

Whisker: Automated Testing of Scratch Programs

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What is Scratch?

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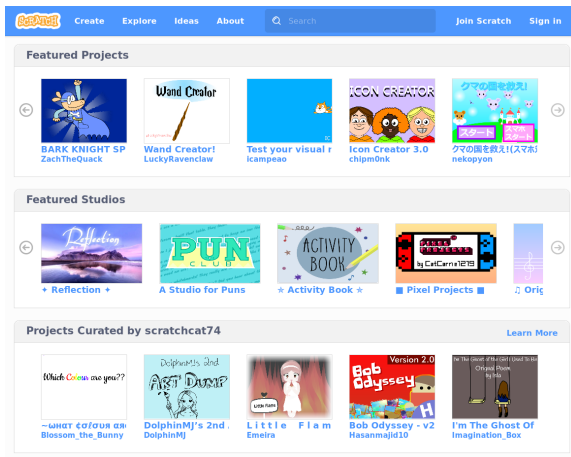


Figure: Scratch's online repository

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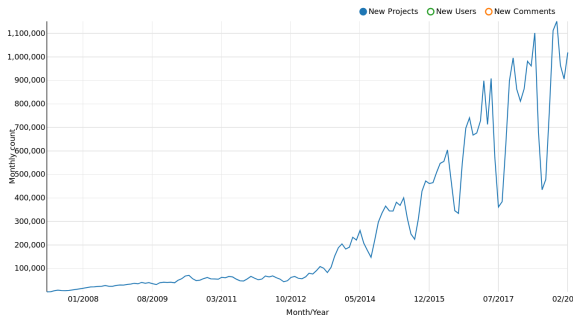


Figure: Submitted Scratch projects per month

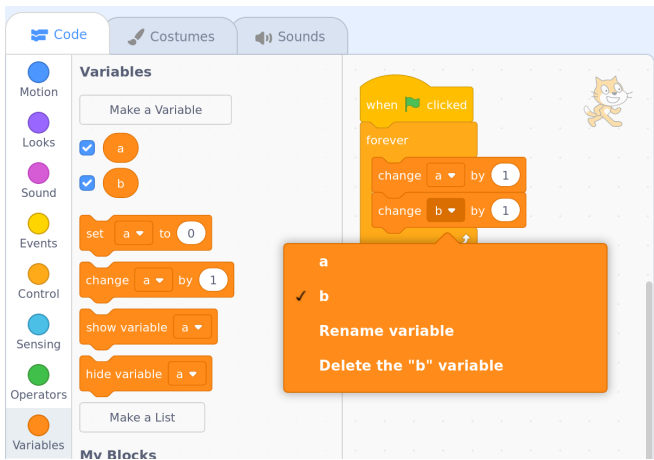
- ▶ over 38 million projects shared
- ▶ over 36 million users

Why Scratch? Good introduction to programming

Many schools and universities deploy Scratch as a gentle introduction to programming

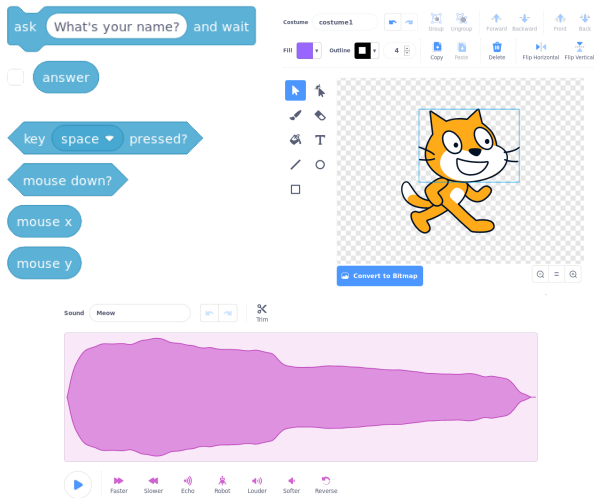
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Intuitive: Block based code system only allows valid code



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Engaging: User interaction, easy integration of graphics and sounds



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Grading Scratch assignments is very time consuming

- ▶ every project has to be opened individually
- ▶ programs require large amounts of user interaction

Some courses are attended by a large number of students (> 200), making manual grading infeasible.

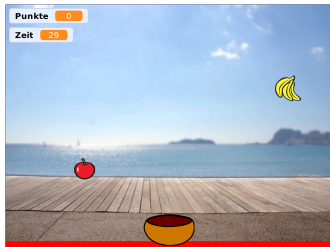
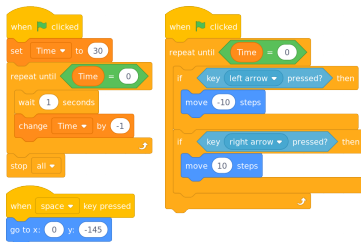
Students can also use automated tests to get feedback for their own implementations.

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Usually functional testing is deployed to automatically assess student solution, but this is not straightforward for Scratch

- ▶ Scratch is only accessible through its GUI
- ▶ no functions that take parameters and return a value
- ▶ no textual IO, keyboard and mouse input and graphical output



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Approach: Test on a system level by automating Scratch's IO