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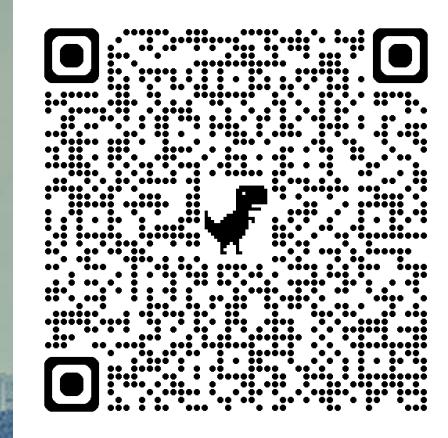
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ENGAGED QUALITY INSTRUCTION THROUGH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

EQuIPD

University of Florida

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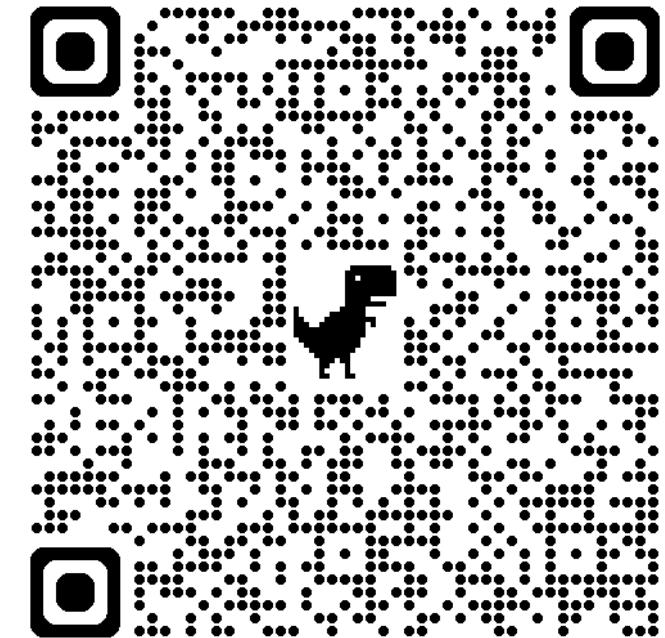
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- Student use of sensors and probes
- Student use of technology for model building, computational thinking, data collection, data analysis, data visualization, simulations, programming
- Student use of technology during inquiry

Pedagogy

- Authentic Inquiry
- Modeling Instruction (Elicit, Develop, Deploy, Refine)
- Questioning (Elicit, Probe, Challenge)
- Student Collaboration
- Student Discourse



Technology

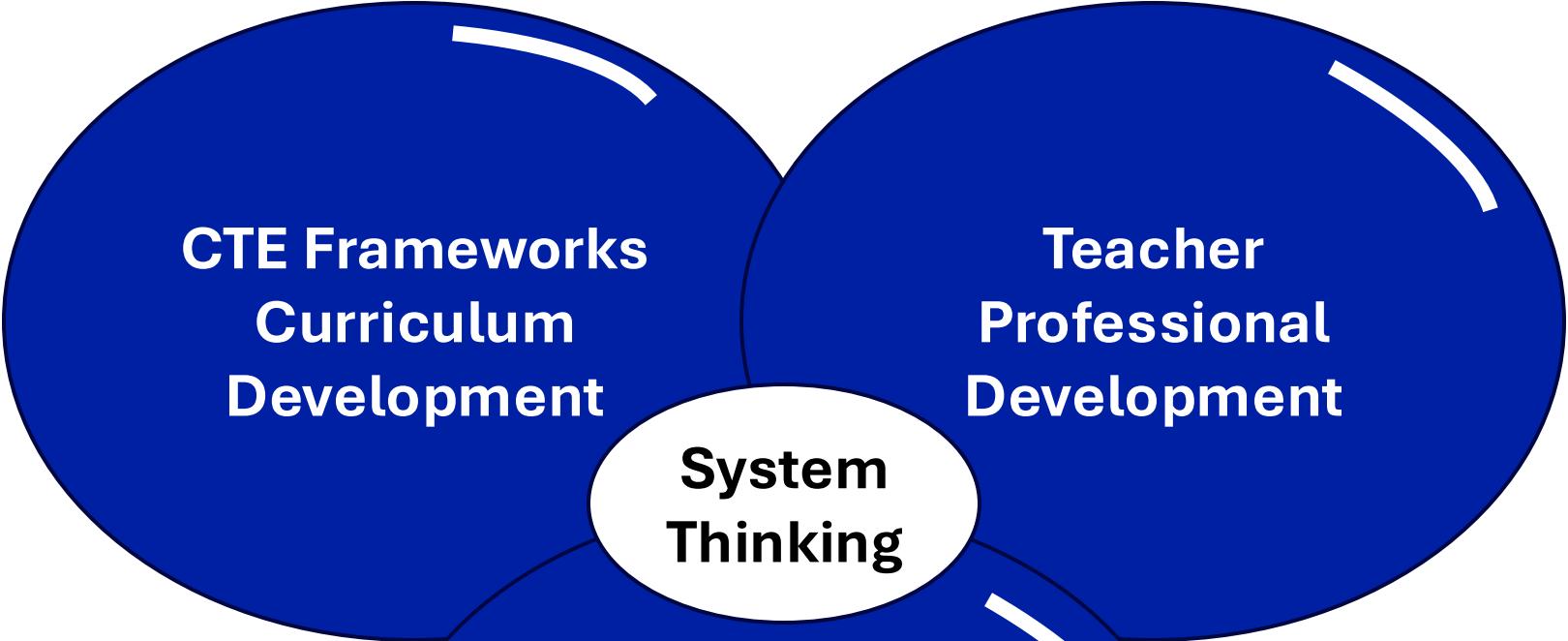
- Authentic Workforce Applications
- Real-world problems/connections to careers
- Engineering Design
- Process Mapping
- Ongoing Formative Assessment
- Authentic Summative Assessment

System Thinking

Curriculum

- FL standards linked to core conceptual models
- Main learning goal to align lesson to model
- Focus questions to provide engagement and relevance
- Content Storyline
- Alignment and sequencing of activities to support model development

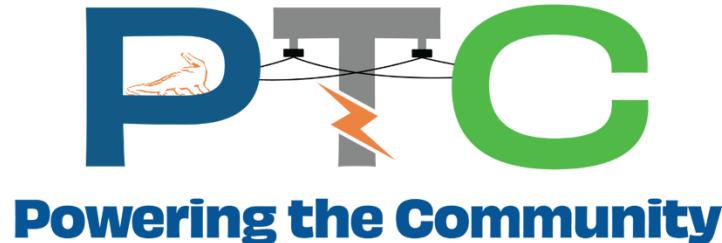
**Focus on
Workforce
Credentials**



**Focus on
Workforce
Development**

**Focus on
Pedagogical
Practices**

**Focus on
Authentic
Engineering**



EQuIPD K-12 Programs

2024

370 Student Participants

13 Counties, 31 Camp Sessions

20 Local Teachers, 22 Engineering Mentors

2023

319 Student Participants

8 Counties, 22 Camp Sessions

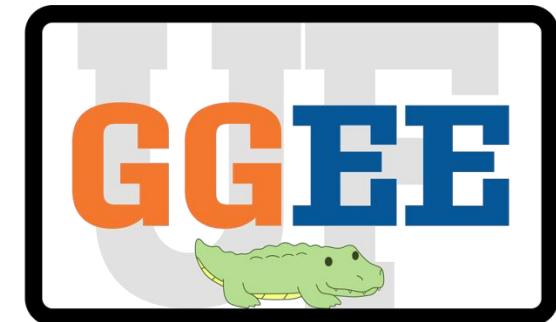
20 Local Teachers, 20 Engineering Mentors

2022

110 Student Participants

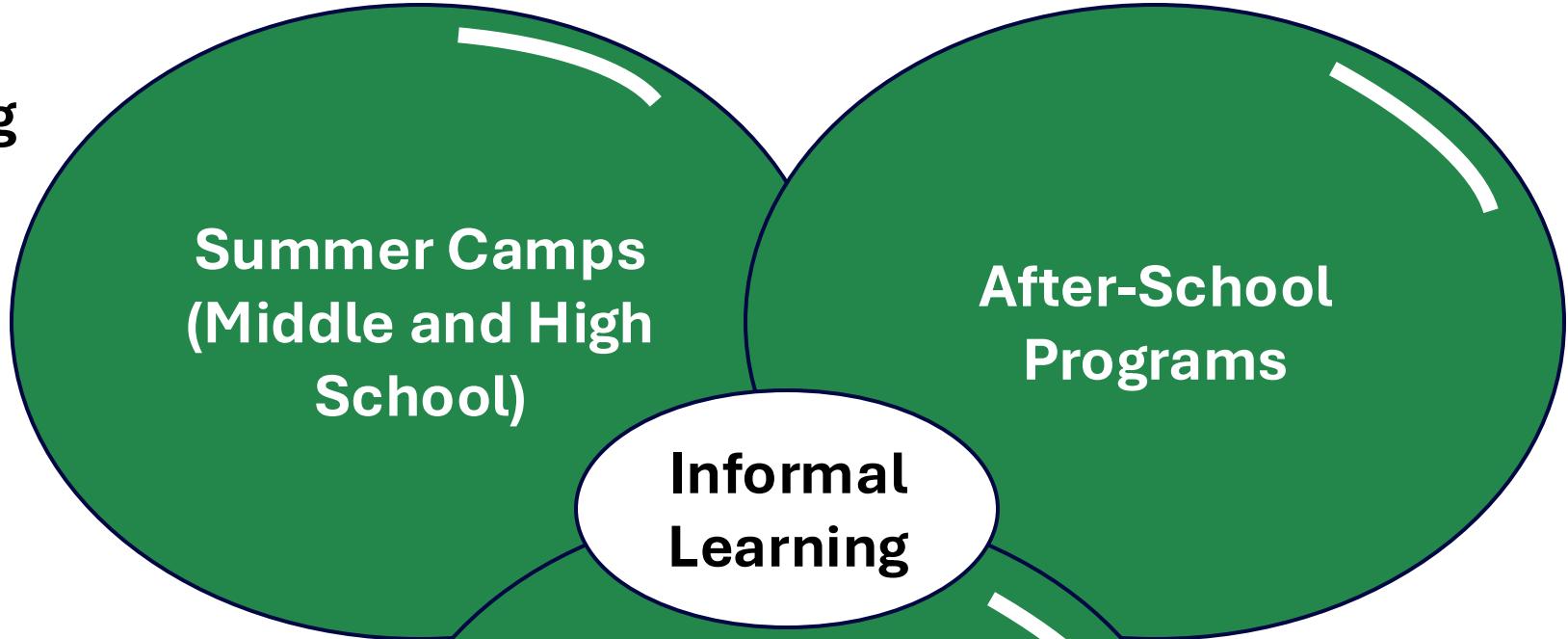
6 Counties, 8 Camp Sessions

4 Teachers, 6 Engineering Mentors



**Goldberg Gator
Engineering Explorers**

**Focus on
Engineering
Design**



**Focus on
Computational
Thinking**

**Focus on
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**Focus on
Foundation
Knowledge for AI**

EQuIPD Camp Overview

Planning	Curriculum	Training	Facilitation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dates• Formats<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 full-days• 8 half-days• Agreements• Materials• Locations• Meals• Etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose program• Grade Band<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middle• High	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teachers & Undergrad Facilitators• 8 hours of training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teachers and Undergraduate Mentors Lead Camp• Support from EQuIPD Team

Resources and Summer Camp Materials for Use in Educational K-12 Programs

- **GGEE Summer Camps** -Funded by partnerships with districts and Foundational Donors.
- **Minecraft Pilot Curriculum** – Funded in summer camps through Foundational donors in partnership with districts through UF/Microsoft Minecraft Education partnership.
- **MathWorks Matlab Summer Camps** – Funded by MathWorks.

Goldberg Gator Engineering Explorers



**Goldberg Gator
Engineering Explorers**

Introductory and Advanced Programs

Goldberg Gator Engineering Explorers

- The Goldberg Gator Engineering Explorers (GGEE) Summer Program was designed to provide middle school students with an authentic experience in programming, engineering design, and computational thinking.
- The Introductory Program experience is focused on programming Micro:bit microcontrollers and developing creative products for design challenges by programming the Micro:bits.
- Advanced Programs focused on building a basic understanding of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

Summer Program Goals



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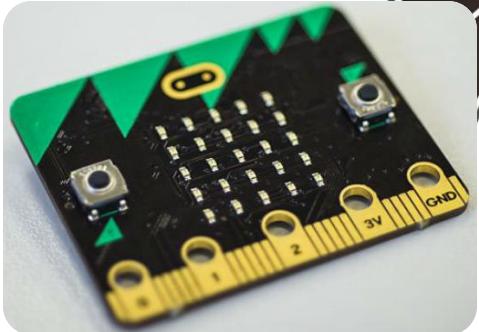
INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM ROADMAP

Day 1 (1-2)

Introductions
Programming
Basics
Applications

Day 2 (3-4)

Micro:bit Pet
Design
Challenge



BBC Micro:bit

Day 4 (5-8)

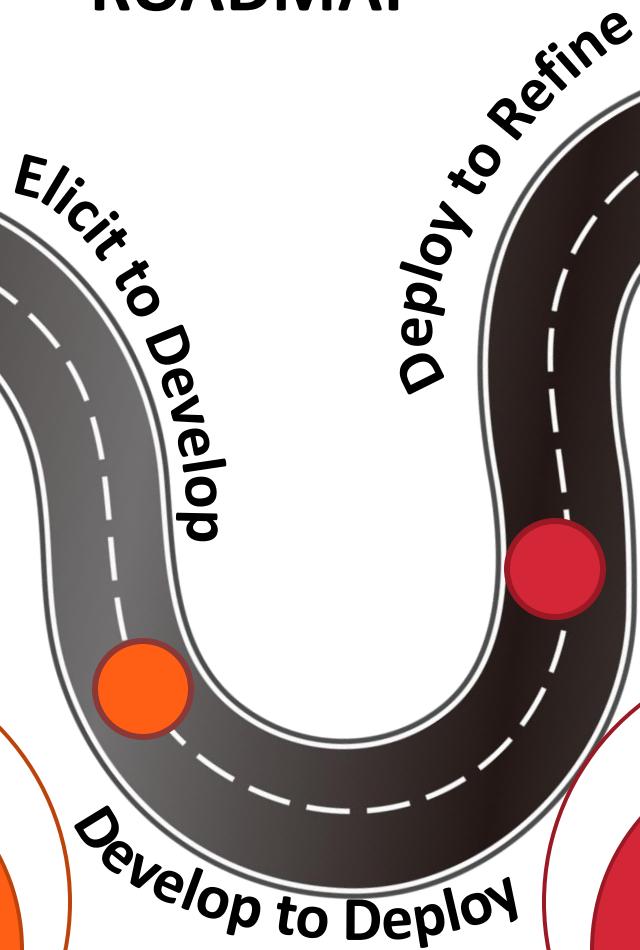
Technical
Design
Challenge:
Prototype 2,
Test, Refine,
Final Design

Day 4 (8)

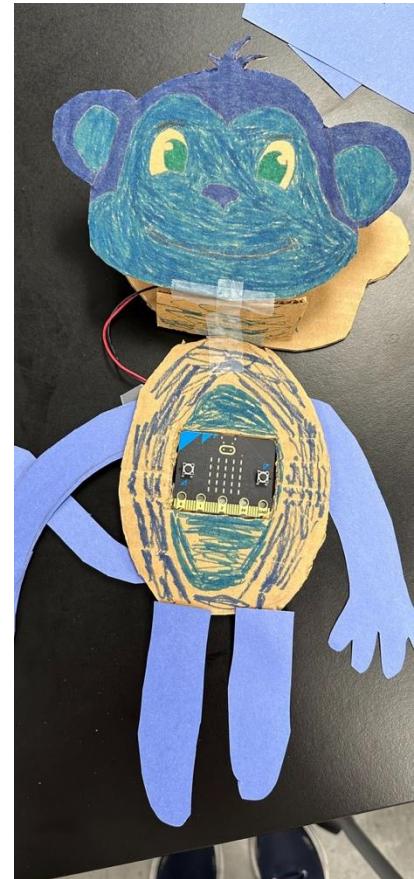
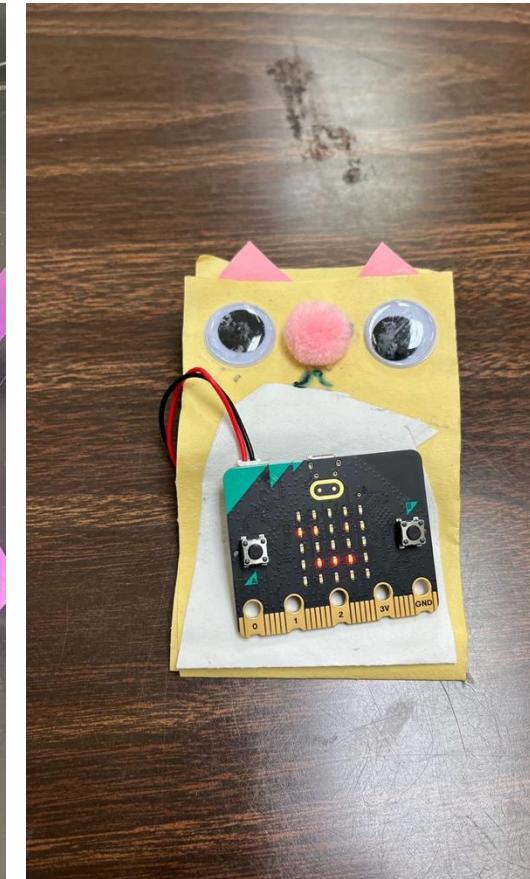
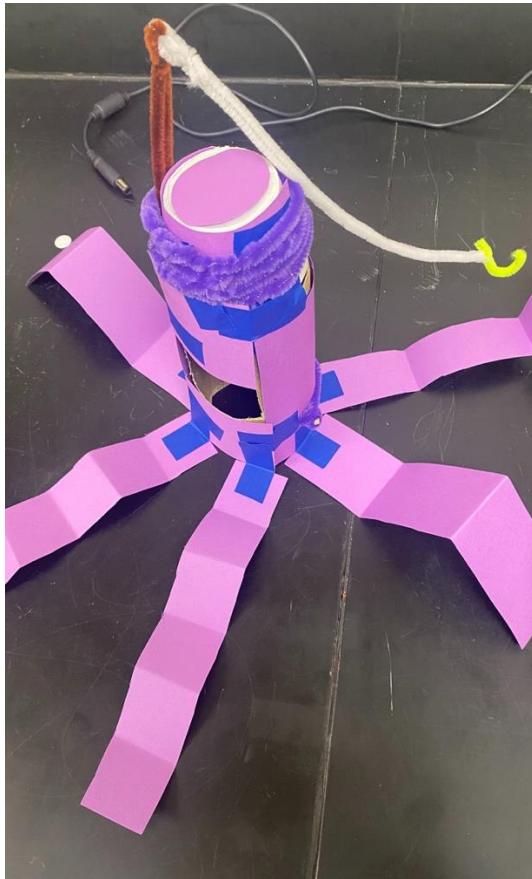
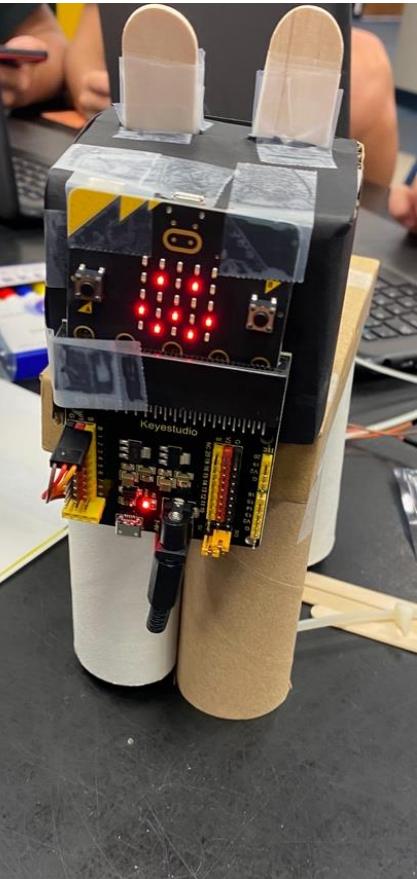
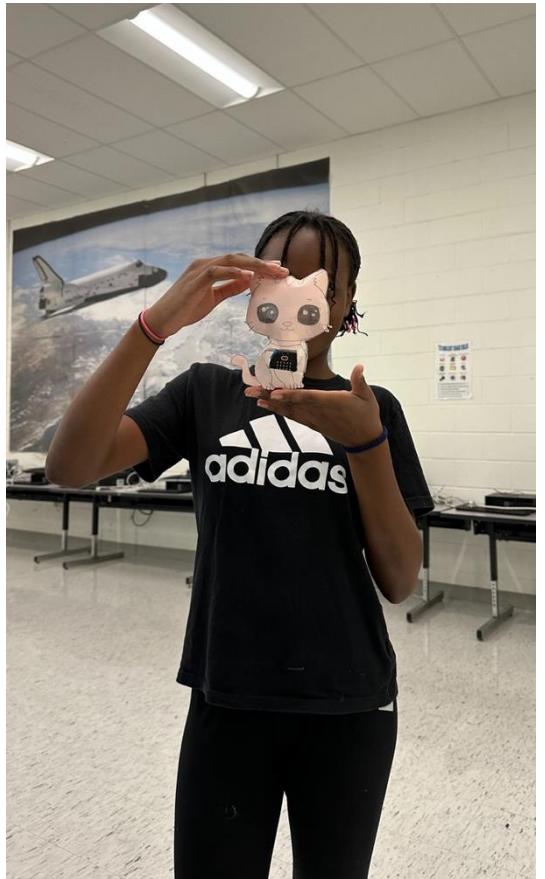
Final Design
Pitch
Presentations

Day 3 (5-8)

Technical
Design
Challenge:
Empathize,
Define, Ideate,
Prototype 1,
Test, & Refine



Micro:bit Pets

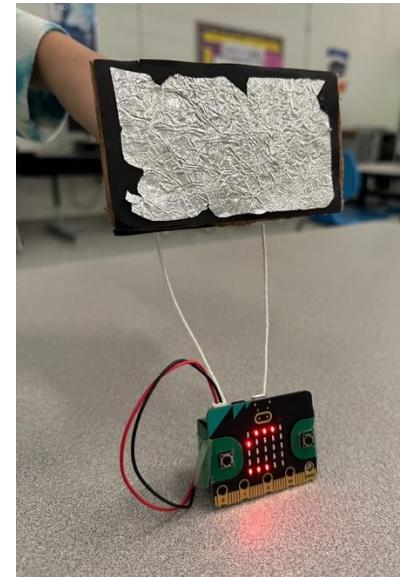




Remote-controlled traffic
light for emergency
vehicles



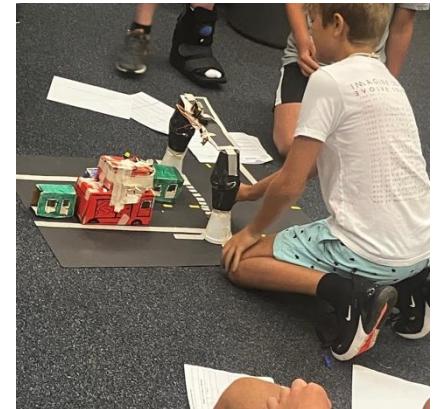
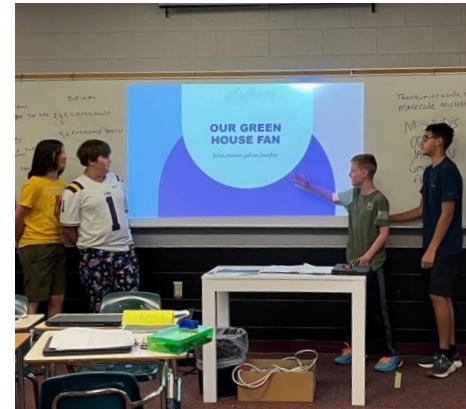
Greenhouse
monitoring system for
farmers



Safe driving
indicator for new
drivers

Technical Design Challenge Themes

Technical Design Challenge Examples



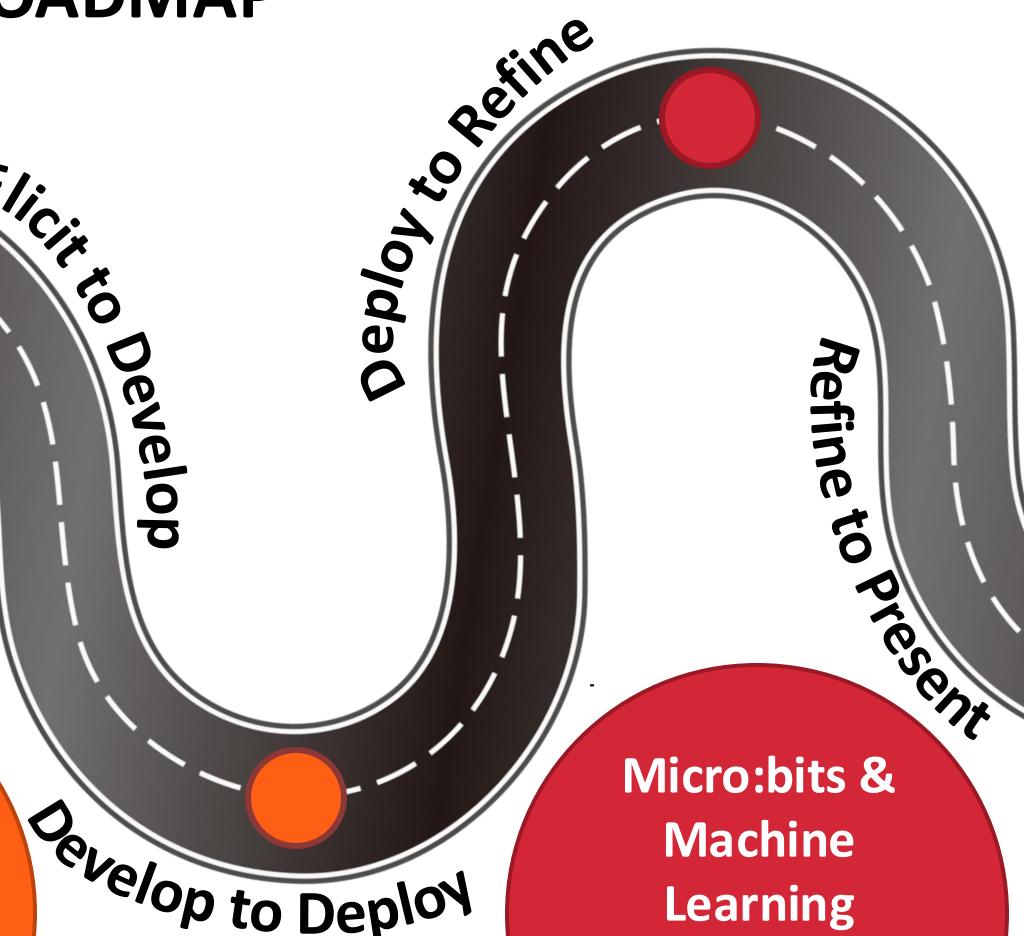
ADVANCED PROGRAM ROADMAP

Introduction
to Artificial
Intelligence
and Machine
Learning

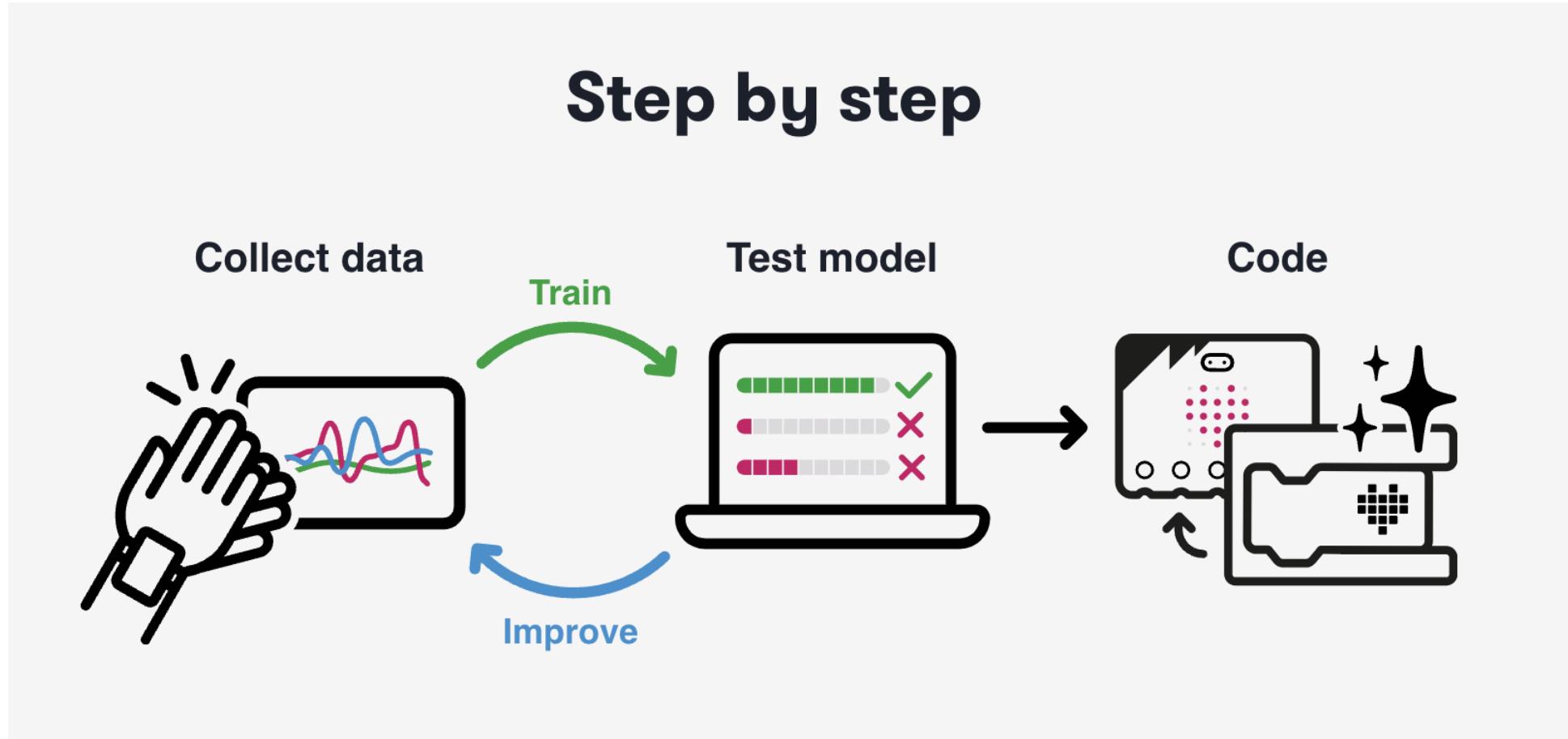
Basic
Machine
Learning
Models
Images & Text

Micro:bits &
Machine
Learning
Create AI –
Movement
Recognition

Micro:bits &
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Learning
Gesture
Recognition

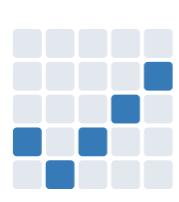


Create AI – Machine Learning & Micro:bits



Create AI – Machine Learning & Micro:bits

Action ⓘ

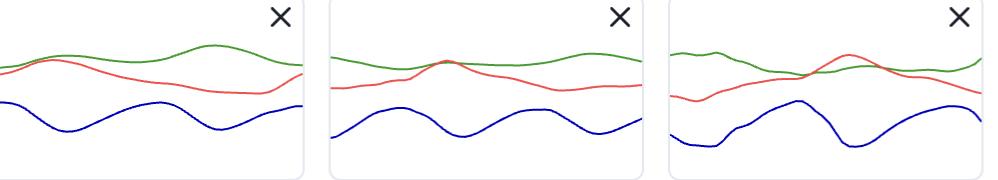


Exercising

Data samples ⓘ

Record ⋮

3 samples recorded



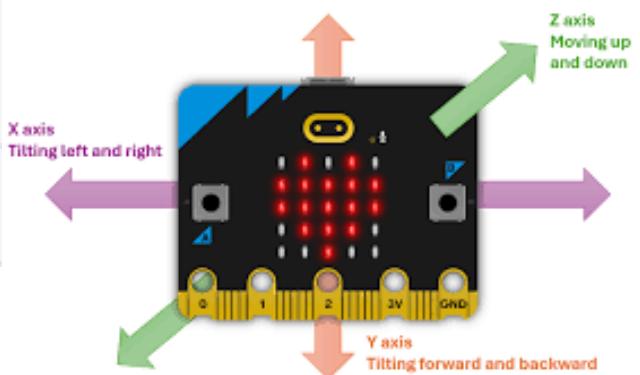
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+ Add action

Train model



<https://createai.microbit.org/>

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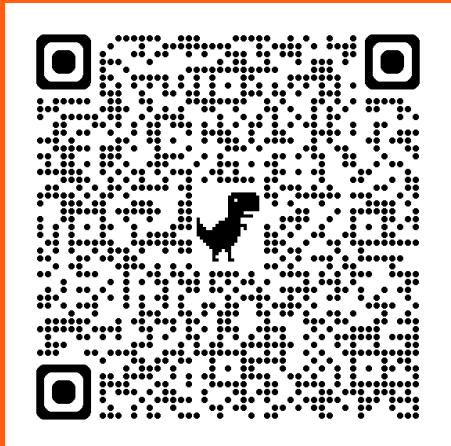
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Rock Paper Scissors

Micro:bit Activity

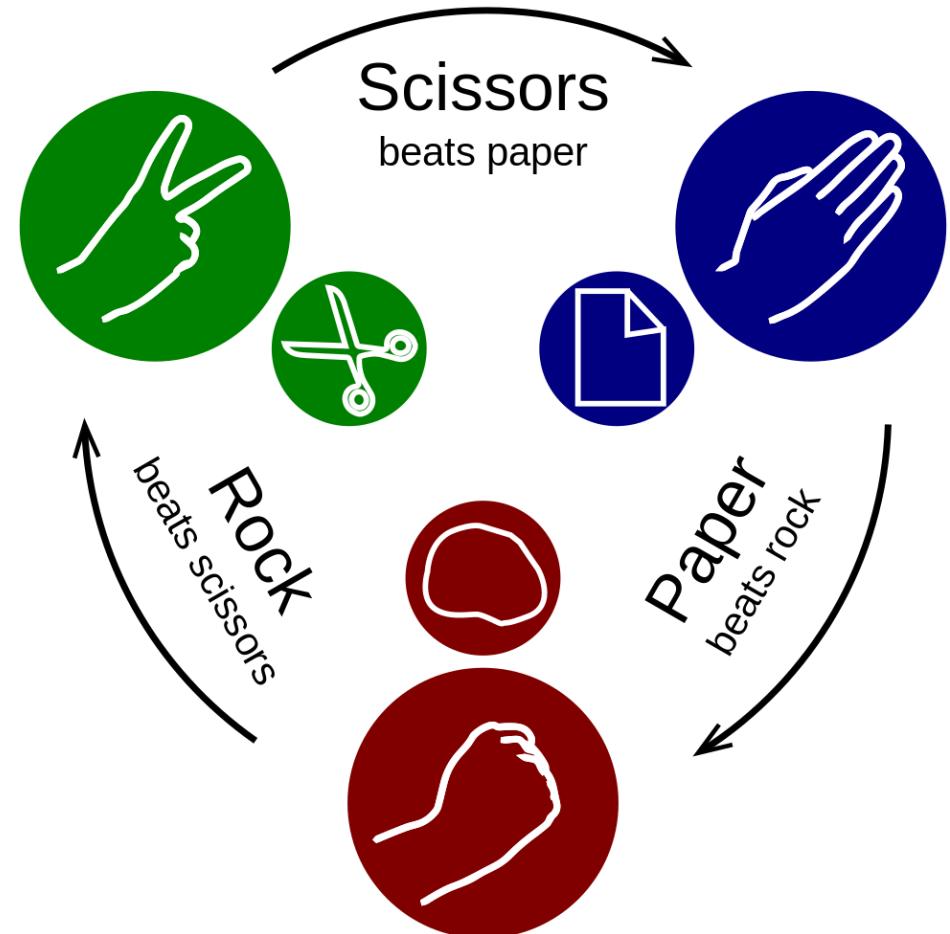
Join along on makecode.microbit.org



Rock Paper Scissors

WHO HAS PLAYED ROCK PAPER SCISSORS BEFORE?

- Turn to a partner and play a match
- After you play a round, with your partner
 - What are the steps to the game?
 - Start, Middle, End
 - Are there any rules? What are they?

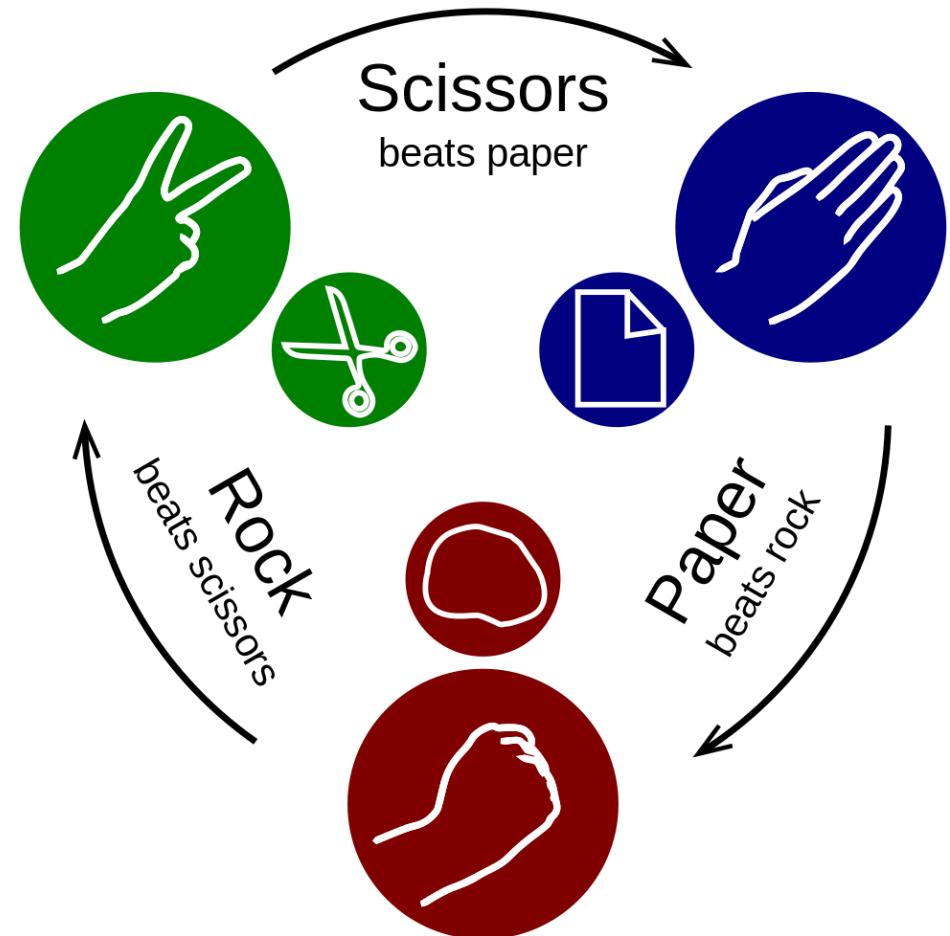


Game-Making: Rock, Paper, Scissors

We are going to program our Micro:bits to play Rock, Paper, Scissors against us!

Game Requirements:

1. Micro:bit needs a countdown to start playing the game – just like you say “Rock, Paper, Scissors, Shoot!”
2. Micro:bit needs to randomly choose between Rock, Paper, or Scissors
3. Micro:bit needs to display an icon for Rock, Paper, or Scissors
4. Micro:bit needs an input to know when to start the game

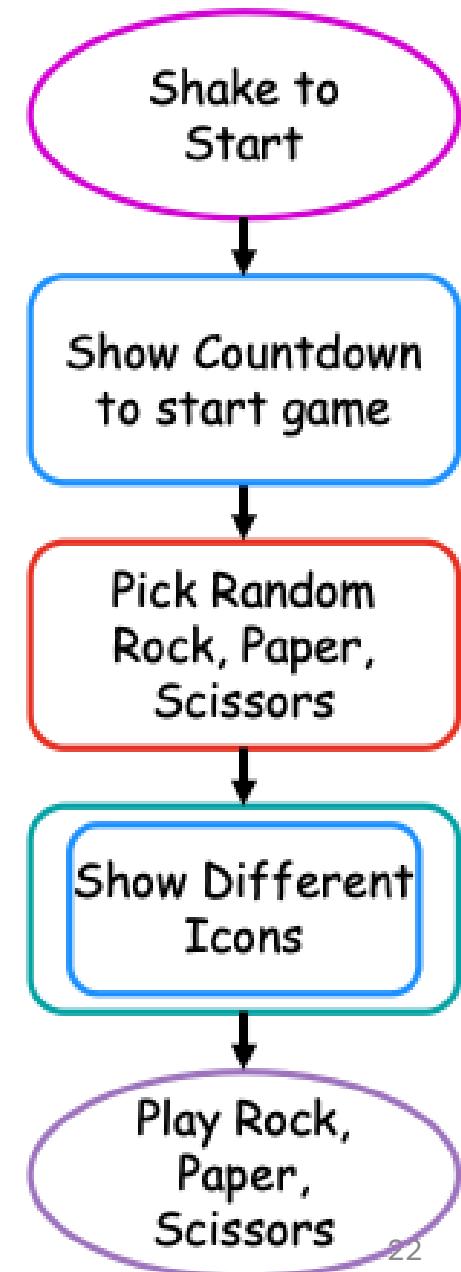


Process Mapping: The Big Actions

Using the parts and rules of Rock, Paper, Scissors, you wrote down with your partner, let's walk through an ACTIONS process map together

COMPARE the steps you wrote with the process map on the slide.

- Are the steps similar?
- How are they different?
- Is the order of the steps the same?

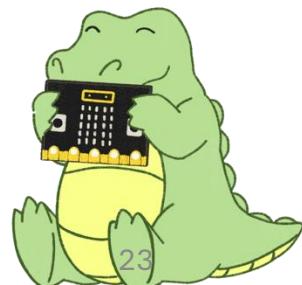


Process Mapping – Coding Rock, Paper, Scissors

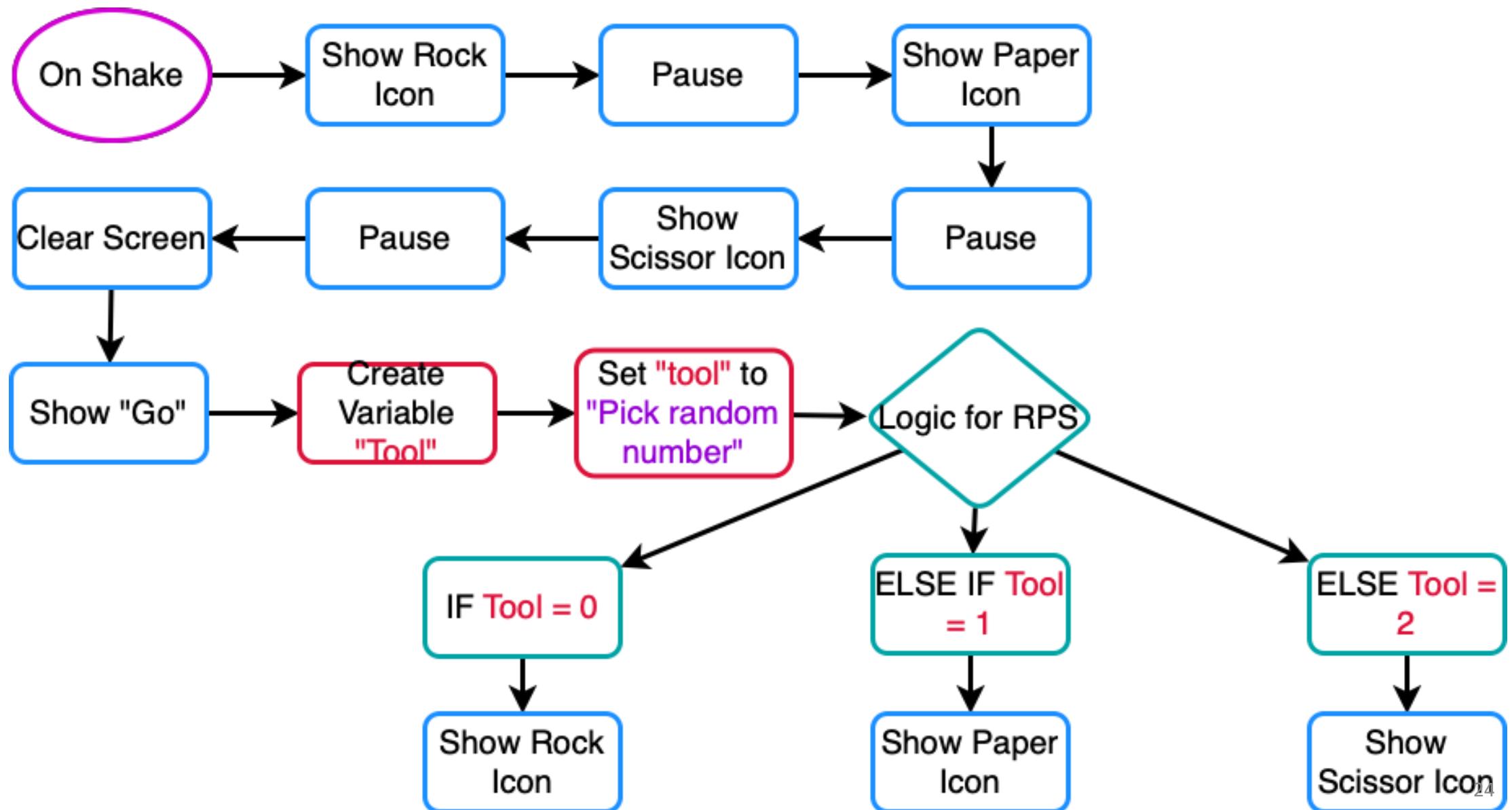
You Do: Now, it's your turn to create your rock, paper, scissors process map. You will need to follow the program requirements found below as you create your process map.

Program Requirements

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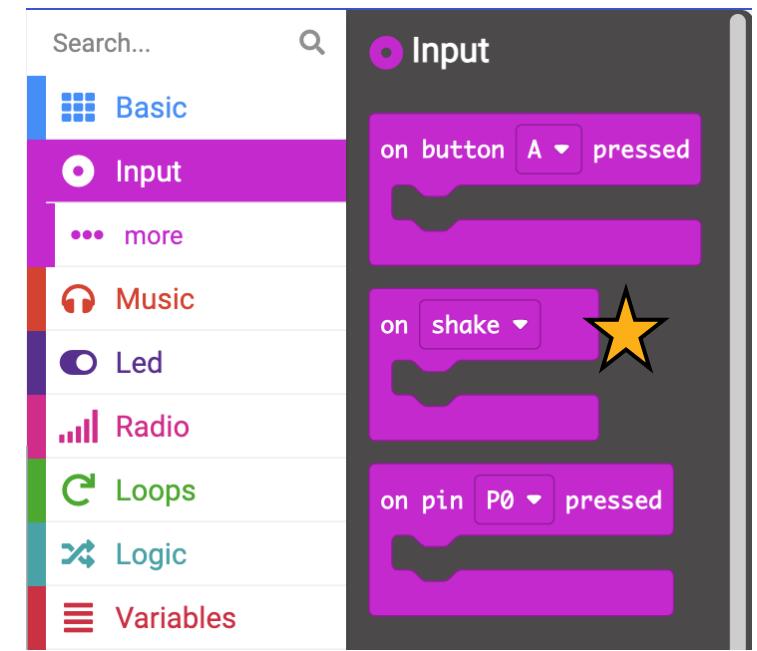


Process Map



Starting Rock Paper Scissors

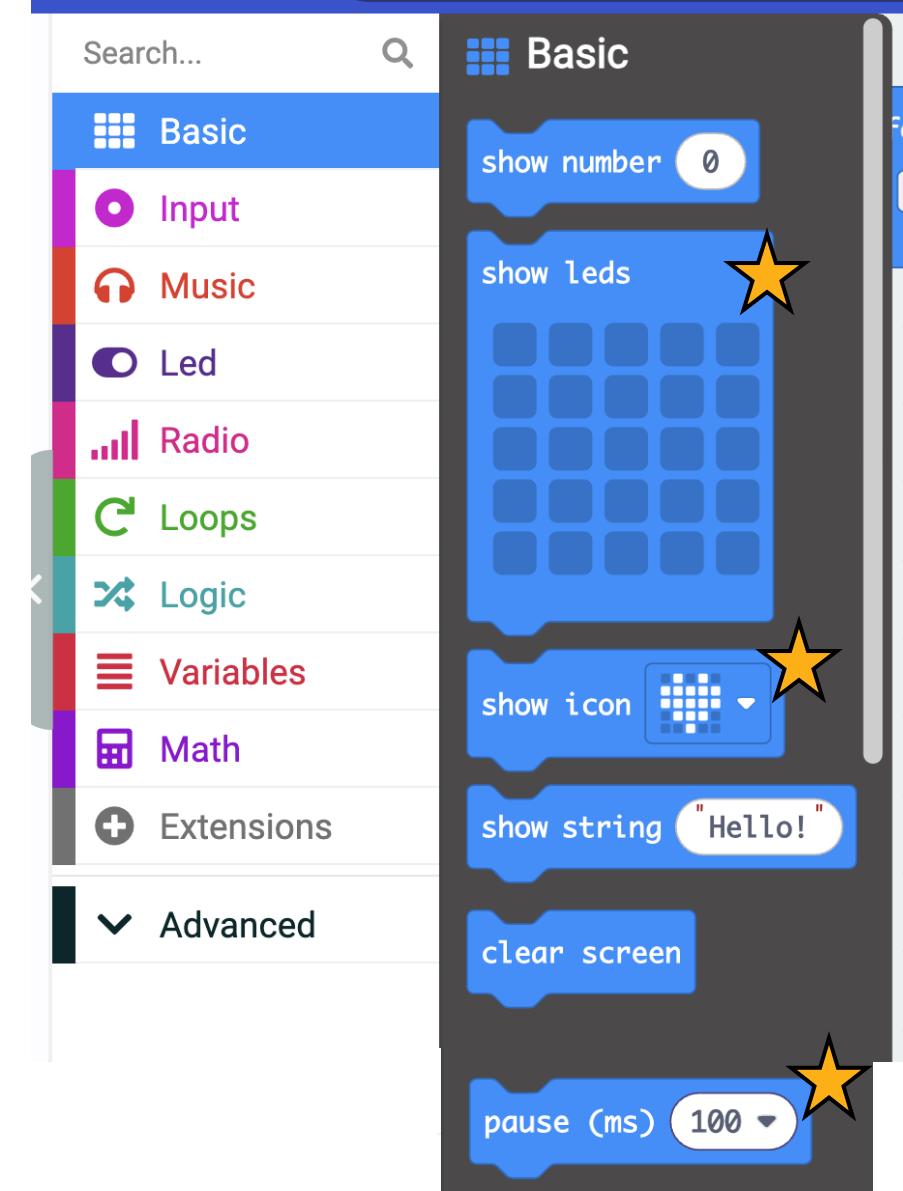
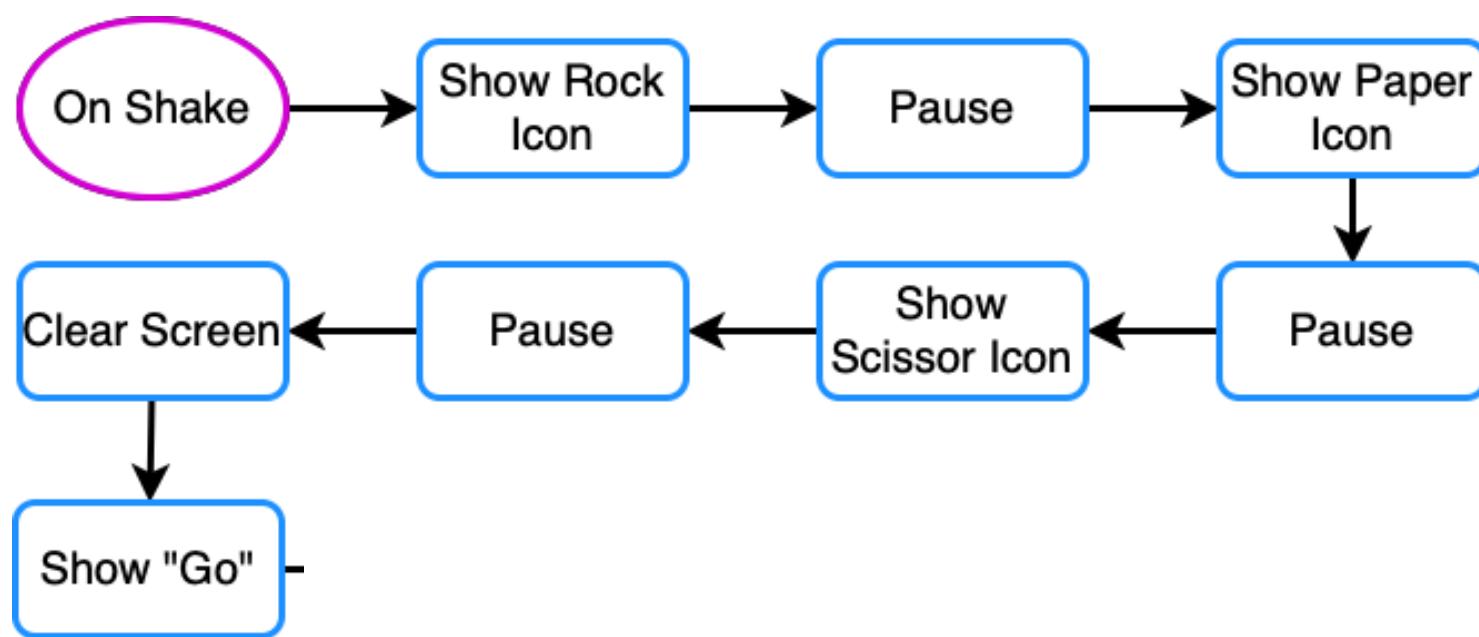
1. Open MakeCode
 - <https://makecode.microbit.org/>
2. Log in so you can save your work
3. Start a new project
 - Name it “Rock Paper Scissors”
4. Code Input “On Shake”
 - Open Inputs
 - Choose Input “on shake”



Rock Paper Scissors: Countdown

5. Start the countdown with different icons

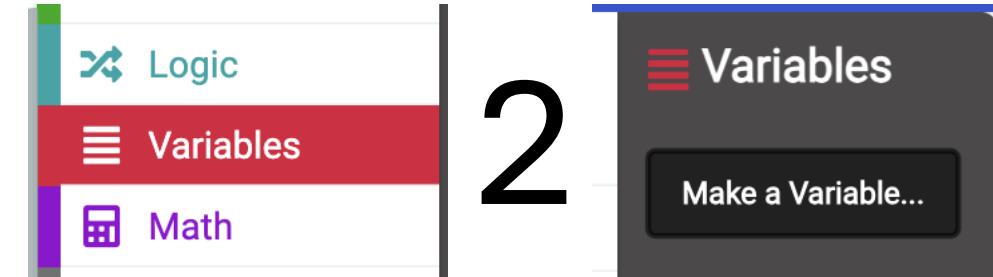
- Show Icon
- Pause
- Repeat



Making a Variable



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6. You can create a variable using the red variable blocks

- Open Variables
- Click “Make a Variable...”
- Name your Variable: Tool

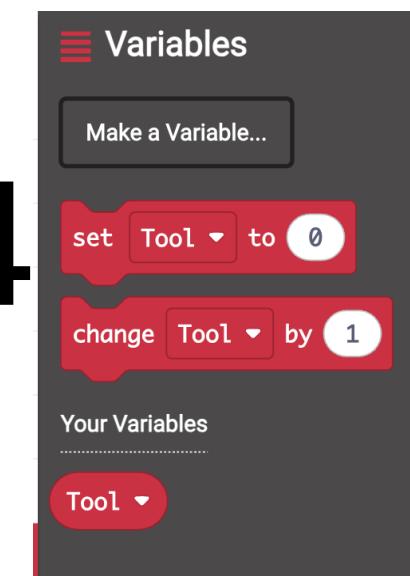
7. Use Math blocks to set Tool to a random Number 0-2
 - (3 numbers for 3 options RPS)



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4



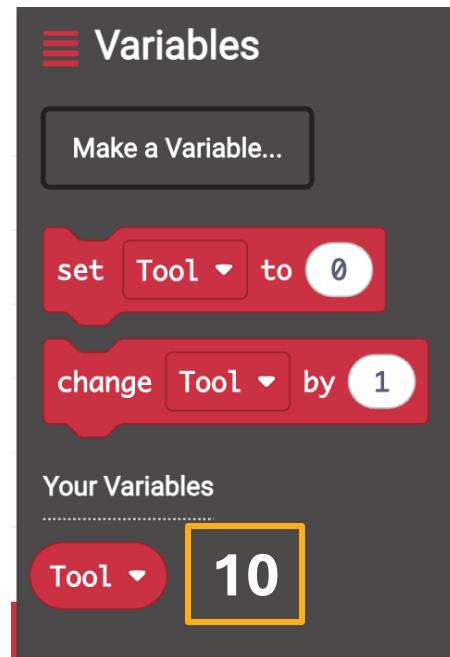
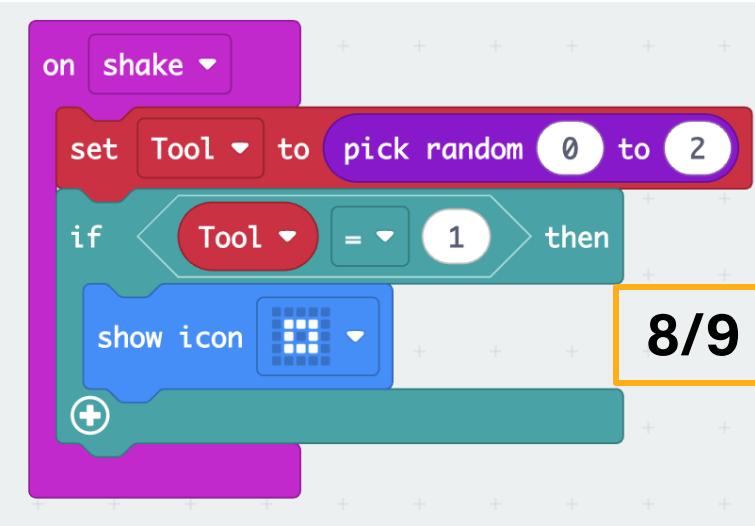
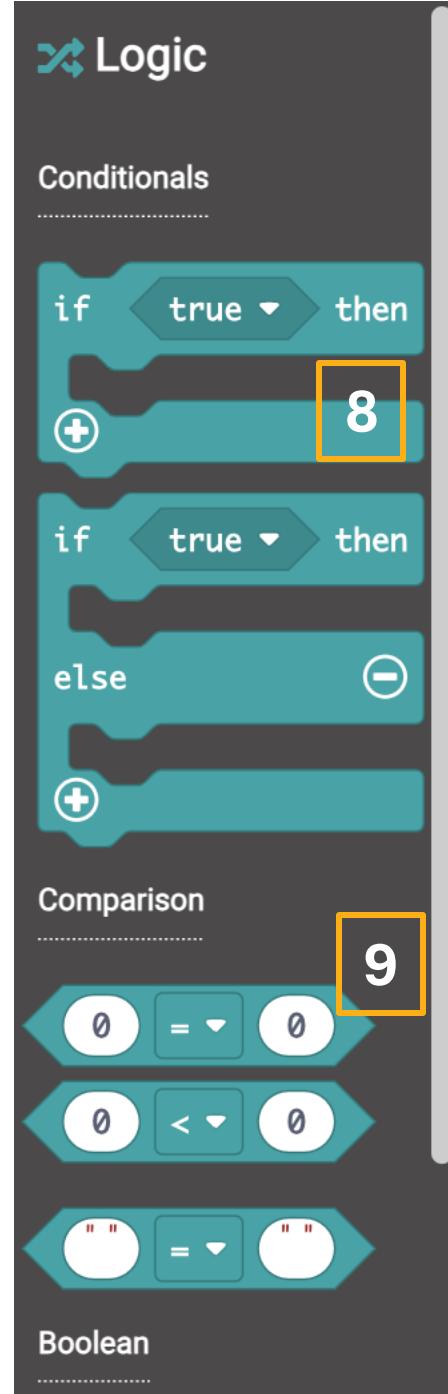
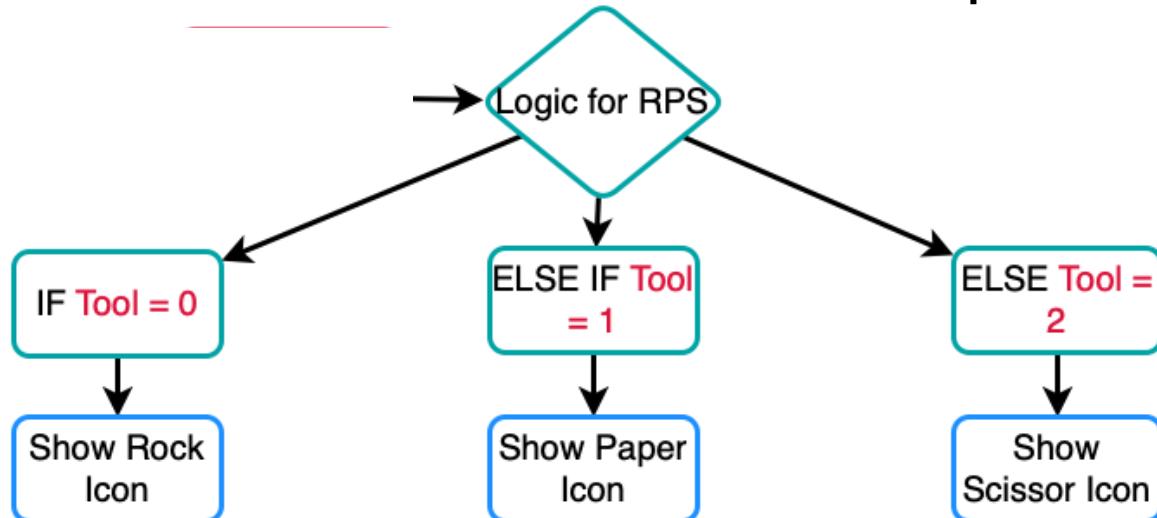
Conditional Statements

8. Click on the “Logic”

- Under Conditionals
- Choose the “if <true> then” conditional statement

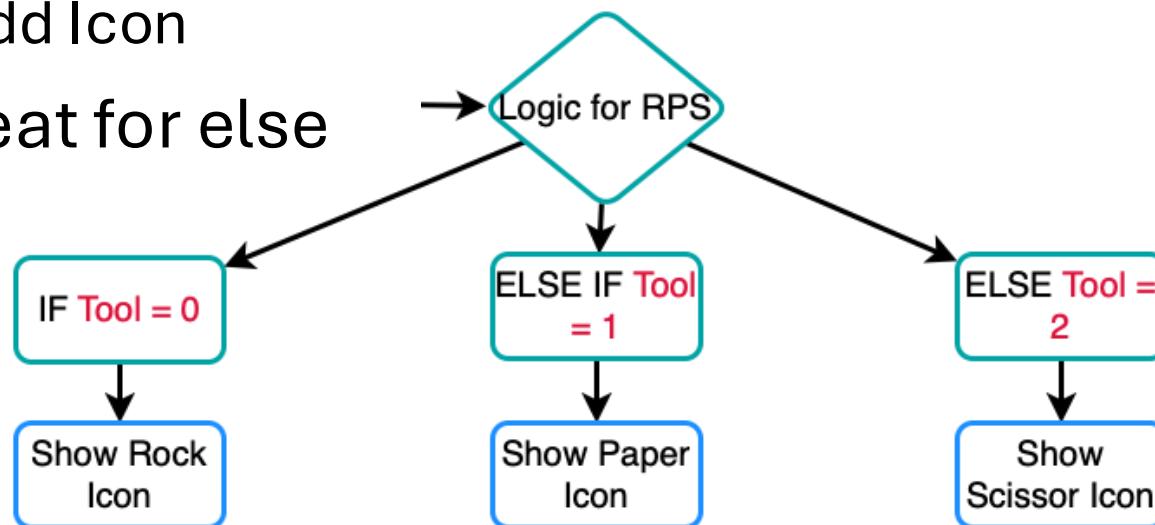
9. Add the “0 = 0” Comparison to the conditional statement

10. Add Variable Tool set it equal to 1



Conditional Statements

11. Use the “+” symbol on the conditional statement to add an elseif and else condition
 12. Add the “ $0 = 0$ ” Comparison to the conditional statement
 13. Add Variable Tool: Set it equal to 2
 - Add Icon
 14. Repeat for else



A Scratch script consisting of the following blocks:

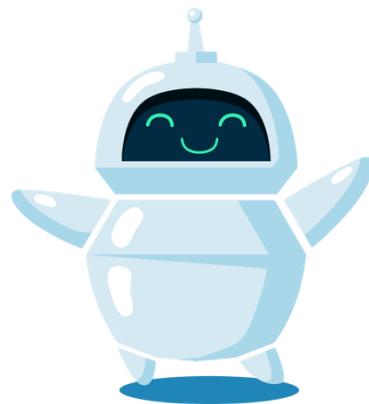
- An **on shake** hat block.
- A **set Tool to [pick random 0 to 2]** control block.
- An **if [Tool = 1] then** control block.
- A **show icon [grid]** control block.
- A **+ [+] icon** control block.

The entire script is highlighted with a yellow border, and the plus icon block is specifically highlighted with an orange border.

This Scratch script runs when the tool is shaken. It sets the tool to a random value between 0 and 2. If the tool is 1, it shows the 'grid' icon. If the tool is 2, it shows the 'grid' icon. Otherwise, it shows the 'grid' icon.

```
when tool shaken
  set [Tool v] to [pick random 0 to 2]
  if [Tool v] = [1] then
    show icon [grid v]
  else if [Tool v] = [2] then
    show icon [grid v]
  else
    show icon [grid v]
```

Example Final Code



The Scratch script consists of the following blocks:

- An **on shake v** event triggers a loop.
- The loop contains:
 - A **show leds** block.
 - A **pause (ms) 500** block.
 - A **show leds** block.
 - A **pause (ms) 500** block.
 - A **show string "shoot"** block.
 - A **pause (ms) 500** block.
- An **if <Tool v> = 1 then** branch:
 - A **show leds** block.
- An **else if <Tool v> = 2 then** branch:
 - A **show leds** block.
- An **else** branch:
 - A **show leds** block.
 - A **+** operator block with a green input.
 - A **pause (ms) 500** block.
- A **set Tool v to pick random 1 to 3** control block at the bottom.



Rural Scholars Summer Program

Rural Scholars Summer Programs

- This middle school camp explores the role of AI and data in agriculture and explores the way smart farms work using sensors and probes to collect data.
- Scholars can also build smart farms and self-driving tractors.

Summer Program Goals

Students will...

- gain experience with data collection, data analysis, AI applications, and programming in a variety of real-world applications
- develop interest and ability to solve real-world agricultural problems
- engage in practices that mirror the real-world work of engineers and scientists
- be mentored by like and near-peer college students
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Program Overview

Data Collection Basics

Using Sensors and Probes

- Micro:bits, Weather sensors, moisture sensors

Programming Smart Tractors to Collect Data

Data Analysis

- Analyzing
- Graphing
- Making Meaning

Build Tabletop Smart Farm Model



MINECRAFT EDUCATION

- AI and Sustainability
 - Sustainable Engineering
- Activity
 - Design a Sustainable Farm for the Village



Standards (Florida Middle School AI)

- **08.01:** Identify and describe current examples of AI applications in everyday life
- **08.02:** Identify and describe AI technologies students interact with frequently and determine what problems and/or needs the AI is intended to solve.
- **08.04:** Discuss how AI is and could be used to enhance areas of student interest, real-world problems, business needs, and the future of work.

Objectives

- Students will learn about sustainability and why sustainability is important
- Students will be introduced to the world of Minecraft and the problem statement for the village.
- Students will learn about sustainability and how AI technology can improve sustainability through solving problems and improving effectiveness.

Primary Learning Goal

- The purpose of this lesson is to introduce students to the idea of sustainability and the role AI can play in creating a more sustainable village in Minecraft.

Activity 1: Eliciting a Definition of Sustainability

Today we're going to talk about “sustainability”, which is defined in the dictionary as:

noun: sustainability

- *the ability to be maintained at a certain rate or level*
- *the pursuit of global environmental sustainability*
- *avoidance of the depletion of natural resources in order to maintain an ecological balance*

Watch one of the following videos on Sustainability that best fits your class.



As you watch the video, think about how this definition applies to the video. What is sustainable in the video? Do people have to do something to make things sustainable? What do they have to do?

Jot down some ideas in your notebook.

What is sustainable development (cartoon 3:40) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7V8oFl4GYMY>

This takes us back to our main project, where we have to create a sustainable village for our Minecraft community. Based on what you learned from the videos and reading about health and hunger, what does your village need to be sustainable? List at least five things below. You have been given an example to help you get started:

List of things in Minecraft for Sustaining...**Health/Hunger/Both**

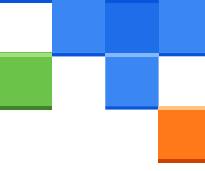
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|---|------|
| 1. Making and growing a garden for food | both |
| 2. | |
| 3. | |
| 4. | |
| 5. | |

Welcome! Sustainability City

For this activity, you will go and visit a [Minecraft map called Sustainable City](#). There are several activities in that map you can visit as a class, but today we will look at [Sustainable Food Production](#). In this lesson, you will learn about where food in your grocery store comes from, visit a local farm to see some sustainable farming practices, and then look at composting and recycling as part of what makes a village or city sustainable.



Welcome! Sustainability City



Let's Bring it Back to Rebuilding the Village!

If you are going to rebuild your village, which of these things would you have within your village? The example for the grocery store is filled in.

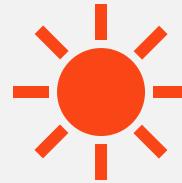
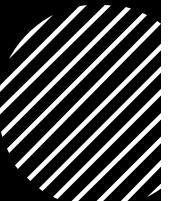
Item	Reasons to include it in your village	Reasons to not include it in your village
Grocery Store	People do not have to kill animals to sustain themselves; they can just buy food from the store.	People should have to work to get food by farming or finding animals.
Farm		
Smart Irrigation		
Cover Crops		
Farm Composting		
Recycling Facility		
Composting Facility		
Glass making and processing facility		



MathWorks High School AI



MathWorks High School AI Summer Camp



Two high school level summer programs



Music & Sports: an introduction to MATLAB, data analysis, AI, and machine learning through music and sports themes.



Hurricanes: Explore the world of hurricane and storm forecasting using AI and machine learning. Learn to analyze data & create machine learning models for hurricanes.

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- use data from online sources – Spotify, weather, sports stats
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Program Roadmap

Foundations of Data Analytics and MATLAB

- Introduce essential data analytics skills.
- Learn basic MATLAB syntax and operations, techniques for importing & managing datasets, data visualization, and how to access real-world data through APIs.
- Equip students to approach data analysis in a structured, informed way.

Introduction to AI and Machine Learning Concepts

- Fundamental AI and machine learning concepts:
 - How models make predictions
 - Ethical Considerations in AI
 - Real-world applications across fields.
- Connected to sports and music contexts

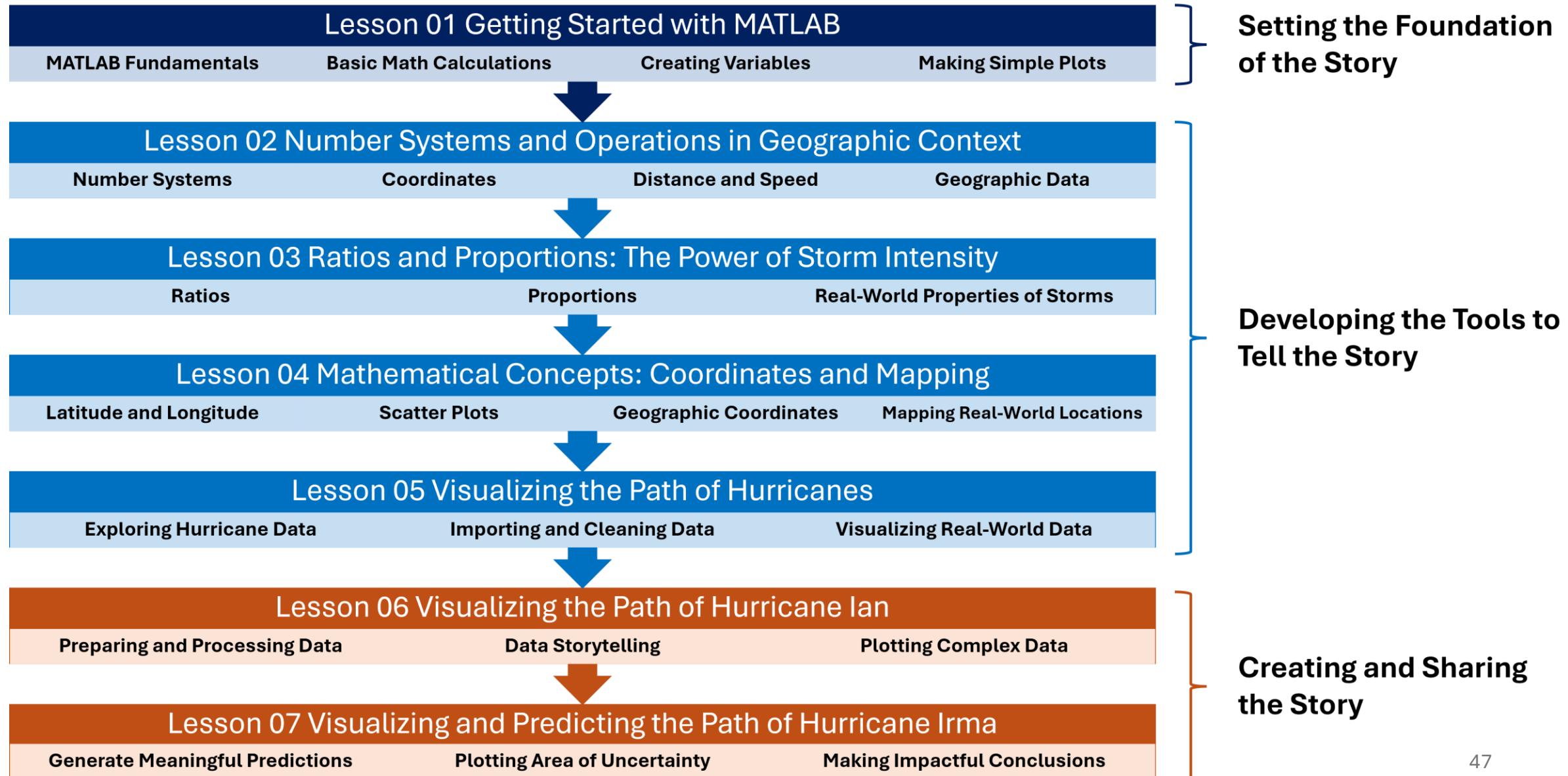
Applying Advanced Techniques in Data Analysis

- Advanced techniques
 - Image processing and MATLAB's AI toolkit to conduct deeper analyses.
 - Practical applications
 - Analyzing visual data
 - Testing prediction models
 - Reinforcing their skills and preparing them for a final project.

Culminating Project: Predicting Future Stars

- Apply skills to predict future stars in sports or music.
- Using insights from their analyses, they present their findings and predictions, demonstrating their understanding of data analytics and AI in a practical context.

Hurricane AI Camps – Middle and High School



MathWorks Middle School AI Summer Camp

Lesson Overview

Objectives

- Use MATLAB to load and visualize real-world hurricane data.
- Understand how hurricanes are classified and how their paths are tracked.
- Learn how to create plots and maps to analyze hurricane data.



Image from Wikipedia

These skills are super useful for analyzing things like weather data and even predicting hurricanes!

Main Learning Goal

- This lesson introduces MATLAB as a tool for analyzing hurricane data. Students will explore how to manipulate and visualize data to understand hurricane paths and intensities.

Focus Question

How can we use MATLAB to analyze and visualize hurricane data?

Demo of Live Script

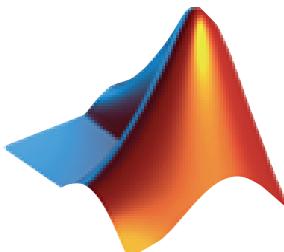


A screenshot of the MATLAB Live Editor interface. The top navigation bar includes HOME, PLOTS, APPS, LIVE EDITOR (selected), INSERT, and VIEW. The LIVE EDITOR tab has sections for FILE, TEXT, CODE, ANALYZE, and SECTION. Below the menu is a toolbar with icons for New, Open, Save, Export, Go To, Find, Bookmark, Text, Code, Control, Task, Refactor, Code Issues, Debugger, Section Break, Run, Run to End, Run, Step, and Stop. The left sidebar shows a file browser under 'MATLAB Drive > Test Livescripts' containing files like HS_Lesson1_Livescript.docx, HS_Lesson1_Livescript.mlx, etc. A workspace browser below it shows a table with columns for Name, Value, Size, and Class. The main content area displays a live script titled 'Teacher Livescript - Lesson 1: Getting Started with MATLAB'. The script starts with 'Total Duration: 60 Minutes' and a 'Table of Contents' section listing 'Lesson Overview', 'Objectives', 'Main Learning Goal', 'Focus Question', 'Part 1: Introduction to Hurricanes and MATLAB' (with 'Let's Talk!' and 'What is MATLAB?'), 'Part 2: Exploring the MATLAB Interface' (with 'Where is Everything in MATLAB?' and 'Let's Explore'), 'Part 3: Loading and Exploring Hurricane Data' (with 'Let's Load Some Data!'), 'Part 4: Plotting Hurricane Paths on a Map' (with 'Let's Make a Map!', 'Discussion Questions'), and 'Part 5: Visualizing Hurricane Intensity on a Map' (with 'I. How Strong Was the Storm?'). At the bottom is a Command Window with the text 'New to MATLAB? See resources for Getting Started.' and a prompt '>>'.



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