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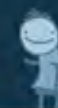
Scratched Webinar Series

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

7pm – 8pm EST

Karen Brennan and Michelle Chung

What are young people learning as they develop interactive media with Scratch?



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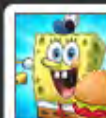
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Martians...From Mars!

Lead the Defense of Earth from
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**Free! SpongeBob
Diner Dash**

Help SpongeBob run a
restaurant!



Killbot

Notebook Robot Goes on
Rampage!



Erline

Partners in Platform
Quest Use Unique
Powers!



Finding My Heart

Discover Differences to
Let Love Bloom!



**12 Hand-Drawn
Games**

Play It Like You Drew It!



**Adventure Time:
Rhythm Heroes**

Pop a Groove with Finn
and Jake!



Battleship

The Battle for Earth
Begins Now!



Dragons of Atlantis

Build an Empire, Raise
your Dragon, Join Today!

Featured Games

put a power move on them



**The Amazing
Spiderman**

Spiderman Battles
Criminals on the
Rooftops of New York!



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Monsters!



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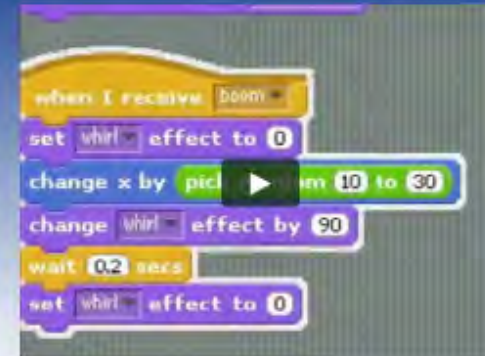
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Vector graphics will offer a new way to make costumes, so that sprites will look high quality no matter if they are zoomed in or zoomed out!



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by [Lucario621](#)



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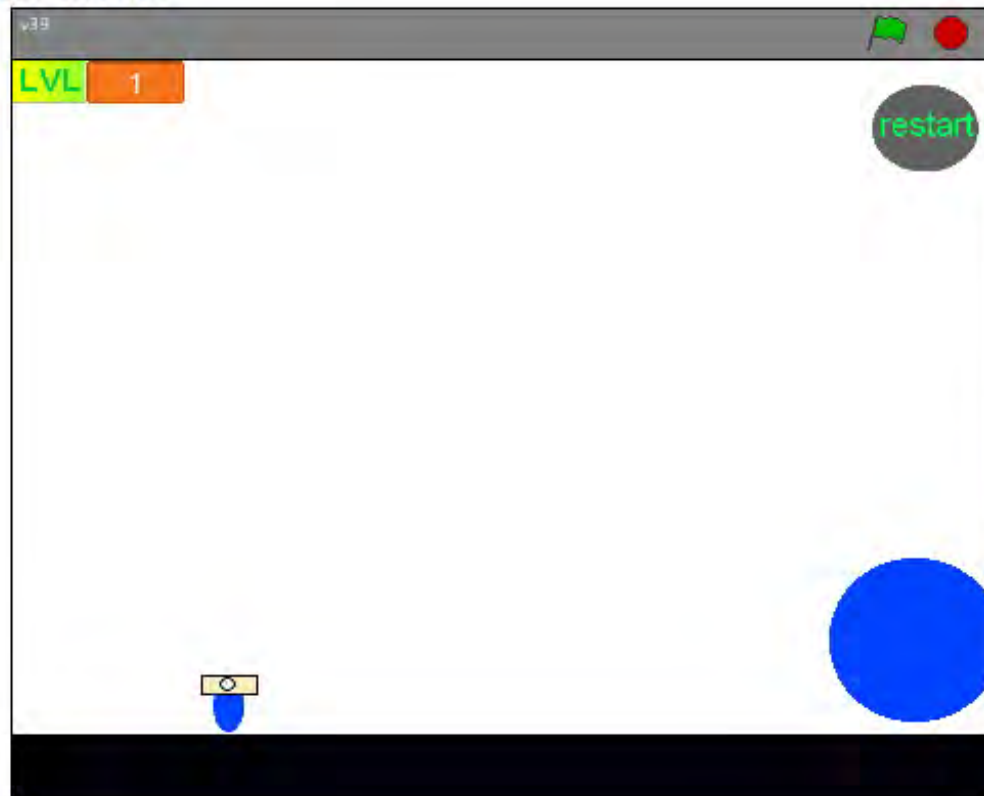


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100 levels



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Project Notes

welcome to 100 levels.
i made originally 51 levels and
when i said for every love it i
would add a level. but then it
got curated and it got to many
love its and it got really
stressful
every ther comment is how do
you do this level.
how do you do that.
and then came the day that i
couldnt finish all 100 because
my computer fized out.
well now i would suggest that
after you play this game you
press love it and then go play
some of my other really good
games.
one for instance is called ninja
assassin and it is really fun and
before ninja assassin three can
come out i need 10 love its. and



10 Levels

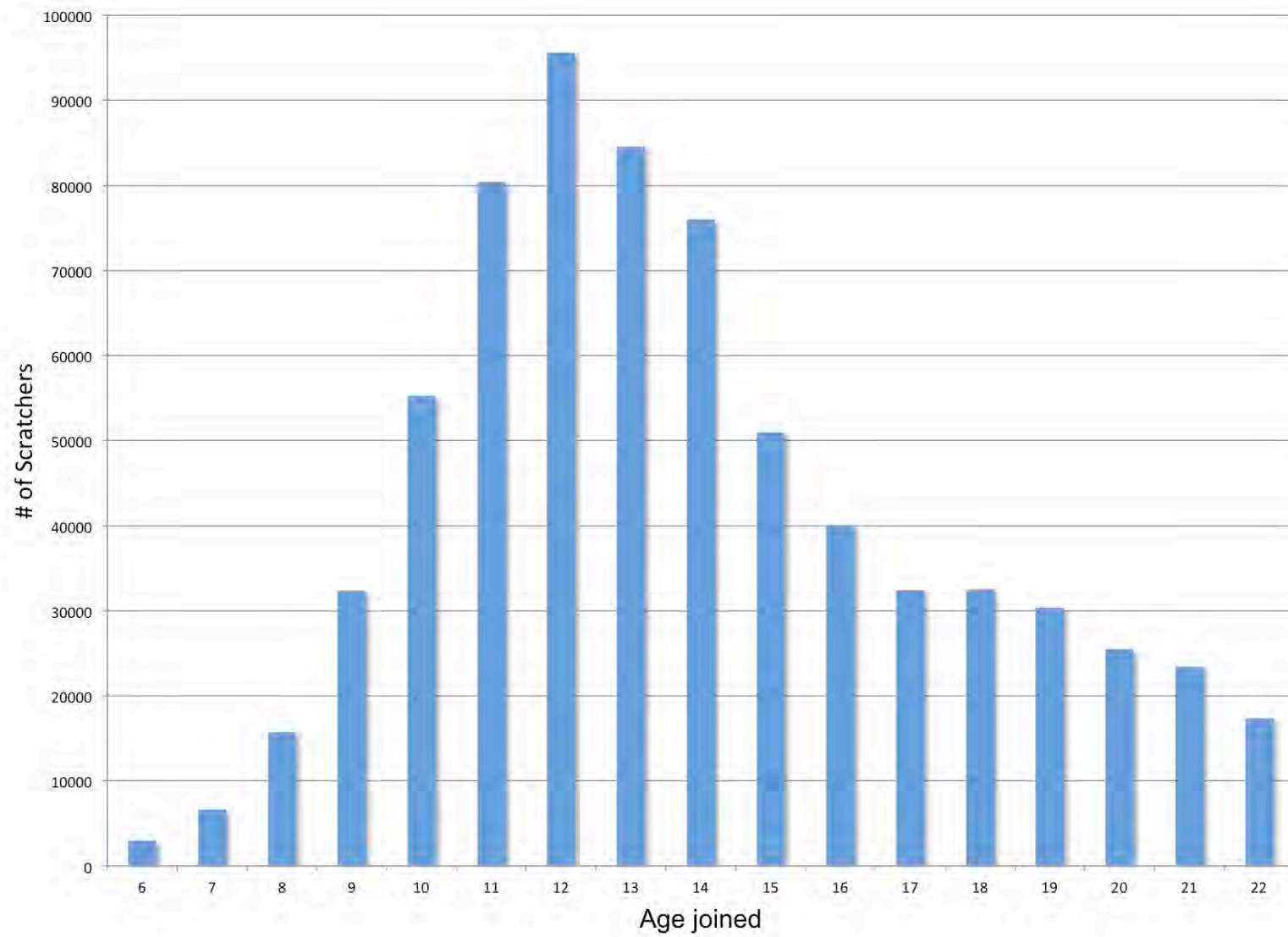


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Instructions

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registered members





2,566,018

projects uploaded

What are young people learning as they develop interactive media with Scratch?

Computational Thinking

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Computational **Concepts**

Computational **Practices**

Computational **Perspectives**

Computational **Concepts**

sequences

conditionals

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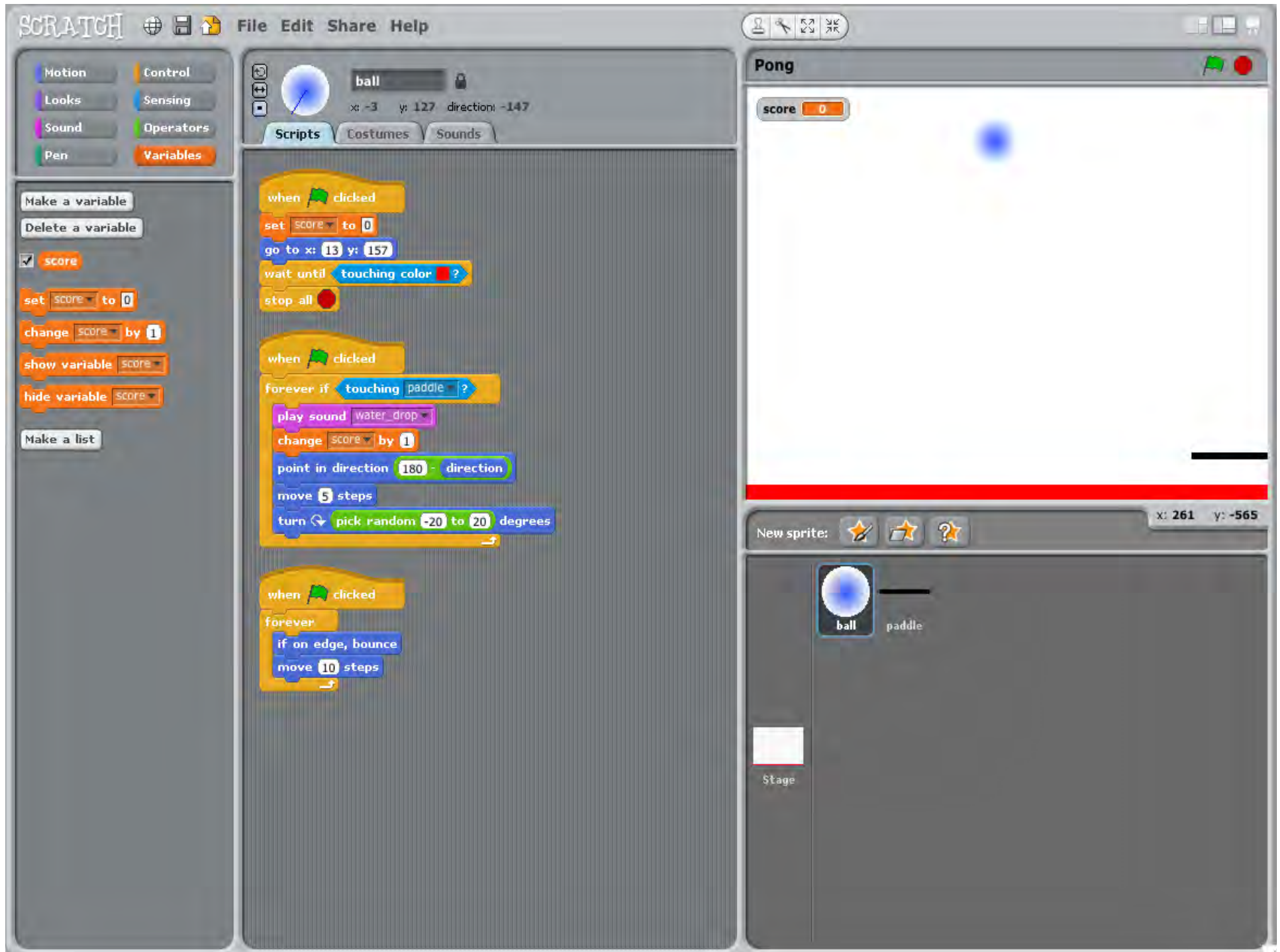
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Computational **Practices**

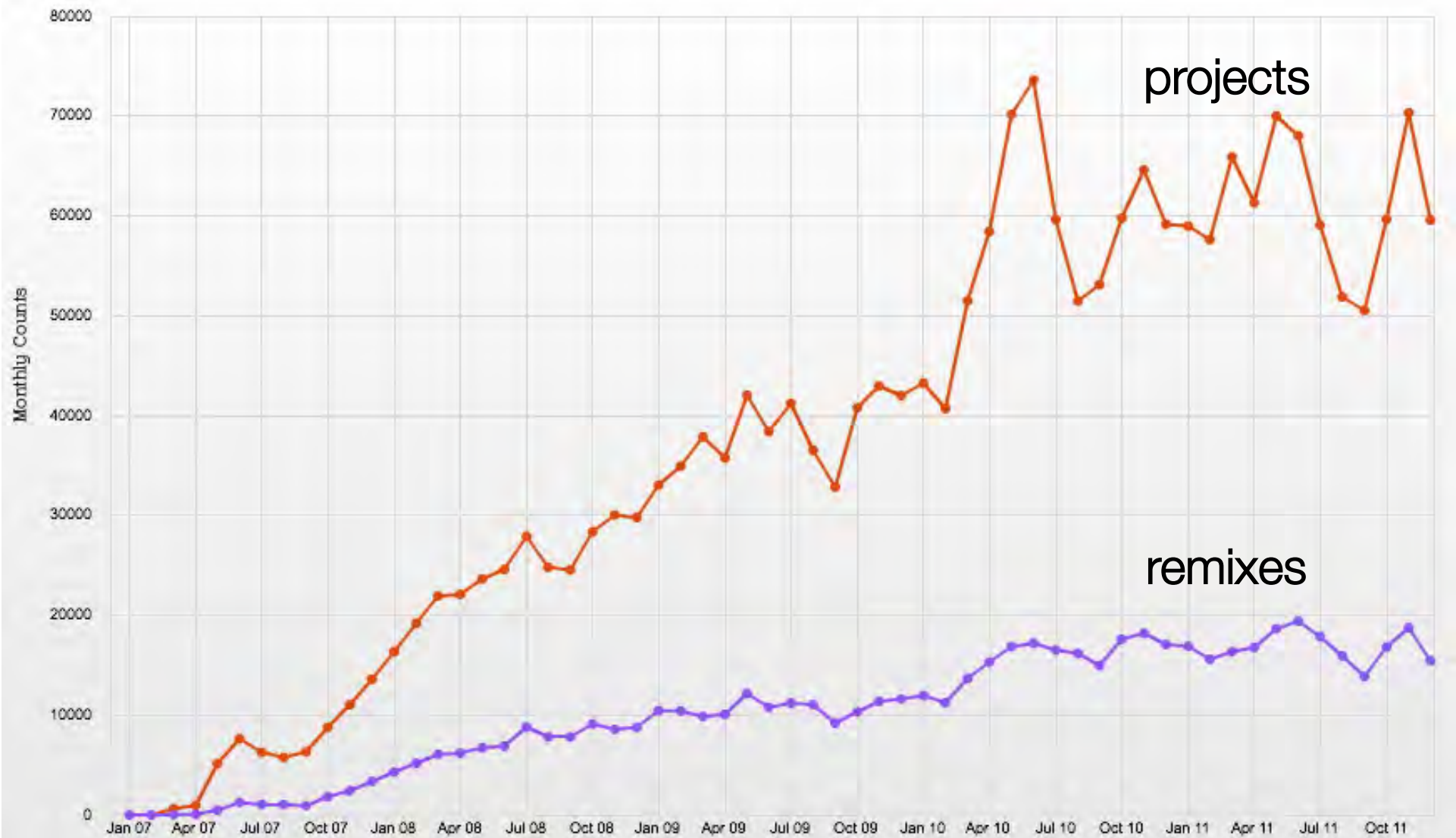
being incremental/iterative

testing/debugging

reusing/remixing

abstracting/modularizing





Scrolling Done Right

This script is located on the stage.



Press the right arrow key to see the terrain sprites scroll past the screen.



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Computational **Perspectives**

expressing

connecting

questioning

“

I love Scratch. Wait, let me rephrase that –
Scratch is my life. I have made many projects.
Now I have what I call a ‘programmer’s mind’.
That is where I think about how anything
is programmed. This has gone from toasters,
car electrical systems, and soooo much more.

”

Panther - based on Scratch

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Many thanks to [Skystar](#) for this amazing image!

Panther - What the community wants

Panther is a programming language aimed at young users with only a small knowledge of programming. Panther offers you a more advanced version of Scratch, a simple programming language developed at MIT.

With a host of new features such as file and webpage manipulation and advanced colour sensing, cloning and much more besides, Panther provides advanced usage for avid Scratchers around the globe as well as new programmers looking for a fluid, easy to understand starting language. *Why not visit our [Wiki page](#) for a full list of our features?*

Welcome to ProgrammingFreak - our newest developer for Panther 1.1!

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Panther

Blockshop

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How can this learning being assessed?

Three Approaches

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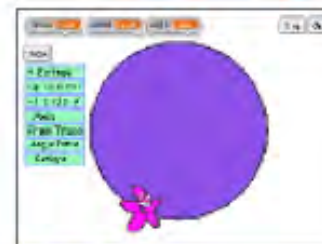
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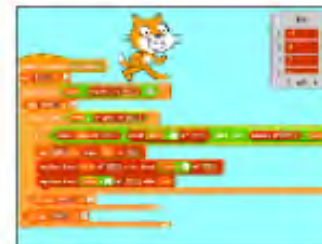
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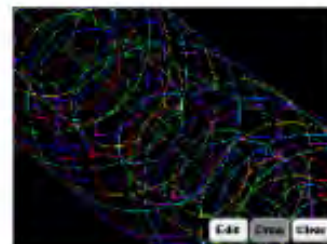
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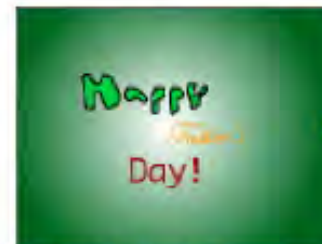
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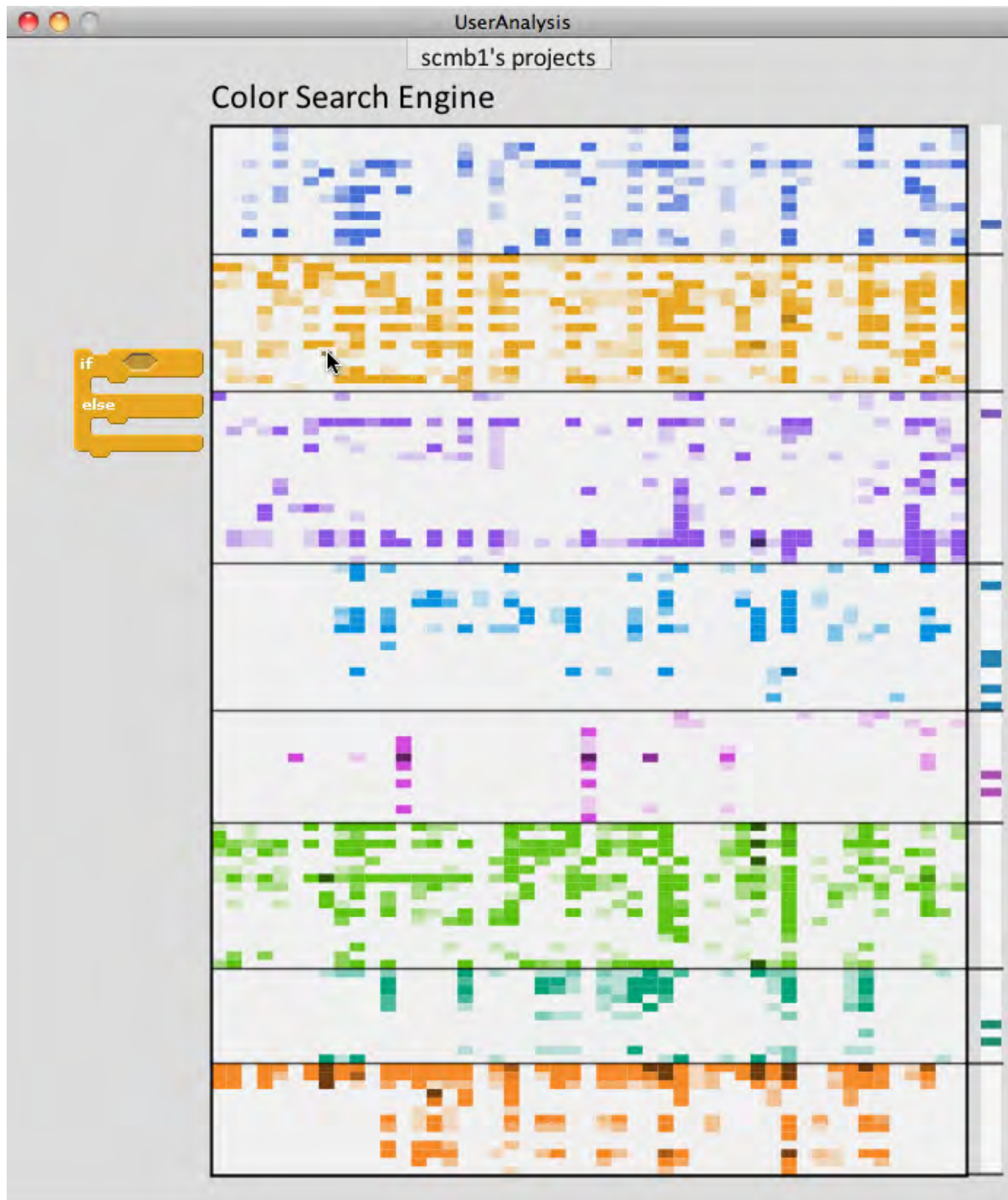
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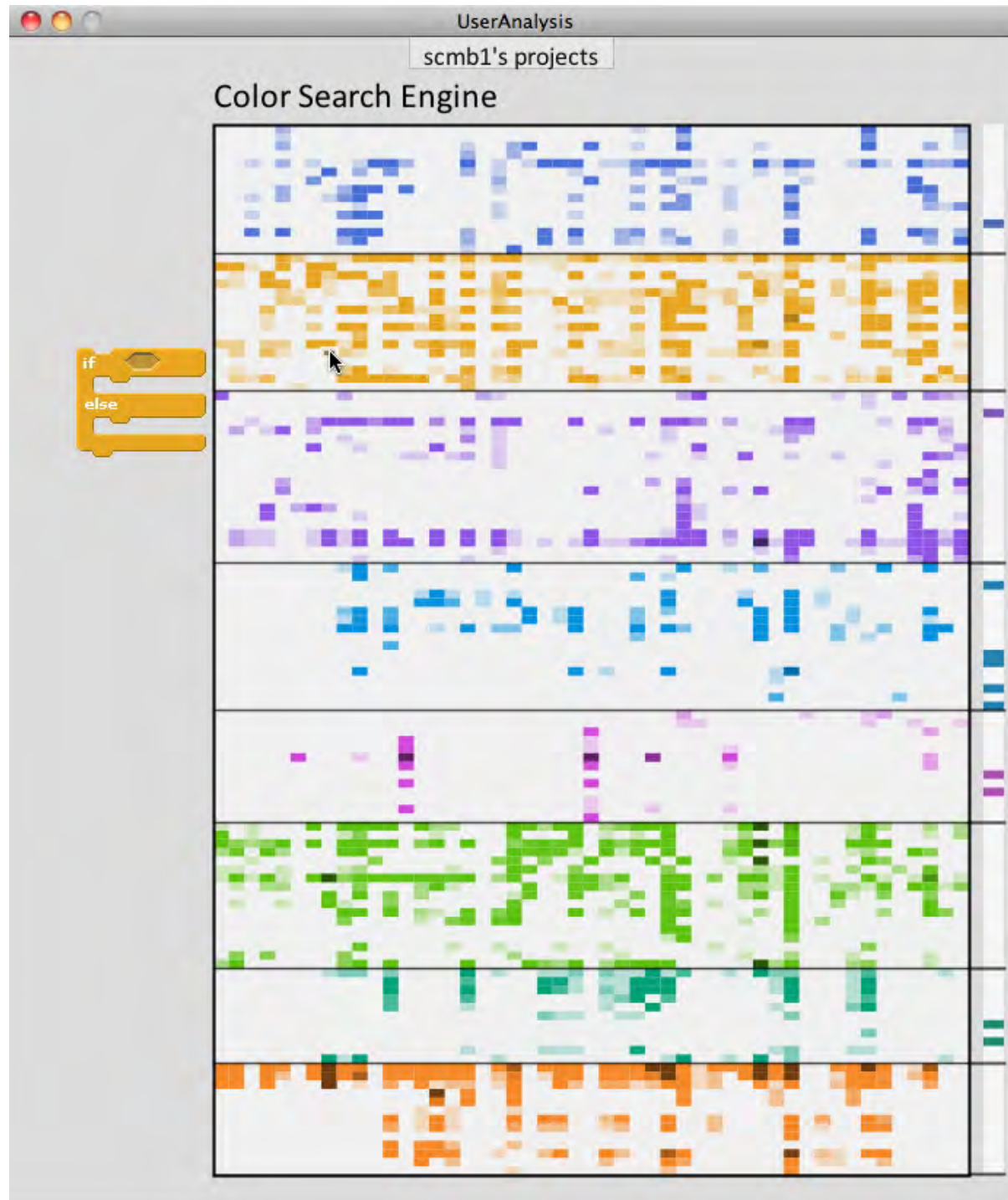


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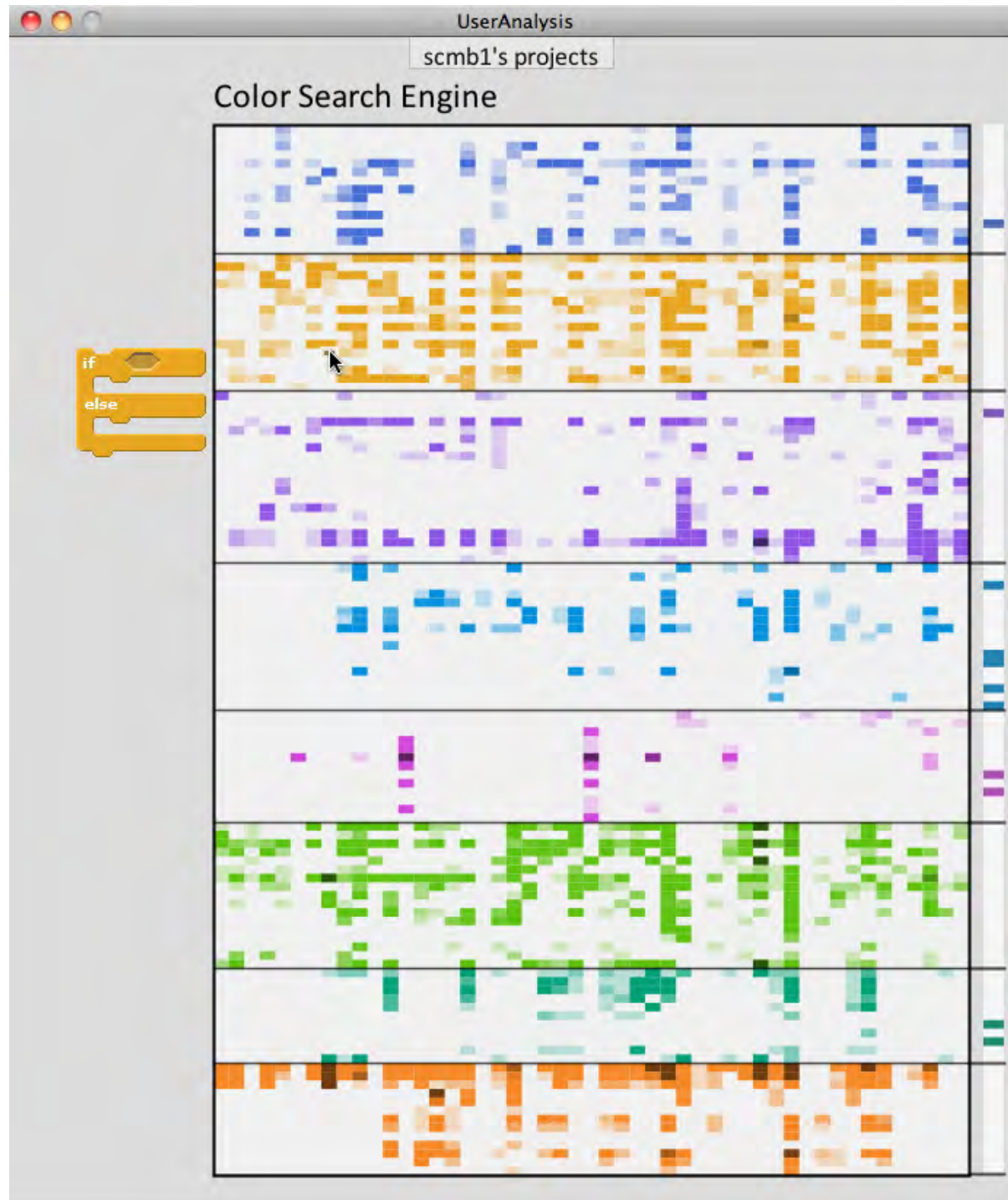


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Strengths

- view collection of work over time
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Limitations

- not all projects are posted
- intentionality of block use is unknown
- development process is unknown

Three Approaches

Project Analysis

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Design Scenarios

Background

Introduction to Scratch

Current practices

Project creation

Project framing

Project process

Online community

Other people

Other projects

Looking forward

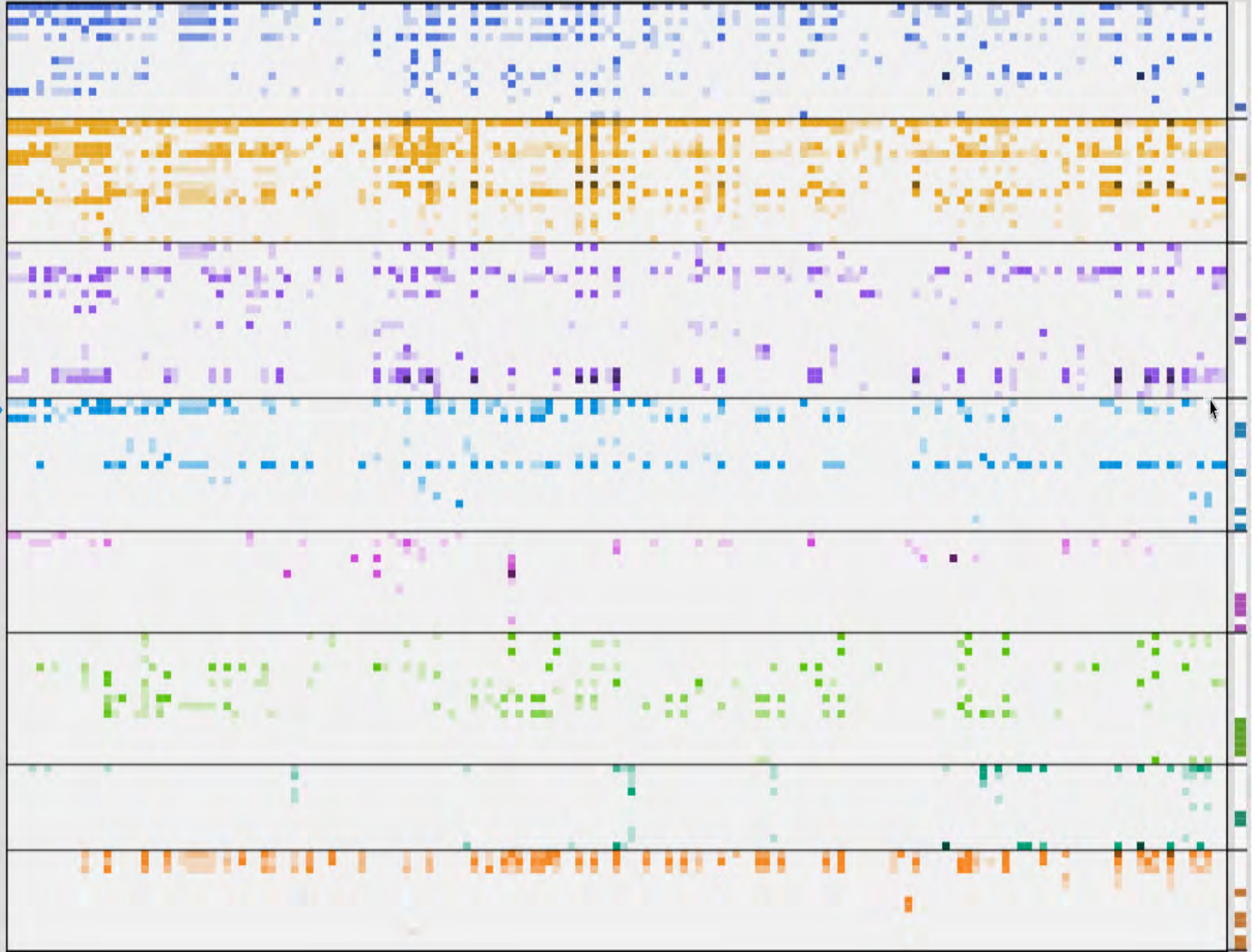
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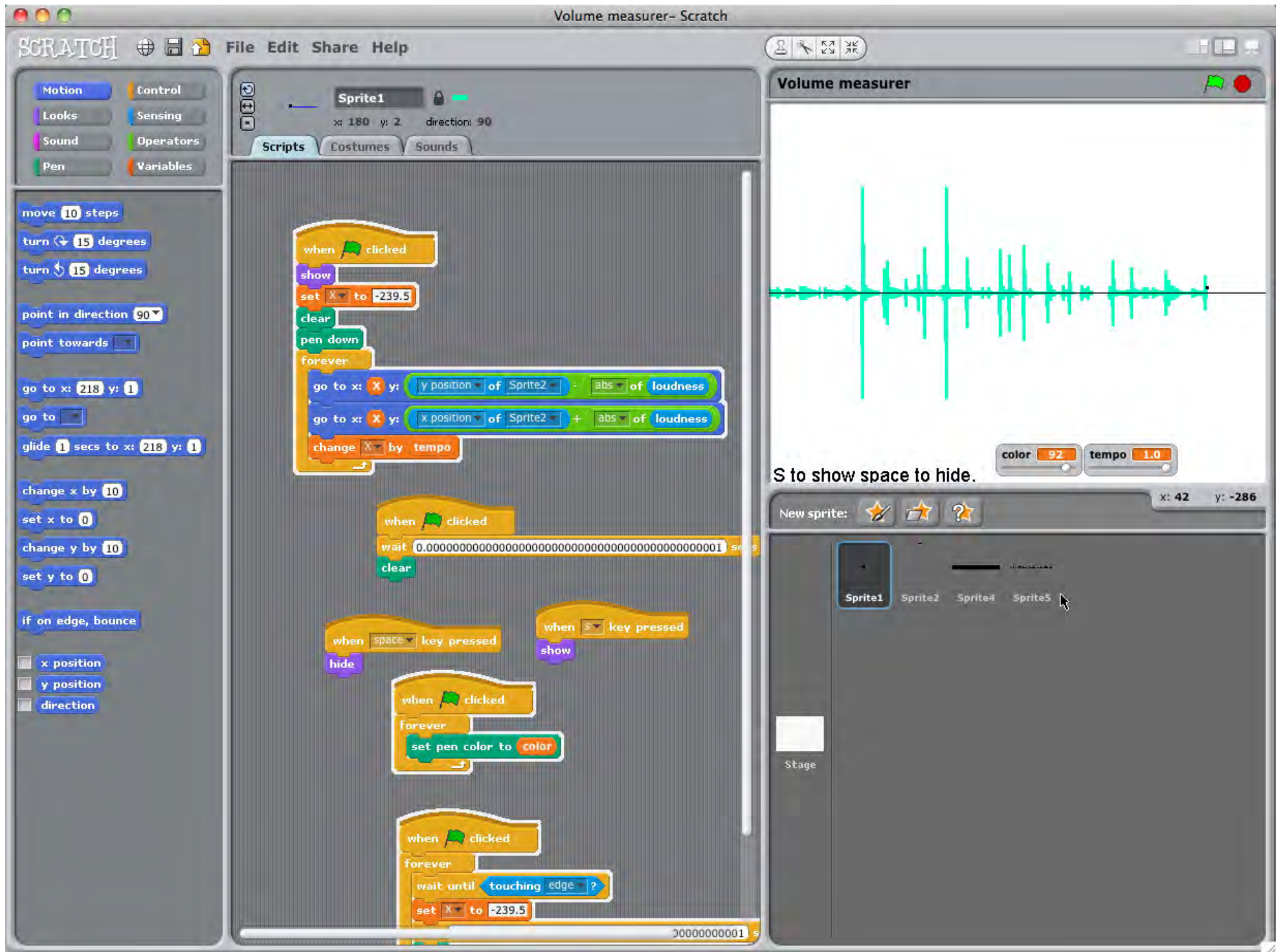
Technology

Beyond technology

Volume measurer

touching ?





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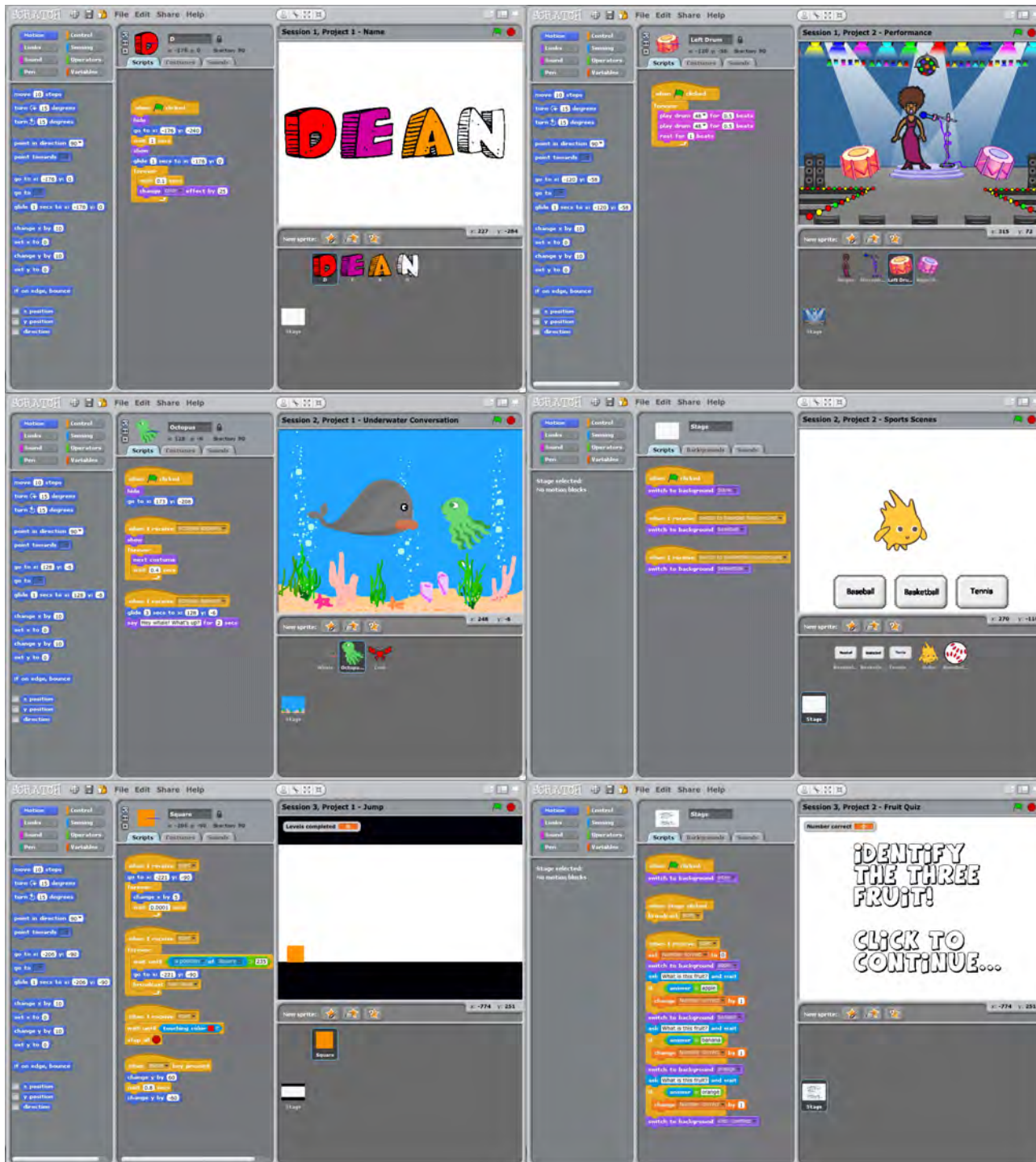
- time consuming
- subject to vagaries of memory
- constrained by projects selected

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Three sets of projects, with increasing conceptual complexity

1. Explain what the project does
2. Describe how it could be extended
3. Fix a bug
4. Add a feature

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	Concepts	Practices	Perspectives
<i>Approach #1: Project Analysis</i>	presence of blocks indicates conceptual encounters	N/A	N/A (maybe through project subject analysis)
<i>Approach #2: Artifact-Based Interviews</i>	nuances of conceptual understanding, but with limited set of projects	yes, but subject to limitations of memory	maybe, but hard to ask directly
<i>Approach #3: Design Scenarios</i>	nuances and range of conceptual understanding, but externally selected	yes, in real-time and in a novel situation	maybe, but hard to ask directly

What are young people learning as they develop interactive media with Scratch?

How can this learning being assessed?

What are other approaches?

6 guides

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Guide #1: Supporting further learning

Assignment 1 (Stairs)

Goal: Have a cat draw a staircase with 5 steps. You must use the repeat block.

Assessing: Iteration, Breaking down a problem into parts, sequencing

Part A: Draw 1 step

Part B: Draw 5 steps

Assignment 2 (Thinking inside the line):

Goal: Make the cat draw line with a slope of $1/2$ using the blocks change x and change y. You must make the cat begin at the middle of the screen (0,0)

Bonus: Can you do this assignment using the change x value of 25?

Assessing: Slope, understanding of x and y values, sequencing, linear relationship, ratio

Assignment 3 Debugging (Could be assignment 1):

Goal: If the cat touches (20, 50) have it pop up a speech bubble that says "I have found the secret treasure"

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Guide #2: Incorporating artifacts

SCRATCH

File Edit Share Help

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OS

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SCRATCH PROJECT RUBRIC

Name: _____

Category	Exceptional	Proficient	Developing	Beginning
Process <i>(Items that can be assessed by self-reflection or observation of the student at work)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> I chose smart places to stop and test my program. <input type="checkbox"/> I used project time well, finished early, and asked myself, "Now what can I do to make it better?" <input type="checkbox"/> I found ways to collaborate with people outside my class by using online communities <input type="checkbox"/> When faced with a challenge, I stuck with it until I found a solution and I used my new learning to solve other challenges for myself and/or others. <input type="checkbox"/> I chose the most appropriate problem solving strategy for each situation. <input type="checkbox"/> I can explain my thinking about how and why I made certain programming decisions and I can make suggestions for improvement.	<input type="checkbox"/> I stopped and tested my program in random places. <input type="checkbox"/> I used project time well and met all deadlines. <input type="checkbox"/> I collaborated in and out of my group, but I did not reach out to online communities. <input type="checkbox"/> When faced with a challenge, I stuck with it until I found a solution. <input type="checkbox"/> I used different problem solving strategies for different situations. <input type="checkbox"/> I can explain my thinking about how and why I made certain programming decisions.	<input type="checkbox"/> I waited until my project was complete to test my program. <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes I was able to complete tasks to meet deadlines. <input type="checkbox"/> I collaborated only with members of my own group. <input type="checkbox"/> When faced with a challenge, I chose to do something easier. <input type="checkbox"/> I tried the same problem solving strategy each time I had a challenge. <input type="checkbox"/> I can show you how aspects of my program work, but I can't explain why they work.	<input type="checkbox"/> I did not stop to test my program. <input type="checkbox"/> I need to improve the time it takes me to complete a task. <input type="checkbox"/> I completed the project on my own. <input type="checkbox"/> When faced with a challenge, I got frustrated and stopped working. <input type="checkbox"/> I did not know what to do when I had to solve a problem. <input type="checkbox"/> I am not sure how or why I made programming decisions.

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Guide #4: Checking in at multiple waypoints

Formative Assessment: Student Blog

	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Does Not Meet Expectations
Science Content	The student is addressing concerns about the Science content in detail.	The student is addressing concerns about the Science content.	The student fails to adequately address the Science content.
Design and Understanding	The student is reflecting on the design in terms of needs and constraints as well as their own understanding in detail.	The student is reflecting on the design in terms of needs and constraints as well as their own understanding.	The student lacks reflection on the design of the game in terms of needs and constraints as well as their own understanding.
Questioning	The student generates and records in depth questions about the science concepts of video game design.	The student generates and records questions about the science concepts and video game design.	The student is not generating questions while reflecting.

Summative Assessment: Science Video Game

	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Does Not Meet Expectations
Science Content	The student made a strong connection between the game and the science content. The science concepts in the game are represented accurately.	The student made a connection between the game and the science content. The science concepts in the game are represented accurately.	The student fails to make a connection between the game and science content or the science content is inaccurate.
Game Design	The design of the game takes into account needs and constraints. The game is clear, logical and exceptionally creative. The instructions for use are also clear and/or intuitive.	The design of the game takes into account needs and constraints. The design is clear and logical. The instructions for use are also clear and logical.	The design of the game does not take into account needs and constraints. The game is not clear and logical. The game becomes confusing at some points or the instructions are unclear.
Creativity	The student uses the game design tool with exceptional creativity. The game is fun and of interest to intended audience.	The student uses the game design tool creatively to create a game that is of interest to the intended audience.	The game is predictable and of little interest to the intended audience.

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writing

remixing

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Guide #6: Including multiple perspectives






Storytelling using Scratch

Students will be able to create a story related to camp.

Attribute	1 - Exceptional	2 – High Achievement	3 - Achieved	4 - Experiencing Difficulty
Structure	Story has a beginning, middle and end with supporting detail and confident sequencing.	Story has a beginning, middle and end with supporting detail.	Story demonstrates a beginning, middle and end.	Lack of structure
Character	At least three characters are included, each with a distinct personality that is developed through what they say and do.	At least three characters are included with confident character development.	At least three characters are included with some character development.	Little character development.
Language Features	Three or more examples of different language features such as alliteration, simile, onomatopoeia, metaphor or personification.	Two examples of different language features such as alliteration, simile, onomatopoeia, metaphor or personification.	More than one example of alliteration, simile or onomatopoeia. At least one example of metaphor or personification.	One or less example of alliteration, simile or onomatopoeia. No examples of metaphor or personification.
Vocabulary	Wide and appropriate use of vocabulary beyond expectations for age level.	Some use of vocabulary beyond expectations for age level.	Use of vocabulary appropriate for age level.	Very simple use of vocabulary – under expectation for age-level.
Surface features	More than 1 year above age level for spelling, grammar and punctuation.	Up to 1 year above age level for spelling, grammar and punctuation.	At age level for spelling, grammar and punctuation.	Below age level for spelling, grammar and punctuation.
Graphics	Used graphics from Scratch library with creative, confident and original editing or creating of original graphics.	Used graphics from Scratch library with confident editing or creating original graphics.	Used graphics from Scratch library with editing to make more appropriate for recount or created simple original graphics.	Used graphics from Scratch library with little or limited attempt at editing or creating original graphics.
Programming Structures	Three or more programming structures used.	Two different programming structures used.	One programming structure used or linear programming timed carefully.	Linear programming with lack of timing.
Backgrounds	Have use more than two backgrounds and confidently edited or created these.	Have use more than one background and have edited or created these.	Have edited a background from the Scratch or made a simple original background.	Used a standard background from the Scratch library.
Originality/Risk taking/Experimentation	Demonstrates a deep understanding of Scratch by going far beyond what has been demonstrated in class.	With assistance can involve self in some experimentation with use of Scratch to create desired effects.	Has used what has been demonstrated in class but has not experimented further to create desired effects.	No experimentation
Problem Solving	Problem solving independently and can discuss problem-solving strategies.	Problem solving independently.	Problem solving with some assistance.	No attempt at problem solving.

Can do sheet _____ Storytelling using Scratch

I can How I am going.

	I am doing this really well.	I am sometimes doing this.	I need help with this.
My story has a beginning, middle and end with supporting detail.			
My characters have distinct personalities that are demonstrated by what they say and do.			
I make my recount more interesting by using language features such as alliteration, simile, onomatopoeia, metaphor and personification.			
I use interesting and high quality vocabulary.			
			

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What is Scratch?

Scratch is a programming language that makes it easy to create interactive art, stories, simulations, and games – and share those creations online.

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What is ScratchEd?

ScratchEd is an online community where Scratch educators:



share stories



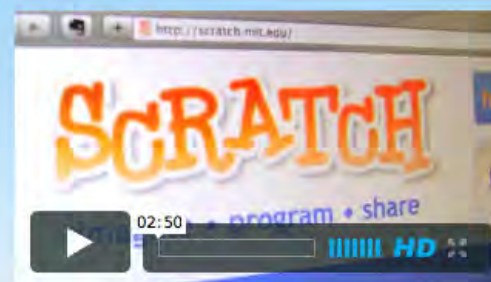
exchange
resources



ask questions



find people



Get Started with Scratch

Imagine the creative possibilities with Scratch and the online community in this intro video.

New Stories



Scratch Day East

Scratch Day East Of England
James Abela posted this 3 days ago



Pilot Perspectives: Reflections on the Scratch Curriculum Guide by Kara Kestner of Sherwood High School

In this special ScratchEd story series, K-12 educators who participated in the Scratch curriculum guide draft pilot program share their experiences and feedback.

ScratchEd Team posted this 1 week ago



A Video Interview with Ben Chun of the Galileo Academy of Science & Technology

In these short video vignettes, Scratch educator Ben Chun shares his teaching practices and pedagogy.

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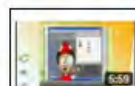
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New Resources



Juguemos con Scratch

Yolanda Campos Campos posted this 4 days ago



Tutoriales de para escuela primaria

Yolanda Campos Campos posted this 4 days ago



Talleres de Introducción a Scratch, proyectos colaborativos y su integración en estrategias didácticas.

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Can coding really change the world?

Kim Wilkens posted this 1 week ago

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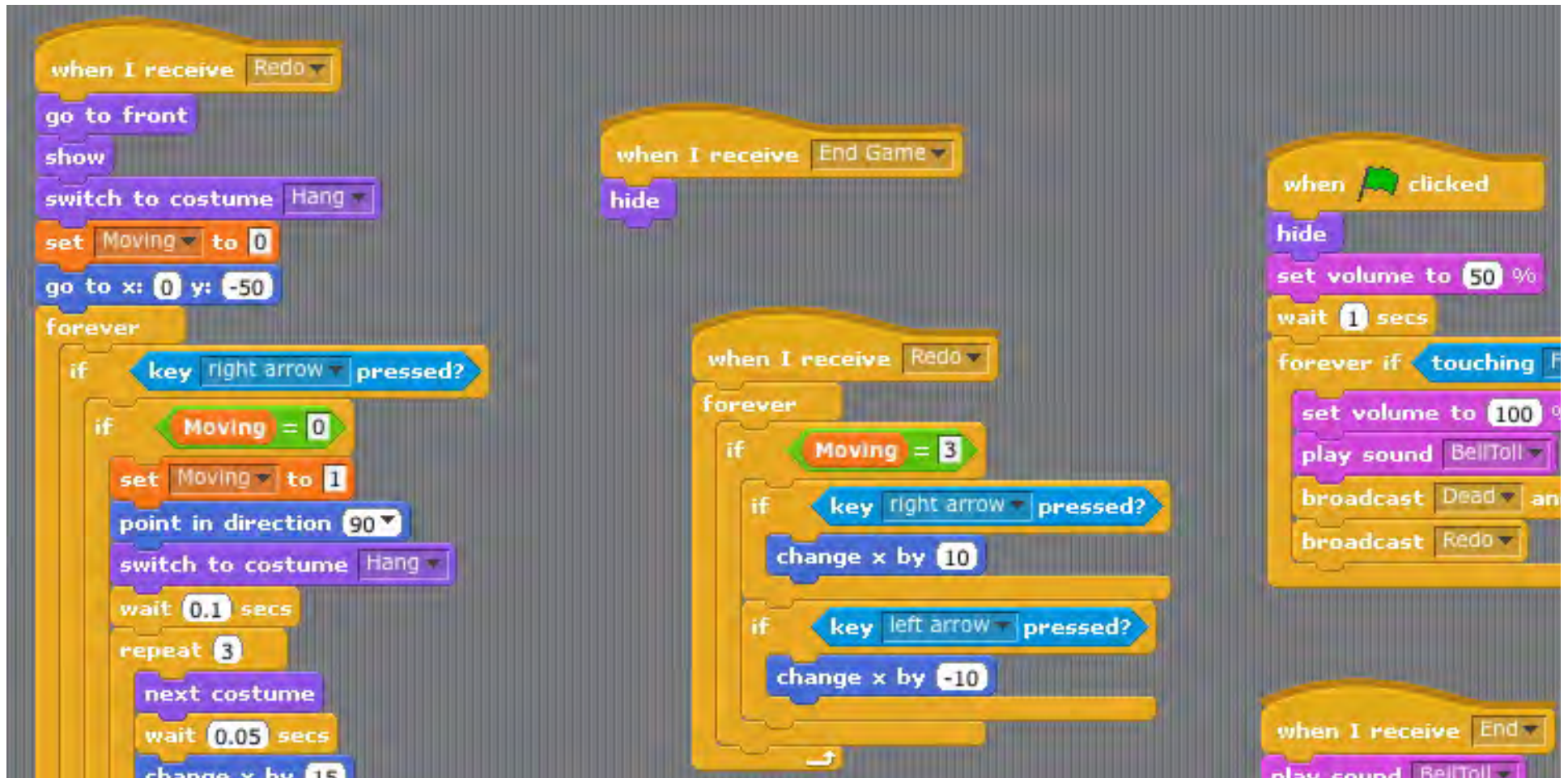
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