

Coding for Good - App Development (Juniors / Cadettes)

Welcome to the Coding for Good App Development Event!

Before we get started, let's be sure we all know the following:

- The username and password of a GMAIL account
- How to connect your device (phone/tablet) to the event's WiFi network
SSID: GSCOC-Guest Password: gs0cGuests (0 = zero)
- How to download an app from your device's app store, specifically the (free) app **Thunkable Live**

Please raise your hand if you are having problems with any of the above!

So what's the plan?

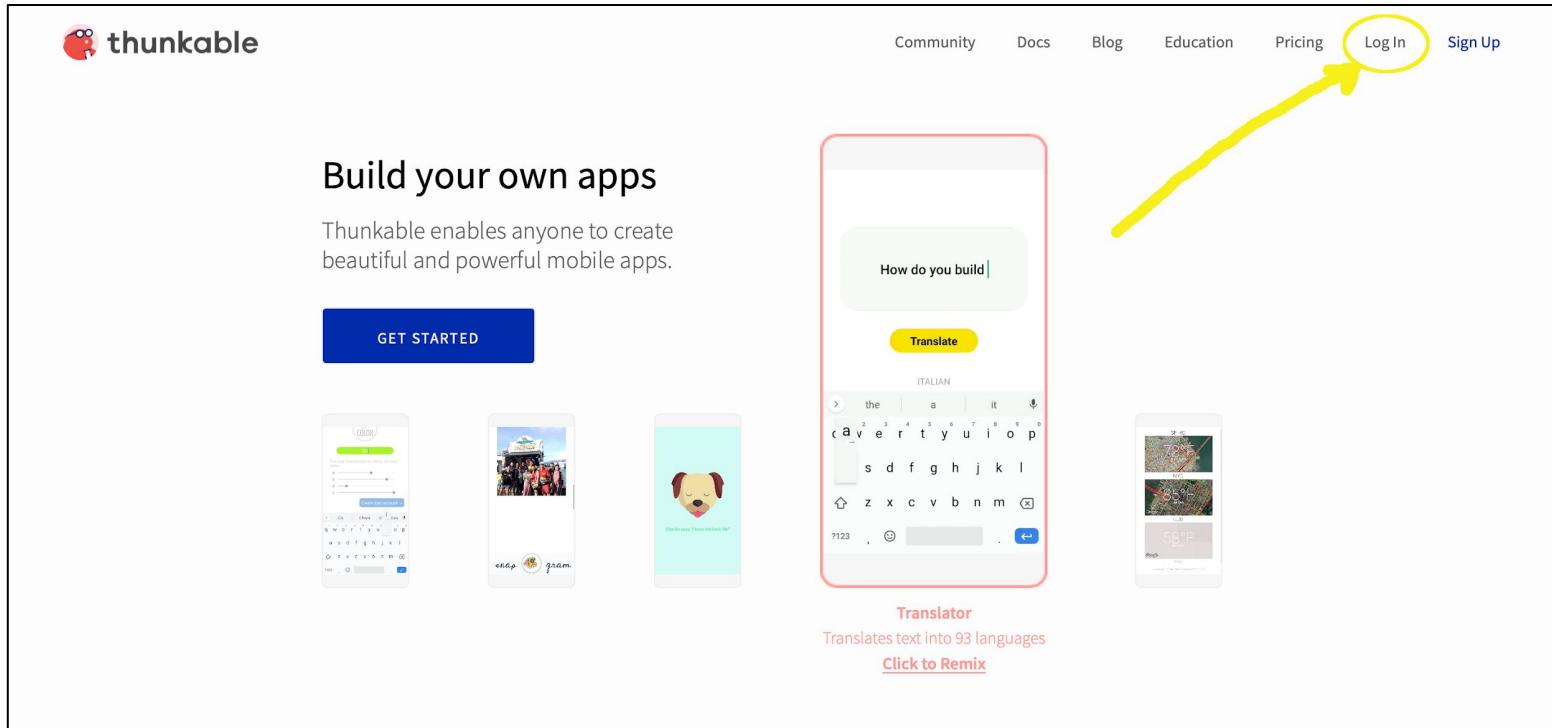
We're going to introduce the Thunkable X app development platform, then discuss specific requirements for the app we'll develop today. You can design your app as you'd like as long as it fits the event requirements, or you can just follow along with the example app that we will present. If you follow along, don't be afraid to "experiment" and pick your own button and logo images; add some of your own bedazzle to personalize your app!

Along the way, we'll talk about the process of app development, the tools app developers use, and the challenges they face.

I hope you will enjoy app development, and I encourage you to dream up your own app ideas and start building them! We'll spend a little time at the end of our event brainstorming ideas for apps that could help us solve problems in your neighbor or society.

Getting Started - ThunkableX

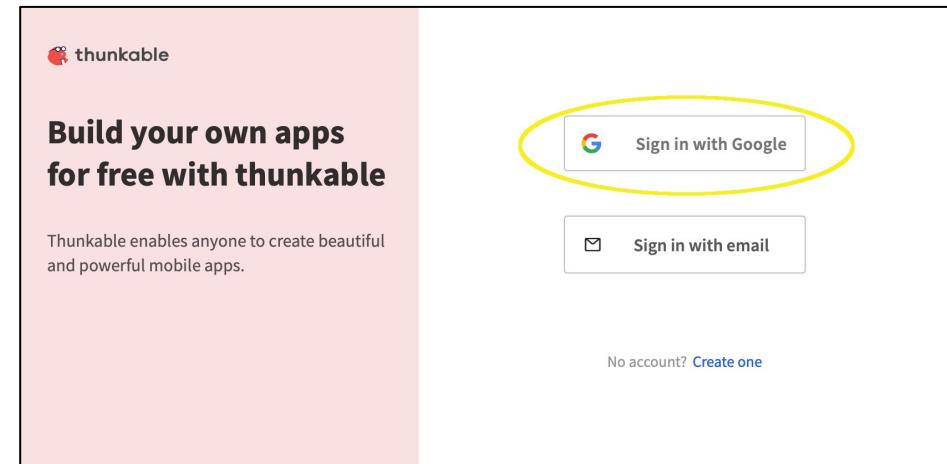
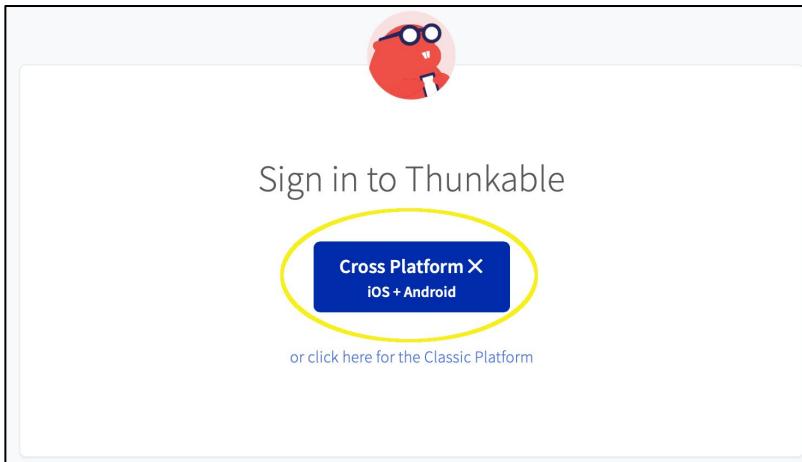
Using the **FIREFOX** browser on your laptop, navigate to the <https://www.thunkable.com> website and click the Login button in the upper right corner of the screen as shown below.



The screenshot shows the Thunkable website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Community, Docs, Blog, Education, Pricing, Log In (which is circled in yellow), and Sign Up. The main heading "Build your own apps" is displayed, along with a subtext: "Thunkable enables anyone to create beautiful and powerful mobile apps." Below this is a "GET STARTED" button. On the left, there are three small app preview cards: one showing a keyboard interface, one showing a group of people, and one showing a dog's face. On the right, there is a larger preview card for a "Translator" app, which translates text into 93 languages. A yellow arrow points from the bottom-left towards the "Log In" button in the navigation bar.

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Click on the Cross Platform X button, and then click on the Sign in with Google button. **Use the GMAIL username and password you were asked to bring to this event to log in.**

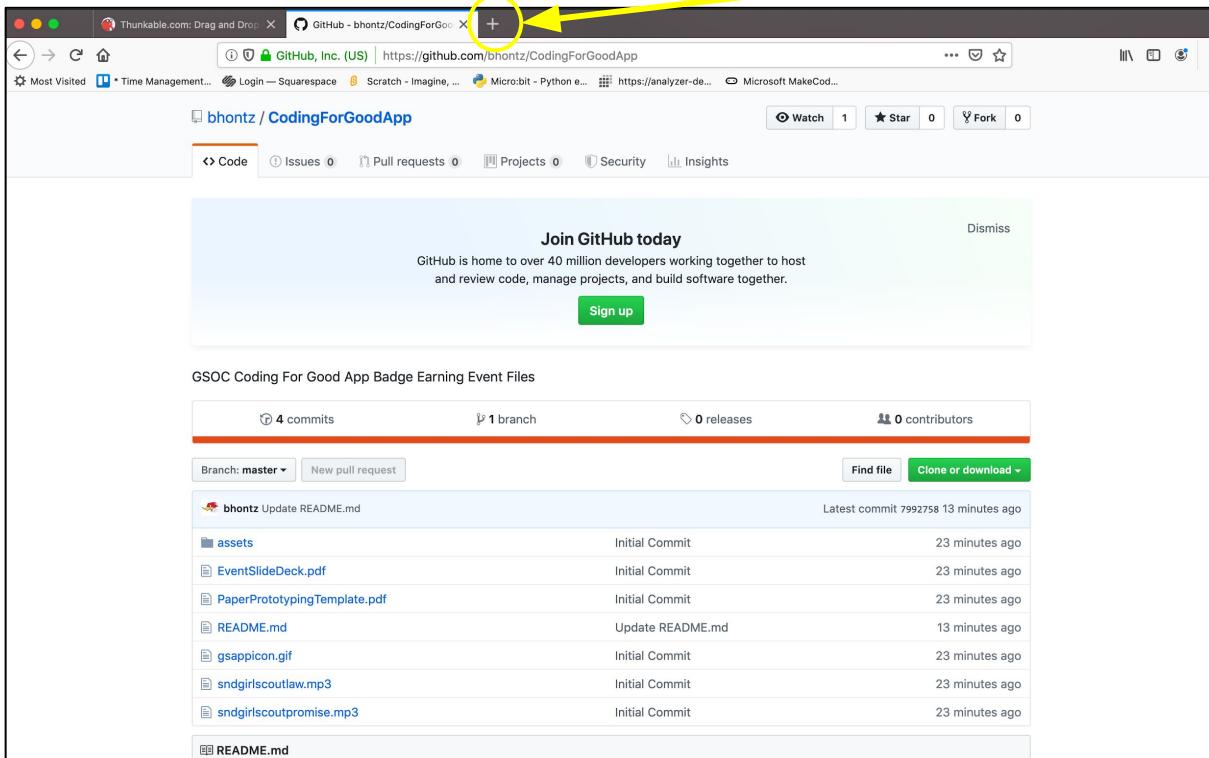


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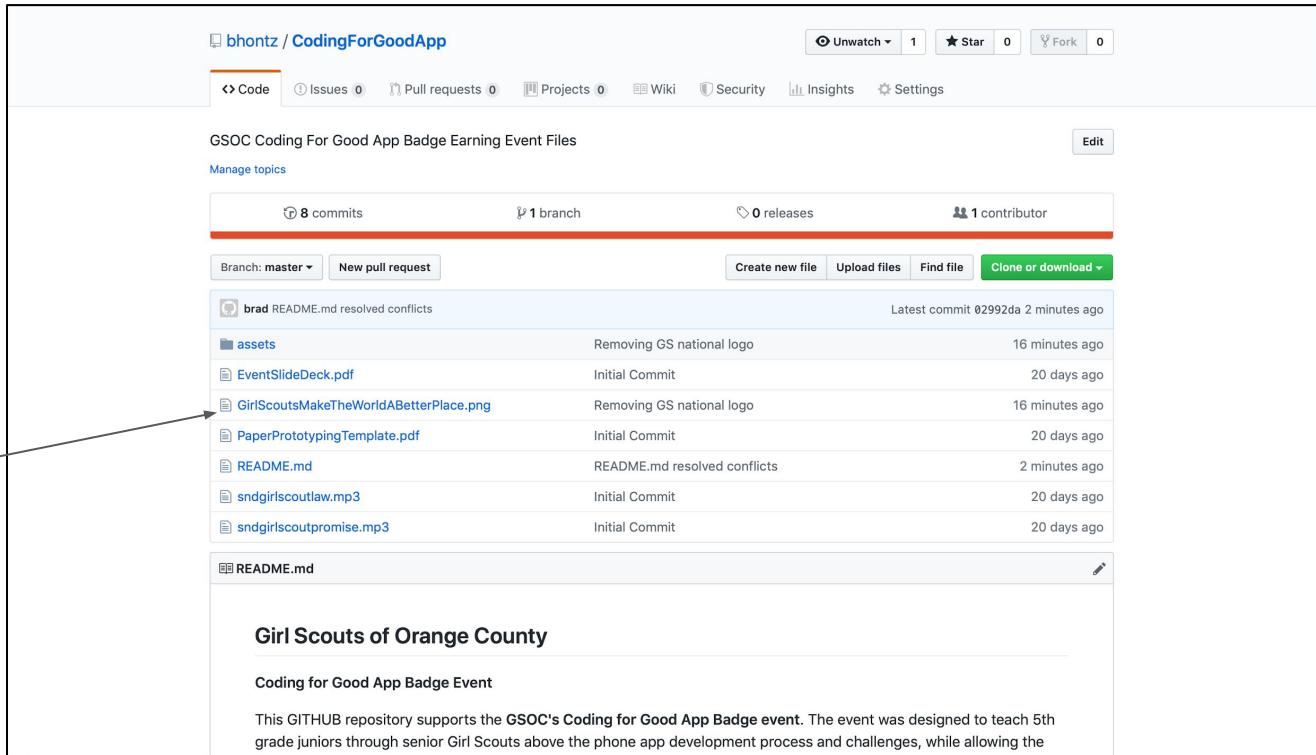
<https://github.com/bhontz/CodingForGoodApp>

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Double click on the file **GirlScoutsMakeTheWorldABetterPlace.png** as shown below.



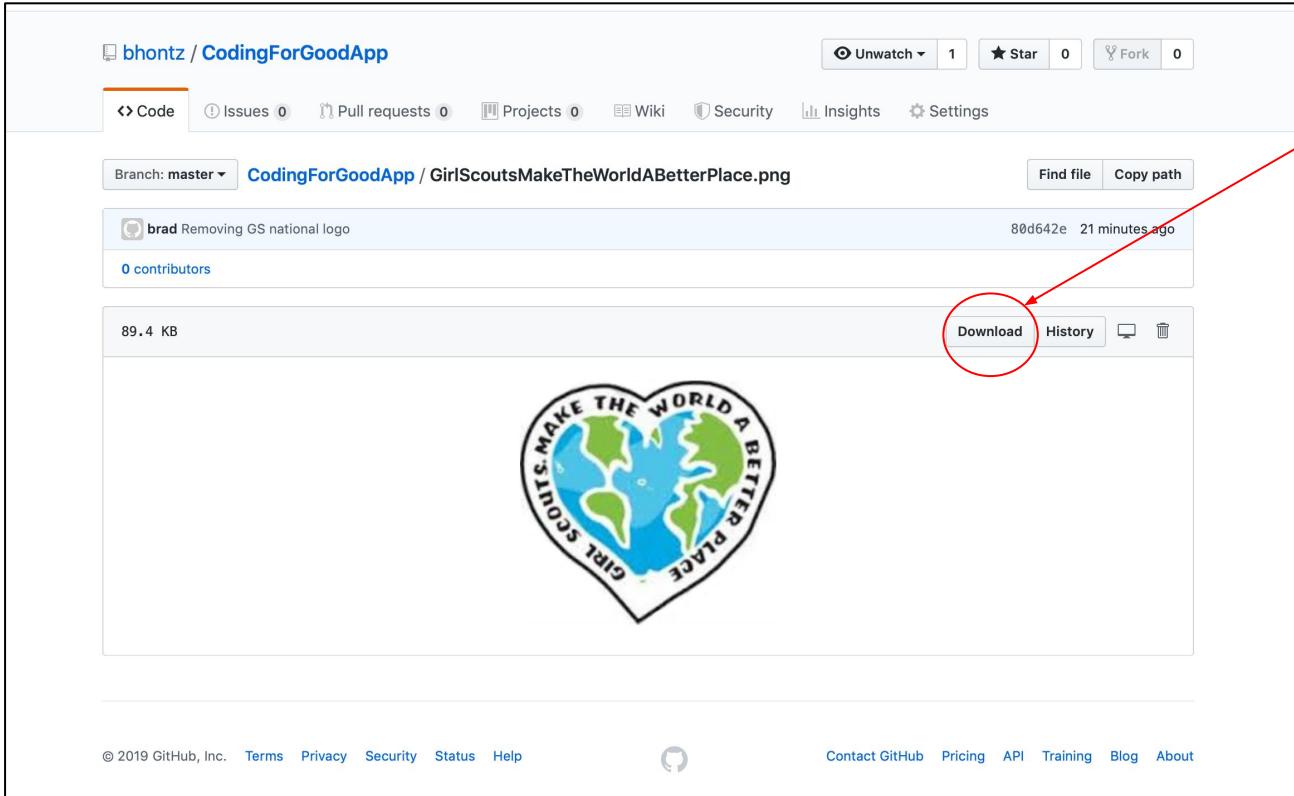
The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'bhontz / CodingForGoodApp'. The repository has 8 commits, 1 branch, 0 releases, and 1 contributor. The latest commit was made 2 minutes ago. The repository contains several files, including 'README.md', 'EventSlideDeck.pdf', 'PaperPrototypingTemplate.pdf', 'README.md', 'sndgirlscoutlaw.mp3', 'sndgirlscoutpromise.mp3', and 'README.md'. A callout box with the text 'Click on this file' points to the file 'GirlScoutsMakeTheWorldABetterPlace.png'.

File	Description	Time Ago
README.md	resolved conflicts	2 minutes ago
EventSlideDeck.pdf	Initial Commit	20 days ago
GirlScoutsMakeTheWorldABetterPlace.png	Removing GS national logo	16 minutes ago
PaperPrototypingTemplate.pdf	Initial Commit	20 days ago
README.md	resolved conflicts	20 days ago
sndgirlscoutlaw.mp3	Initial Commit	20 days ago
sndgirlscoutpromise.mp3	Initial Commit	20 days ago
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Click on this file

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We need to save this graphic file to our DOWNLOADS folder. Click the Download button.



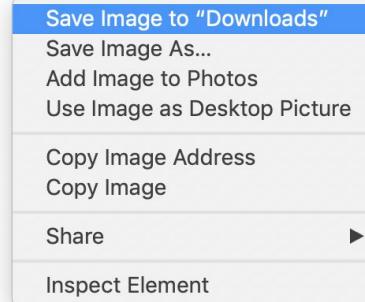
The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'bhontz / CodingForGoodApp'. The repository has 1 watch, 0 stars, and 0 forks. The master branch contains a file named 'CodingForGoodApp / GirlScoutsMakeTheWorldABetterPlace.png'. The file was last modified by 'brad' 21 minutes ago, with the commit message 'Removing GS national logo'. The file size is 89.4 KB. At the bottom of the preview, there is a 'Download' button, which is circled in red with a red arrow pointing to it from the text above. The GitHub footer includes links for Contact GitHub, Pricing, API, Training, Blog, and About.

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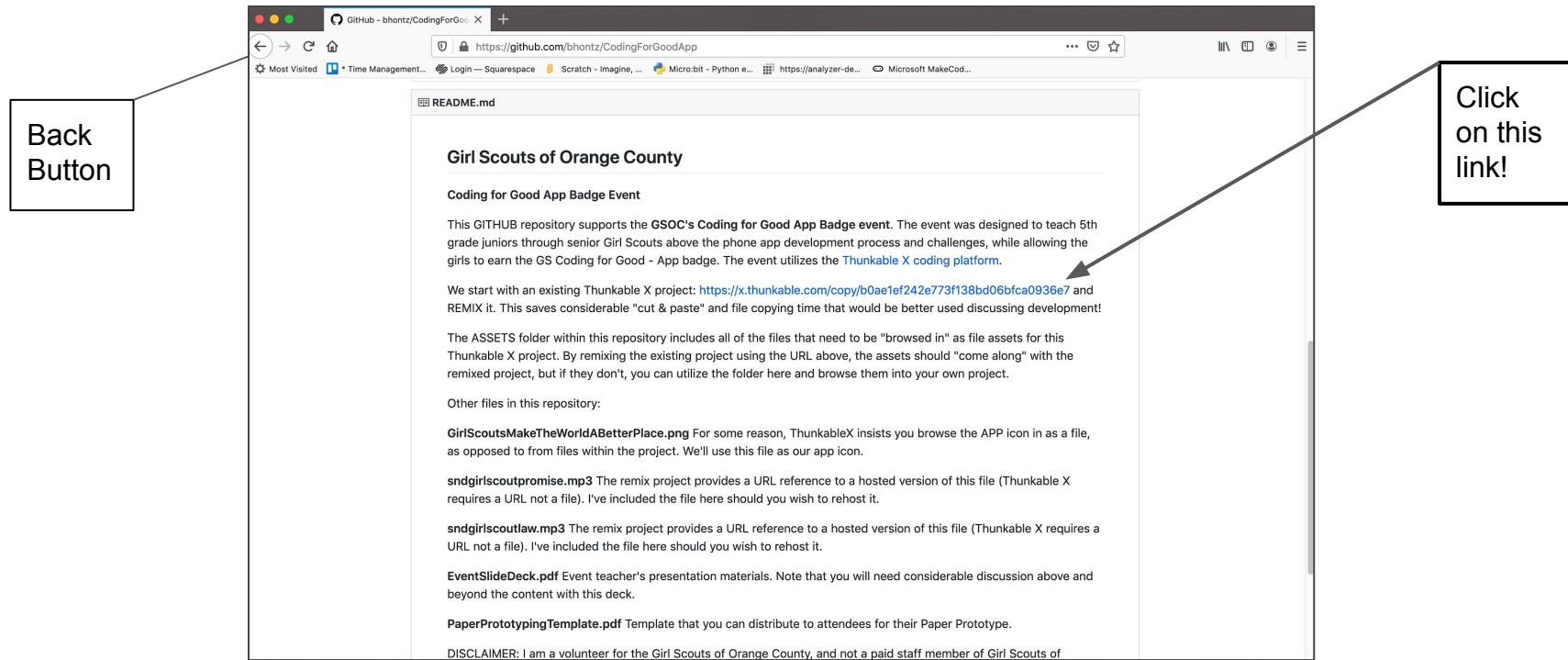
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Right Click on this screen and “Save Image to Downloads”. Your menu might look a little different than this! This step should save the file **GirlScoutsMakeTheWorldABetterPlace.png** to your computer’s DOWNLOADS file folder. We’ll use this file very soon.



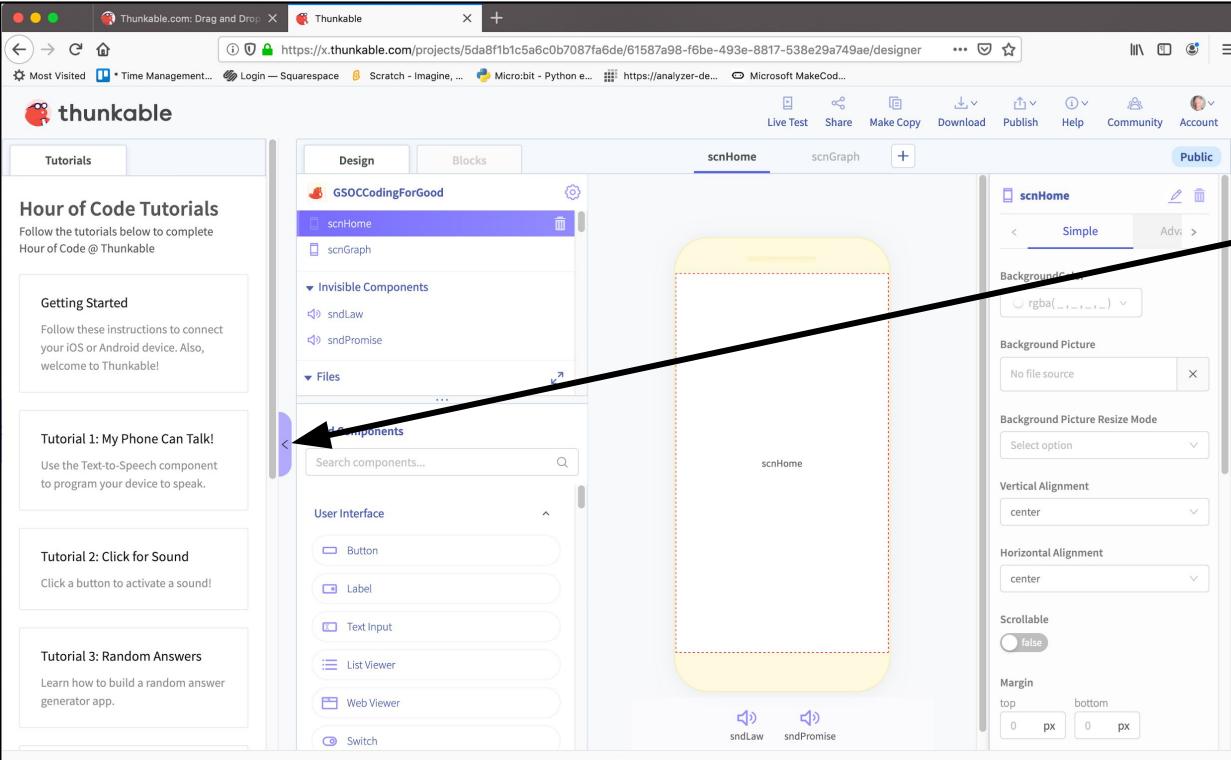
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Click the Back Button on your browser until you return to the list of files we started with, then scroll down until you can see the README.md document as shown below. Click on the link shown in the second paragraph.



Getting Started - ThunkableX

Congratulations!!! Let's get started! Note that you can access TUTORIALS using the left side pane, but we'll close the tutorial pane for the remainder of our event.

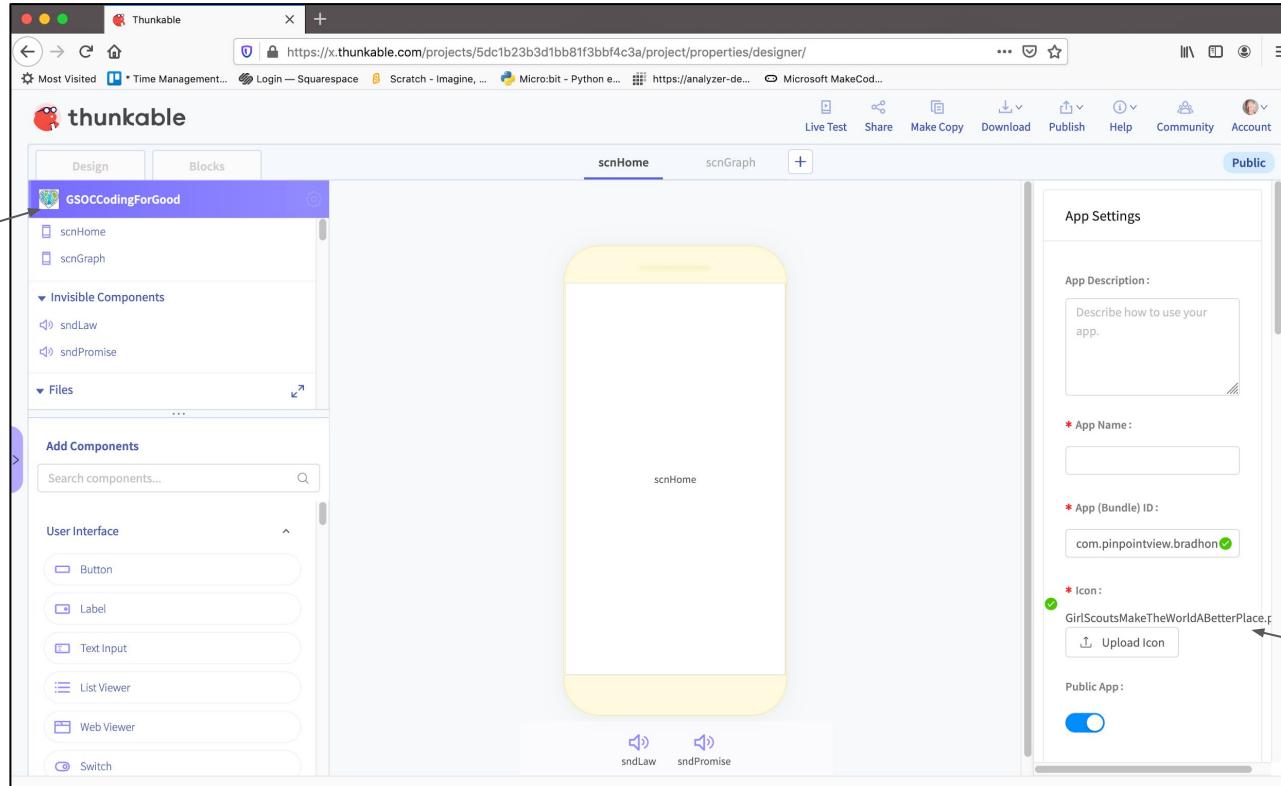


The screenshot shows the ThunkableX designer interface. On the left, there is a sidebar titled "Tutorials" containing several Hour of Code Tutorials: "Getting Started", "Tutorial 1: My Phone Can Talk!", "Tutorial 2: Click for Sound", and "Tutorial 3: Random Answers". A large black arrow points from the "Tutorial 1" section towards the left edge of the screen, indicating where to click to close the tutorial pane. The main workspace shows a scene titled "scnHome" with a yellow rounded rectangle component. The right panel displays the component's properties, including "Background Color" set to "Simple" with "rgba(255, 255, 0, 1)" and "Vertical Alignment" set to "center". Below the workspace, two sound effect icons are labeled "sndLaw" and "sndPromise".

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Screens, Components and Blocks!

Let's talk about App Settings, Screens, Components, and Blocks! Use the ATTRIBUTE PANE on the right to assign our app an icon (icon that we'll see on our phone).

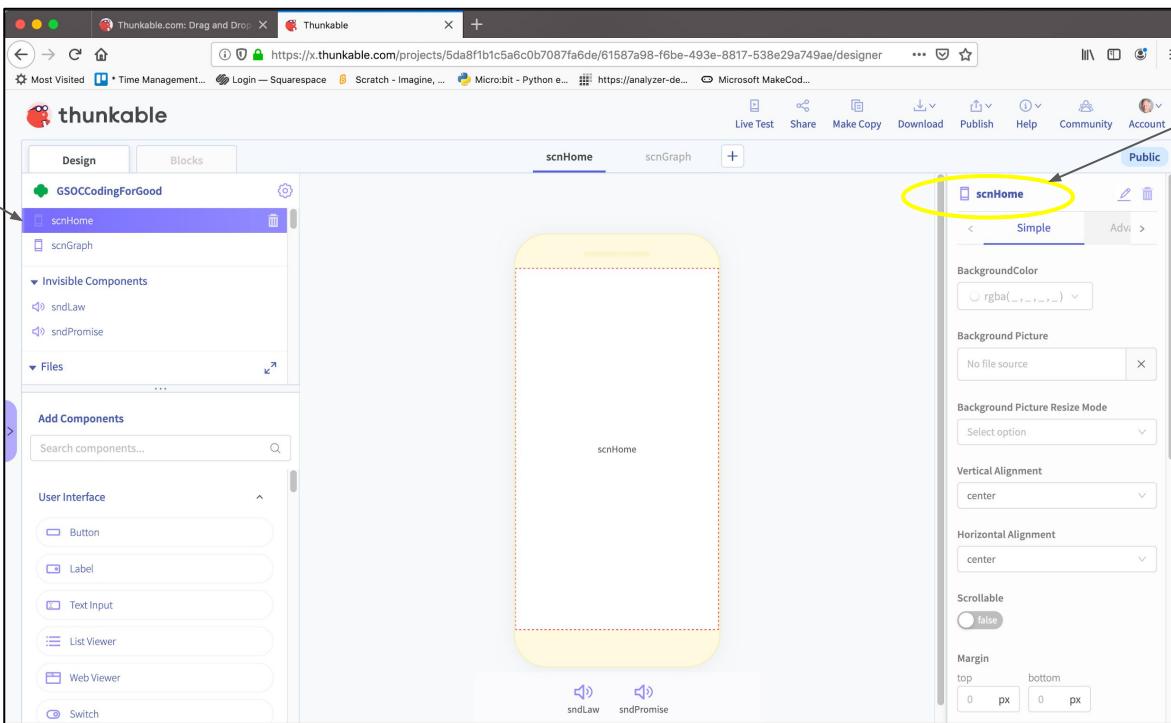


The screenshot shows the Thunkable app designer interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Design' and 'Blocks' tabs, a project list ('GSO Coding For Good'), and sections for 'Invisible Components' (sndLaw, sndPromise) and 'Files'. Below that is an 'Add Components' section with a search bar and categories like 'User Interface' (Button, Label, Text Input, List Viewer, Web Viewer, Switch). In the center, there's a smartphone-shaped canvas labeled 'scnHome'. At the bottom, there are two sound icon buttons labeled 'sndLaw' and 'sndPromise'. On the right, the 'App Settings' pane is open, containing fields for 'App Description' (a placeholder box), 'App Name' (empty field), 'App (Bundle) ID' (set to 'com.pinpointview.bradhon'), and 'Icon' (a placeholder box with a green checkmark and the text 'GirlScoutsMakeTheWorldABetterPlace.png'). A blue arrow points from the text in the callout box to the 'Icon' field.

GirlScoutsMakeTheWorldABetterPlace.png should be in your DOWNLOADS folder!

Naming conventions we'll use

The following slide will contain a list of naming conventions that we'll use for this project. App developers use conventions like this to make it easier to understand the screens and components they are referencing within their code.



A screenshot of the Thunkable app interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Design' and 'Blocks' tabs, a project list ('GSOCCodingForGood'), and component categories like 'User Interface' (Button, Label, Text Input, List Viewer, Web Viewer, Switch). In the center, a mobile phone-shaped canvas has a yellow rounded rectangle labeled 'scnHome'. Below the canvas are two sound icons labeled 'sndLaw' and 'sndPromise'. On the right, a panel shows the screen's properties: 'Public' tab selected, 'BackgroundColor' set to 'rgba(255, 255, 255)', 'Vertical Alignment' and 'Horizontal Alignment' both set to 'center', and 'Margin' set to '0 px'. A yellow circle highlights the 'scnHome' label in the properties panel. A callout box on the left says 'I clicked here' with an arrow pointing to the sidebar. Another callout box on the right says 'I used this name (click on the pencil)' with an arrow pointing to the 'scnHome' label in the properties panel.

Naming Conventions - Reference

You will find it much easier to code your app when using meaningful PREFIXes when we name our app's screens and components:

scn = Screen (e.g. scnHome, scnLaw, scnPromise ...)

btn = Button (e.g. btnHomeLaw, btnLawReturn, btnPromiseSpeak ...)

lst = List (e.g. lstTroopMembers)

row = Row layout container component (e.g. rowHomeBotttom)

col = Column layout container component (e.g. colHomeTop)

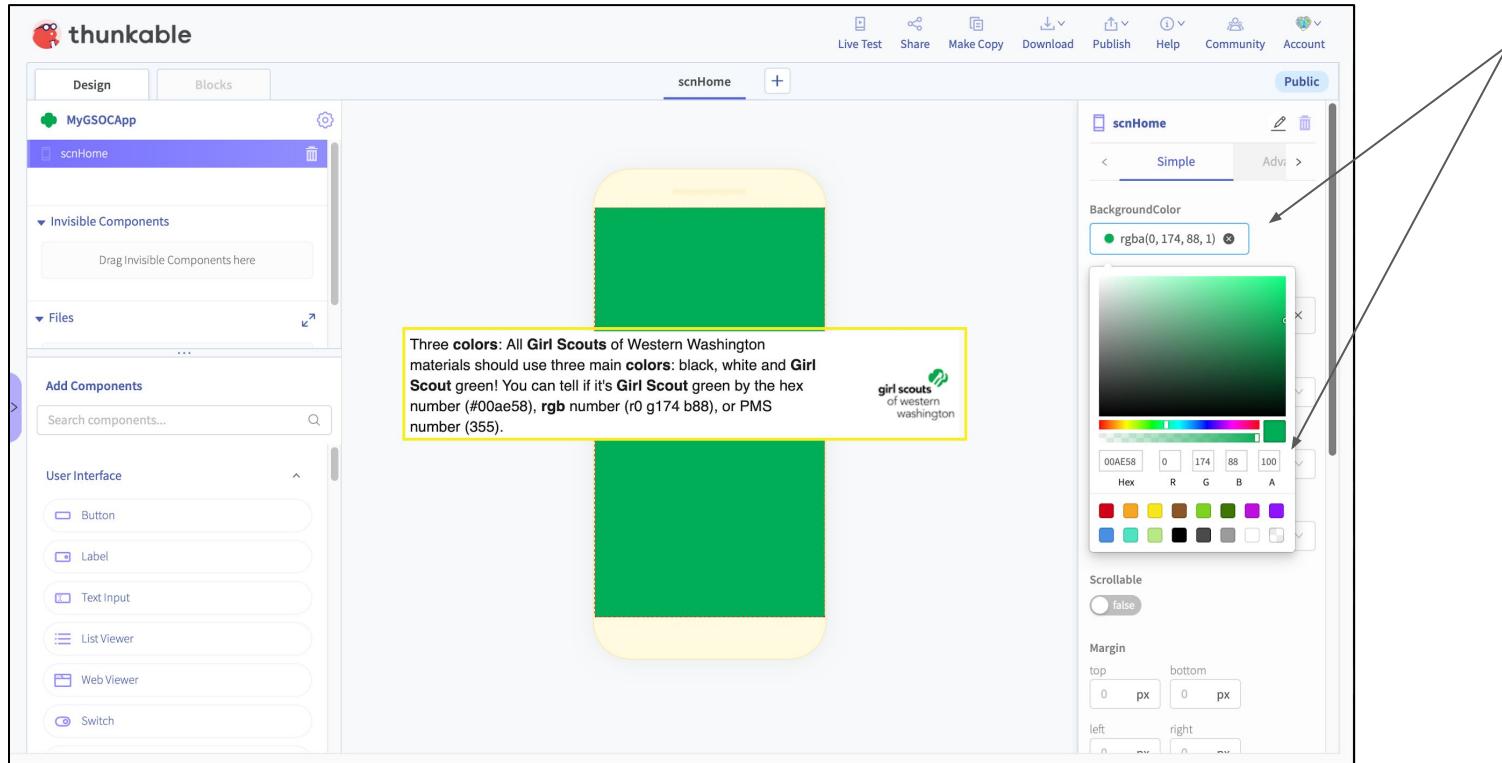
snd = Sound file object (e.g. sndPromise, sndLaw)

img = Image file object (e.g. imgGSOCLogo)

wv = “Web Viewer” (e.g. wvPromise, wvGraph...)

Home Screen Background Color

Let's use Girl Scout colors for our home screen background! The RGB(A) representation of "Girl Scout Green" is R = 0, G = 174, B = 88. Set our background as shown below:



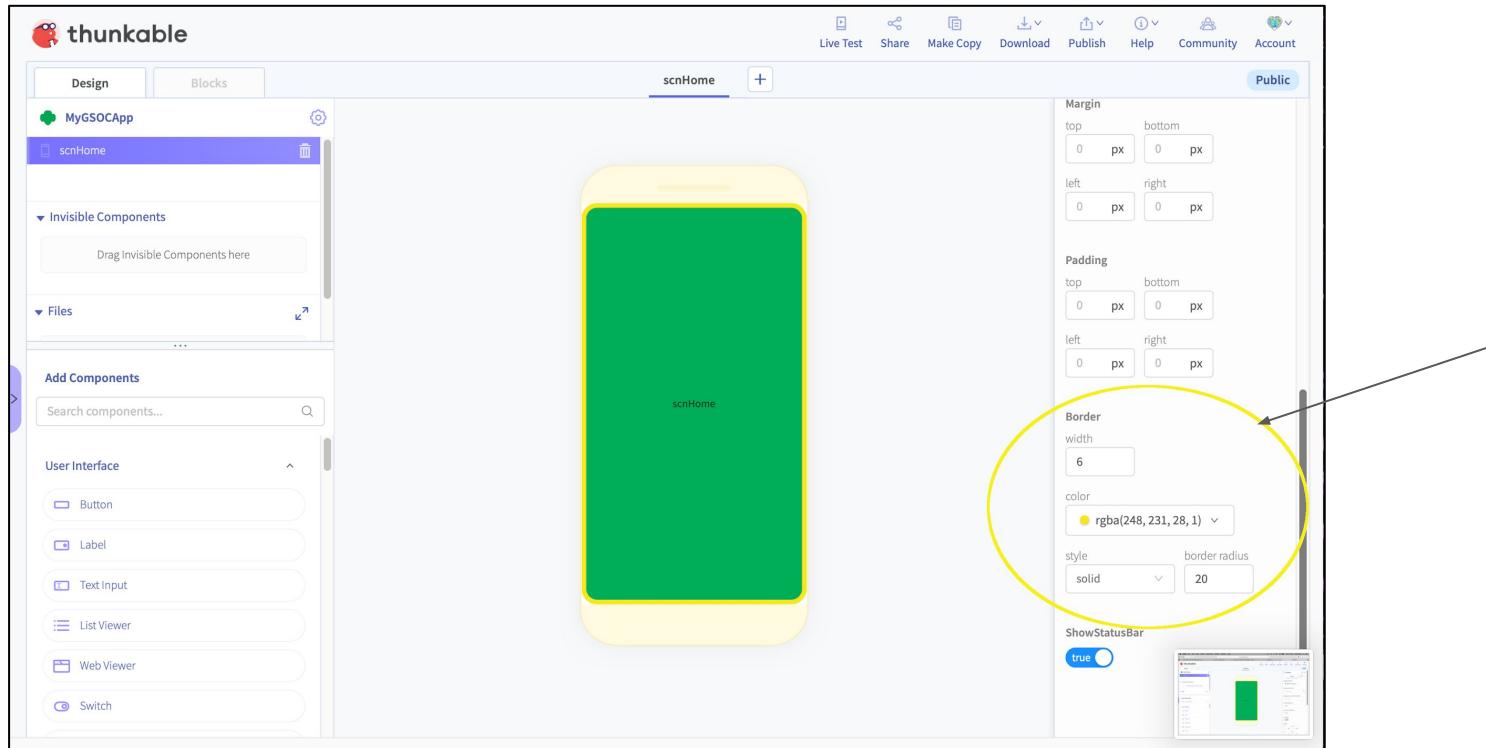
The screenshot shows the Thunkable app interface for a project titled "MyGSOCApp". The scene is named "scnHome". On the right, the scene editor shows the "BackgroundColor" property set to `rgba(0, 174, 88, 1)`. A color picker panel is open, displaying a gradient from black to green, with the green color highlighted. The color code `00AE58` is also shown. The scene preview shows a yellow rounded rectangle containing a solid green square.

Three colors: All Girl Scouts of Western Washington materials should use three main colors: black, white and **Girl Scout green!** You can tell if it's Girl Scout green by the hex number (#00ae58), rgb number (r0 g174 b88), or PMS number (355).

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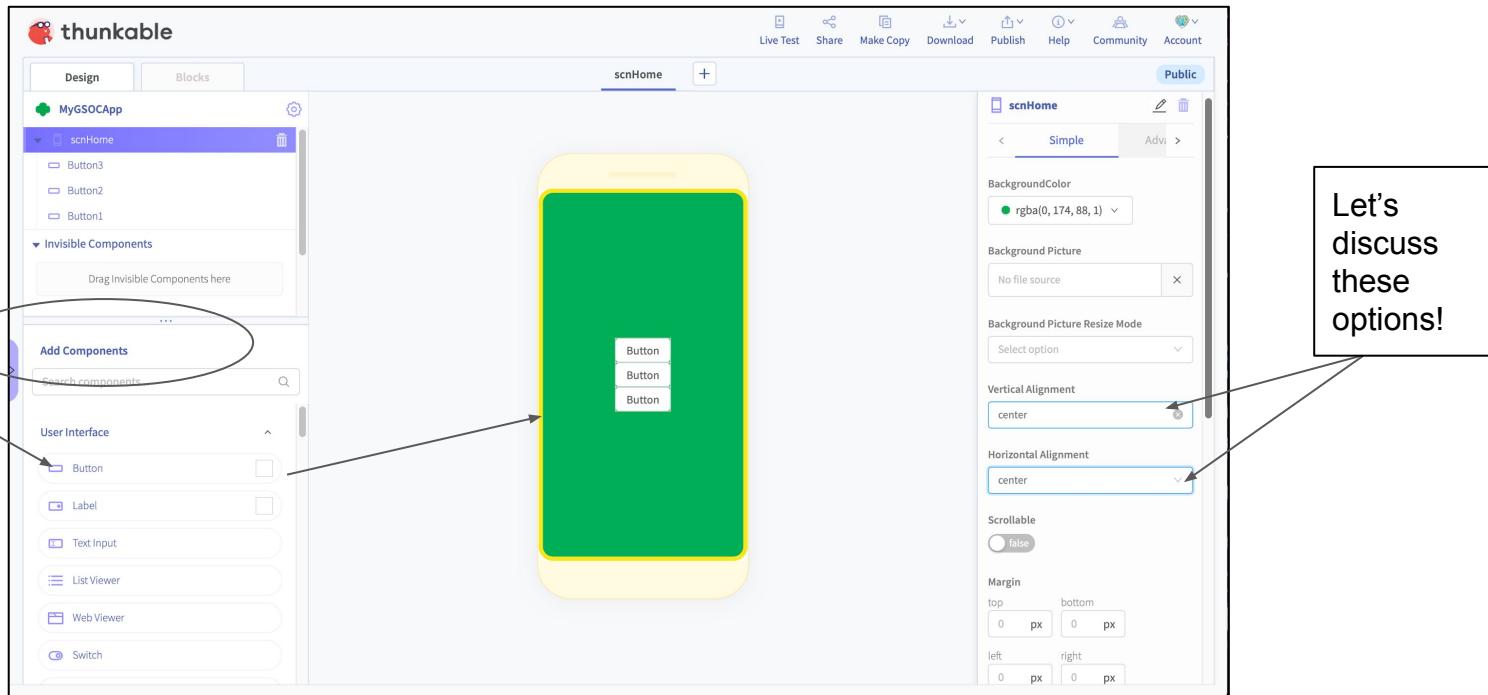
Home Screen: Set a Border

A border might look cool on our home screen. Scroll the scnHome ATTRIBUTE WINDOW down a bit and set the border width, color, and radius. Radius determines how round the border is.



So what is “Layout” anyway?

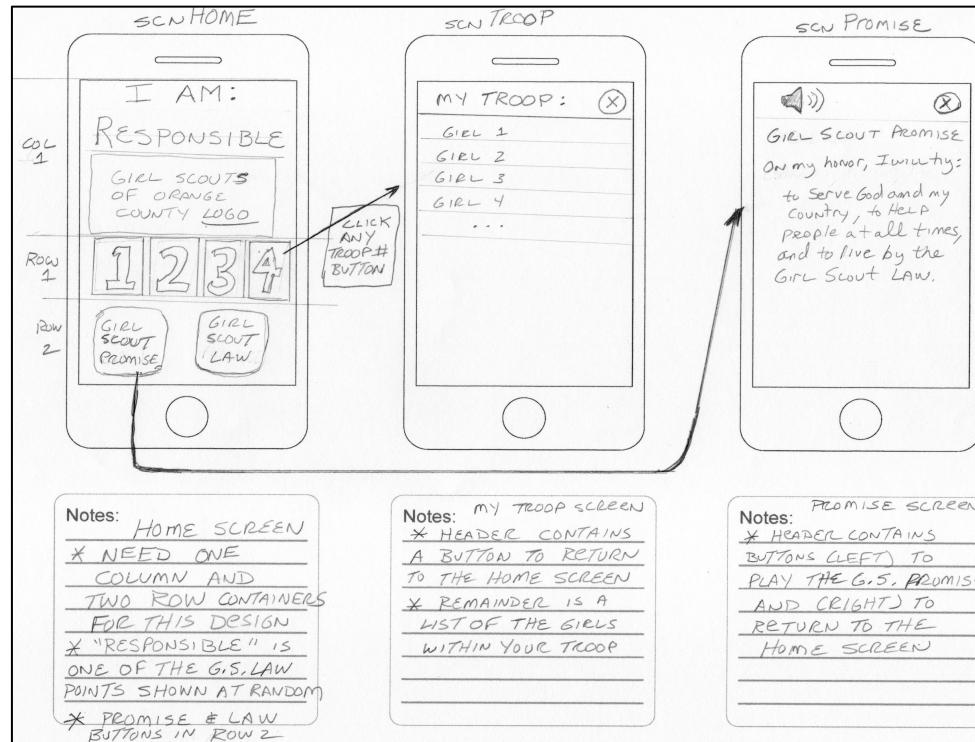
An app designer gives considerable thought to the user interface (UI) of the app. App development tools generally provide “containers” that hold UI components like buttons and sliders. The container determines the **alignment and orientation** of the components placed within it. Let’s drag three buttons onto our home screen in order to explore how layout works!



The screenshot shows the Thunkable app editor interface. On the left, the sidebar lists "Design" and "Blocks", the project name "MyGSOCAPP", and the scene "scnHome". Inside "scnHome", there are three buttons labeled "Button1", "Button2", and "Button3". Below them is a placeholder for "Invisible Components". The "User Interface" section includes components like "Button", "Label", "Text Input", "List Viewer", "Web Viewer", and "Switch". In the center, a smartphone-shaped canvas displays the three buttons stacked vertically. To the right, the "scnHome" properties panel is open, showing settings for "BackgroundColor" (set to `rgba(0, 174, 88, 1)`), "Vertical Alignment" (set to "center"), and "Horizontal Alignment" (set to "center"). A callout box on the right says "Let's discuss these options!" with arrows pointing to the alignment settings.

Help! Take a step back - we need a plan!

App designers use **Paper Prototyping** to plan their app. An example is shown below. Here we've captured the functionality of the design, but not the final look (e.g. colors, graphic images, etc.), which we might capture in a second version of our paper prototype. Now create your own paper prototype!



YOUR paper prototype - goals for our app

Our desired functionality:

- Our app allows us to read (and listen to) the Girl Scout Law and Promise.
- Each time we open our app, we're reminded of one of the points of the Girl Scout Law (e.g. "Courageous").
- Our app graphs cookies sales (or estimates) for each of the members of our troop.

We will need a Home Screen, Graph Screen, Law Screen and Promise Screen to accomplish the goals above! [e.g. scnHome, scnGraph, scnLaw, scnPromise]

Our Home Screen should display random Girl Scout Law points, contain our troop number (clicking on our troop number navigates to the Graph Screen), as well as buttons for navigating to the Girl Scout Law and Promise screens.

The rest of YOUR app design is up to you!!

YOUR design - our UI Assets



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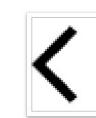
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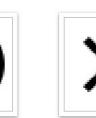
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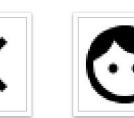
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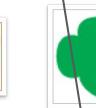
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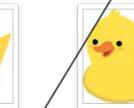
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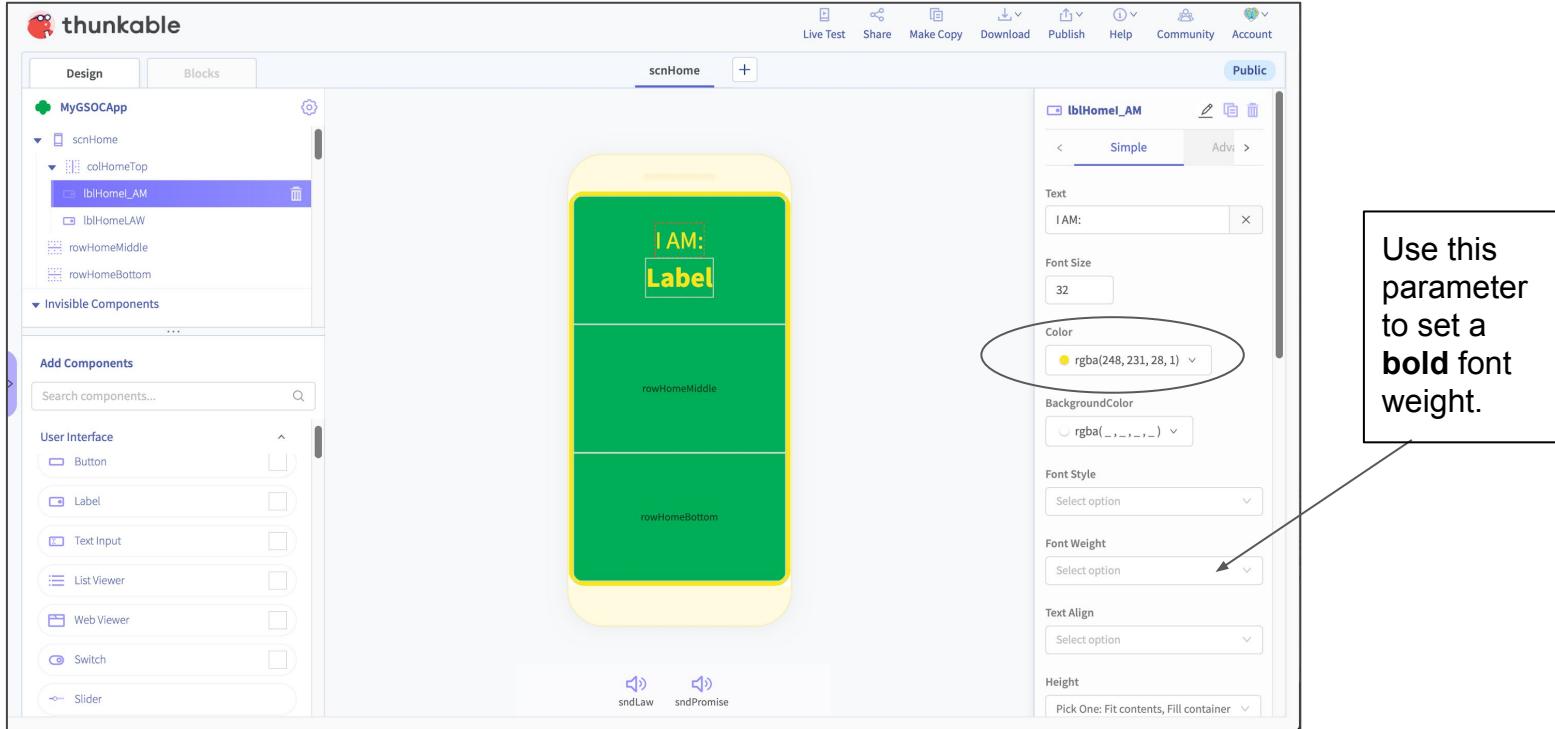


unicorn.png

Here are some great “close button” graphics!

Guided Design - scnHome

Add a column container and two row containers to the Home screen as shown, then add two Label components to the column container. Set the font sizes of the labels to 32, and use the same “yellow” color for the labels as our border. Bold the bottom label (lblHomeLAW).

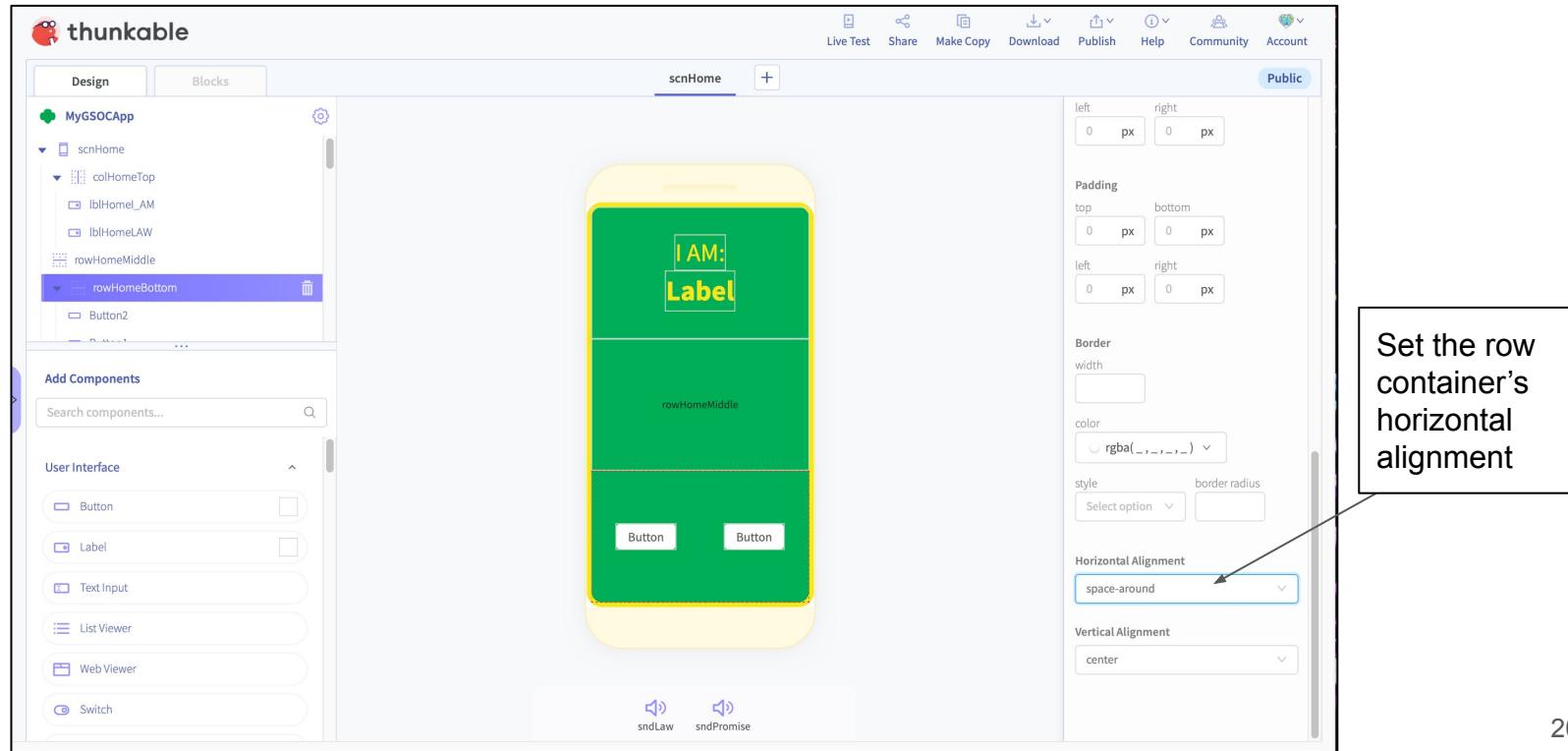


The screenshot shows the Thunkable app editor interface. On the left, the project tree shows 'MyGSOCApp' with 'scnHome' selected. Inside 'scnHome', there is a 'colHomeTop' container containing two 'Label' components: 'lblHomeLAM' (selected) and 'lblHomeLAW'. Below 'colHomeTop' are 'rowHomeMiddle' and 'rowHomeBottom' containers. To the right is the main canvas area showing a smartphone screen with a yellow border. The screen is divided into three horizontal sections: 'colHomeTop' (containing 'lblHomeLAM' and 'lblHomeLAW'), 'rowHomeMiddle', and 'rowHomeBottom'. The 'lblHomeLAW' label contains the text 'I AM: Label'. On the far right is the properties panel for 'lblHomeLAM', which includes fields for Text ('I AM:'), Font Size (32), Color (yellow), BackgroundColor (white), Font Style, Font Weight (bolded), Text Align, Height, and a note about picking a height option. A callout box with the text 'Use this parameter to set a bold font weight.' points to the 'Font Weight' dropdown.

Use this parameter to set a **bold** font weight.

Guided Design - Law and Promise Buttons

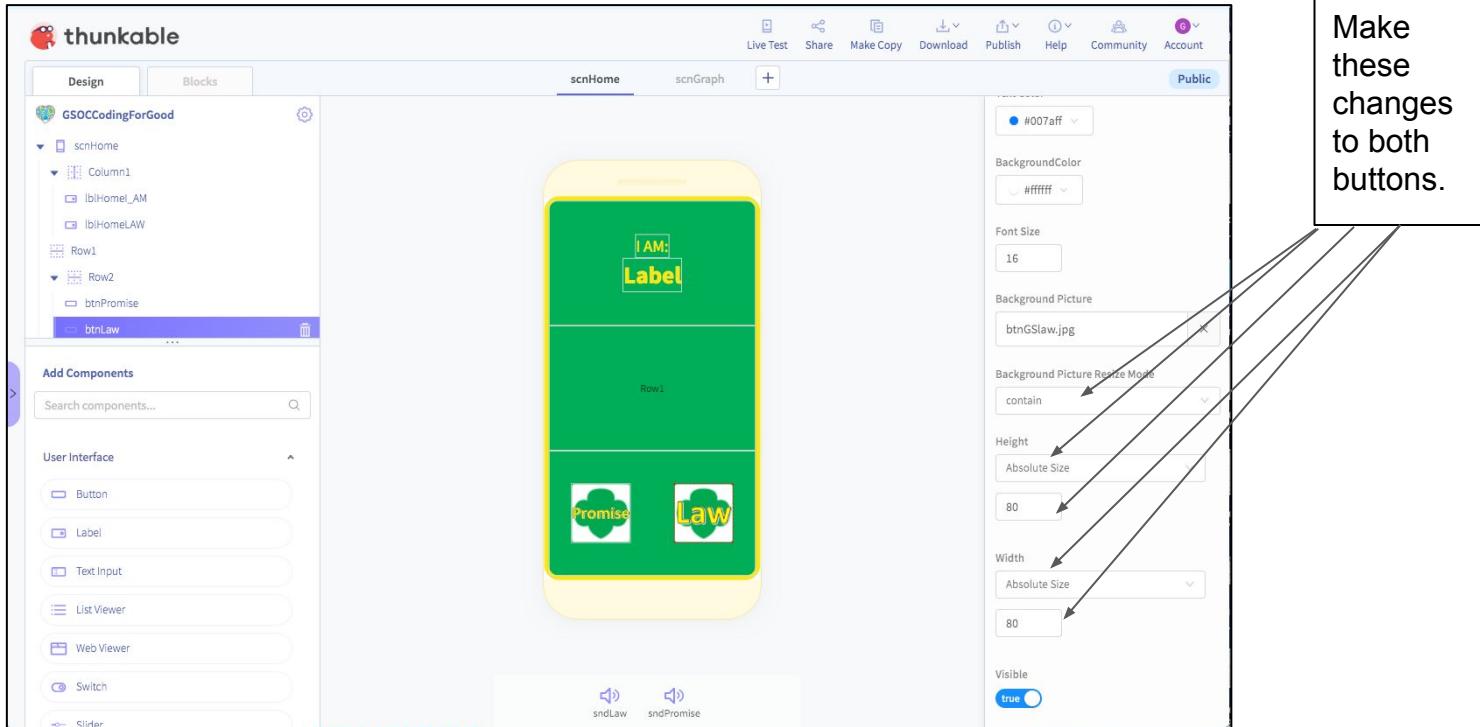
Drag two buttons onto the rowHomeBottom container. Click on the container (outside of the buttons) to select it, then set the Horizontal Alignment in the ATTRIBUTE PANE of the row container to space-around.



Set the row container's horizontal alignment

Guided Design - Law and Promise Buttons

Select each button in order, changing the name (e.g. btnLaw) and selecting a Background Picture for the button face. Resize the button so the picture fits better, and change the background resize mode to “contain”. We used a value of 80 for the height and width of the button, but you may wish to adjust that after viewing your app on your phone.



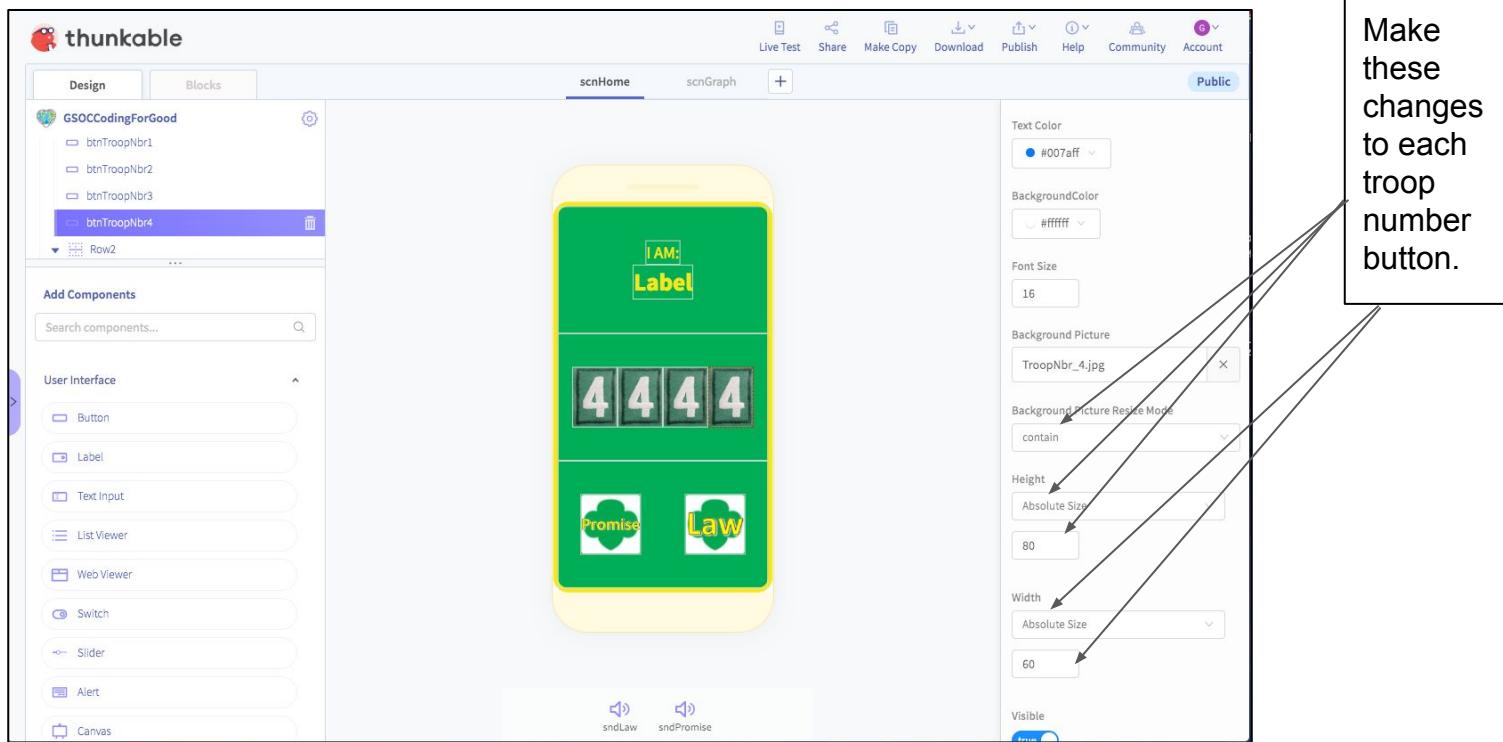
The screenshot shows the Thunkable app editor interface. On the left, the project tree shows a scene named 'scnHome' with components: Column1, Row1, Row2, btnPromise, and btnLaw. The main canvas displays a smartphone screen with a green background. Inside the screen, there is a yellow rectangular area labeled 'Row1'. At the top of 'Row1', there is a white box containing the text 'I AM:' above a blue box containing the word 'Label'. Below 'Row1', there are two green buttons with white text: 'Promise' on the left and 'Law' on the right. To the right of the smartphone screen, the properties panel is open for the 'btnLaw' component. The properties include:

- Background Color: #007aff
- Background Picture: btnGSLaw.jpg
- Background Picture Resize Mode: contain
- Height: 80
- Width: 80
- Visible: true

A callout box with the text "Make these changes to both buttons." has arrows pointing to the 'Background Picture', 'Background Picture Resize Mode', 'Height', and 'Width' fields in the properties panel.

Guided Design - Troop Number Buttons

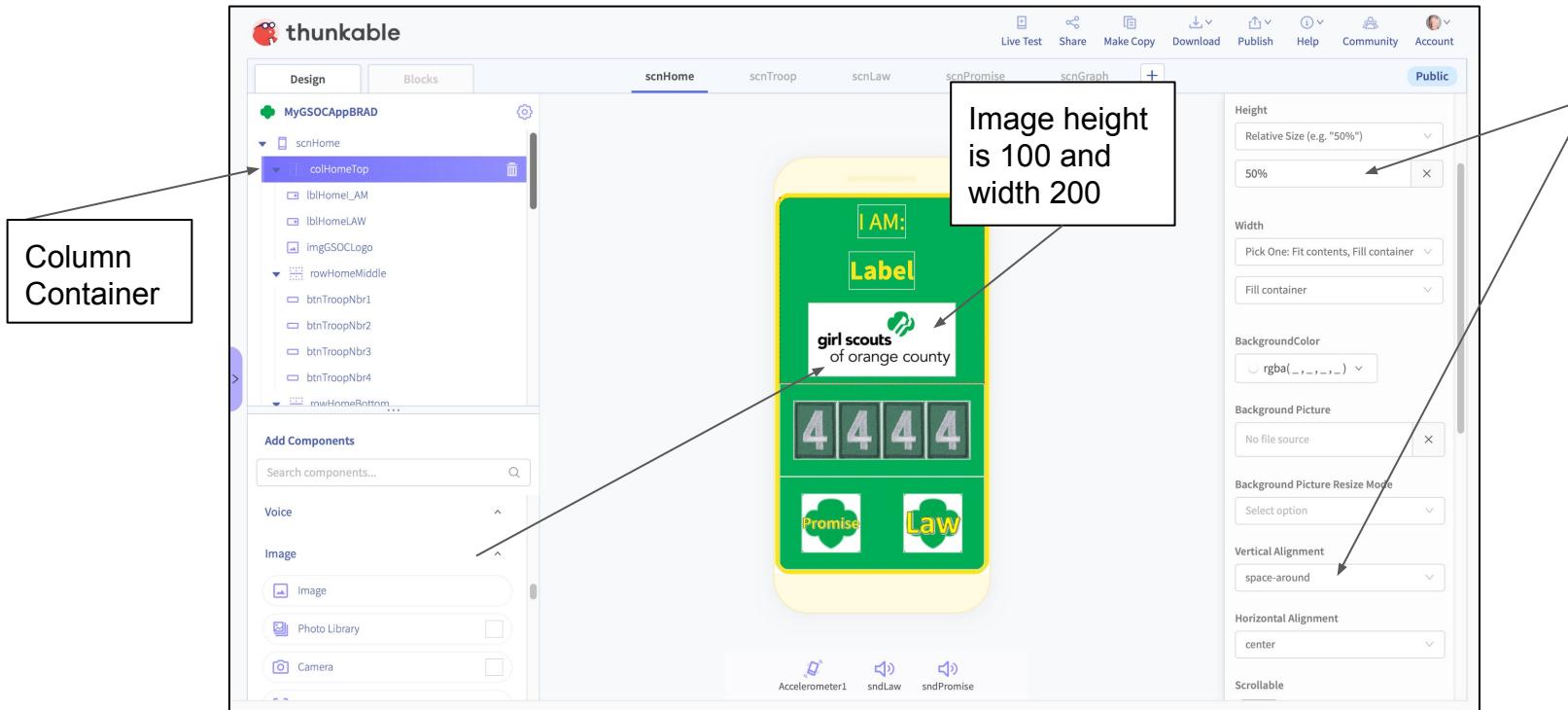
How many digits are in your troop number? Add that many buttons into the middle row container, then set the background picture for each button appropriately. Set the Background resize mode to contain, height to 80 and width to 60. Did you name your buttons btnTroopNbr1 (etc.)?



Make these changes to each troop number button.

Guided Design - Add a logo!

Drag an Image component onto the column container, being sure to place it beneath our lblHomeLaw label. **Wow, too tight!** Click on the column container and set its height to 50% and its vertical alignment to space-around. Add a picture from our assets to the image component and rename it!

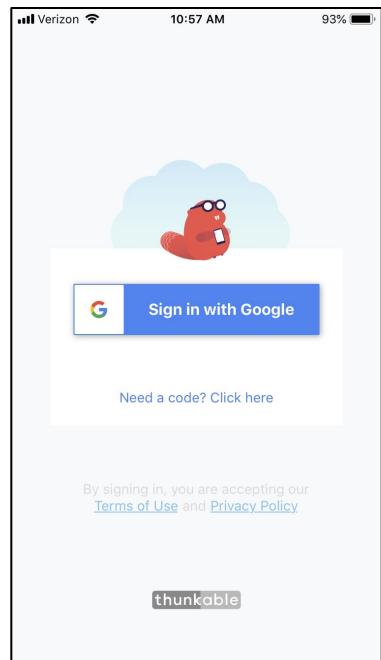


The screenshot shows the Thunkable app interface with the following elements:

- Column Container:** A callout box points to the "colHomeTop" column container in the project tree.
- Image Component:** An image component is placed on the "colHomeTop" container, containing the "girl scouts of orange county" logo.
- Properties Panel:** The right side of the interface shows the properties panel for the image component, with the following settings:
 - Height:** Set to "50%".
 - Width:** Set to "Fill container".
 - Background Color:** Set to "rgba(255, 255, 255)".
 - Background Picture:** Set to "No file source".
 - Background Picture Resize Mode:** Set to "Select option".
 - Vertical Alignment:** Set to "space-around".
 - Horizontal Alignment:** Set to "center".
 - Scrollable:** Set to "false".
- Design View:** The main view shows a green mobile application screen with the text "I AM: Label" and the "girl scouts of orange county" logo.
- Project Tree:** The left sidebar shows the project structure with nodes like "MyGSOCAppBRAD", "scnHome", "colHomeTop", and various UI components like "lblHome_AM", "lblHomeLAW", "imgGSOCLogo", etc.
- Add Components:** A sidebar on the left lists components: "Voice" and "Image". Under "Image", there are options for "Image", "Photo Library", and "Camera".

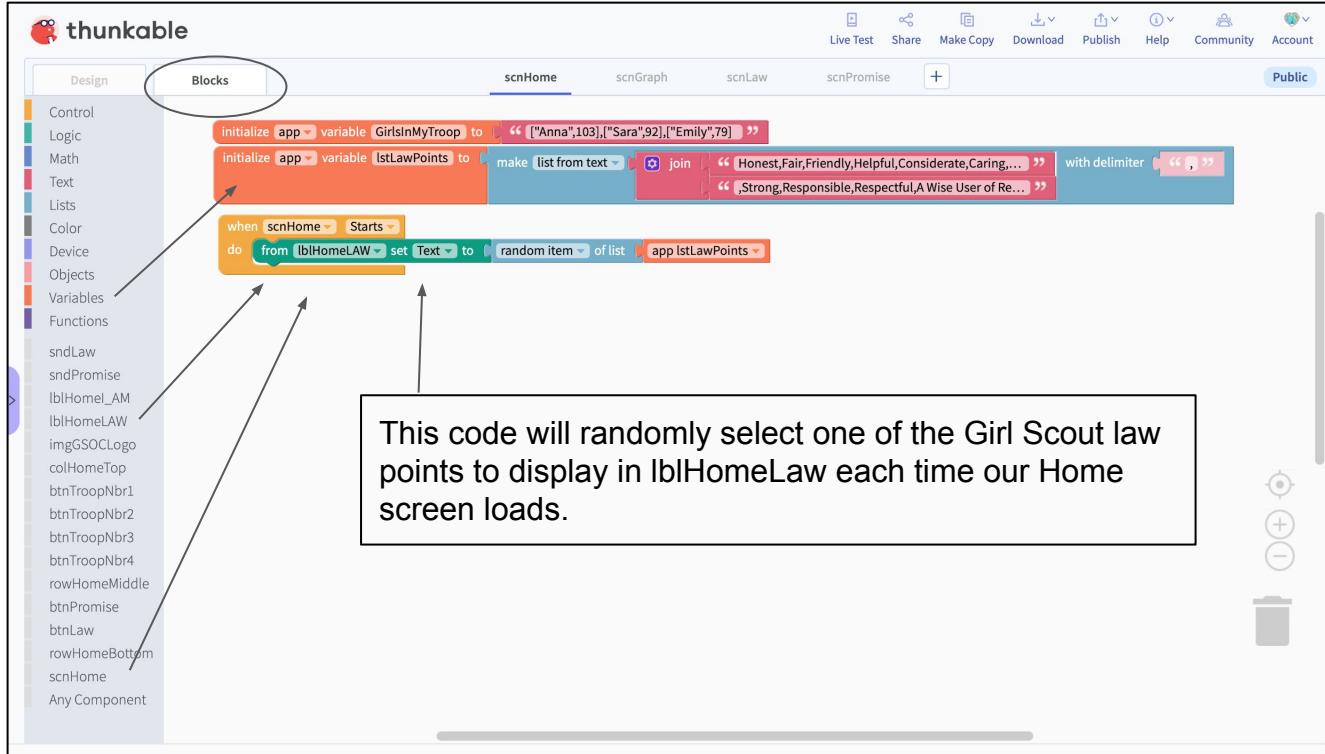
See how it looks (so far) on our phone!

After installing the Thunkable Live app (App Store or Google Play), log in using your GMAIL ACCOUNT, then take a peek at your phone app's screen - it's coming along nicely!



Guided Design - Let's Code!

Initialize a variable to a list which we'll build from text that we copy from our assets file CopyAndPasteLinks.txt. Click on scnHome and add a Starts block for scnHome, setting our lblHomeLaw component to a random item within our newly created list variable.



The screenshot shows the Thunkable app editor interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Live Test', 'Share', 'Make Copy', 'Download', 'Publish', 'Help', 'Community', and 'Account'. The 'Public' button is also visible. The main workspace is titled 'scnHome' and contains the following Scratch-style blocks:

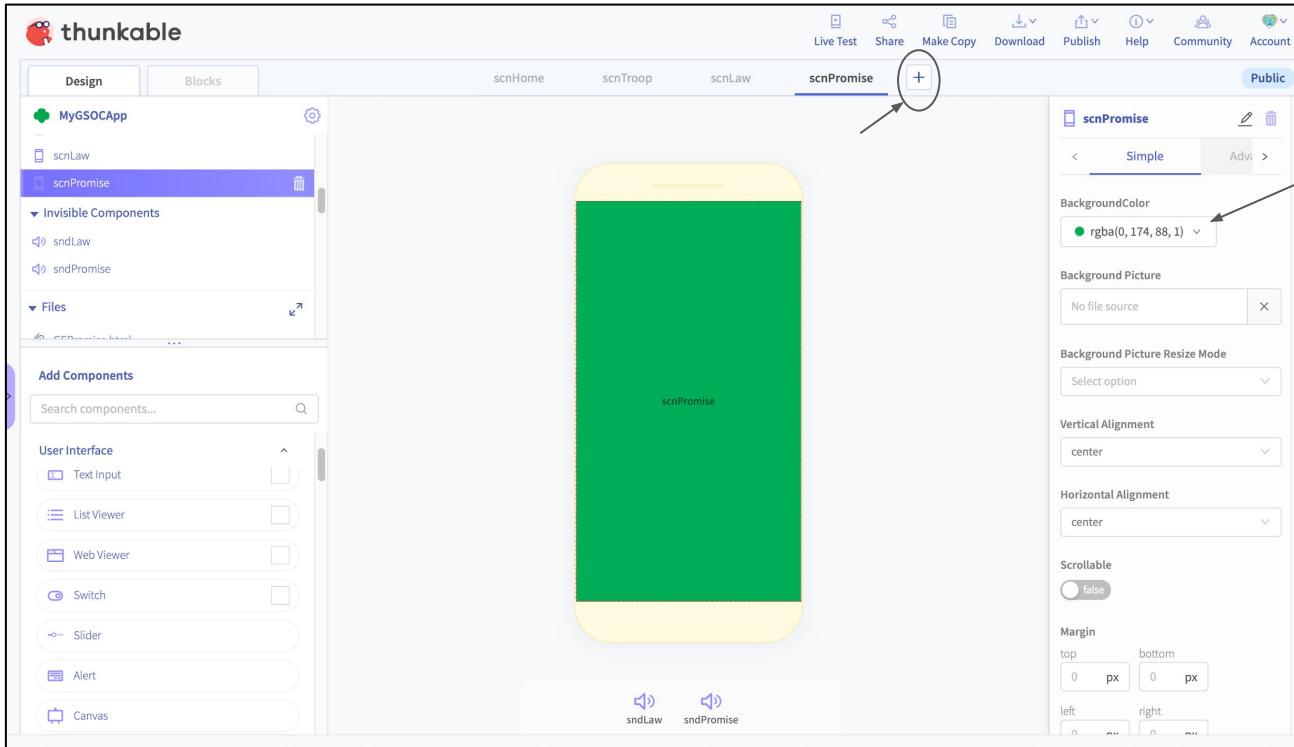
- An 'initialize app' block setting 'variable GirlsInMyTroop' to a list of three names: Anna, Sara, and Emily.
- An 'initialize app' block setting 'variable lstLawPoints' to a list of ten Girl Scout law points: Honest, Fair, Friendly, Helpful, Considerate, Caring, Trustworthy, Strength, Responsible, and Respectful.
- A 'when scnHome Starts' loop block containing a 'do' block.
- The 'do' block contains a 'from lblHomeLaw set Text to' block and a 'random item of list app lstLawPoints' block.

On the left sidebar, under the 'Variables' section, there is a list of components and variables, including 'scnHome', 'scnGraph', 'scnLaw', 'scnPromise', 'lblHomeLaw', 'imgGSOCLogo', 'colHomeTop', 'btnTroopNbr1', 'btnTroopNbr2', 'btnTroopNbr3', 'btnTroopNbr4', 'rowHomeMiddle', 'btnPromise', 'btnLaw', 'rowHomeBottom', and 'Any Component'. The 'Blocks' tab is currently selected.

This code will randomly select one of the Girl Scout law points to display in lblHomeLaw each time our Home screen loads.

Guided Design - adding screens!

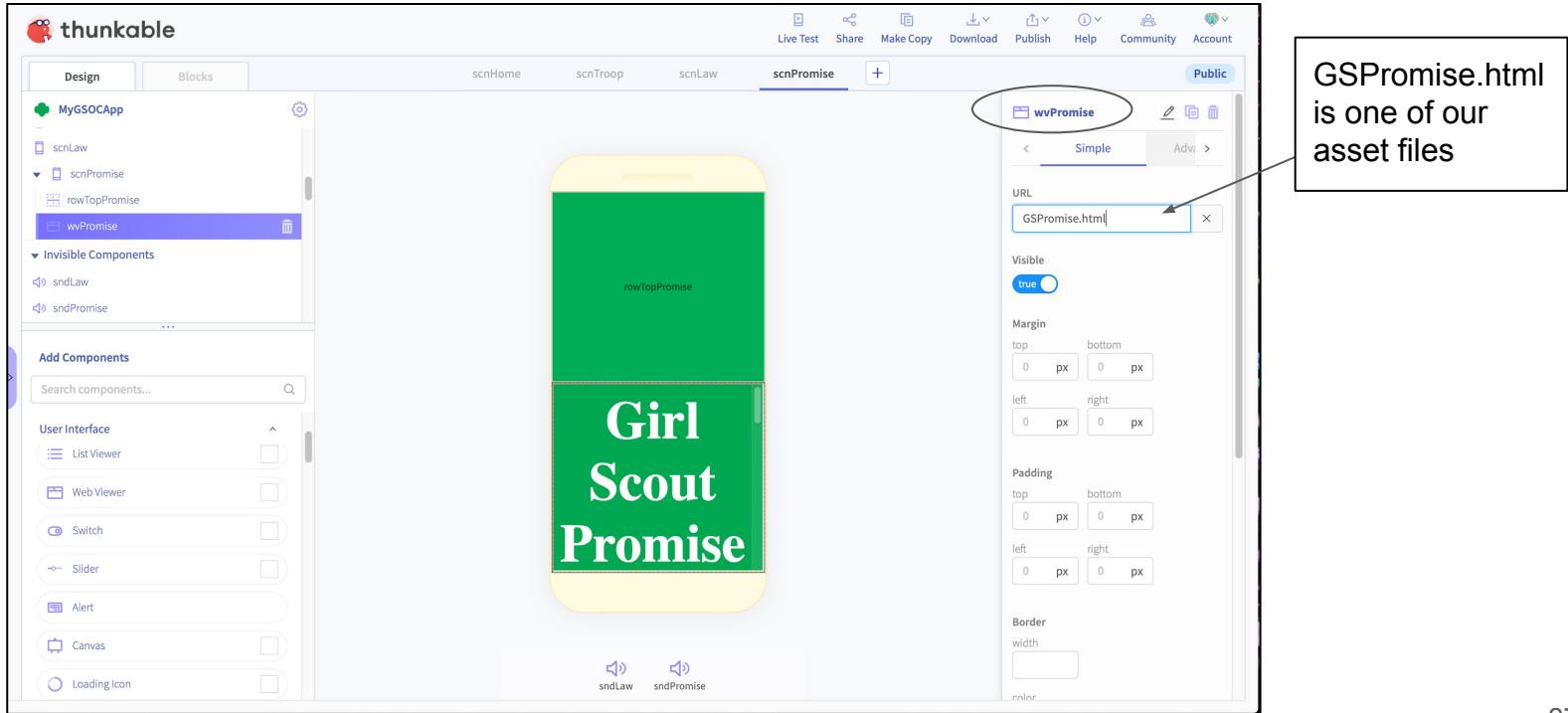
Use the + button to the right of the screen names to add **two** new screens, scnLaw and scnPromise. Change the background color on each of the three screens to the Girl Scout Colors, R = 0, G = 174 and B = 88 just as we did with scnHome.



The screenshot shows the thunkable app interface for a project titled "MyGSOCApp". On the left, the "Design" tab is selected, displaying a list of screens: "scnHome", "scnTroop", "scnLaw", "scnPromise" (which is highlighted in blue), and "Invisible Components" which includes "sndLaw" and "sndPromise". Below this is a section for "Files" and an "Add Components" sidebar with various UI components like "Text Input", "List Viewer", "Web Viewer", "Switch", "Slider", "Alert", and "Canvas". In the center, there's a preview of the "scnPromise" screen, which is currently green. At the bottom of the preview, there are two sound icons labeled "sndLaw" and "sndPromise". On the right, the "scnPromise" screen settings panel is open, showing options for "BackgroundColor" (set to "rgba(0, 174, 88, 1)", indicated by a red arrow), "Background Picture" (set to "No file source"), "Background Picture Resize Mode" (set to "Select option"), "Vertical Alignment" (set to "center"), "Horizontal Alignment" (set to "center"), "Scrollable" (set to "false"), and "Margin" (set to "top: 0px, bottom: 0px, left: 0px, right: 0px"). The top navigation bar includes "Live Test", "Share", "Make Copy", "Download", "Publish", "Help", "Community", and "Account".

Guided Design - Web Viewer Component

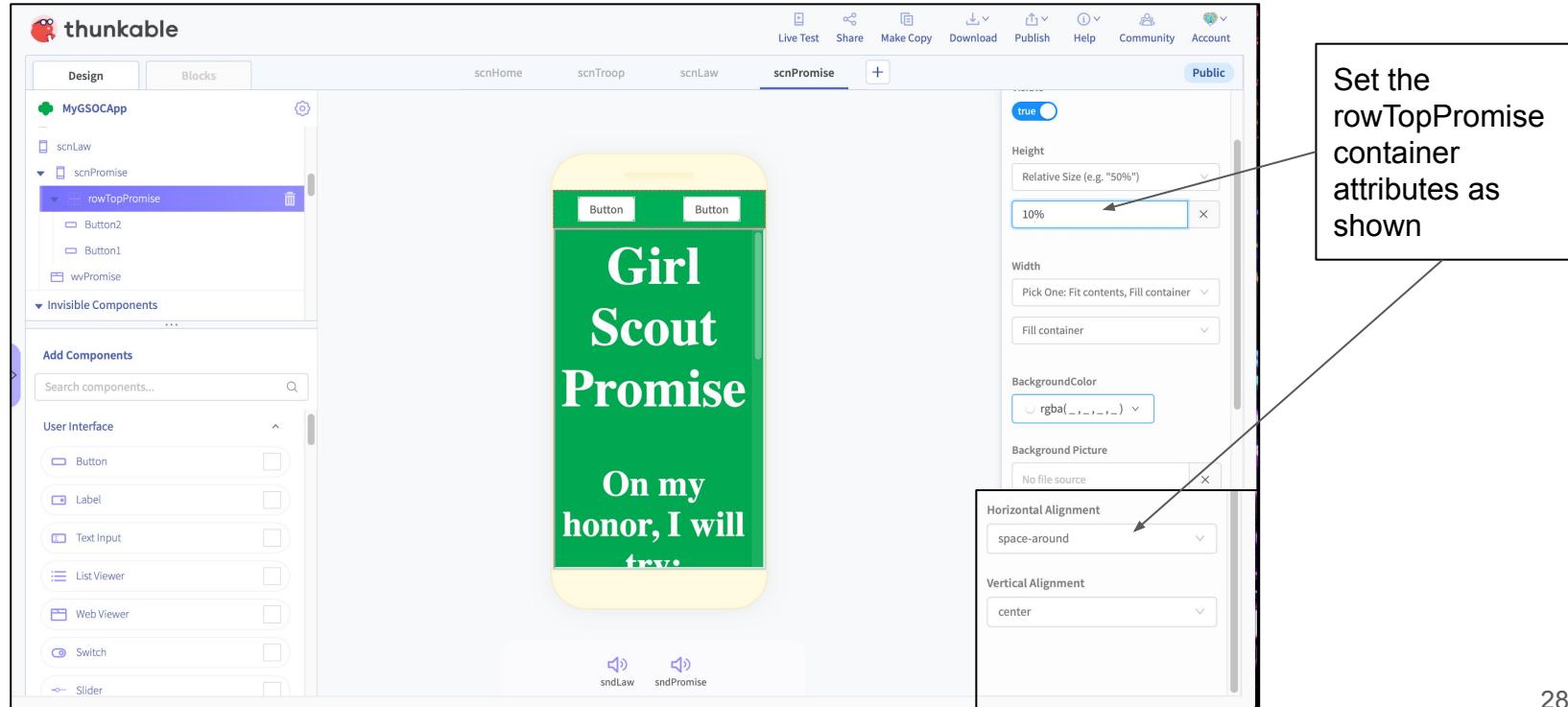
Drag a row container and a Web Viewer component onto the Promise screen. Type in the asset filename “GSPromise.html” into the web viewer component’s URL parameter on the ATTRIBUTE PANE of the web viewer. Note that we renamed the row and web viewer components.



The screenshot shows the Thunkable app interface. On the left, the project tree for "MyGSOCApp" shows a "scnPromise" scene with a "rowTopPromise" component containing the text "Girl Scout Promise". Inside "rowTopPromise" is a "wvPromise" component. The "wvPromise" component's URL attribute is highlighted with a callout box containing the text "GSPromise.html is one of our asset files". The URL field contains "GSPromise.html".

Guided Design - Promise Screen UI

Resize the row container so it represents only 10% of the height of our screen. Set the horizontal alignment of the row container to “space-around”, then add two buttons to the row container. We’ll use these buttons to play our promise sound file and to close the promise screen.



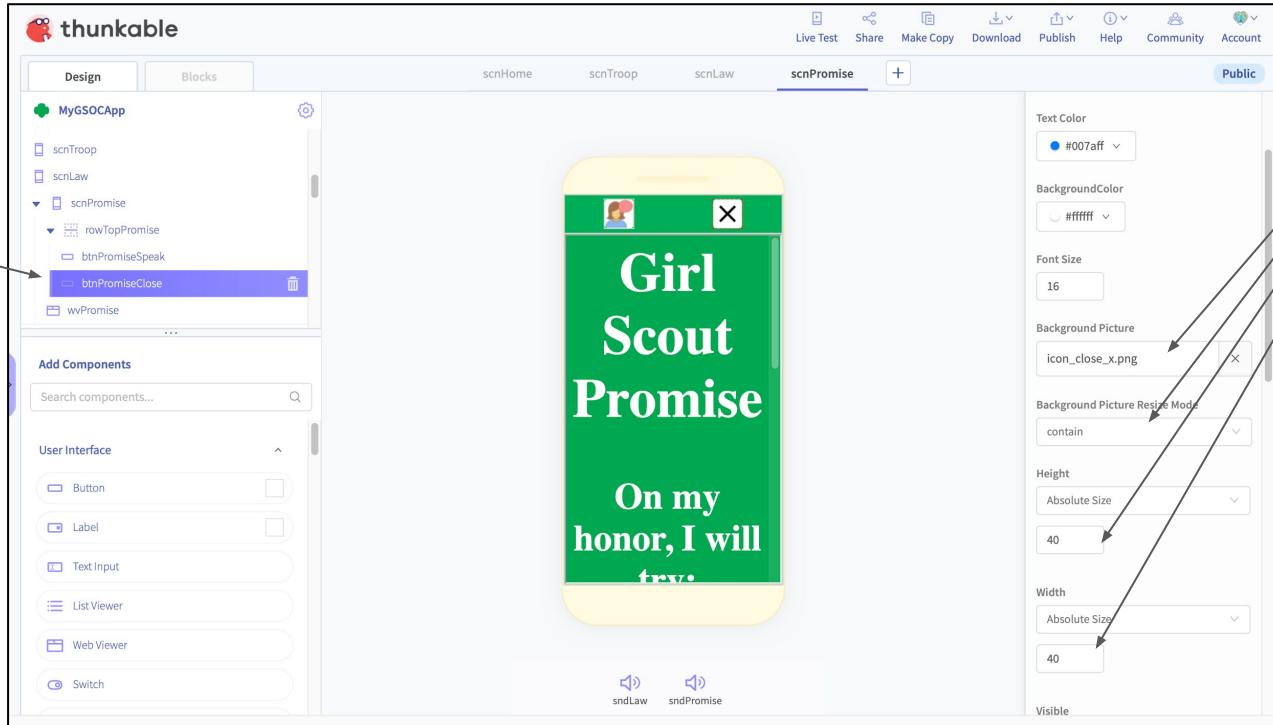
The screenshot shows the thunkable app interface with the following details:

- Left Sidebar:** Shows the project structure under "MyGSOCApp". The "scnPromise" scene is selected. Inside "scnPromise", there is a "rowTopPromise" component which contains "Button2", "Button1", and "wvPromise".
- Design View:** Displays a mobile phone-like screen with a green background. The text "Girl Scout Promise" is at the top, and "On my honor, I will try..." is below it. At the bottom are two small speaker icons labeled "sndLaw" and "sndPromise".
- Properties Panel (Right):** Shows settings for the "rowTopPromise" component:
 - Height:** Set to "10%" (highlighted with a red arrow).
 - Width:** Set to "Fill container".
 - Background Color:** Set to "rgba(0, 128, 0)".
 - Horizontal Alignment:** Set to "space-around".
 - Vertical Alignment:** Set to "center".
- Callout Box (Right):** A callout box contains the text: "Set the rowTopPromise container attributes as shown". It points to the "Height" and "Horizontal Alignment" settings in the properties panel.

Guided Design - Promise Screen UI

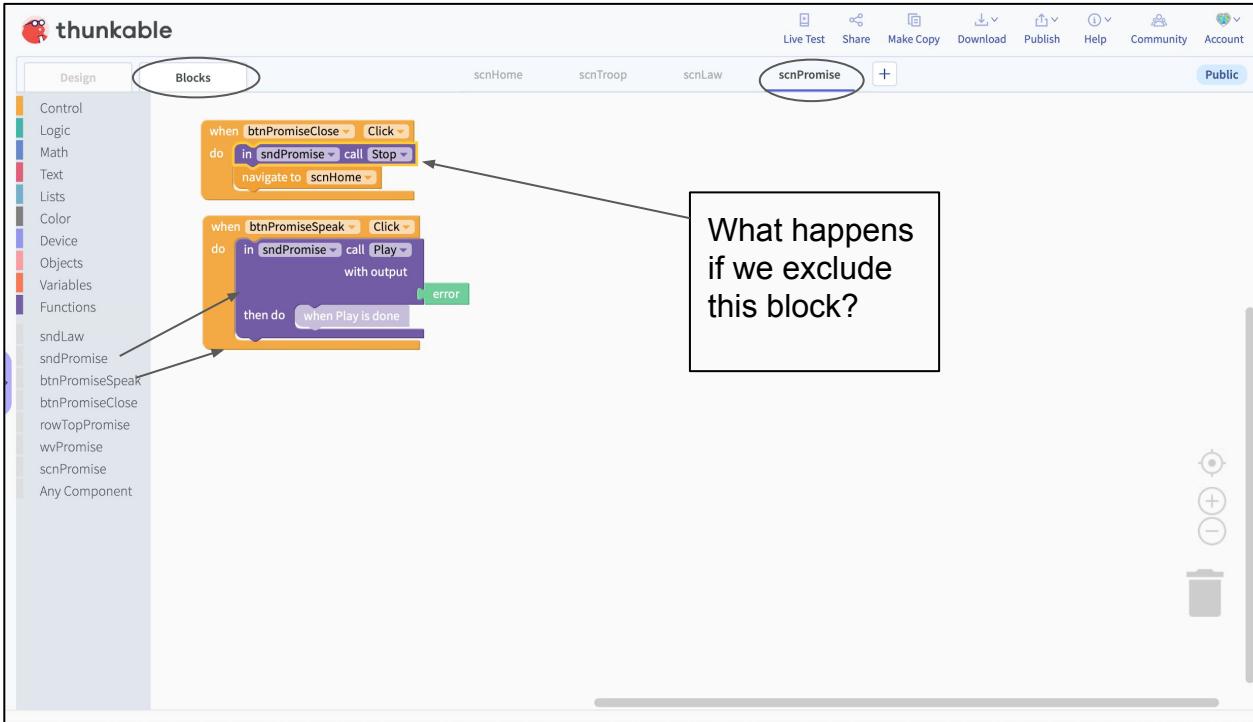
Name the two buttons based upon our conventions, and then add background pictures. Be sure to set the Background Picture parameter of each button to “contain”. A height and width of 40 looks good on the phone for the background pictures we have selected in this example.

Be sure to
rename your
buttons!



Guided Design - Let's Code! (scnPromise)

Click on Blocks, then add “Click” event blocks for our Promise screen’s Speak and Close buttons. When we click the Close button, we return to the home screen. When we click the Speak button, we play our Promise sound file asset.



The screenshot shows the Thunkable app interface with the following details:

- Project Title:** thunkable
- Screen Selected:** scnPromise (highlighted with a blue oval)
- Blocks Tab:** Active tab (highlighted with a blue oval)
- Block Preview:** A callout box contains the question: "What happens if we exclude this block?" with an arrow pointing to the "when Play is done" block.
- Code Preview:**

```

when btnPromiseClose Click
do in sndPromise call Stop
navigate to scnHome

when btnPromiseSpeak Click
do in sndPromise call Play
with output
then do when Play is done
  
```
- Block Palette:** On the left, under the "Control" category, the "when [button] Click" blocks for "btnPromiseClose" and "btnPromiseSpeak" are selected.
- Object List:** On the left, the objects "sndLaw" and "sndPromise" are listed.
- Toolbar:** Top right includes buttons for Live Test, Share, Make Copy, Download, Publish, Help, Community, and Account.

Guided Design - Let's Code! (scnHome)

But how do we reach our new Promise screen? Click back on scnHome and then Blocks and add a Click event block for our btnPromise. Now we can click on bthPromise and navigate to scnPromise.

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Design Blocks **scnHome** scnTroop scnLaw scnPromise + Public

Control Logic Math Text Lists Color Device Objects Variables Functions

scnLaw
scnPromise
lblHome_AM
lblHomeLaw
imgGSOCLogo
colHomeTop
btnTroopNbr1
btnTroopNumber2
btnTroopNbr3
btnTroopNbr4
rowHomeMiddle
btnPromise
btnLaw
rowHomeBottom
scnHome
Any Component

initialize app variable `lstLawPoints` to make list from text join “ Honest,Fair,Friendly,Helpful,Considerate,Caring,... ” with delimiter “ , ”
when `scnHome` Starts do from `lblHomeLaw` set Text to random item of list `app lstLawPoints`

when `btnPromise` Click do navigate to `scnPromise`

Add this code.

Guided Design - Repeat for scnLaw

For scnLaw:

Slide 26: Add the Girl Scout Background Color (R = 0, G =174, B = 88)

Slide 27: Add a row and web viewer component, and set the web viewer's URL parameter to the asset file **GSLaw.html**.

Slide 28: Change the row container's height to 10% of our screen space, and set the horizontal alignment of the row container to “space around”.

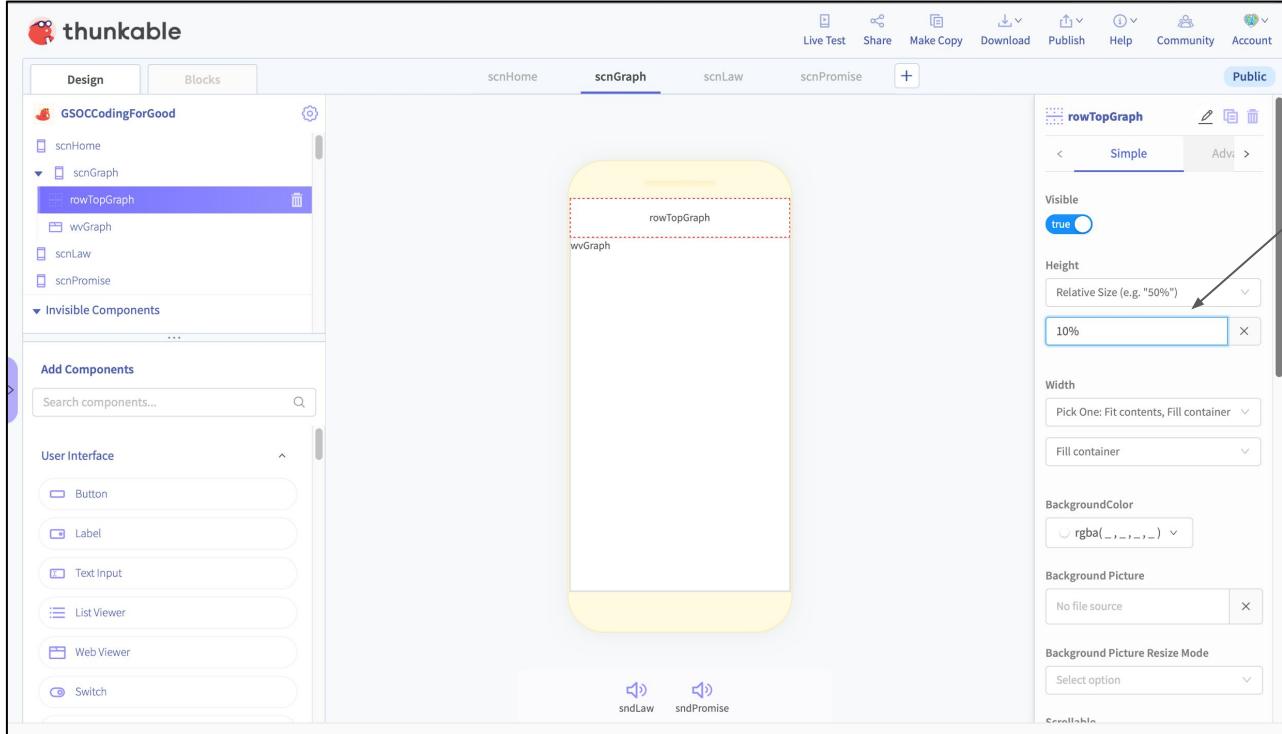
Slide 29: Add images to the row container's buttons and set their height / width to 40.

Slide 30: Add code to scnLaw, causing btnLawClose to navigate to scnHome and btnLawSound to play the sndLaw sound file asset.

Slide 31: Add code to scnHome, causing btnLaw to navigate to scnLaw.

Guided Design - Graph your cookie sales!

Select existing scnGraph, then add a row container (top) and Web Viewer component (bottom) to scnGraph, renaming the components using our conventions. Set the row container's relative height to 10%.

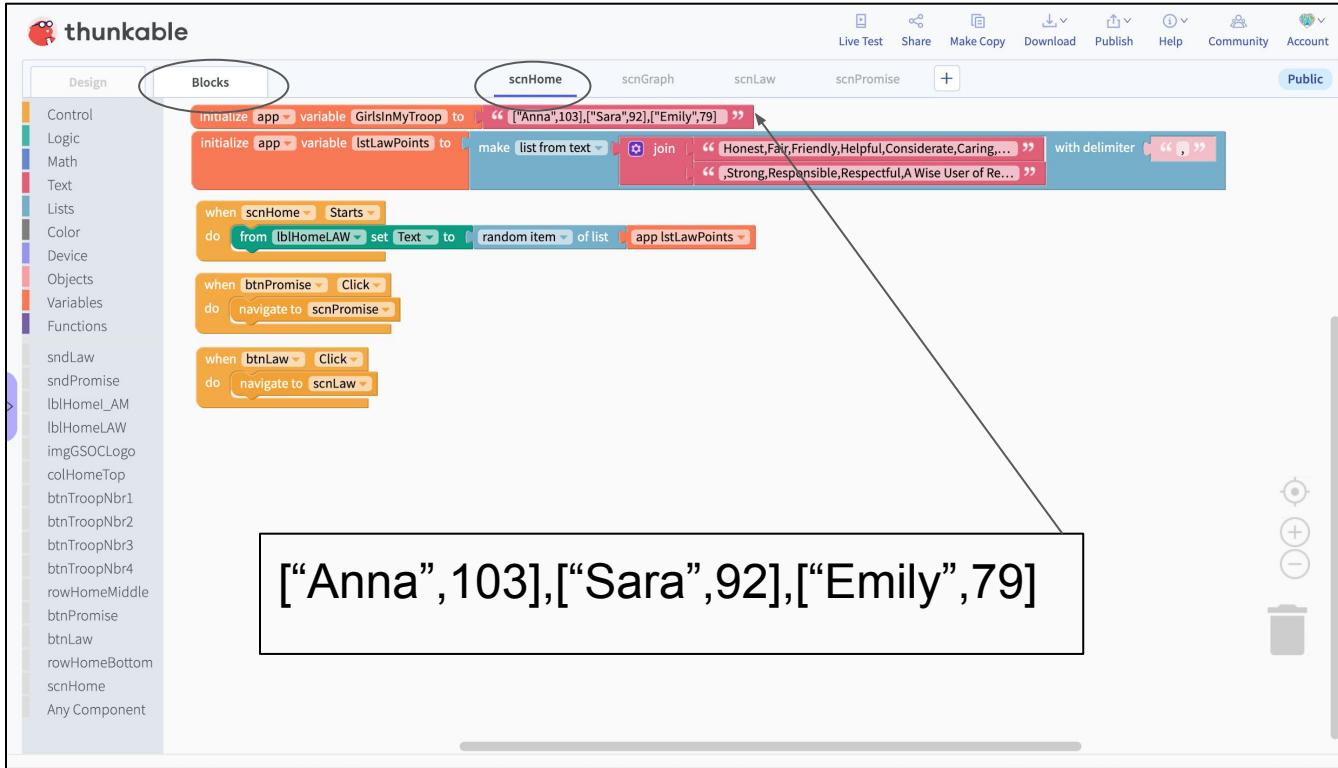


The screenshot shows the thunkable app interface with the following details:

- Project Title:** GSOCCodingForGood
- Scenes:** scnHome, scnGraph, scnLaw, scnPromise
- Current Scene:** scnGraph
- Component Tree:** scnGraph > rowTopGraph > wvGraph
- Add Components:** User interface components like Button, Label, Text Input, List Viewer, and Web Viewer are listed.
- Component Properties (rowTopGraph):**
 - Visible: true
 - Height: Relative Size (e.g. "50%") set to 10%
 - Width: Pick One: Fit contents, Fill container set to Fill container
 - BackgroundColor: rgba(255, 255, 0, 1)
 - Background Picture: No file source
 - Background Picture Resize Mode: Select option
- Sound Components:** sndLaw and sndPromise are present at the bottom.

Guided Design - Graph your cookie sales!

Select scnHome and then Blocks to edit our code. The existing variable GirlsInMyTroop represents an ARRAY of the girls in your troop and their cookie sales. Let's edit that array with your troop's data!



The screenshot shows the thunkable app interface with the following details:

- Blocks Tab:** Selected tab.
- Variables:**
 - scnHome: An array variable containing the data: `[{"Anna":103}, {"Sara":92}, {"Emily":79}]`
 - scnGraph
 - scnLaw
 - scnPromise
- Code Preview:** A large text box displays the JSON array: `[“Anna”,103],[“Sara”,92],[“Emily”,79]`.
- Code Editor:** Shows the following Scratch-style script blocks:
 - An `initialize` block setting `app variable GirlsInMyTroop to [“Anna”,103],[“Sara”,92],[“Emily”,79]`
 - An `initialize` block setting `app variable lstLawPoints to [make list from text join “Honest,Fair,Friendly,Helpful,Considerate,Caring,...” with delimiter “,”]`
 - A `when scnHome Starts` loop:
 - `do [from lblHomeLAW set Text to [random item of list app lstLawPoints]]`
 - A `when btnPromise Click` event:
 - `do [navigate to scnPromise]`
 - A `when btnLaw Click` event:
 - `do [navigate to scnLaw]`

So what is an ARRAY?

Developers use many different **data structures** as variables when developing their applications, and **ARRAYS** are one of the most common data structures.

Simply put, an array is a list. In our guided design's scnHome blocks, we have an array of the Girl Scout Law points and an array of three girls in a troop along with their cookie sales for the year.

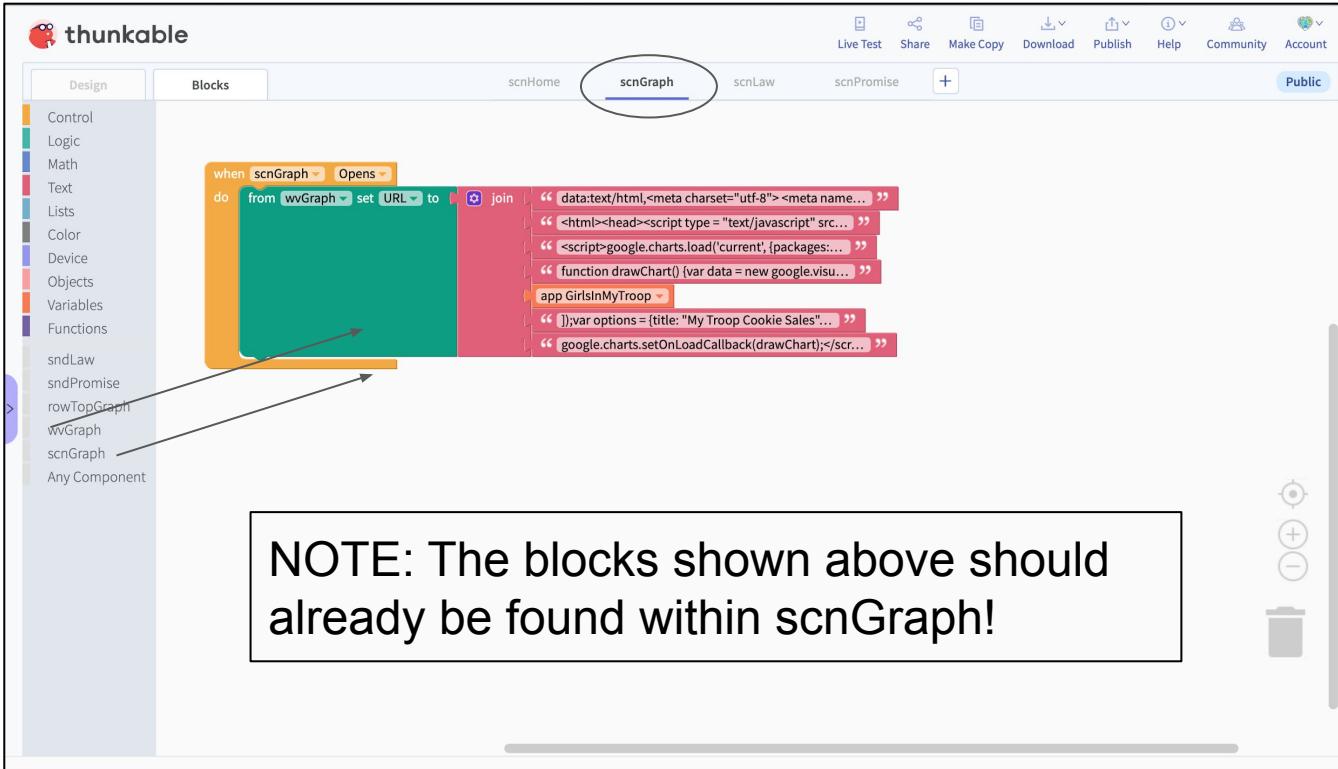
Each array **element** is separated by a comma, so ["Anna",103] and ["Sara",92] are separate elements.

In this example, each of our array elements is also an array! "Anna" is the name of a girl in our troop and 103 is Anna's cookie sales. We use square braces to delimit each individual element within our array variable that we are calling **GirlsInMyTroop**. If we wanted to reference an array element in our code, we would use the syntax GirlsInMyTroop[index number]. Most computer languages start counting array elements at index number 0, so GirlsInMyTroop[0] would return the array ["Anna",103].

Now edit the GirlsInMyTroop variable and create an array like this one reflective of the girls in your own troop. Just make up sales numbers for each girl if you don't know them!

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Now select scnGraph. Add the wvGraph block (set URL) as shown, adding in the existing “join” block. Then add a scnGraph Opens block and place the wvGraph block inside.



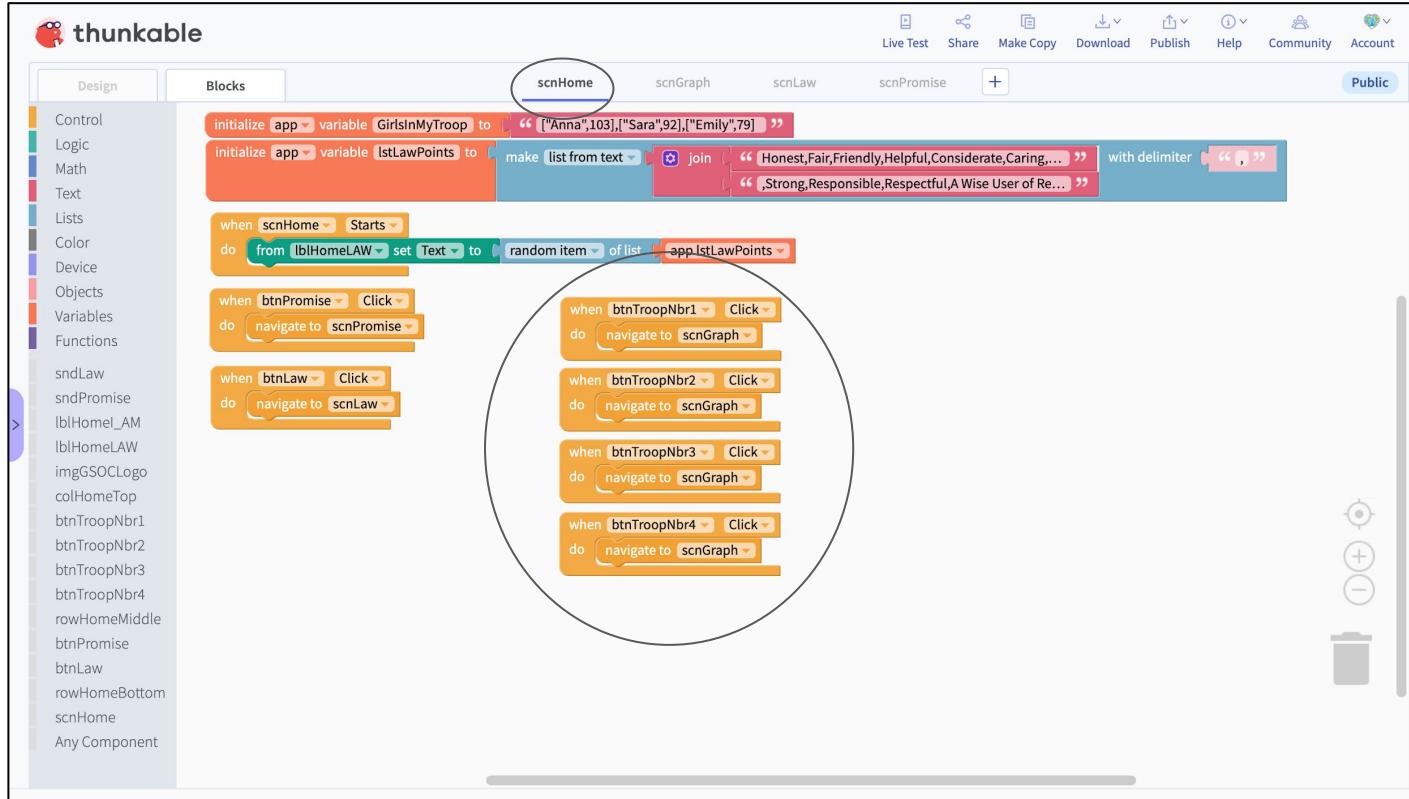
The screenshot shows the thunkable app interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Live Test', 'Share', 'Make Copy', 'Download', 'Publish', 'Help', 'Community', and 'Account'. Below the navigation is a tab bar with 'Design' (selected), 'Blocks' (highlighted in blue), 'scnHome', 'scnLaw', 'scnPromise', and a '+' button. The 'Blocks' tab shows a list of categories: Control, Logic, Math, Text, Lists, Color, Device, Objects, Variables, Functions, and several specific blocks like 'sndLaw', 'sndPromise', 'rowTopGraph', 'wvGraph', 'scnGraph', and 'Any Component'. In the main workspace, a script is being built under the 'when scnGraph Opens' event. It contains a 'do' block with a 'from wvGraph set URL to' block and a 'join' block. The 'join' block has a large red arrow pointing to a callout box containing the following code:

```
data:text/html,<meta charset="utf-8"> <meta name...>
<html><head><script type = "text/javascript" src...>
<script>google.charts.load('current', {packages:...});
function drawChart() {var data = new google.visu...
app GirlsInMyTroop
});var options = {title: "My Troop Cookie Sales"};
google.visualization.setOnLoadCallback(drawChart);</scr...
```

NOTE: The blocks shown above should already be found within scnGraph!

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We need a way to open scnGraph! Return to scnHome and add a block for each of your troop number buttons as shown below. Clicking on any troop number will open scnGraph.



The screenshot shows the Thunkable app editor with the 'scnHome' screen selected. The left sidebar lists various components and variables. The main workspace contains the following code:

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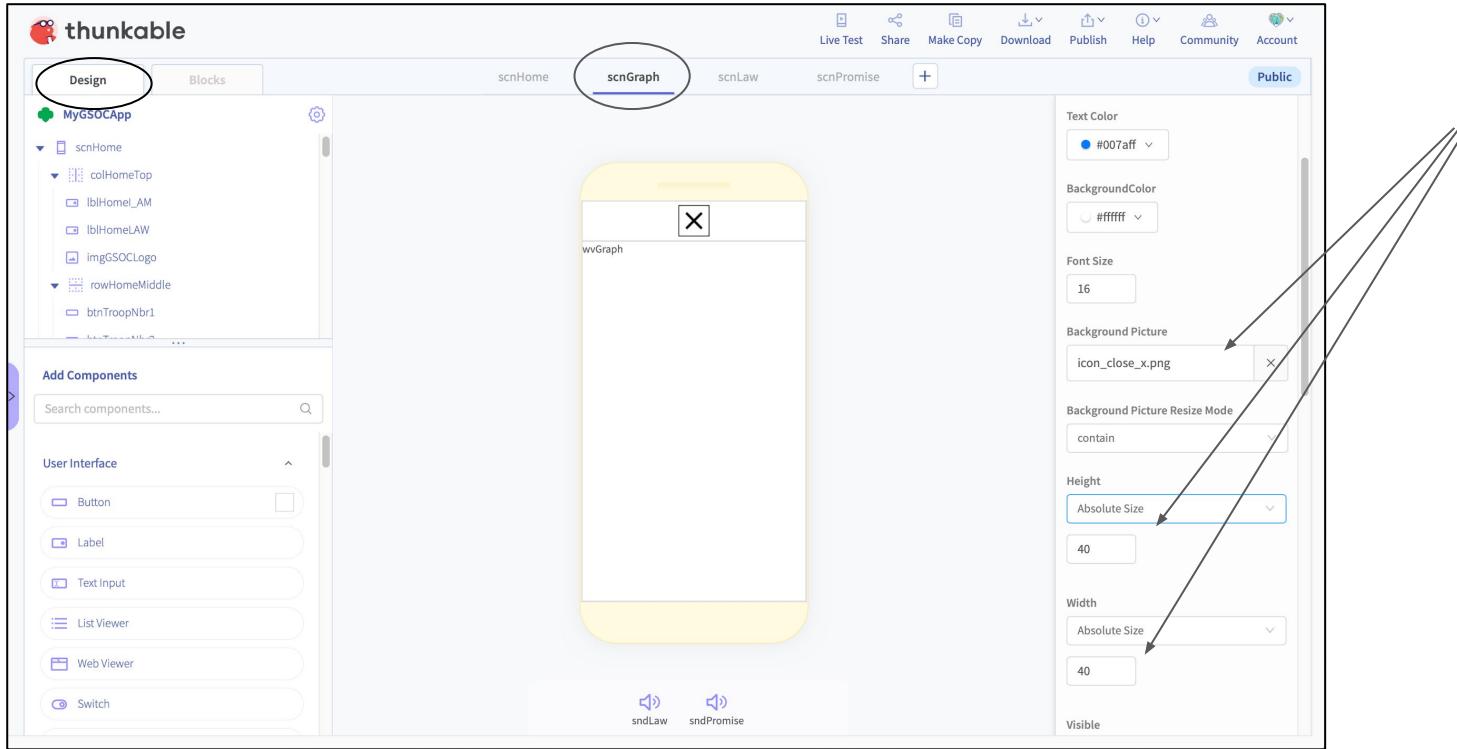
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when scnHome Starts
do from lblHomeLaw set Text to random item of list app lstLawPoints
when btnPromise Click
do navigate to scnPromise
when btnLaw Click
do navigate to scnLaw
when btnTroopNbr1 Click
do navigate to scnGraph
when btnTroopNbr2 Click
do navigate to scnGraph
when btnTroopNbr3 Click
do navigate to scnGraph
when btnTroopNbr4 Click
do navigate to scnGraph

```

A large circle highlights the four 'when btnTroopNbr Click' blocks.

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We'll also need to return to scnHome from scnGraph. Let's add a close button to our design. Click on Design and then scnGraph, adding a button into the row container. Let's use the same graphic and sizes as our scnLaw and scnPromise close buttons. Here I've also added a border to the button!

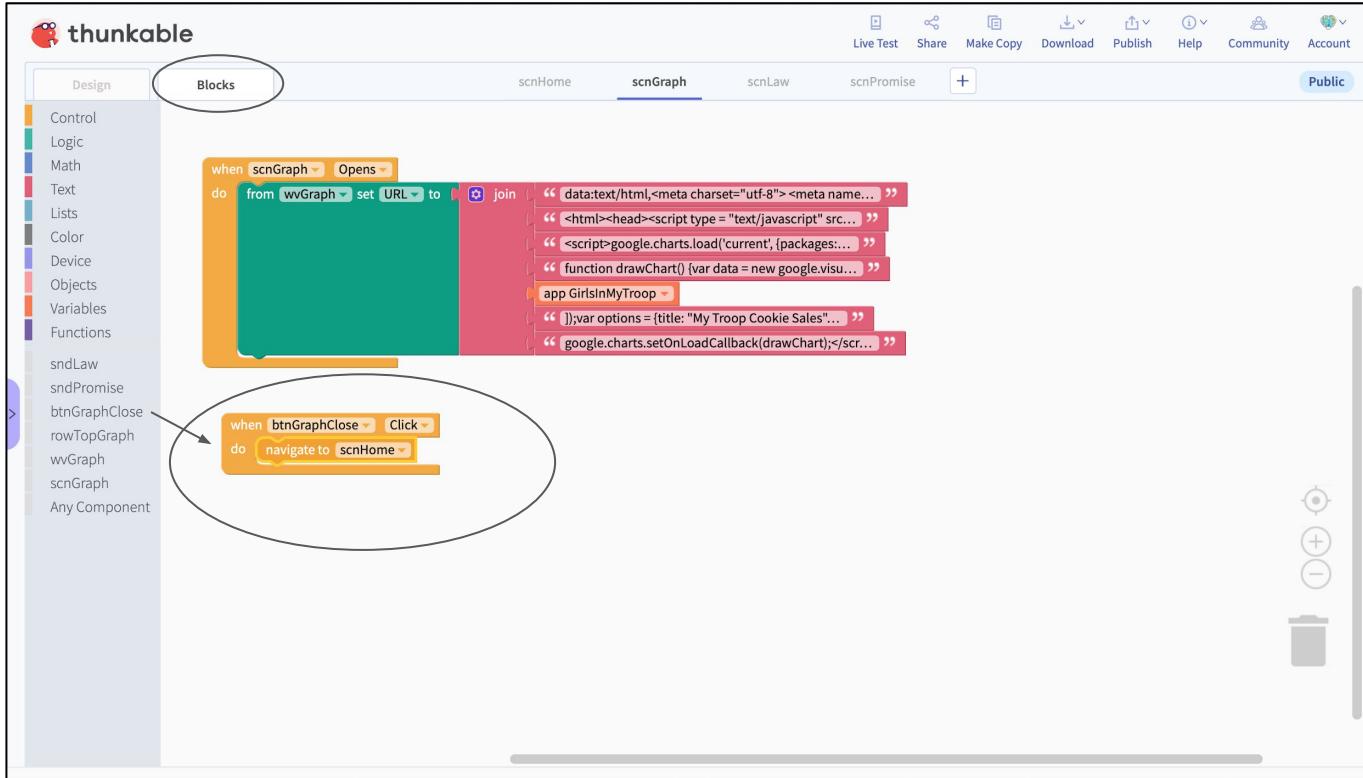


The screenshot shows the Thunkable app interface with the following details:

- Top Bar:** Includes the Thunkable logo, a search bar, and navigation links: Live Test, Share, Make Copy, Download, Publish, Help, Community, Account.
- Project Area:** Shows the project "MyGSOCApp" with scenes: scnHome, scnGraph (selected), scnLaw, and scnPromise.
- Design Tab:** The "Design" tab is highlighted with a red oval.
- Scene View:** Displays the "scnGraph" scene, which is a mobile phone screen with a yellow background. A close button component is centered on the screen.
- Properties Panel:** On the right, the properties for the selected close button are being edited:
 - Text Color:** #007aff
 - Background Color:** #ffffff
 - Font Size:** 16
 - Background Picture:** icon_close_x.png
 - Background Picture Resize Mode:** contain
 - Height:** Absolute Size (40)
 - Width:** Absolute Size (40)
 - Visible:** Visible
- Component Library:** On the left, under "Add Components", the "User Interface" section is expanded, showing components like Button, Label, Text Input, List Viewer, Web Viewer, and Switch.
- Bottom Buttons:** Shows sound effect icons for "sndLaw" and "sndPromise".

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Click on Blocks to add the code for our new close button (did you name yours btnGraphClose?). Add a Click block that will navigate back to scnHome.



The screenshot shows the thunkable app interface with the following details:

- Blocks Tab:** The "Blocks" tab is selected in the top navigation bar.
- Scenes:** The scenes are listed as tabs: scnHome, **scnGraph**, scnLaw, and scnPromise.
- Scratch-like Script:**
 - Top Script:** "when scnGraph Opens" - "do [from wvGraph set URL to [join "data:text/html,<meta charset="utf-8"><meta name..." "]]" - "script type = "text/javascript" src="]" - "script>google.charts.load('current', {packages:[...]};" - "function drawChart() {var data = new google.visu..." - "app GirlsInMyTroop" - "var options = {title: "My Troop Cookie Sales", width: 600, height: 400};" - "google.visualization.setOnLoadCallback(drawChart);<scr..."
 - Bottom Script:** "when btnGraphClose Click" - "do [navigate to scnHome]"
- Left Sidebar:** A sidebar lists components: Control, Logic, Math, Text, Lists, Color, Device, Objects, Variables, Functions, sndLaw, sndPromise, btnGraphClose, rowTopGraph, wvGraph, scnGraph, Any Component.
- Top Bar:** Includes "Live Test", "Share", "Make Copy", "Download", "Publish", "Help", "Community", and "Account".
- Right Side:** Includes "Public" button, zoom controls (+, -, fit), and a trash can icon.

Guided Design - viewing on our phone

Open the Thunkable Live app on your phone, then click the Live Test button at the top of the Thunkable X development environment. You should be able to navigate through your screens now!



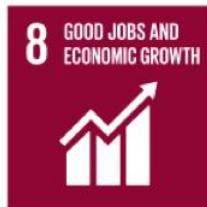
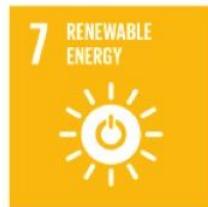
Challenges for extending your app ...

- Add a note-taking screen to capture ideas for your Bronze, Silver or Gold Award projects.
- Add a timer component and a label to display a countdown timer within a new screen. Help your troop leader keep your meetings running on time!
- Create a “photos” screen and add a camera and photo library component to capture photos taken at Girl Scout Events.
- Create a “compass” screen and use the magnetometer component and a graphical asset (picture of a compass) from google.com/images to create a compass that you can use on hikes.

Find more cool assets! google.com/images and material.io websites are good sources of pictures you could use for button backgrounds.

Brainstorming App ideas

Let's discuss app ideas that could address a problem in society, in our neighborhood, or in our school. Here are some "global goals" to consider to help you get started!



Technovation Girls and the Congressional App Challenges

Did you enjoy today's event? 🙌🙌🙌

Girl Scouts of Orange County would like to support teams to enter the Technovation Girls (Feb/Mar 2020) and the very similar Congressional App (Oct/Nov 2020) app development challenges!

Here are links to these events:

<https://technovationchallenge.org>

<https://www.congressionalappchallenge.us>

You must be **a junior or senior high school student** in order to enter these two competitions. Since the event requirements are very similar, you can enter the identical project in both challenges. There isn't an entry fee, and you'll have a chance to travel and win prizes for your team if your app is selected as a finalist!

If you're not in junior high school just yet, please enter the "Coolest Projects" event in March 2020: <https://coolestprojects.org/usa/> with your super cool app idea!

The GSOC can help you connect with mentors that can assist your team!

What to do next...

Continue to develop your app at home!

Now that you know how to log onto ThunkableX and develop an app, start building some cool apps! Be sure to take this slide deck home with you as a reference.

You can start by adding onto the app you created today, or you can create a complete new app!

If you'd like to investigate other app development tools using text based programming (rather than block coding), I'd recommend that you look into these two development environments:

Swift: <https://developer.apple.com/swift/>

Flutter / Dart: <https://flutter.dev>

If you'd like to consider entering the Technovation or Congressional App Challenges, use these two search terms within YouTube to review prior year's entries: "congressional app challenge" "technovation challenge"

Congratulations on earning your Coding for Good - App Development Badge!