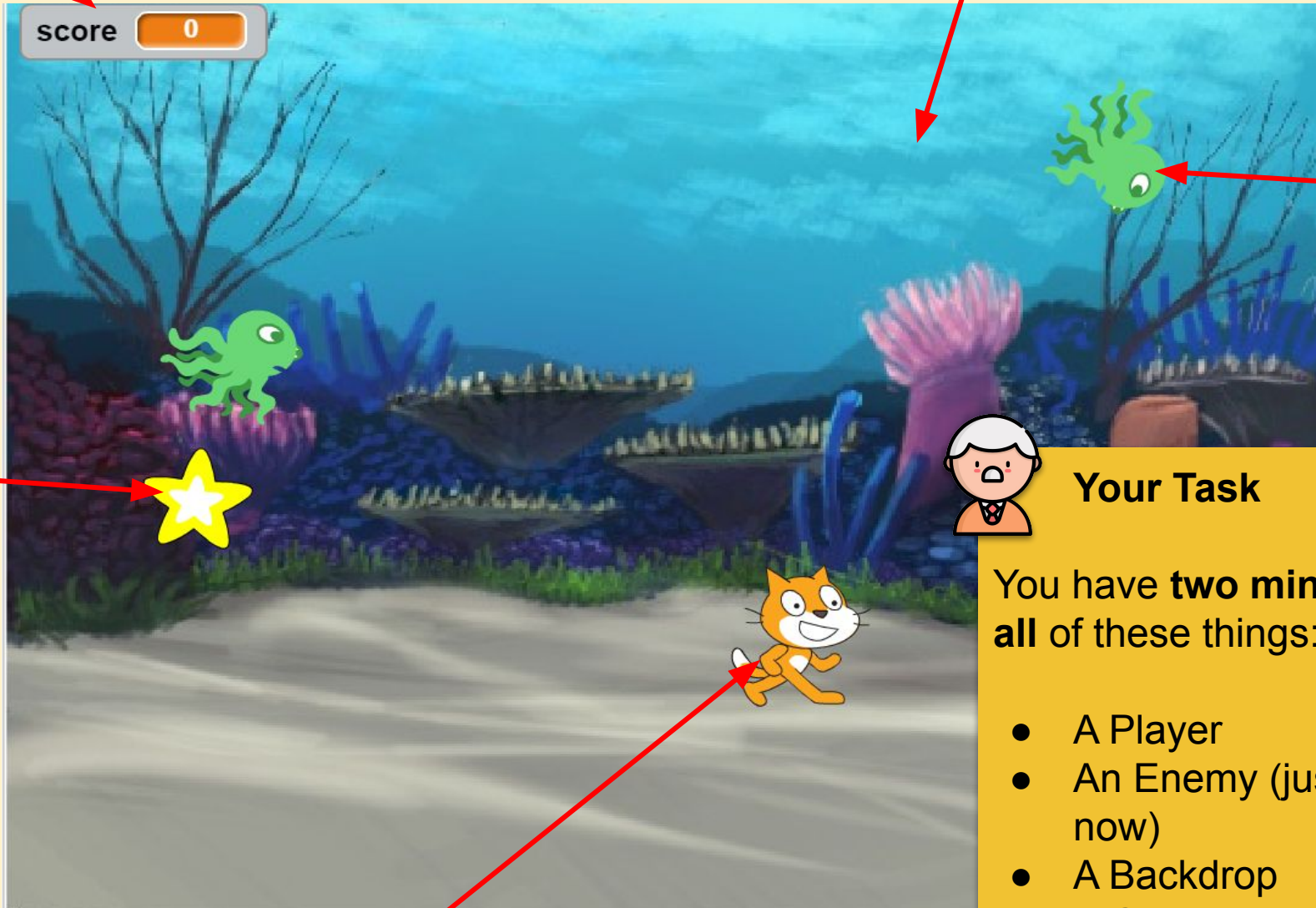
**A Goal to
collect and
score points**

Your Task

You have **two minutes** to get
all of these things:

- A Player
- An Enemy (just one for now)
- A Backdrop
- A Goal (like a star)
- A score variable

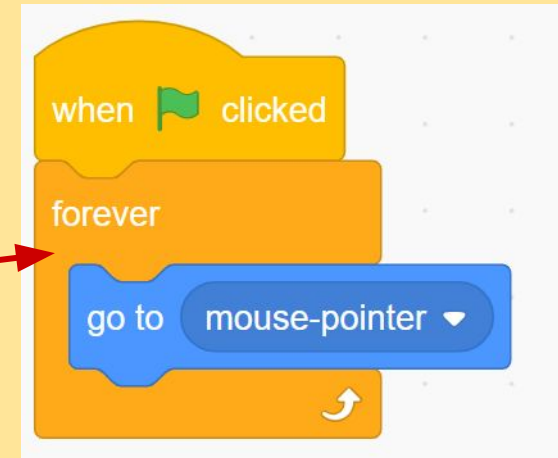
Player Character
(controlled by mouse)





*“When the **green flag** is clicked, make the sprite move **constantly (forever)** in the direction of the mouse pointer”*

ENTIRE CAT CODE



Next - Setting the scene

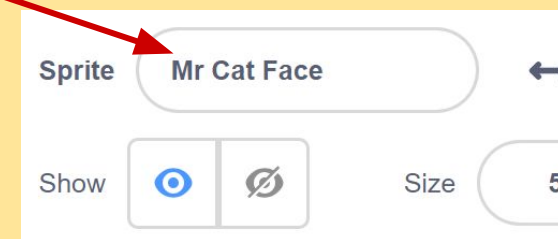
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Pick an underwater or another scene for your game.



2

Pick a player and two enemies and rename them.



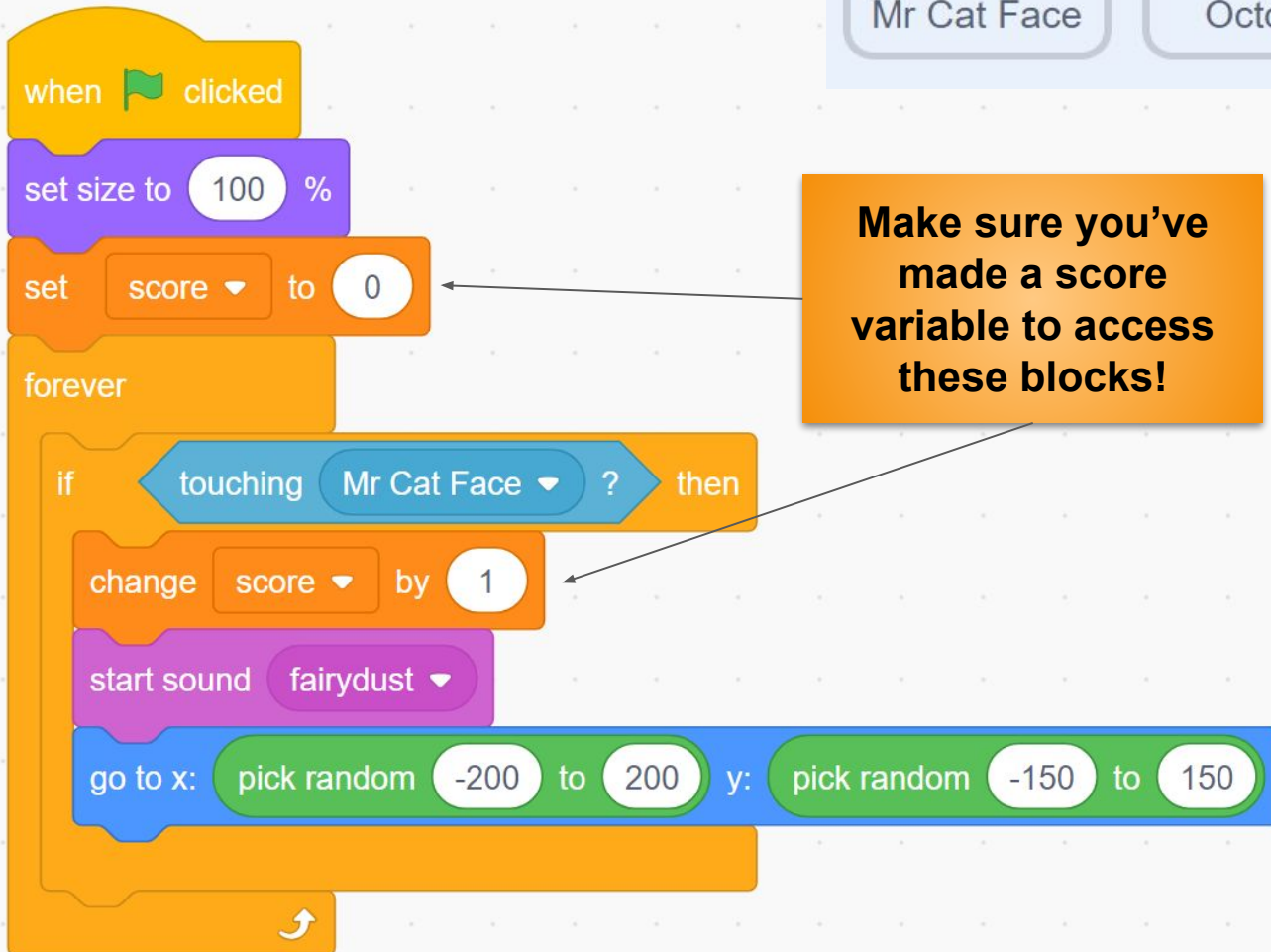
Game Progress



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Coding the Stars



In *Starfish Hunter*, stars are treasure the player must collect. Every star collected adds to the **score variable**.

Add this script to the **goal/star**, but first, *what will it do?*

Game Progress



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Adding Collision Detection

Your enemy's code should look like this.

We need to add **Collision Detection** so that when the enemy hits the Player, the game will end. **Change** the above code so it looks like the one below.

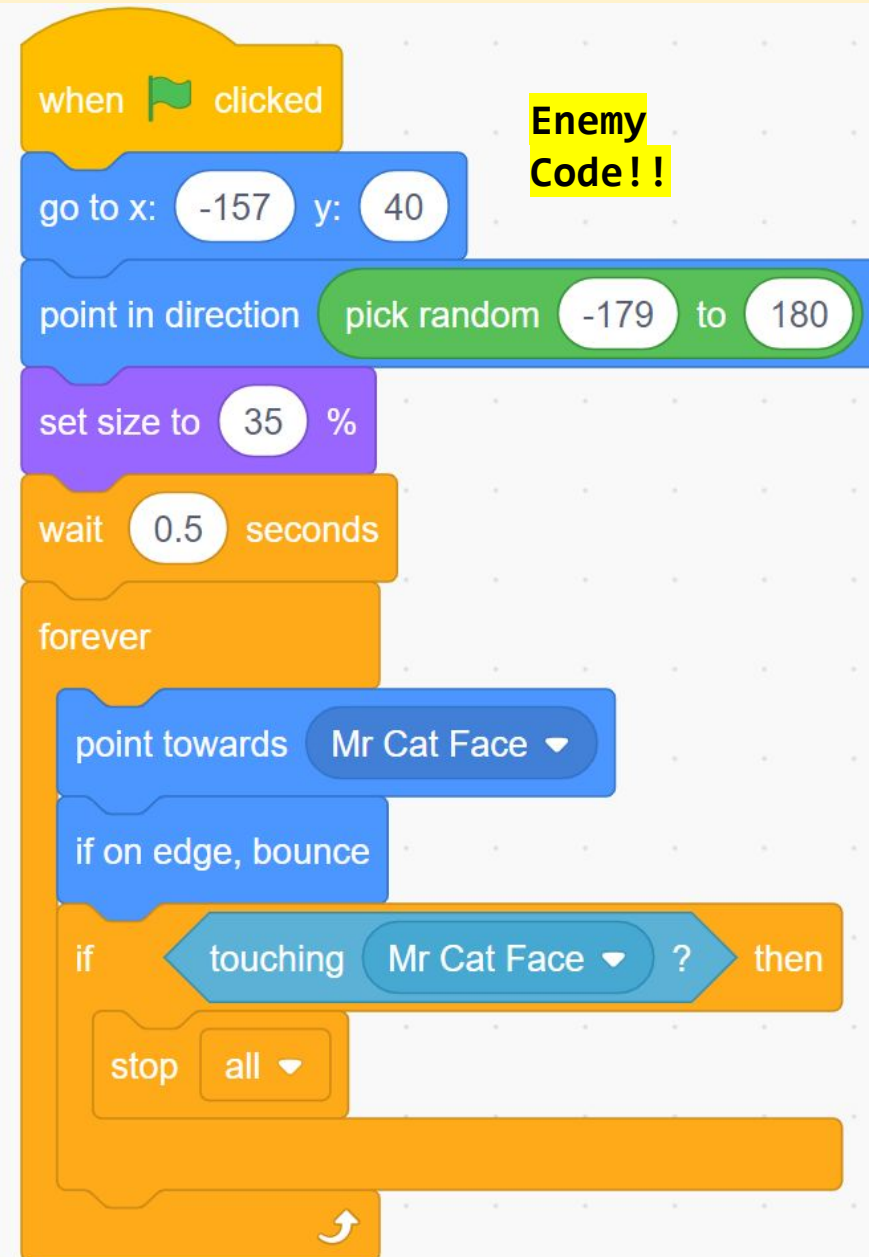


"if then"

Every day we make decisions. If it's raining, you use an umbrella. If it isn't, then you don't.

Computer programmes use **conditional statements** such as "if then". **IF** the enemy touches the cat **THEN** stop all, if it isn't, keep going.

Enemy
Code!!



Game Progress



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Making The Enemies Move

We can now test and change our game to make the enemy “better”, by this we mean to make it more challenging for the player.

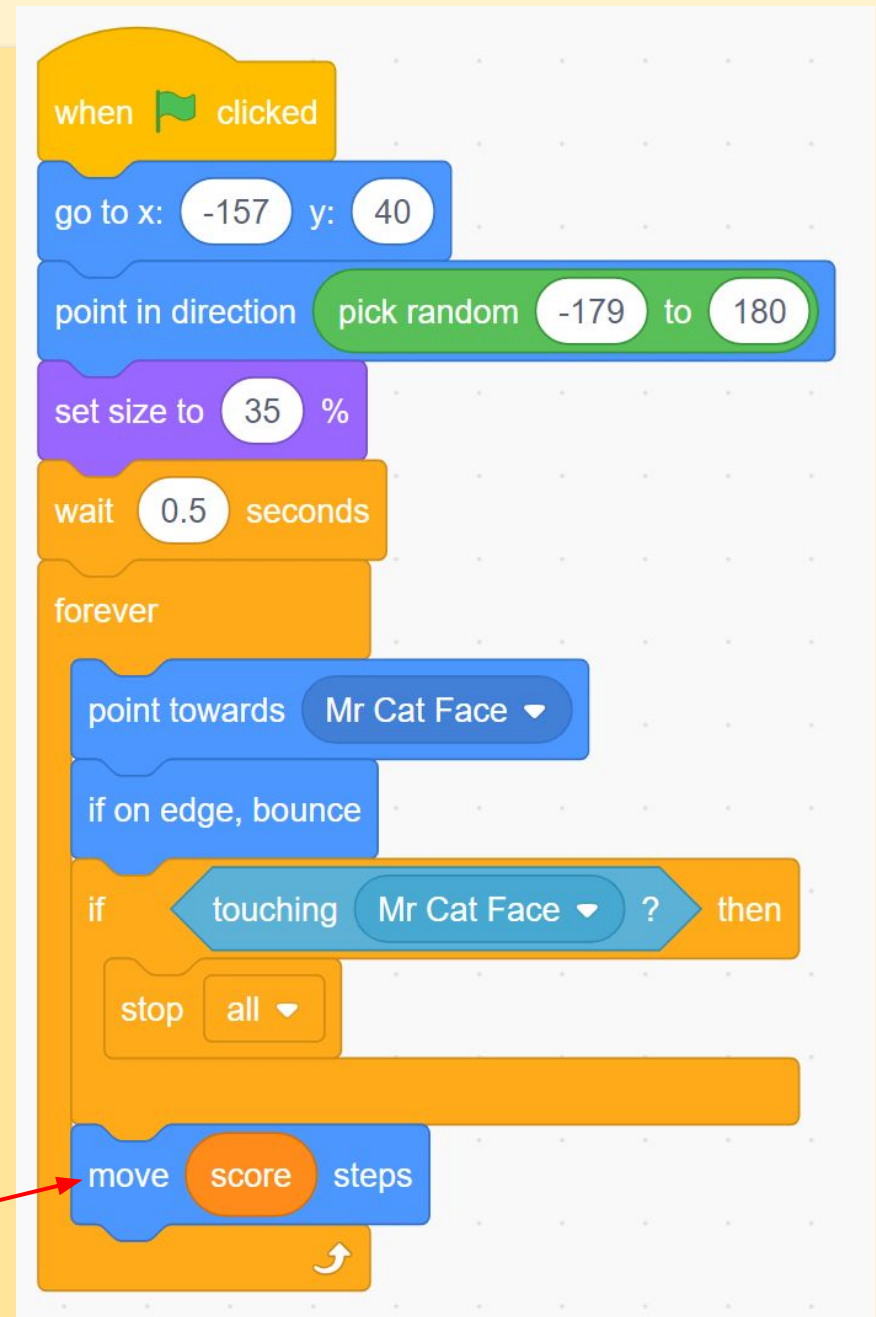
We want our enemy sprites to get faster every time the player gets a starfish.

Find these blocks and add it to our **enemy** code.



Expert Tip

To make the enemies go slower than the score, use these blocks



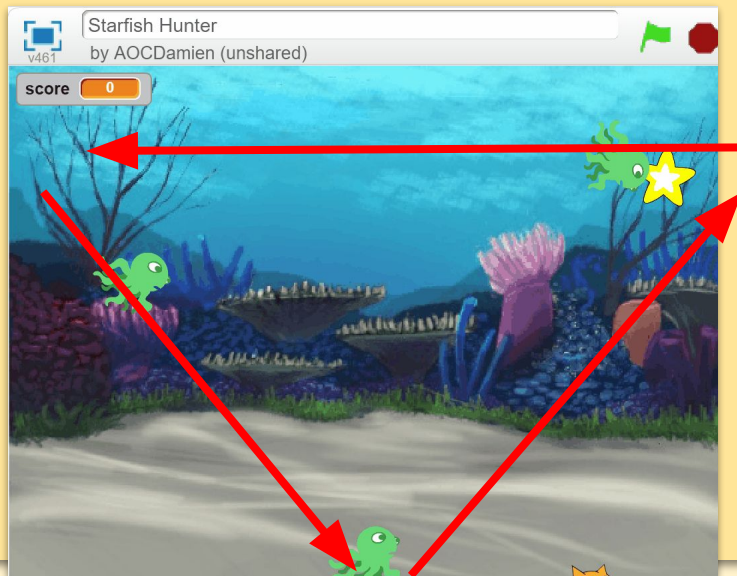


Making a “Patrol” Octopus

We’re going to have one or two enemies that follow the code similar from the previous pages, but let's make one that **doesn’t** go towards the mouse. It’s going to patrol back and forward.

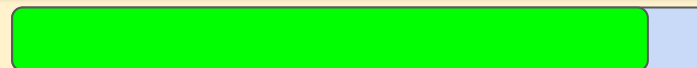
Make a new enemy and give it a code.

These numbers will give the result below.



```
when green flag clicked
  go to x: -200 y: 100
  set size to 35 %
  wait 0.5 seconds
  forever
    glide 5 secs to x: 0 y: -150
    glide 5 secs to x: 200 y: 100
    glide 5 secs to x: -200 y: 100
```

Game Progress



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Finishing it off

To add **collision detection** to our final Patrol enemy, add the code below.

```
when green flag clicked
  go to x: -200 y: 100
  set size to 35 %
  wait 0.5 seconds
  forever loop
    glide 5 secs to x: 0 y: -150
    glide 5 secs to x: 200 y: 100
    glide 5 secs to x: -200 y: 100
```

```
when green flag clicked
  forever loop
    if touching Mr Cat Face ? then
      stop all
```



Pair Programme

*Help a Friend,
Make a Friend!*

If you are finished, make sure to pair programme.
On big projects, coders work as part of a team.
Don't leave anyone behind!

Game Progress

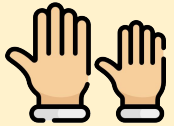


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Snow Skatin'

Lesson 2 - Scratch - *Snow Skater*



Learning Outcomes

- Making *Snow Skater*
- Customising your game

REMEMBER: Put up your hand. We love to help!

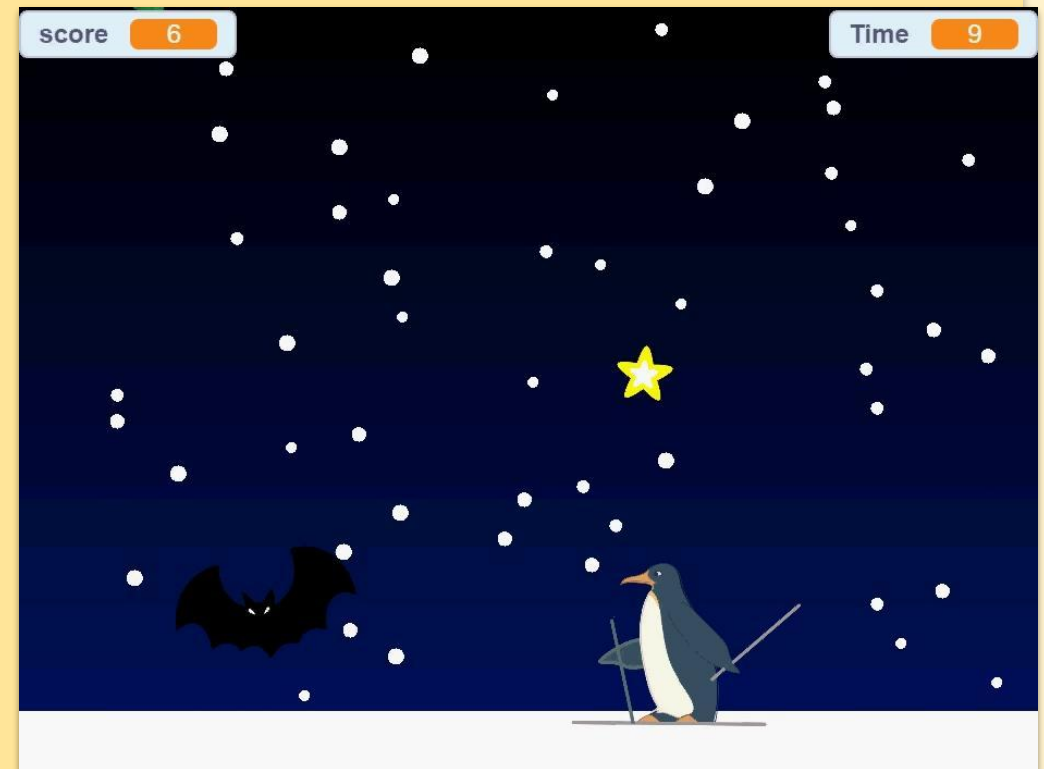


Snow Skater

In this lesson we're going to make a game which will use **keyboard input**.

How many sprites can you see in this?


How many variables can you see?



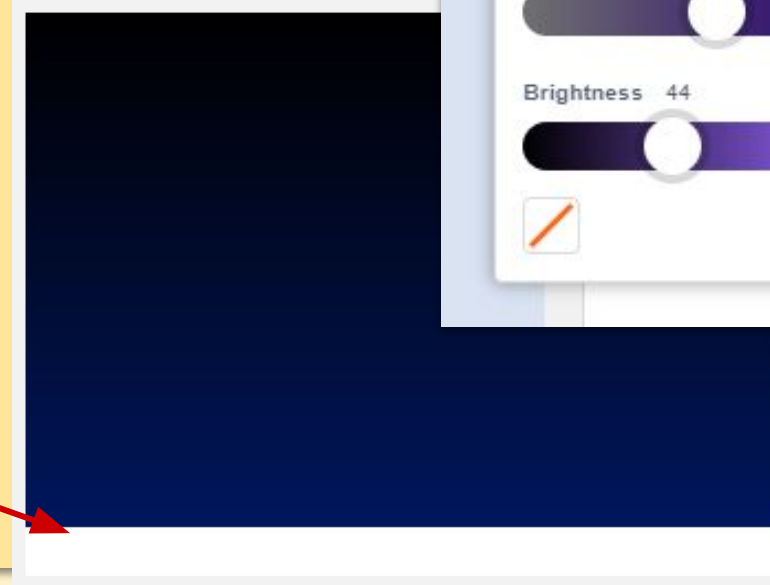
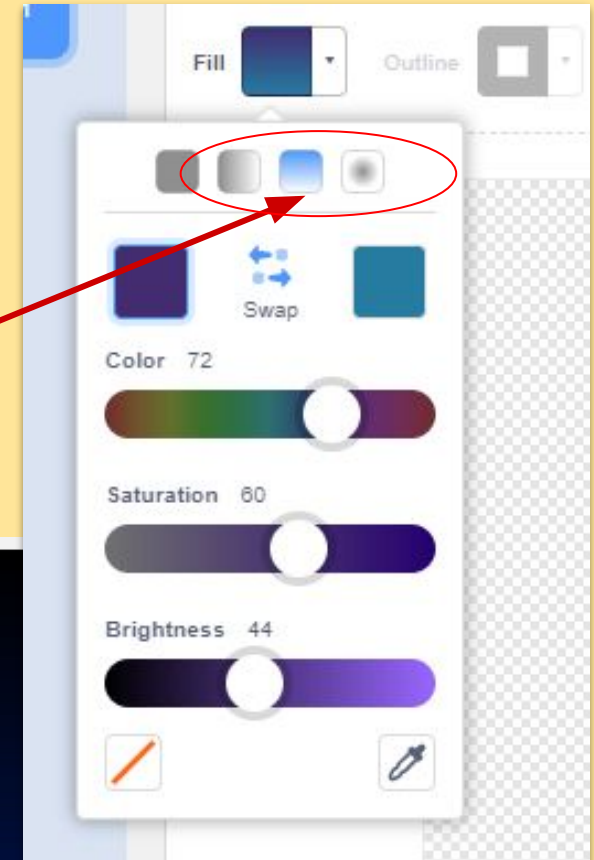


Making the Backdrop

1 Click on the Backdrop and then the  Backdrops tab

2 Select the **Fill tool**  and choose a background colour. To make things more interesting, you can blend two colours using the **gradient tool**. Choose two different colours, black and blue.

3 Now using the fill or rectangle tool, draw a white ice rink for your Player to skate on.



Game Progress



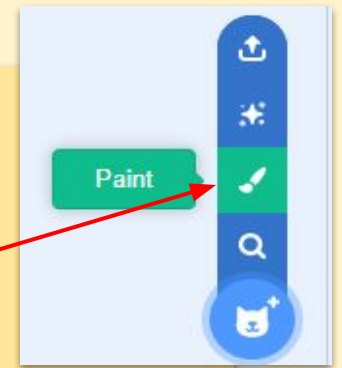
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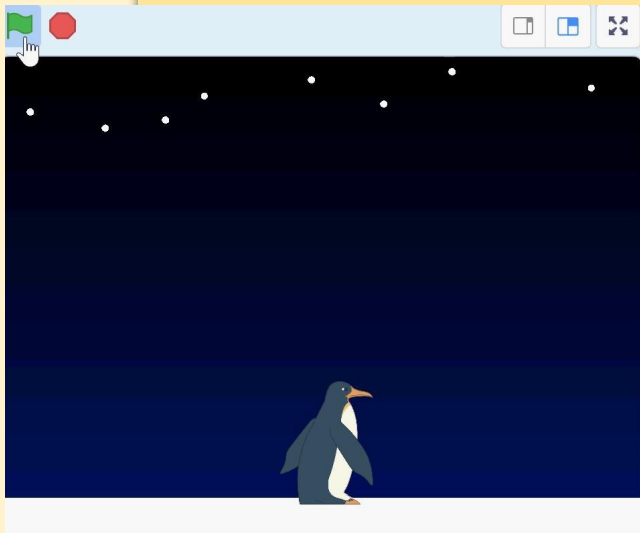
Cloning



We will make a snowflake sprite and **clone** it to give the effect of snowfall. Select the '*Paint New Sprite*' paintbrush.



Using the ellipse tool (circle), draw a **small** white circle in the middle.



```
when clicked
  hide
  set size to 10 %
  forever
    create clone of myself
    wait 0.03 seconds

when I start as a clone
  go to x: pick random -220 to 220 y: 170
  change size by pick random 0 to 3
  show
  forever
    change y by -3
    change x by pick random -1 to 1
```



The Penguin's Code



when right arrow key pressed

repeat until key left arrow pressed?

point in direction 90

change x by 5

if x position > 270 then

set x to -270

when left arrow key pressed

repeat until key right arrow pressed?

point in direction -90

change x by -5

if x position < -270 then

set x to 270

when flag clicked

forever

next costume

wait 0.5 seconds



Penguin

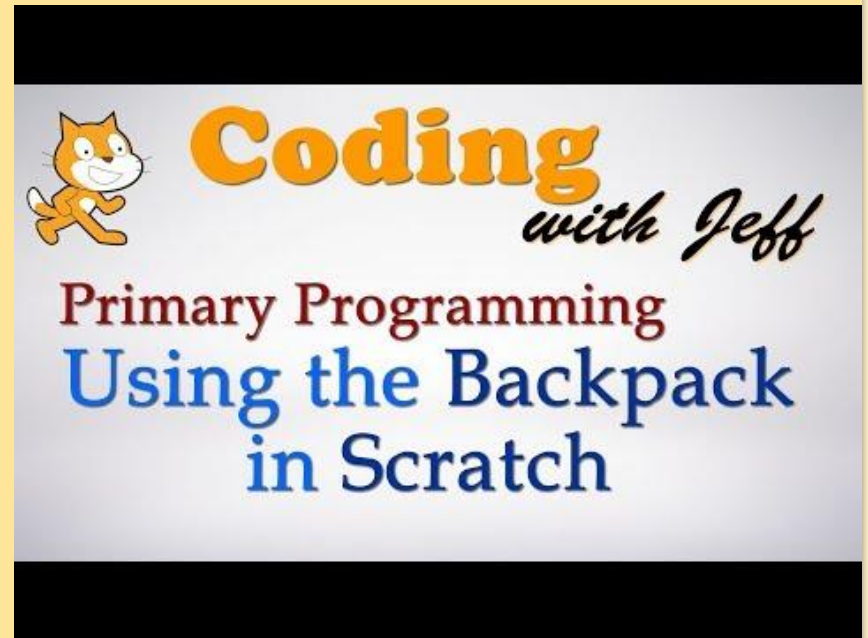
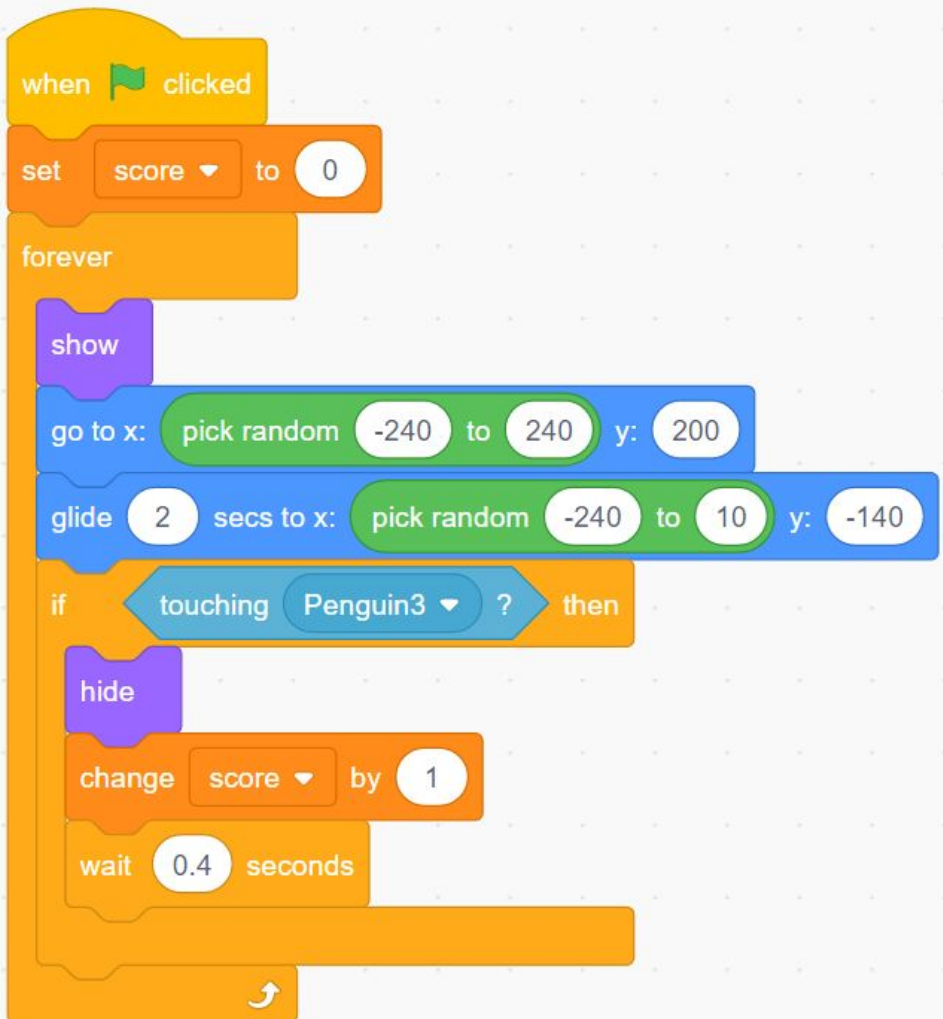


Coding the Goals (Stars/Holly)

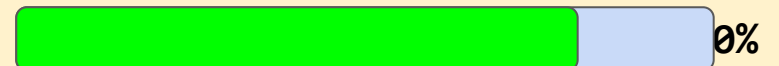
Have you seen a code like this before? Which game used a very similar code to this?

If you've found out which one, you can take the code from *that* game and put it in your **backpack**.

You'll need to make a **score variable**.



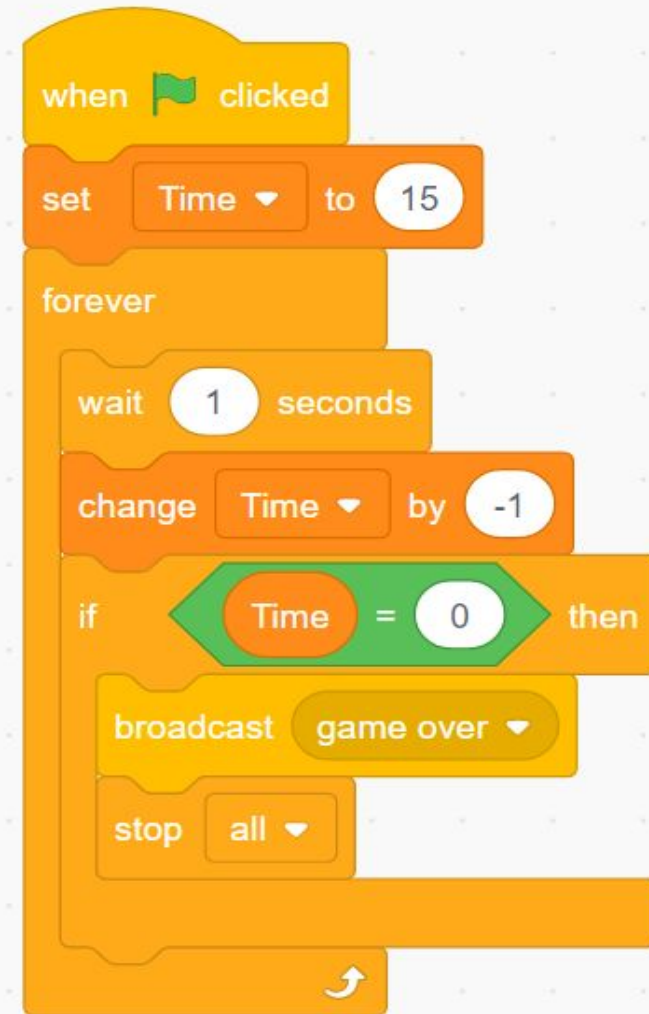
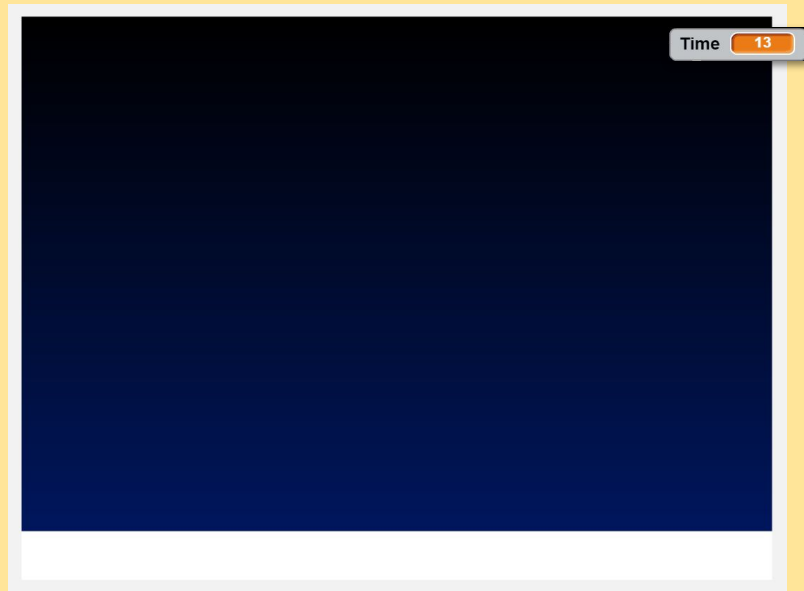
Game Progress





Add a Time Variable

Make a **variable called time** (data section). Put the following code on the **stage** (although it could go anywhere and would work the same).





Coding the Enemy

Taking the Holy/Star code from your **backpack**, put it on a bat/enemy but change it so it looks like the code here.

```
when green flag clicked
  set size to 60 %
  set score to 0
  forever loop
    show
    go to x: pick random -240 to 240 y: 200
    glide pick random 1 to 6 secs to x: pick random -240 to 10 y: -140
    if touching Penguin3 ? then
      hide
      change score by -5
      wait 0.4 seconds
    
```

The image shows two Scratch code snippets on a grid background. The left snippet is for a 'when green flag clicked' event, setting the size to 60%, the score to 0, and entering a 'forever' loop. Inside the loop, it shows the enemy, moves it to a random x-coordinate between -240 and 240 at y=200, glides it for a random time between 1 and 6 seconds to a new random x-coordinate between -240 and 10 at y=-140. If it touches 'Penguin3', it hides, decreases the score by 5, and waits 0.4 seconds. The right snippet is also for a 'when green flag clicked' event, entering a 'forever' loop that repeatedly changes the costume to the next one.

Game Progress



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‘Basic’ Maze Game

Lesson 5 - 'Basic' Maze Game



Learning Outcomes:

- To make a basic maze game based on a simple template
- Making multiple levels
- Using the 'touching colour' code block
- Having intro, direction and multiple level backdrops

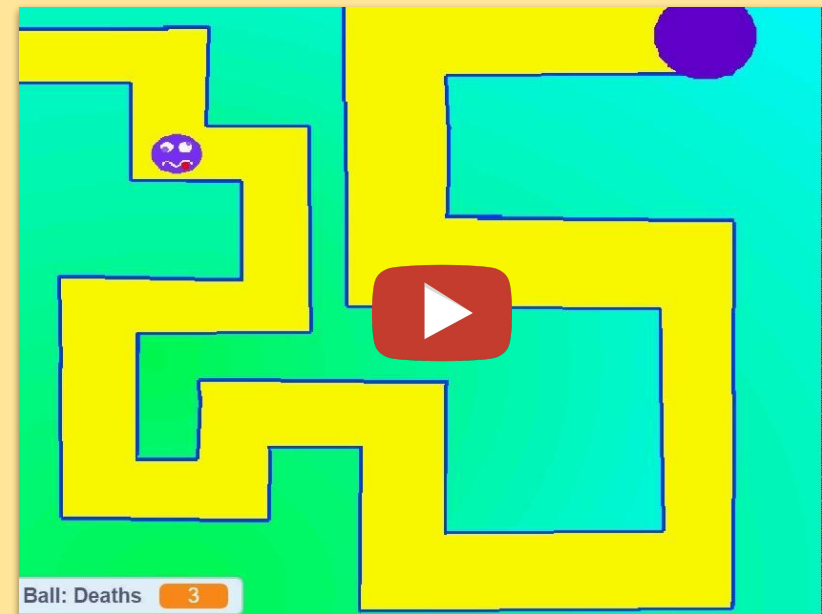


The Final Product

Our plan for this was to make a **Scary maze game** where the player would direct the sprite around a maze for a few levels leading to a scary picture at the end, but you can chose to follow your own path!

As with any good game, start it out easy and have it get harder as the game progresses.

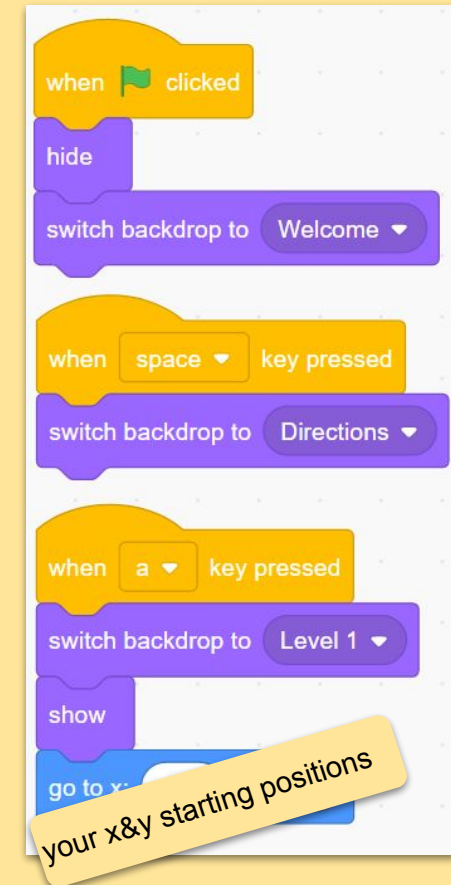
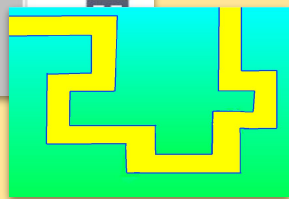
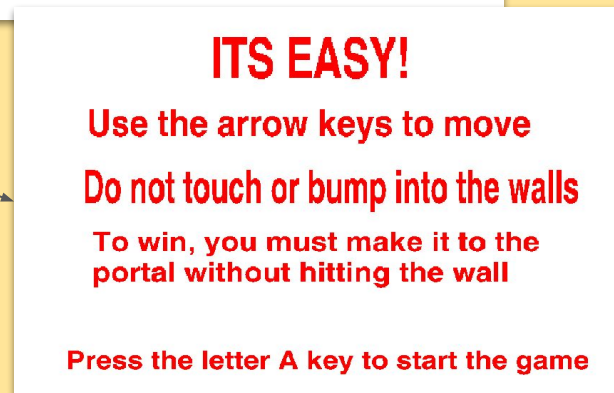
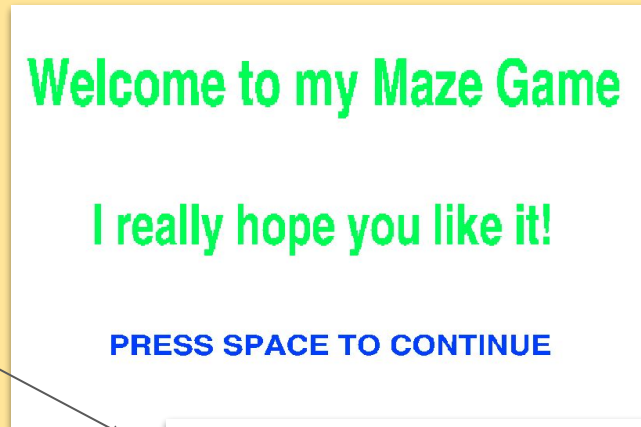
AND REMEMBER: Make sure your game **works**, that it is **completable** and that it is **bug-free**, or else nobody will want to play it!





Making an Intro Screen and Starting Maze

- 1 Make a *Welcome*, *Directions* screen and Level one of your maze. Your character will be controlled by the arrow keys and must be small enough to actually fit through your maze.



Pick or Design a Player Sprite

- 2 Once you've picked/ designed a player, add the code on the right

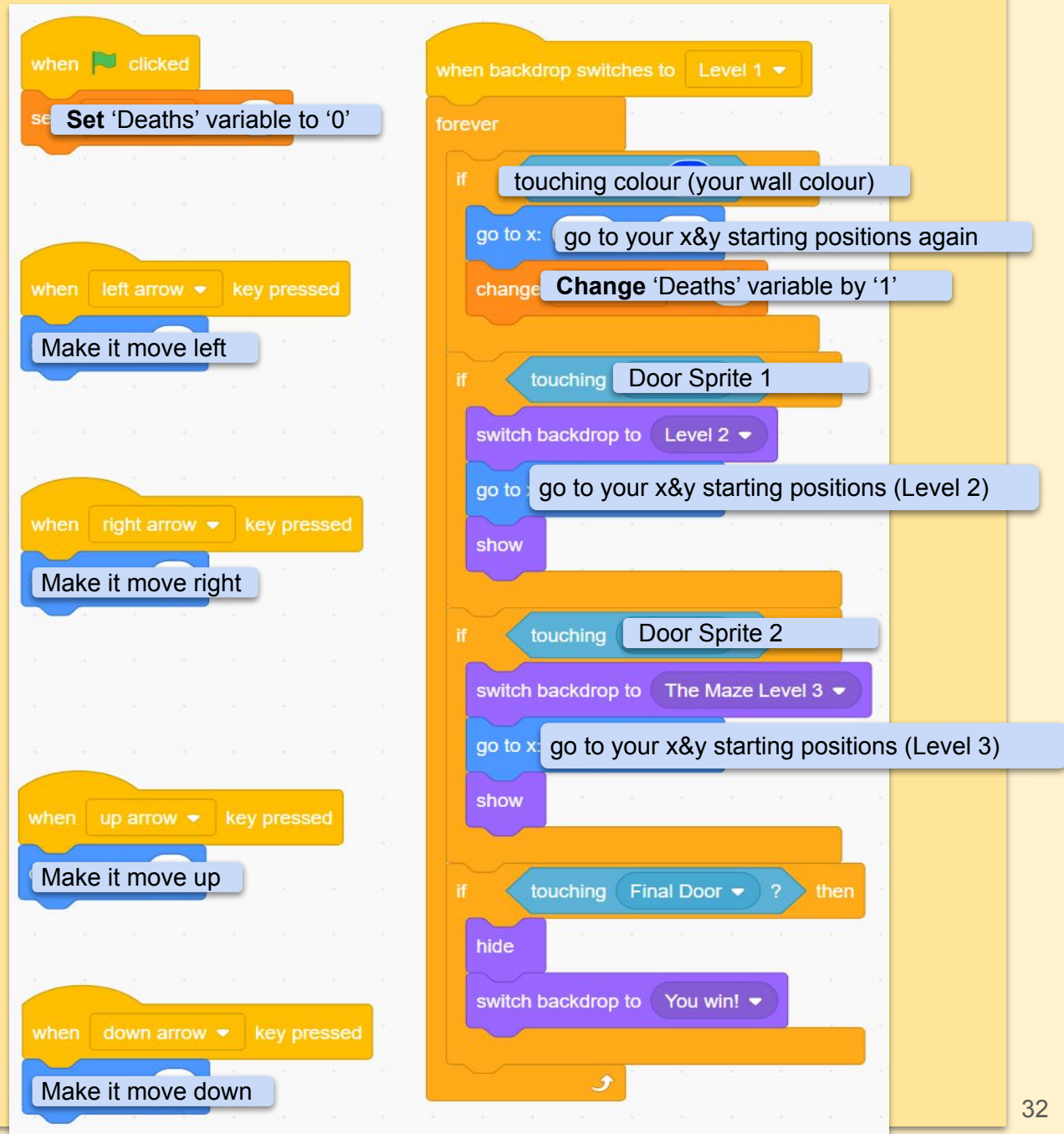
NB The numbers in 'go to x: () y: ()' will be the part of your maze where the sprite starts from!



Getting things moving - More Player Code

We need to get the **player's** sprite moving but also **set conditions** on what happens if it hits a wall or a portal (to go to the next level).

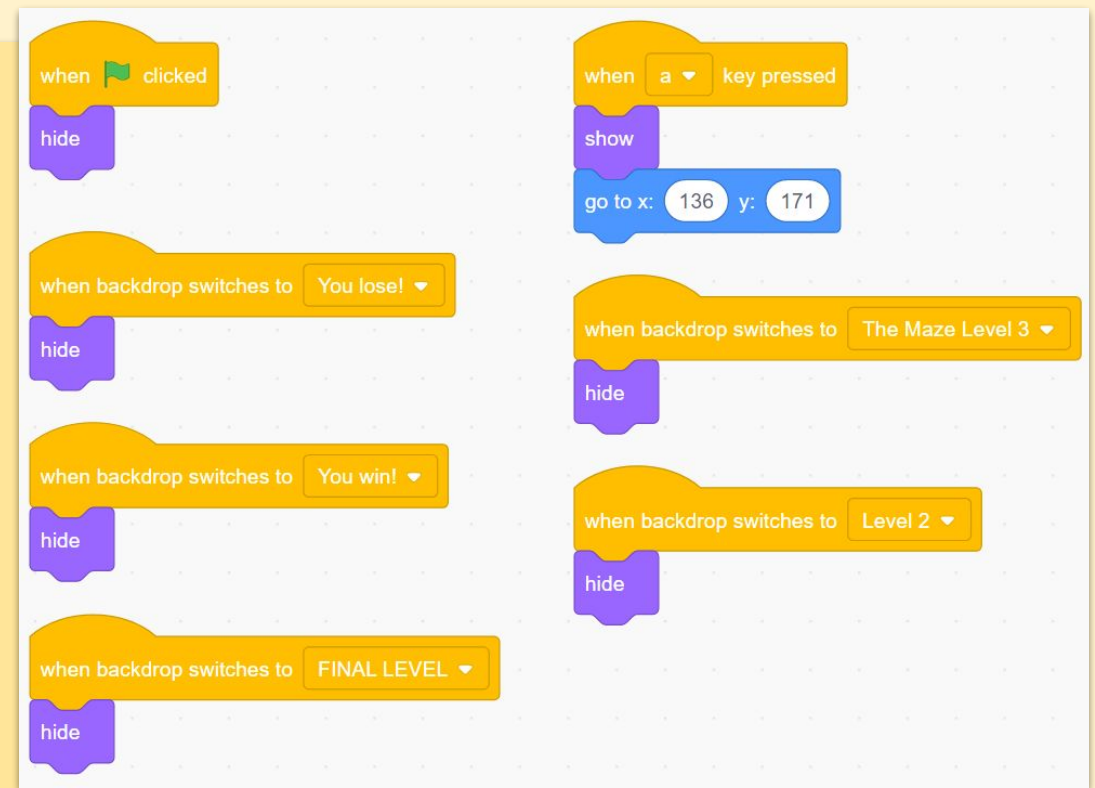
Try and figure out the pseudocode here on your **player sprite** to get things moving.





Showing and hiding elements

Here is a sample code for a **door/ portal** which will appear at x:136 y:171 in Level One of our version of the game (**your numbers will be different**). It will only be displayed in Level One as, in our example, when you press the a key, level one begins.



Before you say “I’m finished” have you:

- Added in more levels
- Added in a timer
- Considered having something for your player to collect for points
- Considered having some moving walls (the same colour as the walls) that reset our player sprite
- Added in a ‘next level’ or a ‘You lose’ screen
- Sanity-tested and debugged all levels and featured.

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‘Advanced’ Maze Game



Home Runner (Advanced Maze)

Our last game! So far we have **Hungry Shark**. It uses the up and down arrows to control a snapping shark.

Today we're going to make a game called **Home Runner**, a game which has a player controlled sprite and a goal. Like **Hungry Shark**, it uses up and down arrows to control the **y axis** but also left and right arrows to control the **x axis**. The goal is to get the player sprite home in the quickest time possible.



Game Elements

Time
Variable,
best score
and top
player

Starting/
Respawn
Point

Water and
grass form a
maze. We
could call
this our
enemy.



Home. Get
the sprite to
here as
quickly as
possible

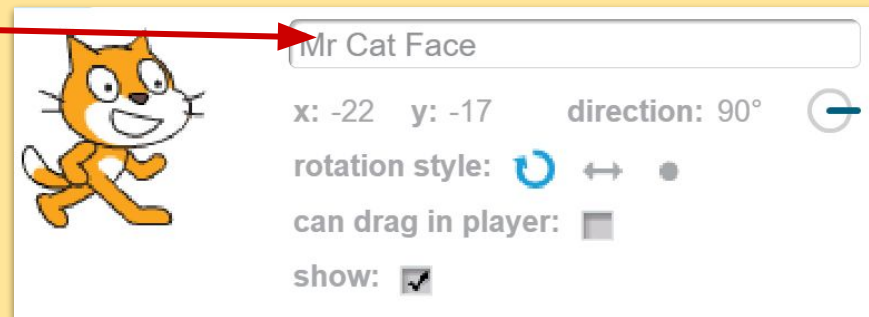
The track (where the
sprite can walk)



Lets get Coding

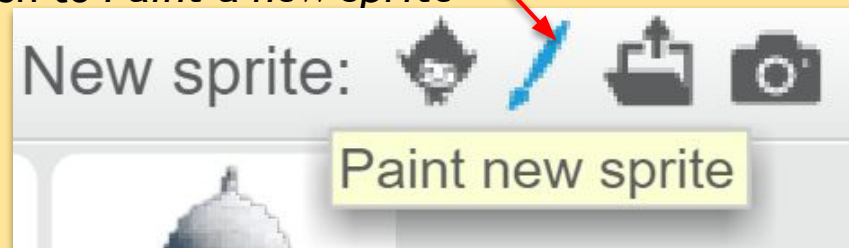
1 Name your project (For example: *Home Runner*)

2 Choose and rename your sprite.





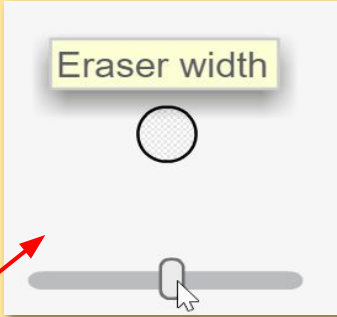
Unlike the others games we made, **DON'T** load a background image. Our background will actually be a custom sprite that doesn't move and takes up the entire window. Our project needs three sprites in total, the **player**, the **goal** (home) and the **map**.

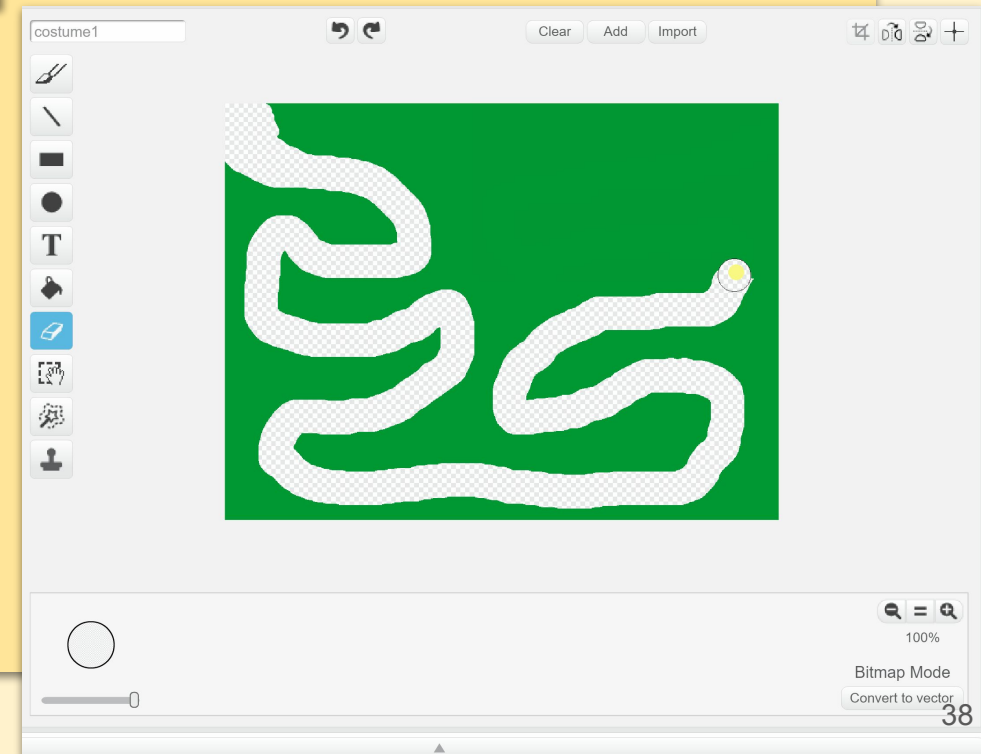
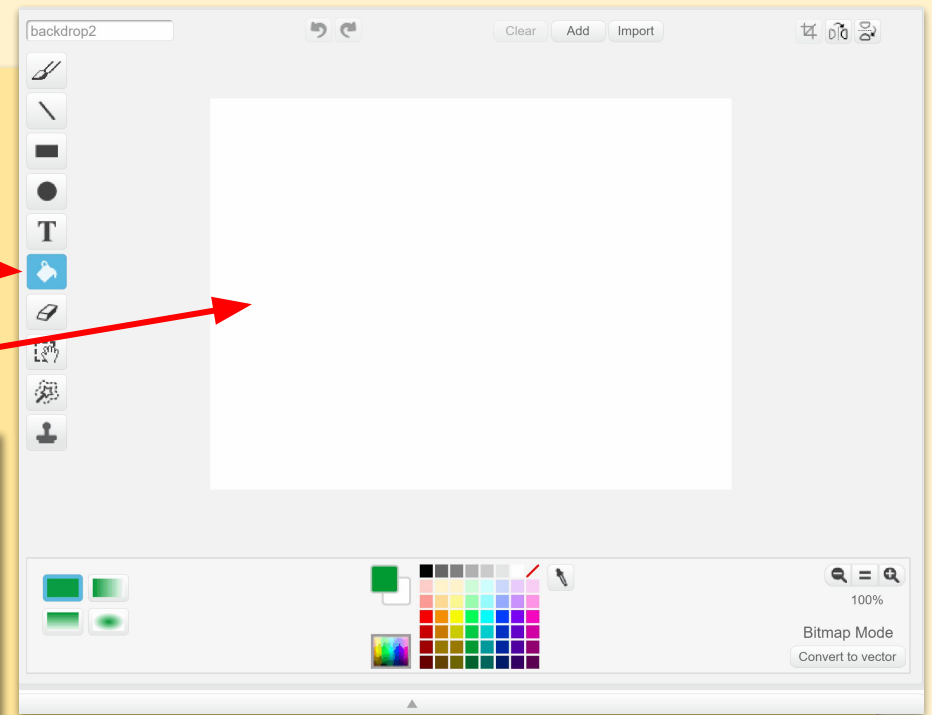
3 Click on the paintbrush to *Paint a new sprite*





Making our Maze

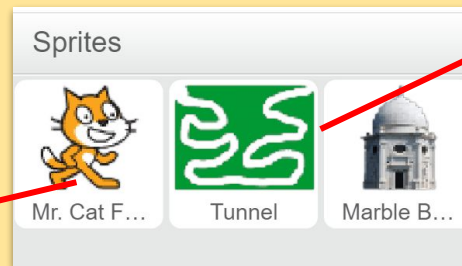
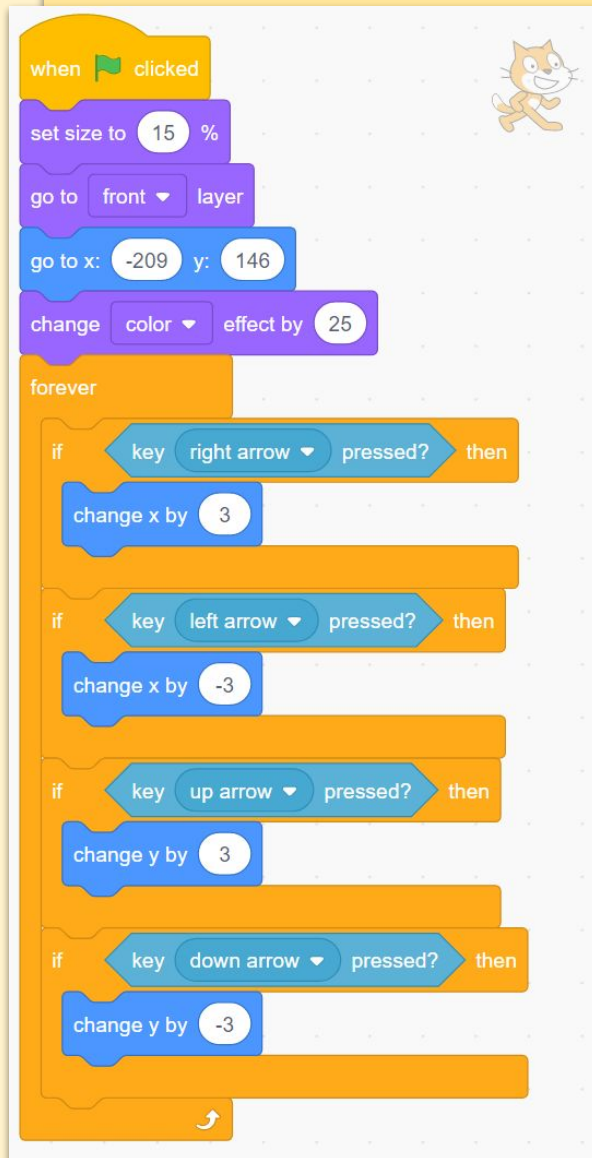
- 1 Click the  Paint can
- 2 Paint the entire area green.
- 3 Select the Eraser 
- 4 Increase the Eraser Width 
- 5 Using the **Eraser Tool** carve out a maze wide enough for your sprite to fit through.
Your maze should split the window into two sections, grass and water.





Code for the Maze

Our maze doesn't actually need any code to function properly, but if you like, this code will change the colour in a psychedelic way.



Coding the Player (cat)

The code on the left is the starting code to get the cat moving. Make sure and help those around you if you get it finished early.



Pair Programme

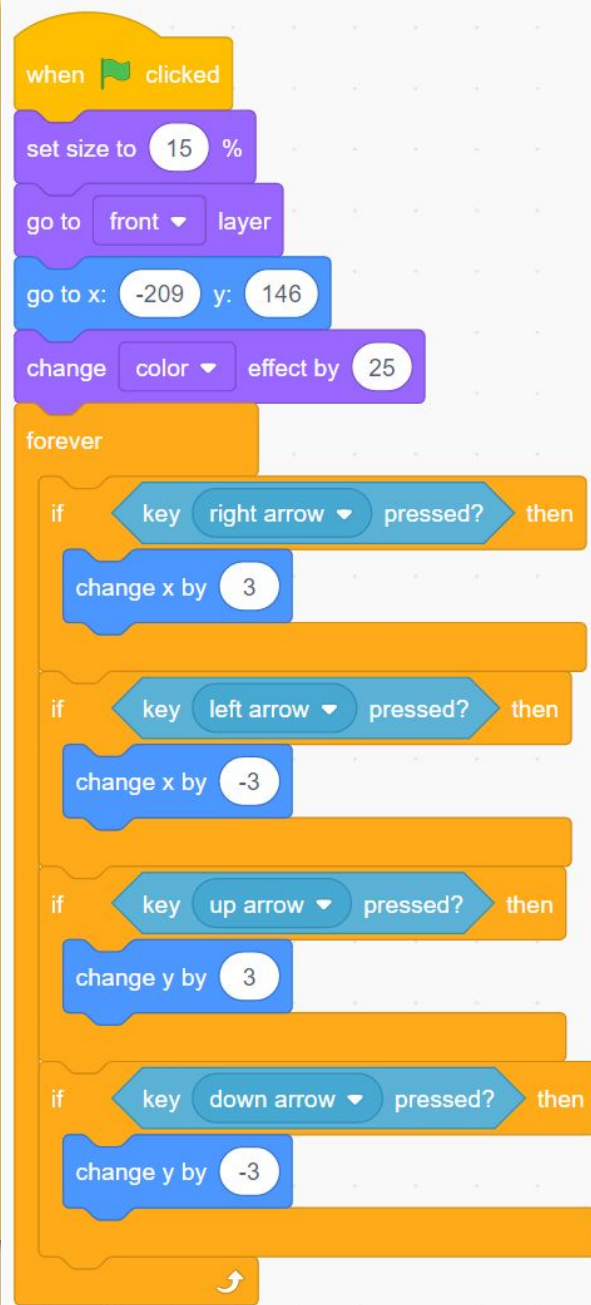
*Help a Friend,
Make a Friend!*

Game Progress





More Player Code - Crack the Pseudocode



When the Flag is clicked

forever

if touching Tunnel = 2 then

start sound

stop all scripts in sprite

broadcast message

go to x:

if touching Home then

stop all scripts in sprite

broadcast message

play sound

stop this script

If the sprite is touching tunnel

- Play meow sound
- Stop all scripts in sprite
- Go to x:-215 y:141
- Broadcast a message called "t"

If the sprite is touching Home

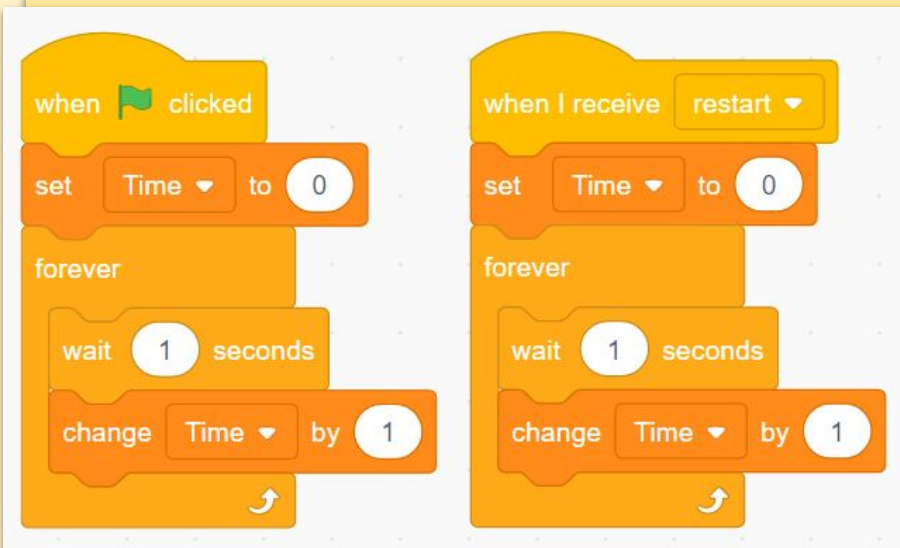
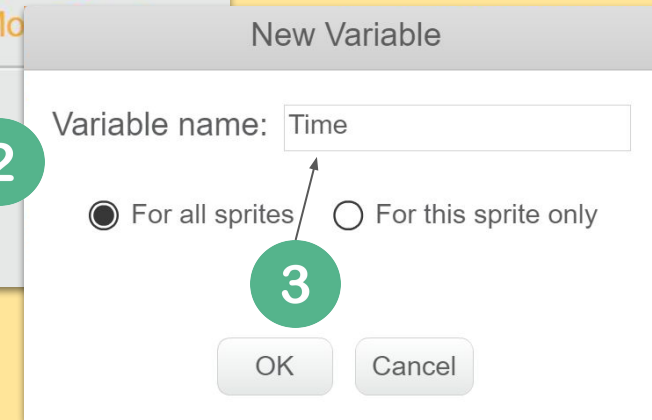
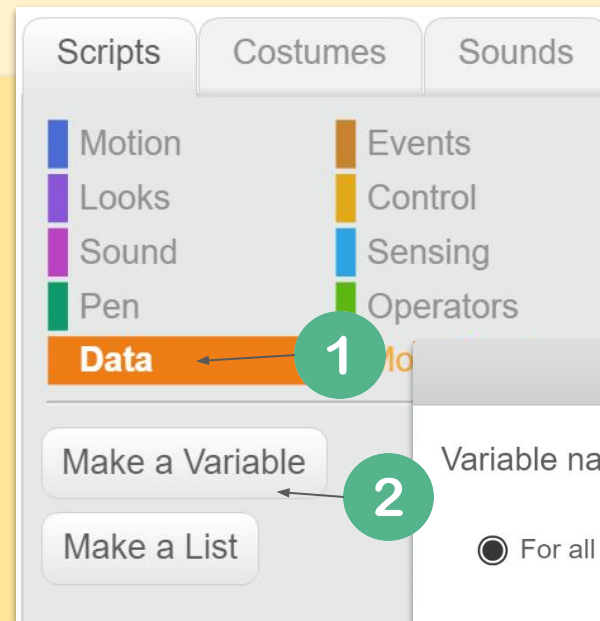
- Stop all scripts in sprite
- Broadcast a message called "Well Done"
- Play Sound "Guitar Chords 2" until done
- Stop this script



Against the Clock

Home Runner needs a **time variable**. We need to make a variable called time but also to code this into our game.

Add these code blocks to the **player** script.
What will they do? They're almost identical, but why do we need both of these?



Expert Tip

A **broadcast** is a message that is sent through the Scratch programme. It allows sprites to 'talk' to each other. One sprite will broadcast a set of commands and another will receive them.

Game Progress

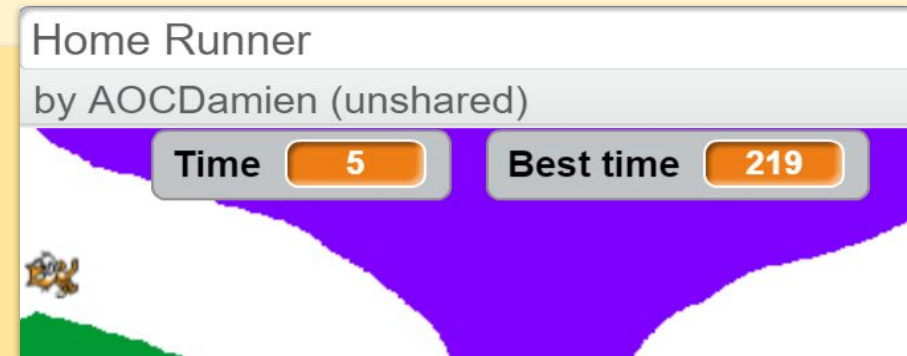


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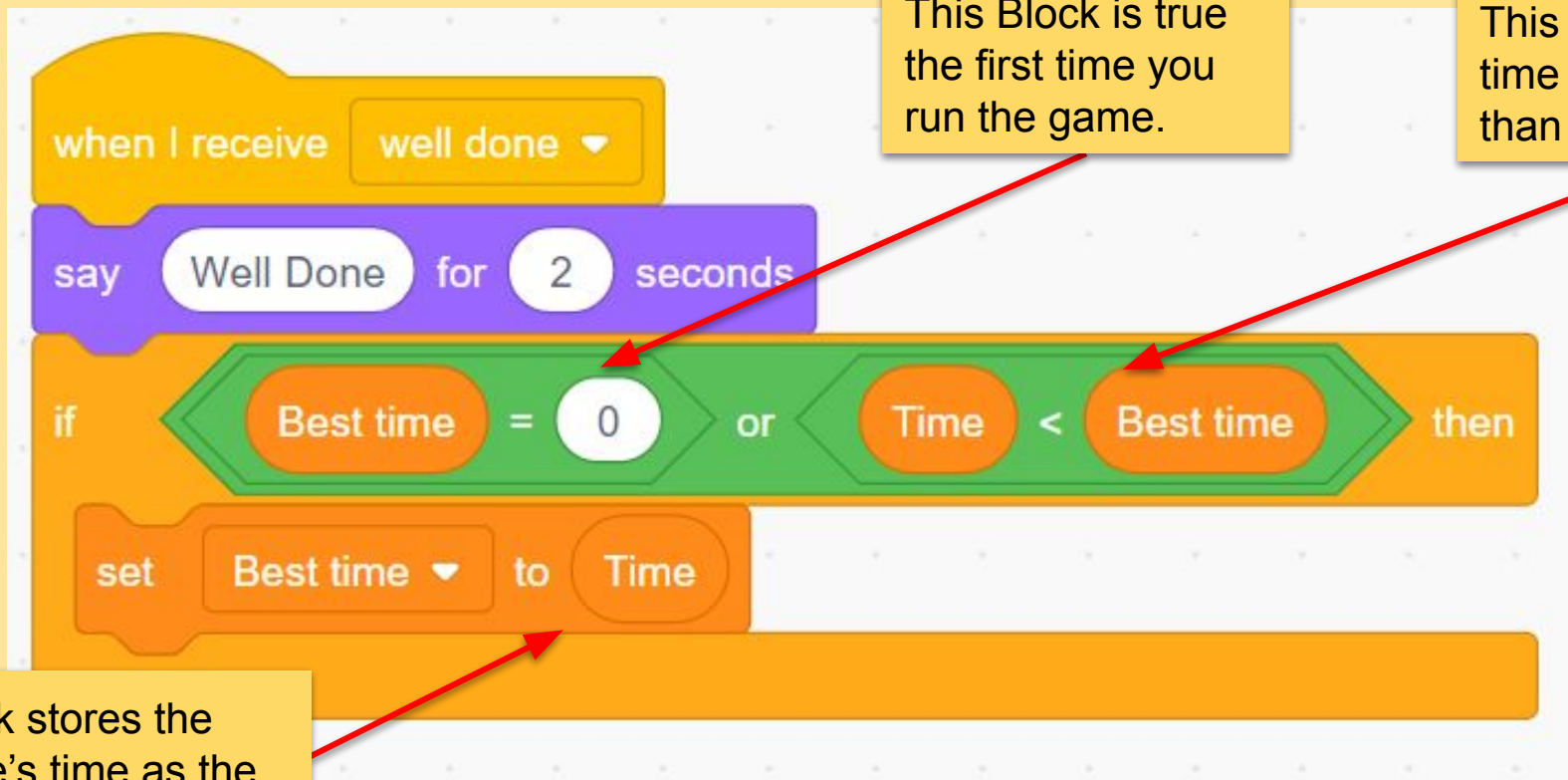


Keeping Track of Time

We're going to make this game more competitive by adding a **Best Time** feature.



Make a **Variable** called *Best Time* and drag it next to the *Time* display on the stage. Then make the following code. *But what does it do?*



This Block is true the first time you run the game.

This is True if your time was quicker than the old record

This block stores the last game's time as the new best time.

Game Progress



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Keeping a Leaderboard

Last but not least, you can add a *Best Player* feature to keep track of high scores.

Make a final Variable called *Best Player* and drag it next to the *Time* and *Best Score* display on the stage. Then add the following code.

