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Week 0



Dall-E 2: cats learning C++ in the forest on '90's technology

PARTICIPATION 1.1.5: Computational thinking: Creating algorithms to draw shapes using turtle graphics. ACTIVITY

A common way to become familiar with algorithms is called turtle graphics: You instruct a robotic turtle to walk a certain path, via instructions like "Turn left", "Walk forward 10 steps", or "Pen down" (to draw a line while walking).

The 6-instruction algorithm shown below ("Pen down", "Forward 100", etc.) draws a triangle.

- 1. Press "Run" to see the instructions execute from top to bottom, yielding a triangle.
- 2. Can you modify the instructions to draw a square? Hint: "Pen down", "Forward 100", "Left 90", going!
- 3. Experiment to see what else you can draw.

Note: The values after a Left or Right turn are angles in degrees.

How to:

- Add an instruction: Click an orange button ("Pen up", "Pen down", "Forward", "Turn left"). Delete an instruction: Click its "x".
- Move an instruction: Drag it up or down.



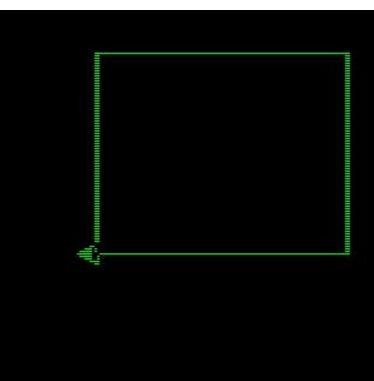
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Cynthia Solomon, Wally Feurzeig, Seymour Papert, 1969 Cambridge, Mass.: LOGO





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