

Scratch Research Data Sharing Agreement

If you are interested in using Scratch data for your research, please review the following agreement. Once you have agreed to the text, please fill out the form in this document, save the PDF with fields filled out, and attach and send a copy of the filled-out PDF to scratchdata@media.mit.edu from your institutional email address. We will reply to your email to confirm that you have control over your address before granting you access.

We will approve your request as soon as possible. Once your request is approved, you will be able to download data directly from the Harvard Dataverse repository.

If you have any questions, please email scratchdata@media.mit.edu.

The Scratch team at MIT has released these data for scholarly and research purposes. They are distributed to you only for that purpose. Any commercial use of these data, including for marketing purposes or data-mining for marketing or advertising, is forbidden.

These data are distributed only to you for your own research projects. You may not share, redistribute, or republish these data. Anyone interested in working with these data should apply on this website and agree to the data sharing agreement. Publication of analyses, quantitative and qualitative, are both acceptable and encouraged.

These data are released with approval from the Committee on the Use of Humans as Experimental Subjects at MIT. You are responsible for ensuring that your own use and research using these data is approved by your own institutional review board.

The data collected here were all contributed to the public Scratch website and contains no private data. Please keep in mind that, even though these data are public and were contributed by users who know they would be public, there may still be risks involved in research using these data. Keep in mind that many of the users of the Scratch online community are young people and much of the content contributed to Scratch has been contributed by users who were under 18 years of age and from countries across the world.

Any publication of data should maintain users' anonymity. Usernames are intentionally removed and no attempt should be made to identify or contact specific users.

Researchers must also ensure that published research using these data should not republish or quote in a way that would allow readers to identify the authors of the original text. For example, strings reported in web search results (e.g., strings in the `project_text` and `galleries_text` tables) should never be quoted or included verbatim in any publication. The text of comments (i.e., in the `pcomments_text` and `gcomments_text` tables, which are not included in search results, can be quoted.

When submitting papers for publication using these data, cite the following two papers describing (a) the Scratch project ([link](#)) and (b) the release of

these data ([link](#)) including the means through which others can access the data.

We also include two non-binding requests:

1. We ask that you email us at scratchdata@media.mit.edu upon publication of any papers based on the data, so that a link to the paper can be added to the online list of Scratch research.
2. We ask that any computer code necessary to reproduce your results be made publicly available when you publish a paper based on these data.

Full name:

[Harvard Dataverse](#) username:
(e.g. @mako)

Affiliation:

Title:

Institutional email address:

Project description:

Signature (type your name):

Date: