

Lesson 6 – Movements & Messaging using Default Sprite

Making Codes



Saving Codes



Note for Faculty

- 1. This is the first lesson where children will actually start coding.
- 2. Divide the class in to buddy teams if not already done.
- 3. Nominate one student in the team as the leader & keeping changing them after each lesson.
- 4. Likewise, nominate one team as the lead team, and tell them that their task is to ensure all in the class learn that lesson fully.
- 5. Children must view the lesson on the projection system & follow the code making on their PC.
- 6. This would be the procedure for all further teaching.





Till now we have learnt the following:

- Importance of learning scratch.
- Overview of Blocks & block statements.
- Role of Drag & Drop in block based coding.
- Selection of coding environment.
- Overview of mBlock 5.

With this, we are now ready to start coding.



Learning Method Hereafter

- We shall lay emphasis on teaching the concepts.
- Once these are clear, learning will become easy.
- Learning will be based on mini projects/codes/programmes, that highlight the involved concept.
- Keep practicing the codes till the concepts get cleared.
- Get into a habit of sharing your codes, working in teams, and teaching fellow students.





This lesson will be covered in three parts.

In part 1 we shall learn the use of:

- Default sprite on an empty stage.
- Its four basic movements.
- Its four basic messaging.





- Combining movements with messaging.
- Solving bubble problem in messaging.
- Use of Wait block.
- Use of different code Triggers.





In third part we shall learn about saving of our project codes for later use.





Let us Start Coding

Code 001. Basic move & text.

The story is:

When green flag is clicked, Mr Panda takes 10 steps & says "Hello!"

Coding steps:

1. Drag & drop the blocks as per the story.



2. Add a trigger.



3. Run the code.
Since Mr Panda cannot speak, his voice appears as a voice bubble.



Code 002. Changing Trigger & Values.

The story is:

When space key pressed, Mr Panda takes 50 steps & says "Hello World"

Coding steps:

- 1. Changing this trigger is easy as a block with the new trigger (space key) exists.
- 2. To change numbers or text click on white roundels & change.
 - ✓ Text could be in all Caps or a mix.
 - There is no limit to the length of text or digits in the number that you can insert.
 - Size of roundel will keep increasing as the length increases.

 Try it.

move 50 steps

Hello World



Code 003. Changing another Trigger & Moving Backwards.

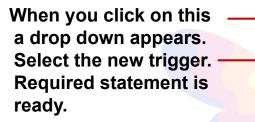
The story is: "When up arrow is pressed, Mr Panda takes 50 steps backwards, says I have moved"

Coding Steps:

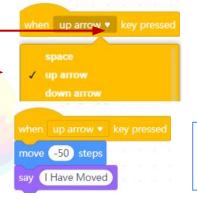
- An event block with Up Arrow does not appear in any block statement.
- However, event block when space key pressed has an inverted white triangle next to it.







The code looks like this:



Note 1: We have 42 Options to trigger codes. See all.

Note 2: Presence of white triangle means the block has dropdowns.



Code 004. Adding multiple Voice Bubbles.

The story is: "When down arrow is pressed, Mr Panda takes 50 steps, says I Have moved. He then turns 15 degrees & says HOW WAS THAT"

It's code is as shown:

Now run & see the result.

Its run gives us an important learning:

- It has two voice bubbles (lines 3 & 5).
- When run, only the last voice bubble show up.
- This is called Voice Bubble Problem.



Code 005. Resolving the Voice Bubble Problem.

In reality, when the code is run both bubbles appear.

However, they appear so fast that you can

only see the last one.

To resolve this we need to use this block statement: —

It stipulates the time for which the voice bubble should be visible.

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when up arrow key pressed
move -50 steps
say 1 have moved for 2 seconds
move 50 steps
say HOW WAS THAT?
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You can also do this by using



Block

In this case you must stipulate the time for wait.

This time will depend on the time a person would take to read the contents of the voice bubble.

Try this yourself. Best is to try with a long text in line 3 of the code.



Code 006. Using the Think Bubble.

"In this we are going to repeat project 4 & 5 using the think bubble instead of the voice bubble"

This project is easy. Kindly try it yourself.

Projects using voice & think bubble, will later help you make stories, comics & plays.



Saving of Project Codes

Projects are made with the aim of learning, sharing & their later reuse.

For this they need to be saved. mBlock 5 gives us two saving options

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Save

Publish

Local file

- Save on Web.
- Save on PC.

In this menu bar:

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It also gives us the Save as option.

To save on the web, we need to use this.





To save locally on PC:

- Go to file on menu bar.
- In dropdown select Save to your computer.
- It asks for saving location.
- Specify location & give the code a name. —
- Code gets saved on PC.



Now try it yourself.





Procedure for saving on Web.





In case you do not have a Makeblock account

Create one by selecting Signup shown above.

On doing so, this window appears.

Follow the following steps:

- Enter details.
- Agree to terms & conditions.
- Create a password.
- Select Get Code. A verification code will come on you email.
- Enter the code in given box.
- Click on sign up.

Your Makeblock account is created & ready to use.







- Select login.
- To save the project, click on Save.
 - ✓ It asks for name.
 - Give it a name.
 - ✓ The project will get saved.





These two saving procedures apply to:

- Saving of projects made using sprites.
- Saving of sprites, backdrops & sounds made for my library.
- Saving of projects made using devices.



Brief Recap

In this lesson we have learnt two concepts:

Concept 1 – Making Changes to Blocks.

- Some blocks have no changeable.
- Some have white roundels containing numbers or text. These numbers & text can be changed.
- Some have inverted white triangles. These contain dropdowns that give options to make more block statements.





- We have two options to save our codes.
- On PC or web.
- Both are executed from the menu bar.
- Saving on PC is most used.



To Consolidate

- 1. Do all the six projects yourself using different figures. Save on PC.
- 2. Repeat by making changes and Save on Web.
- 3. Share with friends.





End of Lesson 6



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