

Scratch Data Types

DEFINITION

A data type is a set of **values** and a set of **operations** on those values.

Scratch has three primitive data types: strings, numbers, and booleans.

For each, list some example values and operations.

strings	numbers	booleans
example values: 1. 2. 3.	example values: 1. 2. 3.	example values: 1. 2.
example operations: 1. 2. 3.	example operations: 1. 2. 3.	example operations: 1. 2. 3.

Try some experiments. What happens if you:

- use string operations with number values? For example
 - `join` a word and a number
 - `join` two numbers
 - `length` of a number
- use boolean operations with string values? For example
 - compare (`>` or `<` or `=`)
 - give two examples that produce a `true` value
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 - give two examples that produce a `false`
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- use number operations with boolean values? For example
 - `(5 > 10) - (10 > 5)` (false - true)
 - `(2 > 1) + (2 > 1)` (true + true)

Hypothesize:

- How does Scratch know whether to treat a number like a number or a string?
- Why do you think Scratch won't let you enter a word for inputs for math operations (e.g., `+` or `round`)?
- What's happening when you compare two string values? (see experiment 2a above)
- What's happening when you subtract or add boolean values (see experiment 3)? How could you confirm your hypothesis?