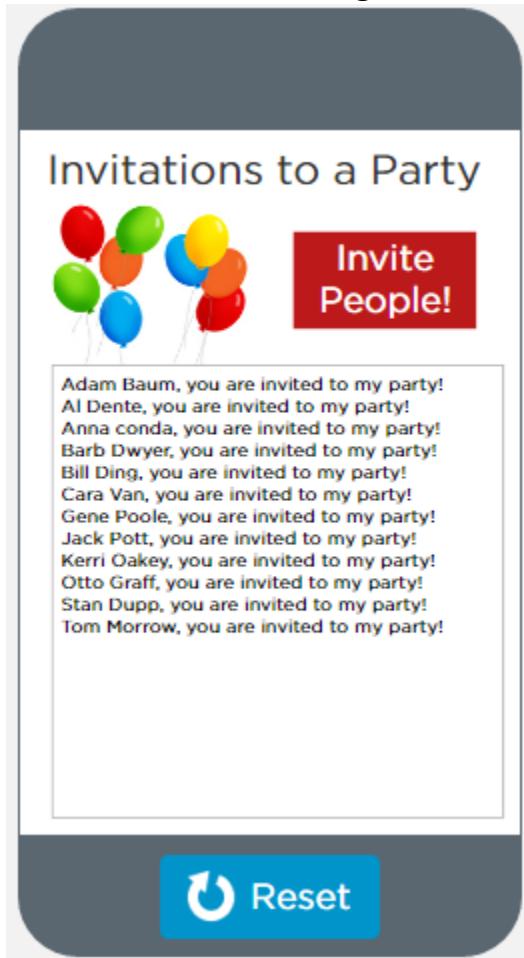


A5: Invitations to a Party

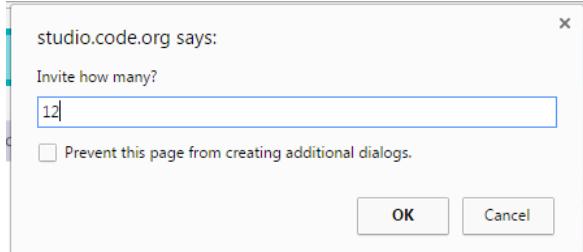
(a) You start with this:



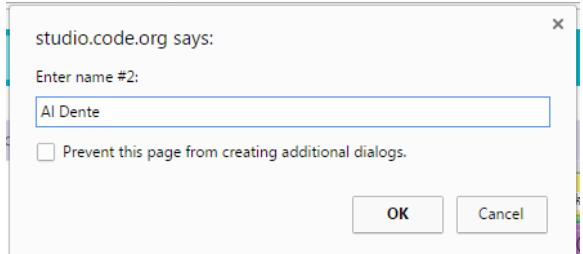
(d) And it creates this, using the names:



(b) When you press the button it says:



(c) Then you enter the names, one in each dialog box (this is #2):



Making Yours

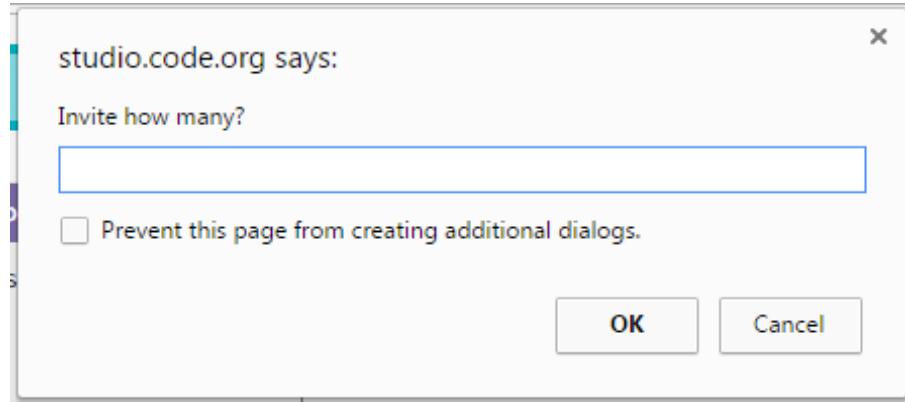
Layout this App in Design mode.

Remember to use a `textArea` and to give it the id 'output'.

The screenshot shows the App Inventor Design mode. On the left, a mobile phone icon represents the screen with the title 'Invitations to a Party', a balloon graphic, and a red 'Invite People!' button. A note on the screen says 'the textArea is named output.' On the right, the component palette lists various UI elements: Button, Text Input, Dropdown, Label, Checkbox, Radio Button, Image, Canvas, Screen, and Text Area. The 'Text Area' icon is circled in red, and a red arrow points from the note on the screen to this circled icon.

Coding

1. Make an onEvent for the button.
2. The first question it asks is this:



3. Store the result in a variable called `howmany`.
4. Then, add a for loop that starts at 1 and goes to `howmany`:

```
onEvent("invite", "click", function(event) {
    var howmany = promptNum("Invite how many? ");
    for (var i = 1; i <= howmany; i++) {
        // loop body
    }
});
```

5. Then, add a question that asks for the name:

```
onEvent("invite", "click", function(event) {
    var howmany = promptNum("Invite how many? ");
    for (var i = 1; i <= howmany; i++) {
        var name = prompt("Enter name #"+i+": ");
    }
});
```

6. RUN THE CODE. Enter 3, then 3 names. Check that it works.

7. Then, add an invitation for that person to the output textArea:

The image shows a Scratch script in the Scratch editor. It starts with an event 'onEvent("invite", "click")'. Inside, it prompts for the number of invites ('promptNum("Invite how many? ")'). A loop runs from i=1 to the input value. Inside the loop, it prompts for each invitee's name ('prompt("Enter name #"+i+": ")'). It then creates an invitation message ('var invite = name+", you are invited to my party!\n";') and concatenates it with the previous messages in the textArea ('setText("output", (getText("output") + " ") + invite);'). Red annotations explain these steps: 'Makes the line to print out the invitation.' points to the 'invite' variable line, and 'Prints the invitation in the textArea.' points to the 'setText' line.

```
onEvent("invite", "click", function(event) {
  var howmany = promptNum("Invite how many? ");
  for (var i = 1; i <= howmany; i++) {
    var name = prompt("Enter name #"+i+": ");
    var invite = name+", you are invited to my party!\n";
    setText("output", (getText("output") + " ") + invite);
  }
});
```

8. Run your code to see that it works. Do not enter a large number in the first dialog box. You will regret it.