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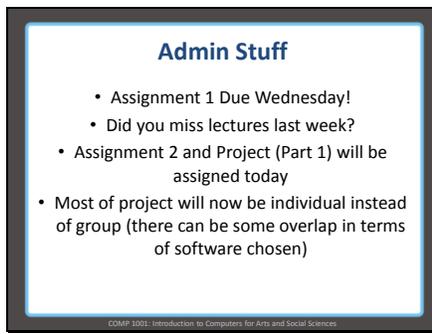


Programming in Scratch

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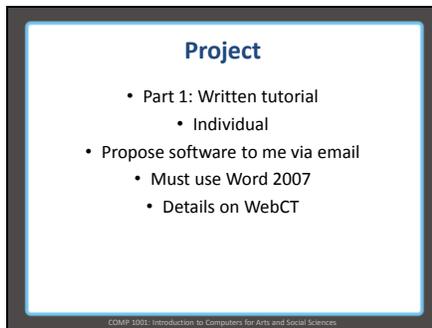


Admin Stuff

- Assignment 1 Due Wednesday!
- Did you miss lectures last week?
- Assignment 2 and Project (Part 1) will be assigned today
- Most of project will now be individual instead of group (there can be some overlap in terms of software chosen)

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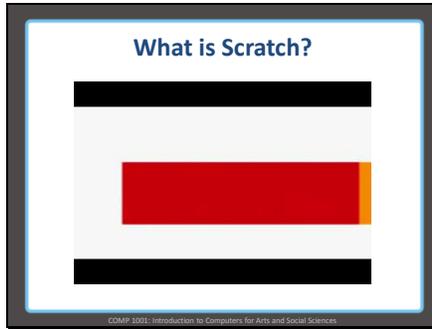


Project

- Part 1: Written tutorial
 - Individual
- Propose software to me via email
 - Must use Word 2007
 - Details on WebCT

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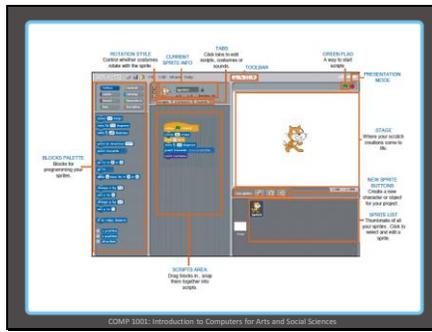


-Scratch was designed for kids – that means we should have no problem figuring it out! ;)

-Video:

http://www.lero.ie/download.aspx?f=M1L1R2++intro_mitchelresnick.mpg

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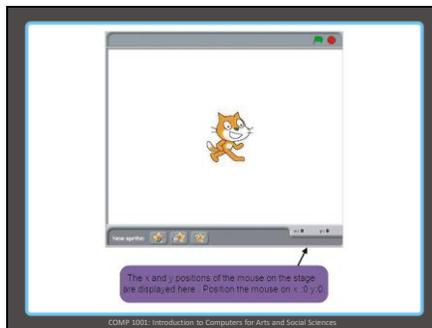


-**Note:** These slides are adapted from a lesson plan provided by The Irish Software Engineering Research Centre

-<http://www.lero.ie/EducationOutreach/Secondlevel/ScratchLessonPlans/Overview.html>

-The images shown are from the PDF's on that website

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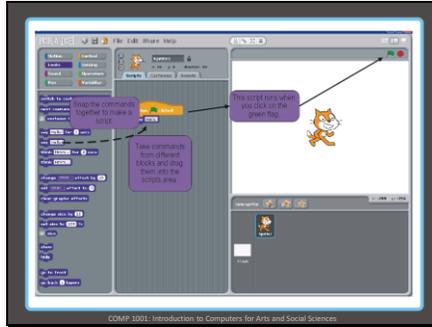


-The x,y coordinate of 0,0 are in the middle of the screen.

-X gets bigger as you go right, smaller as you go left.

-Y gets bigger as you go up, smaller as you go down.

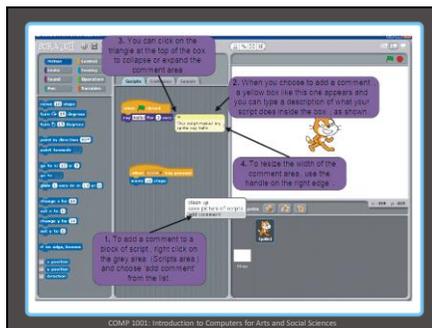
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-Creating scripts and running the program:

- There is a scripts tab for each sprite.
- The scripts in this tab only act on that one sprite.
- Pressing the green flag runs the program, but a script does not necessarily automatically run. You need, as one example, a "When green flag clicked" control block to make the blocks snapped to it go.

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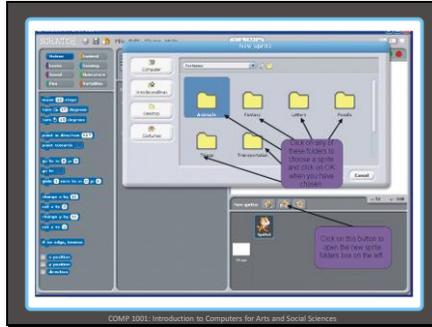
- Steps to add comments.
- Comments are useful so you can remember why you used certain blocks or numbers in the blocks, and can help someone else who wants to work on your project know what you did.

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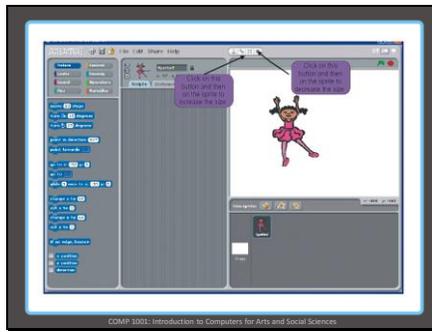
-How to delete a sprite.

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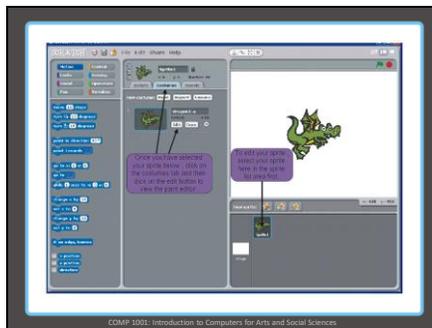
-Importing sprites from a set that comes with Scratch
-You can draw your own sprites and use other images you find online, too

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-Resizing a sprite

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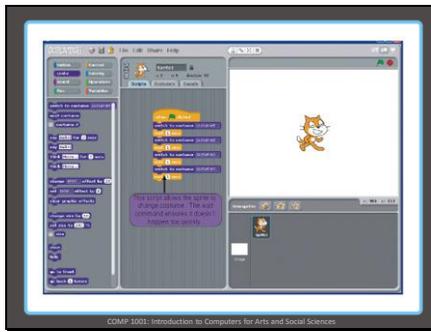
-Editing a sprite
-A sprite has several "costumes" – these are just different looks for your sprite and can be used to animate
-A sprite's costume can be changed with certain blocks

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- To edit a sprite's costume, you use a built-in paint editor

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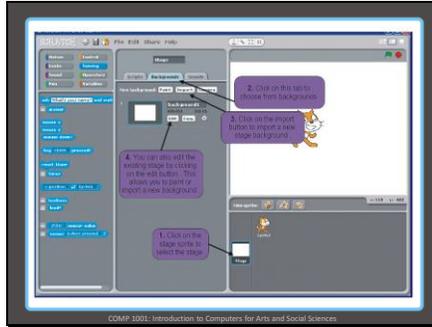


- Animating a sprite by changing its costumes

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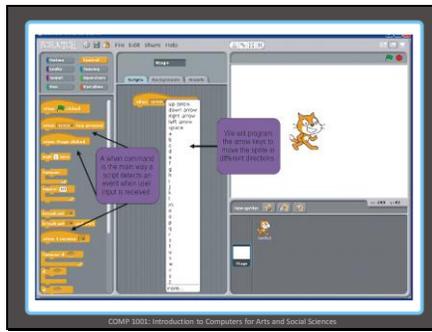


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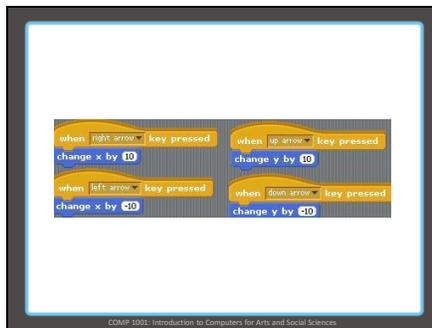
-How to change the background
-Notice that the "stage" also has scripts; these can be used to swap backgrounds with code

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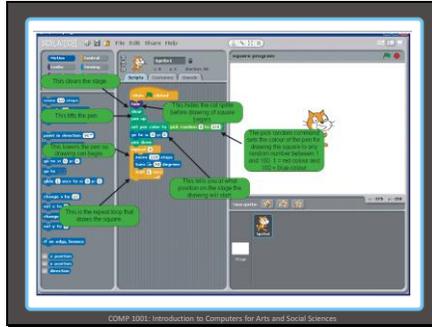
-How to make sprites move with the arrow keys

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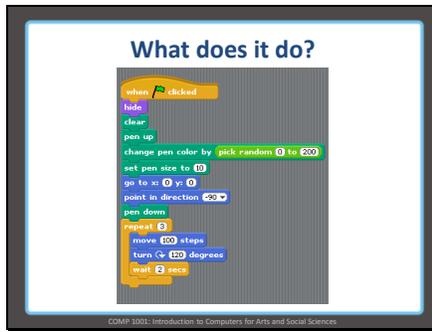
-Note the amount x and y are being changed by
-Recall that we subtract x to go left since we are making it smaller, and add x (make it bigger) to go right

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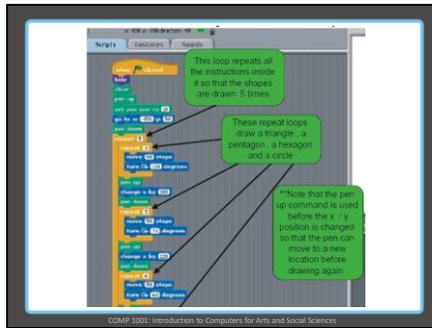
-Let's analyze this program, then build it
-What does it do?

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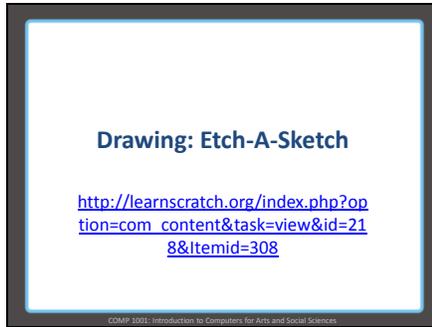
-Answer: Draws a triangle (different from code in previous slide)

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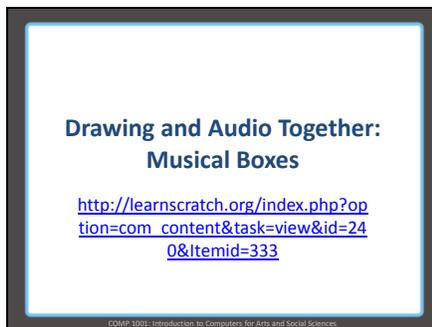


-Result is in [http://www.lero.ie/download.aspx?f=M2L3R2+Drawing+4+Shapes+Pattern.s b](http://www.lero.ie/download.aspx?f=M2L3R2+Drawing+4+Shapes+Pattern.s+b)
-This is just the first bit of the script

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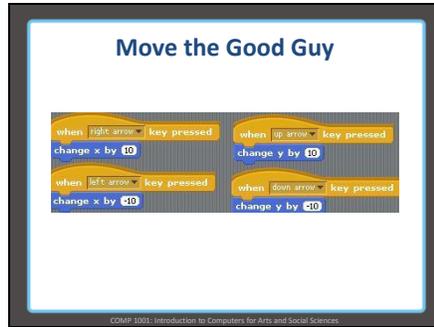
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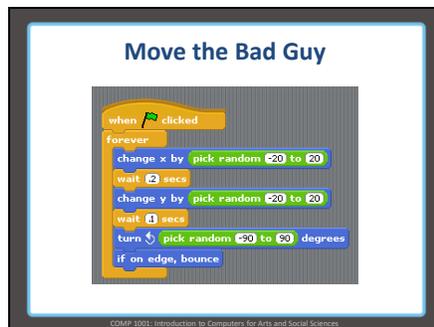
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- We want to move the good guy using arrow keys

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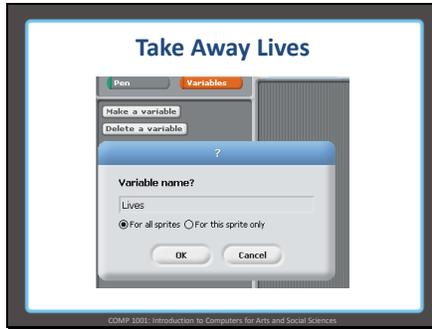
- The bad guy should move around randomly

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-We need to keep checking whether we are touching the bad guy, hence the “forever” loop
-Stuff inside the “if” block only happens when the value after “if” is true (in this case, when our good guy sprite is actually touching the Bad Guy sprite)
-Setting the fisheye effect just makes our sprite look different so the player knows when something bad happened – there are many graphics effects that could be used here.

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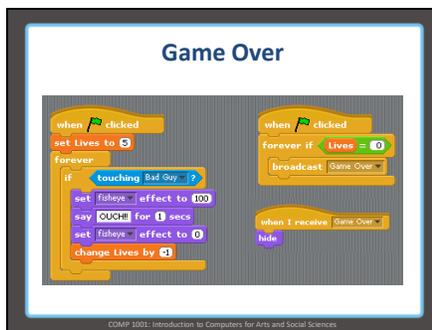
-Variables are like containers that we can put useful information in
-We can check what's in the containers as needed
-We're going to keep track of the number of lives our player has in the game

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-Now when we hit the bad guy, we will subtract one life from the total
-Notice that we have to put something in our lives container before the forever loop. If we didn't, there wouldn't be anything in there to subtract one from.

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-While we are checking forever whether we are touching the bad guy, we want to also check forever whether we are out of lives.
-We do this in a separate little script because we want both of these checks to be happening at the same time.
-When we reach zero lives, we broadcast that the game is over
-We can name our messages anything; in this case, it will be "Game Over"
-Broadcasting is like shouting out to the rest of the program "Hey! I have a message!"

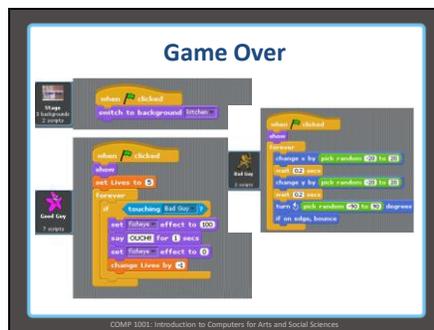
- The rest of the program can decide to do something about it or just ignore it
- Program both sprites to hide themselves when they receive the message "Game Over"

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- We'll make a new background for the stage (duplicating the regular background and adding the words Game Over)
- Write a script for the background to change when the "Game Over" message is received

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- Now that we are hiding some of the sprites when the game is over, we need to also be sure we show them when the game starts
- Use the show block right after the green flag is clicked

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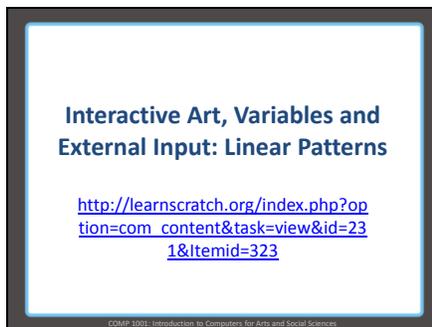
Another Game: Bee in a Maze

http://learnscratch.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=225&Itemid=318

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Interactive Art, Variables and External Input: Linear Patterns

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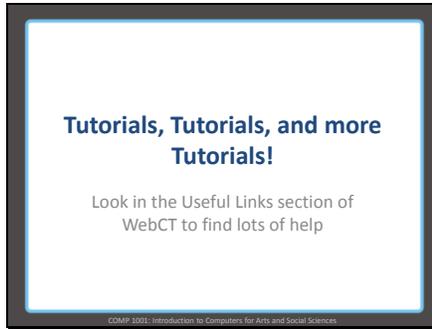


Other Examples in Scratch

(We'll look at some of the built-in examples, time permitting)

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