

Creating your own blocks- Functions

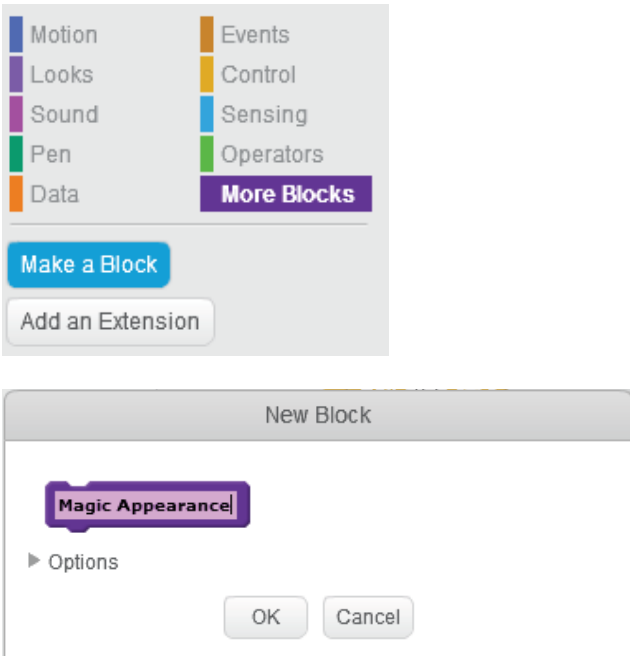
My Blocks (known as More Blocks in Scratch 2.0) is one of the ten categories of Scratch blocks. It holds procedures for the selected sprite. They are color-coded pink. Before any blocks are created, it is empty, except for a "Make a Block" button.

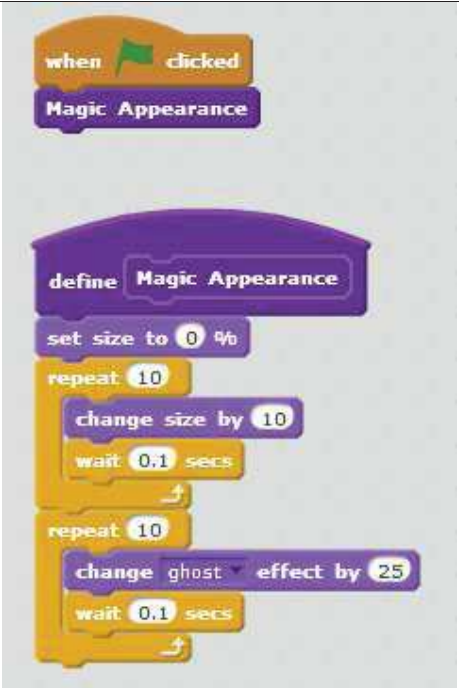
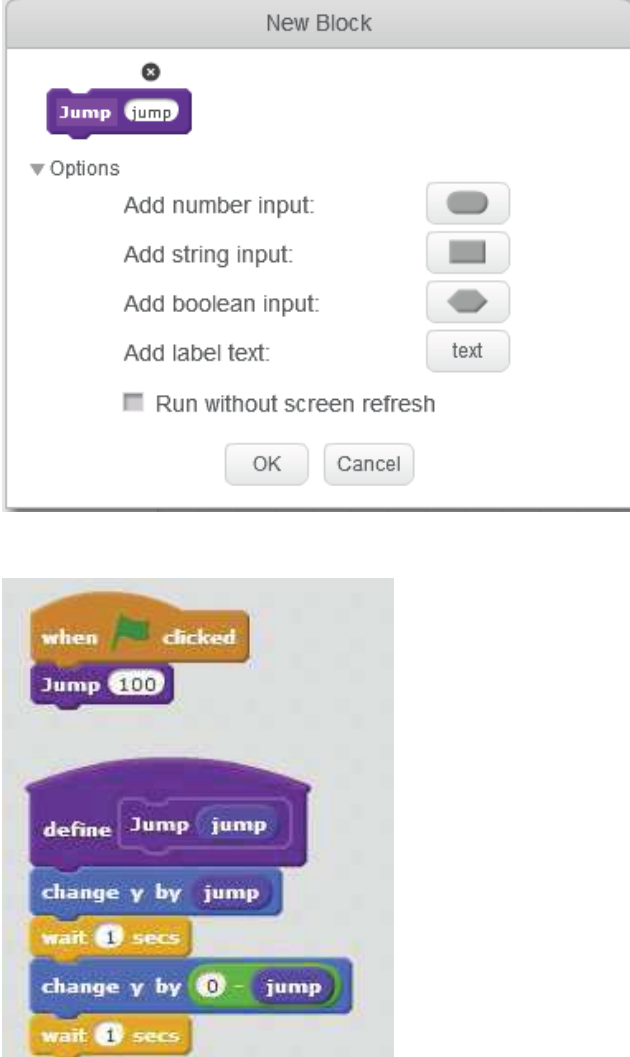
Clicking Make a Block brings up a dialogue allowing the user to make a procedure. Once OK is pressed, the new block appears in the palette and an empty definition appears in the code area.

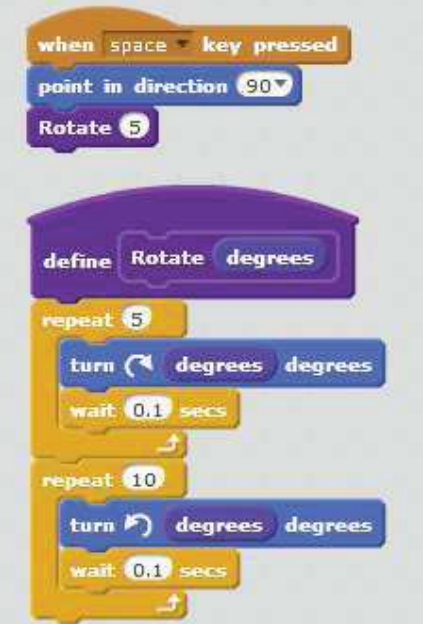
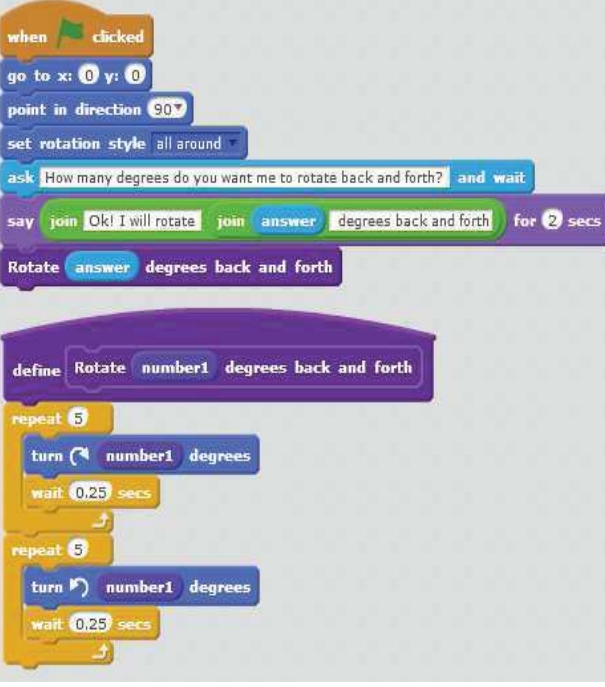
When the procedure runs, Scratch will run the blocks below the corresponding Define block.


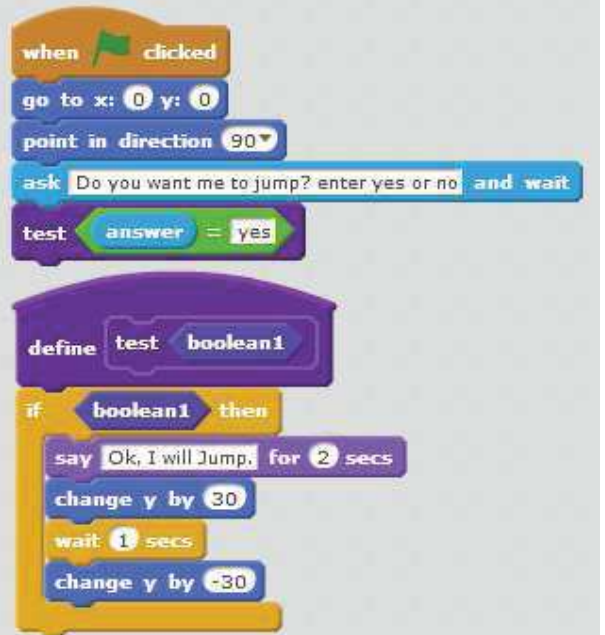
Uses of My Blocks

'Make a Block' provides the ability to reuse the same code in multiple places without having to duplicate the code. It also allows one part of code to pass information to another part. Some programmers call reusable code that is called by another part of a program a 'subroutine' or 'function'.

Sl. No.	Activity Name	Activity Image
1	<p>Create a new block</p> <p>i) To create a new block in Scratch , you need to go to the block palette and select the More Blocks category.</p> <p>ii) Once here, you click the Make a Block button to open the New Block window</p> <p>iii) Here you enter a name for the Block and select options for parameters passing.</p> <p>iv) Click the OK button when ready.</p> <p>v) After you create a new block, we have to add code under the define <i>Block</i> area.</p>	 <p>The image shows two parts of the Scratch interface. The top part is the block palette with various categories like Motion, Looks, Sound, Pen, Data, Events, Control, Sensing, and Operators. The 'More Blocks' category is highlighted in purple. Below it is a 'Make a Block' button. The bottom part is the 'New Block' dialog box, which has a text input field containing 'Magic Appearance' and 'Options' below it. 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom.</p>

		 <p>The code starts with a 'when green flag clicked' event block. Below it is a 'Magic Appearance' block. The 'define Magic Appearance' block contains: 'set size to 0 %b', a 'repeat 10' loop with 'change size by 10' and 'wait 0.1 secs' blocks, and another 'repeat 10' loop with 'change ghost effect by 25' and 'wait 0.1 secs' blocks.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Passing parameters to new block</p>	 <p>The top part shows the 'New Block' dialog for a 'Jump' block. It has a 'jump' parameter and options for adding number, string, or boolean inputs, a 'text' label, and a 'Run without screen refresh' checkbox. 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom.</p> <p>The bottom part shows the code: 'when green flag clicked' event, 'Jump 100' block, 'define Jump jump' block, 'change y by jump' block, 'wait 1 secs' block, 'change y by 0 - jump' block, and 'wait 1 secs' block.</p>

3	Rotate Function	 <pre> when space key pressed point in direction 90 Rotate 5 define Rotate degrees repeat 5 turn degrees degrees wait 0.1 secs repeat 10 turn degrees degrees wait 0.1 secs </pre>
4	Rotate number input	 <pre> when clicked go to x: 0 y: 0 point in direction 90 set rotation style all around ask How many degrees do you want me to rotate back and forth? and wait say join Ok! I will rotate join answer degrees back and forth for 2 secs Rotate answer degrees back and forth define Rotate number1 degrees back and forth repeat 5 turn number1 degrees wait 0.25 secs repeat 5 turn number1 degrees wait 0.25 secs </pre>

5	Jump String Input	 <pre> when clicked go to x: 0 y: 0 point in direction 90 set rotation style all around ask Do you want me to jump? and wait Jump answer define Jump Yes/No if Yes/No = Yes then say Ok, I will Jump for 2 secs change y by 30 wait 1 secs change y by -30 else say Ok, I won't Jump, for 2 secs </pre>
6	Jump Boolean Input	 <pre> when clicked go to x: 0 y: 0 point in direction 90 ask Do you want me to jump? enter yes or no and wait test answer = yes define test boolean1 if boolean1 then say Ok, I will Jump, for 2 secs change y by 30 wait 1 secs change y by -30 </pre>

7 Sprite moving with keys using functions.

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define left
  say left arrow pressed for 2 secs
  change x by -20

define right
  say right arrow pressed for 2 secs
  change x by 20

define down
  say down arrow pressed for 2 secs
  change y by -20

define up
  say up arrow pressed for 2 secs
  change y by 20
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when green flag clicked
  go to x: 0 y: 0
  point in direction 90
  say Press arrow keys for different functions for 2 secs
  forever
    if key up arrow pressed? then
      up
    if key down arrow pressed? then
      down
    if key left arrow pressed? then
      left
    if key right arrow pressed? then
      right
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