Reaction



Introduction

You are going to create a 2-player game to see who has the fastest reactions. The game will work by showing an image after a random amount of time - whoever presses their button first is the winner.

Step 1: Wait for it!

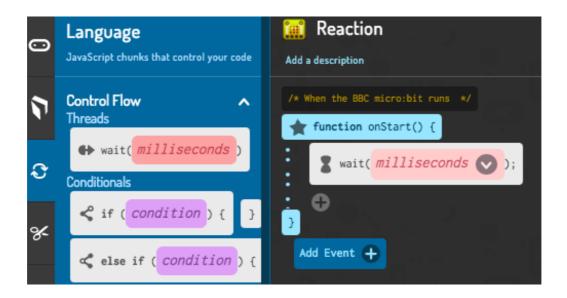
Let's start by displaying an image after a random amount of time.

Activity Checklist

Go to jumpto.cc/mb-new to start a new project in the Code Kingdoms
editor. Call your new project 'Reaction'.

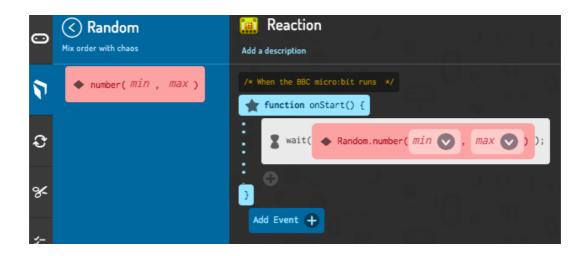
Before displaying an image, the game should wait for a random amount of time.

Click the 'Control' tab, and drag a wait block into the onstart() event.



Click 'Library' and then 'Random', and drag the number block inside

your wait block.



Choose a minimum and maximum time that your game should wait. Remember that 1000ms is 1 second, so 1000 and 5000 will wait between 1 and 5 seconds.

```
/* When the BBC micro:bit runs */

function onStart() {

wait(  Random.number( 1000 , 5000 ) );
```

After waiting, your game should show an image so that players know when to press their button.

```
/* When the BBC micro:bit runs */

function onStart() {

wait( Random.number( 1000 , 5000 ));

microbit.draw( );

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}
```

Click 'run' to test your project. You should see your image appear after a random delay.

Challenge: Choose your own image

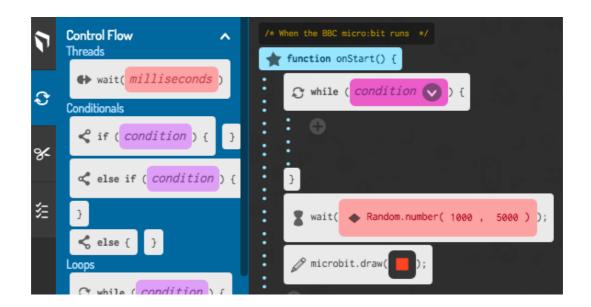
Can you change the image that's displayed?

Step 2: Multiple rounds

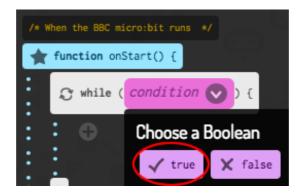
So far your players can only play once. Let's fix that!

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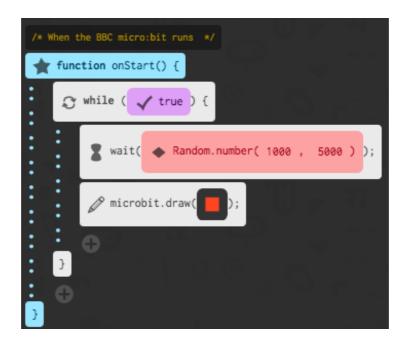
Click the 'Control' tab, and drag a while loop at the start of your code.



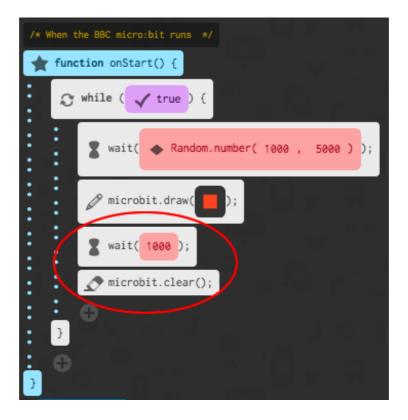
Click condition inside your while loop, and choose true so that your game repeats forever.



Drag your code for waiting and displaying an image inside your while loop.



Add code at the end of your while loop to display your image for 1 second and then clear the display.



Test your project. You should see your image appear randomly and then disappear.

Challenge: Choose your own delay

Change the numbers in your random block. You can speed up your game to make it harder, or slow it down to add suspense!

Step 3: Waiting for a winner

Let's add code to wait until a button is pressed.

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After displaying an image, you'll need to wait until someone presses their button.

Another way of saying this is that you'll need to wait as long as button button A

and button B have not been pressed.

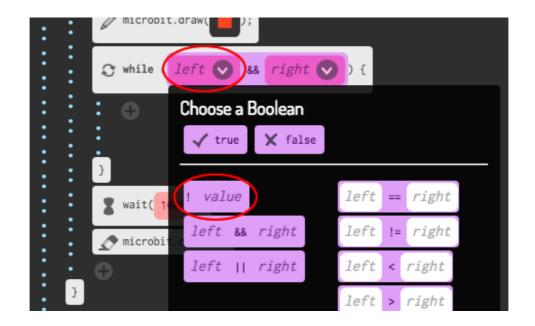
To do this, add a while loop from the 'Control' section. The while loop should be added in just after the draw block.



Click the arrow inside your while loop and choose left && right. (&& means 'and').



Click the arrow inside the left part of your while loop and ! value (! means **not**).



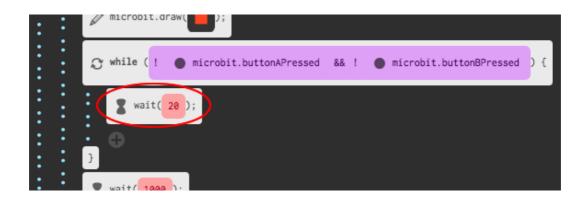
Click on the main code section, and drag a buttonAPressed block into on top of the value part of your while loop.



Repeat the 2 steps above to add ! button B into the right side of your while loop.



You can then add a very short (20ms) delay, so that your while loop waits as long as a button hasn't been pressed.



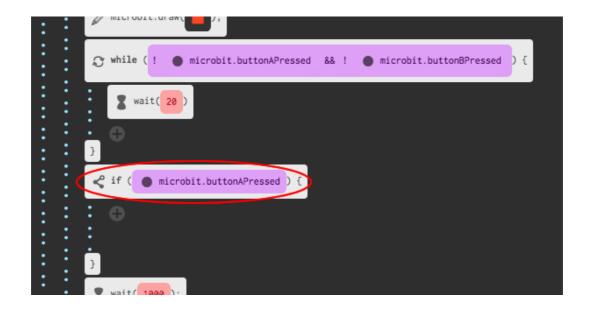
Test your project. Your game should now display an image and then wait as long as buttons A **and** B have **not** been pressed.

Step 4: Who is the fastest?

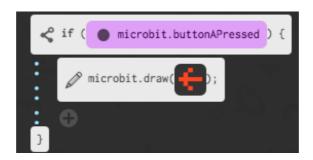
Let's find out who pressed their button first.

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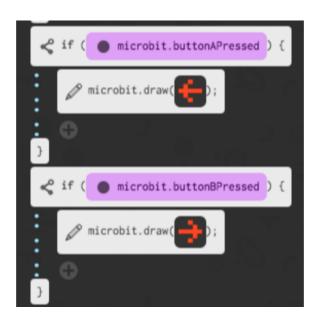
If button A was pressed, we want to point to player A. To do this, add an if block after your while loop, and replace test with buttonAPressed.



You can then use the draw block to show an arrow pointing to player A.



You should also do the same for button B.



Challenge: Keep score

Can you use 2 variables called playerA and playerB to keep track of both player's score?

You'll need to set both scores to 0 at the start of the game, and add 1 to whichever player wins each round.