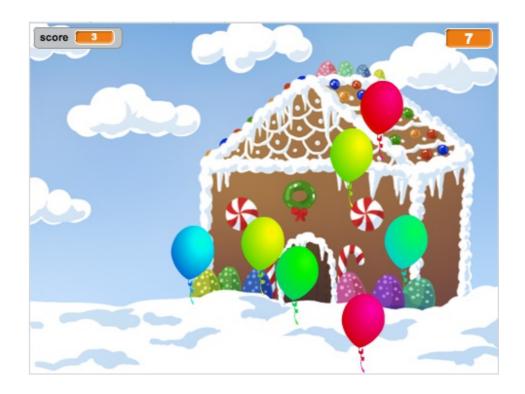
# Scratch

# (Beta) Balloons



#### Introduction

You are going to make a balloon-popping game!





**Activity Checklist** 



**Test your Project** 



**Save your Project** 

Follow these INSTRUCTIONS one by one

Click on the green flag to TEST your code

Make sure to SAVE your work now

### **Step 1: Animating a balloon**



- 1. Start a new project, and delete the cat sprite, so that your project is empty.
- 2. Add in a new balloon sprite, and a suitable stage backdrop.



3. Add this code to your balloon, so that it bounces around the screen:

```
when clicked

go to x: 0 y: 0

point in direction 45 v

forever

move 1 steps

if on edge, bounce
```

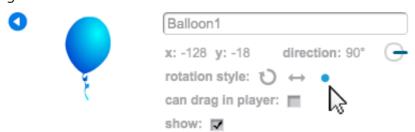
- 4. Test out your balloon. Does it move too slowly? Change the numbers in your code if you want to speed it up a bit.
- 5. Did you also notice that your balloon flips as it moves around the screen?



Balloons don't move like this! To fix this, click on the balloon sprite icon, and then click the blue information icon.



In the 'rotation style' section, click the dot to stop the balloon rotating.



6. Test your program again to see if the problem is fixed.



#### **Step 2: Random balloons**

## Activity Checklist

- With the code you have now, your balloon will always start in the same place and move in the same path. Click the flag a few times to start your program, and you'll see it's the same every time.
- 2. Instead of using the same x and y position each time, you can let Scratch choose a random number instead. Change your balloon's code, so that it looks like this:



- 3. If you click the green flag a few times, you should notice that your balloon starts in a different place each time.
- 4. You could even use a random number to choose a random balloon colour each time:



What happens if this code is put at the start of your program? Does anything different happen if you put this code inside the forever loop? Which do you prefer?



Save your project

#### **Challenge: More randomness**

Can you make your balloon start by pointing in a random direction (between -90 and 180)?



Save your project

#### **Step 3: Popping balloons**

Lets allow the player to pop the balloons!



#### **Activity Checklist**

Click on your balloon sprite, and then click the 'Costumes' tab.
 You can delete all of the other costumes, just leaving 1 balloon costume. Add a new costume, by clicking 'Paint new costume' and create a new costume called 'burst'.



2. Make sure that your balloon switches to the right costume when the game starts. Your code should now look like this:

```
when clicked

switch costume to balloon1-a v

point in direction pick random -90 to 180

go to x: pick random -150 to 150 y: pick random -150 to 150

change color v effect by pick random 0 to 200

forever

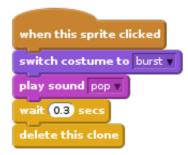
move 1 steps

if on edge, bounce
```

3. To allow the player to burst a balloon, add this code:



4. Test out your project. Can you pop the balloon? Does it work as you expected? You'll need to improve this code, so that when the balloon is clicked, it shows the 'burst' costume for a short time, and is then deleted. You can make all of this happen by changing your balloon when sprite clicked code to this:



- 5. Now that you're deleting the balloon when it's clicked, you'll also need to add a show block to the start of the when flag clicked code.
- 6. Try popping a balloon again, to check that it works properly. If you find it difficult to pop the balloon without dragging it around, you can play the game in fullscreen mode by clicking this button:





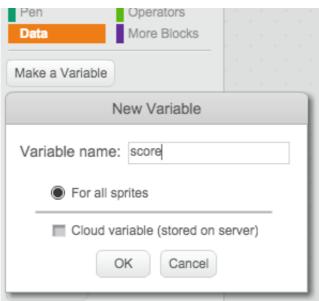
#### Step 4: Adding a score

Let's make things more interesting by keeping score.



To keep the player's score, you need a place to put it. A
variable is a place to store data that can change, like a score.
To create a new variable, click on the 'Scripts' tab, select

Data and then click 'Make a Variable'.



Type 'score' as the name of the variable, and click 'OK' to create it. You'll then see lots of code blocks that can be used with your score variable.



You'll also see the score in the top-left of the stage.



2. When a new game is started (by clicking the flag), you want to set the player's score to 0. Add this code to the top of the balloon's when flag clicked code:

```
set score ▼ to 0
```

3. Whenever a balloon is popped, you need to add 1 to the score:



4. Run your program again and click the balloon. Does your score change?



Save your project

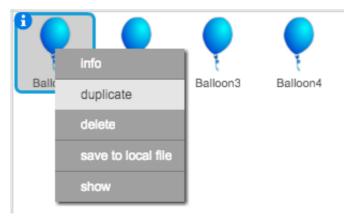
#### **Step 5: Lots of balloons**

Popping 1 balloon isn't much of a game, so let's add lots more!



#### **Activity Checklist**

 One simple way to get lots of balloons is just to right-click on the balloon sprite and click 'duplicate'. If you keep doing that, you'll have lots of balloons!



Duplicating your balloon sprite is OK if you only want a few, but what if you need 20? or 100? or 1000? Are you really going to click 'duplicate' that many times?

Another way of getting lots of balloons is to clone the balloon sprite.

Drag your balloon when flag clicked code (except the score block) off of the event (don't delete it), and instead add code to create 20 balloon clones:

```
when / clicked
set score ▼ to 0
                                                                                           y: 86
hide
repeat 20
  create clone of myself ▼
                                  switch costume to balloon1-a
                                  point in direction pick random -90 to 180
                                  go to x: pick random -150 to 150 y: pick random -150 to 150
when this sprite clicked
                                  change color effect by pick random 0 to 200
switch costume to burst ▼
play sound pop -
                                    move 2 steps
wait 0.3 secs
                                    if on edge, bounce
change score by 1
delete this clone
```

2. You can now attach the code you've just removed to the when I start as a clone event, so that your balloon code now looks like this:

```
when P clicked
set score v to 0
repeat 20
                                  switch costume to balloon1-a v
  create clone of myself -
                                  point in direction pick random -90 to 180
                                  go to x: pick random -150 to 150 y: pick random -150 to 150
                                  change color ▼ effect by pick random 0 to 200
 when this sprite clicked
switch costume to burst
                                    move 2 steps
play sound pop v
                                    if on edge, bounce
wait 0.3 secs
change score v by 1
delete this clone
```

Now when the flag is clicked, your main balloon sprite will hide and then clone itself 20 times. When each of these 20 clones is started, they will each bounce around the screen randomly, just as they did before.

3. Test your project to see if you can pop the 20 balloons!



Save your project

#### Step 6: Adding a timer

You can make your game more interesting, by only giving your player 10 seconds to pop as many balloons as possible.

#### **Activity Checklist**

1. You can use another variable to store the remaining time left.

Create a new variable called 'time':



- 2. This is how the timer should work:
  - The timer should start at 10 seconds;
  - The timer should count down every second;



The game should stop when the timer gets to
 0.

Here's the code to do this, which you can add to your stage:

```
when clicked

set time to 10

repeat until time = 0

wait 1 secs
change time by -1

stop all v
```

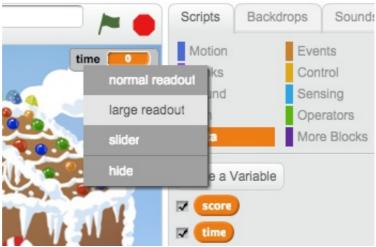
To add the repeat until [time = 0 code, first you'll need to
drag a green = block, onto your repeat until block:

```
when clicked
set time to 10
repeat until
```

You can then drag your time variable onto the block:

```
when clicked
set time to 10
repeat until time
```

3. Drag your 'time' variable display to the right side of the stage. You can also right-click on the variable display and choose 'large readout' to change how the time is displayed.



- 4. Test your game. How many points can you score? If your game is too easy, you can:
  - Give the player less time;
  - Have more balloons:
  - Make the balloons move faster;
  - Make the balloons smaller.

Test your game a few times until you're happy that it's the right level of difficulty.



Save your project

#### **Challenge: More objects**

Can you add in other objects to your game? You can add good objects, like donuts, that give you lots of points, or bad objects, like bats, that take points away.



You'll need to think about the objects you're adding. Think about:

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	How	big	is	it?	How	does	it	move?
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- How many points will you score (or lose) for clicking it?
- Will it move faster or slower than the balloons?
- What will it look/sound like when it's been clicked?

If you need help adding another object, you can reuse the steps above!

