Scratch

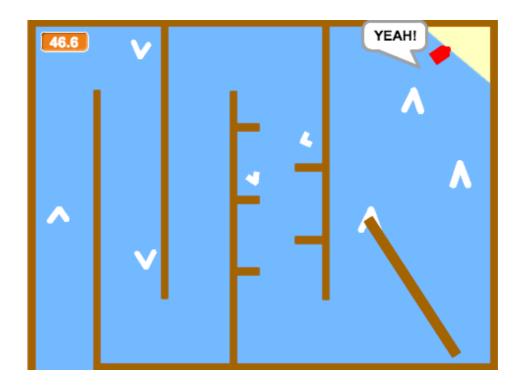
Boat Race



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Introduction

You are going to learn how to make a game, in which you'll use the mouse to control a boat. You must try to get to the desert island, avoiding the wooden barriers. The white arrows boost your boat and make it go faster.





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: Controlling a boat

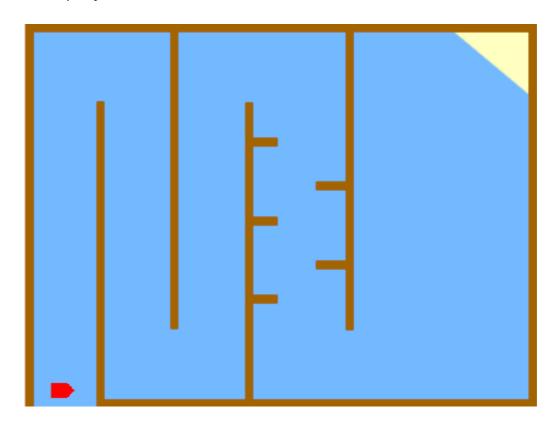


- 1. Start a new project, and delete the cat sprite, so that your project is empty.
- 2. For this project, you should have a 'Project Resources' folder, containing all of the images you'll need. Make sure that you can find this folder, and ask your club leader if you can't find it.

backgroundboat.png

- 3. From this 'Project Resources' folder, import 'background.png' as the stage backdrop and 'boat.png' as a new sprite. If you don't have these images you can draw them yourself!
- 4. Rename your sprite 'Player 1', shrink it slightly, and move it to the bottom of the stage.

Your project should look like this:



5. You are going to control the boat with your mouse. Add this code to your boat:

```
when clicked

point in direction 0v

go to x: -215 y: -160

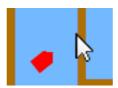
forever

point towards mouse-pointer v

move 1 steps
```

6. Test out your boat, by clicking the flag and moving the mouse.

Does the boat sail towards the mouse?



7. Have a look what happens when the boat reaches the mouse pointer.

To stop this happening, you'll need to add an if block to your code, so that the boat only moves if it is more than 5 pixels away from the mouse.

```
when clicked

point in direction 0 v

go to x: -215 y: -160

forever

if distance to mouse-pointer v > 5 then

point towards mouse-pointer v

move 1 steps
```

8. Test out your boat again, to check whether the problem has been fixed.



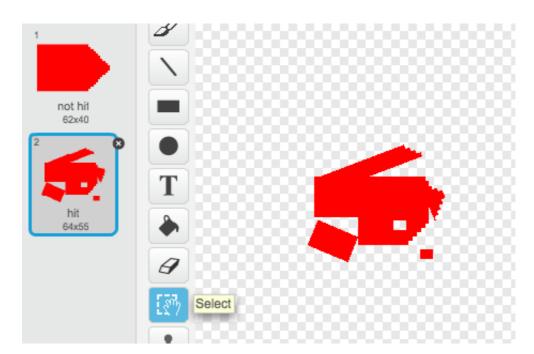
Step 2: Crashing!

Your boat can sail through the wooden barriers! Let's fix that.



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- 1. You'll need 2 costumes for your boat, one normal costume, and one for when the boat crashes. Duplicate your boat costume, and name them 'hit' and 'not hit'.
- 2. Click on your 'hit' costume, and choose the 'Select' tool to grab bits of the boat and move and rotate them around. Make your boat look as if it's crashed.



3. Add this code to your boat, inside the **forever** loop, so that it crashes when it touches any brown wooden barriers:

```
switch costume to hit

say Noooooo! for 1 secs

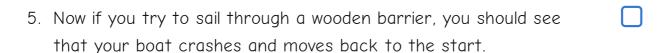
switch costume to not hit

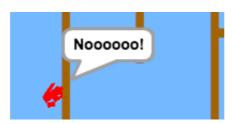
point in direction 0

go to x: -215 y: -160
```

This code is inside the **forever** loop, so that your code keeps checking if the boat has crashed.

4. You should also make sure that your boat always starts looking like it's 'not hit'.







Save your project

Challenge: Winning!

Can you add another if statement to your boat's code, so that the player wins when they get to the desert island?

When the boat gets to the yellow sand, it should say 'YEAH!' and then the game should stop. You'll need to use this code:







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Challenge: Sound effects

Can you add sound effects to your game, for when the boat crashes, or reaches the island at the end. You could even add background music (see the previous 'Rock Band' project if you need help with this).



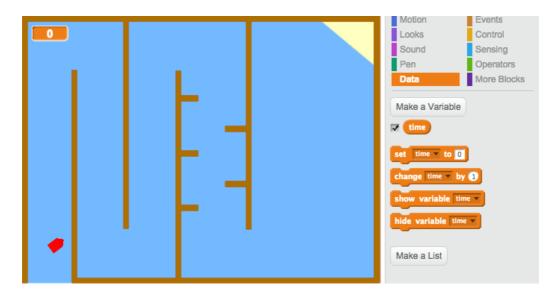
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Step 4: Time Trial

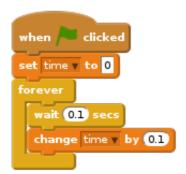
Let's add a timer to the game, so that the player has to get to the desert island as fast as possible.



1. Add a new variable called **time** to your game. You can also change the display of your new variable. If you need help, have a look at the 'Balloons' project.

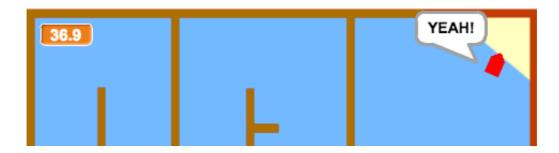


2. Add this code to your stage, so that the timer counts up until the boat reaches the desert island:



3. That's it! Test out your game and see how quickly you can get to the desert island!







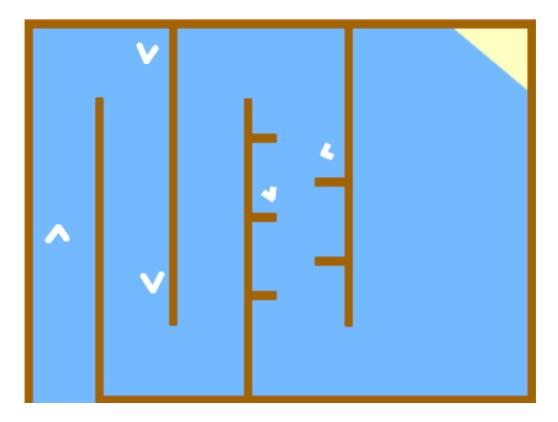
Step 4: Obstacles and power-ups

This game is far too easy - let's add things to make it more interesting.

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1. First let's add some 'boosts' to your game, which will speed up the boat. Edit your stage backdrop and add in some white booster arrows.

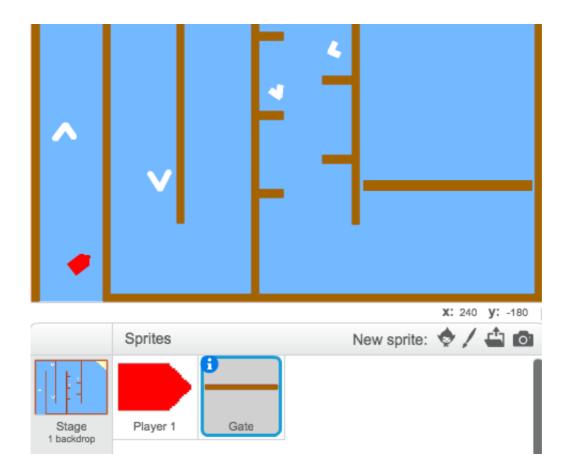




2. You can now add some code to your boat's **forever** loop, so that it moves 2 extra steps when touching a white booster.



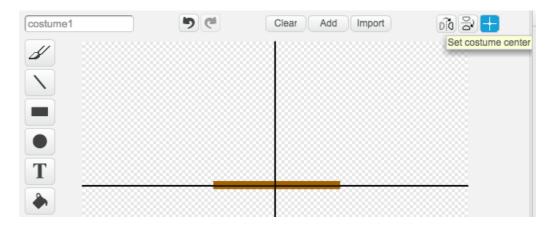
3. You can also add in a spinning gate, which your boat has to avoid. Add in a new sprite called 'Gate', which looks like this:



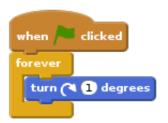
4. Make sure that the colour of the gate is the same as the other wooden barriers.



5. Set the center of the gate sprite.



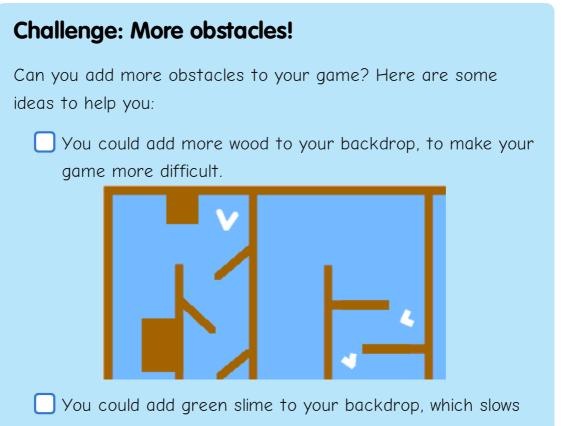
6. Add this code to your gate, to make it spin slowly:

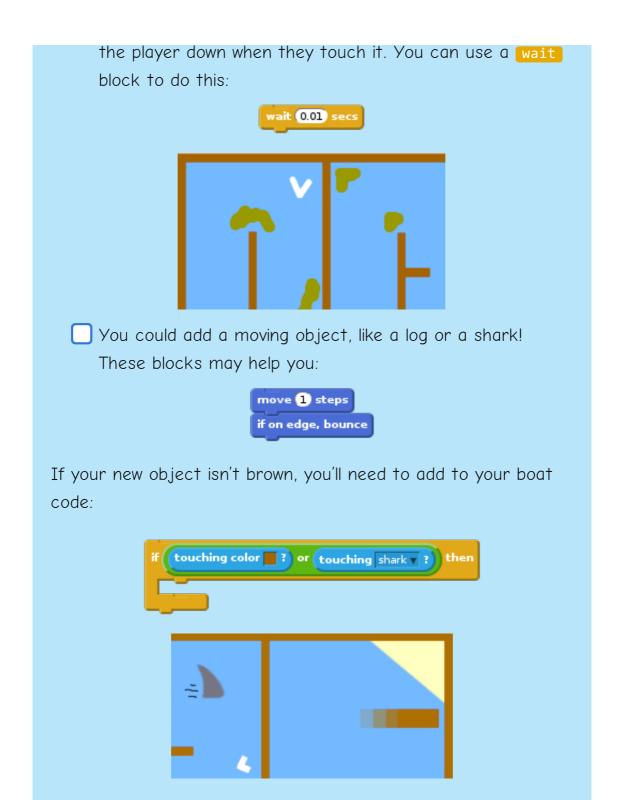


7. Test out your game. You should now have a spinning gate that you must avoid.









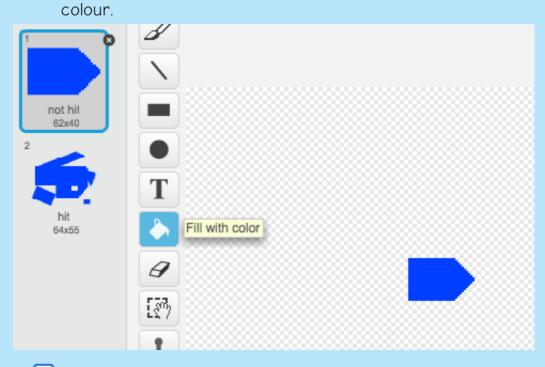


Challenge: More boats!

Can you turn your game into a race between 2 players?

Duplicate the boat, rename it 'Player 2' and change its





Change Player 2's starting position, by changing this code:

```
go to x: -215 y: -160
```

Delete the code that uses the mouse to control the boat:

```
if distance to mouse-pointer > 5 then

point towards mouse-pointer 

move 1 steps
```

...and replace it with code to control the boat using the arrow keys.

This is the code you'll need to move the boat forward:

```
if key up arrow v pressed? then
```

You'll also need code to turn the boat when the left and right arrow keys are pressed.



Challenge: More levels!

Can you create additional backdrops, and allow the player to choose between levels?

```
when space key pressed
```

