

BUILDING WITH NUMBERS

MODULE 4: INVESTIGATION 4

Exploring Conversions





Activity 4.4.1 – Converting Length



ACTIVITY 4.4.1

Converting Length



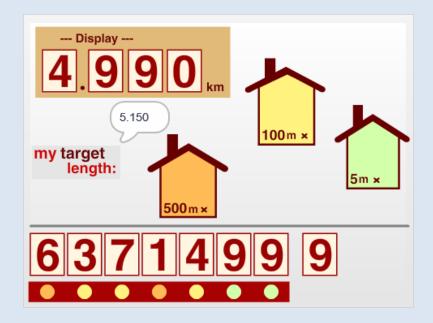
Activity 4.4.1 – Converting Length



Open project **47-Converting Length**.

Explore the project, run its green flag and explore how each house contributes to the Display.

Explore the **input's** scripts to understand what happens with the input value when dragged over the **500 m** × house, **100 m** × house or **5 m** × house.





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Activity 4.4.1 – Converting Length



- How many metres in 1km? How many 500m in 1km? How many 5m in 1km?
- 3
- Which record of 7 input digits would produce the smallest possible length? What is the biggest length that can be build in 7 steps?
- How could you build the 9.999km target number?
- What length would be displayed based on the input values below?





Activity 4.4.1 – Converting Length



- **[Extension]** Switch the backdrop to *converting length 2*.
 - What is different?
 - Will the game work correctly now? If not, explain why.
- **[Extension]** Which scripts need to change? Start fixing the **input** value

when over the 2 m × green house. Test with different input values.







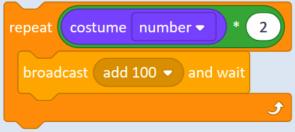
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- **[Extension]** Fix the **input** value behaviour when atop the **50 m** × yellow house. Test with different **input** values.
- **[Extension]** The most complex is the **250 m** × orange house as it should contribute to **hundreds** and to **tens**:







- Can we simply snap these two repeat structures together to become a new definition of the *in orange* block?
- In which order? Does it matter?



Ext. Activity 4.4.2 – Converting Mass



EXTENSION ACTIVITY 4.4.2

Converting Mass



Ext. Activity 4.4.2 – Converting Mass



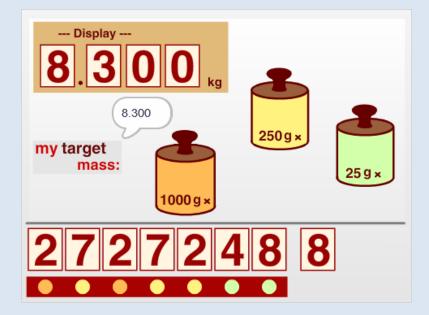
Open project 4-Converting Mass.

Explore the project, run its green flag and explore how each house contributes to the Display.

Explore the **input's** scripts to understand what happens with the input

value when dragged over

1000 g x mass, **250** g x mass or **25** g x mass.









- How many grams in 1 kg? How many 250 kg in 1 kg? And in 2 kg? How many 25 g in 1 kg? What fraction of 1 kg is 250 g?
- 3
- Which record of 7 input digits would produce the smallest possible mass? What is the biggest mass that can be built in 7 steps?
- How could you build the 9.995 kg outcome?
- What masses would be displayed based on the input records below?



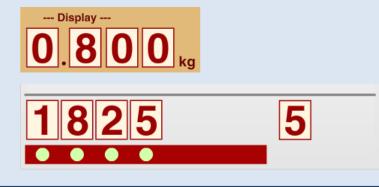


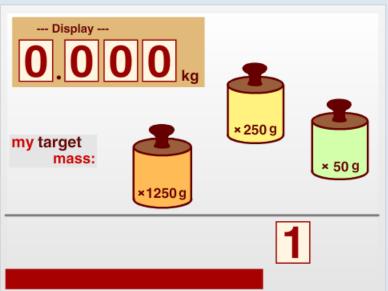
Ext. Activity 4.4.2 – Converting Mass



- Switch the backdrop to *converting mass 2*.
 - What is different?
 - Will the game work correctly now? If not, explain why?
- Which scripts need change? Start fixing the **input** value when over the **50 g** × green house. Test

with different input values.







Ext. Activity 4.4.2 – Converting Mass

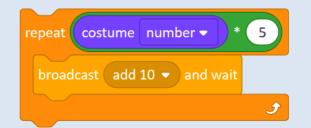


- Fix the **input** value behaviour when over the **200** g × yellow house. Test with different **input** values.
- The most complex is the 1250 g × orange house as it should contribute to thousands, hundreds and tens.



- Do you see how these scripts could generate the number 1250?
- Can we snap these three scripts into on? In which order?
 Does it matter?







Ext. Activity 4.4.3 – Converting Time



EXTENSION ACTIVITY 4.4.3

Converting Time



Ext. Activity 4.4.3 – Converting Time



Open project **4-Converting Time**.

- Explore the project, run its green flag and explore how each house contributes to the Display.
- Explore in particular the **input's** scripts to understand what happens with the input value when dragged atop **30 min** × dial, **15 min** × dial or **2 min** × dial.





Ext. Activity 4.4.3 – Converting Time



- How many minutes in 1 hour? How many 2 mins in 1 hour? And in half an hour? How many 15 mins in 1 hour? And 30 mins in 1 hour?
- Which record of 7 input digits would produce the smallest possible time? Is it possible to build 3:33 in 7 steps? Is it possible to build 1:00 in 7 steps? Is there more than one solution?
- What time would be displayed based on these input records?





Ext. Activity 4.4.3 – Converting Time



- Switch the backdrop to *converting time 2*.
 - What is different?
 - Will the game work correctly now? If not, explain why?
- Which scripts need change?
 Fix the **input** value over
 each dial. Test with different **input** values.



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My Investigation 4 check list:
☐ I reached the target length, mass or time in 7 steps or less.
I envisaged the increase in the kilometre display when adding different amounts of metres before trying in Scratch.
[Extension] I envisaged the increase in the kilogram display when adding different amounts of grams.
[Extension] I envisaged the increase in the hours display when adding different numbers of minutes.
[Extension] I adapted the conversion game by changing the background and updating the scripts to be able to play with different amounts of metres, grams and/or minutes.