Four Questions About Scratch

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Four Questions

- **1. What is Scratch?**
- 2. What is good Scratch?
- 3. What is Scratch good for?
- 4. How do different people think about these questions differently?

1. What is Scratch?







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Day Dream



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Download the 10 sprites and 50 scripts of "Day Dream" and open it in Scratch

Project Notes

A short animation. http://jueseph.com/blog/2007/09/ i-learned-in-computer-science-50/ Click on the tree and mountains

for some interesting effects.

For those of you who are curious, I actually drew in a sketchbook, took digital pictures, and then ran them through photoshop to get the right contrast to extract pure black/white figures. Really clumsy, but the project was due the next day and I didn't have a scanner on hand. The whole process took 6 hours, most of it spent drawing and processing pictures and extracting music clips, the rest spent adjusting wait times. The actually coding was simple because the whole thing is pretty linear and noninteractive.

Thanks for the comments!









Examples from Arts





Examples from Humanities



The Lion and the Boar An Aesop Fable

By Farzana and Jennifer P.S. 131 Grade 5

Rapa Nuí

Examples from Social Sciences

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Examples from Science

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Examples from Computer Science & Technology

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2. What is good Scratch?

Scratch is not just a tool, it represents an approach to learning.

Design-Based Learning

Learning through design Learning through interests Learning through collaboration Learning through reflection

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"Children don't get ideas; they make ideas. Learners are particularly likely to make new ideas when they are actively engaged in making some type of external artifact – be it a robot, a poem, a sand castle, or a computer program."

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High Ceiling

Low Floor

High Ceiling

Low Floor

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Creativity is a social process

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Before school...

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Reflection helps us identify what we know and what we need to know

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Critique Groups

The worst feeling in the world is to pour your hard work and creativity into a project only to have it ignored completely by the Scratch community. The problem is not that the Scratch community doesn't care. In fact this is one of the most vibrant and positive communities I've seen online. The problem is that we are all overwhelmed with the number of new projects.

Joining a small critique group (5-7 members) will give you valuable feedback on your projects. Members of your group can highlight what is great about your project and suggest ways to improve it. In addition, the act of critiquing other peoples work can be one of the most powerful ways to punch your own skills to the next level.

If you are new to Scratch, look through the list of open groups below.

- Find a group that feels like a good fit and is currently accepting members.
- 2. Bookmark the gallery.
- Introduce yourself with comment to the group's gallery.

 Offer a critique of at least one project. Read the <u>Critique Guidelines</u> and learn from these <u>helpful examples</u>

If you are extremely committed to the Scratch community, you might want to start your

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3. What is Scratch good for?

Computational Thinking

Computational thinking is a fundamental skill for everyone, not just for computer scientists.

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Computational Thinking

Computational concepts Computational practices Computational perspectives

Computational Concepts

sequence	conditionals
loops	operators
parallelism	variables
events	lists

Computational Practices

incremental/iterative testing/debugging reuse/remix abstraction/modularization

Computational Perspectives

expressing connecting understanding "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." In promoting computational thinking with K-12 students we are seeking to increase their sense of agency, or ability to take effective control of their lives both now and in the future.

ITEST, Computational thinking in K-12: Defining the space

4. How do different people think about these questions differently?

Diverse settings make Scratch diverse

- curricular areas
- age
- in/after/outside school

"I think programming is fun. ... I think it can be useful. It's helped me have something to do. If I'm bored, I play around on Scratch until I can do stuff." "My dad is a programmer. He works on websites and databases. So, of course, I looked up to him. When he showed me something, and it was programming, I was like, 'Oh yeah! So I'll try that, that way I can be like him' type of thing. I didn't actually have any programming knowledge before that, so Scratch was the start." "They say that teaching is the highest form of learning or understanding. I think that making math projects has actually helped me understand math concepts better than learning them in school."

For Scratch to reach its full potential, we need to think *across* contexts and consider all four questions

Questions?

Thank You!

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