

# Objectives of this session

Increase understanding of control specifically:

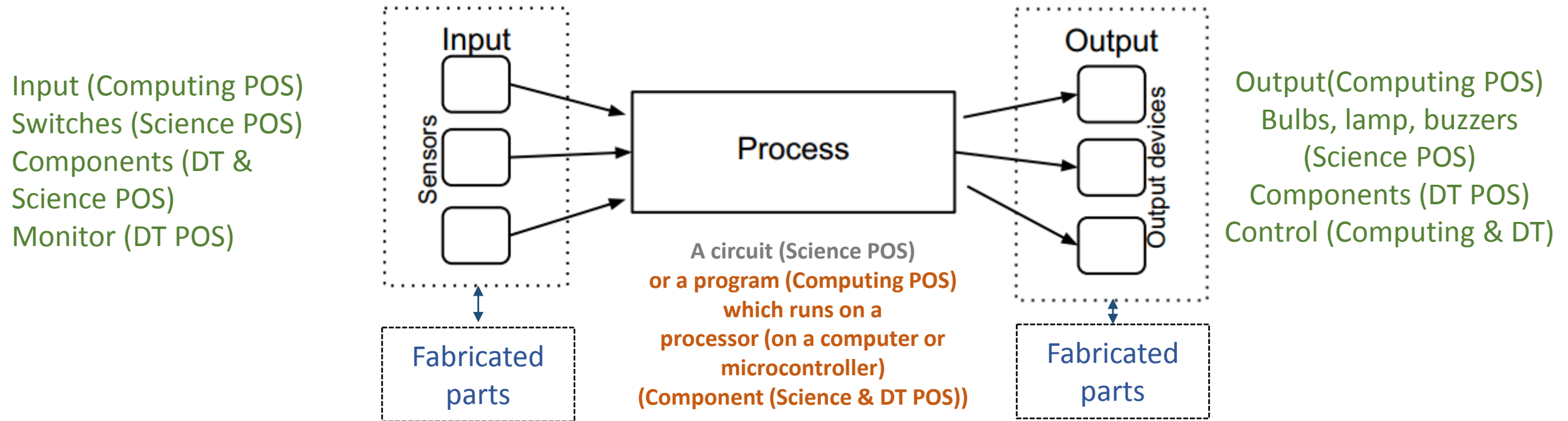


- Vocabulary associated with control and the control model
- Examples of real world and school control (including physical devices)
- Using design to represent control
- Progression of control
- Pedagogy for teaching control

	Science - Electricity	DT	Computing
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers</li> <li>identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery</li> <li>recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit</li> <li>recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How simple electrical circuits and components can be used to create functional products</li> <li>How to program a computer to control their products</li> </ul> <p><i>(split by data.org)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals, including controlling physical systems</li> <li>Use sequence, selection and repetition in programs</li> <li>Work with variables and various forms of input and output</li> </ul>
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How more complex electrical circuits and components can be used to create functional products</li> <li>How to program a computer to monitor changes in the environment and control their products</li> </ul>	

# Science, DT and Computing

Physical systems (Computing POS) = Functional Product (DT POS) = Circuit (Science POS)



**Physical systems** include a **process** which is a hard wired circuit or a program which runs on a processor (on a computer or microcontroller) which monitors or controls inputs and outputs. The inputs and outputs are electronic components which work with fabricated parts (mechanical and user interface).

*Designs perhaps include: algorithm design; data structure design; user interface design; electronic component design; fabrication/mechanical design - however some of these are perhaps not design choices but implementation choices.*

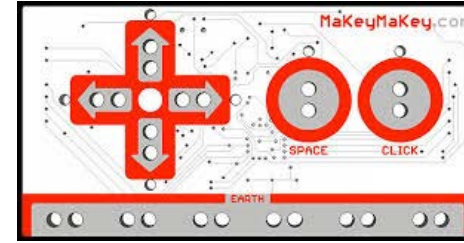
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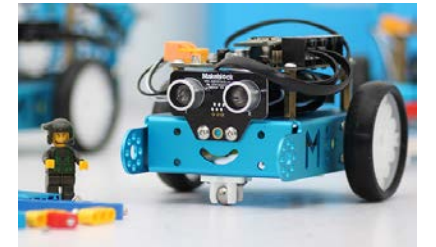
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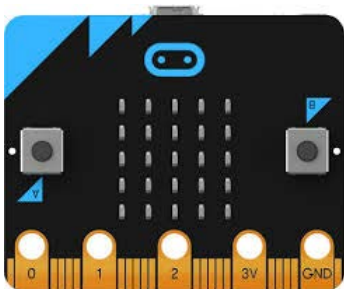
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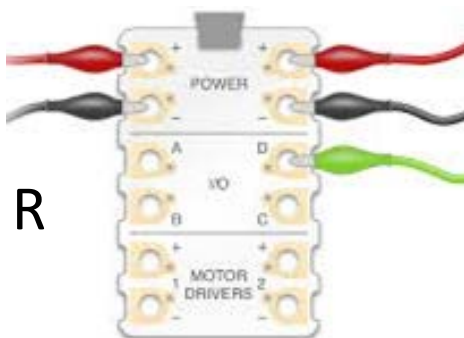
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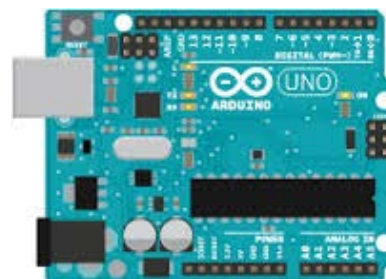
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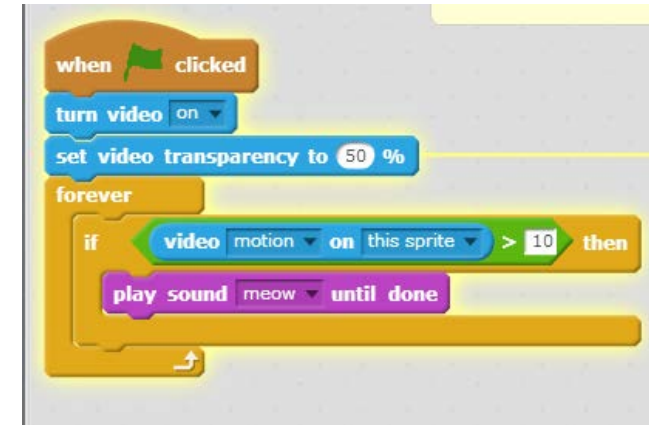
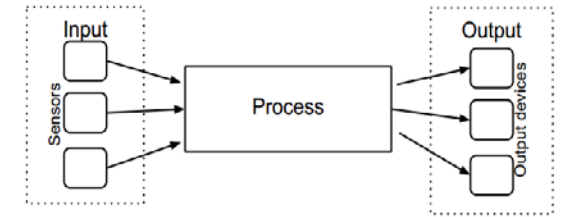


# Control

4. What **techniques/commands** are often used to implement (code) variables?

Predict what this code will do.

Say what are the inputs and what are the outputs.



Predict what code has been used.

Scratch control code 1 guess what code is used

Scratch control code 2 guess what code has been used

<https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/97038386/#player>

<https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/97039379/>

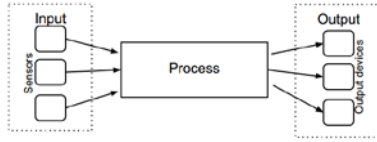
# Comparing instructional approaches in teaching control

1. Add your name to the table in the google doc
2. Try some of the options.
3. Make a note in the table of advantages and disadvantages of each instructional approach.

name	Option 1 Innovate (project)	Option 2 Copy Code	Option 3 Predict/Run/Investigate	Option 4 Guided discovery	Option 5 Evaluation

Option 1

# Control

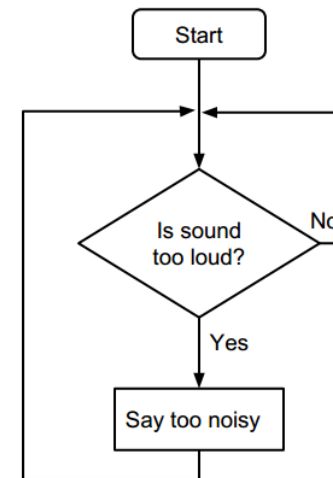


## Sound monitor algorithm

If quiet say that is ok

else say that is too noisy

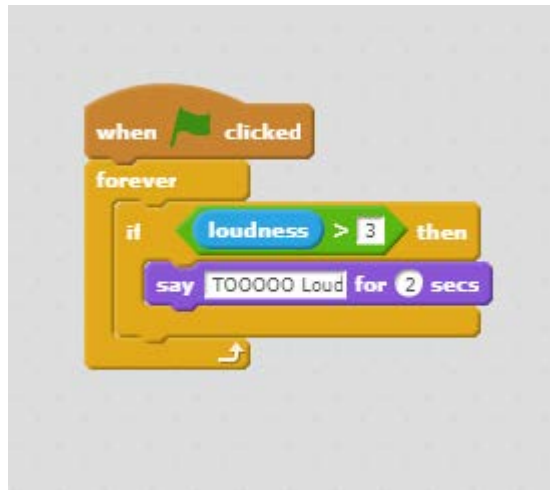
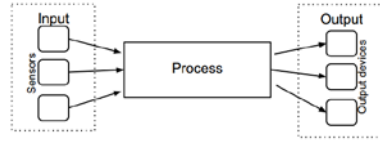
1. What code do you think you would need?
2. Build it!





Option 2

# Control

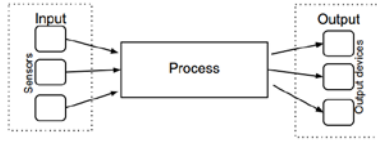


Copy this code.

Well done you have made a sound monitor.

Option 3

# Control



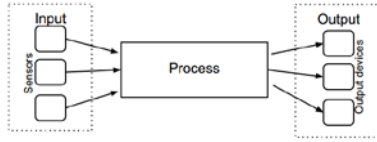
1. Predict what this code will do

2 Run it <https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/36133098/>

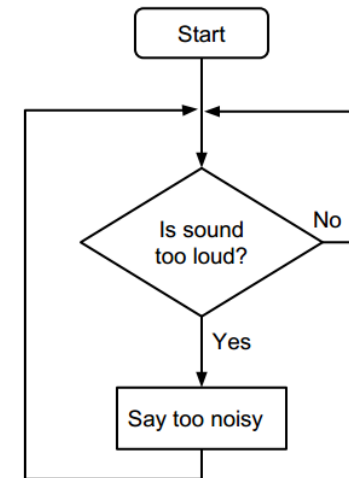
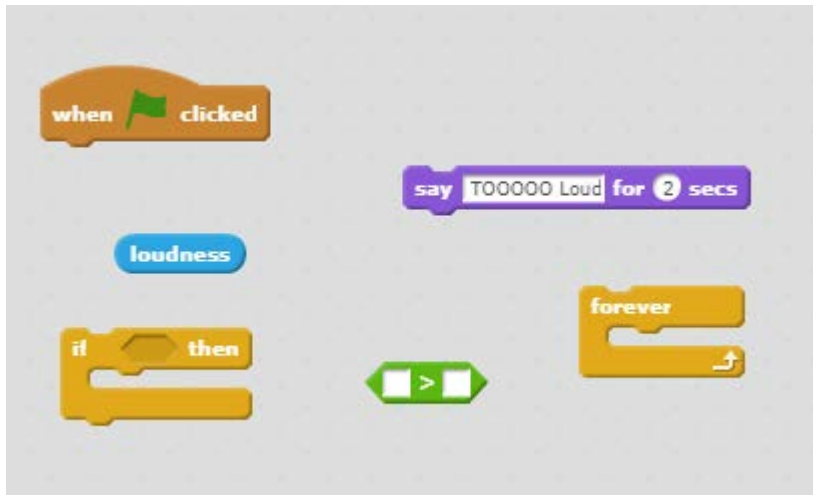
3. Investigate the values 3 and 167.

Option 4

# Control



1. Explore these commands
2. Can you make a sound monitor that
3. Implements this algorithm?

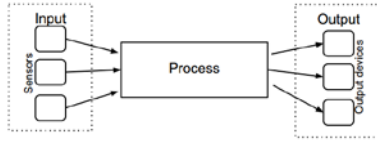


Sound monitor algorithm

If noisy say that's too noisy

## Option 5

# Control



Look at the code in these programs in this studio, which is the best sound monitor? Why? Explain to the group the difference between the sound monitors.

<https://scratch.mit.edu/studios/701450/>

[Barefoot classroom sound monitor](#)

# Objectives of this session

Increase understanding of assessment, differentiation & progression specifically:



- Forms of assessment for programming
- Progression in programming
- Approaches for differentiation for programming

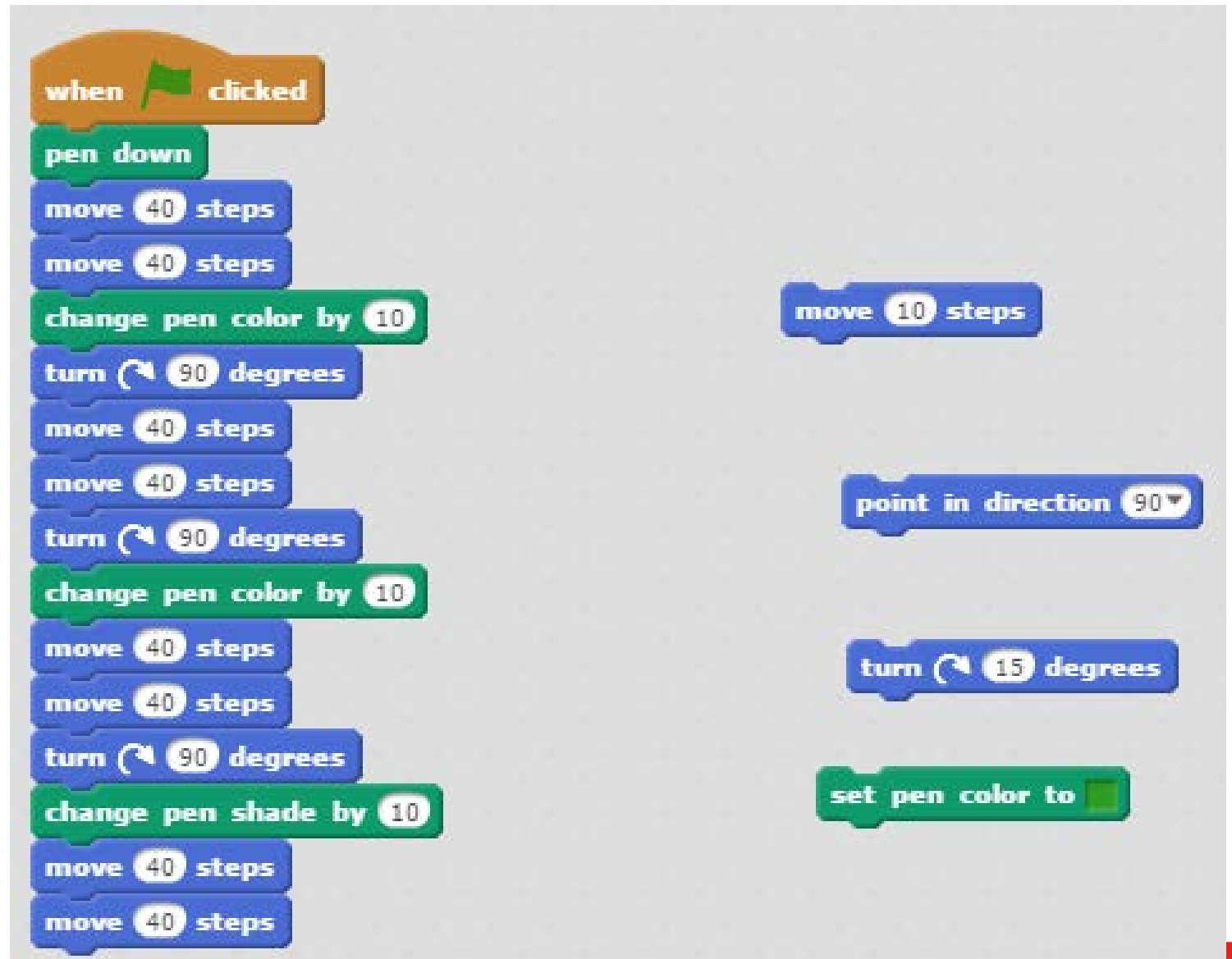
# Assessment activities

1. Read the assessment working group paper. How does this compare to our ideas? Add to the A3 sheets? (5mins)
2. Compare the ELIM progression statements to the Rising Star assessment books. Do they match? Feedback to group. (15 mins)
3. Can you make a detail progression for one or more of these?
  - Sequence
  - Repetition
  - Selection
  - Variables
  - ProceduresCompare your progression to Rich et al and Jane's crazy ideas & compare to your SOW. Have you incorporated general theories? (Bloom/Solo/ KSU) (30 mins)  
*Where does quality code/bad smells come in?*

4. Undo the progression of the Hard/Easy Maths quiz. (10 mins)



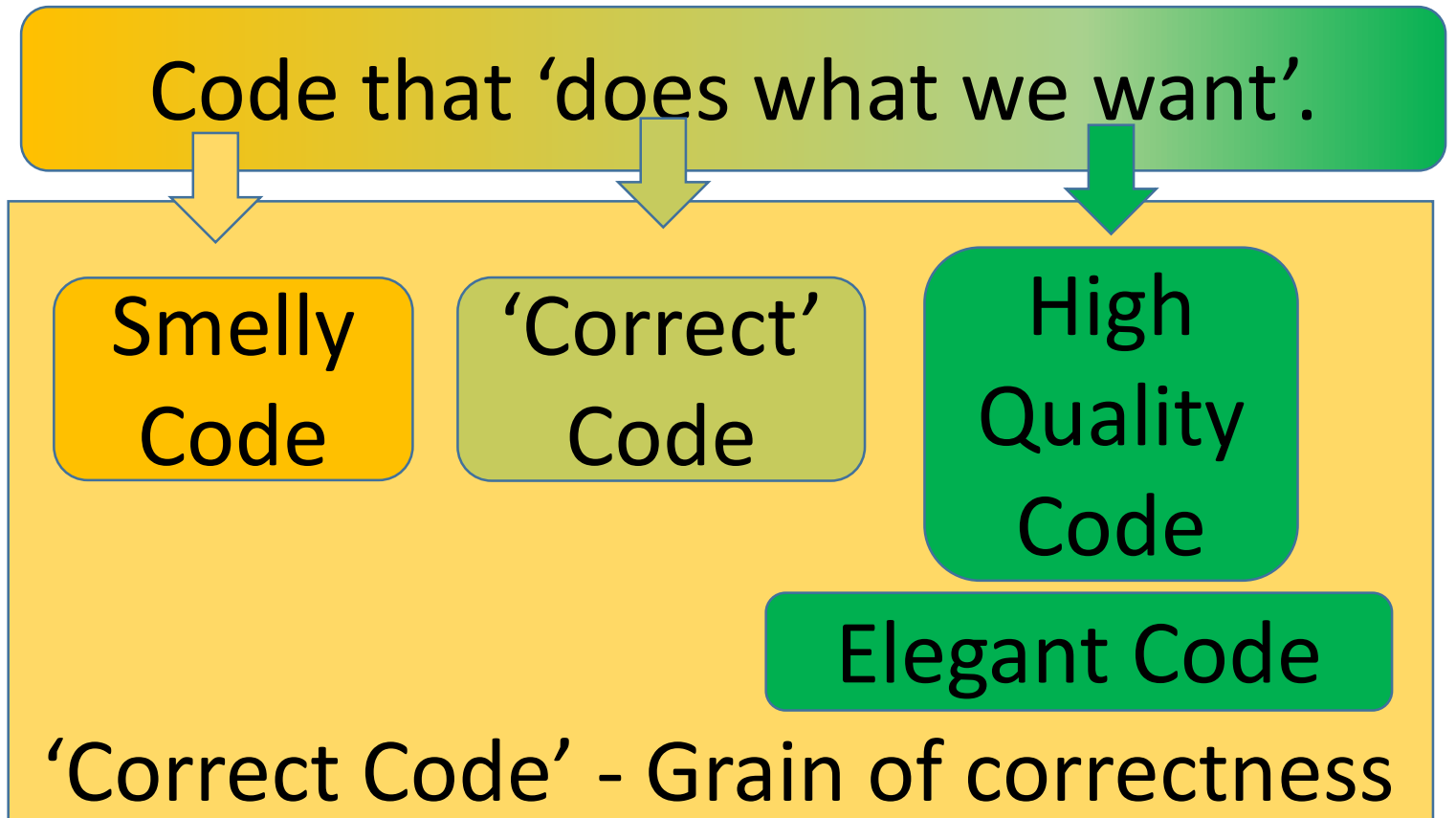
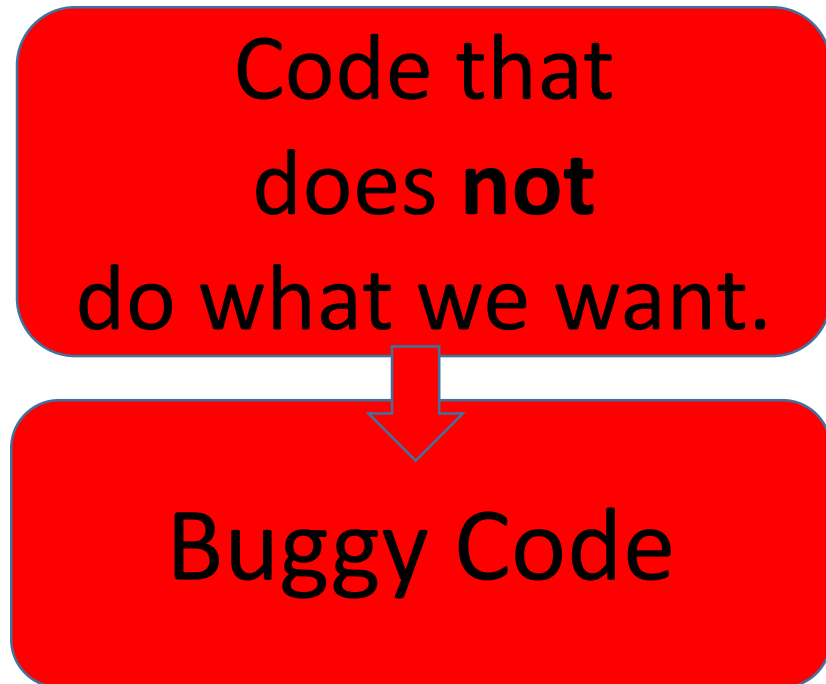
# Bad smells



Handout 2

<https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/164525941/5>

# What might we call?



Evaluation. What is correct? What is quality? What is progression?

Which relate to smells, bugs, progress  
What year group might you teach these to?  
Have you:

*Handout 1*

1. Cleaned up your scripting area?
2. Cleaned up unused sprites?
3. Cleaned up unused costumes?
4. Removed code that you could combine e.g. move 3 move 5?
5. Renamed your sprites, backgrounds etc so it is easy to know what they do?
6. Made sure your code does what you/ your user wanted/designed?
7. Created a start up 'make your own block' for every sprite?
8. Used a loop rather than repeated code?
9. Used a procedure to decompose your code into parts that are then easy to understand & change?
10. Used a procedure to reuse some code?

# Sequence - progression?

Switch background + no sprites

Single Sprite

- no concurrency & no coordination

Multiple Sprites

- concurrency & no coordination

Multiple Sprites

- concurrency - use time to manage coordination

*Use design annotations and ragging rather than copy code to scaffold independence?*

Multiple Sprites

- concurrency - use broadcast to manage coordination

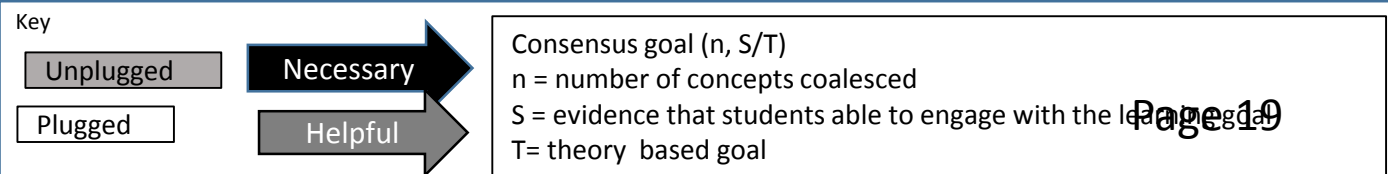
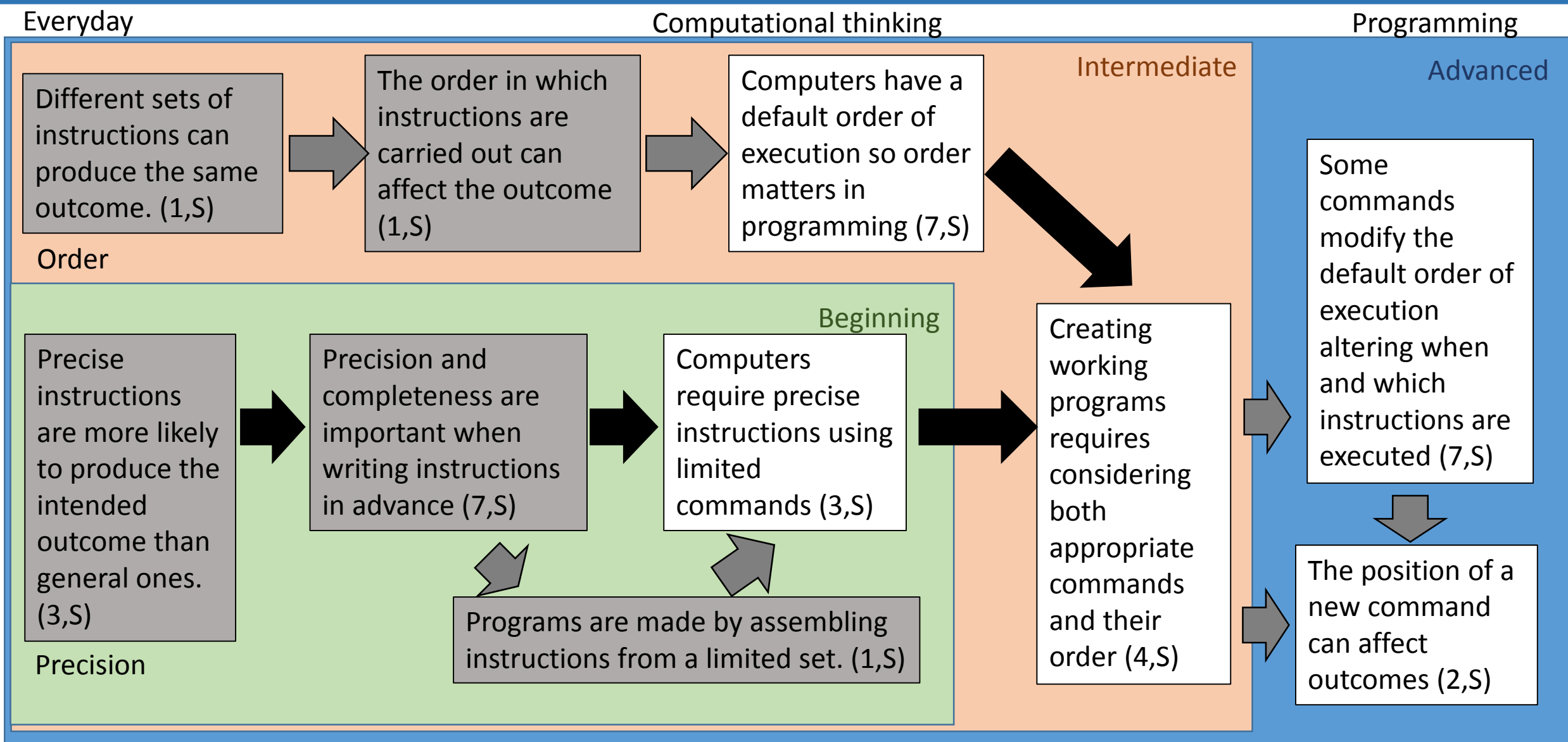
Multiple Sprites

- concurrency - use broadcast & wait to manage coordination

Multiple Sprites

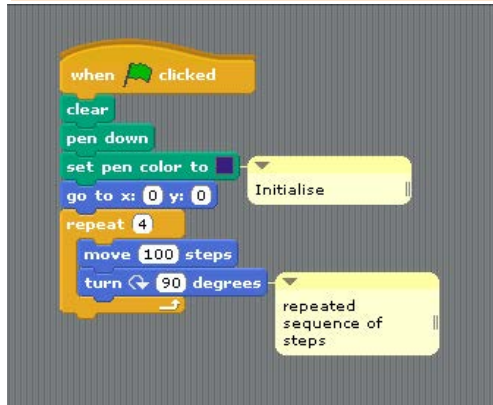
- concurrency - use variables to manage coordination

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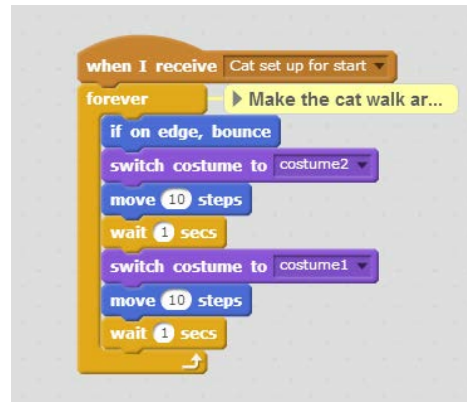


# Repetition - progression?

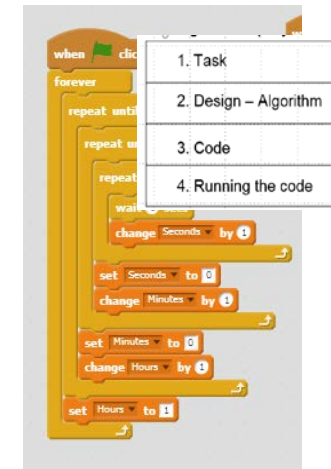
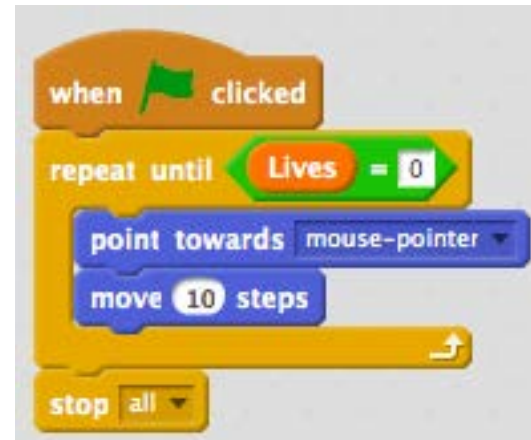
Repeat n times



Forever (can be simple or complex - depends on use - spiral progression)



Repeat until (requires boolean and could use input)



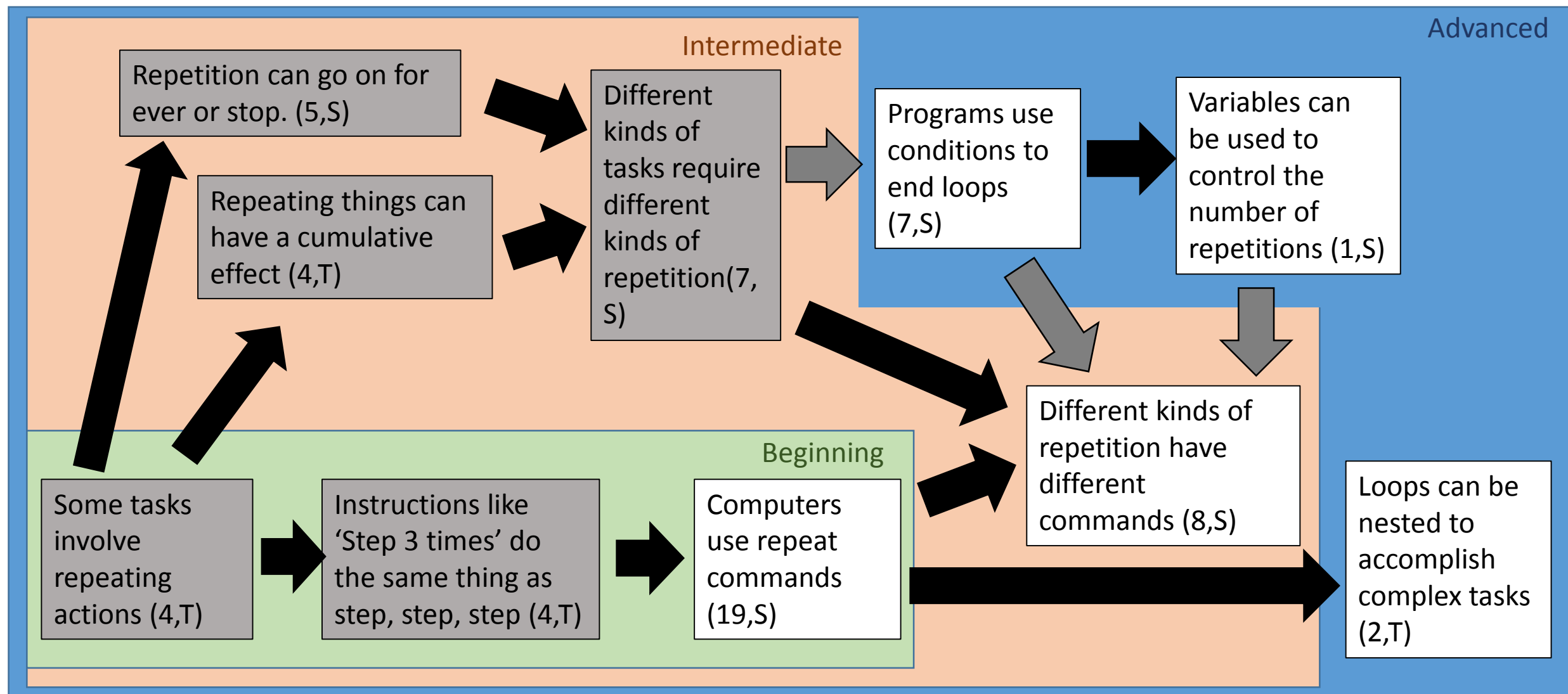
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*Use design annotations rather than copy code to scaffold independence and ragging*

In other programming languages...

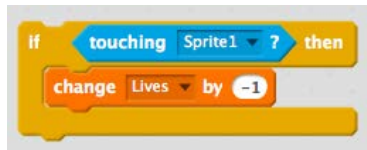
for loops / while loop



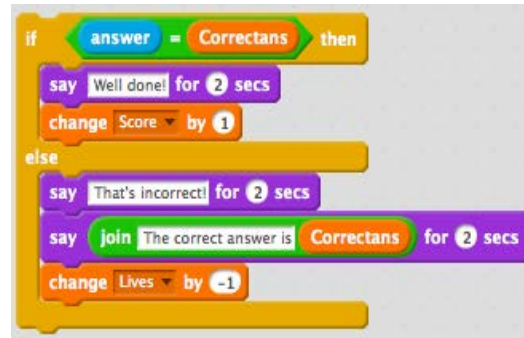


# Selection - progression?

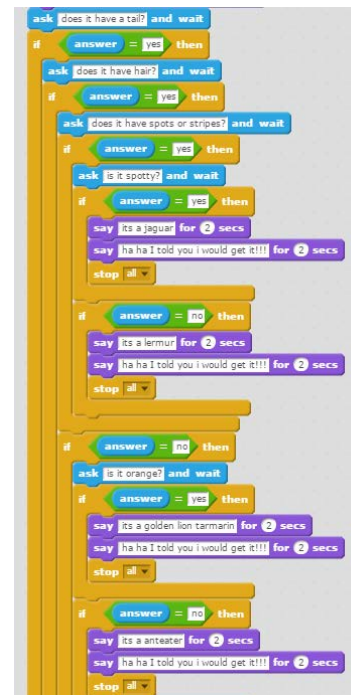
If then



If then else



Nested



Event handling/ Forever/ Conditional loops?



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Use design annotations rather than copy code to scaffold independence and ragging

In other programming languages...

# Everyday

# Computational thinking

# Programming

Advanced

A Boolean is a variable that can be true or false (4,S)

Intermediate

Sometimes multiple conditions must be considered (3,S)

Conditionals can overlap and more than one can apply (2,S)

Logical operators can be used to combine conditions (5,S)

Beginning

A condition is something that can be true or false (3,S)

A conditional connects a condition to an outcome (11,S)

Each of two states of a condition may have its own action (4,S)

Computers require all actions to be specified (4,S)

Actions often result from specific causes. (2,T)

Conditional statements are computer commands to evaluate conditions and complete connected actions (18,S)

Conditional statements can create branches in the flow of execution (7,S)

Conditional statements can be combined in several ways (2,S)

Key

Unplugged

Necessary

Plugged

Helpful

Consensus goal (n, S/T)

n = number of concepts coalesced

S = evidence that students able to engage with the learning goal

T= theory based goal

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(Rich et al. 2017)

# Progression in variables (ideas to spark discussion only)

Context

Animations/stories

Quizzes

Games

Simulations

Physical computing e.g. Makey, makey, Lego Wedo, Picoboard, TTS controller/LED etc....

Use

Use variable to: Display a value that changes during the program e.g. score/lives

Use variable to: Facilitate user to control an aspect of a program e.g. difficulty/ speed/size/colour

Use variable to: Control internal working of the program e.g. difficulty level

Knows what a variable is, can predict what variables will do, can change code with variables, can add a variable....

Can create a variable

Can initialise a variable

Can update variables

Can use variables

Can exhaustively test variables

Independance

# Progression in make your own blocks and lists

Context

Animations/stories

Quizzes

Games

Simulations

Physical computing e.g. Makey, makey, Lego Wedo, Picoboard, TTS controller/LED etc....

Make your own block for simple games, for initialisation etc

Suggests using make your own blocks to reuse code, make code readable.

Knows what one is, can predict what it does , can change code with them , can add them .

Lists for simple random selection activities

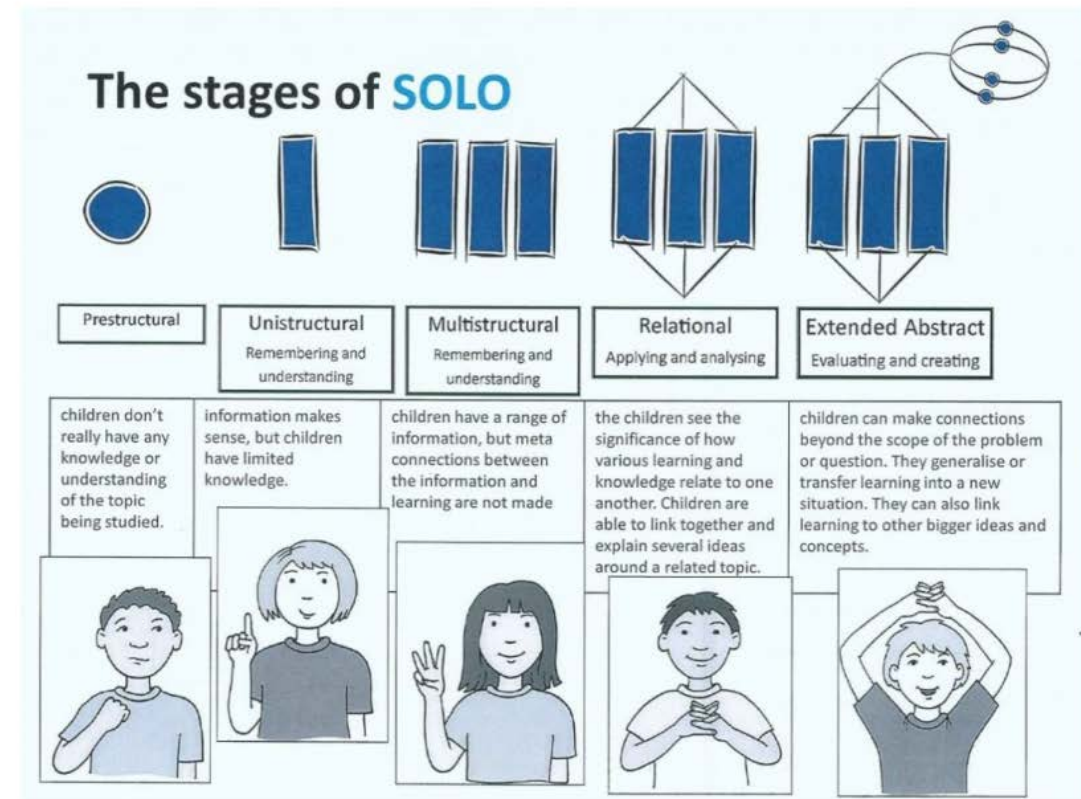
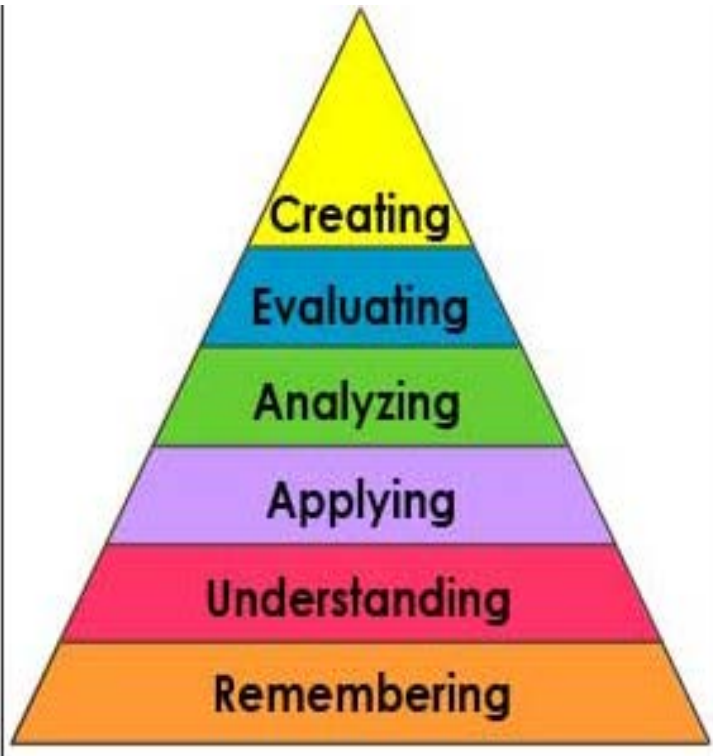
Lists for simple matching activities

For handling data – arrays – Snap/Python

Independance

# Progression – theory – general progression

Figure 1: Levels of understanding in SOLO Taxonomy



(As adapted by Severn TSA from Hook, P & Mills J. (2011) SOLO Taxonomy: A Guide for Schools Book 1 Essential Resources Educational Publishers, NZ)

Bloom et al 1956



# Un-progress the implementation of this design!

Gradually remove progression from the implementation of this design.  
*The code is shown on the next 2 pages or look online.*

<https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/207255264/>

The task for this program is : Make a quiz that asks a few questions.

The design is :

- Ask for the user name and whether they want an easy or hard quiz.
- If they say they want easy questions ask several easy questions and add 1 to the score when the player gets a correct answer but take a point away when they get it wrong. Show the correct answer if they get it right or wrong.
- Do the same for the hard questions.
- At the end, show the player how many points they got and include their name and whether they did the easy or hard quiz.

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when green flag clicked
  Set up

define Set up
  go to x: 0 y: 0
  set Player Name to Start of Quiz
  set Score to 0
  set Easy of Hard Indicator to Start
  ask Welcome to the Geography Quiz. What's your name? and wait
  set Player Name to answer
  say Press space bar to start the quiz

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when space key pressed
  glide 1 secs to x: -162 y: -22
  ask join OK join Player Name join Would you like easy or hard questions? Press the letter e for easy or h for hard and wait
  if answer = e then
    Easy Questions
  else
    if answer = h then
      Hard Questions
    else
      say Sorry you need to type e or h. Press Green Flag to start again. for 2 secs

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define End of quiz
  say join join Player Name join , your score for the join Easy of Hard Indicator join quiz was Score Press Green Flag to start again.

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define Easy Questions
set Easy of Hard Indicator to easy
ask What is the Capitol of France. Press p for Paris, l for Lyon or n for Nice. and wait
if answer = p then
say Well done. Yes Paris is the capitol of France for 4 secs
change Score by 1
else
say Sorry.Paris is the capitol of France for 4 secs
change Score by -1
ask What is the Capitol of England Press M for Manchester, l for London or b for Brighton. and wait
if answer = l then
say Well done. Yes London is the capitol of England for 4 secs
change Score by 1
else
say Sorry.London is the capitol of England for 4 secs
change Score by -1
End of quiz

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define Hard Questions
set Easy of Hard Indicator to hard
ask What is the Capitol of Armenia. Press y for Yerevan, g for Gyumri, v for Vanadzor and wait
if answer = y then
say Well done. Yes Yerevan is the capitol of Armenia for 4 secs
change Score by 1
else
say Sorry. Yerevan is the capitol of Armenia for 4 secs
change Score by -1
ask What is the Capitol of Bolivia. Press l for La Paz, p for Potosi, s for Sucre and wait
if answer = s then
say Well done. Yes Sucre is the capitol of Bolivia for 4 secs
change Score by 1
else
say Sorry. Sucre is the capitol of Bolivia for 4 secs
change Score by -1
End of quiz

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# Objectives of this session

Increase understanding of planning particularly looking at



- What influences us when we set lesson plan objectives
- What other countries are including in emerging curricula
- Scaffolding approaches incorporated in my own planning
- Levels of abstraction incorporated in my own planning
- Detailed progression of objectives in my own planning

# Lesson plan objectives influenced by

Or we find a great activity and see what it might teach?

Program of study requirements (high level content)

- Sequence, selection, repetition etc. Computational thinking. Design and write programs.

How children learn to program (theories and models)

- **Level of abstraction** , Computational Thinking, Progression!!

How we teach programming (approaches & techniques)

- **Scaffolding Copy code-> tinkering.** Pupil contribution. Genre e.g. route based, animation, quiz, game, physical computing, simulation (e.g. Maths modelling).

Specific children's needs

- SEND, gender, cultural, access to kit at home, previous knowledge and experience (ready to learn), interests etc.

Software and hardware available or chosen

- Block based, text or hybrid, tablets or PCs, reliability of kit, ease of installing software

Topic chosen (context)

- Cross-curricula or one-off.

Teacher expertise & CONFIDENCE

# Reviewing planning

1. Review your planning for Scaffolding approaches (20 mins)
2. Review your planning for Design and LOA (20 mins)
3. Review your planning for objectives using the learning trajectories we created this morning(20 mins)



# Review planning

1. Annotate your planning with the approaches used e.g. copy code, targeted task etc
2. Work out what is your most common approach.
3. Work out your 'scaffolding path'.
4. Share with your team and discuss what might you change?

Copy code	Targeted tasks	Shared coding	Guided exploration	Project design and code	Tinker
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# Levels of abstraction

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1. Annotate you planning with level of abstraction each activity works at.
2. Are you mostly working at one level?
3. Work out what is your most common approach.
4. Work out your level of abstraction path.
5. Share with your team and discuss what might you change?

Armoni, M. 2013. On Teaching Abstraction in Computer Science to Novices.

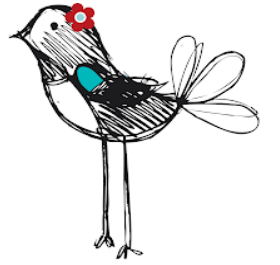
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# Compare to your SOW

1. USA - Massachusetts
2. Scotland
3. USA CSTA
4. Australian
5. Or the learning trajectories we created

1. Annotate your planning with objectives you might magpie
2. Annotate your planning with ideas you might magpie.
3. Make a list of things you have but are missing from the other curricula
4. Share with your team and discuss what might you change?



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