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Cybercrime with Snap!

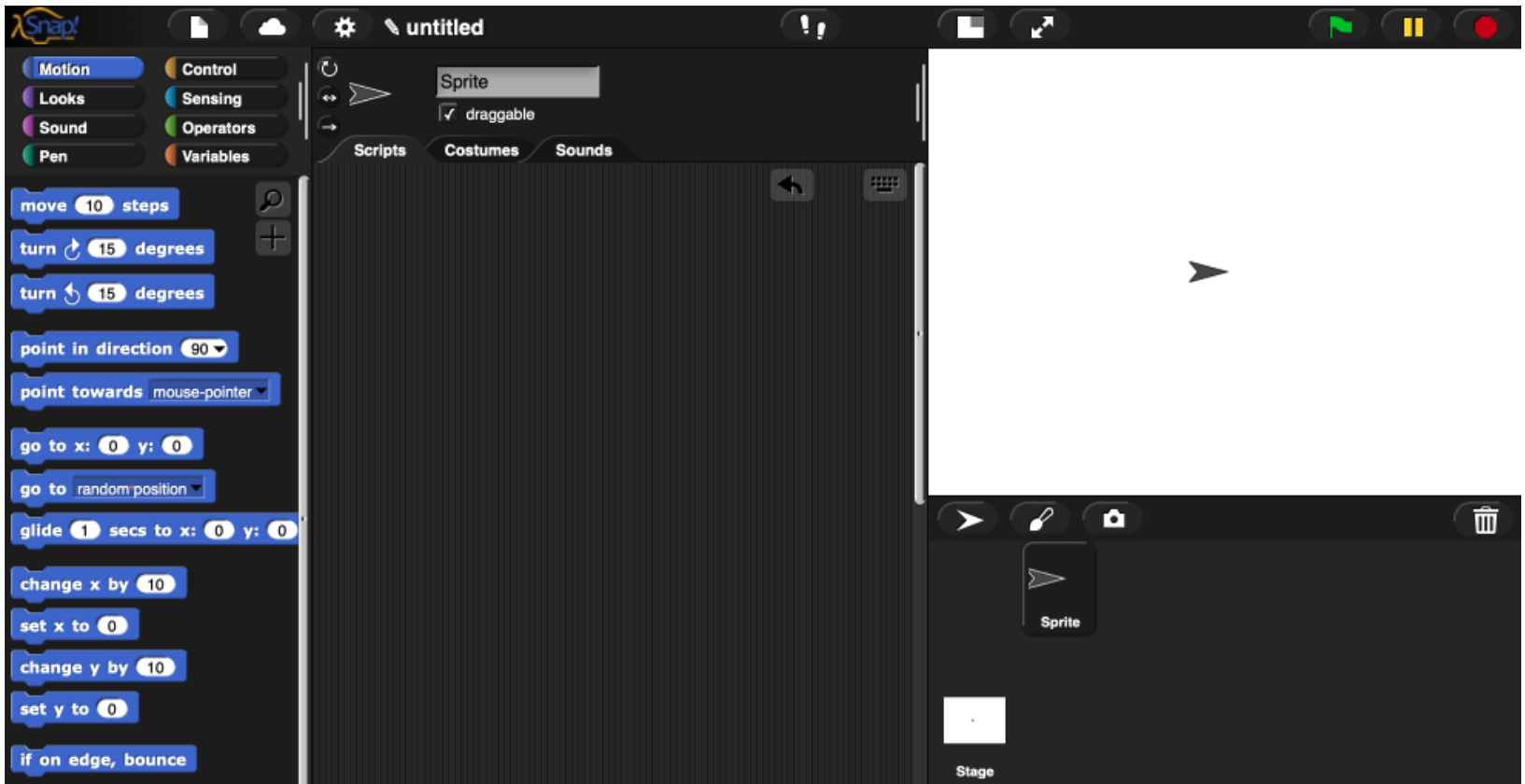


The Basics of Snap!



Snap!

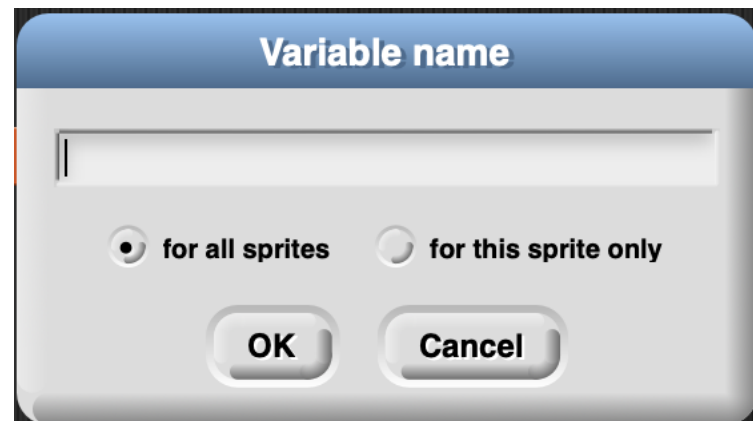
<https://snap.berkeley.edu/snap/snap.html>



Make a Variable

A variable is a container that can hold some value for us, whether that value is a number, a string, a Boolean or even a list.

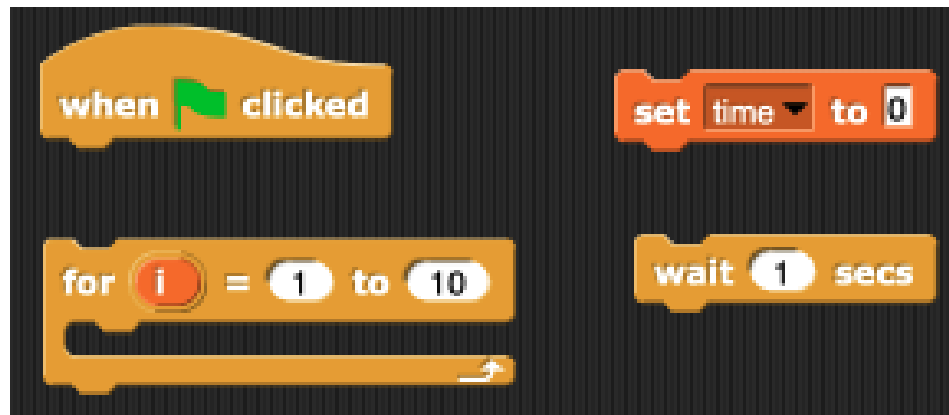
We're going to start by creating a new variable, naming it **time**.



Make a Timer

Using our new variable, we're going to create a simple timer.

We will use a for loop to accomplish this, setting **time** to **i**; the counter variable of the loop.

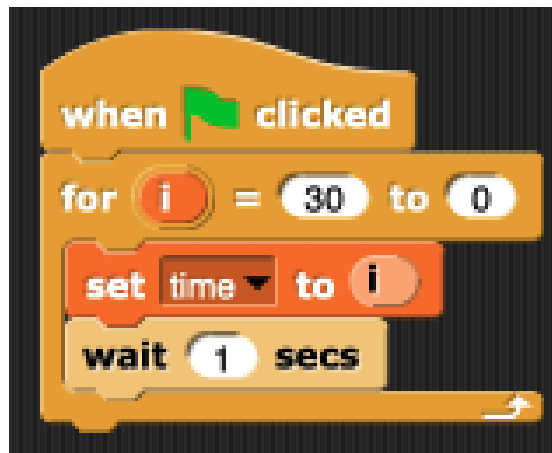


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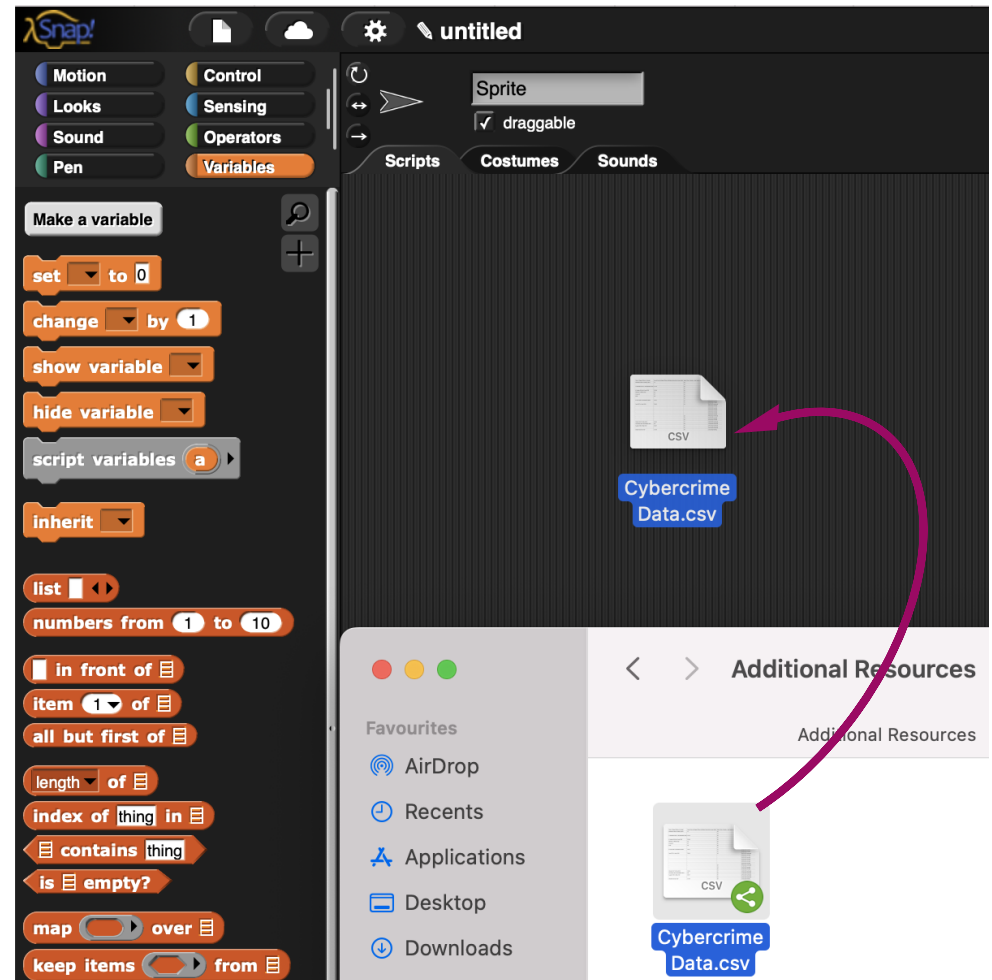
Using Data in Snap!

Download Data Here

Drag and Drop

With *Snap!* we can drag and drop our data straight into the browser!

Use this method to import your downloaded data into *Snap!* so that we can begin analysing.



Data as a Variable

Your data will open, appear as a new variable, and be shown on the stage.

Variable
(this can be unchecked to remove from the stage)

The screenshot shows a Scratch project with a 'Cybercrime Data' table. The table is displayed on the stage and in the 'Table view' panel. The table contains columns for Date of alleged crime, Age at time, Gender, Sentence, and Source. A pink arrow points to the 'Cybercrime Data' variable in the 'Variables' panel, which is unchecked.

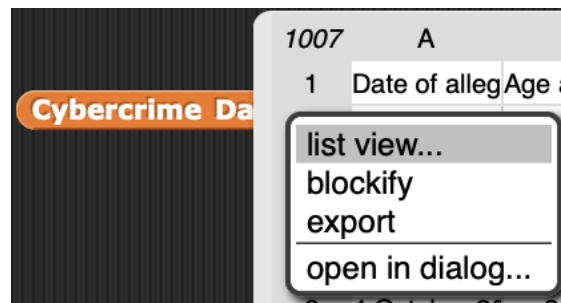
1007	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
1	Date of alleged crime	Age at time	Age at time	Date of arrest or month of sentencing	Gender of alleged offender	Overview of sentence	Alleged fine/Alleged other	Source				
2	December 21	17	18	26/07/2022	sentenced	Male	He pleaded (24 month se					
3			23	22/07/2022	pleaded guilty	Female	Unnamed offShe pleadedMatter pend	£6,000				https://perm
4	1 December	14-15	18	23/06/2022	charged	Male	From Abbey Matter pend					https://perm
5			25	14/06/2022	sentenced	Male	He pleaded (54 month se Over	£1.3 n				https://perm
6	4 October 20	25-28	28	10/06/2022	hearing	Male	He was charMatter pend					https://perm
7	February to 1	22	24	13/05/2022	sentenced	Male	A police offic42 month se					https://perm
8	01-Jun-19	27	30	12/05/2022	sentenced	Female	She pleaded24 month co					https://perm
9	2019	35	38	29/04/2022	sentenced	Male	A former Th42 month se					https://perm
10			44	26/04/2022	sentenced	Male	He pleaded (71 month se					https://perm
11	31 July 2021	16-17	17	01/04/2022	hearing	Male	7 arrested City of LondMatter pend					https://perm
12			16	01/04/2022	charged	Male	7 arrested City of LondMatter pend					https://perm
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27	January 201	49-53	56	07/01/2022	sentenced	Male	A police fore36 month se					https://perm
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30			36	14/12/2021	arrested	Male	From Ilford, Matter pend					https://perm
31			22	02/12/2021	sentenced	Male	He accessec60 month se					https://perm
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33			37	29/10/2021	sentenced		He pleaded (29 month se					https://perm
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42	2020	23	24	08/09/2021	sentenced	Male	Unnamed offHe pleaded (6 month sen	£40,000 (as				https://perm
43			29	26/08/2021	sentenced	Male	He attempte24 month se	£10,000				https://perm

List View and Table View

We can drag our variable into the scripting area to use it.

Cybercrime Data

And by clicking it we can open our data to view its contents. A right click will give us the option to see it in list view.



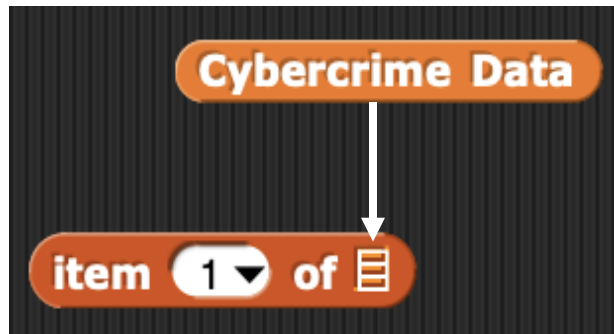
This shows us that a table in *Snap!* is just a list of lists, where each row is stored as an inner list within a larger outer list.

Cybercrime Data

1	Date of alleged offence (or range)	
2	Age at time of alleged offence (estimated)	
3	Age at time of arrest or most recent court appearance	
4	Date of arrest or most recent court appearance	
5	Arrest or most recent court appearance	
6	Gender of alleged offender	
		length: 12
1	December 2020 to February 2021	
2	17	
3	18	
4	28/07/2022	
5	sentenced	
6	Male	
		length: 12
1	-	
2	-	
3	23	
4	22/07/2022	
5	pleaded guilty	
6	Female	
		length: 12
1	December 2017 to 13 September 20	
2	14-15	
3	18	
4	23/06/2022	
5	charged	
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1	-	
2	-	
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4	14/06/2022	
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		length: 12
1	4 October 2019 to 8 June 2022	
2	25-28	
		length: 1007

Opening Rows

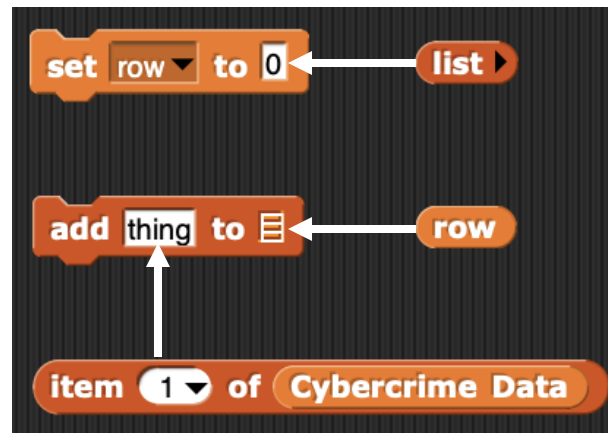
As each row is just an item (a list of values) within our larger list of data, it is very simple to open each row of data.



Storing Rows

To store a row so that it can be used freely in other functions we will need to assign it to a new variable.

Create a variable called **row**, and add a row from our data set.

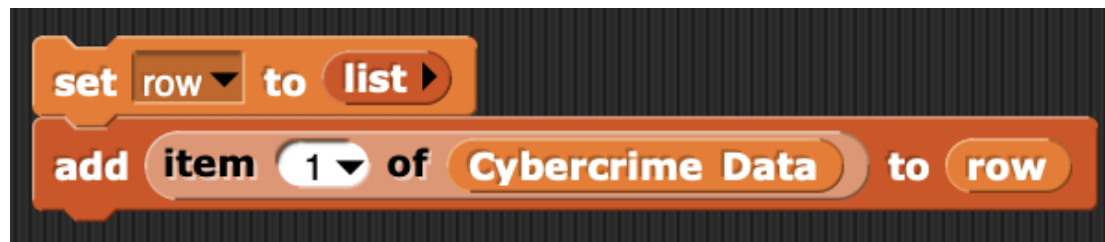


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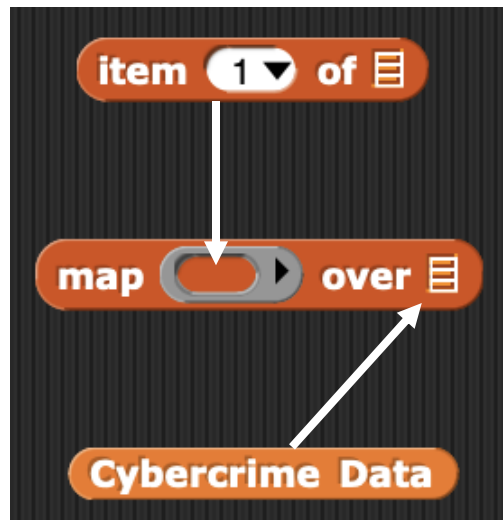


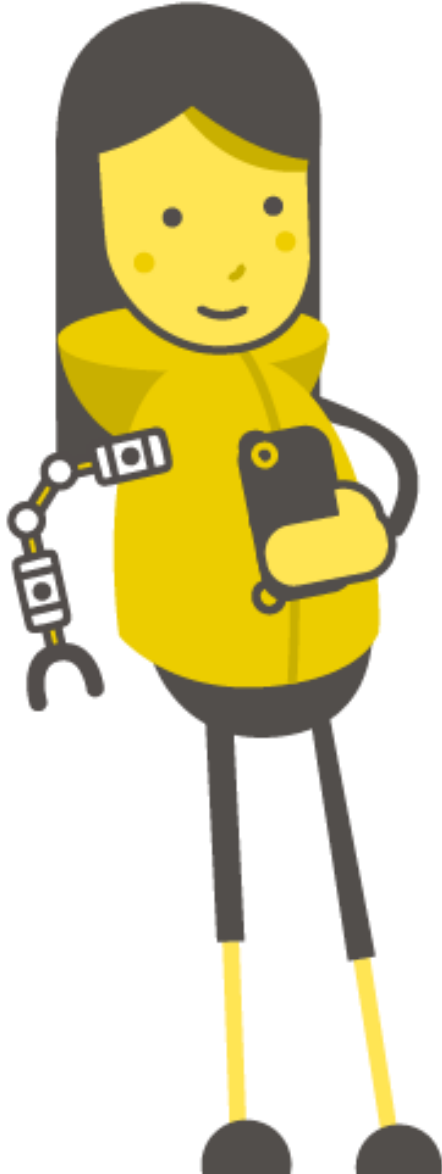
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Map Function

Using loops is a slow process as our program will run through each row individually. *Snap!* instead has a higher order function that can pull columns from our data.

Using **map** will allow us to pull the same item from each inner list (row), as it maps the index of that item over the whole outer list.





Analysing Data in Snap!

All But First

The **all but first** function will remove the first item from our data.
This is beneficial as we can easily remove the first row which contains the headers for each column

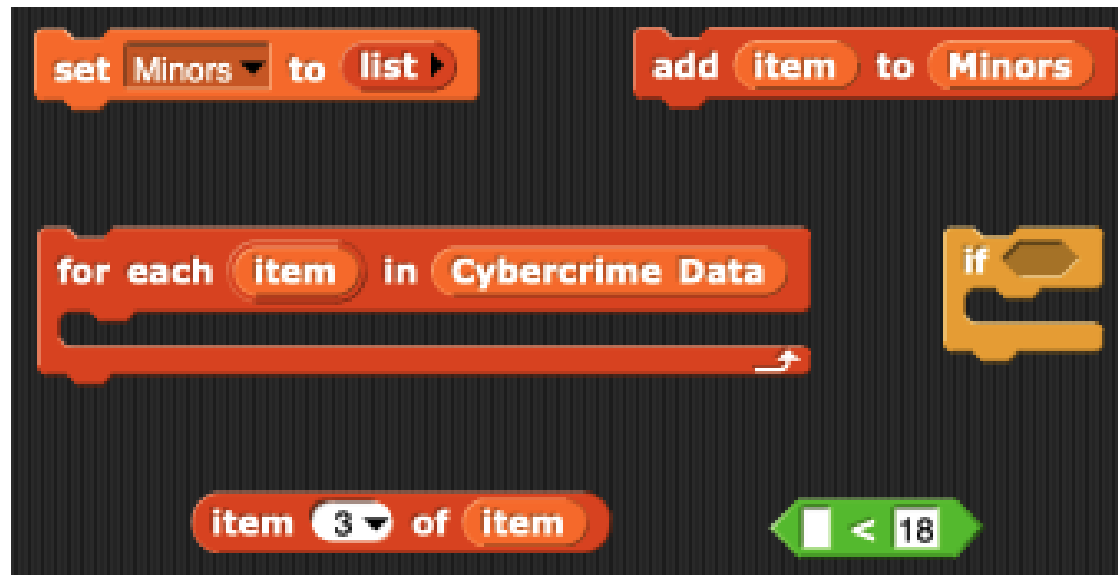
all but first of Cybercrime Data

1006	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	December 20	17	18	26/07/2022	sentenced	Male
2	.	.	23	22/07/2022	pleaded guilt	Female
3	1 December	14-15	18	23/06/2022	charged	Male
4	.	.	25	14/06/2022	sentenced	Male
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We can begin filtering our data by using operators.

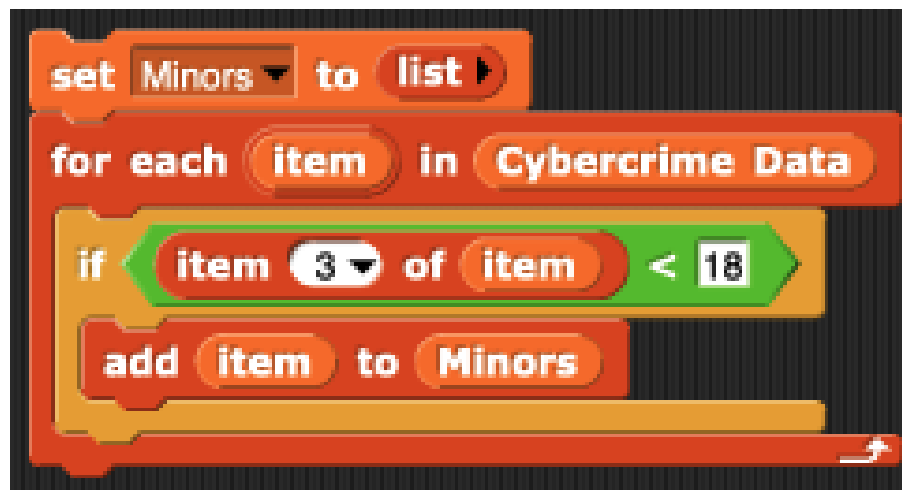
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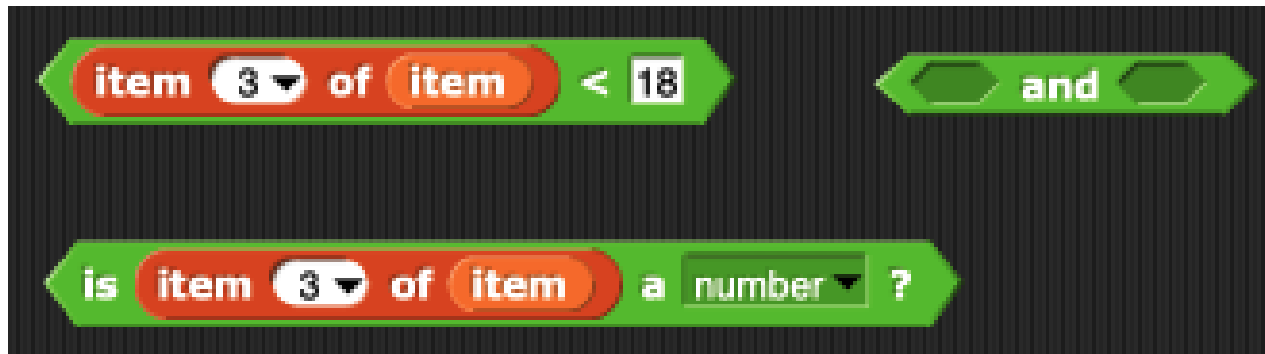
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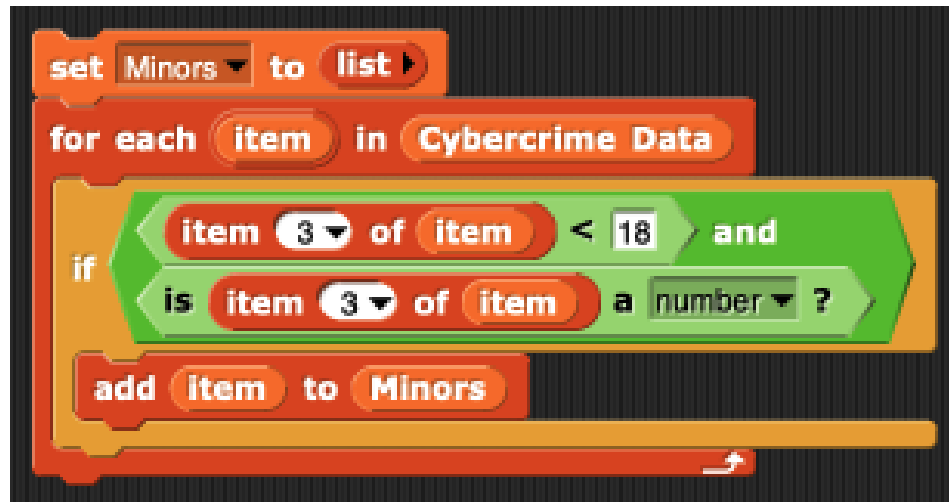
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Adding Additional Libraries

In *Snap!* we can add additional functions by importing libraries.

These can be found in the menu at the top of the page.

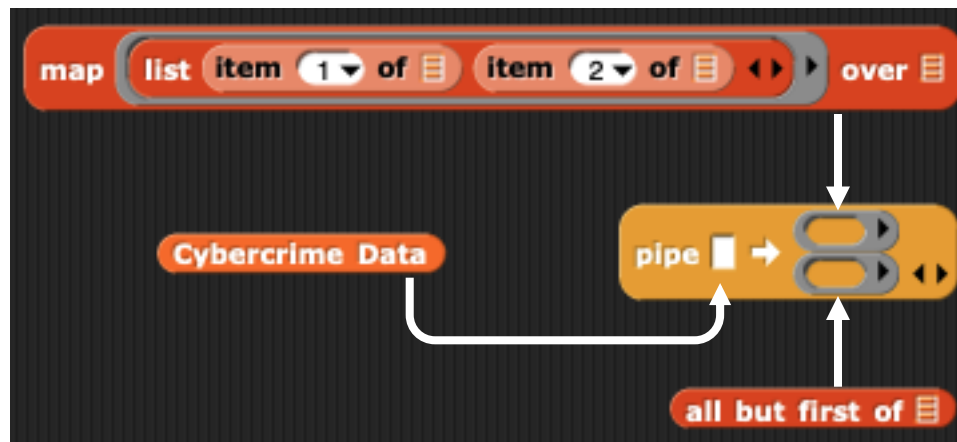
Add the Frequency Distribution Analysis library.



Pipe Function

The pipe function makes it easier to see how we're manipulating the data step by step.

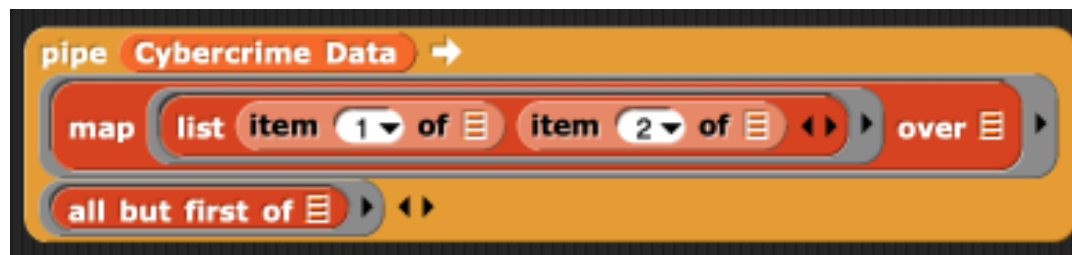
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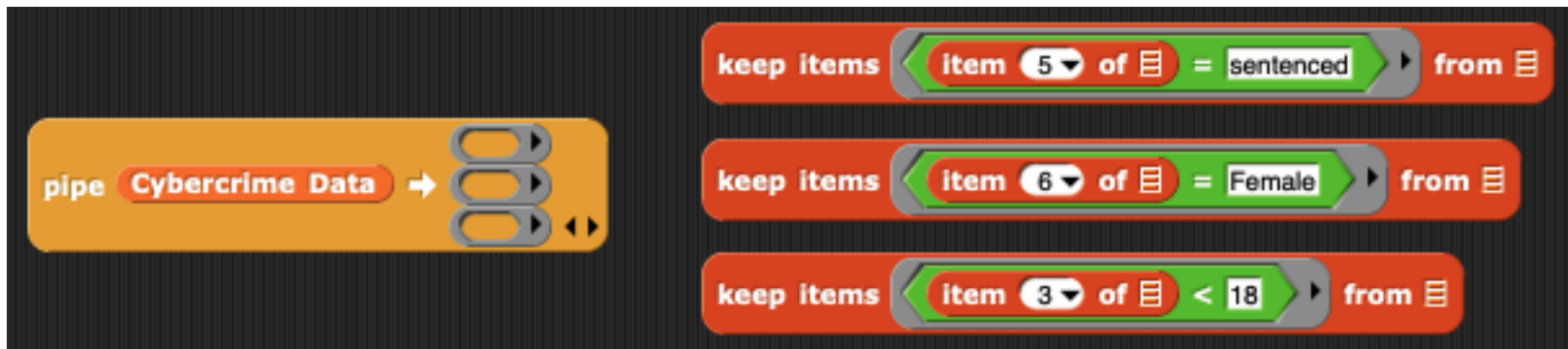
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Keep Items

The **keep items** block performs the same function as the **if statement** filter we built earlier.

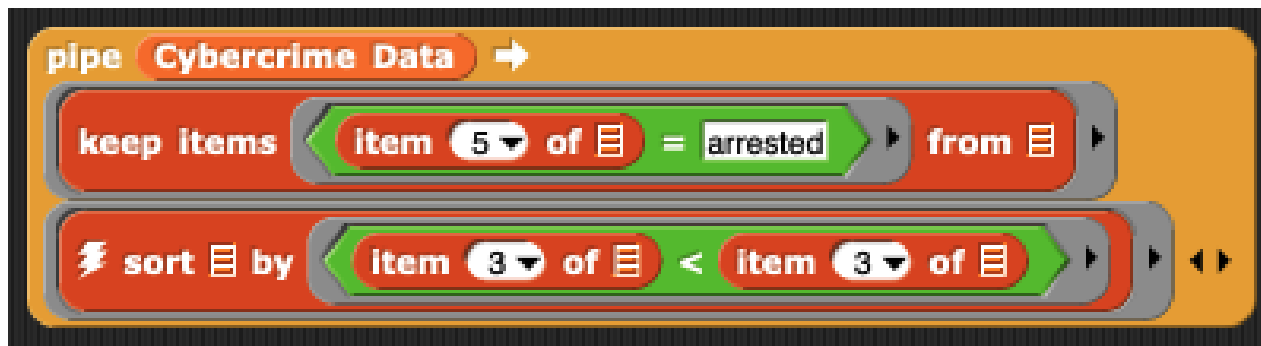
Using an operator to specify a condition will only return the data that fits that condition.



Sort Function

The **sort** function will arrange our data in any way we like.

Using the **less than (<)** operator we can arrange our data by a number value from lowest to highest.



Group Function

The **group** function will group our data by each unique entry (column A) and give us the number of uses of that entry in our data (column B).

In column C is a list containing each corresponding entry.

This is functionally a histogram of our data.

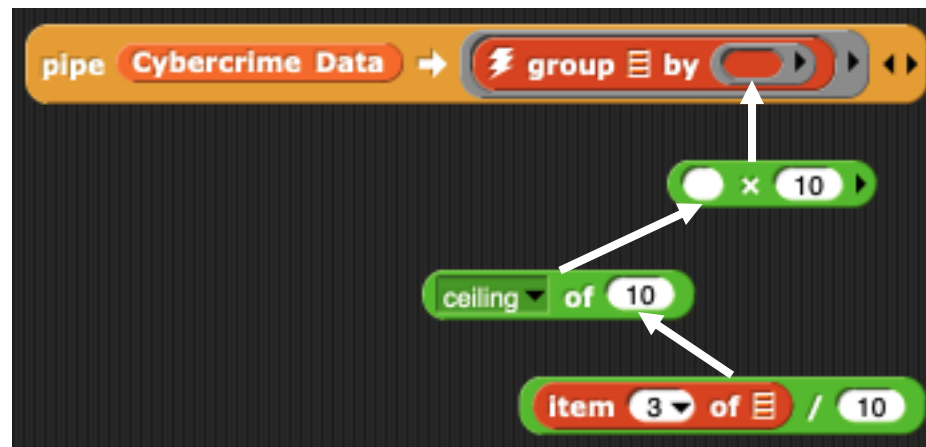


31	A	B	C
1	pleaded guilty	4	
2	charged	13	
3	sentenced	647	

Group Function

We can include more complex expressions in any of these functions to **filter**, **sort** or **group** our data in specific ways.

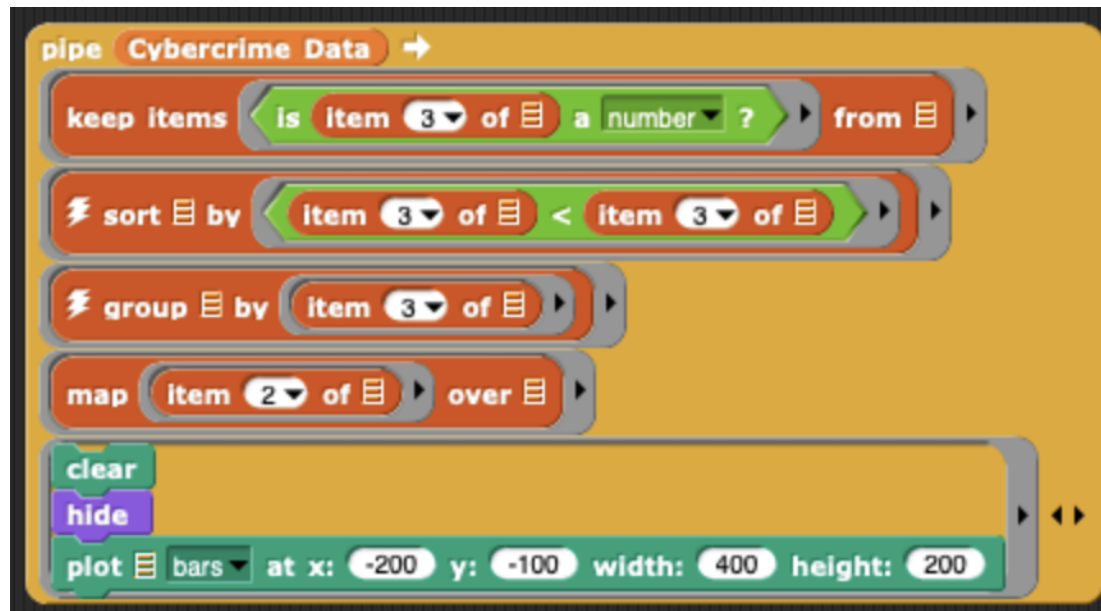
Below is an expression that will group our data by whether the suspect was in their teens, twenties, thirties etc.



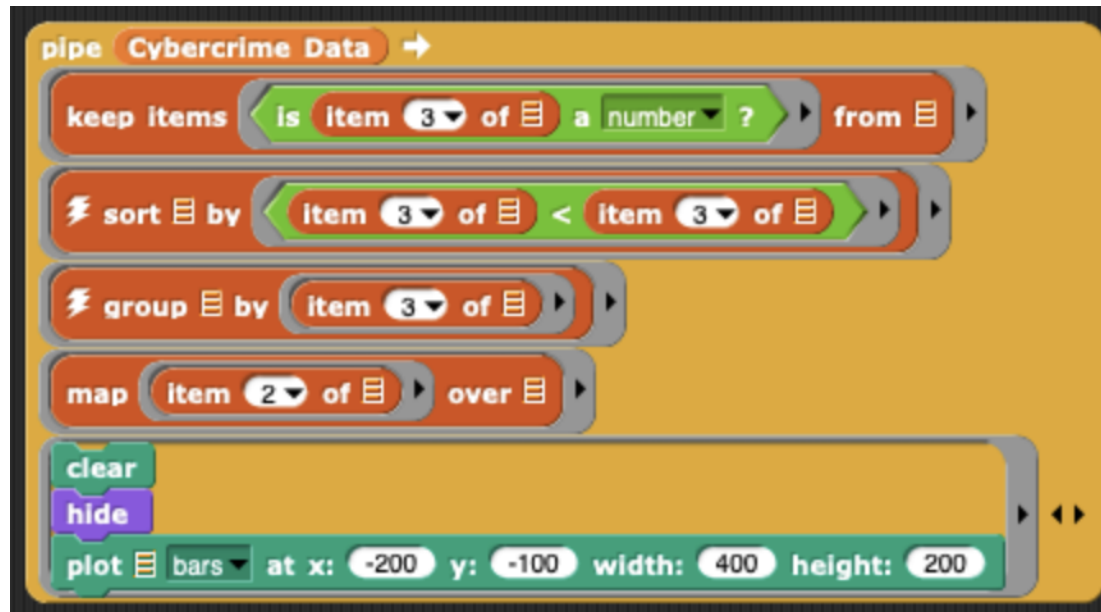
Plot

Using all that we've learned we can now use the **plot** function to plot a histogram of age, sorted from young to old.

We need to use the **map** function as only one list of data (the age column) can be inputted to plot a bar chart.



Plot



Can anyone spot the problem with the way we've grouped this data?

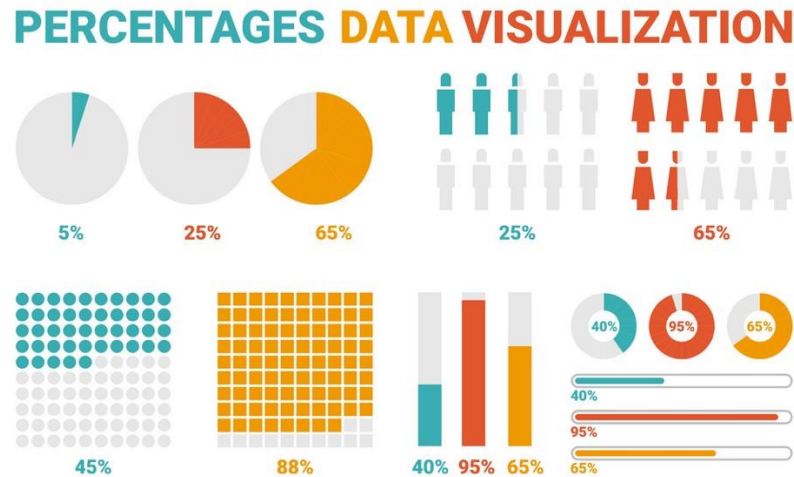
Hint: Look at the output of the group function.



Visualising Data in Snap!

Data Visualisation

Now we're going to attempt visualising our data in more creative ways, without the use of traditional plots.

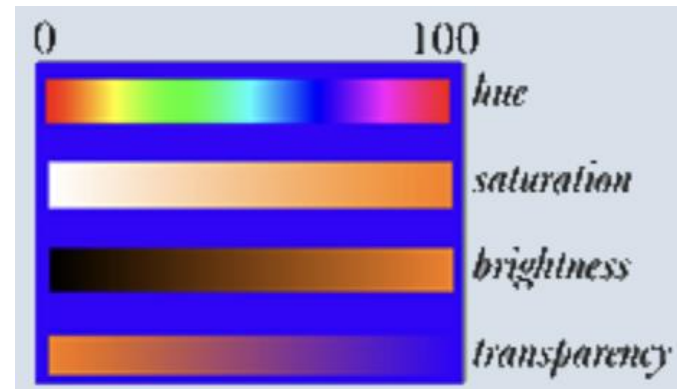
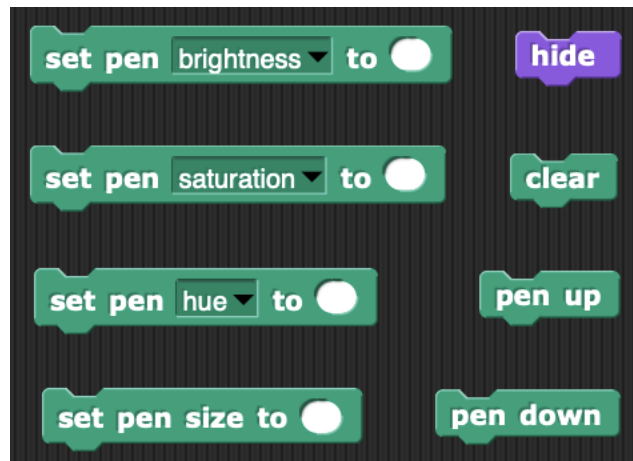


As you've had an opportunity to get used to *Snap!*, from here on the full code will not be shown on screen. Be sure to drag in all the blocks you see as they will be useful in building your code.

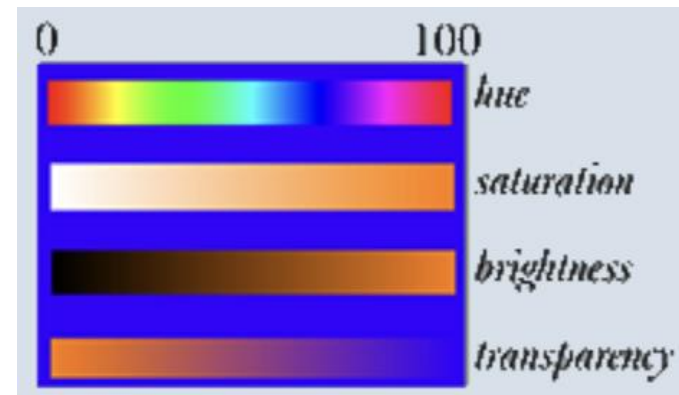
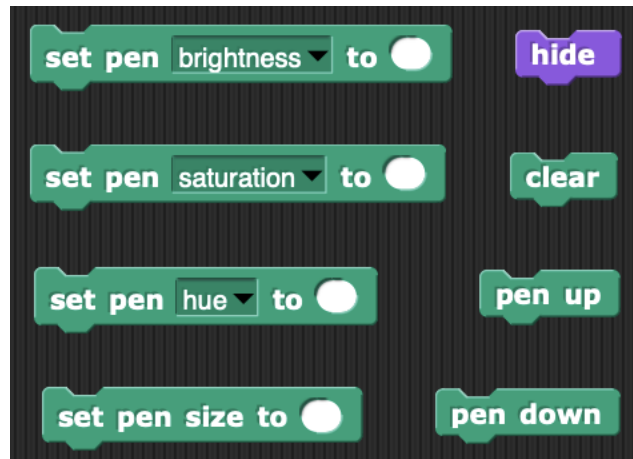
Pen Tool

To make the most of the data visualisation capabilities of *Snap!*, we will be using the pen tool.

These are the blocks that we will primarily be using while using the pen tool.



Pen Tool



All the pen values range from 0 - 100, the pen size is the pens' diameter in pixels.

The pen will draw across the stage while down, so **pen up** is required to lift the pen and stop drawing temporarily.

The **hide** block will hide the sprite (not the pen) and **clear** will wipe the stage clean.

Starting Conditions

We don't have to worry about the dimensions of our stage in *Snap!* as there is a block that defines each border of our stage for us!

This means that we can easily set our starting location using these.

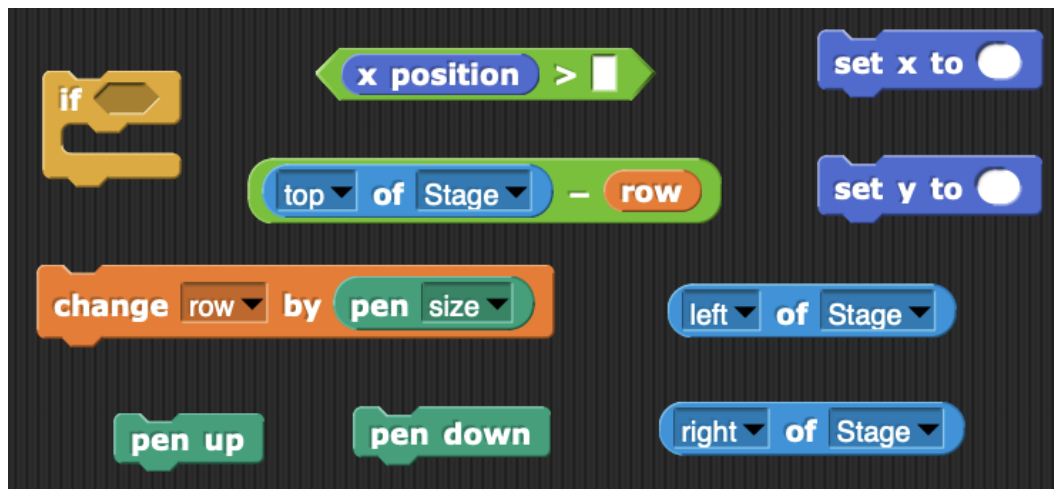


As we're going to want to draw across multiple rows, it will also be beneficial to create a row variable and set it to 0.

Move to Next Line

When the pen goes off the right of the screen, we are going to need to bring it back to its starting position on the left, but also drop it down a row.

These are the blocks you will need to advance to the next line.

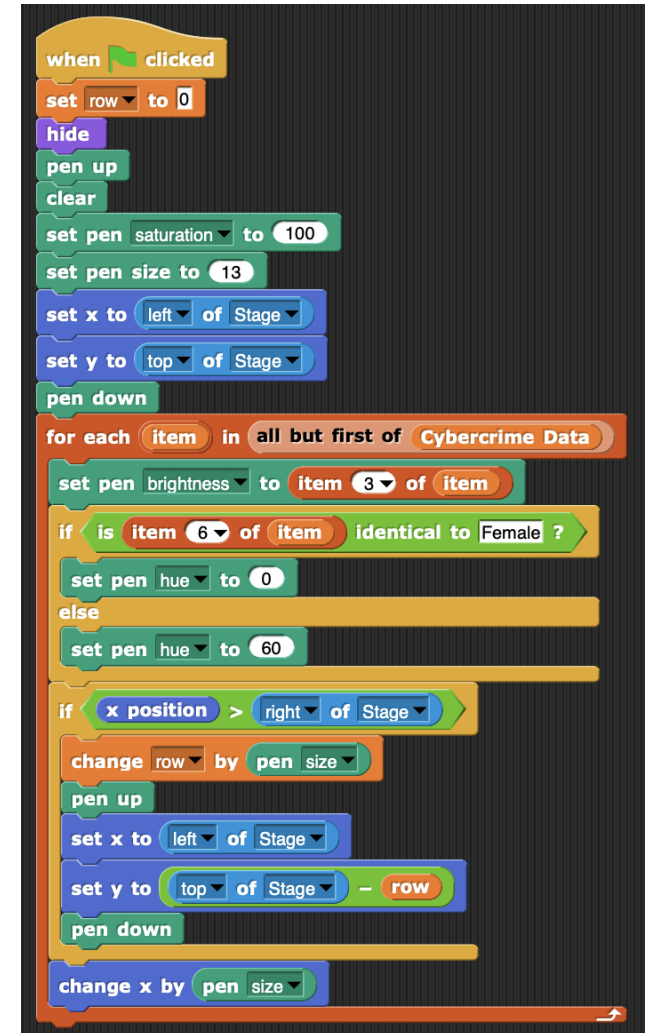
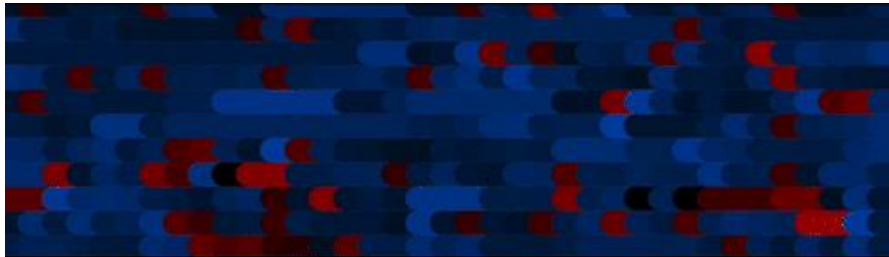


Our Program

- Set the starting conditions, pen attributes, clear the screen, lift the pen
- For each item:
 - Check whether the suspect was Male/Female and set the colour (hue)
 - Set the brightness to the suspect's age
 - Check whether the pen has gone off the right of the stage, if so, go to the next row
 - Move the pen across by the pen size to draw

Full Program

Your completed program should look something like this.



IDEAS

Plot histogram of age – group and sort data, delete empty rows from data

Sort by sentence length

Group by sex

Colour visualisation of age and sex

Circles visualization of sentences

Keep only earnings over x amount